

## Molecular transformation using nanotech catalysts: Nanoporous metal skeleton catalysts for green organic synthesis

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Molecular transformations using gold, palladium and copper nanoporous skeleton catalysts and the reactivity difference between those catalysts and the corresponding well-known homogeneous molecular catalysts will be discussed. For example, Pd nanoporous skeleton catalysts (PdNPore) can be fabricated through dealloying Ni and P from the corresponding Pd-containing alloy PdxNiyPz. AuNPore (gold nanoporous catalyst) can be fabricated through dealloying Ag from AuxAgy alloy. PdNPore-catalysed Suzuki-coupling, AuNPore-catalyzed hydrolysis of silanes, and CuNPore-catalyzed click reaction will be presented. Selective semi-hydrogenation of alkynes has been achieved with AuNPore catalyst. Atomic origins of the high catalytic activity of AuNPore have been clarified using HRTEM, STEM, and others.

### Biography

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