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### Cover (far left)

The formation of the ansa-zirconocene(butadiene)/ $B(C_6F_3)_3$  addition product, featuring a C–F coordination to the zirconium cation inside the zwitterionic framework, which is an active single component olefin polymerisation catalyst (pp. 1469–1476).

### Inside cover (left)

Porous gold microspheres prepared from a 4-dimethylaminopyridine stabilized gold sol, with enlargements of their porous surface and inner porous structure (pp. 1478–1479).

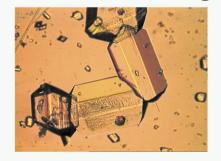
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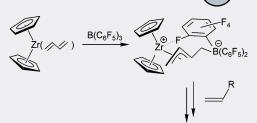
R. J. Davey



Molecular, crystalline materials form the basis of many of the products which have transformed our lives over the last century, from paints (pigments) through chocolate (triglycerides) to pharmaceuticals. Industrial and academic interest in the formation of these solids through crystallisation has never been greater. This focus article looks at the reasons for this and discusses the prospects for significant future advances.

### FEATURE ARTICLE





# The (butadiene)metal complex/ $B(C_6F_5)_3$ pathway to homogeneous single component Ziegler–Natta catalyst systems

Gerhard Erker

(Butadiene)zirconocene and related compounds add  $B(C_6F_5)_3$  to yield zwitterionic metal complexes that are active catalysts for alkene polymerization. Such betaine systems have been useful for elucidating mechanistic features of carbon–carbon bond formation in homogeneous Ziegler–Natta catalysis.

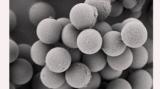
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### Template synthesis of porous gold microspheres

Dmitry G. Shchukin and Rachel A. Caruso\*

Porous polymer bead templates have been soaked in a gold sol before careful heating to remove the template and produce monodisperse macroporous gold spheres.



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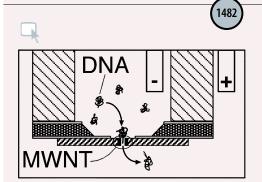


### First supramolecular poly(taco complex)

Feihe Huang, Frank R. Fronczek and Harry W. Gibson\*



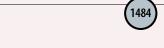
The first supramolecular poly(taco complex) was prepared from bis(m-phenylene)-32-crown-10 (**4**) and N,N'-bis[ $\beta$ -(phenyliminocarbonyloxy)ethyl]-4,4'-bipyridinium bis(hexafluorophosphate) (**3**) as shown by its crystal structure. Counterion (PF $_6$ ) hydrogen bonding with the NHs of the urethane moieties of **3** are key forces in the supramolecular structure.



# Observation of DNA transport through a single carbon nanotube channel using fluorescence microscopy

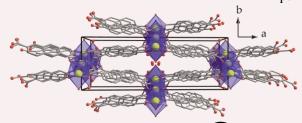
Takashi Ito, Li Sun and Richard M. Crooks\*

DNA transport through a single multiwall carbon nanotube (MWNT) channel was directly observed *via* fluorescence microscopy.

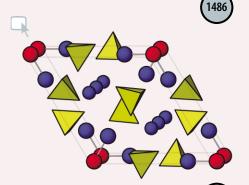


# Hydrothermal synthesis of a novel thermally stable three-dimensional ytterbium-organic framework

Filipe A. Almeida Paz and Jacek Klinowski\*



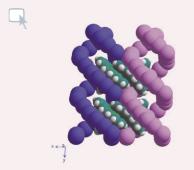
We describe the hydrothermal synthesis and structural characterization of a novel three-dimensional ytterbium–organic framework, thermally stable up to  $550\,^{\circ}$ C.



### An apatite for fast oxide ion conduction

M. Saiful Islam,\* Julian R. Tolchard and Peter R. Slater

Apatite-type oxides form part of a new family of fast oxygen ion conductors with potential applications in solid oxide fuel cells. Atomistic simulations have allowed us to gain fresh insight into the mechanisms of oxygen ion transport within these complex structures.



### Construction of the first cross-linked double helical polyiodide

Caitlin J. Horn, Alexander J. Blake, Neil R. Champness, Vito Lippolis and Martin Schröder\*

A homobimetallic supramolecular helicate has been used to template the formation of a polyiodide network, which adopts an infinite cross-linked double helical structure, topologically analogous to DNA.

