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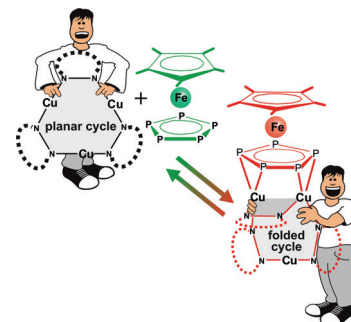


Coordination Chemistry

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Remarkable Structural and Electronic Features of the Complex Formed by Trimeric Copper Pyrazolate with Pentaphosphaferrocene

Know how to fold'em: The interaction of pentaphosphaferrocene $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-P}_5)]$ with trimeric copper pyrazolate $[(\text{Cu}\{3,5\text{-(CF}_3)_2\text{Pz}\})_3]$ yields the new compound $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\mu_3\text{-}\eta^5\text{:}\eta^2\text{:}\eta^2\text{-P}_5)\{\text{Cu}(3,5\text{-(CF}_3)_2\text{Pz})\}_3]$, which is astonishingly stable in solution and exhibits unprecedented structural changes in the interacting molecules. As a result of the 90° macrocycle folding, the copper atoms are able to behave as both Lewis acid and Lewis base in the interaction with the cyclo- P_5 ligand.



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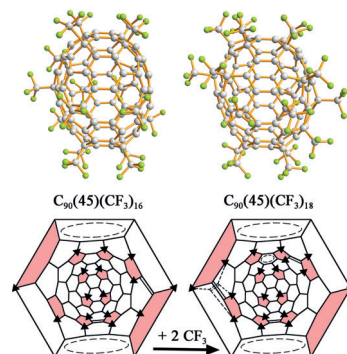


Fullerenes

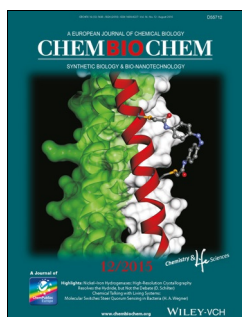
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Capturing C_{90} Isomers as CF_3 Derivatives: $\text{C}_{90}(30)(\text{CF}_3)_{14}$, $\text{C}_{90}(35)(\text{CF}_3)_{16/18}$, and $\text{C}_{90}(45)(\text{CF}_3)_{16/18}$

The most stable isomer of C_{90} fullerene, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{90}(45)$, has been captured for the first time as $\text{C}_{90}(45)(\text{CF}_3)_{16/18}$ by high-temperature trifluoromethylation of a C_{90} isomeric mixture followed by HPLC separation and X-ray diffraction. Three other CF_3 derivatives of the previously known C_{90} isomers, $\text{C}_{90}(30)(\text{CF}_3)_{14}$ and $\text{C}_{90}(35)(\text{CF}_3)_{16/18}$, have been also structurally characterized by single crystal X-ray study with the use of synchrotron radiation.



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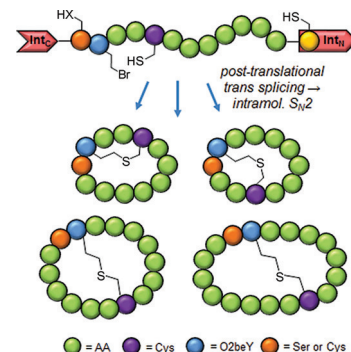


Bicyclic Peptides

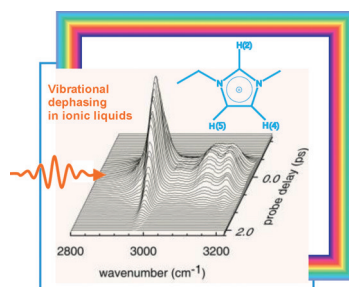
N. Bionda, R. Fasan*

Ribosomal Synthesis of Natural-Product-Like Bicyclic Peptides in *Escherichia coli*

Ring up peptides: The combination of split intein-mediated peptide circularization with intramolecular crosslinking through a genetically encoded, cysteine-reactive amino acid (O2beY) provides a versatile strategy to produce structurally diverse bicyclic peptides in bacterial cells. By using this approach, a bicyclic peptide with enhanced binding affinity for streptavidin was isolated.



