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AlkB Domain of Mammalian ABH8 Catalyzes Hydroxylation of 5-Methoxycarbonylmethyluridine at the Wobble Position of tRNA



"My biggest motivation is curiosity.

The secret of being a successful scientist is to constantly raise one's standards and creativity ..."

This and more about Ivan Huc can be found on page 4704.

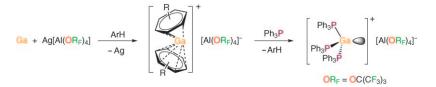
# **Author Profile**

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Books

Reactive Intermediates Leonardo S. Santos reviewed by D. Kuck \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4705



The power of one: A stable gallium(I) cation has been prepared by a redox reaction (see scheme) and is stabilized by a weakly coordinating anion. The facile

synthesis of the phosphine cation  $[(Ph_3P)_3Ga]^+$  is promising for the development of a rich coordination chemistry.

# Highlights

### Gallium(I) Chemistry

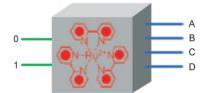
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At Last: A Stable Univalent Gallium Cation

#### Molecular Computers

H. Tian\* \_\_\_\_\_ 4710 - 4712

Data Processing on a Unimolecular Platform



En route to bits and bytes: The integration of complex logic functions within individual molecules allows data processing at the molecular level, as demonstrated by recently reported molecular encoder and decoder devices. This research on decision-making molecules has great potential for future applications and more complex computing on a functional unimolecular platform.

# Reviews

### C-H Activation

H. Werner\* \_\_\_\_\_ 4714-4728

Carbene-Transition Metal Complexes Formed by Double C-H Bond Activation

Two at one blow: Fischer carbene–transition metal complexes are accessible by double  $\alpha$ -C-H bond activation of alkane or cycloalkane derivatives containing an OR or NR $_2$  functional group. Such complexes with M=Ir react with small mole-

cules, such as  $CO_2$ ,  $CS_2$ , and COS, and with azides (RN<sub>3</sub>) and N<sub>2</sub>O, by an atom- or group-transfer metathesis, which offers a novel possibility for C $^-$ H bond functionalization.

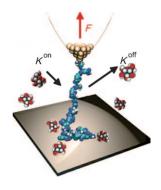
# **Communications**

#### Single-Molecule Studies

M. Geisler, R. R. Netz, T. Hugel\* \_\_\_\_\_\_ **4730 – 4733** 



Pulling a Single Polymer Molecule off a Substrate Reveals the Binding Thermodynamics of Cosolutes



To bind or not to bind: Cosolutes modify, or even determine, the interactions between macromolecules and surfaces. A combination of single-molecule atomic force microscopy with thermodynamic modeling allows the extraction of the binding parameters of cosolutes onto a macromolecule in solution and also in its surface-adsorbed state.

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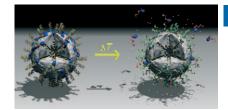
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Letting off steam: A temperature-controlled valve system permits the targeted release of guest fluorescein molecules from the pores of colloidal mesoporous silica particles. The pore-opening temperature is dependent on the length of double-stranded DNA linkers. Avidin proteins that are joined to the DNA by a biotin modification act as the molecular valve at the exits to the pores.



#### Programmable Host-Guest Systems



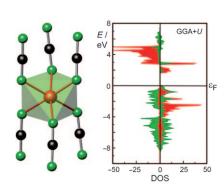
A. Schlossbauer, S. Warncke, P. M. E. Gramlich, J. Kecht, A. Manetto,

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A Programmable DNA-Based Molecular Valve for Colloidal Mesoporous Silica



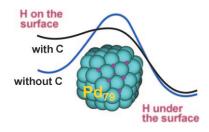
The same, but different: Chromium(III) carbodiimide (see structure), the first ferromagnetic carbodiimide, was synthesized from CrCl<sub>3</sub> and ZnNCN and was characterized by X-ray diffraction. Despite being isostructural with antiferromagnetic Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Cr<sub>2</sub>(NCN)<sub>3</sub> adopts a ferromagnetic ground state as shown by SQUID measurements and correlated density-functional theory. At low temperatures, the phase shows a slightly larger magnetization than maghemite.



#### Ferromagnetic Carbodiimide

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A Ferromagnetic Carbodiimide: Cr<sub>2</sub>(NCN)<sub>3</sub>



The activation barrier for subsurface migration of surface hydrogen atoms on (111) facets of palladium nanoparticles drastically decreases or even vanishes in the presence of subsurface carbon atoms deposited nearby (see energy diagram). On regular Pd(111) surfaces, this promoting effect is essentially absent because of the hindered lateral mobility of the surface metal atoms.

