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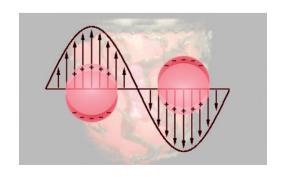
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# The plasmon band in noble metal nanoparticles: an introduction to theory and applications

Audrey Moores and Frédéric Goettmann

We present a comprehensible overview of the fundamentals of the theories explaining the plasmon band of noble metal nanoparticles alongside to a brief review of the most recent applications in the field.



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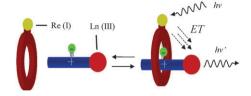
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# Sensitised near infrared emission from lanthanides *via* anion-templated assembly of d-f heteronuclear [2]pseudorotaxanes

Mark R. Sambrook, David Curiel, Elizabeth J. Hayes, Paul D. Beer,\* Simon J. A. Pope and Stephen Faulkner\*

Anion-templated interpenetration of a lanthanide stoppered thread into a transition metal sensitiser containing macrocycle is signalled *via* sensitised near-infrared (NIR) lanthanide luminescence.

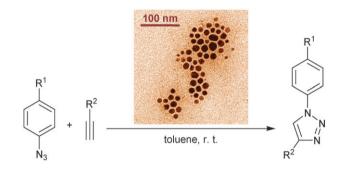


#### 1137

## Cu/Cu-oxide nanoparticles as catalyst in the "click" azide—alkyne cycloaddition

Giorgio Molteni, Claudia L. Bianchi, Giorgio Marinoni, Nadia Santo and Alessandro Ponti\*

Mixed Cu/Cu-oxide nanoparticles are an effective catalyst for the "click" 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition between azides and terminal alkynes, featuring short reaction times, soft reaction conditions and full regioselectivity.



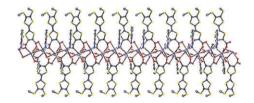
#### **PAPERS**



#### A supramolecular system of tetrathiafulvalene, assembled by hydrogen bonding, ionic coordination bonding and topological cooperation

Qin-Yu Zhu, Hai-Hong Lin, Jie Dai,\* Guo-Qing Bian, Yong Zhang and Wen Lu

Solid state and solution chemistry of a supramolecular system, a TTF dicarboxylate salt reacting with benzotriazole molecules, have been studied. Host–guest responses and topological selectivity are found for the system by means of electronic spectra and cyclic voltammetry.

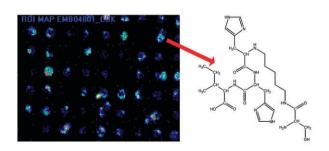


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# An ultra high throughput, double combinatorial screening method of peptide-metal binding

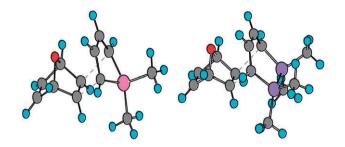
Edel M. Minogue, George J. Havrilla, Tammy P. Taylor, Benjamin P. Warner and Anthony K. Burrell\*

Micro X-ray fluorescence has proven to be a powerful tool for the rapid identification of peptide ligands for metals in a high throughput competitive screen.



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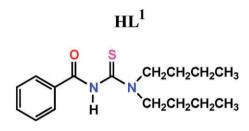


#### Computational study on reactivity of cyclic organometallic dienes containing silicon, germanium and tin

Davor Margetić\* and Mirjana Eckert-Maksić\*

Stereospecificity of Diels–Alder reactions of a series of pentaand hexacyclic metalloles (Si, Ge, Sn) and 7-oxanorbornadiene is rationalized by calculating activation energies for the related model reactions using the B3LYP/LANL2DZ method.

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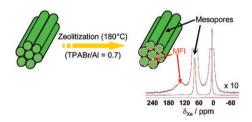


#### Competitive bulk liquid membrane transport and solvent extraction of some transition and post-transition metal ions using acylthiourea ligands as ionophores

Michael M. Habtu, Susan A. Bourne, Klaus R. Koch and Robert C. Luckay\*

Competitive transport experiments have been carried out using acylthiourea ligands. Transport selectivity was observed for Ag(i) in all but one case. An X-ray diffraction study of the Ag(i) complex of N,N-dibutyl-N'-benzoylthiourea is reported.

