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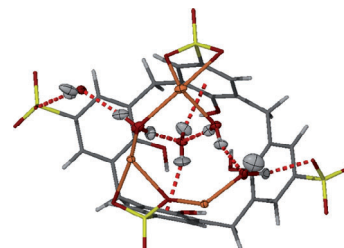


## Water Chemistry

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The Structure of Water in *p*-Sulfonatocalix[4]arene

**H<sub>2</sub>O-h!** Highly hydrated tetrasodium *p*-sulfonatocalix[4]arene exists in three polymorphic modifications, all of which contain a “compressed” water molecule in the molecular cavity engaged in OH... $\pi$  interactions. A single-crystal neutron structure of the hydrated pentasodium salt shows an intracavity water molecule engaged in OH... $\pi$  and OH...O hydrogen bonding (see figure).



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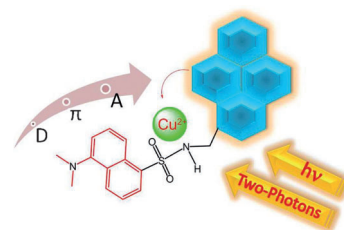


## Fluorescence

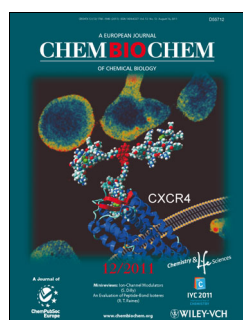
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Two-Photon-Absorption Technique for Selective Detection of Copper(II) Ions in Aqueous Solution Using a Dansyl–Pyrene Conjugate

**Rhythm is a dansyl:** A novel dansyl–pyrene conjugate functions as a fluorescence signaling unit showing strong fluorescence quenching upon interaction with copper(II) metal ions. On the other hand, the two-photon absorption (TPA) cross-section increased from 374 to 3022 GM (at 770 nm) upon interaction with copper(II) ions, thus allowing their selective detection in aqueous solutions.



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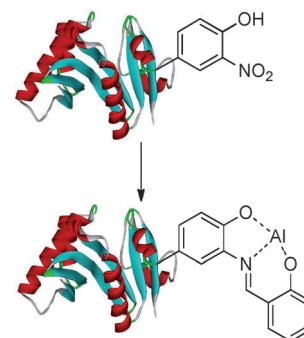


## Histochemistry

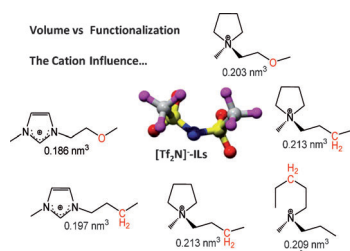
R. Wisastra, K. Poelstra, R. Bischoff, H. Maarsingh, H. J. Haisma, F. J. Dekker\*

Antibody-Free Detection of Protein Tyrosine Nitration in Tissue Sections

**Inflamed proteins:** Tyrosine nitration is a covalent post-translational protein modification that represents a biomarker for inflammatory diseases. We introduce a novel method to detect nitrotyrosine in biological samples by chemoselective conversion into a fluorophore. We describe the applicability of this methodology to detect protein-bound nitrotyrosine by fluorescence microscopy in tissue sections and on Western blot membranes.



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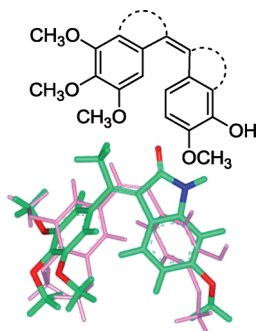
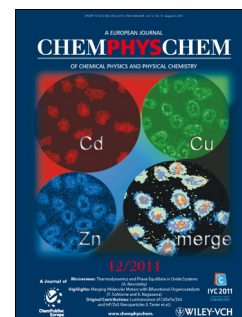
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### Ionic Liquids

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Temperature Dependence of the Viscosity and Conductivity of Mildly Functionalized and Non-Functionalized  $[\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]^-$  Ionic Liquids

**Even odds:** The chances of limits to the volume-based temperature-dependent prediction of the viscosities and conductivities of nine selected  $[\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]^-$  ionic liquids (ILs) are investigated in the context of Arrhenius, Litovitz and Vogel–Fulcher–Tammann approaches (see picture).



