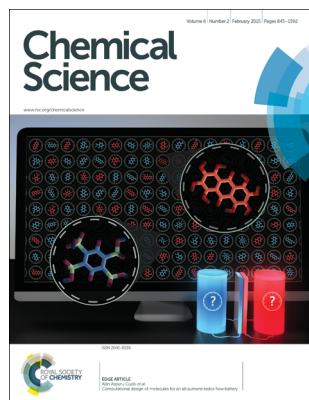


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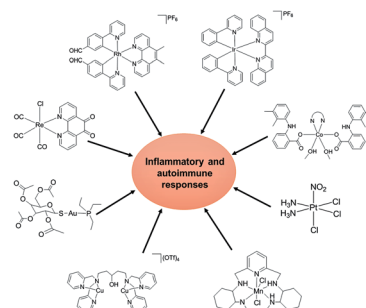
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Metal complexes as potential modulators of inflammatory and autoimmune responses

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In this perspective, we highlight recent examples in the development of transition metal complexes as modulators of inflammatory and autoimmune responses.



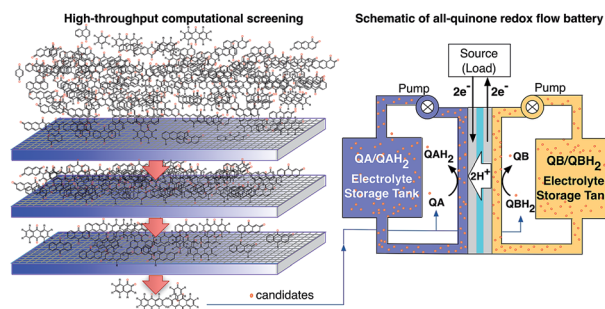
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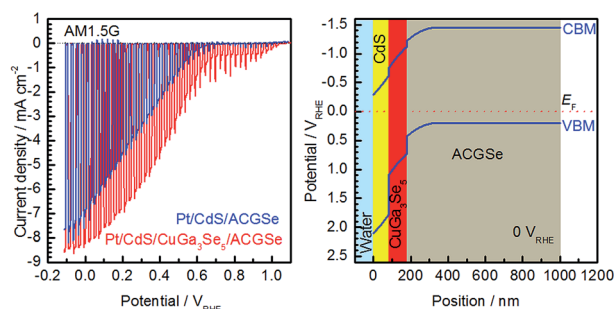


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The multilayer structure enhances the hydrogen evolution from water under simulated sunlight.

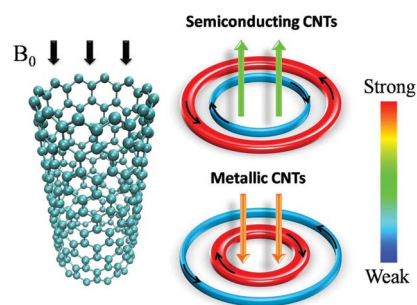


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Pengju Ren, Anmin Zheng, Jianping Xiao, Xiulian Pan and Xinhe Bao*

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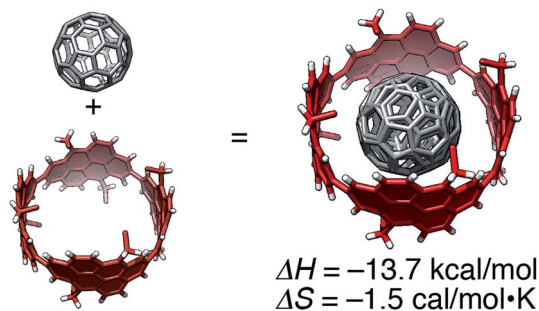


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Molecular recognition in curved π -systems: effects of π -lengthening of tubular molecules on thermodynamics and structures

Taisuke Matsuno, Sota Sato, Ryosuke Iizuka and Hiroyuki Isobe*

The thermodynamics and molecular structure of a supramolecular complex between a tubular molecule, (P)-(12,8)-[4]cyclo-2,8-anthanthrenylene, and fullerene were investigated.

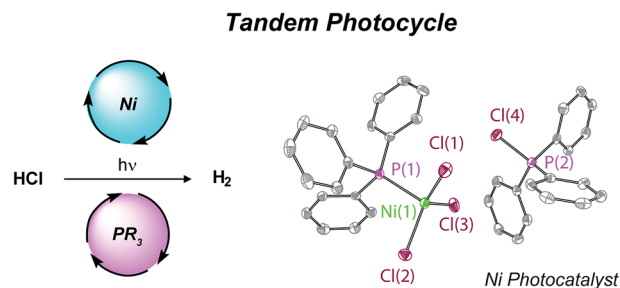


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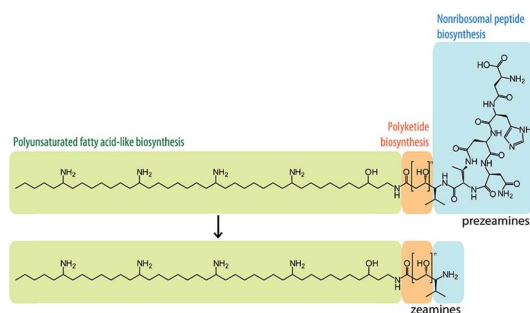
Tandem redox mediator/Ni(II) trihalide complex photocycle for hydrogen evolution from HCl

Seung Jun Hwang, David C. Powers, Andrew G. Maher and Daniel G. Nocera*

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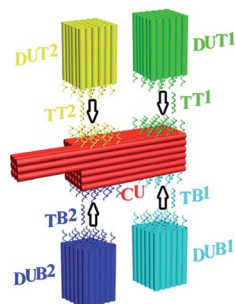


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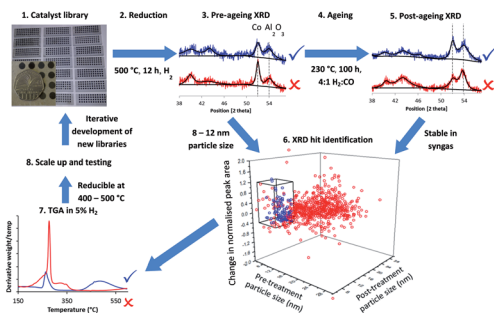


Multiplexed DNA detection based on positional encoding/decoding with self-assembled DNA nanostructures

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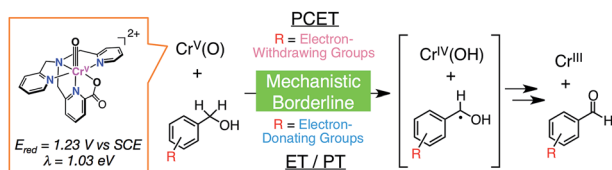


Proxy-based accelerated discovery of Fischer–Tropsch catalysts

Paul Boldrin, James R. Gallagher, Gary B. Combes, Dan I. Enache, David James, Peter R. Ellis, Gordon Kelly, John B. Claridge and Matthew J. Rosseinsky*

High-throughput XRD and TGA are used to screen hundreds of candidate Fischer–Tropsch synthesis catalyst samples per month for particle size, reducibility and stability under operating conditions. A series of highly stable catalysts based on Co–Ru–Mg–Al₂O₃ are identified.

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Formation and characterization of a reactive chromium(v)–oxo complex: mechanistic insight into hydrogen-atom transfer reactions

Hiroaki Kotani,* Suzue Kaida, Tomoya Ishizuka, Miyuki Sakaguchi, Takashi Ogura, Yoshihito Shiota, Kazunari Yoshizawa and Takahiko Kojima*

Mechanistic insights were gained into hydrogen-atom transfer reactions from benzyl alcohol derivatives with different oxidation potentials to a highly reactive Cr(v)–oxo complex to reveal switching of reaction mechanisms.

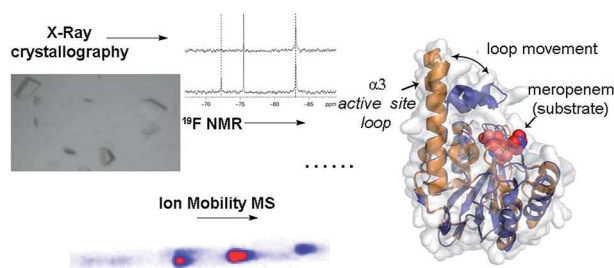


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Studying the active-site loop movement of the São Paulo metallo- β -lactamase-1

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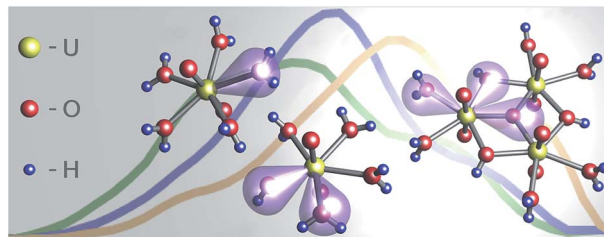


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Combining luminescence spectroscopy, parallel factor analysis and quantum chemistry to reveal metal speciation – a case study of uranyl(VI) hydrolysis

Björn Drobot*, Robin Steudtner, Johannes Raff, Gerhard Geipel, Vinzenz Brendler and Satoru Tsushima*

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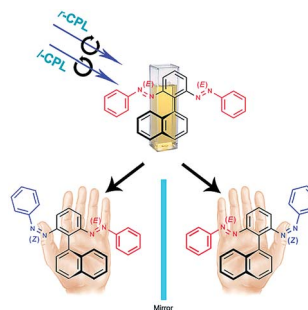


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Dynamic induction of enantiomeric excess from a prochiral azobenzene dimer under circularly polarized light

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We demonstrate the simultaneous induction of chirality and enantiomeric excess from a prochiral azobenzene dimer *via* a chiral regioisomer formed *in situ* upon CPL irradiation.

