

“Application of Calixresorcinarenes as Chemical Sensors”

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Introduction



Aluminum



Arsenic



Cadmium



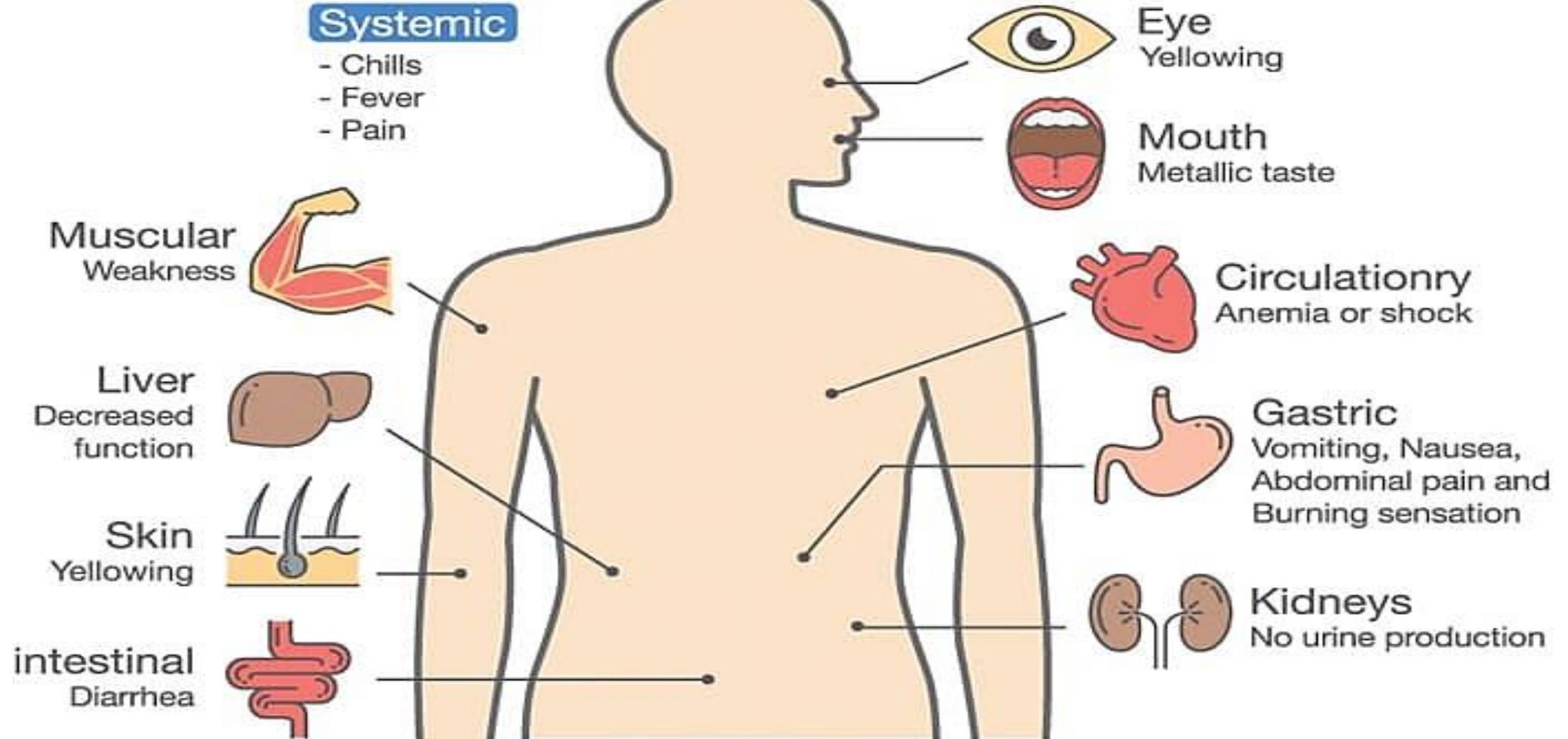
Lead



Mercury

HEAVY METAL TOXINS

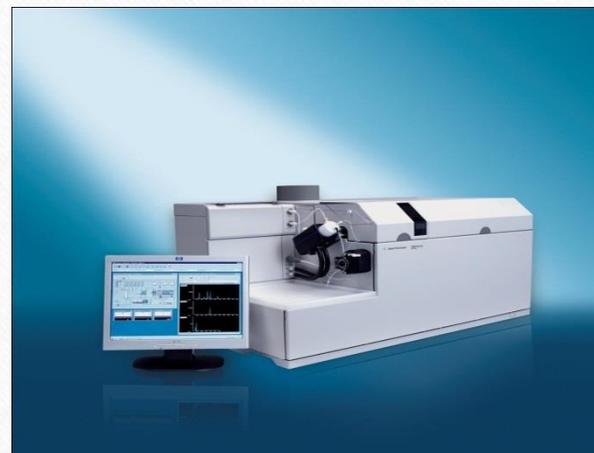
Introduction



Conventional methods for heavy metals detection



Inductively coupled plasma/atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES)



Inductively coupled plasma/mass spectrometry (ICP-MS)



Atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS)

Conventional methods for heavy metals detection

Expensive,
Sample preparation,
Professional skills....etc.



Lab-on-chip technology

Materials & methods

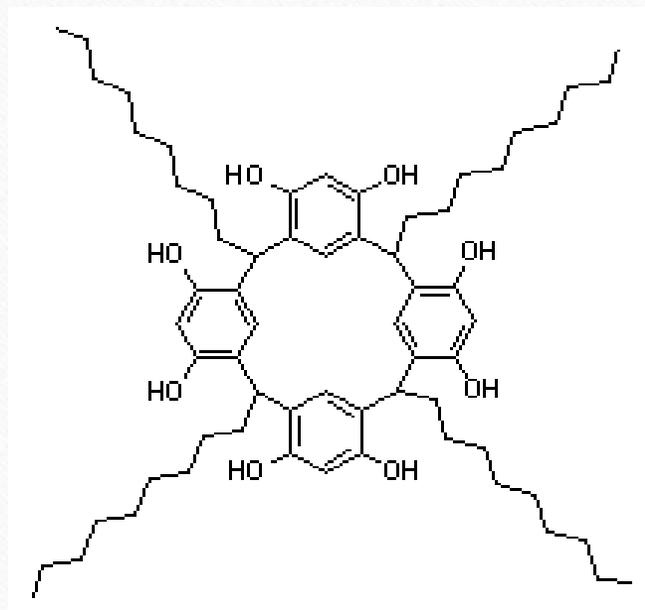
Synthesis of macrocycles

Their synthesis is based on the condensation between para-substituted phenols/resorcinols and aldehydes