#### 1163



# Monitoring the crystallization process of a zeolite structure on SBA-15 mesopore walls

Sami Habib, Franck Launay,\* Marie-Anne Springuel-Huet, Flavien Guenneau, Virginie Semmer-Herlédan, Nataša Novak Tušar, Venčeslav Kaučič and Antoine Gédéon\*

Partial conversion of the amorphous walls of Al-SBA-15 into H-ZSM-5 deposits was performed and the pore hierarchy was evidenced by HP <sup>129</sup>Xe NMR.

#### 1171



# New bis(triazinyl) pyridines for selective extraction of americium(III)

Michael J. Hudson,\* Carole E. Boucher, Damien Braekers, Jean F. Desreux, Michael G. B. Drew, Mark R. St J. Foreman, Laurence M. Harwood, Clément Hill, Charles Madic, Frank Marken and Tristan G. A. Youngs

New hydrophobic, tridentate nitrogen heterocyclic reagents are able to give significantly enhanced separations of americium(III) from an excess of europium(III) in nitric acid.

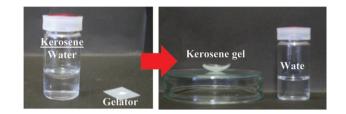
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## Powerful low-molecular-weight gelators based on L-valine and L-isoleucine with various terminal groups

Masahiro Suzuki,\* Teruaki Sato, Hirofusa Shirai and Kenji Hanabusa

Novel organogelators based on L-valine and L-isoleucine derivatives with various terminal groups have been prepared and their organogelation properties have been examined. Some of the compounds function as powerful organogelators that are useful for selective gelation of oils and fuels from oil/water mixtures.

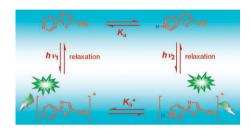


#### 1192

## A new series of fluorescent 5-methoxy-2-pyridylthiazoles with a pH-sensitive dual-emission

Ming-Hua Zheng, Jing-Yi Jin, Wei Sun and Chun-Hua Yan\*

A new series of fluorophores, 5-methoxy-2-(2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl)thiazoles (2-, 3- or 4-MPT, respectively), and their photophysical properties are reported with 2- and 4-MPT displaying a pH-sensitive fluorescence with a dual-emission in an aqueous system from pH 2 to 6.

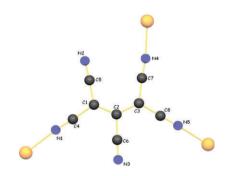


#### 1197

# Syntheses, structural characterisation and magnetic properties of Fe(II) and Mn(II) compounds with the pentacyanopropenido ligand; structural characterisation of a substituted pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine

Emeric Lefebvre, Françoise Conan,\* Nathalie Cosquer, Jean-Michel Kerbaol, Mathieu Marchivie, Jean Sala-Pala, Marek M. Kubicki, Estelle Vigier and Carlos J. Gomez Garcia

A pentacyanopropenido iron compound shows an unusual  $\mu_3$ -coordination mode.



#### 1207

# A highly selective fluorescent sensor for fluoride through ESPT signaling transduction

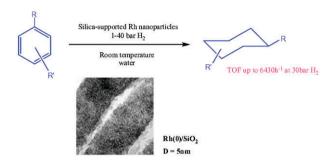
Yong-gang Zhao, Bing-guang Zhang, Chun-ying Duan,\* Zhi-hua Lin and Qing-jin Meng\*

Molecular clips for fluorescent sensing of fluoride are obtained and characterized by an excited-state intermolecular proton transfer mechanism with the emission bands red-shifted and enhanced. Structural characterization and spectral titrations suggest a binding–excitation–deprotonation process.



