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Coordination Chemistry

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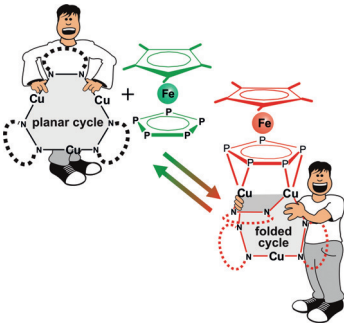
Remarkable Structural and Electronic Features of the Complex Formed by Trimeric Copper Pyrazolate with Pentaphosphaferrocene

Know how to fold'em: The interaction of pentaphosphaferrocene [Cp*Fe(η^5-P_5)] with trimeric copper pyrazolate [(Cu{3,5-$(CF_3)_2$Pz})$_3$] yields the new compound [Cp*Fe(μ_3-η^5:η^2,η^2-P_5){Cu(3,5-$(CF_3)_2$Pz)}$_3$], which is astonishingly stable in solution and exhibits unprecedented structural changes in the interacting molecules. As a result of the 90° macrocycle folding, the copper atoms are able to behave as both Lewis acid and Lewis base in the interaction with the cyclo-P_5 ligand.



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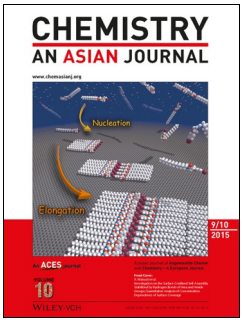

Fullerenes

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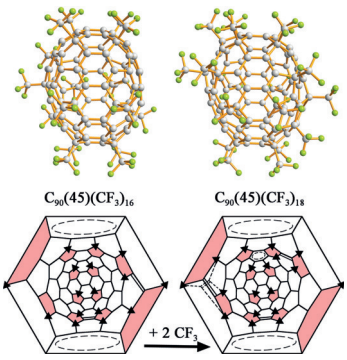
Capturing C_{90} Isomers as CF_3 Derivatives: $C_{90}(30)(CF_3)_{14}$, $C_{90}(35)(CF_3)_{16/18}$, and $C_{90}(45)(CF_3)_{16/18}$

The most stable isomer of C_{90} fullerene, C_2-$C_{90}(45)$, has been captured for the first time as $C_{90}(45)(CF_3)_{16/18}$ by high-temperature trifluoromethylation of a C_{90} isomeric mixture followed by HPLC separation and X-ray diffraction. Three other CF_3 derivatives of the previously known C_{90} isomers, $C_{90}(30)(CF_3)_{14}$ and $C_{90}(35)(CF_3)_{16/18}$, have been also structurally characterized by single crystal X-ray study with the use of synchrotron radiation.



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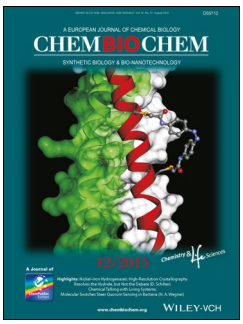

Bicyclic Peptides

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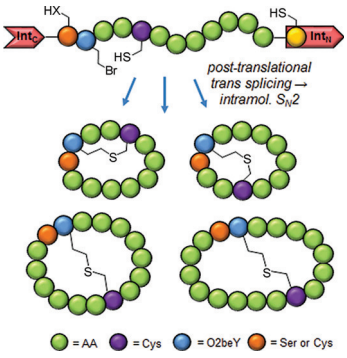
Ribosomal Synthesis of Natural-Product-Like Bicyclic Peptides in *Escherichia coli*

Ringing up peptides: The combination of split intein-mediated peptide circularization with intramolecular crosslinking through a genetically encoded, cysteine-reactive amino acid (O2beY) provides a versatile strategy to produce structurally diverse bicyclic peptides in bacterial cells. By using this approach, a bicyclic peptide with enhanced binding affinity for streptavidin was isolated.



