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Hydrogen- and Halogen-Bonded Binary Cocrystals with Ditopic Components: Systematic Structural and Photoreactivity Properties That Provide Access to a Completed Series of Symmetrical Cyclobutanes

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ABSTRACT: A series of binary cocrystals involving the ditopic hydrogen- and halogen-bond (H- and X-bond, respectively) donors resorcinol (res) and hydroquinone (hq), and 1,3- and 1,4-diiodotetrafluorobenzene (1,3- and 1,4-di-I-tFb), respectively, cocrystallized with one of the three symmetric bipyridines trans-1,2-bis(n-pyridyl)ethylene (n,n'-bpe, where n = n' = 2, 3, 4) is reported. The structures of the six novel cocrystals, (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe), 4(res)·3(3,3'-bpe), (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(4,4'-bpe), 3(hq)·2(2,2'-bpe), (1,4-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe), and (hq)·(3,3'-bpe), are described. The cocrystals comprise components that assemble by either O-H···N and O-H···O H-bonds (res and hq) or N···I X-bonds (1,3- and 1,4-di-I-tFb). The work completes a series of 18 cocrystals involving either the three dihydroxybenzenes catechol (cat), res, and hq or the three diiodotetrafluorobenzenes (1,2-,1,3-, and 1,4-di-I-tFb) as H- or X-bond donors, respectively, with each of the three structurally isomeric symmetric bipyridines n,n'-bpe. Our study demonstrates the significant consequences that minimally subtle variations to molecular structure of coformers can have for stoichiometric formulations, molecular packing, and solid-state photoreactivity. The work also provides access to a completed series of symmetrically substituted rctt-tetrakis(n-pyridyl)cyclobutanes (where: n = 2, 3, or 4).

■ INTRODUCTION

Recent efforts by us have focused on comparisons of hydrogen-(H-) and halogen- (X-) bonding in alkene-containing binary cocrystals.1 Specifically, our interests are in bifunctional molecules that can serve as building blocks of photoreactive solids. Nature is replete with examples of structural effects of Hbonding that lead to complex form and function. The field of crystal engineering constitutes attempts of chemists to effectively profit from Nature's examples in the designed construction of complex crystalline architectures sustained by relatively weak, noncovalent bonds. While we have many noncovalent bonds at our disposal (e.g., hydrogen-, halogen-, dative-, ionic-, metal-coordination, metallophilic, $\pi \cdots \pi$ stacking), some forces are more developed than others. By far the best understood and likely most frequently employed is the H-bond, with a closely related but yet less studied force being the Xbond.² As for H-bonding, the basis for X-bonding is primarily electrostatic, being an interaction of a Lewis-acid with a Lewisbase. Electrophilic regions of X-bond donors recognize complementary nucleophilic (:Nu) regions (e.g., lone pairs) of acceptor molecules to form an X-bond $(^{\delta +} \text{X} \cdots \text{Nu}^{\delta -})^{.3,4}$ X-bonds are comparable to H-bonds in both strength⁵ and role in directing self-assembly of individual molecules into supramolecular structures.⁶ Our group has invoked H-bond^{1,7–10} and X-bond^{11–13} donor molecules (e.g., templates) that support the preorganization of alkene-containing acceptor coformers into the geometry of Schmidt¹⁴ to undergo solid-state [2 + 2] photocycloadditions that furnish symmetrical 1,2,3,4-tetrasubstituted cyclobutanes. Our successes have led us to examine the topologies of various photoreactive H- and X-bonded cocrystals we have synthesized and motivated our attempts to generate additional photoactive topologies in cocrystals that involve other alkenes as substrates. Success in these endeavors would

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Scheme 1. Ditopic Components for Cocrystals

constitute an important development in the context of crystal engineering, as H- and X-bonding forces could then be exploited as supramolecular synthons that enable designed topological photodimerizations to furnish targeted cyclobutanes.

The precedent set by H-bonds - and an underlying, comparable capacity of X-bonds - to direct self-assembly of multicomponent systems leads chemists to inquire how topologically similar molecules with H- and X-bonding capabilities can influence self-assembly processes in solids. A proverbial holy grail for crystal engineers is the ability to reliably exploit noncovalent interactions to achieve a functional degree of predictability in the fabrication of solids with desired properties. In this context, the highly directional nature of Xbonds as compared to other noncovalent forces makes them promising candidates for such geometry-based fabrication by design of solids with desired topologies, and-by extensiontopology-based properties (e.g., conductivity, reactivity). Despite fundamental geometrical and electronic similarities between H- and X-bonding, relatively few studies exist that directly compare structural effects of the forces on molecular packing.

Experimental, 15-26 as well theoretical, 26,27 studies exist with goals to compare influences of H- and X-bonding on selfassembly. The studies can be distilled into three classes: 1) systematic comparisons between H- and X-bonding; 2) competition between H- and X-bonding; and 3) synergistic cooperation of H- and X-bonding. The first class draws comparisons of topologically similar molecules with H- and Xbonding groups that exhibit closely related spatial arrangements. An example is our report comprising a comparison between Hand X-bonding to direct the assembly of cocrystals consisting of structurally analogous H- and X-bond donors. The work was inspired by reports of Metrangolo and Resnati²⁴ involving constitutional isomers of dibromotetrafluorobenzene with a bifunctional alkene. The second class includes a report of Aakeröy that describes organic cocrystals wherein the X-bond donor was varied. 19 The same investigators later described 16 cocrystals that demonstrated consequences of binding-site location on an overall balance between H- and X-bonding. 17 Bosch also described competition between the two interactions

in directing the self-assembly of homodimeric crystals of perfluoroiodo- and perfluorobromophenylethynylpyridines. ²⁰ Studies in the third class described cooperativity of H- and X-bond groups. Arman et al. have, thus, reported a cocrystal comprised of a thioamide with **1,2-di-I-tFb** involving both N– H···S H-bonds and Type II²⁸ S···I X-bonds. ²¹ Similarly, Uriel demonstrated ²³ complementary H- and X-bonding forces in cocrystals of *para-* and *meta-*bis(iodoethynyl)benzene with **4,4**′-**bpe**.

