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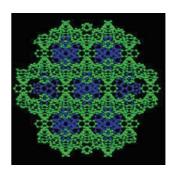
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Lanthanide-transition metal coordination polymers based on multiple N- and O-donor ligands

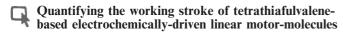
Youfu Zhou, Maochun Hong* and Xintao Wu

A series of lanthanide-transition metal (Ln-M) coordination polymers were synthesized with various structure motifs (such as multi-encapsulated cations within a charged cavity and high-nuclear heterometallic clusters) and rich magnetic properties.



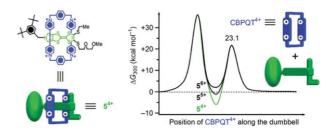
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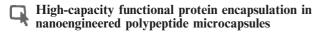


Sune Nygaard, Bo W. Laursen, Amar H. Flood, Camilla N. Hansen, Jan O. Jeppesen* and J. Fraser Stoddart*

A highly constrained [2]rotaxane, constructed in such a way that the tetracationic cyclobis(paraquat-p-phenylene) ring is restricted to reside on a monopyrrolotetrathiafulvalene unit, has been synthesized and characterized. This design allows the deslipping free energy barrier for the tetracationic ring in all three redox states of the rotaxane to be determined.

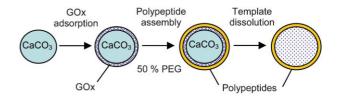


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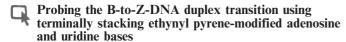


Zheng-liang Zhi and Donald T. Haynie*

Addition of polyethylene glycol to aqueous assembly solutions of oppositely charged polypeptides enables high-capacity "loading" of functional glucose oxidase (GOx) in biocompatible microcapsules by template-supported layer-by-layer nanoassembly.

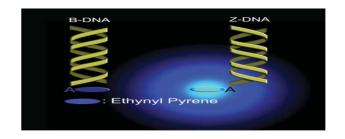


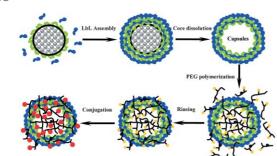
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Young Jun Seo and Byeang Hyean Kim*

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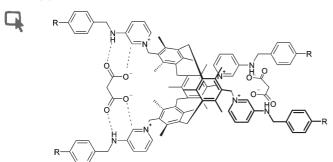


Synthesis and functionalization of monodisperse poly(ethylene glycol) hydrogel microspheres within polyelectrolyte multilayer microcapsules

Huiguang Zhu* and Michael J. McShane

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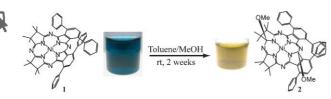


Modular assembly of a preorganised, ditopic receptor for dicarboxylates

Maria H. Filby, Terry D. Humphries, David R. Turner, Ritu Kataky, Jaanus Kruusma and Jonathan W. Steed*

Two types of calix[4]arene derived hosts for anions with, respectively, 1,3-alternate and cone conformations have been prepared. The 1,3-alternate system binds dicarboxylate anions in a ditopic manner while the cone compounds are deprotonated by carboxylates.

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Skeletal modification of a non-planar phthalocyanine analogue under very mild conditions

Takamitsu Fukuda, Yusuke Ogi and Nagao Kobayashi*

A sterically congested tetraphenyl-substituted dibenzo-tetraazaisobacteriochlorinato nickel derivative (1) reacts with methanol under very mild conditions, leading to the formation of a bis-methoxy-substituted derivative (2).

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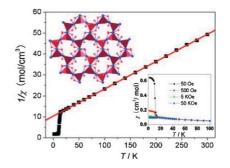
Jian-Qiang Wang, Chun-Xia Ren, Lin-Hong Weng and Guo-Xin Jin*

The supramolecular complexes $\{(Zn-TPyP)[Cp^*Ir\{S_2C_2(B_{10}H_{10})\}]_4(THF)_2\}$ (2), $\{(Cu-TPyP)[Cp_*^IIr\{S_2C_2(B_{10}H_{10})\}]_4(THF)_2\}$ (3) and $\{(Zn-TPyP)[Cp_*Ir\{S_2C_2(B_{10}H_{10})\}]_2\cdot 6(CHCl_3)\}_n$ (4) were synthesized and characterized by X-ray crystallography.

