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1998 he undertook the role of "Director of Research" at the Laboratoire de Chimie de Coordination du CNRS. From 1998 to 2005, he was the Director of the Laboratoire d'Hotrochimie Fondamentale et Appliquée at the University Paul Sabatier (Toulouse). Since 2001 he is Distinguished Professor and the Director of the UCR/CNRS Joint Research Chemistry Laboratory at the University of California at Riverside, the first permanent French science laboratory in the United States.

For many years, challenging the rules in chemistry textbooks was one of his sources of inspiration, as exemplified by his quest for stable carbenes, diradicals, bent allenes, etc. He still likes to tame reactive molecules, but he also wants to transform these



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