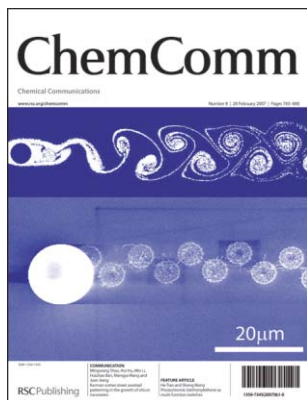


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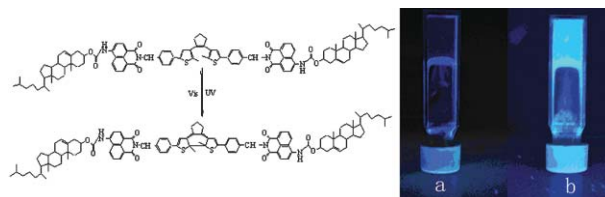
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Photochromic bisthienylethene as multi-function switches

He Tian* and Sheng Wang

Bisthienylethenes (BTEs) are one of the most promising families of photochromic compounds for use in optoelectronic devices such as ultrahigh-density optical data storage, molecular switches, logic gates, sensors, *etc.* This article describes recent development of multi-switchable photochromic BTE materials and also highlights our recent contributions in this field.



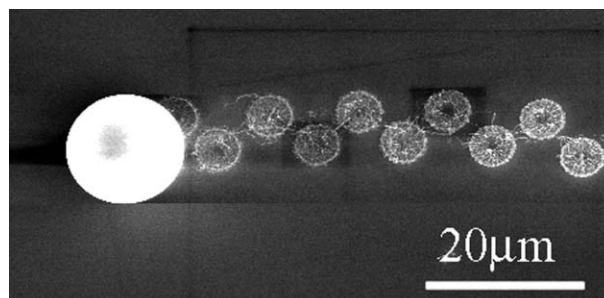
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Karman vortex street assisted patterning in the growth of silicon nanowires

Mingwang Shao,* Hui Hu, Min Li, Huizhao Ban, Mengya Wang* and Juan Jiang

A Karman vortex street was employed to pattern catalysts and grow nanomaterial arrays, which were made of a disk-like superstructure built of silicon nanowires; there also existed nanowires connected with the disks.



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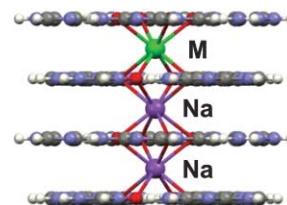
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Direct ^{23}Na NMR observation of mixed cations residing inside a G-quadruplex channel

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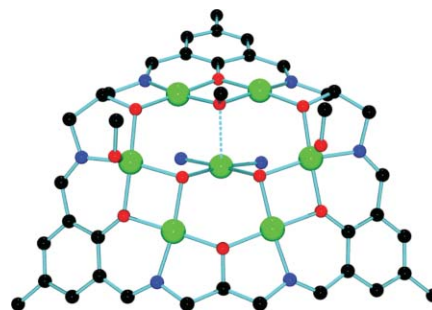


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A tetradecanuclear copper dimeric macrocyclic complex with a body-centred heptanuclear core-structure and magnetism

Santokh S. Tandon,* Scott D. Bunge and Laurence K. Thompson*

2,6-diformyl-4-methylphenol and 1,3-diamino-2-hydroxypropane template condense with $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ and azide to produce a 3 : 3 macrocycle containing seven spin-coupled copper(II) ions, where the seventh metal completes a body-centred heptanuclear lattice.

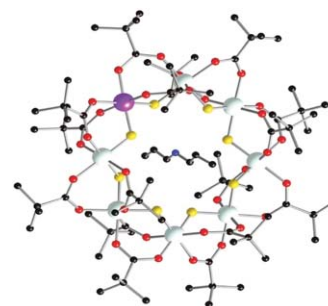


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Cyclic octanuclear complexes, each containing seven group 13 metals and one d-block metal are reported and preliminary physical characterisation of the compounds discussed.