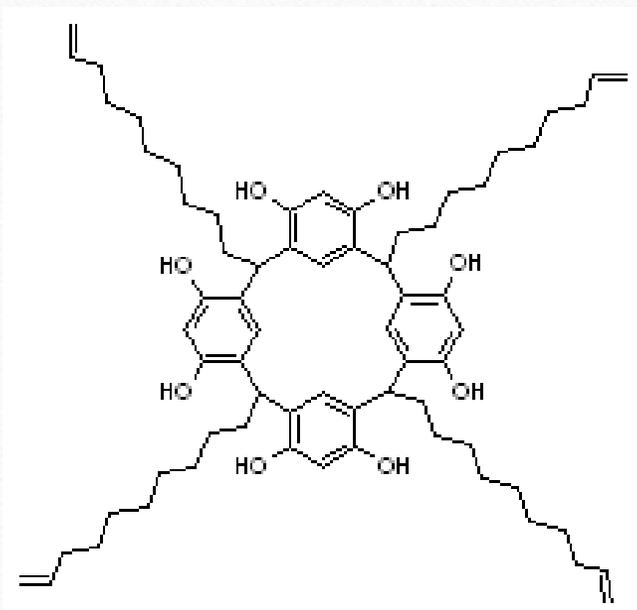
- **CAL 11 U**: C-dec-9-en-1-ylcalix[4]resorcinarene,
- **CAL 9U**: C-trans-2, cis-6-octa-1,5-dien-1-ylcalix[4]resorcinarene,
- **CAL 10**: C-nonylcalix[4]resorcinarene.

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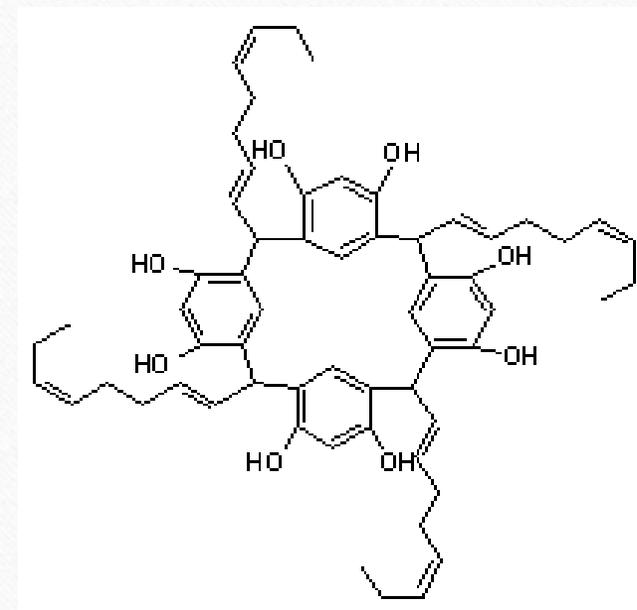
Synthesis of macrocycles



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure 1. Molecular structures of the synthesized calix[4]resorcinarenes : (a) C-nonylcalix[4]resorcinarene; (b) C-dec-9-en-1-ylcalix[4]resorcinarene; and (c) C-trans-2, cis-6-octa-1,5-dien-1-ylcalix[4]resorcinarene .

Materials & methods

Melting points

determination

FTIR :

To define the functional groups

TG-DSC-MS:

To study the thermal behavior

XRD:

To evaluate the degree of crystallinity

¹H NMR & ¹³C NMR:

To confirm the proposed structure

Characterization
of macrocycles

Results & discussion

Characterization of macrocycles

Melting points determination

Table 1. Experimental melting points of the synthesized molecules.

Molecule code	Molecule name	Melting point (°C)	Weight after grinding (g)
CAL 11U	C-dec-9-en-1-ylcalix[4]resorcinarene	277.0	2.9434
CAL 9U	C-trans-2, cis-6-octa-1,5-dien-1-ylcalix[4]resorcinarene	Till 314.0 (No thermal event)	1.0644
CAL 10	C-nonylcalix[4]resorcinarene	284.6	0.0300

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FTIR measurements (*To determine the functional groups*)

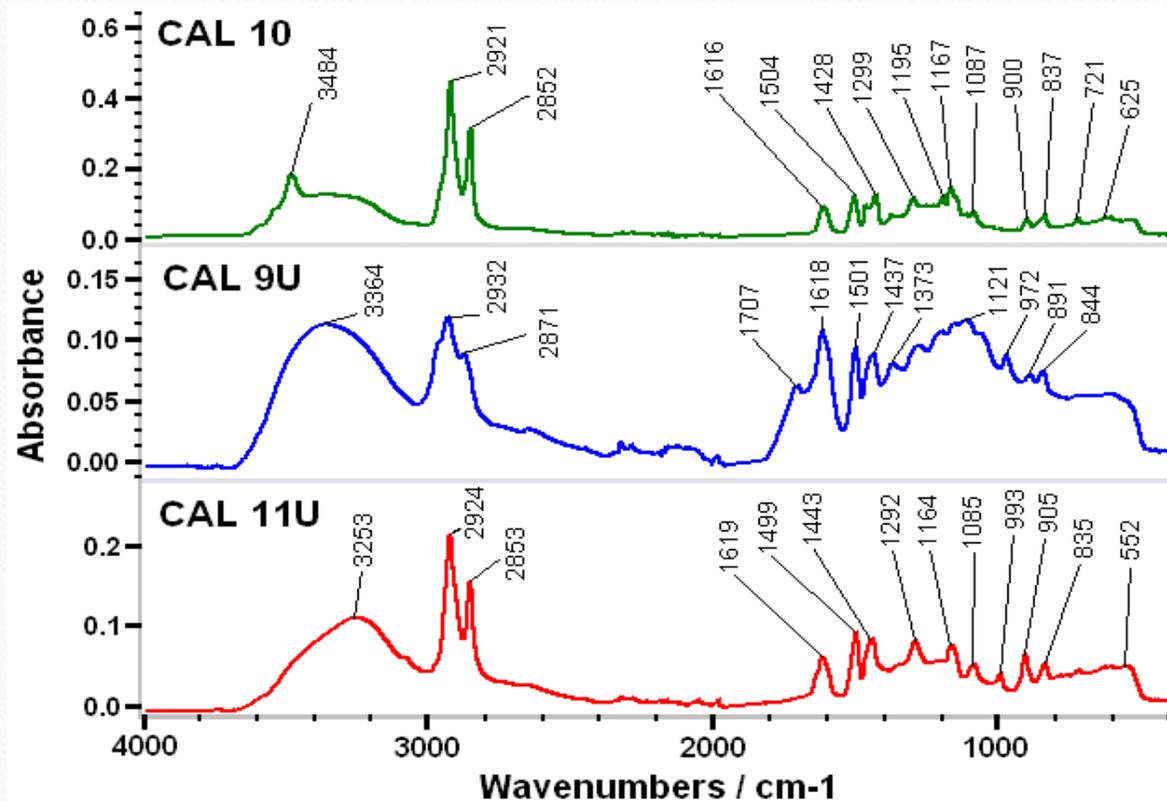


Figure 2. FTIR spectra of the macrocycles

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Characterization of macrocycles

FTIR measurements

Table 2. IR parameters of CAL 11U.