# $k_{\text{max}}^{(2)} = 588 \text{ nm}$ $k_{\text{max}}^{(2)} = 433 \text{ GM}$

# Bis(dioxaborine) compounds with large two-photon cross sections, and their use in the photodeposition of silver

Marcus Halik, Wim Wenseleers, Cara Grasso, Francesco Stellacci, Egbert Zojer, Stephen Barlow, Jean-Luc Brédas, Joseph W. Perry\* and Seth R. Marder\*

Compounds in which two dioxaborines are linked by a conjugated bridge exhibit high two-photon cross sections and can be used as sensitisers for the photodeposition of metallic silver lines.

# A. nidulans lovB + lovC Acetyl CoA Malonyl CoA SAM

# Monacolin N, a compound resulting from derailment of type I iterative polyketide synthase function *en route* to lovastatin

John L. Sorensen and John C. Vederas\*

A novel compound, monacolin N, has been isolated from fermentation cultures of *Aspergillus nidulans* in which the lovastatin polyketide synthase genes *lovB* and *lovC* are heterologously expressed.

# A high molecular weight reversible coordination polymer of $PdCl_2$ and 1,12-bis(diphenylphosphino)dodecane

Jos M. J. Paulusse and Rint P. Sijbesma\*

 $n_{max} > 500$   $M_{n, max} > 360,000 g/mol$ 

In the reversible system [PdCl<sub>2</sub>{Ph<sub>2</sub>P(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>12</sub>PPh<sub>2</sub>}], linear supramolecular polymers are shown to be in equilibrium with cyclic structures and high molecular weight material was obtained by melt polymerisation.



Monacolin N (5)

### A photochromic thiophenophan-1-ene

Michinori Takeshita,\* Miki Nagai and Takehiko Yamato

$$F_2$$
  $F_2$   $F_2$ 

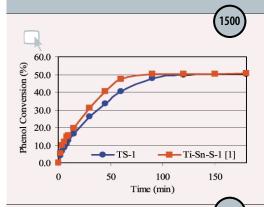
A thiophenophan-1-ene, of which two thiophene rings are bridged at 2- and 4-positions, was synthesized and its quantum yield for the photocyclization reaction was increased due to fixation to the photoactive *anti*-conformation.

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## Synthesis of a novel axially chiral amphiphile and study on its assembly behavior in two and three dimensions

Jun Lu, Shi-Zhao Kang, Sai-Long Xu, Qing-Dao Zeng,\* Chen Wang,\* Li-Jun Wan and Chun-Li Bai\*

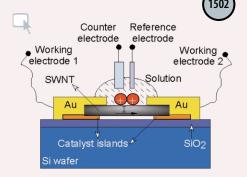
An axially chiral amphiphile was synthesized and the single crystal of its racemate was characterized by X-ray crystallography. Its three and two dimensional assembly behaviors were investigated by using X-ray crystallography and surface-area  $(\pi$ -A) isomers, respectively.



### Phenol hydroxylation using Ti- and Sn-containing silicalites

Raweewan Klaewkla,\* Santi Kulprathipanja, Pramoch Rangsunvigit, Thirasak Rirksomboon and Laszlo Nemeth

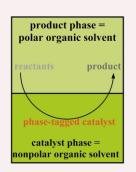
New bimetallic framework and non-framework titanium and tin silicalite have been investigated for phenol hydroxylation with  $\rm H_2O_2$  in different solvents, and the optimized catalyst composition showed 26% higher initial rate than reference TS-1.



## *In situ* detection of cytochrome c adsorption with single walled carbon nanotube device

S. Boussaad, N. J. Tao, R. Zhang, T. Hopson and L. A. Nagahara

We report on the *in situ* detection of cytochrome c adsorption onto individual SWNT transistors *via* changes in the electron transport properties of the transistors.



# Nonpolar biphasic catalysis: Sonogashira and Suzuki coupling of aryl bromides and chlorides

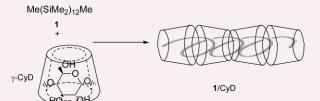
Anupama Datta and Herbert Plenio\*

Palladium–phosphine catalysts which are phase-tagged with soluble poly(4-methylstyrene) can be used for efficient carbon–carbon coupling reactions by nonpolar biphasic catalysis with high recyclability.



# Induction of optical activity in oligosilanes within the internal cavity of cyclodextrins

Takanobu Sanji,\* Akihiko Yoshiwara, Hideki Sakurai and Masato Tanaka\*



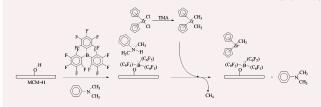
The first example of induced optical activity of oligosilanes within the internal cavity of  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrins is reported, leading to a preferential helical-sense induction of the oligosilane chain.



