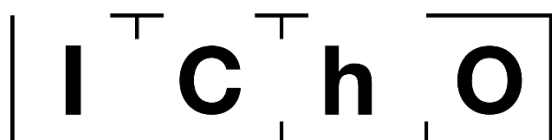


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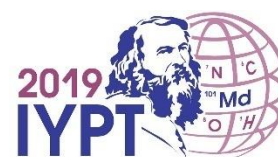
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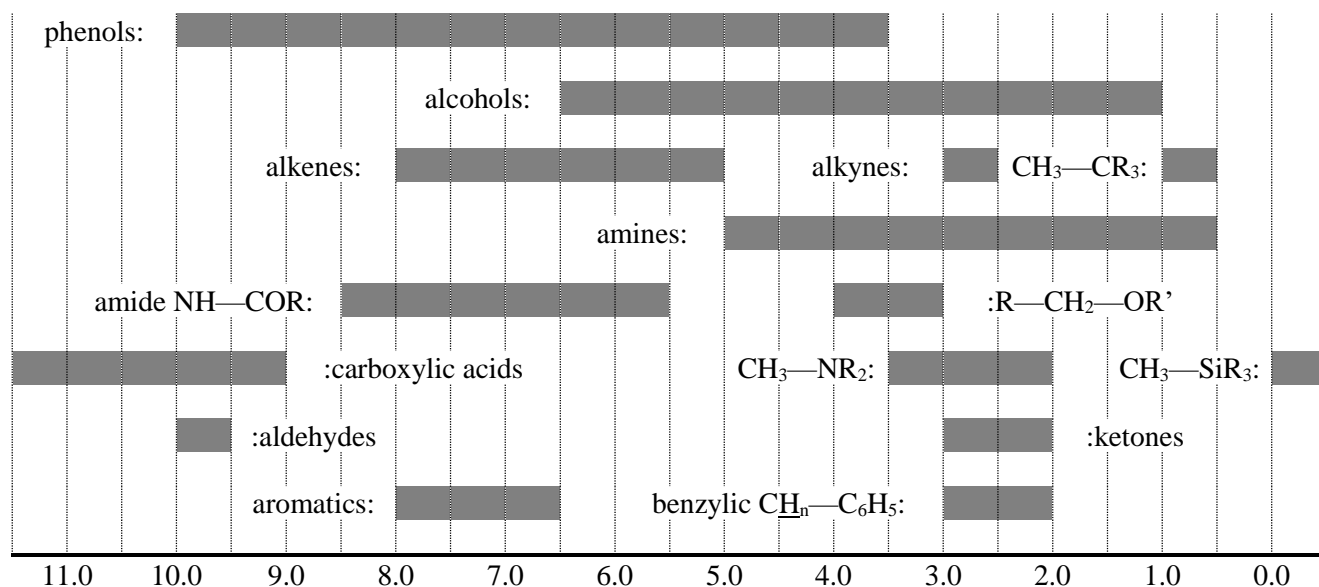
In these tasks, we assume the activities of all aqueous species to be well approximated by their respective concentration in  $\text{mol L}^{-1}$ . To further simplify formulas and expressions, the standard concentration  $c^\circ = 1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  is omitted.

Avogadro's constant:	$N_A = 6.022 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Universal gas constant:	$R = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
Standard pressure:	$p^\circ = 1 \text{ bar} = 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
Atmospheric pressure:	$P_{\text{atm}} = 1 \text{ atm} = 1.013 \text{ bar} = 1.013 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
Zero of the Celsius scale:	$273.15 \text{ K}$
Faraday constant:	$F = 9.6485 \cdot 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
Watt:	$1 \text{ W} = 1 \text{ J s}^{-1}$
Kilowatt hour:	$1 \text{ kWh} = 3.6 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J}$
Planck constant:	$h = 6.6261 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Speed of light in vacuum:	$c = 2.998 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Elementary charge:	$e = 1.6022 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Electron-volt	$1 \text{ eV} = 1.6022 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
Electrical power:	$P = \Delta E \times I$
Power efficiency:	$\eta = P_{\text{obtained}}/P_{\text{applied}}$
Planck-Einstein relation:	$E = hc/\lambda = h \nu$
Ideal gas equation:	$pV = nRT$
Gibbs free energy:	$G = H - TS$
	$\Delta_r G^\circ = -RT \ln K^\circ$
	$\Delta_r G^\circ = -n F E_{\text{cell}}^\circ$
	$\Delta_r G = \Delta_r G^\circ + RT \ln Q$
Reaction quotient $Q$ for a reaction $a \text{ A(aq)} + b \text{ B(aq)} = c \text{ C(aq)} + d \text{ D(aq)}$	$Q = \frac{[\text{C}]^c [\text{D}]^d}{[\text{A}]^a [\text{B}]^b}$
Henderson–Hasselbalch equation:	$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{AH}]}$
Nernst–Peterson equation:	$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{zF} \ln Q$
where $Q$ is the reaction quotient of the reduction half-reaction	at $T = 298 \text{ K}$ , $\frac{RT}{F} \ln 10 \approx 0.059 \text{ V}$
Beer–Lambert law:	$A = \varepsilon l c$
Rate laws in integrated form:	
- Zero order:	$[\text{A}] = [\text{A}]_0 - kt$
- First order:	$\ln[\text{A}] = \ln[\text{A}]_0 - kt$
- Second order:	$1/[\text{A}] = 1/[\text{A}]_0 + kt$
Half-life for a first order process:	$\frac{\ln 2}{k}$
Number average molar mass $M_n$ :	$M_n = \frac{\sum_i N_i M_i}{\sum_i N_i}$
Mass average molar mass $M_w$ :	$M_w = \frac{\sum_i N_i M_i^2}{\sum_i N_i M_i}$
Polydispersity index $I_p$ :	$I_p = \frac{M_w}{M_n}$

## Periodic table

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**$^1\text{H}$  NMR****Chemical shifts of hydrogen (in ppm / TMS)****H-H coupling constants (in Hz)**

Hydrogen type	$ J_{ab} $ (Hz)
$\text{R}_2\text{CH}_a\text{H}_b$	4-20
$\text{R}_2\text{H}_a\text{C—CR}_2\text{H}_b$	2-12 if free rotation: 6-8 ax-ax (cyclohexane): 8-12 ax-eq or eq-eq (cyclohexane): 2-5
$\text{R}_2\text{H}_a\text{C—CR}_2\text{—CR}_2\text{H}_b$	if free rotation: < 0.1 otherwise (rigid): 1-8
$\text{RH}_a\text{C=CRH}_b$	<i>cis</i> : 7-12 <i>trans</i> : 12-18
$\text{R}_2\text{C=CH}_a\text{H}_b$	0.5-3
$\text{H}_a(\text{CO})\text{—CR}_2\text{H}_b$	1-3
$\text{RH}_a\text{C=CR—CR}_2\text{H}_b$	0.5-2.5

eq = equatorial, ax = axial

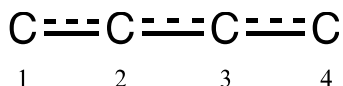
**IR spectroscopy table**

Vibrational mode	$\sigma$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Intensity
alcohol O—H (stretching)	3600-3200	strong
carboxylic acid O—H (stretching)	3600-2500	strong
N—H (stretching)	3500-3350	strong
$\equiv$ C—H (stretching)	3300	strong
=C—H (stretching)	3100-3000	weak
C—H (stretching)	2950-2840	weak
—(CO)—H (stretching)	2900-2800	weak
C $\equiv$ N (stretching)	2250	strong
C=C (stretching)	2260-2100	variable
aldehyde C=O (stretching)	1740-1720	strong
anhydride C=O (stretching)	1840-1800; 1780-1740	weak; strong
ester C=O (stretching)	1750-1720	strong
ketone C=O (stretching)	1745-1715	strong
amide C=O (stretching)	1700-1500	strong
alkene C=C (stretching)	1680-1600	weak
aromatic C=C (stretching)	1600-1400	weak
CH <sub>2</sub> (bending)	1480-1440	medium
CH <sub>3</sub> (bending)	1465-1440; 1390-1365	medium
C—O—C (stretching)	1250-1050	strong
C—OH (stretching)	1200-1020	strong
NO <sub>2</sub> (stretching)	1600-1500; 1400-1300	strong

Problem	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
<b>T1</b>	Points	3	4	4	2	3	2	2	4.5	2.5	3	3	33
<b>6%</b>	Score												

## Problem T1: Infinite box (חלקיק בתיבה) and butadiene

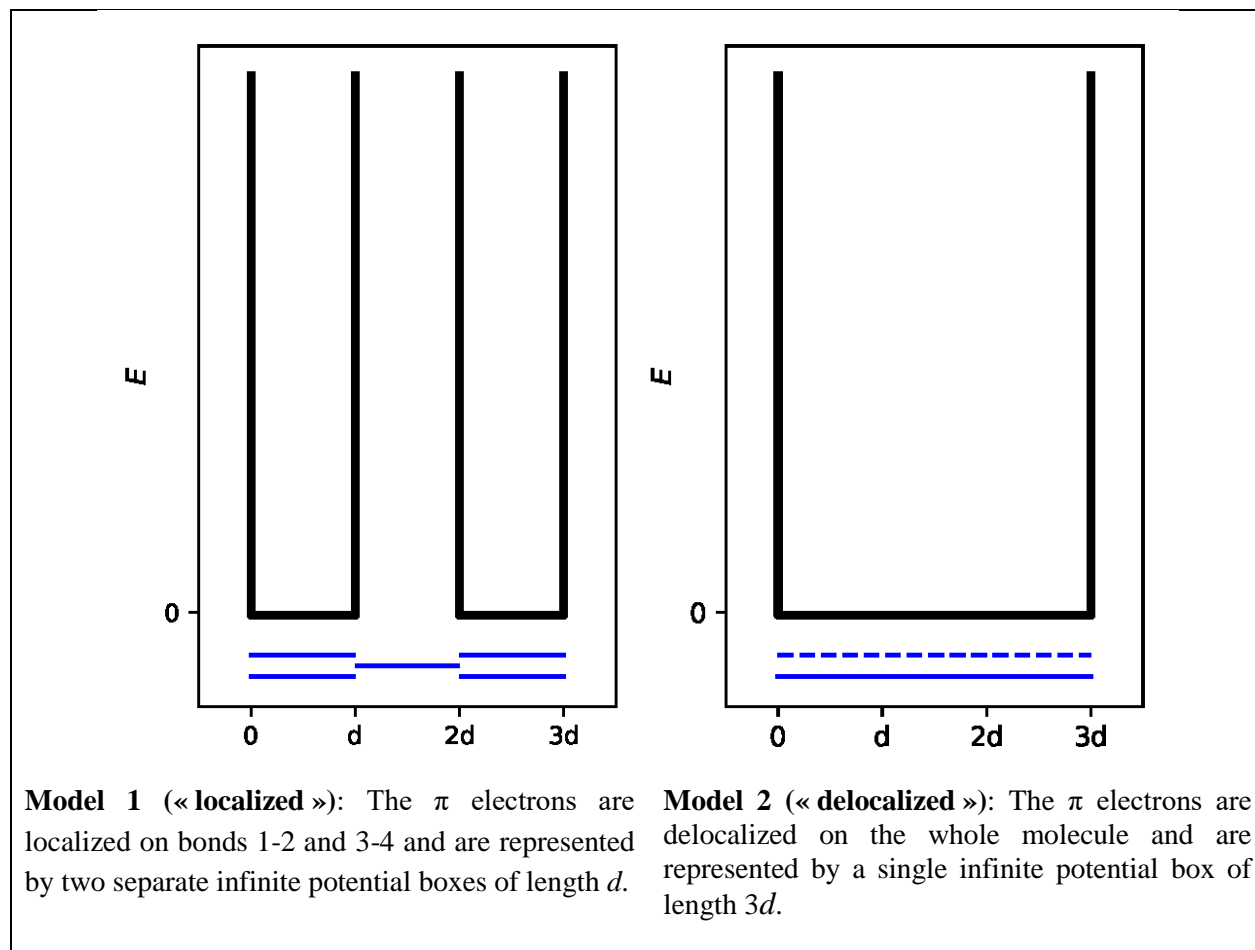
The buta-1,3-diene molecule is often written  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ , with alternating single and double bonds. Nevertheless, its chemical reactivity is not consistent with this description and the  $\pi$  electrons are better described as a distribution along the three bonds:



This system can be modeled as a 1D box where the electrons are free. The energy of an electron in a box of length  $L$  is:  $E_n = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8m_e L^2}$ , where  $n$  is a **non-zero** positive integer (מספר שלם שונה מאפס).

- Two different models are studied. **Sketch** at least the three lowest-energy levels  $E_n$  **for each model** in the respective diagrams, showing how the relative energy levels differ within and between models.

**ציירו** לפחות 3 מרמות האנרגיה הנמוכות ביותר של כל אחד מהמודלים בדיאגרמות. הקפידו על היחס בין רמות האנרגיה **בתוך כל מודל**, וגם ליחס בין רמות האנרגיה בין המודלים השונים.





2. **Place** the  $\pi$  electrons for **Model 1** in the previous diagrams and **express** (כתבו ביטוי) the total energy of the  $\pi$  system in **Model 1**, as a function of  $h$ ,  $m_e$  and  $d$ .

$$E(1) =$$

3. **Place** the  $\pi$  electrons for **Model 2** in the previous diagrams and **express** the total energy of the  $\pi$  system in **Model 2**, as a function of  $h$ ,  $m_e$  and  $d$ .

$$E(2) =$$

The conjugation energy is the total energy of the actual  $\pi$  system, minus the sum of the energies of ethylene molecules involving the same number of electrons.

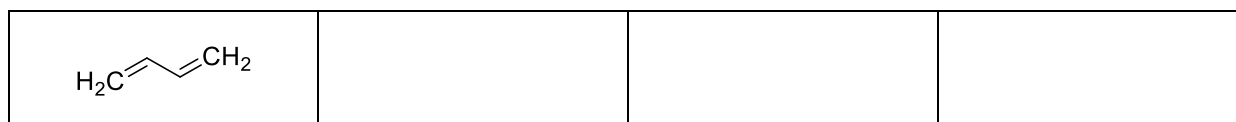
אנרגיית הצימוד היא סך האנרגיה של מערכת ה- $\pi$  פחות סכום האנרגיות של מולקולות אתילן עבור אותו מספר אלקטרונים כולל

4. **Express** the conjugation energy  $\Delta E_c$  of butadiene, as a function of  $h$ ,  $m_e$  and  $d$ .

$$\Delta E_c =$$

**Models 1 and 2** are too simplistic. A new model will be detailed in the following.

5. **Draw** three other resonance structures of butadiene using Lewis notation.



To take into account the size of carbon atoms, **Model 2** is now modified into **Model 3**, as follows:

- the new length of the box is  $L$  and the box is located between the  $x$  coordinates 0 and  $L$
- the carbon atoms are located in the  $x$  coordinates  $\frac{L}{8}$ ,  $\frac{3L}{8}$ ,  $\frac{5L}{8}$  and  $\frac{7L}{8}$ .

