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Request for Cooperation to the ICR's 100th Anniversary Fund

ICR has established a fund called "The ICR's 100th Anniversary Fund," which is a part of the Kyoto University Fund. Its aims are to hold the 100th anniversary event in 2026, to enhance the educational and research environments at ICR, and to promote social contribution activities. We ask for your kind understanding and cooperation.



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Institute for Chemical Research (ICR) was founded in 1926 as the first research institute of Kyoto University with the founding vision to "Excel in the Investigation of Basic Principles of Chemistry and Their Applications." ICR is a successor to the Specialized Center for Chemical Research established at the College of Science of Kyoto Imperial University in 1915 for the study of a special medicinal substance called "Salvarsan," that is arsphenamine. Ever since, ICR has continuously carried out outstanding research and flourished as a large-scale organization with five research divisions and three research centers: Division of Synthetic Chemistry, Division of Materials Chemistry, Division of Biochemistry, Division of Environmental Chemistry, Division of Multidisciplinary Chemistry, Advanced Research Center for Beam Science, International Research Center for Elements Science (IRCELS), and Bioinformatics Center. Currently, almost 120 faculty members, 210 graduate students, and 60 researchers are engaged in research activities in 30 laboratories directed by fulltime professors and 5 laboratories supervised by visiting professors.

Research at ICR encompasses a wide range of scientific disciplines, including physics, biology, and informatics besides chemistry. Graduate schools to which our laboratories are affiliated as a "cooperative lab" cover a broad range of fields such as science, engineering, agriculture, pharmaceutical sciences, medicine, and informatics. These laboratories are spearheading cutting-edge research and yielding groundbreaking results in their special fields. Some of the research achievements last year are as follows: 1) Spin-transfer Torques for Domain Wall Motion in Antiferromagnetically-coupled Ferrimagnets; 2) Major Lithogenic Contributions to the Distribution and Budget of Iron in the North Pacific Ocean; 3) Ultra-long Coherence Times Amongst Room-temperature Solid-state Spins; 4) Raman Optical Activity on a Solid Sample: Identification of Atropisomers of Perfluoroalkyl Chains Having a Helical Conformation and No Chiral Center; 5) A Purified, Solvent-Intercalated Precursor Complex for Wide-Process-Window Fabrication of Efficient Perovskite Solar Cells and Modules; 6) Strigolactone Perception and Deactivation by a Hydrolase Receptor DWARF14. Some other topics were also presented in the 119th ICR Annual Symposium on December 13, 2019.

The legacy of our founding philosophy continues today and describes the essence of our research activities. With the founding vision in mind, we have entrusted our scientists with the responsibility of choosing research topics within advanced chemistry-related fields. Thus, ICR members are actively involved in interdisciplinary research projects with bottom-up paradigms in order to create new knowledge and contribute to the future of materials-related fields. One of our major challenges is to design and create smart materials from the viewpoint of not only academic interest but also green innovation and establishment of a sustainable society. Toward the future, we have been collaborating with the Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere and the Institute of Advanced Energy since 2015 as part of the MEXT-supported joint research program. For the MEXT project of Integrated Research Consortium on Chemical Sciences (2016-2021), ICR (most importantly, IRCELS) has been making a significant contribution as one of the four core research institutions from Japanese national universities. We have also been collaborating with both domestic and overseas universities and research institutions (with 69 official international collaboration agreements) and functioning as a Joint Usage/ Research Center (2010-2018) and an International Joint Usage/Research Center (2018-) certified by MEXT. On the basis of highly evaluated activity in collaboration with Fudan University, China, ICR was approved by Kyoto University in 2019 to establish an On-site Laboratory "Kyoto University Shanghai Lab" in Shanghai, China as part of a strategy implemented under the education ministry's Designated National University (DNU) program. In order to foster and secure young researchers through these activities, we also have original programs of unparalleled research and graduate education, including an in-house annual grant system named "ICR Grant for Promoting Integrated Research." These collaborative achievements ensure that ICR serves as a global research core in chemistryoriented fields.

We hope this Annual Report will serve to update you on the progress of our research activities and globalization. Finally, we appreciate your continued encouragement and support.

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ICR News 2019

Introduction of the Incubation Support Laboratory

Prof WAKAMIYA, Atsushi

The Incubation Support Lab was founded in Uji Campus as an open incubation hub for electronics materials and devices research. The Incubation Support Lab facilitates the application and commercialization of Kyoto University's research achievements. The facility has a wealth of production equipment, including a dip-coater, large-size spin coater, screen printer, sputter deposition system, glove box, dry etching system, and laser scriber. There is advanced apparatus for measuring the Hall effect, absolute PL quantum yield, photoluminescence lifetime, and external quantum efficiency. A SQUID magnetometer and photoelectron yield spectrometer are also available, while electron beam lithography and vacuum deposition systems are accessible with joint usage agreements. These facilities can be used by researchers at Kyoto University as well as start-up companies. The Incubation Support Lab accelerates the exploration and commercialization of unique materials and functional devices at Kyoto University.





Sputter Deposition System



Hall Effect Measurement System



Glove Box



SQUID Magnetometer



Dry Etching System



Absolute PL Quantum Yield Measurement System

Prof UESUGI, Motonari

Ulaanbaatar Talent-Spot Event 2019 — KAPLAT, a JSPS-supported joint program by ICR, IAE (Kyoto U) and ISIR (Osaka U) —

The 2019 Talent-Spot Event series featured Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Like the previous events in Manila and Hanoi, the Ulaanbaatar event was convened on September 1 as a proactive strategy to recruit top talents from the region.

Sixteen shortlisted students were invited to attend tutorial lectures and one-on-one interviews with KAPLAT professors. Top three students received a travel award to undertake international research training in Uji campus.



Kyoto University Shanghai Lab, ICR's First On-Site Laboratory

Prof UESUGI, Motonari

In September 2019, ICR launched Kyoto University Shanghai Lab in partnership with Fudan University, one of the top-ranked universities in China.

As part of Kyoto University's "On-Site-Laboratory" initiatives, Shanghai Lab's missions are to expand its presence in the area and maintain competitiveness in the ever-changing academic research environment.

Shanghai lab functions as a vital chemistry hub for research collaboration, sharing equipment and resources, and research training.

In October, a kick-off meeting "Shanghai-Kyoto Chemistry Forum 2019" was held in Shanghai, where nine ICR professors exchanged ideas and tasks with the counterparts on the focused areas of New Materials, Energy Conversion and Chemical Biology.



19th Annual International Workshop on Bioinformatics and Systems Biology (IBSB 2019)

Prof MAMITSUKA, Hiroshi

The above workshop was held in Uji Campus of Kyoto University from 14 to 18 of July under the support of The Kyoto University Foundation and ICR (International Joint Usage/Research Center). This is an annual education-oriented

event by four leading institutes world-wide: Bioinformatics Program of Boston University (USA), Systems Biology Group of Berlin (Germany), Human Genome Center, University of Tokyo and Bioinformatics Center, Kyoto University. The total number of participants, mainly PhD students and Postdocs, reached around 70, including four international invited speakers, 14 from USA and 11 from Germany. The main part of this event was around 20 oral and 30 poster presentations, bringing active scientific discussion and interchange, covering wide topics in bioinformatics and systems biology.



26th International Workshop on Oxide Electronics (iWOE26)

The International Workshop on Oxide Electronics series has become an important venue to discuss recent advances and emerging trends in this developing field. The aim of the workshop is to provide an interdisciplinary forum for researchers-theorists as well as experimentalists-on understanding the fundamental electronic and structural properties and also on the design, synthesis, processing, characterization, and applications of (epitaxial) functional oxide materials. In this workshop, 170 scientists including world-leading professors, researchers, and students from all over the world participated. Results of critical scientific importance as well as studies revealing the technological potential of functional oxide thin films to create devices with enhanced performance were showcased.

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Prof SHIMAKAWA, Yuichi

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Abbreviations used in the columns

Prof Em	Professor Emeritus	Guest Scholar	Guest Scholar
Prof	Professor	Guest Res Assoc	Guest Research Associate
Vis Prof	Visiting Professor	SPD (JSPS)	Special Post-Doctoral
Assoc Prof	Associate Professor		Research Fellow (JSPS)
Vis Assoc Prof	Visiting Associate Professor	PD	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
Senior Lect	Senior Lecturer	Res	Researcher
Assist Prof	Assistant Professor	Res Support Staff	Research Support Staff
Lect (pt)	Lecturer (part-time)	Proj Res	Project Researcher
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Program-Specific A	Assist Prof	D Agr	Doctor of Agricultural Science
	Program-Specific Assistant	D Pharm Sc	Doctor of Pharmaceutical Science
	Professor	D Med Sc	Doctor of Medical Science
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Techn Staff	Technical Staff		Doctor of Human and
Assist Res Staff	Assistant Research Staff		Environmental Studies
Assist Techn Staff	Assistant Technical Staff	D Energy Sc	Doctor of Energy Science
		Ph D	Doctor of Philosophy
		(pt)	part-time



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Topics and introductory columns of laboratories

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Guest Scholars

GLEIM, Florian	Universität Bonn, Germany, 31 May–31 July
BECKER, David	Universität Bonn, Germany, 9 September-4 November

Scope of Research

Organic chemistry has mainly developed with the use of second-row elements such as carbon, oxygen, and nitrogen, while the synthesis and isolation of the heavier congeners of typical organic molecules as stable compounds has been a dream for organic chemists. Our main research interest is the elucidation of the similarities and differences in structures and reactivities between organic compounds and the corresponding heavier congeners. These studies are interesting and important from the standpoints of fundamental chemistry, and open the way to the more extensive application of main group chemistry.

KEYWORDS

Steric Protection Kinetic Stabilization Low-coordinated Species Heteroatom Transition Metal Complexes



Selected Publications

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Heavy Aryl Anion Species

"Heavy benzenes" in which the carbon atom(s) of the benzene ring is replaced by high-period group 14 element(s), that is, "heavy element" (silicon, germanium, tin, and lead), have attracted much attention from the interest of its aromaticity experimentally and theoretically. However, these compounds are extremely high-reactive species, e.g., silabenzene ($HSiC_5H_5$) in which one of the skeletal carbon atom of the benzene ring is replaced by a silicon atom, is known to decompose by self-oligomerization reaction even at very low temperature of -200 °C. We have already succeeded in the synthesis and isolation of sila- and germabenzenes as stable compounds even at room temperature by taking advantage of kinetic stabilization afforded by a very bulky substituent, Tbt group, to prevent the self-oligomerization. These compounds are found to have "aromaticity" and unique electronic state. In addition, recently, we successfully synthesized the germa- and stannabenzenylanions, the heavier Group 14 element (E =Ge, Sn) analogues of phenyl anion as an isolable compound by the reaction of the corresponding isolated neutral germa- or stannabenzene having a Tbt group on the germanium or tin atom with potassium graphite (KC₈).



In this study, utilizing the successful method of synthesis of the germabenzenyl anion, we have reported the reduction of the previously reported 9-germaanthracene, resulting in the formation of a mixed trianion, the trimer of 9-germaanthracenyl anions. The reaction of 9-germaanthracene 1 with 2 equivalents of potassium graphite in benzene at room temperature led to the elimination of Bbt group as benzylpotassium, BbtK, together with a purple precipitate. Washing the reaction mixture with *n*-hexane and benzene followed by extraction with THF gave the trianion 2, a trimer of the 9-germaanthracenyl anion, as a purple solid. The isolated trianion was characterized by X-ray crystallographic analysis, NMR spectroscopy and theoretical calculations. A trianion consisting of one germyl anion and two anions delocalized on conjugated carbon ring skeletons was synthesized by trimerization of the germanium analogue of the anthryl anion, which exhibits high germylene character.



Novel Phosphanylalumanes

The bonding between group 13 (E) and group 15 (Pn) elements formulated as R2E-PnR2 have attracted much attention due to their relationship, including the vacant p orbital on E and the lone-pair electrons on Pn. In this study, we have reported synthesis of novel $\lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^4, \lambda^4$ and λ^4, λ^3 -Phosphanylalumanes 3-5, Al-P single-bond species, by the reactions of aluminum monohalides [(t-Bu)₂AlBr and (C₆F₅)₂AlCl 0.5(toluene)] with Mes₂PLi. Substituent effects on an Al atom were investigated, and the introduction of C_6F_5 groups on the Al atom substantially increased the Lewis acidity of aluminum. Based on the results of X-ray crystallographic analysis, theoretical calculations, and the reaction with benzophenone, λ^3 , λ^3 -phosphanylalumane **3** was found to have a well-separated vacant p orbital on an Al atom and lone pairs on a P atom. Further studies on the reactivity of phosphanylalumanes are now under way.



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Scope of Research

Fundamental studies are being conducted for the creation of new functional π -systems with novel structures and properties, and for evaluation of their application as organic semiconducting materials for photovoltaic and electroluminescent devices. The major subjects are: 1) organochemical transformation of fullerenes C₆₀ and C₇₀, specifically organic synthesis of endohedral fullerenes by the technique of molecular surgery; 2) generation of ionic fullerene species and

their application for the synthesis of functional material; 3) synthesis of new carbon-rich materials by the use of transition metal complex; and 4) creation of new functional π -materials with unique photoelectric properties.

KEYWORDS

π-Conjugated Systems Functional Materials Radical Species

Endohedral Fullerenes Helical Structures



Selected Publications

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Probing the Regioselectivity Using an Entrapped H₂: Diels-Alder Reaction of a Cage Opened C₆₀ Derivative with Anthracene

We have studied the resioselectivity in the Diels-Alder reaction of an open-cage C60 derivative with anthracene (Figure 1). By using an encapsulated H₂ molecule as a magnetic probe, we successfully evaluated the product population in detail, indicating the formation of ca. 10 compounds as major components. The NICS calculations showed the close resemblance to the observed ¹H NMR spectrum, which realizes facile characterization of the products. We further performed theoretical studies for forming all 29 possible anthracene-adducts. The results indicated that the regioselectivity is strongly governed by steric factor, frontier orbital coefficients, and thermodynamic stabilities. The single crystal X-ray analysis of the most dominant compound exhibited the supramolecular architecture between the anthracene moiety and the π -sphere of a neighbouring molecule.



Figure 1. Regioselectivity on the Diels-Alder reaction of an open-cage C_{60} derivative with anthracene, probed by an encapsulated H_2 molecule.

$H_2O/Olefinic-\pi$ Interaction inside a Carbon Nanocage

The H₂O/CH₂=CH₂-type hydrogen-bonding (H-bonding) model was experimentally constructed using a water complex of an open-cage C₆₀ derivative, in which an olefinic double bond and a single molecule of H₂O are geometrically confined (Figure 2). To investigate OH/ π -type H-bonding, that is, H₂O•••(C=C) interaction, we performed ¹H NMR spectroscopic studies that demonstrated the monotonic downfield shift of the proton signal corresponding to H₂O with remarkable rotational perturbation by lowering the temperature. From the temperature dependence of the angular momentum correlation time (τ_1), the interaction energy was quantitatively estimated to be ca. 0.3 kcal/ mol. Based on comprehensive computational studies, the orientation of H₂O was found to play a prominent role to vary the bonding strength as well as contribution from the electrostatic attraction and orbital-orbital interaction significantly driven by the favorable orbital overlap identified as $\pi(C=C) \rightarrow \sigma^*(OH)$ interaction.



Figure 2. The experimental model of a water-olefin complex based on an open-cage C_{60} derivative encapsulating a water molecule.

Polymorphism of Porphyrin 2D Assemblies at the Liquid–Graphite Interface: Effect of Polar Solvent Additive and Flexible Spacer on the Face-On and Edge-On Type Molecular Arrangements

Precise control over the intermolecular arrangement in ordered assemblies is of primary importance for the development of functional materials in the solid state. In the case where multiple crystal structures are obtained, i.e., socalled polymorphism is observed, selecting a specific molecular arrangement is a straightforward approach to control the solid state properties. In this study, we found that the molecular orientation of porphyrin two-dimensional assemblies at solid-liquid interfaces can be controlled by using intermolecular hydrogen bonds of amide groups (Figure 3). When phenyloctane was used as the solution phase, intermolecular hydrogen bonds were effectively formed and an edge-on orientation was selectively observed. On the other hand, only face-on orientation was observed when octanoic acid was used. Interestingly, the addition of only 0.5 vol% of a polar solvent was found to significantly affect the selectivity of molecular orientation.



Figure 3. The two-dimensional polymorphs of porphyrin assembly at the liquid/solid interface.

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Scope of Research

The research interests of this laboratory include the development of advanced molecular transformation, total synthesis of biologically active products, and molecular recognition. Programs are active in the following areas: 1) asymmetric alkylation of carbonyl compounds based on "memory of chirality", 2) organocatalysis for fine organic syntheses, 3) synthesis of unusual amino acids and nitrogen heterocycles, 4) regioselective functionalization of carbohydrates, and 5) the structural and functional investigation of heterochiral oligomers.

KEYWORDS

Site-Selective Functionalization Molecular Recognition Organocatalysis Dynamic Chirality Unusual Amino Acid

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Organocatalytic Regio- and Enantioselective Vinylogous *Aza*-Morita-Baylis-Hillman Reaction

The aza-Morita-Baylis-Hillman (aza-MBH) reaction is an effective carbon-carbon bond-forming reaction between electron deficient alkenes and aldimines to give the corresponding allylamines. For the construction of further densely functionalized molecules, an advanced version of aza-MBH reactions using conjugated dienes with electron-withdrawing groups has been studied. We have reported the first example of regiodivergent vinylogous aza-MBH reaction in a catalyst-controlled manner. Treatment of 3-vinylcyclopentenone with N-tosylaldimine and DABCO exclusively provided the α -adduct. In contrast, the corresponding reaction catalyzed by DMAP gave the γ-adduct selectively. Mechanistic analysis revealed that addition of proton sources accelerated the y-selective reaction. Based on the findings, we designed original catalyst 1 possessing relatively acidic phenolic OH groups. Catalyst 1 successfully promoted enantioselective vinylogous aza-MBH reaction to afford the γ -adduct regioselectively in up to 96% ee.



Asymmetric Synthesis of β-Lactams with Contiguous Tetrasubstituted Stereocenters from α-Amino Acids via Memory of Chirality

We have studied asymmetric reactions that proceed via enolate intermediates with dynamic chirality (memory of chirality: MOC). The major advantage of the strategy is the use of readily available α -amino acids as starting materials as well as the sole source of chirality. Since β -lactams still constitute one of the most important pharmacophores, and are useful as β -amino acid equivalents and chiral building blocks, development of synthetic methods for β -lactams is still of importance. Recently we developed a method for asymmetric synthesis of highly strained β -lactams with contiguous two tetrasubstituted stereocenters from readily available α -amino acids via a MOC strategy. In situ protonation of the labile β -lactam enolate intermediates formed through 4-*exo-trig* cyclization of the axially chiral enolates seems to be the key to successfully produce highly strained β -lactams. A salient feature of this transformation is that proton source does not quench the axially chiral enolate **C**, but accelerate the overall reaction by protonation of the intermediary β -lactam enolate **D**.



Dirhodium-Catalyzed β-Selective C(sp³)-H Amination of Organosilicon Compounds

Metal-catalyzed nitrogen-group-transfer via C-H bond cleavage has become an important tool for the construction of C-N bonds. While site-selective C-H functionalization has been extensively studied in intramolecular reactions, the development of intermolecular site-selective C-H functionalization is a further challenge in current organic synthesis. We recently found a dirhodium-catalyzed, intermolecular β -selective C-H amination of organosilicon compounds. Primary C(sp³)-H bonds of silylethyl groups and secondary C(sp³)-H bonds of silacycloalkanes can be selectively converted to C-N bonds at the β -position of the silicon atoms. The experimental data and theoretical calculations indicate that the strong σ -donor ability of the carbon-silicon bonds is responsible for the β -selectivity. Because silicon can be considered a bioisostere of carbon, the present protocol is applicable to synthesizing multi-functionalized organosilicon comounds with the potential to be powerful tools for drug discovery.



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We are focusing on the precise synthesis of inorganic nanoparticles by controlling the primary (size, shape, composition, etc.) and secondary (spatial arrangement) structures to tune properties such as electron confinement, carrier oscillation, spin, and catalysis. These high-quality inorganic nanoparticles are applied to both high-performance nanodevices (e.g., single electron transistor, plasmon waveguide, and nanocomposite magnet) and photo-energy conversion materials (e.g., overall water splitting and solar cell).

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Formation of Strong *L*1₀-FePd/a-Fe Nanocomposite Magnets by Visualizing Efficient Exchange Coupling

Conceptual nanocomposite magnets (NCMs) composed of exchange-coupled hard/soft magnetic phases have been expected to show excellent magnetic performance based on simultaneous high coercivity (H_c) and high saturation magnetization (M_s). In our previous works, however, the H_c was considerably lower than its theoretical value (H_a), which prevented us from improving the performance of NCMs.

Here, we show that the H_c of isolated particulate $L1_0$ -FePd/a-Fe NCMs is dominated by their phase segregation into core/shell-like structures versus Janus-like structures. Using first-order reversal curve (FORC) analysis, we clearly distinguished a microscopically undetectable difference in the phase-segregation structure in the NCMs, finding both efficient and inefficient exchange coupling. The nanostructurally controlled NCMs dominated by core/shell-like structure with efficient exchange coupling showed the largest energy product ((*BH*)_{max} = 17.5 MGOe) in the Fe– Pd system and the highest H_c/H_a value (26.5%) among all NCM powders.



Figure 1. (a–c) TEM images of (a) Pd nanoparticles (NPs), (b) $Pd@FeO_x$ core@shell NPs with Fe/Pd molar ratio of 66/34, and (c) $L1_0$ -FePd/ α -Fe NCMs obtained by reductive annealing of b at 540 °C for 5 h. (d, e) EDX elemental maps of $L1_0$ -FePd/ α -Fe NCMs synthesized by the annealing of b at 540 °C for (d) 5 h and (e) 25 h. (f) FORCs analysis for d and e. Blue and green curves are fitting curves by a Gaussian function, corresponding to inefficient and efficient exchange coupled NCMs, respectively, red curves are the sums of green and red curves, black dots are raw data, and gray curves are difference between red curves and black dots.

Plasmonic p-n Junction for Infrared Light to Chemical Energy Conversion

Solar light is an important energy resource for human society. The parts of the solar spectrum used for solar energy conversion, including photosynthesis and artificial photosynthesis, are limited to the ultraviolet (UV), visible, and a limited region of near infrared (NIR) light (700–1000 nm). IR light, which accounts for almost half of all solar energy, particularly IR light at wavelengths longer than 1000 nm, including shortwave IR (SWIR: 1400–3000 nm), represents a vast source of untapped energy. Developing artificial IR light-to-energy conversion systems would open up this resource for applications.

