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Grußwort zum 23. NDDK

Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen, liebe Doktorandinnen und Doktoranden,

im Namen des Instituts für Chemie und Biochemie der Freien Universität Berlin möchten wir Sie ganz herzlich zum 23. Norddeutschen Doktorandenkolloquium (NDDK) in Berlin-Dahlem begrüßen. Es ist uns eine große Freude, nach der Corona-bedingten Aussetzung seit 2020, diese Tagung nun endlich ausrichten zu dürfen.

Das NDDK blickt bereits auf eine sehr lange und äußerst erfolgreiche Tradition zurück. Auf Initiative von Prof. Dr. Jürgen Heck (Universität Hamburg) und inspiriert durch den Verbund Norddeutscher Universitäten, wurde das NDDK 1998 ins Leben gerufen und bietet seitdem dem wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs die Gelegenheit, nicht nur aktuelle Forschungsergebnisse in Form von Vorträgen und Postern zu präsentieren, sondern auch in angenehmer Atmosphäre diese in persönlichen Gesprächen zu diskutieren, neue Kontakte zu knüpfen und bestehende zu vertiefen.

Traditionell umfasst das NDDK die Chemie-Universitätsstandorte der Bundesländer Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Niedersachsen und Schleswig-Holstein. Seit 2018 ist auch Berlin mit seinen drei Universitäten vertreten. Auch in diesem Jahr ist die thematische Bandbreite der wissenschaftlichen Beiträge wieder äußerst beeindruckend und bildet die unterschiedlichsten Forschungsgebiete der anorganischen Chemie eindrucksvoll ab, zu denen beispielsweise die homogene und heterogene Katalyse, die anorganische Molekül- und Festkörperchemie, die Material- und Koordinationschemie sowie die metallorganische Chemie in ganzer Breite zählen. Zusammen mit den ca. 134 angemeldeten Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmern können wir uns auf 26 spannende Vorträge und 62 Posterpräsentationen freuen. In diesem Jahr finden zum ersten Mal auch Vorträge von Nachwuchswissenschaftlerinnen und Nachwuchswissenschaftlern sowie ein Industrievortrag statt.

Wir möchten uns an dieser Stelle für die großzügige Unterstützung durch den Fachbereich Biologie-Chemie-Pharmazie der Freien Universität Berlin aber insbesondere auch für die Zuwendungen durch Sponsoren bedanken. Ohne diese wäre es uns nicht möglich gewesen, die Veranstaltung in dieser Form zu realisieren. Ein besonderer Dank gilt dabei auch allen Helferinnen und Helfern aus den Arbeitskreisen der anorganischen Chemie, die zum Gelingen des 23. NDDKs beitragen.

Zu guter Letzt wünschen wir uns allen zwei wissenschaftlich interessante und anregende Tage voller schöner Chemie und einen inspirierenden Gedankenaustausch.

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Nina Huittinen

Alex Plajer

Norddeutsches Doktorandenkolloquium

Tagungsorte– 1998 bis 2023

| NDDK | Jahr | Ausrichter |
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| 9 | 2006 | Universität Rostock |
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| 11 | 2008 | Technische Universität Braunschweig |
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| 20 | 2017 | Christian-Albrechts-Universität Kiel |
| 21 | 2018 | Technische Universität Braunschweig |
| 22 | 2019 | Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg |
| 23 | 2023 | Freie Universität Berlin |

