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#### **Natural Products**

M. P. Lisboa, G. B. Dudley\*

Synthesis of Cytotoxic Palmerolides

Can synthesis deliver? Chemical synthesis is the key to unlocking the chemotherapeutic potential of the palmerolides. This review covers the chemistry and biology of the palmerolides through early 2013, highlighting the evolution of a consensus strategy that could lead to cost-effective production of synthetic palmerolides. Palmerolide A is potently and selectively cytotoxic to certain melanomas. Its mechanism of action is poorly understood but likely involves inhibition of a transmembrane proton pump involved in regulation of cellular pH and metastasis.



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# **Anode Materials**

H.-W. Shim, A.-H. Lim, J.-C. Kim, G.-H. Lee, D.-W. Kim\*

Hydrothermal Realization of a Hierarchical, Flowerlike MnWO $_4$ @MWCNTs Nanocomposite with Enhanced Reversible Li Storage as a New Anode Material

**Positively attracted**: A hierarchical, flowerlike MnWO<sub>4</sub>-based composite with multiwalled carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs) was synthesized through a one-pot hydrothermal route and evaluated as new anodes for Li-ion batteries. Relative to bare MnWO<sub>4</sub> electrodes, the composite electrodes exhibit outstanding electrochemical behavior with increased cyclability and rate capability and a high specific capacity.



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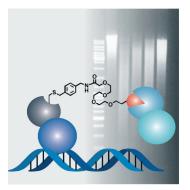


# TB Drug Screening

S. Moser, K. Johnsson\*

Yeast Three-Hybrid Screening for Identifying Anti-Tuberculosis Drug Targets

**Mycobacterium goes yeast**: Target deconvolution of anti-tuberculosis drugs can be a very challenging task. Here we report a yeast 3-hybrid system that allows promising small molecules to be screened for protein targets of a pathogen in nontoxic yeast cells. The system employs libraries of randomly fragmented bacterial DNA and offers a technically simple alternative approach for target identification.



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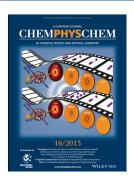
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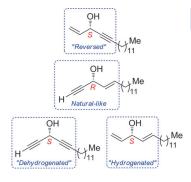
## Catalysts

M. Cargnello,\* P. Fornasiero, R. J. Gorte

Playing with Structures at the Nanoscale: Designing Catalysts by Manipulation of Clusters and Nanocrystals as Building Blocks

**Catalysts with improved activity,** stability and selectivity can be prepared by synthetic techniques that produce uniform building blocks, such as clusters and nanocrystals, and by appropriate manipulation and assembly at the nanoscale.





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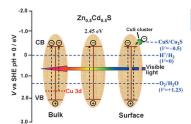
#### **Natural Product Chemistry**

D. El Arfaoui, D. Listunov, I. Fabing, M. Oukessou, C. Frongia, V. Lobjois, A. Samson, F. Ausseil, A. Ben-Tama, E. M. El Hadrami, R. Chauvin,\* Y. Génisson\*

Identification of Chiral Alkenyl- and Alkynylcarbinols as Pharmacophores for Potent Cytotoxicity

**Illumination by acetylene**: Systematic structural variations in a series of archetypal acetylenic lipids derived from the naturally occurring (S,E)-icos-4-en-1-yn-3-ol allowed the discovery of a series of 3R-like 1,4-di-unsaturated carbinol units with a significant and systematic enantiomeric effect on cytotoxicity.





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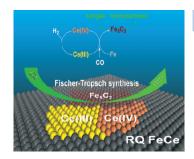
# Hydrogen Production

J. Zhang, Q. Xu, S. Z. Qiao,\* J. Yu\*

Enhanced Visible-Light Hydrogen-Production Activity of Copper-Modified  $Zn_xCd_{1-x}S$ 

**Bulked up!** Two different synthetic pathways are devised to prepare surface and bulk  $Cu^{2+}$ -modified  $Zn_xCd_{1-x}S$  through cation-exchange and coprecipitation methods, respectively.  $Cu^{2+}$  surface modification can provide a new electron-transferring pathway (interfacial charge transfer) and also form new surface active sites for  $H_2$  evolution, resulting in enhanced visible-light  $H_2$ -production activity (see picture).





