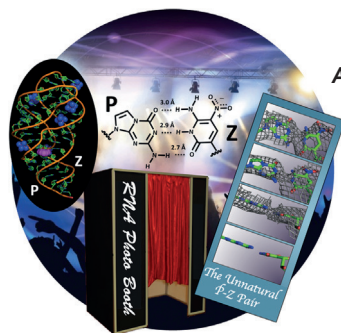
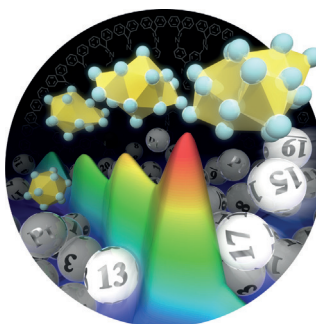


... of short-sequence microRNAs is very challenging. In their Communication on page 10024 ff. N. Hildebrandt and co-workers present a single-step “mix-and-measure” FRET assay for the multiplexed detection of different microRNAs. The careful design of the biophotonic probe and time-gated FRET from a luminescent Tb complex to three different fluorescent dyes are crucial to this microRNA test for multiplexed clinical diagnostics.

## Cluster Compounds

The atomicity of subnanometer platinum clusters significantly influences their catalytic activity. In their Communication on page 9810 ff., K. Yamamoto et al. report  $Pt_{19}$  as the most catalytically active species for oxygen reduction.

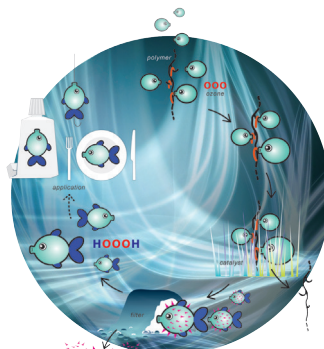


## Artificial Nucleotides

The first functional RNA molecule containing the artificial nucleotides Z and P is prepared and structurally characterized by Piccirilli, Benner, et al in their Communication on page 9853 ff.

## Hydrogen Trioxide

in their Communication on page 9917 ff. G. Strle and J. Cerkovnik describe a simple and efficient preparation of  $HO_2OH$  on derivatized polystyrene beads



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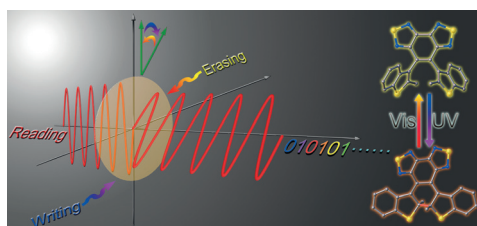
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#### Photochromism

J. Y. Yoon,\* A. P. de Silva\* — 9754 – 9756

Sterically Hindered Diaryl  
Benzobis(thiadiazole)s as Effective  
Photochromic Switches



**No erasure upon reading:** The development of a diaryl benzobis(thiadiazole) derivative with thermally stable isomers that can be isolated owing to intramolecular steric hindrance is summarized in

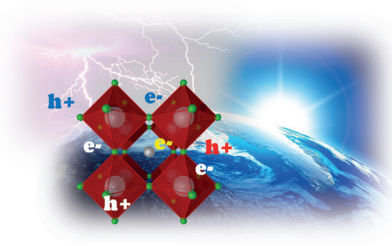
this Highlight. Practically useful photochromic switches that do not suffer from erasure upon reading have thus been fabricated.

### Perovskite Solar Cells

S. Collavini, S. F. Völker,  
J. L. Delgado\* — 9757–9759

Understanding the Outstanding Power Conversion Efficiency of Perovskite-Based Solar Cells

**The mechanism behind the magic:** The mechanism of light conversion in perovskite solar cells has been a matter of debate since the first highly efficient devices were published. A series of articles indicate that these solar cells should be seen as “silicon-like” photovoltaic devices rather than excitonic solar cells.



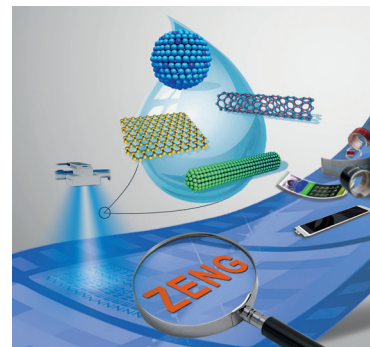
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### Flexible Electronics

J. Z. Song, H. B. Zeng\* — 9760–9774

Transparent Electrodes Printed with Nanocrystal Inks for Flexible Smart Devices

**Stretch and flex:** Films printed with nanocrystal inks (see picture) are emerging as next-generation flexible and stretchable transparent electrodes for smart devices. In this Minireview, various nanocrystal inks, including transparent conducting oxides, metal (Ag, Cu) nanowires, carbon nanotubes, and graphene, are discussed with an emphasis on their potential application in low-cost flexible, stretchable, and wearable smart devices.



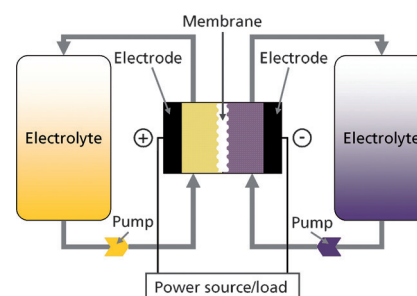
## Reviews

### Electrochemistry

J. Noack,\* N. Roznyatovskaya, T. Herr,  
P. Fischer — 9776–9809

The Chemistry of Redox-Flow Batteries

**Energy storage and electrolyte solutions:** After a short technical introduction, this Review describes a systematic classification of different electrolyte systems of redox-flow batteries. The chemical properties of true redox-flow batteries as well as different hybrid systems are discussed from the standpoint of the current literature, and their development potential noted.



## Communications

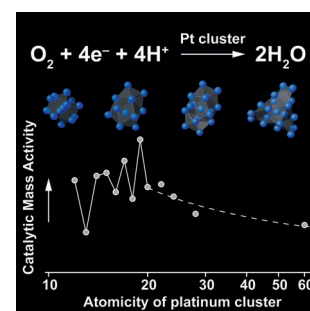
### Cluster Compounds

T. Imaoka, H. Kitazawa, W.-J. Chun,  
K. Yamamoto\* — 9810–9815

Finding the Most Catalytically Active Platinum Clusters With Low Atomicity

**Frontispiece**

**Cluster size matters:** The atomicity-specific catalytic activity of platinum clusters with very small atomicity exhibited a completely different trend from that of the larger face-centered cubic (fcc) nanocrystals. Among the many clusters, Pt<sub>19</sub> was determined as the most catalytically active species, whose structure was definitely different from those of the larger ones.



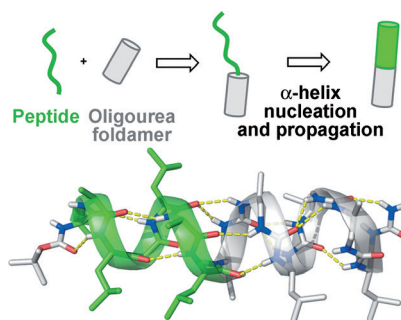
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**Conformational symbiosis:** Non-natural heterogeneous backbones obtained by fusing peptidomimetic urea-based helical foldamers to either end of an  $\alpha$ -peptide segment fold into a helical structure, spanning the entire sequence in an uninterrupted manner. Only a few urea units are sufficient to propagate a helical conformation along short peptide segments.