Here, we synthesized an IR-responsive plasmonic energy conversion system composed of CdS/plasmonic Cu₇S₄ heterostructured nanocrystals (HNCs), which achieved highly efficient photocatalytic H₂ evolution (Figure 2a). Cu₇S₄ NCs, which exhibit localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR) in IR region, can be applied to harvesting solar energy in the IR region (Figure 2b). The CdS/Cu₇S₄ HNCs exhibited an exceedingly high apparent quantum yield (AQY) of 3.8% at 1100 nm, which exceeds the current record for photocatalytic H₂ evolution under IR-light irradiation (Figure 2c). Furthermore, we demonstrated that our novel HNCs can convert energy from the solar spectrum up to the longest wavelengths (i.e., 2000–2500 nm). Our spectroscopic investigations using femtosecond-laser flash photolysis reveal that the high catalytic activity of our system was related to efficient hot electron injection and long-lived charge separation (> 273 μ s) at the p-n heterojunction of the CdS/Cu₇S₄ HNCs, which is unlike a conventional Schottky junction at the heterointerface of plasmonic metal/semiconductor NCs. The present work should encourage further development of solar fuel generation systems driven by these previously untapped solar energy resources.



Figure 2. (a) TEM image of CdS/Cu₇S₄ HNCs. (b) Solar spectrum (purple line), and diffuse reflectance spectrum of CdS/Cu₇S₄ HNCs (black line). (c) Apparent quantum yield (AQY) of HER activity of CdS/Cu₇S₄ HNCs.

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Scope of Research

We perform kinetic and mechanistic analyses toward understanding chemical and physicochemical reactions occurring in polymerization systems and better routes for synthesis of well-defined polymers. In particular, new well-defined polymers or polymer assemblies are prepared by living polymerization techniques, and their structure-properties relation-

ships are precisely analyzed. Projects in progress include: 1) kinetics and mechanisms of living radical polymerization (LRP); 2) synthesis of new polymeric materials by living polymerizations and their structure/properties studies; and 3) synthesis, properties, and applications of concentrated polymer brushes (CPB).

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pMAIRS Analysis on Chain-End Functionalization of Densely Grafted, Concentrated Polymer Brushes

The degree of chain-end functionality in a densely grafted, concentrated polymer brush is a critical parameter. In this study, p-polarized multiple-angle incidence resolution spectrometry (pMAIRS) technique was applied to monitor the emergence and disappearance of substituted azide (N_3) at the chain ends of polymer brushes, allowing accurate determination of the azide density and the click reaction efficacy. The peak separation of the N₃ absorption bands in the pMAIRS spectra showed that azide substitution occurred not only at the brush ends but also at underlying initiators that did not react during surface-initiated atom transfer radical polymerization (Figure 1). Hence, the density of each type of azide group and the efficiencies of the azidation and click reaction could successfully be estimated. Furthermore, a chain-end-selective click reaction was demonstrated for the azide-functionalized polymethacrylate-type polymer brushes based on size exclusion effects and polarity differences. Thus, the pMAIRS method provides important quantitative information that can expand applications of chain-end-functionalized polymer brushes.



Figure 1. Peak separation of the N_3 absorption band in the pMAIRS spectra of an azide-functionalized polystyrene brush. Multiple Gaussian fitting highlights the peaks of brush-chain-end azides (blue) and azide-substituted initiators (green).

Main-Chain Stiffness of Cellulosic Bottlebrushes with Polystyrene Side Chains Introduced Regioselectively at the *O*-6 Position

We describe the conformational characteristics of a cellulosic bottlebrush, *i.e.*, a cellulose derivative of densely substituted side chains, in a dilute solution in order to clarify the effect of cellulosic main-chain stiffness and side-chain crowdedness. Novel cellulosic bottlebrushes **1** (Figure 2a) with polystyrene (PSt) side chains and methyl groups at the *O*-6 and *O*-2,3 positions, respectively, were highly regioselectively synthesized via a protecting group strategy in combination with a copper-catalyzed azide-

alkyne coupling click reaction, yielding densely graft polymers where PSt chains were introduced in every anhydroglucose repeating unit, i.e., at a "constant" distance of 0.5 nm along the cellulose backbone. Small-angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) measurements of 1 in dimethylformamide revealed that the cross-sectional radius of gyration depended on the degree of polymerization (DP) of the PSt side chains in accordance with the power law with an exponent of 0.50, indicating that the PSt side chains adopted extended conformation owing to the inter-side-chain interaction, *i.e.*, the excluded volume effect among the neighboring side chains. Size exclusion chromatographymulti-angle light scattering (SEC-MALS) experiments were conducted to determine the main-chain stiffness. Despite the use of a poor solvent for PSt, the stiffness parameter λ^{-1} was almost independent of the *DP* of the PSt side chains up to 60 even in the brush regime of side-chains with inter-chain interaction and hence somehow stretched conformation. This behavior differs from those of previously reported bottlebrushes of flexible main chains and successfully demonstrated the cellulosic main chain intrinsically so stiff to form bottlebrushes of sufficiently long side chains with little effect on the main-chain conformation (Figure 2b). This would expand the diversity in design of bottlebrushes along with the chirality of cellulosic chain.



Figure 2. (a) Chemical structure of cellulosic bottlebrushes 1 with PSt side chains: l = 60, 30, and 20. (b) The dependence of λ^{-1} on the degree of polymerization (*l*) of the side chains for 1 in DMF/LiBr (filled circles) in this study and PSt-PSt bottlebrushes in cyclohexane (open circles) reported in literatures. The solid and broken lines represent theoretical curves for the PSt-PSt bottlebrush calculated with h = 0.27 nm (solid line) and h = 0.52 nm (broken line) in a Θ -solvent.

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Scope of Research

Our research focuses on creation of new organic molecules with potential as key reagents and materials for future science and technologies. Furthermore, we have been developing new organic and polymeric materials based on our tailor-made molecules. For example, we are developing a new living radical polymerization method using heavier heteroatom compounds as controlling agents. Another topic is the synthesis of cycloparaphenylenes, hoop-shaped π -conjugated molecules, based on new synthetic strategies. We also study various condensed states of polymers by both static and dynamic methods to understand the relationship between structure and physical properties.



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Strain-Induced Double Carbon–Carbon Bond Activations of Cycloparaphenylenes by a Platinum Complex: Application to the Synthesis of Cyclic Diketones

The carbon–carbon (C–C) bond activation of [n]cycloparaphenylenes ([n]CPPs) by a transition-metal complex was achieved. The Pt⁰ complex Pt(PPh₃)₄ regioselectively cleaves two C–C σ bonds of [5]CPP and [6]CPP to give cyclic dinuclear platinum complexes in high yields. Theoretical calculations revealed that the relief of ring strain drives the reaction. The cyclic complex was further transformed into a cyclic diketone by using a CO insertion reaction. The mechanism of the formation of the dinuclear platinum(0) complexes was elucidated with DFT calculations, which suggested a stepwise pathway. Both steps of forming the mononuclear platinum complex and the cyclic dinuclear complex were found to be highly exothermic and have low activation energies. The DFT studies also explained regioselectivity of the reaction. The activation of the more strained [5]CPP was significantly faster compared with that of less strained [6]CPP. Consistent with the proposed strain-induced process, larger CPPs, such as [7]CPP and [8]CPP, did not show reactivity.



Figure 1. Carbon–Carbon Bond Activations of Cycloparaphenylenes by a Platinum Complex.

One-Step Synthesis of Dendritic Highly Branched Polystyrenes by Organotellurium-Mediated Copolymerization of Styrene and a Dienyl Telluride Monomer

By a one-step copolymerization of dienyl telluride (DT) and styrene (St) in the presence of organotellurium chain transfer agent (CTA) at thermal condition, dendritic highly branched polystyrenes (HB-PSts) were successfully synthesized. The molecular weight, branching density, and dendritic generation were easily controlled by the ratio of CTA, DT, and St with maintaining low dispersity (D < 2.2). The branching efficiency estimated by a deuterium-labeling experiment showed that DT quantitatively (>95%) served as the branching point. The end group fidelity was determined by the end group transformation to pyren derivative and was proved to be high (ca. 90%). Intrinsic viscosity of the HB-PSt was significantly lower than that of linear polystyrenes and were easily tuned by the branching number and branching density. The method is compatible of various functional groups, and furthermore, chloro and acetoxy-substituted styrenes were also used as comonomer. A tadpole block copolymer was also synthesized by starting from linear PSt as a macroinitiator.



Figure 2. End group transformation of the highly branched polystyrene.

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Scope of Research

NV centers in diamond have been extensively interested because a single spin of the NV center can be manipulated and detected at room temperature. Furthermore, a spincoherence time of the NV center is very long. The spincoherence time is the time to retain coherence (superposition state) and directly relates to the sensitivity of sensors of magnetic field, electric field and temperature. Therefore, the unique and excellent properties of the NV center are expected to be applied for quantum computing, quantum communication, bio-imaging, and high-sensitive sensor with nano-scale resolution.



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Ultra-long Coherence Times Amongst Roomtemperature Solid-state Spins

Solid-state single spins are promising resources for quantum sensing, quantum-information processing and quantum networks, because they are compatible with scalable quantum-device engineering. However, the extension of their coherence times proves challenging. Although enrichment of the spin-zero ¹²C and ²⁸Si isotopes drastically reduces spin-bath decoherence in diamond and silicon, the solid-state environment provides deleterious interactions between the electron spin and the remaining spins of its surrounding. Here we demonstrate, contrary to widespread belief, that an impurity-doped (phosphorus) n-type singlecrystal diamond realises remarkably long spin- coherence times. Single electron spins show the longest inhomogeneous spin-dephasing time ($T_2^* \approx 1.5 \text{ ms}$) and Hahn-echo spin-coherence time ($T_2 \approx 2.4$ ms) ever observed in room-temperature solid-state systems, leading to the best sensitivities (amongst others such as temperature), which we confirmed for AC magnetic fields. From the analysis of the noise spectrum, the elongation of T₂ could be realised by optimising the phosphorus concentration and by continuing to decrease the paramagnetic impurities and defects.

The extension of coherence times in diamond semiconductor may allow for new applications in quantum technology.



Figure 1. Echo signal of the single NV centre at room temperature. (Insert) Bloch sphere to show the coherence (superposition state).

Extension of the Coherence Time by Generating MW Dressed States in a Single NV Centre in Diamond

Nitrogen-vacancy (NV) centres in diamond hold promise in quantum sensing applications. A major interest in them is an enhancement of their sensitivity by the extension of the coherence time (T_2) . In this report, we experimentally generated more than four dressed states in a single NV centre in diamond based on Autler-Townes splitting (ATS). We also observed the extension of the coherence time to $T_2 \sim 1.5$ ms which is more than two orders of magnitude longer than that of the undressed states. Numerical estimations show the sensitivity of the quantum sensing with the dressed states can be enhanced at least one-order of magnitude with experimentally observed T_{20} and T_2 . Thus, we believe that the quantum sensing with the dressed states can be applicable for improving the sensitivity of a quantum sensing. As an example of a quantum application using these results we propose a protocol of quantum sensing, which shows more than an order of magnitude enhancement in the sensitivity.



Figure 2. (Top) Pulse sequence to observe $T_{2\rho}$ and T_2 with applying a phase cycle to the final $\pi/2$ pulse. (Bottom) Black and red plots show the results of $T_{2\rho}$ and T_2 measurements, respectively. They are fitted by exponential decay curves described by black and red solid lines.

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Scope of Research

Conventional electronics uses only the charge of electrons, while traditional magnetic devices use only the spin degree of freedom of electrons. Aiming at complete control of both charge and spin in single solid-state devices, an emerging field called spintronics is rapidly developing and having an impact on information technologies. By combining the atomic-layer deposition with nanofabrication, we focus on the development of spin properties of various materials and the control of quantum effects in mesoscopic systems for novel spintronics devices.

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Spin-transfer-torque-driven Magnetic Domain Wall Motion in Antiferromagnetically Coupled Ferrimagnets

Magnetic domain wall (DW) racetrack memory is a next-generation, non-volatile and high-density magnetic memory, where the magnetic domain walls work as information bits and they are controlled by electric current via the effect of spin transfer torque (STT). Antiferromagnets are considered one of the material candidates for the racetrack memory. However, experimental explorations of STT in antiferromagnets remain elusive because of experimental difficulty accessing some of the magnetic properties. In this work, we instead examined the effects of STT in a ferrimagnetic material (a GdFeCo alloy), a more experimentally accessible material, which mimics an antiferromagnetic property at a certain temperature, the so-called angular momentum compensation temperature T_{A} . We measured the DW velocity under the application of electric current at various temperatures (see Figure 1 (a) for the experimental setup). We found that, as shown in Figure 1 (b), the DW velocity changes its sign in the vicinity of T_A . By fitting the experimental data with the theoretical model, we quantitatively determined the two components of STT, *i.e.* the adiabatic and non-adiabatic torques. Our result show that the non-adiabatic STT in antiferromagnets is indeed quite large, suggesting that an energy-efficient DW racetrack memory may be possible with antiferromagnets.



Figure 1. (a) Schematic illustration of the experimental setup. (b) The STT-induced DW velocity as a function of temperature. The dotted orange line represents the angular momentum compensation temperature T_A .

Antiferromagnetic Memory That Cannot Be Written by a Magnetic Field but by a Flow of Electron Spins

Conventional magnetic data storages, such as Hard disk drives (HDDs) and Magnetic random access memory (MRAM), traditionally use ferromagnets to record the information by flipping the macroscopic magnetic moments. However, as shown in Figure 2(a), a dipole field (or stray field) from the ferromagnets ultimately invokes the bit interference and prevents the information bit from packing closely. Antiferromagnets are another class of magnetic materials which have microscopic magnetic moments but they are coupled in opposite directions. Therefore, antiferromagnets have no net magnetic moment and do not produce any stray field or respond to an external magnetic field. By making use of these properties of antiferromagnets, one could make an extremely dense magnetic memory, which can be an important breakthrough for information storages. In this work, we showed the demonstration of a sequential antiferromagnetic memory operation with a spin-orbit-torque write, by the spin Hall effect, and a resistive read in the CoGd synthetic antiferromagnetic bits, in which we reveal the distinct differences in the spin-orbittorque- and field-induced switching mechanisms of the antiferromagnetic moment. As shown in Figures (b)(c), the memory states (the Hall resistances) are altered by spinorbit-torque but are not influenced by the external field. We, therefore, succeeded in demonstrating the antiferromagnetic memory that cannot be written by a magnetic field but by a flow of electron spins.



Figure 2. (a) Comparison between ferromagnetic bits and antiferromagnetic bits in terms of memory bit density. (b) After each write ("0", "1") by a spin-orbit-torque, the memory states were read by the Hall resistance. (c) After each write ("0", "1") by an external field, the memory states were read by the Hall resistance.

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Scope of Research

The ultimate goal of our research is the regulation of cellular functions by designed peptides and proteins. Current research subjects include (1) development of novel intracellular delivery systems aiming at elucidation and control of cellular functions using designed membrane permeable peptide vectors, (2) elucidation of the DNA or RNA binding modes of nucleic acid binding proteins, and design of artificial regulators of gene expression, (3) elucidation and control of membrane curvature, and (4) design of stimulation-responsible artificial peptides and proteins.



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Artificial Curvature Inducing Peptide Triggering Cellular Endocytic Uptake

Membrane curvature is no longer seen as a passive consequence of cellular activity but an active means to create membrane domains and to organize centres for membrane trafficking (McMahon & Gallop, *Nature*, (2005) 438, 590-596). The generation and maintenance of membrane curvature is of central importance for maintaining trafficking and cellular functions. It is therefore meaningful to develop a new tool for controlling membrane curvature to understand the fundamental aspects in cell homeostasis and the disorder. As a new tool candidate, we focused on amphipathic peptides. Some amphipathic peptides are known to induce membrane curvature by its interaction with membrane. We hypothesized that these amphipathic peptides can also induce membrane curvature in living cells by the interaction with plasma membranes and control cellular functions.

As a cellular activity which was regulated by membrane curvature, we focused on endocytic events. Plasma membrane curvature controls endocytosis events by affecting the activities of endocytic proteins (Zhao et al., Nat. Nanotech., (2017) 12, 750-756). Therefore, we hypothesized that amphipathic peptides can control endocytic events by inducing membrane curvature in living cells (Figure 1). To confirm the effects on endocytic events by amphipathic peptides, we measured the cellular uptake amount of fluorescent-labelled dextran, which is a fluid-phase endocytosis marker. In the amphipathic peptide-treated cells, increase in cellular uptake of fluorescent-labelled dextran was observed. Amphiphysin is a membrane curvature-sensing protein. The treatment of the cells with the amphipathic peptide increased the number of amphiphysin-derived puncta signals, suggesting that the amphipathic peptide may induce membrane curvature in living cells.

Loosening of Lipid packing by Recruitment of Amphiphilic Peptides onto Cell Surface

Spatiotemporal membrane remodeling plays an important role in cellular events, including membrane trafficking, movement, growth and division. Alternations of the membrane structure are often accompanied by change of lipid packing. Establishment of means of controlling lipid packing may thus enable modification of various cellular functions and events.

Epsin-1 is an accessory protein involved in the induction of positive curvature necessary for clathrin-coated pit formation. We previously reported that an amphiphilic helical peptide corresponding to the N-terminus 18 residues (EpN18) has an ability to induce positive curvature^[1] and to loosen lipid packing of cell membranes.^[2] We have therefore focused on EpN18 as a means of manipulating lipid packing and the structure of the cell membranes.

In this study, we report a novel approach for recruitment of EpN18 onto cell surface using leucine-zipper peptides, E3 and K4, which form a stable heterodimer with a parallel coiled-coil structure.^[3] EpN18 was conjugated to the K4 segment, which specifically recognizes E3 segments expressed on cell surface. Live-cell confocal laser scanning microscopy analysis revealed that this cell-surface tethering of EpN18 yielded promotion of intracellular translocation of octaarginine and loosening of lipid packing. In addition, detachment of EpN18 from cell surface was accomplished by the treatment of excess amount of the K4 peptide without bearing EpN18. This approach thus shows promise for the modulation of lipid packing and related cellular events.^[4]

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Figure 1. Mechanism of effect on endocytosis by amphipathic peptide.



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Scope of Research

Plant hormones are a group of small molecules that are synthesized by plants and control their growth, development and environmental responses. This laboratory aims at elucidating how plant hormones are made and act in plants. Towards this goal, we combine chemical (organic chemistry, biochemistry, and analytical chemistry) and biological (molecular genetics, physiology, molecular biology, genomics) approaches. We are also looking for new hormone-like compounds by using mutant plants that show morphological phenotypes.

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The Mechanism for Strigolactone Perception and Deactivation by a DWARF14 Receptor

Strigolactones (SLs) have been identified as root-derived signals for parasitic and symbiotic interactions in the rhizosphere. In addition to these functions as allelochemicals, SLs are now known as endogenous plant hormones that regulate many aspects of plant growth such as outgrowth of axillary shoots, root development and leaf senescence.

Recently, the perception mechanism for SLs has been a subject of debate because their receptor, DWARF14 (D14), is an α/β -hydrolase that can cleave SLs. In the study of Seto *et al.* (2019), we first conducted time-course analyses of SL binding and hydrolysis by Arabidopsis D14 (AtD14) by using differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) experiments and hydrolysis assays (Figure 1). In these analyses, we found that the level of uncleaved GR24, a synthetic SL analog, strongly correlates with the induction of the melting temperature (Tm) shift of AtD14, suggesting that SLs trigger the active state of D14 before their hydrolysis.



Figure 1. The time-course analyses of SL binding and hydrolysis by AtD14. (A) Hydrolysis reaction of SL (GR24) by AtD14. (B) Quantification of the hydrolysis reaction of GR24 (40 μ M) by AtD14. (C) The Tm shift of AtD14 incubated with GR24 (40 μ M) in DSF analysis. The maximum Tm shift was observed at initial incubation (0 min).

We next analyzed the catalytic triad mutants of AtD14. Among them, interestingly, the AtD14^{D218A} mutant completely complemented the hyper-branching phenotype of the *atd14* mutant though it lacks the hydrolase activity (Figure 2). Moreover, we found that the AtD14^{D218A} mutant could interact with SMXL7, a negative regulator of SL signaling, in an SL-dependent manner in yeast two hybrid experiments (Figure 2). These findings suggest that the hydrolase reaction catalyzed by D14 is not necessary for the signal transducing role.



Figure 2. Functional analysis of the AtD14^{D218A} mutant. (A) The SL hydrolysis activities of maltose binding protein (MBP)-tagged wild-type of AtD14 protein (AtD14^{WT}) and the AtD14^{D218A} mutant. MBP was used in the control reaction. (B) The branching phenotype of Arabidopsis transgenic plants expressing AtD14^{WT} and AtD14^{D218A}. (C) The SL-dependent interaction of SMXL7 with AtD14^{WT} and AtD14^{D218A} in yeast.

Moreover, we showed that overexpression of the AtD14^{R183H} mutant, which could not interact with SMXL7 in the presence of SLs, but could hydrolyze SLs like AtD14^{WT}, resulted in an increased shoot branching phenotype (data not shown). These results support the idea that the hydrolase reaction catalyzed by D14 would be a deactivating step of SLs after transducing the signal.

From these lines of evidence, we conclude that the intact SL molecules trigger the D14 active signaling state, and that D14 deactivates bioactive SLs by hydrolysis after signal transmission. Together, our results revealed that D14 is a dual-functional receptor, responsible for both the perception and deactivation of bioactive SLs (Figure 3).



Figure 3. A proposed model of D14 in SL signaling. Bioactive SLs induce the conformational changes of D14, which triggers complex formation with the signaling partners. After the degradation of negative regulators of SL signaling (D53/SMXLs) and transmission of the SL signal, D14 reconstructs the catalytic triad to inactivate the bioactive SL.

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Scope of Research

This laboratory aims at clarifying molecular bases of regulatory mechanisms for plant development, especially plant morphogenesis, with techniques of forward and reverse genetics, molecular biology, and biochemistry. Current major subjects are: 1) phospholipid signaling in cell morphogenesis, 2) the transcriptional network for cytokinin responses, 3) COP9 signalosome modulating signal transduction in the nuclei, and 4) the endoreduplication cell cycle in cell differentiation.



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PCaP2 Modulates Phosphoinositide Signaling on the Plasma Membrane

Arabidopsis plasma membrane-associated Ca²⁺-binding protein-2 (PCaP2), which belongs to a class of plant-unique Ca²⁺-binding proteins, also binds to phosphoinositides including phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate [PtdIns(4,5) P2]. PCaP2, together with PCaP1, was first characterized as a protein related to Raphanus sativus radish vacuole Ca²⁺-binding protein (RVCaB), and was later found to be associated with the plasma membrane via the N-myristoyl anchor and to bind Ca²⁺, the Ca²⁺/calmodulin complex, and phosphoinositides. Detailed biochemical analysis of PCaP2 has revealed that the 23-amino acid N-terminal polybasic region (PCaP2^{N23}) contains the N-myristoylation site and the sites of Ca²⁺/calmodulin- and phosphoinositidebinding activity, while the residual acidic region (PCaP $2^{\Delta 23}$) is the location of Ca²⁺-binding activity. In histochemical analysis, the PCaP2 promoter was preferentially active in root hairs and pollen tubes, both of which are cellular structures formed by tip growth. While pcap2 knockdown mutant exhibited longer root hairs than the wild type, root hair cell-specific overexpression of PCaP2^{N23} led to shortroot-hair or no-root-hair phenotypes, and this defect was suppressed by overexpression of PIP5K3-YFP. These findings suggest that PCaP2 negatively modulates root hair elongation via its PtdIns(4,5)P2-binding activity.



