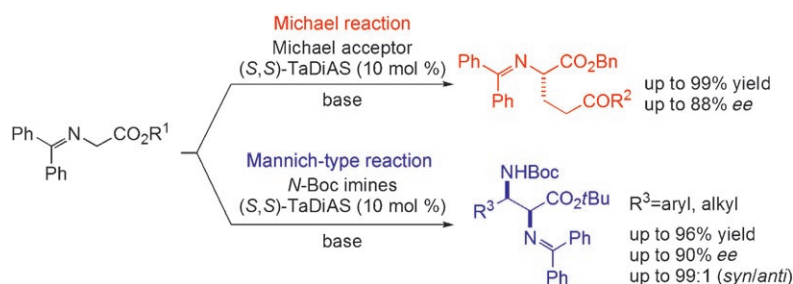


Organocatalysis

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Catalytic Asymmetric Phase-Transfer
Michael Reaction and Mannich-Type
Reaction of Glycine Schiff Bases with
Tartrate-Derived Diammonium Salts

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Schiff-ing up a gear: Tartrate-derived diammonium salts (TaDiASs) catalyze asymmetric Michael and Mannich-type reactions of glycine Schiff bases. Higher

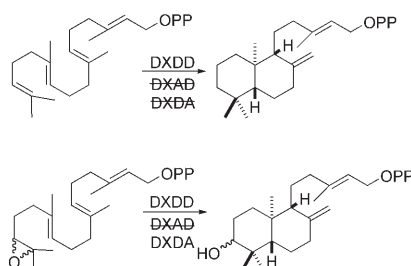
enantioselectivity is attained with TaDiASs than with previously known catalysts. Boc = *tert*-butoxycarbonyl.

Diterpene Cyclases

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Probing the Role of the DXDD Motif in
Class II Diterpene Cyclases

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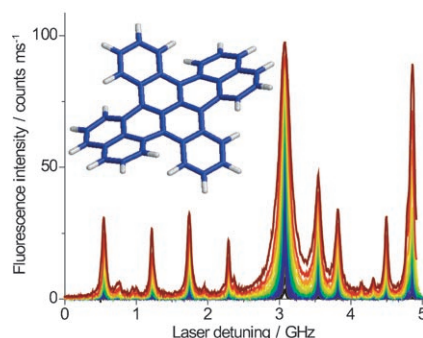
On common ground. An epoxy analogue of geranylgeranyl diphosphate was used together with site-directed mutagenesis to provide evidence that the DXDD motif in class II diterpene cyclases is involved in C=C double-bond protonation (see scheme). This function is similar to the role of the DXDD motif found in the otherwise unrelated triterpene cyclases, which also catalyze C=C protonation initiated cyclization.

Conduction at Nanometer Scales

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Single Dibenzoterrylene Molecules in an
Anthracene Crystal: Spectroscopy and
Photophysics

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Nanoprobes for organic electronics: Fluorescence excitation lines (see picture) of single dibenzoterrylene molecules in an anthracene crystal at low temperatures are very stable and bright. A photophysical study indicates that the triplet yield is low and the triplet lifetime short, which makes them attractive local probes of charge transport in the host crystal.

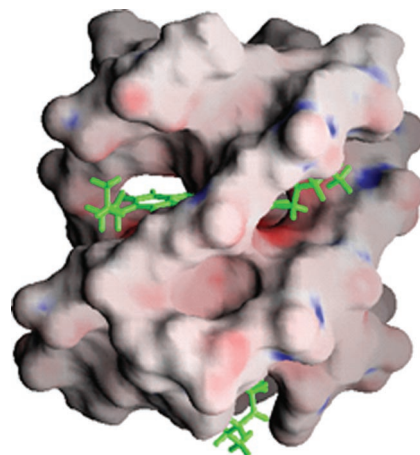
Nucleic Acid Structure

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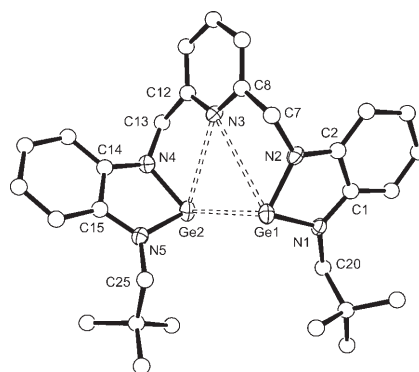
G-Quadruplex Recognition by
Quinacridines:
a SAR, NMR, and Biological Study

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The synthesis and evaluation of G-quadruplex binding properties of a series of quinacridine-based ligands (MMQs) are described. Structure–activity relationship studies support a model of interaction of these compounds with G-quadruplex structures which is furthermore confirmed by the solution structure determined by 2D NMR experiments.



Stable benzannulated bis(germylenes) with pincer topology have been prepared and characterized by X-ray analysis.

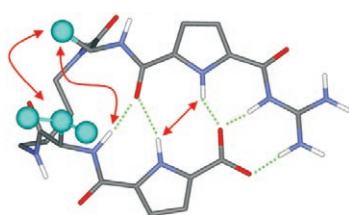


N-Heterocyclic Germylenes

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Preparation and Molecular Structures of Stable Bis(germylenes) with Pincer Topology

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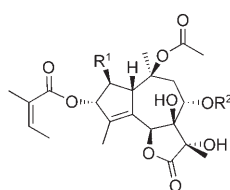
Flexible zwitterion **10** folds into a stable loop due to directed charge interactions between the two chain ends. This loop is stable even in polar protic solvents (methanol) as shown by NMR studies.

Intramolecular Ion Pairing

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thapsigargin: $R^1 = \text{octanoate}, R^2 = \text{butanoyl}$
thapsivillosin C: $R^1 = \text{octanoate}, R^2 = (S)\text{-2-methylbutanoyl}$
thapsivillosin F: $R^1 = \text{H}, R^2 = \text{senecioid}$
trilobolide: $R^1 = \text{H}, R^2 = (S)\text{-2-methylbutanoyl}$
nortrilobolide: $R^1 = \text{H}, R^2 = \text{butanoyl}$

The first absolute stereochemical assignment of thapsivillosin C is delineated along with its total synthesis, as well as

four other guaianolide natural products: thapsigargin, thapsivillosin F, trilobolide and nortrilobolide.

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