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Zwitterionic Near-Infrared Fluorophores and Their Fate In Vivo

Guy Bertrand ___

Author Profile



Gernot Boche (1938-2011)

"When I was eighteen I wanted to be a professional tennis player.

When I wake up I wake up my 8-year-old son ..."
This and more about Guy Bertrand can be found on page 5248.

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R. W. Hoffmann, M. Famulok* _____ **5251**

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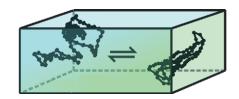
Highlights

Polymer Processing

F. A. Feist, T. Basché* _____ **5256 - 5257**

The Folding of Individual Conjugated Polymer Chains during Annealing

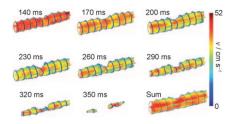
Chain reaction: Single-molecule spectroscopy can be used for the real-time observation of the translational and conformational dynamics of individual conjugated polymer chains during the annealing of solid films. Thus, a detailed molecular understanding of annealing mechanisms is at hand.



Remote Detection

E. Paciok, B. Blümich* _____ 5258 - 5260

Ultrafast Microscopy of Microfluidics: Compressed Sensing and Remote Detection Zooming in on microfluidics: The potential of conventional NMR microscopy is limited by poor sensitivity and long measurement times. Recent advances in remote-detection NMR spectroscopy overcome these limitations and give unique insight into microfluidic processes with unprecedented spatial and temporal resolution (picture: high-resolution three-dimensional velocity maps of fast flow in a microcapillary).



Mass Spectrometry

F. Coelho,* M. N. Eberlin* - 5261 - 5263

The Bridge Connecting Gas-Phase and Solution Chemistries



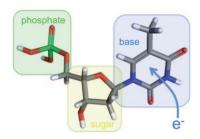
Charged wings for flying fish: Mass spectrometry allows the investigation of chemical reactions at the molecular level with ease, speed, selectivity, sensitivity, and great flexibility. Modern mass spectrometry provides a bridge that allows chemical reactions that occur in the gas phase to be studied in solution, and viceversa (see picture).

Minireviews

Electrons in Water

K. R. Siefermann, B. Abel* _ 5264-5272

The Hydrated Electron: A Seemingly Familiar Chemical and Biological Transient Two recent milestones in the research of the hydrated electron were the determination of its vertical binding energy and the discovery of a long-lived hydrated electron near the surface of liquid water. The results bear relevance for many fields, e.g., electron attachment to DNA bases (see picture).



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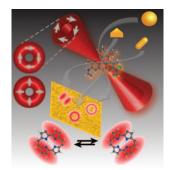
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Doughnuts for nanotechnology: Higherorder laser modes with a doughnut-shape and a tunable polarization (see picture) have an extraordinary potential for new applications in nanotechnology. They already serve as versatile tools in microscopy and are finding use in many fields of science from pure optics to different branches of applied science including bioand materials science.

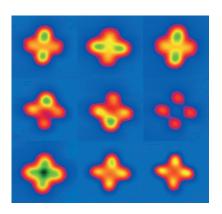


Reviews

Microscopy Techniques

T. Züchner, A. V. Failla,
A. J. Meixner* ______ 5274 – 5293

Light Microscopy with Doughnut Modes: A Concept to Detect, Characterize, and Manipulate Individual Nanoobjects



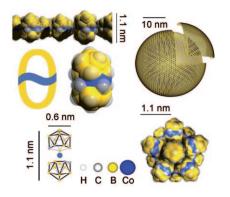
Silvered molecules: The controlled metalation of individual phthalocyanine (H_2Pc) molecules to form AgPc was observed by low-temperature scanning tunneling microscopy (STM). Stepwise dehydrogenation was followed by Ag+ implantation; tautomerization and hydrogen atom hopping within the H_2Pc inner ring were also induced by electron injection from the STM tip.

Communications

Surface Chemistry

A. Sperl, J. Kröger,R. Berndt* _______ **5294 – 5297**

Controlled Metalation of a Single Adsorbed Phthalocyanine



Sandwiched: The cobaltabisdicarbollide (mono-)anion ($[3,3'\text{-Co}(1,2\text{-C}_2B_9H_{11})_2]^-$, COSAN $^-$) forms monolayer vesicles at low concentrations in water (see picture). An increase in concentration leads to a Coulomb explosion of the closely packed vesicles into small micelles, which results in the coexistence of both aggregation states at higher concentrations.

