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Formation of a cyclobutenylidene by cycloaddition of an alkynyl-ruthenium complex to a cyano(alkynyl)ethene In contrast to the usual formal [2+2]cycloaddition reaction, $(NC)_2C=C\{C\equivC(Si-Pr_3)\}_2$ reacts with $Ru(C\equiv CPh)(PPh_3)_2Cp$ to give the unprecedented cyclobutenylidene complex $Ru\{C(CN)_2C[C\equivC(SiPr_3)]=CC(Si-Pr_3)=CPhC=\}(PPh_3)Cp$ 4, formed by addition of one of the $C\equivC(SiPr_3)$ groups to the $Ru-C\equiv CPh$ moiety and subsequent electronic reorganisation.



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Novel triphenylarsinyl-functionalized *N*heterocyclic carbene ligands in palladiumcatalyzed C–C coupling reactions Novel, mixed ligands with a combination of arsine and carbene centers have been synthesized and characterized by us in detail (NMR, X-ray). The air stable ligands allow to run palladium-catalyzed C–C coupling reactions (Heck, reductive Heck, domino-Heck, Suzuki reactions) under mild temperature conditions with good to excellent yields.



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The synthesis, crystal structures and NMR spectroscopic investigation of 3,7,10-trimethylsilatranes and carbasilatranes

A number of novel 3,7,10-trimethylsilatranes (RSi[OCH(CH₃)CH₂]₃N) and (RSi(CH₂CH₂CH₂) (OCH₂CH₂)₂N) carbasilatranes have been prepared and characterised, both structurally and by NMR spectroscopy. The crystal structures of both diastereomers of phenyl-3,7,10-trimethylsilatrane and of the symmetrical isomer of *p*-tolyl-3,7,10-trimethylsilatrane have been determined.





Tiejian Zhu, Qingsheng Wu, Ping Chen, Yaping Ding

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A novel waist-regulable dumbbell-like nanosuperstructure of (3-carboxy-1-acylpropyl)-ferrocene Was first prepared by ultrasonic and controlling pH value, which opens a new way for fabricating nanosuperstructures and developing application on metalocenes.



Heinrich Lang, Katrin Döring, Deeb Taher, Uwe Siegert, Bernhard Walfort, Tobias Rüffer, Rudolf Holze

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Linear homobimetallic palladium complexes with end-capped SC(O)Me units

The synthesis of *trans*-[(MeC(O)S-4-C₆H₄C₆H₄)(Ph₃P)₂Pd](X) (X = I, OTf) is discussed. Treatment of *trans*-[(C₆H₄C₆H₄-4-I)(Ph₃P)₂Pd](OTf) with the bidentate Lewisbases N^{\n}N (N^{\n}N = 4,4'-bipyridine, C₅H₄N-CH=N-N=CH-C₅H₄N, C₅H₄N-CH=CH-C₆H₄-CH=CH-C₅H₄N, C₅H₄N-CH=N-C₆H₄-N=CH-C₅H₄N) in the ratio of 2:1 produced linear homobimetallic [{*trans*-(MeC(O)S-4-C₆H₄C₆H₄)(Ph₃P)₂Pd]₂(µ-N^{\n}N)](OTf)₂. The electrochemical and molecular solid state behavior of these molecules is reported.

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Substituent effects of 1,2-dithiole groups on the electrochemical oxidation of some ferrocenyl-1,2-dithiole compounds Ferrocenyl compounds substituted by 1,2dithiole groups have been synthesized and their reversible oxidation potentials have been measured. Thanks to linear Hammett type correlation, the electronic electron withdrawing effect of six 1,2-dithiole groups have been obtained.

