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Carbon–Nitrogen Bond Formation by Reaction of 1,2-Cumulenes with a Ditantalum Complex That Contains a Side-On- and End-On-Bound Dinitrogen

*W. Liu, H. Zhong, R. Wang, N. C. Seeman**
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S. Lee, I. Chataigner, S. R. Piettre**
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Fast and efficient fluorination of small molecules by SF_4^{2+}

X. Zeng, H. Beckers, H. Willner,* J. F. Stanton*
Elusive Diazirinone, N_2CO

J. Baek, P. M. Allen, M. G. Bawendi, K. F. Jensen**
Investigation of the Synthesis of InP Nanocrystals with a High-Temperature and High-Pressure Continuous-Flow Microreactor

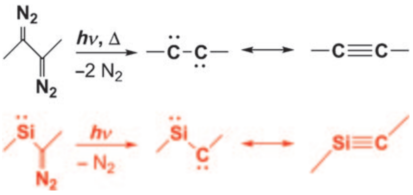
Author Profile

"I am waiting for the day when someone will discover an implantable memory chip.
My science "heroes" are Richard Willstätter and Vladimir Prelog …"
This and more about Hans-Günther (Hagga) Schmalz can be found on page 10038.

Books

Highlights

An old reaction but an exciting product: Nearly 100 years after Curtius' synthesis of alkynes from bisdiazo compounds, the same reaction principle was applied for the synthesis of a silyne, a compound with a Si–C triple bond.

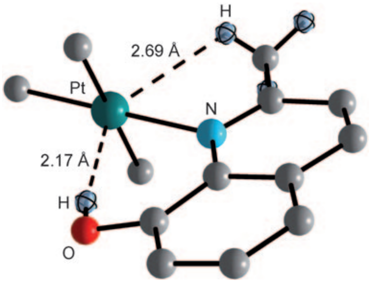


Main-Group Chemistry

Hydrogen Bonding to Metals

L. R. Falvello* ________ **10045 – 10047**

The Hydrogen Bond, Front and Center

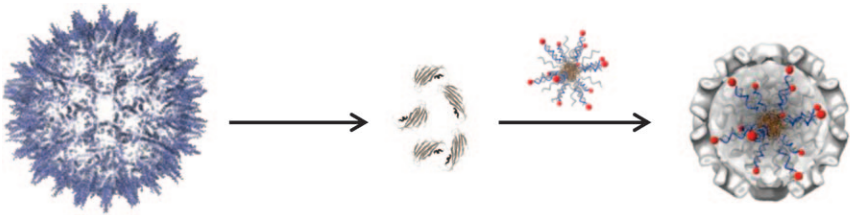


The understanding of the hydrogen bond, an interaction that appears in diverse environments and exercises widely varying functions, continues to expand with the report of a neutron diffraction analysis of a complex displaying an O–H···Pt hydrogen bond with unligated water as the donor. What is known about hydrogen bonding so far provides a broad context for this new result.

Drug Delivery

Z. Su, Q. Wang* ________ **10048 – 10050**

A Hierarchical Assembly Process to Engineer a Hydrophobic Core for Virus-like Particles



Re-engineer the core: The genomic core of a virus (left) can be re-engineered by the coassembly of viral coat proteins and DNA amphiphiles to produce virus-like nanocarriers to transport both hydrophobic and hydrophilic compounds. It is a general strategy for adapting virus-based vehicles for drug-delivery applications.

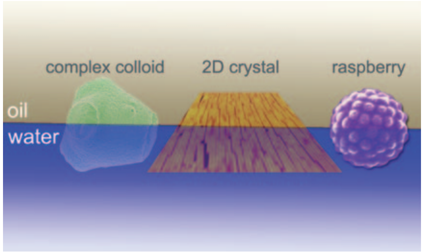
Reviews

Particles at Interfaces

Z. Niu, J. He, T. P. Russell,*
Q. Wang* ________ **10052 – 10066**

Synthesis of Nano/Microstructures at Fluid Interfaces

An ideal starting point for the formation of multifunctional materials are air–liquid interfaces and interfaces between two liquids at which nanoparticles or colloidal particles can accumulate. At such liquid interfaces, various organizational processes and reactions have been carried out to form hierarchical structures, such as two-dimensional crystalline films, colloidosomes, raspberry-like core–shell structures, or Janus particles.



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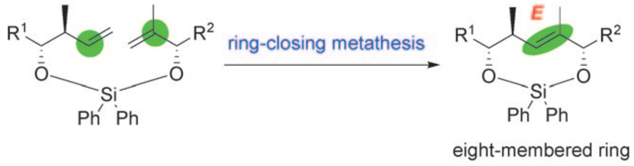
Synthetic Methods

R. Matsui, K. Seto, K. Fujita,
T. Suzuki, A. Nakazaki,
S. Kobayashi* ———— 10068 – 10073

Unusual *E*-Selective Ring-Closing Metathesis To Form Eight-Membered Rings

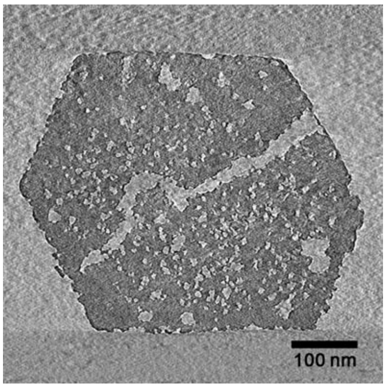


Tied back: The title reaction was observed when a silicon-tethered diene was treated with the Hoveyda–Grubbs second-generation catalyst. The structural requirements for the *E*-olefin-forming ring-closing metathesis, and the transition state leading to *E* olefin are discussed. This methodology will be useful in the synthesis of polyketides containing a pent-2-ene-1,5-diol unit.

