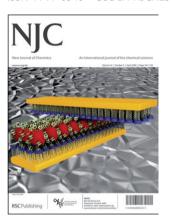
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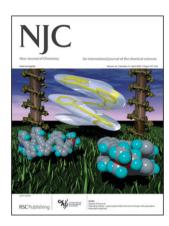
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Music of the elements

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Music may have influenced the development of the periodic system and, in return, the elements have been a source of inspiration for musicians. The dialogue about the elements held for centuries between the worlds of chemistry and music is summarized in this article.



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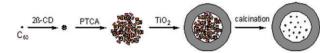
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Laver-by-laver self-assembled hollow titania composite nanospheres containing [60]fullerene

Wenfeng Jiang, Ying Yu, Dianqing Li, Yingjie Zhao, Maoyou Xu and Zhiqiang Shi*

Core-shell nanospheres, titania composite nanospheres containing [60]fullerene, were fabricated with sizes of about 100 nm by a layer-by-layer self-assembly procedure, and were characterized by TGA, FT-IR and XPS spectroscopy.



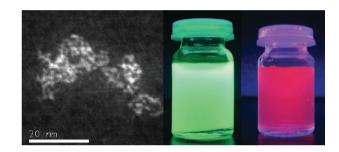


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Nicolas Kerbellec, Laure Catala, Carole Daiguebonne, Alexandre Gloter, Odile Stephan, Jean-Claude Bünzli, Olivier Guillou and Talal Mallah*

Water-soluble Eu- and Tb-based luminescent nanoparticles are stabilized by the growth confinement of a porous lanthanideterephthalate three-dimensional network.





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Controlling silica nanoparticle properties for biomedical applications through surface modification

Sébastien Legrand, Amélie Catheline, Lucy Kind, Edwin C. Constable, Catherine E. Housecroft, Lukas Landmann, Petra Banse, Uwe Pieles and Amina Wirth-Heller*

Can chemistry lock/unlock the fate of nanoparticles?



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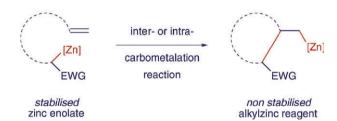
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Carbometalation of unactivated alkenes by zinc enolate derivatives

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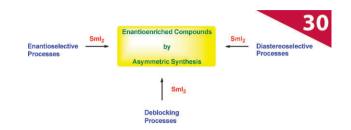
The carbometalation of unactivated double bonds by zinc enolate derivatives has emerged over the past decade as a mechanistically interesting and synthetically useful reaction. This Perspective is devoted to these challenging and apparently contra-thermodynamic transformations, with a special focus on recent mechanistic considerations.

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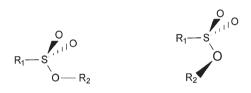
Use of samarium diiodide in the field of asymmetric synthesis

Kovuru Gopalaiah and Henri B. Kagan*

30th Anniversary article: Samarium diiodide is a versatile reagent for asymmetric synthesis processes, used to release blocking groups under mild conditions, act as an electron donor in C-C bond forming reactions in the presence of a chiral auxiliary, and generate samarium enolates that are undergo asymmetric protonation.

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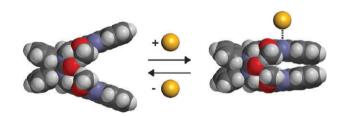


Regularities of the conformations on a single bond; sulfonic esters and sulfonyl derivatives

Otto Exner and Stanislav Böhm*

The so-called gauche rule is not a general natural law: the gauche conformation is preferred on some sulfonyl derivatives but not with all. Theoretical calculations at a higher level give reliable values of the dihedral angles but not exact values for the population of rotamers; these are obtained more reliably by combination of calculations and experiments.





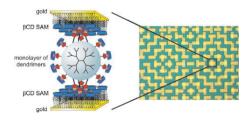
Modulation and binding properties of extended glycoluril molecular clips

Prasad Polavarapu, Helena Melander, Vratislav Langer, Adolf Gogoll* and Helena Grennberg*

The binding properties of a glycoluril type molecular clip are a delicate balance between various molecular interactions.



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Preparation of metal-SAM-dendrimer-SAM-metal junctions by supramolecular metal transfer printing

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Supramolecular tunnel junctions were fabricated by printing gold electrodes onto self-assembled monolayers. The metal transfer from the stamp onto the substrate was facilitated by multiple specific host-guest interactions.

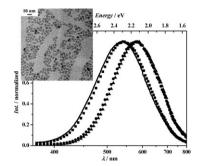
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Lithium ion as growth-controlling agent of ZnO nanoparticles prepared by organometallic synthesis

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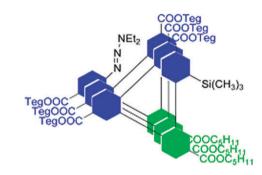
An organometallic method is developed for the preparation of ZnO nanoparticles of controlled size and shape. The size of the nanoparticles depends directly on the Li amount introduced in the reaction media leading to an effective tuning of the optical properties.



