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Gas Absorption

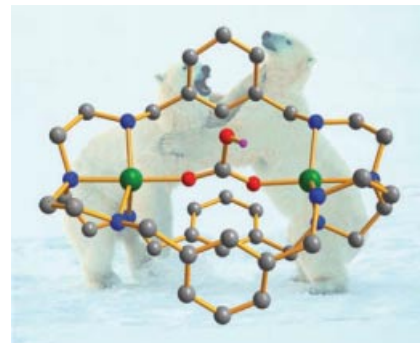
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CO₂ Fixation and Transformation by a Dinuclear Copper Cryptate under Acidic Conditions

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A crypt for carbon: There exists a dinuclear copper cryptate that can take up atmospheric CO₂ in weakly acidic media. The resulting μ -O₂COH-bridged complex (shown) can be converted into carbonate monoesters in alcohol. The mechanisms of these processes are suggested based on the results of X-ray analysis, solution studies, and DFT calculations.



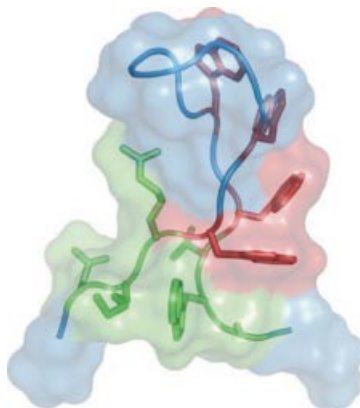
FRET-Based Screening

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In Vivo Screening Identifies a Highly Folded β -Hairpin Peptide with a Structured Extension

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Like finding a hairpin in the haystack.

We have used an in vivo FRET-based screening method to identify highly folded β -hairpin peptides in large libraries. An NMR structure reveals that a cross-strand cation- π interaction helps stabilize the most highly folded β -hairpin.

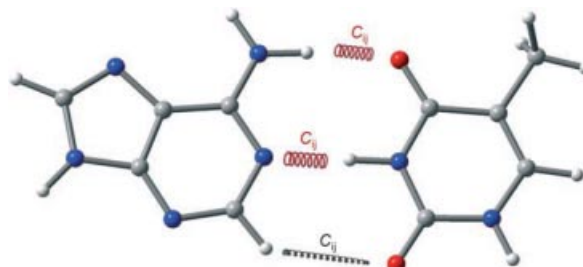
Bond Theory

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Characterizing Chemical Bond Strengths Using Generalized Compliance Constants

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How strong is it? The determination of bond strength is a nontrivial task with often controversial results. In this viewpoint, the authors make a case for the utilization of generalized compliance constants as valid bond-strength

descriptors for the comparison of next-neighbor interactions in covalent bonds and for noncovalent interactions such as hydrogen bonds and agostic interactions.

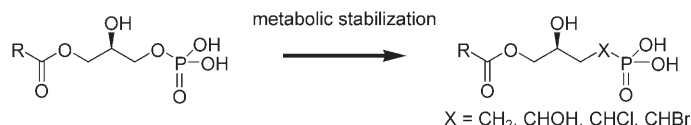
Receptor Ligands

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α -Substituted Phosphonate Analogues of Lysophosphatidic Acid (LPA) Selectively Inhibit Production and Action of LPA

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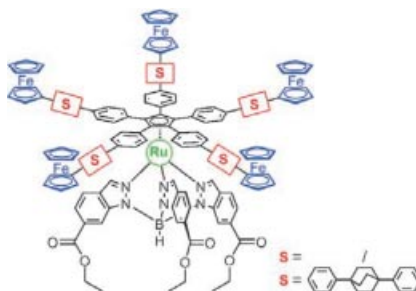


Metabolically stabilized: We present the total synthesis and pharmacological characterization of α -substituted phosphonate analogues of LPA. The compounds include isoform-selective

agonists and antagonists for the LPA GPCRs, and also include potent inhibitors of lysophospholipase D, a key enzyme involved in LPA biosynthesis.

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The insulating role of 1,4-disubstituted bicyclo[2,2,2]octane has been examined in a theoretical study on bis-ferrocenyl model compounds. Two prototypes of electron-fuelled molecular motors have been synthesized, incorporating either conjugated or insulating spacers between the central core and the ferrocene terminal electroactive groups (see figure).

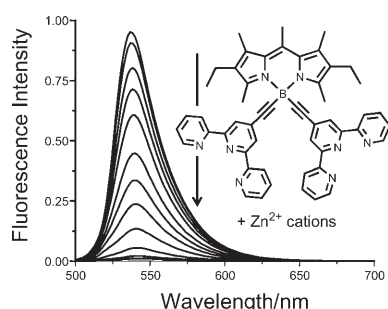


Molecular Motors

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Synthesis of Molecular Motors Incorporating *para*-Phenylene-Conjugated or Bicyclo[2,2,2]octane-Insulated Electroactive Groups

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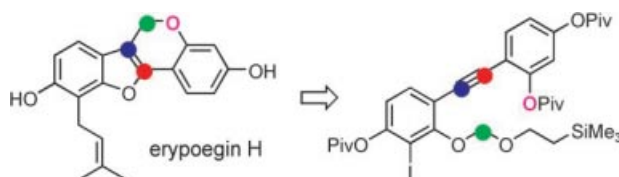
Equipping bodipy dyes with terpyridine (terpy) units leads to two distinct types of self-assembled structures: In the presence of zinc(II) cations, the terpy units facilitate formation of the corresponding dinuclear complexes. In certain solvents, those dyes bearing B-ethynylpyrene residues assemble into π -stacked structures that fluoresce at longer wavelength.

Dye Photochemistry

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Boron Dipyrromethene Dyes Bearing Ancillary 2,2':6',2''-Terpyridine Coordination Sites

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Fighting back: A concise route to the pterocarpene derivative erypoeegin H, a natural product endowed with considerable activity against a range of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* strains and vancomycin-resistant

ant enterococci, has been developed. The key step in the synthesis is a PtCl_2 -catalyzed carboalkoxylation reaction of an alkyne (see retrosynthesis; Piv = pivaloyl).

Natural Products

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Total Synthesis of the Antibiotic Erypoeegin H and Cognates by a PtCl_2 -Catalyzed Cycloisomerization Reaction

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