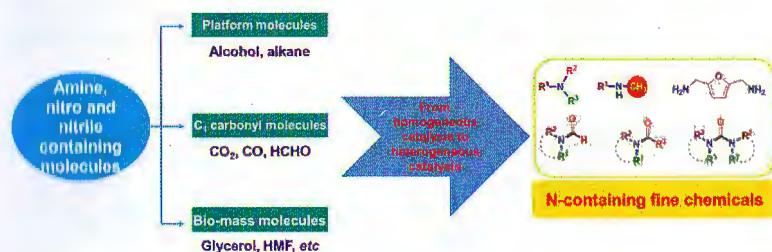


## Chemistry Authors Up Close

### Towards Economic and Sustainable Amination with Green and Renewable Feedstocks

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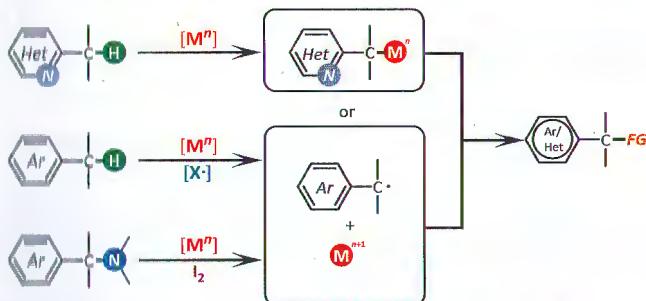


This account describes our results in the clean and economic synthesis of N-substituted amines with amine, ammonia, nitrobenzene or nitrile as nitrogen sources and alcohol, alkane or  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{HCHO}$ ,  $\text{CO}$ , and biomass resources as alkylation or formylation reagents.

### Catalytic Benzylation Reactions: From C–H Bond Activation to C–N Bond Activation

Tianxiao Jiang, Hongchi Liu, Haocheng Zhang, and Hanmin Huang\*

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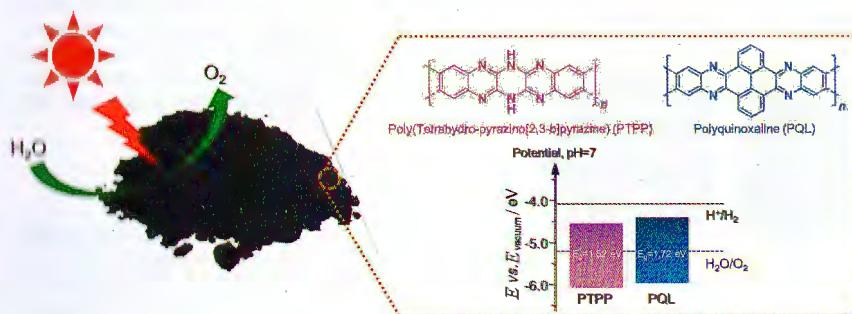
Transition-metal-catalyzed benzylic C–H and C–N bond activation provides efficient strategies for the generation of reactive benzyl-containing species from simple alkylarene and benzylamine substrates, which pave the way for a wide range of novel catalytic benzylation reactions.

## Concise Reports

### Fully Conjugated Ladder Polymers as Metal-Free Photocatalysts for Visible-Light-Driven Water Oxidation

Xiaoyu Ma, Hailun Wang, Jun Cheng, Hao Cheng, Lei Wang,\* Xiaojun Wu,\* and Hangxun Xu\*

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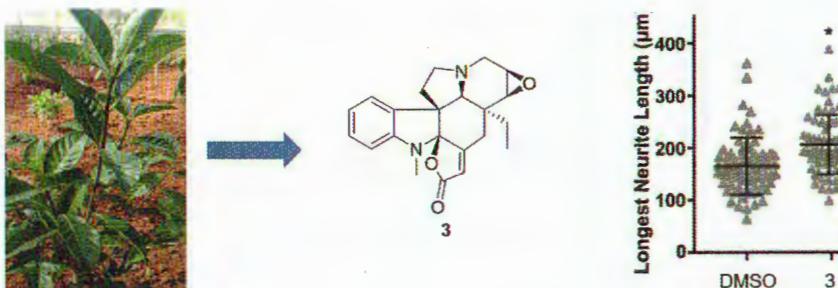


Two fully conjugated ladder polymers with suitable band structures are developed for visible-light-driven water oxidation. Our study highlights the potential of utilizing conjugated ladder polymers for various photocatalytic applications considering that their chemical and electronic properties can be rationally designed from the molecular level.

**Monoterpene Indole Alkaloids with Promoting Neurite Growth from *Tabernaemontana divaricata***

Yan Deng, Yang Yu, Bao-Bao Shi, Mei-Fen Bao, Si-Meng Zhao, and Xiang-Hai Cai\*

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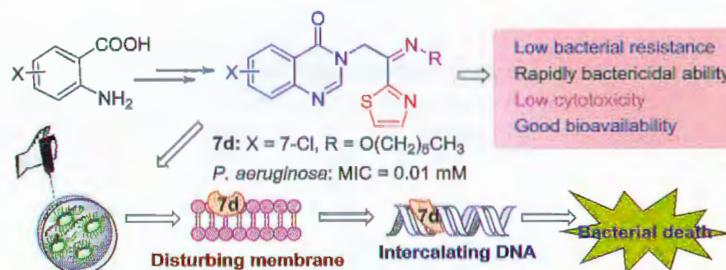


Phytochemical investigations on *Tabernaemontana divaricata* led to the isolation of seven undescribed monoterpene indole alkaloids, taberdicatines A–G (1–7). Taberdicatines A–C might be derived from *Aspidosperma*-type alkaloid with less carbons in 1–2 and an additional carbon in 3. Taberdicatines D–E (4–5) were attributed to *Iboga* alkaloids with enantiomeric skeleton. Alkaloid 3 could promote the neurite growth of mouse primary cortical neurons at the concentration of 5  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ .

**Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Quiazolonethiazoles as New Potential Conquerors towards *Pseudomonas aeruginosa***

Jie Wang, Narsaiah Battini, Mohammad Fawad Ansari, and Cheng-He Zhou\*

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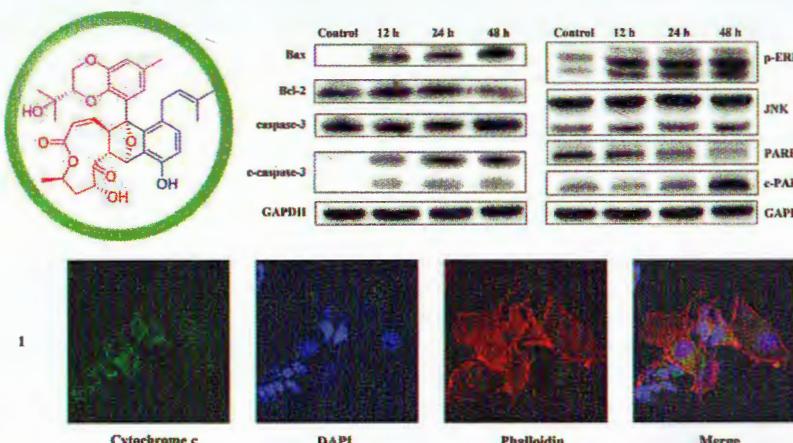


A novel class of potential antimicrobial quiazolonethiazoles were developed by multistep synthetic process and their biological evaluation suggested that quiazolonethiazoles could provide the meritorious groundwork of future studies as new antimicrobial agents in fighting pathogenic organism.

**Lithocarpins E–G, Potent Anti-Tumor Tenellone-Macrolides from the Deep-sea Fungus *Phomopsis lithocarpus* FS508**

Jianlin Xu, Yuchan Chen, Zhaoming Liu, Saini Li, Yong Wang, Yuhong Ren, and Hongxin Liu,\* and Weimin Zhang\*

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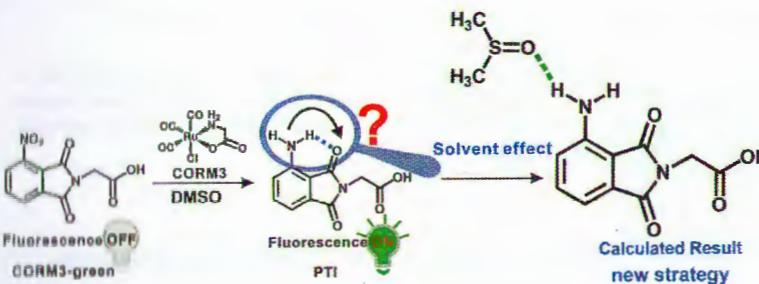


Three new tenellone-macrolide conjugated dimers lithocarpins E–G (1–3), featuring a fascinating 9,14-epoxynaphtho[2,3-e]oxecin-3(2H)-one skeleton, were isolated. Moreover, lithocarpin E showed an inhibitory effect against HepG2 cells with an  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value of 6.3  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ , which induced the apoptosis of HepG2 cells by the up-regulation of apoptotic markers p-ERK, Bax, and caspase-3.

**Sensing Mechanism of Excited-State Intermolecular Hydrogen Bond for Phthalimide: Indispensable Role of Dimethyl Sulfoxide**

Dongdong Wang, Tianxin Bai, Xue Wang, Yuting Xiong, Yahui Zhang, Zhenqiang Shi, Fusheng Zhang, Wenqi Lu, and Guangyan Qing\*

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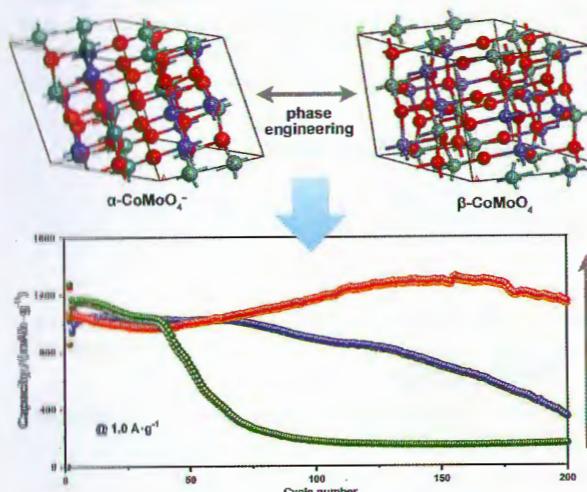


Possible fluorescent mechanisms for the PTI reduced from CORM3-green, the upper panel shows the mechanism raised by the original literature, the lower panel shows our finding from theoretical calculation, which illustrates an indispensable role of DMSO.

**Phase Engineering of CoMoO<sub>4</sub> Anode Materials toward Improved Cycle Life for Li<sup>+</sup> Storage**

Xiaojing Huang, Junhao Li, Wenbiao Zhang, Wenjie Huang, Lichun Yang,\* and Qingsheng Gao\*

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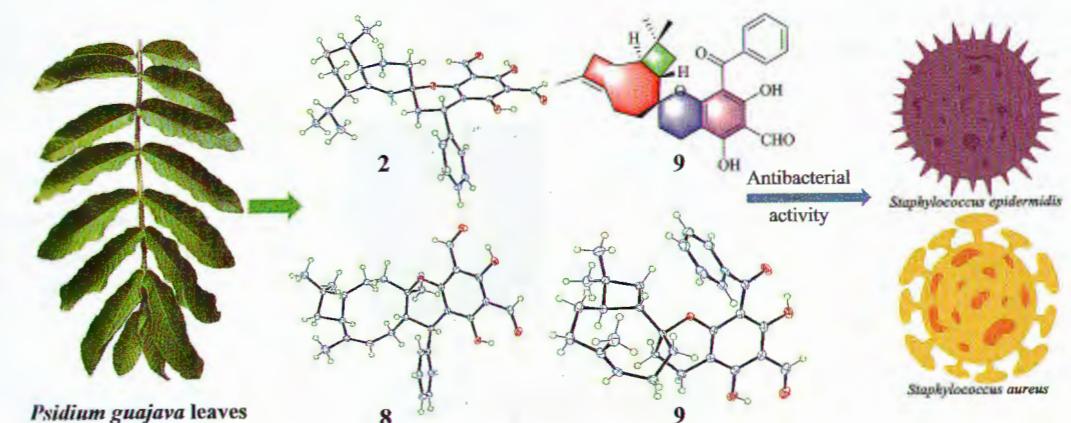


Phase-engineering on heterogeneous  $\alpha/\beta$ -CoMoO<sub>4</sub> nanorods was successfully introduced to improve the cycle life and rate performance as anode materials for Li-ion batteries.

