

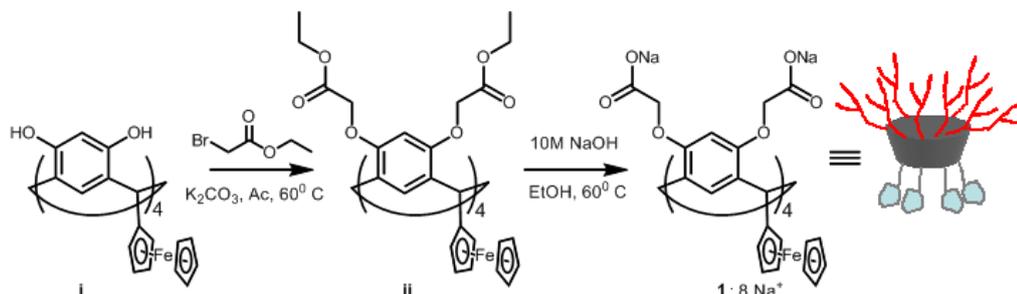
## Electroswitchable self-assembly of tetraferrocene-resorcinarene

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### Experimental

Cyclic voltammograms were recorded using potentiostat PI-50-1 interfaced to XY recorder H 307/2 at potential scan rate  $\nu = 10\div 200$  mV/s in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.1 M NaCl at 295 K. A glassy carbon working electrode ( $\delta = 3.4$  mm) embedded in Teflon was used in electrochemical cell. Before each measurement the surface of the working electrode was mechanically polished. The diffusion nature of the peaks currents ( $i_p$ ) was proved by the theoretical form of voltammograms and by a linear dependence of  $i_p \sim \nu^{1/2}$  ( $\nu$  - potential scan rate). The adsorption nature was established by the presence of an adsorption maximum and by a linear dependence of  $i_p \sim \nu$  in the range of 10 - 200 mV/s. NMR spectra are recorded on the AVANCE-400 (<sup>1</sup>H, 400 MHz) spectrometer.

Ferrocene, resorcinol, salts  $V^{2+}\cdot 2Cl^-$  and NaCl were commercially available and used without purification. Resorcinarene **1** was synthesized in three steps as shown in Scheme S1. Ferrocene-aldehyde, resorcinarenes **i** and **ii** (Scheme S1) were synthesized according to literature procedure.<sup>2-4</sup>

