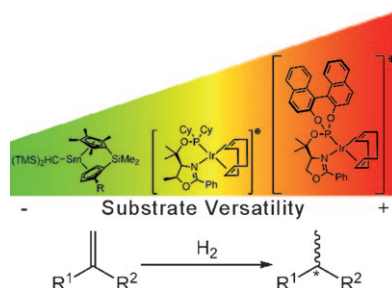


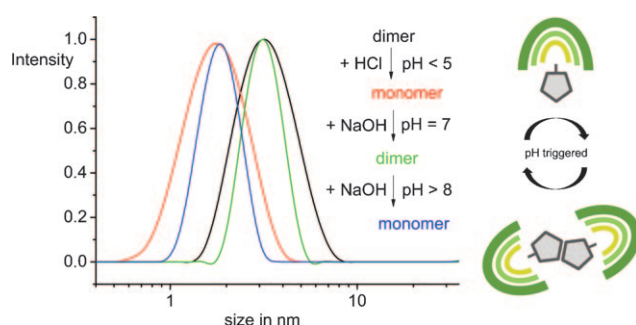
**Chiral hydrocarbons through hydrogenation:** This minireview highlights the progress made in the preparation of chiral hydrocarbons through asymmetric hydrogenation of minimally functionalised terminal olefins (see scheme).



### Asymmetric Synthesis

O. Pàmies, P. G. Andersson, M. Diéguez\* ..... 14232 – 14240

**Asymmetric Hydrogenation of Minimally Functionalised Terminal Olefins: An Alternative Sustainable and Direct Strategy for Preparing Enantio-enriched Hydrocarbons**



**pH-dependent dimerization:** Zwitterionic polyglycerol dendrons self-assemble into discrete and well-defined dimers in water as shown by dynamic light scattering (DLS), gel permeability chromatography (GPC), and DOSY NMR spectroscopy. However, self-

assembly occurs only at neutral pH as either protonation or deprotonation destroys the self-complementary zwitterionic binding motif in the core of the dendrimer. Hence, structure formation can be triggered back and forth by changing the pH of the solution.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Supramolecular Dendrimers

M. Merschky, M. Wyszogrodzka, R. Haag, C. Schmuck\* ... 14242 – 14246

**pH-Triggered Self-Assembly of Zwitterionic Polyglycerol Dendrons into Discrete and Highly Stable Supramolecular Dendrimers in Water**

**To coil or not to coil:** Chiral S-bridged 14-nuclear clusters with 12 free carboxylate groups,  $[M_6M'_8(\text{D-pen})_{12}\text{Cl}]^{5-}$  ( $M = \text{Pd}^{\text{II}}, \text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$ ;  $M' = \text{Cu}^{\text{I}}, \text{Ag}^{\text{I}}$ ; D-pen = D-penicillamine; see scheme), prepared from  $[M(\text{D-pen})_2]^{2-}$  and  $M'\text{Cl}$ , were organized into heterotrimeric supramolecular structures in combination with  $\text{La}^{3+}$ .



### Cluster Compounds

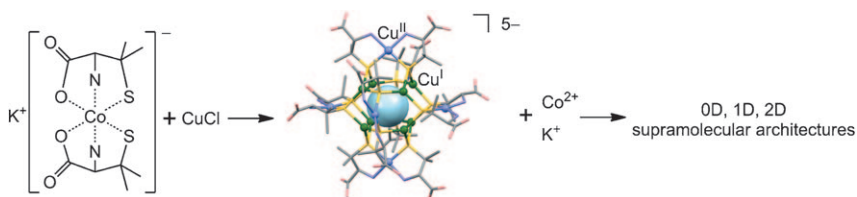
N. Yoshinari, A. Igashira-Kamiyama, T. Konno\* ..... 14247 – 14251

**Polar 2D Sheet versus Nonpolar 1D Helix Metallosupramolecular Architectures Based on  $M_6M'_8$  ( $M = \text{Pd}^{\text{II}}, \text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$ ;  $M' = \text{Cu}^{\text{I}}, \text{Ag}^{\text{I}}$ ) Cage Clusters with D-Penicillamine**

## Cluster Compounds

N. Yoshinari, K. Tatsumi,  
A. Igashira-Kamiyama,  
T. Konno\* ..... 14252–14255

### Redox-Mediated Self-Organization of Metallosupramolecular Architectures Composed of D-Penicillaminato $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}_8\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}_6$ Clusters: Drastic Structural Change by Subtle pH Changes



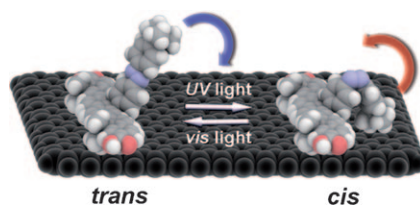
**pH-dependent architecture:** Cluster-based metallosupramolecular compounds, which are composed of  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}_6\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}_8(\text{D-pen})_{12}\text{Cl}]^{5-}$  (D-H<sub>2</sub>pen = D-penicillamine) cluster anions linked by  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  and/or  $\text{K}^+$  cations through D-pen

carboxylate groups, were spontaneously synthesized by simple treatment of  $\text{K}[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}(\text{D-pen})_2]$  with  $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cl}$  in potassium acetate buffer solutions, accompanied by the redox between  $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$  mediated by thiolate.

