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Planar boron rings ...

... were predicted some years ago by scientists studying gas-phase boron clusters as building blocks for designing new molecular and solid-state materials. In their Communication on page 13174 ff., B. P. T. Fokwa et al. report experiments and density functional calculations used in a synergistic manner for the discovery of the new ferromagnetic material, Nb₆Fe_{1-x}Ir_{6+x}B₈ (T_c = 350 K), containing in its crystal structure iron chains embedded in stacked B₆ rings.

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