Figure 1. (a) Bright-field and fluorescence images (PCaP2-GFP and PI(4,5)P₂ marker) of elongating root hairs are shown. (b) The localization profiles of PCaP2-GFP (green) and the PI(4,5)P₂ marker (magenta) in the root hair apical region indicated in (a) are shown. In each column, a merged fluorescence image of PCaP2-GFP and the PI(4,5)P₂ marker, and their relative fluorescence intensities along the lines indicated in the image are shown. Dashed lines indicate the PI(4,5)P₂ marker localization on the plasma membrane. Arrowheads indicate the merge of PCaP2-GFP localization and PI(4,5)P₂ marker. Bars= 10 mm.

We focused on the function of PCaP2 via PtdIns(4,5) P₂-binding activity on the plasma membrane, and investigated the mechanism by which PCaP2 modulates root hair elongation. We found that the pcap2 knockdown mutation caused a higher rate of root hair elongation than the wild type and partly suppressed the phenotype of a low elongation rate in the pip5k3-2 mutant. Constitutively expressed 2xCHERRY-2xPH^{PLC}, a PtdIns(4,5)P₂ marker protein, and PCaP2 promoter-driven PCaP2-GFP overlapped on the subapical plasma membrane of elongating root hairs (Figure 1). PCaP2^{N23}-GFP, which caused a low root hair elongation rate, exhibited a similar localization pattern on the plasma membrane to PCaP2-GFP. Inducibly overexpressed PCaP2-GFP, but not PCaP2^{A23}-GFP, replaced 2xCHERRY-2xPHPLC on the plasma membrane in root meristematic epidermal cells (Figure 2), and suppressed FM4-64 internalization in elongating root hairs. Moreover, inducibly overexpressed PCaP2, but not PCaP2^{A23}, inhibited the endocytic recycling of PIN2-GFP, suggesting that PCaP2 affected the clathrin-mediated endocytosis involving the function of $PtdIns(4,5)P_2$ on the plasma membrane. Together, these results consistently support our idea that PCaP2 negatively modulates PtdIns(4,5)P2 signaling on the subapical plasma membrane of elongating root hairs through competitive binding to $PtdIns(4,5)P_2$.



Figure 2. Fluorescence images of PCaP2-GFP (a) or PCaP2^{G2A}-GFP (b) expressed by an estradiol -inducible promoter, the PI(4,5)P₂ marker (magenta) expressed by the *UBIQUITIN10* promoter, and their merged images in meristematic root epidermal cells treated with (right panels) or without (left panels) 10 μ M β -estradiol for 5 hours are shown. Bars = 10 mm.

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Chemical biology is an interdisciplinary field of study that is often defined as "chemistry-initiated biology." As biological processes all stem from chemical events, it should be possible to understand or manipulate biological events using chemistry. Our laboratory has been discovering or designing unique organic molecules that modulate fundamental processes in human cells. Such synthetic organic molecules often serve as tools for basic cell biology. Discovery or design of small molecules with unique biological activities permits small-molecule-initiated exploration of complex cellular events.

Our mission is to create a new world of bioactive synthetic molecules: new modes of activity, new shapes, and new sizes. We hope to open new avenues for small-molecule applications in a range of fields, including future concepts in drug discovery and use of small molecules for cell therapy.

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Cell-based therapy is a promising approach to restoring lost functions to compromised organs. However, the issue of inefficient cell engraftment remains to be resolved. Herein, we take a chemical approach to facilitate cell engraftment by using self-assembling molecules which modify two cellular traits: cell survival and invasiveness. In this system, the self-assembling molecule induces syndecan-4 clusters on the cellular surface, leading to enhanced cell viability. Further integration with Halo-tag technology provided this self-assembly structure with matrix metalloproteinase-2 to functionalize cells with cell-invasion activity. In vivo experiments showed that the pretreated cells were able to survive injection and then penetrate and engraft into the host tissue, demonstrating that the system enhances cell engraftment. Therefore, cell-surface modification via an alliance between selfassembling molecules and ligation technologies may prove to be a promising method for cell engraftment.



Nutrient-Based Chemical Library as a Source of Energy Metabolism Modulators

Covalent conjugates of multiple nutrients often exhibit greater biological activities than each individual nutrient and more predictable safety profiles than completely unnatural chemical entities. Here, we report the construction and application of a focused chemical library of 308 covalent conjugates of a variety of small-molecule nutrients. Screening of the library with a reporter gene of sterol regulatory element-binding protein (SREBP), a master regulator of mammalian lipogenesis, led to the discovery of a conjugate of docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), glucosamine, and amino acids as an inhibitor of SREBP (molecule 1, DHG). Mechanistic analyses indicate that molecule 1 impairs the SREBP activity by inhibiting glucose transporters and thereby activating AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK). Oral administration of molecule 1 suppressed the intestinal absorption of glucose in mice. These results suggest that such synthetic libraries of nutrient conjugates serve as a source of novel chemical tools and pharmaceutical seeds that modulate energy metabolism.



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Scope of Research

Our research goal is to develop high-performance organic electroluminescence devices, organic solar cells, and polymer materials. Toward this, we carry out syntheses, device fabrications, precise structure characterizations, and quantum chemical calculations for high functional organic materials. Along with exploring novel synthetic routes and novel devices, we perform detailed analyses of structures and dynamics, mainly by sophisticated solid-state NMR spectroscopy, in order to obtain structure–dynamics– property relationships.

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Thermally Activated Delayed Fluorescent Materials Combining Intra- and Intermolecular Charge Transfers

A novel thermally activated delayed fluorescent (TADF) compound, 9-(3-((4,6-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) oxy)phenyl)-3,6-diphenyl-9H-carbazole (PhCz-o-Trz), with a donor $-\sigma$ -acceptor (D $-\sigma$ -A) motif is developed. A flexible small space σ -junction is adopted to partly suppress the intramolecular charge transfer (intra-CT) while inversely enhancing the intermolecular charge transfer (inter-CT) between D/A moieties, realizing the coexistence of both intra-CT and inter-CT in an amorphous aggregate (Figure 1). The coexistence of dual CTs increases the complexity of the singlet and triplet state mixing, enhancing the triplet-to-singlet spin-flip transition and thereby the TADF emission. Additionally, PhCz-o-Trz is evaluated not only as an emitter but also as a sensitizing host for fluorescent and phosphorescent dopants.

With increasing the PhCz-o-Trz concentration, red-shift of fluorescence spectra was observed. Also, it is observed that both the intra- and inter-CT emissions coexist from 20 wt % to nearly 100 wt %. These results indicate the coexistence of the intra-CT and inter-CT, facilitating the triplet-to-singlet spin-flip transition. The device with DPEPO: 40% PhCz-o-Trz as the EML provided an EQEmax of 8.5%. Furthermore, devices with PhCz-o-Trz as the single host for fluorescence, phosphorescence, and TADF dopants were evaluated, realizing an maximum external quantum efficiency of 11.9, 27.1, and 20.2%, respectively. Our results here will shed new light on developing novel TADF materials with tunable intra- and inter-CT states, enabling not only TADF emitters with dual CT states but also single-molecule exciplex-type hosts with an easy device fabrication procedure, and may also deepen our understanding about TADF mechanisms.

Parameter-Free Multiscale Simulation Realising Quantitative Prediction of Hole and Electron Mobilities in Organic Amorphous System with Multiple Frontier Orbitals

In amorphous organic semiconducting systems, hole and electron transfer has been considered to occur based on the overlap of highest occupied molecular orbitals (HOMOs) and that of lowest unoccupied molecular orbitals (LUMOs) between two adjacent molecules, respectively. Other molecular orbitals (MOs), HOMO-1, HOMO-2, ... and LUMO+1, LUMO+2, ..., have been neglected in charge transport calculations. However, these MOs could potentially contribute to charge transport. In this study, our multiscale simulations show that carriers are effectively transported not only via HOMOs or LUMOs but also via other MOs when the MOs are close in energy. Because these multiple MOs are active in charge transports, here we call them multiple frontier orbitals. Molecules with multiple frontier orbitals are found to possess high carrier mobility. The findings in this study provide guidelines to aid design of materials with excellent charge transport properties.



Figure 1. Molecular structure and mechanism of intra- and inter molecular charge transfer.



Figure 2. The charge transport simulation model for this work and electric field dependence of electron mobility.

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Scope of Research

(i) Biogeochemistry of trace elements in the hydrosphere: Novel analytical methods are developed for trace metals and their isotopes. Distribution of trace elements in the hydrosphere and their effects on the ecosystem are investigated. The study also covers hydrothermal activity, deep biosphere, and paleocean. (ii) Ion recognition: Novel ligands and ion recognition system are designed, synthesized, and characterized.





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Major Lithogenic Contributions to the Distribution and Budget of Iron in the North Pacific Ocean

Recent studies have elucidated that iron (Fe) is a critical trace metal that influences the productivity of marine ecosystems and the biogeochemical cycles of other elements in the modern ocean. However, our understanding of the biogeochemistry of Fe remains incomplete. Herein, we report basin-scale and full-depth sectional distributions of total dissolvable iron (tdFe), dissolved iron (dFe), and labile particulate iron (lpFe = tdFe - dFe) in the North Pacific Ocean, as observed during three cruises of the GEO-TRACES Japan program. We found that lpFe dominates tdFe and is significantly correlated with labile particulate aluminum (lpAl): lpFe [nmol kg⁻¹] = (0.544 ± 0.005) lpAl $[\text{nmol kg}^{-1}] + 0.11 \pm 0.04, r^2 = 0.968, n = 432$. The results indicate a major lithogenic contribution to the distribution of particulate Fe. For dFe, the unique distribution is attributed to the combined effects of biogeochemical cycling, manganese reduction, and lithogenic contribution. Based on concurrent observations of Fe, Al, and manganese (Mn), we infer that the width of the boundary scavenging zone is approximately 500 km off the Aleutian shelf. We estimate the inventory of tdFe in the North Pacific as 1.1×10^{12} mol, which is approximately four times that of dFe. Our results emphasize the potential importance of lpFe in the ocean's iron cycle.



Figure 1. Clean water sampling during the KH-12-4 cruise.

Precise Analysis of the Concentrations and Isotopic Compositions of Molybdenum and Tungsten in Geochemical Reference Materials

Molybdenum (Mo) is a redox-sensitive element and its concentrations and stable isotope compositions are widely used as a redox proxy in paleoceanography. Tungsten (W) is an emerging new isotope proxy, which has potential as a tracer for hydrothermal and early diagenetic processes. We present a new method for the precise and accurate analysis of Mo and W concentrations and isotope compositions from one single sample aliquot, thus saving mass of a sample and making the results directly comparable without concerns related to analytical or natural sample heterogeneity. After acid digestion, Mo and W are separated from the sample matrix using chelating resin NOBIAS Chelate-PA1 and anion exchange resin AG1 X8. Matrix removal is highly efficient: the remaining percentage is 10^{-2} to 10^{-50} % with respect to the initial weight. Subsequently, samples are measured for Mo and W concentrations and isotope compositions using multi-collector inductivity coupled plasma mass spectrometry (MC-ICP-MS). For mass bias correction and determination of concentrations, we use standard-sample bracketing and in addition an external correction method employing ruthenium (Ru) for Mo and rhenium (Re) for W. This double correction approach results in an external reproducibility of or below 0.10‰ (2SD) for δ^{98} Mo and 0.05‰ for δ^{186} W. We present data for Mo and W in 12 geological reference materials including igneous rocks, sedimentary rocks, marine sediments, and manganese nodules. For Mo our method reproduces published values for the geological standard materials within analytical error of published values. For W, although published data do not always agree for a given geological standard material, our data agree within error with more recent data. We interpret a cause of the deviations is due to unknown effects of a desolvating nebulizer for MC-ICP-MS.

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Scope of Research

To understand the chemical structure and properties of a molecular aggregated system, the keywords of molecular interactions and orientation are focused on, and the molecular aggregates are investigated by using originally developed spectroscopic techniques. The current major topics are: (1) perfluoroalkyl-specific properties in a condensed system; (2) controlling factors of molecular packing and orientation in a thin film of an organic semiconductor compound; (3) development of new molecular orientation analytical technique "MAIRS2."

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Alternative Face-on Thin Film Structure of Pentacene

Rod-shaped molecules represented by pentacene are known to form a highly ordered structure in a thin film, in which the molecular long axis aligns perpendicularly to the substrate surface, i.e., end-on orientation. The face-on oriented thin film, on the other hand, where the molecular plane is parallel to the substrate, has never been found on an inert substrate represented by SiO₂. As a result, the faceon orientation has long been believed to be generated only on specific substrates such as a metal single crystal. In the present study, the face-on orientation grown on a SiO₂ surface has first been identified by means of visible and infrared p-polarized multiple-angle incidence resolution spectrometry (pMAIRS). The combination of the multiple techniques reveals that the face-on phase is definitely realized as the dominant component. The face-on film is obtained when the film growth is kinetically restricted to be prevented from transforming into the thermodynamically stable structure, *i.e.*, the end-on orientation. This concept is useful for controlling the molecular orientation in general organic semiconductor thin films.



Figure 1. Face-on thinfilm structure of pentacene revealed by Vis pMAIRS.

Raman Optical Activity on a Solid Sample: Identification of Atropisomers of Perfluoroalkyl Chains Having a Helical Conformation and No Chiral Center

Perfluoroalkyl (R_f) chains have a specific helical conformation due to the steric repulsion between the adjacent CF_2 units. Although R_f chains have no chiral center, two chiral structures, *i.e.*, the right-handed (R) and left- handed (L) helices, are available as the most stable conformations, which are atropisomers to each other. According to the stratified dipole array (SDA) theory, the helical structure about the chain axis plays a key role in the spontaneous molecular aggregation of R_f chains in a two-dimensional manner, and the R_f chains having the same chirality tend to be aggregated spontaneously to generate molecular domains. This implies that an R_f compound in a solid state should be a mixture of the R and L domains, and each domain should exhibit distinguishable optical activity. To identify molecular domains with different atropisomers, in this study, Raman optical activity (ROA) measurements were performed on a Raman imaging spectrometer. Through the ROA measurements of recrystallized solid samples of an R_f compound, each particle exhibits an apparent optical activity, and the two atropisomers were readily distinguished. As a result, an R_f compound with the same helicity is found to be spontaneously aggregated as expected by the SDA theory.



Figure 2. Overall view of the apparatus for Raman and ROA measurements.

Second Generation of Multiple-Angle Incidence Resolution Spectrometry

Infrared (IR) surface spectroscopic techniques commonly have long-term issues that 1) the multiple reflections of light in the substrate yield optical interference fringes in the absorption spectrum, and 2) the double-modulation of light at the interferometer in FT-IR makes a water-vapor-subtraction impossible. These measurement troubles often disturb the quantitative analysis of chemical bands of the analyte thin film. To overcome the long-term common issues, in the present study, an advanced MAIRS technique named "MAIRS2" is proposed: the angle of incidence is fixed at a larger angle to avoid the two problems; whereas the polarization angle is changed instead. With this simple conceptual change of MAIRS, as a result, we are ready for concentrating on spectral analysis only without concerning about the measurement troubles.



Figure 3. MAIRS2 realizes ideal IR measurements of a thin film for accurate molecular orientation analysis, which is highly robust to water-vapor and optical fringes.

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Microorganisms are found almost everywhere on Earth. They have a great diversity of capacities to adapt to various environments, including chemically and physically unusual environments. Our main subject is to clarify the molecular basis of environmental adaptations of microorganisms and their application. Specific functions of proteins and lipids with essential roles in environmental adaptation of extremophilic microorganisms are of our particular interest. We also undertake mechanistic analysis of microbial enzymes, in particular, those involved in unique metabolic pathways, and their application.



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Bacterial Regulation of Vesicle Production and Biofilm Dispersion in Response to Extracellular Environment

Extracellular membrane vesicles (EMVs) secreted by many kinds of bacteria have various roles in survival such as inter-cellular communication and biofilm formation. Therefore, the amounts and components of EMVs should be tuned in response to their growing environment. Although several vesiculation mechanisms are suggested, it remains largely unknown how bacteria regulate vesiculation in response to the environments. We are focusing on a sensor protein, HM1275, identified in EMVs of *Shewanella vesiculosa* HM13, a cold-adapted Gramnegative bacterium.

Addition of Lys to a poor nutrient medium increased the vesicle production by the parent strain in a dose-dependent manner, whereas the effect of Lys addition on the hm1275-disrupted mutant was less significant. HM1275 has approximately 40% sequence identity to BdlA, which is known as a protein for biofilm dispersion. The amount of biofilm of the parent decreased over time probably due to biofilm dispersion and was lower than that of the mutant in the poor medium containing additional Lys (Figure 1).

Together, HM1275 is involved in regulation of both vesicle production and biofilm dispersion in response to Lys in the poor nutrient medium. There may be a linkage between these two phenomena, where HM1275-containing EMVs released by the Lys-sensing cells are delivered to other cells to induce biofilm dispersion for collective cell behavior.

EPA biosynthesis showed cold-sensitive phenotypes such as growth retardation and abnormal cell filamentation, and these phenotypes were suppressed by supplementation of EPA and of docosahexaenoic acid (DHA). The interesting finding was that the EPA-less mutant produced EPA when grown in the presence of DHA, suggesting the presence of the unidentified metabolic pathway that converts DHA into EPA (Figure 2A). The biosynthesis of EPA/DHA in marine bacteria has been intensively studied, whereas the other metabolic route including degradation and bioconversion are poorly understood. To understand the DHA conversion mechanism in S. livingstonensis Ac10, we carried out mutagenesis experiments of genes of β-oxidation enzymes and their homologs. We found that the disruption of sl 1351 gene that putatively encodes 2,4-dienoyl-CoA reductase (FadH) resulted in the decreased conversion level (Figure 2B). FadH is an auxiliary enzyme of β -oxidation pathway and essential to degrade Δ^4 -unsaturated fatty acids, like DHA. As SI 1351 is highly homologous to a well-studied FadH from Escherichia coli, the DHA conversion is likely mediated through a typical β -oxidation pathway. On the other hand, possible β -oxidation intermediates other than EPA (e.g. octadecapentaenoic and hexadecatetraenoic acids) were not detected on the supplementation of DHA. It suggests that S. livingstonensis Ac10 metabolizes DHA to preferentially form EPA, which is an important biofactor for the bacterium.



Figure 1. Side-view of SEM image of $\Delta hm1275$ biofilm.

Bioconversion of DHA into EPA

The psychrotrophic bacterium *Shewanella livingstonensis* Ac10 produces eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) at cold temperatures. The EPA-less mutant that is deficient of *de novo*



Figure 2. (A) The schematic view of the bioconversion from DHA to EPA. (B) Mass spectrometry analysis of EPA-containing phospholipids from the parent and $\Delta sl_{-}1351$ cells. The precursor ion scans for the target ion of m/z 301 (corresponding to [M-H]⁻ ion for EPA) are shown.

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Scope of Research

The structure and molecular motion of polymer substances are studied, mainly using scattering methods such as X-ray, neutron, and light with intent to solve fundamentally important problems in polymer science. The main projects are studied on 1) the morphologies and the dynamics of self-assembling processes in block copolymers, 2) the hierarchical structures in crystalline polymer and rubber-filler systems, 3) the viscoelastic effects in glassy materials, 4) formation processes and ordering structures in polymer thin films.

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In-situ Measurement of Self-assembling Block Copolymer Thin Film with GISAXS

Directed self-assembly (DSA) of block copolymers (BCPs) has been one of the most promising next generation lithography candidates. In order to use the DSA lithography for advanced semiconductor device manufacturing, we need to mitigate defects in the DSA materials and processes and to clarify the defect generation mechanism by using in-situ measurement of the self-assembling processes of BCPs. In this study, we, thus, observed the process of the self-assembly of a diblock copolymer by grazing incident angle small angler X-ray scattering (GISAXS) during heating process. Figure 1 shows a two-dimensional images of GISAXS for the self-assembling of Polystyrene-b-Poly methyl-methacrylate (PS-b- PMMA) (Mn = 29800-28700, Mn: number-averaged molecular weight) during heating processes at incident angles with 0.05° and 0.12°. An isotropic structure was induced near the glass transition temperature, and transformation to lamella structure was observed at 135 °C. The lamellar structure has a larger period than isotropic structure. The structure gradually grew according to the temperature, and it turned out that the whole film had a vertical lamellar structure at 145 °C. At higher temperature the long-range order of vertical lamellar structure was developed with temperature.



Figure 1. Two-dimensional GISAXS images of PS-b- PMMA in stepwise annealing process. these are at (a)135, (b)145, (c)180 °C with the incident angle of 0.12° and (d)135, (e)145, (f)180 °C with the incident angle of 0.05°.

Improving GISAXS-CT Images by Total Variation Minimization

incidence small-angle X-ray scattering Grazing (GISAXS) coupled with computed tomography (CT) has enabled visualizing the spatial distribution of nanostructures in thin films. The two-dimensional GISAXS images are obtained by scanning along the perpendicular direction to the X-ray beam at each rotation angle. Because the intensities at q positions contain nanostructural information, reconstructed CT images individually represent the spatial distributions of this information (e.g. size, shape, surface, characteristic length). These images are reconstructed from the intensities which are acquired at the angular intervals over 180°, though, it prolongs total measurement time. Moreover, this is often to increase with the radiation dosage and can cause damage to the sample. One way to reduce the overall measurement time is simply that scanning GISAXS measurement is performed along the perpendicular direction to the X-ray beam with a limited interval angle. Using filtered back-projection, CT images are reconstructed from the images of sinogram with the limited interval angles from $\Delta 3^{\circ}$ to $\Delta 48^{\circ}$ (FBP-CT images). However, these images are blurred and result in lower image quality. In this study, to optimize CT image quality, the total variation (TV) regularization is introduced to minimize sinogram image denoising and artifacts. In comparison with the FBP-CT images, we propose that the TV method can apply to down-sampling sinograms for improving CT images (TV-CT images).



Figure 2. An overview of the FBP-CT and TV-CT images.

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Scope of Research

Research focus is placed on the molecular origin of rheological properties of various materials. Depending on time and temperature, homogeneous polymeric materials exhibit typical features of glass, rubber, and viscous fluid while heterogeneous polymeric systems exhibit plasticity in addition to these features. For basic understanding of these features, the molecular motion and structures at various scales are studied for polymeric systems in deformed state. Rheological measurements are performed with various rheometers. Auto-correlation of the molecular orientation is also investigated with dynamic dielectric spectroscopy. Analysis of rheological and dielectric behavior elucidates a new aspect of softmatter physics.