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Anna Chrostowska, Virginie Lemierre, Alain Dargelos, Patrick Baylère, William J. Leigh, Ghassoub Rima, Lothar Weber, Michaela Schimmel

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Gas-phase synthesis and characterization of heteroleptic divalent germanium compounds by FVT/UV-PES

Three cyclic germanediyls, containing oxothio, oxo-amino, and thio-amino substitution at germanium, have been generated by flash vacuum thermolysis and characterized by UV photoelectron spectroscopy. The strong σ -withdrawing effect of oxygen and the strong π -donating effect of nitrogen are the two main factors affecting the electronic structures of these germylene derivatives.



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The synthesis and catalytic activity of the iridium(I) hydroquinone complex $[(H_2Q)Ir(COD)]^+$

The cationic η^6 -hydroquinone iridium complex $(\eta^6\text{-}H_2Q)\text{Ir}(\text{COD})^*$ undergoes facile double deprotonation to the anionic η^4 -quinone analogue, which is shown to catalyze the 1,4-conjugate addition reactions of aryl boronic acids to electron deficient olefins.



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Ferrole-type compounds containing thiophenic or thiepinic rings in the 3,4-positions of the metallacycle

Six new "ferrole-type" complexes, containing different organosulfur substituents, thiophenic or thiepinic rings, in the pentametallacycle, have been obtained. The structures of four of them have been determined by single crystal X-ray diffraction methods.



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Straightforward access to oxazaborines, diazaborinones and triazaborines by reactions of β -enaminoamides with 4-methylbenzenediazonium tetraphenylborate

The substituted β -enaminoamides react with 4-methylbenzenediazonium tetraphenylborate in dichloromethane to give mixtures of novel boron containing heterocyclic compounds: $1,3,2\lambda^4$ -oxazaborines, 1H-1,3,2 λ^4 -diazaborin-4-ones and 4H-1,2,4,3 λ^4 -triazaborines.



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Unexpected reaction pathway during the palladation of 2,5-diphenylphosphacy-mantrene

A new reaction of *P*-alkoxypalladation was found. 2,5-Diphenylphosphacymantrene reacts with Na₂PdCl₄ and NaOAc in MeOH or EtOH to give *P*-methoxy or *P*-ethoxy derivatives with Pd₂Cl₂ dimeric core. The products **2** and **3** were characterized by ¹H, ³¹P, ¹³C NMR spectra and X-ray crystal structure data.



Xia Wang, Yaru Liu, Hongwei Hou, Jie Wu, Yaoting Fan

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The synthesis of complexes using precursor complexes with ferrocenyl carboxylate units as building blocks We synthesized a mononuclear complex 1 and a binuclear complex 2 as precursor complexes. Investigation on the substitution reaction of two ferrocenyl carboxylate precursor complexes as building blocks, four complexes 1a, 1b, 2a and 2b were obtained. The structural integrity of precursor complexes can be maintained in these four complexes. It indicates that we can synthesize the desired complexes with the destination structures by using precursor complexes as building blocks and choosing appropriate auxiliary ligands.



Yuan-Biao Huang, Wei-Guo Jia, Guo-Xin Jin

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Synthesis, characterization and olefin polymerization of the nickel catalysts supported by [N,S] ligands Two nickel(II) complexes bearing 1-pyridyl-(3-substituedimidazole-2-thione) ligands exhibit high catalytic activities for the addition-polymerization of norbornene in the presence of MAO.



Shu-Jiang Tu, Shu Yan, Xu-Dong Cao, Shan-Shan Wu, Xiao-Hong Zhang, Wen-Juan Hao, Zheng-Guo Han, Feng Shi

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A facile and expeditious microwaveassisted synthesis of 4-aryl-2-ferrocenylquinoline derivatives via multi-component reaction An efficient and rapid route for the synthesis of 4-aryl-2-ferrocenyl-quinoline derivatives through microwave-assisted multicomponent reaction of acetylferrocene with aromatic aldehyde and dimedone in the presence of ammonium acetate using DMF as reaction media at 100 °C is described. This novel procedure lends itself well to combinatorial methods, providing the target heteropolymetallic compounds in excellent yield without further purification.



