

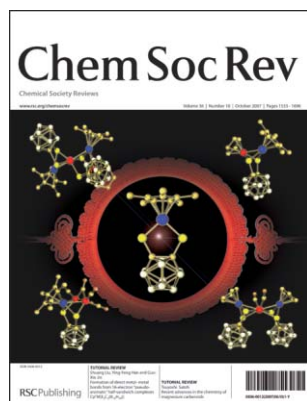
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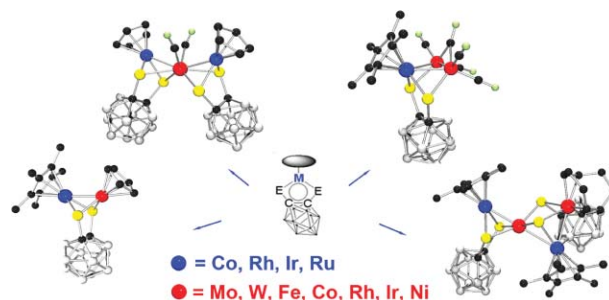
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### Formation of direct metal–metal bonds from 16-electron “pseudo-aromatic” half-sandwich complexes $Cp^*M[E_2C_2(B_{10}H_{10})]$

Shuang Liu, Ying-Feng Han and Guo-Xin Jin\*

This *tutorial review* focuses on the rational design for multi-metallic complexes *via* redox reactions from pseudo-aromatic half-sandwich Ir, Rh, Co and Ru precursors with 1,2-dicarbocloso-dodecarborane-1,2-dichalcogenolato ligands.



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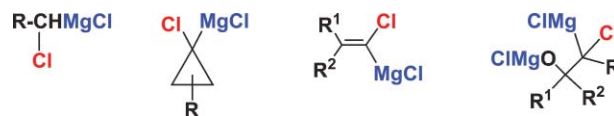
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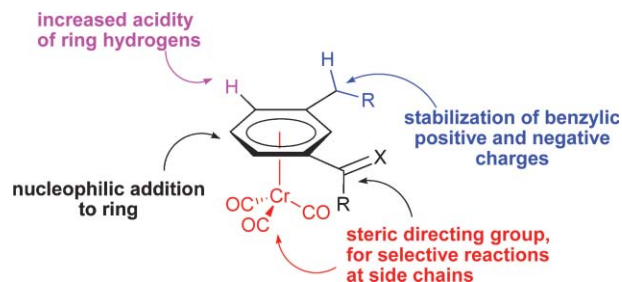