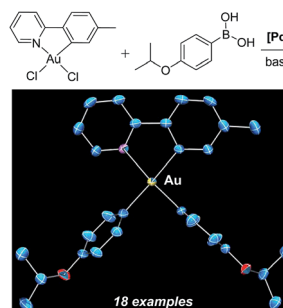


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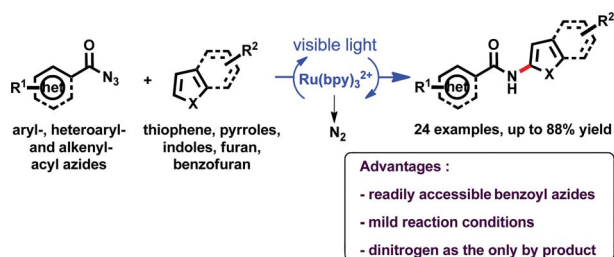
Suzuki–Miyaura coupling of arylboronic acids to gold(III)

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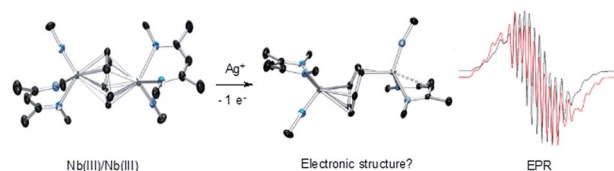


Visible light C–H amidation of heteroarenes with benzoyl azides

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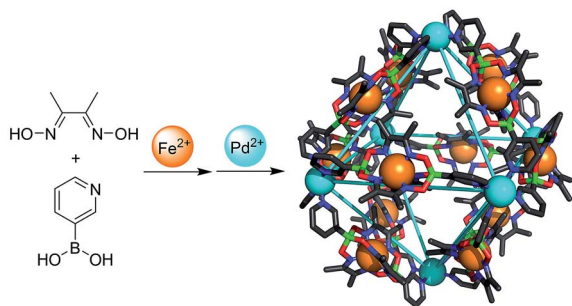


Electron localization in a mixed-valence diniobium benzene complex

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One electron oxidation of a neutral diniobium benzene complex leads to a mixed-valence species. Single crystal X-ray diffraction, EPR, $L_{3,2}$ -edge XANES, and DFT indicate that the unpaired electron is localized on one metal center.

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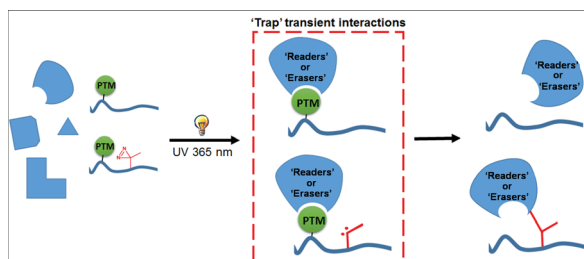


Large, heterometallic coordination cages based on ditopic metallo-ligands with 3-pyridyl donor groups

Matthew D. Wise, Julian J. Holstein, Philip Pattison, Celine Besnard, Euro Solari, Rosario Scopelliti, Gerard Bricogne and Kay Severin*

The two-step synthesis of large, heterometallic coordination cages based on ditopic 3-pyridyl ligands is described.

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Developing diazirine-based chemical probes to identify histone modification 'readers' and 'erasers'

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New chemical tools to 'trap' post translational modification (PTM)-mediated protein–protein interactions.

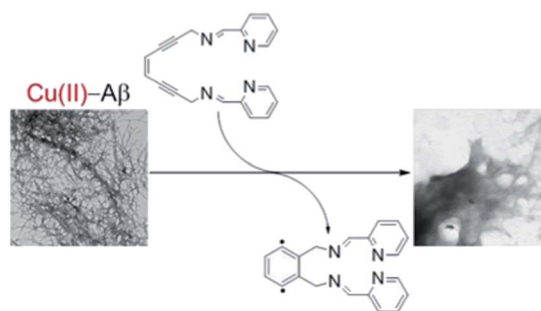


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Chelation-induced diradical formation as an approach to modulation of the amyloid- β aggregation pathway

Meghan R. Porter, Akiko Kochi, Jonathan A. Karty, Mi Hee Lim* and Jeffrey M. Zaleski*

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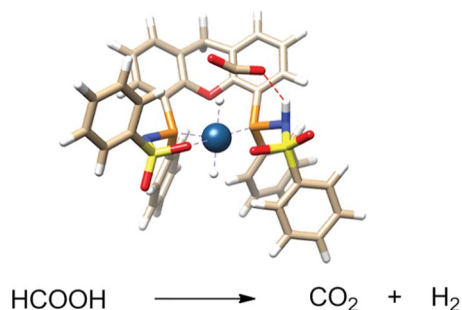


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Dehydrogenation of formic acid by Ir-bisMETAMORPhos complexes: experimental and computational insight into the role of a cooperative ligand

Sander Oldenhof, Martin Lutz, Bas de Bruin, Jarl Ivar van der Vlugt and Joost N. H. Reek*

The synthesis of Ir-complexes with three bisMETAMORPhos ligands is reported. The activity of these systems towards HCOOH dehydrogenation and the dual role of the ligand during catalysis is discussed, using spectroscopic and computational methods.

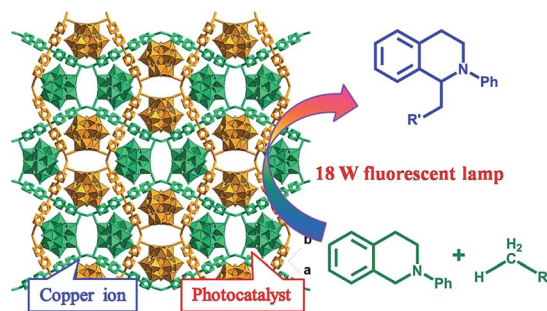


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Merging of the photocatalysis and copper catalysis in metal-organic frameworks for oxidative C-C bond formation

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A new approach to merge Cu-catalysis/Ru-photocatalysis within one single MOF was achieved by incorporating $[\text{SiW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}\text{Ru}(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{5-}$ into Cu-BPY MOFs.

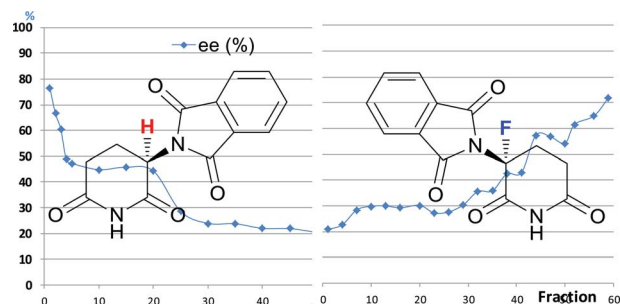


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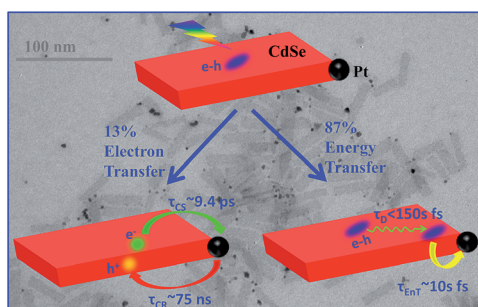
Self-disproportionation of enantiomers of thalidomide and its fluorinated analogue via gravity-driven achiral chromatography: mechanistic rationale and implications

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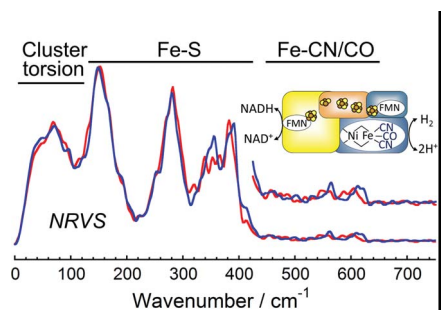


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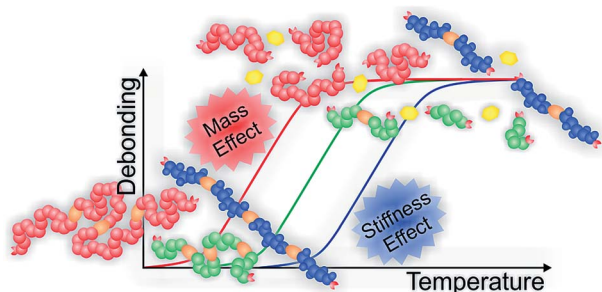


Nuclear resonance vibrational spectroscopy reveals the FeS cluster composition and active site vibrational properties of an O₂-tolerant NAD⁺-reducing [NiFe] hydrogenase

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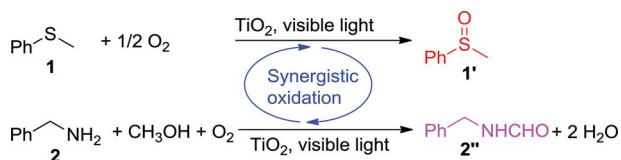


Entropy driven chain effects on ligation chemistry

Kai Pahnke, Josef Brandt, Ganna Gryn'ova, Peter Lindner, Ralf Schweins, Friedrich Georg Schmidt, Albena Lederer,* Michelle L. Coote* and Christopher Barner-Kowollik*

Entropic chain effects on dynamic bonding reactions are shown to enable the tuning of reaction equilibria not only by changing the mass of the reactants, but also by merely altering the building block side chain structure and thus the intrinsic stiffness. The findings enable a step change for the design of on-demand bonding systems and reversible ligation chemistry in general.