Vesicles

P. Bauduin,* S. Prevost, P. Farràs, F. Teixidor, O. Diat, T. Zemb **5298 – 5300**

A Theta-Shaped Amphiphilic Cobaltabisdicarbollide Anion: Transition From Monolayer Vesicles to Micelles



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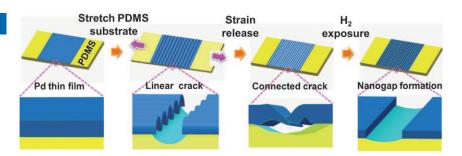


Chemical Sensors

J. Lee, W. Shim, E. Lee, J.-S. Noh, W. Lee* ______ **5301 – 5305**



Highly Mobile Palladium Thin Films on an Elastomeric Substrate: Nanogap-Based Hydrogen Gas Sensors



MOTIFE chemical sensors: A novel, low-cost, scalable, and lithography-free but nanogap-based chemical sensing method is presented. This method, termed highly-mobile thin film on elastomer (MOTIFE),

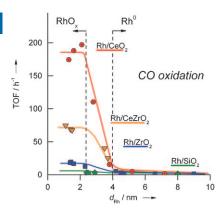
utilizes crack formation in a Pd and PdNi thin film generated by stretching the film on an elastomeric substrate to reliably and reproducibly provide highly sensitive H_2 sensors.

CO Oxidation

D. A. J. M. Ligthart, R. A. van Santen, E. J. M. Hensen* ______ **5306 – 5310**



Supported Rhodium Oxide Nanoparticles as Highly Active CO Oxidation Catalysts



Bigger is not always better: Rhodium metal particles smaller than 2.5 nm are oxidized and stabilized by reducible supports such as ceria under CO oxidation conditions, whereas metal particles larger than 4 nm remain metallic. The very small Rh oxide particles are more active by two orders of magnitude in CO oxidation than Rh metal particles (see picture; TOF = turnover frequency).

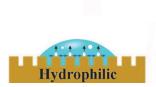


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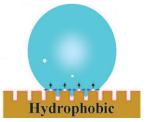
T. Zhang, J. Wang,* L. Chen, J. Zhai, Y. Song, L. Jiang* ______ **5311 – 5314**



High-Temperature Wetting Transition on Micro- and Nanostructured Surfaces



Wet, wet, wet: Typical wetting transition (from spreading to bouncing) of water droplets on micro- and nanostructured surfaces at high temperatures has been investigated. The spreading and bouncing behavior varies on substrates with differ-



ent wettabilities (see picture; substrate brown, water droplet blue, water vapor white), and the bouncing temperature changes when the microstructure of the surface changes.

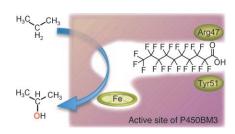
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N. Kawakami, O. Shoji,

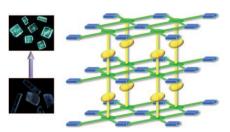
Y. Watanabe* ______ 5315 – 5318



Use of Perfluorocarboxylic Acids To Trick Cytochrome P450BM3 into Initiating the Hydroxylation of Gaseous Alkanes It has long been believed that the fatty acid hydroxylase wild-type P450BM3 is unable to oxidize gaseous alkanes. However, the simple addition of a perfluorocarboxylic acid as a dummy substrate to initiate the P450BM3 catalytic cycle enabled the efficient hydroxylation of butane and propane (see picture).







The same but different: Four samples of an organic zinc phosphate hybrid material prepared at four different temperatures have the same structure but show distinct luminescence (see pictures of two of the samples).

Luminescent Materials

S. H. Huang, S. L. Wang* __ 5319-5322

Variant Luminescence from an Organic-Inorganic Hybrid Structure with an Isolated 4-Ring Zinc Phosphate Tecton





Mothball macrocycles: Naphthalene has been coupled to form macrocylic oligomers composed of five, six, and seven naphthalene units (see picture). Thermally stable macrocycles bearing 50, 60, or 70 π electrons within the hydrocarbon structure form columnar assemblies in crystals and serve as bipolar carrier transport materials in organic light-emitting diode devices.

