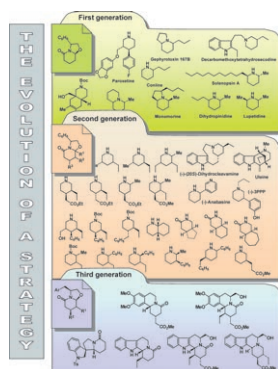
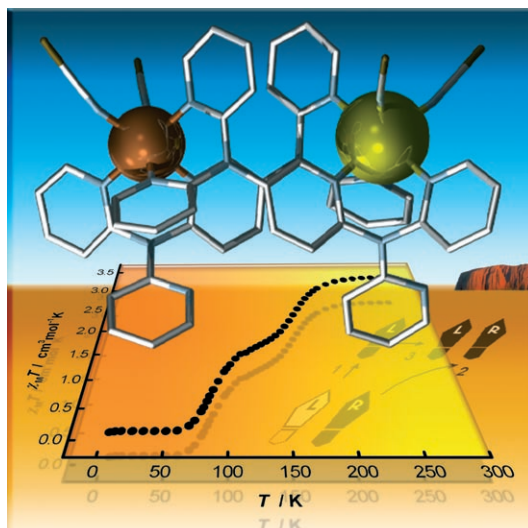


New structural data...

... on the nature of the spin transition in dinuclear iron(II) spin-crossover materials has been obtained from studying $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{ddpp})_2(\text{NCS})_4] \cdot 4\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$. In their Full Paper on page 8220 ff., C. J. Kepert, K. S. Murray et al. describe the synthesis and characterisation of this compound, particularly in regard to two-step transitions, for which it provides the first structure of high-spin–low-spin molecules at the plateau region.

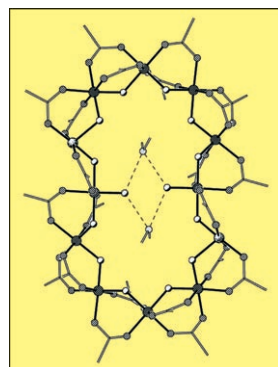
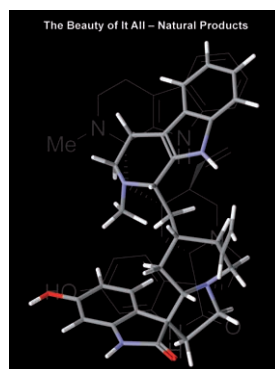


Chiral Lactams

In their Concept article on page 8198 ff., J. Bosch et al. describe how phenylglycinol-derived oxazolopiperidone lactams can be used as exceptionally versatile building blocks for the enantioselective construction of structurally diverse piperidine-containing natural products and bioactive compounds.

Natural Products

In their full Paper on p. 8208 ff., E. Carreira and A. Lerchner report on the first total synthesis of strychnofoline by use of a highly selective MgI_2 -mediated annulation reaction. The compound represents a member of an important class of natural products displaying promising biological activity.



Cyclic Polymetallic Complexes

In their Full Paper on page 8267 ff., R. E. P. Winpenny, M. Luban et al. describe the synthesis, structure, EPR, and magnetic studies of two dodecanuclear heterometallic cyclic clusters. Magnetic studies show that they exhibit similar (but not identical) behavior, which can be attributed to ten antiferromagnetic and two ferromagnetic exchange interactions around the ring which gives an $S=0$ ground state.

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