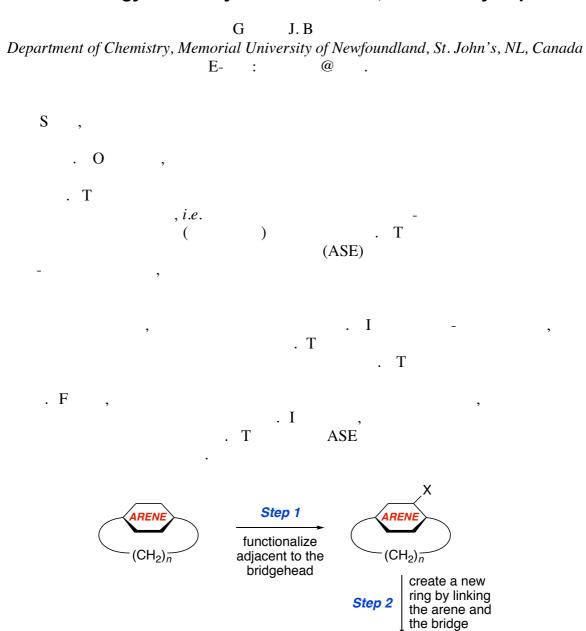
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Step 3

aromatize

the new ring

 $(CH_2)_n^-$

 $(CH_2)_{\overline{n-1}}$