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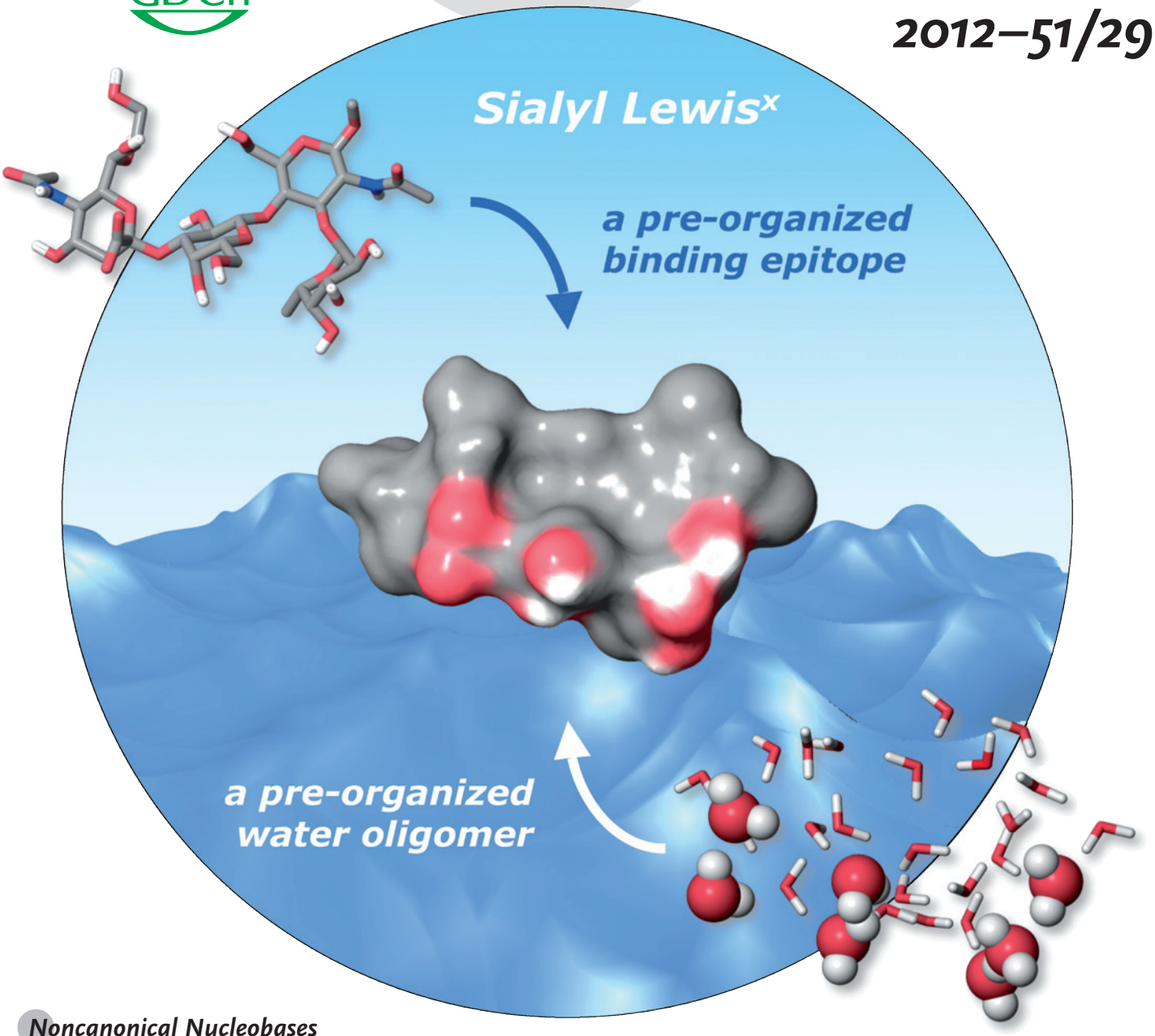

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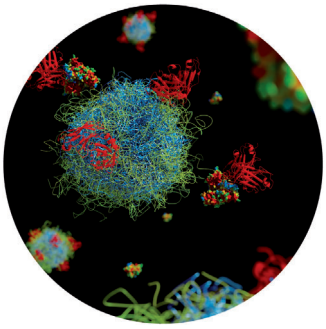
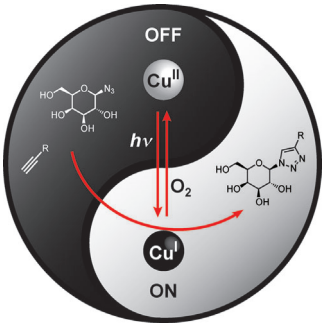
A surrogate for clustered water molecules attached to a scaffold is how the "pre-organized water oligomer" sialyl Lewis^x can be described. The impetus for its binding to E-selectin is investigated by B. Ernst et al. in their Communication on page 7327 ff. Using isothermal titration calorimetry they show the key factors are the high degree of pre-organization allowing an array of directed hydrogen bonds, and the entropic benefit on releasing water molecules from the large binding interface.



Enzyme Catalysis
In their Communication on page 7132 ff. F. Caruso et al. describe an efficient method for the enzymatic site-specific protein functionalization of polymer capsules.



Switchable Catalyst
In their Communication on page 7137 ff., J.-M. Vincent et al. describe a light-activated copper(I) tren click catalyst that can be switched off by air and then on again with bubbling argon followed by irradiation.

Functionalizable Directing Groups
In their Communication on page 7246 ff., Y. Huang et al. describe a triazine directing group for C_{sp^2}–H activation/functionalization that exhibits substantial post-functionalization synthetic versatility.