Zeolites

K. P. de Jong,* J. Zečević, H. Friedrich,
P. E. de Jongh, M. Bulut, S. van Donk,*
R. Kenmogne, A. Finiels, V. Hulea,
F. Fajula* ———— 10074 – 10078

Zeolite Y Crystals with Trimodal Porosity as Ideal Hydrocracking Catalysts

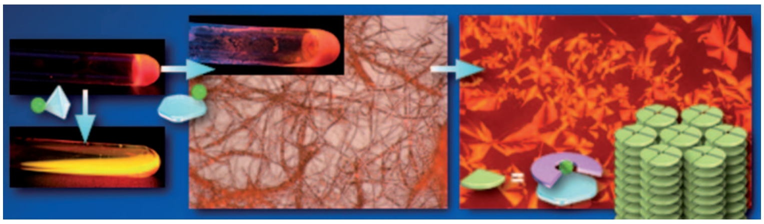


Working at the Y: Zeolite Y crystals with micropores (ca. 1 nm), small mesopores (ca. 3 nm), and large mesopores (ca. 30 nm) were obtained by base leaching of previously steamed and acid-leached material. The zeolite Y crystals with trimodal porosity (see electron-tomographic picture) displayed close to ideal hydrocracking selectivity and enhanced yields of kerosene and diesel.

Supramolecular Chemistry

Y. Haketa, S. Sasaki, N. Ohta,
H. Masunaga, H. Ogawa, N. Mizuno,
F. Araoka, H. Takezoe,
H. Maeda* ———— 10079 – 10083

Oriented Salts: Dimension-Controlled Charge-by-Charge Assemblies from Planar Receptor–Anion Complexes

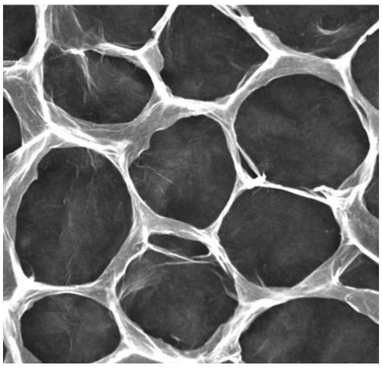


Pillars of salts: By combining planar cations and planar anionic structures based on π-conjugated acyclic dipyrroles containing an anion, charge-by-charge assemblies could be formed (see picture). Not only crystals but also soft materials, such as supramolecular gels and thermotropic liquid crystals, could be made by this method.

Graphene Assembly

S. H. Lee, H. W. Kim, J. O. Hwang,
W. J. Lee, J. Kwon, C. W. Bielawski,
R. S. Ruoff, S. O. Kim* —— 10084 – 10088

Three-Dimensional Self-Assembly of Graphene Oxide Platelets into Mechanically Flexible Macroporous Carbon Films



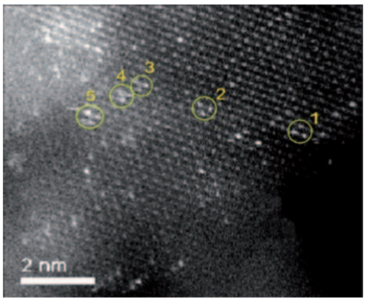
Hey ho, let's GO: Graphene oxide platelets can be self-assembled into highly ordered, mechanically flexible carbon films with tunable porous morphologies. Further nitrogen doping enhanced the electrical properties and supercapacitor performances of the carbon-based assemblies, and provided chemical functionalization.

Metal–Support Interfaces

A. Kulkarni, M. Chi, V. Ortalan,
N. D. Browning,*
B. C. Gates* ______ **10089 – 10092**

Atomic Resolution of the Structure of a Metal–Support Interface: Triosmium Clusters on MgO(110)

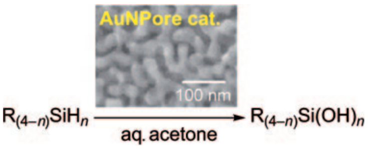
Metal atoms piggyback: Aberration-corrected STEM images of MgO-supported triosmium clusters show that the osmium atoms reside atop magnesium atoms (see picture). On the basis of the results, structural models of the clusters that include the metal–support interaction are derived.



