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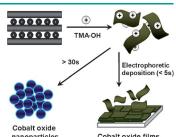


#### Monolayer Films

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Soft-Chemical Exfoliation Route to Layered Cobalt Oxide Monolayers and Its Application for Film Deposition and Nanoparticle Synthesis

**Layered CoO<sub>2</sub> nanosheets**: Exfoliated nanosheets of layered cobalt oxide can be synthesized through the intercalation of quaternary tetramethylammonium ions into protonated lithium cobalt oxide. The hexagonal lattice of layered cobalt oxide remains intact even after the exfoliation process (see scheme). Through the deposition of colloidal suspension, we can produce monodisperse cobalt oxide nanoparticles as well as the monolayer film of cobalt oxide.



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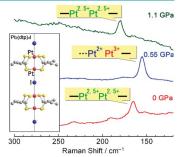


#### Phase Transitions

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Pressure-Induced Consecutive Phase Transitions of a Metallic MMX-Chain Complex,  $Pt_2(dtp)_4I$  ( $dtp: C_2H_5CS_2^-$ )

**Under pressure**: Raman spectra clearly reveal the signs of the electronic states. Raman spectroscopic studies on a metallic MMX-chain complex,  $Pt_2(dtp)_4I$ , under high pressure reveal that its electronic state changes with pressure as follows; AV ( $-Pt^{2.5+}-Pt^{2.5+}-I-$ ) and CP ( $\cdots Pt^{2+}-Pt^{3+}-I\cdots$ ) states (below 1.0 GPa), AV state (1.0–3.0 GPa), and CP state (above 3.0 GPa).



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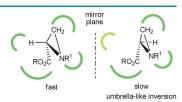


#### Nucleic Acids

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Structure and Replication of yDNA: A Novel Genetic Set Widened by Benzo-Homologation

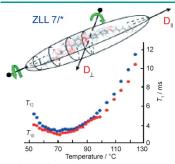
**Expanding horizons**: The first solution structure of the "yDNA" alternative genetic set, and studies of polymerase replication of yDNA pairs in vitro are described. The structure reveals an antiparallel, base-paired helix. Replication experiments show the extent and limits of the three yDNA pairings.



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# Liquid Crystals

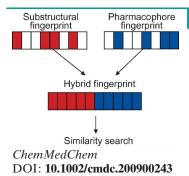
Molecular Fingerprints

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From the SmA to the Hexatic, Including the SmC\*, SmC\*\_A and SmC\*\_{re} Phases: A 2H NMR Relaxation Study

**A relaxing time study**: The dynamics of a liquid-crystalline smectogen in its rich variety of mesophases has been explored by means of spin–lattice ( $T_{\rm 1Q}$  and  $T_{\rm 1Z}$ ) and spin–spin ( $T_{\rm 2}$ ) <sup>2</sup>H NMR relaxation (see picture). A slowdown of dynamic motions affecting both the phenyl and biphenyl moieties is observed that corresponds to the antiferroelectric and re-entrant phases.

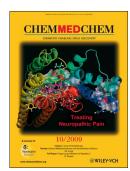




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Molecular Fingerprint Recombination: Generating Hybrid Fingerprints for Similarity Searching from Different Fingerprint Types

**Fingerprint recombination** is introduced as a methodology to generate hybrid fingerprints from original fingerprints of distinct design. Hybrid fingerprints combine preferred bit subsets from their parental fingerprints and emphasize compound class-specific features during similarity searching, which leads to consistent improvements in search performance. This new fingerprint design strategy is generally applicable to fingerprint representations where individual bit positions are associated with defined chemical information.





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#### Metrics

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#### **Sustainable Chemistry Metrics**

**Green machine**: There are many parameters that attempt to quantify the sustainability of chemical reactions or methods. This Concept article evaluates and interconnects these parameters, and describes their suitability for assessing different parts of complex processes. Particular emphasis is placed on the necessity of integrating these metrics into everyday practice.



# R Ar NH<sub>2</sub>HCI (RS)-3b: (R,S)-3b: (R,S)-3

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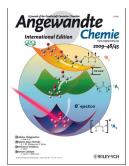
# Asymmetric Catalysis

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Homogeneous Chiral Nickel-Catalyzed Asymmetric Hydrogenation of Substituted Aromatic  $\alpha$ -Aminoketone Hydrochlorides through Dynamic Kinetic Resolution

Vive la résolution: Homogeneous chiral nickel complexes catalyze the asymmetric hydrogenation of substituted aromatic  $\alpha$ -aminoketone hydrochlorides through dynamic kinetic resolution to afford medicinally important  $\beta$ -aminoalcohols with excellent diastereo- and enantioselectivities.





# Molecular Logic

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Old Molecules, New Concepts:  $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$  as a Molecular Encoder—Decoder

**Totally logical:** The well-known complex  $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$  (bpy=2,2'-bipyridine) can perform as both a 4-to-2 encoder and a 2-to-4 decoder (see picture; gray C, blue N, red Ru) by a combination of electronic and photonic inputs and outputs. The system can be reset in situ without the addition of chemical reagents. This approach is considered as an alternative route to solid-state molecular electronics and the design and construction of chemical computers.



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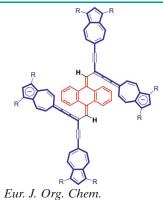


# Stabilized Electrochromics

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Towards the Preparation of Electrochromic Materials with Strong Absorption in the Near-Infrared Region: Synthesis and Redox Behavior of Azulene-Substituted Enediyne Scaffolds Connected by a 9,10-Anthracenediyl Spacer

Enediyne scaffolds connected by a 9,10-anthracenediyl spacer as a redox-active substructure with 6-azulenyl groups as  $\pi$ -electron-accepting groups in their periphery have been prepared. An electrochromic analysis revealed that these products developed strong absorption in the near-IR region corresponding to the formation of stabilized dianionic species.



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