Organic Materials

W. Nakanishi, T. Yoshioka, H. Taka, J. Y. Xue, H. Kita, H. Isobe* 5323 - 5326

[n]Cyclo-2,7-naphthylenes: Synthesis and Isolation of Macrocyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons having Bipolar Carrier Transport Ability



It's just a phase: Environmentally benign title reaction was achieved under neutral phase-transfer conditions in the presence of 0.05 mol % of a chiral bifunctional ammonium bromide. The importance of bifunctional design of the chiral phasetransfer catalysts (PTC) was clearly shown in the transition-state model of the reaction based on the single-crystal X-ray structure. Bn = benzyl, Boc = tert-butoxycarbonyl.

Phase-Transfer Catalysis

L. Wang, S. Shirakawa, K. Maruoka* ___ 5327 - 5330

Asymmetric Neutral Amination of Nitroolefins Catalyzed by Chiral Bifunctional Ammonium Salts in Water-Rich Biphasic Solvent



It's the iodine: The intra- and intermolecular title reaction is catalyzed by an in situ generated ammonium (hypo)iodite species. Either H2O2 or tert-butyl hydroperoxide (TBHP) can be used as an environmentally benign oxidant and a wide range of substrates react to give the corresponding α-acyloxycarbonyl compounds in good to excellent yields.

Oxidation

M. Uyanik, D. Suzuki, T. Yasui, K. Ishihara* ___ _____ 5331 – 5334

In Situ Generated (Hypo) Iodite Catalysts for the Direct α -Oxyacylation of Carbonyl Compounds with Carboxylic Acids



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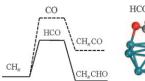
Syngas Chemistry

Y. H. Zhao, K. J. Sun, X. F. Ma, J. X. Liu,D. P. Sun, H. Y. Su, W. X. Li* 5335 – 5338



Carbon Chain Growth by Formyl Insertion on Rhodium and Cobalt Catalysts in Syngas Conversion

HCO insertion into CH_{x} exhibits superior or similar activity to CO insertion and carbene coupling according to DFT calculations, which thus reveal a new reaction channel for chain growth in syngas conversion. The picture shows schematically the lower reaction barrier for HCO versus CO insertion and the optimized transition state for insertion of HCO into CH_2 .



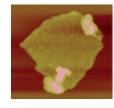


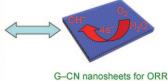
Metal-Free Electrocatalysts

S. Yang, X. Feng,* X. Wang, K. Müllen* ______ **5339 – 5343**



Graphene-Based Carbon Nitride Nanosheets as Efficient Metal-Free Electrocatalysts for Oxygen Reduction Reactions





Sandwich-like, graphene-based carbon nitride nanosheets (G–CN), among many other advantages, show an enhanced electrical conductivity. Oxygen atoms can thus access the catalyst surface easily and the rapid diffusion of electrons in the

electrode during the oxygen reduction process is facilitated. G–CN nanosheets can hence serve as metal-free electrocatalysts for oxygen reduction reactions (ORR) with excellent performance.

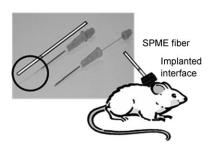
Analytical Methods

D. Vuckovic, I. de Lannoy, B. Gien, R. E. Shirey, L. M. Sidisky, S. Dutta, J. Pawliszyn* _______ 5344-5348



In Vivo Solid-Phase Microextraction: Capturing the Elusive Portion of Metabolome Metabolites with fast turnover rates and/ or unstable metabolites can be captured directly from circulating blood using a new solid-phase microextraction (SPME) device based on a hypodermic needle. Such metabolites are not observed using solvent precipitation and ultrafiltration methods, indicating traditional approaches based on blood withdrawal are not adequately capturing complete

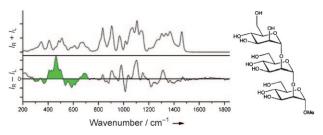
metabolome at the time of sampling.



