as a useful source of data and of expositions. There is an excellent first chapter on ruthenium(II) and osmium(II) polypyridine complexes, in the usual terse style of N. Sutin and C. Creutz, followed by more specialized chapters by other groups. Similar complexes of chromium(III) are discussed by M. S. Henry and M. Z. Hoffman. There follow several papers on various metal carbonyl and arene complexes, concluding with a stimulating discussion of photogenerated catalysts by Wrighton. Two papers explicitly discuss systems relevant to solar energy; H. B. Gray and co-workers discuss isocyanide complexes and their redox cycles, and C. Kutal examines energy storage through photoinduced endoergic isomerization.

A unifying theme in a collection such as this one should be that photochemistry, as well as photophysical processes such as emission, proceeds from thermally equilibrated excited states. One is repeatedly impressed with the growing knowledge of standard redox potentials of such states, for example. Some distinct name is needed to emphasize that such states constitute a thermodynamic ensemble; they are good chemical species possessing structure and thermodynamic properties such as entropy and free energy. My colleagues and I and other workers have used "thexi state" for "thermally equilibrated excited state." A thexi state is essentially an isomer of the ground state. Some of the discussions in the book are satisfyingly explicit on this point. In others, unfortunately, the word "state" is used sloppily and with no indication of the distinction between a thexi state and Franck-Condon or other nonequilibrium collection of spectroscopic species. For example, band maxima positions are nice to know for purposes of identification, but they usually do not even approximately correspond to thexi state energies. Discussions involving energetics in this book do not always make clear which type of energy (band maximum or thexi state) is being used (and why). Some of the discussions are unconvincing, and there are at least two figures that are closer to modern art than to modern science

It is a pleasure to see in this book further evidence of the growing maturity of the "second" chemistry, that of thexi states. The papers illustrate both the diversity of the field and the sophistication of experimental and conceptual approaches now in use.

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