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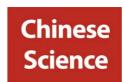
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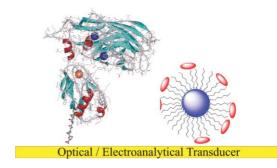
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Interfacial sensing: surface assembled molecular receptors

Jason J. Davis

In wiring natural enzymes to electrode surfaces through metalloprotein partners or the assembly of receptor labelled, plasmon-active nanoparticles, highly-specific sensory interfaces can be developed.



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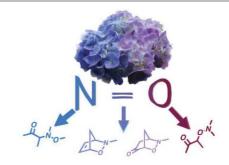
FEATURE ARTICLE

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Rich chemistry of nitroso compounds

Hisashi Yamamoto* and Norie Momiyama

Nitrosobenzene or nitrosopyridine are found to be attractive electrophiles in catalytic enantioselective carbon–nitrogen and/or carbon–oxygen bond forming reactions.



COMMUNICATIONS

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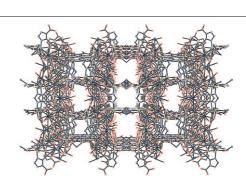


Rational assembly of a 3D metal-organic framework for gas adsorption with predesigned cubic building blocks and 1D open channels

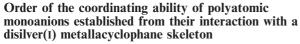
Ru-Qiang Zou, Ling Jiang, Hiroshi Senoh, Nobuhiko Takeichi and Qiang Xu*

A novel 3D metal–organic framework with predesigned cubic building blocks and 1D open channels which exhibits significant N_2 adsorption has been synthesized and characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. The observations should allow the optimization of rational synthetic routes for the construction of structurally well-defined MOFs.

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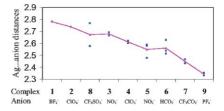






Xu-Dong Chen and Thomas C. W. Mak*

An ordered sequence of the coordinating ability of a series of polyatomic monoanions has been established on the basis of structural parameters derived from their interaction with a disilver(I) metallacyclophane skeleton in isostructural complexes.

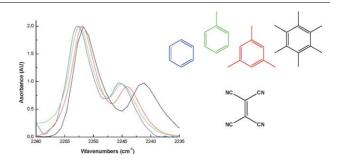


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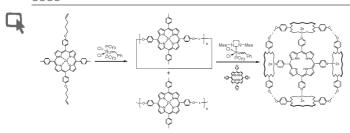
Infrared spectroscopic determination of the degree of charge transfer in complexes of TCNE with methyl-substituted benzenes

John C. Stires, IV, Emily J. McLaurin and Clifford P. Kubiak*

Partial charge donated to tetracyanoethylene(TCNE) by methyl-substituted benzenes in CT complexes useful in molecular electronics is determined by the infrared CN stretching frequency of the CT complex and that of TCNE⁰, TCNE¹⁻ and TCNE²⁻.



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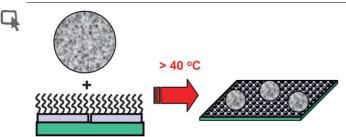


Dynamic combinatorial olefin metathesis: templated synthesis of porphyrin boxes

Paul C. M. van Gerven, Johannes A. A. W. Elemans, Jan W. Gerritsen, Sylvia Speller, Roeland J. M. Nolte* and Alan E. Rowan*

A porphyrin macrocyclic square is efficiently prepared by a dynamic combinatorial approach to olefin metathesis and shown by scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) to self-assemble into highly ordered arrays on a graphite surface.

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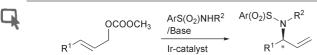


Temperature-triggered capture of dispersed particles using deposited Laponite with grafted poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) chains

Jennifer M. Saunders and Brian R. Saunders*

A new method has been developed that enables a conductive surface to be modified so as to capture dispersed particles when the temperature is increased.

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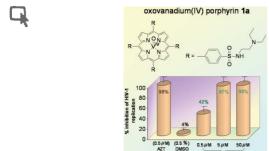


Highly enantioselective iridium-catalysed allylic aminations with anionic N-nucleophiles

Robert Weihofen, Axel Dahnz, Olena Tverskoy and Günter Helmchen*

Iridium-catalysed allylic substitutions with anionic N-nucleophiles were achieved with regioselectivity of up to 49:1 and enantiomeric excess of up to 98%. Sequential inter- and intramolecular aminations furnished pyrrolidine derivatives with >99%ee.