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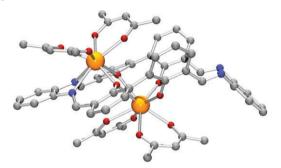


# A simple and reproducible method for the synthesis of silica-supported rhodium nanoparticles and their investigation in the hydrogenation of aromatic compounds

Vincent Mévellec, Audrey Nowicki, Alain Roucoux,\* Christophe Dujardin, Pascal Granger, Edmond Payen and Karine Philippot

A surfactant-stabilized aqueous Rh(0) colloidal suspension has been used to immobilize Rh nanoparticles on silica. Heterogeneous catalysts have been investigated for the hydrogenation of arenes.

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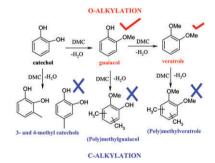


# Synthesis, structure and magnetic behaviour of dinuclear uranium(IV) complexes with a 'calixsalophen' type macrocycle

Lionel Salmon,\* Pierre Thuéry, Eric Rivière, Shinpei Miyamoto, Takehiko Yamato and Michel Ephritikhine

In the dinuclear compounds isolated from reactions of UCl<sub>4</sub> and U(acac)<sub>4</sub> with the 'calixsalophen' macrocycle  $H_4L^1$ ,  $[U_2L^1Cl_4]$  and  $[U_2L^1(acac)_4]$ , the uranium atoms are found, respectively, in the two  $N_2O_2$  or in the  $O_4$  and  $N_2O_2$  sites of the tricompartmental ligand.

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# Catechol O-methylation with dimethyl carbonate over different acid-base catalysts

Rafael Luque, Juan Manuel Campelo,\* Tomas David Conesa, Diego Luna, Jose Maria Marinas and Antonio Angel Romero

The gas-phase catechol *O*-alkylation reaction was performed over different micro-mesoporous materials in order to obtain high added value chemicals and intermediates for the fine chemicals industry.

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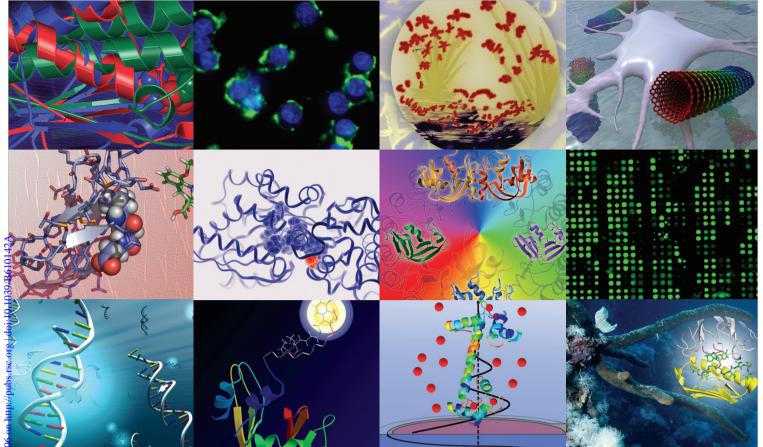
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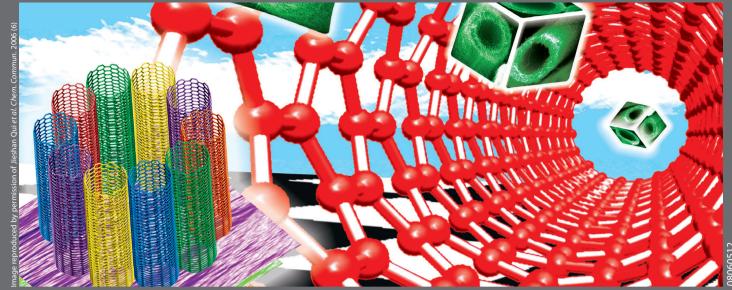


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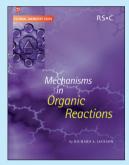
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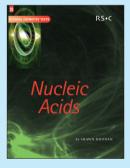
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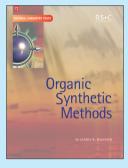
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