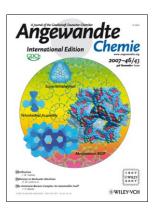
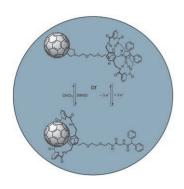
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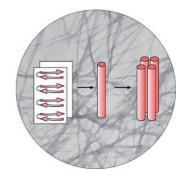


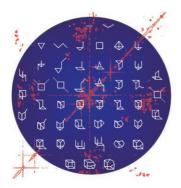
Molecular Machines

In their Minireview on page 8120 ff., D. M. Guldi et al. discuss how fullerenes are used as active components in molecular machinery such as rotaxanes, where their specific electron-acceptor and chromophoric properties can be applied to study and influence molecular motion.

Fibrillization

I. W. Hamley describes in his Review on page 8128 ff. the self-assembly of peptides into fibrils, and discusses both the natural amyloid-forming peptides and synthetic compounds such as peptide fragments, copolymers, and amphiphiles.





Aqueous Silicates

²⁹Si COSY NMR spectroscopy reveals the beautiful array of aqueous silicate anions that exist in equilibrium under alkaline conditions. The 48 structures identified by S. Kinrade and co-workers in their Communication on page 8148 ff. are shown.