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The development of efficient catalysts for palladiumcatalyzed coupling reactions of aryl halides

Alexander Zapf* and Matthias Beller*

In the mid 1990s a program was started on the development of more efficient palladium catalysis for the C–C and C–N coupling reactions of aryl halides, especially aryl chlorides. In this contribution, investigations on new catalyst systems and their applications in organic synthesis are summarized.



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Synthetic self-propelled nanorotors

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Self-powered nanorotors have been prepared from barcoded gold–nickel nanorods having the gold end anchored to the surface of a silicon wafer. Constant velocity circular movements are observed when hydrogen peroxide fuel is catalytically decomposed to oxygen at the unattached nickel end of the nanorod.



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Dendritic incorporation of quinacridone: solubility, aggregation, electrochemistry, and solid-state luminescence

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Dendrimization of quinacridone successfully inhibits aggregation and self-absorption between core molecules in the solid state, with corresponding increases in luminescence efficiency.

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Selective attachment and release of a chemotherapeutic agent from the interior of a protein cage architecture

Michelle L. Flenniken, Lars O. Liepold, Bridgid E. Crowley, Deborah A. Willits, Mark J. Young and Trevor Douglas

The antitumor agent doxorubicin was covalently bound and selectively released in a pH dependent manner from the interior surface of a genetically modified small heat shock protein (Hsp) cage.

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A cyclometalated palladium-azo complex as a differential chromogenic probe for amino acids in aqueous solution

Shun-Hua Li, Chun-Wei Yu and Jin-Gou Xu*

A cyclometalated palladium–azo complex as a sensitive chromogenic probe for α -amino acids in aqueous solution is described. Different amino acids were distinguishable in their UV-vis absorption responses.

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Flip-flop of glycosylphosphatidylinositols (GPI's) across the ER

Ram A. Vishwakarma* and Anant K. Menon*

The ATP-independent, protein-dependent transbilayer flipflop of early intermediates in the glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI) biosynthetic pathway has been demonstrated using novel, acyl-NBD-labeled fluorescent GPI probes and a biochemical reconstitution approach.









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Use of tetrameric cubane aggregates of lithium aryloxides as secondary building units in controlling network assembly

Dugald J. MacDougall, J. Jacob Morris, Bruce C. Noll and Kenneth W. Henderson*

Readily prepared $Li_4(OAr)_4$ molecular cubanes can be used as building blocks in the rational construction of closely related one-, two- and three-dimensional polymers.

A luminescent linear trinuclear magnesium complex assembled from a phosphorus-based tris-hydrazone ligand

Vadapalli Chandrasekhar,* Ramachandran Azhakar, Jamie F. Bickley and Alexander Steiner

Synthesis of a novel linear trinuclear complex from a phosphorus-based tris-hydrazone ligand and its luminescent properties in solution and solid-state are described.



Self-assembled helical spherical-nanotubes from an L-glutamic acid based bolaamphiphilic low molecular mass organogelator

Chuanlang Zhan, Peng Gao and Minghua Liu*

An L-glutamic acid based bolaamphiphilic low molecular mass organogelator with an interesting helical spherical-nanotube structure was synthesized, which can gel a 1:1 mixture of ethanol (methanol)–water solvents in a low concentration of less than 0.3%.



Helical and polymeric nanostructures assembled from benzene tri- and tetracarboxylic acids associated with terpyridine copper(II) complexes

Pingshan Wang, Charles N. Moorefield, Matthew Panzer and George R. Newkome*

The change of a single carboxyl moiety produces dramatically different crystal architectures.

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Spatial organization and patterning of palladium nanoparticles on a self-assembled helical ribbon lipid

Jong Hwa Jung,* Jeong Ah Rim, Soo Jin Lee and Shim Sung Lee

A cholesterol derivative 1 forms self-assembled helical ribbons in organic solvent, and treatment of this helical ribbon lipid as a template with $Pd(Ac)_2$ provides helically-patterned arrays of palladium nanoparticles followed by reduction.



Self-assembled monolayers of optically active Co(III) complexes: a new promoter electrode recognizing the electron transfer site in cytochrome c

Isao Takahashi, Tomohiko Inomata, Yasuhiro Funahashi, Tomohiro Ozawa, Koichiro Jitsukawa and Hideki Masuda*

A new-class of promoter electrode bearing a molecular recognition ability has been constructed; the chirality and/or orientation of promoter on the Au electrode surface have affected the electron transfer rate of cytochrome c.