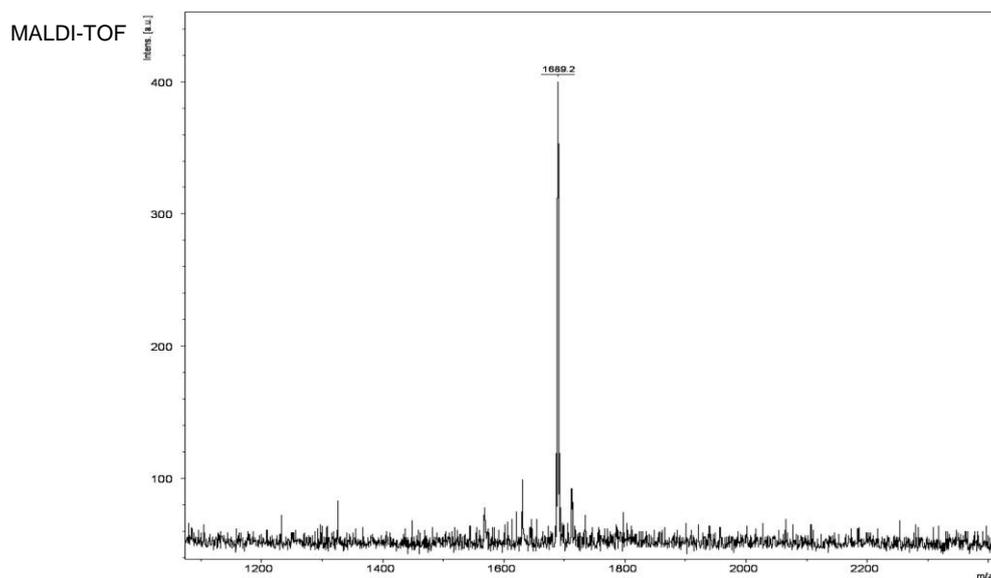
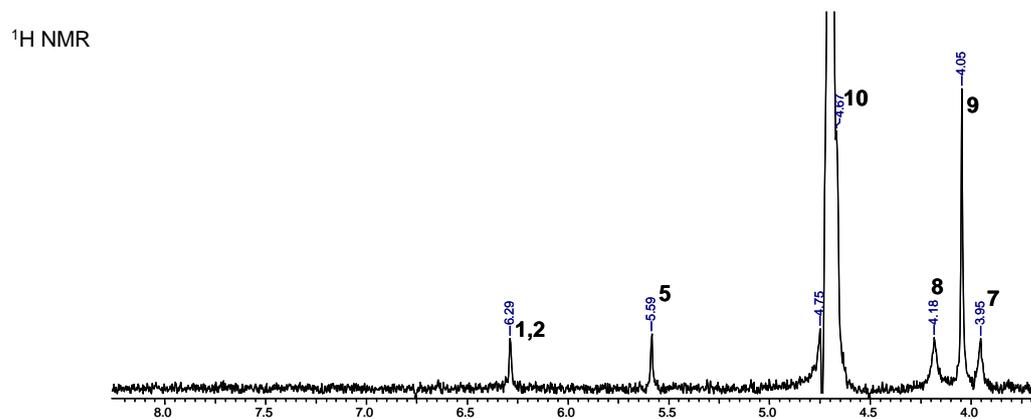
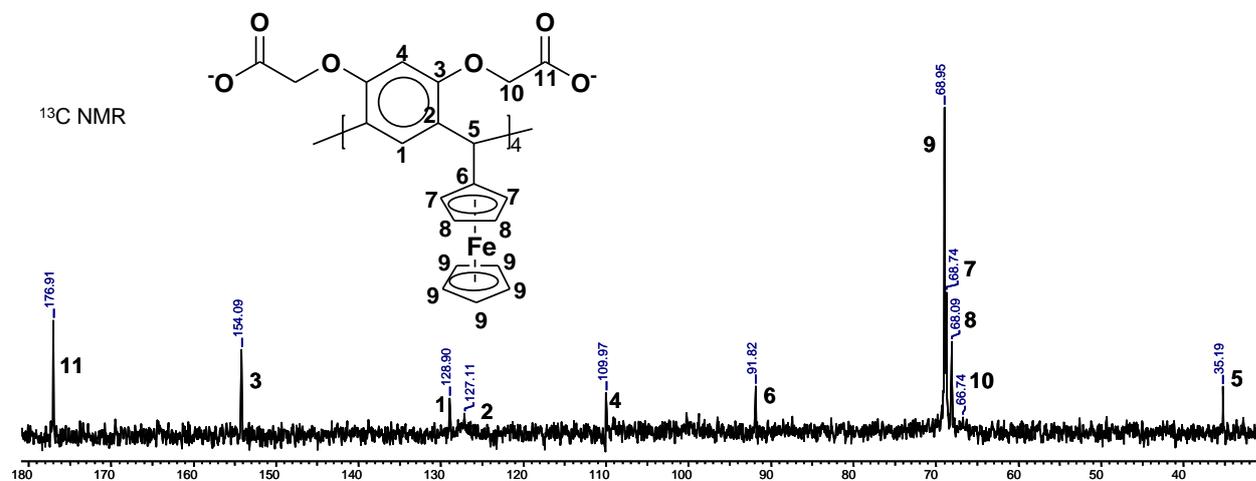