## Self-Assembly

D. Bléger, A. Ciesielski, P. Samorì,\*  
S. Hecht\* ..... 14256–14260

### Photoswitching Vertically Oriented Azobenzene Self-Assembled Monolayers at the Solid–Liquid Interface

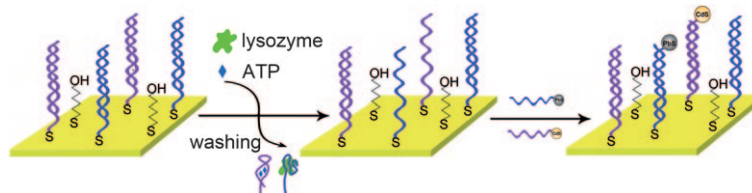


**Up or down?** Making use of self-assembly, the graphite surface is decorated with upright oriented photochromic units organized by a terfluorene platform. The azobenzenes within the monolayer could be converted from the *trans* to the *cis* form leading to substantial and reversible structural reorganization, as revealed by scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) studies.

## Bionanotechnology

X. Q. Qian, Y. Xiang,\* H. X. Zhang,  
Y. Chen, Y. Q. Chai,  
R. Yuan\* ..... 14261–14265

### Aptamer/Nanoparticle-Based Sensitive, Multiplexed Electronic Coding of Proteins and Small Biomolecules through a Backfilling Strategy



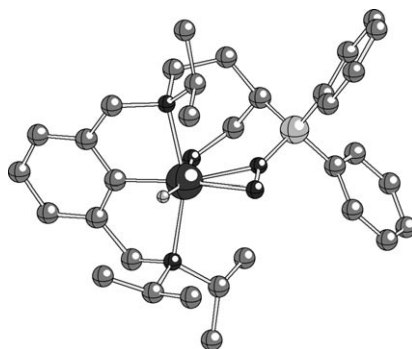
**Sensing large and small simultaneously:** Sensitive and multiplexed analysis of lysozyme and ATP analytes is achieved through target-induced release of aptamers from the DNA duplexes on a sensing surface, followed

by backfilling hybridization of the resulting single-stranded DNAs with aptamers conjugated to the electrochemically encoded nanoparticles (see graphic).

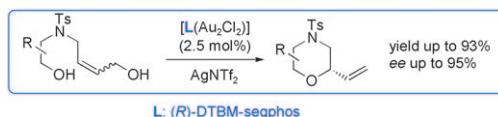
## Homogeneous Catalysis

M. Hölscher,\*  
W. Leitner\* ..... 14266–14271

### Lewis Acid Assisted Stabilization of Side-On Bonded $\text{N}_2$ in $[\text{Ru}(\text{NCN})]$ -Pincer Complexes—Computational Catalyst Design Directed at $\text{NH}_3$ Synthesis from $\text{N}_2$ and $\text{H}_2$



**With a little help of my boron:** Ruthenium pincer complexes with Lewis acidic side arms help to stabilize side-on coordinated  $\text{N}_2$ , which is necessary for catalytic reduction to  $\text{NH}_3$  with  $\text{H}_2$ .



**Alcohol versus alcohol:** A highly stereocontrolled synthesis of substituted morpholines is realized by means of gold-catalyzed dehydrative allylic cyclization of diols (see scheme for one example; segphos = 5,5'-bis[di(3,5-di-

*tert*-butyl-4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine]-4,4'-bi-1,3-benzodioxole). The present methodology represents one of the few examples of enantioselective gold-catalyzed transformations involving unactivated alkenes.

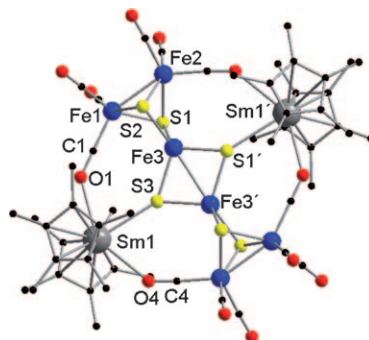
## Asymmetric Synthesis

M. Bandini,\* M. Monari,  
A. Romaniello,  
M. Tragni ..... 14272 – 14277

**Gold-Catalyzed Direct Activation of Allylic Alcohols in the Stereoselective Synthesis of Functionalized 2-Vinyl-Morpholines**



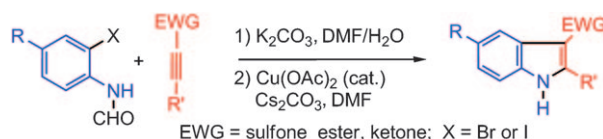
**Octanuclear lanthanide–iron clusters:** The first lanthanide–carbonyl–sulfide–iron clusters were obtained by redox reactions of  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2\text{Ln}(\text{thf})_2]$  (Ln = Sm, Yb) and  $[\text{Fe}_2(\mu\text{-S}_2)(\text{CO})_6]$ . The resulting wheel-shaped clusters have 14-membered peripheral rings with  $[\text{Fe}_6(\mu_3\text{-S})_6(\text{CO})_{12}]^{2-}$  units in the center (see picture).



## Lanthanide Structures

S. N. Konchenko,\* T. Sanden,  
N. A. Pushkarevsky, R. Köppe,  
P. W. Roesky\* ..... 14278 – 14280

**Wheel-Shaped Lanthanide Iron Sulfide Clusters**



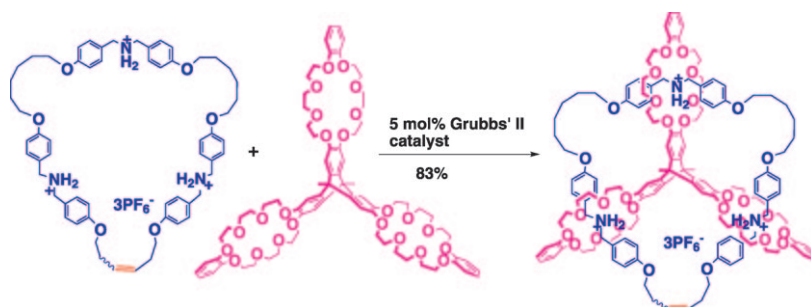
**Air and water welcome—ligands need not apply!** A simple and efficient new synthesis of variously functionalized and substituted indoles was achieved by the addition and copper-catalyzed coupling of *N*-formyl-*o*-haloanilines

with acetylenic sulfones, esters and ketones (see scheme; EWG = electron-withdrawing group). The reaction employs copper(II) acetate under ligand-free conditions without the need for exclusion of air and moisture.