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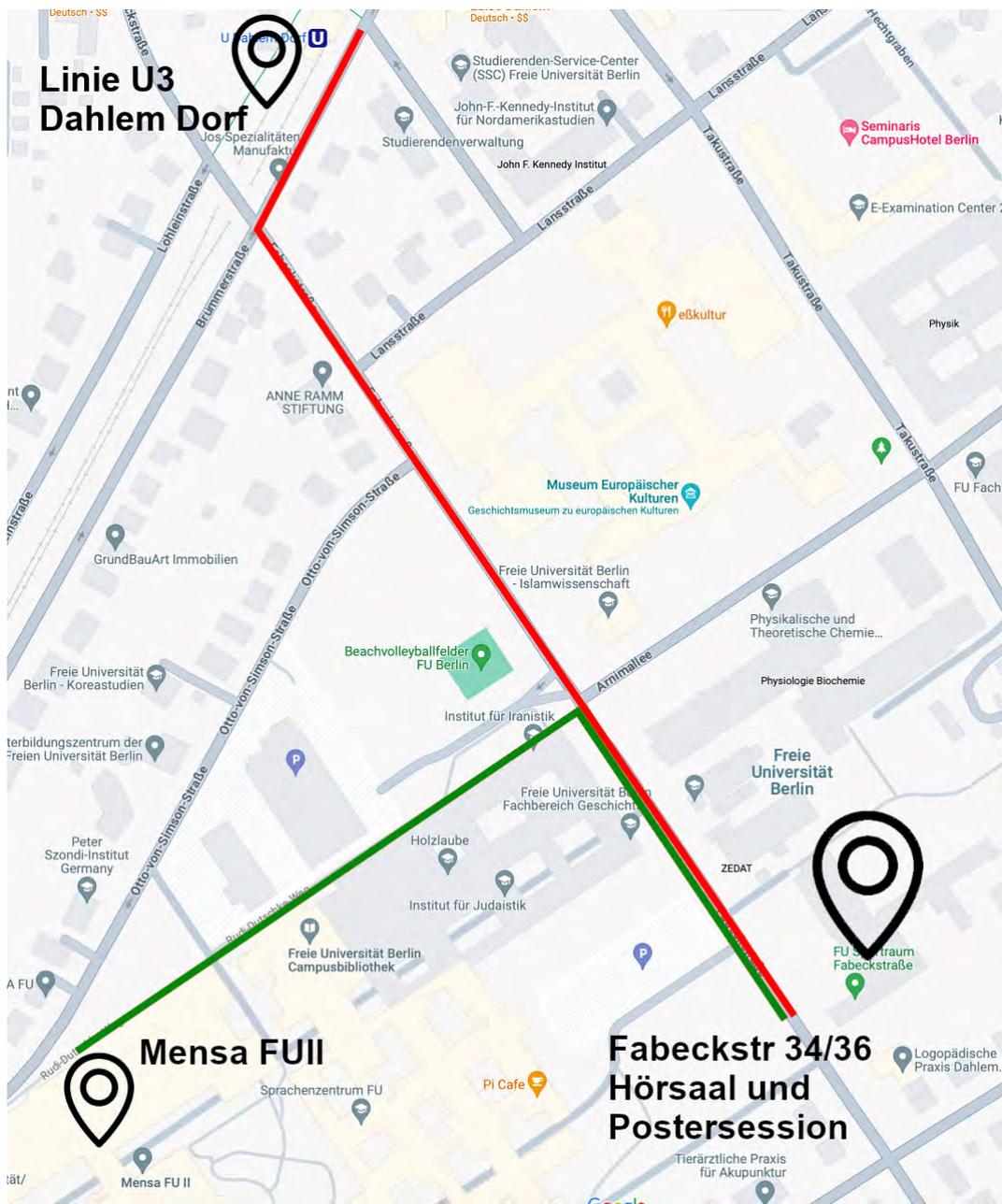
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Lageplan

Konferenzgebäude

Sowohl die Vorträge und die anschließende Postersession des 23. NDDK finden in dem Institut der Anorganischen Chemie der FU Berlin Fabeckstraße 34/36 statt.

Über die Haltestelle der Linie U3, Dahlem Dorf ist das Konferenzgebäude fußläufig in 10 min erreichbar. Die Vorträge werden im HS-Anorganik und die Postersession am 04.10. im Foyer stattfinden. Das Abendessen am 05.10 auf dem Platz vor dem Gebäude.



Tagungsprogramm des 23. Norddeutschen Doktorandenkolloquiums

| Zeit | Aktivität | Vortragende |
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| 12:00-13:00 | Anmeldung | |
| 12:50 | Begrüßung | |
| 13:00-14.20 | Vortragsblock 1 | |
| 13:00 | O1 | Josh Abbenseth |
| 13:20 | O2 | N. Beims |
| 13:40 | O3 | S. Eulberg |
| 14:00 | O4 | R. Kopp |
| 14:20-14:40 | Pause | |
| 14:40-16:00 | Vortragsblock 2 | |
| 14:40 | O5 | Alex Plajer |
| 15:00 | O6 | R. Tallarita |
| 15:20 | O7 | S. Pätsch |
| 15:40 | O8 | S. Suljić (Magritek) |
| 16:00-16:20 | Pause | |
| 16:20-17:40 | Vortragsblock 3 | |
| 16:20 | O9 | Malte Fischer |
| 16:40 | O10 | N. Geibel |
| 17:00 | O11 | J.-E. Siewert |
| 17:20 | O12 | P. Fritz |
| 17:40 - 19:00 | Poster Session | |
| 19:00 | BBQ | |
| 8:30-9:00 | Anmeldung | |
| 9:00-10:00 | Vortragsblock 4 | |
| 09:00 | O13 | M.E. Mahmoud |
| 09:20 | O14 | M. Ghanzanfari |
| 09:40 | O15 | S. Wittmann |
| 10:00-10:20 | Pause | |