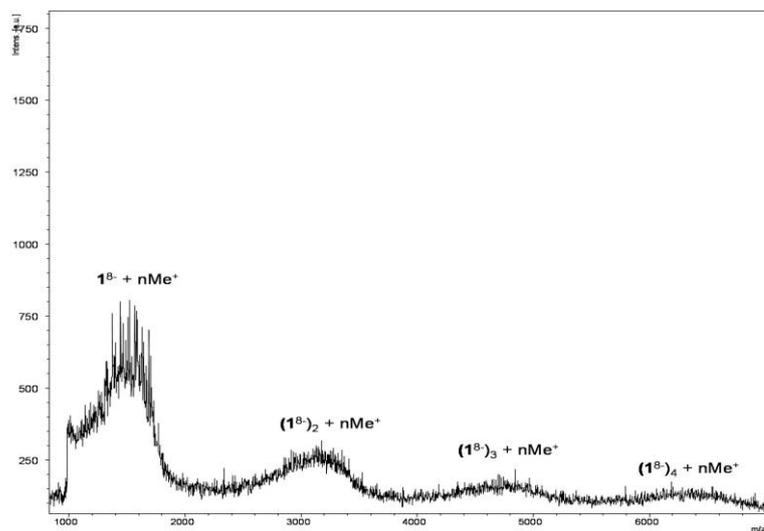
Scheme S1 Synthesis of **1**.

**Resorcinarene 1.** To a solution of **ii** (1g, 0.523 mM) in 25 ml ethanol was added 1 ml of the 10M solution of sodium hydroxide. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 5 h. The white precipitate was filtrated, washed with ethanol, acetone and dried. Yield 90%. T.m. > 350 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (D<sub>2</sub>O, ppm): 6.29 (8H m); 5.59 (4H c); 4.18 (8H m); 4.05 (20H s); 3.95 (8H m).

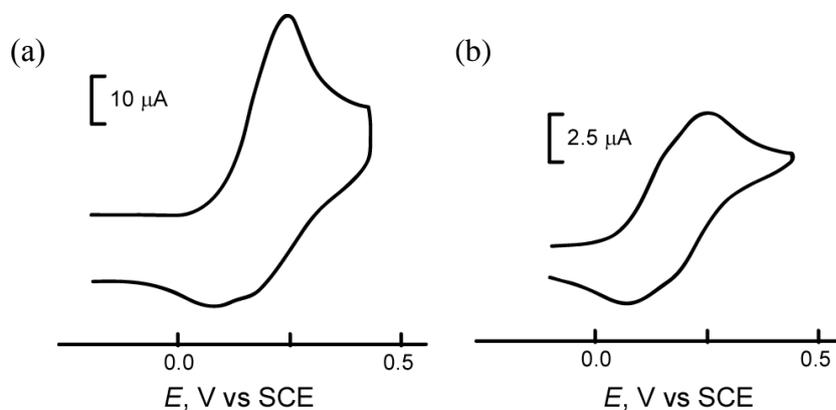
Elemental analysis calcd for  $C_{64}H_{48}Fe_4Na_8O_{24}$ , (%):C, 47.79; H, 3.01; Fe, 13.89; found: C, 47.3; H, 2.9; Fe, 13.45. MALDI-TOF mass-spectrum: 1689.2 ( $1^{8-} + 8H^+$ ).