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# MCM-41 immobilised borate co-catalyst for metallocene catalyzed propene oligomerisation

Marc Kwanten, Brenda A. M. Carrière, Piet J. Grobet and Pierre A. Jacobs\*



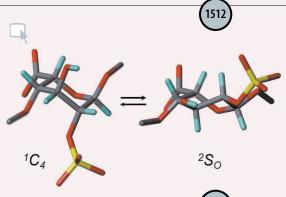
The immobilised weakly-coordinating heterogeneous tris(pentafluorophenyl)borate anion retains metallocenes, thus yielding a heterogeneous propene oligomerisation catalyst.



# Activator-free oxidative homocoupling of organosilanes catalysed by a palladium-DPPP complex

Hiroto Yoshida,\* Yasuhito Yamaryo, Joji Ohshita and Atsutaka Kunai\*

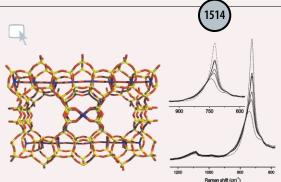
Aryl- and alkynylsilanes were found to undergo oxidative homocoupling reaction without any added activators in the presence of a palladium–1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane complex, providing biaryl and 1,3-diynes, respectively.



# A molecular dynamics description of the conformational flexibility of the L-iduronate ring in glycosaminoglycans

Jesús Angulo, Pedro M. Nieto\* and Manuel Martín-Lomas

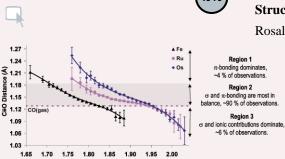
Molecular dynamics simulations in explicit solvent by using PME electrostatic treatment allow an adequate description of the L-iduronate conformational flexibility characteristic of heparin and heparan sulfate.



# Healing of defects in ETS-10 by selective UV irradiation: a Raman study

F. X. Llabrés i Xamena, A. Damin, S. Bordiga and A. Zecchina\*

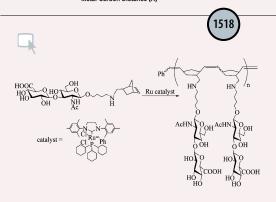
Healing of defects in a defective ETS-10 sample is observed upon irradiation with a laser line at 325 nm. Possible implications for the preparation of highly ordered materials are envisaged.



### Structural insights into transition-metal carbonyl bonding

Rosalie K. Hocking and Trevor W. Hambley\*

An examination of the relationship between TM–C and C≡O bond lengths using ~20,000 crystal structures has revealed three novel observations relating to TM–carbonyl interactions.



# Synthesis of a hyaluronan neoglycopolymer by ring-opening metathesis polymerization

Suri Iyer, Shyam Rele, Gabriela Grasa, Steven Nolan and Elliot L. Chaikof\*

A hyaluronan (HA)-derived disaccharide was synthesized bearing an n-pentenyl spacer arm, which facilitated disaccharide derivatization with a norbornene template. Subsequent ring opening metathesis polymerization of the monomer produced an HA-mimetic neoglycopolymer of low polydispersity.



### Functional polypedes—chiral nematic fullerenes

Stéphane Campidelli, Carine Eng, Isabel M. Saez, John W. Goodby\* and Robert Deschenaux\*

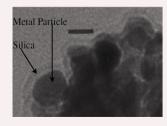
A chiral nematic tetrapedal liquid crystal which has been functionalised with buckminsterfullerene C<sub>60</sub> was created by bottom-up synthesis, and its physical properties evaluated.



### Ultra-thin porous silica coated silver-platinum alloy nano-particle as a new catalyst precursor

Kai Man K. Yu, David Thompsett and Shik Chi Tsang\*

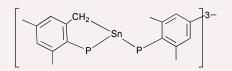
Encapsulation of surfactant-stabilised micelles containing metal precursor(s) with an ultra-thin porous silica coating allows extraction of organic stabiliser giving inorganic based nano-composites for synthesis of supported metal catalysts with defined size.



### Stabilisation of an ortho-deprotonated mesityl group within the unusual $[{2,4,6-Me_3C_6H_2P}{4,6-Me_2C_6H_2(2-CH_2)P}Sn]^{3-}$ stannate ion

Mary McPartlin, Anthony D. Woods,\* Christopher M. Pask, Thomas Vogler and Dominic S. Wright\*

The reaction of 2,4,6-Me<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>PHNa with Sn(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> results in the formation of the unusual stannate ion  $[\{2,4,6-\text{Me}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{P}\}\{4,6-\text{Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(2-\text{CH}_2)\text{P}\}\text{Sn}]^{3-}$ .