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Synergistic photocatalytic aerobic oxidation of sulfides and amines on TiO₂ under visible-light irradiation

Xianjun Lang, Wan Ru Leow, Jincai Zhao* and Xiaodong Chen*

Visible-light-induced selective oxygenation of sulfides and oxidative formylation of amines in methanol with dioxygen were synergistically achieved on titanium dioxide.



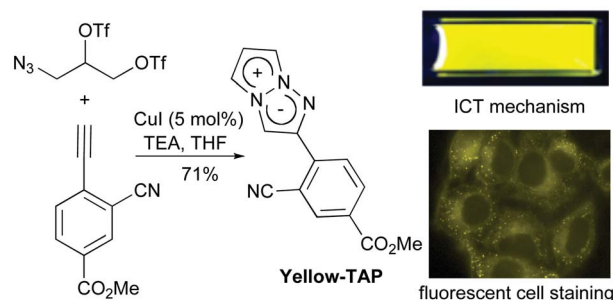
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Synthesis of yellow and red fluorescent 1,3a,6a-triazapentalenes and the theoretical investigation of their optical properties

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To expand the function of the fluorescent 1,3a,6a-triazapentalenes as labelling reagents, their fluorescence wavelength was extended to the red color region.

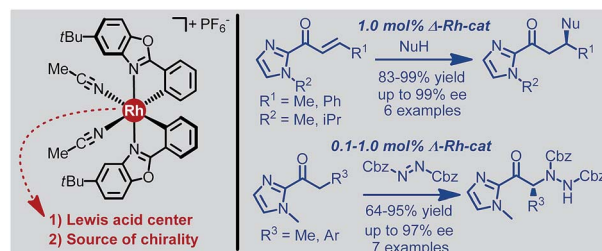


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Asymmetric Lewis acid catalysis directed by octahedral rhodium centrochirality

Chuanyong Wang, Liang-An Chen, Haohua Huo, Xiaodong Shen, Klaus Harms, Lei Gong and Eric Meggers*

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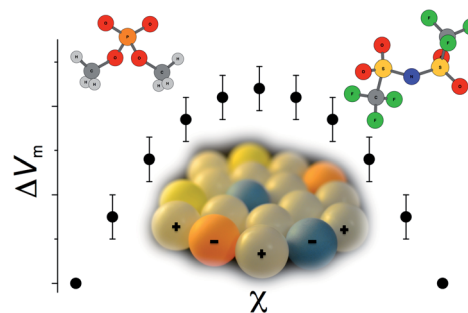


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A physicochemical investigation of ionic liquid mixtures

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A comprehensive study of ionic liquid mixtures reveals a remarkable adhesion to ideal mixing laws, with some consistent exceptions.

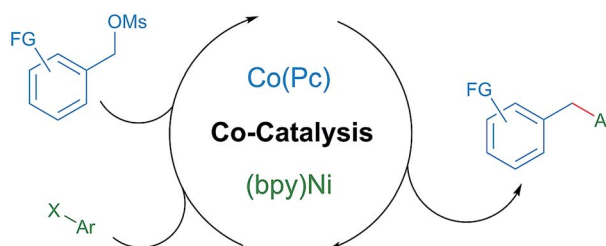


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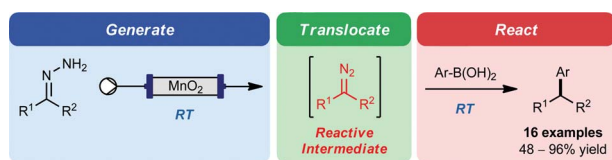
Cobalt co-catalysis for cross-electrophile coupling: diarylmethanes from benzyl mesylates and aryl halides

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Cobalt phthalocyanine mediated generation of benzylic radicals from benzylic sulfonate esters enables the selective nickel-catalyzed synthesis of diarylmethanes.



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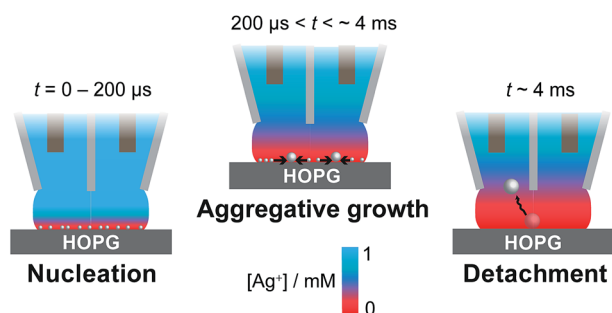


Flow chemistry as a discovery tool to access sp^2 – sp^3 cross-coupling reactions *via* diazo compounds

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The room temperature sp^2 – sp^3 cross-coupling of flow-generated diazo compounds with boronic acids is reported.

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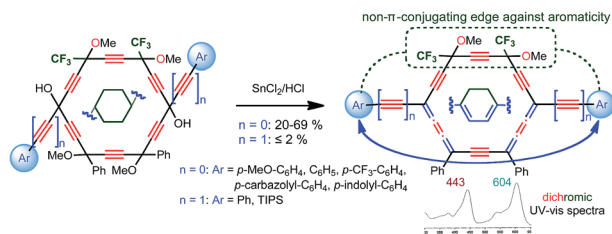


Nucleation, aggregative growth and detachment of metal nanoparticles during electrodeposition at electrode surfaces

Stanley C. S. Lai,* Robert A. Lazenby, Paul M. Kirkman and Patrick R. Unwin*

A nucleation-aggregative growth-detachment mechanism is proposed as an important feature of the electrodeposition of silver nanoparticles on basal plane highly oriented pyrolytic graphite (HOPG).

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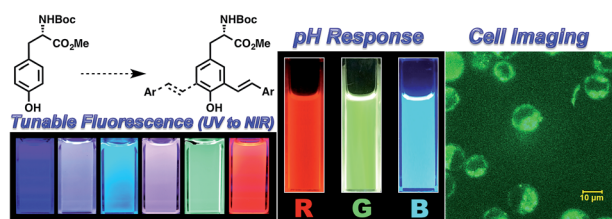


Carbo-cyclohexadienes *vs.* carbo-benzenes: structure and conjugative properties

Arnaud Rives, Iaroslav Baglai, Cécile Barthes, Valérie Maraval,* Nathalie Saffon-Merceron, Alix Saquet, Zoia Voitenko, Yulian Volovenko and Remi Chauvin*

Stable dichromic *carbo*-cyclohexadiene chromophores are synthesised, selectively with respect to the corresponding *carbo*-benzenes, by fluorine "chemical locking".

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Tyrosine-derived stimuli responsive, fluorescent amino acids

Pradeep Cheruku, Jen-Huang Huang, Hung-Ju Yen, Rashi S. Iyer, Kirk D. Rector, Jennifer S. Martinez and Hsing-Lin Wang*

A series of fluorescent unnatural amino acids (UAAs) bearing stilbene and *meta*-phenylenevinylene (*m*-PPV) backbone have been synthesized by palladium-catalyzed Heck couplings.

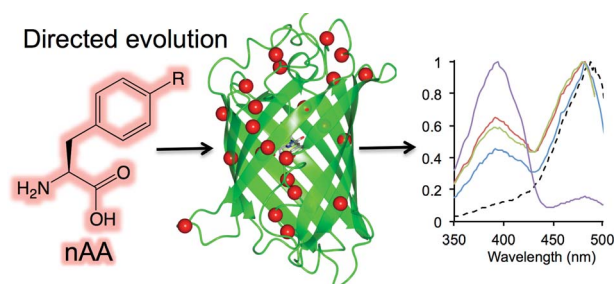


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Directed evolution of GFP with non-natural amino acids identifies residues for augmenting and photoswitching fluorescence

Samuel C. Reddington, Amy J. Baldwin, Rebecca Thompson, Andrea Brancale, Eric M. Tippmann and D. Dafydd Jones*

Genetic code reprogramming allows proteins to sample new chemistry through targeted introduction of non-natural amino acids. By combining with random codon replacement, residues traditionally overlooked can be identified as instilling new properties on a target protein.

