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State of the art developments in the chemistry and properties of dendrimers and hyperbranched polymers

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The field of chemistry, properties and applications of dendrimers and hyperbranched polymers is introduced and illustrated with some key past and present developments at the interface of many disciplines.



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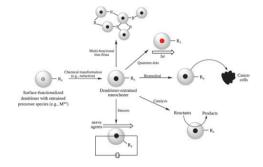
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Advances in the controlled growth of nanoclusters using a dendritic architecture

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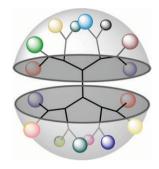


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Controlled functional group presentations in dendrimers as a tool to probe the hyperbranched architecture

Ashootosh V. Ambade, Yangbin Chen and S. Thayumanavan

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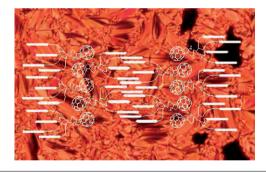


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Liquid-crystalline fullerodendrimers

Robert Deschenaux,* Bertrand Donnio and Daniel Guillon*

[60]Fullerenes covalently functionalized with mesomorphic dendrimers lead to self-assembled liquid-crystalline architectures that can be tuned by molecular design.

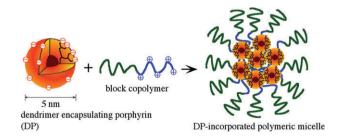


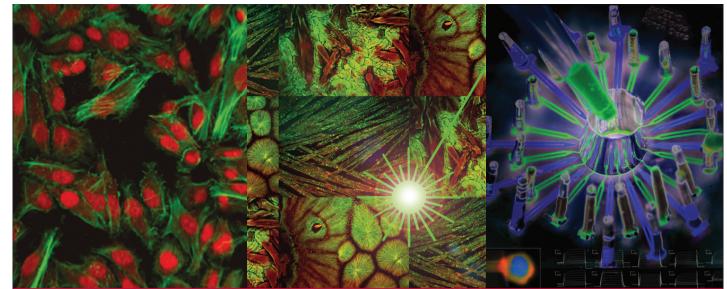
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Supramolecular nanocarriers integrated with dendrimers encapsulating photosensitizers for effective photodynamic therapy and photochemical gene delivery

Nobuhiro Nishiyama, Woo-Dong Jang and Kazunori Kataoka*

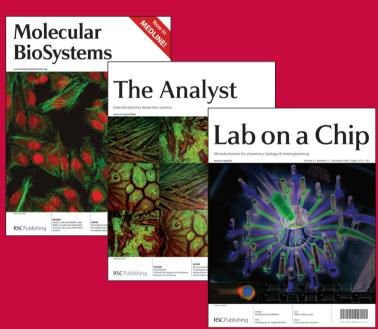
Dendrimer having photosensitizer core was incorporated into polymeric micelles, and showed no self-quenching of the center dye inside the micellar core due to its unique structure, leading to a remarkable photodynamic effect.





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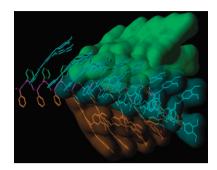
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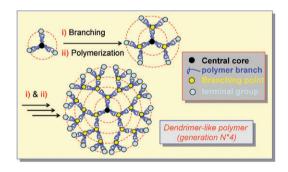


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Dendrimer-like polymers: a new class of structurally precise dendrimers with macromolecular generations

Daniel Taton,* Xiaoshuang Feng and Yves Gnanou*

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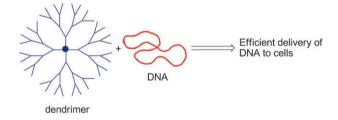


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Dendritic vectors for gene transfection

Marine Guillot-Nieckowski, Sara Eisler and François Diederich*

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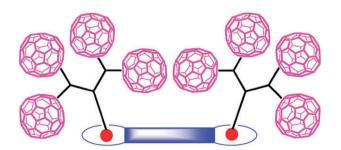


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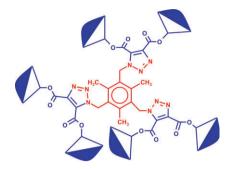
Supramolecular chemistry for the self-assembly of fullerene-rich dendrimers

Uwe Hahn, François Cardinali and Jean-François Nierengarten*

The self-assembly of fullerene-containing components by using supramolecular interactions has recently generated significant research efforts. These results are summarized in the present account to illustrate the current state-of-the-art of fullerene chemistry for the development of new dendritic materials.