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Synthesis and characterization of amphiphilic o-phenylene ethynylene oligomers

Morris M. Slutsky, Jason S. Phillip and Gregory N. Tew* New ortho-phenylene ethynylene oligomers have been synthesized, incorporating a repeated triad motif of polarnonpolar-polar sidechains in order to create a hydrophobic stripe in the folded conformation.



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Extending helicity—capturing the helical character of longer ortho-phenylene ethynylene oligomers

Ticora V. Jones, Morris M. Slutsky and Gregory N. Tew* New ortho-phenylene ethynylene oligomers are shown by 1D and 2D NMR to fold into helices.

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Detection and identification of various carbon-centred free radicals using N-arylketonitrones: a spin trapping/EPR/ MS study

Inas El Hassan, Laurence Charles,* Robert Lauricella and Béatrice Tuccio*

N-Aryl-C,C-dimethoxycarbonyl ketonitrones can trap transient free radicals to yield paramagnetic spin adducts. These products are detected by EPR spectroscopy and their structures are elucidated by ESI tandem mass spectrometry.

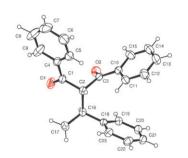
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A supramolecular approach to chiral ligand modification: coordination chemistry of a multifunctionalised tridentate amine-phosphine ligand

José A. Fuentes, Matthew L. Clarke* and Alexandra M. Z. Slawin

A novel chiral amine-phosphine tagged with an amidonapthyridine moiety has been investigated and found to bind complementary pyridinone additives. However, the ligand has a very strong tendency to protonate anionic ligands and form tridentate complexes.

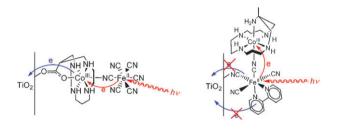
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Substituent effects on keto-enol tautomerization of β-diketones from X-ray structural data and DFT calculations

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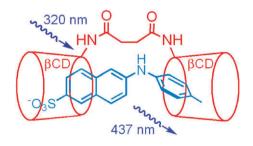
A survey of all the structures of acyclic β-diketones having at least one α-hydrogen, including six new β-diketones, has established that the non-enolized form is stabilized by the steric hindrance of the substituents.



Tailoring mixed-valence CoIII/FeII complexes for their potential use as sensitizers in dye sensitized solar cells

Paul V. Bernhardt, Gerrit K. Boschloo, Fernando Bozoglian, Anders Hagfeldt, Manuel Martínez and Beatriz Sienra

Tailoring discrete mixed-valence cyanide bridged Co^{III}/Fe^{II} complexes to obtain characteristics of electron injection processes dominated by the MMCT band is possible; the band is important to disrupt injection from the iron centre and promote electron transfer from the cobalt centre.



Complexation of 6-(4'-(toluidinyl)naphthalene-2-sulfonate by β-cyclodextrin and linked β-cyclodextrin dimers

Duc-Truc Pham, Philip Clements, Christopher J. Easton, John Papageorgiou, Bruce L. May and Stephen F. Lincoln*

The 6-(4'-(toluidinyl)naphthalene-2-sulfonate-N,N-bis(6^Adeoxy-6^A-β-cyclodextrin)-succinamide complex exemplifies five linked β-cyclodextrin dimer complexes studied by UV-Vis, fluorescence and ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

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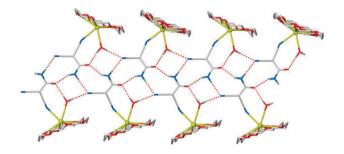


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Amide-water hydrogen-bond motifs in alkali-metal/crown ether complexes of carbamoyldicyanomethanide, $C(CONH_2)(CN)_2$

David R. Turner, Sze Nee Pek and Stuart R. Batten*

A series of complexes have been obtained from the crystallisation of M(cdm) (M = Na, K; cdm = carbamoyldicyanomethanide) with crown ethers from aqueous solution. The structures of these complexes display a range of hydrogen-bonding tape and sheet motifs incorporating both coordinated and lattice water molecules.



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Multistep anchoring of a catalytically active ruthenium complex in porous mesostructured silica

Stéphanie Calmettes, Belén Albela, Olivier Hamelin, Stéphane Ménage, Fabien Miomandre and Laurent Bonneviot*

[Ru(dmp)₂Cl₂] is reacted with pyridinyl terminated tether Py@LUS to produce a [Ru(dmp)₂(Py@LUS)Cl]Cl species active in selective oxidation of methyl phenylsulfide into sulfoxide.

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Oxidative arylation of ethylene with benzene catalyzed by Pd(OAc)₂/heteropoly acid/O₂ system

Tomoyuki Yamada, Aki Sakakura, Satoshi Sakaguchi, Yasushi Obora and Yasutaka Ishii*

The reaction of benzene with ethylene in the presence of catalytic amounts of Pd(OAc)2 combined with heteropoly acids, AcONa, and dibenzoylmethane under air produced oxidative coupling products, styrene and stilbene, in fair yields.

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