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Construction of optically active multimetallic systems of rhodium(I), palladium(II), and ruthenium(II) with a P-chiral tetraphosphine ligand

Mono-, di-, or trinuclear homo- or heterometallic complexes of (3*S*,6*R*,9*R*,12*S*)-6,9di-*tert*-butyl-2,2,3,12,13,13-hexamethyl-3,6,9,12-tetraphosphatetrad ecane were selectively prepared from rhodium(I), palladium(II), and ruthenium(II) complex precursors. These complexes were characterized by NMR and X-ray crystallographic analysis.



Li-Cheng Song, Xiang Luo, Yong-Zhen Wang, Bin Gai, Qing-Mei Hu

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Synthesis, characterization and electrochemical behavior of some *N*-heterocyclic carbene-containing active site models of [FeFe]-hydrogenases

Five *N*-heterocyclic carbene H-cluster model compounds (1–5), as well as the propylene-bridged imidazolium salt $[I_{Mes}^*(CH_2)_3]_{Mes}^*] \cdot 2HBr$ have been synthesized and crystallographically characterized. H₂ evolution is observed catalyzed by **2** under electrochemical conditions.



Po-Cheng Huang, Fung-E. Hong

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Amination and Suzuki coupling reactions catalyzed by palladium complexes coordinated by cobalt-containing monodentate phosphine ligands with bistrifluoromethyl substituents on bridged arylethynyl: Observation of some unusual metal-containing compounds A cobalt-containing bulky monodentate phosphine **4cmm** was prepared from the reaction of **3** with corresponding alkyne **2cmm**. Its capacity as phosphine ligand in the amination as well as Suzuki coupling reactions in the presence of palladium salt was evaluated.



Notes

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Practical synthesis of chiral β -telluro amines by ring-opening reaction of aziridines

A wide range of chiral β -tellurium amines and their chalcogen derivatives were conveniently prepared via the ring-opening reaction of aziridines. $R^{1} \xrightarrow{N}_{PG} \underbrace{[RTeLi], THF}_{EtOH, r. t.} R^{1} \xrightarrow{TeR}_{NHPG}$ R = Bu, Ph, 2-Th $R^{1} = Bn,$ *i*-Pr,*i*-Bu, Me, H PG = Boc, Ts

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Chemistry of vinylidene complexes. XVIII. Synthesis and molecular structure of the novel trinuclear μ_3 -vinylidene complex CpReFePt(μ_3 -C=CHPh)(CO)₆(PPh₃) The heterometallic μ_3 -vinylidene complex CpReFePt(μ_3 -C=CHPh)(CO)₆(PPh₃) (2) is formed by consecutive reactions of Cp(CO)₂Re=C=CHPh with Pt(PPh₃)₄ and Cp(CO)₂RePt(μ -C=CHPh)(PPh₃)₂ (1) with Fe₂(CO)₃. Compound 2 is the first structurally characterized μ_3 -vinylidene cluster with the ReFePt core and belongs to the special type of vinylidene complexes with the central fragment including a chain of several different metal atoms.



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Protonation of palladium(II)-allyl and palladium(0)-olefin complexes containing 2-pyridyldiphenylphosphine

The pendant nitrogen atom of the Ph₂PPy ligand of some palladium(II)-allyl and palladium(0)-olefin complexes has been protonated with methanesulfonic acid. According to the NMR data of the protonated complexes the ligand upon protonation becomes a weaker σ -donor and a better π -acceptor.



 $L' = \eta^3$ -methallyl or η^2 -fumaronitrile L = Cl or PPh₂Py

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Synthesis and characterisation of two new binaphthyl trisilanes

The synthesis of two binaphthyl trisilanes is described. They have been characterised by ¹H, ¹³C and ²⁹Si NMR spectroscopy, and also by a crystal structure analysis for one of the compounds.





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