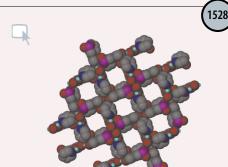




### Tuning of ruthenium N-heterocyclic carbene catalysts for ATRP

Lionel Delaude, Sébastien Delfosse, Aurore Richel, Albert Demonceau\* and Alfred F. Noels

Depending on the substituents,  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , ruthenium(II)–p-cymene complexes bearing N-heterocyclic carbene ligands are either efficient catalysts for the wellcontrolled atom transfer radical polymerisation of methyl methacrylate and styrene, or promote a redox-initiated free-radical process.



### Syntheses and structures of two novel copper complexes constructed from unusual planar tetracopper(II) SBUs

Daofeng Sun, Rong Cao,\* Yanqiong Sun, Wenhua Bi, Daqiang Yuan, Qian Shi and Xing Li

Two novel polymeric copper complexes constructed from unusual planar tetracopper(II) SBUs have been prepared and characterized.

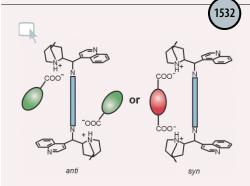
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# R = -H -CH<sub>3</sub> -CH<sub>2</sub>OH -CH<sub>2</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub> -CONH<sub>2</sub> -CONHC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub> -CONHC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>

## The preparation and structures of non-hydrocarbon functionalised fullerene-diamine adducts

Craig P. Butts\* and Mikael Jazdzyk

The first  $C_{60}$ -diamine monoadducts with non-hydrocarbon functionality can be prepared by the photochemical addition of addends based on C2-substituted piperazines.



# Bifunctional receptor triad for efficient recognition of mono- and dicarboxylic acids

Karol Kacprzak and Jacek Gawronski\*

These *Cinchona* alkaloid–aromatic diimide atropisomeric triads switch their conformation to *anti* on binding monocarboxylic acids and to *syn* with dicarboxylic acid guests.

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# Quasi-solid dye sensitised solar cells filled with phase-separated chemically cross-linked ionic gels

Shinji Murai,\* Satoshi Mikoshiba, Hiroyasu Sumino, Takashi Kato and Shuzi Hayase

Quasi-solid dye sensitised solar cells are prepared by gelling ionic liquid electrolytes with phase-separated chemically cross-linked gels which make it possible to solidify DSSC without losing the performance of the parent DSSC.



# DNA-Naphthyl Red conjugate as a visualizing probe of DNA hybridization

Hiroyuki Asanuma,\* Hiromu Kashida, Xingguo Liang and Makoto Komiyama\*

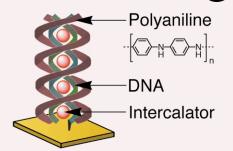
The Naphthyl Red moiety, conjugated to DNA, shows distinct chromism by hybridization with its complementary DNA.

Unprecedented preparation of pincer bis(oxazolinyl)phenyl ligands on solid support and their use in the first heterogeneously-catalyzed enantioselective allylation of aldehydes

Avi Weissberg and Moshe Portnoy\*

An efficient solid-phase synthesis of chiral Phebox ligands was developed. First heterogeneous catalysis of enantioselective allylation of aldehydes was demonstrated with the Rh complexes of the supported ligands.





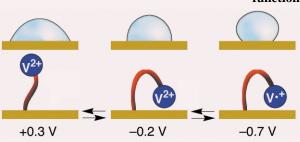
## Electrocatalytic intercalator-induced winding of double-stranded DNA with polyaniline

Yi Xiao, Andrei B. Kharitonov, Fernando Patolsky, Yossi Weizmann and Itamar Willner\*

Electrocatalytic winding of polyaniline on a double-stranded DNA template associated with electrodes is accomplished by the intercalator-mediated electrogeneration of  $\rm H_2O_2$  and the horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-mediated deposition of the polymer.



### Potential-controlled molecular machinery of bipyridinium monolayerfunctionalized surfaces: an electrochemical and contact angle analysis



Xuemei Wang, Andrei B. Kharitonov, Eugenii Katz and Itamar Willner\*

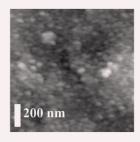
The potential-induced bending and stretching of bipyridinium units tethered to an electrode control the hydrophobic/hydrophilic properties of the surface. The mechanical translocation of the molecular units and the resulting surface properties are probed by chronoamperometry and contact angle measurements.



# Self-assembling monolayer formation of glucose oxidase covalently attached on 11-aminoundecanethiol monolayers on gold

Koji Nakano,\* Kenji Doi, Kousuke Tamura, Yosuke Katsumi and Masato Tazaki

Glucose oxidase has been attached covalently to 11-aminoundecanethiol/Au surfaces to form uniform, densely packed enzyme monolayers as confirmed by single molecular imaging with using AFM.