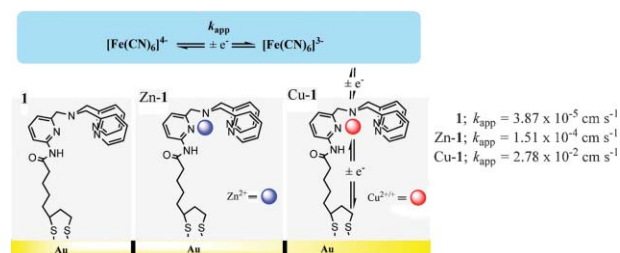


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Metal-mediated transport of electrons across molecular films

V. Ganesh, Maria Pilar Calatayud Sanz and Juan C. Mareque-Rivas*

Electron transfer (ET) to a redox probe in solution across the self-assembled monolayers (SAMs) of a tris-(2-pyridylmethyl)amine-based ligand on gold electrodes is greatly enhanced by Cu-binding.





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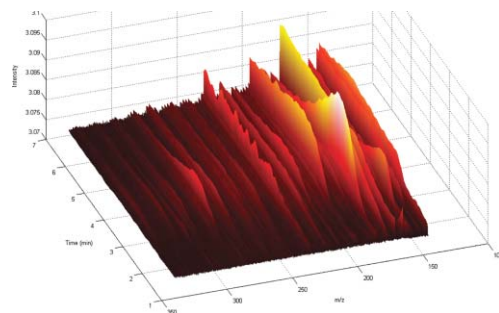
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Vacuum is not the limit: Direct analysis in real time (DART), a new ionization method for ambient mass spectrometry, allows to directly probe microbial samples in the open air, bypassing lengthy sample preparation steps, and enhancing throughput by several orders of magnitude.

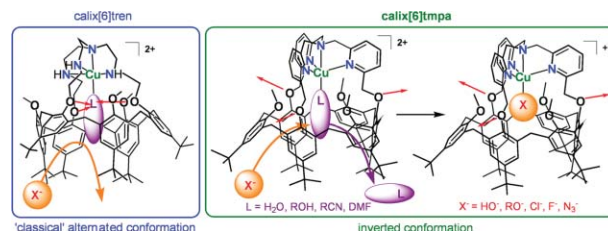


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Drastic effects of the second coordination sphere on neutral vs. anionic guest binding to a biomimetic Cu(II) center embedded in a calix[6]aza-cryptand

Guillaume Izzet, Xianshun Zeng, Huriye Akdas, Jérôme Marrot and Olivia Reinaud*

A slight conformation change in the calix[6]arene core capped by a poly-aza tripodal ligand induces a dipolar inversion of the second coordination sphere that controls anion binding to the Cu(II) funnel complexes.

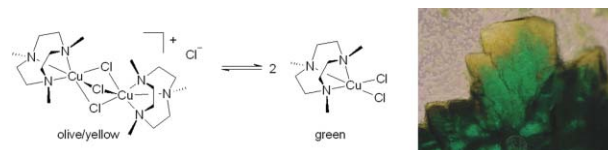


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Templated crystal nucleation: mixed crystals of very different copper(II) *N,N',N''*-trimethyltriazacyclononane complexes

Jonathan W. Steed,* Andrés E. Goeta, Janusz Lipkowski, Dariusz Swierczynski, Vicky Panteleon and Sheetal Handa

Crystals of a green mononuclear copper(II) *N,N',N''*-trimethyltriazacyclononane complex template the formation of a daughter phase of an olive-yellow ionic binuclear complex, which is in equilibrium with the monomer.

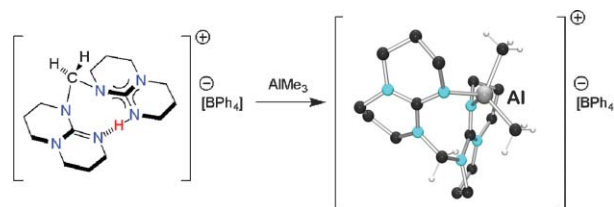


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Poly{guanidinium} salts: application in the preparation of a coordinatively saturated aluminium cation

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Bis(guanidine) $H_2C\{hpp\}_2$ was converted to the mono- and dicationic guanidinium salts; reaction of the former with $AlMe_3$ directly generated a cationic main group compound supported by a chelating ligand set.