Heterogeneous Catalysis

N. Asao,* Y. Ishikawa, N. Hatakeyama,
Menggenbateer, Y. Yamamoto,* M. Chen,
W. Zhang, A. Inoue ______ **10093 – 10095**

Nanostructured Materials as Catalysts: Nanoporous-Gold-Catalyzed Oxidation of Organosilanes with Water

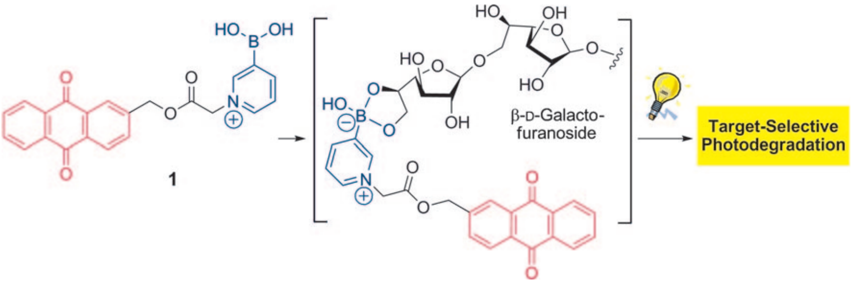


Pores to the fore: Nanoporous gold shows a remarkable catalytic activity for the oxidation of organosilane compounds with water. The catalyst is easily recoverable and can be reused several times without leaching and loss of activity.

Oligosaccharides

D. Takahashi, S. Hirono, C. Hayashi,
M. Igarashi, Y. Nishimura,
K. Toshima* ______ **10096 – 10100**

Photodegradation of Target Oligosaccharides by Light-Activated Small Molecules

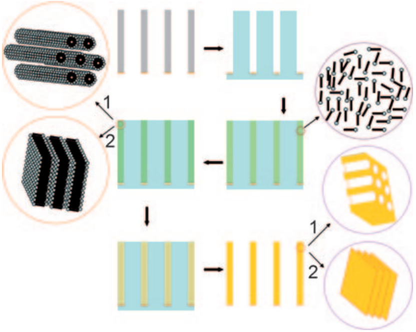


Shine on, shine on: The designed anthraquinone/boronic acid hybrid **1** selectively caused the degradation of oligosaccharides that have a β-D-galactofuranoside residue, which is a unique component in mycobacterial cell walls. Degradation was achieved using long-wavelength UV radiation in the absence of any additives and under neutral conditions.

Hierarchical Membranes

X. Y. Zhang,* W. Lu, J. Y. Dai, L. Bourgeois,
N. Hao, H. T. Wang, D. Y. Zhao,
P. A. Webley* ______ **10101 – 10105**

Ordered Hierarchical Porous Platinum Membranes with Tailored Mesostructures

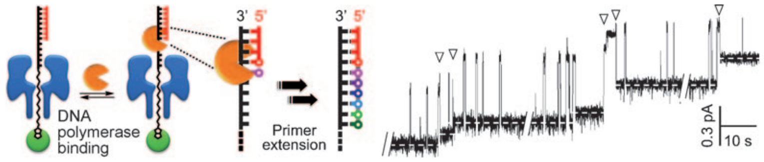


Swiss cheese or slices? A two-step method has been developed for the preparation of the title membranes from lytropic liquid crystals templated with poly(methyl methacrylate). The membranes have ordered mesopores and tunable macropore channels. The mesostructure of the membranes can be tailored by adjusting the concentration of the surfactant solution (see picture: 1 = low, 2 = high concentration).

DNA Sequencing

J. Chu, M. González-López,
S. L. Cockroft, M. Amorin,
M. R. Ghadiri* ———— 10106 – 10109

Real-Time Monitoring of DNA Polymerase Function and Stepwise Single-Nucleotide DNA Strand Translocation through a Protein Nanopore



Stepping it forward: A major challenge in realizing single-molecule nanopore DNA sequencing is to devise a way to ratchet DNA strands through a nanopore at appropriate speed that is commensurate with real-time sequential nucleobase identification. A promising approach is presented that exploits the intrinsic motor function of DNA polymerases to effect DNA strand translocation through an α-hemolysin nanopore (see picture).

Thin Films

M. Lefort, G. Popa, E. Seyrek, R. Szamocki,
O. Felix, J. Hemmerlé, L. Vidal,
J.-C. Voegel, F. Boulmedais, G. Decher,*
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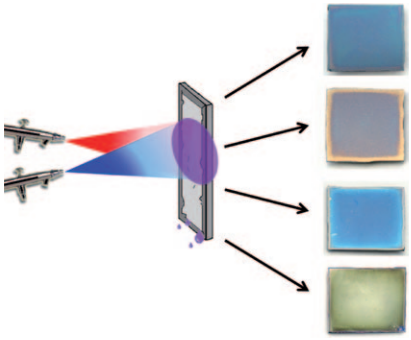
Spray-On Organic/Inorganic Films: A General Method for the Formation of Functional Nano- to Microscale Coatings

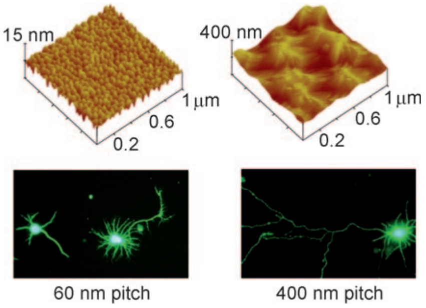


Technicolor dreamcoat: Spray-on nanoscale coatings are formed by simultaneous spraying of complementary species (e.g., polyanion/polycation, polyelectrolyte/small oligomeric ion, two inorganic salt solutions) against a receiving surface (see picture). The process leads to the formation of ultrathin films, the thicknesses of which are controlled by the spraying time. This general one-step coating method results in optically homogeneous films from a broad choice of functional compounds.