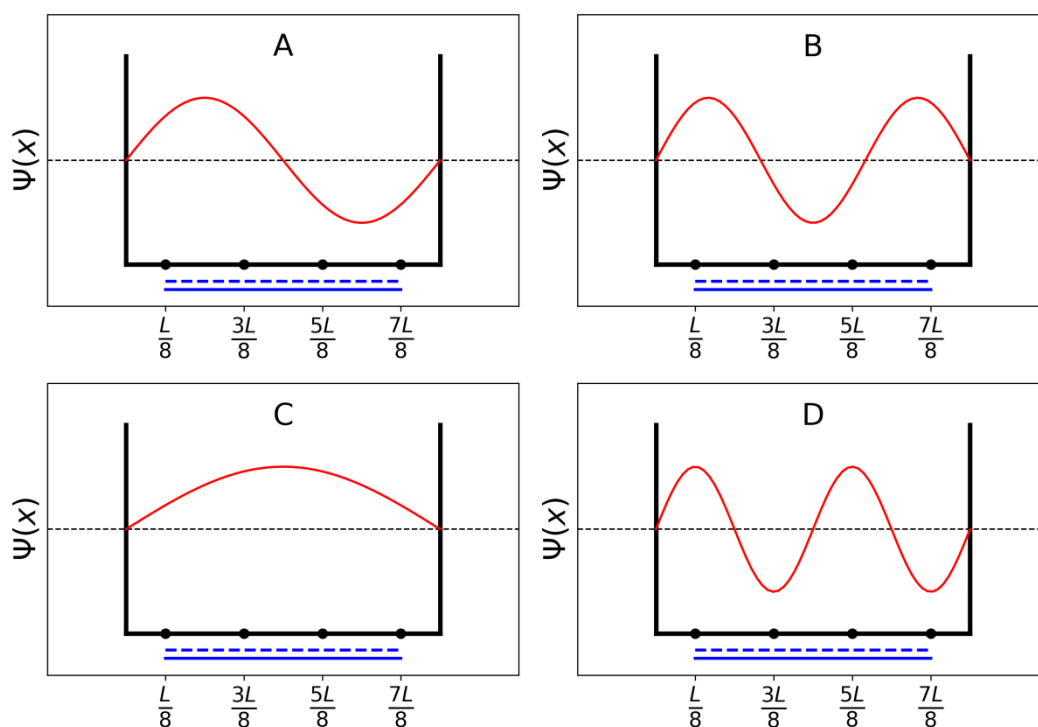
For each level  $n$ , the  $\pi$  wavefunction is:

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

and the  $\pi$  electron density for a system with  $N$   $\pi$  electrons is:

$$\rho(x) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N/2} |\psi_i(x)|^2$$

The four  $\pi$  wavefunctions, which correspond to the molecular orbitals of the  $\pi$  system, are shown below (**arbitrary order**).



6. **Sort** (סדרו לפי גודל) the energies of the four  $\pi$  wavefunctions ( $E_A$ ,  $E_B$ ,  $E_C$  and  $E_D$ ).

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7. **Give** the labels (A, B, C or D) of the orbitals that are filled with electrons in butadiene.

8. In **Model 3**, give the values of the  $\pi$  wavefunctions  $\psi_n$  for occupied levels at positions 0,  $L/4$  and  $L/2$ , for  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$ , as a function of  $L$ .

$$\psi_1(0) =$$

$$\psi_1\left(\frac{L}{4}\right) =$$

$$\psi_1\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) =$$

$$\psi_2(0) =$$

$$\psi_2\left(\frac{L}{4}\right) =$$

$$\psi_2\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) =$$

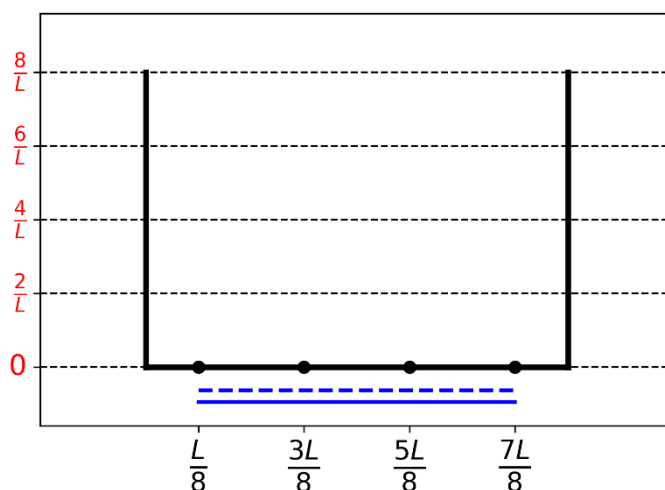
9. In **Model 3**, give the value of the  $\pi$  electron density at positions 0,  $L/4$  and  $L/2$ .

$$\rho(0) =$$

$$\rho\left(\frac{L}{4}\right) =$$

$$\rho\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) =$$

10. **Draw** the  $\pi$  electron density between 0 and  $L$ .



11. **Sort** (סדרו לפי אורכי קשרים) the following CC bonds (B1, B2, ..., B5) by increasing length, using the symbols = or <:

- B1: C1C2 in the butadiene molecule
- B2: C2C3 in the butadiene molecule
- B3: C3C4 in the butadiene molecule
- B4: CC in the ethane molecule
- B5: CC in the ethene molecule

Problem	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
T2	Points	1	4	2	3	3	6	4	1	8	2	34
7%	Score											

## Problem T2: Hydrogen production by water-splitting

Data:

Compound	H <sub>2</sub> (g)	H <sub>2</sub> O(l)	H <sub>2</sub> O(g)	O <sub>2</sub> (g)
$\Delta_f H^\circ$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	0	-285.8	-241.8	0
$S_m^\circ$ (J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	130.6	69.9	188.7	205.2

Molecular hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) can be used as an alternative to carbon dioxide-emitting fuels. Hence, lowering the cost and the environmental impact of its production is a major challenge. In this field, water-splitting is a promising candidate technology.

1. **Write down** the balanced equation of liquid water splitting reaction using a stoichiometric coefficient (מקדם סטוכיומטרי) of 1 for water.

2. Using only the provided thermodynamic data, **justify numerically** whether this reaction is thermodynamically favorable, at 298 K.

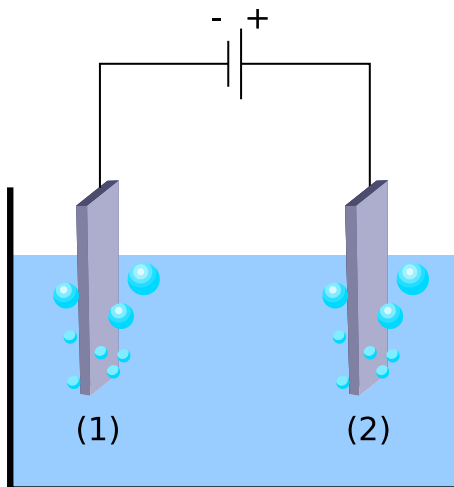
Calculations:

Reaction thermodynamically favorable?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Water splitting can be performed electrochemically using two electrodes in an *acidic* water bath, connected by a generator (**Fig. 1**). Gas bubbles are formed on both electrodes.



**Fig. 1** – Water-splitting electrochemical cell.

3. **Write down** the balanced electrochemical half reactions occurring at each electrode.

On electrode (1):

On electrode (2):

4. Using only the provided thermodynamic data (or question T2.2):

**Derive** the condition on the applied voltage  $\Delta E_{\text{applied}}$  between electrodes for the process to be thermodynamically favorable at 298 K, when all reactants and products are in their standard state.

- **Express** this condition in comparison to a numerical voltage value  $\Delta E_{\text{th}}$  that you need to **calculate** with 3 decimal places (3 ספרות אחרי הנקודה העשרונית).
- **Tick** the right condition.

**מצאו** את התנאי על המתח  $\Delta E_{\text{applied}}$  המופעל בין האלקטרודות כדי שתהליך פיצוח המים יהיה מועדף תרמודינמית ב-298 K, כאשר כל המגיבים והתוצרים הם במצבם הסטנדרטי.

**בטאו** את התנאי הזה ביחס לערך מספרי  $\Delta E_{\text{th}}$  המתאר מתח, **והשבו** ערך זה עם 3 ספרות אחרי הנקודה העשרונית. **סמנו** את התנאי המתאים.

Calculation:

☐  $\Delta E_{\text{applied}} = \Delta E_{\text{th}}$

☐  $\Delta E_{\text{applied}} > \Delta E_{\text{th}}$  where  $\Delta E_{\text{th}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ V}$  (give the result with 3 decimal places)

☐  $\Delta E_{\text{applied}} < \Delta E_{\text{th}}$  תנו תשובה בדיוק של 3 ספרות אחרי הנקודה העשרונית

*If you could not calculate  $\Delta E_{\text{th}}$ , the value 1.200 V can be used in the rest of the problem.*

Experimentally, a higher voltage is needed to observe water splitting. For a given Pt cathode, the minimum voltage necessary to observe water splitting,  $\Delta E_{\min}$ , depends on the nature of the anode, as displayed in the table below:

Anode	$\Delta E_{\min}$ (V)
IrO <sub>x</sub>	1.6
NiO <sub>x</sub>	1.7
CoO <sub>x</sub>	1.7
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.9

The difference between  $\Delta E_{\min}$  and  $\Delta E_{\text{th}}$  is responsible for losses in the device.

5.

- **Give** the expression of the device power efficiency  $\eta_{\text{elec}}$  (percentage of the power used for water splitting) as a function of  $\Delta E_{\text{th}}$  and  $\Delta E_{\min}$ .
- Assuming an identical current value  $I$ , **calculate** the water electrolysis power efficiency when a Pt cathode and a Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> anode are used.
- **Give** the most efficient anode.

$\eta_{\text{elec}} =$

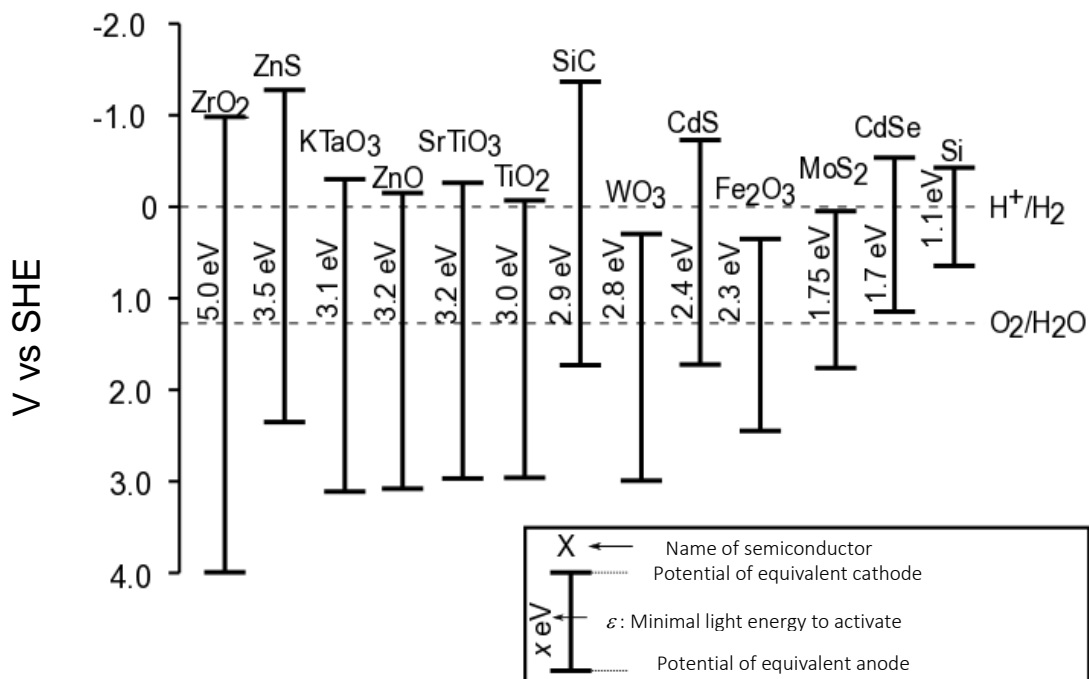
Power efficiency when a Pt and a Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> electrodes are used:

$\eta_{\text{elec}} =$  %

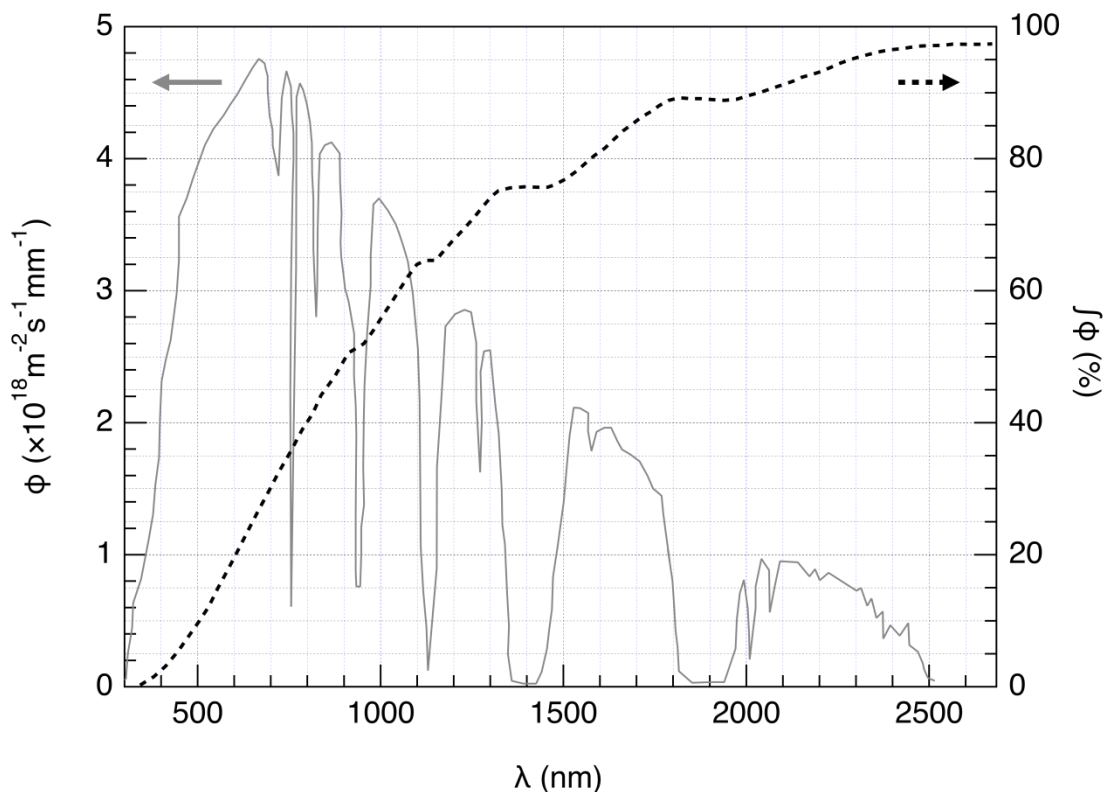
Most efficient anode:

*If you could not calculate  $\eta_{\text{elec}}$ , the value  $\eta_{\text{elec}} = 75\%$  can be used in the rest of the problem.*

An alternative to water electrolysis is direct photocatalytic water-splitting. It uses a semiconductor that can be activated by absorbing light.



**Fig. 2** – Activation condition and equivalent electrode potentials of different semiconductors. Dashed lines correspond to water oxidation and reduction potentials. SHE = Standard Hydrogen Electrode



**Fig. 3** – Left axis: Spectral distribution of the solar photon flux  $\phi$  (שטף הפוטונים מהשמש לפי אורכי גל). The photon flux is the number of photons per unit area per unit time arriving on the semiconductor. Right axis and dashed line (קו מקווקו): cumulative photon flux  $\int \phi$  (percentage of the photon flux with smaller wavelength) (האחוז משטף הפוטונים שעבורם אורך הגל קטן יותר).



6. **Estimate** the percentage of the solar photon flux that can activate the following semiconductors:  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{CdS}$ ,  $\text{Si}$ . **Show** explicitly the equations and units used for the computation.  
(הראו מפורשות את המשוואות והיחידות)

Explanation / calculation:

	Approximate percentage
$\text{TiO}_2$	%
$\text{CdS}$	%
$\text{Si}$	%

The activation of the semi-conductor results in a modification of the surface potentials, so that it can be seen as two electrodes of different potentials.