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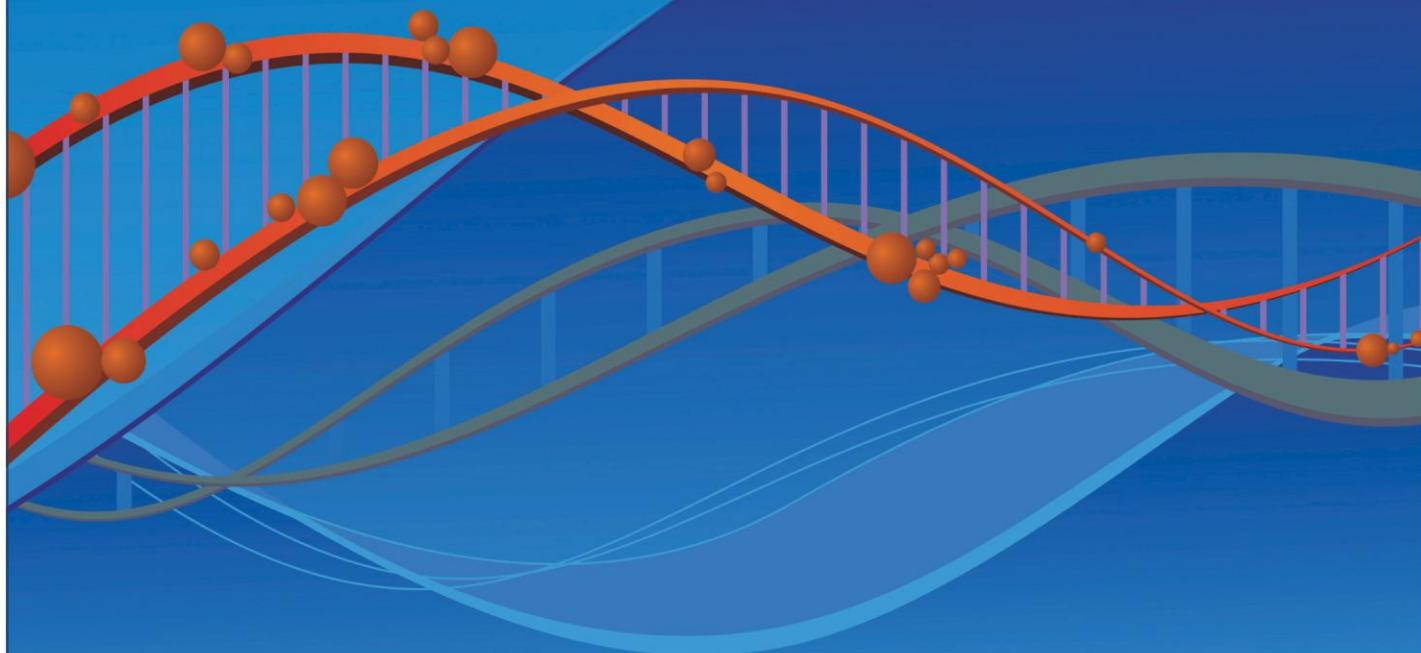
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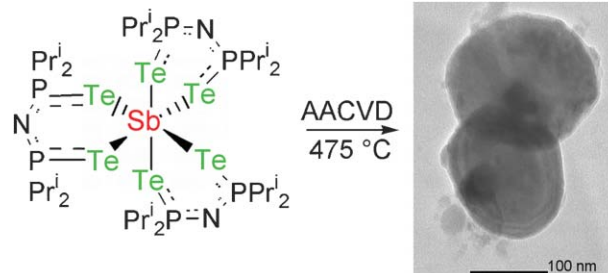


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Jamie S. Ritch, Tristram Chivers,\* Mohammad Afzaal and Paul O'Brien\*

Pure thin films of metal tellurides, such as CdTe, Sb<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> and In<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>, can be generated from complexes of the [TePr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>PNPr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>Te]<sup>-</sup> ligand by using the technique of aerosol-assisted chemical vapour deposition.



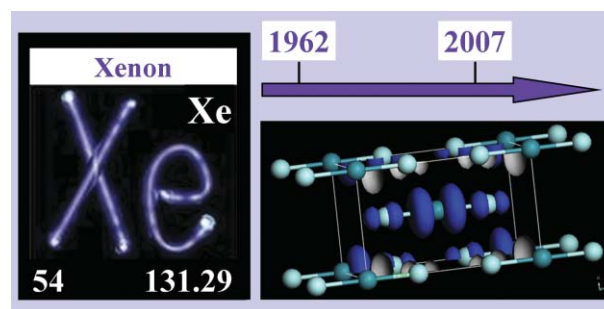
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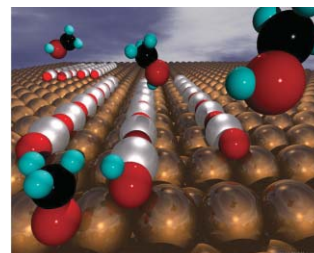