Neuron Growth on Surfaces

W. K. Cho, K. Kang, G. Kang, M. J. Jang,
Y. Nam,* I. S. Choi* ———— 10114 – 10118

Pitch-Dependent Acceleration of Neurite Outgrowth on Nanostructured Anodized Aluminum Oxide Substrates



60 nm pitch

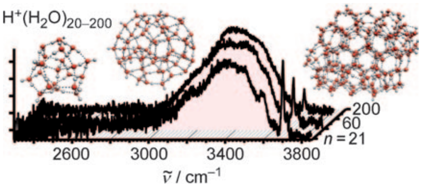
400 nm pitch

Pitching in to help: When nanostructured anodized aluminum oxide substrates of four different types were used as nanotopographical environments for in vitro neuronal culture, the average neurite outgrowth was much faster on surfaces with a 400 nm pitch than on surfaces with a 60 nm pitch (see AFM images of two substrates and fluorescence micrographs of hippocampal neurons after culture for 2 days on these substrates).

Water Clusters

K. Mizuse, N. Mikami,
A. Fujii* ———— 10119 – 10122

Infrared Spectra and Hydrogen-Bonded Network Structures of Large Protonated Water Clusters $H^+(H_2O)_n$ ($n = 20–200$)



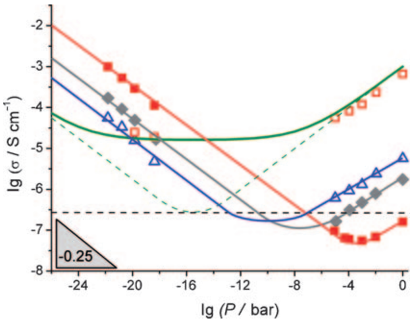
Precisely size-selected protonated water clusters $H^+(H_2O)_n$ ($n = 20–200$) were studied by IR spectroscopy to provide insights into the structures of large-scale H-bonded water networks. The spectral features reveal that cluster structures gradually approach that of the bulk-water network and involve a greater number of four-coordinate water molecules with increasing cluster size (see picture).

Solid-State Conduction

P. Lupetin, G. Gregori,* J. Maier ——— 10123 – 10126

Mesoscopic Charge Carriers Chemistry in Nanocrystalline $SrTiO_3$

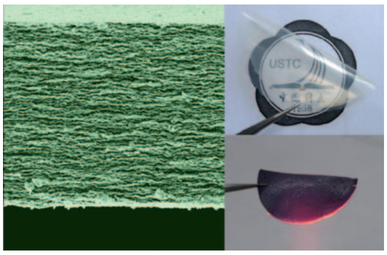
Impressive size effect: The conductivity of nanocrystalline $SrTiO_3$ as a function of oxygen partial pressure is compared with the properties of the coarsened, microcrystalline material. Electron-, hole-, and oxygen vacancy-type conduction differ by several orders of magnitude (see plot), critically depending on the grain size of the sample.



Bionanocomposites

H. B. Yao, Z. H. Tan, H. Y. Fang, S. H. Yu* ——— 10127 – 10131

Artificial Nacre-like Bionanocomposite Films from the Self-Assembly of Chitosan–Montmorillonite Hybrid Building Blocks

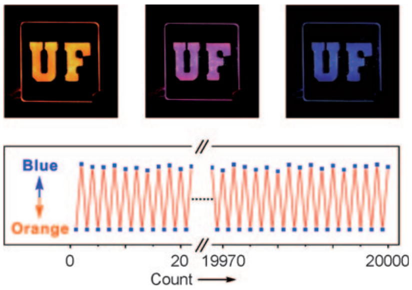


Brick-and-mortar microstructures of artificial nacre-like chitosan–montmorillonite (MTM) bionanocomposite films can be readily fabricated by using chitosan–MTM hybrid nanosheets as building blocks (see picture). The fire-retardant nacre-like films have a higher mechanical performance (Young's modulus: 10 GPa, tensile strength: 100 MPa) than a film made by conventional methods.

Nanomaterials

O. Chen, D. E. Shelby, Y. Yang, J. Zhuang, T. Wang, C. Niu, N. Omenetto, Y. C. Cao* ——— 10132 – 10135

Excitation-Intensity-Dependent Color-Tunable Dual Emissions from Manganese-Doped CdS/ZnS Core/Shell Nanocrystals



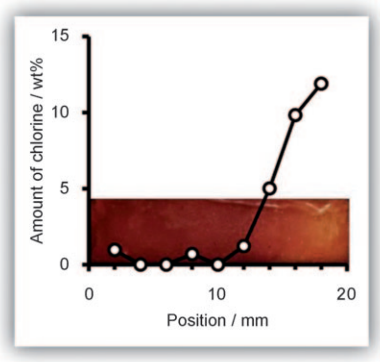
Here comes your Mn: Semiconductor nanocrystals doped with manganese exhibit dual emissions that are dependent on the excitation intensity. Under single-wavelength excitation, the emission color of these doped nanocrystals can be tuned from orange to blue at different excitation fluences. This color-tunable property is reversible and originates from the excitation of multiple Mn dopants inside a nanocrystal.