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# Exploration of the biomimetic synthesis of indole-diterpene mycotoxins: an unexpected cascade reaction during the attempted synthesis of emindole SB

J. Stephen Clark,\* James Myatt, Claire Wilson, Lee Roberts and Nigel Walshe

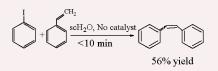
Lewis acid mediated treatment of the vinylic epoxide results in complete cyclisation to give a pentacyclic compound that does not correspond to the ring system found in the alkaloid emindole SB.

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### Noncatalytic Heck coupling reaction using supercritical water

Rong Zhang, Fengyu Zhao, Masahiro Sato and Yutaka Ikushima\*

Heck coupling reaction of iodobenzene and styrene proceeds rapidly and selectively in supercritical water even without any catalyst in the presence of a relatively weak base such as potassium acetate.

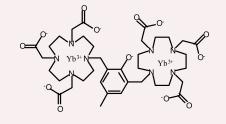




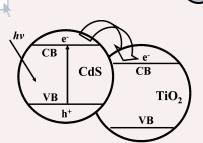
# Synthesis and luminescence properties of a kinetically stable dinuclear ytterbium complex with differentiated binding sites

Simon J. A. Pope, Alan M. Kenwright, Sarah L. Heath\* and Stephen Faulkner\*

**Yb<sub>2</sub>L** contains two DO3A units separated by a phenol bridging group. It is emissive in the near-IR and gives time-resolved luminescence spectra in solution consistent with the presence of two types of binding site.



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# Microemulsion-mediated solvothermal synthesis of nanosized CdS-sensitized $TiO_2$ crystalline photocatalyst

Jimmy C. Yu,\* Ling Wu, Jun Lin, Puishan Li and Quan Li

Nanosized CdS-sensitized TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocrystals were successfully prepared by a microemulsion-mediated solvothermal method. The new photocatalyst is highly effective in the visible-light range.

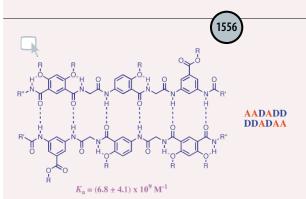


## Snapshots of an oxidatively induced $\alpha$ -hydrogen abstraction reaction to prepare a terminal and four-coordinate titanium imide

Falguni Basuli, Brad C. Bailey, John C. Huffman and Daniel J. Mindiola\*

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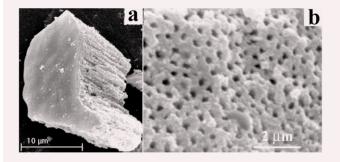
A titanium(III) bis-anilido complex supported by a  $\beta$ -diketiminate ligand can be oxidized by one electron to yield a four-coordinate titanium imide complex. Depending on the reaction conditions, the putative intermediate generated during the  $\alpha$ -abstraction process can be isolated.



### An extremely stable, self-complementary hydrogen-bonded duplex

Huaqiang Zeng, Xiaowu Yang, Amy L. Brown, Suzana Martinovic, Richard D. Smith and Bing Gong\*

Design, synthesis and characterization of a self-complementary six-H-bonded duplex with exceptional stability.



## Surfactant-assisted synthesis of unprecedented hierarchical meso-macrostructured zirconia

Zhong-Yong Yuan, Aurélien Vantomme, Alexandre Léonard and Bao-Lian Su\*

A surfactant-assisted one-step synthesis route was developed, leading to the formation of an unprecedented hierarchical mesomacroporous zirconia with wormhole-like mesoporous walls and a uniform assembly of macrochannels.



### Synthesis of a model DEF-ring core of hexacyclinic acid

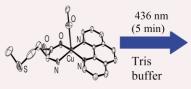
Paul A. Clarke,\* Matthew Grist, Mark Ebden and Claire Wilson

The first synthesis of a DEF-ring system of hexacyclinic acid is reported.



# Visible light-induced nuclease activity of a ternary mono-phenanthroline copper( $\Pi$ ) complex containing L-methionine as a photosensitizer

Ashis K. Patra, Shanta Dhar, Munirathinam Nethaji and Akhil R. Chakravarty\*



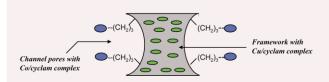


Ternary copper(II) complex  $[Cu(phen)(met)(MeOH)](ClO_4)$  containing L-methionine is prepared and structurally characterized. It binds ds-DNA in the minor groove and exhibits photocleavage activity under UV or visible light involving singlet oxygen.