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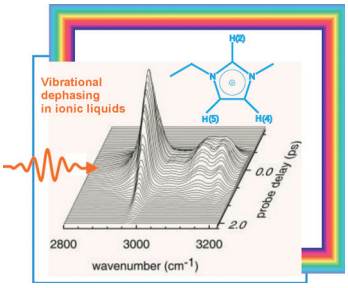

Vibrational Dephasing

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Vibrational Dephasing in Ionic Liquids as a Signature of Hydrogen Bonding

Fast CARS: Hydrogen Bonding governs the vibrational dephasing in imidazolium ionic liquids. Combined time-resolved coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CARS) and theoretical studies show that this process takes place on the fs-to-ps timescale and that dephasing is faster for C–H bonds that are involved in H bonds. Surprisingly, the fast dephasing and lifetimes reflect the behavior of macroscopic properties, such as viscosities and NMR relaxation times.

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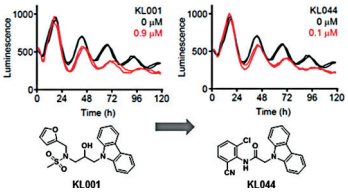
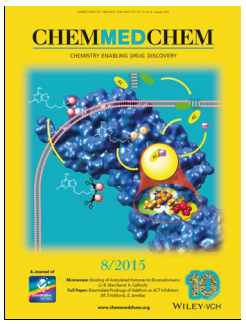


Drug Design



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Development of Small-Molecule Cryptochrome Stabilizer Derivatives as Modulators of the Circadian Clock

Circadian modulators: An extensive SAR study of KL001, a stabilizer of the clock protein CRY, resulted in the development of a highly active derivative, KL044. Subsequent 3D-QSAR analysis provided molecular-level understanding of the regulatory mechanism of CRY function. KL044 is a powerful chemical tool to control circadian rhythms by targeting CRY.

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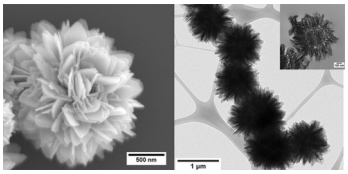

Lithium-Ion Batteries

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Enhanced Performance of "Flower-like" $Li_4Ti_5O_{12}$ Motifs as Anode Materials for High-Rate Lithium-Ion Batteries

Stop and smell the flowers: 3 D hierarchical flower-shape $Li_4Ti_5O_{12}$ motifs are synthesized by using a facile and rapid hydrothermal process involving short reaction times, relatively low reaction temperatures, and reusable and recyclable Ti precursors. The resulting $Li_4Ti_5O_{12}$ electrodes exhibit remarkably high rate capability and cycling stability as compared with analogous, previously reported motifs.

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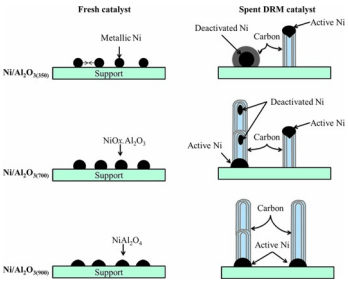
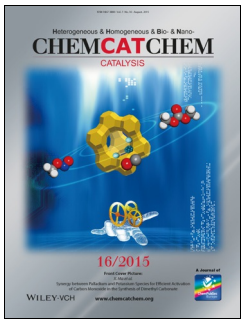


Dry Reforming



L. Zhou, L. Li, N. Wei, J. Li, K. Takanabe, J.-M. Basset*

Effect of $NiAl_2O_4$ Formation on Ni/Al_2O_3 Stability during Dry Reforming of Methane

Onions, chains, and filaments: The nickel reduced from $NiAl_2O_4$ showed an excellent performance against sintering and coking during a long-term dry reforming of methane (DRM) reaction. Various types of carbon deposition were observed for catalysts calcined at different temperatures.