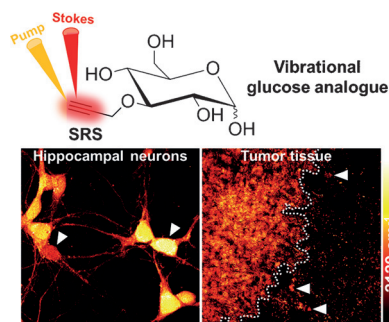


## Foldamers

J. Fremaux, L. Mauran, K. Pulka-Ziach, B. Kauffmann, B. Odaert, G. Guichard\* 9816–9820

$\alpha$ -Peptide–Oligoureia Chimeras: Stabilization of Short  $\alpha$ -Helices by Non-Peptide Helical Foldamers

**Sugar vibrates:** A vibrational probe was developed to visualize glucose uptake activity by stimulated Raman scattering microscopy in living cells and tissues with subcellular resolution. Heterogeneous uptake patterns were observed in neuronal culture and tumor tissues, demonstrating a promising technique to study energy demands in brain and tumors.

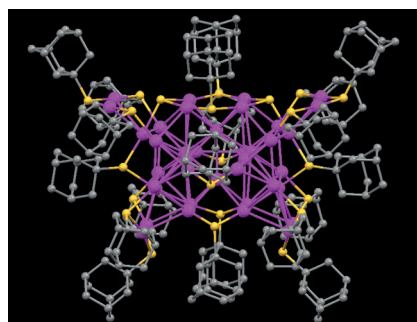


## Glucose Uptake

F. Hu, Z. Chen, L. Zhang, Y. Shen, L. Wei, W. Min\* 9821–9825

Vibrational Imaging of Glucose Uptake Activity in Live Cells and Tissues by Stimulated Raman Scattering

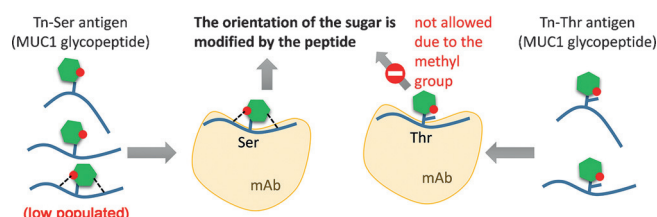
**Body of evidence:** A body-centered cubic (bcc) gold nanocluster composed of 38 gold atoms protected by 20 adamantanethiolate ligands and two sulfido atoms ( $[\text{Au}_{38}\text{S}_2(\text{SR})_{20}]$ , where  $\text{R}=\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}$ ) is revealed by single-crystal X-ray crystallography. This bcc structure is in striking contrast with the fcc structure of bulk gold and conventional Au nanoparticles and gives rises to different electronic properties.



## Gold Nanoclusters

C. Liu, T. Li, G. Li, K. Nobusada, C. Zeng, G. Pang, N. L. Rosi, R. Jin\* 9826–9829

Observation of Body-Centered Cubic Gold Nanocluster



**Spot the difference:** The structures of two Tn antigen glycopeptides, with *N*-acetylgalactosamine (GalNAc, green hexagon) attached to either Ser or Thr, in complex with an anti-MUC1 antibody are reported. The results reveal significant differences

in the conformational behavior of the two glycopeptides in the bound state and demonstrate the non-equivalence of Ser and Thr *O*-glycosylation points in molecular recognition processes.

## Glycopeptides

N. Martínez-Sáez, J. Castro-López, J. Valero-González, D. Madariaga, I. Compañón, V. J. Somovilla, M. Salvadó, J. L. Asensio, J. Jiménez-Barbero, A. Avenoza, J. H. Busto, G. J. L. Bernardes, J. M. Peregrina,\* R. Hurtado-Guerrero,\* F. Corzana\* 9830–9834

Deciphering the Non-Equivalence of Serine and Threonine *O*-Glycosylation Points: Implications for Molecular Recognition of the Tn Antigen by an anti-MUC1 Antibody



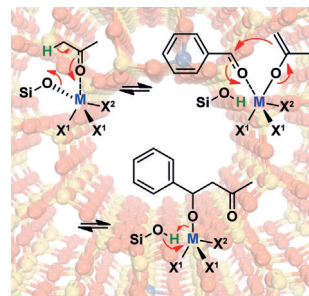
## Heterogeneous Catalysis

J. D. Lewis, S. Van de Vyver,  
Y. Román-Leshkov\* 9835–9838



Acid–Base Pairs in Lewis Acidic Zeolites Promote Direct Aldol Reactions by Soft Enolization

**All about that acid–base:** Hf-, Sn-, and Zr- $\beta$  zeolites promote C–C coupling through reversible metal enolate formation. These materials are shown to catalyze aldol condensations between aromatic aldehydes and acetone with near quantitative yields, even in the presence of water and acetic acid.

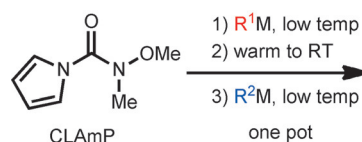


## Acylation

S. T. Heller, J. N. Newton, T. Fu,  
R. Sarpong\* 9839–9843



One-pot Unsymmetrical Ketone Synthesis Employing a Pyrrole-Bearing Formal Carbonyl Dication Linchpin Reagent



excellent selectivity  
mild reaction conditions  
Grignard and organolithium reagents

**Pot economy:** Unsymmetrical ketones are readily and selectively prepared in one pot by the sequential addition of organometallic nucleophiles to *N*-methoxy-*N*-methyl-1*H*-pyrrole-1-carboxamide (CLAmP), a rationally designed carbonyl

dication synthetic equivalent which forms tetrahedral intermediates that are persistent at the temperature of nucleophile addition but are kinetically labile at ambient temperature.

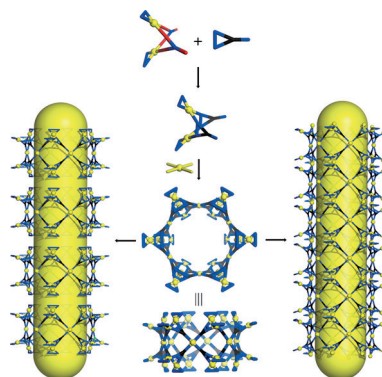
## Mesoporous Materials

G.-L. Zhang, L.-P. Zhou, D.-Q. Yuan,  
Q.-F. Sun\* 9844–9848



Bottom-Up Construction of Mesoporous Nanotubes from 78-Component Self-Assembled Nanobarrels

**MMONTs** (mesoporous metal–organic nanotubes) have been synthesized, starting from [(phen/bipy)<sub>2</sub>Pd<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] and 4-pyridinyl-3-pyrazole. MMONT structures with outside diameters of up to 4.5 nm and channel sizes of 2.4 nm were constructed by a rational coordination-directed bottom-up fabrication process featuring an unprecedented barrel-to-tube conversion. Pd yellow, N blue, O red.



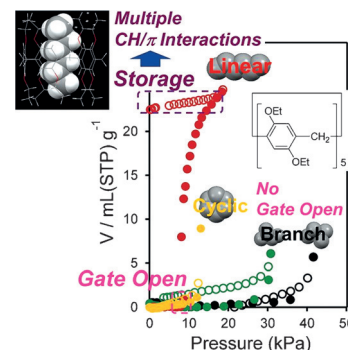
## Host–Guest Chemistry

T. Ogoshi,\* R. Sueto, K. Yoshikoshi,  
Y. Sakata, S. Akine\*  
T. Yamagishi 9849–9852

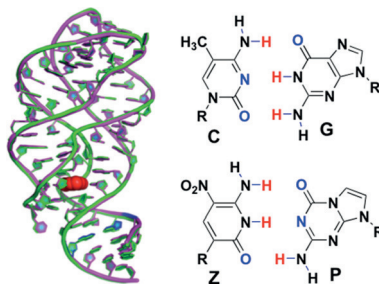


Host–Guest Complexation of Perethylated Pillar[5]arene with Alkanes in the Crystal State

**Gate crashers:** Activated perethylated pillar[5]arene crystals have been demonstrated to show selective gate-opening behavior depending on alkane shape and length. The activated crystals could quantitatively take up *n*-alkanes with more than five carbon atoms, and *n*-hexane could even be stored under reduced pressure. In contrast, the gate-opening behavior was not observed in the adsorption of cyclic and branched alkanes.