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Efficient relaxivity enhancement in dendritic gadolinium complexes: effective motional coupling in medium molecular weight conjugates

David A. Fulton, Mark O'Halloran, David Parker,* Kanthi Senanayake, Mauro Botta and Silvio Aime

The Gd ion lies at the barycentre of the dendritic structure and lies on any axis of reorientational motion leading to gains in inner and second sphere relaxivities at MRI imaging fields.

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A cyclic tetra-nuclear dinitrosyl iron complex [Fe(NO)₂(imidazolate)]₄: synthesis, structure and stability

Ximeng Wang, Eric B. Sundberg, Lijuan Li,* Katherine A. Kantardjieff, Steven R. Herron, Mark Lim and Peter C. Ford

A cyclic tetrameric dinitrosyliron complex $[Fe(NO)_2(Im-H)]_4$ was synthesized and showed NO release under thermal conditions. In donor solvents this fragments into monomeric units that give EPR spectra analogous to the g = 2.03 species seen in mammalian biology.











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CD inversion and fluorescence enhancement in organic nanoparticles of (*R*)-di-2-naphthylprolinol

Lu Xi, Hongbing Fu, Wensheng Yang and Jiannian Yao*

The positive exciton coupling circular dichroism (ECCD) exhibited by monomer of (R)-di-2-naphthylprolinol in organic solvent is inverted to be negative upon the formation of its nanoparticles.

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Backbone-extended pyrrolidine peptide nucleic acids (*bep*PNA): design, synthesis and DNA/RNA binding studies

T. Govindaraju and Vaijayanti A. Kumar*

One-carbon extended conformationally constrained pyrrolidine PNA monomer has been synthesized from naturally occurring *trans*-4-hydroxy-L-proline and incorporated into PNA sequences at predefined positions. Backbone-extended pyrrolidine peptide nucleic acids (*bep*PNA) showed differential DNA/RNA binding affinity depending on the position and number of modifications.

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The nature of paramagnetic species in nitrogen doped TiO₂ active in visible light photocatalysis

Stefano Livraghi, Annamaria Votta, Maria Cristina Paganini and Elio Giamello*

Nitrogen doped TiO₂, a novel photocatalyst active in the decomposition of organic pollutants using visible light, contains two different types of paramagnetic centres (neutral NO radicals and $NO_2^{2^-}$ type radical ions respectively) which are likely related to specific properties of the solid.

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Molybdenum-catalyzed hydrostannations of allenylcarbinols

Uli Kazmaier* and Manuela Klein

Allenylcarbinols undergo regioselective hydrostannation in the presence of MoBl₃, a catalyst originally developed for the hydrostannation of alkynes, giving rise to allylstannanes.













Solution route to single crystalline SnO platelets with tunable shapes

Shuai Wang, Songhai Xie, Hexing Li, Shirun Yan, Kangnian Fan and Minghua Qiao*

Square and round single crystalline SnO platelets were prepared in a solution-based chemical route aided with sonication at room temperature.



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Coupling of alkynols and a phenyl group to a novel η^5 -dihydronaphthalenide ligand on a ruthenium template

Jadranka Čubrilo, Rainer F. Winter* and Dietrich Gudat

 ${(p-cymene)RuCl_2}_2$ promotes the stoichiometric coupling of a phenyl group and two equivalents of a disubstituted alkynol to unprecedented η^5 -1-methylene-1,2-dihydronaphthalenide ligands in a reaction involving BPh₄⁻ as a phenylating agent.

Fluorescence enhancement of a signaling system in the simultaneous presence of transition and alkali metal ions: a potential *AND* logic gate

Bamaprasad Bag and Parimal K. Bharadwaj*

Fluorescence enhancement of a signaling system L_1 in simultaneous presence of a transition metal ion and an alkali metal ion that mimics the function of an *AND* logic gate.

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Elena Bayer, Michael Thutewohl, Claudia Christner, Thomas Tradler, Frank Osterkamp, Herbert Waldmann and Peter Bayer*

Human Pin1, a phosphate specific prolyl isomerase, has become an interesting target for pharmaceutical cancer therapy. Inhibition of the enzyme in transformed cell lines induces apoptosis, whereas normal tissues are hardly influenced. The authors have developed a class of potent Pin1 inhibitors and investigated their mechanism of action.

