



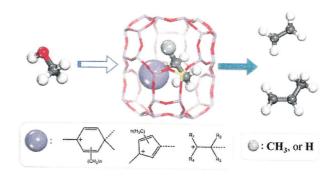


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### **Chemistry Author Up Close**

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Understanding Zeolites Catalyzed Methanol-to-Olefins Conversion from Theoretical Calculations



This personal account summarizes the work of Xie group on the understanding of the hydrocarbon pool mechanism for the MTO conversion from theoretical calculations.

Chuanming Wang, Yangdong Wang, Zaiku Xie\*

#### **Breaking Report**

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Catalytic Enantioselective Simultaneous Control of Axial Chirality and Central Chirality in Allenes

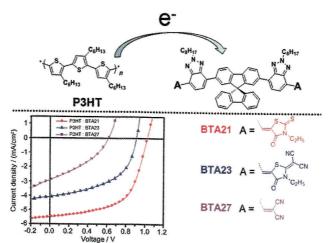
Jianxin Dai, Xinyu Duan, Jing Zhou, Chunling Fu, Shengming Ma\*

A protocol for preparation of chiral allenes with both central and axial chiralities via a catalytic asymmetric allenylation of different biologically or synthetically useful fluorinated or non-fluorinated nucleophiles with one pair of diastereomer of racemic allenylic acetates by using a single chiral ligand was developed.

# Comprehensive Reports

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Wide Band Gap Non-Fullerene Small Molecular Acceptors Containing Spirobifluorene and Benzotriazole with Three Different End-Capped Groups for P3HT-Based Organic Solar Cells



With P3HT as donor, three spirofluorene-benzotriazole based non-fullerene small molecule acceptors display largely different photovoltaic performances strongly depending on the substituted terminal acceptor units.

Xiaoyu Wen, Bo Xiao, Ailing Tang, Junyi Hu, Chunhe Yang,\* Erjun Zhou\*

#### Concise Reports

Silver-Catalyzed Three-Component Coupling of Carbon Dioxide, Amines and α-Diazoesters

Readily available reagents and catalyst

up to 82% yield

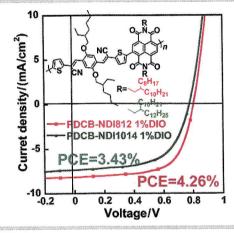
☑ Good atom economy

High functional group tolerance

A silver-catalyzed three-component coupling reaction between carbon dioxide, amines and lpha-diazoesters has been developed for the first time. The novel reaction provides a facile and efficient method for the synthesis of a wide range of new  $\alpha$ -carbamoyloxy esters, which are difficult to access by existing methods.

Chaorong Qi,\* Donghao Yan, Wenfang Xiong, Huanfeng Jiang\*

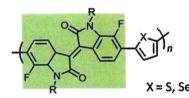
n-Type Conjugated Polymer Based on Dicyanodistyrylbenzene and Naphthalene Diimide Units for All-Polymer Solar Cells



A novel n-type conjugated polymer based on dicvanodistyrylbenzene and naphthalene diimide units for all-PSCs could achieve an enhanced PCE of 4.26%.

Baitian He, Qingwu Yin, Jie Zhang,\* Tao Jia, Xiye Yang, Xiao-Fang Jiang, Fei Huang,\* Yong Cao

Polymer Electron Acceptors Based on Fluorinated Isoindigo Unit for Polymer Solar Cells

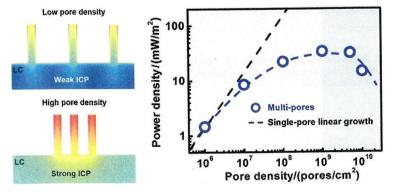


Polymer electron acceptors based on F-IID as the electron-deficient building block

Junhui Miao, Han Xu, Bin Meng,\* Jun Liu,\* Lixiang Wang

A new kind of polymer electron acceptors based on fluorinated isoindigo (F-IID) as the electrondeficient building block has been developed. The resulting polymers based on F-IID show low-lying LUMO/HOMO energy levels, high electron mobilities and broad absorption spectra, enabling applications as electron acceptors in polymer solar cells.