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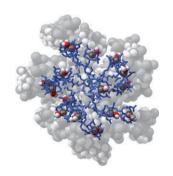


The potential of cycloaddition reactions in the synthesis of dendritic polymers

Brigitte Voit

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Dendrimers and magnetic resonance imaging

Sander Langereis, Anouk Dirksen, Tilman M. Hackeng, Marcel H. P. van Genderen and E. W. Meijer*

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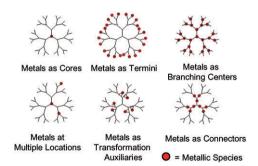
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Catalysts based on palladium dendrimers

Román Andrés, Ernesto de Jesús* and Juan Carlos Flores Dendritic structures have been applied to carbon–carbon bond formation and other palladium-catalysed reactions in different approaches described in this review.

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Recent progress and applications for metallodendrimers

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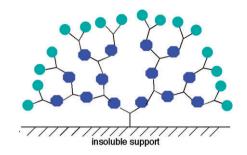
Progress in metallodendritic architectures is discussed as it relates to catalysis, luminescence, sensors, and molecular switches.

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Tzofit Kehat, Kerem Goren and Moshe Portnoy*

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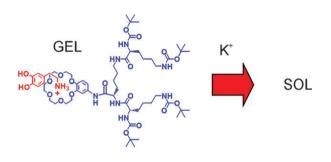
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Crown ether functionalised dendrons—controlled binding and release of dopamine in both solution and gel-phases

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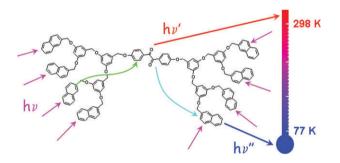


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Photophysical, photochemical, and electrochemical properties of dendrimers with a dimethoxybenzil core

Carlo Giansante, Paola Ceroni,* Vincenzo Balzani, Mauro Maestri, Sang-Kyu Lee and Fritz Vögtle*

The lowest emitting excited state of the dendrimer is located on the dimethoxybenzil core at room temperature and on the peripheral naphthyl chromophores in a rigid matrix at 77 K.



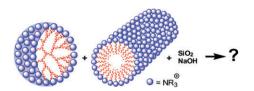


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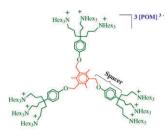
Influence of cationic phosphorus dendrimers on the surfactant-induced synthesis of mesostructured nanoporous silica

Philippe Reinert, Jean-Yves Chane-Ching,* (The late) Lucy Bull, Rodolphe Dagiral, Patrick Batail, Régis Laurent, Anne-Marie Caminade* and Jean-Pierre Majoral*

The dramatic influence of polycationic dendrimers used together with cationic surfactants for the elaboration of periodic mesoporous silica is described, as well as the properties of these new materials.



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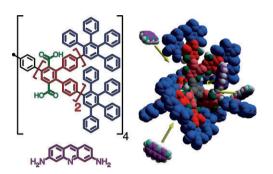
Tris(POM) dendrimer with spacer groups

Peripheral functionalisation of dendrimers with polyoxotungstate complexes assembled by ionic bonding and their use as oxidation catalysts: Influence of the tether length

Sylvain Nlate,* Lauriane Plault and Didier Astruc*

Polyoxophosphotunstate trianions stabilized by dendritic counter cations efficiently catalyse the selective oxidation of alkenes, sulfides and alcohols in an aqueous/CDCl₃ biphasic system using H_2O_2 with dendritic and tether length effects on the yields, stability and re-use of the catalysts.

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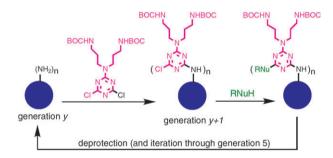


Precision host-guest chemistry of polyphenylene dendrimers

Roland E. Bauer, Christopher G. Clark, Jr. and Klaus Müllen*

A polyphenylene dendrimer was found to complex four equivalents of proflavine hydrochloride dye by precision host—guest chemistry with the carboxylic acids connected to the dendritic backbone.

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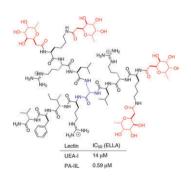


A divergent route towards single-chemical entity triazine dendrimers with opportunities for structural diversity

Hannah Crampton, Emily Hollink, Lisa M. Perez and Eric E. Simanek*

Reaction of a dendrimer core with a dichlorotriazine monomer followed by reaction of the resulting poly(monochlorotriazine) macromolecule can be iterated through generation five.