**Guajamers A–I, Rearranged Polycyclic Phloroglucinol Meroterpenoids from *Psidium guajava* Leaves and Their Antibacterial Activity**

Ji-Wu Huang, Chuang-Jun Li, Jing-Zhi Yang, Chuan Li, Yu Zhang, Ke Liu, Yue Yu, Jian-Dong Jiang, and Dong-Ming Zhang\*

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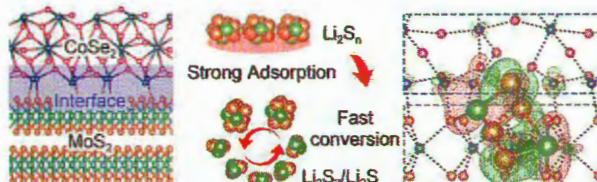
Eleven polycyclic phloroglucinol meroterpenoids (1–11), including nine new ones guajamers A–I (1–9), were isolated from the leaves of *Psidium guajava*. Compound 9 was the first case of 3-alkyl-5-formyl-benzoylphloroglucinol-coupled sesquiterpene containing an unusual C-1-spiro-fused 6/6/9/4 polycyclic skeleton. Most of them (2–7, 10, and 11) showed antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Staphylococcus epidermidis* with MIC values of 8–32  $\mu\text{M}$ .

## Content

**CoSe<sub>2</sub>/MoS<sub>2</sub> Heterostructures to Couple Polysulfide Adsorption and Catalysis in Lithium-Sulfur Batteries**

Zihan Shen, Qingwen Zhou, Huijing Yu, Jiaming Tian, Man Shi, Chaoquan Hu,\* and Huihang Zhang\*

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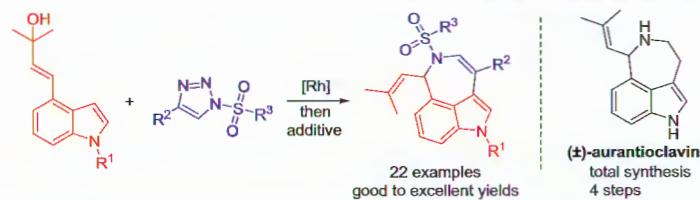


CoSe<sub>2</sub>/MoS<sub>2</sub> heterostructures couple the strong polysulfide adsorption of CoSe<sub>2</sub> and high catalytic activity of MoS<sub>2</sub> to synergically accelerate polysulfide conversion, demonstrating higher catalytic activity than their individual components.

**Rhodium(II)-Catalyzed [4+3] Cyclization of Triazoles with Indole Derivatives and Its Application in the Total Synthesis of (±)-Aurantioclavine**

Shengguo Duan, Bing Xue, Hui Meng, Zihang Ye, Ze-Feng Xu, and Chuan-Ying Li\*

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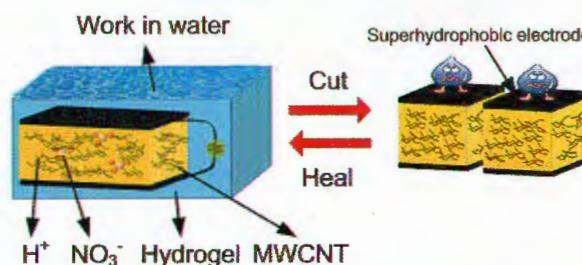


An efficient rhodium(II)-catalyzed [4+3] cyclization reaction of 1-sulfonyl-1,2,3-triazoles and indoles was developed. In addition, the total synthesis of (±)-aurantioclavine was completed in four steps adopting this [4+3] cyclization as a key step.

**Superhydrophobic Flexible Supercapacitors Formed by Integrating Hydrogel with Functional Carbon Nanomaterials**

Peng Wang,\* Ximin Zhang, Wei Duan, Wei Teng, Yibing Liu, and Qing Xie\*

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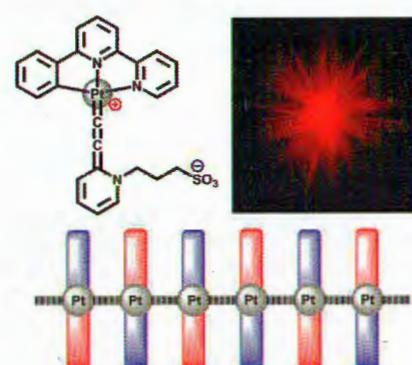


This paper reports a superhydrophobic and self-healable supercapacitor, which could work in the underwater environment.

**Phosphorescent Zwitterionic Pt(II) N-Heterocyclic Allenylidene Complexes: Metallophilicity and Ionic Self-Assembly**

Qin Gao, Fei Peng, Chuanfei Wang, Jinqiang Lin, Xiaoyong Chang, Chao Zou,\* and Wei Lu\*

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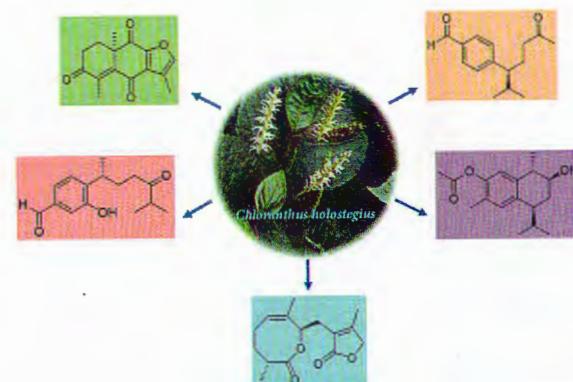


Zwitterionic self-assembly of N-heterocyclic allenylidene Pt(II) complexes with metallophilic Pt···Pt interactions shifts phosphorescence from yellow to red and then to near-infrared region.