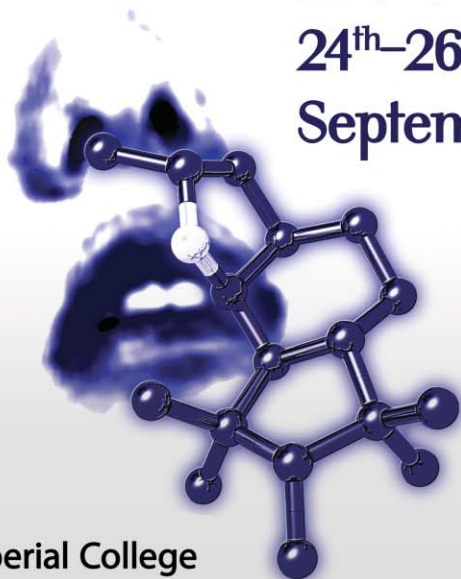


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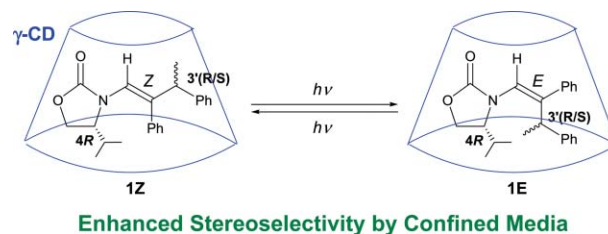
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Controlled diastereoselectivity at the alkene-geometry through selective encapsulation: *E-Z* photoisomerization of oxazolidinone-functionalized enecarbamates within hydrophobic *nano*-cavities

Hideaki Saito, J. Sivaguru, Steffen Jockusch, Joanne Dyer, Yoshihisa Inoue, Waldemar Adam and Nicholas J. Turro*

The selective encapsulation of the enecarbamates and the following photoisomerization process are both diastereoselectively controlled by γ -CD.

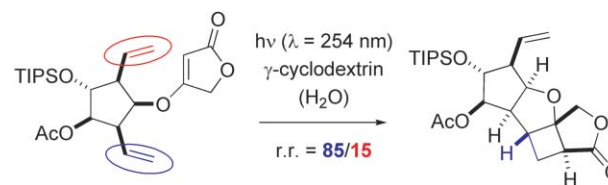


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Martin Fleck, Cheng Yang, Takehiko Wada, Yoshihisa Inoue* and Thorsten Bach*

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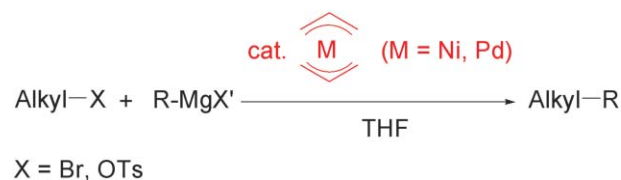


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Cross-coupling of alkyl halides with Grignard reagents using nickel and palladium complexes bearing η^3 -allyl ligand as catalysts

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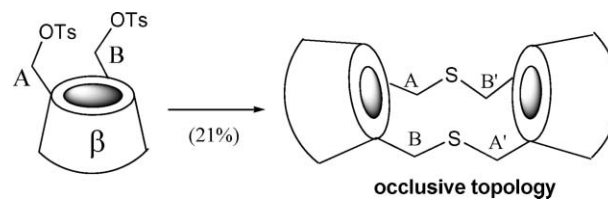


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The first topologically controlled synthesis of doubly bridged β -cyclodextrin dimers

De-Qi Yuan,* Kazutaka Koga, Isao Kouno, Toshihiro Fujioka, Makoto Fukudome and Kahee Fujita*

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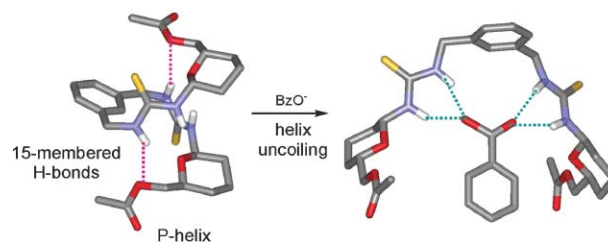
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David Rodríguez-Lucena, Juan M. Benito, Carmen Ortiz Mellet* and José M. García Fernández*

A C_2 -symmetric bis(thiourea) system allowing the propensity of carbohydrates to induce helical secondary structures through long-range hydrogen bonds to be probed has been designed. The existence of definite folding patterns strongly influences the recognition capabilities towards benzoate anion.