**ZiP fasteners:** On replacing C:G base with the artificial Z:P pair (blue) a crystal structure (see picture) of the guanosine riboswitch (purple), bound to a hypoxanthine ligand (red), is obtained which can be superimposed on the structure of the native form (green). This is the first crystal structure of an RNA molecule built from a six-nucleotide artificially expanded genetic-information system.



### Artificial Base Pairs

A. R. Hernandez, Y. Shao, S. Hoshika, Z. Yang, S. A. Shelke, J. Herrou, H.-J. Kim, M. J. Kim, J. A. Piccirilli,\*  
S. A. Benner\* ————— **9853 – 9856**

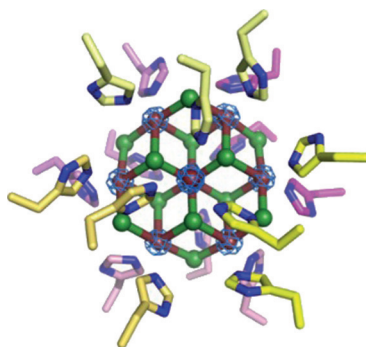
A Crystal Structure of a Functional RNA Molecule Containing an Artificial Nucleobase Pair



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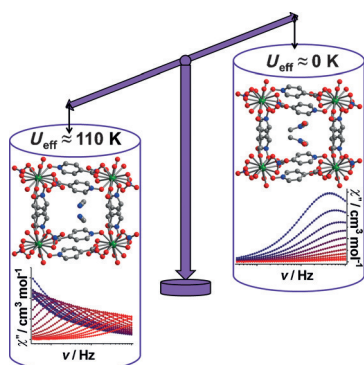
**Protein design:** A novel artificial protein with pseudo-six-fold symmetry creates a nanocrystal of cadmium chloride, sandwiched between two copies of the protein (see picture). X-ray structural evidence for the formation of the nanocrystal inside the protein is presented.



### Biomineralization

A. R. D. Voet,\* H. Noguchi, C. Addy, K. Y. J. Zhang,\*  
J. R. H. Tame\* ————— **9857 – 9860**

Biomineralization of a Cadmium Chloride Nanocrystal by a Designed Symmetrical Protein



**Guest swap:** Exchange of the guest molecules within the pores of a metal–organic framework (MOF) featuring Dy<sub>2</sub> single-molecule magnets as nodes imparts major changes in the magnetization relaxation dynamics (see picture; spectra recorded from 2 K (blue plots) to 9 K (red)). As a result of guest exchange, significantly different effective relaxation barriers ( $U_{\text{eff}}$ ) for the compound are measured. Atom colors: Dy = green, O = red, N = blue, C = gray.

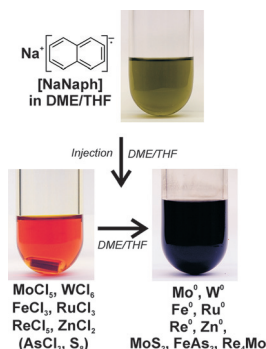
### Magnetic Properties

X. Zhang, V. Vieru, X. Feng, J.-L. Liu, Z. Zhang, B. Na, W. Shi,\* B.-W. Wang, A. K. Powell, L. F. Chibotaru,\* S. Gao,\* P. Cheng, J. R. Long\* ————— **9861 – 9865**

Influence of Guest Exchange on the Magnetization Dynamics of Dilanthanide Single-Molecule-Magnet Nodes within a Metal–Organic Framework



**A tool-box of reactive base metals:** Mo<sup>0</sup>, W<sup>0</sup>, Fe<sup>0</sup>, Ru<sup>0</sup>, Re<sup>0</sup>, and Zn<sup>0</sup> nanoparticles are prepared with diameters less than or equal to 10 nm. The reaction involves simple metal chlorides and a straightforward liquid-phase synthesis. Subsequent transformation to metal nanoparticle compounds (MoS<sub>2</sub>, FeAs<sub>2</sub>, Re<sub>4</sub>Mo) is possible as well.



### Metal Nanoparticles

C. Schöttle, P. Bockstaller, R. Popescu, D. Gerthsen, C. Feldmann\* . **9866 – 9870**

Sodium-Naphthalenide-Driven Synthesis of Base-Metal Nanoparticles and Follow-up Reactions

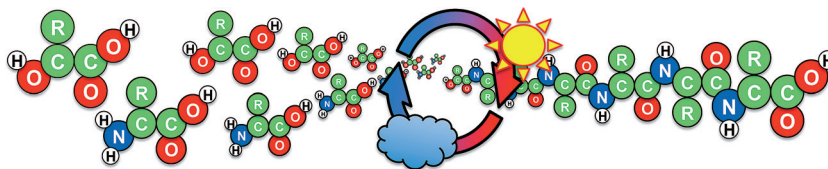


## Chemical Evolution

J. G. Forsythe, S.-S. Yu, I. Mamajanov,  
M. A. Grover, R. Krishnamurthy,\*  
F. M. Fernández,\*  
N. V. Hud\* ————— 9871–9875



Ester-Mediated Amide Bond Formation  
Driven by Wet–Dry Cycles: A Possible Path  
to Polypeptides on the Prebiotic Earth



**Amino acids** form peptide bonds when subjected to day–night cycles (wet–dry cycles) in the presence of hydroxy acids.

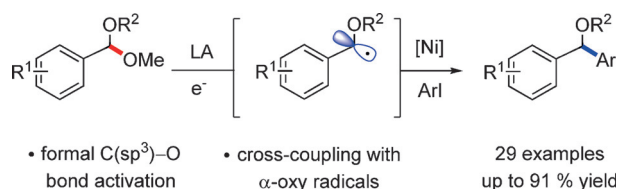
Such a reaction could have occurred on the prebiotic Earth.

## Synthetic Methods

K. M. Arendt, A. G. Doyle\* — 9876–9880



Dialkyl Ether Formation by Nickel-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Acetals and Aryl Iodides



**A radical couple:** A new substrate class for nickel-catalyzed C(sp<sup>3</sup>) cross-coupling reactions is reported. α-Oxy radicals generated from benzylic acetals, TMSCl, and a mild reductant can participate in chemoselective cross-coupling with aryl

iodides using a nickel catalyst. The mild reaction conditions and good functional-group tolerance make this an attractive method for dialkyl ether synthesis. LA = Lewis acid, TMS = trimethylsilyl.

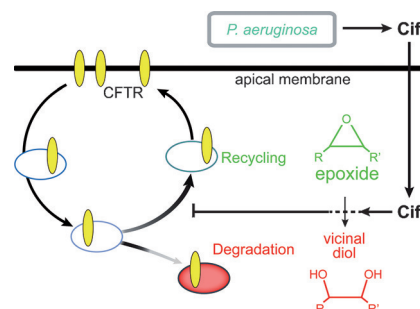
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C. D. Bahl, K. L. Hvorecny,  
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B. D. Hammock, C. Morisseau,  
D. R. Madden\* ————— 9881–9885



Inhibiting an Epoxide Hydrolase Virulence Factor from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Protects CFTR

**‘Diol’ EH for virulence:** The protein Cif is secreted by *P. aeruginosa* and blocks the endocytic recycling of CFTR, an ion channel required for mucociliary clearance. The ability of Cif to hydrolyze reporter epoxides was shown to be required for virulence, thus indicating a link between epoxides and protein trafficking. A small-molecule inhibitor that protects this key element of airway defenses was identified and could lead to a new therapeutic approach.