Conducting Polymers

S. Inagi,* Y. Ishiguro, M. Atobe, T. Fuchigami* ——— 10136 – 10139

Bipolar Patterning of Conducting Polymers by Electrochemical Doping and Reaction

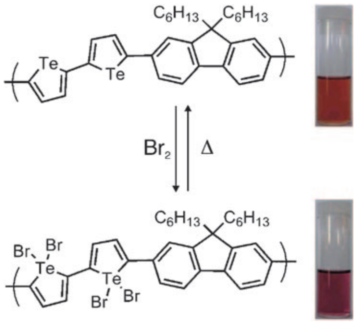
On the double: When a poly(3-methylthiophene) (PT) film is doped on a bipolar electrode with Bu_4NPF_6 as supporting electrolyte, the film includes PF_6^- anions with a composition gradient along the potential gradient on the electrode. The use of Et_4NCl results in partial chlorination of the PT film that reflects the potential gradient of the bipolar electrode (see picture; inset: photograph of the film).



Tellurophene Polymers

A. A. Jahnke, G. W. Howe,
D. S. Seferos* ———— **10140 – 10144**

Polytellurophenes with Properties Controlled by Tellurium-Coordination



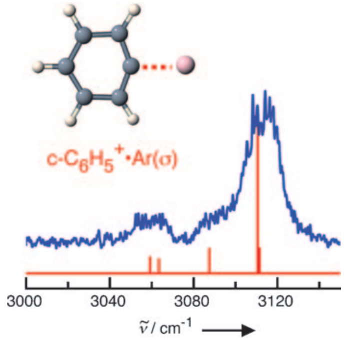
Coordinated control: Owing to their numerous synthetic challenges, polytellurophenes are a virtually unexplored class of conjugated polymers. A new dihalogenated bitellurophene monomer has been synthesized and its polymerization under palladium-catalyzed conditions was optimized. The resulting polytellurophenes are stable compounds with distinct optoelectronic properties that can be controlled by coordination with bromine (see picture).

Carbocations

A. Patzer, S. Chakraborty, N. Solcà,
O. Dopfer* ———— **10145 – 10148**

IR Spectrum and Structure of the Phenyl Cation

No way to hide: The IR spectrum of the phenyl cation, c-$C_6H_5^+$, has been derived by resonant IR photodissociation of weakly bound $C_6H_5^+$·Ar clusters (see picture). The analysis provides the first spectroscopic characterization of this fundamental carbocation in the gas phase. The Ar ligand is used to probe the electrophilicity of the vacant nonbonding σ orbital of c-$C_6H_5^+$.



Protein Modification

F. El Oualid, R. Merkx, R. Ekkebus,
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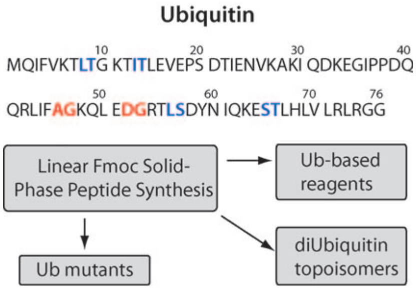
H. Hilkmann, T. K. Sixma,
H. Ovaa* ———— **10149 – 10153**

Chemical Synthesis of Ubiquitin, Ubiquitin-Based Probes, and Diubiquitin

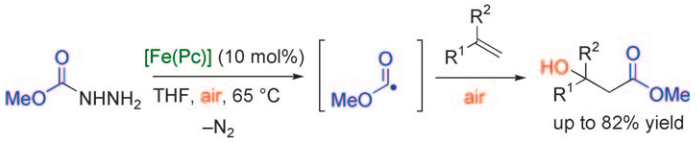
Changing the subject: An efficient linear solid-phase peptide synthesis of ubiquitin (Ub) has been developed. This approach allows the incorporation of desired tags and mutations (see picture; blue denotes a pseudoproline dipeptide, red a dimethoxybenzyl dipeptide) as well as specific C-terminal modification and the construction of all diubiquitin conjugates in high yields and purities in a straightforward manner.



Radical Reactions

T. Taniguchi,* Y. Sugiura, H. Zaimoku,
H. Ishibashi ———— **10154 – 10157**

Iron-Catalyzed Oxidative Addition of Alkoxycarbonyl Radicals to Alkenes with Carbazates and Air



Clean and simple: Alkoxycarbonyl radicals generated from carbazates by iron catalysis in air underwent addition to a variety of alkenes to give the corresponding β-hydroxyesters (see scheme). The simple experimental procedure for this transformation has the added advantage that the reagents are environmentally friendly. $R^1,R^2 =$ alkyl, alkynyl, aryl, CO_2Et; [Fe(Pc)] = iron phthalocyanine.