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Dielectric Relaxation of Type-A Chains Undergoing Head-to-Tail Association/ Dissociation: Difference from Head-to-Head Case and Correlation with Viscoelastic Relaxation

Dielectric relaxation of type-A chains reflects global motion of the chains but is also affected by relative alignment of the dipoles along the chain backbone, namely, by the dipole inversion. Head-to-head association of type-A unimers gives a symmetrically dipole-inverted dimer, and the association/dissociation equilibrium of these unimers and dimer results in motional coupling of these chains, thereby affecting the dielectric behavior. In fact, for this head-to-head case, eigenmode analysis has been reported in the literature to reveal that motional coupling results in moderate retardation and acceleration of the dielectric relaxation of the unimer and dimer obeying the reptation dynamics. In contrast, the coupling has no effect on the dielectric relaxation of the Rouse unimer and dimer, namely, the effect of motional coupling on the dielectric relaxation changes with the type of chain dynamics. This effect was not clarified for head-to-tail associating unimers and their dimer having no dipole inversion (Figure 1). Thus, for completeness, this study makes the eigenmode analysis of the dielectric relaxation for this case of head-to-tail reac-



Figure 1. Illustration of head-to-tail associating unimers and dissociating dimer at equilibrium. Purple circles at N-th and 0-th segments of the blue and green unimers (A and B) indicate the associative head and tail, respectively. The unimers and dimer have type-A dipoles aligned along the chain backbone without inversion.

tion. For the unimer and dimer obeying either Rouse or reptation dynamics, the analysis indicates that the retardation and acceleration of the dielectric relaxation of the unimer and dimer are much more significant for the head-totail case than for the head-to-head case irrespective of the chain dynamics, and that the dielectric relaxation function for the former case exactly coincides with the viscoelastic relaxation function if the unimer and dimer obey the reptation dynamics (Figure 2). This result suggests an interesting method of resolving some detail of the chain dynamics under the reaction through comparison of dielectric and viscoelastic responses of the associative type-A chains.



Figure 2. Terminal viscoelastic and dielectric relaxation times, $\langle \tau_{G_i,j} \rangle_n / \langle \tau_{G_i,uni}^{\circ} \rangle_n$ and $\langle \tau_{e_i,j} \rangle_n / \langle \tau_{e_i,uni}^{\circ} \rangle_n$ (solid curves and symbols), of the unimer and dimer undergoing head-to-tail reaction plotted against normalized dissociation rate $r_{d,dim}$ (set identical to $r_{n,dim}$). For comparison, $\{\langle \tau_{G_i,2} \rangle_n / \langle \tau_{G_i,uni}^{\circ} \rangle_n\}^2$ for the Rouse dimer is shown with the dashed green curve in the top panel.

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We design and synthesize unique electronic materials with sophisticated device applications in mind. These materials have novel solid-state aggregation structures or well-defined interface orientation that promote efficient electrical current

flow or enhance device lifetime. Electronic devices based on these new materials are then evaluated using advanced measurement techniques, and the results are used to inform the next direction of the materials chemistry. We call this synergistic approach for achieving our research goals "Needs Inspired Fundamental Science".

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Influence of Alkoxy Chain Length on the Properties of Two Dimensionally Expanded Azulene-Core-Based Hole-Transporting Materials for Efficient Perovskite Solar Cells

A series of two-dimensionally expanded azulenecorebased π systems have been synthesized with different alkyl chain lengths in the alkoxy moieties connected to the partially oxygen-bridged triarylamine skeletons. The thermal, photophysical, and electronic properties of each compound were evaluated to determine the influence of the alkyl chain length on their effectiveness as hole-transporting materials (HTMs) in perovskite solar cells (PSCs). All the synthesized molecules showed promising material properties, including high solubility, the formation of flat and amorphous films, and optimal alignment of energy levels with perovskites. In particular, the derivatives with methyl and *n*-butyl in the side chains retained amorphous stability up to 233 and 159 °C, respectively. Such short alkoxy chains also resulted in improved electrical device properties. The PSC device fabricated with the HTM with *n*-butyl side chains showed the best performance with a power conversion efficiency of 18.9%, which compares favorably with that of spiroOMeTAD-based PSCs (spiro-OMeTAD = 2,2',7,7'-tetrakis[N,Nbis(p-methoxyphenyl)amino]-9,9'spirobifluorene).



Figure 1. Molecular structures of the azulene-core-based twodimensionally expanded π -system derivatives.

A Purified, Solvent-Intercalated Precursor Complex for Wide-Process Window Fabrication of Efficient Perovskite Solar Cells and Modules

A high-purity methylammonium lead iodide complex with intercalated dimethylformamide (DMF) molecules, CH₃NH₃PbI₃·DMF, is introduced as an effective precursor material for fabricating high-quality solution-processed perovskite layers. Spin-coated films of the solventintercalated complex dissolved in pure dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) yielded thick, dense perovskite layers after thermal annealing. The low volatility of the pure DMSO solvent extended the allowable time for low-speed spin programs and considerably relaxed the precision needed for the antisolvent addition step. An optimized, reliable fabrication method was devised to take advantage of this extended process window and resulted in highly consistent performance of perovskite solar cell devices, with up to 19.8% power-conversion efficiency (PCE). The optimized method was also used to fabricate a 22.0 cm², eight cell module with 14.2% PCE (active area) and 8.64 V output (1.08 V/cell).



Perovskite Solar Modules

Figure 2. Photograph of $CH_3NH_3PbI_3$ ·DMF complex and the perovskite solar modules.

Iodine-rich Mixed Composition Perovskites Optimized for Tin(iv) Oxide Transport Layers: the Influence of Halide Ion Ratio, Annealing Time, and Ambient Air Aging on Solar Cell Performance

Iodine-rich mixed composition metal-halide perovskites were developed to improve the performance of perovskite solar cell devices incorporating tin(IV) oxide substrates for electron transport layers by optimizing the I/Br halide ion ratio. Device performance was further enhanced by exposing to ambient atmosphere over several days, which correlated with a shift of the energy levels in the perovskite and significant suppression of charge carrier recombination. A high power conversion efficiency of 20.6% was obtained for the aged device.



Figure 3. X-ray crystal structure of $FAPbI_3$ ·DMF complex and the performance of perovskite solar cells.

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Scope of Research

One of our research is an experimental research for unstable nuclear structures by means of the electron and heavy-ion accelerators. We address the technical development in an RI beam production driven by a high-energy electron beam, an electron scattering from the RI's in combination with the RI target inserted in an electron storage ring, and the precision mass measurement for extremely short-lived and rare exotic nuclei using a heavy-ion storage ring. We will address some technical development aiming at a nuclear photo-absorption cross-section measurement and the beam recycling in a heavy-ion storage ring to study the nuclear reactions involving rare exotic nuclei.

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Launch of KAKEN-RNC Collaboration and Relocation of Heavy-Ion Storage Ring (s-LSR) to RIKEN

We launched KAKEN-RNC collaboration to drive a new research field in unstable nuclear science. One of the attempts in the collaboration is a co-development of a *beam recycling* technique in a heavy-ion storage ring. That aims to a study for nuclear reaction especially for rarely-produced radio-active isotopes (RI) and RI-RI collision experiments not yet realized.

What is a *beam recycling*? In a nuclear reaction study, we observe what happen when a high-energy-nuclear beam hits a thin fixed target. Normally, only a tiny part of the injected nuclei participates in the collision with the target nuclei. Conversely, the most of them are thrown away without any reactions with the target nuclei, because the nuclear reaction cross section is extremely small. In a heavy-ion storage ring in which a high-energy nuclear beam is accumulated, nuclear reactions can be observed when we provide a thin target in the beam-circulation orbit. Unlike a conventional way, the beam passing through the target without any reaction is recirculated in the ring and the accumulated beam hits target turn by turn. It is wonderful that the beam can keep turning around until nuclear reaction takes place. This is a beam recycling. The beam recycling technique should greatly contribute to an effective use of beam especially for the rarely produced unstable nuclei. We believe that a beam recycling technology open up new research area such as an RI-RI collision experiment.

There are some technical challenges to establish the *beam recycling*. We need to compensate turn by turn the energy loss and the emittance growth taken placed at the internal target to keep the steady beam circulation. In KAKEN-RNC collaboration, we will develop jointly the new technology required for *beam recycling*. We are convinced that the heavy-ion cooler storage ring (s-LSR) constructed at KAKEN more than ten years ago is perfectly

suitable for the R&D study. Therefore, we disassembled s-LSR and carried them to RIKEN RI Beam Factory (RIBF) in this year (see Figure 1).



Figure 1. Reassembling of s-LSR at KAKEN accelerator facility.

We are going to reconstruct s-LSR as a new storage ring named RUNBA (Recycled-Unstable-Nuclear Beam Accumulator) at the ISOL (Isotope Separator On-Lin) facility in RIKEN RIBF where low-energy radioactive-isotope (RI) beams are provided for nuclear physics research (see Figure 2). Rough sketch of RUNBA planed at RIKEN RIBF is shown in Figure 2. The RI beam from ISOL will be transported to a charge breeder, which converts the incoming singly-charged ions to highly-charged ions, and fully stripped RI ion beams are injected into RUNBA. The RI ion beam is accelerated up to 10 MeV/u in RUNBA for being ready for nuclear fusion reaction. We plan to accumulated ⁶He beam produced by ⁷Li(γ ,p) reaction in the day-one experiment. We are now developing infrastructure and working on design study for RUNBA and technical design for the required components in RUNBA.



Figure 2. Sketch of RUNBA reconstructed at RIKEN RIBF.

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Scope of Research

The interaction of femtosecond laser pulses with matter involves interesting physics not seen with nanosecond laser pulses. Through investigations of the interaction physics, the potential of intense femtosecond lasers for new applications is being developed (e.g., laser-produced radiation and laser processing). Ultra-intense lasers can produce intense radiations (e.g., electrons, ions, and THz), which are promising as next-generation radiation sources. Ultra-short lasers can process any matter without thermal dissociation. Femtosecond laser processing is also the next-generation of laser processing. Our laboratory is equipped with an ultra-intense femtosecond laser named T6, to study the physics of intense laser-matter interactions and its applications.



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Development of Intense Terahertz Light Source for Forming Periodic Structures on Material Surface

When solid materials are irradiated with intense terahertz waves, periodic structures are formed on their surface. The inter space of these structures is about 1/20 of terahertz wavelength, and mechanism of structures formation has not been clarified yet. Getting clues of formation mechanism, we develop an intense terahertz light source to form structures and intend to observe the formation process by pump-probe method during a terahertz wave irradiation.



Figure 1. Terahertz energy dependence on laser fluence.

Uniform LIPSS on Titanium Irradiated by Two-color Double-pulse Beam of Femtosecond Laser

We produced the uniform LIPSS (Laser Induced Periodic Surface Structures) on titanium surfaces with using the use of two-color femtosecond double-pulse laser irradiation. The double-pulse beam consisted of 800 nm pulses with duration of 150 fs and 400 nm pulses with duration of > 150 fs. For double-pulse beam irradiation in which the laser fluence is close to the ablation threshold, it was found that the longer-wavelength laser pulse is responsible for LIPSS formation, while the shorter-wavelength laser pulse is responsible for improving LIPSS uniformity. Relatively uniform LIPSS characterized by the fundamental wavelength were obtained using a double-pulse beam with fluences of $1.5F_{400 th} + 0.9F_{800 th}$ and delay of $\Delta t = 0-2$ ps.



Figure 2. SEM images of titanium surfaces irradiated with (a) only the fundamental wavelength pulse with N = 60 pulses and (b) the two-color double-pulse beam with delay of $\Delta t = 0$ and N = 60 pairs of pulses. The LIPSS uniformity ($\delta\theta$) shows the LIPSS characterized by the 800 nm pulse.

Detection of Alpha Particles from ${}^{7}\text{Li}(p,\alpha)^{4}\text{He}$ and ${}^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha){}^{16}\text{O}$ Reactions Induced by Laser-accelerated Protons Using CR-39 with PEW Etching Solution

With the development of high-intensity lasers in recent years, applied research on laser-accelerated ions has attracted considerable interest in fields where nuclear reactions are used or studied and in industrial applications. In studies of laser plasma and laser ion acceleration, electrostatic or magnetic ion analyzers such as the Thomson parabola spectrometer (TPS) are widely used to monitor the primary and secondary ions emitted from laser plasmas and nearby targets. The TPS is an effective instrument for measuring the energy spectra of laser plasma ions, but it has difficulty detecting small numbers of secondary ions, such as those generated by nuclear reactions with a small cross section, and this limitation is primarily attributable to the solid angle of the TPS entrance aperture from the ion source. Solid-state nuclear track detectors (SSNTDs) can be used to detect even a single ion and are insensitive to radiation other than ions. Furthermore, SSNTDs are easy to handle owing to their compact nature and can be cut into arbitrary sizes and shapes. These features of high sensitivity and easy handling allow for convenient measurements of high-intensity laser-produced ions with extremely large solid angles. However, SSNTDs exhibit high sensitivity for all ion species, making the fractionation of ion species a key issue for SSNTD. In particular, when CR-39 is used, one of the most popular SSNTD in laser plasma physics, the sensitivity must be controlled to be sufficiently high for the secondary ions and sufficiently low for the primary protons.

We have reported the control of the sensitivity of the CR-39 for radioactive particles, and the selectively detection of Alpha particles generated by ${}^{7}Li(p,\alpha)^{4}He$ and ${}^{19}F(p,\alpha){}^{16}O$ reactions in the presence of abundant primary protons by reducing the proton sensitivity of CR-39 using potassium hydroxide-ethanol-water (PEW) etching solution. These nuclear reactions are induced in a LiF crystal using the laser-accelerated protons $(4 \times 10^{11} \text{ protons/pulse})$ with a maximum energy of 3.3 MeV) generated and accelerated by the interaction of a 40-fs laser pulse with a polyethylene thin film target at a peak intensity of 5×10^{19} W/cm². Subsequent etching of the CR-39 in PEW solution (KOH: 17 wt %; C₂H₅OH: 25 wt %; H₂O: 58 wt %) permits the selective detection of 4.0 MeV alpha particles, which is independently confirmed by an experiment using alpha particles from an ²⁴¹Am source. The described method is expected to be useful for research into nuclear reactions in laser plasma.

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Scope of Research

We study crystallographic and electronic structures of materials and their transformations through direct imaging of atoms or molecules by high-resolution electron spectromicroscopy, which realizes energy-filtered imaging and electron energy-loss spectroscopy as well as high-resolution imaging. By combining this with scanning probe microscopy, we cover the following subjects: 1) direct structure analysis, electron crystallographic analysis, 2) elemental analysis and electronic states analysis, 3) structure formation in solutions, and 4) epitaxial growth of molecules.





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Extremely Low Count Detection for EELS Spectrum Imaging by Reducing CCD Read-out Noise

Electron energy-loss spectroscopy (EELS) combined with scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM) is useful for examining local chemical elements, electronic structure, and optical excitation with high spatial resolution. However, it is not easy to obtain high signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) spectra with high spatial resolution without sample damage. Summation of many spectra obtained by multiple spectrum imaging (SI) measurement with low dose rate is often used to prevent the sample damage. In the present contribution, we report a systematic statistical study on the reduction of CCD noise for EELS using our original method.

STEM-EELS experiments were carried out on a JEM-ARM200F (200 kV, JEOL) using a GIF Quantum ERS (Gatan) for EELS acquisition and Gatan Microscopy Suite (GMS, Gatan) for the analysis. 2048×260 2D CCD signals are binned by hardware/software along y direction to produce 2048 channel 1D EELS spectrum.

In general, an EELS spectrum is acquired in the gain normalized mode. In this mode, the obtained spectrum I_G is described as

 $I_G = \sum_{y} ([S_{x,y} + D_{x,y}] - D_{x,y}^s) G_{x,y},$

where $S_{x,y}$ is an EELS signal derived from incident electrons, $D_{x,y}$ is dark reference, $D_{x,y}^s$ is a single frame dark reference measured with beam blanking and $G_{x,y}$ is a gain correction, which is saved as the reciprocal of the gain reference image measured with the uniform radiation condition in the TEM mode. [] indicates integer processing by analog-to-digital conversion. The main component of the dark reference is read-out offset and read-out noise. Unfortunately, this common process inevitably gives rise to fixed pattern noise derived from the difference between the average of the dark reference $[D_{x,y}]$ and $D_{x,y}^s$. To remove such fixed pattern noise, recent GMS software has added a HQ (high-quality) dark reference option in post-processing. The HQ spectrum HQI_G is

 $HQI_G = \{I_G + \Sigma_y(D^s_{x,y}G_{x,y})\} - \Sigma_y(\langle [D_{x,y}] \rangle G_{x,y}),$

where $\langle [D_{x,y}] \rangle$ is the average dark reference image. However HQI_G cannot completely remove the above noise due to the integer process. As an alternative, we obtain the ultrahigh-quality (UHQ) dark subtracted spectrum $UHQI_D$ by subtracting the UHQ dark reference $UHQD_U = \sum_y [D_{x,y}]$ from the experimental spectra I_U in the unprocessed mode without the integer process:

 $UHQI_D = I_U - UHQD_U = \sum_{y} [S_{x,y} + D_{x,y}] - \sum_{y} [D_{x,y}].$

In this case, if $UHQD_U$ is the population mean of the dark reference, the noise derived from the dark reference

could be suppressed by the summation. The UHQ gain normalized spectrum $UHQI_G$ is obtained by using the average gain reference data generated by averaging the vertical 260 channels of the gain correction image:

 $UHQI_G = UHQI_D \times \Sigma_y G_{x,y}$.

A histogram of the intensity of the dark read-out at a single channel is close to a Gaussian distribution. This means that if the population mean of the dark read-out at individual channels was subtracted, the noise could be suppressed by a summation over many measurements. The noise standard deviation of the dark read-out over 2048 spectral channels after subtraction of $UHQD_U$ (using n_a frames) as a function of the accumulation number n_s become much less than one count above $n_s = 5000$ for $n_a \ge 5000$. Therefore, it may be possible to visualize even a single signal count per spectrum by summation of the spectrum, if we use a good averaged dark reference.

As a test experiment, the Ti $L_{2,3}$ -edge was measured from SrTiO₃. $UHQD_U$ was estimated using 20,000 spectra. Figure 1(a) shows a single frame Ti $L_{2,3}$ -edge spectrum of $UHQI_G$ in the SI data obtained with a very low dose. Figure 1(b) shows 12,000-frame summed spectra after different spectral treatments. The average peak intensity of the first peak was about 1.2 counts, which corresponds to 0.15 electrons per dwell time. This is a demonstration of the detection of a single inelastic electron per channel in a spectrum during the dwell time. The result of gain averaging by shifting the spectrum over 200 channels after $UHQI_G$ shows a further improvement of the noise standard deviation (0.092 counts), and this process is very effective. A combination of the subtraction of the $UHQD_U$ and the gain averaging is the best method. Even a single-electron core-loss signal per spectrum can be visualized as a high-SNR spectrum using the present technique.



Figure 1. (a) A single-frame $UHQI_G$ of the Ti $L_{2,3}$ -edge spectrum of SrTiO₃ extracted from SI data obtained with a very weak signal. (b) Spectra averaged over 12,000 frames after different spectral treatments. The spectral intensities were normalized as a single spectrum. Each spectrum is vertically shifted by 3 counts except for the bottom spectrum (HQI_G).

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Scope of Research

This laboratory analyzes X-ray crystallographic structures of biological macromolecules and studies the structural biology about the relationships between protein structures and their functions and properties based on the crystal structures. The main research themes are elucidation of the reaction mechanism of enzymes, the relationship between the multiform conformation and the functional variety of proteins, the structural basis for the domain-arrangements of multi-domain proteins or proteinprotein interactions, structure determination for structure-based protein engineering and industrial application, and the adaptation strategy of proteins from thermophilic or cold-adapted bacteria.

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Crystal Structure Analysis of GraC Protein from *Rhizobium* sp. Strain MTP-10005 in Complex with Coenzyme

Rhizobium is a genus of tubercle-forming bacteria. It grows in the root of a plant in symbiosis with other bacteria to fix nitrogen from the air. Although considerable attention has been paid to Rhizobium genes and gene products, there is still little information available on the molecular structure, function, and detailed properties of the enzymes involved in its metabolic pathways. In the course of a screening experiment, Rhizobium sp. strain MTP-10005 was isolated from natural river water. Enzymological and genetic studies showed that products of the graA, graB, graC, and graD genes in the bacterium are involved in the degradation pathway of resorcinol. In order to reveal the structures and functions, we have been performing X-ray structural studies of the enzymes. Maleylacetate reductase (GraC) catalyzes NADH- or NADPH-dependent reduction of maleylacetate to 3-oxoadipate. We have determined the GraC-coenzyme complex structure.

N-terminal His-tagged GraC was overexpressed in Escherichia coli, purified, and used for crystallization. The protein solution consisted of 2.5 mg/ml GraC, 5 mM NADH, and 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0. Initial crystallization experiments were performed by the sitting-drop vapordiffusion method using several screening kits. Small crystals were obtained after several days with several conditions. Particularly, thin plate-shaped adequately sized crystals for X-ray diffraction experiments were obtained using a reservoir solution consisting of 20% (w/v) PEG1500 and 0.1 M Bis-Tris pH 6.5. Diffraction experiments were performed on beamline BL-5A, Photon Factory, KEK, Japan. The crystal was mounted with a cryoloop and cooled with a cold stream of nitrogen. Diffraction data were collected up to 2.5 Å resolution. The crystal belonged to space group P1. The structure was determined by molecular replacement using an apo-type GraC crystal structure as a starting model and refined at 2.5 Å resolution.

In the present crystal, one homodimer GraC molecule exists in the unit cell and each subunit binds an NADH molecule (Figure 1). The subunit of GraC molecule consists of two domains: an N-terminal domain, residues 1–159, adopting an α/β structure and a C-terminal α -helical domain, residues 160–351. The active site is located in the cleft between the domains of the subunit. The NADH molecule is located in the active site cleft and mainly binds to the N-terminal domain (Figure 2). The subunit of the GraC-coenzyme complex has a closed conformation that may be adopted on binding the coenzyme. However, one subunit of apo-type GraC binds no other ligand except two

sulfate anion. It has an open conformation, as is the case before the enzymatic reaction. Thus, the two types of GraC crystal structures reveal the structures of maleylacetate reductase both in the coenzyme-binding state and in the ligand-free state, which suggests that the structure of GraC must change from the open conformation to the closed conformation in the course of enzymatic reaction (Figure 3).



Figure 1. Dimeric molecular structure of GraC-coenzyme complex.



Figure 2. Structure of coenzyme-binding site of GraC-coenzyme complex.



Figure 3. Superposition of GraC subunits. Subunit-A of GraC-coenzyme complex and Subunit-B of apo-type GraC are shown in red and blue, respectively.

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Scope of Research

Our research activity focuses on the development of new molecular transformations, which can contribute to better or ideal synthesis of functional molecules as well as to exploitation of new chemical (metal and carbon) resources. The present research subjects are (1) metal-catalyzed carbon-carbon and carbon-heteroatom bond forming reactions by using universal metals such as iron (2) development of smart materials based on synergistic effect of various metals on artificial peptides (3) development of smart metallic nanoparticle catalysts based on supramolecular approaches (4) understanding of reaction mechanism of these catalytic reactions with the help of quantum chemical methods and synchrotron X-ray absorption spectroscopy.