Coexistence of spin frustration and long-range magnetic ordering in a triangular $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})$ -based two-dimensional compound

Yan-Zhen Zheng, Ming-Liang Tong, Wei-Xiong Zhang and Xiao-Ming Chen*

A novel two-dimensional compound $[\text{Co}_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2(1,2\text{-chdc})_2]_{\infty}$ (1,2-chdc = trans-1, 2-cyclohexane-dicarboxylate) comprising triangular arrays of $\text{Co}^{II}_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})$ affording a Kagomé-like lattice exhibits the coexistence of spin frustration and long-range magnetic ordering.

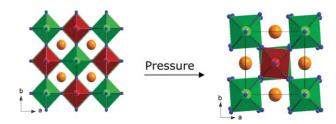


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Pressure induced octahedral tilting distortion in Ba₂YTaO₆

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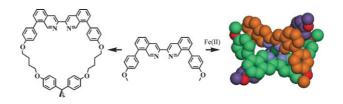
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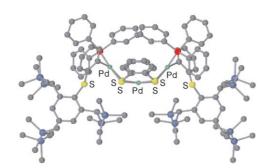
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Arin Ghasparian, Kerstin Moehle, Anthony Linden and John A. Robinson*

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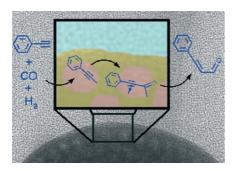
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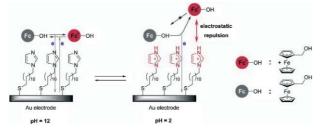
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Frédéric Goettmann, Pascal Le Floch* and Clément Sanchez*

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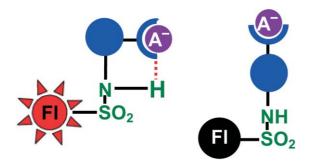
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Seongpil Hwang, Young Shik Chi, Bang Sook Lee, Sang-gi Lee,* Insung S. Choi* and Juhyoun Kwak*

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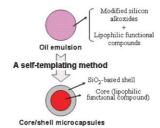
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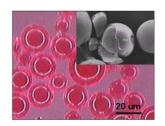
Intramolecular H-bonding stabilization of anion-ionophore adducts leads to a dramatic modulation of fluorescence, from quenching to enhancement.

Core/shell silica-based in-situ microencapsulation: A self-templating method

Bok Yeop Ahn, Sang Il Seok,* In Chan Baek and Suk-In Hong

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A highly selective synthesis of 3-hydroxy-2-methylpropionamide involving a one-pot tandem hydroformylation-hydrogenation sequence

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3-Hydroxy-2-methylpropionamide, an important intermediate in the synthesis of methyl methacrylate, has been obtained with excellent conversion from acrylamide by a tandem hydroformylation-hydrogenation sequence.

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Electrochemical annulation of five-membered rings through dearomatization of furans and thiophenes

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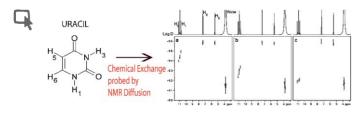
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Skeletal change in the PNP pincer ligand leads to a highly regioselective alkyne dimerization catalyst

Wei Weng, Chengyun Guo, Remle Çelenligil-Çetin, Bruce M. Foxman and Oleg V. Ozerov*

A Rh complex of a bulky PNP pincer ligand is a robust catalyst for the dimerization of terminal alkynes and highly selective of the *trans*-enyne product.

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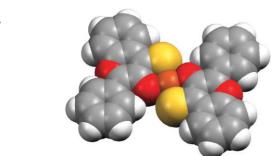


Determining chemical exchange rates of the uracil labile protons by NMR diffusion experiments

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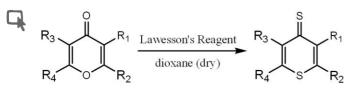


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Daniel Brayton, Faith E. Jacobsen, Seth M. Cohen and Patrick J. Farmer*

A one-pot reaction of maltol with Lawesson's reagent generates dithiomaltol, a thiopyran-4-thione, *via* an unusual heterocyclic atom exchange (HCAE) reaction; only pyrones with proton or aliphatic substituents undergo the HCAE substitution.