Anomalous Pore-Density Dependence in Nanofluidic Osmotic Power Generation



Jianjian Su, Danyan Ji, Jialiang Tang, Hao Li, Yaping Feng, Liuxuan Cao,\* Lei Jiang, Wei Guo

Over-crowded nanopore arrangement impairs charge selectivity and induces strong ion concentration polarization (ICP) that undermines the osmotic energy conversion, showing anomalous pore-density dependence.

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Copper(I)-Catalyzed Asymmetric [3+2]-Cycloaddition of a-Substituted Iminoesters with a-Trifluoromethyl α,β-Unsaturated Esters

98% ee, >20:1 d.r.

√ Good yields, d.r., ees, etc. 
√ One CF<sub>3</sub> all-carbon quarternary stereocenter

 $\checkmark$  Four contiguous chiral stereocenters  $\ \ \checkmark$  Two (aza)-quaternary stereocenters

Shan Xu, Bing Liu, Zhan-Ming Zhang, Bing Xu, Junliang Zhang

A highly regio-, diastereo- and enantioselective Cu(I)-catalyzed intermolecular [3+2] cycloaddition reaction of lpha-substituted iminoesters with lpha-trifluoromethyl lpha,eta-unsaturated esters was developed, which provided a facile access to pyrrolidines with two skipped (aza)quaternary stereocenters including a CF<sub>3</sub> all-carbon quaternary stereocenter.

Lactonization of C(sp2)—H Bonds in Enamides with CO2

+ Easily available

+ User-friendly

+ Scalable + Important and Diverse

+ Broad substrate scope

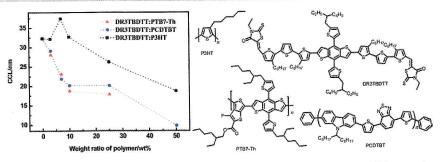
+ Low pressure

+ Green + Easy derivation

Zhen Zhang,\* Chun-Jun Zhu, Meng Miao, Jie-Lian Han, Tao Ju, Lei Song, Jian-Heng Ye, Jing Li, Da-Gang Yu\*

In this paper, carbon dioxide is used directly as an ideal carbonyl source for the one-pot lactonization of enamides C(sp²)—H bonds to synthesize important 1,3-oxazin-6-ones. These transition metal-free and redox-neutral reactions feature a broad substrate scope, good functional group tolerance and facile product derivatization.

DR3TBDTT Based Ternary Blends Containing Conjugated Polymers: Crystallization Determines Morphology and Performance



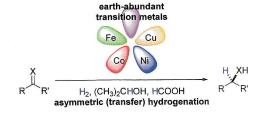
Jingping Yin, Weihua Zhou,\* Qingyun Xiangchuan Meng, Siqi Liu, Zoukangning Yu, Jianrong Zeng, Yiwang Chen\*

How the conjugated polymers affect the crystallization of DR3TBDTT, in addition to the corresponding morphology and performance, is not well understood. We introduced PTB7-Th, PCDTBT and P3HT to investigate the influence of crystallization. We found that despite of energy level alignment, the crystallization of DR3TBDTT influenced by polymers determines the corresponding morphology of active layers and photovoltaic performance.

# **Recent Advances**

Asymmetric Transfer and Pressure Hydrogenation with Earth-Abundant Transition Metal Catalysts

Zhenfeng Zhang, Nicholas Andrew Butt, Muxing Zhou, Delong Liu, Wanbin Zhang



This review summarizes advances in the asymmetric transfer and pressure hydrogenation of ketones, imines and alkenes with earth-abundant transition metal catalysts.

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Recent Advances in Photocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Using Earth-Abundant Metal Complexes-**Derived Photocatalysts** 



Earth-abundant metal complexes show promising applications in photocatalytic reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> with H<sub>2</sub>O into energy-rich chemicals under visible light irradation.

Yanfei Zhao, Zhimin Liu\*

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