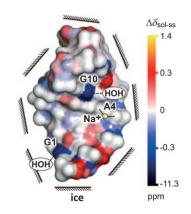
#### Heterogeneous Catalysis

K. M. Neyman,\*

S. Schauermann\* \_ 4743 - 4746

Hydrogen Diffusion into Palladium Nanoparticles: Pivotal Promotion by Carbon

Chilling out: Solid-state <sup>13</sup>C NMR correlation spectroscopy was used to assign the signals of a uniformly labeled RNA hairpin in frozen aqueous solution. Conformational analysis shows that solutions of biologically relevant RNAs can freeze without significant changes in RNA structure and without critical loss of resolution and sensitivity in NMR experiments.



#### NMR Studies of RNA

A. V. Cherepanov, C. Glaubitz,

H. Schwalbe\* 4747 - 4750

High-Resolution Studies of Uniformly <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>15</sup>N-Labeled RNA by Solid-State NMR Spectroscopy



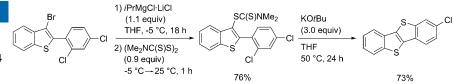
#### Sulfur Heterocycles

M. Kienle, A. Unsinn,

P. Knochel\* \_\_\_\_\_ 4751 – 4754



Synthesis of Dibenzothiophenes and Related Classes of Heterocycles by Using Functionalized Dithiocarbamates



A round trip: Readily available dithiocarbamates can undergo ring closure to give functionalized sulfur heterocycles (see scheme). These heteroaromatic compounds can be further functionalized by directed alumination and subsequently trapped with various electrophiles.

#### Chemical Defense

M. Rempt, G. Pohnert\* \_\_\_\_ 4755 - 4758



Novel Acetylenic Oxylipins from the Moss Dicranum scoparium with Antifeeding Activity against Herbivorous Slugs A slug stopper: The defensive properties of oxylipins from the moss *Dicranum scoparium* are far more active than required to fend off herbivory by a common slug. The precursor-guided structure elucidation of seven novel and several known unusual oxylipins was supported by chemometric data mining.

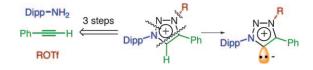
#### Stable Carbenes

G. Guisado-Barrios, J. Bouffard,





Crystalline 1*H*-1,2,3-Triazol-5-ylidenes: New Stable Mesoionic Carbenes (MICs)



Click makes MICs: A short modular synthesis allows the preparation of novel stable heterocycles that feature a lone pair of electrons on a carbon center. The donor properties of these mesoionic com-

pounds are greater than those of classical N-heterocyclic carbenes; they are accessible by deprotonation of the corresponding conjugate acids using comparatively mild bases.

### Asymmetric Catalysis

Z. R. Hou, J. Wang, P. He, J. Wang,

B. Qin, X. H. Liu, L. L. Lin,

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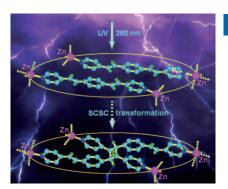
Highly Enantioselective Insertion of Carbenoids into N—H Bonds Catalyzed by Copper(I) Complexes of Binol Derivatives

Secondary amines do it too! Catalytic asymmetric insertion of  $\alpha$ -diazoesters in the N-H bond of differently substituted amines has been successfully achieved (see scheme; M.S. = molecular sieves).

For a wide substrate scope, excellent enantioselectivities (up to 98% ee) and high yields (up to 99%) were obtained under mild reaction conditions.



The crystal method: Single-crystal-tosingle-crystal (SCSC) transformations of two 3D coordination polymers,  $\{[Zn_4(\mu_3-\mu_3)]\}$  $OH)_2(5-sipa)_2(1,4-bpeb)_2]-4H_2O\}_n$  (see picture; C pale blue, N dark blue, H green) and an analogous cadmium species, gave rise to corresponding linked 3D coordination polymers through photochemical [2+2] cycloaddition reactions.



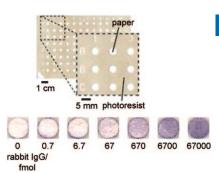
#### Structural Transformations

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Single-Crystal-to-Single-Crystal Transformations of Two Three-**Dimensional Coordination Polymers** through Regioselective [2+2] Photodimerization Reactions



Paper works: Paper-based indirect ELISA (see picture) has been demonstrated through the detection of rabbit IgG and the HIV-1 envelope antigen gp41. This technique combines the sensitivity and specificity of ELISA with the low cost and ease-of-use of paper-based platforms.



#### Clinical Analytics

C.-M. Cheng, A. W. Martinez, J. Gong, C. R. Mace, S. T. Phillips, E. Carrilho, K. A. Mirica, G. M. Whitesides\* \_

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Paper-Based ELISA





No cramping this "styl": The three title compounds, dimeric pyrrole-2-aminoimidazole alkaloids, were isolated from the marine sponge Stylissa carteri collected in the Solomon Islands. The isolated



compounds are exclusively N-C-bonded "dimers", which indicates a different mode of dimerization and adds another dimension to the molecular diversity of pyrrole-2-aminoimidazole alkaloids.

