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Catalytic Redox Reactions in the CO/N2O System Mediated by the Bimetallic Oxide-Cluster Couple AlVO₃+/AlVO₄+

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Highly Efficient Extraction of Serum Peptides by Ordered Mesoporous Carbon

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"If I won the lottery, I would be able to finally stop writing grants!

In my opinion, the word "scientist" means explorer ..." This and more about Michel R. Gagné can be found on page 11286.



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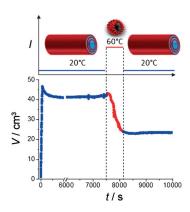
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Highlights

Foams

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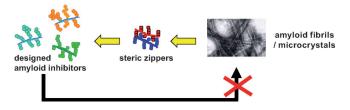
Smart Foams: New Perspectives Towards Responsive Composite Materials Hold the foam! Smart foams with a tunable surface-to-volume ratio have numerous potential applications, including decontamination. Recently fatty acid aggregates, the stability of which can be tuned by an external stimulus, were described. The picture shows a plot of the foam volume of a temperature-dependent foam which undergoes supramolecular reorganization.



Amyloid Inhibitors

A. Kapurniotu* _____ 11293 - 11294

Terminating the Amyloid Zipper by Design



Zip code: A potentially general, computational design approach has been used to devise peptide inhibitors of protein aggregation into amyloid fibrils. The atomic structures of "steric zippers", which are formed by short fibril-forming

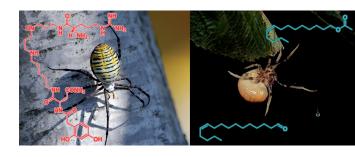
segments of the amyloidogenic proteins, serve as templates. The validity of the approach is demonstrated by the design of inhibitors of amyloid formation associated with Alzheimer's disease pathology and HIV infectivity.

Minireviews

Small-Molecule Probes

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Small Molecules from Spiders Used as Chemical Probes



A tangled web: Semiochemicals and acylpolyamine toxins from spiders (see pictures) are unique biological probes and may even be considered potential thera-

peutic agents. In this Minireview a status update on the research regarding these interesting small molecules is presented.

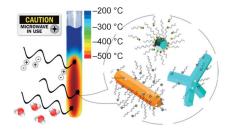
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If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen: Direct volumetric and efficient heating by microwave irradiation enables the generation of colloidal nanocrystals in a fraction of the time required using conventional heating techniques (see picture). Among the advantages of this non-classical heating method is a great control of reaction temperature, allowing better versatility, reproducibility, and reduced processing times in the fabrication of high-quality nanocrystals.

Reviews

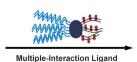
Microwave Chemistry

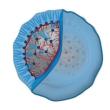
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Microwave-Assisted Synthesis of Colloidal Inorganic Nanocrystals





All bound up: A poly(L-3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine)-based ligand converts hydrophobic nanoparticles into hydrophilic and biocompatible species through several binding modes. Nanoparticles functionalized with this ligand (see picture) are

highly stable in various aqueous solutions. A successful in vivo MRI application using functionalized Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles confirmed their suitability for various biomedical applications.

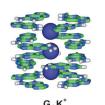
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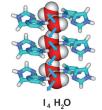
Nanoparticles

D. Ling, W. Park, Y. I. Park, N. Lee, F. Li, C. Song, S.-G. Yang, S. H. Choi, K. Na,* T. Hyeon* _____ 11360 – 11365

Multiple-Interaction Ligands Inspired by Mussel Adhesive Protein: Synthesis of Highly Stable and Biocompatible Nanoparticles







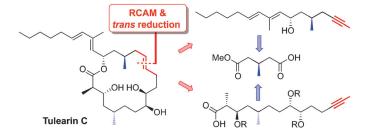
Dipolar water wires stabilize quartets of ureido imidazole compounds (I-quartets) in a manner reminiscent of stabilization of guanine (G) quartets by cation templating (see picture).

