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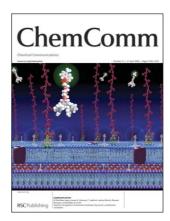
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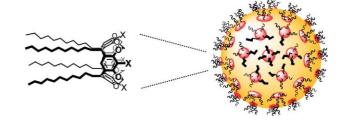
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### Calixarene-encapsulated nanoparticles: self-assembly into functional nanomaterials

Alexander Wei\*

Calixarenes are excellent surfactants for mediating the self-assembly of nanoparticles into functional materials. Examples include gold nanoparticle arrays with tunable plasmonic responses, and cobalt nanoparticle rings with chiral magnetic states.



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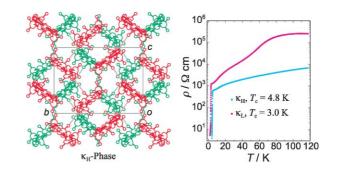
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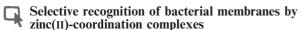
New ambient pressure organic superconductors  $\kappa_{H}$ - and  $\kappa_L$ -(DMEDO-TSeF)<sub>2</sub>[Au(CN)<sub>4</sub>](THF)

Takashi Shirahata,\* Megumi Kibune and Tatsuro Imakubo\*

We have developed two novel organic superconductors  $\kappa_{H^-}$  and  $\kappa_{L^-}(DMEDO\text{-TSeF})_2[Au(CN)_4](THF)$  with the onset transition temperatures of 4.8 K for the  $\kappa_{H^-}$ phase and 3.0 K for the  $\kappa_{\rm I}$ -phase at ambient pressure, where DMEDO-TSeF is the second example following TMTSF after an interval of 25 years as a sulfur-free donor providing a bulk organic superconductor.

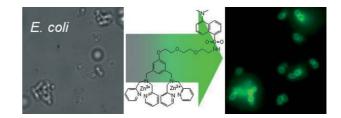


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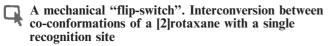


W. Matthew Leevy, James R. Johnson, C. Lakshmi, Joshua Morris, Manuel Marquez and Bradley D. Smith\*

Fluorescently labelled zinc(II)-coordination complexes are shown by epifluorescence microscopy to selectively stain the surfaces of bacterial cells in the presence of mammalian cells.

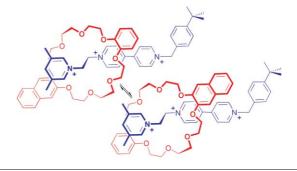


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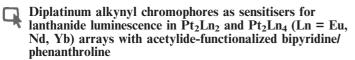


Stephen J. Loeb,\* Jorge Tiburcio and Sarah J. Vella

[2]Rotaxanes incorporating 1,2-bis(pyridinium)ethane axles and naphtho-benzo-24-crown-8 ether can adopt two distinct co-conformations. Solution studies allow measurement of the relative populations of the isomers and solvent polarity can be used to manipulate the isomer ratio.

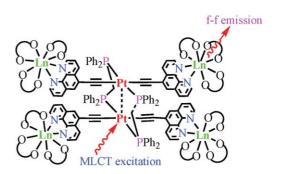


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Hai-Bing Xu, Lin-Xi Shi, En Ma, Li-Yi Zhang, Qiao-Hua Wei and Zhong-Ning Chen\*

Excitation of diplatinum alkynyl chromophores in Pt<sub>2</sub>Ln<sub>2</sub> and Pt<sub>2</sub>Ln<sub>4</sub> (Ln = Eu, Nd, Yb) arrays with acetylide-functionalized bipyridine/phenanthroline induces sensitisation of lanthanide luminescence through efficient  $d \rightarrow f$  energy transfer from  $Pt^{II}$ alkynyl chromophores.



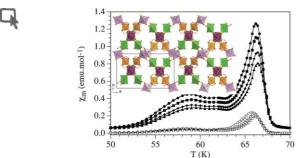
Normalised Absorbance

# Conformational locking for band gap control in 3,4-propylenedioxythiophene based electrochromic polymers

Ryan M. Walczak, John S. Cowart, Jr., Khalil A. Abboud and John R. Reynolds\*

The authors report a tethered poly(3,4-propylenedioxythiophene) derivative with a built-in polymer conformation restriction which locks the conjugated chain at a specific dihedral angle.