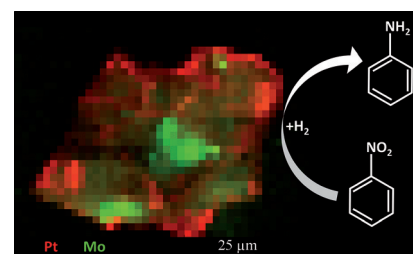
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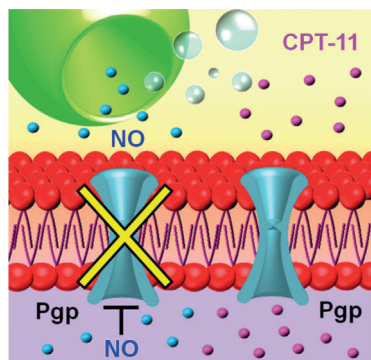
S. W. T. Price,\* K. Geraki, K. Ignatyev,  
P. T. Witte, A. M. Beale,\*  
J. F. W. Mosselmans ————— 9886–9889



In Situ Microfocus Chemical Computed Tomography of the Composition of a Single Catalyst Particle During Hydrogenation of Nitrobenzene in the Liquid Phase

**Teaming up:** A combined approach using microfocus X-ray fluorescence and X-ray diffraction computed tomography has been employed to image an industrial hydrogenation catalyst (Mo-promoted Pt/C) under liquid-phase operating conditions for the first time. The nature and distribution of the active state of the catalyst and promoter have been spatially resolved at the micrometer scale (see picture).



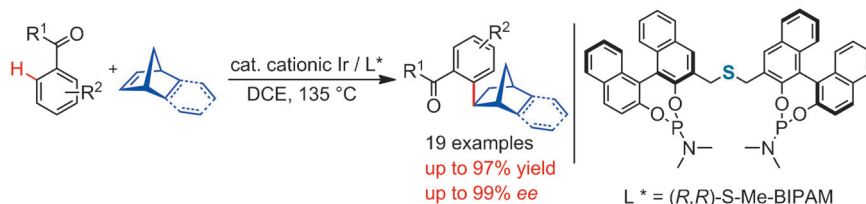


**Two is better than one:** A carrier system is developed that can generate NO bubbles in the acidic environment of tumor tissues to trigger localized drug release (specifically irinotecan, denoted CPT-11) and to reverse Pgp-mediated multidrug resistance (Pgp = P-glycoprotein). The combined system enhances intracellular drug accumulation in cancer cells so that the concentration exceeds the therapeutic threshold, eventually leading to antitumor activity.

## Drug Delivery

M.-F. Chung, H.-Y. Liu, K.-J. Lin, W.-T. Chia,\* H.-W. Sung\* — 9890–9893

A pH-Responsive Carrier System that Generates NO Bubbles to Trigger Drug Release and Reverse P-Glycoprotein-Mediated Multidrug Resistance



**Linked up:** Asymmetric intermolecular hydroarylation of bicycloalkenes by C–H bond cleavage has been developed. The use of a chiral sulfur-linked bis(phosphoramidite) ligand ( $L^*$ ) led to excellent

enantioselectivity. Notably, the hydroarylation of 2-norbornene with *N,N*-dialkylbenzamide proceeds with high selectivity for the mono-*ortho*-alkylation product. DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane.

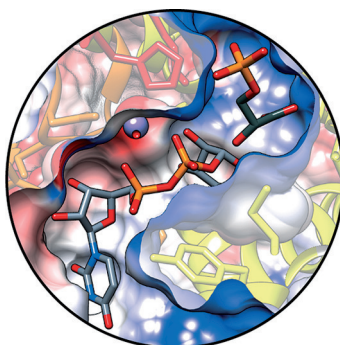
## Asymmetric C–H Functionalization

T. Shirai, Y. Yamamoto\* — 9894–9897

Cationic Iridium/*S*-Me-BIPAM-Catalyzed Direct Asymmetric Intermolecular Hydroarylation of Bicycloalkenes



**Pass the sugar:** The crystal structure of a native ternary complex of a glycosyl-transferase, the retaining glucosyl-3-phosphoglycerate synthase GpgS, in a productive mode for catalysis was obtained. By combining structural, chemical, and enzymatic methods, as well as molecular dynamics and QM/MM calculations, the catalytic mechanism was unraveled and the results provide strong experimental support for a front-side substrate-assisted  $S_Ni$ -type reaction.



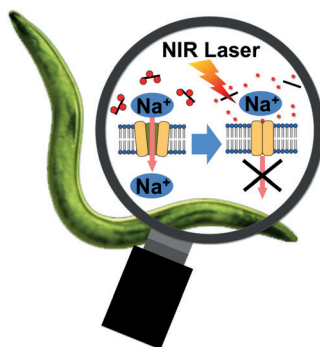
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A Native Ternary Complex Trapped in a Crystal Reveals the Catalytic Mechanism of a Retaining Glycosyltransferase



**Guiding light:** A biocompatible carbon nanotube (CNT)-liposome supramolecular nanohybrid that penetrates into cells was developed. The nanohybrid can be loaded with functional molecules and controlled by laser light. Photo-induced release of amiloride (red stars) from the nanohybrid led to the inactivation of amiloride-sensitive neurons in *C. elegans*. This prototype could inspire the development of biologically active nanorobots for the manipulation of organisms.



## Nanotechnology

E. Miyako,\* S. A. Chechetka, M. Doi, E. Yuba, K. Kono — 9903–9906

In Vivo Remote Control of Reactions in *Caenorhabditis elegans* by Using Supramolecular Nanohybrids of Carbon Nanotubes and Liposomes



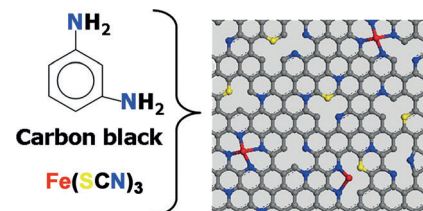


## VIP Oxygen Reduction

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W. Shi, Y. P. Zheng, M. Rauf,  
S. G. Sun\* 9907–9910

S-Doping of an Fe/N/C ORR Catalyst for  
Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cells  
with High Power Density

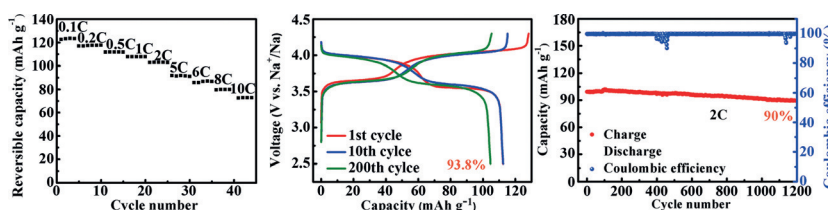
A non-precious Fe/N/C electrocatalyst was prepared through pyrolysis of Fe-(SCN)<sub>3</sub>, poly-*m*-phenylenediamine, and carbon black. The obtained Fe/N/C catalyst has high level of S doping and high surface area, and thus exhibits excellent catalytic activity for the oxygen reduction reaction in acidic solution. A polymer electrolyte membrane fuel cell using this catalyst as the cathode can yield a maximal power density as high as 1.03 W cm<sup>-2</sup>.