האקטיבציה של המוליך למחצה גורמת לשינוי בפוטנציאלים של פני השטח שלו, כך שניתן להתייחס אל המוליך למחצה כאל שתי אלקטרודות בעלות פוטנציאלים שונים

7. Using the data in **Fig 2**, **choose** the semiconductor(s) in the following list that, once activated, can play both roles of anode and cathode for the water-splitting reaction.

<input type="checkbox"/> $\text{ZrO}_2$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\text{ZnO}$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\text{TiO}_2$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\text{WO}_3$
<input type="checkbox"/> $\text{CdS}$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\text{CdSe}$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\text{Si}$

8. **Give** the semiconductor that, used as both cathode and anode, is expected to be the most efficient for water splitting upon a given solar shining.

The evolution of  $H_2$  and  $O_2$  (היצירה של מימן והמצן) when a semiconductor is irradiated by simulated solar light at  $T = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  at  $p_{\text{atm}}$  was recently studied.

Using an incident power light of  $P = 1.0\text{ kW m}^{-2}$  and a photoelectrode with a  $S = 16\text{ mm}^2$  surface, the production of  $V = 0.37\text{ cm}^3$  of  $H_2(g)$  was measured after  $\Delta t = 1$  hour of reaction.

9. **Calculate** the power efficiency  $\eta_{\text{direct}}$  of the conversion.

Calculation:

$$\eta_{\text{direct}} = \quad \quad \quad \%$$

*If you could not calculate  $\eta_{\text{direct}}$ , the value  $\eta_{\text{direct}} = 10\%$  can be used in the rest of the problem.*

Two modes of converting solar energy to hydrogen can thus be compared: direct photocatalysis, and indirect photo-electrolysis combining a photovoltaic panel with an electrolyzer (פוטו-אלקטרוליזה עקיפה, (שמהווה שילוב של תא סולרי עם מערכת לאלקטרוליזה).

The efficiency of photovoltaic panels on the market is around  $\eta_{\text{panels}} = 20\%$ .

10. **Compare** the power efficiencies of the two modes,  $\eta_{\text{direct}}$  and  $\eta_{\text{indirect}}$ , using  $Fe_2O_3$  and Pt electrodes for the electrolysis.

Calculation:

☐  $\eta_{\text{direct}} > \eta_{\text{indirect}}$

☐  $\eta_{\text{direct}} \approx \eta_{\text{indirect}}$

☐  $\eta_{\text{direct}} < \eta_{\text{indirect}}$

Problem	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
T3	Points	1	3	3	3	4	2	7	2	2	3	4	6	40
5%	Score													

## Problem T3: About silver chloride

### Data at 298 K:

$$pK_{sp}(\text{AgCl}) = 9.7$$

$$pK_{sp}(\text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_4) = 12$$

$$\text{Formation constant of the complex } [\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_n]^+: \beta_n = 10^{7.2}$$

Potentials against the standard hydrogen electrode:

$$\text{Standard potential of } \text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag(s)}: E^\circ(\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag(s)}) = 0.80 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Apparent potential of } \text{O}_2(\text{aq})/\text{HO}^-(\text{aq}) \text{ (in seawater)}: E'(\text{O}_2(\text{aq})/\text{HO}^-(\text{aq})) = 0.75 \text{ V}$$

### Part A: Quotes from a chemistry lesson by Louis Joseph Gay-Lussac

The following quotes from a chemistry lesson by Louis Joseph Gay-Lussac (French chemist and physicist, 1778–1850) deal with some properties of silver chloride.

**Quote A:** “I will now talk about silver chloride, a milk-white solid. It is easily obtained by pouring hydrochloric acid into an aqueous solution of silver nitrate.”

**Quote B:** “This salt has no taste since it is insoluble.”

**Quote C:** “This compound is completely insoluble in alcohol and even in acids, except in concentrated hydrochloric acid which dissolves it readily.”

**Quote D:** “On the other hand, silver chloride is highly soluble in aqueous solution of ammonia.”

**Quote E:** “Then, we can make silver chloride appear again by adding an acid which reacts with ammonia.”

**Quote F:** “If you take a bowl made of silver to evaporate salty seawater, you will get impure sodium chloride, mixed with a milk-white solid.”

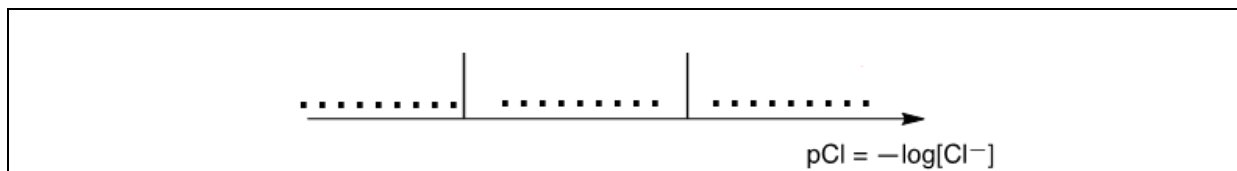
1. **Quote A:** Write the balanced chemical equation of  $\text{AgCl(s)}$  synthesis.

2. **Quote B:** Calculate the solubility  $s$  of  $\text{AgCl(s)}$  in water at 298 K in  $\text{mol L}^{-1}$ .

Calculation:

$s = \quad \text{mol L}^{-1}$

3. **Quote C:** In a highly concentrated solution of chloride ions, a well-defined complex of stoichiometry 1:2 is formed. On the following qualitative axis (with  $pCl$  increasing from left to right), **place** in each domain (רשום בכל תחום בגרף) the silver-containing species that is predominant (עיקרי) (or exists, for solids).  $pCl$  values at frontiers are not expected (אין צורך למצוא את הערכים) (בגבולות בין התחומים).



**Quote D:** When ammonia is added to silver chloride, a well-defined complex of stoichiometry  $n$  is formed.

4. **Write** the balanced equation corresponding to the synthesis of the complex  $[Ag(NH_3)_n]^+$  from silver chloride and **calculate** the corresponding equilibrium constant.

Equation:

Calculation:

$$K =$$

*If you could not calculate  $K$ , the following value can be used in the rest of the problem:  $K = 10^{-3}$*

5. Ammonia is added to 0.1 mol of silver chloride in 1 L of water until the last grain of solid disappears (עד שכל המוצק נעלם). At this moment,  $[NH_3] = 1.78 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ . **Determine** the stoichiometry of the complex neglecting dilution effects (הזניחו אפקט מיהול).

Calculation:

$$n =$$

6. **Write** the balanced chemical equation corresponding to **quote E**.

7. Assuming that seawater is slightly basic and rich in dioxygen, and that silver metal can reduce dioxygen in such conditions:

- **Write** a balanced chemical equation corresponding to the formation of the solid mentioned in **quote F**. A stoichiometric coefficient (מקדם סטויכיומטרי) of 1 will be chosen for dioxygen.
- **Calculate** its equilibrium constant at 298 K.

Equation:

Calculation:

$K =$

**Part B: The Mohr method**

The Mohr method is based on the colorimetric titration of  $\text{Cl}^-$  by  $\text{Ag}^+$  in the presence of potassium chromate ( $2\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$ ).

Three drops ( $\sim 0.5 \text{ mL}$ ) of a  $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$  solution at about  $7.76 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  are added to  $V_0 = 20.00 \text{ mL}$  of a sodium chloride solution of unknown concentration  $C_{\text{Cl}}$ . This solution is then titrated with silver nitrate ( $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) at  $C_{\text{Ag}} = 0.050 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , which immediately leads to the formation of solid **A**.

A red precipitate (solid **B**) appears at  $V_{\text{Ag}} = 4.30 \text{ mL}$ .

8. **Write** the balanced equations of the two reactions occurring during the experiment. **Calculate** the corresponding equilibrium constants.

$$K_1 =$$

$$K_2 =$$

9. **Identify** the solids.

Solid **A**:

Solid **B**:

10. **Calculate** the unknown concentration  $C_{\text{Cl}}$  of chloride ions in the sodium chloride solution.

Calculation:

$$C_{\text{Cl}} = \quad \text{mol L}^{-1}$$

*If you could not calculate  $C_{\text{Cl}}$ , the value  $C_{\text{Cl}} = 0.010 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  can be used in the rest of the problem.*

11. **Calculate** the minimal volume  $V_{\text{Ag}}(\text{min})$  for which  $\text{AgCl}(\text{s})$  precipitates.

Calculation:

$$V_{\text{Ag}}(\text{min}) = \quad \text{mL}$$

12. **Calculate** the concentration  $[\text{Cl}^-]_{\text{res}}$  of chloride ions when silver chromate begins to precipitate.  
**Justify** (הסבירו, הצדיקו) why  $\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  is a good titration endpoint indicator by comparing two values.

Calculation:

$$[\text{Cl}^-]_{\text{res}} = \quad \text{mol L}^{-1}$$

$\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  is a good titration endpoint indicator because:

Problem	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
T4 7%	Points	6	9	8	5	6	2	2	12	50
	Score									

## Problem T4: From gunpowder to the discovery of iodine

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the French entrepreneur (יזם) B. Courtois specialized in the production of nitrate **A** ( $\mathbf{M_A}(\text{NO}_3)_m$ ), used for gunpowder. Initially imported from Asia, **A** was later produced from nitrate **B** ( $\mathbf{M_B}(\text{NO}_3)_n$ ) using exchange reaction with compound **C**, obtained from algae ashes (אפר של אצות).

1. **Find** the formulas of nitrates **A** and **B** knowing that they are anhydrous salts of alkaline or alkaline-earth metal ( $\mathbf{M_A}$  and  $\mathbf{M_B}$ ).

One of the nitrates contains no more than 1 w% of non-metallic impurities while the other contains  $9 \pm 3$  w% of impurities.

The content of metals  $\mathbf{M_A}$  and  $\mathbf{M_B}$  in the samples is 38.4 w% and 22.4 w%, respectively.

**Support** your answer with calculations.



**A:** **and B:**

262.2 g of solid compound **C** were added to the solution containing 442.8 g of **B**. **B** is known to be in stoichiometric excess. As a result, 190.0 g of white precipitate **D** were formed and removed by filtration.

The filtrate was evaporated, and the obtained solid mixture **E** was heated until the mass of the final sample (containing only nitrites,  $\text{NO}_2^-$ ) was constant. The only gaseous product was dioxygen: 60.48 L at 0 °C at 1 atm (dioxygen can be considered as an ideal gas).

2. **Calculate** the composition (in w%) of mixture **E** (before heating) considering that it contained only compounds **A** and **B** and no other impurities, and that **C** was taken in pure anhydrous state.

w% of **A**:                      and of **B**:

3. **Determine** the formulas of compounds **C** and **D** and **write** the balanced reaction equation between **B** and **C**.

**C:**

and **D:**

Reaction between **B** and **C**:

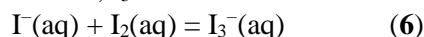
In 1811, when working with algae ashes, Courtois observed that copper vessels were worn out faster than usual (כלי נחושת התבלו/נהרסו מהר מהרגיל).

- While he was studying this phenomenon, his cat entered the laboratory and spilled a solution of concentrated sulfuric acid on the dry algae ashes: violet vapors instantly came out of the vessel (**1**, sulfuric acid is the oxidizing agent): iodine ( $I_2$ ) had just been discovered!
- Iodine was the cause of the copper corrosion (**2**).
- However, because of the medicinal applications of iodine, Courtois opened a new manufacture to produce it by reaction of algae with chlorine (**3**).
- Nowadays, iodine is prepared from the following combinations of reactants:
  - $(NO_3^-, I^-, H^+)$  (**4**)
  - or**
  - $(IO_3^-, I^-, H^+)$  (**5**)

4. **Write** balanced equations for reactions **1–5**.

<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>

The solubility of iodine is very low in water, but it significantly increases when iodide ions are added. Together they form ions such as triiodide,  $I_3^-$ :

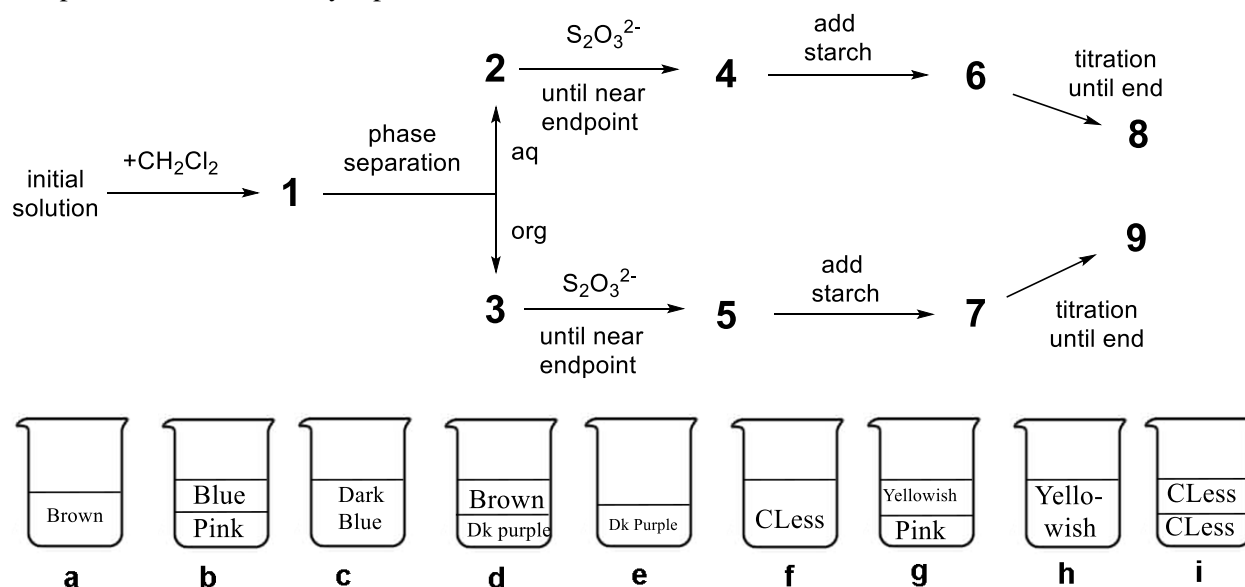


Equilibrium (6) can be studied through the extraction of  $I_2$  with dichloromethane. The anions  $I^-$  and  $I_3^-$  do not dissolve in organic solvents but  $I_2$  does, and when extracted, it is **15 times** more concentrated in dichloromethane than in water.

The following experiment was performed:

- To prepare the initial solution, a few crystals of solid iodine were dissolved in 50.0 mL of an aqueous solution of potassium iodide (0.1112 g).
- Then, 50.0 mL of dichloromethane were added, and the mixture was vigorously shaken until equilibration.
- After phase separation, each phase was titrated by 16.20 mL (organic phase) and by 8.00 mL (aqueous phase) of a standard aqueous solution of sodium thiosulphate pentahydrate (14.9080 g in 1.000 L of solution) in the presence of starch.

The process is schematically represented below:



CLess = colourless Dk = dark

5. **Find** the correspondence (התאימו) between the stages on the scheme (1–9) and the schematic pictures representing them (a–i).

Stages	Picture
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	

6. **Write** balanced equations for the two possible chemical reactions in the aqueous phase during the titration involving iodine species and sodium thiosulphate.

7. **Calculate** the mass of iodine used to prepare the initial solution.

$$m(\text{I}_2) = \quad \quad \quad \text{g}$$

8. **Calculate** the equilibrium constant  $K$  for equilibrium of reaction (6).