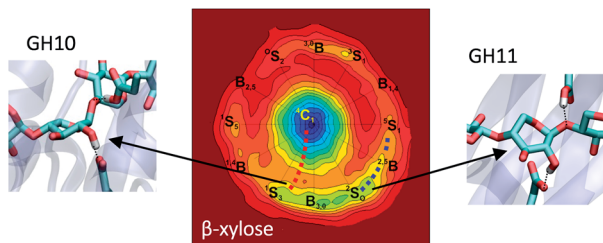


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The complete conformational free energy landscape of β -xylose reveals a two-fold catalytic itinerary for β -xylanases

Javier Iglesias-Fernández, Lluís Raich, Albert Ardèvol and Carme Rovira*

Ab initio conformational free energy landscapes, together with molecular dynamics simulations, enable to predict the catalytic itineraries of β -xylanase enzymes.

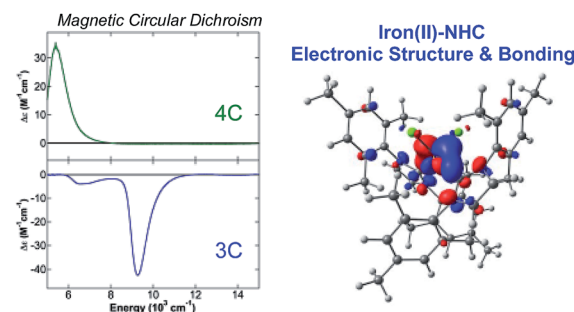


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A combined magnetic circular dichroism and density functional theory approach for the elucidation of electronic structure and bonding in three- and four-coordinate iron(II)–N-heterocyclic carbene complexes

Kathlyn L. Fillman, Jacob A. Przyowski, Malik H. Al-Afyouni, Zachary J. Tonzetich and Michael L. Neidig*

Studies of electronic structure and bonding in iron(II)–NHC complexes using a combined magnetic circular dichroism and DFT approach.

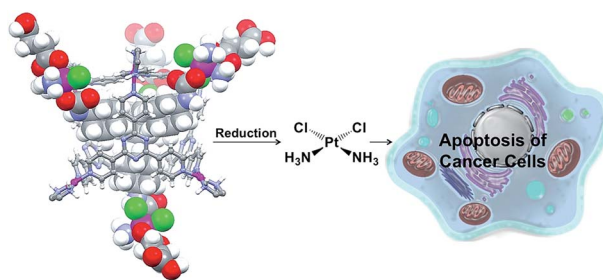


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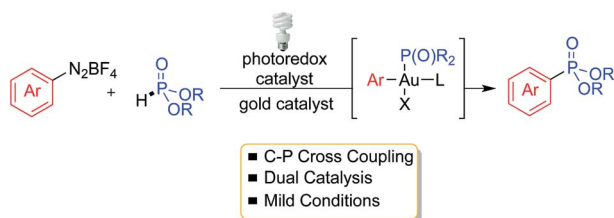
Encapsulation of Pt(IV) prodrugs within a Pt(II) cage for drug delivery

Yao-Rong Zheng, Kogularamanan Suntharalingam, Timothy C. Johnstone and Stephen J. Lippard*

This report describes a novel strategy for delivery of adamantyl-functionalized payloads using a supramolecular system, with a focus on Pt(IV) prodrugs.



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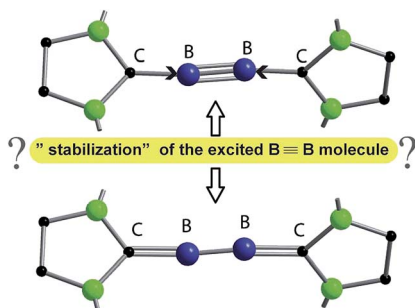


A dual catalytic strategy for carbon–phosphorus cross-coupling *via* gold and photoredox catalysis

Ying He, Hongmiao Wu and F. Dean Toste*

A new method for the *P*-arylation of aryldiazonium salts with *H*-phosphonates *via* dual gold and photoredox catalysis is described.

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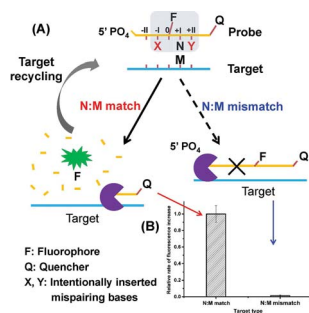


The boron–boron triple bond? A thermodynamic and force field based interpretation of the N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC) stabilization procedure

R. Köppe and H. Schnöckel*

From thermodynamic and force constant discussion a new description of bonding of $B_2(NHC)_2$ (NHC = N-heterocyclic carbene $C_3N_2H_2(C_6H_3Pr'_2-2,6)_2$) as $NHC \equiv B \equiv B \equiv NHC$ rather than $NHC \rightarrow B \equiv B \leftarrow NHC$ is given.

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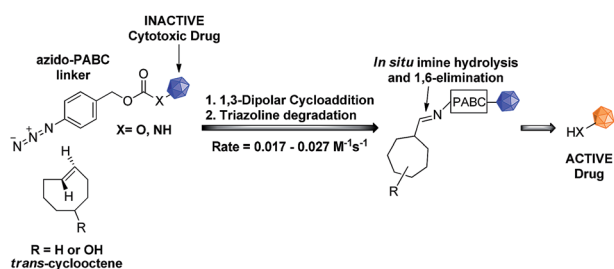


Enzyme-mediated single-nucleotide variation detection at room temperature with high discrimination factor

Tongbo Wu, Xianjin Xiao, Zhe Zhang and Meiping Zhao*

We present a novel strategy for the highly selective detection of single-nucleotide variation at room temperature, based on an extremely specific interaction between Lambda exonuclease (λ exo) and a chemically modified DNA structure.

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Bioorthogonal prodrug activation driven by a strain-promoted 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition

Siddharth S. Matikonda, Douglas L. Orsi, Verena Staudacher, Imogen A. Jenkins, Franziska Fiedler, Jiayi Chen and Allan B. Gamble*

Bioorthogonal prodrug activation controlled by the reaction of a *trans*-cyclooctene with an azide-functionalized prodrug is presented.



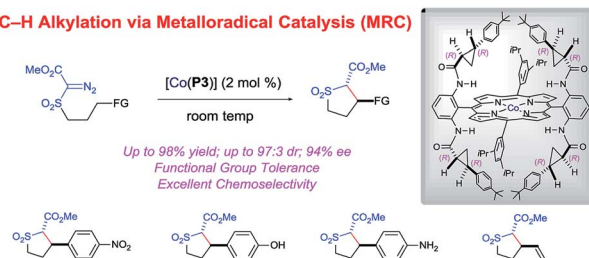
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Stereoselective radical C–H alkylation with acceptor/acceptor-substituted diazo reagents via Co(II)-based metalloradical catalysis

Xin Cui, Xue Xu, Li-Mei Jin, Lukasz Wojtas and X. Peter Zhang*

Co(II)-based metalloradical catalysis has, for the first time, been successfully applied for asymmetric intramolecular C–H alkylation of acceptor/acceptor-substituted diazo reagents.

C–H Alkylation via Metalloradical Catalysis (MRC)

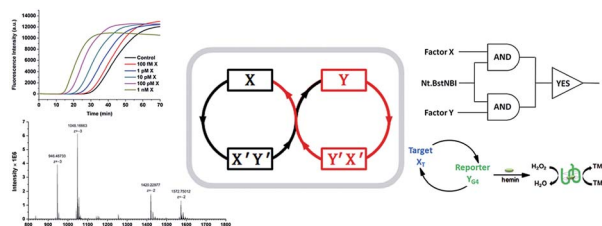


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DNA cross-triggered cascading self-amplification artificial biochemical circuit

Ji Nie, Ming-Zhe Zhao, Wen Jun Xie, Liang-Yuan Cai, Ying-Lin Zhou* and Xin-Xiang Zhang*

A novel DNA cross-triggered cascading self-amplification artificial biochemical circuit can be triggered by either of two fully independent oligonucleotide factors (~ 2 amol) and amplify both of them by 10^5 – 10^7 fold.

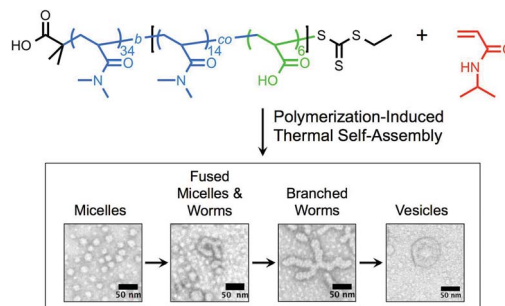


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Polymerization-induced thermal self-assembly (PITSA)

C. Adrian Figg, Alexandre Simula, Kalkidan A. Gebre, Bryan S. Tucker, David M. Haddleton and Brent S. Sumerlin*

Polymerization-induced thermal self-assembly (PITSA) was conducted using thermoresponsive poly(*N*-isopropylacrylamide) to result in micelle, worm, and vesicle polymeric morphologies.

