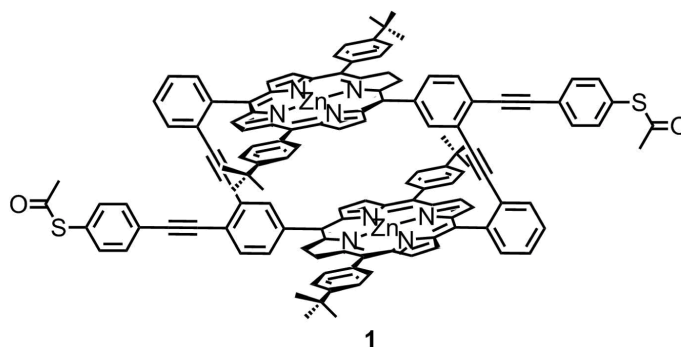
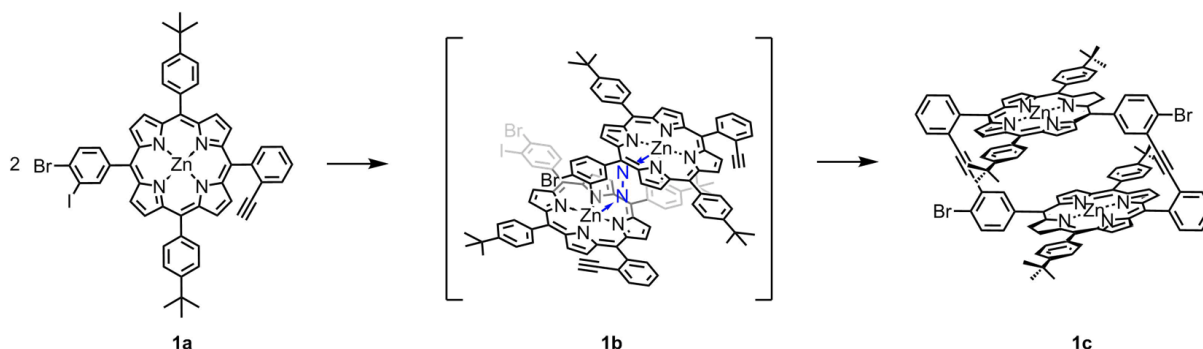


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The miniaturization of electronic devices by bottom-up approaches is of great interest. A novel molecular electronic component was reported, where conductance switching was achieved through mechanical manipulation in a mechanically controllable break junction (MCBJ)[1]. The poster shows the conceptual design of a proposed stretching induced d-orbital overlap dependent molecular switch **1**.



The switch is structurally based on a phenyl ethynylene cyclophane containing two porphyrin cores in face to face orientation. A thioacetate on each side of the macrocyclic structure allows gold electrode contacting in a MCBJ. The synthetic progress is summarized and shown on the poster. A dipyrromethane and two benzaldehyde derivatives are condensed to an asymmetric porphyrin **1a**. It is proposed, that after complexation, a hydrazine templated pre-organised complex **1b** can be formed and closed to the macrocyclic structure **1c** by twofold *Sonogashira* cross coupling conditions. Metalation, *Sonogashira* cross coupling reaction and trans-protection of the thiols is proposed to afford the target compound **1**.



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