## Na-Ion Battery

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H.-Z. Liu,\* S. Dai 9911–9916

Superior Na-Storage Performance of Low-Temperature-Synthesized  
Na<sub>3</sub>(VO<sub>1-x</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>F<sub>1+2x</sub> (0 ≤ x ≤ 1)  
Nanoparticles for Na-Ion Batteries



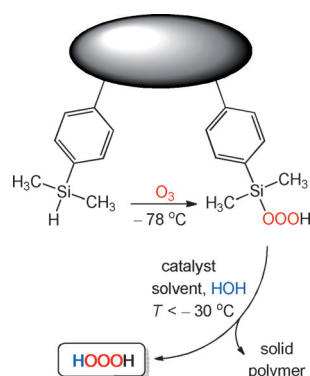
A solvothermal low-temperature strategy was used for the synthesis of a series of Na<sub>3</sub>(VO<sub>1-x</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>F<sub>1+2x</sub> (0 ≤ x ≤ 1) nanoparticles. The as-synthesized Na<sub>3</sub>(VOPO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>F

shows the best Na-storage performance in terms of both high rate capability (up to 10C rate) and long cycle stability over 1200 cycles reported so far.

## Hydrogen Trioxide

G. Strle, J. Cerkovnik\* 9917–9920

A Simple and Efficient Preparation of  
High-Purity Hydrogen Trioxide (HOOH)

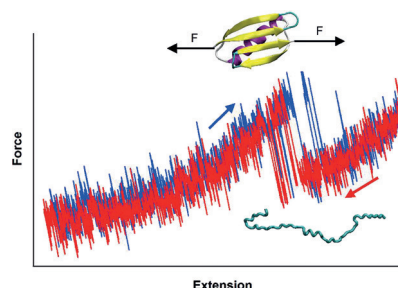


O<sub>3</sub> can do: Hydrogen trioxide (HOOH) is prepared on functionalized polymer beads and subsequently released. Solutions of high-purity HOOH in diethyl ether, free of any reactants and by-products, may be stored at -20 °C for weeks. HOOH could be also isolated in highly pure form or dissolved in another solvent, thus significantly extending the research perspectives of HOOH.

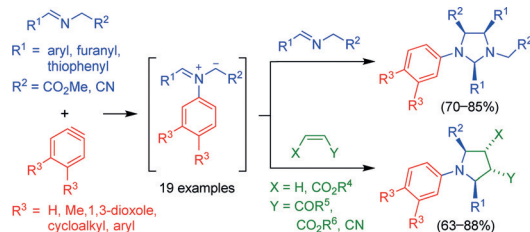
## Single-Molecule Studies

C. He, C. Hu, X. Hu, X. Hu, A. Xiao,  
T. T. Perkins, H. Li\* 9921–9925

Direct Observation of the Reversible Two-State Unfolding and Refolding of an α/β Protein by Single-Molecule Atomic Force Microscopy



Pushmi-pullyu protein: Using low drift cantilevers, the two-state unfolding and refolding of a small α/β protein NuG2 is directly observed in single-molecule atomic force microscopy experiments.



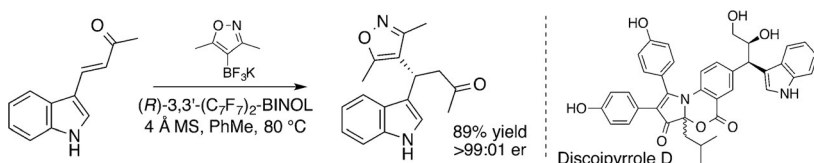
**Two steps in one flask:** A sequence of arylation of a Schiff base, an intramolecular proton transfer from the methylene position to the anionic aryl ring, and reaction of the resulting ylide with either

a second equivalent of Schiff base or an electron-deficient alkene in a (3+2) cycloaddition generates imidazolidines and pyrrolidines in high stereoselectivity and 63–88% yields.

### 1,3-Dipolar Cycloaddition

S. P. Swain, Y.-C. Shih, S.-C. Tsay, J. Jacob, C.-C. Lin, K. C. Hwang, J.-C. Horng, J. R. Hwu\* 9926–9930

Aryne-Induced Novel Tandem 1,2-Addition/(3+2) Cycloaddition to Generate Imidazolidines and Pyrrolidines



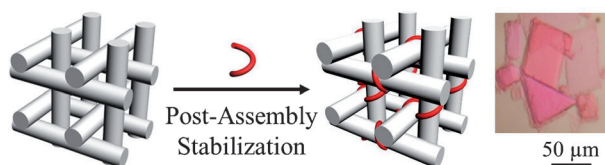
**Fluoride has to go:** Bis-heteroaryl or bis-aryl stereocenters are formed through an organocatalytic enantioselective conjugate addition using heteroaryl or aryl trifluoroborate salts, respectively, as nucleophiles. Control experiments sug-

gest that fluoride dissociation in the anhydrous conditions is necessary. The reaction was applied toward the synthesis of discoipyrrole D, an inhibitor of DDR2-dependent migration of BR5 fibroblasts.

### Enantioselective Synthesis

J.-L. Shih, T. S. Nguyen, J. A. May\* 9931–9935

Organocatalyzed Asymmetric Conjugate Addition of Heteroaryl and Aryl Trifluoroborates: a Synthetic Strategy for Discoipyrrole D



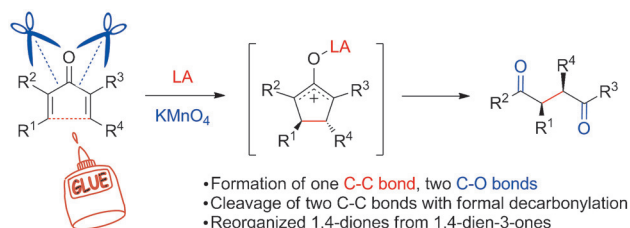
**Added stability:** Owing to weak inter-unit cohesion, self-assembled DNA crystals tend to be fragile. Such nanostructures can be effectively stabilized by the addition of a molecule that binds to the cohesive sites and stabilizes the inter-unit

interactions. Whereas the original DNA crystals are only stable in solutions of high ionic strength (e.g.,  $\geq 1.2$  M  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ ), the stabilized crystals are stable at much lower ionic strengths.

### DNA Structures

J. Zhao, A. R. Chandrasekaran, Q. Li, X. Li, R. Sha, N. C. Seeman\*, C. Mao\* 9936–9939

Post-Assembly Stabilization of Rationally Designed DNA Crystals



**Cut and paste with manganese and iron:** A new example of interrupted Nazarov reaction is described, involving oxidative cleavage of the oxidocyclopentenyl intermediate to produce 1,4-diketones. Simple

treatment of cross-conjugated dienones with  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{KMnO}_4$  at low temperature affords the products under convenient conditions.

### Nazarov Reaction

Y. Kwon, D. J. Schatz, F. G. West\* 9940–9943

1,4-Diketones from Cross-Conjugated Dienones: Potassium Permanganate-Interrupted Nazarov Reaction

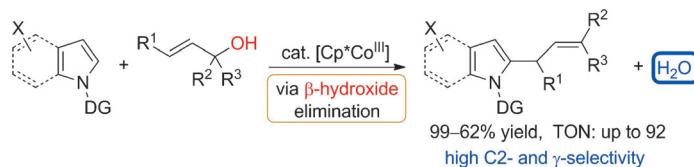


## Heterocycles

Y. Suzuki, B. Sun, K. Sakata, T. Yoshino,  
S. Matsunaga,\* M. Kanai\* — 9944–9947



Dehydrative Direct C–H Allylation with  
Allylic Alcohols under  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}^{\text{III}}]$  Catalysis



The unique reactivity of  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}^{\text{III}}]$  versus  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}^{\text{III}}]$  is showcased in the direct dehydrative C–H allylation with non-activated allyl alcohols. Cationic  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}^{\text{III}}]$  gave C2-allylated indoles, pyrrole, and phenyl-pyrazole in good yields, while the

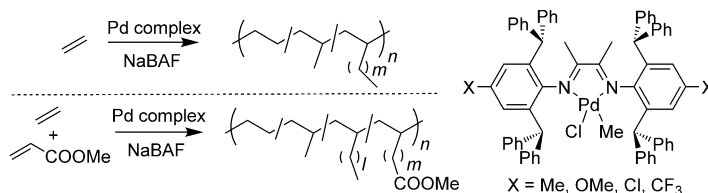
analogous  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}^{\text{III}}]$  catalysts were not effective. The high  $\gamma$ -selectivity and C2-selectivity result from directing-group-assisted C–H metalation, insertion of a C–C double bond, and subsequent  $\beta$ -hydroxide elimination.  $\text{Cp}^* = \text{C}_5\text{Me}_5$ .