Water Channels

Y. Le Duc, M. Michau, A. Gilles, V. Gence, Y.-M. Legrand, A. van der Lee, S. Tingry, M. Barboiu* _____ 11366 - 11372

Imidazole-Quartet Water and Proton Dipolar Channels





With the help of the smaller brother:

Although alkyne metathesis will always be the little brother of alkene metathesis, it allows problems to be solved that are currently beyond reach of the more famous sibling. This notion is exemplified by the tulearin macrolides, which could only be selectively forged by ring-closing alkyne metathesis (RCAM)/trans reduction using the latest generation of alkyne metathesis catalysts.

Natural Products

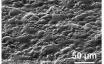
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Total Synthesis of Tulearin C

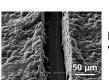


Smart Materials

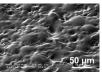
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Damage



Healing



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Water-Enabled Self-Healing of Polyelectrolyte Multilayer Coatings

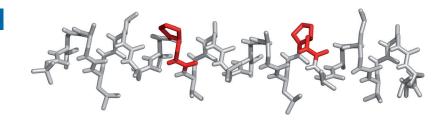
Heal thyself! Exponentially grown layerby-layer-assembled polyelectrolyte multilayer coatings, which are mechanically robust under ambient conditions, can autonomically repair cuts several tens of micrometers deep and wide when they are simply immersed in water or when water is sprayed on the coatings. The selfhealing ability originates from the high flowability of these coatings in water.

Helical Structures

- J. Fremaux, L. Fischer, T. Arbogast,
- B. Kauffmann,
- G. Guichard* _____ 11382 11385



Condensation Approach to Aliphatic Oligourea Foldamers: Helices with *N*-(Pyrrolidin-2-ylmethyl)ureido Junctions



Caught in a fold: A simple and efficient coupling strategy to make aliphatic oligourea foldamers is reported. Crystal structures show that the pyrrolidine units (red; see picture) do not impair the 2.5-helical folding of the oligoureas. This

modular strategy enables assembly of long helical segments containing non-adjacent pyrrolidine units as exemplified by the synthesis of a helix that is approximately 40 Å long.

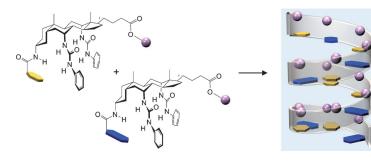
Crystal Engineering

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Nanoporous Organic Alloys

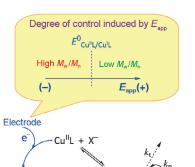


Crystal tuning: Organic molecules can be xenophobic, preferring to crystallize with their own kind. Though useful for purification, this precludes the tuning of crystal properties by doping or mixing. Nanoporous steroids provide an exception, as

their channels can accept a variety of termini (hexagons and spheres). The steroids can be cocrystallized in any ratio to give a wide range of chiral, potentially porous crystalline materials.



Enhanced control: Electrochemically mediated atom transfer radical polymerization (ATRP) allows easy modulation of the overall rate and control of polymerization through the variation of an external applied potential, $E_{\rm app}$ (see picture). This method has been successfully applied to aqueous ATRP of oligo (ethylene glycol) methyl ether methacrylate (OEOMA₄₇₅) catalyzed by Cu/tris (2-pyridylmethyl)-amine.

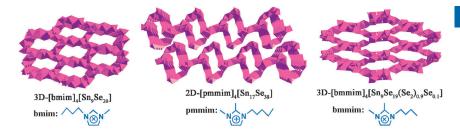


Atom Transfer Radical Polymerization

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Controlled Aqueous Atom Transfer Radical Polymerization with Electrochemical Generation of the Active Catalyst





Ready to direct: Crystalline selenidostannates were synthesized in imidazoliumbased ionic liquids with a small amount of hydrazine monohydrate as additive (see scheme). They are the first open-framework chalcogenides structurally directed by imidazolium cations and are inaccessible by traditional methods.

Ionic Liquids

J.-R. Li, Z.-L. Xie, X.-W. He, L.-H. Li, X.-Y. Huang* ______ 11395 – 11399

Crystalline Open-Framework Selenidostannates Synthesized in Ionic Liquids



One aryl or two? The title reaction predominantly gives the monoarylation products with various amounts of diarylation product being observed in almost all cases (see scheme). Aryl iodides as well as aryl bromides were reactive under the optimized reaction conditions. The multiple nitrogen atoms in the purine, and oxygen atoms in the saccharide posed no problems in these transformations.