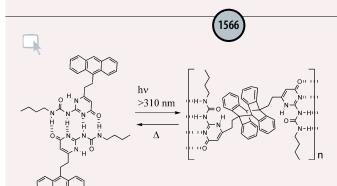


### Mesoporous hybrid materials containing two transition metal ions, one in the framework, the other in the channel pores

Robert J. P. Corriu,\* Ahmad Mehdi, Catherine Reyé and Chloé Thieuleux



Mesoporous hybrid materials containing two strongly chelated transition metal ions, one in the framework, the other in the channel pores were prepared in two steps.



# Hydrogen bonded molecular assembly by reversible cyclization reaction of anthracene

Masashi Ikegami, Ikuma Ohshiro and Tatsuo Arai\*

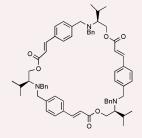
A hydrogen bonded molecular assembly of 2-ureido-4(1H)-pyrimidinone was constructed by utilizing an anthracene photodimerization reaction.

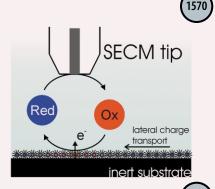
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### A versatile approach to chiral macrocycles

Susan E. Gibson,\* Nello Mainolfi, S. Barret Kalindjian and Paul T. Wright

Head-to-tail Heck coupling of units derived from amino alcohols and iodoaryl aldehydes provides a short and versatile route to non-racemic chiral macrocycles.

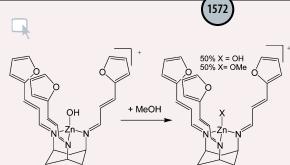




## Charge injection and lateral conductivity in monolayers of metallic nanoparticles

Peter Liljeroth, Bernadette M. Quinn,\* Virginia Ruiz and Kyösti Kontturi

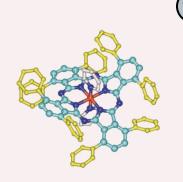
Scanning electrochemical microscopy has been used to quantify charge injection and lateral charge transport in monolayers of metallic nanoparticles.



Synthesis and structure of [Zn(OMe)(L)]·[Zn(OH)(L)]·2(BPh<sub>4</sub>), L = cis,cis-1,3,5-tris[(E,E)-3-(2-furyl)acrylideneamino]-cyclohexane: structural models of carbonic anhydrase and liver alcohol dehydrogenase

Leroy Cronin and Paul H. Walton\*

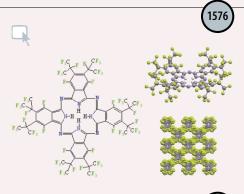
A hydroxide ion–zinc complex is shown to react with methanol to give a mixture of complexes that are models of reactive intermediates in the catalytic cycles of the enzymes carbonic anhydrase and liver alcohol dehydrogenase.



# A highly deformed iron(II) low-spin phthalocyanine which shows two MLCT transitions beyond the Q-band

Takamitsu Fukuda, Shigetsugu Homma and Nagao Kobayashi\*

A highly deformed iron(II) low-spin phthalocyanine has been synthesized, and found to show two MLCT transitions beyond the Q-band in pyridine due to lowering of molecular symmetry to  $D_{2d}$ .



# Dome-distortion and fluorine-lined channels: synthesis, and molecular and crystal structure of a metal- and C-H bonds-free fluorophthalocyanine

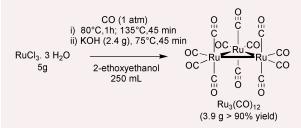
Hyun-Jin Lee, William W. Brennessel, Joshua A. Lessing, William W. Brucker, Victor G. Young, Jr. and Sergiu M. Gorun\*

The first crystal structure of a free-base perhalogenated phthalocyanine reveals an unprecedented dome-like shape and fluorine-lined channels created by intermolecular interlocking peripheral iso-perfluoroalkyl groups.



### New insight into a convenient base-promoted synthesis of Ru<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>

Matthieu Fauré, Catherine Saccavini and Guy Lavigne\*



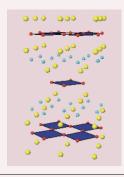
CO-induced disproportionation of a transient polymeric Ru(I) poly-anion generated *in situ*, constitutes the productive key step of the present iterative base promoted reduction of Ru(II) to Ru(0), leading to Ru<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub> at unprecedented mild conditions.



### $Ba_{2-x}Sr_xPdO_2F_2$ (0 $\leq x \leq 1.5$ ): The first palladium-oxide-fluorides

Thomas Baikie, Emma L. Dixon, John F. Rooms, Nigel A. Young and M. Grazia Francesconi\*

Here we describe the preparation and structural characterisation of the first family of ternary palladium oxide–fluorides,  $Ba_{2-x}Sr_xPdO_2F_2$ . Neither binary nor ternary oxide-fluorides of palladium have ever been reported.