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A new approach to construct full-length glycosylphosphatidylinositols of parasitic protozoa and [4-deoxy-Man-III]-GPI analogues

Asif Ali, D. Channe Gowda and Ram A. Vishwakarma*

A new [2 + 2 + 2] approach to construct GPI molecules through the efficient synthesis of glucosamine-inositol and tetramannose intermediates led to a total synthesis of a GPI-anchor of *Trypanosoma cruzi*, and also afforded a key intermediate for the synthesis of valuable [4-deoxy-Man-III]-GPI analogues.

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The hydrogenation of nitrobenzene to aniline: a new mechanism

Elaine A. Gelder, S. David Jackson* and C. Martin Lok

The Haber mechanism for nitrobenzene hydrogenation has been superseded; a new mechanism where nitrosobenzene is not an intermediate has been proposed.

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PMO[KIT-5]-n: synthesis of highly ordered threedimensional periodic mesoporous organosilicas with *Fm3m* symmetry

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1,2-Bis(triethoxylsilyl)ethane (BTEE) can be converted into completely cross-linked, topologically new organosilicas by using divalent surfactant $[CH_3(CH_2)_{15}N(CH_3)_2(CH_2)_3N-(CH_3)_3]^{2+}2Br^-$ (C₁₆₋₃₋₁) as a structure directing agent (SDA) under basic hydrothermal reaction conditions.









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Rapid synthesis of highly luminescent CdTe nanocrystals in the aqueous phase by microwave irradiation with controllable temperature

Liang Li, Huifeng Qian and Jicun Ren*

A rapid aqueous synthesis of broad size range CdTe nanocrystals with high quantum yield by microwave irradiation with controllable temperature.

Protein-assisted synthesis of single-crystal nanowires of bismuth compounds

Feng Gao, Qingyi Lu and Sridhar Komarneni*

Protein lysozyme has been found to be a new morphologydirecting reagent and by this simple and mild bio-molecule assisted method single-crystal bismuth compound nanowires could be synthesized.

Rational design of azide-bridged bimetallic complexes. Crystal structure and magnetic properties of $Fe^{III}MFe^{III}$ ($M = Ni^{II}$ and Cu^{II}) trinuclear species

Enrique Colacio,* Jean-Pierre Costes, José M. Domínguez-Vera, Ikram Ben Maimoun and José Suárez-Varela

The first examples of azide-bridged bimetallic trinuclear complexes {[M(cyclam)][FeL(N₃)($\mu_{1,5}$ -N₃)]₂} (M = Ni(II), Cu(II); H₂L = 4,5-dichloro-1,2-bis(pyridine-2-carboxamido) benzene) have been prepared and structurally characterized. The magnetic study revealed the existence of irregular spin state structures with antiferro- and ferromagnetic interactions, respectively.

Reactivity of *N*-alkanoyloxy-2,2,6,6tetramethylpiperidines (*O*-acylTEMPOs) towards hydride-transferring or metallic alkylating reagents; unprecedented stability and application to chemoselective transformations

Tsutomu Inokuchi,* Hiroyuki Kawafuchi and Junzo Nokami

Chemoselective transformations of diacid mixed alkyl/TEMP-1-yl esters, where *O*-acylTEMPOs remained intact, were achieved with hydride-transferring and metallic alkylating reagents, *i.e.*, LiAlH₄, R'MgX, *etc.*, giving the corresponding carbinols.

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Preparation of cyclic alkenylmagnesium reagents *via* an iodine/magnesium exchange

Calix[4]bipyrrole—a big, flexible, yet effective chloride-

Hongjun Ren, Arkady Krasovskiy and Paul Knochel*

Various cyclic alkenyl and dienyl Grignard reagents can be readily prepared *via* an I/Mg-exchange using the new reagent *i*-PrMgCl·LiCl.



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Cationic fac-tris(pyrazole) complexes as anion receptors

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The "anti-scorpionate" compounds *fac*-[Re(CO)₃(pz)₃]BAr'₄, easily prepared *via* reactions of [Re(OTf)(CO)₅] with three equivalent of the appropriate pyrazole (pz) and NaBAr'₄, are stable against pyrazole dissociation and display a high affinity toward chloride, being the first examples of the tris(pyrazole) receptors proposed one decade ago.

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A dynamic supramolecular system exhibiting substrate selectivity in the catalytic epoxidation of olefins

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A dynamic supramolecular system involving hydrogen bonding between a Mn(III) salen catalyst and a Zn(II) porphyrin receptor exhibits selectivity for pyridine appended cis- β -substituted styrene derivatives over phenyl appended derivatives in a catalytic epoxidation reaction.





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