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Iron-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions

Transition-metal-catalyzed carbon–carbon and carbon– heteroatom bond forming reactions are powerful tools for the synthesis of functional molecules. Our group focuses on use of iron as a catalyst, and so far developed a variety of iron-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions, some of which can't be achieved by conventional transition-metal catalysts such as palladium. As recent representative examples, we developed the iron-catalyzed cross coupling of aryl chlorides with alkyl Grignard reagents (Figure 1a). By using X-ray absorption spectrometry and DFT calculations, we revealed that the reaction proceeds via the formation of Fe-Mg dinuclear intermediate (Figure 1b).



ArCI: including deactivated aryl chlorides AlkylMgX: with or without β-hydrogens



Figure 1. Iron-catalyzed cross coupling of aryl chlorides with alkyl Grignard reagents. (a) Proposed mechanism and (b) EXAFS fitting of Fe-Mg dinuclear intermediate.

Moreover, we developed iron-catalyzed C-F amination reaction of various diarylamines for the one-pot diastereoselective synthesis of diaryl dihydrophenazines, which are of significant research interest due to the potent applicability as organic luminescent materials and photoredox catalysts (Figure 2).



Figure 2. One-pot regioselective synthesis of diaryl dihydrophenazines by iron-catalyzed C-F amination of diarylamines.

Novel Transition-Metal Catalyst Bound with Functional Amino Acid or Peptide

This project focuses on development of smart materials based on synergistic effect of various metals on artificial peptides. Based on this concept, we have developed novel ruthenium complex bound with norvaline, which catalyze efficient and selective oxidation of several methoxybenzene analogues to quinones. Now we are trying further modification of the catalysts toward investigation of future chemical resources.

Supramolecular Approach for Creating Enhanced Catalysis of Metallic Nanoparticles

This project focuses on the development of highly active and selective metallic nanoparticle and cluster catalysts. To achieve this purpose, four key methodologies have been developed: 1) creation of reaction field with advanced self-assembly, 2) design of selective molecular transformation with multi-points intermolecular interaction, 3) size selective synthesis of metallic nanoparticles and clusters, and 4) utilization of plasmonic resonance with light.



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Scope of Research

Transition metal oxides have a wide variety of interesting and useful functional properties, including electronic conduction, superconductivity, ferroelectricity, and ferromagnetism. In fact, some of these oxides are used in current electronic devices. Our research mainly focuses on perovskite-structured transition metal oxides with novel functional properties due to complex couplings between their lattices, charges and spins. We are currently exploring such functional oxides with advanced oxide-synthesis techniques such as high-pressure synthesis and epitaxial thin film growth.

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Unusual Ferromagnetic Metal: A-site-Layer-Ordered Double Perovskite YBaCo₂O₆ with Unusually High Valence Co^{3.5+}

A-site cation order in the double perovskites is much less common than B-cation order and a few compounds with the A-site-layered order were reported. Among them, layer-ordered oxygen-deficient perovskites, RBaCo₂O₅ (R: Y or lanthanoid) with mixed-valence Co^{2.5+}, are structurally interesting compounds. The layer ordering of R³⁺ and Ba²⁺ induces the layer ordering of oxygen vacancies along the stacking direction, giving an apically connected double layer of corner-sharing CoO₅ square pyramids (Figure 1). In this class of compounds, extra oxygen δ can be introduced into the R-layer, changing them into RBaCo₂O_{5+δ} with CoO₅ pyramids and CoO₆ octahedra. The extra oxygen δ not only modifies the local oxygen coordination but also increases the valence state of the Co ions. As a result, the electronic structures of the compounds and spin states of the Co ions are significantly changed, giving rise to a wide variety of physical properties

In this study, we have synthesized a fully oxygenated polycrystalline sample of YBaCo₂O₆ by low-temperature topochemical ozone oxidation of the precursor YBaCo₂O₅ (Figure 1). Structure analysis with synchrotron X-ray diffraction data revealed that YBaCo2O6 crystallizes in a tetragonal structure at room temperature and shows an orthorhombic distortion below approximately 140 K. At the structural transition temperature, a ferromagnetic transition is induced, which suggests strong spin-lattice coupling. YBaCo₂O₆ contains unusual high valence Co^{3.5+} and the spins order ferromagnetically below 140 K. Low temperature electronic heat capacity data revealed that the compound is a metal with strong electronic correlation. The DFT calculation clarified that the up-spin band mainly contributes the metallic property in the spin polarized electronic structure. Therefore, the present A-site-layerordered double perovskite YBaCo2O6 with unusual high valence Co^{3.5+} is concluded to be an unusual ferromagnetic metal with strong electron correlation.

reg direction, giving an apically connected double CVD), in which ultrasonically atomized chemical solutions of precursors are used as starting materials and are transferred to the substrate surface under ambient conditions, enabling ones to (epitaxially) grow polymorphs of

known to have various structural phases and to accommodate +2 and +3 valence states of Fe. Here we show that that using mist CVD to synthesize iron oxides at relatively low temperatures (~400 °C) and under ambient (nonvacuum) conditions enables their crystal structures and Fe valence states (hematite, maghemite and magnetite) to be selectively controlled (Figure 2). We found that the structural phases (polymorphs) and preferred orientation of the iron oxides are strongly influenced by the surface structure of the substrate, while the valence states of Fe depend on the solvent in which the Fe precursor is dissolved (water or methanol). α -Fe₂O₃ and γ - Fe₂O₃ films, both of which contain iron that is in only its +3 valence state, are grown by atomizing the aqueous solution of the Fe precursor and transferring them to the (001) Al₂O₃ and (001) SrTiO₃ substrates. On the other hand, Fe₃O₄ films in which Fe³⁺ and Fe²⁺ coexist were grown from the mist made from the alcoholic solution. We also show that the fabricated films exhibit distinct magnetic properties depending on their crystal structures and the Fe valence states.

Selective Growth of α -Fe₂O₃, γ -Fe₂O₃ and

Various functional properties for transition metal oxides

are closely tied to the oxides' structural phases and the

valence states of the constituent transition metals. Engi-

neering crystal structures and cations' valence states is

therefore a key for exploring functional properties, and

developing techniques for such engineering has been one

of the central issues in materials science research. In this

study, we utilized mist chemical vapor deposition (mist

various binary oxides at relatively low temperatures.

Our focuses are on binary iron oxides which are well-

Fe₃O₄ at Low Temperatures and Under

Ambient Pressure



Figure 1. Crystal structures of YBaCo₂O₅ and YBaCo₂O₆.



Figure 2. Photographs and X-ray 20/0 profiles for (upper) Fe₃O₄ and (lower) α -Fe₂O₃ films grown on (001) Al₂O₃ substrates.

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Scope of Research

This laboratory aims to establish new synthetic methodologies and new functional materials by designing well-defined catalysts based on transition metal chemistry. New concepts and ideas of molecular-based catalysts are accumulated by mechanistic investigations using experimental methods such as spectroscopy and kinetic techniques, as well as theoretical methods. The research subjects include: 1) development of novel organotransition metal systems for catalysis based on precise ligand design, and 2) preparation of π -conjugated polymers using direct arylation.

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Mixed-Ligand Approach to Palladium-Catalyzed Direct Arylation Polymerization: Synthesis of Donor–Acceptor Polymers Containing Unsubstituted Bithiophene Units

The combined use of $P(2-MeOC_6H_4)_3$ (L1) and TMEDA as ligands effectively prevents defect formation in palladium-catalyzed direct arylation polymerization (DArP) to give donor-acceptor type alternating copolymers (DA polymers) with unsubstituted 2,2'-bithiophene units (Figure 1). When only L1 is used as the ligand, the reaction of **1a-Br** with 2,2'-bithiophene (**2-H**) in toluene at 100 °C forms a notable amount of insoluble materials via branching and cross-linking. In contrast, in the presence of L1 and TMEDA, the formation of insoluble materials is completely suppressed, and poly(1a-alt-2) with well-controlled structure and high molecular weight is obtained $(M_n =$ 88,100). Similarly, the reaction of 1b-Br with 2-H in toluene at 110 °C forms poly(**1b**-alt-**2**) with $M_n = 43,800$. The resulting polymers function as good components of bulkheterojunction type organic solar cells (OSCs) using $PC_{71}BM$. In particular, poly(1b-alt-2) exhibits the best performance among DArP polymers reported so far (power conversion efficiency (PCE) = 9.0(1)%).



Figure 1. DArP synthesis of DA polymers containing bithiophene units.

Synthesis of π -Conjugated Polymers Containing Benzodithi-ophene and Benzotriazole Units via Highly Selective Direct Arylation Polymerization (DArP): Effects of Homocoupling Defects on Photovoltaic Performance

As shown above, recently, we have developed a highly selective catalyst that produces donor–acceptor-type alternating copolymers (DA polymers) with well-controlled structure via direct arylation polymerization (DArP). In this study, we applied this catalyst to investigate the effects of homocoupling defects on photovoltaic performance of DA polymers (**PBDTBTz**) containing benzodithiophene (**BDT**) and benzotriazole (**BTz**) units. Specifically, we prepared three types of polymers via DArP and compared their performance in bulk-heterojunction organic solar

cells (OSCs). One is a nearly perfect alternating copolymer, whereas the other two each contain one of the two kinds of homocoupling defects (**BDT-BDT** or **BTz-BTz**) (**P1**: $M_n = 31,500$, homocoupling defect < 0.1%; **P2**: $M_n =$ 22,800, **BDT-BDT** defect = 19.3%; **P3**: $M_n = 22,800$, **BTz-BTz** defect = 18.5%). It was found that **BDT-BDT** defects significantly deteriorate the OSC performance, whereas **BTz-BTz** defects little affect the performance. It was also found that PBDTBTz prepared by Migita–Stille cross-coupling polymerization ($M_n = 32,100$) contains a large amount of BTz-BTz defects (13.1%). However, the polymer shows the OSC performance comparable to **P1** (PCE up to 9.9%) because the deterioration due to **BTz-BTz** defects is small.



Figure 2. Structure of PBDTBTz and photovoltaic characteristics of PBDTBTz (*J*–*V* curves).

Synthesis and Properties of T-Shaped π-Conjugated Polymers

 π -Conjugated polymers including poly(3-hexylthiophene) (P3HT) have attracted much attention due to their solution processability and good mechanical properties, which allow easy access to the next generation of largearea devices such as organic solar cells (OSCs) and perovskite solar cells (PSCs). To improve the performance of these devices, the π -conjugated polymers should adopt face-on orientation to the substrate, since the charges are generally transported through the intermolecular overlap of π -orbitals. Although a variety of polymers that exhibit face-on orientation have been found, the guiding principles for controlling the orientation of polymers have not yet been established. In this study, we examined T-shaped π -conjugated polymers composed of a thiazole-fused benzothiadiazole (TBT) core and three P3HT side-chains (T-10 and T-20). We found that this molecular geometry could prevent the edge-on orientation and cause face-on orientation, as confirmed by 2D-GIXD.



Figure 3. 2D-GIXD patterns of T-shaped π -conjugated polymers (T-10 and T-20) in thin film.

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Scope of Research

Our research interest is to understand optical and quantum properties of nanometer-structured materials and to establish opto-nanoscience for creation of innovative functional materials. Space- and time-resolved laser spectroscopy is used to study optical properties of semiconductor quantum nanostructures and strongly correlated electron systems

in low-dimensional materials. The main subjects are as follows: 1) investigation of optical properties of single nanostructures through the development of a high-resolution optical microscope, 2) ultrafast optical spectroscopy of excited states of semiconductor nanostructures, and 3) photophysics of solar cell materials.

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Negative Thermo-optic Coefficient in Metal Halide Perovskites

Metal halide perovskites have been the subject of considerable research efforts due to their potential applications in optoelectronics. Understanding the refractive index and its change upon temperature rise is very important for the optimum design of semiconductor photonic devices. We found that the halide perovskite CH₃NH₃PbCl₃ shows a decrease in the refractive index with temperature, *i.e.*, negative thermo-optic coefficient. This negative thermooptic coefficient is opposite to the positive coefficients in conventional inorganic semiconductors. Therefore, the halide perovskite works as a compensator of temperatureinduced optical phase shift that inevitably occurs in inorganic semiconductors. To prove this compensation, we measured the optical phase shifts for conventional inorganic semiconductor ZnSe with and without CH₃NH₃PbCl₃ compensator (Figure 1(a)). As shown in Figure 1(b), we found that CH₃NH₃PbCl₃ actually compensates the optical phase shift of ZnSe. This discovery of the negative thermooptic coefficient is of great importance for practical applications and adds new functionalities to the halide perovskites.



Figure 1. (a) Schematic of compensation measurement of optical phase shift. (b) Experimental results of optical phase shifts.

High Harmonic Generation from Metal Halide Perovskites

Light with a much higher photon energy than an input photon energy is generated by illuminating a solid with intense pulse laser. This phenomenon is called high-order harmonic generation (HHG). HHG originates from nonlinear currents that are caused by strong driving of electrons and holes by a high-intensity electric field, but the detailed mechanism is still unclear. In addition, exploration of materials with high generation efficiency is necessary from the viewpoint of photonic device application. We observed high efficiency HHGs up to the 13th order from organic-inorganic hybrid perovskite [MAPbX₃ (MA = CH₃NH₃, X = Cl, Br, I)]. Here, the mid-infrared laser pulse centered at energy of 0.35 eV with a maximum peak electric field of 10 MV/cm was used for photoexcitation. This finding is quite important for application to HHG light sources, since halide perovskite thin films are easily fabricated over a large area.



Figure 2. High harmonic generation spectra from methylammonium lead halide perovskite thin films.

Ionization and Neutralization Processes in Metal Halide Perovskite Nanocrystals Studied by Double Pump Spectroscopy

Lead halide perovskite CsPbX₃ (X=Cl, Br, I) nanocrystals have excellent properties such as very high luminescence efficiencies and efficient optical gain, then, are expected for various light-emitting device applications. Trions (charged excitons) in nanocrystals have a disadvantage of reducing luminescence efficiencies, but also have an advantage of lowering the optical gain threshold. Therefore, a detailed understanding of the trion generation and relaxation dynamics is required for device applications. We studied the ionization and neutralization processes of CsPbBr₃ nanocrystals by using double-pump transient absorption spectroscopy. It is clarified that photo-ionization processes are attributed to the radiative and non-radiative Auger recombination of biexcitons and trions, and neutralization processes are governed by the fast (~990 ps) and slow (~12 µs) process (Figure 3).



Figure 3. (a) Double pump transient absorption signals for various time intervals. (b) Time interval dependence of signal amplitude of ionized nanocrystals.

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Scope of Research

We are interested in understanding the functioning and evolution of biological systems at varying scales from tiny microbes up to the Earth's environment, by leveraging rapidly accumulating big data in life science and bioinformatics approaches. We currently focus on 1) the evolution of viruses and their links to the origin of life, 2) microbial ecology in different ecosystems, and 3) the development of bioinformatics methods and biological knowledge resources for biomedical and industrial applications. To fuel these research activities, we take part in environmental sampling campaigns such as *Tara* Oceans. Our resources and developed tools are accessible through GenomeNet (www.genome.jp) to scientific communities and the public.

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Comparing Two Megaviridae Communities Using Meta-barcode During a Red Tide Period in an Enclosed Bay

"Megaviridae" is a proposed family of giant viruses infecting unicellular eukaryotes. They are very abundant and ubiquitous in the sea water and affect marine microbial community by their lytic infection cycle. However, only a few Megaviridae members have been explored in the marine environments, and their ecological roles in marine ecosystems remains unknow.

To study the differences of Megaviridae community in two different kind of water, surface sea water samples (0.22-3 µm) were collected from an enclosed bay (Uranouchi Inret, Kochi) during a red tide period. A set of degenerated primers (called "MEGAPRIMER"), which target family B DNA polymerase genes of Megaviridae, was used to assess the composition of Megaviridae community. Bioinformatic analysis was applied after sequencing. As a result, hundreds of operational taxonomic units (OTUs) were identified in each sample. When we compared the Megaviridae structures between within and without red-tide waters, there was a clear difference between these two samples in a community variation analysis. The difference was also visible in dominant OTU proportions (Figure 1) between the two types of samples. Phylogenetic analysis based on a maximum-likelihood method showed that almost all of the OTUs belong to unknown Megaviridae branches (Figure 1). Future study will mainly focus on the host-virus interactions and the relationship between viral community and environmental factors, that may reveal ecological functions of Megaviridae in a coastal ecosystem.

An Assessment of NCLDV Host Prediction Based on Co-occurrence Analysis

Nucleocytoplasmic large DNA viruses (NCLDVs) form a monophyletic group of viruses and our understanding of these virus-host systems is limited. Co-culture with their host is the "Gold Standard" for the identification of virus-host relationship but limited by our ability to cultivate microorganisms (thus hosts). Therefore, consideration should be put into cultivation-independent approaches.

In our research, we used deeply sequenced metagenomic and amplicon data generated by the Tara Oceans project to examine if the use of co-occurrence approaches can provide virus-host relationship for this group of viruses. Samples were collected from the surface (SRF) and deep chlorophyll maximum (DCM) layers of global oceans. The abundance matrices of NCLDVs and eukaryotes were constructed from pico-size fraction (0.22-1.6 or 0.22-3.0 µm) and four larger size fractions (0.8-5, 3-20 5-20, 20-180 and 180-2000 µm), respectively. Cooccurrence analysis was carried out by Flashweave. As a result, we got a large number of associations between NCLDVs and eukaryotes (Figure 2). However, because of the deficiency of information about known NCLDVs, it will be necessary to quantitatively evaluate the FlashWeave host-virus relationship predictions. Furthermore, the prediction of the NCLDV-host pairs by abundance-based methods may be improved by combining with other data, such as phylogenetic relationships among various viruses. These bioinformatic tools eventually will help us to understand the natural diversity, life cycle, interactions and coevolution of NCLDVs and their host.





Figure 1. Phylogenetic tree of Megaviridae OTUs (97% identity) based on ML method. Relative abundances of Megaviridae in routine and redtide samples were also shown in blue and red colors, respectively. Reference sequences-black; other pelagic sea water sequences-light blue.

Figure 2. Number of edges between NCLDVs and eukaryotes in inferred network by size fraction. Red: edges with positive weight; Blue: edges with negative weight.

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Scope of Research

Due to the rapid progress of genome sequencing technology, whole genome sequences of organisms ranging from bacteria to human have become available. In order to understand the meaning behind the genetic code, we have been developing algorithms and software tools for analyzing biological data based on advanced information technologies such as theory of algorithms, artificial intelligence, and machine learning. We are currently studying the following topics: systems biology, scale-free networks, protein structure prediction, the inference of biological networks, chemo-informatics, and discrete and stochastic methods for bioinformatics.

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Identification of the Structure of a Probabilistic Boolean Network from Probability Distribution of Samples

In order to understand dynamical behavior of biological systems, various kinds of mathematical models have been utilized. Among them, the Boolean network (BN) is one of the simplest non-linear models, in which each node takes a Boolean value, 0 or 1 at each time step, and the states of all nodes are updated synchronously according to Boolean functions assigned to nodes. In a BN, each node corresponds to a gene or neuron, and 1 and 0 mean that genes/ neurons are active and inactive, respectively. Although BN is an old model proposed more than 50 years ago, extensive studies are still being done. However, real biological systems contain noise and other stochastic factors. In order to cope with these stochastic factors, the probabilistic Boolean network (PBN) has been proposed and utilized, in which multiple Boolean functions can be assigned to each node and one function is randomly selected at each time step according to the prescribed probability distribution (Figure 1). We have been studying exact identification of the structure of a PBN from samples, which is potentially important for identifying genetic network structures in cells and/or neural network structures in brains.

In our previous work, we studied the identification of the structure (*i.e.*, set of Boolean functions assigned for each node) of a PBN using information only on the occurrences of samples. In this work, we make use of additional information obtainable from samples: the frequencies of occurrences of sub-tuples. We show that under this model, it is possible to identify a PBN for much broader classes of PBNs. In particular, we prove under a reasonable assumption that the structure of a PBN can be identified from among the class of PBNs that have at most three functions assigned to each node, but that identification may be impossible if four or more functions are assigned to each node. We also present an efficient algorithm for the identification of a PBN consisting of threshold functions from samples.



Figure 1. Example of a probabilistic Boolean threshold network. Boolean functions are independently selected at each time step according to the prescribed probabilities shown in the table.

Grid-based Computational Methods for the Design of Constraint-based Parsimonious Chemical Reaction Networks to Simulate Metabolite Production: GridProd

Constraint-based metabolic flux analysis of knockout strategies is an efficient method to simulate the production of useful metabolites in microbes. Owing to the recent development of technologies for artificial DNA synthesis, it may become important in the near future to mathematically design minimum metabolic networks to simulate metabolite production.

We developed an efficient method for computing the design of minimum metabolic networks by using constraint-based flux balance analysis to simulate the production of useful metabolites. When the growth rate of this obtained parsimonious metabolic network is maximized, higher production rates are observed for many target metabolites when compared to existing methods. The set of reactions used in this parsimonious flux distribution consists of reactions included in the original genome scale model iAF1260. Under the conditions that the growth rate is maximized and the minimum cases of flux variability analysis are considered, the developed method produced more than 90% of metabolites, while the existing methods produced less than 50%.

The source code is freely available and is implemented in MATLAB and COBRA toolbox.



Figure 2. An example of the production rate heatmap for a target metabolite where each grid represents constraints for the ranges by the production rate and the growth rate.

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Scope of Research

We are interested in graphs and networks in biology, chemistry, and medical sciences, including metabolic networks, protein-protein interactions and chemical compounds. We have developed original techniques in machine learning and data mining for analyzing these graphs and networks, occasionally combining with table-format datasets, such as gene expression and chemical properties. We have applied the techniques developed to real data to demonstrate the performance of the methods and find new scientific insights.



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Advanced Machine Learning for Metabolite Identification from Mass Spectrometry

Metabolites are small molecules and play important functions in living cells such as energy transport, signaling, building blocks of cells and so on. Identifying their biochemical characteristics or so-called metabolite identification is an essential task in metabolomics to increase the knowledge of biological systems. However, it is still a challenging task due to the size or coverage of spectra libraries. Mass spectrometry is a widely used technique in analytical chemistry for dealing with metabolite identification task. In detail, a chemical compound is decomposed into fragments, of which mass-to-charge ratios (m/z) are measured to obtain a mass spectrum. The spectrum can also be represented by a list of peaks, each of which corresponds to a fragment captured by MS. The MS spectra provide structural information about the measured compound, which makes MS more useful for tackling the task of metabolite identification.

Computational methods proposed for identifying metabolites from MS data can be categorized into three main groups: (i) spectra library search; (ii) in silico fragmentation; and (iii) machine learning [1]. Our research focuses on machine learning based approach, where the common scheme is to predict a chemical structure of a given spectrum through an intermediate representation called molecular fingerprints. It consists of two steps: (i) predicting molecular fingerprints from spectra; (ii) searching molecular structures in database corresponding to the predicted fingerprints. Molecular fingerprints are often binary feature vectors, which should be large to cover all possible substructures and chemical properties, and therefore heavily redundant, in the sense of having many substructures irrelevant to the task, causing limited predictive performance and computational efficiency.