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Physiologically stable vanadium(IV) porphyrins as a new class of anti-HIV agents

Suk-Yu Wong, Raymond Wai-Yin Sun, Nancy P.-Y. Chung, Chen-Lung Lin and Chi-Ming Che*

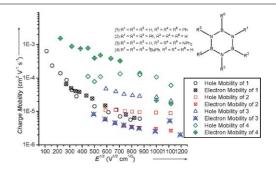
The water soluble oxovanadium(IV) tetraarylporphyrin 1a has demonstrated excellent solution stability against glutathione reduction and high potency (5 μ M, 97% inhibition) in inhibiting HIV-1 replication in Hut/CCR5 cells.

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Borazine materials for organic optoelectronic applications

Iona H. T. Sham, Chi-Chung Kwok, Chi-Ming Che* and Nianyong Zhu

Borazine materials have been found to be a new class of multifunctional and thermally stable materials with high electron (10^{-3} cm 2 V $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$) and moderate hole (10^{-4} cm 2 V $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$) mobilities for applications in electroluminescent devices.



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Photo-switched wettability on an electrostatic self-assembly azobenzene monolayer

Wuhui Jiang, Guojie Wang,* Yaning He, Xiaogong Wang, Yonglin An, Yanlin Song and Lei Jiang^{*}

A simple electrostatic self-assembly technique was used to fabricate a photo-switched azobenzene monolayer, on which superhydrophobicity and a large reversible CA change could



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A new europium chelate-based phosphorescence probe specific for singlet oxygen

Bo Song, Guilan Wang and Jingli Yuan*

The first europium chelate-based phosphorescence probe specific for singlet oxygen was synthesized, characterized and used for highly sensitive time-resolved luminescence detection of singlet oxygen.

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Macroreticular p-(ω -sulfonic-perfluoroalkylated) polystyrene ion-exchange resins: a new type of selective solid acid catalyst

Zhenghuan Lin and Chengxue Zhao*

Macroreticular p-(ω -sulfonic-perfluoroalkylated) polystyrene (FPS) cation-exchange resins have been synthesized based on macroreticular polystyrene (PS), and exhibited higher activity and selectivity than commercial Amberlyst 36 and Nafion NR50 in the cyclization of pseudoionone.

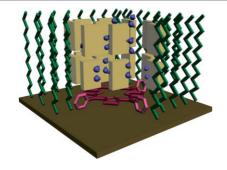
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Counting of labelled tyrosine molecules in hydrophobic yoctolitre wells filled with water

Sheshanath Bhosale, Guangtao Li, Fengting Li, Tianyu Wang, Rainer Ludwig, Thomas Emmler, Gerd Buntkowsky and Jürgen-Hinrich Fuhrhop*

Tyrosine, cellobiose, adrenaline and other cyclic edge amphiphiles are irreversibly entrapped in water-filled yoctolitre (10⁻²⁴ L) wells with hydrophobic walls. Solid-state NMR and radioactivity data indicate insoluble, hydrated tyrosine clusters.

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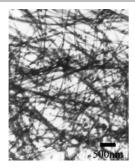


New generation ionic liquids: cations derived from amino acids

Guo-hong Tao, Ling He, Ning Sun and Yuan Kou*

More than one hundred chiral ionic liquids have been readily obtained directly from natural α -amino acids and α -amino acid ester salts *via* very simple preparations.

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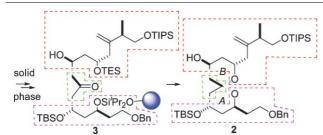


A surfactant-free route to single-crystalline CeO_2 nanowires

Bo Tang,* Linhai Zhuo, Jiechao Ge, Guangli Wang, Zhiqiang Shi and Jinye Niu

 CeO_2 single-crystalline nanowires were successfully synthesized using H_2O_2 and $Ce(NO_3)_3$ as starting materials in a hydrothermal system. H_2O_2 was used as an oxidizer and was also expected to be a template agent in the present experiment.

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Towards the combinatorial synthesis of spongistatin fragment libraries by using asymmetric aldol reactions on solid support

Ian Paterson,* Dirk Gottschling and Dirk Menche

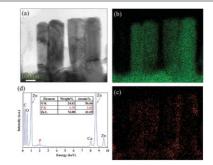
By relying on asymmetric boron-mediated aldol reactions, solid phase methodology for the stereoselective synthesis of highly substituted spiroacetals was developed and applied to the preparation of a complex AB-spiroacetal subunit of the antimitotic agent spongistatin 1 (altohyrtin A).

