

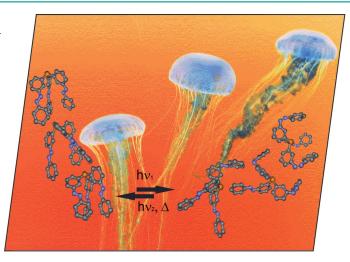


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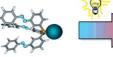
The cover picture shows the light-induced isomerization of (E,E,E)-tris(azobenzene)—phosphane to the (Z,E,E), (Z,Z,E) and (Z,Z,Z) conformers. This photo-triggered skeletal change has been illustrated by the natural umbrella-like shape and movements of jellyfish. Details of the synthesis and switchability of this type of ligands and their platinum complexes are discussed in the Short Communication by Z. Freixa et al. on p. 2075 ff.

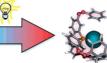


SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

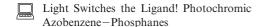
Switchable Phosphane Ligands

M. D. Segarra-Maset, P. W. N. M. van Leeuwen. Z. Freixa*...... 2075-2078





Light can bring about steric changes in azobenzene-phosphane ligands in platinum complexes, and notably the photoprocesses are not quenched by the metal atom.



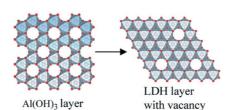
Keywords: P ligands / Molecular switches / Azo compounds / Ligand effects / Homogeneous catalysis

Carbonate Shortage in LDHs

S. Ma, C. Fan, G. Huang, Y. Li, X. Yang,* K. Ooi 2079-2083

Origin of CO₃²⁻ Shortage in MgAl Layered Double Hydroxides with Mg/Al < 2

Keywords: Layered compounds / Homogeneous precipitation / Hydrolysis / Magnesium / Aluminum



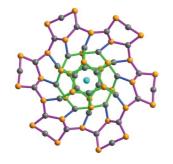
A "substitution-filling" model based on the gibbsite-like layer with octahedral vacancies is proposed to explain the carbonate shortage (CO₃²⁻/Al < 0.5) in Al-rich MgAl layered double hydroxides synthesized by the urea hydrolysis method.

Symmetrical Silver Nanoclusters

X. Liu, H. Yang, N. Zheng,* L. Zheng 2084-2087

Bromide-Induced Formation of a Highly Symmetric Silver Thiolate Cluster Containing 36 Silver Atoms from an Infinite Polymeric Silver Thiolate

Keywords: Nanostructures / Cluster compounds / Silver / Halides



When silver reacts with thiolates, it tends to produce polymeric complexes. With the help of Br-, a high-nuclearity [Br@Ag₃₆-(SC₆H₄tBu-4)₃₆] nanocluster was successfully prepared from a polymeric silver thiolate complex.

FULL PAPERS

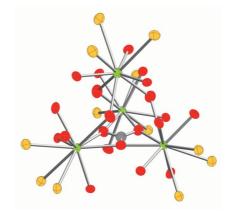
Multinuclear Sandwiches

A. Bilyk, J. W. Dunlop, A. K. Hall, J. M. Harrowfield,* M. W. Hosseini, G. A. Koutsantonis, B. W. Skelton, A. H. White 2089-2105

Systematic Structural Coordination Chem-

istry of *p-tert*-Butyltetrathiacalix[4]arene: Main Group Metal Complexes Other Than Those of Group 1

Keywords: Calixarenes / Main group elements / Solvent inclusion / Solid-state structures

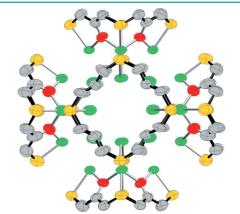


p-tert-Butyltetrathiacalix[4]arene complexes with metal ions from groups 2, 13 and 14 with mononuclear, dinuclear or tetranuclear forms depending upon both the metal ion and the method of crystallisation of the complex: BaII, for example, provides both mononuclear complexes and a novel tetranuclear species, the latter entrapping a carbonate ion.



Paramagnetic Clusters

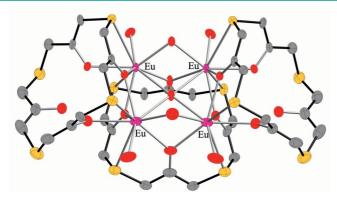
Complexes formed by a variety of transition-metal ions with *p-tert*-butyltetrathia-calix[4]arene show a remarkable range of structures and nuclearity: a hydroxo-cluster involving Ni^{II}, for example, containing 32 metal ions enrobed by six thiacalixarene units disposed in an octahedral array.



Systematic Structural Coordination Chemistry of *p-tert*-Butyltetrathiacalix[4]arene: Further Complexes of Transition-Metal Ions

Keywords: Calixarenes / Transition metals / Solvent inclusion / Solid-state structures

Lanthanide Aggregates



Systematic Structural Coordination Chemistry of *p-tert*-Butyltetrathiacalix[4]arene: Further Complexes of Lanthanide Metal Ions

Keywords: Calixarenes / Rare earths / Solvent inclusion / Solid-state structures

Complexes of lanthanide(III) ions with *ptert*-butyltetrathiacalix[4]arene show forms that depend both on the particular lanthanide ion and a variety of subtle factors, probably including kinetic effects. Typi-

cally, the structures involve a sandwich-like array of calixarene units incorporating three or four metal ions, although Eu^{III}, in particular, shows a remarkable variety in its complexes.