**Sesquiterpenoids from the Whole Plants of *Chloranthus holostegius* and Their Anti-inflammatory Activities**

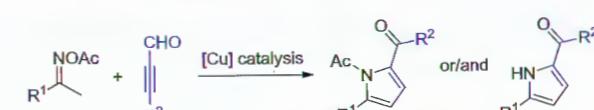
Zhao-Chun Zhan, Zhong-Nan Wu, Qing Tang, Can-Jie Li, Wen-Zhi Wang, Ji-Hui Zhang, Xue-Fang Zhuo, Yu-Bo Zhang,\* Guo-Cai Wang,\* and Yao-Lan Li\*

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**Cu-Catalyzed Cascade Cyclization of Ketoxime Acetates and Alkynals Enabling Synthesis of Acylpyrroles**

Zhenhua Xu, Ning Xian, Hongbiao Chen, Guo-Jun Deng, and Huawei Huang\*

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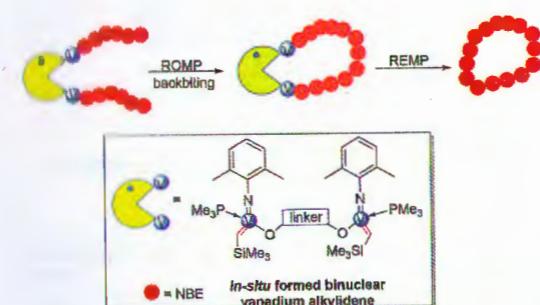


A Cu-catalyzed cascade cyclization reaction of ketoxime acetates and alkynals has been developed that enables synthesis of two kinds of structurally important 2-acetylpyrroles.

**Synthesis of Cyclic Polyolefin: Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization by Binuclear Vanadium Complexes**

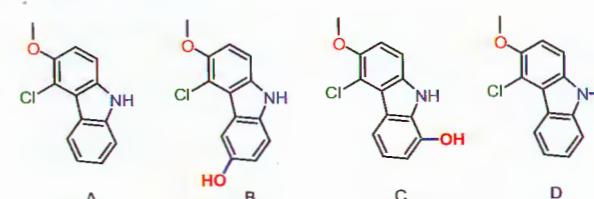
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**Antimicrobial Chlorinated Carbazole Alkaloids from the Sponge-Associated Actinomycete *Streptomyces diacarni* LHW51701**

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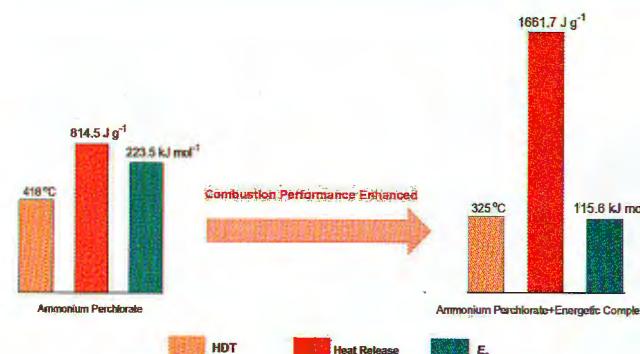
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## New Energetic Complexes as Catalysts for Ammonium Perchlorate Thermal Decomposition

Guorong Lei, Ye Zhong, Yiqiang Xu, Fan Yang, Jiandong Bai, Zhiqin Li,\* Jianguo Zhang, and Tonglai Zhang\*

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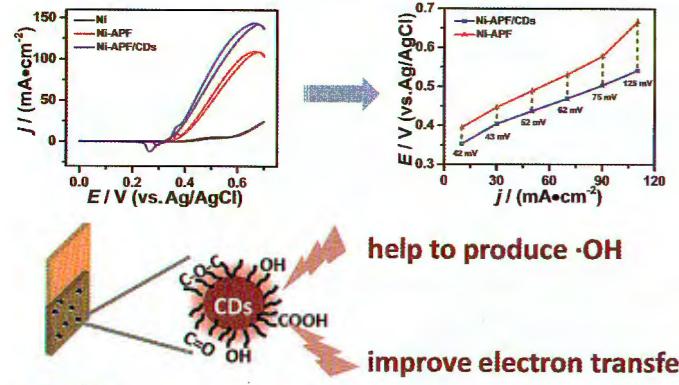


Four new energetic complexes (**1**)  $[\text{Cu}(\text{vimi})_4]\text{DCA}_2$ , (**2**)  $[\text{Co}(\text{vimi})_4]\text{DCA}_2$ , (**3**)  $[\text{Ni}(\text{vimi})_4]\text{DCA}_2$ , and (**4**)  $[\text{Cu}(\text{vimi})_4]\text{CBH}_2$  (vimi: 1-vinylimidazole, DCA: dicyanamide anion, CBH: cyanoborohydride anion) were prepared, and their structures were characterized via single-crystal X-ray diffraction, elemental analysis, and Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy.

## Carbon Dots Promote the Performance of Anodized Nickel Passivation Film on Ethanol Oxidation by Enhancing Oxidation of the Intermediate

Yandi Shi, Fan Liao,\* Wenxiang Zhu, Huixian Shi, Kui Yin, and Mingwang Shao\*

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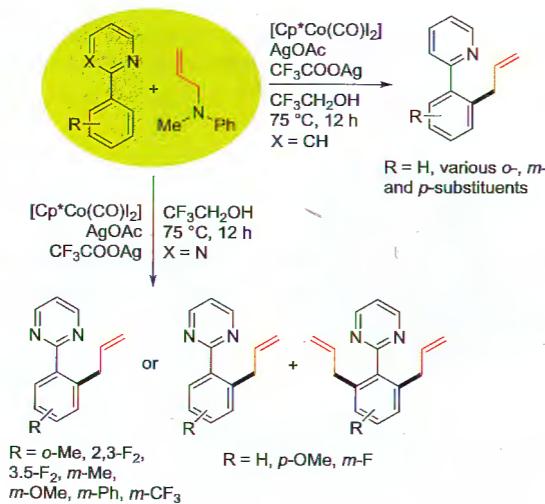
A layer of dense anodized nickel passivation film (Ni-APF) was formed on the surface of nickel sheet by anodic oxidation method, with carbon dots (CDs) as co-catalyst. Ni-APF/CDs showed  $144.4 \text{ mA} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$  peak current density at peak potential  $0.662 \text{ V}$  (vs. Ag/AgCl), which was 31% higher than that of Ni-APF ( $110.3 \text{ mA} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$ ). In this system, CDs mainly function in the increase of charge-transfer capacity and the promotion oxidation of carbonaceous intermediates.