Molecule parts	Wave number (cm ⁻¹)	Bond	Nature of vibration	Intensity
Resorcinol	3253	Associated O-H	Stretching	Strong and large
	1164	C-O	Stretching	Medium
	1292	O-H	In plan deformation	Medium
Vinyl	3077	=C-H	Stretching	Medium
	3034	=C-H	Stretching	Medium
	1822	C-H	Deformation harmonics	Medium
	1619	C=C	Stretching	Medium
Aromatic	3074	=C-H	Stretching	Medium
	1499	C=C	Stretching	Medium
	1443	C=C	Stretching	Medium
	1980	C-H	Deformation harmonics	Small
	835	C-H	Out plan deformation	Medium to small
Alkane	2924	CH ₂	Asymmetric stretching	Strong
	2853		Symmetric stretching	Medium
	721		Rocking	Medium to small

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Table 3. IR parameters of CAL 9U

Molecule parts	Wave number (cm ⁻¹)	Bond	Nature of vibration	Intensity	
Resorcinol	3364	Associated O-H	Stretching	Strong and large	
	1201	C-O	Stretching	Strong	
	1373	O-H	In plan deformation	Strong	
Aromatic	1598	C=C	Stretching	Small	
	1560	C=C	Stretching	Small	
	1501	C=C	Stretching	Medium	
	1437	C=C	Stretching	Medium	
	1707	C-H	Deformation harmonics	Small	
	891	=C-H	Out plan deformation	Medium	
Alkene	1652	Trans	C=C	Stretching	Medium
	727		=C-H	Out plan deformation	Medium
	1683	Cis	C=C	Stretching	Medium
	1288		=C-H	In plan deformation	Medium
	972		=C-H	Out plan deformation	Strong
	1618		C=C	Stretching	Strong
Alkane	2932	CH ₂	Asymmetric stretching	Strong	
	2871	CH ₃	Symmetric stretching	Strong	
	1437	CH ₃	In plan deformation	Medium	
	729	CH ₂	Rocking	Medium	

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FTIR measurements

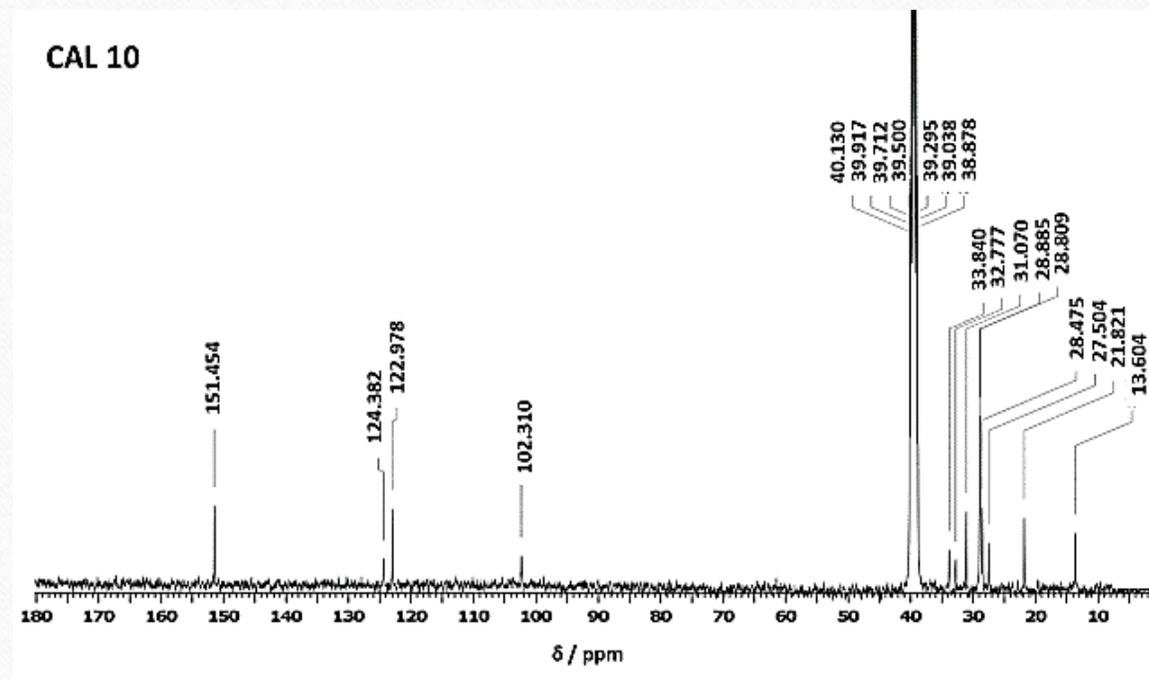
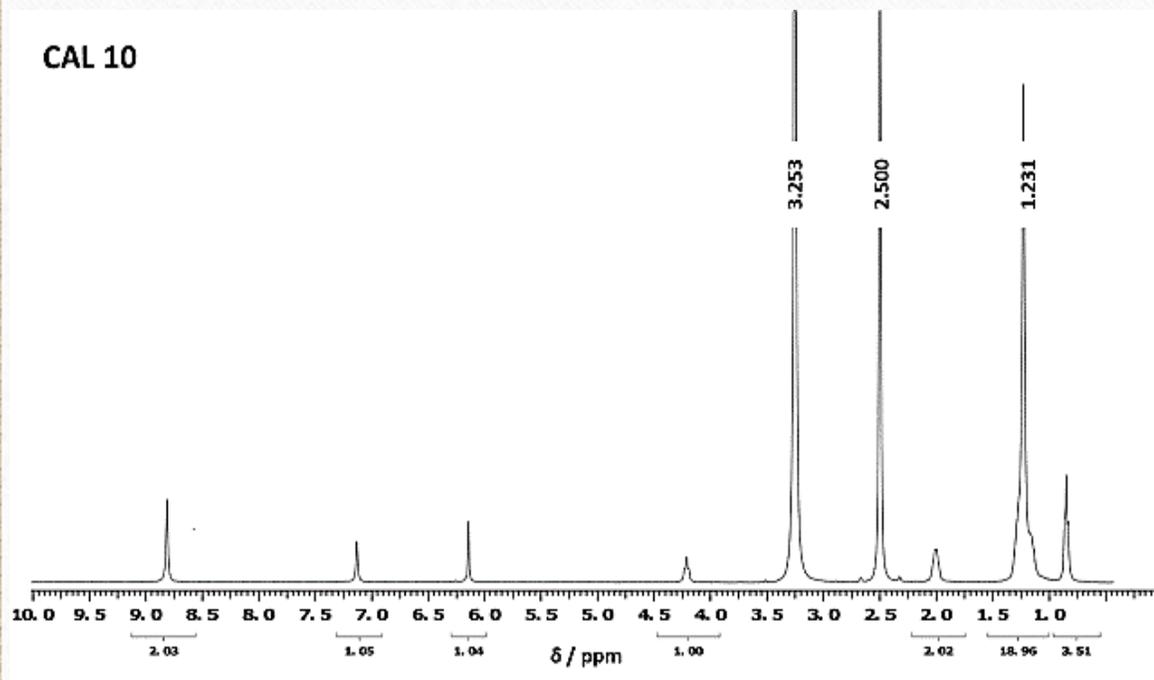
Table 4. IR parameters of CAL 10

