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- Closing remarks by Yu, Hsiao-hua (Bruce)

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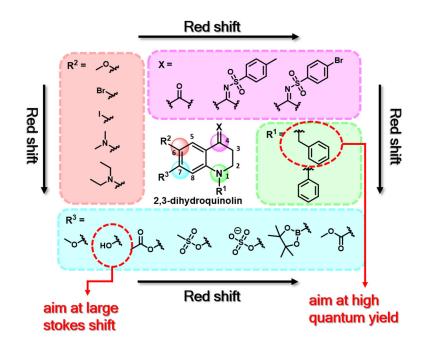
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Fluorescence Turn-on Strategy for On-Demand Biomolecular Interactions

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A systematic study in the synthesis and characterization of the environmentsensitive fluorophore, 2,3-dihydroquinolin-4-imine (DQI), allows for expanding structural complexity with significant photophysical properties. The DFT calculation further provides a guideline for preparing DQI analogs with the tailored emission. The solvatochromic property allows the DQI molecule to detect biomolecular interaction with the fluorescence turn-on mechanism. The fluorescence-enrichment strategy has been used in the monitoring of dynamic CAII expression during the growth of zebrafish larvae, as well as cell membrane staining. With the success in tracking proteins of interest, the DQI structure has been further modified for metal ion detection and pH sensing corresponding to chemical and biological stimulation.



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Education

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Academic Carrier

| 2019-present | Professor/VP for Academic Affairs, National Sun Yat-sen University |
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| 2010-2014 | Assistant Professor, National Sun Yat-sen University |
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Awards

- 2019 傑出青年化學家獎章,中國化學會(台灣)
- 2019 Asian Core Program Lectureship award (Hong Kong)
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Representative Publications

- 1 Tu HC, Chen HY, Wu CY, Lin PC*. *Biosens. Bioelectro.* **2022**, *200*, 113885.
- 2 Tang SC, Ma H, Tu HC, Wang HR, Lin PC*, Anseth KS*. *Adv. Sci.* **2018**, 1800638.
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Research Interests

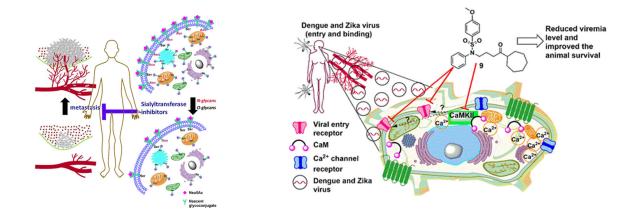
organic synthesis, biorthogonal chemistry, protein modification, protein microarray

Excursions and Opportunities in Drug Discovery

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It is important for precision medicine based on the foundation of targeted therapy. As we knew that cancer types vary rapidly from person to person and the treatment (using drugs or substances) to target specific proteins or receptors may block their functions leading to kill cancer cells or keep cancer cells from growing or spreading. In general, molecular targeted therapy could result in less harm to normal cells and reduce side effects than other type of cancer treatments.¹⁻² In infectious diseases, emerging and resurging mosquito-borne flaviviruses are an important public health challenge. The increased prevalence of dengue virus (DENV) infection has had a significant socio-economic impact on epidemic countries. The recent outbreak of Zika virus (ZIKV) has created an international public health emergency because ZIKV infection has been linked to congenital defect and Guillain-Barré syndrome.³ For these reasons, we continue to develop synthetic methods and biological approaches to discover, optimize, and validate the new chemical entities for the treatment of human diseases using pharmacological profiling analyses (e.g., enzyme activity, in vitro cell-based assay, drug stability analysis, and animal models of disease).



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| 2021-2022: | Joint Appointment Associate Research Fellow, BioTRec |
| 2020-: | Adjunct Associate Professor, Tamkang University |
| 2018-: | Joint Appointment Associate Professor, Kaohsiung Medical University |
| 2017-: | Adjunct Associate Professor, Taipei Medical University |
| 2011-: | Joint Appointment Associate Professor, National Sun Yat-Sen University |
| 2001-2007: | Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Chemistry, Academia Sinica |
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Awards

- 2011 Asian Core Program (ACP) Lectureship Award
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Research Interests

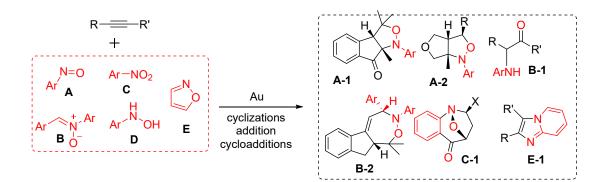
Medicinal Chemistry, Enzymology, Photobiology and Photochemistry, Cell Biology

Gold-Catalyzed N,O-Functionalizations of Alkyne Derivatives

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Gold catalysts can faciliate the additions of weak nucleophiles at activated or unactivated alkynes. In this laboratory, gold-catalyzed additions of nitroxy-containing nucleophiles on alkynes have been extensively explored. Because of an intrasically weak N-O bond, these new catalytic reactions often lead to 1,2- or 1,n-N,O-functionalizations of alkyne substrates through a facile reductive cleavage of resulting cyclic nitroxy species. This lectures focuse on the use of common nitroxy species including nitroarenes, nitrones, nitrosoarenes, *N*-hydroxyanilines and isoxazoles to functionalize alkynes. The reactions were performed in one-pot operation to afford useful heterocycles. Several examples are depicted in the following scheme. Among them, we have also developed highly enantioselective versions of resulting cyclic nitroxy products. These N,)-functionalizations are also mechanisticaaly interest because easily readilable alkynes were used as the surrogates of -imino gold carbenes, ketone-derived nitrones or gold enolates to furnish subsequent cyclizations, cycloadditions or addition reactions.



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Education

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Academic Carrier

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- 2013-2016: Academic Advisor, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry (SIOC), China
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- 2013-2019: Dean of Science, National Tsing Hua University
- 2009-2012: Chairman, Chemistry Department, National Tsing Hua University
- 2003-2006: Coordinator, Chemistry, Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)
- 1987- now: Professor, Department of Chemistry, National Tsing Hua University
- 1982-1987: Associate Professor, National Tsing Hua University
- 1981-1982: Postdoctoral, Texas A&M

Awards

- 2019-2021 Morris Chang Chair Professor
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Representative Publications

- 1 Chen CN, Cheng WM, Wang JK, Chao TH, Cheng MJ*, Liu RS*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 4479-4484.
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Research Interests

Transition-metal organic chemistry including gold- and Ru-catalysis.

Organometallics in organic synthesis.

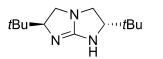
Synthesis of oxygen heterocycles via Au and Ru-catalyzed reactions on alkynes.

Chiral Cation Catalysis

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Chiral cations have found useful applications as phase transfer catalyst i.e. in partnership with inorganic basic salts such as hydroxides and carbonates for basic reactions. We have over the past decade developed several chiral cation catalysts including pentanidium and bis-guanidinium. Herein, we report three topics related to these chiral cation catalysts. Firstly, we will discuss the role of these catalysts in ion pair catalysis. We will discuss reactions in which they are partnered with polyoxometalates such as tungstate and molybdate. We will also discuss reaction involving hypervalent silicate intermediates. In the second topic, we will discuss how we use these catalysts are used to investigate roles of halogen bonding in catalysis. Lastly, we will explain the desymmetrisation of sulfinate, which provide a route to a range of enantio-enriched sulfur stereogenic centers.



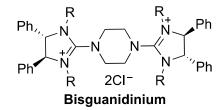
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Chiral Cationic Ion Pair Catalysis

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