## Indoles

D. Gao, M. Parvez,  
T. G. Back\* ..... 14281 – 14284

**Synthesis of Indoles by Conjugate Addition and Ligand-Free Copper-Catalyzed Intramolecular Arylation of Activated Acetylenes with *o*-Haloanilines**



**As if by magic:** On the basis of formation of a novel multivalency-directed complex between a trisdialkylammonium strand ion and a triptycene-

derived homotritopic host, an interesting magic-ring [2](3)catenane was obtained by reversible olefin metathesis (see scheme).

## Supramolecular Chemistry

Y. Jiang, X.-Z. Zhu,  
C.-F. Chen\* ..... 14285 – 14289

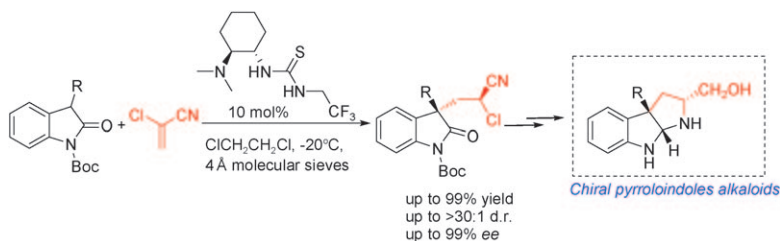
**Multivalency-Directed Magic-Ring [2](3)Catenane by Olefin Metathesis**



## Organocatalysis

X. Li, S. Luo,\*  
J.-P. Cheng ..... 14290–14294

### Asymmetric Conjugate Addition of Oxindoles to 2-Chloroacrylonitrile: A Highly Effective Organocatalytic Strategy for Simultaneous Construction of 1,3-Nonadjacent Stereocenters Leading to Chiral Pyrrolindolines



**Chiral pyrrolindoles:** A highly enantioselective catalytic conjugate addition of 3-substituted oxindoles with 2-chloroacrylonitrile has been developed with a readily accessible alkyl bifunctional tertiary amine thiourea catalyst. Excellent stereoselectivity of up to

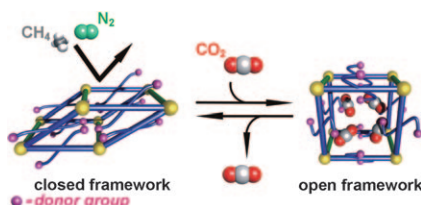
>30:1 diastereomeric ratio and 99% enantiomeric excess was achieved. The obtained Michael products could be easily converted to chiral pyrrolindole structures, which are widely distributed in natural indole alkaloids (see scheme).

## FULL PAPERS

### Structural Changes

S. Henke, R. Schmid, J.-D. Grunwaldt,  
R. A. Fischer\* ..... 14296–14306

### Flexibility and Sorption Selectivity in Rigid Metal–Organic Frameworks: The Impact of Ether-Functionalised Linkers

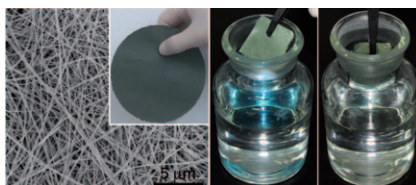


**Just breathe!** The implementation of linkers functionalised with flexible ether groups in known, but rigid metal–organic frameworks (MOFs), yields isorecticular frameworks that exhibit unexpected responsiveness towards small molecules and high sorption selectivity for CO<sub>2</sub> (see figure).

### Nanostructures

R. Zou, Z. Zhang, L. Yu, Q. Tian,  
J. Wu, Y. Sun, Z. Chen,  
J. Hu\* ..... 14307–14312

### Oriented Free-Standing Ammonium Vanadium Oxide Nanobelt Membranes: Highly Selective Absorbent Materials

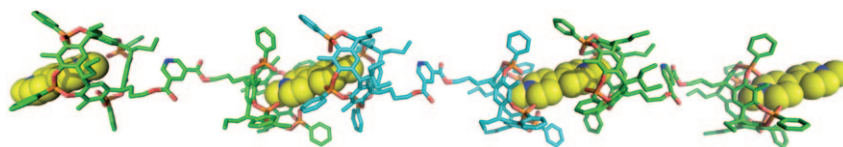


**Tighten your belts!** Highly selective, absorbent, free-standing, paper-like membranes made of ammonium vanadium oxide (NH<sub>4</sub>V<sub>4</sub>O<sub>14</sub>) nanobelts have been engineered by taking advantage of the nanoscaled self-assembly of this architecture. These selective, absorbent membrane materials are ideal candidates for separation and removal of pollution in industrial and environmental applications.

### Supramolecular Chemistry

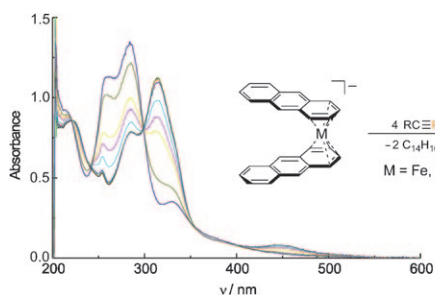
F. Tancini, R. M. Yebeutchou,  
L. Pirondini, R. De Zorzi, S. Geremia,  
O. A. Scherman,  
E. Dalcanale\* ..... 14313–14321

### Host–Guest-Driven Copolymerization of Tetraphosphonate Cavitands



**Supramolecular alternating copolymers:** Cyclic and linear AABB supramolecular copolymers were prepared by connecting complementary monomeric units through host–guest interactions. Thermodynamic and topological control of this process was achieved by

controlling the flexibility of the ditopic guest spacer, solvent and concentration. The structure of the alternating copolymer formed by self-assembly of a bis(tetraphosphonate cavitand) and methyl viologen is shown.