#### Structure Elucidation

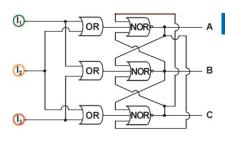
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Unprecedented Stylissazoles A-C from Stylissa carteri: Another Dimension for Marine Pyrrole-2-aminoimidazole Metabolite Diversity



Flip-flopping away: Multivalue random access memory can be achieved using electrically addressable Os2+-based multilayers. The controllable optical properties of the multilayers allow the construction of memory devices that are able to store up to five different states that depend on the given electrical inputs (see picture). The functions of the devices can be represented by sequential logic circuits that are equivalent to flip-flop and flipflap-flop devices.



#### Molecular Logic

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Electrically Addressable Multistate Volatile Memory with Flip-Flop and Flip-Flap-Flop Logic Circuits on a Solid Support



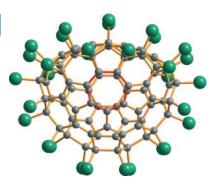
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#### Chlorinated Fullerenes

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Chlorination of C<sub>86</sub> to C<sub>84</sub>Cl<sub>32</sub> with Nonclassical Heptagon-Containing Fullerene Cage Formed by Cage Shrinkage



Shrunken fullerene: An unexpected heptagon-containing  $C_{84}$  fullerene cage was found in  $C_{84}Cl_{32}$ , which was formed, in addition to  $C_{86}(16)Cl_{28}$ , by chlorination of  $C_{86}(16)$  with VCl<sub>4</sub>. Comparison of the structures of  $C_{84}Cl_{32}$  (see picture; C gray, Cl green; red bonds highlight the heptagon) and  $C_{86}(16)Cl_{28}$  and theoretical calculations suggest that cage shrinkage occurs by removal of a  $C_2$  unit from the corranulene-like fragment of the  $C_{86}(16)$  cage.

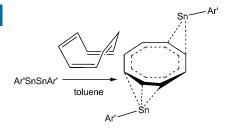
#### E-E Triple Bonds

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Cleavage of the Sn–Sn Multiple Bond in a Distannyne by Cyclooctatetraene: Formation of the  $\pi$ -Bound Inverse Sandwich Complex  $[(Ar'Sn)_2(\mu_2 \cdot \eta^2 : \eta^3 \text{-cot})]$ 

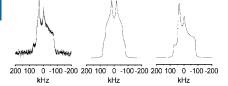


The adventures of tin-tin: The activation of cyclooctatetraene by a distannyne results in complete  $Sn\equiv Sn$  bond cleavage and formation of a  $\pi$ -bound planar aromatic  $C_8H_8$  ring in an inverse sandwich complex (see scheme;  $Ar' = C_6H_3$ -2,6- $(C_6H_3$ -2,6- $iPr_2)_2$ )

#### Metal-Organic Frameworks

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G. Férey \_\_\_\_\_\_ 4791 – 4794



Rotational dynamics of benzene rings in the flexible MIL-53 and rigid MIL-47 frameworks was investigated by <sup>2</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. In both cases, 180° flips are observed, and the flipping rate is higher in MIL-53. To simulate experimental spectra (left), consideration of the quadrupolar interaction alone is not sufficient (middle); the paramagnetic effect must also be taken into account (right).



Dynamics of Benzene Rings in MIL-53 (Cr) and MIL-47 (V) Frameworks Studied by <sup>2</sup>H NMR Spectroscopy

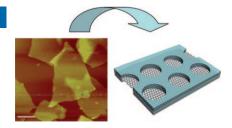


#### Graphene-Based Nanosheets

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Graphene-Based Nanosheets with a Sandwich Structure

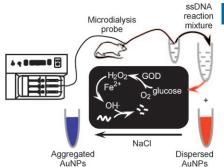


A bottom-up approach was employed for the large-scale production of 2D graphene-based nanosheets which have a sandwich structure and consist of silica, carbon, and metal or metal oxide (see picture). These nanosheets exhibit many unique features such as a large aspect ratio, high surface area, and high monodispersibility, which render them suitable for broad application in catalysis, sensors, and batteries.



A gold-based assay: By taking advantage of the unique optical properties of gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) and the cascade reactions of glucose, a simple but effective method has been successfully developed for the direct colorimetric visualization of glucose in the rat brain.

GOD = glucose oxidase.