$K =$

Problem	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
T5	Points	3	4	4	2	5	5	4	3	5	2	2	2	41
8%	Score													

## Problem T5: Azobenzene – $\beta$ -cyclodextrin complexes for the formation of nanomachines

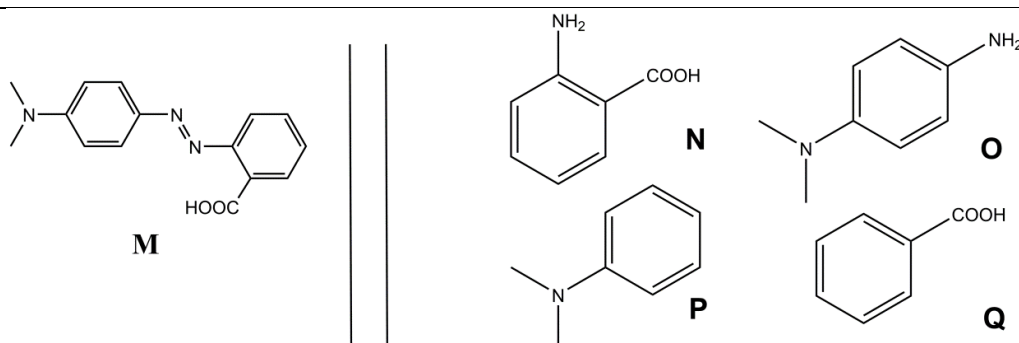
Nanomachines are molecular assemblies that enable the transformation of an energy source into a nano-movement for applications such as drug delivery. Numerous nanomachines make use of the isomerization of azo compounds ( $R-N=N-R'$ ) upon irradiation (הקרנה).

1. **Draw** the stereoisomers of azobenzene ( $H_5C_6-N=N-C_6H_5$ )

**Draw** a line between the two carbon atoms that are the furthest apart  
(מתחו קו בין 2 אטומי הפחמן המרוחקים ביותר זה מזה)

**Compare** these two distances ( $d_{trans}$  and  $d_{cis}$ ).

<i>trans</i>	<i>cis</i>
Comparison:	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-around;"> <math>d_{trans}</math> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px;"></div> <math>d_{cis}</math> </div>



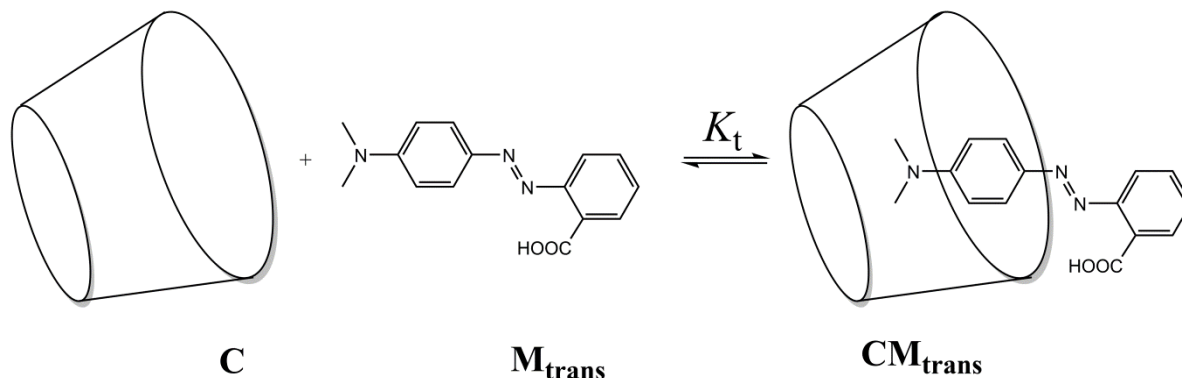
**Fig. 1** – Possible reactants for the synthesis of **M**.

2. **M** can be synthesized in two steps from simple reactants (**Fig. 1**). **Choose** among the suggested reactants (**N** to **Q**) the ones that can provide **M** with very high regioselectivity.  
Sodium nitrite ( $NaNO_2$ ) in cold aqueous hydrochloric acid is used as reagent for the first step of the synthesis.

Reactants: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

### Determination of the association constant $K_t$

$\beta$ -cyclodextrin (**C**, **Fig. 2**) is a cyclic heptamer of glucose, which can form inclusion complexes with azo compounds. In tasks 3 to 6, we will determine with spectroscopy the association constant  $K_t$ , corresponding to the formation of the inclusion complex  $\text{CM}_{\text{trans}}$  as shown in **Fig. 2**.



**Fig. 2** – Formation of the  $\text{CM}_{\text{trans}}$  inclusion complex.

- Several solutions are prepared by mixing **C** and **M<sub>trans</sub>** in different proportions to reach initial concentrations  $[\text{C}]_0$  and  $[\text{M}_{\text{trans}}]_0$ .
- While  $[\text{M}_{\text{trans}}]_0$  is identical for all solutions,  $[\text{C}]_0$  varies.
- We follow, at a specific wavelength, the difference between the absorbance of each mixed solution and the absorbance of the pure **M<sub>trans</sub>** solution ( $\Delta A$ ).
- We mark the molar absorption coefficients of  $\text{CM}_{\text{trans}}$  and **M<sub>trans</sub>** as  $\epsilon_{\text{CM}_{\text{trans}}}$  and  $\epsilon_{\text{M}_{\text{trans}}}$ , respectively.  $L$  is the path length of the beam through the sample (המרחק שעוברת הקרן בדוגמה).
- The absorbance of **C** ( $\epsilon_{\text{C}}$ ) is negligible (זניחה).

3. **Demonstrate** that  $\Delta A = \alpha \cdot [\text{CM}_{\text{trans}}]$  and **express**  $\alpha$  in terms of known constant(s).

Demonstration:

$$\alpha =$$



4. **Demonstrate** that, when **C** is in large excess with respect to **M<sub>trans</sub>** ( $[C]_0 \gg [M_{trans}]_0$ ), the concentration of **C** may be considered as constant,  $[C] \simeq [C]_0$ .

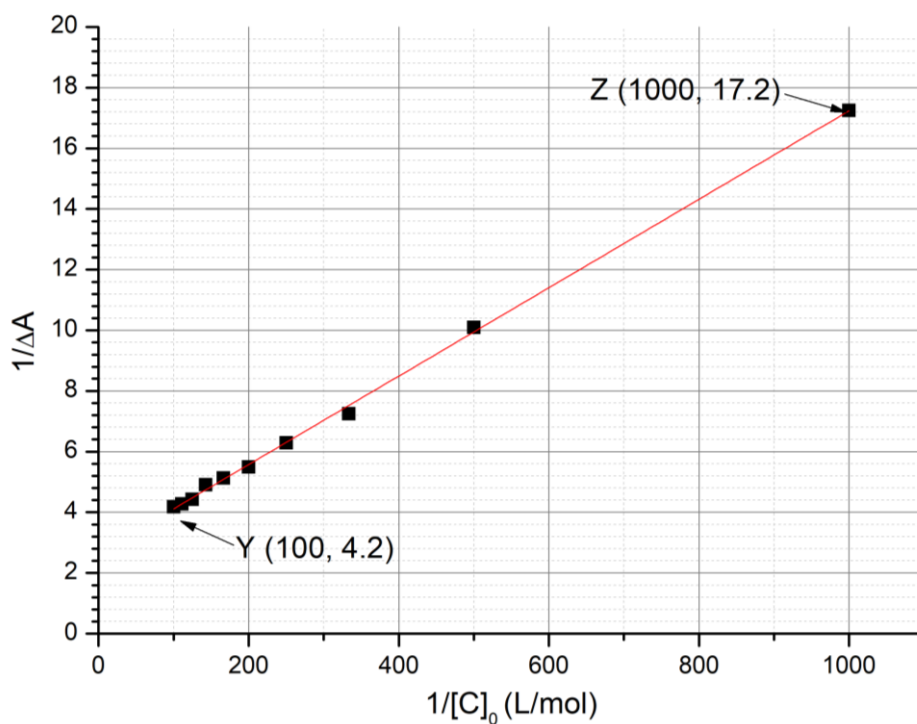
Demonstration:

5. **Demonstrate** that  $\Delta A = \alpha \cdot \frac{\beta \cdot [C]_0}{1 + K_t \cdot [C]_0}$  when **C** is in large excess with respect to **M<sub>trans</sub>** ( $[C]_0 \gg [M_{trans}]_0$ ), and **express**  $\beta$  in terms of constant(s) and initial concentration(s).

Demonstration:

$$\beta =$$

6. **Determine**  $K_t$  using the following experimental curve (**Fig. 3**).



*Fig. 3 – Evolution of  $1/\Delta A$  as a function of  $1/[C]_0$ .*

Calculations:

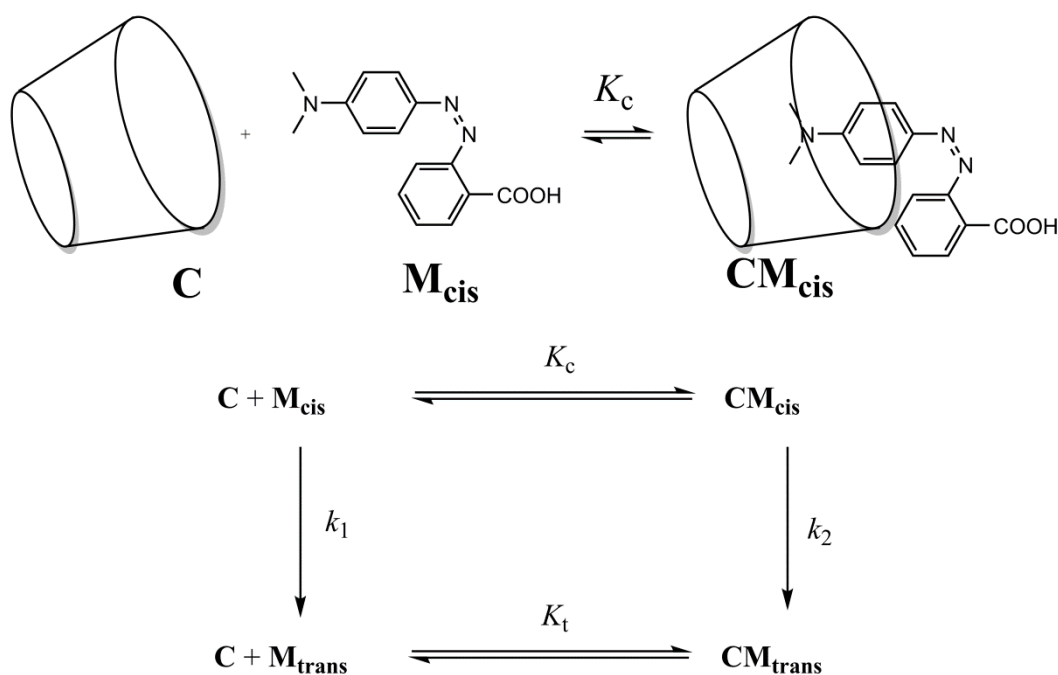
$$K_t =$$

### Determination of the association constant $K_c$

In tasks 7 to 9, we will determine (using kinetic studies) the association constant  $K_c$ , corresponding to the formation of the inclusion complex with  $M_{cis}$ ,  $CM_{cis}$ .

- A sample containing only  $M_{trans}$  is irradiated, thus producing a known amount of  $M_{cis}$ , noted as  $[M_{cis}]_0$ .
- $M_{cis}$  (free or within the inclusion complex) then thermally isomerizes into  $M_{trans}$ .
- In the absence of  $C$ , the isomerization follows a first order kinetics with a rate constant  $k_1$ .
- All complexation equilibria are faster than the isomerization processes.

The kinetic scheme corresponding to this experiment is provided in **Fig. 4**.



**Fig. 4** – Kinetic scheme for the isomerization of  $M_{cis}$  in the presence of  $C$ .

The rate of disappearance  $r$  for the total amount of  $M_{cis}$  (free and complexed) is defined as

$$r = k_1[M_{cis}] + k_2[CM_{cis}]$$

Experimentally,  $r$  follows an apparent first order kinetic law with an apparent rate constant  $k_{obs}$  (קבוע קצב נסיוני):

$$r = k_{obs}([M_{cis}] + [CM_{cis}])$$

7. **Demonstrate** that  $k_{obs} = \frac{\gamma + \delta \cdot k_2[C]}{1 + K_c[C]}$  and **express**  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  in terms of known constant(s).

Demonstration:

$$\gamma = \quad \quad \quad \text{and} \quad \quad \delta =$$

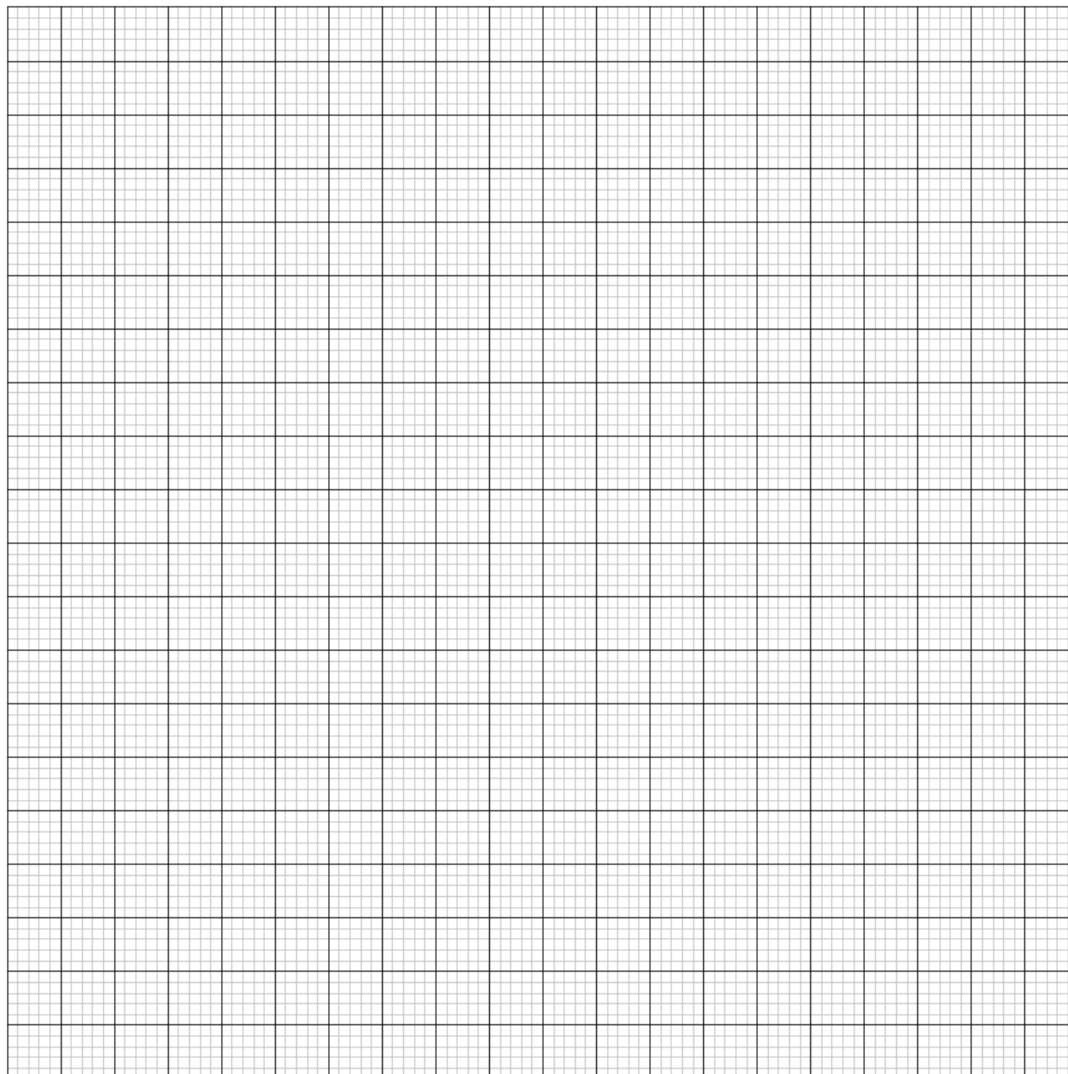
8. Given that  $[C]_0 \gg [M_{\text{cis}}]_0$ , **choose** the condition(s) at which the half-life  $t_{1/2}$  corresponding to  $k_{\text{obs}}$  can be expressed as  $t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\gamma} (1 + K_c [C]_0)$ . Mathematically **justify** your answer.

