

Vignettes: Mathematical Works

The pages are wrinkled and darkened with coffee stains and not in any order. Mathematics dominates the words, which peer tentatively between equations like timid forest animals. Most of these few furtive words are of the species of It obviously follows that, or Thus, or An excellent approximation is

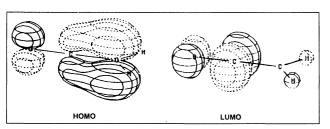
—From Good Benito, a novel by Alan Lightman (Pantheon)

[Johann] Radon was an internationally recognized authority. He was also rather nervous. Once it took him two blackboards to derive 0 = 0. "Das is richtig," he said with sadness in his voice; "aber es hilft uns nicht weiter."

—Paul Feyerabend, in Killing Time: The Autobiography of Paul Feyerabend (University of Chicago Press)

tude range; not be a part of a larger system; and have separations between members that are comparable to the size of the galaxies themselves. Groups meeting these criteria were identified by a search of Palomar Sky Survey red prints and were further studied observationally by a number of workers at various telescopes to obtain information on optical spectra, redshifts, and radio, infrared, and x-ray emissions. The illustrations provided are digitally combined and processed images obtained with the 3.6-meter Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope. The atlas proper consists of two-page treatments of each of 100 groups—60 quartets, 25 quintets, 8 sextets, 6 septets, and 1 octet—arranged and numbered in order of increasing right ascension of the group center. For each group a page of photographs is accompanied by a schematic diagram, a one-paragraph general description of the group, and two tables listing data (where available) on 12 properties of the group and 13 of each of the member galaxies.

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Frontier molecular orbitals of ketene. ''The most distinguishing feature of the electronic structure of ketene is the presence of the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) perpendicular to the ketene plane, and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) in the ketene plane. These place substantial negative charge on oxygen and G_{β} and positive charge on C_{α} , and show that electrophiles are expected to attack ketene perpendicular to the molecular plane at the former positions, while nucleophiles will approach in the plane at the latter position.' [From Ketenes; F. P. Cossio et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 115, 995–1004 (1993)]

Ketenes. THOMAS T. TIDWELL. Wiley, New York, 1995. xvi, 665 pp., illus. \$69.95 or £70.

Ketenes—molecules containing the C=C=O grouping—were first prepared and characterized by Hermann Staudinger and by N. T. M. Wilsmore in the first decade of this century, and Staudinger published the first monograph on ketene chemistry in 1912. Various reviews of the subject have been published since, but a comprehensive, up-todate work has been lacking. Given that a thorough treatment on the model of Staudinger's would no longer be possible within reasonable compass, Tidwell has in the present work set out to provide an introduction to "almost all aspects" of the subject by keeping the discussions relatively brief and providing "leading references" for full detail. A short historical introduction includes mention of the importance of ketenes in the production of acetic acid, penicillins, prostaglandins, and quinones. The first main chapter describes some recent theoretical

> studies of ketenes, and the second summarizes their spectroscopy and physical properties. Chapter 3 (98 pages) outlines preparation methods, and in chapter 4 (396 pages) the types of ketenes (carbon-substituted, nitrogen-substituted, oxygen-substituted, and so on) are enumerated on the basis of a search of the Chemical Abstracts Registry File. The fifth and final chapter of the book (212 pages) covers reactions, from oxidation and reduction through nucleophilic and electrophilic addition

to polymerization, stereoselectivity, and miscellaneous "other additions." Tables as well as structural diagrams are used to present the information, and the chapters of the book are subdivided according to a decimal system, with subheadings given in a detailed table of contents and each subdivision having its own reference list. The names of those authors who are mentioned in the text are included in the index that ends the work.

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