### NMR and MALDI-TOF spectra of 1

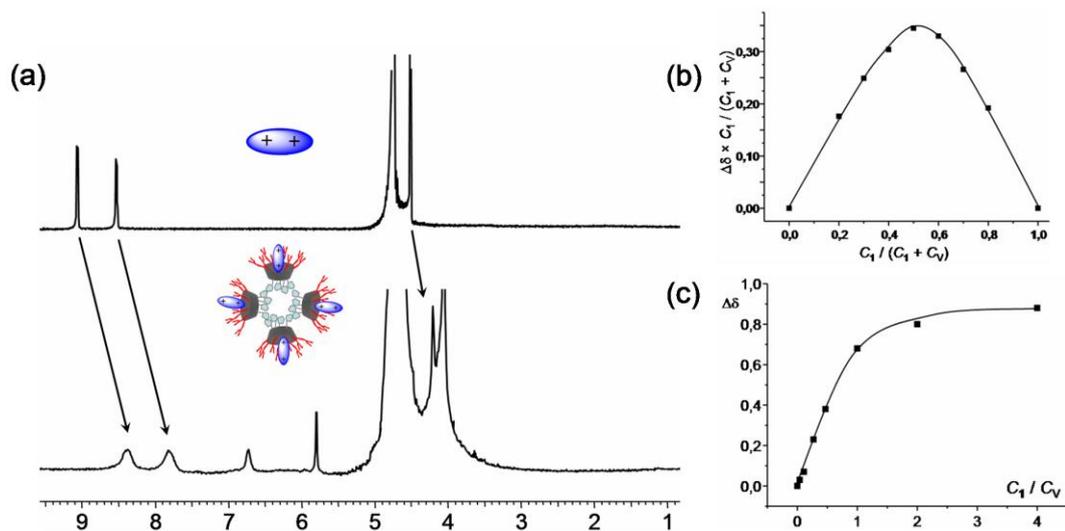




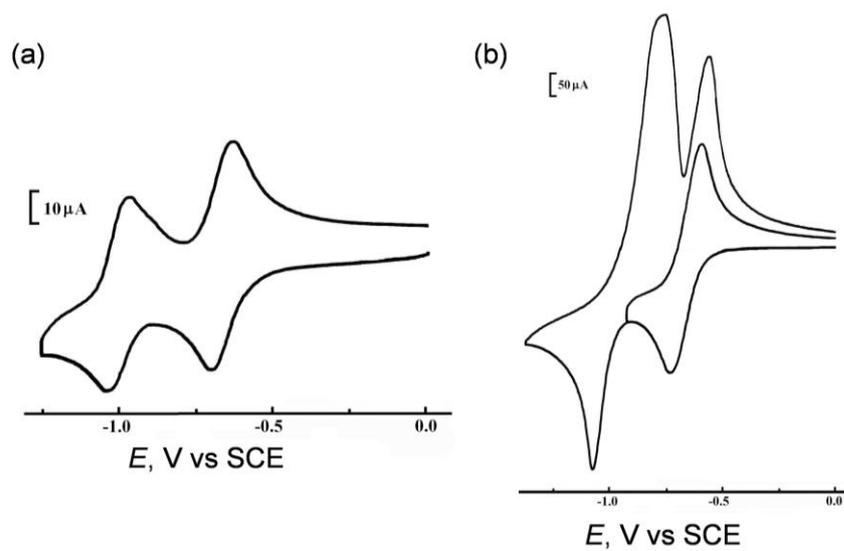
**Figure S1** MALDI-TOF mass-spectrum of **1** in (a) DMSO.



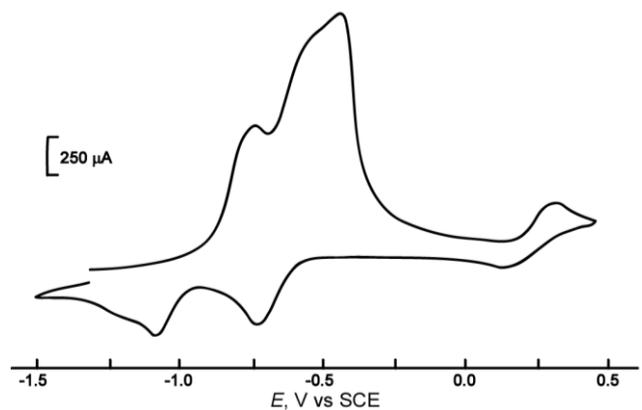
**Figure S2** Cyclic voltammograms for **1** ( $C = 1\text{mM}$ ) at a glassy-carbon electrode ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}/0.1\text{M NaCl}$ ) at (a)  $\nu = 100\text{ mV/s}$ ; (b)  $10\text{ mV/s}$ .



