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Nanomaterials

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Rapid Synthesis of Hollow Ag-Au Nanodendrites in 15 Seconds by Combining Galvanic Replacement and Precursor Reduction Reactions

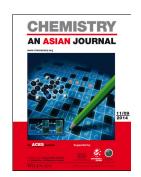
Spiky and hollow: By using Ag nanospheres as seeds, hollow Ag-Au nanodendrites can be prepared in 15 s by a combination of galvanic replacement reaction between Ag and AuCl₄⁻(aq), and AuCl₄⁻(aq) reduction using hydroquinone in the presence of polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) in water. Owing to their sharp tips, the Ag-Au nanodendrites were effective substrates for surface-enhanced Raman scattering (SERS) detection of 4-mercaptopyridine and rhodamine 6G.



Ag-Au nanodendrites

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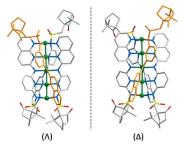


Helical Structures

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Chirality Control of Quadruple Helixes of Metal Strings by Peripheral Chiral Ligands

Let's twist again! Chirality control of helixes with the Δ or Λ form is interesting in various fields such as extended metal atom chains (EMACs), in which ligands helically wrap the metal backbones. We report two EMACs (see picture) whose chiralities are controlled by chiral ligands with camphorsulfonyl groups.



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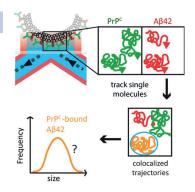
Amyloid Peptides

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Single-Molecule Imaging Reveals that Small Amyloid- β_{1-42} Oligomers Interact with the Cellular Prion Protein (PrP^C)

Small oligomers bind PrPC: TIRF microscopy and a single-particle tracking approach have determined that amyloid-β peptide oligomers $(oA\beta)$ interact with the cellular prion protein (PrP^{C}) on live neuronal cells. Having dissected this interaction at the single-molecule level, we estimate that predominantly small oAβ42 species (dimers and trimers) bind to PrP^C.



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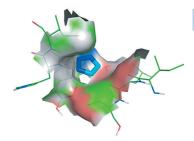
Organic Semiconductors

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Strongly Correlated Alignment of Fluorinated 5,11-Bis(triethylgermylethynyl) anthradithiophene Crystallites in Solution-Processed Field-Effect Transistors

Crystalline organic semiconductor film: A functionalized acene derivative diF-TEG-ADT has an exceptional ability to form highly aligned crystalline domains. Grazing-incidence wide-angle X-ray scattering measurements define the crystal structure of the molecular films that constitute a hole-transporting field-effect transistor channel.





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Identifying Pharmacophores

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Are 1,4- and 1,5-Disubstituted 1,2,3-Triazoles Good Pharmacophoric Groups?

The time is ripe to demonstrate the real ability of 1,2,3-triazoles to play a pivotal role in drug-receptor interactions. We analyzed the X-ray crystal structures of 1,2,3-triazole-containing protein complexes to understand their pharmacophoric role. Furthermore, the metabolic stability, the ability to inhibit cytochromes, and the aqueous solubility contribution of the 1,2,3-triazole nucleus were analyzed.



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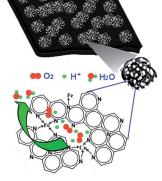


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Metal-Nitrogen Doping of Mesoporous Carbon/Graphene Nanosheets by Self-Templating for Oxygen Reduction Electrocatalysts

Double doping strategy: Highly efficient electrocatalysts for the oxygen reduction reaction (ORR) are prepared by a self-templating strategy. The strategy yields carbon/graphene nanosheets that are doped by both transition metals and nitrogen, having a unique twodimensional morphology and tunable meso-scale porosity. The as-prepared iron-cobalt catalysts exhibit excellent electrocatalytic activity towards the ORR and are stable in both alkaline and acidic media.





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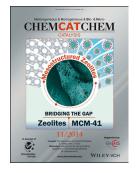
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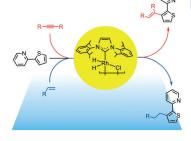
Carbenes

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Selective C-H Bond Functionalization of 2-(2-Thienyl)pyridine by a Rhodium N-Heterocyclic Carbene Catalyst

For your C-H bond only: $[Rh(\mu-Cl)(H)_2(IPr)]_2$ (IPr=1,3-bis-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imidazol-2-ylidene) catalyzes the selective functionalization of 2-(2-thienyl) pyridine efficiently with a range of alkenes and internal alkynes. A catalytic cycle is proposed on the basis of the identification of key reaction intermediates and the study of their reactivity by NMR spectroscopy.





