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Steering Asymmetric Catalysis with Metal-Centered Chirality



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Abstract: Over the past few years, our laboratory has advanced the design and application of a novel class of powerful asymmetric catalysts in which the required overall chirality originates solely from a stereogenic metal. Such chiral-at-metal catalysts are of interest due

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to their intrinsic structural simplicity (only achiral ligands) and provide untapped opportunities with respect to novel catalyst architectures and properties. Our initial design consisted of biscyclometalated Ir(III) complexes. More, recently, we expanded the family of chiral-at-metal catalysts to Ru(II) bis-(pyridyl-NHC) complexes. Most of these propeller-type complexes feature C_2 -symmetry with either Λ - (left-handed screw) or Δ -configuration (right-handed screw).

The presentation will provide insight into the design, synthesis, and applications of such chiral-at-metal catalysts including asymmetric photocatalysis, electrochemistry, and enantioselective C(sp³)-H aminations.