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A molecular crystal with an unprecedentedly long-lived photoexcited state

UV-irradiation on a square-planar coordinate Au(III)-complex in the solid state results in a molecular distortion into a non-planar coordinate with a relaxation time of about a week at room temperature. This kind of material would enable "photon-storage" in the future, if we can make them luminescent.