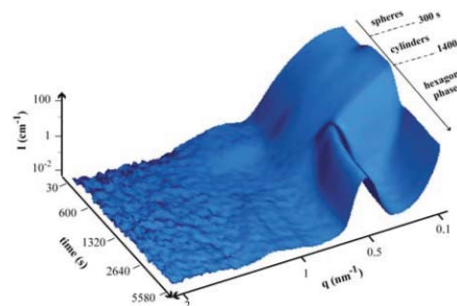


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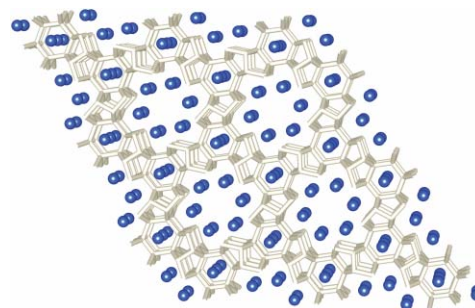


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Synthesis and crystal structure of $\text{Na}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_{3+z}$: a novel zeolite-like framework phase in the Na-Ge system

Matt Beekman, James A. Kaduk, Qing Huang, Winnie Wong-Ng, Zhi Yang, Dongli Wang and George S. Nolas*

A novel crystalline binary phase is reported in the Na-Ge system, with an entirely new, zeolite-like crystal structure solved and refined by the combination of synchrotron X-ray and neutron powder diffraction techniques.

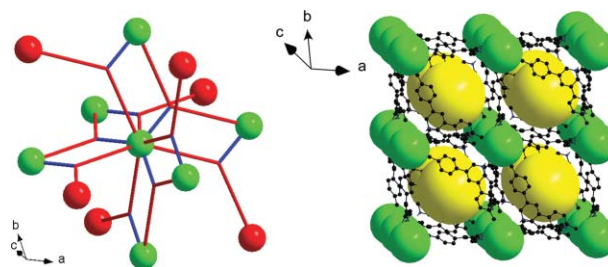


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Twelve-connected porous metal-organic frameworks with high H_2 adsorption

Junhua Jia, Xiang Lin, Claire Wilson, Alexander J. Blake, Neil R. Champness,* Peter Hubberstey,* Gavin Walker, Edmund J. Cussen and Martin Schröder*

The twelve-connected metal-organic frameworks $\{[\text{Ni}_3(\text{OH})(\text{L})_3] \cdot n(\text{solv})\}_\infty$ **1** and $\{[\text{Fe}_3(\text{O})(\text{L})_3] \cdot n(\text{solv})\}_\infty$ **2** [LH_2 = pyridine-3,5-bis(phenyl-4-carboxylic acid)] can be desolvated to form porous materials that show adsorption of H_2 up to 4.15 wt% at 77 K.





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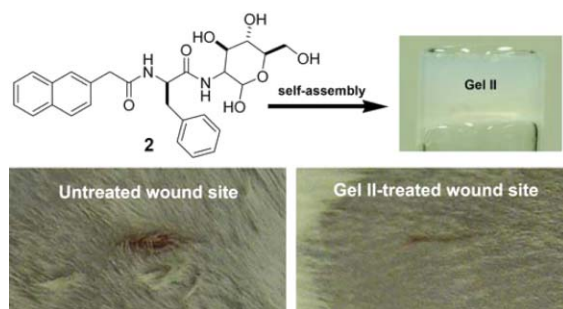
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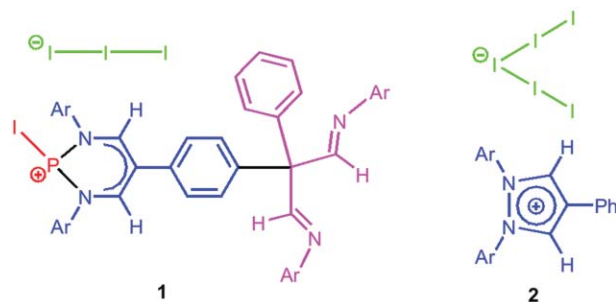
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 β -Diiminato ligand (L) transformations in reactions of KL with PI_3 and I_2 [L = {N(C₆H₃Prⁱ₂-2,6)C(H)}₂CPh]