## Polymerization

S. Dai, X. Sui, C. Chen\* — 9948–9953



Highly Robust Palladium(II)  $\alpha$ -Diimine Catalysts for Slow-Chain-Walking Polymerization of Ethylene and Copolymerization with Methyl Acrylate



**Slow and steady wins the race:** A series of palladium complexes with bulky  $\alpha$ -diimine ligands promoted the title reactions (see scheme; NaBAF = sodium tetrakis(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)borate). The

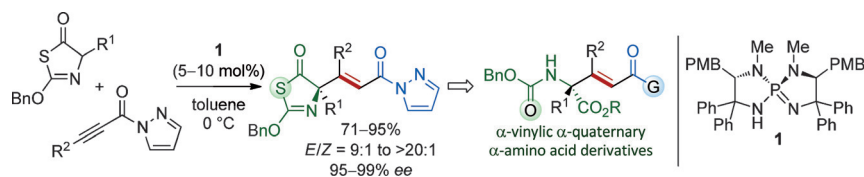
catalysts showed extremely high activity and thermal stability, and the resulting polymers had a high molecular weight, very low branching density, and unique microstructures.

## Synthetic Methods

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T. Ooi\* — 9954–9957



Highly *E*-Selective and Enantioselective Michael Addition to Electron-Deficient Internal Alkynes Under Chiral Iminophosphorane Catalysis



**A broadly applicable**, highly *E*-selective and enantioselective conjugate addition of 2-benzyloxythiazol-5(4*H*)-ones to  $\beta$ -substituted alkynyl *N*-acyl pyrazoles was developed. A *P*-spiro chiral iminophosphorane **1** is used as the catalyst. This

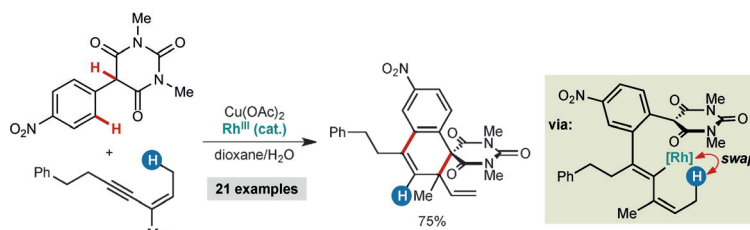
method leads to structurally diverse, optically active  $\alpha$ -amino acid derivatives bearing a geometrically defined trisubstituted olefinic component at the  $\alpha$ -position. PMB = *p*-methoxybenzyl.

## 1,4-Rhodium(III) Migration

D. J. Burns, D. Best, M. D. Wiczysty,  
H. W. Lam\* — 9958–9962

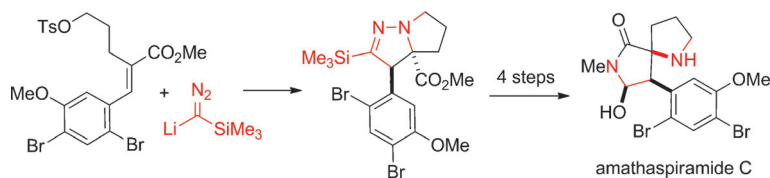


All-Carbon [3+3] Oxidative Annulations of 1,3-Enynes by Rhodium(III)-Catalyzed C–H Functionalization and 1,4-Migration



**All for one and 1,4-all(yl):** 1,3-Enynes containing allylic hydrogens *cis* to the alkyne act as three-carbon components in rhodium(III)-catalyzed, all-carbon [3+3]

oxidative annulations to produce spirodialins. The proposed mechanism of these reactions involves the alkenyl-to-allyl 1,4-rhodium(III) migration.



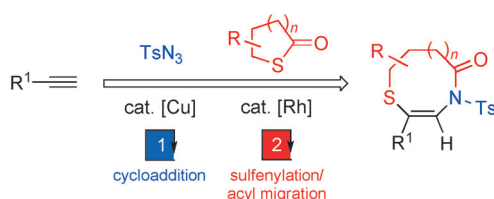
**Three bonds, one step:** Bicyclic pyrazolines, as a latent form of the  $\alpha$ -*tert*-alkylamino acid moiety of the amathaspiramides, are efficiently constructed from an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester and lithium(trimethylsilyl)diazomethane through

a formal [3+2] cycloaddition. Protonolytic N–N bond cleavage followed by imide formation from nitrile hydrolysis, N-methylation, and reduction of one of the imide carbonyl groups leads to a total synthesis of amathaspiramide C.

## Natural Product Synthesis

M. O'Connor, C. Sun,  
D. Lee\* 9963–9966

Synthesis of Amathaspiramides by  
Aminocyanation of Enoates



**Expansion project:** *N*-Sulfonyl-1,2,3-triazoles react with thioesters in the presence of a rhodium(II) catalyst to produce  $\beta$ -sulfanyl enamides in a stereoselective manner. The method is successfully

applied to a ring-expansion reaction of thiolactones (see Scheme; Ts = 4-toluenesulfonyl), thus leading to the formation of sulfur-containing lactams.

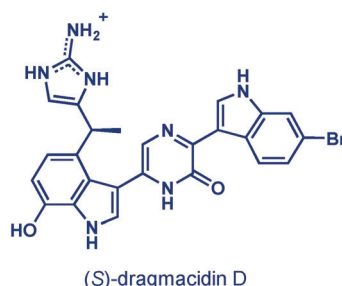
## Synthetic Methods

T. Miura,\* Y. Fujimoto, Y. Funakoshi,  
M. Murakami\* 9967–9970

A Reaction of Triazoles with Thioesters to  
Produce  $\beta$ -Sulfanyl Enamides by Insertion  
of an Enamine Moiety into the Sulfur–  
Carbonyl Bond



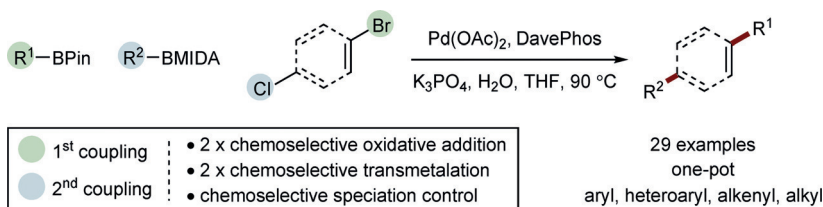
**In depth:** Dragmacidin D is a marine bis-(indole) alkaloid originating from species of the deep-sea sponge genus *Dragmacidon*. The stereochemical identity and properties of dragmacidin D have remained elusive since its isolation. The 10-step enantioselective total synthesis of (+)-dragmacidin D by direct asymmetric enediolate alkylation affords additional data on the stereochemistry of this marine alkaloid.



## Asymmetric Synthesis

J. J. Jackson, H. Kobayashi, S. D. Steffens,  
A. Zakarian\* 9971–9975

10-Step Asymmetric Total Synthesis and  
Stereochemical Elucidation of  
(+)-Dragmacidin D



**Breaking the limit:** Chemoselective Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling has previously been limited to single C–C bond formation due to a lack of nucleophile selectivity. Manipulation of boron speci-

ation enables complete chemoselective control of the Suzuki–Miyaura reaction, allowing harmonized sequential cross-coupling in a single operation.