Here, we report a series of binary cocrystals involving ditopic alkenes and structurally analogous ditopic coformers with complementary H-bonding (dihydroxybenzenes) and X-bonding (diiodotetrafluorobenzenes) capacities. The three symmetrical constitutional isomers of $n_i n'$ -bpe are the bifunctional acceptors. The three symmetrical constitutional isomers of both dihydroxybenzene and diiodotetrafluorobenzene serve as the Hand X-bond donors, respectively (Scheme 1). Being relatively symmetrical, rigid, conjugated, and generally planar, we expected the cocrystal components to minimize those aspects of encoded molecular information that are typically not amenable to allow for predictable elements of control of crystal packing (e.g., isomerizability, tautomerizability, conformational flexibility, and nitrogen lone-pair inversions, 25 to name a few). Our selection of diiodotetrafluorobenzenes as the X-bond donors was informed by the well-established enhancement of Xbond donor capability by poly fluorosubstitution of iodobenzenes.³⁰ An additional advantage of our selected coformers was that all were commercially available with the exception of 3,3'bpe, which was synthesized via a Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction. 1,31,32 Our efforts here enable us to study a series of 18 cocrystals that we show exhibits remarkable structural diversity in terms of self-assembly and provide all members of the symmetrical *rctt*-1,2,3,4-tetrakis(*n*-pyridyl)cyclobutanes (n,n'-tpcb, where n = n' = 2, 3, or 4).

■ EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Materials and Methods. All reagents and solvents (synthesis grade) were purchased from commercial sources and used as received unless otherwise stated. The cocrystal formers res, hq, 1,4-di-I-tFb and 4,4'-bpe were purchased from Aldrich[©]; 2,2'-bpe was purchased from

Scheme 2. (Left) Stable Planar Rotamers for cat, res, and hq and (Right) Planar Conformers for 2,2'- and 3,3'-bpe

Scheme 3. Photoactive Binary Cocrystals (Left to Right): Discrete, Four-Component (res)·(4,4'-bpe), Discrete, Six-Component $2(cat)\cdot(2,2'-bpe)$, Face to Face, π -Stacked 1D Chains $(1,4-di-I-tFb)\cdot(2,2'-bpe)$ (a)

TCI[©]; 1,3-di-I-tFb was purchased from Apollo Scientific[©]. 3,3'-bpe was prepared as described. 1,31,32 All cocrystal syntheses were conducted in screw-cap glass scintillation vials. The reported cocrystals (res). (2,2'-bpe), $(res)\cdot(4,4'-bpe)$, $(hq)\cdot(4,4'-bpe)$, $(hq)\cdot(4,4'-bpe)$, and $(hq)\cdot(1,4-true)$. We have reported the syntheses of (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(2,2'-bpe) and (1,4-di-I-tFb)·(2,2'bpe). The cocrystals $(1,3-di-I-tFb)\cdot(3,3'-bpe)$, $4(res)\cdot3(3,3'-bpe)$, $(1,3-di-I-tFb)\cdot(4,4'-bpe)$, $3(hq)\cdot2(2,2'-bpe)$, and $(1,4-di-I-tFb)\cdot$ (3,3'-bpe) were prepared by thermal dissolution of equimolar amounts of the appropriate coformers. Specifically, both cocrystal components were combined in a vial, solvent was added portion-wise while maintaining a saturated mixture at room temperature, and the vial was tightly capped and heated on a hot-plate until all solids were dissolved so as to afford a homogeneous solution with minimum amount of solvent. The cocrystal (hq)·(3,3'-bpe) was prepared by slow evaporation of a saturated solution of both cocrystal formers in an equimolar ratio at ambient temperature. Photoactivities of the cocrystals were assessed by exposing each solid to UV-radiation in an ACE photocabinet equipped with an ACE quartz, 450 W, broadband, medium pressure, Hg-vapor lamp for a period of 30 h. Compositions of all single crystals were shown to be representative of bulk materials by matching experimental powder X-ray diffraction (pXRD) patterns with those simulated from single-crystal X-ray diffraction (scXRD) data. Cocrystal stoichiometries were determined using scXRD and ¹H NMR spectroscopy where appropriate. pXRD data were collected at room temperature on a Bruker D8 Advance X-ray diffractometer on samples mounted on glass slides. Each sample was finely ground using an agate

mortar-and-pestle prior to mounting. scXRD data were collected on either a Bruker Nonius-Kappa[©] APEX II CCD or a Bruker Nonius-Kappa[©] CCD diffractometer, each equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems 700 series cold N₂ gas stream cooling system. Data were collected at either room temperature (296.15 K) or low temperature (150.15 K) using graphite-monochromated MoK α radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). Crystals were mounted in Paratone oil on a MiTeGen[©] magnetic mount. Data collection strategies for ensuring maximum data redundancy and completeness were calculated using the Bruker Apex II software suite. Data collection, initial indexing, frame integration, Lorentz-polarization corrections and final cell parameter calculations were likewise accomplished using the Apex II software suite. Multiscan absorption corrections were performed using SADABS.³⁴ Structure solution and refinement were accomplished using SHELXT³⁵ and SHELXL,³⁶ respectively, within the Olex2³⁷ graphical user interface. Space groups were unambiguously verified using the PLATON^{©38} executable. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All hydrogen atoms were attached via a riding model at calculated positions using HFIX commands. The occupancies of major and minor positions for disordered C=C bonds for (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(4,4'-bpe) and 3(hq)· 2(2,2'-bpe) converged to respective ratios after each was identified in the difference map and freely refined. Figures of all structures were rendered using the CCDC Mercury³⁹ software suite.

■ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Considerations for Self-Assembly. The process of self-assembly relies on geometric parameters encoded at the

^aAlkene disorder is omitted for clarity.

Table 1. Binary Cocrystals: Donor: Acceptor Stoichiometry, Primary Assembly Description, Photoactivity, and References

| | | H-/X-bond acceptor | | | | | |
|-----------------|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | N N 2,2'-bpe | 3,3'-bpe | 4,4'-bpe | | | |
| | OH OH cat | 2:1; discrete, six- component macrocycle; photoactive; [10] | 1:1; linear chains; photoactive; [1] | 1:1; polar, undulating chains; photostable; [41] | | | |
| H-/X-bond donor | HO OH res | 1:1; discrete, four- component macrocycle; photoactive; [7] | 4:3; 2D rhomboidal grid; photostable; this work | 1:1; discrete, four- component macrocycle; photoactive; [7] | | | |
| | OH OH hq | 3:2; 2D rhomboidal grid; photostable; this work | 1:1; linear chains; photostable; this work | 1:1; linear chains; photostable; [33] | | | |
| | F F F 1,2-di-l-tFb | 2:1; discrete, three- component assembly; photostable; [1] | 2:1; discrete, three- component assembly; photostable; [1] | 1:1; zig-zag chains; photostable; [1] | | | |
| | 1:1; linear chains; photoactive; [13] | | 1:1; zig-zag chains; photostable; this work | 1:1; wave-like chains; photostable; this work | | | |
| | F F F 1,4-di-l-tFb | 1:1; linear chains; photoactive; [13] | 1:1; wave-like chains; photostable; this work | 1:1; linear chains; photostable; [30] | | | |

molecular level. In this context, the *meta*- and *para*-disubstitution patterns of a benzene ring provide approximate 120° and 180° angles, respectively, to direct the assembly process (Scheme 2). In contrast to the rigid I-atoms of the X-bond donors 1,*n*-di-I-tFb, the hydroxyl H-atoms of the H-bond

donors **cat**, **res** and **hq** are flexible. Certain rotations of the H-atoms give rise to rotamers for the three dihydroxybenzenes. Rotational barriers to interconversion between rotamers are quite small ($<5 \text{ kcal·mol}^{-1}$). We also note two planar conformational isomers (conformers) each for both 2,2'- and