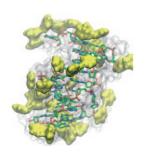
#### Cerebral Glucose Detection

Y. Jiang, H. Zhao, Y. Lin, N. Zhu, Y. Ma, L. Mao\* \_\_\_\_\_\_ 4800 - 4804

Colorimetric Detection of Glucose in Rat Brain Using Gold Nanoparticles



An unfolding story: Simulations exceeding the microsecond timescale and the introduction of a co-solvent were used to characterize the pathways of the unfolding of a short DNA duplex. Two main pathways are detected involving different substrates. Once unfolding is reached the DNA adopts compact structures different from a random-coil distribution (see picture).



### **DNA** Unfolding

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Real-Time Atomistic Description of DNA Unfolding





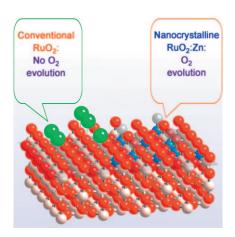
Bound to be active: The solution structure of tubulin-bound tubulysin A is determined from transferred NOE data (see picture; blue N, red O, yellow S, green C), and this bioactive conformation is compared to the unbound conformation. The binding site on tubulin is examined on the basis of the interligand NOEs observed between epothilone A and tubulysin A in the presence of tubulin.

#### **Conformation Analysis**

K. Kubicek, S. K. Grimm, J. Orts, F. Sasse, T. Carlomagno\* 4809 – 4812

The Tubulin-Bound Structure of the Antimitotic Drug Tubulysin





Controlling gas emissions: Versatile control of the selectivity of an oxide electrocatalyst in the oxygen- and chlorine-evolution reactions was demonstrated by Zn substitution in  ${\rm RuO_2}$  (see picture: O red, Cl green, Zn blue, Ru white). The incorporation of Zn into the rutile structure alters the cation sequence along the [001] direction and modifies the structure of the active sites for both gas-evolution processes.

#### Electrocatalysis

V. Petrykin, K. Macounova,
O. A. Shlyakhtin, P. Krtil\* \_\_ 4813 - 4815

Tailoring the Selectivity for Electrocatalytic Oxygen Evolution on Ruthenium Oxides by Zinc Substitution



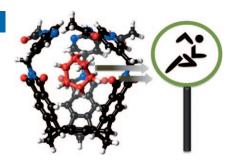
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#### **Encapsulation and Reactivity**

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Molecular Recognition of a Transition State



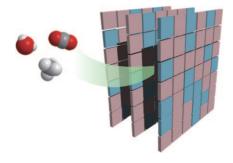
An inside job: The conformational interconversion of cyclohexane occurs at a higher rate in the interior of gated molecular baskets (see picture) than in bulk free solvent or a vacuum. The acceleration results from more favorable noncovalent bonding, and hence stabilization of the transition state, of the encapsulated compound.

#### Coordination Polymers

- T. Fukushima, S. Horike,\* Y. Inubushi, K. Nakagawa, Y. Kubota, M. Takata,
- S. Kitagawa\* \_\_\_\_\_ 4820 4824



Solid Solutions of Soft Porous Coordination Polymers: Fine-Tuning of Gas Adsorption Properties My flexible friend: Separation of a  $CO_2/CH_4$  mixture was optimized by varying the composition of solid solutions of interdigitated 2D frameworks comprising two different isophthalate ligands (see picture). The characteristics of the solid solutions were dependent on the ligand ratio, which influenced the inherent flexibility and therefore the adsorption properties of the frameworks.



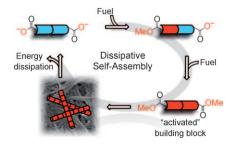
#### Self-Organization

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Dissipative Self-Assembly of a Molecular Gelator by Using a Chemical Fuel

Fueling the future: A fibrillar network (red fibers, see figure) is formed from an activated building block (red), which is obtained from a synthetic gelator (blue) in a dissipative self-assembly process that is fueled by an alkylating agent. When the available energy is depleted, the system reverts to its thermodynamic equilibrium, that is, an isotropic solution.



#### Organic Metals

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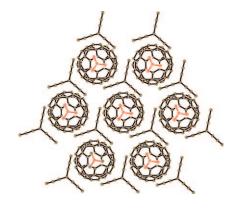
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A Two-Dimensional Organic Metal Based on Fullerene

### The first fullerene organic metal:

(MDABCO+)·TPC·( $C_{60}$ <sup>-</sup>), which has twodimensional layers with a honeycomb arrangement of  $C_{60}$ <sup>-</sup> (see picture), is a fascinating example of a material composed of only light elements (C, H, N); it adopts a metallic state down to 1.9 K.



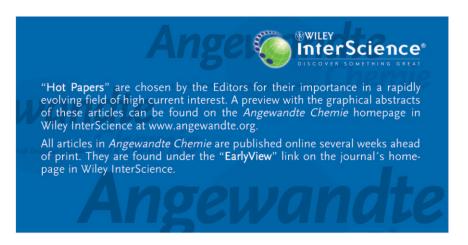


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