Molecule parts	Wave number (cm ⁻¹)	Bond	Nature of vibration	Intensity
Resorcinol	3484	Associated O-H	Stretching	Strong & large
	1195	C-O	Stretching	Medium to strong
	1377	O-H	In plan deformation	Medium
Aromatic	3038	=C-H	Stretching	Very small
	1616	C=C	Stretching	Medium
	1504	C=C	Stretching	Medium
	1464	C=C	Stretching	Medium
	1979	C-H	Deformation harmonics	Small
	900	=C-H	Out plan deformation	Small
Alkane	2852	CH ₃	Symmetric stretching	Strong
	1428	CH ₃	Asymmetric plan deformation	Medium
	2921	CH ₂	Asymmetric stretching	Strong
	1465	CH ₂	Scissoring	Medium
	721	CH ₂	Rocking	Medium
	1342	C-H	In plan deformation	Very small
	1167	Linear chain C-C	Stretching	Small

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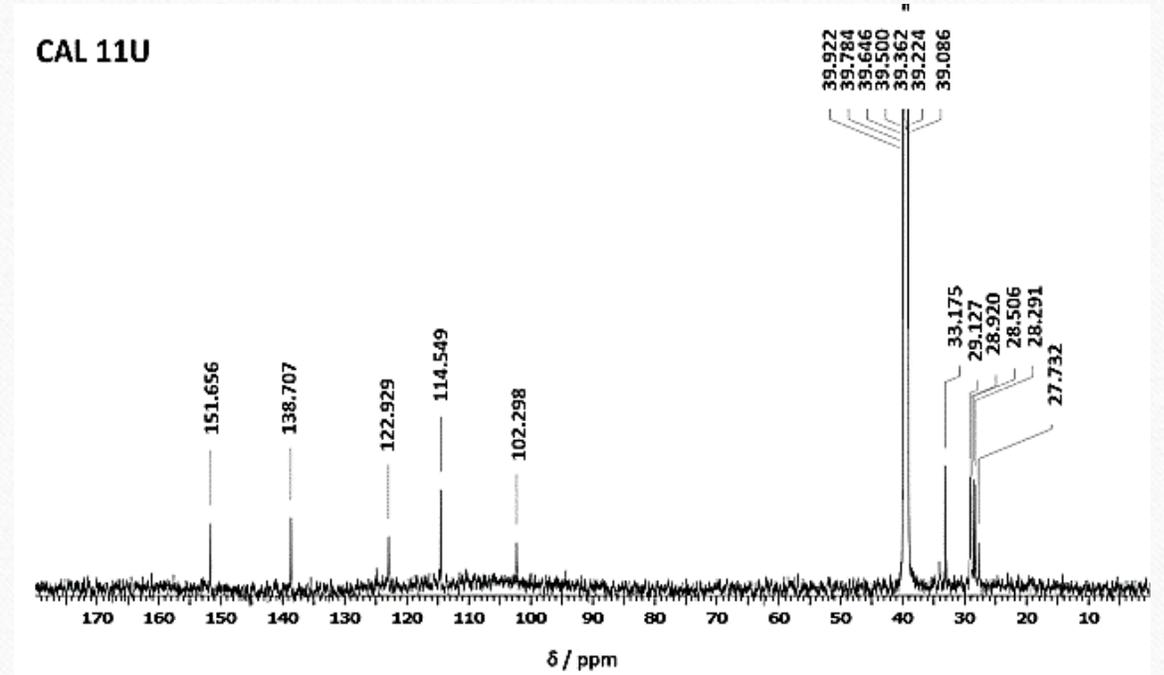
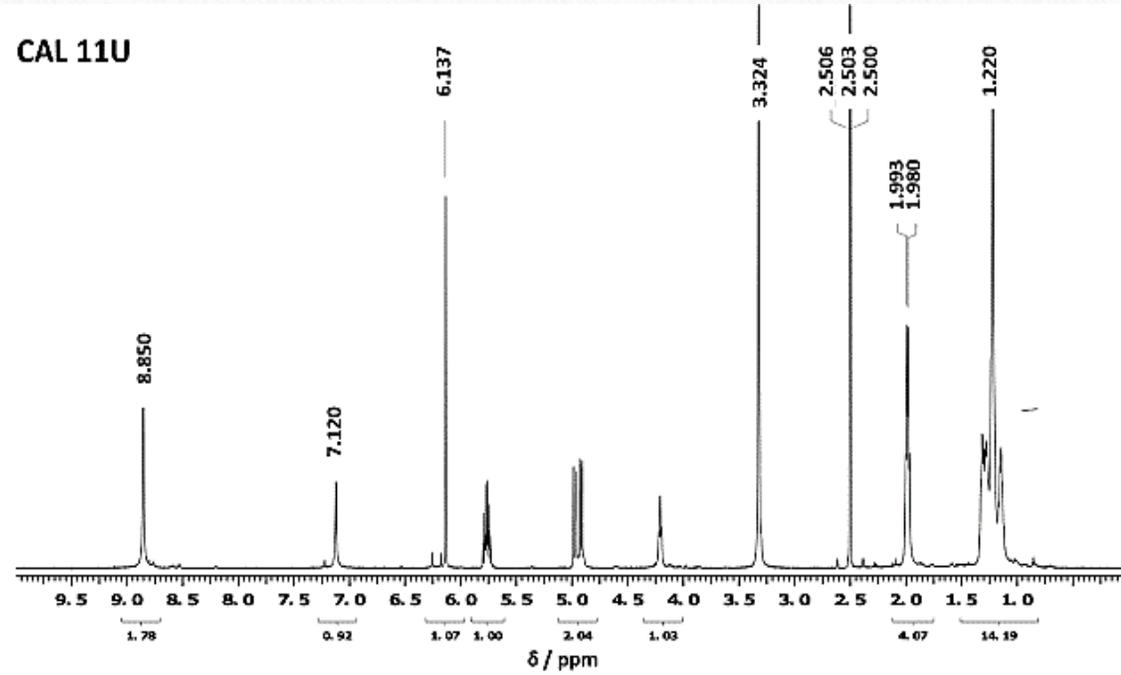
NMR Analysis (*To confirm the chemical structure*)



Figures 3,4. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of CAL 10

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Characterization of macrocycles NMR Analysis



Figures 5,6. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of CAL 11U

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Characterization of macrocycles

NMR Analysis

CAL 10

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz, 40 °C) δ (ppm): 8.75 (8H, s); 7.12 (4H, s); 6.13 (4H, s); 4.23 (4H, t, J = 8.0Hz); 2.02 (8H, m); 1.47 – 1.00 (56H, m); 0.82 (12H, t, J = 6.3Hz).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 100 MHz, 50 °C) δ (ppm): 151.5; 124.4; 123.0; 102.3; 33.8; 32.8; 31.1; 28.9; 28.8; 28.5; 27.5; 21.8; 13.6.