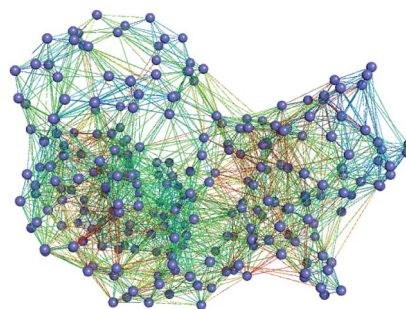


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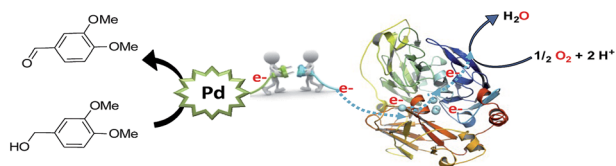
Elizabeth A. Proctor, Pradeep Kota, Andrei A. Aleksandrov, Lihua He, John R. Riordan and Nikolay V. Dokholyan*

A novel approach identifying networks of residues involved in *trans*-protein dynamic coupling is applied to rescue mutant CFTR.



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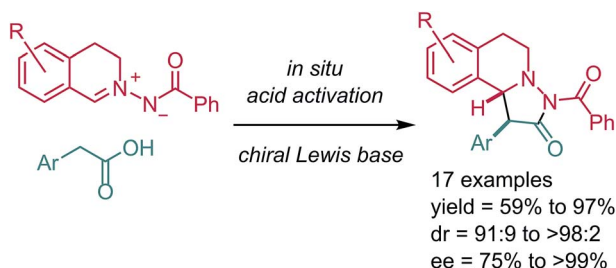
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**Laccases as palladium oxidases**

Yasmina Mekmouche,^{*} Ludovic Schneider, Pierre Rousselot-Pailley, Bruno Faure, A. Jalila Simaan, Constance Bochot, Marius Réglier and Thierry Tron^{*}

Combining a palladium-based complex with a laccase allows the oxidation of an alcohol substrate at room temperature and atmospheric pressure.

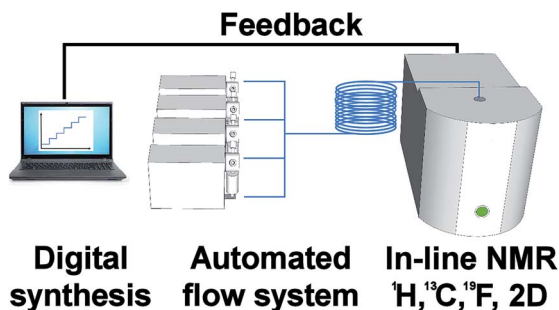
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**Stereoselective Lewis base catalyzed formal 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of azomethine imines with mixed anhydrides**

Lena Hespings, Anup Biswas, Constantin G. Daniliuc, Christian Mück-Lichtenfeld^{*} and Armido Studer^{*}

Pyrazolidinones with a tetrahydroisoquinoline core are obtained with excellent diastereocontrol and high enantioselectivity. Theoretical studies give insight on the reaction mechanism.

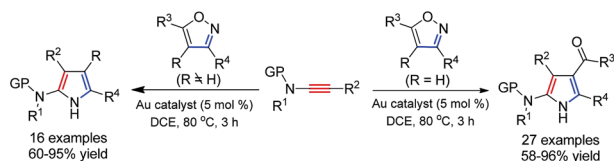
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**A self optimizing synthetic organic reactor system using real-time in-line NMR spectroscopy**

Victor Sans, Luzian Porwol, Vincenza Dragone and Leroy Cronin^{*}

A 'dial-a-molecule' platform for algorithm driven organic synthesis using real-time feedback, via in-line flow NMR spectroscopy, is demonstrated.

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**Atom-economic generation of gold carbenes: gold-catalyzed formal [3+2] cycloaddition between ynamides and isoxazoles**

Ai-Hua Zhou, Qiao He, Chao Shu, Yong-Fei Yu, Shuang Liu, Tian Zhao, Wei Zhang, Xin Lu^{*} and Long-Wu Ye^{*}

An unprecedented gold-catalyzed formal [3+2] cycloaddition between ynamides and isoxazoles has been developed, allowing rapid and practical access to a wide range of synthetically useful 2-aminopyrroles.

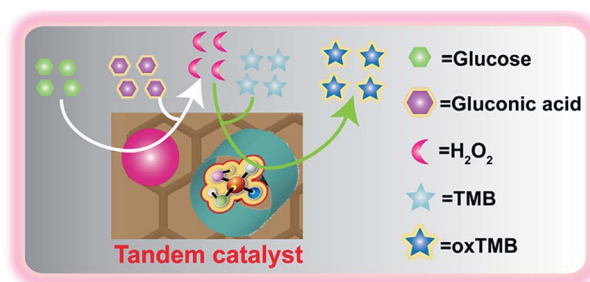


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Positional assembly of hemin and gold nanoparticles in graphene–mesoporous silica nanohybrids for tandem catalysis

Youhui Lin, Li Wu, Yanyan Huang, Jinsong Ren* and Xiaogang Qu*

A hybrid catalyst in which two different types of enzyme mimics are positioned in spatially separate domains within a graphene–mesoporous silica support is presented.

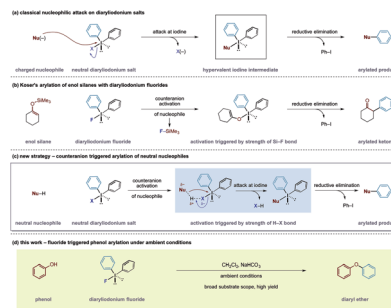


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A counteranion triggered arylation strategy using diaryliodonium fluorides

L. Chan, A. McNally, Q. Y. Toh, A. Mendoza and M. J. Gaunt*

A mild and transition metal-free counteranion triggered arylation strategy has been developed using diaryliodonium fluorides.

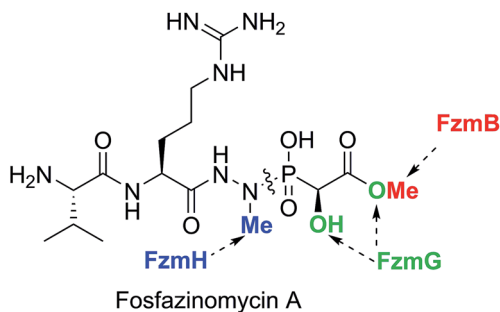


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Biosynthesis of fosfazinomycin is a convergent process

Zedu Huang, Kwo-Kwang A. Wang, Jaeheon Lee and Wilfred A. van der Donk*

Fosfazinomycin A is a phosphonate natural product in which the C-terminal methylhydrazide of a Val–Arg dipeptide is connected to methyl 2-hydroxy-2-phosphono-acetate (Me-HPnA).

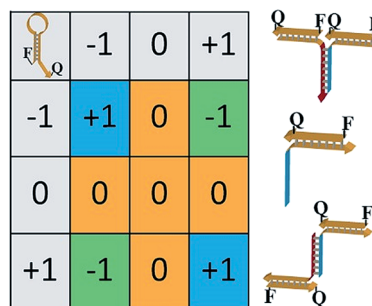


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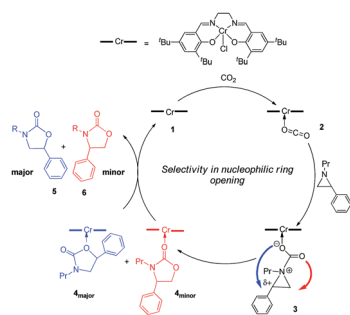
Ternary DNA computing using 3×3 multiplication matrices

Ron Orbach, Sivan Lilienthal, Michael Klein, R. D. Levine, Françoise Remacle and Itamar Willner*

Ternary computing, beyond Boolean logic, is anticipated to enhance computational complexity. DNA-based ternary computing is demonstrated by the assembly of a 3×3 multiplication table, and the parallel operation of three 3×3 multiplication matrices is highlighted.



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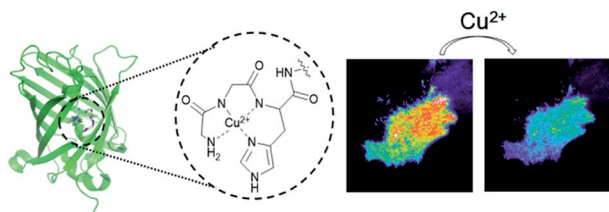


Intramolecular ring-opening from a CO₂-derived nucleophile as the origin of selectivity for 5-substituted oxazolidinone from the (salen)Cr-catalyzed [aziridine + CO₂] coupling

Debashis Adhikari, Aaron W. Miller, Mu-Hyun Baik* and SonBinh T. Nguyen*

The (salen)Cr-catalyzed [aziridine + CO₂] coupling to form oxazolidinone was found to exhibit excellent selectivity for the 5-substituted oxazolidinone product in the absence of any cocatalyst.