C-H Bond Activation

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Direct Arylation of 6-Phenylpurine and 6-Arylpurine Nucleosides by Ruthenium-Catalyzed C—H Bond Activation



It takes three: The key functionalities of an optical transistor, gating and amplification, are demonstrated exploiting the photophysical properties of a molecular triad (see picture). Two building blocks of the triad are highly efficient fluorophores, whereas the third building block is a photochromic molecule that can be reversibly interconverted between two bistable forms by light.



Organic Optical Transistors

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P. Bauer, M. Thelakkat,

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An Organic Optical Transistor Operated under Ambient Conditions



Sulfur Chemistry

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_ 11409 – 11412 J. Pyun* _



Elemental Sulfur as a Reactive Medium for Gold Nanoparticles and Nanocomposite Materials

Get vellow: The utilization of elemental sulfur as an unconventional medium for the synthesis and stabilization of colloidal gold is reported. In this system, sulfur serves multiple functions to sulfurate PPh₃, solubilize and reduce Au¹ precursors into Au nanoparticles (NPs; see picture). Direct vulcanization of sulfur dispersions of AuNPs afforded cross-linked nanocomposites as confirmed by TEM, XRD, XPS, and Raman spectroscopy.

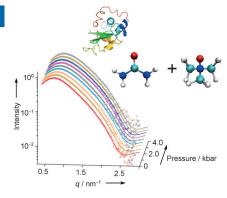


Proteins

M. A. Schroer, Y. Zhai, D. C. F. Wieland, C. J. Sahle, J. Nase, M. Paulus, M. Tolan, _____ 11413 – 11416



Exploring the Piezophilic Behavior of Natural Cosolvent Mixtures



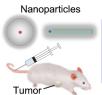
Marine organisms have evolved a surprising mechanism to counteract the deleterious effects of urea by trimethylammonium N-oxide (TMAO). The effect of pressure on the structure and intermolecular interactions of lysozyme in urea and TMAO solutions was studied (see picture). These findings help to understand the compensatory effect of urea-TMAO mixtures in deep-sea organisms.

Imaging Agents

V. P. Chauhan, Z. Popović, O. Chen, J. Cui, D. Fukumura, M. G. Bawendi,* R. K. Jain* __ _____ 11417 – 11420



Fluorescent Nanorods and Nanospheres for Real-Time In Vivo Probing of Nanoparticle Shape-Dependent Tumor Penetration



Tumor penetration

Shape dependent: Fluorescent quantumdot-based nanospheres and nanorods with identical hydrodynamic size and surface properties but different aspect ratios were developed for real-time in vivo tumor imaging. The nanorods exhibited superior transport and distribution into mammary tumors in vivo versus nanospheres of similar plasma half-life.

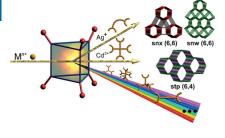
Crystal Engineering

A. Schoedel, L. Wojtas, S. P. Kelley, R. D. Rogers, M. Eddaoudi,





Network Diversity through Decoration of Trigonal-Prismatic Nodes: Two-Step Crystal Engineering of Cationic Metal-Organic Materials



MOMs the word! In a two-step process, first a trigonal-prismatic Primary Molecular Building Block ([Cr3O(isonic)6]+, tp-PMBB-1) was formed and then it was connected to linear linkers or squareplanar nodes to afford three novel highly charged cationic metal-organic materials (MOMs) with snx, snw, and stp topologies.



Zap 'em! Multifunctionalized mesoporous silica nanoparticles induce significant reduction of tumor size upon two-photon excitation in the near-infrared region while being nontoxic under daylight illumination. These nanoparticles were further tested for in vivo two-photon photodynamic therapy (TPE-PDT). A 70% regression of tumor size after a single treatment was observed in athymic mice bearing tumor xenografts.