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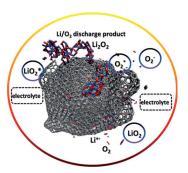


Lithium-Oxygen Batteries

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Implications of the Unpaired Spins in $Li-O_2$ Battery Chemistry and Electrochemistry: A Minireview

Battery design: An overview is given of unpaired electron spins related to the chemical species in a Li– O_2 cell environment and their possible impact on the design and development of a practical Li– O_2 cell. The discharge products consist of composite structures of Li/ O_2 compounds, such as Li₂ O_2 , O-rich Li₂ O_2 , LiO₂-like superoxide, and Li₂O (see figure).



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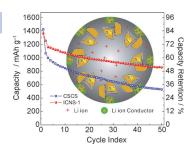


Lithium-Sulfur Batteries

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Minimizing Polysulfide Shuttles in Lithium Sulfur Batteries by Introducing Immobile Lithium Ions into Carbon–Sulfur Nanocomposites

Immobilized into action! Immobile lithium ion sites in the commercial Nafion ionomer, which acts to attract negatively charged polysulfide species for reduction in lithium batteries, are employed in situ in the carbon–sulfur nanocomposite (see picture). The capacity retention of this carbon–Nafion–sulfur nanocomposite is improved by more than 100%.



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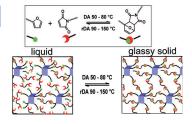


Self-Healing Materials

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Furan-Modified Spherosilicates as Building Blocks for Self-Healing Materials

Octameric furfuryl-functionalized spherosilicates were used to prepare self-healing hybrid materials based on a reversible Diels—Alder reaction. Two different bismaleimides were used as dienophilic cross-linkers for the self-healing materials. The healing abilities are dictated by the nature of the cross-linker.



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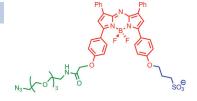


Fluorochromes

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Synthesis and Glycoconjugation of an Azido-BF₂-Azadipyrromethene Near-Infrared Fluorochrome

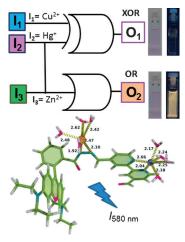
The synthesis of a water-soluble azido near-IR fluorochrome based on the BF_2 -azadipyrromethene fluorophore class is described. The fluorochrome can be effectively conjugated to alkyne-substituted carbohydrates by click chemistry in water at room temperature in 20 min. This azido- BF_2 -azadipyrromethene fluorochrome offers the potential to be a new near-IR imaging research tool for biology.



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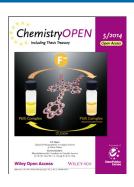
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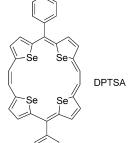
Molecular Sensors

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Rhodamine-Appended Bipyridine: XOR and OR Logic Operations Integrated in an Example of Controlled Metal Migration

Logic operations, metal migration: The spectral response associated with the unusual metal migration of various metal ions from the chelating rhodamine terminal in the open-ring form of the remote bipyridyl terminal in compound 1 leads to a combination of optical responses that could be correlated for demonstrating some simple logic operations.





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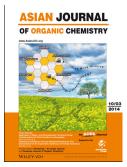
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Organic Electronics

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Synthesis, Characterization, and Electron-Transport Properties of a π-Conjugated Heteromacrocycle: A Selenium-Bridged Neutral Annulene

Sel-ling your soul: The synthesis and characterization of a π -conjugated, macrocyclic, selenium-bridged molecule, 5,16diphenyltetraselenolo[22]annulene[2,1,2,1] (DPTSA), is reported. DPTSA was shown to have high aromaticity by 1H NMR and UV/vis absorption spectra. Its electrochemical properties and electron-transport properties were studied. Thin-film organic field-effect transistors of DPTSA display p-type semiconducting behavior.



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Espresso Crema

What is the crema of an espresso composed of? How should it look in a well-made coffee and how does it affect the taste? Find out in this month's Clever Picture in ChemViews Magazine.