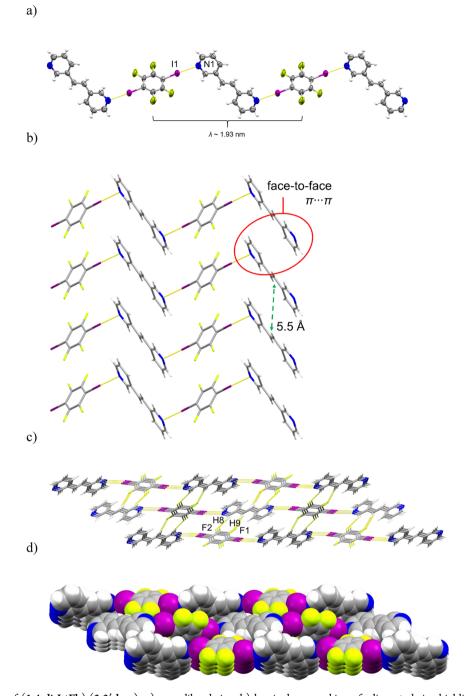


Figure 1. Perspectives of (1,4-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe): a) wave-like chains; b) herringbone packing of adjacent chains highlighting nearest-neighbor alkene separation (green dashed arrow) and face-to-face $\pi \cdots \pi$ forces (red oval); c) C-H \cdots F interactions between adjacent herringbone assemblies; d) adjacent herringbone assemblies (space-filling).

3,3'-bpe, distinguished by the relative orientations of the Natoms.

The substitution patterns of the three dihydroxybenzenes and 1,n-di-I-tFb (n=2,3, or 4) support X- and H-bonded cocrystals involving n,n'-bpe to form either zero- (0D) or one-dimensional (1D) frameworks (Scheme 3). The 0D H-bonded frameworks constitute supramolecular macrocycles with alkene C=C bonds that conform to the criteria of Schmidt¹⁴ to undergo topochemical photodimerization in the solid state. The photoactive 0D frameworks have been achieved in the form of four-component macrocycles involving **res**, an organic template⁷ as the H-bond donor, with either 2,2'-bpe or 4,4'-bpe as

the H-bond acceptor alkene. We have also reported photoactive binary cocrystals of both 2,2'-bpe¹⁰ and 3,3'-bpe¹ with cat as the H-bond donor. The cocrystal involving 2,2'-bpe involved a six-component, 0D supramolecular macrocycle whereas the solid involving 3,3'-bpe involved a 1D linear framework. The components formed face-to-face π-stacked columns with nearest-neighbor alkenes within columns preorganized to undergo photodimerization. We have also reported photoactive binary cocrystals of 2,2'-bpe using 1,3- and 1,4-di-I-tFb as X-bond donor coformers.¹³ When cocrystallized with 2,2'-bpe, the components formed chains with nearest-neighbor alkenes preorganized in a geometry conducive to photodimerization.

Table 2. Crystallographic Data for (1,4-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe), (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(4,4'-bpe), and (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe)^a

| compound | (1,4-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe) | (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(4,4'-bpe) | (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe) |
|---|---|--|--|
| CCDC deposition number | 1985188 | 1985182 | 1985176 |
| empirical formula | $C_{18}H_{10}F_4I_2N_2$ | $C_{18}H_{10}F_4I_2N_2$ | $C_{18}H_{10}F_4I_2N_2$ |
| formula weight/g·mol ⁻¹ | 584.08 | 584.08 | 584.08 |
| temperature/K | 296.15 | 296.15 | 296.15 |
| crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic | triclinic |
| space group | $P2_1/c$ | $P2_{1}/n$ | P-1 |
| a/Å | 11.1810(11) | 14.9362(15) | 7.9685(8) |
| b/Å | 6.2446(6) | 6.1869(6) | 10.4506(10) |
| c/Å | 13.6142(14) | 20.619(2) | 11.6746(12) |
| $\alpha/^{\circ}$ | 90 | 90 | 96.155(5) |
| $\beta/^{\circ}$ | 102.044(5) | 100.286(5) | 97.299(5) |
| γ/° | 90 | 90 | 105.554(5) |
| volume/ų | 929.63(16) | 1874.8(3) | 918.80(16) |
| Z | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| $ ho_{ m calc}/{ m g\cdot cm^{-3}}$ | 2.087 | 2.069 | 2.111 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 3.425 | 3.396 | 3.465 |
| F(000) | 548 | 1096 | 548 |
| crystal size/mm ³ | $0.26 \times 0.18 \times 0.1$ | $0.32 \times 0.18 \times 0.08$ | $0.18 \times 0.15 \times 0.12$ |
| radiation | $MoK\alpha (\lambda = 0.71073)$ | $MoK\alpha (\lambda = 0.71073)$ | $MoK\alpha (\lambda = 0.71073)$ |
| 2Θ range for data collection/ $\!\!\!^{\circ}$ | 6.12 to 50 | 5.544 to 50 | 5.752 to 50.994 |
| index ranges | $-13 \le h \le 13, -7 \le k \le 7, -12 \le l \le 16$ | $-17 \le h \le 12, -7 \le k \le 7, -23 \le l \le 24$ | $-9 \le h \le 9, -12 \le k \le 12, -11 \le l \le 14$ |
| reflections collected | 4724 | 9025 | 5349 |
| independent reflections | 1628 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0236$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0223$] | 3290 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0274$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0264$] | 3407 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0174$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0322$] |
| data/restraints/parameters | 1628/0/118 | 3290/0/239 | 3407/0/235 |
| goodness-of-fit on F^2 | 1.06 | 1.067 | 1.054 |
| final R indices $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | R1 = 0.0219 | R1 = 0.0254 | R1 = 0.0283 |
| | wR2 = 0.0532 | wR2 = 0.0618 | wR2 = 0.0610 |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.0268 | R1 = 0.0325 | R1 = 0.0456 |
| | wR2 = 0.0553 | wR2 = 0.0649 | wR2 = 0.0658 |
| largest diff. peak/hole/e·Å-3 | 0.34/-0.52 | 0.40/-0.75 | 0.52/-0.81 |
| a R1 = $\sum F_{o} - F_{c} / \sum F_{o} $, | wR2 = $\left[\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2\right] / \sum \left[w(F_o^2)^2\right]^{1/2}$ | Goodness-of-fit = $\left[\sum w(F_0 - F_c)^2/(1- F_0)^2\right]$ | $(N_{\rm obs} - N_{\rm parameter})]^{1/2}$. |