## Ni-APF/CDs

## Cobalt-Catalyzed C–H Allylation of Arenes with Allylic Amines

Rui Yan, Hang Yu, and Zhong-Xia Wang\*

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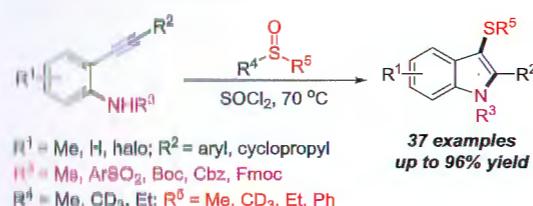


$[\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2]$ -catalyzed pyridyl- and pyrimidyl-directed C–H allylation of arenes with allylic amines was performed, affording *ortho*-allylated arenes in moderate to high yields.

Synthesis of  $\beta$ -Methylthioindoles via Intramolecular Cyclization of 2-Alkynylanilines Mediated by  $\text{DMSO}/\text{DMSO-d}_6$  and  $\text{SOCl}_2$ 

Xuemin Li, Belbel Zhang, Jingran Zhang, Xi Wang, Dongke Zhang, Yunfei Du,\* and Kang Zhao\*

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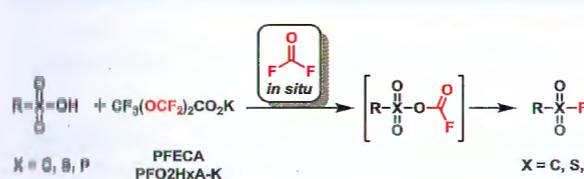


A variety of 3-methylthioindole and deuterated 3-methylthioindole derivatives were conveniently synthesized from the reaction of 2-alkynylanilines with  $\text{DMSO}/\text{DMSO-d}_6$  and  $\text{SOCl}_2$  via intramolecular cyclization/methylthiolation. Advantages of this method include the metal-free feature, readily availability of the substrates, mild reaction conditions, and synthesis of the deuterated 3-methylthioindoles.

Deoxyfluorination of Carboxylic, Sulfonic, Phosphinic Acids and Phosphine Oxides by Perfluoroalkyl Ether Carboxylic Acids Featuring  $\text{CF}_2\text{O}$  Units

Shiliu Zhao, Yong Guo,\* Zhaoben Su, Chengying Wu, Wei Chen, and Qing-Yun Chen\*

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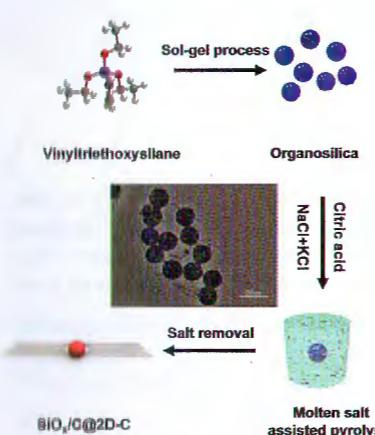


Potassium salts of perfluoroalkyl ether carboxylic acids featuring  $\text{CF}_2\text{O}$  units were used as deoxyfluorination reagents for synthesis of acyl fluorides, sulfonyl fluorides and phosphoric fluorides.

Molten Salt Derived Graphene-Like Carbon Nanosheets Wrapped  $\text{SiO}_x/\text{Carbon}$  Submicrospheres with Enhanced Lithium Storage

Qianliang Zhang, Suping Han, Fang Tian, Zhenyu Feng, Baojuan Xi, Shenglin Xiong,\* and Yitai Qian

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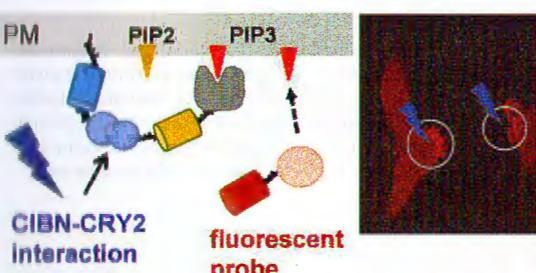


We have developed an inexpensive and scalable route to fabricate graphene-like carbon nanosheet wrapped  $\text{SiO}_x/\text{C}$  submicrospheres. The *in-situ* generated carbon nanosheets under molten salt condition can further improve the electroconductivity, re-strain the volumetric expansion and guarantee the structural integrity of the electrode.

## Optogenetic Control of Phosphatidylinositol (3,4,5)-Triphosphate Production by Light-sensitive Cryptochrome Proteins on the Plasma Membrane

Lingzhi Yang, Takeaki Ozawa,\* Haifeng Dong,\* and Xueji Zhang\*

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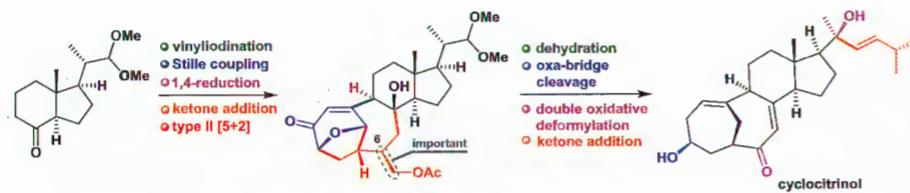


We design an optogenetic system that uses light sensitive protein-protein interaction between *Arabidopsis* cryptochrome 2 (CRY2) and CIB1 to spatiotemporally visualize the PIP3 production with high specificity.