CAL 11U

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 600 MHz, 25 °C) δ (ppm): 8.85 (8H, s); 7.12 (4H, s); 6.13 (4H, s); 5.75 (4H, m); 4.98 (4H, m); 4.92 (4H, m); 4.22 (4H, t, J = 8.3Hz); 2.07 – 1.97 (16H, m); 1.43 – 1.05 (48H, m).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 150 MHz, 25 °C) δ (ppm): 151.7; 138.7; 124.7; 122.9; 114.5; 102.3; 33.2; 33.0; 29.2; 29.1; 28.9; 28.5; 28.3; 27.7.

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TG-DSC-MS Investigations (*To study the thermal behavior*)

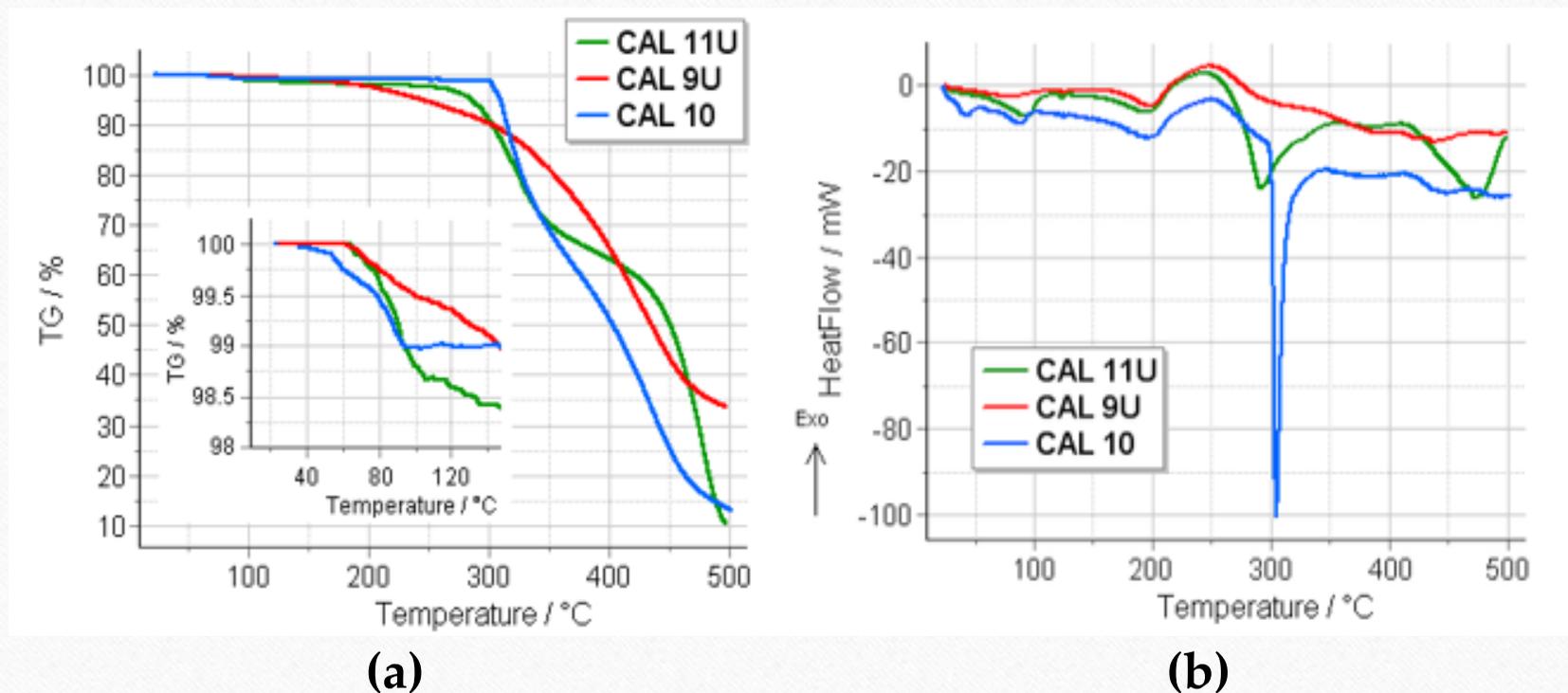


Figure 7. The results of thermogravimetric (7a), and differential scanning calorimetric (7b) measurements (the inset in figure 7a is a magnification of the TG curve from the beginning of the measurement up to 150 °C).

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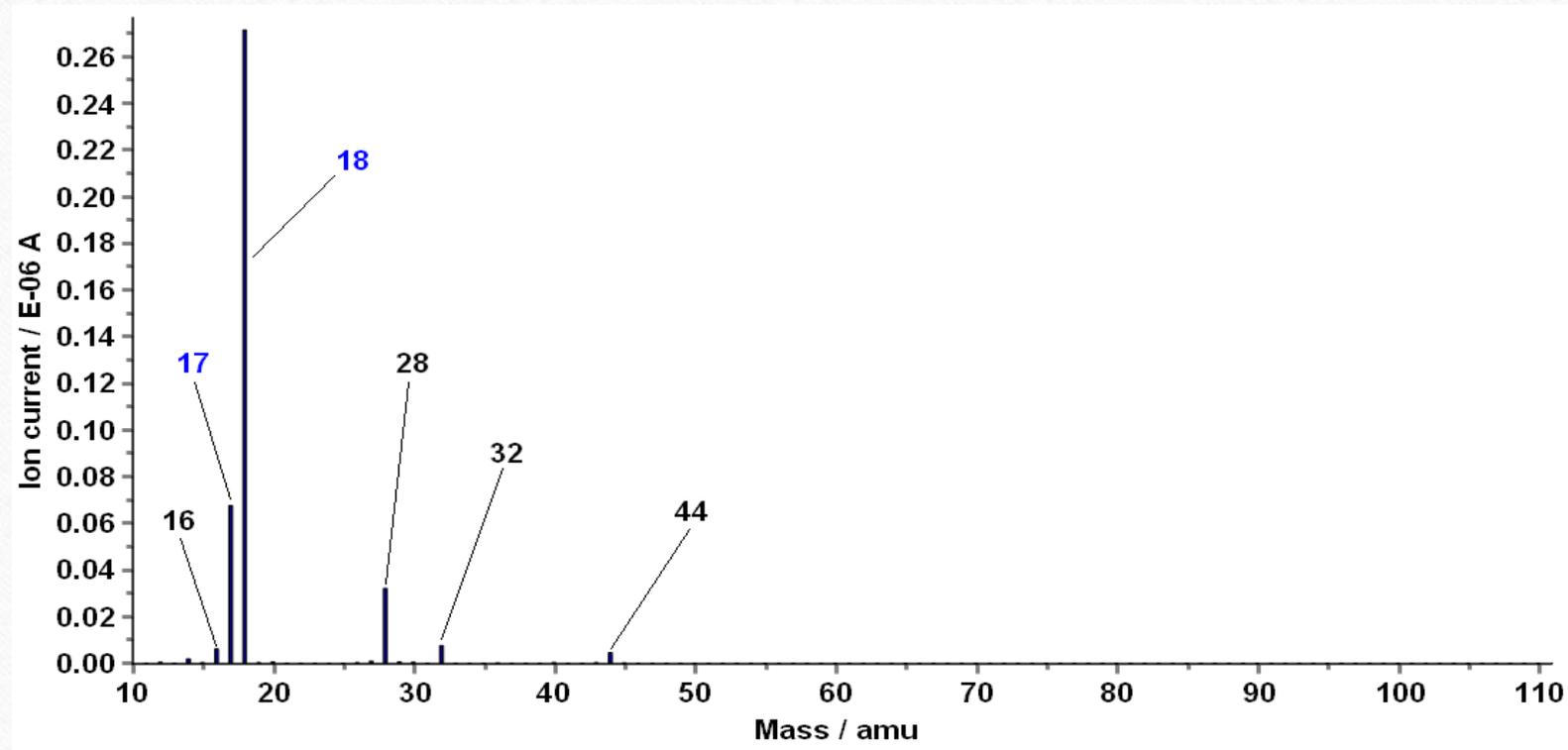