Peter B. Hitchcock, Michael F. Lappert,* Gang Li and Andrey V. Protchenko

Potassium β -dialdiminate K[$\{N(C_6H_3Pr^i_{2-2,6})C(H)\}_2CPh$] with PI_3 or I_2 produced intermolecular C,C- or intramolecular N,N-coupled salts **1** or **2**, respectively.

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Organocatalytic asymmetric 5-hydroxyisoxazolidine synthesis: A highly enantioselective route to β -amino acids

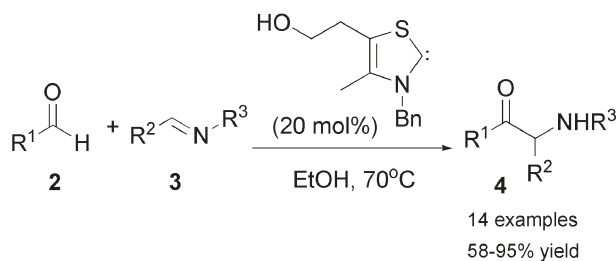
Ismail Ibrahim, Ramon Rios, Jan Vesely, Gui-Ling Zhao and Armando Córdova*

The highly chemo- and enantioselective organocatalytic tandem reaction between *N*-protected hydroxyl amines and α,β -unsaturated aldehydes is presented. The reaction provides direct access to 5-hydroxyisoxazolidines, 5-isoxazolidinones and β -amino acids, which are furnished in high yields and with 90–99% ee.

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Thiazolium-derived *N*-heterocyclic carbene-catalyzed cross-coupling of aldehydes with unactivated imines

Gong-Qiang Li, Li-Xin Dai and Shu-Li You*

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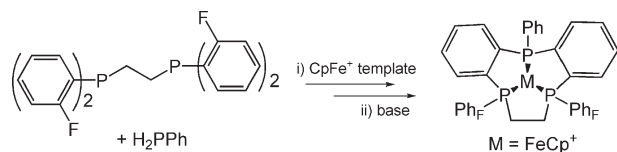
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Conversion of a (sp³)C–F bond to (sp³)C–X (X = Cl, C, H, O, S, Se, Te, N) bonds has been achieved by the use of R₂Al–X. The use of hexane as solvent extensively broadened the scope of reagents and dramatically suppressed the formation of by-products.

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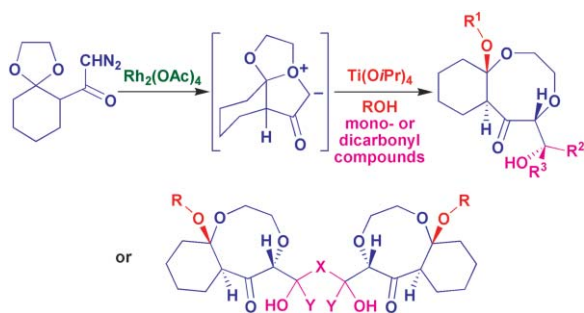


Template synthesis of benzannulated triphosphacyclononanes—a new class of phosphacrowns via template assisted nucleophilic P–C bond formation

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A 9-membered triphosphorus macrocycle with *o*-phenylene backbone functions has been stereoselectively prepared on a CpFe⁺ template by nucleophilic attack of a coordinated phosphide on a coordinated *o*-fluorophenylbiphosphine.