**Evolution of Routes for Asymmetric Total Synthesis of Cyclocitriol Enabled by Type II [5+2] Cycloaddition**

Jianlei Wu, Junyang Liu,\* Jian-Hong Fan, Zhi-Dong Xie, Hukun Qin, and Chuang-Chuang Li\*

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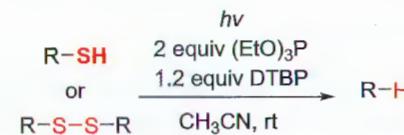


This manuscript reports the full detail of the asymmetric total synthesis of cyclocitriol, an unusual C25 steroid with a unique bicyclo[4.4.1]undecene A/B ring system. Our initial synthetic studies to construct the desired bicyclo[4.4.1]undecene ring via type II [5+2] cycloaddition revealed that a chiral substituent at the allylic position of the alkene (C6) would control the stereoselective outcome of the cycloaddition reaction. Elaboration of the cycloadduct, involving dehydration of the tertiary alcohol, lithium-amine promoted oxa-bridge cleavage, double oxidative deformylation and selective side chain introduction finished the synthesis of cyclocitriol.

**A Mild, General, Metal-Free Method for Desulfurization of Thiols and Disulfides Induced by Visible-Light**

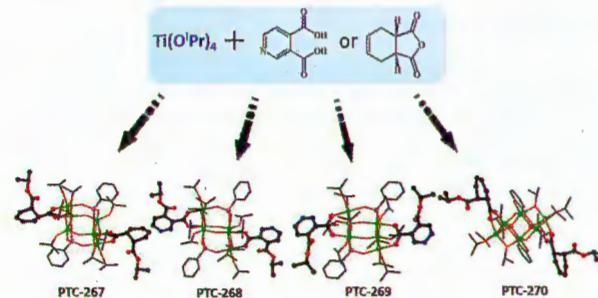
Wenting Qiu, Shuai Shi, Ruining Li, Xianfeng Lin, Liangming Rao, and Zhankui Sun\*

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**Synthesis and Structure of a Series of Ti<sub>6</sub>-oxo Clusters Functionalized by *in situ* Esterified Dicarboxylate Ligands**

Mei-Yan Gao, Yayong Sun, Fei Wang, Jian Zhang, and Lei Zhang\*

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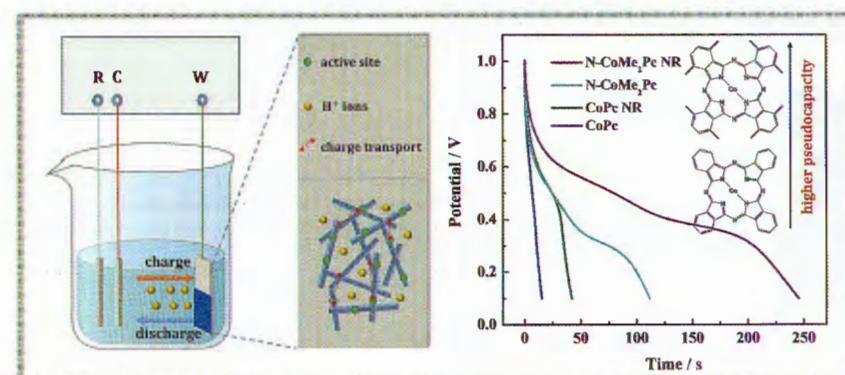


This work reveals a novel series of titanium-oxo clusters, PTC-267, PTC-268, PTC-269 and PTC-270, formed from *in situ* esterified ligands. These complexes offer rare examples of dicarboxylate-modified polyoxo-titanium clusters (PTCs) with ester groups and provide evidence for the production of water by an *in situ* esterification reaction.

**Boosting the Capacitive Performance of Cobalt(II) Phthalocyanine by Non-peripheral Octamethyl Substitution for Supercapacitors**

Minzhang Li, Rajendran Ramachandran, Yu Wang, Qian Chen, and Zong-Xiang Xu\*

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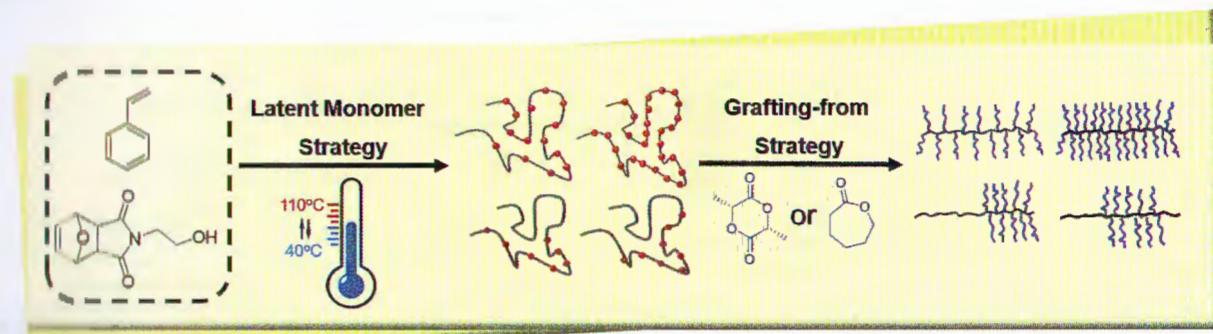


The introduction of non-peripheral octamethyl substituents on CoPc can enhance charge transfer rate and improve redox activity, resulting in better pseudocapacity. The capacitance value of phthalocyanine nanorods is further improved compared with powders due to larger specific surface area.

**Bridging from the Sequence to Architecture: Graft Copolymers Engineering via Successive Latent Monomer and Grafting-from Strategies**

Yajie Zhang, Xiaohuan Cao, Yang Gao, Yujie Xie, Zhihao Huang,\* Zhengbiao Zhang,\* and Xiulin Zhu

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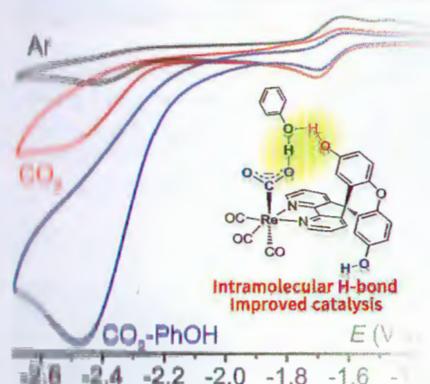


An efficient method toward the constructions of well-defined grafting copolymer, bridging sequence with architecture by successive latent monomer and grafting from strategies, was demonstrated.