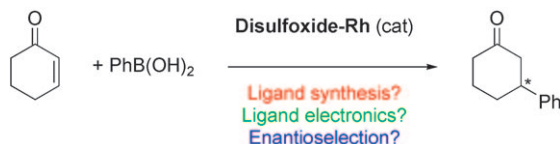
**Fancy a sandwich?** Homoleptic sandwich anions that contain diphosphacyclobutadiene ligands result from the reaction of anthracene metalates  $[\text{Fe}(\eta^4\text{-C}_{14}\text{H}_{10})_2]^-$  and  $[\text{Co}(\eta^4\text{-C}_{14}\text{H}_{10})_2]^-$  with phosphalkynes. Electrochemical and preparative investigations of  $[\text{M}(\eta^4\text{-P}_2\text{C}_2\text{tBu}_2)_2]^-$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Fe}, \text{Co}$ )

revealed that these anions are readily oxidized to neutral derivatives  $[\text{M}(\eta^4\text{-P}_2\text{C}_2\text{tBu}_2)_2]$ . The electronic structures of the new sandwich complexes have been elucidated by using spectroscopic techniques and density functional theory calculations.

## Sandwich Complexes

R. Wolf,\* A. W. Ehlers, M. M. Khusniyarov, F. Hartl, B. de Bruin, G. J. Long, F. Grandjean, F. M. Schappacher, R. Pöttgen, J. C. Slootweg, M. Lutz, A. L. Spek, K. Lammertsma\* ..... 14322–14334

## Homoleptic Diphosphacyclobutadiene Complexes $[\text{M}(\eta^4\text{-P}_2\text{C}_2\text{R}_2)_2]^-$ ( $\text{M} = \text{Fe}, \text{Co}; x = 0, 1$ )



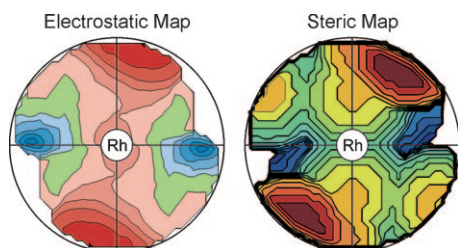
**S=O selective!** Chiral  $C_2$ -symmetric disulfide ligands that possess biaryl atropisomeric backbones are synthesized by the Andersen methodology (see picture). Their synthesis, optical

purity, electronic properties, and catalytic behavior in the prototypical rhodium-catalyzed 1,4-addition of phenylboronic acid to 2-cyclohexen-1-one are presented.

## Asymmetric Catalysis

R. Mariz, A. Poater, M. Gatti, E. Drinkel, J. J. Bürgi, X. Luan, S. Blumentritt, A. Linden, L. Cavallo,\* R. Dorta\* ..... 14335–14347

## $C_2$ -Symmetric Chiral Disulfide Ligands in Rhodium-Catalyzed 1,4-Addition: From Ligand Synthesis to the Enantioselection Pathway



**Steric versus electronic:** Analysis of two prototype Rh catalysts show that high enantioselectivity in asymmetric synthesis can be achieved using either steric or electrostatic effects. Topo-

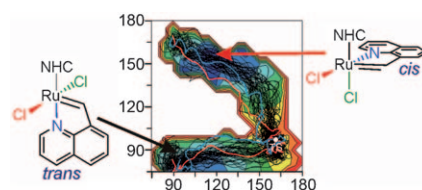
graphic maps of the interaction surface between the catalyst and the substrate are proposed as a tool to quantify these effects.

## Homogeneous Catalysis

A. Poater, F. Ragone, R. Mariz, R. Dorta,\* L. Cavallo\* . . 14348–14353

## Comparing the Enantioselective Power of Steric and Electrostatic Effects in Transition-Metal-Catalyzed Asymmetric Synthesis

**All change!** The mechanism of *cis* to *trans* isomerizations in Ru complexes (see figure) relevant to olefin metathesis is investigated with a combined experimental and theoretical approach.



## Reaction Mechanisms

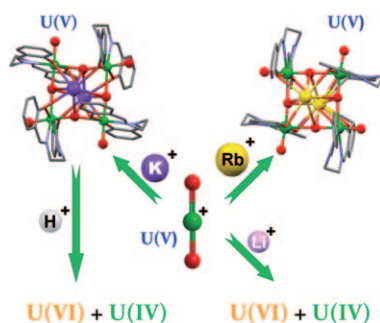
A. Poater, F. Ragone, A. Correa, A. Szadkowska, M. Barbasiewicz, K. Grela, L. Cavallo\* .... 14354–14364

## Mechanistic Insights into the *cis*–*trans* Isomerization of Ruthenium Complexes Relevant to Catalysis of Olefin Metathesis

## Cluster Compounds

V. Mougel, P. Horeglad, G. Nocton,  
J. Pécaut, M. Mazzanti\* 14365–14377

### Cation–Cation Complexes of Pentavalent Uranyl: From Disproportionation Intermediates to Stable Clusters

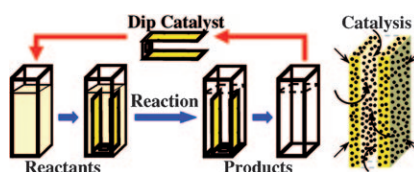


**Size matters:** Large alkali ions promote the assembly of Schiff base complexes of pentavalent uranyl into three new stable polynuclear cation–cation clusters, while small cations assemble unstable intermediates, resulting in disproportionation (see figure). Protons also promote disproportionation.