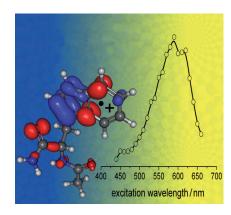


Photodynamic Therapy

Mannose-Functionalized Mesoporous Silica Nanoparticles for Efficient Two-Photon Photodynamic Therapy of Solid Tumors



Mellow yellow: The canonical form of the tryptophan radical cation embedded in an isolated polypeptide shows a distinctive absorption in the yellow region of the spectrum, in contrast with the neutral radical form, which shows an absorption in the blue region (see picture). The spectroscopic diagnostic was supported by vibrational spectroscopy (IRMPD), time-dependent density functional theory, and multireference perturbation theory.



Protein Radicals

Fabric Coatings

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Spectroscopic Signatures of Peptides Containing Tryptophan Radical Cations





Air plasma or strong base liquid





H. Wang, Y. Xue, J. Ding, L. Feng, X. Wang, T. Lin* ______ 11433 – 11436

f-Healing Superhydrophobic

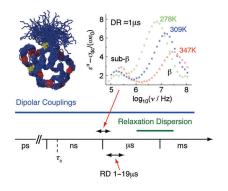


UV light, acid, repeated machine washes, or severe abrasion

A fabric coating prepared from a homogeneous mixture of fluorinated-decyl polyhedral oligomeric silsesquioxane and hydrolyzed fluorinated alkyl silane shows remarkable self-healing superhydrophobic

and superoleophobic properties and excellent durability against UV light, acid, repeated machine washes, and severe abrasion (see picture).

Durable, Self-Healing Superhydrophobic and Superoleophobic Surfaces from Fluorinated-Decyl Polyhedral Oligomeric Silsesquioxane and Hydrolyzed Fluorinated Alkyl Silane



A good combination: The lifetime of interconversion among the ground states of a protein ensemble representation could only be assigned to a time window that is four orders of magnitude large and ranges from 4 ns to 50 μ s. By combining temperature-dependent NMR relaxation dispersion (RD) experiments and dielectric relaxation (DR) spectroscopy in solution, the lifetime was now identified to a value of $(10\pm9)~\mu s$ at 309 K.

Protein Dynamics

D. Ban, M. Funk, R. Gulich, D. Egger, T. M. Sabo, K. F. A. Walter, R. B. Fenwick, K. Giller, F. Pichierri, B. L. de Groot, O. F. Lange, H. Grubmüller, X. Salvatella, M. Wolf, A. Loidl, R. Kree,* S. Becker, N.-A. Lakomek,* D. Lee,*

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Kinetics of Conformational Sampling in Ubiquitin



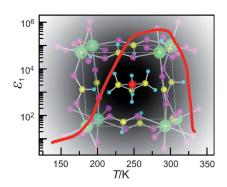
Dielectric Properties

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H. Kobayashi* _____ 11441 – 11445



Giant Dielectric Anomaly of a Metal-Organic Perovskite with Four-Membered Ring Ammonium Cations Pucker up: A metal-organic perovskite with four-membered-ring azetidinium cations (see structure) exhibited a very broad and unprecedentedly large dielectric peak near 280 K. It is highly possible that the ring-puckering instability of the four-membered-ring ammonium cation plays an essential role in inducing the change of the lattice symmetry and the extraordinarily large dielectric anomaly.



Reactive Intermediates

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Characterization of Vinylgold Intermediates: Gold-Mediated Cyclization of Acetylenic Amides

Hidden nuggets of gold: Mono- and divinylgold complexes (see scheme), key intermediates in the gold-mediated cyclization reaction of *N*-(propargyl)benz-amides, are characterized by NMR and X-ray diffraction analyses. The monovinylgold intermediates undergo proto-deauration in acetonitrile by the substrate. In aqueous media, they produce oxidized products. The divinylgold species undergo reductive elimination to produce the corresponding dimerized products.

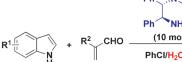
Asymmetric Catalysis

N. Fu, L. Zhang, J. Li, S. Luo,*

J.-P. Cheng _______ 11451 – 1145!



Chiral Primary Amine Catalyzed Enantioselective Protonation via an Enamine Intermediate



TfOH NH2

(10 mol%)

PhCl/H₂O or D₂O

Ph H O HN

Enamine protonation: A chiral diamine catalyzes an asymmetric Friedel–Crafts reaction through catalytic enantioselective protonation of an enamine. This process can be applied to a range of α -substituted acroleins and indoles with high yields of

products and high enantioselectivity (up to 94% ee). An O–H/ π interaction between H₂O and the indole ring was found to play an important role in the transition state (see scheme).