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# An efficient approach for the photodegradation of organic pollutants by immobilized iron ions at neutral pHs

Wanhong Ma, Yingping Huang, Jing Li, Mingming Cheng, Wenjing Song and Jincai Zhao\*

 $H_2O_2$  + Organic pollutants  $Fe^{III}$ -resin, at neutral pHs, UV Degraded products

An immobilized iron catalyst (Fe<sup>III</sup>-resin) can effectively catalyze the photodegradation of organic pollutants by  $H_2O_2$  at neutral pHs. It can also significantly auto depress  $H_2O_2$  side-reactions.

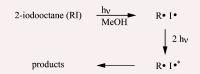




### The multiphoton photochemistry of 2-iodooctane in methanol

Fang Gao, Robert N. Compton and Richard M. Pagni\*

The photochemistry of 2-iodooctane in methanol, which is initiated with a Nd-YAG laser at 266 nm, is a three photon process proceeding through a radical pair excited state.







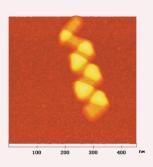
# Dipicolylglycyl-phenylalanine zinc(II): a metallopeptide with a built-in conformational switch and its homochiral helical coordination polymer

Nicole Niklas, Frank Hampel and Ralf Alsfasser\*

The metallo-dipeptide  $[(Dpg-L(S)-Phe)Zn]^+$  (Dpg = N,N-dipicolylglycine; Phe = phenylalanine) forms a homochiral, P-helical coordination polymer. A pH dependent amide switch triggers its formation and disassembly.







### Chiral shape and enantioselective growth of colloidal particles of selfassembled meso-tetra(phenyl and 4-sulfonatophenyl)porphyrins

Joaquim Crusats, Josep Claret, Ismael Díez-Pérez, Zoubir El-Hachemi, Héctor García-Ortega, Raimon Rubires, Francesc Sagués and Josep M. Ribó\*

The polarization exerted by a stirring vortex selecting the chiral sign in the spontaneous symmetry breaking of  $H_2TPPS_3^-$  is related to the chiral shape of their mesophases (helices) and to their colloidal character.

# Direct catalytic sulfonation of methane with $SO_2$ to methanesulfonic acid (MSA) in the presence of molecular $O_2$

Sudip Mukhopadhyay and Alexis T. Bell\*

$$CH_4 + SO_2 + 1/2 O_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Pd and Cu-salts}} CH_3SO_3H$$
 $CF_2SO_2H$ 

**1**(SR); R<sub>1</sub> = H, R<sub>2</sub> = CH<sub>3</sub>,  $\tau_T$  = 18 ns,  $k_H$  = 5.1 x 10<sup>7</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

**2**(SS);  $R_1 = CH_3$ ,  $R_2 = H$ ,  $\tau_T = 31$  ns,  $k_H = 2.2 \times 10^7$  s<sup>-1</sup>

Methane is transformed selectively to methanesulfonic acid at low temperature by liquid-phase sulfonation of methane with  $SO_2$  and  $O_2$  in the presence of Pd- and Cu-salts as the catalysts.



# Chiral discrimination in the intramolecular abstraction of allylic hydrogens by benzophenone triplets

Francisco Boscá, Inmaculada Andreu, Isabel M. Morera, Abdelouahid Samadi and Miguel A. Miranda\*

Chiral benzophenone derivatives tethered to enantiomerically pure 1,4-cyclohexadiene exhibit significant chiral discrimination not only in the intramolecular hydrogen abstraction process  $(k_{\rm H})$ , but also in the  $\pi$ -quenching  $(k_{\pi})$  and in the overall triplet quenching  $(k_{\rm iq})$ . The lifetimes  $(\tau_{\rm T})$  of 1 (SR) and 2 (SS), measured by laser flash photolysis, are 18 and 31 ns respectively.



# Macromonomer living character in the cobalt( ${\rm II}$ ) porphyrin chain transfer catalysis for radical polymerization of methacrylic acid in water

Yunying Li and Bradford B. Wayland\*

$$P \stackrel{\longleftarrow}{CO_2H} + (L)Co^{-H} \stackrel{\longleftarrow}{\longleftarrow} \stackrel{k_r}{\longleftarrow} P \stackrel{\longleftarrow}{\longleftarrow} CO_2H + (L)Co^{||} \cdot$$

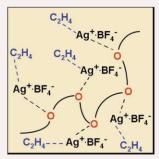
Macromonomers formed by cobalt(II) porphyrin catalyzed chain transfer in the aqueous radical polymerization of methacrylic acid acquire living character by continual reinitiation through reaction with an intermediate cobalt hydride.