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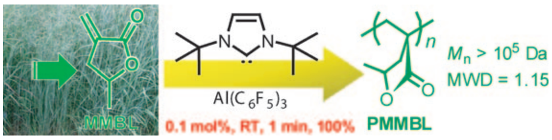
Polymer Synthesis

Y. Zhang, G. M. Miyake,
E. Y.-X. Chen* ________ **10158 – 10162**

Alane-Based Classical and Frustrated Lewis Pairs in Polymer Synthesis: Rapid Polymerization of MMA and Naturally Renewable Methylene Butyrolactones into High-Molecular-Weight Polymers

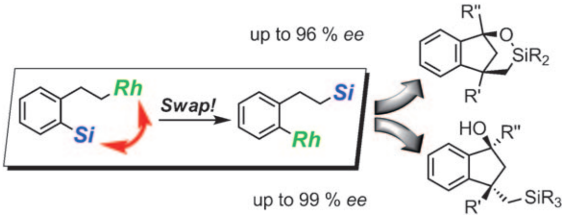


Frustrated growth: $Al(C_6F_5)_3$-based classical and frustrated Lewis pairs with select phosphines or N-heterocyclic carbenes exhibit exceptional activity in polymerization of methyl methacrylate (MMA) and naturally renewable methylene butyrolactones (M)MBL at ambient temperature, thereby affording high-molecular-weight PMMA and environmentally sustainable P(M)MBL (see scheme).

Asymmetric Catalysis

T. Seiser, N. Cramer* ____ **10163 – 10167**

Rhodium(I)-Catalyzed 1,4-Silicon Shift of Unactivated Silanes from Aryl to Alkyl: Enantioselective Synthesis of Indanol Derivatives



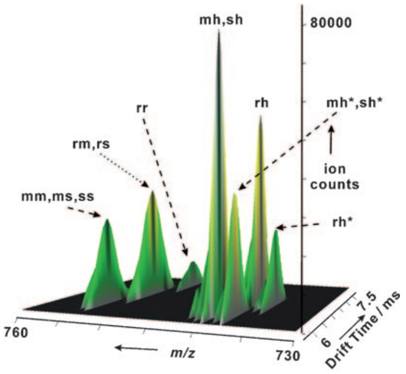
Let's swap! Highly reactive alkyl rhodium species undergo facile C–Si bond activation resulting in an overall 1,4-Si/Rh positional switch. This reactivity is utilized to access densely functionalized indanol derivatives in a highly enantioselective manner (see scheme).

Polymer Mass Spectrometry

J. Song, C. H. Grün, R. M. A. Heeren,
H.-G. Janssen,
O. F. van den Brink* ____ **10168 – 10171**

High-Resolution Ion Mobility Spectrometry–Mass Spectrometry on Poly(methyl methacrylate)

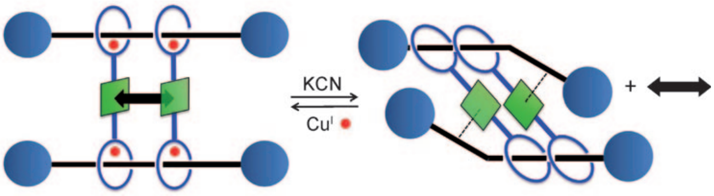
Further dimensions: The title mass spectrometric technique offers an extra dimension of separation based on size and conformation of the molecules in addition to *m/z* separation without the need of time-consuming liquid chromatography separation. Detailed mapping of the mass and drift time separated ions allowed identification of end groups originating from various initiation and termination reactions.



Host–Guest Systems

J.-P. Collin,* F. Durola, V. Heitz,*
F. Reviriego, J.-P. Sauvage,*
Y. Trolez ________ **10172 – 10175**

A Cyclic [4]rotaxane that Behaves as a Switchable Molecular Receptor: Formation of a Rigid Scaffold from a Collapsed Structure by Complexation with Copper(I) Ions



Total collapse: A porphyrinic [4]rotaxane collapses completely after demetalation. The metal-free compound does not act as a receptor whereas the copper(I)-complexed compound is a selective receptor for diamine and dipyridyl substrates (see picture). The recognition process can thus be switched on and off by complexing the free ligand to four Cu^I ions or demetalating the metal-complexed species, respectively.

Molecular Electronics

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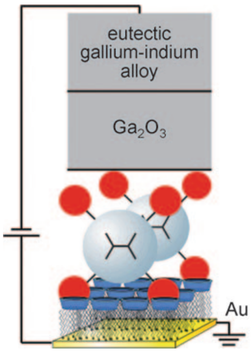
Control over Rectification in Supramolecular Tunneling Junctions



In complete control: The magnitude of current rectification in well-defined supramolecular tunneling junctions can be controlled by changing the terminal functionality (red spheres) of dendrimers (gray spheres) immobilized on a supramolecular platform (see picture). Junctions containing biferrocene and ferrocene end groups showed larger rectification ratios than junctions containing adamantyl end groups.