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| 10:20-11:40 | Vortragsblock 5 | |
| 10:20 | O16 | A. Pérez-Bitrián |
| 10:40 | O17 | T. Streit |
| 9:00-10:00 | O18 | L. Fischer |
| 11:20 | O19 | R. Meißner |
| 11:40- 13:00 | Mittagspause | |
| 13:00-14:20 | Vortragsblock 6 | |
| 13:00 | O20 | L. Vondung |
| 13:20 | O21 | A.-M. Vogt |
| 13:40 | O22 | M. Reihwald |
| 14:00 | O23 | L. Körner |
| 14:20-14:40 | Pause | |
| 14:40-15:40 | Vortragsblock 7 | |
| 14:40 | O24 | C. Schwitalla |
| 15:00 | O25 | M. Neben |
| 15:20 | O26 | A. Linke |
| 15:40-16:00 | Abschluss | |

Vortragsprogramm

Donnerstag, 05.10.2023

1. Vortragsblock

Chairman: Christian Müller

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| O1 | J. Abbenseth | HU Berlin | | Small molecule activation reactions and transition metal complexes of T-shaped pnictogens |
| O2 | N. Beims | U Oldenburg | AK van der Vlugt | Reactivity and coordination chemistry of a Geometrically Deformed, nonsymmetric phosphorus trisamide |
| O3 | S. Eulberg | TU Braunschweig | AK Bröning | Antimony Corroles |
| O4 | R. Kopp | FU Berlin | AK Müller | Pyridyl-functionalised phosphinines: synthesis, coordination chemistry and reversable activation of water |

2. Vortragsblock

Chairman: Günther Thiele

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| O5 | A. Plajer | FU Berlin | | Inorganic catalysis for main group rich polymers |
| O6 | R. Tallarita | U Greifswald | AK Schulzke | Pentathiepins: insights into the molybdenum mediated synthesis of bio-active indolizine-based polysulfides |
| O7 | S. Pätsch | U Greifswald | AK Fischer | Mechanistic studies of biomimetic OAT reactivity under aqueous conditions with bis(dithiolene) complexes of molybdenum and tungsten |
| O8 | S. Suljić | | Magritek | |

3. Vortragsblock

Chairman: Sebastian Hasenstab-Riedel

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| O9 | M. Fischer | U Göttingen | | Tailored Ligand Design to Trigger Unusual and Reversible Bond Activations at Group 14 Centres |
| O10 | N. Geibel | U Oldenburg | AK Müller | Germaaluminocenes – Masked Heterofulvenes |

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| O11 | J.-E. Siewert | LIKAT Rostock | AK Hering- Junghans | Synthesis and ligand properties of chelating bis(NHC)- stabilized bis(phosphinidenes) |
| O12 | P. Fritz | U Rostock | AK Schulz | A reversible, selective molecular photo-switch based on a hybrid early transition metal/main group bis- biradicaloid |

Freitag, 06.10.2023

4. Vortragsblock

Chairman: Alex Plajer

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| O13 | M.E. Mahmoud | U Bremen | AK Kortz | Synthesis and Characterization of Lanthanide-Containing Asymmetric Wells-Dawson Ion |
| O14 | M. Ghanzanfari | FU Berlin | AK Thiele | Electrical and magnetic characteristics of novel chalcogenido metalates |
| O15 | S. Wittmann | U Bremen | AK Gesing | Synthesis and temperature- dependent structure property relations of mullite-type SnMBO ₄ compounds |

5. Vortragsblock

Chairman: Moritz Malischewski

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| O16 | A. Pérez- Bitrián | HU Berlin | | Organoxenon Compounds in Synthetic Organotransition Metal Chemistry |
| O17 | T. Streit | FU Berlin | AK Malischewski | Reactivity of Cyanometalates towards Electrophiles |
| O18 | L. Fischer | FU Berlin | AK Hasenstab- Riedel | A Trip to the Extreme: From Superacids and High Potential Oxidizers to Electrophilic Xenonium and Halonium Cations |
| O19 | R. Meißner | U Hamburg | AK Schaarschmidt | Al complexes with redox- active iminophenanthrenones |