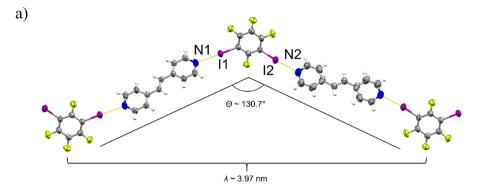
The reacting C=C bonds of both solids were in a criss-crossed orientation. When subjected to UV-irradiation, all solids reacted to generate the corresponding cyclobutane n,n'-tpcb (n=n'=2,3, or 4) stereospecifically and quantitatively. The successes to generate either H- or X-bonded cocrystals, coupled with the formation of 0D and 1D photoactive frameworks, inspired us to further explore structural and photoactive properties of binary cocrystals based on the series (Table 1). While the novel cocrystals described here were prepared by combining both coformers in equimolar amounts, two of the cocrystals crystallized in 3:2 and 4:3 stoichiometries.

Halogen-Bonded Cocrystals. The components of (1,4-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe), (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(4,4'-bpe), and (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe) self-assemble via N···I X-bonds. The I-donor atoms are rigid, with the spatial arrangements of the I-donor atoms in 1,3- and 1,4-di-I-tFb being sufficiently distant such that steric crowding can be less expected to disrupt the assembly process versus cocrystals involving 1,2-di-I-tFb.

Crystal Structure of (1,4-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe). The components of (1,4-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe) crystallize in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$ (Figure 1 and Table 2). The asymmetric unit consists of one half-molecule of 1,4-di-I-tFb and one-half molecule of 3,3'-bpe, both of which lie on crystallographic centers of inversion. The pyridyl (pyr) rings of 3,3'-bpe adopt an *anti* conformation (Figure 1a). The alkene atoms of 3,3'-bpe lie approximately coplanar with the pyr rings (twist angle $\sim 6.4^{\circ}$). The components assemble primarily via N···I X-bonds $(d(N1\cdots I1) = 2.958(3) \text{ Å})$ to form wave-like chains ($\lambda \sim 1.93$

nm) (Figure 1a). Adjacent chains interact via highly offset, face-to-face $\pi \cdots \pi$ forces between nearest-neighbor pyr rings ($d(\text{pyr}\cdots \text{pyr}) \sim 5.1 \text{ Å}$) such that adjacent chains stack in a herringbone arrangement along the crystallographic b-axis. Nearest-neighbor alkenes of 3,3'-bpe lie stacked parallel and offset, and separated on the order of 5.5 Å (Figure 1b). Adjacent herringbone assemblies stack offset and interact via $C-H\cdots F$ forces (Figures 1c,d).

Crystal Structure of (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(4,4'-bpe). The components of (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(4,4'-bpe) crystallize in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$ (Figure 2 and Table 2). The asymmetric unit consists of one full molecule of 1,3-di-I-tFb and two one halfmolecules of 4.4'-bpe, with the C=C bonds of both alkenes sitting on crystallographic centers of inversion. The alkene atoms of each 4,4'-bpe lie almost perfectly coplanar with the pyr rings (twist angles: $\sim 5.4^{\circ}$ [N1], $\sim 1.4^{\circ}$ [N2]). One of the crystallographically unique alkenes (N2) lies disordered over two sites (occupancies: 72/28). The components of (1,3-di-ItFb)·(4,4'-bpe) assemble via N···I X-bonds (d(N1···I1) = 2.915(3) Å; d(N2...I2) = 2.879(3) Å) to generate wave-like chains ($\lambda \sim 3.97$ nm, $\Theta \sim 130.7^{\circ}$) (Figure 2a). Within chains, unique molecules of 4,4'-bpe deviate slightly (13.1°) from coplanarity. Adjacent chains run parallel and pack in a herringbone arrangement, interacting via a combination of edge-to-edge C-H···F and face-to-face F···F forces to form approximately planar sheets (Figure 2b). Nearest-neighbor alkenes for both crystallographically unique molecules of 4,4'-



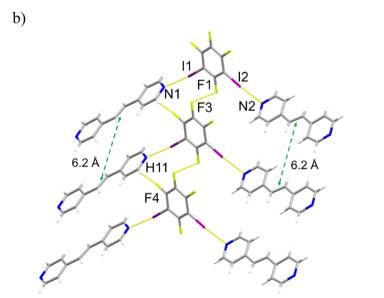


Figure 2. Perspectives of (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(4,4'-bpe) (alkene disorder omitted for clarity): a) wave-like chains; and b) herringbone packing between chains highlighting nearest-neighbor alkene separations (green dashed arrows) (view along c).

bpe (between adjacent chains) lie parallel, highly offset and separated on the order of 6.2 Å (Figure 2b).

Crystal Structure of (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe). The components of (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe) crystallize in the triclinic space group $P\overline{1}$ (Figure 3 and Table 2). The asymmetric unit consists of one full molecule of 1,3-di-I-tFb and two halfmolecules of 3,3'-bpe. Both alkene C=C bonds lie on crystallographic centers of inversion. The pyr rings of both molecules of 3,3'-bpe adopt an anti conformation (Figure 3a). The alkene atoms of one molecule of 3,3'-bpe (N1) are approximately coplanar with the pyr rings (twist angle \sim 6.2°), while the alkene atoms of the other 3,3'-bpe (N2) are appreciably twisted from the plane of the pyr rings (twist angle ~12.0°). The components assemble via N···I X-bonds $(d(N1\cdots I1) = 2.942(4) \text{ Å}; d(N2\cdots I2) = 3.009(3) \text{ Å})$ to generate zigzag chains ($\lambda \approx 3.28$ nm, $\Theta \approx 123.4^{\circ}$) (Figure 3a). Adjacent chains interact via a combination of C-H···F forces and face-toface π -stacks involving the pyr and alkene carbon atoms of the crystallographically unique, nearest-neighbor 3,3'-bpe (Figures 3b,c). Alkenes of nearest-neighbor molecules of 3,3'-bpe (between adjacent chains) are stacked yet highly staggered and separated on the order of 4.0 Å (Figure 3b).

Hydrogen-Bonded Cocrystals. The components of (hq)·(3,3'-bpe), 3(hq)·2(2,2'-bpe), and 4(res)·3(3,3'-bpe) self-assemble, similar to the X-bonded cocrystals, to form extended networks sustained primarily by O–H···N H-bonds. Intermo-

lecular O-H···O H-bonds are also present in $3(hq)\cdot 2(2,2'-bpe)$ and $4(res)\cdot 3(3,3'-bpe)$.