Figure 8. Mass spectra of the evolved volatiles from sample CAL 10, at 87 °C

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TG-DSC-MS Investigations

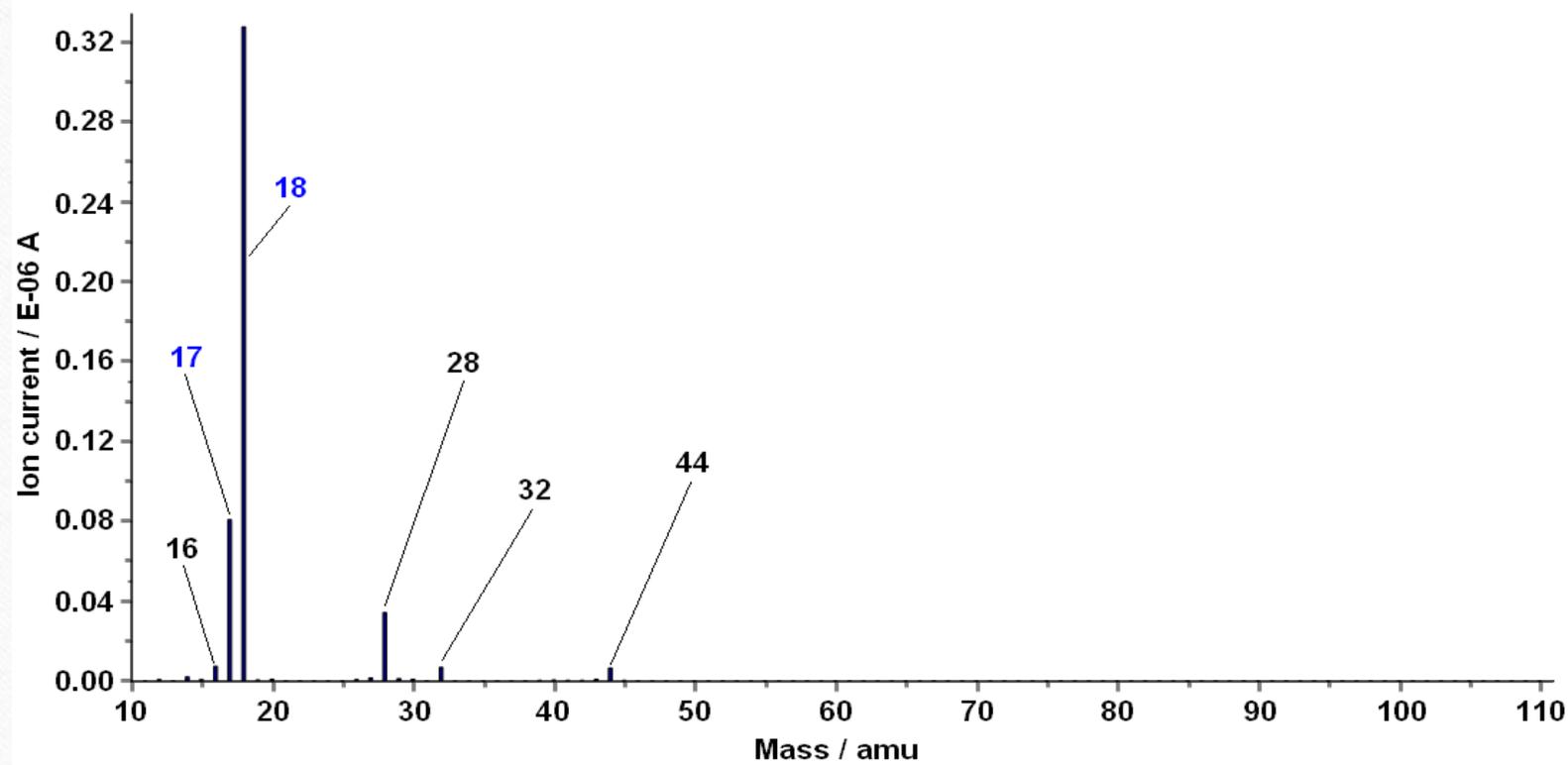


Figure 9. Mass spectra of the evolved volatiles from sample CAL 9U, at 83 °C

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TG-DSC-MS Investigations

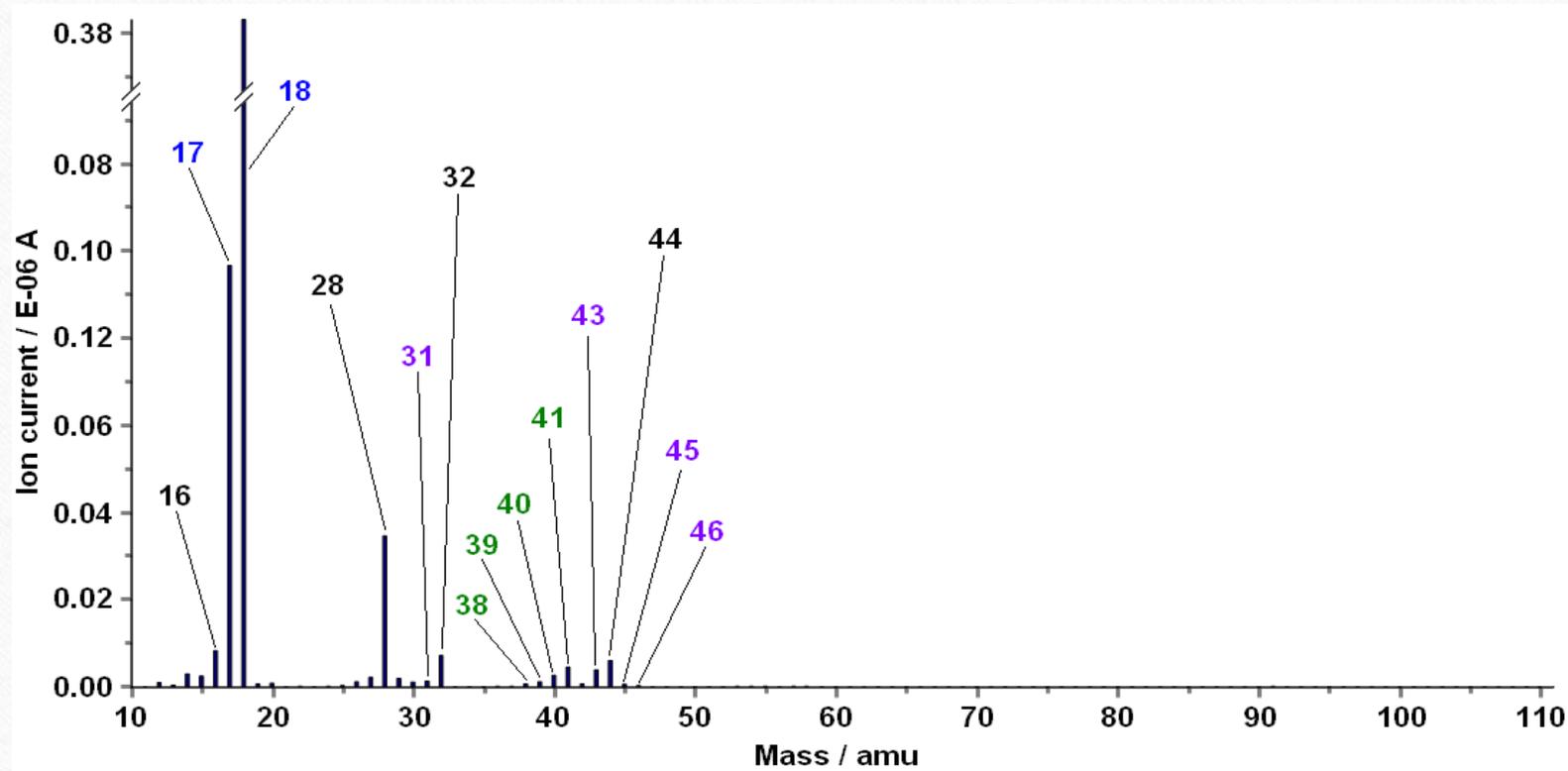


Figure 10. Mass spectra of the evolved volatiles from sample CAL 11U, at 92 °C

