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
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Five minutes with...



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Tell us about your book

For most of the history of scientific endeavour, science has been recorded on paper. In this digital era, however, there is increasing pressure to abandon paper in favour of digital tools. This book examines the importance of record-keeping in science, current record-keeping practices, and the role of technology for enabling the effective capture, storage, sharing, and preservation of scientific data. It focuses on the roles and design of Electronic Laboratory Notebooks (ELNs) and data management systems in particular, including an in-depth discussion of the barriers and potential pitfalls of these technologies together with some best practices for overcoming them.

What do you think will be the next big breakthrough in your subject area?

Personally, I think being able to use digital tools in a more naturalistic way will help to encourage adoption. Writing and drawing in a notebook is very easy and natural, but recording on a computer is harder. Now we are beginning to get interfaces, that allow detailed writing and drawing. Future developments could enable the user to talk directly to the ELN to call up previous results or to dictate observations and measurements during an experiment. Another area where I think important developments will be made is in the interaction between ELNs and other systems. I think there is huge value to be gained by enabling users to click a button that automatically packages and uploads all the appropriate data, metadata, and documentation for a research project directly to a repository or publisher.

What is the current take up of ELN and how has it been received?

The take up of ELNs is variable across different sectors. Although ELNs are widely used in industry, they are by no means ubiquitous. Within academia there is a lot of interest in implementing ELNs, but most researchers are still recording their research using paper notebooks. There are a number of challenges with ELNs, common concerns are the cost of licenses, issues around where the data is stored for privacy and security reasons, and the usability of the software itself. In my experience, users who collaborate in their research are most positive, but other users only become positive once they use them and see the benefits of being able to easily organise and access their research.

Looking back what is the biggest development in your area of research?

There has been gradual progress over a long period of time, but I think the most significant is probably the development of web-based ELNs, particularly those using the Cloud. Although these are not suitable for all organisations, they are useful for individuals, small teams, and those wanting to try out ELNs. Many of the online ELNs are free to use or have a free trial option. The majority are quite generic, and can potentially be used by any discipline, overcoming the inflexibility of some of the more complex ELNs available. The generic design also means they tend to be relatively easy to use. Having the content accessible from anywhere, including on mobile, also provides the flexibility to create content without being tied to a particular machine that has an appropriate license.

Five minutes with...



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Tell us about your book

Noncovalent interactions can have an important impact on the energetics and structures of molecules, as well as on their reactivity and on the selectivity of their reactions. In fact, these weak forces can play an essential role in the action of nature's catalysts, enzymes, (as well as in organocatalysis, metal catalysed systems, cooperative catalysis, etc.), namely by lowering the kinetic barriers of reactions through transition state stabilisation(s). The crucial role of the majority of types of noncovalent interactions in the stabilisation of intermediates is highlighted in both homogenous and heterogeneous catalyses. We believe the book will be useful for synthetic chemists that are interested in the design of catalysts and discovery of new catalytic reaction pathways.


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A catalyst can bring reactants together and promote their reaction by noncovalent interactions (e.g., involving a transition state). Among these weak forces, hydrogen bonding, cation- π and anion- π interactions have already been well explored in some types of reactions of organocatalysis. We believe that other types of catalytic reactions, namely in cooperative catalysis and transition-metal catalysis, will also be found to be effectively assisted by noncovalent interactions. Additionally, other forms of noncovalent interactions, such as σ -hole bonds, could in the future hold an important position in synthesis and catalysis. We expect that the catalysis of this century will be largely driven by noncovalent interactions.

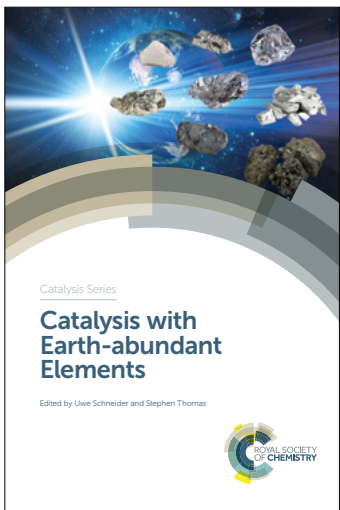
What was the biggest challenge you faced when writing your book?

The biggest challenge was to gather internationally renowned scientists, in the various areas of expertise, with complementary viewpoints, to cover all the important and promising fields concerning noncovalent interactions in catalysis. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the authors who accepted our invitation for their excellent contributions.



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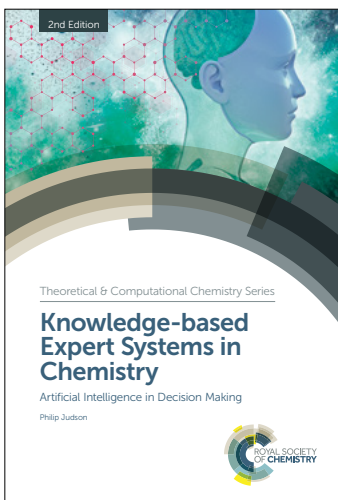
Noncovalent Interactions in Catalysis

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Noncovalent interactions (such as hydrogen bonds, π - π stacking and lipophilic interactions) often provide the spine of biomolecular and material structures, and can therefore play a key role in biological and catalytic processes. This book provides an overview of the role of different types of noncovalent interactions in both homogenous and heterogeneous catalysis. With chapters contributed by experts from around the world it is a valuable resource for synthetic chemists who are interested in exploring and further developing noncovalent interaction-assisted synthesis and catalysis.

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Recording Science in the Digital Era

From Paper to Electronic Notebooks and Other Digital Tools

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Electronic lab notebooks (ELNs) are tools that allow experimental protocols and data to be captured digitally; they are analogous to the more traditional paper and pen. In theory, they make it easier to capture, store and share experimental data. However, adoption has been slow in the academic sector. This book provides a description of how and why scientists record data, an overview of the current ELN technology available and the benefits and pitfalls of using them for those interested in implementing digital data solutions within their research groups or departments.

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