1) fBuLi (4 equiv.) 2) R₂SnCl₂ <-78 °C thf 1a: R = C₆H₄OMe-p 1b: R = Me 2b: R = Me (25%) 1) fBuLi (4 equiv.) Sn + R₄Sn + R₄Sn 4 (29%) 4 (29%)

The reaction of bis(2-bromo-2'-biphenyl)-stannanes 1 with *tert*-butyllithium in the presence of diaryl- and dialkyldichlorostannanes leads to the extrusion of aryl and alkyl groups on the tin atom, affording

9-stannafluorene derivatives bearing biphenyl groups. The intermediates of the reactions were assigned to the corresponding pentaorganostannates, which were characterized by NMR spectroscopy.

Pentaorganostannates

Formation of Pentaorganostannates from Bis(2-bromo-2'-biphenyl)stannanes and *tert*-Butyllithium upon Substitution of Alkyl and Aryl Groups on Tin Atoms

Keywords: Stannanes / Nucleophilic substitution / Hypervalent compounds

Ligand exchange and coordination studies were done on the dinuclear thiolato-briged complex $[Cp*Rh(\mu-SPh)_3RhCp*]Cl$. Oligomeric materials of the general formula $[Cp*Rh(\mu-SPh)_x(\mu-Cl)_{3-x}\{Rh(\mu-SPh)_3\}_{n-1}$

RhCp*] (x = 1 to 3; n = 1 to 4) were formed by insertion of [Rh(SPh)₃] units when the bridging coordination mode of the thiophenolato ligands was altered.

Rhodium Thiolato Oligomers

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MS-TOF Study of the Formation of Thiolato-Bridged Rhodium Oligomers

Keywords: Rhodium / S ligands / Mass spectrometry / Oligomerization / Cluster compounds

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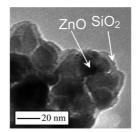
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Dve-Sensitized Solar Cells

Silica nanolayers were coated on ZnO electrodes by a simple sol-gel transformation under precise control of the coating methods, coating periods, and solution composition. The open-circuit photovoltage of dye-sensitized solar cells can be substantially enhanced by using SiO2-coated ZnO electrodes.

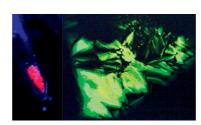


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Formation of Silica Nanolayers on ZnO Electrodes in Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells

Keywords: Photovoltaic materials / Semiconductors / Nanostructures / Sol-gel processes

 $[C_{12}mim]_4[EuBr_6]Br$ in the temperature range of -3 to 98 °C adopts a smectic liquid crystal phase. At 77 K it shows a strong red emission with a lifetime of about 2.6 ms. The quantum efficiency of emission is about 0.45.



Luminescent Ionic Liquid

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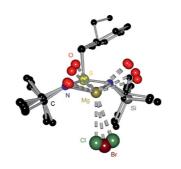
A Luminescent Ionic Liquid Crystal: $[C_{12}mim]_4[EuBr_6]Br$



Keywords: Europium / Ionic liquids / Ionic liquid crystals / Lanthanides / Luminescence / Thermobehavior

Sulfur Diimide Grignards

Sulfur diimides react readily with different Grignard reagents to form highly pure magnesium diimidosulfinates in excellent vields. These diimidosulfinates have been studied in solution and in the solid state.

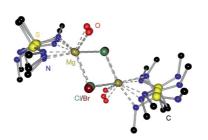


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Magnesium Diimidosulfinates - Conformational Studies in the Solid State and in Solution

Keywords: Sulfur / Imides / Magnesium / Grignard reaction / Structure elucidation

In contrast to bulky organolithium complexes, the sulfur triimide S(NtBu)3 reacts readily with Grignard reagentss to form magnesium triimidosulfonates with a third pendent imido group in an ideal position to coordinate a second metal. The conformation of these novel Mg complexes is studied in the solid state and in solution.



Sulfur Triimide Grignards

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Magnesium Triimidosulfonates from Grignard Reagents

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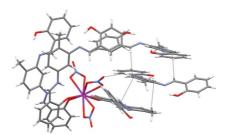
Lanthanide Salicylaldimines

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Self-Assembled Lanthanide Salicylaldimines with a Unique Coordination Mode

Keywords: Self-assembly / Lanthanides / Schiff bases / O ligands / Coordination modes



The monodentate O donor coordination behavior of a neutral salen-type ligand is documented in lanthanide salicylaldimine complexes formed in situ from aldehyde and diamine precursors. The lanthanide ions serve as templating and organizing centers for the construction of complex species that act as hosts for an additional salicylaldimine guest, stabilizing the overall self-assembled supramolecular network.

CORRECTION

 Chemistry and Physical Properties of the Phosphide Telluride Zr₂PTe₂

Keywords: Phosphorus / Tellurium / Zirconium / Chemical vapor transport / Thermodynamics / Structure elucidation

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