We propose a machine learning framework for metabolite identification task, named ADAPTIVE [2], which allows to learn representation for molecular structures, which we call molecular vectors, instead of using molecular fingerprints to characterize or represent molecules. It has two subtasks in learning step: (i) learning a mapping from structures to molecular representation vectors and (ii) learning another mapping from spectra to molecular vectors as illustrated in Figure 1. In Subtask 1, ADAPTIVE learns a mapping to generate molecular vectors for metabolites using their chemical structures and these vectors are specific to both data and task, and therefore less redundant. The mapping is parameterized by a model, namely message passing neural network (MPNN), and its parameters are trained so that the correlation (measured by HilbertSchmidt Independence Criterion, HSIC) between spectra and molecular vectors are maximized. For Subtask 2, ADAPTIVE use IOKR [3], standing for Input Output Kernel Regression, to learn another mapping from spectra to molecular vectors generated by the Subtask 1.

We conducted experiments using a benchmark data to evaluate the proposed method against existing ones in terms of predictive performance and computational efficiency. As shown in Figure 2, ADAPTIVE achieved the best predictive performance, outperforming the second best method, IOKR, with the difference of around 3-5%of *top-20* under the same conditions. Furthermore, ADAPTIVE was significantly faster than IOKR (4–7 times) because molecular vectors by ADAPTIVE are much more concise and adaptive to given data and task than molecular fingerprints used in existing methods.



Figure 1. Overview of ADAP-TIVE. It has two subtasks: (i) Subtask 1: estimate parameters of a mapping from structures to molecular vectors, given a set of spec-structure pairs; (ii) Subtask 2: learn another mapping from spectra to molecular vectors, generated by subtask 1.

Method	Vec. size	MKL	Accuracies (mean/SD %)		
			Top 1	Top 10	Top 20
FingertD	2765	None	17.74	49,59	58.17
CSI:FingerID unit	2765	ALIGNE	24.82	60.47	68.20
CSI:FingerID mod Plan	2765	ALIGNE	25.84	66.07	73.07
IOKIL linear	2765	UNIMKL	30,58/2,23	65,99/2,46	73.53/2.47
		ALIGNE	28.54/2.54	65.77/2.39	73.19/3.11
ADAPTIVE	100	UNIMKL	29,42/2,83	70.01/2.79	77,48/2.98
linear		ALIGNE	29,19/3.21	69.52/2.89	77,64/3,23
	200	UNIMEL	29.57/3.96	69.38/3.05	76.95/2.98
		ALIGNT	29.11/3.45	69.53/2.52	77.56/2,43
	.300	UNIMKI .	30,22/3,47	70,48/2.72	78,18/2,67
		ALIGNE	30.61/3.23	70.51/2.52	78.23/2.75
IOKR Gaussian	2765	UNIMKL	30.66/2.34	66.51/2.87	73.94/2.54
		ALIGNE	29.59/2.58	66.13/2.09	73.62/1.85
ADAPTIVE	100	UNIMEL	29.47/3.21	70.01/2.83	77.31/2.11
Gaussian		ALIGNE	29.37/3.21	69,91/2.64	77.48/2.33
	200	UNIMKI.	29.44/3.86	69.84/2.78	77.08/2.95
		ALIGNE	28.98/3,32	69.65/2.71	77.15/2.74
	300	UNIMKI.	30.31/3.48	71.10/2.73	78.51/2.65
		ALIGNE	31:03/3.40	70.89/2.74	78.52/2.52
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		200	39.8	8	844.33
		300	54.1	4	1071.8

Figure 2. Evaluation of ADAPTIVE against existing methods in terms of *top-k* (k = 1,10 and 20) accuracies and compution time.

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Outline of Research

The wide range of electronic, magnetic, and transport properties exhibited by oxide materials has led to their widespread adoption as the basis of electronic devices and consequently contributed greatly to the exponential technological development over the past century. Continuing progress is fundamentally dependent on the discovery of new materials and the tunability of their fundamental properties. However, traditional synthetic methods are fundamentally unsuited to the preparation of a wide range of materials that could be imagined, and thus the development of new synthetic protocols is necessary to drive materials discovery forwards. My research focuses on the use of low-temperature topochemical methods and extreme conditions in order to prepare new materials with technologically useful properties for future devices.



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Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Host in iJURC MAMITSUKA, Hiroshi	Membrane Traffic OHASHI, Yohei, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Uni- versity of Cambridge
Coupling of Planar and Curved π-Systems for the Development of Novel Functional Materials NARITA, Akimitsu, Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research Host in iJURC HIROSE, Takashi	Host in iJURC AOYAMA, Takashi I Proteomic Approach to Discovering Specific Inhibitors for Bile-Acid Interacting Enzymes LEL Xiaoguang College of Chemistry and Molecular Engineer.
Design, Synthesis, and Characterization of Charge Transport Materials for Non-lead Perovskite	Host in iJURC UESUGI, Motonari
SAEKI, Akinon, Department of Applied Chemistry, Graduate School of Engineering, Osaka University Host in iJURC WAKAMIYA, Atsushi	Micro- and Nano-structural Characterization by Advanced Transmission Electron Microscopy of Novel Functional Materi- als for Battery Development
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Molecular Engineering of Organic Semiconductors Toward the Control of Molecular Packing in Thin Films via a Thermal Pre- cursor Approach	Using Cold-adapted Microorganisms DAI, Xianzhu, College of Resources and Environment, South- west University Host in iJURC KURIHARA, Tatsuo
SUZUKI, Mitsuharu, Graduate School of Engineering, Osaka University Host in iJURC MURATA, Yasujiro	Determine the Three-dimensional Structure of 13C Labeled α-Synuclein(61-95) in the Langmuir-Blodgett Film and Supported Phoenholinids Bilayers by p-MAIPS FT IP
Synthesis and Properties of π -Conjugated Zwitterions Composed of an Electron-Donating Anion and an Electron-Accepting Cation SHIMIZU, Akihiro, Department of Materials Engineering Sci- ence Graduate School of Engineering Science, Osaka University Host in iJURC HIROSE, Takashi	WANG, Chengshan, Middle Tennessee State University Host in iJURC HASEGAWA, Takeshi

Effect of Dipole Alignment along Chain Backbone on Dielectric Relaxation of Type-A Polymers at Association/Dissociation Equilibrium

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Study on the Regulatory Network of Plant Epidermal Cell Differentiation

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Investigation of Magnetic and Electric Properties of Cobalt Ferrite Films for Development of High Spin-polarized Current Source

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Giant Isotope Effects of Deuterium Atoms Terminating on Nanocrystalline Silicon and Their Use

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Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Antitumor Cyclic Octadepsipeptide Containing α-Fluorinated Amino Acid NAGASAWA, Hideko, Gifu Pharmaceutical University Host in iJURC KAWABATA, Takeo

Studies on Total Synthesis of Gonytolides YOSHIMURA, Tomoyuki, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kanazawa University

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Studies on the Physiological Significance of Two Alanine Dehydrogenases in *Geobacillus kaustophilus* OMORI, Taketo, Faculty of Engineering, Osaka Institute of Technology

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Synthesis and Study of Oxides with Unusually High-valent Cation

SAITO, Takashi, Institute of Materials Structure Science, High Energy Accelerator Research Organization KEK Host in iJURC SHIMAKAWA, Yuichi

Application of Surfactant for Extraction of Platinum Group Elements Using Solvent Impregnated Resin KURAHASHI, Kensuke, Environmental and Materials Chemistry

Course, Osaka Prefecture University College of Technology Host in iJURC SOHRIN, Yoshiki

Manipulation of Three Dimensional Structure of Porous Polymer Composites Controlled by Additive Manufacturing MURASE, Hiroki, Faculty of Home Economics, Kyoritsu Women's University Host in iJURC TSUJII, Yoshinobu

Investigation of New Anti-lust Surfactant Containing a Perfluoroalkyl Chain and an Amino Acid Head Group YAMADA, Norihiro, Faculty of Education, Chiba University **Host in iJURC** HASEGAWA, Takeshi

Ring-size-dependent Excitation Dynamics of Cycloparaphenylenes FUJITSUKA, Mamoru, The Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research, Osaka University Host in iJURC YAMAGO, Shigeru Nonlinear Rheology of Semiflexible Polymer Solutions INOUE, Tadashi, Graduate School of Science, Osaka University Host in iJURC MATSUMIYA, Yumi

Analysis of Soret Effect for DNA in Molecular-Scale Temperature Gradient

SHIMADA, Ryoko, Department of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Faculty of Science, Japan Women's University Host in iJURC WATANABE, Hiroshi

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Regulatory Network of Gene Expression for Plant Cell Morphogenesis

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Study of Magnonic Properties of Ferrimagnets	

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Development of Highly Efficient and Stable Blue Organic Light Emitting Diodes Using Thermally Activated Delayed Fluorescent Materials as Sensitizer

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 Highly Efficient Blue Thermally Activated Delayed Fluorescence

 Emitters Using Sterically Hindered Donor Skeleton

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 Structural Analysis of Organic Amorphous Thin Films Using

 Solid Effect Dynamic Nuclear Polarization NMR

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Memory of Chirality Using Flow Electrochemistry WIRTH, Thomas, School of Chemistry, Cardiff University Host in iJURC KAWABATA, Takeo

Creation of Functional Molecules Based on Hydrogen Bond Networks

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Structural and Functional Analysis of the Surface Components of Bacterial Outer Membrane Vesicles

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Search for Four-wave-mixing in the Vacuum –Unveiling Dark Components in the Universe–

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Development of Biosensors by Combining Stimuli-Responsive Polymer Brushes with Electrochemical Analysis MA, Ying, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, South China University of Technology Host in iJURC OHNO, Kohji	Fine Synthesis of Polymer Brash on Ferromagnetic Nano-Plateler for Ferromagnetic Photonic LC UCHIDA, Yoshiaki, Department of Materials Engineering Sci- ence, Graduate School of Engineering Science, Osaka University Host in iJURC OHNO, Kohji
Exploring New Polyether Nanocomposite Electrolytes to En- nance Energy Storage of Lithium Ion Batteries FERRIER, Robert C., Chemical Engineering and Materials Sci- ence, Michigan State University Host in iJURC OHNO, Kohji	Ferromagnetic Single-electron Transistor MAJIMA, Yutaka, Laboratory for Materials and Structures, Insti- tute of Innovative Research, Tokyo Institute of Technology Host in iJURC TERANISHI, Toshiharu
Fluorinated Polymer-Brush-Grafted Nanoparticles: Precise Syn- thesis and Applications to Membrane Technology LADMIRAL, Vincent, Institut Charles Gerhardt (ICGM), CNRS Host in iJURC OHNO, Kohji	Development of NanoBRET-based Screening System for Peptidic CXCR4 Ligands NOMURA, Wataru, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hiroshima University Host in iJURC FUTAKI, Shiroh
Real-time Imaging of Single-molecule mRNA with DifferentMethylation StatesSTASEVICH, Timothy J., Department of Biochemistry andMolecular Biology, Colorado State UniversityHost in iJURC IMANISHI, Miki	Establishment of Cell Penetrating Peptide (CPP)-based Delivery System into Resident Cancer Stem Cells in Deep Cancer Tissue OHASHI, Wakana, Graduate School of Medicine and Pharma- ceutical Sciences for Research, University of Toyama Host in iJURC FUTAKI, Shiroh
Structural and Functional Analysis of Curvature-inducing Peptides ULRICH, Anne S., Institute of Organic Chemistry (IOC) and Institute of Biological Interfaces (IBG-2), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)	Manufacture of Shallow NV Centers in Diamond TOKUDA, Norio, Nanomaterials Research Institute, Kanazawa University Host in iJURC MIZUOCHI, Norikazu
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New Cellular Functions of Acyldopamine ITO, Akihiro, School of Life Sciences, Tokyo University of Phar- macy and Life Sciences	Atomic Level Analysis and Fabrication of Highly Stable Per- ovskite Films and Light Emitting Diodes QIAO, Juan, Department of Chemistry, Tsinghua University Host in iJURC KAJI, Hironori
Modulation of New Cellular Functions of Vitamin D NAGASAWA, Kazuo, Department of Biotechnology and Life Science, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology	High-pressure Synthesis of Potential Multiferroic Oxides ATTFIELD, J. Paul, Centre for Science at Extreme Conditions and School of Chemistry, University of Edinburgh Host in iJURC SHIMAKAWA, Yuichi
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Effect of Microstructure on Damping Constant in Polycrystalline Bi-YIG Thin Films Prepared by Sol-Gel Method YAMADA, Keisuke, Faculty of Engineering, Gifu University Host in iJURC ONO, Teruo	Nano-electron Spectroscopic Study on Hydrogen and Helium Behavior in Plasma Facing Materials for Nuclear Fusion Devices MIYAMOTO, Mitsutaka, Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering, Shimane University
Theoretical Study on Chemoselective Acylation Catalyzed by 4-Pyrrolidinopyridine Derivatives YAMANAKA, Masahiro, Department of Chemistry, College of Science, Rikkyo University Host in iJURC KAWABATA, Takeo	Plasmon-exciton Coupling on a Plasmonic Crystal SAITO, Hikaru, Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Engineer- ing Sciences, Kyushu University Host in iJURC KURATA, Hiroki
Analysis of the Physiological Functions of Membrane Vesicles Produced by Intestinal Bacteria and Fermented Food-derived Bacteria and Their Application KURATA, Atsushi, Faculty of Agriculture, Kindai University	Design of Flat Silicene with Perfect π-Conjugate 2D Sheet TAKAHASHI, Masae, Graduate School of Agricultural Science Tohoku University Host in iJURC TOKITOH, Norihiro
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Synthesis and Structures of Acene Molecules Bearing Chalcogenopyrylium Units NAGAHORA, Noriyoshi, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of

Science, Fukuoka University Host in iJURC TOKITOH, Norihiro

Synthesis and Structural Characterization of Divalent Species of Heavier Group 14 Elements MATSUO, Tsukasa, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Kindai University Host in iJURC TOKITOH, Norihiro

Elucidation of the Fluorous Interactions in the Crystal Structures of Fluorine-containing Conjugated Molecules by the Singlecrystal X-Ray Structural Analysis

AGOU, Tomohiro, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, College of Engineering, Ibaraki University

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High Sensitive Imaging Mass Spectrometry Targeting the Carbonyl Compounds Derived from Biological Tissues HATANO, Osamu, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Nara Medical University

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SUBJECTS ENCOURAGING JOINT PROGRAM

Fabrication of Nanotopographical Polymer Surfaces with Bactericidal Properties

ENDOH, Maya K., Department of Material Science and Chemical Engineering, Stony Brook University

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Synthesis of Structurally Controlled Polymers Having Green Fluorescence Protein Chromophore and Their Photophysical Properties in Solution

YANG, Jye-Shane, Department of Chemistry, National Taiwan University

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Vinyl Azides as New Monomers of Radical Polymerization for the Fabrication of Green Polymers Having Chemically- and **Biodegradable Properties**

CHIBA, Shunsuke, Division of Chemistry and Biological Chemistry, School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Nanyang Technological University

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The 15th International Workshop for East Asian Young Rheologists

INOUE, Tadashi, Graduate School of Science, Osaka University Host in iJURC MATSUMIYA, Yumi Ι

The 8th Japanese-Sino Symposium on Organic Chemistry for Young Scientists

HAMASHIMA, Yoshitaka, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Shizuoka

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26th International Workshop on Oxide Electronics MATSUNO, Jobu, Department of Physics, Osaka University Host in iJURC KAN, Daisuke

iJURC Publications (Selected Examples)

2,5-Digermaselenophenes: Germanium Analogues of Selenophenes

Sugahara, T.; Sasamori, T.; Tokitoh, N., J. Am. Chem. Soc., 140, 11206-11209 (2018).

Abstract

A stable crystalline 2,5-digermaselenophene was synthesized. In contrast to hitherto reported selenophenes, this digermaselenophene exhibits a *trans*-pyramidalized structure, which is due to its electronic properties. The practical utility of this 2,5-digermaselenophene is reflected in its ability to activate dihydrogen and acetylene at room temperature in the absence of a transition-metal complex, and this behavior can be rationalized on the basis of its physicochemical properties, which are characterized by considerable electron-donating and -accepting abilities.

Strain-Induced Double Carbon–Carbon Bond Activations of Cycloparaphenylenes by a Platinum Complex: Application to the Synthesis of Cyclic Diketones

Kayahara, E.; Hayashi, T.; Takeuchi, K.; Ozawa, F.; Ashida, K.; Ogoshi, S.; Yamago, S., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **57**, 11418-11421 (2018).

Abstract

The carbon–carbon (C–C) bond activation of [n]cycloparaphenylenes ([n]CPPs) by a transition-metal complex is herein reported. The Pt⁰ complex Pt(PPh₃)₄ regioselectively cleaves two C–C σ bonds of [5] CPP and [6]CPP to give cyclic dinuclear platinum complexes in high yields. Theoretical calculations reveal that the relief of ring strain drives the reaction. The cyclic complex was further transformed into a cyclic diketone by using a CO insertion reaction.

Adamantyl Substitution Strategy for Realizing Solution-Processable Thermally Stable Deep-Blue Thermally Activated Delayed Fluorescence Materials

Wada, Y.; Kubo, S.; Kaji, H., Adv. Mater., **30**, [1705641-1]-[1705641-8] (2018).

Abstract

Highly efficient solution-processable emitters, especially deepblue emitters, are greatly desired to develop low-cost and lowenergy-consumption organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs). A recently developed class of potentially metal-free emitters, thermally activated delayed fluorescence (TADF) materials, are promising candidates, but solution-processable TADF materials with efficient blue emissions are not well investigated. In this study, first the requirements for the design of efficient deep-blue TADF materials are clarified, on the basis of which, adamantylsubstituted TADF molecules are developed. The substitution not only endows high solubility and excellent thermal stability but also has a critical impact on the molecular orbitals, by pushing up the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital energy and triplet energy of the molecules. In the application to OLEDs, an external quantum efficiency (EQE) of 22.1% with blue emission having Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage (CIE) coordinates of (0.15, 0.19) is realized. A much deeper blue emission with CIE (0.15, 0.13) is also achieved, with an EQE of 11.2%. These efficiencies are the best yet among solution-processed TADF OLEDs of CIE y < 0.20 and y < 0.15, as far as known. This work demonstrates the validity of adamantyl substitution and paves a pathway for straightforward realization of solution-processable efficient deep-blue TADF emitters.

Viscoelastic and Dielectric Relaxation of Reptating Type-A Chains Affected by Reversible Head-to-Head Association and Dissociation

Watanabe, H.; Matsumiya, Y.; Kwon, Y., *Macromolecules*, **51**, 6476-6496 (2018).

Abstract

For entangled linear polymer having type A dipoles and undergoing head-to-head association and dissociation reaction, viscoelastic and dielectric behavior is theoretically analyzed on the basis of the reptation dynamics combined with the reaction kinetics. Specifically, for the dissociated unimer and associated dimer (indexed with j = 1 and 2, respectively), the normalized complex modulus $g_i^*(\omega)$ and the normalized complex dielectric permittivity $\tilde{\varepsilon}_{j}^{*}(\omega)$ are analytically calculated via eigenfunction expansion of the orientational anisotropy and orientational memory defined in terms of the bond vectors **u** of entanglement segments. The reaction activates mutual conformational transfer between the unimer and dimer. Multiple coupling occurs for the anisotropy decay modes of the unimer and dimer due to this transfer, and the viscoelastic g_1^* and g_2^* of the unimer and dimer, respectively, exhibit considerably retarded and accelerated relaxation compared to the pure reptation case. In contrast, the memory decay modes of the unimer and dimer are only pairwisely coupled, so that the reaction-induced acceleration and retardation for the dielectric $\tilde{\varepsilon}_1^*$ and $\tilde{\varepsilon}_2^*$ are much weaker than those seen for the viscoelastic g_1^* and g_2^* . The orientational anisotropy is the tensorial, second-moment average of **u** associated with no cancellation in the conformational transfer, whereas the orientational memory is the vectorial, first-moment average accompanied by partial cancellation, which results in the difference between g_j^* and $\tilde{\varepsilon}_j^*$. This difference between g_j^* and $\tilde{\varepsilon}_j^*$ is noted also for the associating/dissociating Rouse chains. Nevertheless, the reaction-induced retardation of the viscoelastic relaxation is stronger for the reptating unimer than for the Rouse unimer, whereas the reaction-induced acceleration is similar, in magnitude, for the reptating dimer and Rouse dimer. These features of g_i^* of the unimer and dimer are discussed in relation to the motional coherence along the chain backbone being present and absent in the reptation and Rouse dynamics.

Half-cycle Terahertz Surface Waves with MV/cm Field Strengths Generated on Metal Wires

Teramoto, K.; Tokita, S.; Terao, T.; Inoue, S.; Yasuhara, R.; Nagashima, T.; Kojima, S.; Kawanaka, J.; Mori, K.; Hashida, M.; Sakabe, S., *Appl. Phys. Lett.*, **113**, 051101 (2018).

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Abstract

Irradiating a metal wire with an intense femtosecond laser pulse induces a terahertz (THz) surface wave that travels along the wire. Here, the characteristics of the THz surface wave generated by the laser–wire interaction are investigated in detail by using an electro-optical method to determine the dependence of surface wave properties on laser energy and wire diameter. The surface wave is distributed by the Hankel function in the wire radial direction. On the wire surface, the electric field is estimated to be MV/cm. The peak electric field of the surface wave and the conversion efficiency from laser energy to surface wave energy are found to be proportional to the laser energy raised to the power of 0.67 and 0.3, respectively.

VISITING PROFESSORS' ACTIVITIES IN ICR



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Analysis

Materials

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Synthesis of Soft Materials

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Analysis

Science, RIKEN

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Technology

Discovery of Novel Chiral Molecules and Development of Asymmetric Synthesis



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Vis Prof CAI, Hongmin (Ph D)



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Vis Assoc Prof SANO, Tomokazu (D Eng)

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Soft Matter Science Developed from a

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Fundamentals and Applications of Material Modification by Femtosecond Laser Induced Shock Waves



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Coordination in the Regulation of Indole-3-acetic Acid and Phenylacetic Acid Metabolism in Arabidopsis

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Metabolic Regulation via Protein Acylation in Bacteria



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Prediction Models that Consider Variable Interactions



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Retirement

Professor SAKABE, Shuji Advanced Research Center for Beam Science – Laser Matter Interaction Science –

On 31 March 2020, Dr. SAKABE, Shuji retired from Institute for Chemical Research (ICR), Kyoto University after about 17 years of service and was honored with the title of Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University.