## Nanoparticle Catalysis

E. Hariprasad,  
T. P. Radhakrishnan\* . . . 14378–14384

### A Highly Efficient and Extensively Reusable “Dip Catalyst” Based on a Silver-Nanoparticle-Embedded Polymer Thin Film

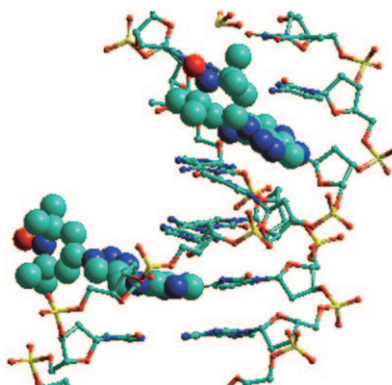


**A reusable silver nanoparticle catalyst:** The high efficiency and extensive reusability of a nanocomposite polymer thin-film catalyst in the reduction of 4-nitrophenol by sodium borohydride demonstrates effective harnessing of the benefits of homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis (see figure).

## Spin Labeling of DNA

P. Ding, D. Wunnicke, H.-J. Steinhoff,\*  
F. Seela\* . . . 14385–14396

### Site-Directed Spin-Labeling of DNA by the Azide–Alkyne ‘Click’ Reaction: Nanometer Distance Measurements on 7-Deaza-2'-deoxyadenosine and 2'-Deoxyuridine Nitroxide Conjugates Spatially Separated or Linked to a ‘dA-dT’ Base Pair

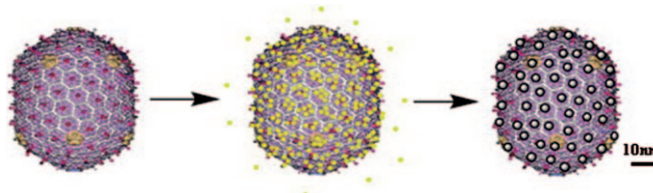


**‘Clicked’ DNA spin labels:** Spin labels (spheres in the figure) have been incorporated by click chemistry into DNA duplexes at spatially separated positions or into a ‘dA-dT’ base pair with high efficiency. Very accurate distances between spin labels, within a range of 1–2 nm, were measured by continuous wave and pulse EPR spectroscopy.

## Superstructures

L. Hou, F. Gao,\* N. Li . . 14397–14403

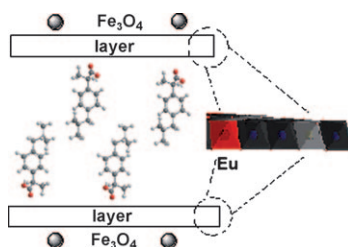
### T4 Virus-Based Toolkit for the Direct Synthesis and 3D Organization of Metal Quantum Particles



**An ideal bioscaffold:** The highly regular and symmetrical protein surface of a T4 capsid allows the site-directed adsorption and subsequent reduction of metal ions. Therefore, the growth of

metal particles on a viral capsid in situ enables them to exist at a quantum size with a high degree of monodispersity (see scheme).

**Illuminate your chemistry!**  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles are coated on the ibuprofen intercalated Eu-doped Mg–Al layered double hydroxide (see figure). This composite exhibits superparamagnetic and luminescent properties as well as sustained release in simulated body fluid.

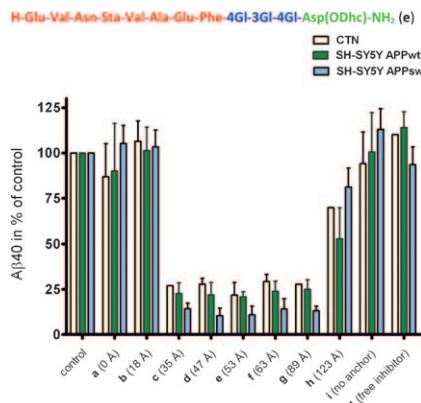


## Drug Delivery

J. Wang,\* J. Zhou, Z. Li, Y. Song,  
Q. Liu, Z. Jiang,  
M. Zhang ..... 14404–14411

### Magnetic, Luminescent Eu-Doped Mg–Al Layered Double Hydroxide and Its Intercalation for Ibuprofen

**Anchoring of  $\beta$ -secretase inhibitors** to the lipid raft domains of the cell membrane by using a spacer-linked dihydrocholesterol leads to tripartite structures with substantially improved efficacy. The concept is applicable to different pharmacophores (**a–i**; **e** shown in picture) and the best spacer lengths are in the range of 35–89 Å. Moreover, significant differences were demonstrated in the  $\text{A}\beta$ -peptide secretion from wild-type(wt) versus Swedish(sw)-mutant APP. The present results provide a basis for the development of potential new drugs for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.



## $\beta$ -Secretase Inhibition

H. Schieb, S. Weidlich,  
G. Schlechtingen, P. Linning,  
G. Jennings, M. Gruner, J. Wiltfang,  
H.-W. Klafki,\*  
H.-J. Knölker\* ..... 14412–14423

### Structural Design, Solid-Phase Synthesis and Activity of Membrane-Anchored $\beta$ -Secretase Inhibitors on $\text{A}\beta$ Generation from Wild-Type and Swedish-Mutant APP

**Mercury stops the blues:** Near-infrared (NIR) ratiometric thiourea chemodosimeters exhibit several advantages, such as convenient synthesis, long wavelengths falling in the NIR region (650–900 nm), and clear color changes for use as indicator paper (see image). Their distinct response with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ions is dependent on the electron-donating effect of the thiourea substituents.