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Combinatorial variation of branching length and multivalency in a large (390 625 member) glycopeptide dendrimer library: ligands for fucose-specific lectins

Emma M. V. Johansson, Elena Kolomiets, Frank Rosenau, Karl-Erich Jaeger, Tamis Darbre and Jean-Louis Reymond*

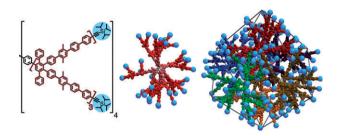
Library screening led to C-fucosylated peptide dendrimer **K-T1** + with high affinity to the fucose specific lectins *Ulex Europaeus* and LecB (PA-IIL) of the human pathogen *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.



Solvophobically-driven 3-D self-assembly of "exploded"-type polyphenylene dendrimers

Christopher G. Clark, Jr., Ryan J. Wenzel, Ekaterina V. Andreitchenko, Werner Steffen, Renato Zenobi and Klaus Müllen*

A globular, shape-persistent, third-generation "exploded"-type polyphenylene dendrimer was found to assemble predominantly into a hexamer, as elucidated using advances in MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry and dynamic light scattering.

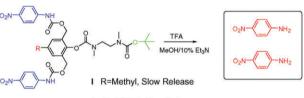


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Substituent-dependent disassembly of self-immolative dendrimers

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The disassembly of self-immolative dendrimers can be control by changing the aromatic substituent of the dendron's building block.



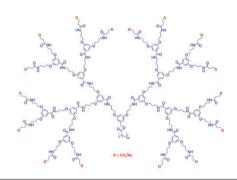
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An easy accessible homologous set of first to fifth generation dendritic methacrylic macromonomers and their polymerizations

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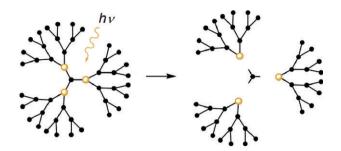
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Synthesis of glycodendrimers containing both fucoside and galactoside residues and their binding properties to Pa-IL and PA-IIL lectins from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Isabelle Deguise, David Lagnoux and René Roy*

Novel and unique glycodendrimers bearing simultaneously D-galactoside and L-fucoside residues were prepared and their relative binding properties to both lectins PA-IL and PA-IIL from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* have been evaluated. Glycodendrimers with a minimum of four residues showed best efficiencies in cross-linking the tetrameric lectins

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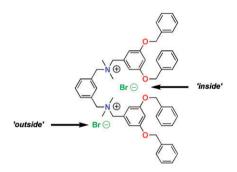


Synthesis and degradation of photolabile dendrimers based on o-nitrobenzyl ether photolabile cores

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Photolabile dendrimers based on o-nitrobenzyl linkages have been prepared to the third generation and shown to undergo efficient photocleavage as monitored by UV, NMR and GPC.



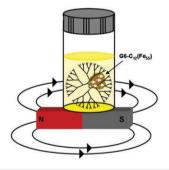


Ionic core-shell dendrimers with a polycationic core: structural aspects and host-guest binding properties

Rob van de Coevering, Pieter C. A. Bruijnincx, Martin Lutz, Anthony L. Spek, Gerard van Koten* and Robertus J. M. Klein Gebbink*

Crystallographic analysis of ionic dendritic wedges provides intricate insight in the geometry and mode of anion binding, which aids in the understanding of the anion binding properties of ionic core–shell dendrimers.

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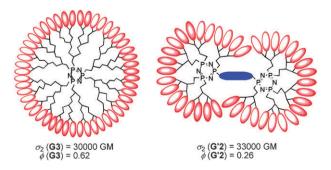


Magnetic properties of dendrimer-encapsulated iron nanoparticles containing an average of 55 and 147 atoms

Marc R. Knecht and Richard M. Crooks*

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Organic nanodots for multiphotonics: synthesis and photophysical studies

Olivier Mongin, Anna Pla-Quintana, Francesca Terenziani, Delphine Drouin, Céline Le Droumaguet, Anne-Marie Caminade, Jean-Pierre Majoral* and Mireille Blanchard-Desce*

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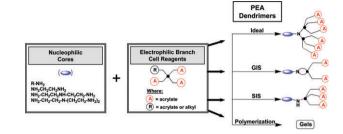


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Unique steric and geometry induced stoichiometries observed in the divergent synthesis of poly(ester-acrylate/ amine) (PEA) dendrimers

Douglas R. Swanson, Baohua Huang, Hosam G. Abdelhady and Donald A. Tomalia*

Dendronization of various amine cores with unprotected, branched-(A)₃ or (A)₄-type acrylate monomers produced G = 1; acrylate terminated dendrimers in high yield. Depending upon core structure and core/acrylate monomer ratios, dendrimers possessing either ideal stoichiometries, geometrically induced stoichiometries (GIS), sterically induced stoichiometries (SIS) or polymeric gels were obtained.



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