Glycoproteins

C. Johannessen, R. Pendrill, G. Widmalm, L. Hecht, L. D. Barron* _____ 5349 – 5351

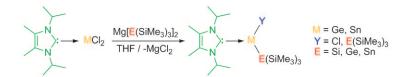
Glycan Structure of a High-Mannose Glycoprotein from Raman Optical Activity



A revealing signature: The glycan structure of intact yeast external invertase, a high-mannose glycoprotein used as biocatalyst, was investigated by using Raman optical activity (ROA) spectroscopy. The

conformational preferences present in mannose-containing di- and trisaccharides were found to be preserved in the glycan chains, with secondary polpeptide backbone structure suppressed.





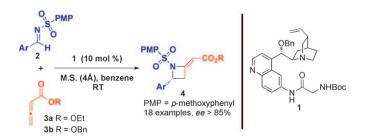
A selective route: Hypermetallyl germanium(II) and tin(II) compounds (see scheme) were prepared using dimetallyl magnesium reagents and were fully characterized. These derivatives, which contain good leaving substituents, might be suitable candidates for the preparation of nanomaterial alloys.

Group 14 Compounds

N. Katir, D. Matioszek, S. Ladeira, J. Escudié,* A. Castel* _____ 5352 - 5355

Stable N-Heterocyclic Carbene Complexes of Hypermetallyl Germanium(II) and Tin(II) Compounds





Mix and go: The quinidine amide 1 catalyzed [2+2] cycloaddition between N-sulfonylimines 2 and alkyl 2,3butadienoates 3 afforded the R-configured azetidines 4 in excellent yields and enan-

tioselectivities (M.S. = molecular sieve). The S enantiomer was obtained when a quinine amide catalyst, the pseudoenantiomer of 1, was used.

Organocatalysis

J.-B. Denis, G. Masson,* P. Retailleau, J. Zhu* _ 5356 - 5360

Cinchona Alkaloid Amide Catalyzed Enantioselective Formal [2+2] Cycloadditions of Allenoates and Imines: Synthesis of 2,4-Disubstituted **Azetidines**



Biologically significant polysubstituted dihydropyrans have been prepared in high to excellent yields and enantioselectivities (see scheme). The interaction between functional groups in the zwitterionic intermediate, which is generated by addition of the amine catalyst to the allenoate substrate, is thought to play a crucial role in the stereochemical outcome. Bn = benzyl, DMAP = 4-dimethylamino-

pyridine.

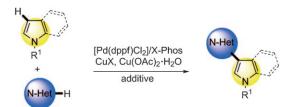
20 mol%

Organocatalysis

X. Wang, T. Fang, X. Tong* _ 5361 - 5364

Enantioselective Amine-Catalyzed [4+2] Annulations of Allenoates and Oxodienes: An Asymmetric Synthesis of Dihydropyrans





Doubling up: The highly regioselective C3 heteroarylation of either an indole or a pyrrole with an array of electron-rich and electron-poor N-heteroarenes has been carried out using a palladium/copper cocatalytic system. The double C-H activation selectively delivers the unsymmetrical bi-heteroaryl product instead of the homocoupled products.

Cross-Coupling

Z. Wang, K. Li, D. Zhao, J. Lan, _ 5365 - 5369

Palladium-Catalyzed Oxidative C-H/C-H Cross-Coupling of Indoles and Pyrroles with Heteroarenes



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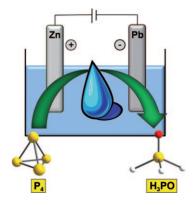
D. Yakhvarov,* M. Caporali, L. Gonsalvi,

- S. Latypov, V. Mirabello, I. Rizvanov,
- O. Sinyashin, P. Stoppioni,

M. Peruzzini* ______ 5370 - 5373



Experimental Evidence of Phosphine Oxide Generation in Solution and Trapping by Ruthenium Complexes



Phosphine oxide (H_3PO), the first defined compound of phosphorus in the oxidation state -1, was obtained in solution by electrochemical methods starting from white phosphorus (see picture). H_3PO was characterized by NMR solution spectroscopy as a free molecule and isolated as a ligand in ruthenium(II) complexes following tautomerization to phosphinous acid, $H_2P(OH)$.