Dr. Sakabe was born in Hyogo Prefecture in September 1954. He graduated from Faculty of Engineering, Osaka University in 1978, and went on the graduate school at Osaka University to study the sciences of laser plasma and laser nuclear fusion under the supervision of the late Professor Chiyoe Yamanaka at Institute of Laser Engineering (ILE). He was employed as Assistant Professor at ILE, Osaka University in 1982, and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Engineering for the thesis titled "Research on energy absorption and implosion uniformity for laser nuclear fusion" in 1985. In1983-1985, he served as a group leader to lead the project for the construct of the world's largest output-power laser facility "GekkoXII" at the time. In 1985 he was employed as researcher at Max-Planck Institute for Quantum Optics, Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany), the division of laser plasma physics directed by Drs. Sibert Witkowski and Richard Sigel. He was re-employed as assistant professor at ILE, in 1986, moved to Graduate School of Engineering, Osaka University in 1989, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1996. He was appointed as Visiting Associate Professor at National Institute for Fusion Science of MEXT in 1997-2002. He spent months in 2002 as Visiting Professor at Technical University of Vienna. In 2003, he was employed as full-professor at ICR. Since the reorganization of ICR in 2002 he has held the chair of the Laboratory for Laser Matter Interaction Science in Advanced Research Center for Beam Science. He served as the director of Advanced Research Center for Beam Science in 2009-2011 and 2017-2019.

Throughout his academic career, Dr. Sakabe has been engaged in the fundamental research on the physics of high-intensity laser interaction with matter (plasmas), and its applications such as quantum beam generation and laser processing, and has achieved significant results. In particular, during the inception of laser fusion science research in Japan, he made pioneering contributions in the field of high-intensity laser science, such as physical elucidation of laser plasma absorption and fast ion generation, demonstration of indirect laser implosion, construction of the world's largest output-power laser facility, and the database construction of atom-ion collision cross section for laser isotope separation.

It should be noted that he constructed ultra-intense short-pulse laser system by the wisdom that he has cultivated so far, opened the research facility for the physics of the interaction between high-intensity lasers and materials and its application in the Advanced Beam Nanoscience Center, ICR, and established a base for high-intensity laser science infrastructure. From this facility, he achieved many remarkable results, including:

· Demonstration of laser proton acceleration



- \cdot Demonstration of laser-induced cluster coulomb explosion
- Exploring the possibility of applying explosive accelerated ions to compact neutron sources
- Physics of interaction between high-intensity short-pulse laser and large molecules
- · Demonstration of terahertz wave generation from clusters induced by laser
- · Development of laser accelerated electron source and its application
- · Demonstration of compression method of laser accelerated electron pulse
- Development of ultrafast electron diffraction/deflection method using laser accelerated electron pulses
- · Discovery of electron generation and induction by laser
- · Generation of high-intensity surface electromagnetic waves by laser
- · Observation of ultra-high-speed phenomena by deflection method using laser-accelerated electron pulses
- · Investigation of the physics of nano-ablation with femtosecond laser
- Investigation of the physics of self-organization of nano periodical structure on matter surface with femtosecond laser
- · Applications of femtoseocond laser to laser matter processing

In addition, he made the high-performance laser with high availability and high quality, and provided the facility use as a joint use / research center, and conducted many joint researches.

As described above, he made extensive contributions to the foundation of high-intensity laser science by conducting extensive research on high-intensity laser material interactions and their applications. His achievements were highly regarded internationally and he gave invited talks at many international conferences. These achievements have been published as 126 original papers and 15 reviews papers in academic journals, 6 books (edited and co-authored), 183 international conference lectures, and 432 domestic conference lectures. He is also active in international activities such as the chair of the organizing committee of OPIC (Optics and Photonics International Congress). He also holds important positions at academic societies in Japan, such as the Vice President of the Laser Society of Japan.

His educational contribution to Kyoto University is also noteworthy. He has guided 34 graduate students and sent many valuable human resources to universities and academia society.

For his achievements, he was awarded from the Laser Society of Japan, Achievement Award for Excellent Paper in 1989, 2016 and 2017, Achievement Award for Excellent Progress in 2007, Fellow in 2015 and The Laser Society Achievement Award in 2018.

Dr. Sakabe's contribution to Kyoto University and ICR and academic societies through his scientific, educational and administrative activities is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

Awards

TOKITOH, Norihiro



8th Award of the Society of Silicon Chemistry JAPAN

"Exploration of Uncharted Chemistry of Silicon and Heavier Group 14 Elements Compounds"

The Society of Silicon Chemistry JAPAN

2 November 2019

MURATA, Yasujiro



The Chemical Society of Japan Award for Creative Work The 99th Annual Meeting of the Chemical Society of Japan "Realization of Isolated Chemical Species by Organic Synthesis of Endohedral Fullerenes"

The Chemical Society of Japan

17 March 2019





2019 Kansai Branch Award of the Society of Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Japan

"Development of Heavy Aryl Anions Containing Heavy Group 14 Elements on Benzene Skeleton"

The Society of Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Japan

22 November 2019





Outstanding Reviewer for Chemical Communications in 2018

Chemical Communications, RSC

Publons Peer Review Awards 2019

20 March 2019

17 September 2019

FUJIMORI, Shiori



The 11th Kyoto "Tachibana" Award

"Synthesis and Characterization of Phenylanion Species Containing Heavier Group 14 Elements in the Skeleton"

Kyoto University

4 March 2019

L'ORÉAL-UNESCO For Women in Science Awards

"Synthesis and Characterization of Heavy Phenylanions" L'ORÉAL Japan

4 July 2019



Publons

CSJ Presentation Award

The 99th Annual Meeting of the Chemical Society of Japan

"Total Synthesis of Ellagitannins Based on Sequential Site-Selective Functionalization of D-Glucose"

The Chemical Society of Japan

9 April 2019

GONDOH, Naruhiro

The Best Oral Presentation Award

The 45th Symposium on Progress in Organic Reactions and Syntheses

"Catalytic Acylative Parallel Kinetic Resolution of Diols and Kinetic Resolution of teriary-Alcohols"

Division of Organic Chemistry, The Pharmaceutical Society Japan 29 October 2019

SHIBAYAMA, Hiromitsu



The Best Presentation Award

139th Annual Meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan

"Total Synthesis of Punicafolin Based on Sequential Site-Selective Functionalization of D-Glucose"

The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan



NINOMIYA, Ryo



The Best Presentation Award

139th Annual Meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan "Dirhodium-Catalyzed β -Selective C(sp³)-H Amination of Organosilicon Compounds"

The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan

31 March 2019

MURAI, Takuya



The Best Presentation Award

139th Annual Meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan

"Chalcogen-Bond Assisted Dirhodium Complex -Development of Stereoselective Intramolecular C-H Insertion and Total Synthesis of Naturally Occurring γ-Lactones-"

The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan

31 March 2019





CSJ Student Presentation Award 2019

The 99th Annual Meeting of the Chemical Society of Japan

"Formation of Novel Ordered Fe–Pd Alloy Nanoparticles Caused by the Elemental Miscibility of Trace Third Elements"

The Chemical Society of Japan

9 April 2019



SAKAKIBARA, Keita

The Cellulose Society of Japan Progress Award for 2018 "Control of Dispersion and Network Formation of Cellulose Nanofiber in Polymer Composite Materials"

The Cellulose Society of Japan

11 July 2019





The Award of the Society of Polymer Science, Japan The 67th SPSJ Annual Meeting "Development and Application of Controlled Radical

Polymerization Using Organic Tellurium Compounds"

The Society of Polymer Science, Japan

30 May 2019



The CSJ Award for Young Chemist

The 99th Annual Meeting of the Chemical Society of Japan "Practical Synthesis and Development of New Functions of Cyclic Curved π -Conjugated Molecules"

The Chemical Society of Japan

17 March 2019

HERBSCHLEB, Ernst David



Presentation Award

"Ultra-long Coherence Times of NV Centres in n-Type Diamond" The First International Forum on Quantum Sensing

19 February 2019

ICR Award for Young Scientists

"Ultra-long Coherence Times Amongst Room-temperature Solid-state Spins"

Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University



OKUNO, Takaya



ICR Award for Graduate Students

"Spin-transfer Torques for Domain Wall Motion in Antiferromagnetically-coupled Ferrimagnets"

Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University

13 December 2019

FUTAKI, Shiroh



Honorary Member of Hungarian Academy of Sciences Hungarian Academy of Sciences

10 May 2019

SAKAMOTO, Kentarou



The Excellent Presentation Award

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Biochemical Society, Kinki Branch

"Development of Cytosolic Delivery Systems of Macromolecules by Peptides"

The Japanese Biochemical Society, Kinki Branch

25 May 2019



The Olchemim Award 2019

2019 Gibberellins "Research on Plant Hormones Gibberellins" Olchemim s.r.o.

2 July 2019

2019 Highly Cited Researcher

Clarivate Analytics

19 November 2019

HAKARIYA, Hayase



Leave a Nest Grant IKEDA SCIENTIFIC Award

LNest Grant

"Cell Surface Modification with a Self-assembling Molecule to enhance the Engraftment of Cardiomyocytes derived from iPSCs" Leave a Nest Co., Ltd. & IKEDA SCIENTIFIC Co., Ltd.

16 November 2019

MORIWAKI, Kazuki



Lecture Encouragement Award

The 28th Japan OLED Forum Annual Meeting "Analysis of Charge Transport Characteristics of Host-guest Amorphous System by Multi-scale Simulation" Japan OLED Forum

21 November 2019



SOHRIN, Yoshiki

12th Prime Minister's Commendations for Contributors to Promote the Country as a "Maritime Nation"

"Elucidation of the Modern and Past Ocean by Using Trace Elements and Their Isotopes"

Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

22 August 2019

SHIMOAKA, Takafumi



The Spectroscopical Society of Japan Award for Young Scientists

"Development of Vibrational Spectroscopy for Revealing Molecular Aggregation Structure of Organofluorine Compounds"

The Spectroscopical Society of Japan

15 May 2019

The Japan Society for Analytical Chemistry Award for Young Researchers

"Structural and Quantitative Analysis of Adsorbed Water Molecules in Nafion Membrane and the Role of Organofluorine Chain"

The Japan Society for Analytical Chemistry

12 September 2019

TOMITA, Kazutaka



Young Scientist Presentation Award

The 66th JSAP Spring Meeting 2019

"Polymorphism of Tetraphenylporphyrin in a Spin Coated Film"

The Japan Society of Applied Physics

9 March 2019

Young Scientist Presentation Award

Annual Meeting of the Spectroscopical Society of Japan 2019

"Understanding of Polymorphism of Tetraphenylporphyrin in a Solution Processed Film by Using pMAIRS and GIXD Techniques"

The Spectroscopical Society of Japan

16 May 2019

YOKOYAMA, Fumiaki



Best Oral Presentation Award

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Biochemical Society, Kinki Branch

"Regulation of Bacterial Vesicle Production by a Sensor Protein Homolog Involved in Biofilm Dispersion"

The Japanese Biochemical Society, Kinki Branch

25 May 2019





Young Scientist Award

The 92nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Biochemical Society

"Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid Conversion in Shewanella livingstonensis Ac10"

The Japanese Biochemical Society

18 September 2019





Best Oral Presentation Award

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Biochemical Society, Kinki Branch

"Function of Cell Surface Structure in Protein Secretion Mechanism via Bacterial Extracellular Membrane Vesicles in *Shewanella* sp. HM13"

The Japanese Biochemical Society, Kinki Branch

25 May 2019

Young Scientist Award

The 92nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Biochemical Society

"Role of Cell Surface Structure in Selective Protein Secretion via Bacterial Extracellular Membrane Vesicles"

The Japanese Biochemical Society

20 September 2019



The Best Young Oral Presentation Award

Annual Meeting of the Society of Rubber Science and Technology, Japan

"Study for Hierarchical Structure of Rubber Filled with Carbon Black by Anomalous Small-angle X-ray Scattering"

The Society of Rubber Science and Technology, Japan



WAKAMIYA, Atsushi



4th Yoshida Prize Symposium Lecturer (Distinguished Lecturer) International Organic Chemistry Foundation (IOCF)

19 November 2019

PINCELLA, Francesca



CSJ Presentation Award 2019

The 99th Annual Meeting of the Chemical Society of Japan "Microwave-assisted Facile Conversion of Lignin to Fluorescent Imidazole Compounds"

The Chemical Society of Japan

9 April 2019

GOTO, Masato



Inoue Research Award for Young Scientists

"Various Ground States and Magnetic Field Induced Phase Transitions in Kagome-Lattice Transition-Metal Fluorides"

Inoue Foundation for Science

4 February 2019

AMANO PATINO, Midori Estefani



CSJ Presentation Award 2019

The 99th Annual Meeting of the Chemical Society of Japan

"Magnetic Order of A'-site Iron Spins in CaFe₃Ti₄O₁₂ and Field-induced Switching"

The Chemical Society of Japan

9 April 2019

Kosugi, Yoshihisa



Student Award for Outstanding Presentation

Autumn Meeting of the Japan Society of Powder and Powder Metallurgy, 2019

"Tuning Charge Transition Temperatures of *Ln*Cu₃Fe₄O₁₂ by *A*-site Substitution"

Japan Society of Powder and Powder Metallurgy

24 October 2019

KANEMITSU, Yoshihiko



Shimadzu Prize 2018

"Pioneering Study on Optical Properties of Semiconductors by Luminescence Spectroscopy"

Shimadzu Science Foundation

Kato Memorial Award

15 February 2019

"Pioneering Study on Optical Properties and Functions of Nanostructured Semiconductors"

Kato Foundation for Promotion of Science

15 November 2019

TAHARA, Hirokazu

The 45th (2018 Autumn) JSAP Presentation Award

"Optical Phase Shifter Using Metal Halide Perovskite"

The Japan Society of Applied Physics

9 March 2019

Ando Incentive Prize for the Study of Electronic

"Discovery of Coherent Phenomena Related to Efficient Photoelectric Conversion of Semiconductor Nanoparticles"

The Foundation of ANDO Laboratory

29 June 2019

YOSHIKAWA, Genki



ICR Award for Graduate Students

"Medusavirus, a Novel Large DNA Virus Discovered from Hot Spring Water"

Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University

13 December 2019





The Best Oral Presentation Award

Workshop on Environmental Viruses

"NCLDV Host Prediction with Marker Gene Co-occurrence Analysis in Marine Metagenomes"

Japanese Society of Microbial Ecology

2 November 2019





The Best Presentation Award

2019 JSME Annual Meeting

"Linking Seasonal Dynamics of Megaviridae and Bloom Forming Eukaryotic Phytoplankton in Uranouchi Inlet, Japan"

Japanese Society of Microbial Ecology

12 September 2019

Paper Awards

TOSAKA, Masatoshi



The Award for the Outstanding Paper in JFST

Annual Meeting 2019

"Formation of Crystallites with Low Surface Energy -A Key to Understand the Crystallization of Oriented Polymer" The Society of Fiber Science and Technology, Japan

6 June 2019

ONO, Teruo;

MORIYAMA, Takahiro;

ODA, Kento



"Magnetoresistance in Bilayers of Heavy Metal and Non-collinear Antiferromagnet"

The Magnetics Society of Japan

26 September 2019

MATSUMIYA, Yumi



The Journal of the Society of Rheology, Japan Paper Award The 46th Annual Meeting of the Society of Rheology, Japan "Rheology of Nano-Cellulose Fiber Suspension" The Society of Rheology, Japan

8 May 2019

HASHIDA, Masaki

Encouragement Award "Study on Modification of Ablation Rate for Femtosecond Laser Material Processing"

The Amada Foundation

24 April 2019









HATAKEYAMA, Takuji³

BCSJ Award

"Iron-Catalyzed Cross Coupling of Aryl Chlorides with Alkyl Grignard Reagents: Synthetic Scope and Fe^{II}/Fe^{IV} Mechanism Supported by X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy and Density Functional Theory Calculations"

The Chemical Society of Japan

15 February 2019

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KANEMITSU, Yoshihiko;



HANDA, Taketo

Award for Best Review Paper 41st JSAP AWARDS

The 41st Japan Society of Applied Physics

"Photophysics of Metal Halide Perovskites: From Materials to Devices"

The Japan Society of Applied Physics

18 September 2019

Poster Awards

YANAGISAWA, Tatsuya



Best Poster Award

13th International Conference on Heteroatom Chemistry

"Addition Reactions of Phosphinoalumanes to C–C Unsaturated Bonds"

13th International Conference on Heteroatom Chemistry

5 July 2019





Chemistry Letters Young Award

The 8th Japanese-Sino Symposium on Organic Chemistry for Young Scientists

"Dirhodium-Catalyzed β -Position-Selective C(sp³)-H Amination of Alkylsilanes"

The Organizing Committee of Japanese-Sino Symposium on Organic Chemistry

20 September 2019



Poster Award

The 23rd Symposium on the Society of Silicon Chemistry JAPAN

"Synthesis and Reactivity of Cyclic Oligosilanes Having Bulky Alkyl Substituents"

The Society of Silicon Chemistry JAPAN

2 November 2019

SAKAKIBARA, Keita



27th Polymer Material Forum

"Preparation of Novel Monolith Particles for Next-Generation Chromatographic Separations"

The Society of Polymer Science, Japan

30 May 2019

UEDA, Yoshihiro



Poster Award for Excellence

The 47th Naito Conference on C-H Bond Activation and Transformation

"Dirhodium-Catalyzed Site-Selective C-H Amination: *para*-Selectivity in C(sp²)-H Amination of Alkoxyarenes and β -Selectivity in C(sp³)-H Amination of Organosilanes"

The Naito Foundation

5 July 2019





Award for Encouragement of Research

28th Annual Meeting of MRS-J

"Simultaneous Evaluation of Friction and Lubrication Gap of Concentrated Polymer Brush for Well Understanding Its Tribological Characteristics"

The Materials Research Society of Japan

31 January 2019

OKUBO, Ryo



Excellent Poster Award

2019 the Annual Kobe Polymer Research Symposium, Japan

"Preparation and Functionalization of Epoxy-based Monolith Particles for Chromatographic Application"

The Society of Polymer Science, Kansai Regional Chapter, Japan

12 July 2019

ONOZUKA, Kota



Poster Award

The 30th Symposium on Physical Organic Chemistry

"Synthesis and Identification of Cycloparaphenylene Derivatives with Twisted Structures and Their Oxidized Species"

The Society of Physical Organic Chemistry, Japan

27 September 2019

MORISHITA, Hiroki



Poster Award

"Room-Temperature Electrically Detected ¹⁴N Nuclear Spins Coherence in Ensemble of NV Centers"

The First International Forum on Quantum Sensing

19 February 2019

HERBSCHLEB, Ernst David



Poster Award

"AC Magnetic-field Quantum-sensor with Unlimited Dynamic-range"

The Second International Forum on Quantum Metrology and Sensing

18 December 2019

YAMASHITA, Shungo



Best Poster Presentation Award

"Extension of Coherence Time with the Dressed States of Ensemble of NV Centers in Diamond"

The Second International Forum on Quantum Metrology and Sensing

18 December 2019





Best Poster Award

The 20th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society for Extremophiles

"Regulation of Vesicle Production and Biofilm Dispersion by a Sensor Protein of a Cold-Adapted Bacterium, Shewanella vesiculosa HM13"

The Japanese Society for Extremophiles

16 November 2019

SOMA, Kae



The Best Presentation Award for Short Oral Papers "Uniaxial Elongation Viscosity of Poly(4-n-Alkylstyrene)s" 14th International Workshop for East Asian Young Rheologists 24 January 2019







Poster Prize

The 4th Frontier Solar Cell Seminar

"Fabrication and Characterization of Tin-based Perovskite Semiconductor Films Prepared from High Purity Materials" The Executive Committee of the 4th Frontier Solar Cell Seminar 26 November 2019

AGATA, Ryosuke

GSC Poster Award 2019

The 8th JACI/GSC Symposium

"Iron-Catalyzed Cross Coupling Reaction of Aryl Chlorides with Alkyl Grignard Reagents"

Japan Association for Chemical Innovation

25 June 2019

KOEDTRUAD, Anucha



CSJ Poster Presentation Award 2019 for Excellent Research

9th CSJ Chemistry Festa

"Synthesis, Crystal Structures, Properties and their Relations in Ag-Bi-I Solar Cell Compounds"

The Chemical Society of Japan

20 November 2019

HANDA, Taketo



Student Presentation Award of the Physical Society of Japan Division 5

The Physical Society of Japan 2019 Autumn Meeting

"Observation of Negative Thermo-Optic Coefficients and Photo-Induced Refractive Index Change in Lead Halide Perovskites"

The Physical Society of Japan

19 October 2019





Student Presentation Award of the Physical Society of Japan Division 5

The Physical Society of Japan 2019 Autumn Meeting

"Excitonic Optical Nonlinearities of Perovskite CH₃NH₃PbCl₃ Single Crystals"

The Physical Society of Japan

19 October 2019





Best Poster Award

4th Annual SysMod Meeting ISMB/ECCB 2019 in Basel

"A Mechanistically Detailed Model of the Cell Cycle in Saccharomyces Cerevisiae"

ISMB/ECCB 2019

22 July 2019

Obituary

Professor Emeritus Dr. KATAYAMA, Ken-ichi (1927–2019)

Dr. Ken-ichi Katayama, Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University, passed away on March 29, 2019, at the age of 91.

Dr. Katayama was born in Osaka on August 25, 1927. He graduated from the Faculty of Science, Kyoto University, on March, 1950, with his major in physics. After graduation, he served as a staff member in Osaka Municipal Technical Research Institute from June of the same year till February 1952, when he moved to the Asahi Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. He joined the Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University, as an associate professor on April, 1972. He received a doctoral degree of science from Kyoto University in 1961 for his structural study on polymer crystals by X-ray diffraction.

Dr. Katayama was promoted to a full professor of the Institute in January, 1978, to direct the Laboratory of Polymer Crystals. He has given lectures on polymer crystals since 1973 at the Graduate School of Engineering and supervised dissertation works of many graduate students. Dr. Katayama served also a visiting lecturer at several universities such as Osaka University, Okayama University, Gifu University and Nagoya Institute of Technology. Dr. Katayama retired from Kyoto University in March 1991 and was honored with the title of Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University in April of the same year. After the retirement, he was appointed as a principal at Takuma National College of Technology from April 1991 to March 1996, and as a professor at Heian Jogakuin College from April 1996 to March 1998.

During his research career, Dr. Katayama devoted himself to the study on the structure and morphology of polymers in the solid state by X-ray and electron diffraction and by electron microscopy. He developed a system for the quick and accurate measurements of the intensity of X-ray diffraction and to elucidate the formation process of polymer solid structures. He applied the system for the clarification of the fine structures formed during fiber spinning. By using a high power X-ray source to examine its process *in situ* dynamically, he clarified that the structure formation is already started before the onset of crystallization. For this pioneering work, he received The Award of The Society of Fiber Science and Technology, Japan in 1979.

Dr. Katayama also worked on high-resolution electron microscopy of polymer crystals as a powerful method to observe the arrangement of individual molecules in the crystal structure. In 1982, he succeeded in obtaining the high-resolution electron micrograph of single crystals of poly-*p*-xylylene, revealing an array of chain molecules. Subsequently, he clarified the local disorder structures in crystals of poly(*p*-phenylene sulfide), syndiotactic poly-styrene, and so on, on the basis of the high-resolution micrographs; such local structures could not be analyzed by other methods at that time. In this way, he opened up the field of high-resolution electron microscopy of polymer crystals.