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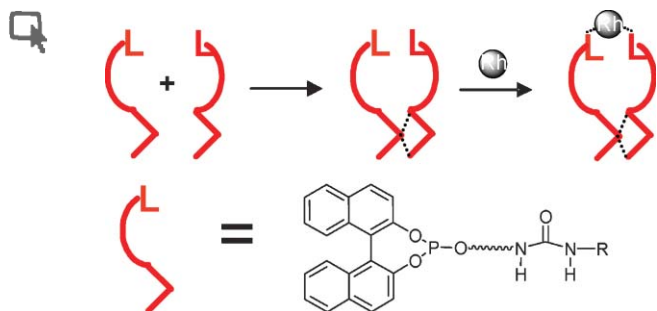


Multicomponent reactions involving tricyclooxonium ylide intermediate: diastereoselective synthesis of mono- and bisalkoxyoctahydro-1,4-benzodioxocin-6(5H)-one frameworks

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A highly diastereoselective tandem ring-enlargement and aldol condensation process with alcohols, carbonyl compounds in the presence of titanium(IV) isopropoxide is described to afford benzodioxocinone ring systems.

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UREaphos: supramolecular bidentate ligands for asymmetric hydrogenation

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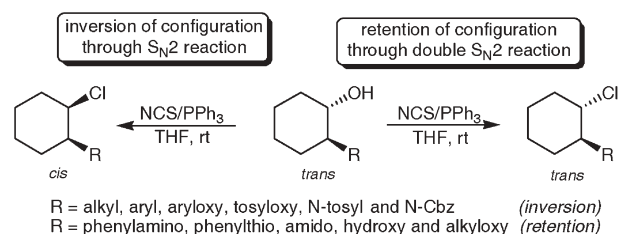
Urea-based supramolecular bidentate phosphite ligands are applied in the rhodium catalysed asymmetric hydrogenation of various alkenes, providing moderate to high enantioselectivities.

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Highly stereoselective chlorination of β -substituted cyclic alcohols using $\text{PPh}_3\text{-NCS}$: factors that control the stereoselectivity

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A variety of *trans*- β -substituted cyclic alcohols were stereoselectively chlorinated to either the corresponding *cis*-chloride (inversion of configuration) or *trans*-chloride (retention of configuration) with good to excellent yields.

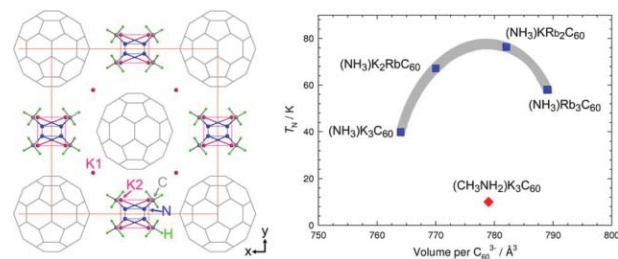


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Direct observation of magnetic ordering in the $(\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2)_3\text{K}_3\text{C}_{60}$ fulleride

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The methylaminated potassium fulleride $(\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2)_3\text{K}_3\text{C}_{60}$ exhibits long range antiferromagnetic order with an unusually low Néel temperature T_{N} .

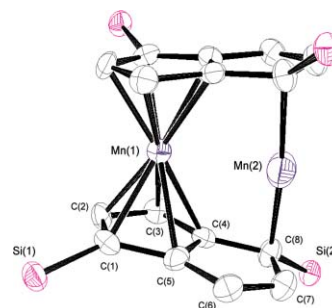


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Mn_2 bis(pentalene): a mixed-spin bimetallic with two extremes of bonding within the same molecule

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Structural, magnetic and theoretical studies show that the bimetallic pentalene complex, $\text{Mn}_2(\text{C}_8\text{H}_4^{1,4-\text{Si}^i\text{Pr}_3})_2$, contains both high and low spin Mn(II) in two very different sites.

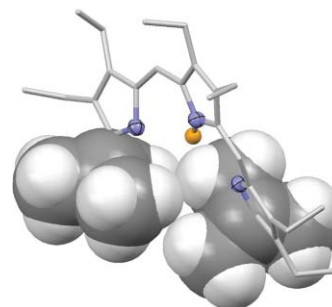


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Free-base tripyrrins

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Sensitive tripyrrins have been prepared as the free-base ligands by the cyanide promoted demetallation of nickel(II) chelates and by steric shielding of the reactive α -position, and have been characterized structurally and spectroscopically.



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One-pot approach to chiral chromenes *via* enantioselective organocatalytic domino oxa-Michael–aldol reaction

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