Silicon Chemistry

R. S. Ghadwal, H. W. Roesky,* K. Pröpper, B. Dittrich, S. Klein,

G. Frenking* _____ 5374-5378



A Dimer of Silaisonitrile with Two-Coordinate Silicon Atoms



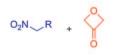
A specialty of silicon: A stable dimeric silaisonitrile (ArNSi:)₂ (see picture; Ar=2,6-bis(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)-phenyl) was prepared by the reduction of dichlorosilaimine IPr·Cl₂Si=NAr with KC₈. The dimer is the first base-free disilylene with two-coordinate silicon atoms; reaction with trimethylsilyl azide affords the first bis(silaimine) (ArNSi=NSiMe₃)₂ with three-coordinate silicon atoms.

Synthetic Methods

J. A. Burkhard, B. H. Tchitchanov, E. M. Carreira* ______ 5379 – 5382



Cascade Formation of Isoxazoles: Facile Base-Mediated Rearrangement of Substituted Oxetanes



2) add THF, MsCl, Et₃N 3) add iPr₂NEt one-pot reaction

58-91% yield

Give me five! Nitro compounds and oxetan-3-one react through an intriguing cascade sequence to give isoxazole-4-carbaldehydes using inexpensive reagents

in a one-pot procedure (see scheme; Ms = methanesulfonyl). A variety of 3-substituted isoxazole-4-carbaldehydes were obtained in high overall yields.

Polypeptide Structures

N. S. Nagornova, M. Guglielmi, M. Doemer, I. Tavernelli, U. Rothlisberger, T. R. Rizzo, O. V. Boyarkin* - 5383 – 5386



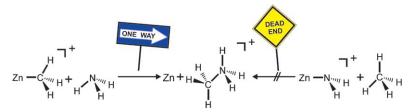
Cold-Ion Spectroscopy Reveals the Intrinsic Structure of a Decapeptide



Trapped, cooled, solved: Cold-ion spectroscopy was used to solve the three-dimensional gas-phase structure of the natural decapeptide gramicidin S. Experiments provide a detailed set of spectroscopic and structural constraints that

unambiguously identify the most stable calculated structure of the isolated peptide. These results provide new information for modeling the biological activity of this antibiotic.





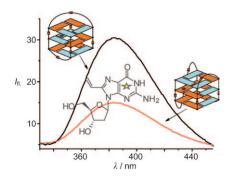
Rally from C to N: The goal of the race concerns connecting carbon and nitrogen. While the S_N 2-type mechanism constitutes a one-way road to produce CH_3NH_3 +

from $Zn(CH_3)^+$ and NH_3 , activation of the C-H bond of methane in the $Zn(NH_2)^+/$ CH_4 system is a blind alley (see scheme).

Gas-Phase Chemistry

R. Kretschmer, M. Schlangen,
H. Schwarz* ______ 5387 – 5391

Efficient and Selective Gas-Phase Monomethylation versus N $^-$ H Bond Activation of Ammonia by "Bare" Zn(CH $_3$) $^+$: Atomic Zinc as a Leaving Group in an S $_N$ 2 Reaction



A one light strand: 2'-Deoxyguanosine was made fluorescent by attaching a vinyl group at the C8 position (see structure). The resulting fluorophore is highly sensitive towards DNA double-strand formation and alterations in the secondary structure of its parent oligonucleotide, such as formation of different quadruplex structures. These differences can be readily detected in the emission spectrum (see picture).

Fluorescent Guanine

A. Nadler, J. Strohmeier,
U. Diederichsen* ______ 5392 – 5396

8-Vinyl-2'-deoxyguanosine as a Fluorescent 2'-Deoxyguanosine Mimic for Investigating DNA Hybridization and Topology



Pucker up! The 2'OH group in RNA is responsible for the change in the predominant sugar conformation, which is key to the catalytic activity and involved in critical H-bonding interactions. In a combined NMR spectroscopic and quantum chemical investigation, the conforma-

tional dependence of ¹J(C1',H1') and ¹J(C2',H2') coupling constants is derived. The precise conformation of the sugar, nucleobase, and the 2'OH group can be determined based on these coupling constants.

RNA Conformations

S. Nozinovic, P. Gupta, B. Fürtig,

C. Richter, S. Tüllmann,

E. Duchardt-Ferner, M. C. Holthausen,*

H. Schwalbe* ______ **5397 – 5400**

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Determination of the Conformation of the 2'OH Group in RNA by NMR Spectroscopy and DFT Calculations



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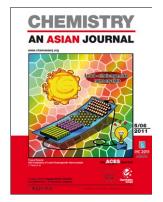
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