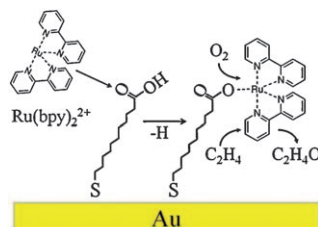


## Chemosensors

Z. Q. Guo, W. H. Zhu,\* M. M. Zhu,  
X. M. Wu, H. Tian\* ..... 14424–14432

### Near-Infrared Cell-Permeable $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ -Selective Ratiometric Fluorescent Chemodosimeters and Fast Indicator Paper for $\text{MeHg}^+$ Based on Tricarbo-cyanines

**Surface immobilization:** Highly active undercoordinated metal complexes may be prepared in the gas-phase through collision-induced dissociation and immobilized on surfaces through ion-reactive landing (see scheme). In situ TOF-SIMS analysis shows that the immobilized complexes exhibit behavior consistent with catalytic activity.



## Organometallic Catalysts

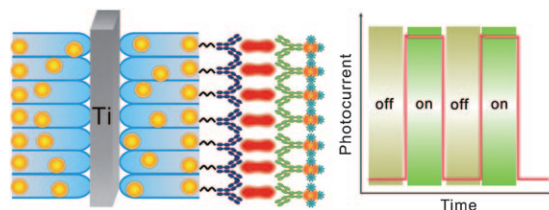
G. E. Johnson,  
J. Laskin\* ..... 14433–14438

### Preparation of Surface Organometallic Catalysts by Gas-Phase Ligand Stripping and Reactive Landing of Mass-Selected Ions

## Sensors

Y. An, L. Tang, X. Jiang, H. Chen,  
M. Yang, L. Jin, S. Zhang, C. Wang,  
W. Zhang\* ..... 14439–14446

### A Photoelectrochemical Immunosensor Based on Au-Doped TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanotube Arrays for the Detection of $\alpha$ -Synuclein



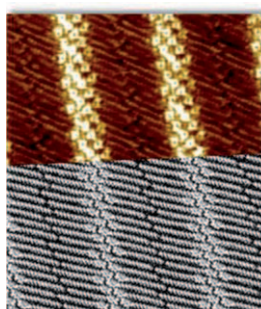
**The straight dope:** Highly ordered Au-doped TiO<sub>2</sub> nanotubes were used to construct arrays that effectively immobilized primary antibodies with high stability and bioactivity to bind  $\alpha$ -synu-

clein (see figure). Moreover, the Au-doped TiO<sub>2</sub> nanotubes facilitated the improvement of the photocurrent response.

## Noncovalent Interactions

K. S. Mali, K. Lava, K. Binnemans,  
S. De Feyter\* ..... 14447–14458

### Hydrogen Bonding Versus van der Waals Interactions: Competitive Influence of Noncovalent Interactions on 2D Self-Assembly at the Liquid–Solid Interface

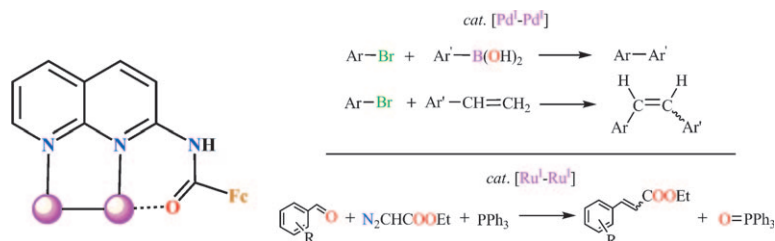


**Discontinuous but ordered:** Noncovalent interactions play an exceedingly decisive role in the process of self-assembly. To gain better insight into the role of noncovalent interactions, the competitive influence of hydrogen-bonding and van der Waals interactions was explored in the monolayers formed by simple 4-alkoxybenzoic acids at the liquid–solid interface (see image).

## Catalysis

R. K. Das, B. Saha, S. M. W. Rahaman,  
J. K. Bera\* ..... 14459–14468

### Bimetallic Catalysis Involving Dipalladium(I) and Diruthenium(I) Complexes



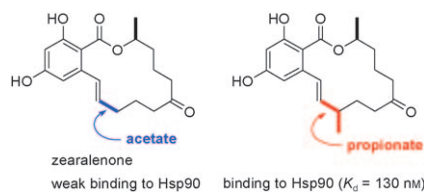
**Good couple:** Metal–metal singly bonded [Pd<sup>I</sup>–Pd<sup>I</sup>] and [Ru<sup>I</sup>–Ru<sup>I</sup>] complexes exhibit bimetallic synergy in the

catalytic C–C bond-coupling and aldehyde-olefination reactions, respectively (see figure).

## Synthetic Methods

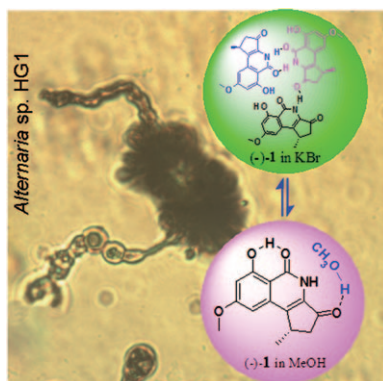
C. Rink, F. Sasse, A. Zubriené,  
D. Matulis, M. E. Maier\* 14469–14478

### Probing the Influence of an Allylic Methyl Group in Zearalenone Analogues on Binding to Hsp90



**Gimme five:** The preparation and testing of zearalenone analogues in which acetate number five was replaced by a propionate is reported. The shown stereoisomer was slightly more active in binding to Hsp90; studies show that the position and stereochemistry of a methyl-bearing center can cause a significant difference in binding (see scheme).

**Double the framework:** The absolute configuration, chirality-activity relevance and self-aggregation of (–)-alternarlactam [(–)-**1**], a cytotoxin from *Alternaria* sp. HG1 culture with double antitumor pharmacophores in a new framework, were assigned by a combination of synthetic, spectroscopic and computational approaches.



