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R. R. Ernst\*

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#### Nanomaterials —

M. Kubeil, H. Stephan,\* H.-J. Pietzsch, G. Geipel, D. Appelhans, B. Voit, J. Hoffmann, B. Brutschy, Y. V. Mironov, K. A. Brylev, V. E. Fedorov

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**Catch and release!** The encapsulation and release of nanometersized anionic rhenium cluster complexes in biocompatible maltosedecorated dendrimers have been studied in detail through the application of different physico-chemical methods. The determined properties suggest the possibility for the development of the next generation of dendritic nanocarriers with specific targeting of destined tissue for therapeutic treatments.



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J. A. Keith, G. Jerkiewicz, T. Jacob\*

# Theoretical Investigations of the Oxygen Reduction Reaction on Pt(111)

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#### Chemical Proteomics -

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#### **Target Profiling of a Small Library of Phosphodiesterase 5** (PDE5) Inhibitors using Chemical Proteomics

An interactome experience! A small library of phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE5) inhibitors was immobilized and used to map interacting proteins in rat testis tissue. The relative binding of the identified proteins was determined using quantitative mass spectrometry, showing that this chemical proteomics approach allows for the easy analysis of the differential interactome of bioactive small molecules.





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#### Ionic Liquids -

X. Cui, S. Zhang, F. Shi,\* Q. Zhang, X. Ma, L. Lu, Y. Deng\*

#### The Influence of the Acidity of Ionic Liquids on Catalysis

**Reactions performed in ionic liquids** with  $BF_4^-$  as anion progress under strongly acidic conditions. The acidity of some air- and moisture-stable ionic liquids is explored and its effect on catalytic reactions is studied. The function of these ionic liquids in some traditional acid-catalyzed reactions is also tested, and the results merit a reconsideration of their influence on catalytic reactions and use in other applications.





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#### Gold Catalysis

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#### A New Insight into Gold(I)-Catalyzed Hydration of Alkynes: Proton Transfer

**Solvent molecules** have a significant impact on the mechanism of the gold(I)-catalyzed hydration of alkynes as they enable an efficient proton transfer step. As an alternative to such a water-assisted proton transfer, the counterion can serve as a proton shuttle. However, it seems likely that solvent molecules play a vital role for the overall reaction mechanism in either case.



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#### **Recent Progress in the Heterogenization of Complexes for Single-Site Epoxidation Catalysis**

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C. Zanato, L. Pignataro, A. Ambrosi, Z. Hao, C. Gennari\*

#### A Highly Stereoselective Total Synthesis of (+)-9-epi-Dictyostatin

Eleven stereogenic centers and four stereogenic double bonds were obtained with a high level of stereocontrol in the total synthesis of (+)-9-*epi*-dictyostatin, a diastereomer of the antimitotic marine-sponge-derived macrolide (-)-dictyostatin.



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