### Olefin/paraffin solubility in a solid polymer electrolyte membrane

T. C. Merkel,\* Z. He, A. Morisato and I. Pinnau

Detailed measurement of ethylene and ethane solubility in a polyether-based solid polymer electrolyte containing silver tetrafluoroborate yields insight into the mechanism of facilitated olefin transport through membranes of such materials.



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# Stereoselective synthesis of individual isomers of Leuenkephalin analogues containing substituted $\beta\text{-turn}$ bicyclic dipeptide mimetics

Chiyi Xiong, Junyi Zhang, Peg Davis, Wei Wang, Jinfa Ying, Frank Porreca and Victor J. Hruby\*

Individual isomers of Leu-enkephalin mimetics, which differ in their stereochemistry, have been synthesized by a convergent strategy involving novel substituted bicyclic  $\beta$ -turn dipeptide 3 and amino acids 1 and 2.



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### Supported ATRP and giant polymers

Peter von Natzmer, Debora Bontempo and Nicola Tirelli\*

Micron-sized isolated macromolecules can be produced using a surface-initiated 'living' polymerization mechanism, the Atom Transfer Radical Polymerization (ATRP).

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# Organosilicate thin film containing $Ru(bpy)_3^{2+}$ for an electrogenerated chemiluminescence (ECL) sensor

Jin-Kyu Lee,\* Seung-Hee Lee, Myungsun Kim, Hasuck Kim, Dong-Hyun Kim and Won-Yong Lee\*

$$(CI_2)_5 \\ (MeO)_5Si\\ (MeO)_5Si\\ (CH_2)_5 \\ Si(OMe)_5 \\ (CH_3)_5 \\ Si(OMe)_5 \\ (CH_3)_5 \\ (CH_3)_5 \\ Si(OMe)_5 \\ (CH_3)_5 \\ (CH_3)_5 \\ Si(OMe)_5 \\ (CH_3)_5 \\ (CH_3$$

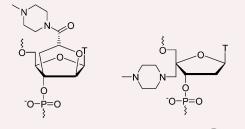
An insoluble organosilicate gel containing a Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> complex was formed on an ITO electrode surface and its ECL responses toward several analytes were investigated for the sensitive ECL sensor application having long-term stability.

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# N-Methylpiperazinocarbonyl-2',3'-BcNA and 4'-C-(N-methylpiperazino)methyl-DNA: introduction of basic functionalities facing the major groove and the minor groove of a DNA:DNA duplex

Michael Raunkjær, Torsten Bryld and Jesper Wengel\*

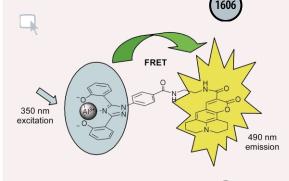
Piperazino-functionalized 2',3'-BcNA and 4'-C-hydroxymethyl-DNA are appropriate molecular architectures for the introduction of basic functionalities facing the major groove and the minor groove of nucleic acid duplexes, respectively.



# Aluminium fluorescence detection with a FRET amplified chemosensor

Maria Arduini, Fulvia Felluga, Fabrizio Mancin, Paola Rossi, Paolo Tecilla,\* Umberto Tonellato\* and Nicola Valentinuzzi

A selective Al<sup>3+</sup> fluorescence chemosensor able to detect concentrations of metal ion in the nanomolar range has been realized. The remarkable sensitivity is the result of the FRET amplification of the fluorescence emission of the ligand subunit.

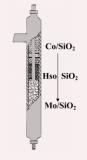


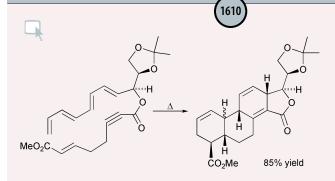
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## Synergy between Mo/SiO<sub>2</sub> and Co/SiO<sub>2</sub> beds in HDS: a remote control effect?

J. Ojeda, N. Escalona, P. Baeza, M. Escudey and F. J. Gil-Llambías\*

Synergy between beds of  $Mo/SiO_2$  and  $Co/SiO_2$  separated by 5 mm of  $SiO_2$  in the hydrodesulfurization (HDS) of gas oil, carried out in a high-pressure continuous-flow micro-reactor, was demonstrated.





## The domino intramolecular Diels-Alder approach to 16-oxasteroids

Craig I. Turner, Rachel M. Williamson, Peter Turner and Michael S. Sherburn\*

The zipper mode double Diels—Alder reaction allows the one step synthesis of enantiomerically pure 16-oxasteroids. This heat-promoted transformation generates a fused tetracyclic framework bearing five new stereocentres.

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