**Figure S3** (a)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $\text{V}^{2+}$  and  $1+\text{V}^{2+}$  ( $C = 1\text{mM}$ ); (b) Job's plots for aromatic proton of  $\text{V}^{2+}$  ( $C_1 + C_V = 1\text{ mM}$ ); (c) Plot of the up-field shifts of the aromatic proton of  $\text{V}^{2+}$  as function of  $C_1/C_V$  ( $C_V = 1\text{ mM}$ ,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).



**Figure S4** Cyclic voltammograms for  $V^{2+}$  ((a)  $C = 1$  mM, (b) 10 mM) at a glassy-carbon electrode ( $H_2O/0.1$  M NaCl,  $\nu = 100$  mV/s).

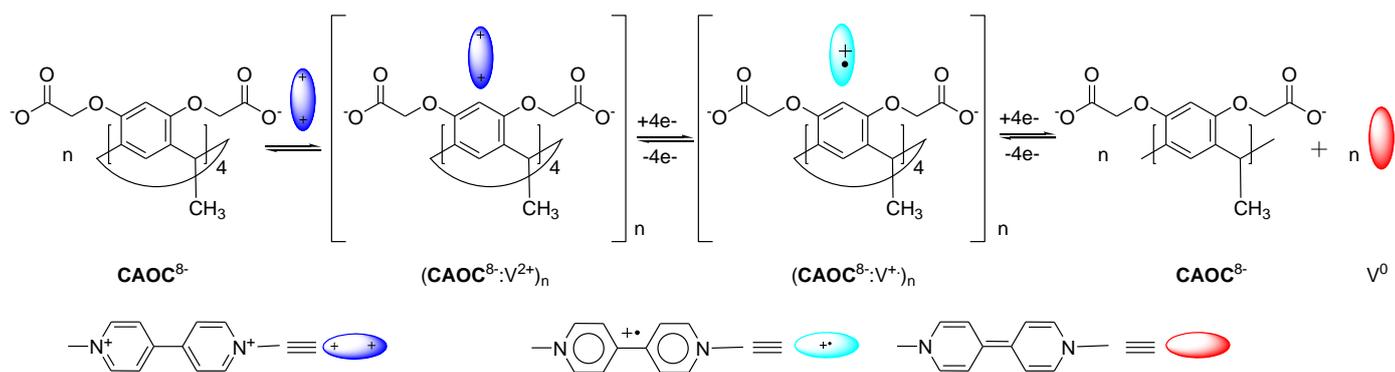


**Figure S5** Cyclic voltammogram for **1** +  $V^{2+}$  ( $C = 10$  mM) at a glassy-carbon electrode ( $H_2O/0.1$  M NaCl) after the applying potential  $E = -1.3$  V for one minute with the scan rate  $\nu = 100$  mV/s.

**Table S1** Data of Cyclic voltammograms for the reduction of  $V^{2+}$  and the oxidation of **1** at a glassy-carbon electrode(H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.1 M NaCl,  $\nu = 100$  mV/s, vs SCE)