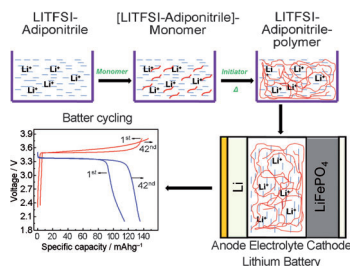
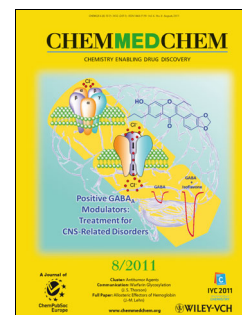
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### Antivascular Agents

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Synthesis and Structure–Activity Relationships of Constrained Heterocyclic Analogues of Combretastatin A4

**A welcome restriction!** Conformationally restricted analogues of combretastatin A4 were synthesized by using palladium-catalyzed domino reactions. Among these, oxindole **9b** is of particular interest, as it combines chemical stability with a biological activity profile characteristic of a vascular-disrupting agent.



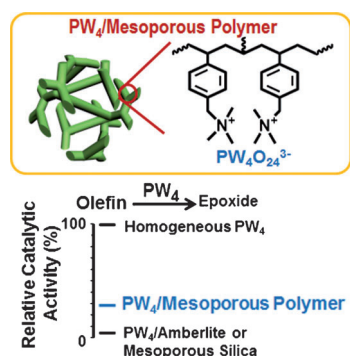
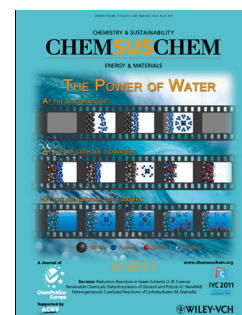
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### Biomass Conversion

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3-Deoxy-glucosone is an Intermediate in the Formation of Furfurals from D-Glucose.

**The acid-catalyzed dehydration of glucose** to hydroxymethylfurfural (**6**) can occur via two possible mechanisms. 3-deoxy-D-erythro-hex-2-ulose (**3**) is found to be an intermediate in the formation of **6** from glucose (**1**). This finding implies that elimination of the glucose 3-OH group is the important step, rather than isomerization of the carbonyl group.



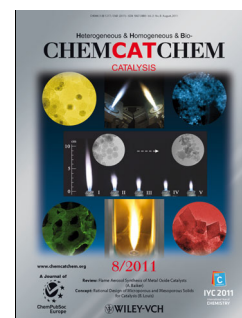
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### Epoxidation

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Mesoporous Polymeric Support Retaining High Catalytic Activity of Polyoxotungstate for Liquid-Phase Olefin Epoxidation using  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

**Tungstate turnpike:** Mesoporous polymer-supported polyoxotungstate acts as an effective heterogeneous catalyst in the liquid-phase olefin epoxidation using  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . The effectiveness is attributed to optimized hydrophobic/hydrophilic balance within uniform mesoporous environment. Furthermore, the catalyst can be recycled without significant loss of activity.



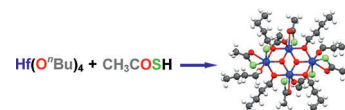


## Oxothioclusters

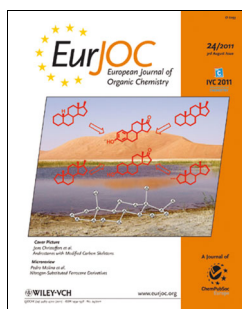
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A Tetranuclear Planar Hafnium Complex Containing O–Hf–S Moieties

By reacting  $\text{Hf}(\text{OnBu})_4$  with an excess of thioacetic acid, the first crystallographically authenticated hafnium oxothiocluster, containing O–Hf–S moieties was obtained. In the planar  $\text{Hf}_4$  core, the Hf ions are connected through  $\mu_3\text{-O}$  and  $\mu_2\text{-OBu}$  bridges, while the thioacetate ions behave both as chelating and bridging ligands.



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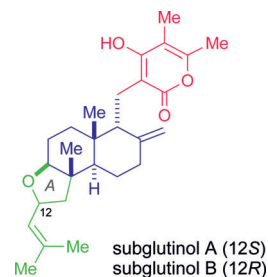


## Natural Product Synthesis

T. Kikuchi, M. Mineta, J. Ohtaka, N. Matsumoto, T. Katoh\*

Enantioselective Total Synthesis of (–)-Subglutinols A and B: Potential Immunosuppressive Agents Isolated from a Microorganism

The potential immunosuppressive agents (–)-subglutinols A and B have been efficiently synthesized in an enantioselective manner starting from a known *trans*-decalone derivative. The method features construction of a characteristic tetrahydrofuran ring (A ring) in one-pot fashion through an internal  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ -type cyclization reaction.



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