On the interface between experiment and computation, the experimentalists viewpoint



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Calix[4]arene cation complexes, PhD thesis



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Free calix[4]arene in acetonitrile



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Crystal structure vs MD



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MD structures of M⁺ calix[4]arene complexes



Interactions and structure

	Li ⁺		Na ⁺		K^+	
	$Li1^+$	Li1MeCN ⁺	$Na1^+$	Na1MeCN ⁺	$K1^+$	K1MeCN ⁺
$E(\mathbf{M}^+-\mathbf{L}) / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$	-492	-507	_	-431	-353	-360
$E(L-MeCN) / kJ mol^{-1}$	-505	-561	_	-578	-508	-594
$E(L-MeCN_{inkl}) / kJ mol^{-1}$	_	-52	_	-51	_	-50
$E(M^+-MeCN) / kJ mol^{-1}$	-18	-15	_	-6	-3	1
$E(M^+-MeCN_{inkl}) / kJ mol^{-1}$	_	8	_	8	_	7
$t_{\rm total}$ / ns		50		50		50
$t / t_{\rm ukupno}$	0,009	0,991	0	1	0,001	0,999
N(carbonyl)	2,3	2,8	_	3,3	3,7	3,9
N(hydrogen bonds)	0,56	0,65	_	0,43	0,13	0,07
N(MeCN _{inkl})	_	6	_	1	_	4
$\overline{\mathbf{I}}$ / $\mathbf{\hat{x}}$	7,53	7,85		7,85	7,60	7,80
<i>a</i> / A	8,13	7,93	_	7,85	7,80	7,81
	0,41	0,22		0,21	0,38	0,20
$ a - a_{ref} / A$	0,46	0,23	_	0,21	0,45	0,21
-(-1) / Å	0,42	0,28		0,26	0,48	0,25
$\sigma(a) / A$	0,50	0,28	—	0,26	0,51	0,25





Calix[4]arene-cation complexes in benzonitrile



Li+

ITC			
Kation	$\log\left(\frac{K}{\mathrm{dm}^3\mathrm{mol}^{-1}}\right)\pm\mathrm{SE}$	$\frac{\left(\Delta_{\rm r} H^{ \Leftrightarrow} \pm {\rm SE}\right)}{\rm kJ \ mol^{-1}}$	$\frac{\left(\Delta_{r}S^{\textcircled{e}}\pm SE\right)}{J K^{-1} mol^{-1}}$
Li ⁺	$6,\!17 \pm 0,\!01$	$-8,9 \pm 0,1$	$88,1 \pm 0,4$
Na^+	$5,54 \pm 0,01$	$-16,6 \pm 0,1$	$50,4 \pm 0,5$
\mathbf{K}^+	a	a	a

 9%
 64%



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Cyclopeptide anion receptors



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Cyclization yields

	Yield (%)					
linear peptide ^a	LiCl/NaCl	NaTPB	TEACl	NaClO ₄		
K4 (1)	21 ^b	8	47	0		
K5 (2)	35 ^c	26	43	0		
K6 (3)	15 ^c	10	17	0		
L5 (7)		15	52	0		
$(FLL)_2$ (8)	<5 ^c	6	23	<5		
I4 (11)	<5 ^b	<5	18	0		
I5 (12)	11^c	<5	26	0		
S5 (13)	21 ^c		29			
F5 (14)			46			



 δ / ppm



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Running rings around chloride

Thermodynamic and MD studies of anion complexation by cyclopentaleucine in MeCN and DMSO



0.0 Š -0.1 -0.2 [m / (H∆) 60 -0.3 t/min -0.4 ₹ 55 -0.5 -0.6 0.3 0.6 0.9 1.2 1.5 1.8 2.1 60 10 20 30 40 50 70 80 100 n(Cl⁻) / n(L)

Leu₅ titration with CI⁻ in MeCN

¹H NMR

ITC



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Cyclopeptide-anion complexation in MeCN

1:1 complexes

Anion	$\log\left(\frac{K}{\mathrm{dm}^3\mathrm{mol}^{-1}}\right)\pm\mathrm{SE}$	$\frac{\left(\Delta_{r}G^{\circ}\pm \mathrm{SE}\right)}{\mathrm{kJ}\ \mathrm{mol}^{-1}}$	$\frac{\left(\Delta_{i}H^{\circ}\pm\mathrm{SE}\right)}{\mathrm{kJ}\ \mathrm{mol}^{-1}}$	$\underbrace{\frac{\left(\Delta_{r}S^{\circ}\pm SE\right)}{J \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}}}$
Cl	$\fbox{5.84\pm0.03^a}$	-33.33 ± 0.11	-10.68 ± 0.08	75.9 ± 0.6
Br ⁻	4.70 ± 0.01^{a}	-26.82 ± 0.06	-4.84 ± 0.02	73.7 ± 0.2
Г	(3.20 ± 0.03^{a}) 3.12^{b}	-18.27 ± 0.15	1.91 ± 0.08	67.7 ± 0.3
SCN ⁻	2.90 ± 0.02^{a} 2.77^{b}	-16.5 ± 0.1	-4.72 ± 0.095	39.7 ± 0.7
NO ₃ -	$\begin{array}{c} 3.18 \pm 0.01^{a} \\ 3.29^{b} \end{array}$	-18.16 ± 0.04	-6.08 ± 0.04	40.5 ± 0.3

Complexes of higher stoichiometry

Anion	$\log\left(\frac{K}{\mathrm{dm}^{3}\mathrm{mol}^{-1}}\right)\pm\mathrm{SE}$	$\frac{\left(\Delta_{\rm r}G^{\circ}\pm{\rm SE}\right)}{\rm kJ\ mol^{-1}}$	$\frac{\left(\Delta_{\rm r} H^{\circ} \pm {\rm SE}\right)}{{\rm kJ}\ {\rm mol}^{-1}}$	$\frac{\left(\Delta_r S^\circ \pm SE\right)}{J \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}}$
450.	4.38 ± 0.02 (1:1)	-25.0 ± 0.1	-16.0 ± 0.1	30.2 ± 0.7
HSO4	2.96 ± 0.05 (2:1)	-16.9 ± 0.3	0.4 ± 0.3	58 ± 2
H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	4.56 ± 0.02 (1:1)	-26.0 ± 0.1	-12.6 ± 0.3	45 ± 1
	4.18 ± 0.02 (1:2)	-23.8 ± 0.1	-79.7 ± 0.6	-187 ± 2



Structures of anion-Leu₅ complexes



endo complexes

Structure of free Leu₅ in MeCN



Average number of coordinated amide protons in MeCN

anion	Cl	Br	Ī	NO ₃	SCN	HSO ₄	$H_2PO_4^-$
N(-H)	4.98	4.98	4.88	4.95	4.77	4.75	4.97

Free energy calculations by MD



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Anion-Sensing Properties of Cyclopentaphenylalanine



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