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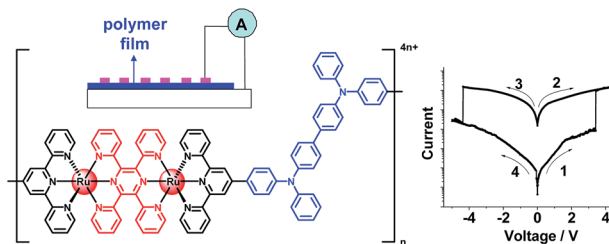


A novel copper-chelating strategy for fluorescent proteins to image dynamic copper fluctuations on live cell surfaces

Yoon-Aa Choi, Joo Oak Keem, Cha Yeon Kim, Hye Ryeon Yoon, Won Do Heo, Bong Hyun Chung* and Yongwon Jung*

A strong but selective copper-binding tripeptide was employed to develop a highly sensitive and selective copper(II) protein reporter.

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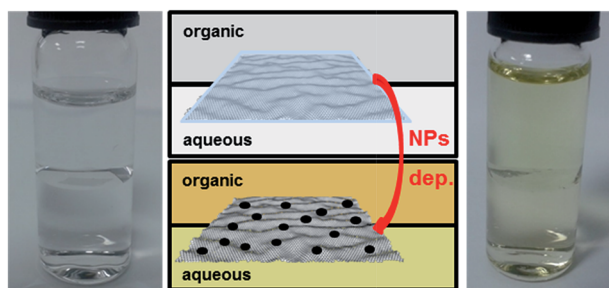


Tuning of resistive memory switching in electropolymerized metallopolymeric films

Bin-Bin Cui, Zupan Mao, Yuxia Chen, Yu-Wu Zhong,* Gui Yu,* Chuanlang Zhan* and Jiannian Yao*

Sandwiched electrical devices of an electropolymerized diruthenium metallopolymeric film show excellent resistive memory switching.

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Functionalization of graphene at the organic/water interface

Peter S. Toth, Quentin M. Ramasse, Matěj Velický and Robert A. W. Dryfe*

A simple method for the deposition of noble metal (Pd, Au) nanoparticles on a free-standing chemical vapour deposited graphene monolayer is reported. Metal deposition can proceed using either spontaneous or electrochemically-controlled processes. The resultant nanoclusters are characterized using atomic force and electron microscopy techniques, and mapping mode Raman spectroscopy.

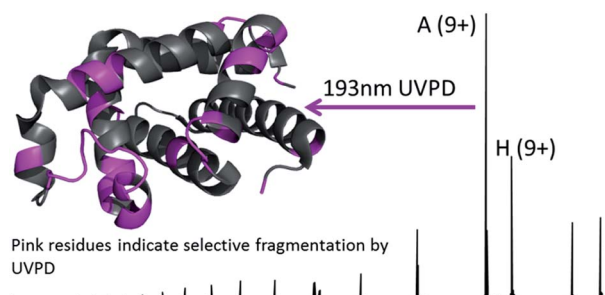


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Structural characterization of holo- and apo-myoglobin in the gas phase by ultraviolet photodissociation mass spectrometry

Michael B. Cammarata and Jennifer S. Brodbelt*

193 nm UV photodissociation of myoglobin in the gas phase showed preferential backbone cleavages in regions with higher relative *B*-factors.

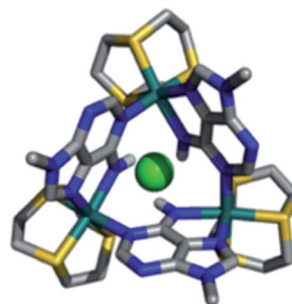


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Modulating the electron-transfer properties of a mixed-valence system through host–guest chemistry

Ahmed Zubi, Ashley Wragg, Simon Turega, Harry Adams, Paulo J. Costa, Vítor Félix* and Jim A. Thomas*

Herein, we report that the interplay between the binding properties and redox activity of a self-assembled trinuclear Ru^{II} macrocycle leads to an hitherto unreported phenomenon, in which access to specific MV states is gated by host–guest chemistry.

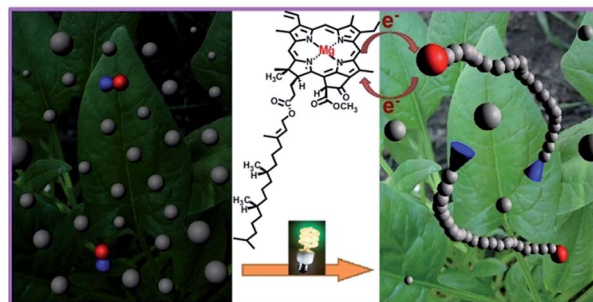


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Utilizing the electron transfer mechanism of chlorophyll a under light for controlled radical polymerization

Sivaprakash Shanmugam, Jiangtao Xu* and Cyrille Boyer*

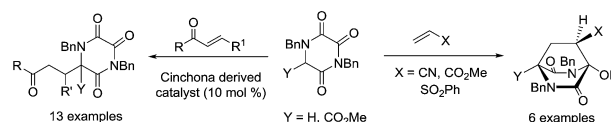
We report an efficient photoinduced living radical polymerization process that involves the use of chlorophyll as the photoredox catalyst, which allows the preparation of well-defined polymers.



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Highly enantioselective access to diketopiperazines via cinchona alkaloid catalyzed Michael additions

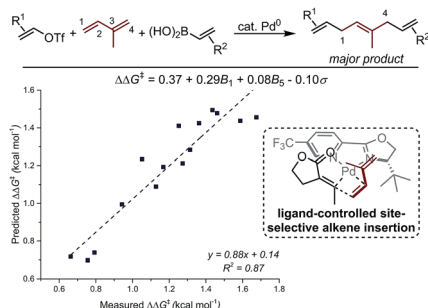
Alejandro Cabanillas, Christopher D. Davies, Louise Male and Nigel S. Simpkins*



Alkaloid catalysed additions to triketopiperazines gives products in high yield and er (88 : 12 to 99 : 1), including bridged hydroxy-DKPs *via* Michael-addition–ring closure.



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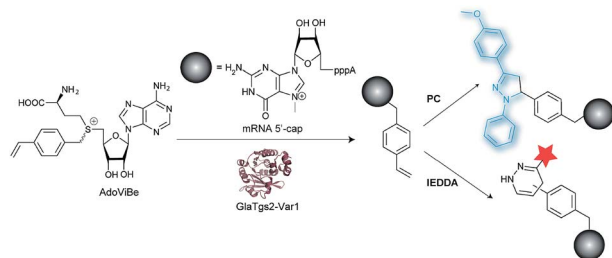


Development and investigation of a site selective palladium-catalyzed 1,4-difunctionalization of isoprene using pyridine–oxazoline ligands

Matthew S. McCamant and Matthew S. Sigman*

Palladium-catalyzed 1,4-difunctionalizations of isoprene that produce skipped polyenes are reported.

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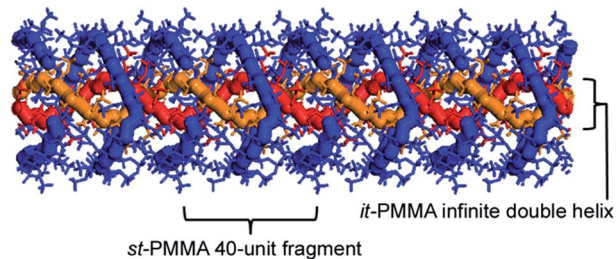


Enzymatic modification of 5'-capped RNA with a 4-vinylbenzyl group provides a platform for photoclick and inverse electron-demand Diels–Alder reaction

Josephin Marie Holstein, Daniela Stummer and Andrea Rentmeister*

Enzymatic transfer of 4-vinylbenzyl to the mRNA 5'-cap gives access to the fluorogenic photoclick and the inverse electron-demand Diels–Alder reaction.

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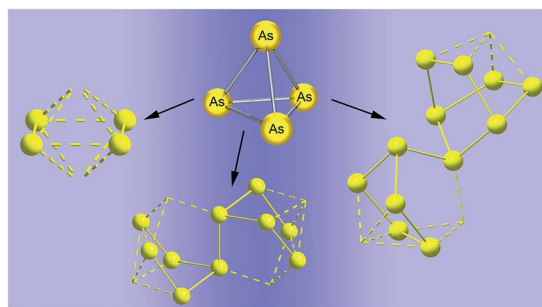


Molecular mapping of poly(methyl methacrylate) super-helix stereocomplexes

Andrew Joseph Christofferson, George Yiapanis, Jing Ming Ren, Greg Guanghua Qiao, Kotaro Satoh, Masami Kamigaito and Irene Yarovsky*

The structure of the it-/st-poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) triple-helix stereocomplex is composed of a double helix of it-PMMA of 9 units per turn surrounded by a single helix of st-PMMA with an average of 20 units per turn.