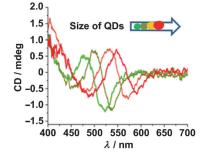
Chiral Quantum Dots

Y. Zhou, Z. Zhu, W. Huang, W. Liu, S. Wu, X. Liu, Y. Gao, W. Zhang,*

Z. Tang* ______ 11456 – 11459

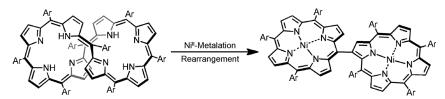


Optical Coupling Between Chiral Biomolecules and Semiconductor Nanoparticles: Size-Dependent Circular Dichroism Absorption



Sizing up QDs: CdTe or CdSe quantum dots (QDs) stabilized by chiral biomolecules show size-dependent circular dichroism (CD) characteristics in the visible light region. Theoretical calculations reveal that the origin of this CD is the combination of the weak optical activity of the biomolecules and the large enhancement effects from the strong absorption of QDs.





Breaking and entering: A figure-of-eight dinickel(II) complex and skeletal rearrangement products including a pyrrole-ring-cleaved product, a directly meso-β-linked diporphyrin (see scheme), and a

dearylative oxygenation product have been formed in moderate yields by a nickel(II) metalation of [36]octaphyrin(1.1.1.1.1.1.1) in acetonitrile.

Porphyrinoids

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Rearrangements of a [36]Octaphyrin Triggered by Nickel(II) Metalation: Metamorphosis to a Directly meso-β-Linked Diporphyrin



R² Bpin or
$$[Rh^{l}L_{n}]^{+}$$
 $[Rh^{l}L_{n}]^{+}$ $[R^{2}]$ Bpin $[R^{1}CHO]$ $[R^{1}]$ $[R^{2}]$ Bpin $[R^{2}]$ $[R^{2}]$

Synthetic equivalents: 1-Alkenylboronates perform the role of an allylating reagent. Their reaction with aldehydes in the presence of a cationic rhodium(I)/dppm

catalyst results in a highly diastereoselective production of *anti*-configured homoallylic alcohols (see scheme; Bpin = 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolanyl).

Allylation Reactions

H. Shimizu, T. Igarashi, T. Miura, M. Murakami* ______ 11465 – 11469

Rhodium-Catalyzed Reaction of 1-Alkenylboronates with Aldehydes Leading to Allylation Products



A decarboxylative intramolecular aziridination reaction of alkene-tethered 4*H*-isoxazol-5-ones with a palladium/phosphine catalyst gave 1-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex2-enes in moderate to high yields (see

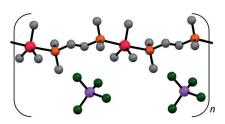
scheme; dba = dibenzylideneacetone). The resulting N-fused bicyclic aziridines readily reacted with various reagents to afford ring-opening pyrroline derivatives.

Synthetic Methods

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Palladium-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Intramolecular Aziridination from 4H-Isoxazol-5-ones Leading to 1-Azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-enes





Rare examples of P-Sn bonded cations

(see structure; purple Al, gray C, green Cl, orange P, red Sn) are formed in reactions of Me₃P or Me₂PCH₂CH₂PMe₂ with Me₃SnCl or nBu₂SnCl₂ in the presence of a halide abstracting agent. The demonstrated versatility of the reactions, structures and bonding arrangements bodes well for the development of a diverse P—Sn chemistry by exploiting coordination chemistry for P—Sn bond formation.

Phosphorus-Tin Compounds

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- U. Werner-Zwanziger,
- A. Decken ______ 11474 11477

Stannylphosphonium Cations



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Pericyclic Cascades

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K. N. Houk* ___ _ 11478 - 11482



Pericyclic Cascade with Chirality Transfer: Reaction Pathway and Origin of Enantioselectivity of the Hetero-Claisen Approach to Oxindoles

A new pericyclic cascade is proposed for the chiral auxiliary-controlled synthesis of 3,3-disubstituted oxindoles from nitrones and ketenes. The remarkable acyclic 1,6stereochemical induction, hitherto unexplained, is rationalized by a stereoselective 3+2 cycloaddition step, which installs the stereochemistry, and a chirality transfer step facilitated by a hetero-[3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement (see picture; PG = protecting group).