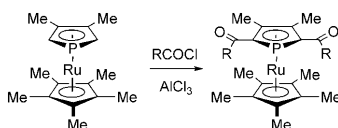
## Antitumor Agents

A. H. Zhang, N. Jiang, W. Gu, J. Ma, Y. R. Wang, Y. C. Song, R. X. Tan\* ..... 14479–14485

**Characterization, Synthesis and Self-Aggregation of (–)-Alternarlactam: A New Fungal Cytotoxin with Cyclopentenone and Isoquinolinone Scaffolds**



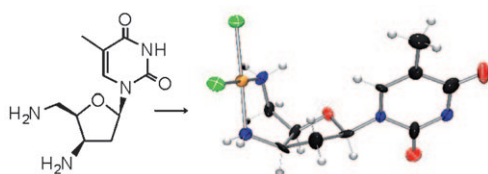
**Pathfinders:** Double electrophilic acylation of the phospholyl ring occurs upon treatment of a phospharuthenocene with the classical Friedel–Crafts acylating agent MeCOCl/AlCl<sub>3</sub> (see scheme). Theoretical calculations suggest that two pathways, mediated by either the ruthenium centre or the phosphorus atom, are available to the incoming acylium ion.



## Metalloenes

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**Double Friedel–Crafts Acylation Reactions on the Same Ring of a Metallocene: Synthesis of a 2,5-Diacetylphospharuthenocene**



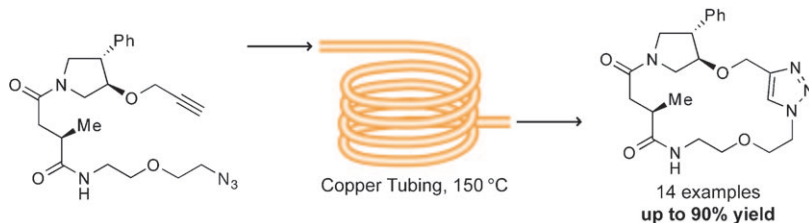
**Prove your metal:** Cisplatin analogues with platinum(II) and palladium(II) complexes based on 3',5'-diamino thymidines were synthesized (see figure for an example) and one was found to induce apoptosis mediated by caspase-9 and -3 processing. Thymi-platin

was proven to be active on cisplatin, vincristin and daunorubicin resistant leukemia cells, and was synergistic with cytarabin, vincristin, daunorubicin, and doxorubicin in lymphoma cells.

## Antitumor Agents

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**Mitochondrial Mode of Action of a Thymidine-Based Cisplatin Analogue Breaks Resistance in Cancer Cells**



**Making macrocycles on the move!** A series of 12- to 22-membered macrocycles with druglike functionality and properties have been generated by using the copper-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition reaction, con-

ducted in flow in high-temperature copper tubing. The triazole-containing macrocycles have been generated in up to 90% yield in a 5 min reaction, without resorting to high-dilution conditions.

## Flow Chemistry

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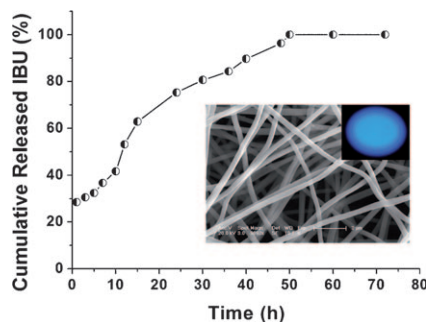
**Efficient Access to New Chemical Space Through Flow—Construction of Druglike Macrocycles Through Copper-Surface-Catalyzed Azide–Alkyne Cycloaddition Reactions**



### Porous Silica Materials

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J. Lin\* ..... 14513–14519

#### Luminescent Porous Silica Fibers as Drug Carriers

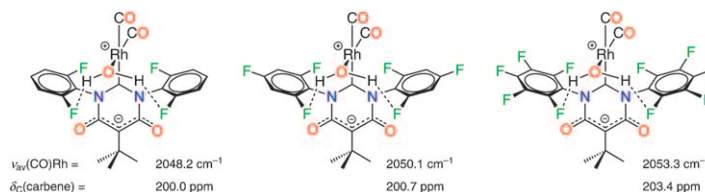


**Multifunctional silica fibers**, which possess a porous structure and display blue luminescence, can serve as a drug delivery host carrier, using ibuprofen (IBU) as a model drug, allowing the investigation of storage/release properties. The emission intensities of the silica fibers in the drug carrier system vary with the amount of IBU released, thus allowing easy monitoring.

### Donor–Acceptor Systems

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R. Roesler\* ..... 14520–14533

#### Anionic N-Heterocyclic Carbenes with *N,N'*-Bis(fluoroaryl) and *N,N'*-Bis(perfluoroaryl) Substituents



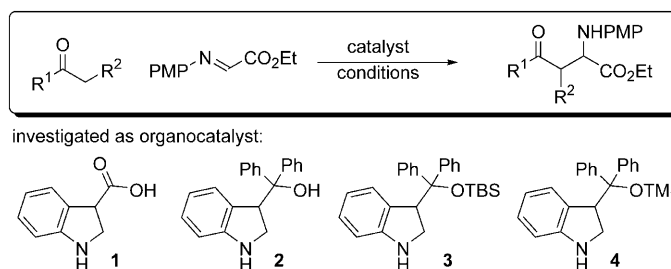
**$^{19}\text{F}$  in carbenes:** A series of anionic N-heterocyclic carbenes with six-membered ligand frameworks and varying degrees of fluorination have been incorporated into rhodium complexes (see scheme). Structural, spectroscopic

and computational studies of these complexes revealed that the degree of fluorination can be used to efficiently tune their electronic properties over a broad range.