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Powder XRD studies (To investigate the crystallinity degree)

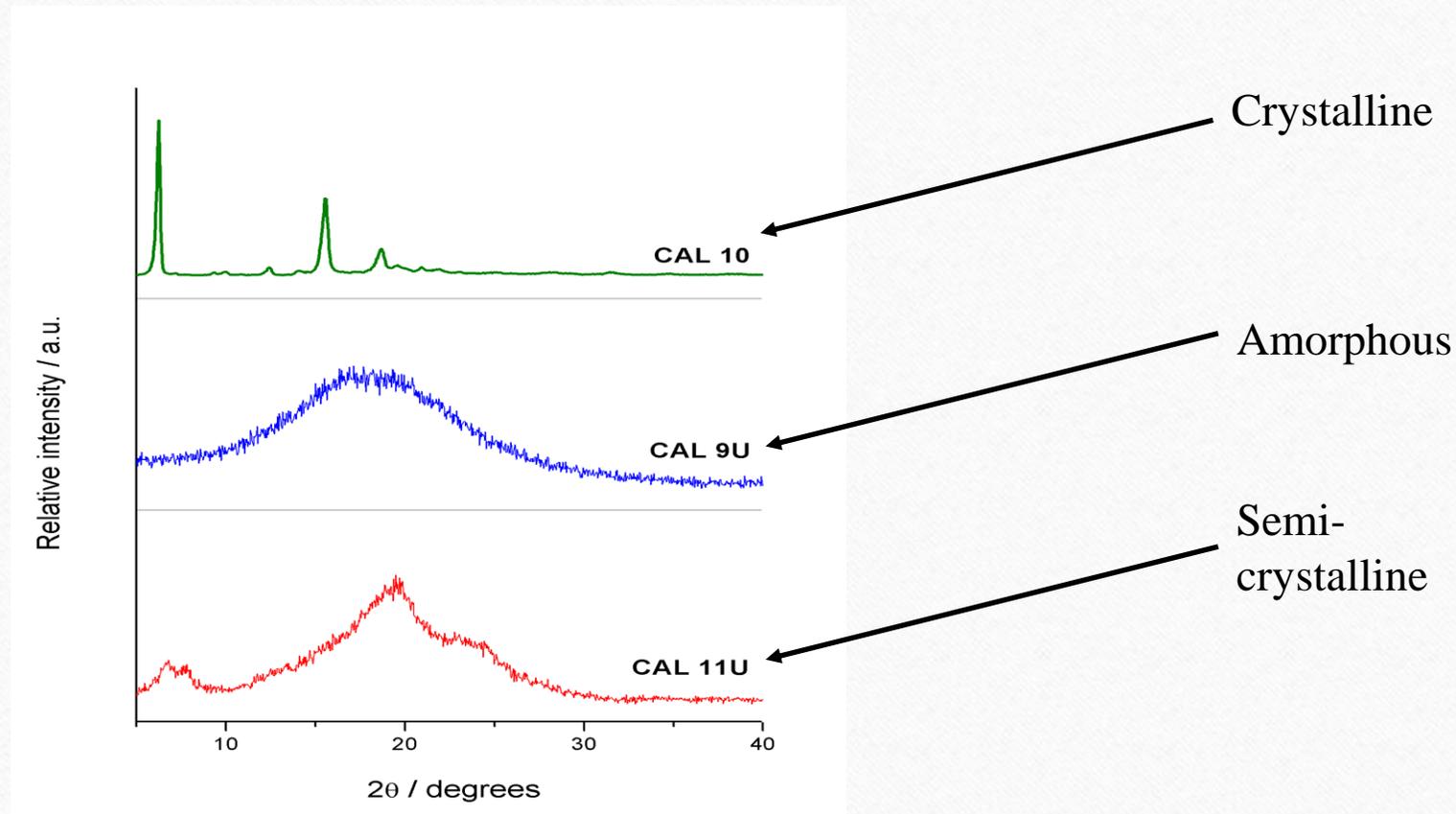


Figure 11. Powder X-ray diffractograms of the three calix[4]resorcinarenes

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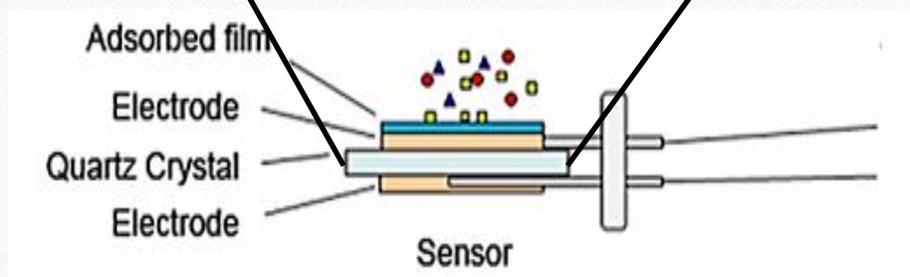
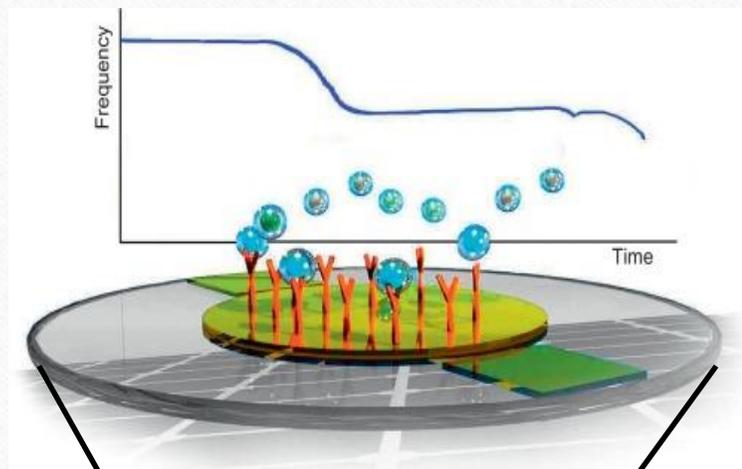
Characterization of macrocycles