- ☐ Very slow isomerization of  $M_{\text{cis}}$  within cyclodextrin
- ☐ Very slow isomerization of free  $M_{\text{cis}}$
- ☐  $CM_{\text{cis}}$  very stable
- ☐  $CM_{\text{trans}}$  very stable

Demonstration:

9. Assuming the condition(s) in task 8 satisfied, **determine**  $K_c$  by a linear regression (התאמה לקו ישר) using the data below. You may use a calculator or plot a graph.

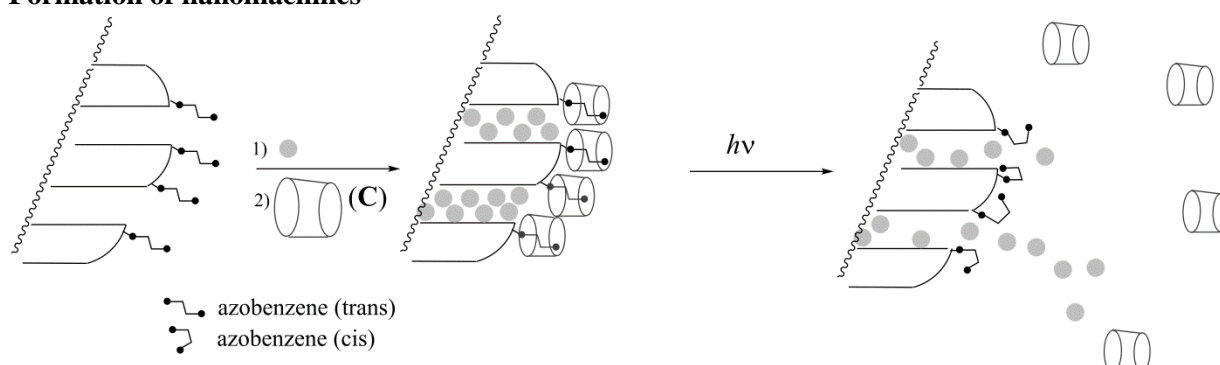
$[C]_0$ (mol L <sup>-1</sup> )	$t_{1/2}$ (s)	$[C]_0$ (mol L <sup>-1</sup> )	$t_{1/2}$ (s)
0	3.0	$3.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5.9
$1.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$	3.2	$5.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	7.7
$5.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$	3.6	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	9.9
$1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	4.1	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$	12.6



Equation of the linear regression:

$$K_c =$$

### Formation of nanomachines



**Fig. 5** – Cleavage (פירוק) of an azobenzene–cyclodextrin inclusion complex induced by a light-triggered isomerization, which allows delivery of a dye (grey circles).

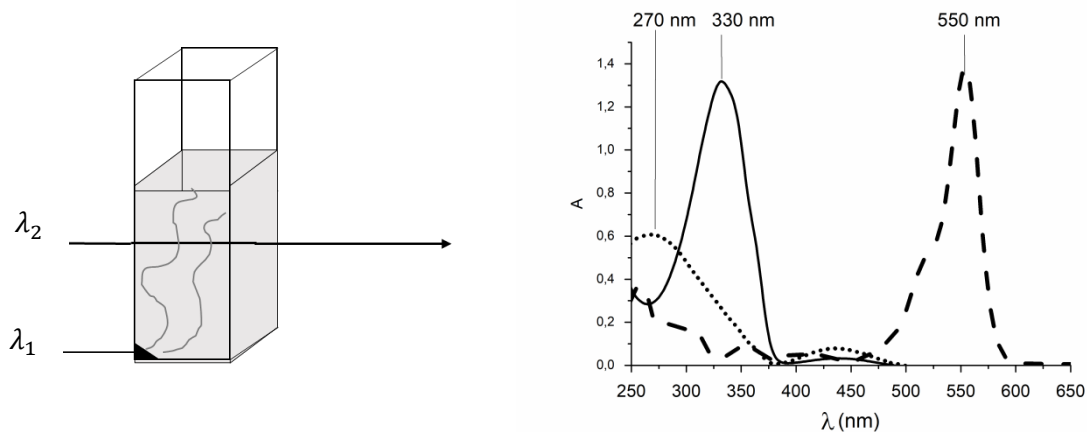
As shown in **Fig. 5**:

- Another azobenzene compound (for which  $K_c \ll K_t$ ), initially in the *trans* form, is covalently grafted on silica (קשור קוולנטית לסיליקה).
- The silica pores (החללים שבתוך הסיליקה) are filled with a dye (rhodamine B, grey circles in **Fig. 5**).
- Upon addition of **C**, an inclusion complex is formed, which blocks the pores and prevents the release of the dye.

10. **Choose** the most appropriate condition (one choice only) so that the pores are initially blocked in the presence of **C**, and the dye can be released upon irradiation.

- ☐  $K_t \gg 1$   
☐  $K_t \gg 1$  and  $K_c \ll 1$   
☐  $K_t / K_c \ll 1$   
☐  $K_t \gg 1$  and  $K_c \gg 1$   
☐  $K_c \ll 1$

- The azobenzene-silica powder that is loaded with a dye is placed in the corner of a cuvette (**Fig. 6**) so that this powder cannot move into solution.
- The powder is irradiated at a wavelength  $\lambda_1$  to trigger the release of the dye from the pores (**Fig. 5**).
- To monitor this release by absorbance spectroscopy we measure the absorbance of the solution at wavelength  $\lambda_2$ .



**Fig. 6** – Left: experimental setup used to monitor the release of the dye  
Right: absorption spectra of trans-azobenzene (full line), cis-azobenzene (dotted line – קו מנוקד) and rhodamine B (dashed line – קו מקווקו).

11. **Determine**  $\lambda_1$ .

$\lambda_1 =$             nm

12. **Determine**  $\lambda_2$ .

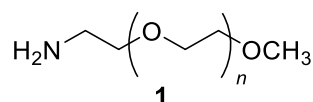
$\lambda_2 =$             nm

Problem	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
T6 8%	Points	4	4	5	3	10	2	9	6	5	48
	Score										

## Problem T6: Characterization of a block-copolymer

Block-copolymers, obtained by linking different polymers (blocks), have unique properties, such as the ability to self-assemble. In this problem, the synthesis and characterization of such a macromolecule is studied.

### Study of the first block



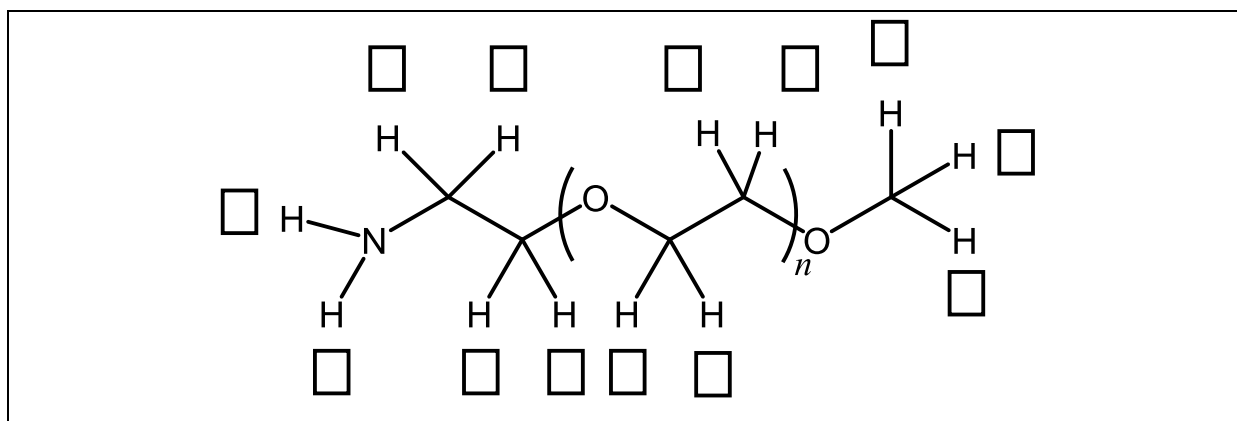
In this first part, we will study the water-soluble homopolymer **1** ( $\alpha$ -methoxy- $\omega$ -aminopolyethyleneglycol).

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1** ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ,  $60^\circ\text{C}$ , 500 MHz) includes the following signals:

Index	$\delta$ (ppm)	Peak Area
a	2.7*	0.6
b	3.3	0.9
c	3.4	0.6
d	$\sim 3.5$	133.7

**Table 1**, \*in the presence of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , the signal at 2.7 ppm disappears.

1. **Match** the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals (a, b, c, d) from **Table 1** with each of the corresponding protons.





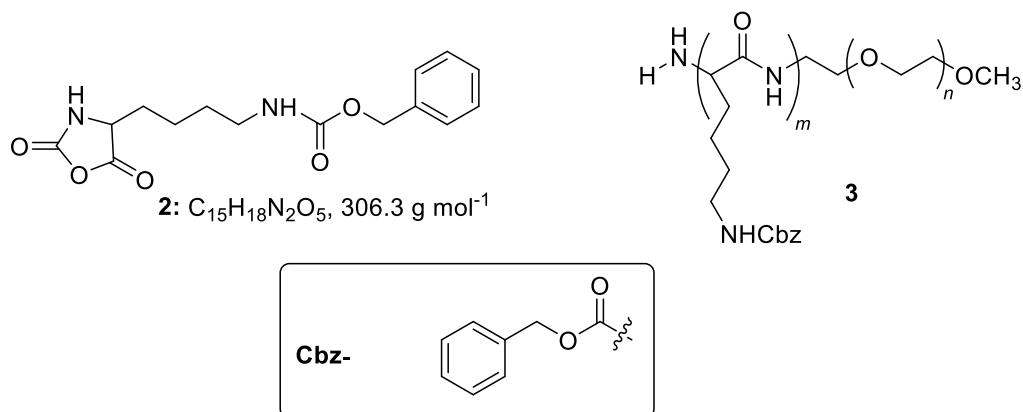
2. **Express** the average degree of polymerization  $n$  as a function of the area  $A_{OC_2H_4}$  of the NMR peak of the repeating unit and the area  $A_{OCH_3}$  of the NMR peak of the methyl end group. **Calculate**  $n$ .

$$n =$$

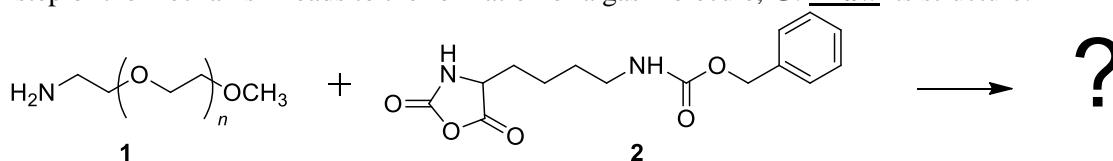
*If you could not calculate  $n$ , the value  $n = 100$  can be used in the rest of the problem.*

### Study of a diblock-copolymer

The synthesis of the second block of the copolymer is performed through the reaction of **1** with **2** ( $\epsilon$ -(benzyloxycarbonyl)-lysine  $N$ -carboxyanhydride). This yields the block-copolymer **3**.

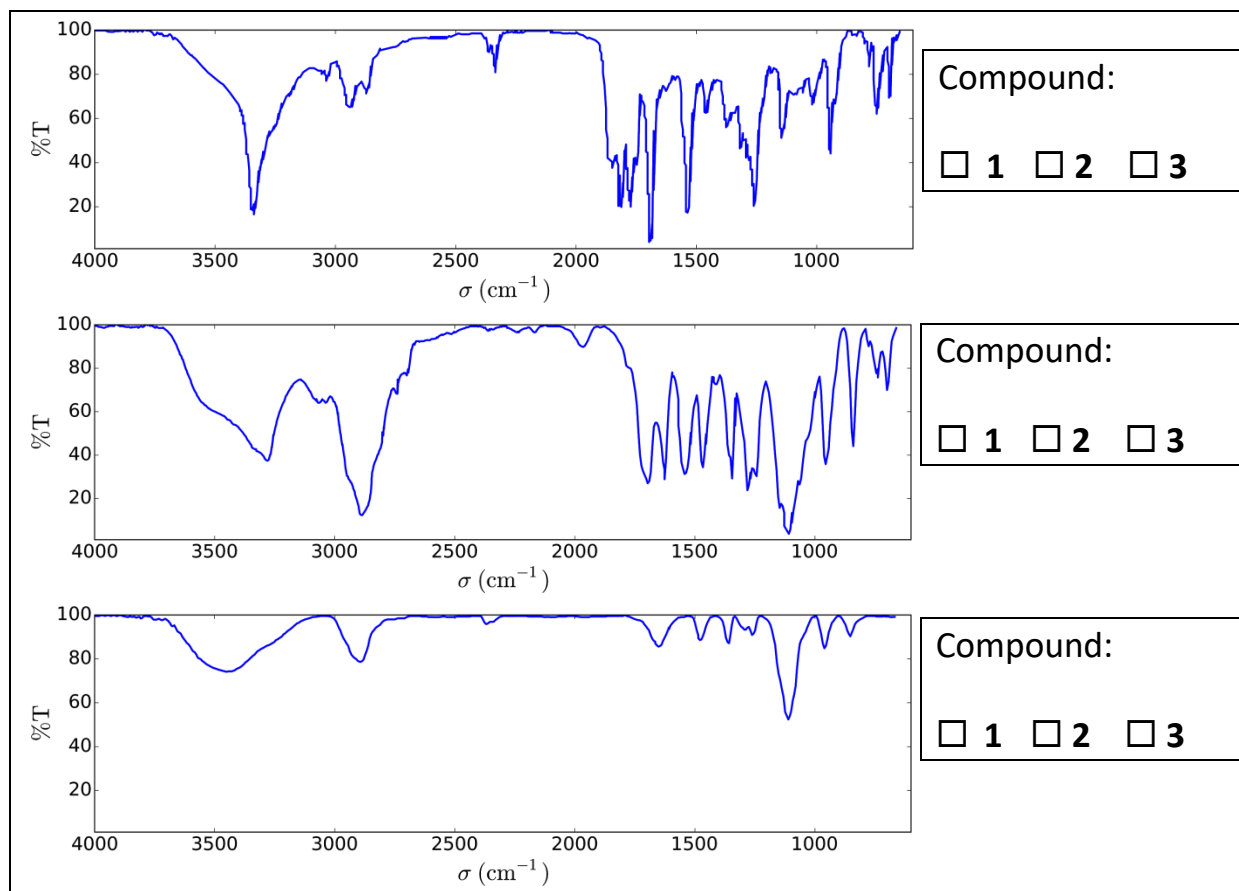


3. **Draw** the reaction intermediate that is formed in the first step of the addition of **1** to **2**. The second step of the mechanism leads to the formation of a gas molecule, **G**. **Draw** its structure.



**G:**

4. Infrared (IR) measurements are performed to characterize the compounds. **Match** the three IR spectra with compounds **1**, **2** and **3**.



5. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of copolymer **3** (in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ , at  $60^\circ\text{C}$ , 500 MHz) is reported in **Fig. 1**.
- Using some or all of the NMR signals, the areas of which are reported in **Table 2**, **calculate** its number average molar mass  $M_n$ , considering  $n$  from question 2.
  - For your calculations, **draw** a circle around the group(s) of atoms you used (on the molecule in the next page) and **give** their corresponding symbol(s) ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , ...).