Crystal structure of $(hq) \cdot (3,3'-bpe)$. The components of (hq)·(3,3'-bpe) crystallize in the triclinic space group $P\overline{1}$ (Figure 4 and Table 3). The asymmetric unit consists of one half-molecule of 3,3'-bpe and one half-molecule of hq, both of which lie on crystallographic centers of inversion. The pyr rings of 3,3'-bpe adopt an anti conformation (Figure 4a). The hydroxyl groups of **hq** adopt a *trans* conformation (Figure 4a). The alkene atoms of 3,3′-bpe are almost perfectly coplanar with the pyr rings (twist angle $\sim 5.3^{\circ}$). The components assemble primarily via O-H···N (d(O1-H1···N1) = 2.744(2) Å) Hbonds to generate linear chains ($\lambda \approx 1.77$ nm) (Figure 4a). Adjacent chains run parallel and interact via offset, face-to-face $\pi \cdots \pi$ stacking between pyr rings of 3,3'-bpe $(d(pyr \cdots pyr) \approx 4.61)$ Å) to generate planar sheets (Figures 4b,c). Nearest-neighbor alkenes of 3,3'-bpe (between adjacent chains) are parallel but nearly coplanar, are highly offset, and are separated on the order of 9.6 Å (Figure 4b).

Crystal structure of $3(\mathbf{hq}) \cdot 2(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}' - \mathbf{bpe})$. The components of $3(\mathbf{hq}) \cdot 2(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}' - \mathbf{bpe})$ crystallize in the triclinic space group $P\overline{1}$ (Figure 5 and Table 3). The asymmetric unit consists of one full molecule and one half-molecule of \mathbf{hq} and two half-molecules of $\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}' - \mathbf{bpe}$ (Figure 5a). The one half-molecule of \mathbf{hq} and the alkene C=C bonds of both molecules of $\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}' - \mathbf{bpe}$ lie on crystallographic centers of inversion. The pyr rings of both

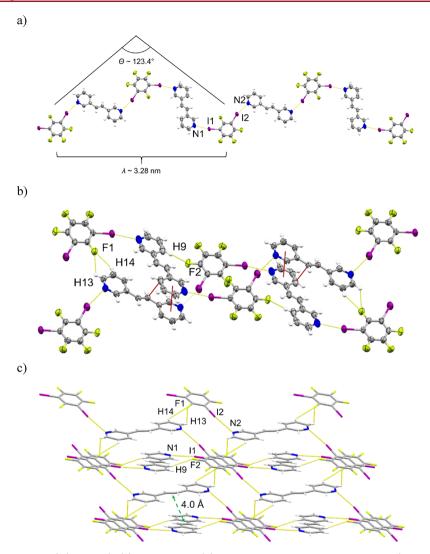


Figure 3. Perspectives of (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe): (a) zigzag chains; (b) face-to-face $\pi \cdots \pi$ stacks between chains (red dashed lines); (c) interactions between chains illustrating C-H···F contacts and highlighting nearest-neighbor alkene separation (green dashed arrow).

molecules of 2,2'-bpe adopt an *anti* conformation. The hydroxyl groups of the full **hq** molecule (O2/O3) adopt a *trans* conformation (Figure 5a). The alkene atoms of one 2,2'-bpe (N1) are almost perfectly coplanar (twist angle $\sim 2.3^{\circ}$), whereas the alkene atoms of the other (N2) are appreciably twisted from the plane of the pyr rings (twist angle $\sim 7.4^{\circ}$). The alkenes of each molecule of 2,2'-bpe are disordered over two sites (occupancies: 88/12 (N1), 88/12 (N2)).

The components assemble via a combination of O–H···N $(d(O1-H1\cdots N1)=2.730(2) \text{ Å}; d(O2-H2A\cdots N2)=2.808(2) \text{ Å})$ and O–H···O $(d(O3-H3A\cdots O1)=2.783(2) \text{ Å})$ H-bonds (Figure 5b) to generate corrugated $(\lambda\approx 11.6 \text{ Å})$ (Figure 5c) rhomboidal grids (dimensions $11.6 \text{ Å}\times 21.3 \text{ Å}, \Theta_1\approx 82.35^\circ, \Theta_2\approx 97.65^\circ)$ (Figure 5d). The rhomboidal topology is defined by the centroids of the alkenes. The lengths of the rhomboidal cavities are defined by a bridging alkene and two terminal hq molecules. Each pyr group along a length participates in an O–H···N-H bond to an hq molecule. The remaining hydroxyl group of the hq molecule participates in an O–H···O H-bond to the second unique hq molecules, which serve as the widths. The hydroxyl groups of the hq molecules that comprise the width form O–H···N H-bonds to the second unique 2,2'-bpe molecules that serve as vertices. The length edge hq molecules

also participate in edge-to-face C—H··· π interactions with vertex alkenes. Adjacent grids exhibit a tongue-in-groove fit (Figure 5e), stacking parallel, interacting primarily via two edge-to-face C—H··· π forces between unique molecules of hq (d(C2···hq_[O2/O3]) \approx 3.81 Å; d(C3···hq_[O2/O3]) \approx 3.86 Å).

Crystal Structure of $4(res)\cdot 3(3,3'-bpe)$. The components of $4(res)\cdot 3(3,3'-bpe)$ crystallize in the triclinic space group $P\overline{1}$ (Figure 6 and Table 3). The asymmetric unit consists of two full molecules of res and three half-molecules of 3,3'-bpe (Figure 6a). The alkenes of all three molecules of 3,3'-bpe sit on crystallographic centers of inversion (Figure 6a), with the pyr rings of each molecule adopting an *anti* conformation (Figure 6b). The hydroxyl groups of both res molecules adopt a *syn-anti* conformation. The alkene atoms of one 3,3'-bpe (N3) lie nearly coplanar with the pyr rings (twist angle $\sim 2.7^{\circ}$), while the alkene atoms of the other two 3,3'-bpe are appreciably twisted (twist angles: $\sim 8.5^{\circ}$ (N1), $\sim 19.0^{\circ}$ (N2)).