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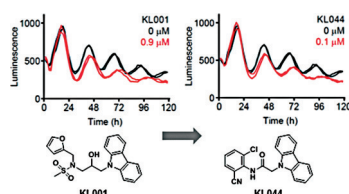
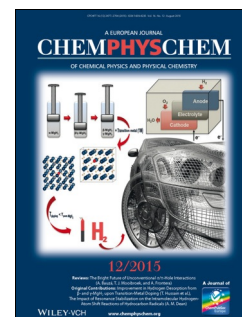
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Vibrational Dephasing

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Vibrational Dephasing in Ionic Liquids as a Signature of Hydrogen Bonding

Fast CARS: Hydrogen Bonding governs the vibrational dephasing in imidazolium ionic liquids. Combined time-resolved coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CARS) and theoretical studies show that this process takes place on the fs-to-ps timescale and that dephasing is faster for C–H bonds that are involved in H bonds. Surprisingly, the fast dephasing and lifetimes reflect the behavior of macroscopic properties, such as viscosities and NMR relaxation times.



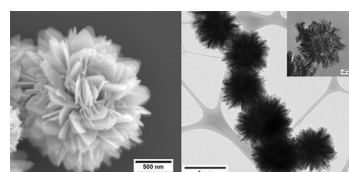
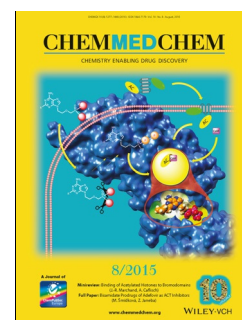
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Drug Design

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Development of Small-Molecule Cryptochrome Stabilizer Derivatives as Modulators of the Circadian Clock

Circadian modulators: An extensive SAR study of KL001, a stabilizer of the clock protein CRY, resulted in the development of a highly active derivative, KL044. Subsequent 3D-QSAR analysis provided molecular-level understanding of the regulatory mechanism of CRY function. KL044 is a powerful chemical tool to control circadian rhythms by targeting CRY.



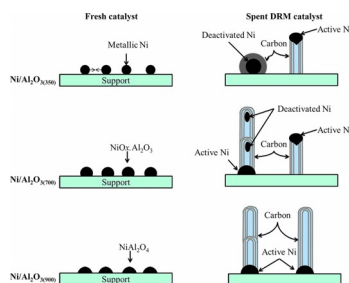
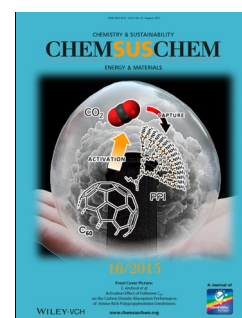
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Lithium-Ion Batteries

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Enhanced Performance of "Flower-like" Li₄Ti₅O₁₂ Motifs as Anode Materials for High-Rate Lithium-Ion Batteries

Stop and smell the flowers: 3D hierarchical flower-shape Li₄Ti₅O₁₂ motifs are synthesized by using a facile and rapid hydrothermal process involving short reaction times, relatively low reaction temperatures, and reusable and recyclable Ti precursors. The resulting Li₄Ti₅O₁₂ electrodes exhibit remarkably high rate capability and cycling stability as compared with analogous, previously reported motifs.