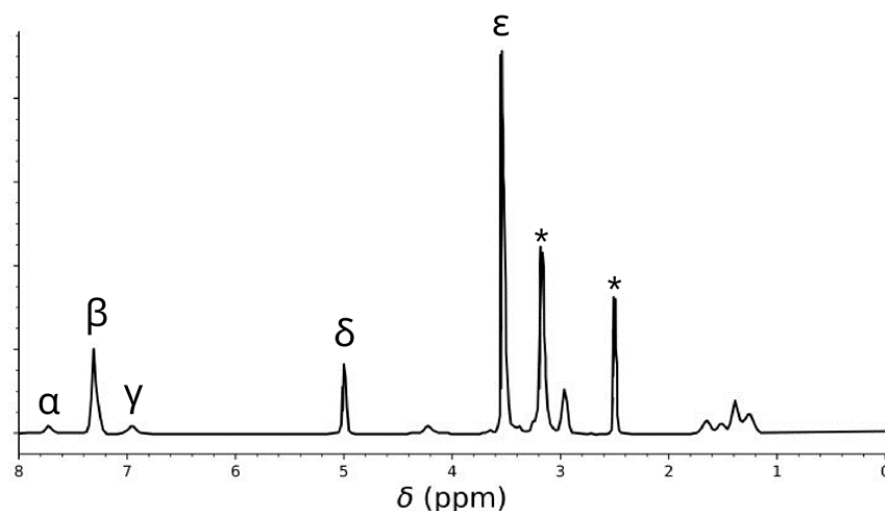
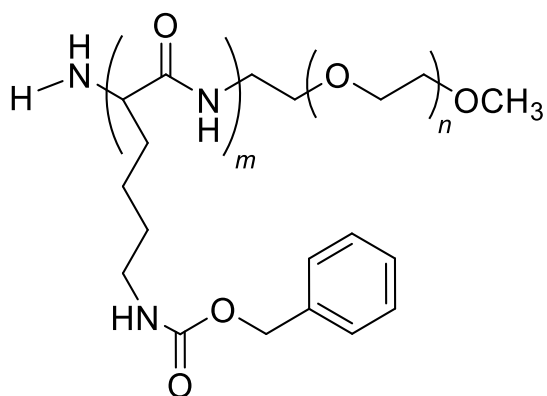


Table 2

Peak	Area
$\alpha$	22.4
$\beta$	119
$\gamma$	23.8
$\delta$	47.6
$\epsilon$	622

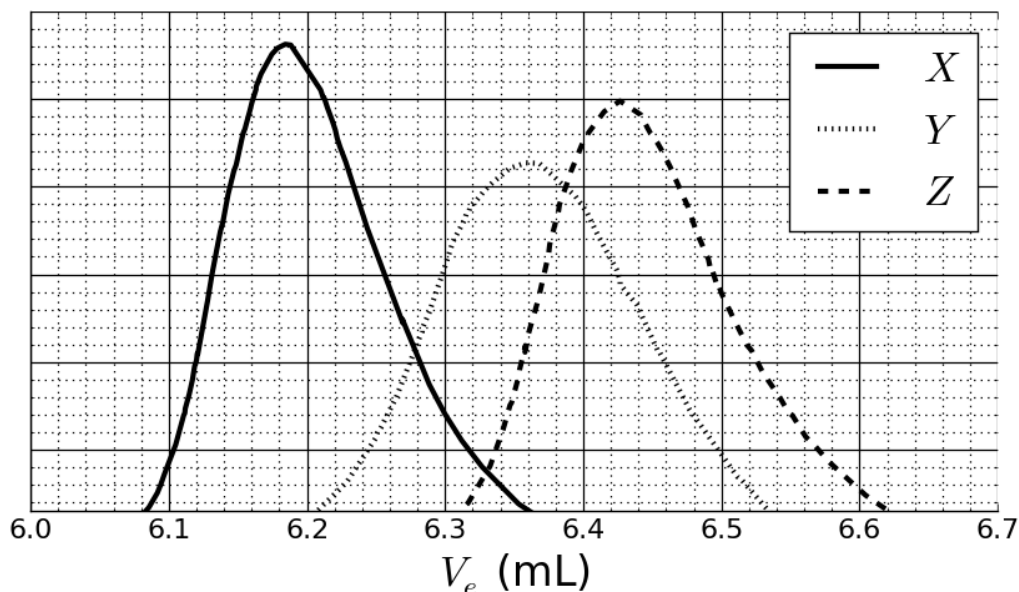
**Fig. 1** – signals marked with  $*$  correspond to the solvent and water.



$$M_n = \quad \text{kg mol}^{-1}$$

Provide your answer with two decimal places.

This reaction of **1** with **2** yielded copolymers: **3a** after 20 h, **3b** after 25 h and **3c** after 30 h of reaction at 40 °C. Results of size-exclusion chromatography (SEC) experiments for each of the above are presented in **Fig. 2**.



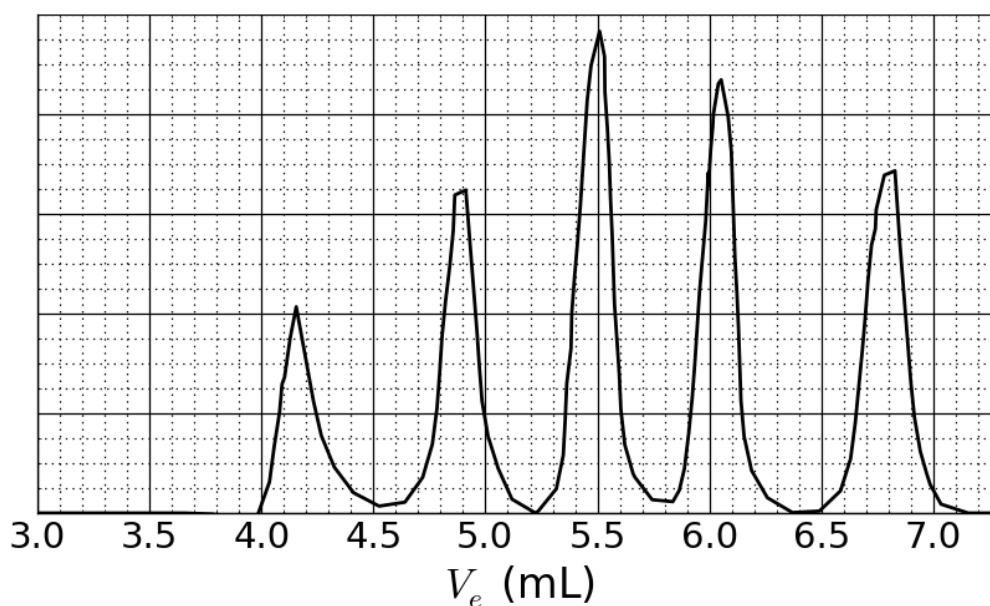
**Fig. 2** – SEC chromatograms of **3a**, **3b** and **3c** as a function of the elution volume,  $V_e$ .

6. **Match** the signals in Fig. 2 with the copolymers **3a**, **3b** and **3c**.

<b>3a:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> Z
<b>3b:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> Z
<b>3c:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> Z

To calibrate the chromatogram, a mixture of standard polymers of known masses (3, 30, 130, 700 and 7000 kg mol<sup>-1</sup>) has been studied (**Fig. 3**).

The log value of the molar mass is a linear function of the elution volume,  $V_e$ .



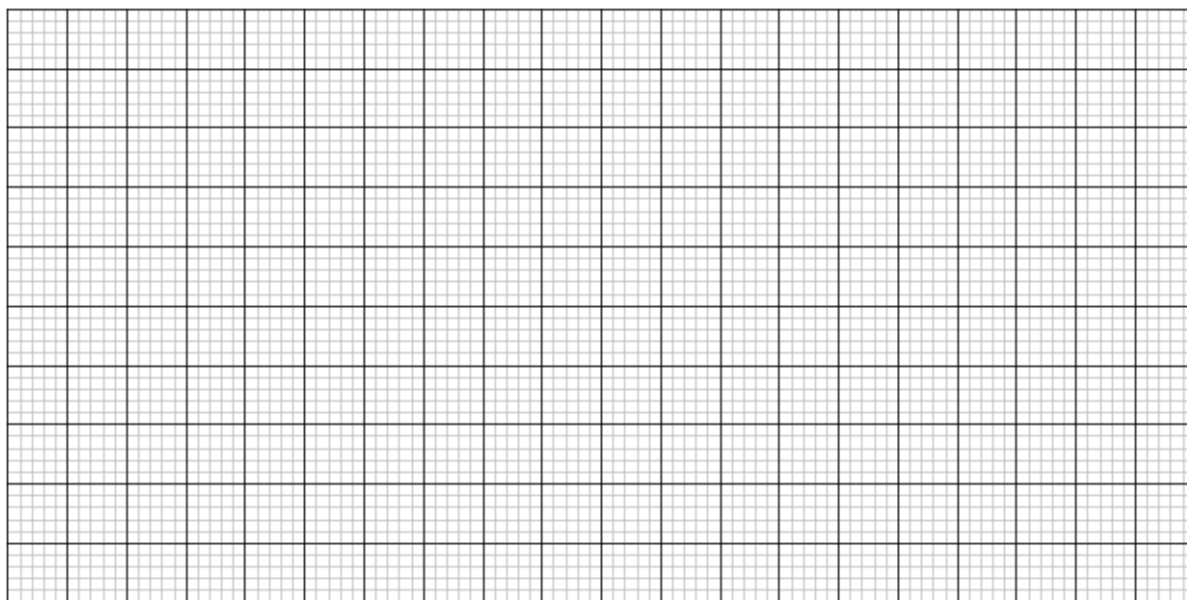
**Fig. 3** – SEC chromatogram of the mixture of standards.

7. Based on the SEC curves in Fig. 2 and 3:

- **Determine**  $V_e$  of the polymer that corresponds to curve X.
- Use it to **estimate** the degree of polymerization  $m$  of its second block.
- **Detail** your calculation; you may use a calculator or plot a graph.

$V_e =$

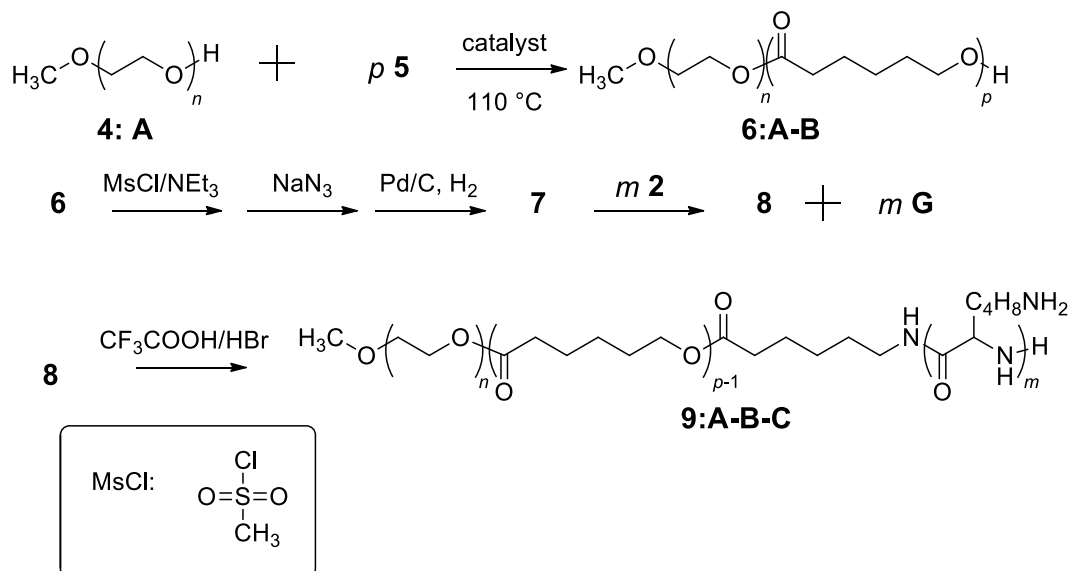
mL



$m =$

## Triblock copolymer synthesis

For biological applications, involving the formation of micelles (מיצלות), a triblock copolymer **9** can be synthesized through the introduction of a middle block, **B**, using monomer **5**.



8. **Draw** the structures of **5**, **7** and **8**.

**5** (no products other than **6:A-B** are obtained)

**7** (a gas is formed in the final step)


**8**


9. Amphiphilic block copolymers, such as **9:A-B-C**, can be used for medical applications, as they self-assemble into micelles in water (pH = 7), which can be used as drug carriers.


- Assign each block of the copolymer to a property.
- Draw a micelle scheme of **9:A-B-C** using only 4 polymer chains.

<b>A:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> hydrophobic	<input type="checkbox"/> hydrophilic
<b>B:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> hydrophobic	<input type="checkbox"/> hydrophilic
<b>C:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> hydrophobic	<input type="checkbox"/> hydrophilic

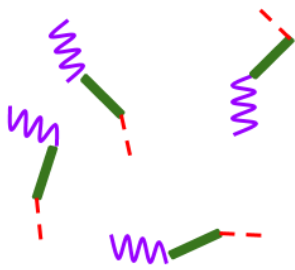
  

**A** 

**B** 

**C** 

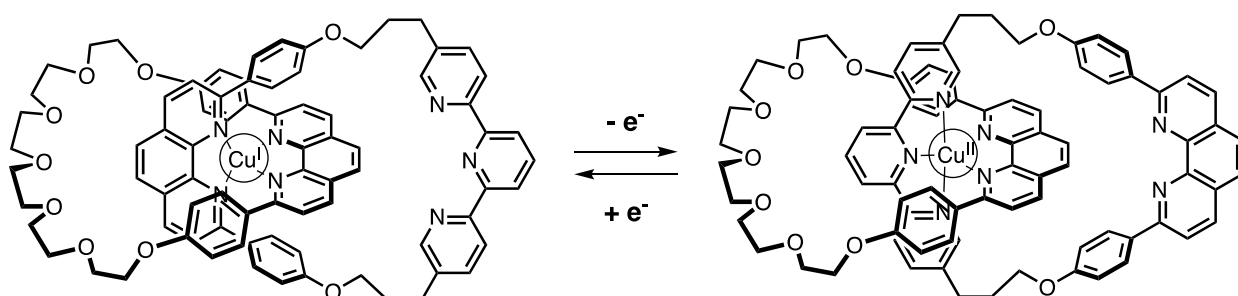

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## Problem T7: Ring motion in a [2]catenane

Problem	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
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<b>6%</b>	Score												

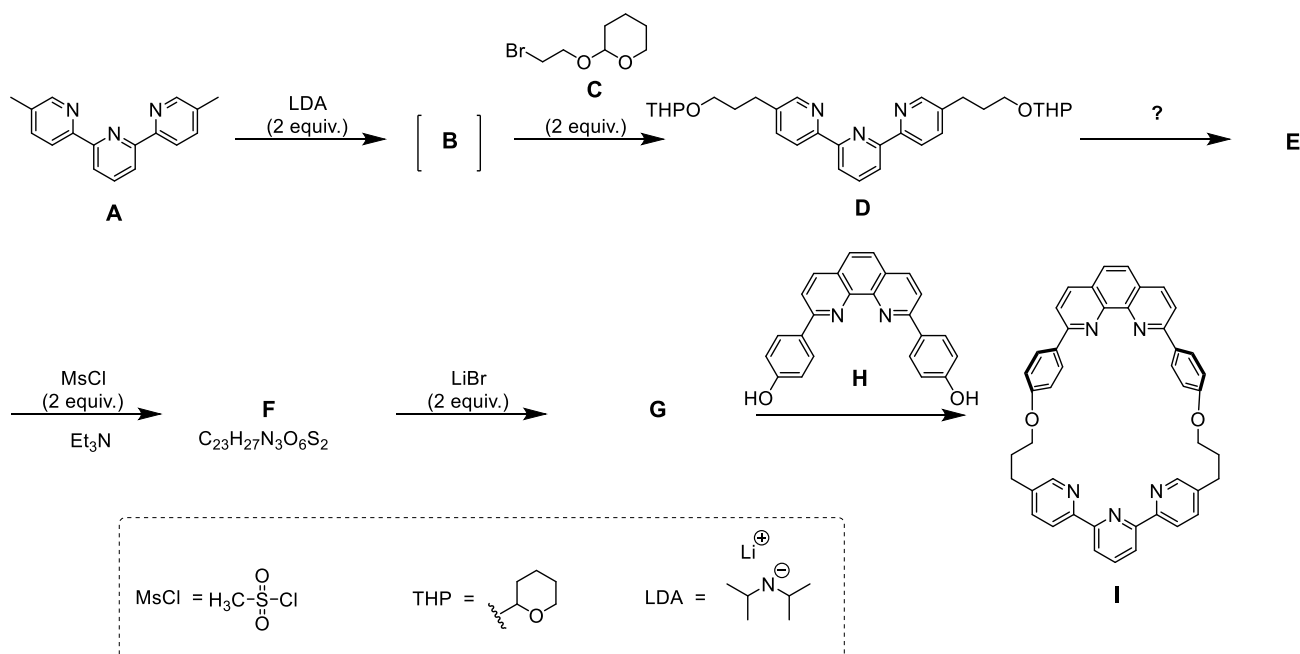
In 2016, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to J.-P. Sauvage, Sir J. F. Stoddart and B. L. Feringa "for the design and synthesis of molecular machines". An example of these is [2]catenane, a molecule consisting of two interlocked rings (טבעות משורשרות). In this system, one macrocycle contains a single phenanthroline (a bidentate ligand) and the other contains two ligands: phenanthroline and terpyridine (a tridentate ligand). A single copper ion is coordinated by 2 ligands, one ligand from each macrocycle.