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# A new Co(II) coordination solid with mixed oxygen, carboxylate, pyridine and thiolate donors exhibiting canted antiferromagnetism with $T_{\rm C}\approx68~{\rm K}$

Simon M. Humphrey, Antonio Alberola, Carlos J. Gómez García and Paul T. Wood\*

A new thiolate-bridged coordination solid has been prepared using hydrothermal synthesis. The material has a spontaneous magnetic moment due to spin canting, and the strong magnetic exchange due to the thiolate ligands leads to a high ordering temperature of 68 K.

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## Polymerized surface micelles formed under mild conditions

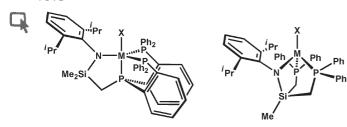
Fang Liu, Mingfeng Wang, Zhiqiang Wang and Xi Zhang\*

A new polymerizable surfactant 1-[11-(lipoyloxy)-undecyl]-pyridinium bromide was synthesized, which provides a new approach for polymerising micelles under mild conditions.

Polymerizable micelle

Polymerized micelle

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## Complexes of iron and cobalt with new tripodal amido-polyphosphine hybrid ligands

Matthew T. Whited, Eric Rivard and Jonas C. Peters\*

Divalent complexes of iron and cobalt with new, monoanionic tripodal amido-polyphosphine ligands have been thoroughly characterized, and XRD analysis reveals geometries that are distinct for this class of ligand.

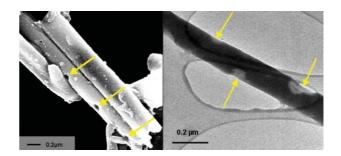
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### Perforated organometallic nanotubes prepared from a Rh N-heterocyclic carbene using a porous alumina membrane

Sathyajith Ravindran, G. T. Senthil Andavan, Chunglin Tsai, Cengiz S. Ozkan\* and T. Keith Hollis\*

A porous alumina membrane has been used to template an organometallic compound for the formation of 200 nm diameter hollow nanotubes that contain semi-regular perforations (nanopores).



### 1619



Chul-Ho Jun,\* Young Jun Park, Ye-Rim Yeon, Joon-rak Choi, Woo-ram Lee, Seung-jin Ko and Jinwoo Cheon<sup>\*</sup>

Co@Pt nanoparticles as a bifunctional nanoplatform system for the hydrogenation of various unsaturated organic molecules under mild conditions and also for magnetic separation and recycling are demonstrated.

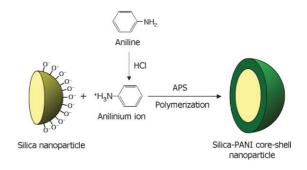


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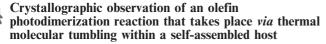
### Synthesis and characterization of monodisperse silica-polyaniline core-shell nanoparticles

Jyongsik Jang,\* Jungseok Ha and Byungkwon Lim

Monodisperse silica-polyaniline core-shell nanoparticles with an average diameter of 26 nm were synthesized by in-situ polymerisation of aniline monomers adsorbed on the silica surface through electrostatic interactions.

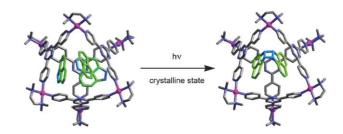


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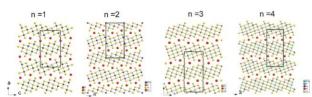
Kanji Takaoka, Masaki Kawano,\* Tomoji Ozeki and Makoto Fujita\*

The distances between the reaction centers of acenaphthylene guests in a self-assembled cage are larger than the Schmidt rule allows for topochemical coupling in the crystalline state. Nevertheless, [2 + 2] photodimerization takes place stereoselectively because the guests are mobile in the cavity.