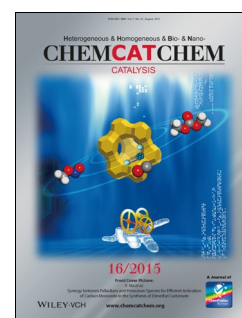
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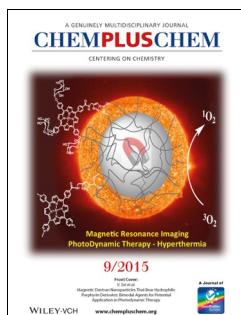
Dry Reforming

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Effect of NiAl₂O₄ Formation on Ni/Al₂O₃ Stability during Dry Reforming of Methane

Onions, chains, and filaments: The nickel reduced from NiAl₂O₄ showed an excellent performance against sintering and coking during a long-term dry reforming of methane (DRM) reaction. Various types of carbon deposition were observed for catalysts calcined at different temperatures.



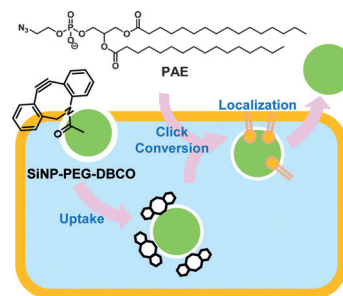


Intracellular Behavior

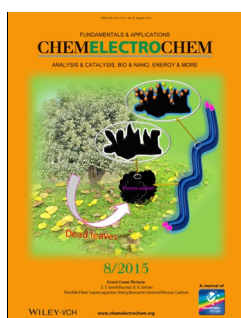
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Controlling Localization and Excretion of Nanoparticles by Click Modification of the Surface Chemical Structures inside Living Cells

Click and release: Silica nanoparticles (SiNPs) with a cyclooctyne structure on the surface are suitable for click modification with azido-phospholipids in living cells. Click conversion of the surface groups induces localization of nanoparticles on the cell membrane and enhances excretion of nanoparticles from the cells (see figure; PEG = polyethylene glycol, DBCO = dibenzocyclooctyne, PAE = phosphatidyl azidoethanol).



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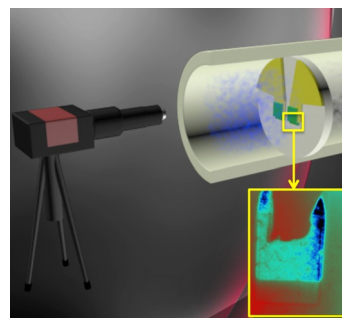


In Situ Monitoring

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Operando Tracking of Electrochemical Activity in Solid Oxide Electrochemical Cells by Using Near-Infrared Imaging

Excuse me, I'm NIR-sighted: Redox processes on a ceria-based solid oxide electrochemical cell (SOC) are studied by near-infrared (NIR) imaging (see figure) and ambient pressure X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (APXPS). The two techniques prove to be complimentary for tracking ceria redox changes and elucidating mechanistic details on an operating SOC.



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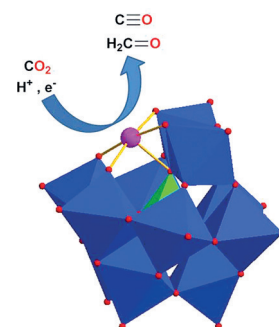


Polyoxometalates

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Electro-Assisted Reduction of CO₂ to CO and Formaldehyde by (TOA)₆[α-SiW₁₁O₃₉Co(-)] Polyoxometalate

The cobalt derivative of the silico-undecatungstate [α-SiW₁₁O₃₉Co(-)]⁶⁻ is a catalyst for the multiproton-multielectron electrochemical reduction of CO₂, with unique selectivity. Analysis of electrolysis products in the gas and liquid phases shows the formation of CO and HCHO without detection of H₂.