Asymmetric Catalysis

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Asymmetric N-H Insertion Reaction Cooperatively Catalyzed by Rhodium and Chiral Spiro Phosphoric Acids

So near so SPA: Achiral dirhodium(II) carboxylates and chiral spiro phosphoric acids (SPA) cooperatively catalyzed asymmetric N-H insertion reactions with high enantioselectivity, high yields, and fast reaction rates at low catalyst loading (see scheme; Boc = tert-butyloxycarbonyl, TPA = triphenylacetyl). Chiral spiro phosphoric acid assisted asymmetric proton transfer is proposed as the chiral induction step.

Nitrogen Heterocycles

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Implanting Nitrogen into Hydrocarbon Molecules through C-H and C-C Bond Cleavages: A Direct Approach to Tetrazoles

From simple beginnings: A novel Cupromoted direct incorporation of nitrogen into simple hydrocarbon molecules under mild and neutral reaction conditions is described. 1,5-Disubstituted tetrazoles are efficiently constructed by two C_{sp^3} -H and one C-C bond cleavages (see scheme; TMS = trimethylsilyl). This protocol provides a new and unique strategy to functionalize simple and readily available hydrocarbon molecules.



Cul (10 mol%) TMSN₃, DDQ MeCN, 80 °C



25 examples up to 94% yield

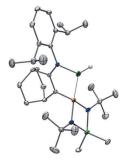
Hydrosilylation

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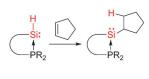
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Synthesis of a Phosphine-Stabilized Silicon(II) Hydride and Its Addition to Olefins: A Catalyst-Free Hydrosilylation Reaction



No cat.s allowed: A stable and isolable tricoordinate silicon(II) hydride stabilized by a phosphine ligand was successfully synthesized and fully characterized (see structure, Si green, Pyellow, N blue,



C gray, H white). Interestingly, this silicon hydride adds to olefins in an unprecedented catalyst-free hydrosilylation reaction in very mild conditions.



AgSbF₆ (2–10 mol%)

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CH₂Cl₂, -15°C
$$\rightarrow$$
 RT

1, $n = 1, 2$

Ar

AgSbF₆ (2–10 mol%),

CH₂Cl₂, -15°C \rightarrow RT

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up to 98 % ee

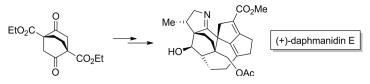
Allene-tethered dienes (1) undergo an intramolecular and highly enantioselective (4+3) cycloaddition when treated with suitable chiral phosphoramidite/ gold(I) catalysts (see scheme; Ar = 9anthracenyl). The reactions provide synthetically relevant [5.3.0] and [5.4.0] fused bicyclic systems 2 with good yields, complete diastereocontrol, and excellent enantioselectivities.

Enantioselective Cycloaddition

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Enantioselective Gold(I)-Catalyzed Intramolecular (4+3) Cycloadditions of Allenedienes





From ring to ring: The first total synthesis of (+)-daphmanidin E features rapid access to an enantiomerically pure bicyclo[2.2.2]octadione and elaboration around its periphery through the implementation of two Claisen rearrangements, the use of a copper/peptide complex for reagent-controlled stereoselective conjugate addition, a diastereoselective hydroboration, and a cobalt-catalyzed alkyl-Heck cyclization.

Natural Products



M. E. Weiss, E. M. Carreira* 11501 - 11505

Total Synthesis of (+)-Daphmanidin E



high stereoselectivity / high regioselectivity

Oxyacetylene: Unusual palladium-catalyzed cyclizations of cyclic and acyclic propargylic carbonates give 2-alkynyl oxacycles. The reactions proceed with very high stereoselectivity for both syn- and anti-disubstituted furans and pyrans, and

with exceptional regioselectivity. In addition, two-directional cyclizations of bispropargylic carbonate substrates yield bifurans with complete stereocontrol for all diastereomers.

