detailed studies with many other methods are essential for elaboration of the behaviour of this compound.

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"At the American Chemical Society [ACS] national meeting in Denver [in April], John D. Roberts, Institute Professor of Chemistry at [the] California Inst. of Technology and 1987 Priestley Medal recipient...said he used to think the Priestley was 'awarded almost exclusively to those much-admired and selfless individuals who were not only great chemists in their own right, but also served with distinction as the ACS president, chairman of the board, or the like.' He explained that, being an experimentalist, he investigated this theory and found that the most important factor common to the past 20 Priestley Medalists is not ACS service. It is maturity... As he approaches formal retirement age, Roberts remains very optimistic about chemistry. "It is fabulous that chemistry is taking over research in such things as superconductors. Furthermore, chemistry disguised as "molecular biology" is leading us down the road to understanding life. Ultimately, sometime in some way, chemistry will even help us understand how we possess and use the marvelous gifts of cognition, of reasoning, of humour and love, of appreciating in the small constrained way that we can, despite the pain and anguish we may feel at times, the miracle of being alive". [(Michael Heylin in Chemical and Engineering News, 27 April 87, p. 54.) Reproduced with permission from Press Digest, Current Contents®, No. 26, June 29, 1987, p. 14. (Published by the Institute for Scientific Information®, Philadelphia, PA, USA.)]