Dr. Katayama was instrumental in managing the Institute for Chemical Research. He worked as a member and chairman of various standing committees and contributed for the development of the Institute. He served as a vice-President of the Society of Fiber Science and Technology, Japan, for two years since April, 1988. He actively participated in International Conferences inside and outside Japan as a member of the executive committee, and contributed greatly to the development of international scientific exchanges. He also contributed to edit scientific journals such as Polymer Journal as an executive editor, Journal of Macromolecular Science as a member of advisory board and Journal of Polymer Engineering as a member of editorial board. Because of his contribution to the education and to the development of polymer science, Dr. Katayama was awarded The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon from the Japanese Cabinet Office in 2005.

Dr. Katayama was respected by his students, colleagues and friends because of his sincere, thoughtful and warm personality.

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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

[Australia]

La Trobe University, Department of Computer Science and Information Technology

Monash University, Biomedicine Discovery Institute

RMIT University, School of Engineering

University of Sydney, Sydney Medical School

[Canada]

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Fudan University, Key Laboratory of Computational Neuroscience and Brain-Inspired Intelligence

Fudan University, School of Computer Science and Shanghai Key Lab of Intelligent Information Processing

Fudan University, School of Pharmacy

Peking University, College of Life Science

Peking University, Department of Chemical Biology

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Department of Bioinformatics and Biostatistics

The Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute of Botany

The University of Hong Kong, Department of Mathematics

Tsinghua University, Department of Chemistry

[Finland]

Aalto University, Department of Computer Science

Helsinki Institute for Information Technology HIIT

Luke Natural Resources Institute Finland, Production Systems

University of Helsinki, Institute of Biotechnology and Viikki Plant Science Centre

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Université de Lille, Département de Mathématiques

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Helmholtz Center Munich, Plant Genome and Systems Biology

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University of Hohenheim, Institute of Plant Physiology and Biochemistry

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National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training, Characterisation and Comparability Laboratory

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Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Department of Computer Science

[Italy] University of Naples "Federico II", Department of Chemical Sciences

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Korea Institute of Science and Technology, Center for Spintronics

Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology, Korean Bioinformation Center

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University of Virginia, Department of Biology

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SELECTED GRANTS

DIVISION OF SYNTHETIC CHEMISTRY — Organoelement Chemistry —

Tokitoh, N. Synthesis and Properties of Group 14 Analogues of Phenyl Anion Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2016–31 March 2019

Mizuhata, Y. Creation of Novel Conjugated Molecules with Heavy Phenyl Anions as Building Blocks Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2018–31 March 2021

Tokitoh, N. New Main Group Element Chemistry and Materials Science Based on Heavy Aryl Anions Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S) 26 June 2019–31 March 2024

Tokitoh, N. Synthesis of Hexasilabenzene Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Research (Pioneering) 28 June 2019–31 March 2022

Yukimoto, M. Creation of Tautomerizable Heavy Group14-16 Double Bonded Compounds Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists 1 April 2018–31 March 2022

- Structural Organic Chemistry -

Murata, Y. Creation and Development of Nanoscale Laboratory Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S) 1 June 2017–31 March 2022

Hirose, T. Synthesis of π -Extended Helical Aromatic Molecules Towards Creation of Novel Molecular Functions with Chirality Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C) 1 April 2018–31 March 2021

Hashikawa, Y. Nanostructure Control and Creation of Novel Functions on Three-Dimensional π -Conjugated Molecules Using Weak Interactions Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists 1 April 2018–31 March 2020

- Synthetic Organic Chemistry -

Kawabata, T. Glycosylation of Unprotected Sugars and Its Application to Short-Step Total Synthesis The 6th Research Grant from Kobayashi Foundation 14 February 2018–20 February 2021

Ueda, Y. Silyl-Group-Directed Site-Selective C-H Functionalization Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists 1 April 2018–31 March 2020

Ueda, Y.

Synthesis of Glycoside-Based Middle Molecules via Sequential Site-Selective Functionalization Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research on Innovative Area "Middle Molecular Strategy: Creation of Higher Bio-Functional Molecules by Integrated Synthesis" 1 April 2018–31 March 2020

Morisaki, K. Site-Selective C-H Functionalization Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists 1 April 2019–31 March 2022

DIVISION OF MATERIALS CHEMISTRY — Chemistry of Polymer Materials —

Tsujii, Y.

Reinforcement of Resiliency of Concentrated Polymer Brushes and its Tribological Applications — Development of Novel "Soft and Resilient Tribology (SRT)" System ACCEL (Accelerated Innovation Research Initiative Turning Top Science and Ideas into High-Impact Values), JST 1 September 2015–31 March 2020

- Polymer Controlled Synthesis -

Yamago, S. New Organic Chemistry and Material Science of Curved π -Conjugated Molecules Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S) 1 April 2016–31 May 2020

- Nanospintronics -

Ono, T. Spin-orbitronics and Device Application New Research Projects under Specially Promoted Research 1 April 2015–31 March 2020

Abbreviations and acronyms

JST : Japan Science and Technology Agency

MEXT : Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

METI : Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

NEDO : New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization

DIVISION OF BIOCHEMISTRY - Biofunctional Design-Chemistry -

Futaki, S.

Intracellular Fate of Extracellular Fine Particles and the Control System CREST (Core Research for Evolutionary Science and Technology), JST 1 October 2018-31 March 2024

Futaki, S.

Development of New Methods for Cytosolic Delivery of Bioactive Proteins Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A) 1 April 2018-31 March 2020

Imanishi, M. Control of RNA Modification for Antivirus Activities Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2019-31 March 2021

Kawano, K.

Elucidation of the Mechanism at the Influx Point Occurrence of MembranePenetrating Peptide Using Artificial Lipid Raft Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists 1 April 2018-31 March 2020

- Chemistry of Molecular Biocatalysts-

Yamaguchi, S. Molecular Mechanisms for the Timing of the Production of Stem Cells in Plants

Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research on Innovative Area "Principles of Pluripotent Stem Cells Underlying Plant Vitality" 1 April 2018–31 March 2019

- Molecular Biology -

Aoyama, T. Plant Epidermal Cell Differentiation Regulated by the Transcription Factor GL2 Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2016-31 March 2020

- Chemical Biology -

Uesugi, M.

Control and Analysis of Cells by Synthetic Small Molecules Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S) 30 May 2014-31 March 2019

Uesugi, M. Chemical Biological Exploration of New Functions of Endogenous Lipid-related Molecules AMED-CREST 1 October 2014-31 March 2020

Uesugi, M. Chemical Signals of Synthetic Nutrient Conjugates Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research on Innovative Areas 1 July 2017-31 March 2022

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Exploration of Self-Assembling Bioactive Small Molecules Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A) 1 April 2019-31 March 2022

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY — Molecular Materials Chemistry —

Kaji, H.

Construction of Basic Science of Organic Devices by Precise Structural Analysis and Theoretical Chemical Calculation Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A) 1 April 2017–31 March 2020

— Hydrospheric Environment Analytical Chemistry —

Sohrin, Y.

Ocean Section Study on the Basis of Stoichiometry and Stable Isotope Ratio of Trace Metals Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A) 1 April 2019-31 March 2023

Takano, S.

Development of the Method for Multi-Element Isotope Ratio Analysis for the Study of Trace Metals in the Marine Environment Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists

1 April 2018-31 March 2020

Zheng, L.

Stoichiometry and Sectional Distributions of Bioactive Trace Metals in the North Pacific Ocean and the Southern Ocean Mitsumasa Itou Memorial Research Grant, Research Institute for Oceanochemistry Foundation 1 April 2019-31 March 2020

Zheng, L.

Sectional Distribution of Al, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd, Pb in the Southern North Pacific Ocean The Sasakawa Scientific Research Grant, The Japan Science Society 1 April 2019-31 March 2020

- Chemistry for Functionalized Surfaces -

Hasegawa, T.

Development of ROA Imaging and Its Application to Visualization of Atropisomers for a Study of Fluoroorganic Chemistry Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A) "Analytical Chemistry" 1 April 2015-31 March 2020

Shimoaka, T.

Molecular Interaction Analysis for Understanding Perfluoroalkyl **Compound-Specific Properties** Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists (B) "Analytical Chemistry" 1 April 2017–31 March 2020

Shioya, N.

Development of Multiple-Angle Incidence Resolution Reflection Spectrometry and Its Application to Organic Thin-Film Devices Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists "Analytical Chemistry" 1 April 2019-31 March 2022

- Molecular Microbial Science -

Kurihara, T.

Diversity of Acyl Groups of Phospholipids in Bacterial Cell Membranes: Its Generation Mechanism and Physiological Significance

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Kurihara, T.

Exploration and Development of Cold-Adapted Microorganisms Useful in Low-Temperature Biotechnology for Chemical Production and Environmental Conservation Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2017–31 March 2020

Kurihara, T.

Elucidation of the Mechanism of Extracellular Membrane Vesicle Production with a Novel Bacterium That Abundantly Produces Vesicles and Their Application Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Research (Exploratory) 29 June 2018–31 March 2020

Kurihara, T.

Elucidation of the Mechanism of Selective Protein Transport to Bacterial Extracellular Membrane Vesicles and Their Application for Construction of an Extracellular Platform for Protein Production

A Large Research Grant from the Institute for Fermentation, Osaka

1 April 2019-31 March 2021

Ogawa, T.

Exploration and Functional Elucidation of a Novel Protein Involved in the Metabolism of ω -3 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids in Bacteria Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists

1 April 2019-31 March 2021

Ogawa, T.

Research on Bacterial Conversion of ω-3 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids and its Application A General Research Grant from the Institute for Fermentation,

Osaka

1 April 2019-31 March 2021

DIVISION OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY CHEMISTRY — Polymer Materials Science —

Takenaka, M.

Study on Adhesion Processes by Using 4D Analyses of GI-SAXS Innovative Adhesion Technology Based on 4-Dimensional Multi-Scale Analysis of Interface 1 October 2018–31 March 2027

Ogawa, H.

Development of Visualizing Method through Cooperative Small Angle x-Ray Scattering Coupled with Computed Tomography (SAXS-CT) and Information Science

PRESTO (Precursory Research for Embryonic Science and Technology), JST

1 September 2016–31 March 2020

- Molecular Rheology -

Watanabe, H. Unified Understanding of the Polymer Dynamics under Elongational and Shear Flows Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2019–31 March 2022

- Molecular Aggregation Analysis -

Wakamiya, A.

Development of High Performance and Environmentally Friendly Perovskite Type Solar Cells ALCA (Advanced Low Carbon Technology Research and Development Program), JST 16 November 2016–31 March 2021

Wakamiya, A. Development of Film-type Solar Cells COI STREAM (Center of Innovation Science and Technology Based Radical Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program), JST 1 October 2013–31 March 2022

ADVANCED RESEARCH CENTER FOR BEAM SCIENCE — Laser Matter Interaction Science —

Hashida, M.

Surface Structures on Solar Cells by Advanced Laser Processing for Improving the Performance The Amada Foundation AF-2018203-A3 1 October 2018–31 March 2022

Hashida, M.

Operand Measurement by Advanced Beams for the Nanostructure Formation Mechanism Q-LEAP (Quantum Leap Flagship Program), Basic and Fundamental Research 1 November 2018–31 March 2028

Inoue, S.

Time-resolved Radiograph Measurement for Ultrafast Transient Electromagnetic Fields with Intense Laser-accelerated Short Pulse Electron Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C) 1 April 2018–31 March 2021

Inoue, S.

Development of Ultrafast Transient Electric Field Observation Method for Elucidation of Femtosecond Laser Ablation Mechanism The Amada Foundation AF-2019236-C2

1 April 2018–31 March 2022

- Electron Microscopy and Crystal Chemistry -

Kurata, H.

Advanced Characterization Nanotechnology Platform at Kyoto University Nanotechnology Platform Project, MEXT 2 July 2012–31 March 2022

Kurata, H. Development of Precise Spatially Resolved EELS and Analysis of Interfacial Electronic States Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2017–31 March 2020 Kurata, H. Electronic Structure Analysis by Aloof Beam EELS Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Research 1 April 2019–31 March 2022

Haruta, M. High Spatial and Energy Resolution Electronic State Mapping Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2019–31 March 2022

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER FOR ELEMENTS SCIENCE

- Synthetic Organotransformation -

Nakamura, M. Development of Selective Woody Molecular Transformations for Forest Chemical Industry Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Research (Exploratory) 29 June 2018–31 March 2020

Takaya, H.

Artificial Enzymes Base on Metalated Peptides Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2017–31 March 2020

Iwamoto, T.

Development of Novel Halogenation by Photocatalyst Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists 1 April 2018–31 March 2020

- Advanced Solid State Chemistry -

Shimakawa, Y. Solid-state Chemistry for Transition-metal Oxides: Exploring for New Materials with Novel Functionalities Core-to-Core Program, JSPS 1 April 2016–31 March 2020

- Nanophotonics -

Kanemitsu, Y. Fusing Nanomaterials and Strong Electric Field Nonlinear Optics for New Advances in Photonics Grant-in-Aid for Specially Promoted Research 23 April 2019–31 March 2024

Kanemitsu, Y. Design of Next-Generation Flexible Photonic Devices Based on

Metal Halide Perovskites CREST (Core Research for Evolutionary Science and Technology), JST 1 October 2016–31 March 2022

BIOINFORMATICS CENTER

- Chemical Life Science -

Ogata, H. Deciphering the Mechanisms of Virus-Host Co-Existence in Aquatic Environments Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research on Innovative Area "Neo-virology, the Raison d'Etre of Viruses" 30 June 2016–31 March 2021 Ogata, H. The Biosphere of Aggregated Particles: Elucidating the Regulatory Mechanisms of Marine Carbon Cycles Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S) 3 July 2019–31 March 2023

Ogata, H.

Probabilistic and Statistical Theory on Non-Abelian Topological Semigroup A* and its Application to Environmental Microbiology and Bioengineering Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 19 July 2016–31 March 2019

Ogata, H.

Comprehensive Understanding of the Role of Giant Viruses in Aquatic Ecosystems Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2018–31 March 2022

Ogata, H.

Innovative Foundation of Viral Oceanography Based on a Comprehensive Virome Study Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2017–31 March 2020

Ogata, H.

Elucidation of the Origin and Mechanism of Success of Diatoms through Comparative Biological Analyses between Ancient Centric Diatoms and Their Sister Paramales Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2017–31 March 2020

Ogata, H.

Comprehensive Study and Establishment of Application Foundation of Carboxydotrophic Bacteria through Spatio-Temporal Search Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S) 1 April 2016–31 March 2021

Endo, H.

Integrative Understanding of Marine Nitrogen Fixation Based on Global Observations from Tropics to Polar Regions Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2019–31 March 2022

Endo, H.

Experimental Investigation of the Effects of Phytoplankton Diversity on Ecosystem Functioning in the Ocean Grant-in-Aid for for Early-Career Scientists 1 April 2019–31 March 2022

Blanc-Mathieu, R. Unraveling Evolutionary Mechanisms That Led to the Success of Diatoms The Kyoto University Foundation 1 July 2018–31 March 2019

- Mathematical Bioinformatics -

Akutsu, T. Analysis and Application of Discrete Preimage Problems Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A) 1 April 2016–31 March 2023

Mori, T. Development of Cell Trajectory Inference and Comparison Algorithm Based on Single-cell Omics Data Grant-in-aid for Early-Career Scientists 1 April 2019–31 March 2021

- Bio-knowledge Engineering -

Mamitsuka, H.

Reinforcement of Resiliency of Concentrated Polymer Brushes and Its Tribological Applications Strategic Basic Research Program ACCEL (Accelerated Innovation Research Initiative Turning Top Science and Ideas into High-Impact Values), JST 1 September 2015–31 March 2020

Mamitsuka, H. Efficient Estimation of Data Structure from Multiple Tensors Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 1 April 2019–31 March 2022

Nguyen, C. H. Machine Learning on Large Graphs Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C) 1 April 2018–31 March 2021

THESES

AGATA, Ryosuke D Eng, Kyoto University "Development of Iron-Catalyzed Selective Cross-Coupling Reactions toward Natural Product Synthesis" Supervisor: Prof NAKAMURA, Masaharu 25 March 2019

AKISHIBA, Misao D Pharm Sc, Kyoto University "Cytosolic Delivery of Proteins by Endosomolytic Peptide Analogues" Supervisor: Prof FUTAKI, Shiroh 25 March 2019

AOKI, Yuma D Eng, Kyoto University "Development of Iron-Catalyzed C-N and C-C Bond Forming Reactions toward Functional Arylamine Synthesis" Supervisor: Prof NAKAMURA, Masaharu 25 March 2019

FAN, Weijia D Eng, Kyoto University "Design and Utilization of New Organotellurium Chain Transfer Agents for Advanced Polymer Synthesis" Supervisor: Prof YAMAGO, Shigeru 23 May 2019

FUJIMORI, Shiori D Sc, Kyoto University "Synthetic Studies on the Heavier Group 14 Element Analogues of Aryl Anions and Elucidation of Their Properties" Supervisor: Prof TOKITOH, Norihiro 25 March 2019

HAM, Wooseung D Sc, Kyoto University "Spin-orbit Phenomena in Non-centrosymmetric Magnetic Multilayers" Supervisor: Prof ONO, Teruo 18 January 2019

HASHIKAWA, Yoshifumi D Eng, Kyoto University "Synthesis of Endohedral Fullerenes and Dynamic Behavior of Encapsulated Water Molecules" Supervisor: Prof MURATA, Yasujiro 23 July 2019

LU, Yangtian D Eng, Kyoto University "Synthesis of Structurally Controlled hyperbranched Polymers Throughthe Design of New Monomers with Hierarchical" Supervisor: Prof YAMAGO, Shigeru 23 July 2019

MATSUMOTO, Kenshi D Sc, Kyoto University "Crystal Structural Control of Nanomaterials toward High-Performance Permanent Magnets" Supervisor: Prof TERANISHI, Toshiharu 25 November 2019 MIZUNO, Hayato D Sc, Kyoto University "Elecrtic Field Effect on a Magnetic Ultra Thin Films" Supervisor: Prof ONO, Teruo 18 January 2019

NAKAMURA, Tomoya D Eng, Kyoto University "Molecular Orientation Control of Organic Semiconducting Materials for Thin Film Electronics" Supervisor: Prof MURATA, Yasujiro 25 March 2019

OZAKI, Masashi D Eng, Kyoto University "High Performance Solar Cells Based on Perovskite Layers Prepared from Purified Precursor Materials" Supervisor: Prof MURATA, Yasujiro 25 March 2019

SHIMIZU, YoshihikoD Eng, Kyoto University"Systematic Studies on Novel Polymeric NanocompositesEmbedded with a Well-Defined Fine Network"Supervisor: Prof TSUJII, Yoshinobu25 March 2019

SHINODA, Koki D Pharm Sc, Kyoto University "Design of Functional RNA Binding Proteins Based on PUFs" Supervisor: Prof FUTAKI, Shiroh 25 March 2019

SUGAHARA, Tomohiro D Sc, Kyoto University "Studies on the Small-molecule-activation Reactions by Utilizing Low-coordinated Germanium Species" Supervisor: Prof TOKITOH, Norihiro 25 March 2019

TOYOTAKE, Yosuke D Agr, Kyoto University "Studies of Lysophosphatidic Acid Acyltransferases Generating Membrane Lipid Diversity in Bacteria" Supervisor: Prof KURIHARA, Tatsuo 25 March 2019

YAMADA, Takumi D Sc, Kyoto University "Photoluminescence Dynamics of Lead-Halide Perovskite Single Crystals" Supervisor: Prof KANEMITSU, Yoshihiko 25 March 2019

YATSUZUKA, Kenji D Med Sc, Kyoto University "Live-Cell Imaging of Multiple Endogenous mRNAs Permits the Direct Observation of RNA Granule Dynamics" Supervisor: Prof UESUGI, Motonari 25 March 2019



THE 119TH ICR ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

(13 December 2019)

ORAL PRESENTATION

KAWANO, Kenichi (Biofunctional Design-Chemistry) "Development of a Membrane Curvature-sensing Peptide Based on a Structure-activity Study"

HARUTA, Mitsutaka (Electron Microscopy and Crystal Chemistry) "High Spatial Resolution Elemental and Electronic Structure Analysis by Electron Microscopy"

SATO, Shinichi (Chemical Biology) "Live-Cell Imaging of Endogenous Bioorganic Molecules with Short RNAs and Fluorescent Probes"

MURDEY, Richard (Molecular Aggregation Analysis) "Performance Evaluation of Perovskite Solar Cells for Ambient Light Environments"

TAKENAKA, Mikihito (Polymer Materials Science) "Strain-induced Density Fluctuations in Glassy Materials"

— ICR Award for Young Scientists — HERBSCHLEB, Ernst David (Inorganic Photonics Materials) "Ultra-long Coherence Times Amongst Room-temperature Solidstate Spins"

— ICR Award for Graduate Students — OKUNO, Takaya (Nanospintronics) "Spin-transfer Torques for Domain Wall Motion in Antiferromagnetically-coupled Ferrimagnets"

YOSHIKAWA, Genki (Chemical Life Science) "Medusavirus, a Novel Large DNA Virus Discovered from Hot Spring Water"

ICR Grants for Promoting Integrated Research —
 SARUYAMA, Masaki (Advanced Inorganic Synthesis)
 "Synthesis and Carrier Dynamics of Nanoparticle Heterostructure with Narrow Band Gap Semiconductor Toward Effective Usage of Sunlight"

UEDA, Yoshihiro (Synthetic Organic Chemistry) "Catalytic Kinetic Resolution of Racemic Open-Caged Fullerene Possessing Inherent Chirality"

MORISHITA, Hiroki (Inorganic Photonics Materials) "Fundamental Study Toward the Realization of Diamond Quantumspintoronics Devices"

PINCELLA, Francesca (Synthetic Organotransformation) "Development of Peptide Based Catalysts for Oxidative Lignin Depolymerization"

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- LW: Laboratory Whole Presentation
- LT : Laboratory Topic
- GE: General Presentation

- Organoelement Chemistry -

W "Studies on the Synthesis and Properties of Novel Organic Compounds Containing Heavier Elements"

GE JUN-I, Yuta; MIZUHATA, Yoshiyuki; TOKITOH, Norihiro "Stereoselective Synthesis of Silicon-containing Reactive Species Having Convertible Aryl Groups"

GE TSUJI, Shingo; MIZUHATA, Yoshiyuki; TOKITOH, Norihiro "Synthetic Studies on Heavy Aryl Anions"

GE OSHIRO, Taku; MIZUHATA, Yoshiyuki; TOKITOH, Norihiro "Synthetic Studies on 1-Germaazulene"

- Structural Organic Chemistry -

LW "Recent Studies of Structural Organic Chemistry"

GE IDE, Yuki; HASEGAWA, Shota; ADACHI, Ayumi; HASHIKAWA, Yoshifumi; HIROSE, Takashi; MURATA, Yasujiro

"Syntheses of Open-Cage Fullerene C_{60} Derivatives Containing Hydrogen Peroxide and Acetonitrile"

- Synthetic Organic Chemistry -

w "Recent Research of Laboratory of Synthetic Organic Chemistry"

GE NINOMIYA, Ryo; ARAI, Kenta; MORISAKI, Kazuhiro; UEDA, Yoshihiro; KAWABATA, Takeo

"Dirhodium-catalyzed β -position-selective C(sp³)-H Amination of Alkylsilanes"

- Advanced Inorganic Synthesis -

LW "Recent Progress of Advanced Inorganic Synthesis"

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