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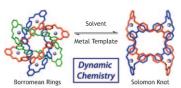


Self-Assembly

C. D. Meyer, R. S. Forgan, K. S. Chichak, A. J. Peters, N. Tangchaivang, G. W. V. Cave, S. I. Khan, S. J. Cantrill, J. F. Stoddart*

The Dynamic Chemistry of Molecular Borromean Rings and Solomon Knots

One thing one minute and another the next: The dynamic solution equilibria between molecular Borromean rings and Solomon knots (see figure) is examined with respect to synthetic conditions, choice of metal template, and crystallization protocols in the self-assembly of these topologically complex mechanically interlocked architectures.



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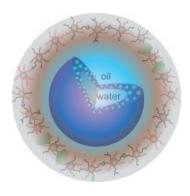


Colloidal Microcapsules

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Colloidal Microcapsules: Self-Assembly of Nanoparticles at the Liquid-Liquid Interface

Colloids encapsulated: Self-organization of nanoparticles at the liquid—liquid interface offers an elegant approach to the creation of 2D assemblies at multiple length scales. Chemical interactions between nanoparticles play a major role in stabilizing the assembly process, and prevent thermal escape from the interface. This Review aims to highlight various fabrication strategies, which include surface modification of nanoparticles and the tuning of interparticle interactions to create robust colloidal microcapsules.



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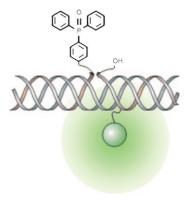


Fluorescent Probes

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Templated Chemistry for Sequence-Specific Fluorogenic Detection of Duplex DNA

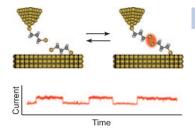
Tempting templates: We describe the development of templated fluorogenic chemistry to detect specific sequences of duplex DNA in solution. Two modified oligodeoxynucleotide probes bind through pyrimidine-purine-pyrimidine triple-helix formation at adjacent positions on a specific purine-rich target sequence of duplex DNA; this results in fluorogenic turn-on by reductive quencher release.



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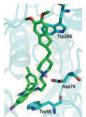
Single Molecules

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Charge Transport Induced by Formation of a Single Covalent Bond

Quantum leap: A molecular tip of a scanning tunneling microcope is utilized to detect conductance change induced by in situ covalent bond formation between single molecules. Thiol groups of sample and tip molecules form a disulfide linkage, which bridges the gap between the gold tip and the substrate (picture, top). Current jumps take place by electron transport through the molecular bridge, and this electron transport is successfully quantified (picture, bottom).





42% inhibition of AChE-induced Aβ aggregation at 100 μM 29% inhibition of self-induced Aβ aggregation at 10 μM IC_{50} (BACE-1) = 11 μM IC_{50} (BACE-1) = 2.61 nM K (hAChE) = 2.61 nM IC_{50} (hBChE) = 349 nM IC_{50} (hBChE) = 349 nM In vitro BBB permeability = CNS+

Drug Design

E. Viayna, T. Gómez, C. Galdeano, L. Ramírez, M. Ratia, A. Badia, M. V. Clos, E. Verdaguer, F. Junyent, A. Camins, M. Pallàs,

M. Bartolini, F. Mancini, V. Andrisano, M. P. Arce,

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Novel Huprine Derivatives with Inhibitory Activity toward β -Amyloid Aggregation and Formation as Disease-Modifying Anti-Alzheimer Drug Candidates

Unforgettably effective: We synthesized a new family of huprine-based dual binding site acetylcholinesterase inhibitors as multipotent disease-modifying anti-Alzheimer agents. These compounds exhibit a multitarget profile, encompassing potent inhibitory activity toward acetylcholinesterase, moderate inhibitory activity of β -amyloid aggregation, BACE-1, and butyrylcholinesterase, and are predicted to be able to cross the blood–brain barrier.



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Next-Generation Biofuels: Survey of Emerging Technologies and Sustainability Issues

An overview of technical aspects of production technologies for next-generation biofuel is presented. Complemented with their related economical and environmental assessment results, an insight into the sustainability of the technologies, and an analysis of the opportunities and limits of future development, is given.





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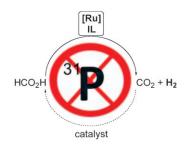


Ionic Liquids

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Decomposition of Formic Acid Catalyzed by a Phosphine-Free Ruthenium Complex in a Task-Specific Ionic Liquid

Formic acid (FA) dehydrogenation is catalyzed by a phosphine-free Ru complex in an amine-functionalized ionic liquid (IL) at $80\,^{\circ}$ C (TOFs up to $1540\,h^{-1}$). Preliminary kinetic insights, the activation energy of the process, and the ionic organometallic species involved in the transformation are also determined. Significant catalytic activity was observed during recycles, indicating the system's potential for hydrogen gas production.



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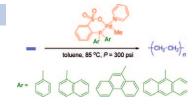


Ethene Polymerization

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Investigation of Steric and Electronic Factors of (Arylsulfonyl)phosphane-Palladium Catalysts in Ethene Polymerization

Bulky sulfonated arylphosphane ligands were prepared and used to generate (arylsulfonyl) phosphane-palladium complexes. These complexes catalyze ethene polymerization yielding linear polyethene. The relationship between the catalysts' structures and their activity was discussed.



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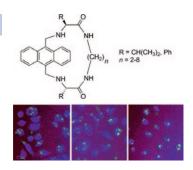


Fluorescent Probes

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Synthesis and Evaluation of Pseudopeptidic Fluorescence pH Probes for Acidic Cellular Organelles: In Vivo Monitoring of Bacterial Phagocytosis by Multiparametric Flow Cytometry

A new family of anthracenic macrocycles has been synthesized that can act as fluorescent probes for pH in the range 4.6–6.5. The pK_a values of these compounds can be finely tuned. In flow cytometry experiments, it was found that bacterial killing by human monocytes (U937) occurred with a simultaneous drop in pH, which was monitored by one of the macrocyclic sensors.



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