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A picture of Hurricane Elena over the Gulf of Mexico taken from the space shuttle. The image is a graphic illustration of the atmosphere from space. The article by Monks in this issue on the gas-phase chemistry of the troposphere explores how chemistry controls the composition of the atmosphere.

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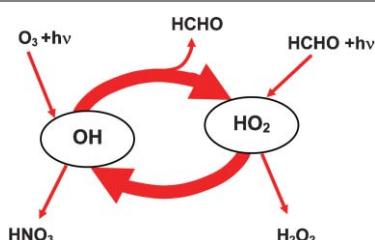
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Paul S. Monks

The chemistry of radical species is a critical part of controlling the composition of the atmosphere.



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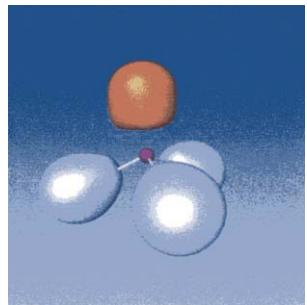
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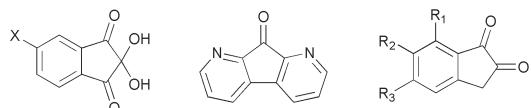
Ronald J. Gillespie and Edward A. Robinson

Various models such as the VSEPR, LCP, and VB models, have been developed to answer the question "What determines the geometry of a given molecule?" These models are discussed and compared in this tutorial review.

**The development of novel ninhydrin analogues**

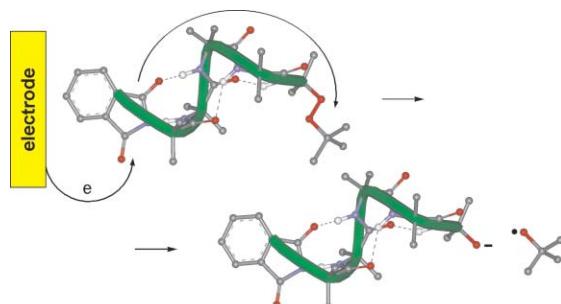
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The development of novel ninhydrin analogues for the detection of latent fingerprints.

**Intramolecular dissociative electron transfer**

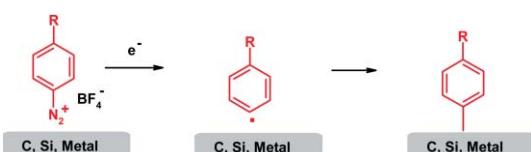
Sabrina Antonello and Flavio Maran*

There are chemical systems in which intramolecular electron transfer causes the cleavage of a σ -bond, either concertedly or by a stepwise mechanism. The main features and peculiarities of these dissociative electron transfer reactions are described and discussed.

**Attachment of organic layers to conductive or semiconductive surfaces by reduction of diazonium salts**

Jean Pinson* and Fetah Podvorica

Strong bonding of aryl groups to a variety of surfaces is achieved by electrochemical reduction of diazonium salts.





Activity of water in aqueous systems; A frequently neglected property

Mike J. Blandamer,* Jan B. F. N. Engberts,
Peter T. Gleeson and João Carlos R. Reis

The role of water activity is highlighted in aqueous solutions containing neutral solutes and salts (including seawater) with digressions into food chemistry, biochemistry and life sciences.

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