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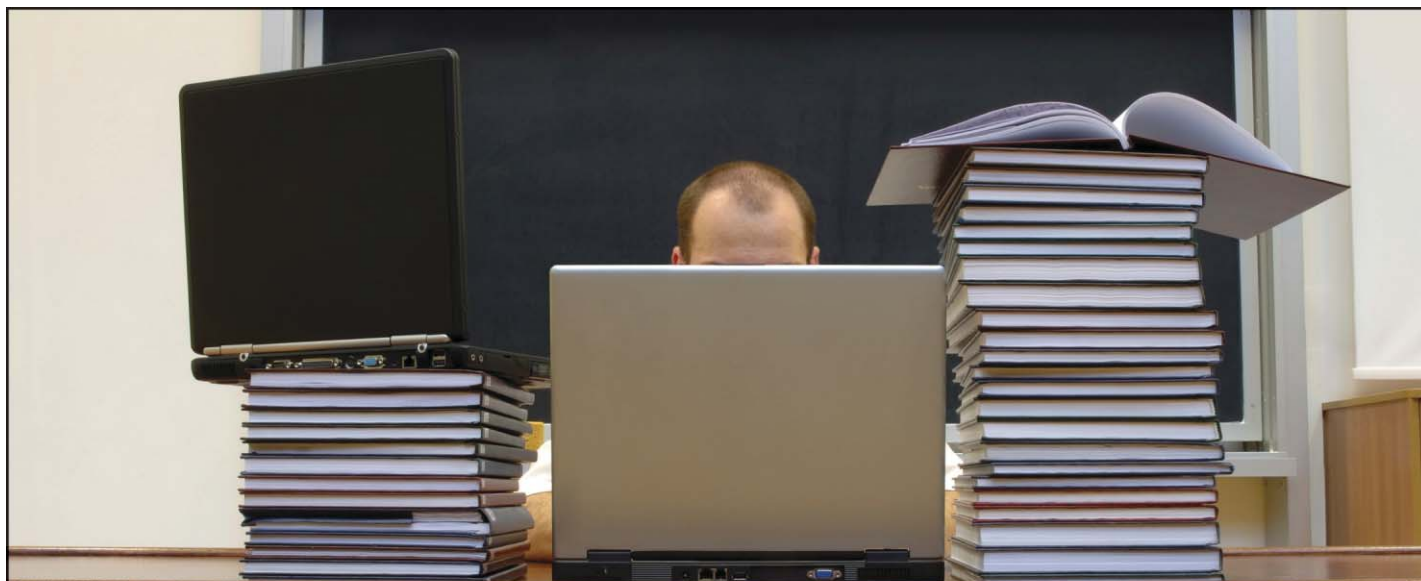
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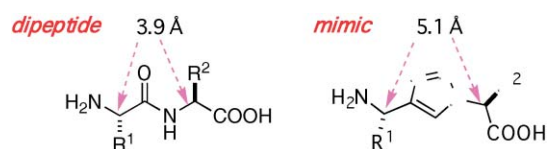
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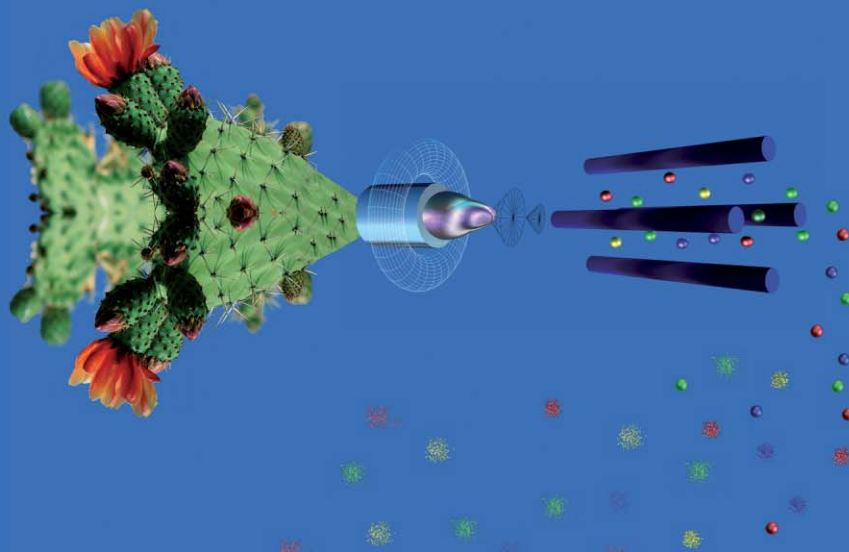
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