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Novel highly selective catalytic oxychlorination of phenols

Luciano Menini and Elena V. Gusevskaya*

The highly selective oxychlorination of various phenols catalyzed by CuCl₂ under mild conditions, in which chloride ions are used as chlorinating agents and dioxygen as a final oxidant, has been developed.

Crystal orientation-ordered ZnO nanorod bundles on hexagonal heads of ZnO microcones: epitaxial growth and self-attraction

Xinhai Han, Guanzhong Wang,* Lei Zhou and J. G. Hou

We demonstrate a preferential nucleation, epitaxial growth, and self-attraction of crystal orientation-ordered ZnO nanorod bundles on (0001) plane of single-crystal ZnO microcones.





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Protonated N'-benzyl-N'-prolyl proline hydrazide as highly enantioselective catalyst for direct asymmetric aldol reaction

Chuanling Cheng, Jian Sun,* Chao Wang, Yu Zhang, Siyu Wei, Fan Jiang and Yundong Wu*

A proline hydrazide derivative has been developed for the first time as a highly enantioselective organocatalyst. Protonated N'-benzyl-N'-prolyl proline hydrazide catalyzes the asymmetric direct aldol reaction of aromatic aldehydes and ketones with up to 96% ee.

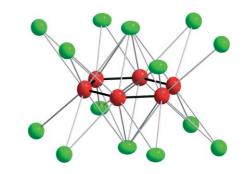


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Florian Kraus, Jörn Schmedt auf der Günne, Brian F. DiSalle and Nikolaus Korber*

The solid state NMR spectra of the binary alkali hexaphosphides Rb_4P_6 and Cs_4P_6 unambiguously show the $P_6^{\,4-}$ anion not to be aromatic.

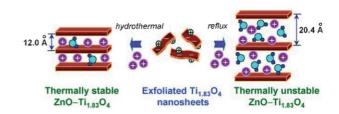


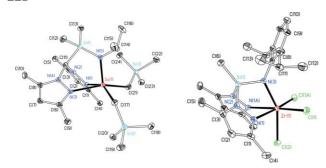
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Zinc oxide-layered titanate nanohybrids with a 1:1 ordered heterostructure have been synthesized for the first time by reassembling exfoliated titanate nanosheets in the sol solution of zinc acetate under hydrothermal or reflux conditions.





A novel transformation of a zirconium imido compound and the development of a new class of N_3 donor heteroscorpionate ligand

Robert G. Howe, Cara S. Tredget, Sally C. Lawrence, Suparabhorn Subongkoj, Andrew R. Cowley and Philip Mountford*

Reaction of $[Zr_2(\mu\text{-NAr})_2Cl_4(THF)_4]$ with MeSi(Me₂pz)₃ gave $[Zr\{(Me_2pz)_2Si(Me)NAr\}Cl_3],$ a highly active pre-catalyst for ethylene polymerisation. A general route to N_3 donor heteroscorpionate compounds was achieved via $(Me_2pz)_2CHSi(Me)_2N(H)^iPr.$

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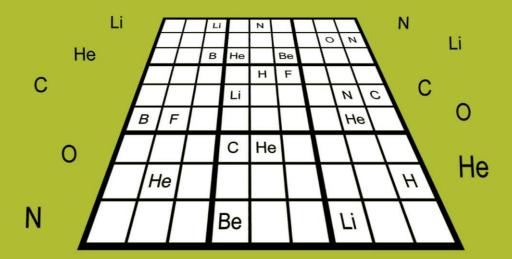
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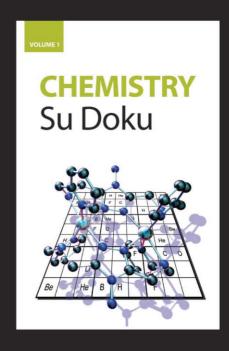


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