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Synthesis of arsenic-rich As_n ligand complexes from yellow arsenic

C. Graßl, M. Bodensteiner, M. Zabel and M. Scheer*

A triple decker complex of cobalt is able to consume As_4 moieties of yellow arsenic to built-up the to-date largest known As_n ligands.

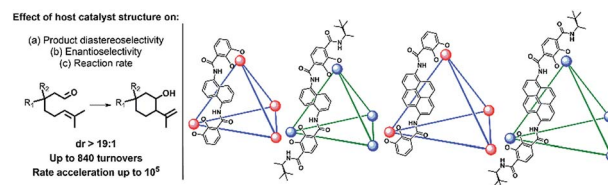


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The effect of host structure on the selectivity and mechanism of supramolecular catalysis of Prins cyclizations

William M. Hart-Cooper, Chen Zhao, Rebecca M. Triano, Parastou Yaghoubi, Haxel Lionel Ozores, Kristen N. Burford, F. Dean Toste*, Robert G. Bergman* and Kenneth N. Raymond*

Catalyst and substrate modification, product selectivity and kinetic studies comprehensively describe a new class of terpenoid cyclase mimics.

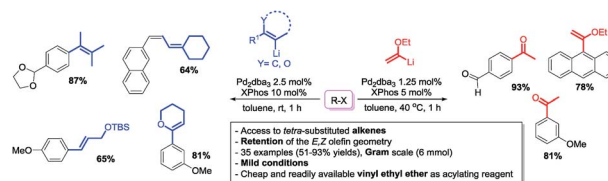


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Direct catalytic cross-coupling of alkenyllithium compounds

Valentín Hornillos, Massimo Giannerini, Carlos Vila, Martín Fañanás-Mastral and Ben L. Feringa*

The direct cross-coupling of alkenyllithium reagents with aryl and alkenyl halides is described. The use of a catalyst comprising $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3/\text{XPhos}$ allows for the stereoselective preparation of a wide variety of substituted alkenes in high yields under mild conditions.

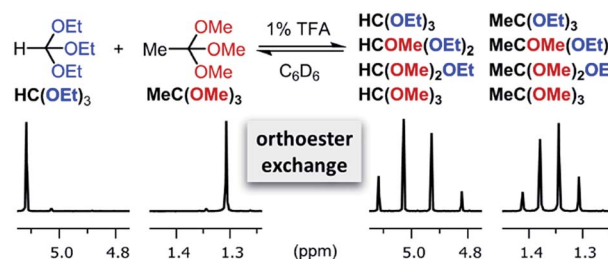


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Orthoester exchange: a tripodal tool for dynamic covalent and systems chemistry

René-Chris Brachvogel and Max von Delius*

We demonstrate that acid-catalyzed orthoester exchange is a promising tool for applications in dynamic covalent and systems chemistry.

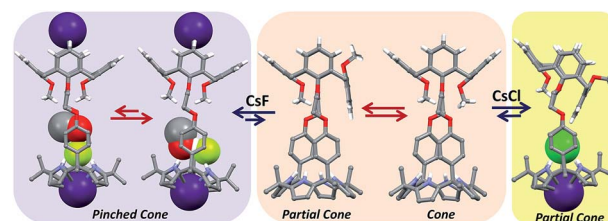


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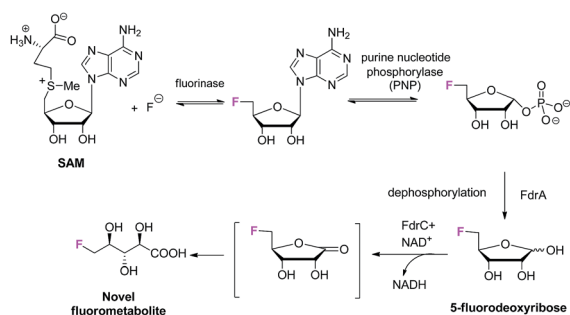
Ion pair-induced conformational motion in calix[4]arene-strapped calix[4]pyrroles

Sung Kuk Kim, Vincent M. Lynch, Benjamin P. Hay, Jong Seung Kim* and Jonathan L. Sessler*

Cone- and conformationally mobile calix[4]arene-strapped calix[4]pyrroles bind cesium salts via various different binding modes.



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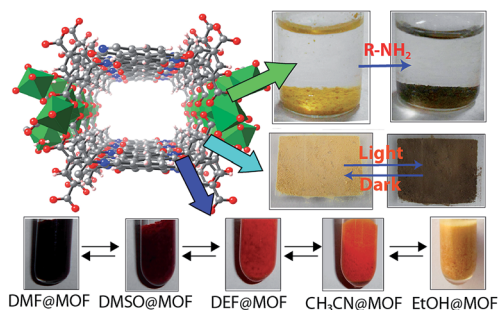


Identification of a fluorometabolite from *Streptomyces* sp. MA37: (2R3S4S)-5-fluoro-2,3,4-trihydroxypentanoic acid

Long Ma, Axel Bartholome, Ming Him Tong, Zhiwei Qin, Yi Yu, Thomas Shepherd, Kwaku Kyeremeh, Hai Deng* and David O'Hagan*

(2R3S4S)-5-Fluoro-2,3,4-trihydroxypentanoic acid (5-FHPA) has been discovered as a new fluorometabolite in the soil bacterium *Streptomyces* sp. MA37.

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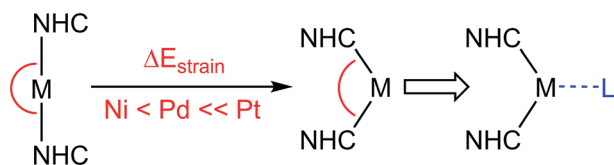


Solid state organic amine detection in a photochromic porous metal organic framework

Arijit Mallick, Bikash Garai, Matthew A. Addicoat, Petko St. Petkov, Thomas Heine and Rahul Banerjee*

A new Mg(II) based porous metal–organic framework (MOF) has been synthesized from naphthalenediimide (NDI) chromophoric unit containing linker. This MOF (Mg–NDI) shows instant and reversible photochromism as well as solvatochromic behavior. Due to the presence of electron deficient NDI moiety, this MOF exhibits selective organic amine (electron rich) sensing in solid state.

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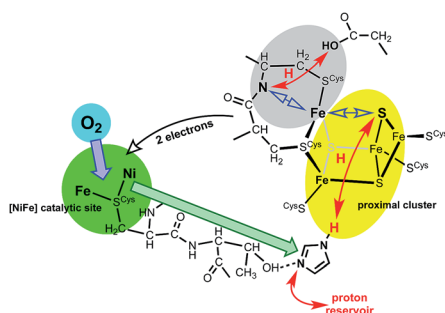


Bite-angle bending as a key for understanding group-10 metal reactivity of d¹⁰-[M(NHC)₂] complexes with sterically modest NHC ligands

Florian Hering, Jörn Nitsch, Ursula Paul, Andreas Steffen, F. Matthias Bickelhaupt* and Udo Radius*

Experimental and theoretical investigations on the novel 14 VE complexes [M⁰(iPr₂Im)₂] (M = Pd **3**, Pt **4**; iPr₂Im = 1,3-di-isopropyl-imidazolin-2-ylidene) and a comparison to their Ni congener reveal that NHC–M–NHC angle bending is a key to understand the reactivity of d¹⁰-[M(NHC)₂] complexes.

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What is the trigger mechanism for the reversal of electron flow in oxygen-tolerant [NiFe] hydrogenases?

Ian Dance

A new mechanistic model is developed for the sequence of events by which oxygen-tolerant [NiFe] hydrogenase enzymes respond to O₂.

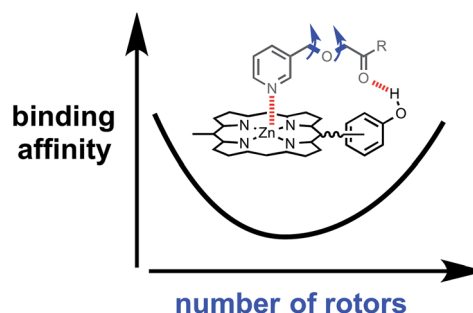


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The flexibility–complementarity dichotomy in receptor–ligand interactions

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Binding affinity does not increase uniformly with preorganization, because there is a trade off between flexibility and fit.

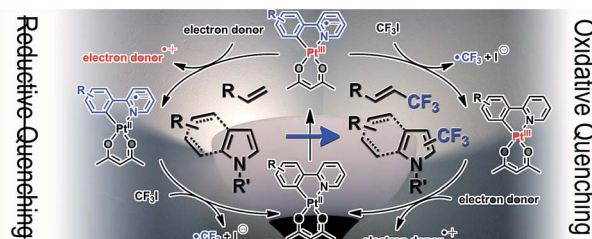


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Mechanisms and applications of cyclometalated Pt(II) complexes in photoredox catalytic trifluoromethylation

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Pt(II) complexes catalyse the visible light-driven trifluoromethylation of alkenes and heteroarenes with improved quantum yields, due to strict adherence to an oxidative quenching pathway.

