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"Engineering of Redox Triazole-based Nanomaterials"

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In the last decade strong interest is focused on the interface of redox-macromolecules and solids. The supramolecular interactions between redox macromolecular materials with surfaces, nanoparticles and electrodes, lead to creation of unique, flexible and at the same time controlled nanoarchitectures<sup>1</sup>. The recently discovered CuAAC (copper catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition) represents a powerful alternative for the connection of redox-active moieties on macromolecules<sup>2</sup>. Triazole rings compared with all-carbon rings confer to these systems extra possibilities to act as ligands for metals's coordination, metal nanoparticles' stabilization and as hydrogen bond acceptors or/and donors.

Dendrimers and polymers decorated with transition-metals such as iron, cobalt and rhodium complexes in the periphery through triazole linkages represent a step forward in terms of redox sensing in organic or even aqueous media, fabrication of modified-electrodes and



design of novel nanoarchitectures<sup>2</sup>. For example electron<sup>3</sup> or hydride reduction<sup>4</sup> of Au<sup>III</sup>, Ag<sup>I</sup> or Pd<sup>II</sup> by redox macromolecules lead to specific and well-defined architectures such as nanonetworks or

micellized robust capsules, respectively, both encapsulating metal nanoparticles at the interior. How both electrostatic interactions and triazole linkages are responsible for the bottom-up formation of these nanostructures will be also described in my talk (ISM, Bordeaux, France).

Last, the design of 2D-triazolyl template nanomaterials is envisaged and described, which would be the next step towards a more controlled and ordered encapsulation of metal nanoparticles offering advantageous potentials in sensing, catalysis or molecular electronics (University of Tokyo).

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