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Vertically well aligned P-doped ZnO nanowires synthesized on ZnO-Ga/glass templates

Cheng-Liang Hsu, Shoou-Jinn Chang, Yan-Ru Lin, Song-Yeu Tsai and I-Cherng Chen*

Vertically well aligned P-doped ZnO nanowires were prepared on ZnO-Ga/glass templates at 550 oC by reactive evaporation without metal catalysts.



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CuI-catalyzed intramolecular O-vinylation of carbonyl compounds

Yewen Fang and Chaozhong Li*

The first copper-catalyzed intramolecular O-vinylation of carbonyl compounds with vinyl bromides was reported, among which the efficient formation of 5-, 6- and even 7-membered cyclic alkenyl ethers was achieved with β -ketoesters as nucleophiles.

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Effect of surface modification on the reactivity of MCF-supported IndaBOX

Thomas M. Lancaster, Su Seong Lee and Jackie Y. Ying*

MCF-immobilized indaBOX-copper complexes, which show high enantioselectivities in asymmetric Diels-Alder and cyclopropanation reactions, were prepared using various linker groups and silanol capping agents.

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[5C + 1N] Annulation: a novel synthetic strategy for functionalized 2,3-dihydro-4-pyridones

Dewen Dong,* Xihe Bi, Qun Liu* and Fangdi Cong

A novel and facile route to functionalized mono/bicyclic 2,3dihydro-4-pyridones has been developed via formal [5C + 1N] annulation of readily available α -alkenoyl ketene-(S,S)-acetals with various aliphatic primary amines.

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Photovoltaic Cell

LiF (7 Å)

Alq₃ (100 Å)

Cz₂HPS*(300Å)

NPB (700 Å)

ITO Glass

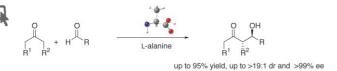
* Cz₂HPS(5%):Alq₃ blend

Making silole photovoltaically active by attaching carbazolyl donor groups to the silolyl acceptor core

Baoxiu Mi, Yongqiang Dong, Zhen Li, Jacky W. Y. Lam, Matthias Häußler, Herman H. Y. Sung, Hoi Sing Kwok, Yuping Dong, Ian D. Williams, Yunqi Liu, Yi Luo, Zhigang Shuai, Daoben Zhu and Ben Zhong Tang*

Appending carbazolyl groups to a hexaphenylsilole core yielded thermally and morphologically stable carbazolylsiloles; the silole carrying two carbazolyl peripheral groups (Cz₂HPS) showed photovoltaic activity.

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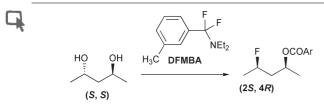


Acyclic amino acid-catalyzed direct asymmetric aldol reactions: alanine, the simplest stereoselective organocatalyst

Armando Córdova,* Weibiao Zou, Ismail Ibrahem, Efraim Reyes, Magnus Engqvist and Wei-Wei Liao

Remarkably, nature's simplest and oldest acyclic chiral amino acids catalyzed the asymmetric intermolecular aldol reaction with stereoselectivities matching aldolase enzymes that have evolved over billions of years.

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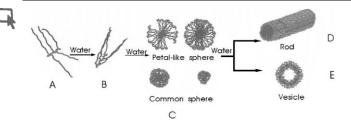


Selective monofluorination of diols using DFMBA

Atsushi Yoneda, Tsuyoshi Fukuhara and Shoji Hara*

Selective monofluorination of 1,2- and 1,3-diols was achieved by reaction with DFMBA.

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Multiple morphologies from amphiphilic graft copolymers based on chitooligosaccharides as backbones and polycaprolactones as branches

Caiqi Wang, Guangtao Li* and Ruirong Guo

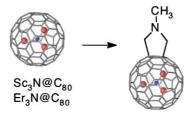
A new route to form multiple morphologies was outlined using amphiphilic graft copolymers with interesting biological and pharmacological properties by proper adjustment of backbone and graft chain length.