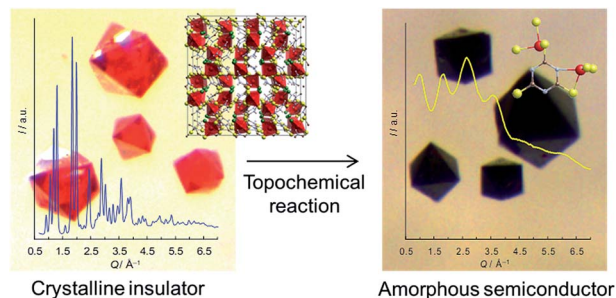


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Topochemical conversion of a dense metal–organic framework from a crystalline insulator to an amorphous semiconductor

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A dense, insulating metal–organic framework (MOF), is successfully converted into a semiconducting amorphous MOF *via* a topochemical route.

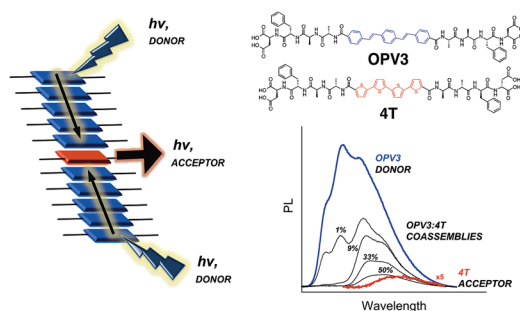


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Energy transfer within responsive pi-conjugated coassembled peptide-based nanostructures in aqueous environments

Herdeline Ann M. Ardoña and John D. Tovar*

Energy transfer is demonstrated within a responsive donor–acceptor system which incorporates two different semiconducting units (oligo(*p*-phenylenevinylene and quaterthiophene) coassembled within peptide nanostructures in completely aqueous environments.





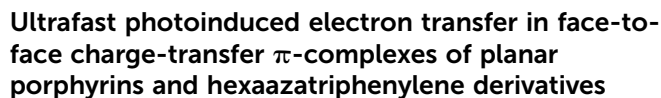
Guang-Feng Wei and Zhi-Pan Liu*

Dynamic catalyst structuring and the hydrogen evolution activity enhancement at nanoscale, as predicted by a first principles global optimization method.



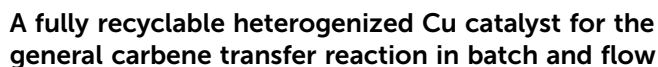
Tomohiro Seki, Kenta Sakurada, Mai Muromoto
and Hajime Ito*

We report the first photoinduced single-crystal-to-single-crystal phase transition of a gold complex that involves shortening of intermolecular aurophilic bonds. The gold(I) isocyanide complex also shows a photosalient effect.



Toru Aoki, Hayato Sakai, Kei Ohkubo, Tomo Sakanoue,
Taishi Takenobu,* Shunichi Fukuzumi* and Taku Hasobe*

We have successfully observed ultrafast photoinduced electron transfer in face-to-face charge-transfer π -complexes of planar porphyrins and hexaazatriphenylene derivatives.



Lourdes Maestre, Erhan Ozkal, Carles Ayats,
Álvaro Beltrán, M. Mar Díaz-Requejo,* Pedro J. Pérez*
and Miquel A. Pericàs*

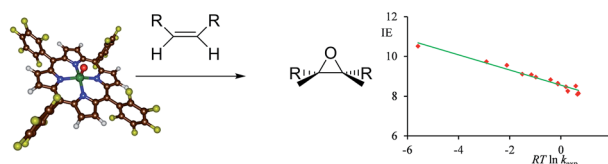
Carbene transfer reactions can be performed in batch and flow with a highly active, chemically stable heterogenized tris(triazolyl)methyl copper(I) catalyst.

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A comprehensive test set of epoxidation rate constants for iron(IV)–oxo porphyrin cation radical complexes

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Trends in oxygen atom transfer to Compound I of the P450 models with an extensive test set have been studied and show a preferred regioselectivity of epoxidation over hydroxylation in the gas-phase for the first time.

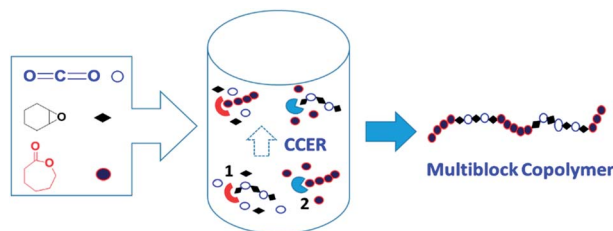


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Highly efficient one-pot/one-step synthesis of multiblock copolymers from three-component polymerization of carbon dioxide, epoxide and lactone

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Carbon dioxide-based multiblock copolymers were synthesized by a one-pot/one-step three-component polymerization of cyclohexene oxide, ϵ -caprolactone and CO₂ via cross-chain exchange reaction at two catalysts.

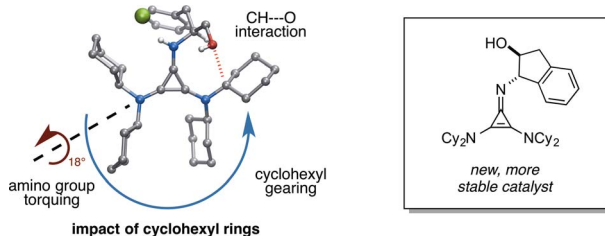


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Structure–activity relationship studies of cyclopropenimines as enantioselective Brønsted base catalysts

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New insights aid in the understanding and design of cyclopropenimine-based asymmetric catalysts.

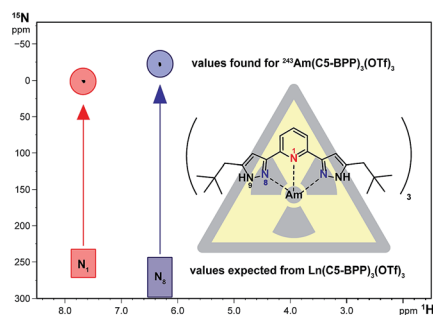


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NMR and TRLFS studies of Ln(III) and An(III) C5-BPP complexes

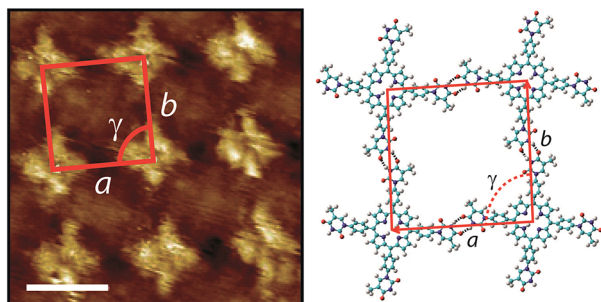
Christian Adam,* Björn B. Beele, Andreas Geist, Udo Müllich, Peter Kaden and Petra J. Panak

NMR investigations of Am(C5-BPP)₃³⁺ show weak paramagnetism in Am(III), indicating significant covalence in metal–ligand bonds with N-donor ligands. This may explain the observed extraction selectivity for actinides over lanthanides.



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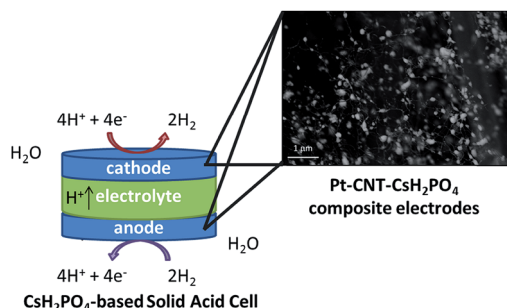


Thymine functionalised porphyrins, synthesis and heteromolecular surface-based self-assembly

Anna G. Slater, Ya Hu, Lixu Yang, Stephen P. Argent, William Lewis, Matthew O. Blunt* and Neil R. Champness*

The synthesis and surface-based self-assembly of thymine-functionalised porphyrins is described.

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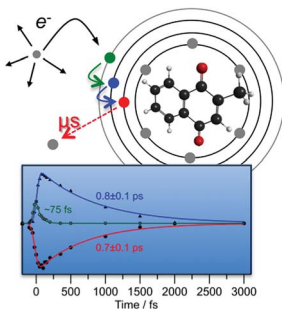


Platinum-decorated carbon nanotubes for hydrogen oxidation and proton reduction in solid acid electrochemical cells

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Carbon nanotubes are used as interconnects between directly deposited Pt nanoparticles and a proton conducting solid acid electrolyte for proton reduction and hydrogen oxidation in CsH_2PO_4 -based solid acid cells. These composite electrodes significantly reduce the Pt loading and achieve record Pt utilization for solid acid cells.

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On the formation of anions: frequency-, angle-, and time-resolved photoelectron imaging of the menadione radical anion

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Frequency-, angle-, and time-resolved photoelectron imaging of gas-phase menadione (vitamin K_3) radical anions is used to show that quasi-bound resonances of the anion can act as efficient doorway states to produce metastable ground electronic state anions on a sub-picosecond timescale.

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Expression of concern: Homonuclear bond activation using a stable N,N' -diamidocarbene

Robert Eagling