The components of $4(\text{res}) \cdot 3(3,3'\text{-bpe})$ assemble via O-H··· N $(d(\text{O1-H1} \cdot \text{W1}) = 2.659(2) \text{ Å}; d(\text{O2-H2} \cdot \text{W2}) = 2.822(2) \text{ Å}; d(\text{O3-H3} \cdot \text{W3}) = 2.737(2) \text{ Å})$ and O-H···O $(d(\text{O4-H4} \cdot \text{W3}) = 2.722(2) \text{ Å})$ H-bonds, as well as C-H···O forces (Figure 6b) to generate, similarly to $3(\text{hq}) \cdot 2(2,2'\text{-bpe})$, corrugated $(\lambda \approx 22.2 \text{ Å})$ (Figure 6c) rhomboidal grids (dimensions $13.2 \text{ Å} \times 22.2 \text{ Å}$

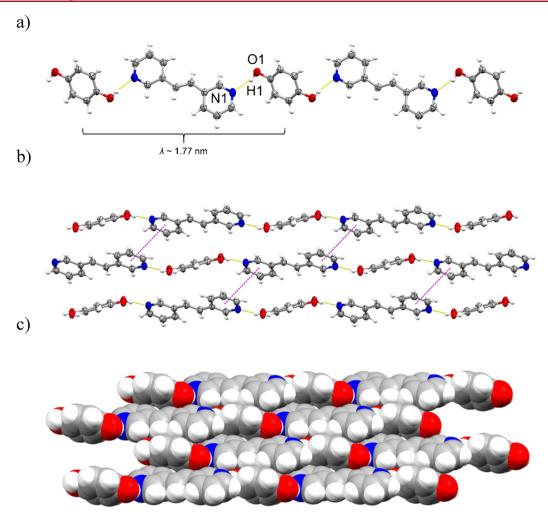


Figure 4. Perspectives of (hq)·(3,3'-bpe): (a) linear chains (view along b); (b) planar sheets with offset, face-to-face $\pi \cdots \pi$ stacks highlighted (pink dashed lines); (c) planar sheets (space-filling).

Å, $\Theta_1 \approx 59.34^\circ$, $\Theta_2 \approx 120.66^\circ$) (Figure 6d). The rhomboidal topology can also be defined by the centroids of the alkenes. Thus, a central alkene and two terminal **res** molecules define the widths of cavities and, in contrast to $3(\text{hq}) \cdot 2(2,2'\text{-bpe})$, the cavity lengths are defined by bridging alkenes. The vertices are, similarly to $3(\text{hq}) \cdot 2(2,2'\text{-bpe})$, defined by an alkene that participates in H-bonds to two **res** molecules (Figure 6d). Adjacent grids exhibit a tongue-in-groove fit (Figure 6e), interacting primarily via C-H···O forces between pyr rings of 3,3'-bpe (N2) and **res** (O3/O4) ($d(\text{C15}\cdot\cdot\cdot\text{O3}) \sim 3.60$ Å). Nearest-neighbor molecules of 3,3'-bpe (N2, N3) are parallel but severely offset and are separated on the order of 6.6 Å (Figure 6b).

Self-Assembly and Photoreactivity. Our previous work demonstrated that cocrystallizations of **res** with symmetrical n,n'-**bpe** (n = n' = 2, 4) generate discrete, four-component, H-bonded macrocycles with photoactive alkenes.⁷ Cocrystallization of **cat** with symmetrical n,n'-**bpe** (n = n' = 2, 3) was also shown to generate photoactive solids comprising either 0D discrete (2,2'-**bpe**)⁹ or 1D infinite (3,3'-**bpe**)¹ assemblies. More recently, we described 1D infinite assemblies in X-bonded cocrystals of 1,n-**di-I-tFb** (n = 3, 4) and 2,2'-**bpe** that are photoactive.¹³

The current work provides an account of all 18 binary cocrystals involving any of the three isomers of the ditopic H- and X-bond donors dihydroxybenzene and diiodotetrafluor-

obenzene, respectively, with the symmetrical and ditopic H- and X-bond acceptors n,n'-bpe (n=n'=2,3,4). Extensive work by us has shown the utility of using H-bonded macrocycles to control the [2+2] photodimerization using **res** as a template. Given the sensitivity of crystal packing to subtle changes to molecular structure, it is imperative to study the crystal landscape available for structurally analogous components to understand the scope and assess limitations to control organization and reactivity.

The primary interactions that sustain the components in the 18 cocrystals are either O-H···N H-bonds or N···I X-bonds. Intermolecular O-H···O bonds also formed in the H-bonded solids. ^{1,7,13} Six of the 18 cocrystals are photoactive, with stacked alkene C=C bonds that generally conform to the principles of Schmidt ^{14,43} for solid-state photodimerization. Of the six photoactive cocrystals, half involve infinite and half involve discrete self-assembled structures. The alkene **2,2'-bpe** was the most common reactive bipyridine in the series (Table 4 and Figure 7).

Collectively, the ditopic nature of the donor and acceptor molecules tends to support the formation of infinite assemblies, with 13 of the 18 structures being either 1D (11 chains) or 2D (two rhomboidal grids). All cocrystals with the *paradisubstituted H-* and X-bond donors in the form of **hq** and **1,4-di-I-tFb**, respectively, formed infinite assemblies. Secondary interactions and steric issues involving the *ortho-* and *meta-*

Table 3. Crystallographic Data for (hq)·(3,3'-bpe), 3(hq)·2(2,2'-bpe), and 4(res)·3(3,3'-bpe)^a

| | (hq)·(3,3'-bpe) | 3(hq)·2(2,2'-bpe) | 4(res)·3(3,3'-bpe) |
|---|--|---|---|
| CCDC deposition no. | 1985199 | 1985203 | 1985202 |
| empirical formula | $C_{18}H_{16}N_2O_2$ | $C_{21}H_{19}N_2O_3$ | $C_{30}H_{27}N_3O_4$ |
| formula weight/g mol ⁻¹ | 292.33 | 347.38 | 493.54 |
| temp/K | 150.15 | 296.15 | 296.15 |
| cryst syst | triclinic | triclinic | triclinic |
| space group | $P\overline{1}$ | $P\overline{1}$ | $P\overline{1}$ |
| a/Å | 6.1637(6) | 9.0992(9) | 8.3960(8) |
| $b/	ext{Å}$ | 7.1041(7) | 9.9930(10) | 10.9807(11) |
| c/Å | 8.7870(9) | 10.8409(11) | 15.4072(15) |
| $lpha/{ m deg}$ | 80.619(5) | 67.355(5) | 109.631(5) |
| β /deg | 77.571(5) | 79.380(5) | 98.380(5) |
| γ/deg | 86.851(5) | 86.527(5) | 94.853(5) |
| volume/Å ³ | 370.64(6) | 894.11(16) | 1309.9(2) |
| Z | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| $ ho_{ m calc}/{ m g~cm^{-3}}$ | 1.31 | 1.29 | 1.251 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.087 | 0.087 | 0.084 |
| F(000) | 154 | 366 | 520 |
| crystal size/mm ³ | $0.155 \times 0.1 \times 0.09$ | $0.3 \times 0.21 \times 0.2$ | $0.36 \times 0.25 \times 0.06$ |
| radiation | Mo K α (λ = 0.71073) | Mo K α (λ = 0.71073) | Mo K α (λ = 0.71073) |
| 2θ range for data collection/deg | 4.806-55.764 | 5.592-47.996 | 3.98-49.998 |
| index ranges | $-8 \le h \le 8, -9 \le k \le 9, -9 \le l \le 11$ | $-10 \le h \le 10, -11 \le k \le 11, -12 \le l \le 10$ | $-9 \le h \le 9, -12 \le k \le 13, -15 \le l \le 18$ |
| no. of rflns collected | 5110 | 4587 | 7275 |
| no. of indep rflns | 1708 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0226, R_{\sigma} = 0.0245$) | 2782 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0210, R_{\sigma} = 0.0320$) | 4582 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0205, R_{\sigma} = 0.0355$) |
| no. of data/restraints/params | 1708/0/101 | 2782/0/245 | 4582/0/338 |
| goodness of fit on F^2 | 1.035 | 1.047 | 1.059 |
| final R indices $(I \ge 2\sigma(I))$ | R1 = 0.0424 | R1 = 0.0414 | R1 = 0.0436 |
| | wR2 = 0.1092 | wR2 = 0.1086 | wR2 = 0.1023 |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.0490 | R1 = 0.0531 | R1 = 0.0669 |
| | wR2 = 0.1136 | wR2 = 0.1159 | wR2 = 0.1113 |
| largest diff peak, hole/e ${\rm \AA}^{-3}$ | 0.18, -0.17 | 0.16, -0.14 | 0.20, -0.16 |
| ${}^{a}R1 = \sum F_{o} - F_{c} / \sum F_{o} . w$ | $R2 = \left[\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2\right] / \sum \left[w(F_o^2)^2\right]$ |] ^{1/2} . Goodness of fit = $\left[\sum w(F_0 - F_c)^2\right]$ | $(N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{parameter}})]^{1/2}$. |