## Sequential Cross-Coupling

C. P. Seath, J. W. B. Fyfe, J. J. Molloy,  
A. J. B. Watson\* 9976–9979

Tandem Chemoselective Suzuki–Miyaura  
Cross-Coupling Enabled by Nucleophile  
Speciation Control



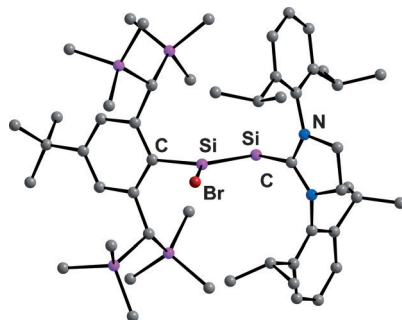


## Silicon Compounds

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G. Schnakenburg,  
A. C. Filippou\* — 9980–9985



Si=Si Double Bonds: Synthesis of an  
NHC-Stabilized Disilavinylidene



**Double reduction:** The NHC-stabilized disilavinylidene (Z)-(SIdipp)Si=Si(Br)Tbb (SIdipp = C[N(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-2,6-*i*Pr<sub>2</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>; Tbb = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>-2,6-[CH(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>-4-*t*Bu; NHC = N-heterocyclic carbene) has been synthesized and characterized. The compound was prepared by two-electron reduction of the NHC-stabilized bromo(silyl)silylene SiBr(SiBr<sub>2</sub>Tbb)(SIdipp). SiBr(SiBr<sub>2</sub>Tbb)-(SIdipp) was obtained upon treatment of SiBr<sub>2</sub>(SIdipp) with (E)-Tbb(Br)Si=Si(Br)Tbb or LiTbb.

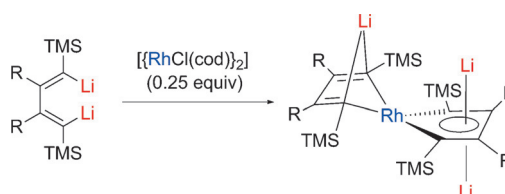


## Aromatic Rhodacycles

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Z. Xi\* — 9986–9990



1,3-Butadienyl Dianions as Non-Innocent  
Ligands: Synthesis and Characterization  
of Aromatic Dilithio Rhodacycles



**Give and take:** Dilithio reagents that are a type of 1,3-butadienyl dianion react with [{RhCl(cod)}]<sub>2</sub> to give aromatic dilithio rhodacycles. In this process, the dilithio compounds behave as non-innocent

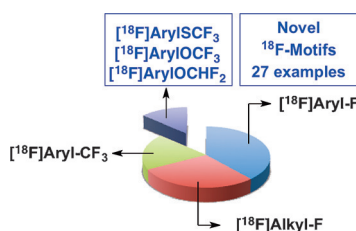
ligands and formal oxidants. Thus organolithium compounds with suitable  $\pi$  conjugation can act as electron acceptors.

## Halex <sup>18</sup>F-Fluorination

T. Khotavivattana, S. Verhoog, M. Tredwell,  
L. Pfeifer, S. Calderwood, K. Wheelhouse,  
T. Lee Collier,  
V. Gouverneur\* — 9991–9995



<sup>18</sup>F-Labeling of Aryl-SCF<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>3</sub> and  
-OCHF<sub>2</sub> with [<sup>18</sup>F]Fluoride



**A halogen exchange (halex)** <sup>18</sup>F-fluorination process offers access for the first time to <sup>18</sup>F-labeled arylOCF<sub>3</sub>, arylOCHF<sub>2</sub> and arylSCF<sub>3</sub>, three motifs of established



medicinal importance in PET radiotracers. The use of silver(I) triflate is critical to permit <sup>18</sup>F-labeling under mild conditions.

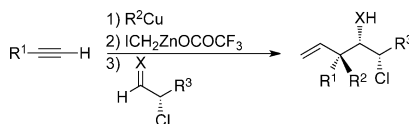


## Acyclic Stereoselection

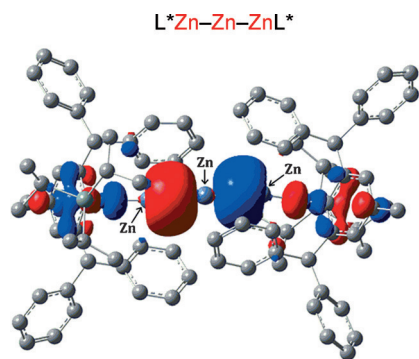
R. Vabre, B. Island, C. J. Diehl,  
P. R. Schreiner, I. Marek\* — 9996–9999



Forming Stereogenic Centers in Acyclic  
Systems from Alkynes



**All-carbon quaternary stereocenter:** The combined carbometallation/zinc homologation of alkynes followed by reactions with  $\alpha$ -heterosubstituted aldehydes and imines provides access to functionalized acyclic adducts. These adducts obtained in a single-pot reaction have three new carbon-carbon bonds and two to three stereogenic centers, including a quaternary carbon stereocenter.

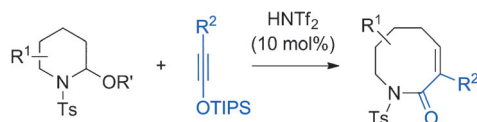


**Form an orderly queue!** Reduction of an extremely bulky amido ( $L^*$ ) zinc bromide complex,  $[L^*ZnBr]$  with a magnesium(I) dimer yields the formally zinc(0) complex,  $[L^*ZnMg^{(Mes)Nacnac}]$ , which contains the first example of an unsupported Zn–Mg bond. Its subsequent reaction with  $ZnBr_2$  affords the unprecedented mixed-valence, linear tri-zinc complex,  $[L^*Zn^0Zn^0Zn^0L^*]$  (see picture).

## Metal–Metal Bonds

J. Hicks, E. J. Underhill, C. E. Kefalidis, L. Maron,\* C. Jones\* — 10000 – 10004

A Mixed-Valence Tri-Zinc Complex,  $[LZnZnZnL]$  ( $L$  = Bulky Amide), Bearing a Linear Chain of Two-Coordinate Zinc Atoms



**Growth rings:** A mild catalytic synthesis of medium-ring lactams through ring expansion of cyclic hemiaminals was developed. This synthetically useful

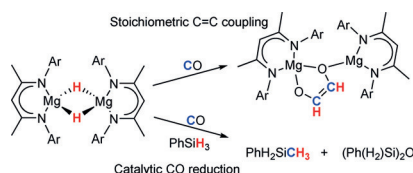
method also gives insight into the reactivity of both siloxy alkynes and *N*-acylminium analogues.

## Synthetic Methods

W. Zhao, H. Qian, Z. Li,\* J. Sun\* — 10005 – 10008

Catalytic Ring Expansion of Cyclic Hemiaminals for the Synthesis of Medium-Ring Lactams

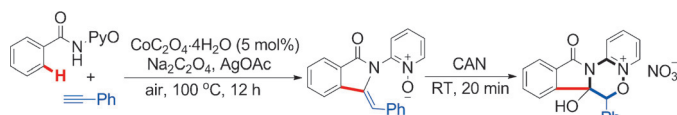
**I should COCO:** Reaction between a  $\beta$ -diketiminato magnesium hydride and carbon monoxide results in the isolation of a dimeric *cis*-enediolate species through the reductive coupling of two CO molecules. Under catalytic conditions with  $PhSiH_3$ , an observable magnesium formyl species may be intercepted for the mild reductive cleavage of the CO triple bond.