Oxygen Heterocycles

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Palladium-Catalyzed Asymmetric Synthesis of 2-Alkynyl Oxacycles



No transition metals are necessary to convert benzoxazoles and 1,3,4-oxadiazoles into the corresponding pharmacologically interesting 2-aminated heterocycles by formal direct C(2)-amination

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using tetramethylpiperidine-N-oxoammonium tetrafluoroborate (TEMPO+- BF_4^-) as an oxidant (see scheme; TEMP= 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine; TfOH = trifluoromethanesulfonic acid).

C-H Amination

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Amination of Benzoxazoles and 1,3,4-Oxadiazoles Using 2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidine-N-oxoammonium Tetrafluoroborate as an Organic Oxidant



Hybrid Materials

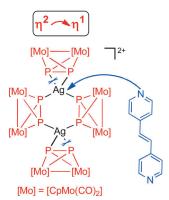
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M. Scheer* _____ 11516-11519



Diphosphorus Complexes as Building Blocks for the Design of Phosphorus-Containing Organometallic-Organic Hybrid Materials



The flexible coordination behavior of P_n ligand complexes in solution is utilized to create unprecedented coordination networks. In combination with ditopic organic linker units, organometallic—organic hybrid compounds are accessible. Depending on the nature of the metal center, metallaparacyclophane-like structures as well as 1D and 2D polymeric arrangements can be achieved.

Alzheimer Research

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S. Chinnathambi, J. Biernat, C. Griesinger,

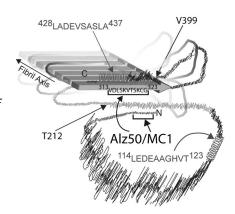
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M. Zweckstetter* _____ 11520 – 11524



The Dynamic Structure of Filamentous

Getting inside a fuzzy coat: The dynamic structure of the "fuzzy coat", N- and C-terminal sections around the core of the tau filament consists of over 200 amino acids, and has been characterized by NMR spectroscopy (see picture, model of the long range interactions). The results indicate how conformation specific antibodies bind to the tau protein (fibers of which are a characteristic symptom of Alzheimer disease).



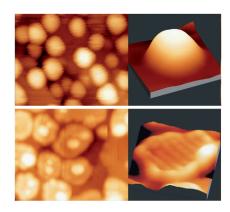
Doping

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Tailoring the Shape of Metal Ad-Particles by Doping the Oxide Support

Just a Mo: Tiny Mo concentrations in a CaO film can influence the growth of adsorbed gold. On undoped films, three dimensional gold structures form (see picture, top) whereas on the doped films flat islands appear (bottom). The change results from a charge transfer from the Mo dopant to the Au atoms, a process suggested by STM measurements and DFT calculations.



Polybromides

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Structural Proof for a Higher Polybromide Monoanion: Investigation of $[N\left(C_3H_7\right)_4][Br_9]$

Bromine's nine: The first crystal structure of a higher polybromide monoanion, $[NPr_4][Br_9]$ is reported along with its IR and Raman spectra (see picture). Owing to its low melting point and vapor pressure, this substance can be classified as an ionic liquid. It shows surprisingly high conductivity which may enable its applications as electrolyte in batteries.





Save the best for last: In the first method for the trifluoromethylation of immobilized arenes, the aryl halides are attached through a dithioester linkage to the Merrifield resin and then functionalized by means of numerous reactions including

transition-metal-catalyzed cross-couplings. In the final step the fluorinating cleavage reaction provides the trifluoromethylarenes in good yields and high purities.

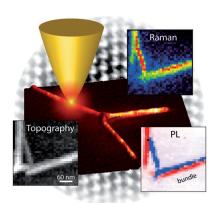
Trifluoromethylation

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Traceless Solid-Phase Synthesis of Trifluoromethylarenes



Down to the wire: High-resolution photoluminescence (PL) and Raman images of CdSe nanowires were obtained using tip-enhanced near-field optical microscopy. They show that the optical properties of the CdSe nanowires vary significantly within a few nanometers leading to strong spatial fluctuations in both PL intensities and energies (see picture).



Nanomaterials

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Optical Imaging of CdSe Nanowires with Nanoscale Resolution



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