Cooperative Catalysis

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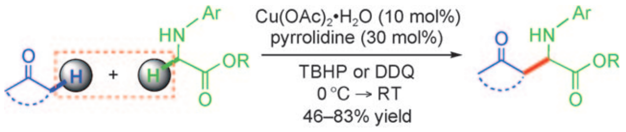
Cross-Dehydrogenative Coupling Reactions by Transition-Metal and Aminocatalysis for the Synthesis of Amino Acid Derivatives



The direct approach: The title coupling reactions of *N*-aryl glycine esters with unmodified ketones occurred smoothly in the presence of *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (TBHP) or 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ) under mild conditions (see scheme). The oxidant used for C—H activation determined the selectivity of the reactions for a particular type of ketone substrate.

Iron Catalysis

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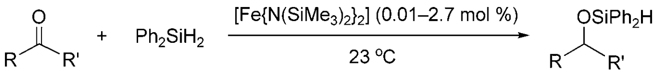
Efficient Hydrosilylation of Carbonyl Compounds with the Simple Amide Catalyst $[Fe\{N(SiMe_3)_2\}_2]$



Keep it simple: A variety of ketones and two aldehydes underwent efficient hydrosilylation under mild conditions in the presence of the title complex (see scheme; R,R′ = H, alkyl, aryl). In some cases, a catalyst loading of just 0.01–0.03 mol % was sufficient. This catalyst may provide a simple, cost-effective, and environmentally benign alternative to currently employed methods for the hydrosilylation of ketones.

Indole Chemistry

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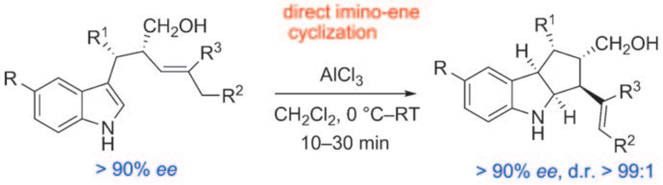
Lewis Acid Catalyzed Intramolecular Direct Ene Reaction of Indoles



How to fuse heterocycles: The direct enamine–imine isomerization of indoles and subsequent intramolecular imino-ene has been observed under Lewis acid catalysis. This unique reaction occurred for indoles that contain a tethered olefin functionality, and led to fused indoline heterocycles with excellent diastereocontrol (see scheme).

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Synthetic Methods

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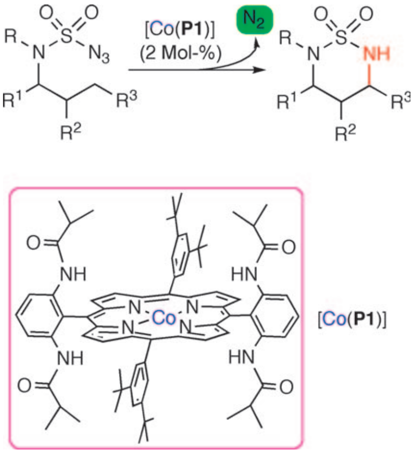
Selective Intramolecular C–H Amination through the Metalloradical Activation of Azides: Synthesis of 1,3-Diamines under Neutral and Nonoxidative Conditions



N_2 is the only by-product in a stereospecific and highly diastereoselective intramolecular C–H amination of sulfamoyl azides with a cobalt(II)-based metalloradical catalyst (see scheme). The catalytic system has an unusual capacity for the efficient amination of strong primary C–H bonds, as well as secondary and tertiary C–H bonds, and functional-group tolerance is excellent owing to the neutral and nonoxidative conditions.

Core–Shell Structures

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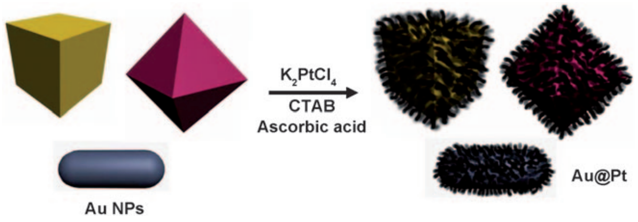
Synthesis of AuPt Heteronanostructures with Enhanced Electrocatalytic Activity toward Oxygen Reduction



The core of the matter: The catalytic activities of Au@Pt heteronanostructures (see scheme; CTAB: cetyltrimethylammonium bromide, NPs: nanoparticles) toward oxygen reduction are highly dependent on the shape of the cores, thus revealing the importance of the core structure for enhancing the activity of core–shell-type nanocatalysts.

Carbon Nanorings

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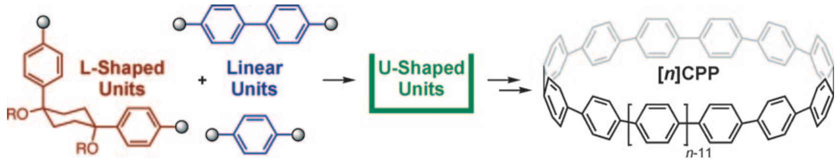
A Modular and Size-Selective Synthesis of [*n*]Cycloparaphenylenes: A Step toward the Selective Synthesis of [*n*,*n*] Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes



A modular strategy served in the size-selective syntheses of [14]-, [15]-, and [16]cycloparaphenylenes (CPPs). A Suzuki–Miyaura coupling was used to assemble a terphenyl-equivalent, L-shaped *cis*-1,4-diphenylcyclohexane unit and a linear benzene/biphenyl unit in a 3+1+3 or 3+2+3 mode to give U-shaped septi- and octiphenyl units. The cyclizative dimerization of these U-shaped units and subsequent aromatization yielded the CPPs.