6. Vortragsblock

Chairman: Nina Huittinen

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| O20 | L. Vondung | U Hamburg | AK Urbank | Attempting to Make Uranium Behave in Small Molecule Activation |
| O21 | A.-M. Vogt | U Kiel | AK Tuczek | A tungsten complex catalyzing the conversion of dinitrogen to ammonia |
| O22 | M. Reihwald | U Rostock | AK Seidel | Synthesis and Characterization of Polynuclear Metalla-Ketimate Complexes |
| O23 | L. Körner | TU Braunschweig | AK Tamm | Diaminoacetylenes: Electron-Rich Precursors for the Preparation of Efficient Iron Cyclopentadienone Hydrogenation Catalysts |

7. Vortragsblock

Chairman: Christian Müller

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| O24 | C. Schwitalla | U Oldenburg | AK Beckhaus | Syntheses, Characterization and Multifaceted Coordination Chemistry of Hydrazonido Titanium Complexes |
| O25 | M. Neben | U Göttingen | AK Schneider | Platinum(II) Metallopnictinidenes |
| O26 | A. Linke | LIKAT Rostock | AK Beweries | Sulfur makes the difference: unusual C-H activation in novel iridium bis(thiophosphinite)pincer complexes |

Abstracts der Vorträge

O1 - Small molecule activation reactions and transition metal complexes of T-shaped pnictogens

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Exploring non-VSEPR structural arrangements in main group compounds has emerged as a captivating avenue to unearth new reactivity patterns for elements within groups 13 to 15.^[1] For pnictogens, the concept of planarization leading to a T-shaped configuration has been proposed as a means to generate highly Lewis-acidic compounds. However, the exploration of such species has remained limited, primarily due to challenges associated with low-yielding syntheses or the use of supporting frameworks that either disintegrate during subsequent small molecule activation reactions or fail to enforce the desired strict planarity.^[1b, 2]

In this presentation, a straightforward and efficient synthesis for T-shaped pnictogen compounds will be demonstrated. These scaffolds not only enable the systematic study of the reactivity of planarized pnictogens toward small molecules but also facilitate the investigation of their potential as ligands for transition metal complexes (Figure 1).^[3] The exceptional rigidity of the utilized ligand frameworks, coupled with their intriguing redox properties,^[4] not only paves the way for a deeper understanding of the reactivity of planarized pnictogens but also opens up unprecedented opportunities for main group-transition metal cooperativity and metal-free hydroelementation catalysis.

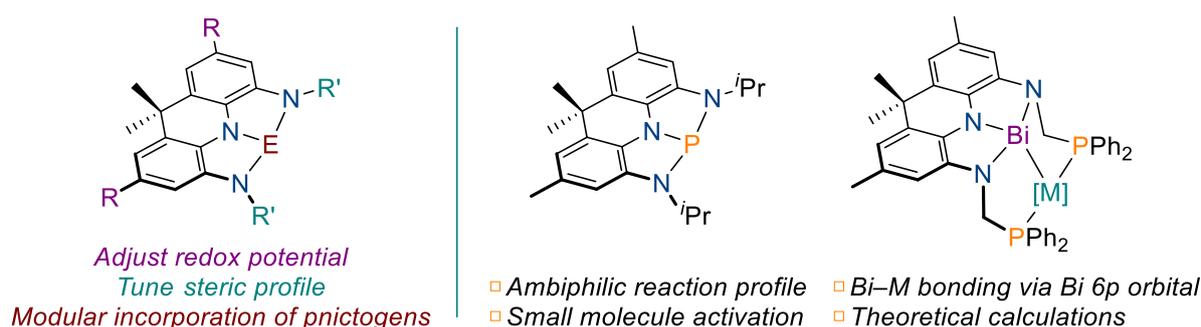


Figure 1: Key features of planarized pnictogens synthesized in our group.

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O2- Reactivity and coordination chemistry of a Geometrically Deformed, nonsymmetric phosphorus trisamide

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Constraining the geometry of σ^3 -P^{III} molecules effects their electronic structure and as a result also their reactivity. After pioneering work from Arduengo^[1], various groups^[2] developed trisamido-type P^{III} systems using tridentate NNN platforms, wherein the phosphorus is significantly distorted and thus show reactivity different from P(NMe₂)₃ as the 'open' congener, such as the heterolytic bond activation of protic substrates. Most of the recent research in this area has utilized a relatively narrow set of central donor functionalities, backbone structure and side group variation.