### Organocatalysis

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#### Indoline-3-Carboxylic Acid Derived Organocatalysts for the *anti*-Mannich Reaction



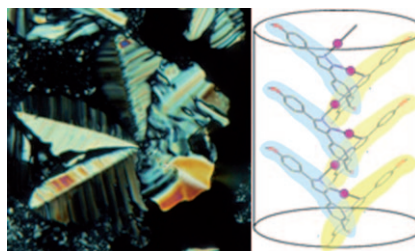
**Enzymatic kinetic resolution** ( $E \gg 100$ ) was applied in the synthesis of enantiopure indoline-3-carboxylic acid (**1**); the corresponding derivatives **2–4** were readily obtained after standard transformations. Compounds **1–4** were

applied as organocatalysts in Mannich-type reactions (see scheme) to afford the products with high *anti* selectivity at low temperatures, in moderate to good yields

### Metallomesogens

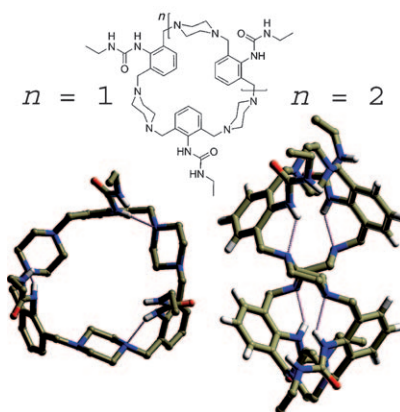
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J. L. Serrano, A. Elduque,\*  
R. Giménez\* ..... 14545–14553

#### Silver Pyrazolates as Coordination-Polymer Luminescent Metallomesogens



**Silver beats gold** in promoting stable columnar liquid-crystalline self-organization. Whereas gold complexes of 3,5-diarylpyrazolate ligands are composed of discrete cyclic trinuclear molecules, the analogous silver complexes are 1D polymers that self-assemble in helical columns (see picture for a micrograph of a mesophase and a schematic of one helix).

**A fitting location:** The rigid 27-membered triprotonated triurea cyclophane ( $n=1$ ) binds an unprecedented anion pair,  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^- \cdots \text{HPO}_4^{2-}$ , in the solid state. The tetra-*N*-ethylurea cyclophane ( $n=2$ ) is less rigid and demonstrates an induced-fit recognition of diisopropyl ether in the solid state. The guest is encapsulated within the lipophilic interior of a quasicapsule formed through intramolecular hydrogen-bond-driven folding of the 36-membered cyclophane skeleton (see figure).



## Cyclophane Receptors

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**Tri- and Tetraurea Piperazine Cyclophanes: Synthesis and Complexation Studies of Preorganized and Folded Receptor Molecules**



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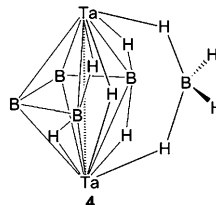
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V. Ramkumar, S. M. Mobin,  
S. Ghosh\* ..... 13 483–13 490

### Fine Tuning of Metallaborane Geometries: Chemistry of Metallaboranes of Early Transition Metals Derived from Metal Halides and Monoborane Reagents

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In the Full Paper by S. Ghosh et al., mistakes have been found in the interpretation of proton resonances for compound **4**. Previously, it was deduced that the resonance at  $\delta = -10.9$  ppm corresponded to four protons, which was incorrect. The corrections are as follows: On page 13 487, in paragraph 2, as the temperature is lowered the resonance at  $\delta = -10.9$  ppm collapses into four resonances. The two resonances appearing at  $\delta = -10.7$  and  $-11.4$  ppm should be assigned to two Ta–H–B protons, the resonance at  $\delta = 4.15$  ppm is assigned to two B5–H<sub>t</sub> (t = terminal) protons, and the signal at  $\delta = -15.9$  ppm is assigned to Ta–H<sub>t</sub>. These results illustrate that Ta1 and Ta2 become inequivalent at the lowest experimental temperatures due to the tantalum hydride. Therefore, the correct chemical formula of compound **4** in the abstract; on page 13 486 and in the legend of Figure 5; on page 13 488 and in entry 6 of Table 2; and in the Table of Contents should be  $[(Cp^*Ta)_2B_4H_9(\mu-BH_4)]$ . In the abstract, on page 13 483, and on page 13 486,  $[(Cp^*Ta)_2B_4H_8]$  should be replaced with  $[(Cp^*Ta)_2B_4H_9]$ . In the Experimental Section on page 13 489, the following corrections should be made to the synthesis of **4**:  $^1H$  NMR:  $\delta = -10.91$  (br, 5H); elemental analysis calcd (%) for  $^{12}C_{20}^{1}H_{43}^{11}B_5^{180}Ta_2$ : C 34.34, H 6.20. Additionally, the schematic diagram of **4** in Figure 7 on page 13 488 is shown correctly here. The authors sincerely apologize for these oversights and thank Prof. R. B. King for bringing this error to our attention.



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### From Metallaborane to Borylene Complexes: Syntheses and Structures of Triply Bridged Ruthenium and Tantalum Borylene Complexes

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In the Full Paper by S. Ghosh et al., there is a mistake in formula of the tantalaborane compound. In the abstract on page 11 357; on page 11 362 in two places; on page 11 364; and in the Table of Contents,  $[(Cp^*Ta)_2B_4H_8(\mu-BH_4)]$  should be replaced with  $[(Cp^*Ta)_2B_4H_9(\mu-BH_4)]$ . The authors apologize for this oversight.

# RETRACTIONS

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## Ultrahighly Sensitive Homogeneous Detection of DNA and MicroRNA Using Single Silver Nanoparticles Counting

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## Lanthanide–Alkali Metal Sandwich Complexes: Synthesis, Structure, and Solvent-Mediated Redox Transformations, and One-Dimensional Frameworks Assembled through Cation–Arene $\pi$ Interactions

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