Depending on the oxidation state of the copper (+I or +II), two configurations are obtained (**Fig. 1**).



**Fig. 1** – Multi-stability of a ring in a [2]catenane (Charges of the complexes are not shown)

The synthesis of the macrocycle is as follows:





1. **Draw** the structure of **B**.

**B**

2. **Draw** the structures of **E**, **F** and **G**.

**E**

**F**

**G**

3. Out of the following reaction conditions, **choose** which one(s) can produce **E** from **D**:

- ☐  $\text{H}^+$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- ☐  $\text{OH}^-$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- ☐  $\text{NaBH}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$
- ☐  $\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{Pd/C}$ , THF

4. In the synthetic strategy,  $\text{MsCl}$  is used to obtain:

- ☐ a leaving group
- ☐ a protecting group
- ☐ a deactivating group
- ☐ a directing group

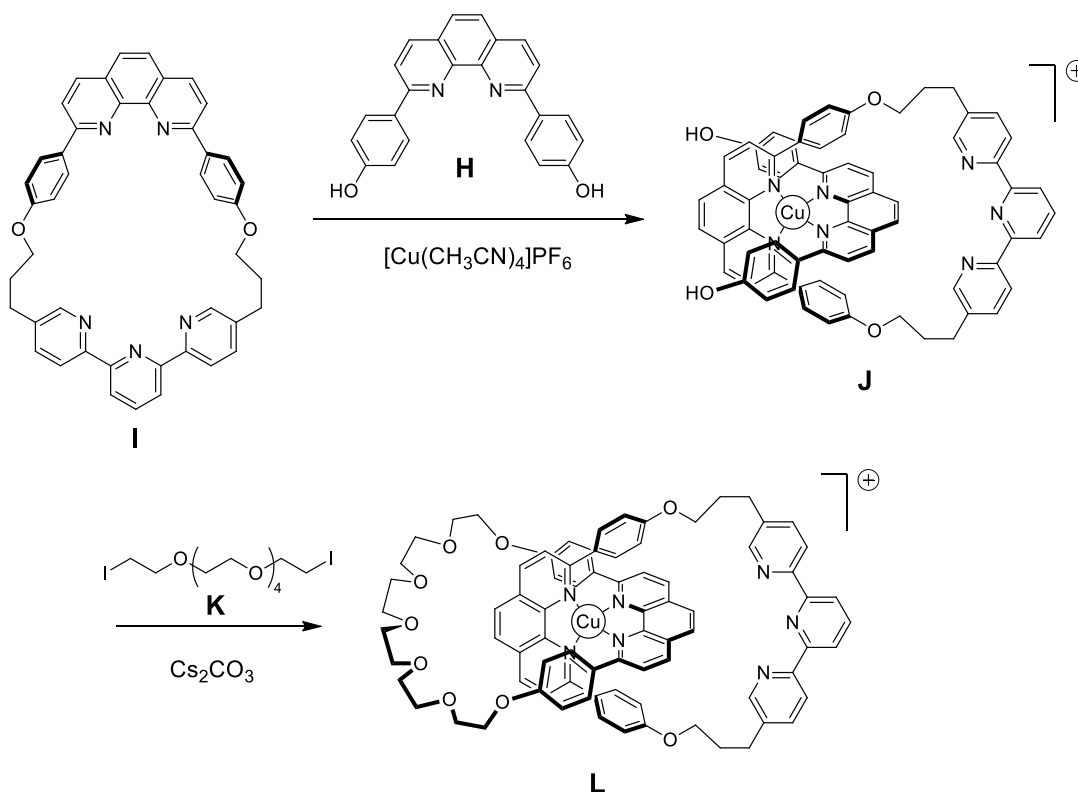
5. **G** is obtained by the reaction between **F** and LiBr in acetone. This reaction is:

- ☐ electrophilic aromatic substitution  
☐ nucleophilic aromatic substitution  
☐ S<sub>N</sub>1  
☐ S<sub>N</sub>2

6. **Draw** the transition state of the rate-determining step of the reaction **F** → **G**, showing the 3D geometry. Show only one reaction center. The main carbon chain can be represented as an R group.

Transition state:

The synthesis of [2]catenane **L** uses the template effect of a copper complex:



7. **Write** the full electronic configuration of metallic Cu(0) in its ground state. **Give** the oxidation state of Cu in complex **J** and **write** the electronic configuration of Cu in the free ion corresponding to **J**.

Electronic configuration of Cu(0):

Oxidation state of Cu in **J**:

Electronic configuration of Cu in **J**:

8.

- **Select** the geometry of the copper ion in **L**.
- Assuming an ideal geometry of the ligands around the copper center, **draw** the electronic levels of the d orbitals subject to the crystal field.
- **Fill** the orbital diagram.
- **Give** the highest possible value of the spin ( $S$ ) for this complex.

The geometry of Cu in **L** is:

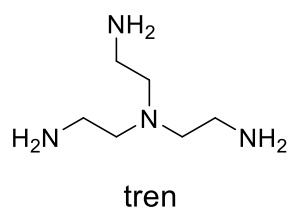
- ☐ Octahedral  
☐ Tetrahedral  
☐ Square planar  
☐ Trigonal bipyramid

Splitting and filling of d orbitals:

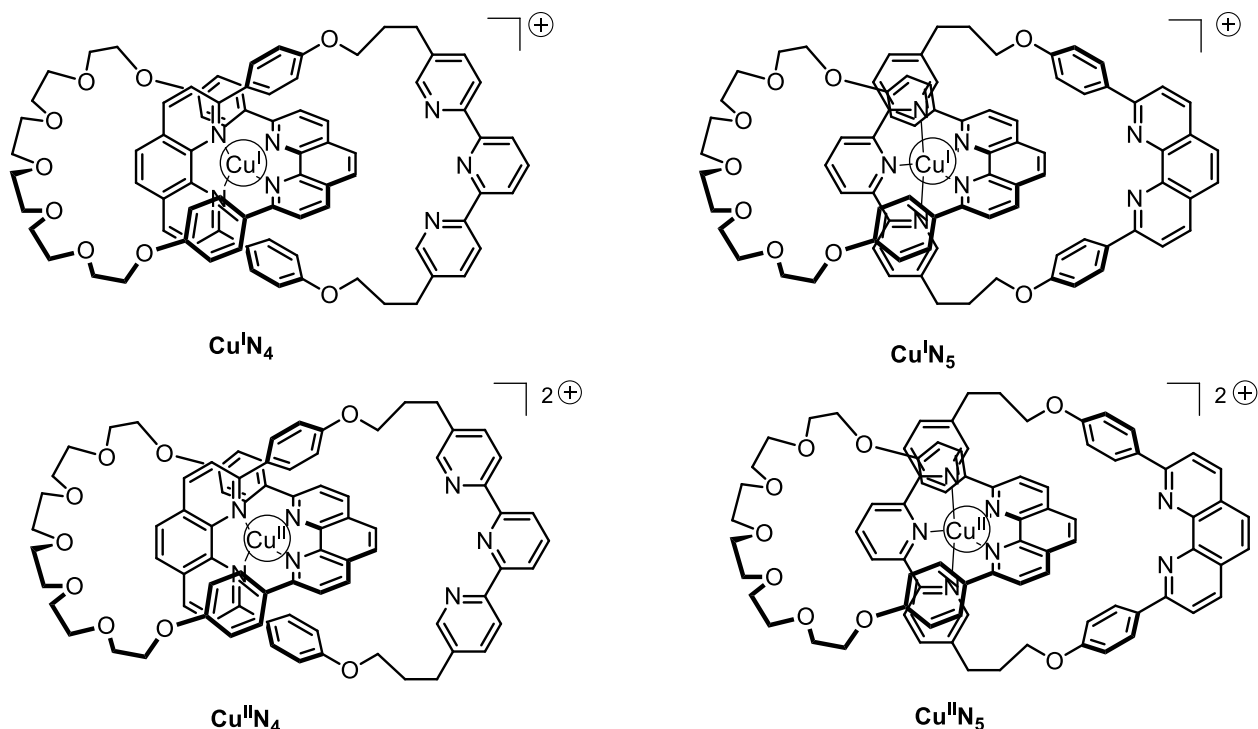
$S =$

9. Out of the following compounds, **choose** the one(s) that can remove the copper ion in **L** to obtain the free [2]catenane:

- ☐ CH<sub>3</sub>CN  
☐ NH<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>  
☐ KCN  
☐ tren



In [2]catenane **L**, the copper ion can exist in two oxidation states: (+I) or (+II), and each of them shows a different coordination sphere (tetra- or penta-coordinated, respectively).



**Fig. 2** – [2]catenane **L** states

The stability of Cu(I) complexes can be understood by comparing their electronic structures to that of a noble gas (גז אציל).

10. **Fill** in the blanks with a number or a tick:

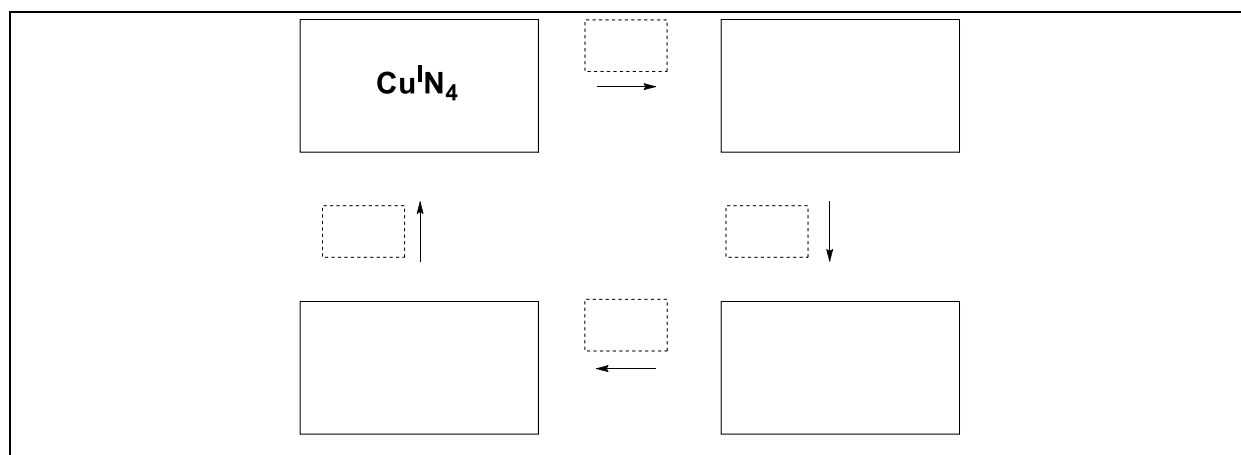
The Cu<sup>I</sup>N<sub>4</sub> complex has ... electrons in the coordination sphere of the metal.

The Cu<sup>I</sup>N<sub>5</sub> complex has ... electrons in the coordination sphere of the metal.

The Cu<sup>I</sup>N<sub>4</sub> complex is ☐ more / ☐ less stable than the Cu<sup>I</sup>N<sub>5</sub> complex.

11. **Fill** in the solid boxes with the designation of the involved complexes in **Fig. 2** and **complete** the sequence to achieve electrochemical control of the system using the following notation for the

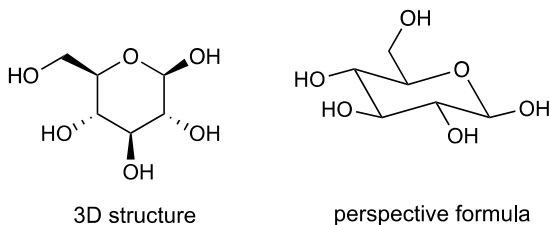
dashed boxes: (rotation); + e<sup>-</sup> ; - e<sup>-</sup>.



Problem	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
T8 6%	Points	2	6	2	2	11	2	4	3	4	2	6	8	2	6	4	64
	Score																

## Problem T8: Identification and synthesis of inositols

In this problem, we define “3D structure” and “perspective formula” as indicated for  $\beta$ -glucose in the following figure.



Inositols are cyclohexane-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexols. Some of these 6-membered carbocycles, in particular *myo*-inositol, are involved in a number of biological processes.

### Structure of *myo*-inositol

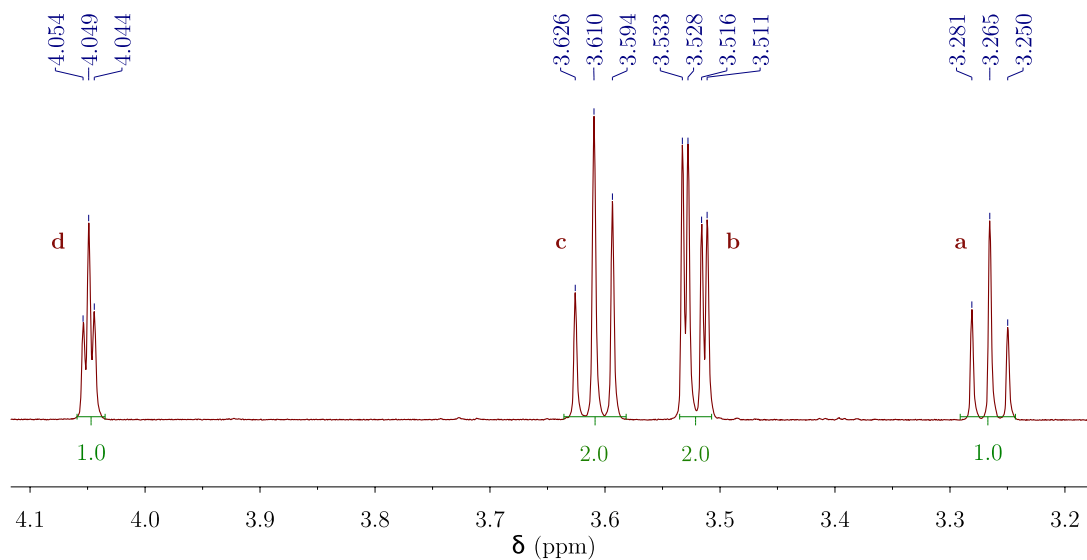
1. **Draw** the structural formula of inositols, without stereochemical details.

This family of molecules contains 9 different stereoisomers, including enantiomers.

2. **Draw** all 3D structures of the stereoisomers that are optically active.

The structure of a specific inositol, called *myo*-inositol, is studied here.

- Only one of its chair conformers is predominant (עיקרי) and its structure can be deduced from its  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum.
- The spectrum below was obtained at 600 MHz in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$
- No other signal from that compound was observed in the spectrum.
- The integration is indicated on the spectrum below each signal.