Conclusion

The *melting points* of the synthesized molecules were between 277 and 314 °C, their *FTIR* spectra showed all the functional groups of the structures, furthermore the *NMR* studies confirmed the proposed structures, the *TGA-DSC-MS* analysis gave the same range of melting points found directly, also they demonstrated that the calixresorcinarenes are pure, by analyzing the results of the mass spectrometric evolved gas analysis (*MS-EGA*), the volatiles released from the samples were exclusively water, some traces of ethyl alcohol and acetonitrile were found also, they are due to the preparation process, besides the Powder *XRD* patterns showed that CAL 10 is totally crystalline, that CAL 11U is a mixture of amorphous and crystallized fractions, and that CAL 9U is practically amorphous.

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QCM-I studies



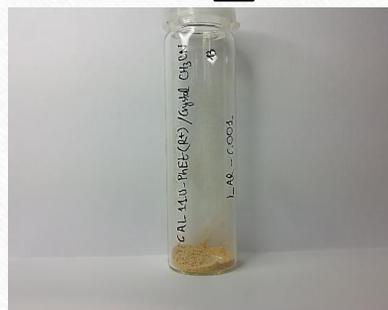
Frequency changes according to adsorption of chemicals on the QCM Surface



QCM-I 008 Unit

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QCM-I studies



Calix. Solution
2 mg/ml

10 μ L Coated



Clean Quartz Crystal

Heavy metal solution

200 ppm of Lead
nitrate $Pb(NO_3)_2$



To detect

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QCM-I studies

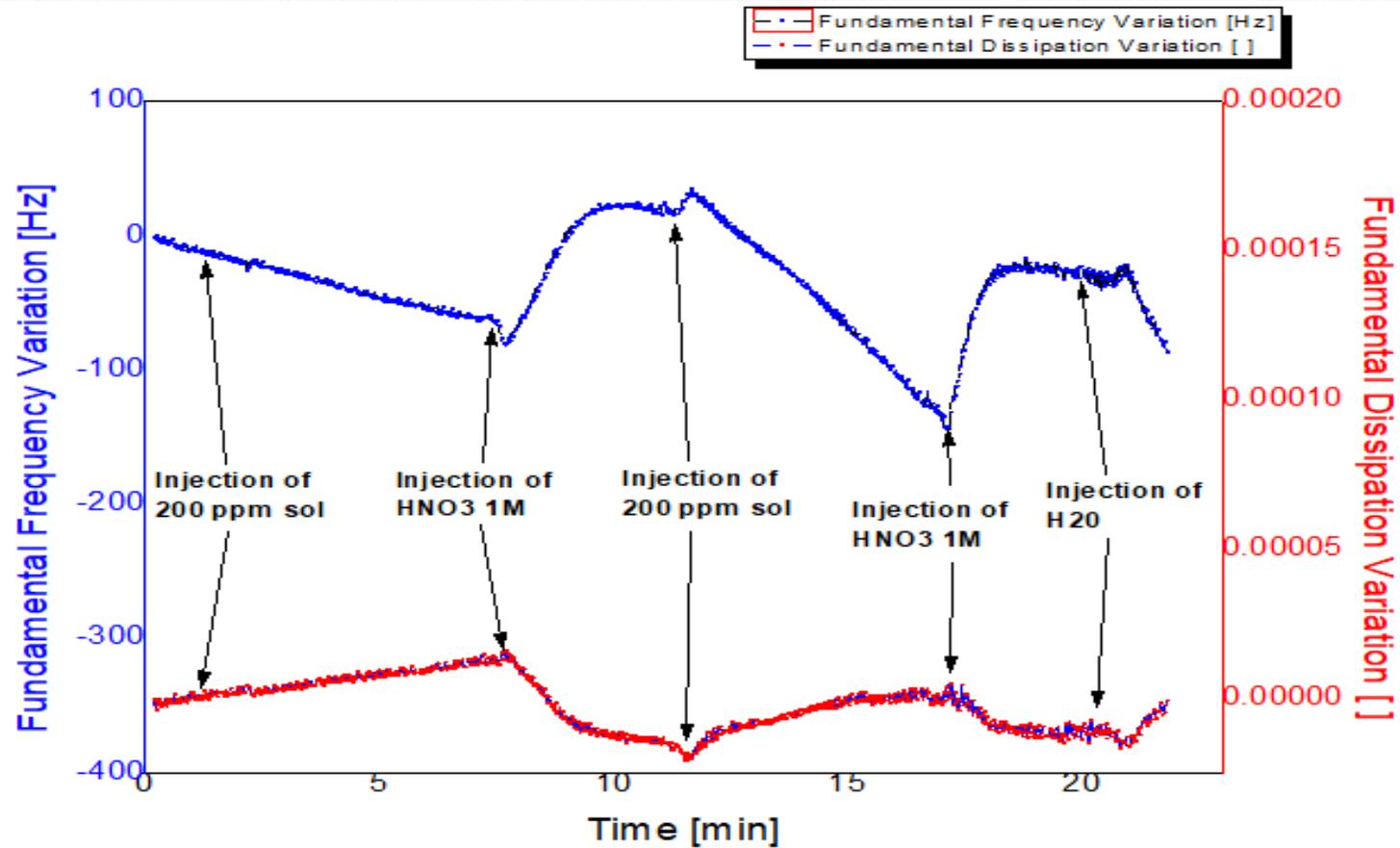


Figure 12. Variation of fundamental frequency, and fundamental dissipation energy due to the injection of heavy metals solution in time.

Conclusions

- ✓ A series of calixresorcinarene macrocycles were synthesized by a simple condensation reaction, they were characterized by different techniques (Melting points determination, NMR, FTIR, TG-DSC-MS, and XRD).
- ✓ The quartz crystal microbalance (QCM) is a nanogram sensitive technique that utilizes acoustic waves generated by oscillating a piezoelectric single crystal quartz plate to measure mass. The results of the application of calixresorcinarene macrocycles as sensing platforms showed the usefulness of this technique for the detection of heavy metal ions (Lead nitrate) at very low level (ppm).

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