

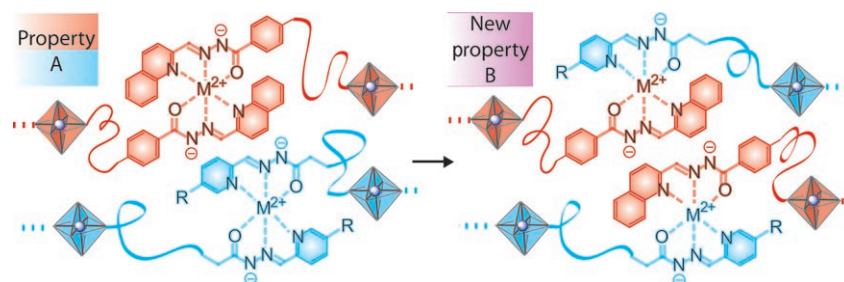
### Coordination Polymers

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Metallodynamers: Neutral  
Double-Dynamic Metallosupramolecular  
Polymers

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**A good mix up:** Self-assembly polymerization produces dynamic metallosupramolecular polymers (metallodynamers) based on metal–ligand coordination. These polymers can modify their consti-

tution with another metallodynamer through ligand exchange at the metal coordination site. As a result, their mechanical and optical properties are changed dramatically.

### Self-Assembly

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Supramolecular Domains in Mixed  
Peptide Self-Assembled Monolayers on  
Gold Nanoparticles

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**Self-organization.** A strategy based on chemical cross-linking is introduced to probe proximity between functional peptides embedded in a mixed self-assembled monolayer at the surface of a gold nanoparticle. The results indicate that the peptides are not randomly distributed at the surface of the nanoparticle, but rather self-organize into supramolecular domains.



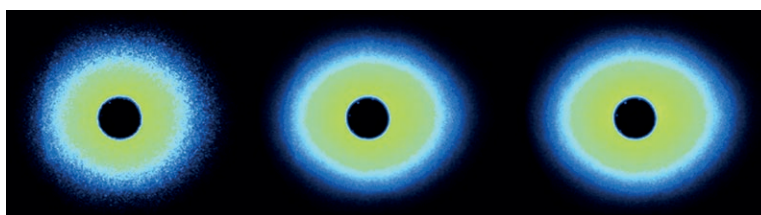
### Protein Adsorption

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Complex Interfaces and their Role in  
Protein-Stabilized Soft Materials

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**Gently dripping:** A combination of interfacial stress measurements and in situ structural probing under shear flow shows how globular protein adsorption layers (emulsion drops stabilized by lysozyme shown in picture) control the small

deformation response of emulsion drops in shear flow. In-plane interfacial stresses due to the macromolecular adsorption layer stabilize the drops against deformation.

### Drug Stability

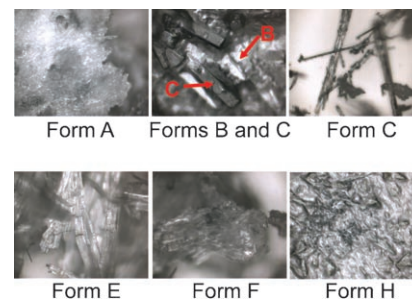
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Solid-State Forms of Sodium Valproate,  
Active Component of the Anticonvulsant  
Drug Epilim

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**Sodium valproate**, the active ingredient of a group of valproate-based anticonvulsants, can be present in eight forms in the solid state, including four solvates with valproic acid. The pronounced hygroscopicity of some of the forms is inherent to the loose crystal packing, which is directed by the symmetric shape of the compound. Partial or complete stabilization can be achieved by thermal/evacuation treatment and crystallization with valproic acid.





The chemistry of the  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{M}^{\text{III}}(\text{CO})_3\text{Br}]^+$  complexes ( $\text{M} = \text{Re}, ^{99}\text{Tc}$ ) was studied in water and in organic solvents in order to understand if these species could be synthons for the preparation of new Re and  $^{99}\text{Tc}$ -based cyclopentadienyl cores for (radio)pharmaceutical applications. Although the  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{M}^{\text{III}}(\text{CO})_3\text{Br}]^+$  ion cannot be used as formulated, it could provide a prodrug in stabilized form.

#### Radiopharmaceutical Prodrugs

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Syntheses, Structures and Reactivities of  $[\text{CpTc}(\text{CO})_3\text{X}]^+$  and  $[\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_3\text{X}]^+$

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A combination of NMR experiments (2D HMBC) and theory (DFT GIAO) is a reliable and convenient way for the structure

elucidation of regioisomeric heterocyclic systems.

#### GIAO Structure Elucidation

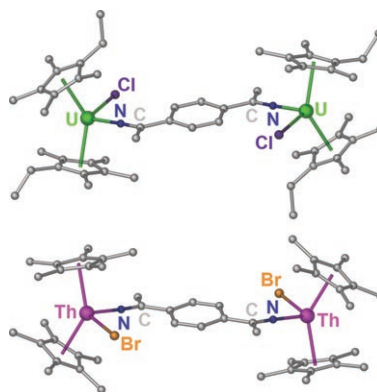
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Structure Determination of Regioisomeric Fused Heterocycles by the Combined Use of 2D NMR Experiments and GIAO DFT  $^{13}\text{C}$  Chemical Shifts

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**Bridging the gap:** Nitrile insertion chemistry with 1,4-dicyanobenzene has been used to prepare discrete dinuclear  $\text{Th}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Th}^{\text{IV}}$  ( $5f^0-5f^0$ ) and  $\text{U}^{\text{IV}}/\text{U}^{\text{IV}}$  ( $5f^2-5f^2$ ) organometallic complexes in which the two metal centers are covalently connected by a 1,4-phenylenediketimide bridging ligand (see picture). The uranium system displays appreciable electronic communication between the  $\text{U}^{\text{IV}}$  centers through the  $\pi$  system of the dianionic diketimide bridging ligand.



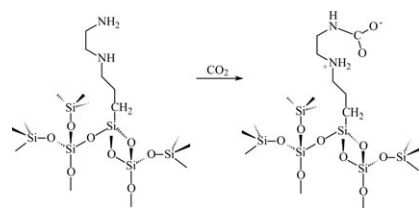
#### Actinide Complexes

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1,4-Dicyanobenzene as a Scaffold for the Preparation of Bimetallic Actinide Complexes Exhibiting Metal–Metal Communication

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**Quick on the uptake:** The mechanism of uptake of  $\text{CO}_2$  from simulated flue gases by mono- and disilyl amines, either in their free form, as organic (wet) solutions, or as xerogels, was investigated, and the products formed were characterized by IR and NMR spectroscopy. Several absorption/desorption cycles were carried out which revealed a reversible uptake of  $\text{CO}_2$  and confirmed the stability of the amines.

#### $\text{CO}_2$ Sorption

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Hybrid Materials for  $\text{CO}_2$  Uptake from Simulated Flue Gases: Xerogels Containing Diamines

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