Construction and Destruction of Coordination Cages

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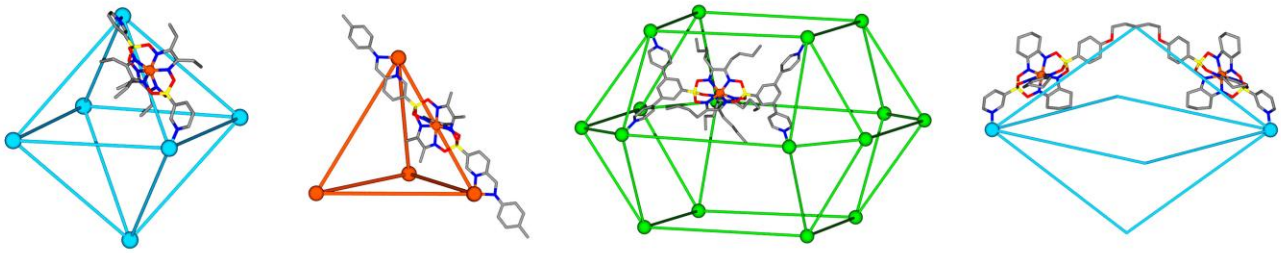
The lecture summarizes efforts to build coordination cages. Different molecular architectures are described, including cages with unusual gyrobifastigium or square orthobicupola-like structures. I will show that metalloligands are particularly well suited to build large assemblies (> 3 nm) with minimal synthetic efforts. Furthermore, I will describe attempts to synthesize cages of low symmetry. In the final part of the lecture, I will discuss different possibilities to destroy coordination cages. It is shown that the relative stability of such cages is highly context-dependent.



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