Azido Alcohols

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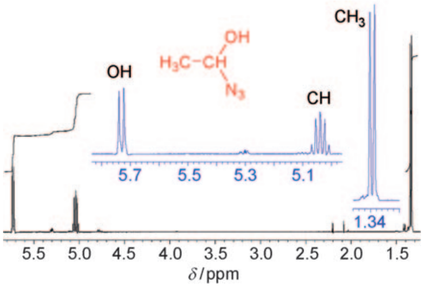
Extremely Simple but Long Overlooked: Generation of α-Azido Alcohols by Hydroazidation of Aldehydes



Discovered by accident: Just because an example of a simple substructure cannot be found in literature does not mean that corresponding compounds are not readily accessible. α-Azido alcohols like 1-azidoethanol have now been prepared and isolated.

Siderophore Import

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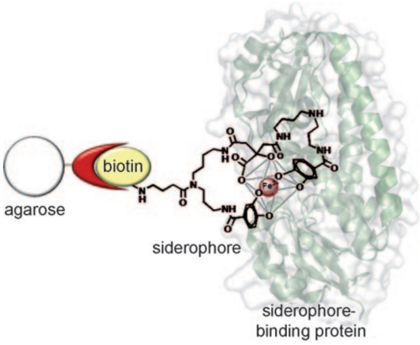
Direct Identification of a Siderophore Import Protein Using Synthetic Petrobactin Ligands

Nice catch! The immobilization of a synthetic petrobactin derivative on agarose was crucial for the isolation and identification of a bacterial siderophore import protein for the first time from crude cell extracts. The biochemical and genetic characterization of the identified protein confirmed that FpiA (YclQ) is the principal petrobactin importer in *Bacillus subtilis*.



Light-Emitting Diodes

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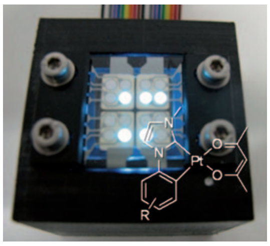
Green–Blue Emitters: NHC-Based Cyclometalated [Pt(C^C*)(acac)] Complexes



White on target: Platinum(II) complexes with cyclometalated 1-phenylimidazole ligands (see picture: R = 2,3-OC$_6$H$_4$) show photophysical properties in the blue region of the visible spectrum, thus giving them the potential to be used as the blue component of white-light-emitting diodes.

Surface Plasmons

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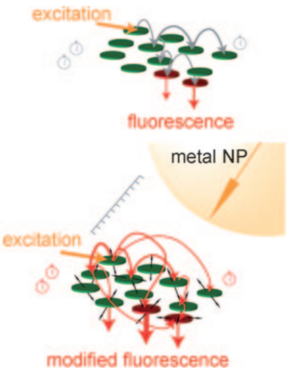
Fluorescence Studies into the Effect of Plasmonic Interactions on Protein Function



Influencing proteins: A protein multichromophore system (photosystem I) is exposed to gold nanoparticles (NPs) and silver island films. In the presence of these nanostructures an altered fluorescence response of the chromophores is observed (see scheme), indicating a change in the protein function. A model to understand these plasmonic effects is generally applicable to other multichromophore systems.

Ionic Liquids

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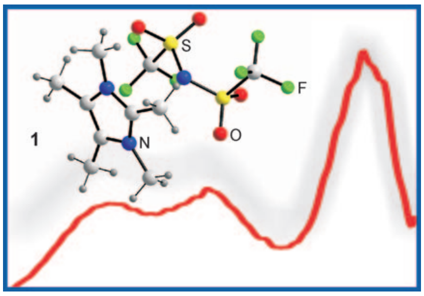
The Importance of Hydrogen Bonds for the Structure of Ionic Liquids: Single-Crystal X-ray Diffraction and Transmission and Attenuated Total Reflection Spectroscopy in the Terahertz Region

The low-frequency motions in ionic liquids can be studied by transmission and attenuated total reflection spectroscopy in the THz region (see spectrum for **1**). These motions involve flexing of individual ions and intermolecular interactions by hydrogen bonding. Combined measurements show that the degree of hydrogen bonding is crucial for the solid structures of this material.



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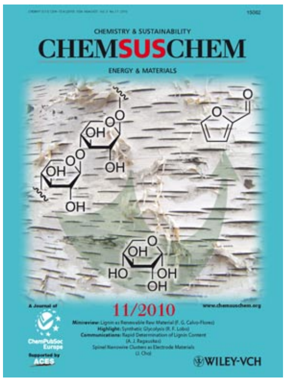

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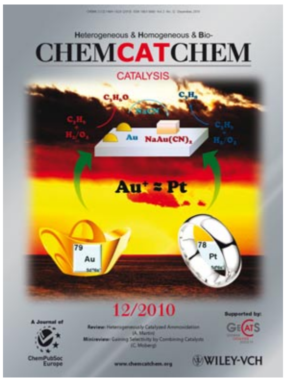

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