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#### Halide and pseudohalide effects in Pd-catalysed cross-coupling reactions

Ian J. S. Fairlamb,\* Richard J. K. Taylor, Jose Luis Serrano and Gregorio Sanchez

The presence of halide and pseudohalide dramatically affect the outcome of transition-metal catalysed reactions, both in terms of selectivity and activity. In this perspective, the roles and effects of these anionic ligands in topical and important Pd-catalysed cross-coupling reactions will be discussed.

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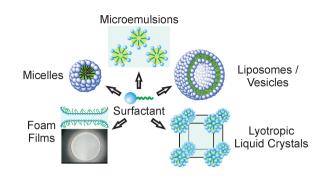
#### **PERSPECTIVE**

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#### New speciality surfactants with natural structural motifs

Dirk Blunk,\* Patric Bierganns, Nils Bongartz, Renate Tessendorf and Cosima Stubenrauch

The main characteristic of surfactants is their ability to selforganise which leads to manifold supramolecular structures, e.g. micelles, liposomes, microemulsions, lyotropic liquid crystals, and foam films. This structural variety is the basis for a wide range of sophisticated applications.



#### **PAPERS**

#### 1718

#### Molecular anchors—mimicking metabolic processes in thiol analysis

Robert B. Smith.\* Claire Canton, Nathan S. Lawrence. Callum Livingstone and James Davis

The solubilisation and removal of hydrophobic quinone derivatives through conjugation with glutathione has been investigated as the basis of a novel detection strategy for the thiol.

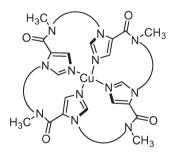


#### 1725

#### Computer-guided design of a Cu(II) receptor and sensor

Chen Lin and Dale G. Drueckhammer\*

A macrocyclic fluorescent Cu(II) sensor was prepared and studied incorporating four imidazole 4-carboxamide ligands connected by a fluorescent linker designed using the computer program CAVEAT.

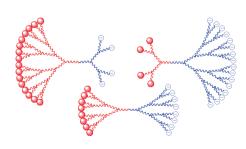




#### Design of tailored multi-charged phosphorus surface-block dendrimers

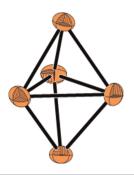
Valérie Maraval, Alexandrine Maraval, Grégory Spataro, Anne-Marie Caminade,\* Jean-Pierre Majoral,\* Dong Ha Kim and Wolfgang Knoll\*

Synthesis of tailored multi-charged phosphorus bis-dendrons via assembly of dendrons through their core.



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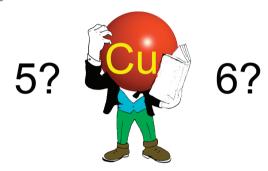


# $Ge_5^{2-}$ Zintl anions: synthesis and crystal structures of $[K([2.2.2]\text{-crypt})]_2Ge_5 \cdot 4NH_3$ and $[Rb([2.2.2]\text{-crypt})]_2Ge_5 \cdot 4NH_3$

Christof Suchentrunk and Nikolaus Korber\*

While the chemistry of the *nido*-cage nonagermanides  $Ge_9^{4-}$  and  $Ge_9^{3-}$  is now considerably advanced, information on the *closo*-cage pentagermanide is scarce. We report on the generation of this anion by the extraction of alkali metal–germanium alloys in liquid ammonia.

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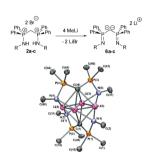


### What is the coordination number of copper(II) in metallosupramolecular chemistry?

Valérie Chaurin, Edwin C. Constable\* and Catherine E. Housecroft

Copper(II) is a confused ion and it is dangerous to assume any particular coordination number in metallosupramolecular chemistry.

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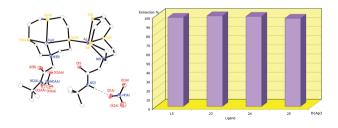


A new and convenient approach towards bis(iminophosphoranyl)methane ligands and their dicationic, cationic, anionic and dianionic derivatives

Matthieu Demange, Leila Boubekeur, Audrey Auffrant, Nicolas Mézailles, Louis Ricard, Xavier Le Goff and Pascal Le Floch\*

Bis(aminophosphoranyl)methane dications which are readily synthesized from dppm, bromine and primary amines serve as precursors for the preparation of a new family of cationic, neutral, monoanionic and dianionic N,N ligands.

1755



### Design and synthesis of heteroditopic aza-thioether macrocycles for metal extraction

Mark W. Glenny, Marie Lacombe, Jason B. Love, Alexander J. Blake, Leonard F. Lindoy, Robert C. Luckay, Karsten Gloe, Bianca Antonioli, Claire Wilson and Martin Schröder\*

A range of pendant arm aza-thioether macrocycles containing hydrogen-bonding moieties are reported, and their ability to extract and transport Ag(i) ions with high selectivity confirmed.

