SPOTLIGHTS …

Total Synthesis

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Chiral-Catalyst-Based Convergent Synthesis of HIV Protease Inhibitor GRL-06579A

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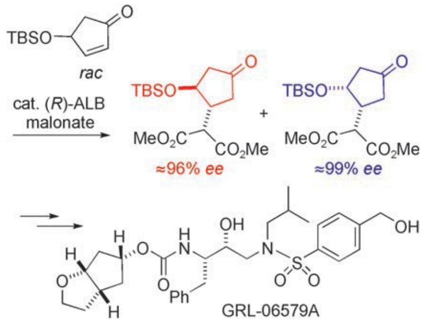
Metallic mix: GRL-06579A, an HIV-1 protease inhibitor, can be synthesized with the aid of heterobimetallic multifunctional catalysts. The key steps are an ALB-catalyzed Michael reaction and an LLB-catalyzed diastereoselective nitroaldol reaction. ALB = Al–Li–bis(binaphthoxide), LLB = La–Li$_3$–tris(binaphthoxide), TBS = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl.



Fluorescent Nucleobases

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Quenching of Fluorescent Nucleobases by Neighboring DNA: The "Insulator" Concept

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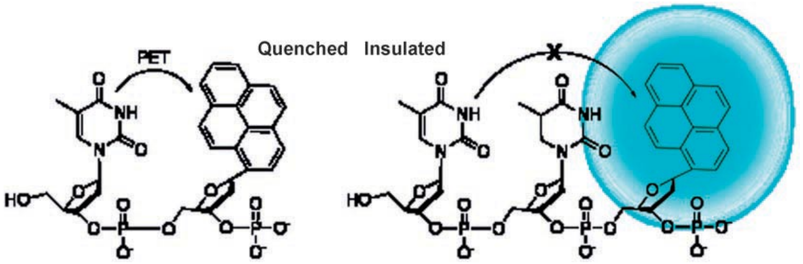

Going out in style: The quenching of the fluorescent nucleobases benzopyrene, perylene, and pyrene by neighboring natural bases is described, as well as a strategy for insulating fluorophores from PET quenching.

Fluorescence Photobleaching

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Photobleaching in Two-Photon Scanning Fluorescence Correlation Spectroscopy

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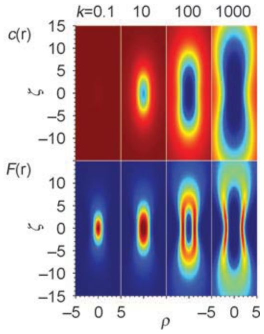

Good agreement: A circularly scanning laser focus studies photobleaching effects as a function of intensity and scan parameters. The observations agree with a theoretical model of photobleaching effects, which takes into account the nonuniform excitation profile, the stationary profile of nonbleached molecules $c(\mathbf{r})$, and the resulting fluorescence profile $F(\mathbf{r})$ (see picture).

Silicon Drug Analogues

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Sila-Haloperidol, a Silicon Analogue of the Dopamine (D$_2$) Receptor Antagonist Haloperidol: Synthesis, Pharmacological Properties, and Metabolic Fate

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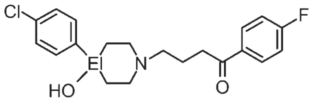

El = C: Haloperidol (**1a**)
El = Si: Sila-haloperidol (**1b**)

Sila-haloperidol (**1b**), a silicon analogue of the dopamine (D$_2$) antagonist haloperidol (**1a**), was synthesized. As shown in receptor binding studies, sila-haloperidol (**1b**) shows a higher potency at hD$_2$ receptors than the parent carbon compound **1a** and exhibits higher subtype selectivity at dopamine receptors and at σ receptors as well. The metabolic fates of the C/Si analogues **1a** and **1b** are totally different.

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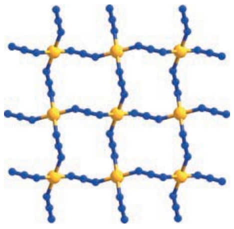
Molecular Magnetism



Two Fe^{II} azides with 1D and 2D topologies, both displaying canted ferromagnetism in agreement with the structural features and other recent findings for Fe^{II} and Mn^{II} azides, were prepared. The new network topology **jsm** is assigned to some related six-connected 3D M^{II} azides.

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1D and 2D Fe^{II} Azide Coordination Polymers with Ferromagnetic Canting

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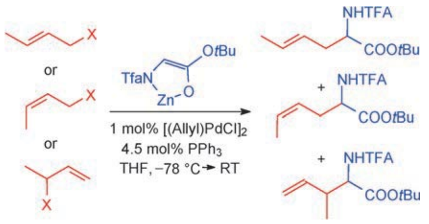
Chelated Enolates



Do you remember? Chelated amino acid ester enolates are excellent nucleophiles for palladium-catalyzed allylic alkylations. These enolates react rapidly at −78 °C and in general without isomerization of π-allyl palladium complexes. Therefore, they are good candidates for mechanistical studies, for example of the memory effect.

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Influences on the Regioselectivity of Palladium-Catalyzed Allylic Alkylations

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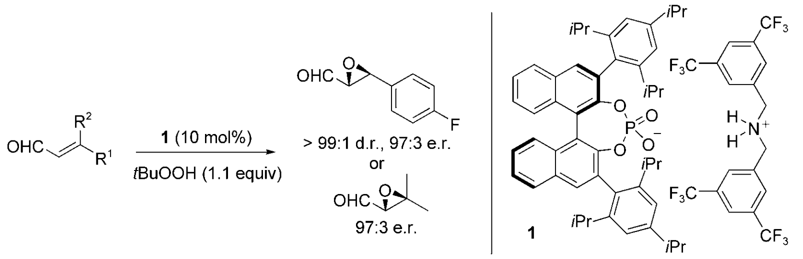
Asymmetric Catalysis



A new mode of chiral anion catalysis: A powerful chiral-counteranion strategy for catalytic asymmetric epoxidations using the newly discovered catalyst **1** has been applied to the epoxidation of α,β-unsaturated aldehydes together with *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide as the oxidant (see scheme). Remarkably, this system provides the corresponding epoxides in high diastereo- and enantioselectivity for both di- and trisubstituted enals.

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Asymmetric Counteranion-Directed Catalysis for the Epoxidation of Enals

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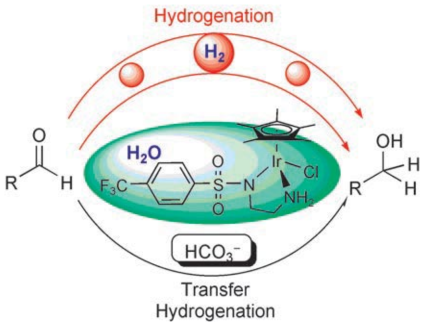
Catalysis in Water



A Cat that loves water: Ir-*N*-tosyldiamine complexes, previously shown to be excellent catalysts for the transfer hydrogenation of aldehydes in water, also catalyze the hydrogenation of aldehydes in water. The reaction is fast and chemoselective, providing a green and efficient method for the reduction of aromatic, aliphatic, heterocyclic, and α,β-unsaturated aldehydes.

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A Versatile Iridium Catalyst for Aldehyde Reduction in Water

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