## Homogeneous Catalysis

M. D. Anker, M. S. Hill,\* J. P. Lowe, M. F. Mahon — 10009 – 10011

Alkaline-Earth-Promoted CO Homologation and Reductive Catalysis



**Directing group and Co:** The title reaction proceeds in the presence of an N,O-bidentate directing group. This method is characterized by wide substrate scope and cheap cobalt catalysts, and offers a new

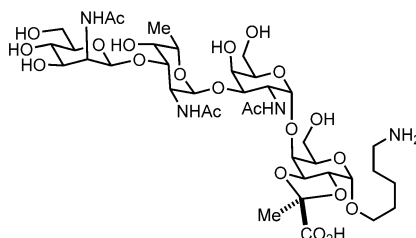
approach to 3-methyleneisindolin-1-one, which can be converted into an oxadiazine salt in one step. Moreover, the directing group can be removed in three steps. CAN = ceric ammonium nitrate.

## C–H Activation

L.-B. Zhang, X.-Q. Hao, Z.-J. Liu, X.-X. Zheng, S.-K. Zhang, J.-L. Niu,\* M.-P. Song\* — 10012 – 10015

Cobalt(II)-Catalyzed  $C_{sp^2}$ –H Alkynylation/Annulation with Terminal Alkynes: Selective Access to 3-Methyleneisindolin-1-one

**Unusually Protective:** In the search for a glycan epitope for protection against *Streptococcus pneumoniae* serotype 4, total synthesis of the repeating unit (see structure) enabled the identification of pyruvate as a crucial determinant of immunogenicity. This lays the foundation for the development of a new antibacterial vaccine candidate against *Streptococcus pneumoniae* serotype 4.



## Carbohydrate Immunology

C. L. Pereira,\* A. Geissner, C. Anish, P. H. Seeberger\* — 10016 – 10019

Chemical Synthesis Elucidates the Immunological Importance of a Pyruvate Modification in the Capsular Polysaccharide of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* Serotype 4

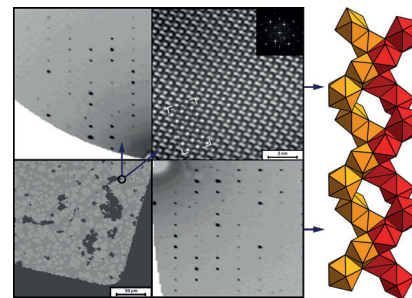
## Structure Elucidation

F. Fahrnbauer, T. Rosenthal, T. Schmutzler, G. Wagner, G. B. M. Vaughan, J. P. Wright, O. Oeckler\* — 10020–10023



Discovery and Structure Determination of an Unusual Sulfide Telluride through an Effective Combination of TEM and Synchrotron Microdiffraction

**Treasure quest:** The complementary use of electron diffraction and microfocused synchrotron radiation enables innovative and accurate structure analyses of novel compounds in heterogeneous microcrystalline materials. The sulfide telluride  $\text{Pb}_8\text{Sb}_8\text{S}_{15}\text{Te}_5$  was discovered this way. It adopts an unusual tetragonal structure type with building blocks that resemble NaCl-type fragments as well as chain-like units typical for sulfides.

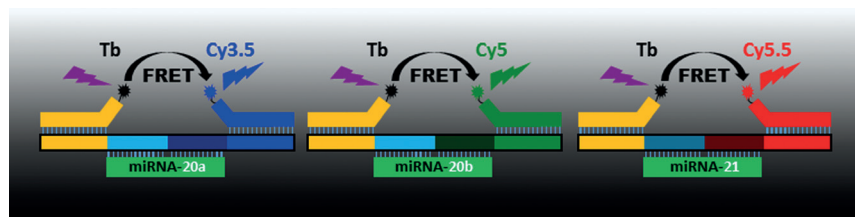


## MicroRNA Detection

Z. Jin, D. Geißler, X. Qiu, K. D. Wegner, N. Hildebrandt\* — 10024–10029



A Rapid, Amplification-Free, and Sensitive Diagnostic Assay for Single-Step Multiplexed Fluorescence Detection of MicroRNA



**A suitable timeframe:** An amplification-free homogeneous “mix-and-measure” assay for the multiplexed detection of up to three microRNAs has been developed.

It uses Förster resonance energy transfer from a Tb complex donor to three different dye acceptors and is conducted in one step and at a single temperature.

## Front Cover

## Synthetic Biology

M. G. Hoesl, S. Oehm, P. Durkin, E. Darmon, L. Peil, H.-R. Aerni, J. Rappsilber, J. Rinehart, D. Leach, D. Söll, N. Budisa\* — 10030–10034



Chemical Evolution of a Bacterial Proteome



**Towards synthetic bacteria:** An evolution experiment in synthetic medium led to quantitative substitution of tryptophan with L-β-(thieno[3,2-b]pyrrolyl)alanine in response to 20 899 TGG codons in bacte-

rium *Escherichia coli* W3110. The evolved bacteria showed robust growth in the complete absence of Trp without significant adverse effects on the cellular survival.

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## Angewandte Corrigendum

Upon review of a publication from the Pattenden group<sup>[1]</sup> and upon further examination of 2D NMR data for the compounds reported in this Communication, the authors are prompted to make three structural reassignments:

Compound **18**, shown as 18-acetoxycoralloidolide A, should be 19-acetoxycoralloidolide A. Compound **19**, shown as 18-hydroxycoralloidolide A should be 19-hydroxycoralloidolide A. Compound **20**, shown as 18-oxobipinnatin J should be 19-oxobipinnatin J. The authors are sorry for the misassignment of these by-products. The total synthesis of coralloidolides A, B, C, and E stands as reported.

Total Synthesis of Coralloidolides A, B, C, and E

T. J. Kimbrough, P. A. Roethle, P. Mayer, D. Trauner\* ————— **2619–2621**

*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2010**, 49

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[1] Y. Li, G. Pattenden, J. Rogers, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, **2010**, 51, 1280.

## Angewandte Corrigendum

In Figure 1 of this Communication, the values at the vertical axis must be multiplied by 10; the corrected version of Figure 1 is shown below. Accordingly, the description in text for Figure 1 (page 1618, left column, 2nd paragraph) should also be corrected as follows:

“We also examined the CD spectra of these compounds and found that (*R*)-**3 aa** showed a relatively weak negative Cotton effect at  $\lambda = 259$  nm ( $\Delta\epsilon = -30$  M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>), whereas (*R,R*)-**9** showed stronger positive and negative Cotton effects at  $\lambda = 282$  nm ( $\Delta\epsilon = +73$  M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>) and  $\lambda = 256$  nm ( $\Delta\epsilon = -108$  M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>), respectively (Figure 1).”

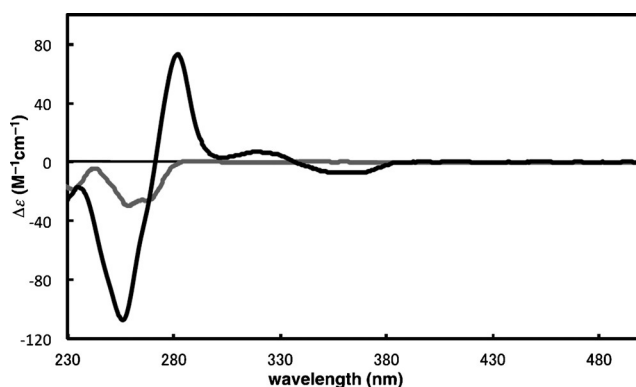
This correction does not change any conclusion of this Communication.

Rhodium-Catalyzed Asymmetric Synthesis of Silicon-Stereogenic Dibenzosiloles by Enantioselective [2+2+2] Cycloaddition

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**Figure 1.** CD spectra of (*R*)-**3 aa** (gray line;  $1.1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and (*R,R*)-**9** (black line;  $5.7 \times 10^{-6}$  M) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C.