Table 4. Photoreactive Cocrystals involving n,n'-bpe

| H-/X-bond acceptor | no. of photoreactive structures | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| 2,2'-bpe | 4 | | |
| 3,3'-bpe | 1 | | |
| 4,4'-bpe | 1 | | |

disubstitution patterns of the ditopic donor molecules supported the formation of finite (i.e., 0D) assemblies. We are unaware of a cocrystal that exhibits a rhomboidal topology, although grid frameworks are known for reticular the structures involving covalent—45,46 and metal—organic frameworks (COFs and MOFs, respectively). The formation of the grids here involves H-bonded aggregates of molecules that define vertices of the grid structures. That aggregates, as opposed to single molecules, define the vertices attests to the structural versatility of the H-bonded assembly process to support an infinite assembly process. The aggregates correspond to two of the four cocrystals that do not exhibit a 1:1 stoichiometry (Figure 7 and Table 5). A 1:1 stoichiometry was most common among the solids (13 instances, 72%).

From an organic synthesis standpoint, each of the three symmetrical cyclobutane isomers of n,n'-tpcb is made available within the series of 18 cocrystals. A combination of **cat** and **res** provide access to each member of the cyclobutane series. X-bonded cocrystals based on 1,n-di-I-tFb (n = 3, 4) generate only 2,2'-tpcb. We also note that each cocrystal-based synthesis provides a highly step economical⁴⁹ (less than or equal to three

steps) and relatively cost economical⁵⁰ access to a cyclobutane photoproduct. With the sole exception of **3,3'-bpe**—which is prepared via a one-pot, aqueous Pd-catalyzed Hiyama—Heck cross-coupling^{1,31,32}—all cocrystal components are commercially available. Moreover, each synthesis is perfectly redox economical⁴⁸ and—owing to the ease of separation and recovery of the auxiliary H-/X-bond donors following photodimerization—also perfectly atom economical.⁴⁹ The work is of significant synthetic utility for the reliable and efficient generation of symmetrical *rctt-*1,2,3,4-tetrakis(*n*-pyridyl)-cyclobutanes.

CONCLUSIONS

In this contribution, we have synthesized and structurally characterized six binary cocrystals sustained by either intermolecular H- or X-bonds. Each of the three isomers of the symmetric bipyridine n,n'-bpe form cocrystals with each of three isomers of both dihydroxybenzene and diiodotetrafluorobenzene, which function as H- and X-bond donors, respectively. Our work, in combination with previous reports that span the past two decades, provides a series of 18 cocrystals of ditopic H- and X-bonding components. Structural diversity is represented in the series (i.e., 0D, 1D, and 2D assemblies), providing elements of both predictability and discovery in the outcomes of the solid-state assembly processes. An important utility is that the cocrystals provide efficient access to a series of cyclobutane photoproducts. We now aim to utilize the structural and reactivity data to set a path to develop a more

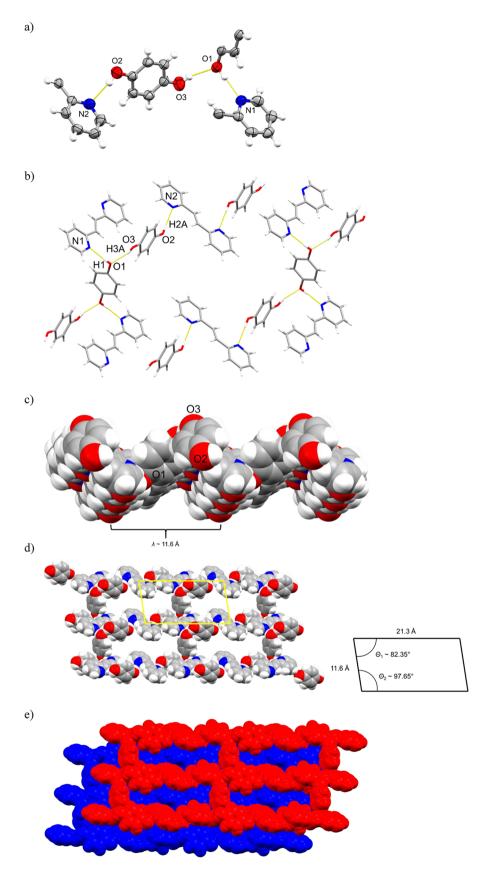


Figure 5. Perspectives of $3(hq) \cdot 2(2,2'-bpe)$ (alkene disorder omitted for clarity): (a) asymmetric unit; (b) intermolecular forces O-H···N and O-H···O H bonds; (c) edge-on view of corrugated sheets (space-filling); (d) sheets (space filling) consisting of rhomboidal grids (highlighted yellow) with parameters for rhomboidal unit shown at right; (e) tongue-in-groove stacking of grids (space filling).