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Intracellular Behavior

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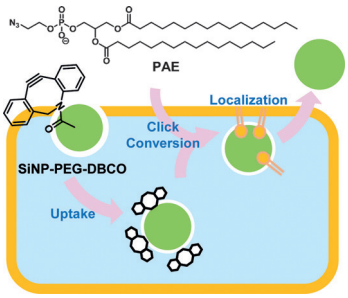
Controlling Localization and Excretion of Nanoparticles by Click Modification of the Surface Chemical Structures inside Living Cells

Click and release: Silica nanoparticles (SiNPs) with a cyclooctyne structure on the surface are suitable for click modification with azido-phospholipids in living cells. Click conversion of the surface groups induces localization of nanoparticles on the cell membrane and enhances excretion of nanoparticles from the cells (see figure; PEG = polyethylene glycol, DBCO = dibenzocyclooctyne, PAE = phosphatidyl azidoethanol).



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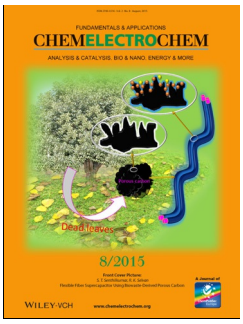

In Situ Monitoring

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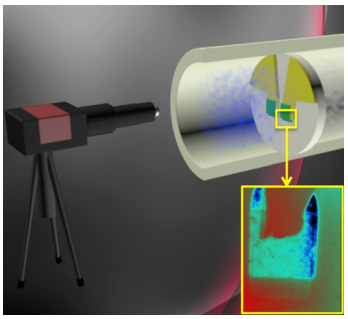
Operando Tracking of Electrochemical Activity in Solid Oxide Electrochemical Cells by Using Near-Infrared Imaging

Excuse me, I'm NIR-sighted: Redox processes on a ceria-based solid oxide electrochemical cell (SOC) are studied by near-infrared (NIR) imaging (see figure) and ambient pressure X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (APXPS). The two techniques prove to be complimentary for tracking ceria redox changes and elucidating mechanistic details on an operating SOC.



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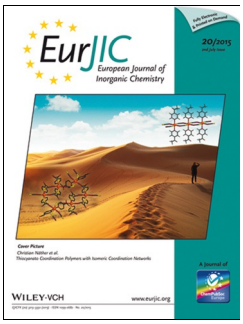

Polyoxometalates

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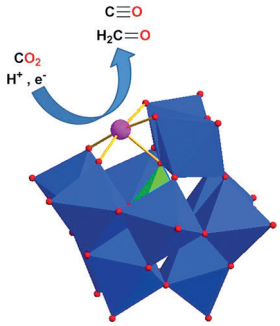
Electro-Assisted Reduction of CO_2 to CO and Formaldehyde by $(TOA)_6[\alpha\text{-}SiW_{11}O_{39}Co(\ )]$ Polyoxometalate

The cobalt derivative of the silico-undecatungstate $[\alpha\text{-}SiW_{11}O_{39}Co(-)]^{6-}$ is a catalyst for the multiproton-multielectron electrochemical reduction of CO_2, with unique selectivity. Analysis of electrolysis products in the gas and liquid phases shows the formation of CO and HCHO without detection of H_2.



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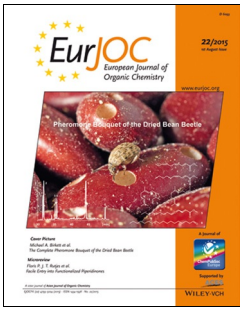

Fullerene Adducts

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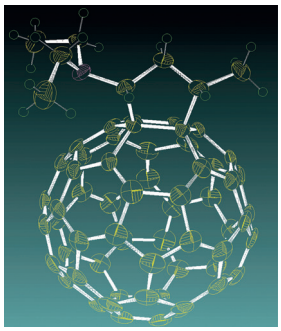
Regioselective Thermal Reaction between Triethylamine and C_{60} Revisited: X-ray Confirmation of the Pentane-Fused Adduct and in Situ Mechanism Study

X-ray crystallographic results unambiguously confirm for the first time the pentane-fused structure of adduct **1** obtained from the reaction between triethylamine (TEA) and C_{60}. The successful detection of intermediates (acetaldehyde and diethylamine) involved in the thermal reaction makes the reaction mechanism clear.