**Electrocatalysis CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction with Re-Based Spiro Bipyridine Complexes: Effects of the Local Proton in the Second Coordination Sphere**

Yang Yang, Ziyun Zhang, Zhenyu Zhang, Chao Tang, Xiaoyong Chang, and Lele Duan\*

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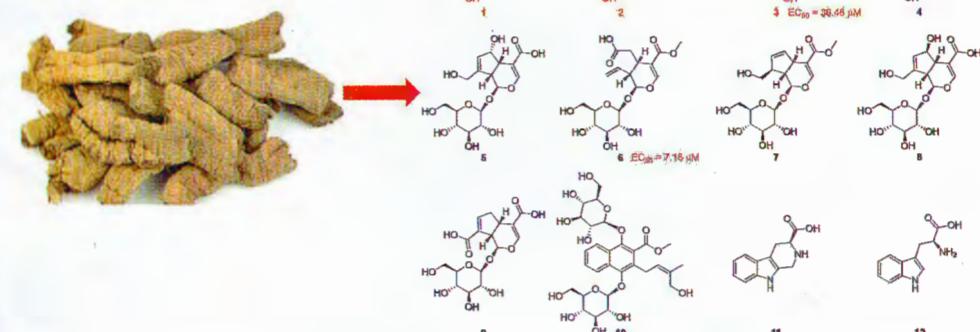
The OH group in the second coordination sphere improves the formation of a local hydrogen bond that promotes the protonation of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction intermediates, boosting the electrocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> reduction properties of complex Re1.

**Discovery of New Iridoids as Farnesoid X Receptor Agonists from *Morinda officinalis*: Agonistic Potentials and Molecular Stimulation**

Zhi-Lin Luan, Fei Qiao, Wen-Yu Zhao, Wen-Hua Ming, Zhen-Long Yu, Jie Liu, Sheng-Yun Dai, Shuang-Hui Jiang, Chao-Jie Lian, Cheng-Peng Sun,\* Bao-Jing Zhang, Jian Zheng,\* Shuang-Cheng Ma,\* and Xiao-Chi Ma

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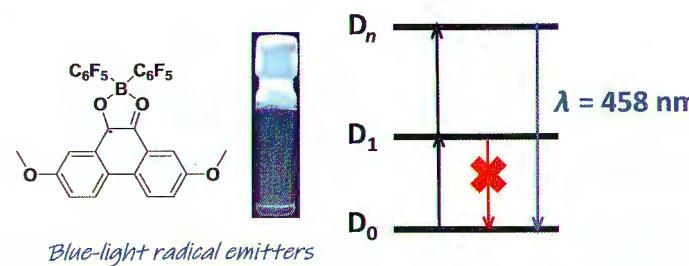
Iridoids isolated as from *Morinda officinalis* as FXR agonists



## Stable Boron-Containing Blue-Photoluminescent Radicals

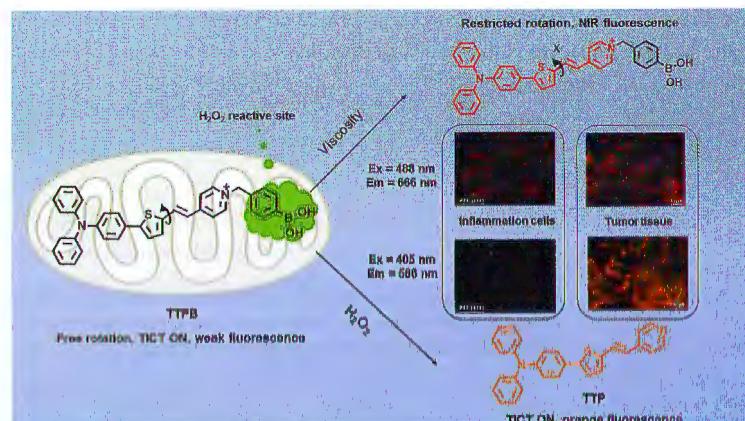
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A Mitochondria-Specific Orange/Near-Infrared-Emissive Fluorescent Probe for Dual-Imaging of Viscosity and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in Inflammation and Tumor Models

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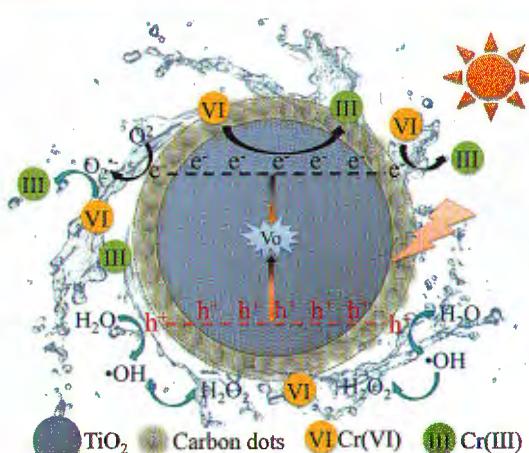
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## Comprehensive Reports

Facile Construction of Carbon Dots Layer and Oxygen Vacancies Simultaneously onto TiO<sub>2</sub> to Enhance Photoreduction Activity

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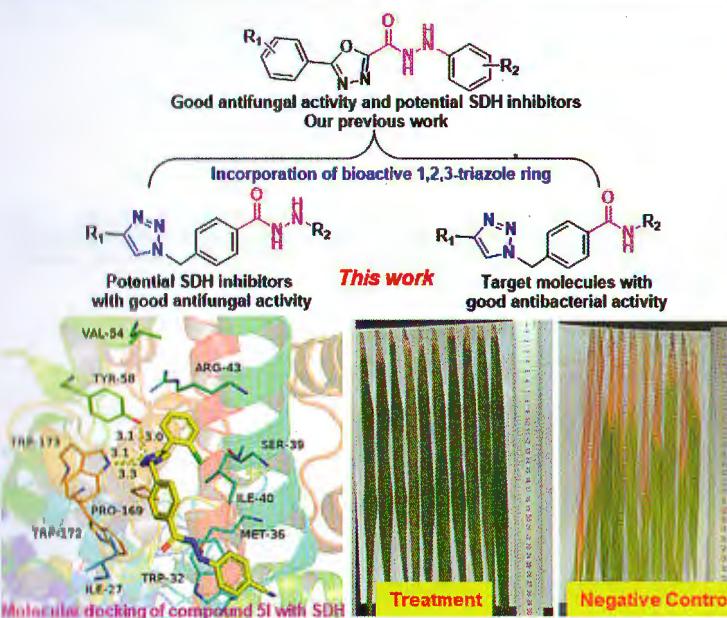
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## Synthesis, Antimicrobial Activity, and Molecular Docking of Benzoic Hydrazide or Amide Derivatives Containing a 1,2,3-Triazole Group as Potential SDH Inhibitors