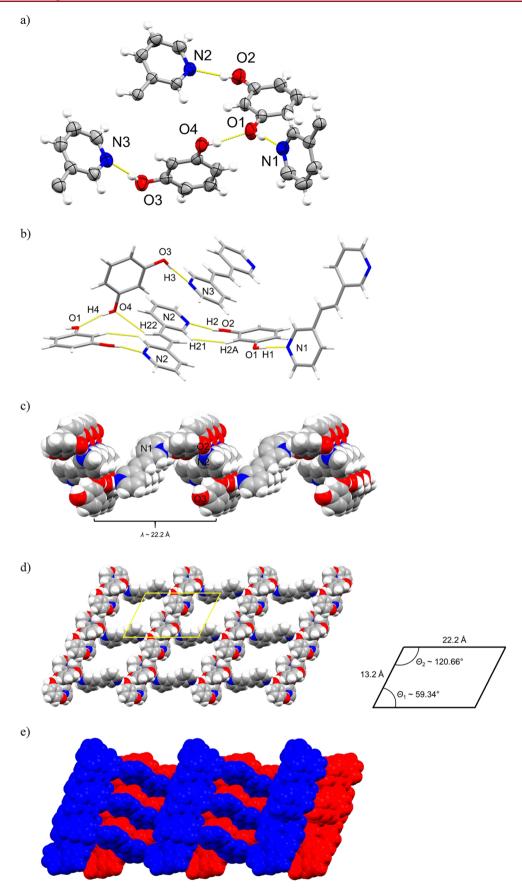


Figure 6. Perspectives of 4(**res**)·3(3,3'-**bpe**): (a) asymmetric unit; (b) intermolecular forces O—H···N and O—H···O H bonds and edge-to-edge C—H···H; (c) edge-on view of corrugated sheets (space filling); (d) rhomboidal grid (space filling) with parameters for the rhomboidal unit (highlighted yellow) shown on the right; (e) tongue-in-groove stacking of grids (space filling).

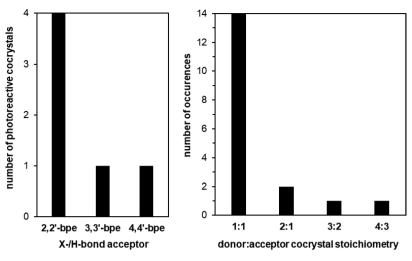


Figure 7. Histograms: (left) photoreactive cocrystals with n,n'-bpe; (right) cocrystal stoichiometries.

Table 5. Donor:Acceptor Cocrystal Stoichiometries for (Left) Ditopic H-/X-Bond Acceptors and (Right) Ditopic H-/X-Bond Donors

| | donor:acceptor stoichiometric ratio | | | | | donor:acceptor stoichiometric ratio | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| H-/X-bond acceptor | 1:1 | 2:1 | 3:2 | 4:3 | H-/X-bond donor disubstitution pattern | 1:1 | 2:1 | 3:2 | 4:3 |
| 2,2′-bpe | 3 | 2 | 1 | | ortho (cat, 1,2-di-I-tFb) | 3 | 3 | | |
| 3,3'-bpe | 4 | 1 | | 1 | meta (res, 1,3-di-I-tFb) | 5 | | | 1 |
| 4,4'-bpe | 6 | | | | para (hq, 1,4-di-I-tFb) | 5 | | 1 | |
| sum | 13 | 3 | 1 | 1 | sum | 13 | 3 | 1 | 1 |

comprehensive understanding of X- versus H-bonding forces and the consequences for supramolecular structure, self-assembly, and solid-state reactivity.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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General experimental details, synthetic procedures for 3,3'-bpe, (res)·(2,2'-bpe), (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe), $4(res)\cdot 3(3,3'-bpe), (1,3-di-I-tFb)\cdot (4,4'-bpe), (res)\cdot$ (4,4'-bpe), $3(hq)\cdot2(2,2'-bpe)$, $(1,4-di-I-tFb)\cdot(3,3'$ bpe), $(hq)\cdot(3,3'-bpe)$, $(1,4-di-I-tFb)\cdot(4,4'-bpe)$, and $(hq)\cdot(4,4'-bpe)$, ¹H NMR spectra for: $4(res)\cdot(3,3'-bpe)$, $3(hq)\cdot 2(2,2'-bpe)$, and $(hq)\cdot (3,3'-bpe)$, pXRD patterns for $(res)\cdot(2,2'-bpe)$, $(1,3-di-I-tFb)\cdot(3,3'-bpe)$, $4(res)\cdot$ 3(3,3'-bpe), $(1,3-di-I-tFb)\cdot(4,4'-bpe)$, $(res)\cdot(4,4'-bpe)$ bpe), $3(hq)\cdot 2(2,2'-bpe)$, $(1,4-di-I-tFb)\cdot (3,3'-bpe)$, $(hq)\cdot(3,3'-bpe), (1,4-di-I-tFb)\cdot(4,4'-bpe), (hq)\cdot(4,4'-bpe)$ bpe), and (1,3-di-I-tFb)·(3,3'-bpe), crystallographic data and structure refinement statistics for 4(res). 3(3,3'-bpe), $(1,3-di-I-tFb)\cdot(4,4'-bpe)$, $3(hq)\cdot2(2,2'-1)$ bpe), $(1,4-di-I-tFb)\cdot(3,3'-bpe)$, and $(hq)\cdot(3,3'-bpe)$, hydrogen bond metrics for all nine H-bonded cocrystals, bond metrics for all nine X-bonded cocrystals, melting point data for all nine H-bonded cocrystals and coformers thereof, and melting point data for all nine X-bonded cocrystals and coformers thereof (PDF)

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ABBREVIATIONS

H-bond, hydrogen bond; X-bond, halogen bond; cat, catechol; res, resorcinol; hq, hydroquinone; 1,*n*-di-I-tFb, 1,*n*-diiodotetra-fluorobenzene; 1,2-di-I-tFb, 1,2-diiodotetra-fluorobenzene; 1,3-diiodotetra-fluorobenzene; 1,4-di-I-tFb, 1,4-diio-

dotetrafluorobenzene; *n,n'*-bpe, *trans*-1,2-bis(*n*-pyridyl)-ethylene; **2,2'**-bpe, *trans*-1,2-bis(2-pyridyl)ethylene; **3,3'**-bpe, *trans*-1,2-bis(3-pyridyl)ethylene; *n,n'*-tpcb, *rctt*-1,2,3,4-tetrakis(*n*-pyridyl)cyclobutane; **2,2'**-bpe, *trans*-1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethylene; **2,2'**-tpcb, *rctt*-1,2,3,4-tetrakis(2-pyridyl)cyclobutane; **3,3'**-tpcb, *rctt*-1,2,3,4-tetrakis(3-pyridyl)cyclobutane; **4,4'**-tpcb, *rctt*-1,2,3,4-tetrakis(4-pyridyl)cyclobutane; pXRD, powder X-ray diffraction; scXRD, single-crystal X-ray diffraction; ¹H NMR, proton nuclear magnetic resonance; pyr, pyridine or pyridyl

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