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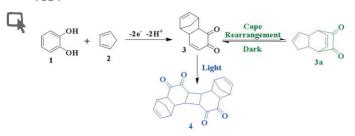


A new chalcogenide homologous series  $A_2[M_{5+n}Se_{9+n}]$  (A = Rb, Cs; M = Bi, Ag, Cd)

Jun-Ho Kim, Duck-Young Chung and Mercouri G. Kanatzidis\*

Understanding the building principles in homologies has implications in the design of solid state compounds. The new homology  $A_2[M_{5+n}Se_{9+n}]$  (A = Rb, Cs; M = Bi, Ag, Cd; n = 1, 2, 3, 4) contains several members, some of which were predicted from the formula.

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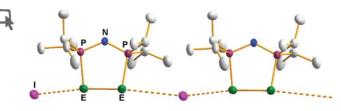


Electrochemical oxidation of catechol in the presence of cyclopentadiene. Investigation of electrochemically induced Diels-Alder reactions

Davood Nematollahi,\* Mark S. Workentin and Esmail Tammari

We describe the synthesis and kinetic evaluation of compounds from [4 + 2] alone and [4 + 2] followed by [2 + 2] cycloaddition reactions of electrochemically generated o-benzoquinone with 1,3-cyclopentadiene.

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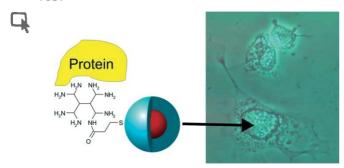


The cyclic  $[N(P^iPr_2E)_2]^+$  (E = Se, Te) cations: a new class of inorganic ring system

Jari Konu, Tristram Chivers\* and Heikki M. Tuononen

The formation of the cyclic cations,  $[N(P'Pr_2E)_2]^+$  (E = Se, Te) with unusually long E–E bonds represents a novel feature of the chemistry of dichalcogenoimidodiphosphinate ligands. The iodide salts form infinite chains of non-planar five-membered rings linked by weak chalcogen–iodine contacts.

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Thiolated PAMAM dendrimer-coated CdSe/ZnSe nanoparticles as protein transfection agents

Adam C. Wisher, Igor Bronstein\* and Victor Chechik\*

Dendrimer-coated CdSe nanoparticles help transport proteins across the cell membrane.

### Organic rectifying junctions from an electron-accepting molecular wire and an electron-donating phthalocyanine

Geoffrey J. Ashwell,\* Wayne D. Tyrrell, Barbara Urasinska, Changsheng Wang and Martin R. Bryce\*

Rectifying junctions with current ratios of 20–80 at  $\pm 1$  V have been obtained by protonating wire-like molecules and ionically coupling with anionic donors.

### 1643



### On the origin of the Murchison meteorite phosphonates. Implications for pre-biotic chemistry

Ian B. Gorrell, Liming Wang, Alison J. Marks, David E. Bryant, Frédérique Bouillot, Andrew Goddard, Dwayne E. Heard and Terence P. Kee\*

Ab initio calculations, combined with experimental studies on the anaerobic hydrolysis of phosphaalkynes under thermal and photochemical conditions suggest a potential, exogenous source of reduced oxidation state phosphorus for the early Earth.



### 1646



### Synthesis and reactivity of a 9-membered azaenediyne: importance of proximity effect in N-alkylation

Sandip Kumar Roy and Amit Basak\*

Synthesis of a 9-membered azaenediyne has been achieved for the first time via intramolecular N-alkylation. The importance of proximity of the reacting centres via cobalt carbonyl complexation of the acetylenic moiety has been demonstrated. The azaenediyne smoothly underwent Bergman cyclization even at 0 °C.

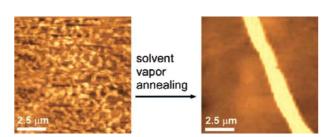
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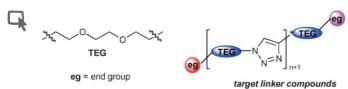


### Surface-assisted one-dimensional self-assembly of a perylene based semiconductor molecule

Aniket Datar, Randy Oitker and Ling Zang\*

Chloroform-vapor annealing of thin films of propoxyethyl perylene tetracarboxylic diimide (PE-PTCDI, an n-type semiconductor) deposited on glass or mica leads to formation of well-defined one-dimensional self-assemblies (e.g. nanobelts), which show optically uniaxial properties as demonstrated by the linearly polarized emission.