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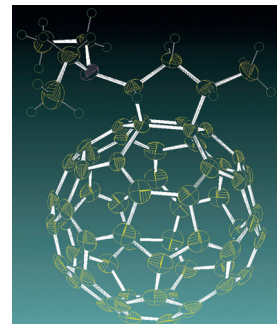


Fullerene Adducts

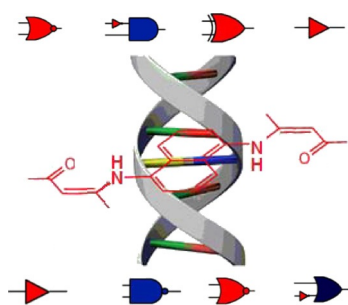
M. Chen, W. Shen, L. Bao, W. Cai, Y. Xie, T. Akasaka, X. Lu*

Regioselective Thermal Reaction between Triethylamine and C₆₀ Revisited: X-ray Confirmation of the Pentane-Fused Adduct and in Situ Mechanism Study

X-ray crystallographic results unambiguously confirm for the first time the pentane-fused structure of adduct **1** obtained from the reaction between triethylamine (TEA) and C₆₀. The successful detection of intermediates (acetaldehyde and diethylamine) involved in the thermal reaction makes the reaction mechanism clear.



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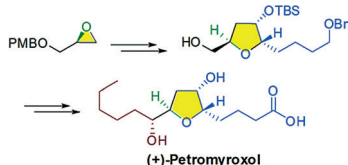
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Molecular Logic Gates

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Picking Out Logic Operations in a Naphthalene β -Diketone Derivative by Using Molecular Encapsulation, Controlled Protonation, and DNA Binding

Lifting logic from molecules: Compounds or complexes that have different properties depending on specific inputs, e.g. pH, can be used to generate Boolean logic functions. Naphthalene β -diketone derivatives bind to DNA and β -cyclodextrin, where aminopentenone substituents are encapsulated inside the β -cyclodextrin cavity. The resulting compound displays NOR, XOR, NAND, and Buffer logic operations based on proton, cyclodextrin, and DNA as chemical inputs.



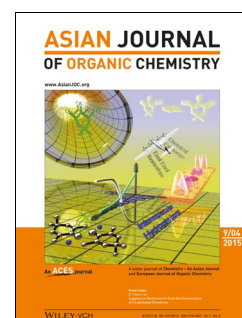
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Total synthesis (+)-Petrymyroxol

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Total Synthesis of (+)-Petrymyroxol, a Marine Natural Product

Call the marines! An efficient total synthesis of (+)-petrymyroxol, a marine natural product, is described. The synthesis utilizes the Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation (AD), intramolecular S_N2 cyclization and stereoselective Grignard reaction as key steps. Bn = benzyl; PMB = *para*-methoxybenzyl; TBS = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl.



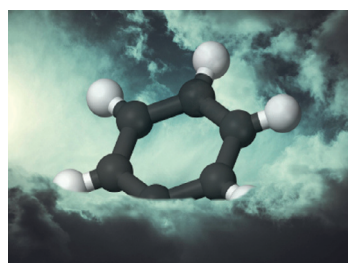
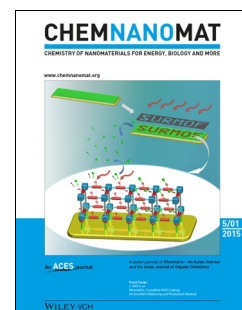
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Biomimetic

Y. Maeda, Z. Wei, Y. Ikezoe, H. Matsui*

Enzyme-Mimicking Peptides to Catalytically Grow ZnO Nanocrystals in Non-Aqueous Environments

A catalytic peptide, discovered through hydrogel-based phage display, could generate ZnO nanocrystals in higher crystallinity than a natural enzyme, subtilisin, at room temperature in organic solvents.



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Reaction Kinetics

D. Bradley

Benzene - Clearing the Fog

Benzene is a toxic pollutant, and is mainly removed by reaction with hydroxyl radicals in the atmosphere. But how does fog influence this process? US researchers studied the reaction kinetics in a thin-film flow-tube reactor to simulate fog droplets, and observed a substantial rate enhancement. This effect could be exploited for other reactions in the laboratory or industry.

