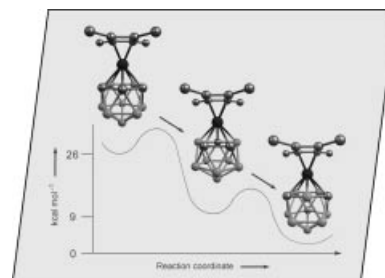


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COVER PICTURE

The cover picture shows the isomerization sequence of cobaltatetricarbollides $(C_4Me_4)Co(C_3B_8H_{11})$ prepared by using convenient synthons of the $(C_4Me_4)Co$ fragment. The isomerization is associated with progressive space separation of the negatively charged carbon atoms and correlates well with the calculated relative stabilities of non-methylated analogs. Introduction of an amino substituent at the cage carbon atom dramatically reduces the rearrangement barrier and changes the pathway of the process. Details are discussed in the article by A. R. Kudinov et al. on p. 1737 ff.



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