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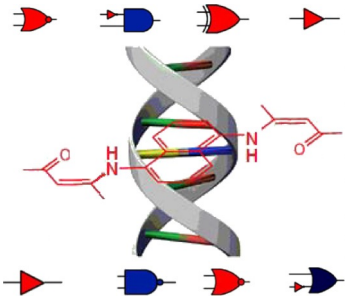

Molecular Logic Gates

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Picking Out Logic Operations in a Naphthalene β-Diketone Derivative by Using Molecular Encapsulation, Controlled Protonation, and DNA Binding

Lifting logic from molecules: Compounds or complexes that have different properties depending on specific inputs, e.g. pH, can be used to generate Boolean logic functions. Naphthalene β-diketone derivatives bind to DNA and β-cyclodextrin, where aminopentenone substituents are encapsulated inside the β-cyclodextrin cavity. The resulting compound displays NOR, XOR, NAND, and Buffer logic operations based on proton, cyclodextrin, and DNA as chemical inputs.

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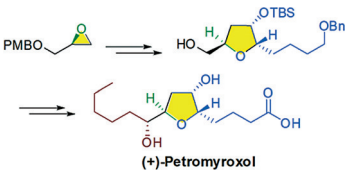

Total synthesis (+)-Petromyroxol

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Total Synthesis of (+)-Petromyroxol, a Marine Natural Product

Call the marines! An efficient total synthesis of (+)-petromyroxol, a marine natural product, is described. The synthesis utilizes the Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation (AD), intramolecular S_N2 cyclization and stereoselective Grignard reaction as key steps. Bn = benzyl; PMB = *para*-methoxybenzyl; TBS = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl.

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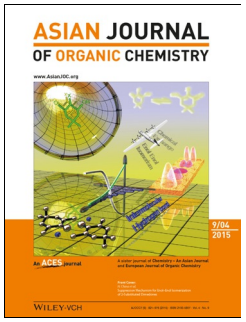

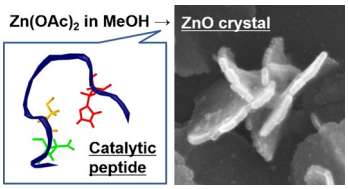

Biomineralization

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Enzyme-Mimicking Peptides to Catalytically Grow ZnO Nanocrystals in Non-Aqueous Environments

A catalytic peptide, discovered through hydrogel-based phage display, could generate ZnO nanocrystals in higher crystallinity than a natural enzyme, subtilisin, at room temperature in organic solvents.

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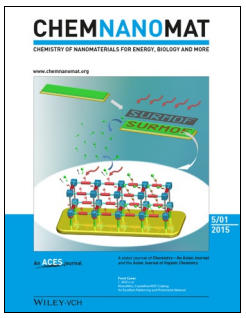

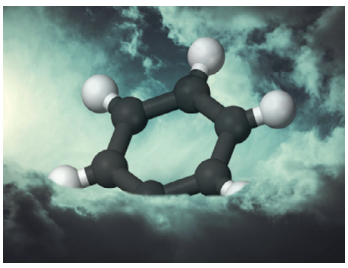

Reaction Kinetics

D. Bradley

Benzene - Clearing the Fog

Benzene is a toxic pollutant, and is mainly removed by reaction with hydroxyl radicals in the atmosphere. But how does fog influence this process? US researchers studied the reaction kinetics in a thin-film flow-tube reactor to simulate fog droplets, and observed a substantial rate enhancement. This effect could be exploited for other reactions in the laboratory or industry.

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