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# Fischer-Tropsch

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Fischer–Tropsch Synthesis Over Skeletal Fe–Ce Catalysts Leached from Rapidly Quenched Ternary Fe–Ce–Al Alloys

**Ce<sup>III</sup> works:** The promotion of rapidly quenched skeletal Fe with Ce significantly increases the selectivity to  $C_{5+}$  hydrocarbons in the Fischer–Tropsch synthesis reaction, which is correlated with the surface concentration of Hägg carbide and interpreted as a consequence of the chemical promotion effect of Ce imparted by Ce<sup>III</sup>. RQ = Rapidly quenched.







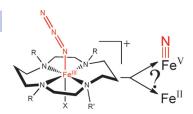


## High-Valent Iron

O. Krahe, F. Neese,\* M. Engeser\*

Iron Azides with Cyclam-Derived Ligands: Are They Precursors for High-Valent Iron Nitrides in the Gas Phase?

High-valent iron nitrides: Azide complexes as their potential precursors are studied in the gas phase by mass spectrometry. A subtle interplay between pathways to Fe<sup>II</sup>, Fe<sup>III</sup>, and Fe<sup>V</sup> products is controlled by choice of the ligand (see figure). The observations partly parallel those seen after irradiating frozen solutions.



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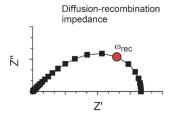


## Solar Cells

J. Bisquert,\* I. Mora-Sero, F. Fabregat-Santiago

Diffusion-Recombination Impedance Model for Solar Cells with Disorder and Nonlinear Recombination

Diffusing out: The theory of diffusion-recombination impedance applied to nanostructured solar cells is presented with an emphasis on the effects of energy disorder and short diffusion length.



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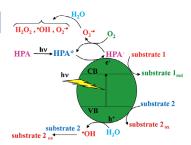


#### **HPA-Based Photocatalysts**

G. Marcì,\* E. I. García-López, L. Palmisano

Heteropolyacid-Based Materials as Heterogeneous Photocatalysts

The microreview describes the most significant contributions related to heteropoly acid (HPA) based materials used as heterogeneous photocatalysts. HPAs supported on different oxides (insulating or semiconductor) or associated to an inorganic, organic, or organometallic moiety are presented.



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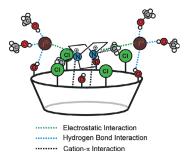


#### Ion-Pair Recognition

N. Kodiah Beyeh, M. Göth, L. Kaufmann, C. A. Schalley,\* K. Rissanen\*

The Synergetic Interplay of Weak Interactions in the Ion-Pair Recognition of Quaternary and Diquaternary Ammonium Salts by Halogenated Resorcinarenes

The noncovalent interactions of upper-rim halogenated resorcinarenes with quaternary and diquaternary ammonium salts were analysed in the gas phase and in solution. Enhanced ion pair binding by a synergetic combination of cation... $\pi$  and hydrogen-bond interactions was observed in solution, while the electronic effects of the substituents prevailed in the gas phase in the absence of the counteranion.



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**Charge Transfer** 

H. Jia, J. Ding, A. Hauser, S. Decurtins, S.-X. Liu\*

Large  $\pi$ -Conjugated Chromophores Derived from Tetrathiafulvalene

Make mine a large: The direct annulation of two dipyrido[3,2-a:2',3'c]phenazine units to a tetrathiafulvalene core leads to a large  $\pi$ -conjugate as a bridging ligand. Its coordination ability to transition-metal ions is exemplified by the formation of a stable dinuclear Ru<sup>2+</sup> complex. The electrochemical, optical absorption, photoinduced intramolecular charge-transfer, and fluorescence characteristics of the ligand and the complex are described.



Smart Materials



ChemViews magazine DOI: 10.1002/chemv.201300113 David Bradley

Molecular Dockers Move Microscopic Cargoes

Although the controlled movement and transportation of objects is easy to achieve at the macroscopic level, it is a much more complicated process at the microscopic level. This manipulation of microscopic particles was accomplished by Jérémie Palacci et al., USA, by using a cargo transport system based on self-propelled colloidal hematite particles, as David Bradley discusses.







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