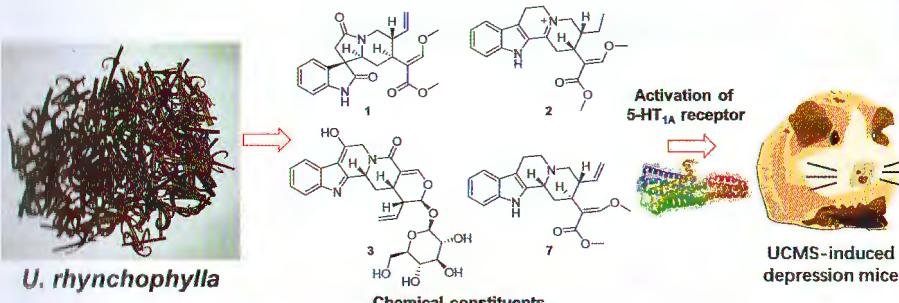
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Uncarialins J–M from *Uncaria rhynchophylla* and Their Anti-depression Mechanism in Unpredictable Chronic Mild Stress-Induced Mice via Activating 5-HT<sub>1A</sub> Receptor

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The investigation of *U. rhynchophylla* led to the isolation of four new compounds uncarialins J–M (1–4) and seven known analogues (5–11). Compounds 1, 2, 7, and 9–11 displayed significant agonistic effects towards 5-HT<sub>1A</sub> receptor with EC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.18–7.86 μmol/L. Hirsuteine (7) displayed a significant antidepressant effect in UCMS-induced depression mice via regulating 5-HT<sub>1A</sub> receptor interacted with Asp116 and Asn386.

## Cornerstones in Chemistry

## Frustrated Lewis Pair Catalysis: It Takes Two to Make a Thing Go Right

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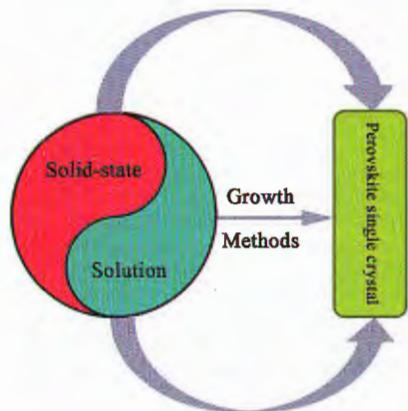


Unquenched Lewis acids and bases, designated “frustrated Lewis pairs”, provide new possibilities for a variety of catalytic transformations and open an enormous space for fine tuning the electronic and steric properties of catalysts.

## Recent Advances

**Solution and Solid-Phase Growth of Bulk Halide Perovskite Single Crystals**

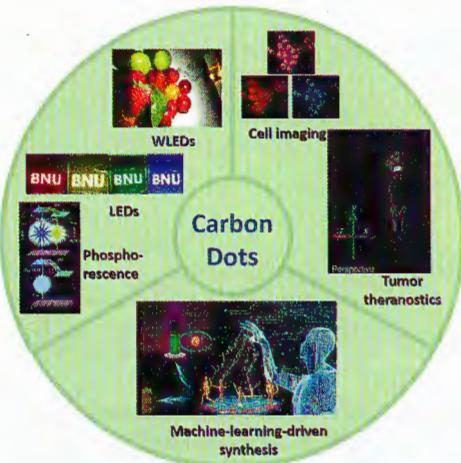
Chao Zhang, Xiaolin Liu,\* Jing Chen, and Jia Lin\*

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In this review, the characteristics of the existing mainstream methods for growing bulk halide perovskite single crystals and their applications as photodetectors and gas sensors were discussed, which is insightful for future synthesis and applications of perovskite single crystals.

**Recent Advance in Carbon Dots: From Properties to Applications**

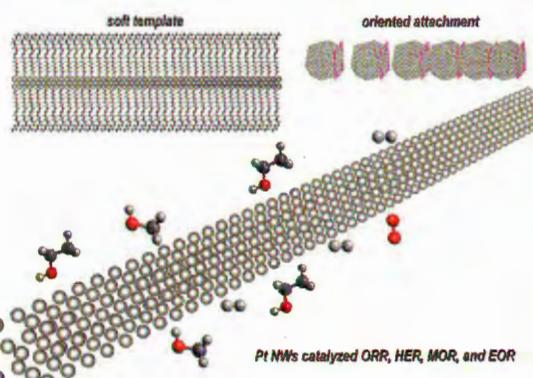
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We update the latest researches on preparation, optoelectronic and chemical properties of CDs as well as their biomedical and optoelectronic applications. We hope that this review will give further impulses to target-oriented research on CDs for biomedical and optoelectronic applications.

**Recent Advances in Pt-Based Ultrathin Nanowires: Synthesis and Electrocatalytic Applications**

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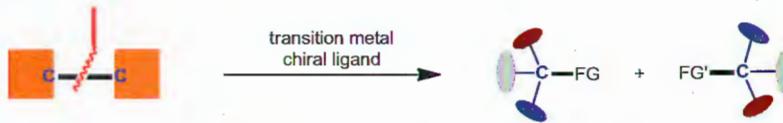
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In this minireview, the general synthetic methods and fundamental insights into the growing mechanism of Pt-based ultrathin nanowires as well as the recent advances for electrocatalytic applications are summarized.

## J&amp;K Critical Review

**Transition-Metal-Catalyzed Carbon-Carbon Bond Activation in Asymmetric Synthesis**

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Recent advances of transition-metal-catalyzed carbon-carbon activation reactions and their synthetic applications were reviewed. In these reactions, the enantio-determining step is either at the carbon-carbon bond cleavage stage or its downstream reactions.