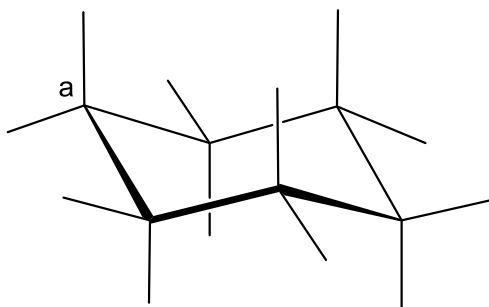
3. **Give** the molecular formula of the predominant compound derived from *myo*-inositol in this sample, that is consistent with the number of protons observed in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum.

4. Based on the number and integrations of the proton signals, **give** the number of symmetry plane(s) that exist(s) in this molecule.

5.

- **Complete** the provided “perspective drawing” for the most stable conformation of *myo*-inositol.
- Then **label** each hydrogen with the corresponding letter (**a**, **b**, **c** or **d**) according to the NMR spectrum above. Proton **a** must be on carbon **a** on the provided representation.
- **Draw** its “3D structure”.

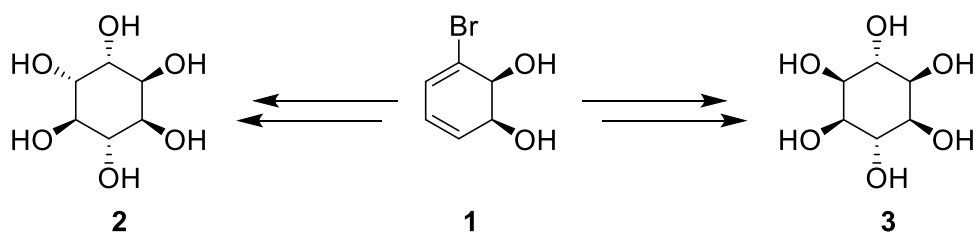
Perspective drawing:



3D structure:

### Synthesis of inositols

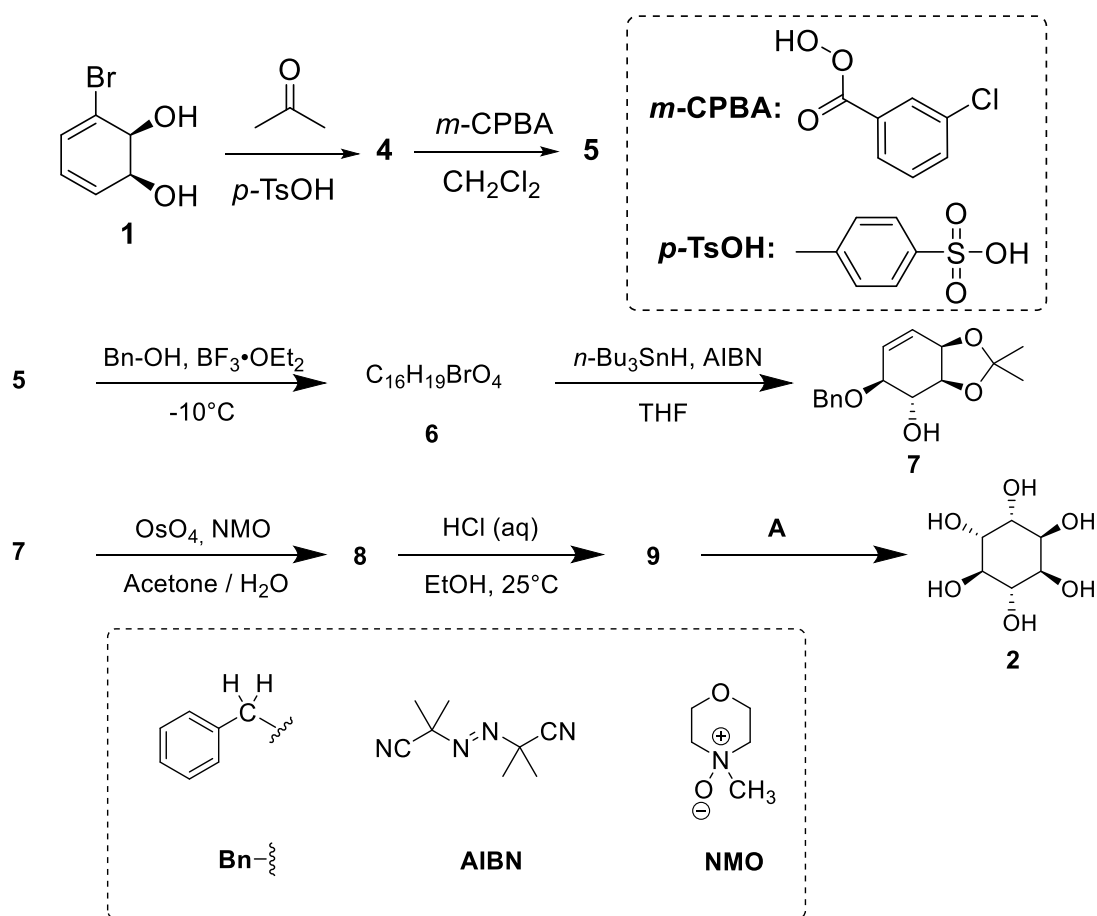
For medicinal applications, it is useful to synthesize some inositol phosphates on a large scale. We will study the synthesis of inositol **2** from bromodiols **1**.



6. **Choose** the correct structural relationship(s) between **2** and **3**.

- ☐ enantiomers  
☐ epimers  
☐ diastereomers  
☐ atropoisomers

Inositol **2** can be obtained from compound **1** in 7 steps:

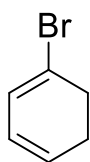


7. **Draw** the 3D structure of **4**.

**4**

8. The reaction leading to **5** occurs on the double bond with the highest electron density. Consider below the structure of 1-bromo-1,3-cyclohexadiene, which is a substructure of **4**.

- **Circle** the double bond with the highest electron density.
  - On separate structures, **represent** all the electronic effects of the bromine on the molecule
- (ציירו את כל האפקטים האלקטרוניים של ברום על המולקולה, בציורי מבנים נפרדים)





9. **Draw** the 3D structure of the major diastereomer **5**.

**5**

10. **Give** the total number of stereoisomers of **5** possibly obtained (שניתן לקבל) by this synthesis, starting from enantiopure compound **1**.

11. For the step **5**  $\rightarrow$  **6**, another product with the same molecular formula, marked as **6'**, can be produced. **Draw** the 3D structures of **6** and **6'**.

**6**

**6'**

12. **Draw** the 3D structures of major diastereomers **8** and **9**.

**8**

**9**

13. **Select** the right set(s) of conditions **A** to obtain **2**.

- ☐ H<sub>2</sub>, Pd/C  
☐ K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, HF  
☐ HCOOH, H<sub>2</sub>O  
☐ BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>

14. If the bromine is not present in compound **1**, in addition to **2**, another stereoisomer would be obtained.

Considering that the stereoselectivity of the reactions that take place in the synthesis remains unchanged and that the following steps involve the same number of equivalents as for **2**, draw the 3D structure of this stereoisomer and give its relationship with **2**.

- 
- ☐ enantiomers
  - ☐ epimers
  - ☐ diastereoisomers
  - ☐ atropoisomers

15. During the synthesis of **2** from **1**, choose the step(s) that involve(s) removal of protecting or directing groups.

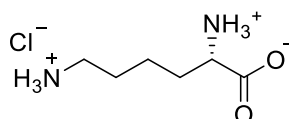
- ☐ **1** → **4**
  - ☐ **4** → **5**
  - ☐ **5** → **6**
  - ☐ **6** → **7**
  - ☐ **7** → **8**
  - ☐ **8** → **9**
  - ☐ **9** → **2**

Problem	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
T9 7%	Points	2	2	4	3	2	17	1	1	2	4	2	2	2	44
	Score														

## Problem T9: Synthesis of levobupivacaine

### Part I.

The local anesthetic bupivacaine (marketed as Marcaine) is on the World Health Organization List of Essential Medicines. Although the drug is currently used as a racemic mixture, it was demonstrated that one enantiomer of bupivacaine, levobupivacaine, is less cardiotoxic and, therefore, safer than the racemate. Levobupivacaine can be synthesized from the natural amino acid L-lysine.



L-Lysine hydrochloride

1. **Assign** the absolute configuration of the stereogenic center (מרקז כירלי) in L-lysine hydrochloride and **justify** your answer by classifying the substituents in order of their priority.

Configuration:	Priority 1 > 2 > 3 > 4:
<input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> S	

2. The prefix L in L-lysine refers to relative configuration. **Choose** all correct statements:

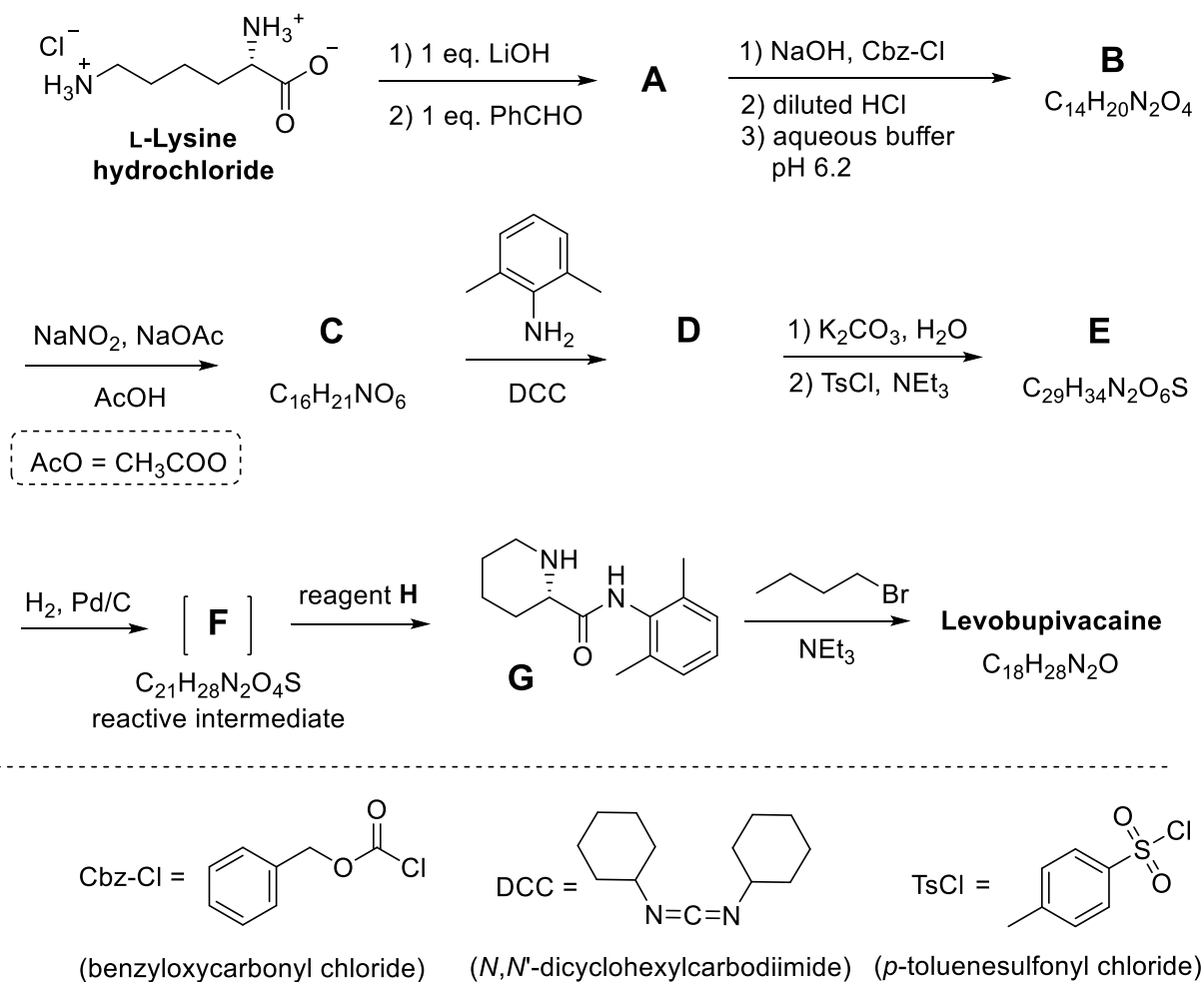
- ☐ All natural L-amino acids are levorotatory.  
☐ Natural L-amino acids can be levorotatory or dextrorotatory.  
☐ All natural L-amino acids are (S).  
☐ All natural L-amino acids are (R).

Often, we want only one of the amino groups in L-lysine to react. A  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  salt with excess aqueous hydroxide can selectively mask the reactivity of one of the amino groups. After the complex is formed, only the non-complexed  $\text{NH}_2$  group is available to react.

3. Considering that L-lysine acts as a bidentate ligand and that two L-lysines coordinate to one  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion in the presence of aqueous hydroxide, **draw** the structure of the intermediate complex.

Complex

Fortunately, in the synthesis of levobupivacaine shown below, the same amino group reacts even without  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  salt.



From this point on, you can use the abbreviations proposed in the scheme above.

4. **Draw** the structure of compound **A**, including the appropriate stereochemistry.

**A**

5. Transformation of L-lysine into **A** is (**choose** proper answer(s)):

- ☐ an enantioselective reaction.  
☐ an enantiospecific reaction.  
☐ a regioselective reaction.

6. **Draw** the structures of compounds **B–F**, including the appropriate stereochemistry.

<b>B</b> $C_{14}H_{20}N_2O_4$	<b>C</b> $C_{16}H_{21}NO_6$
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b> $C_{29}H_{34}N_2O_6S$
<b>F</b> $C_{21}H_{28}N_2O_4S$	

7. What is the role of DCC in the transformation **C**  $\rightarrow$  **D**?

- ☐ Protecting group for the amino group.
- ☐ Protecting group for the hydroxy group.
- ☐ Activating agent for the amide bond formation.

8. TsCl is used in the synthesis to enable:

- ☐ Nucleophilic substitution of an amino group.
- ☐ Electrophilic substitution of an amino group.
- ☐ Nucleophilic substitution of a hydroxy group.
- ☐ Electrophilic substitution of a hydroxy group.

9. **Mark** all possible reagents which could be used as reagent **H**:

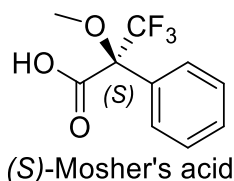
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| <input type="checkbox"/> K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | <input type="checkbox"/> H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> diluted KMnO <sub>4</sub>      | <input type="checkbox"/> diluted NaOH                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOCl <sub>2</sub>              | <input type="checkbox"/> PCl <sub>5</sub>               |

10. **Draw** the structure of levobupivacaine, including the appropriate stereochemistry.

Levobupivacaine C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O

## Part II.

The synthesis of levobupivacaine requires the use of enantiomerically pure L-lysine. A common method to confirm the enantiomeric purity of aminoacids is their transformation into amides using Mosher's acid (see the structure of its (*S*) isomer below).



11. **Draw** the structure of the amide formed when the  $\alpha$ -amino group of L-lysine is derivatized (מגיבה) with (*S*)-Mosher's acid. Clearly show the stereochemistry of each chiral center.

12. **How many products** will be formed from racemic lysine and (*S*)-Mosher's acid (consider that only the  $\alpha$ -amino group of lysine is derivatized)?

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two diastereoisomers.                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four diastereoisomers.                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A racemic mixture of two enantiomers.                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four compounds: two enantiomers and two diastereoisomers. |

13. **Choose** the method(s) that can be used to quantitatively determine the enantiomeric purity (לקבוע כמותית מה הניקיון האופטי) of lysine after its derivatization with (*S*)-Mosher's acid:

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|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NMR spectroscopy.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid chromatography. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mass spectrometry.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UV-vis spectroscopy.   |