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Synthesis and characterization of the first trimetallic nitride templated pyrrolidino endohedral metallofullerenes

Ting Cai, Zhongxin Ge, Erick B. Iezzi, Thomas E. Glass, Kim Harich, Harry W. Gibson* and Harry C. Dorn*

Syntheses and characterization of the first TNT endohedral pyrrolidinometallofullerenes via 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of azomethine ylides to both diamagnetic and paramagnetic TNT endohedral metallofullerenes are reported.

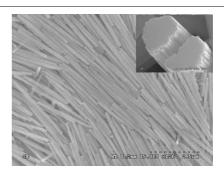


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Self-assembly of highly oriented one-dimensional h-WO₃ nanostructures

Zhanjun Gu, Ying Ma, Wensheng Yang, Guangjin Zhang and Jiannian Yao*

Uniform hexagonal WO3 nanowire bundles have been controllably synthesized under hydrothermal conditions. Each bundle acts as a unit and is composed of large numerous, highly aligned and closely packed nanowires.

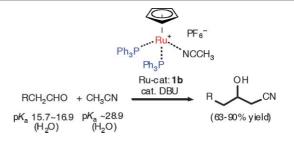


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Catalytic chemoselective addition of acetonitrile to enolizable aldehydes with cationic Ru complex/DBU combination

Naoya Kumagai, Shigeki Matsunaga and Masakatsu Shibasaki*

Chemoselective in situ nucleophilic activation of acetonitrile in the presence of more acidic α,α -nonsubstituted aldehydes was realized using a diphosphine Ru complex and DBU to afford β-hydroxynitriles in good yield.

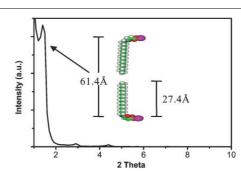


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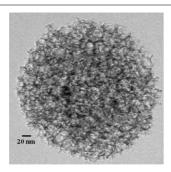
A hydrogelator derived from polymerisable amphiphilic octadecyl maleamic acid and its potential as a reactor in aqueous copolymerisation reactions

L. J. Milton Gaspar and Geetha Baskar*

Octadecyl maleamic acid sodium salt, a polymerisable surfactant, exhibiting hydrogelation phenomenon consisting of lamellar structures performs as a potential reactor in generating copolymers with a narrow distribution of molecular weight and particle size



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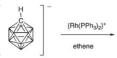
A general approach towards hierarchical porous carbon particles

J. Eric Hampsey, Qingyuan Hu, Lynn Rice, Jiebin Pang, Zhiwang Wu and Yunfeng Lu*

A general aerosol-based approach was explored to synthesize various nanoporous spherical carbon particles from aqueous sucrose solutions containing colloidal silica particles and/or silicate cluster templates.

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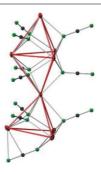
Polyethyl substituted weakly coordinating carborane anions: a sequential dehydrogenative borylation-hydrogenation route

Eduardo Molinos, Gabriele Kociok-Köhn and Andrew S. Weller*

Polyethylated carborane monoanions based on $[closo-CB_{11}H_{12}]^-$ can be prepared by a sequential rhodium catalysed dehydrogenative borylation then hydrogenation.

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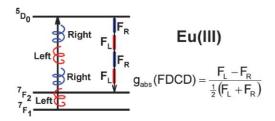


$Eu_8(NCN)_{5-\delta}I_{6+2\delta}$ ($\delta=0.05$): a novel rare-earth carbodiimide iodide containing oligomeric tritetrahedral Eu_8 clusters

Wuping Liao, Boniface P. T. Fokwa and Richard Dronskowski*

The structure of Eu₈(NCN)_{4.95}I_{6.10} contains Eu₈–NCN^{2–} layers which are bridged by iodide and carbodiimide anions.

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The measurement of the fluorescence detected circular dichroism (FDCD) from a chiral Eu(III) system

Gilles Muller, Françoise C. Muller, Christine L. Maupin and James P. Riehl*

Fluorescence detected circular dichroism (FDCD) from Eu(III) in an aqueous solution of Eu(2,6-pyridine-dicarboxylate)₃³⁻ perturbed by the addition of (+)-dimethyltartrate is reported. FDCD results are in agreement with measurements of the CD and circularly polarized luminescence (CPL).

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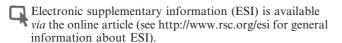
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