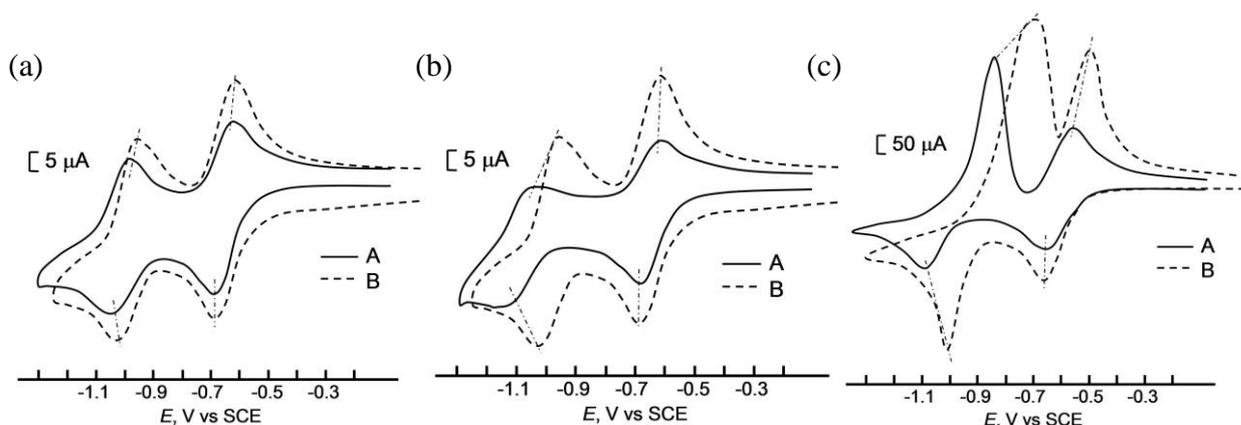
$C_1$ , mM	$C_V$ , mM	$E_{p,red}^1$ , V	$E_{p/2,red}^1 - E_{p,red}^1$ , mV	$i_{p,red}^1$ , $\mu A$	$E_{p,red}^1$ , V	$E_{p,red}^2$ , V	$E_{p,red}^2$ , V	$E_{p,ox}$ , V	$E_{p,ox} - E_{p/2,ox}$ , mV	$i_{p,ox}$ , $\mu A$	$E_{p,red}$ , V
0.2	-							0.20	80	6.8	0.10
1	-							0.26	110	42	0.08, 0.16
10	-							0.27	100	240	0.10
-	1	-0.70	60	28	-0.63	-1.03	-0.96				
-	10	-0.71	70	270	-0.59*	-1.06*	-0.77*				
1	1	-0.69	60	27	-0.63	-1.04	-0.92	0.26	110		0.09, 0.17
10	1	-0.70	60	23	-0.64	-1.11	-1.00	0.27	100	245	0.10
10	10	-0.70	70	185	-0.60*	-1.09*	-0.81*	0.27	80	225	0.11

\* Peaks contain an adsorption part



**Table S2** Data of Cyclic voltammograms for the reduction and re-oxidation of  $V^{2+}$  in the absence and presence of **CAOC** at a glassy-carbon electrode ( $H_2O$ , 0.1 M NaCl,  $\nu = 100$  mV/s, vs SCE)

$C_{CAOC}$ , mM	$C_V$ , mM	$E_{p,red}^1$ , V	$E_{p,red}^1 - E_{p/2,red}^1$ , mV	$I_{p,red}^1$ , $\mu A$	$E_{p,red}^2$ , V	$E_{p,red}^2$ , V	$E_{p,red}^2$ , V
-	1	-0.70	70	28	-0.63	-1.02	-0.96
1	1	-0.70	70	28	-0.63	-1.05	-0.99
10	1	-0.70	70	22	-0.63	-1.14	-1.03
-	10	-0.71	70	220	-0.60	-1.05	-0.79
10	10	-0.71	80	165	-0.61	-1.09	-0.87



**Figure S6** Cyclic voltammograms of (A) mixture **CAOC** +  $V^{2+}$ , (B)  $V^{2+}$  at the concentration of (a)  $C_{CAOC} = C_V = 1$  mM; (b)  $C_V = 1$  mM,  $C_{CAOC} = 10$  mM; (c)  $C_{CAOC} = C_V = 10$  mM at glassy-carbon electrode ( $H_2O/0.1$  M NaCl,  $\nu = 100$  mVs $^{-1}$ ).

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