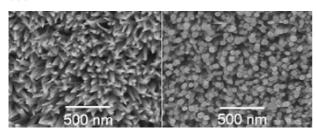


## An iterative route to "decorated" ethylene glycol-based linkers

Genliang Lu, Sang Lam and Kevin Burgess\*

Iterative copper-catalyzed cycloadditions of azides to alkynes were used to join functionalized triethylene glycol molecules to give "linkers" of defined lengths equipped with several different end-group functionalities.

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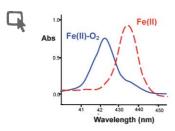


## Controlled one-step fabrication of highly oriented ZnO nanoneedle/nanorods arrays at near room temperature

Xufeng Wu, Hua Bai, Chun Li, Gewu Lu and Gaoquan Shi\*

Highly oriented ZnO nanoneedle/nanorods arrays have been fabricated by direct oxidation of zinc foil in alkaline zincate ion solution at near room temperature (20 °C for nanoneedles, 30 °C for nanorods).

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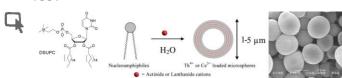


## Porphyrin cored hyperbranched polymers as heme protein models

Lance J. Twyman\* and Yi Ge

Synthesis of hyperbranched polymer possessing similar functionality, size and topology to the natural heme containing proteins is reported. Specifically the single step synthesis of a porphyrin cored hyperbranched polymer along with its ability to reversibly bind  $O_2$  is described.

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## Self-assembled microspheres from f-block elements and nucleoamphiphiles

Louis Moreau, Fabio Ziarelli, Mark W. Grinstaff and Philippe Barthélémy\*

Hollow microspheres featuring a hybrid lipid–cation multilamellar shell are prepared by hydration of a nucleoside based amphiphile with an aqueous solution containing either actinide or lanthanide salts.

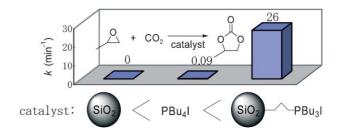
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Synergistic hybrid catalyst for cyclic carbonate synthesis: Remarkable acceleration caused by immobilization of homogeneous catalyst on silica

Toshikazu Takahashi, Tsutomu Watahiki, Shoji Kitazume, Hiroyuki Yasuda and Toshiyasu Sakakura\*

The catalytic activity of phosphonium salts towards cyclic carbonate synthesis from propylene oxide and CO<sub>2</sub> has been enormously enhanced by their immobilization onto silica that itself has no catalytic activity.

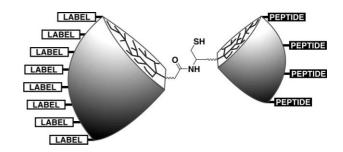


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Strategy for the synthesis of multivalent peptide-based nonsymmetric dendrimers by native chemical ligation

Anouk Dirksen, E. W. Meijer,\* Wencke Adriaens and Tilman M. Hackeng\*

A strategy for the synthesis of multivalent peptide-based nonsymmetric dendrimers by native chemical ligation using poly(lysine) dendritic wedges as scaffolds is presented.



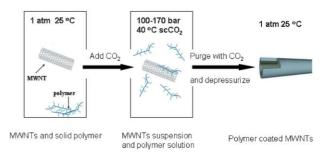
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Coating carbon nanotubes with polymer in supercritical carbon dioxide

Jiawei Wang, Andrei N. Khlobystov,\* Wenxin Wang,\* Steven M. Howdle and Martyn Poliakoff

A facile and efficient method has been developed for coating MWNTs with solvent resistant polymer in scCO<sub>2</sub>. It permits the selective deposition of high molecular weight fluorinated graft poly(methyl vinyl ether-alt-maleic anhydride) polymer onto MWNTs in scCO<sub>2</sub> under 100–170 bar at 40 °C. The coating layer has an average thickness of  $\sim 2$  nm.



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An iron-catalysed chemo- and regioselective tetrahydrofuran synthesis

Gerhard Hilt, Patrick Bolze and Iris Kieltsch

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