#### **PAPERS**

#### 1768

Access to functionalized quinones via the aromatic oxidation of phenols bearing an alcohol or olefinic function catalyzed by supported iron phthalocyanine

Olga V. Zalomaeva and Alexander B. Sorokin\*

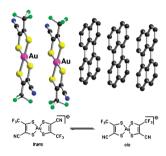
A novel covalent grafting of iron phthalocyanine onto SiO<sub>2</sub> affords an improved catalyst for the heterogeneous oxidation of phenols bearing oxidizable functional groups to quinones, while keeping these groups intact to afford valuable synthetic building blocks.

#### 1774

Pervlene salts of unsymmetrical nickel and gold dithiolene complexes with 3:2 stoichiometry: conformational polymorphism and strong antiferromagnetic interactions

Olivier Jeannin and Marc Fourmigué\*

The n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup> salt of the gold dithiolene complex [Au(tfadt)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> crystallizes in separate cis and trans isomers; its pervlene salt, as a trans isomer, exhibits an unusual 3:2 stoichiometry with strong antiferromagnetic interactions within perylene [Per]<sub>3</sub><sup>2</sup> triads.



#### 1782

Self-assemblies of chiral p-haloaryl sulfoxides through C-H...O short contacts and halogen involving interactions

Francesco Naso, Cosimo Cardellicchio,\* Maria Annunziata M. Capozzi, Francesco Capitelli and Valerio Bertolasi

Single crystal X-ray structure determination of four crystals of alkyl or aryl p-haloaryl sulfoxides is reported. Intra- and intermolecular short contacts are discussed.

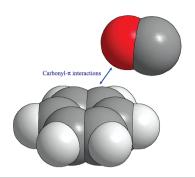
Synthetic strategies for preparing BEDT-TTF derivatives functionalised with metal ion binding groups

Qiang Wang, Peter Day, Jon-Paul Griffiths, Hui Nie and John D. Wallis\*

Synthetic approaches to BEDT-TTF based donors bearing metal ion binding groups are described, either installing the metal ion binding group early in the synthesis, or by preparing hydroxymethyl-BEDT-TTF followed by tosylation and substitution.

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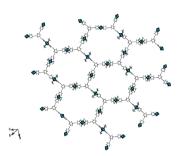


### Experimental evidence for carbonyl– $\pi$ electron cloud interactions

Julien E. Gautrot,\* Philip Hodge,\* Domenico Cupertino and Madeleine Helliwell

Experimental evidence of carbonyl– $\pi$  interactions and their influence on UV-Vis spectra and redox potentials is given.

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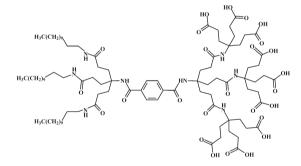


New coordination polymer networks based on copper(II) hexafluoroacetylacetonate and pyridine containing building blocks: synthesis and structural study

Silke Winter, Edwin Weber,\* Lars Eriksson and Ingeborg Csöregh\*

New 1- and 2-D coordination polymers A–D, composed of Cu(hfacac)<sub>2</sub> and oligofunctional pyridino tectons, were synthesized and investigated by IR and X-ray diffraction methods including a sensorial study.

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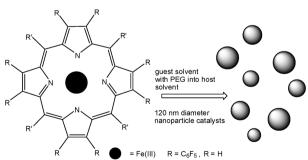


### Synthesis, Langmuir and Langmuir-Blodgett film behaviour of new dendritic amphiphiles

Claudia Akpo, Edwin Weber\* and Jürgen Reiche

New amphiphilic compounds, featuring a construction with dendronized hydrophilic and hydrophobic segment groups connected to a specific aromatic or aliphatic spacer unit, have been synthesized and shown to form well-defined Langmuir films at the air—water interface, as well as Langmuir—Blodgett transfer to a silicon wafer.

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#### Porphyrin nanoparticles as supramolecular systems

Charles Michael Drain,\* Gabriela Smeureanu, Sandeep Patel, Xianchang Gong,\* Jayne Garno and Julius Arijeloye

Porphyrin nanoparticles are self-organized supramolecular systems that have catalytic and luminescent properties that are unique to the 100–200 nm particle size.

#### **OPINIONS**

#### 1844

#### Corrections to a history of olefin metathesis

#### Thomas J. Katz

A response to the paper on olefin metathesis by Didier Astruc, New J. Chem., 2005, 29, 42.

#### 1848

#### Answer to Katz's criticisms on the history of metathesis

#### Didier Astruc

Answers are provided to all the points raised by T. J. Katz in his Opinion "Corrections to a history of olefin metathesis".

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