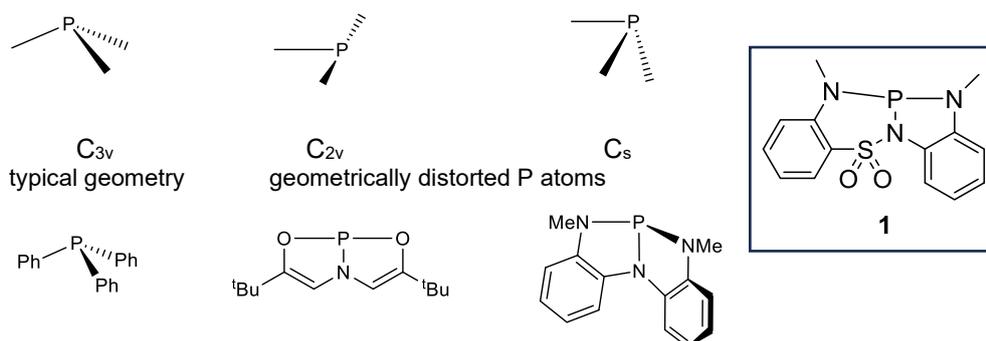


Figure 1: Illustration of different geometries in σ^3 -P^{III} compounds and our new platform 1.

We have thus recently synthesized a nonsymmetric P^{III} compound based on a 5,6-NNN ligand, featuring an electron-withdrawing sulfonamide group in its backbone. The combined features of this system provide site-selective reactivity and very high rigidity of the PN₃, eliminating umbrella-type inversions of the molecule, alongside a typically low hybridisation, and a high s-character of the P-based lone pair.

One of our main goals is to explore the effect of these factors on the σ -donor/ π -acceptor abilities toward coordination of transition metals. We will discuss some of the synthesis and reactivity of this geometrically distorted P^{III} species, both as a stand-alone entity, e.g. toward oxidation and bond activation, as well as our preliminary results in the context of understanding and controlling the coordination chemistry of this platform.

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O3 - Antimony Corroles

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Porphyrinoid macrocycles are enjoying constant popularity, not least because of their versatile occurrence in nature, for example as leaf and blood pigments [1, 2]. Corroles, in contrast to porphyrins, are reduced by one methine unit, leading to a smaller N₄ cavity and a formal trianionic nature. This enables the ability to stabilize not only transition but also main group metals in unusually high oxidation states. Thus, in the past, a small number of antimony corroles in the oxidation states +III and +V have already successfully been synthesized, including the attachment of oxygen and halogens as axial ligands [3, 4, 5]. Furthermore, evidence has been found for the existence of an antimony (IV) species [6].

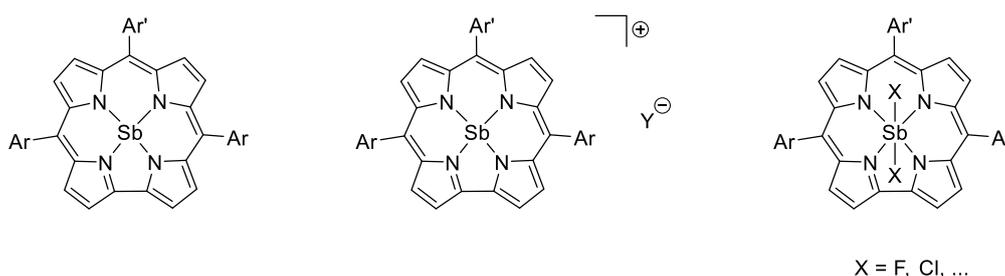


Figure 1: Overview over some of the investigated antimony corroles in the oxidation states +III (left), +IV (middle) and +V (right).

We have investigated antimony corroles from a coordination chemists perspective and will present our recent result on the synthesis and characterization of novel antimony corroles in the oxidation states +III, +IV and +V, including the attachment of various functionalized groups.

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O4 - Pyridyl-functionalised phosphinines: synthesis, coordination chemistry and reversible activation of water

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Phosphinines are intriguing ligands for coordination chemistry due to their highly diverse substitution pattern. In particular, pyridyl-functionalized phosphinines can show interesting binding motifs in transition metal complexes due to their hard N- and soft P-donor properties.^[1] However, the list of such compounds described in the past is short, besides NIPHOS, 2-pyridyl-4,6-diphenyl-phosphinines^[2] or the phosphorus analog of terpyridine.^[3] Therefore, we started to prepare NPN-pincer ligands (**1**) via the synthetic route reported by MATHEY and co-workers.^[3] During the course of our investigations on the synthesis, coordination chemistry and reactivity of such λ^3 -phosphinines, we now found that compounds of type **1** do not only show an interesting coordination chemistry, but readily react fully reversible with H₂O to the corresponding 1,2-dihydrophosphinine oxides (**2**) and its tautomer, the λ^5 -phosphinin-1-ols **3**.

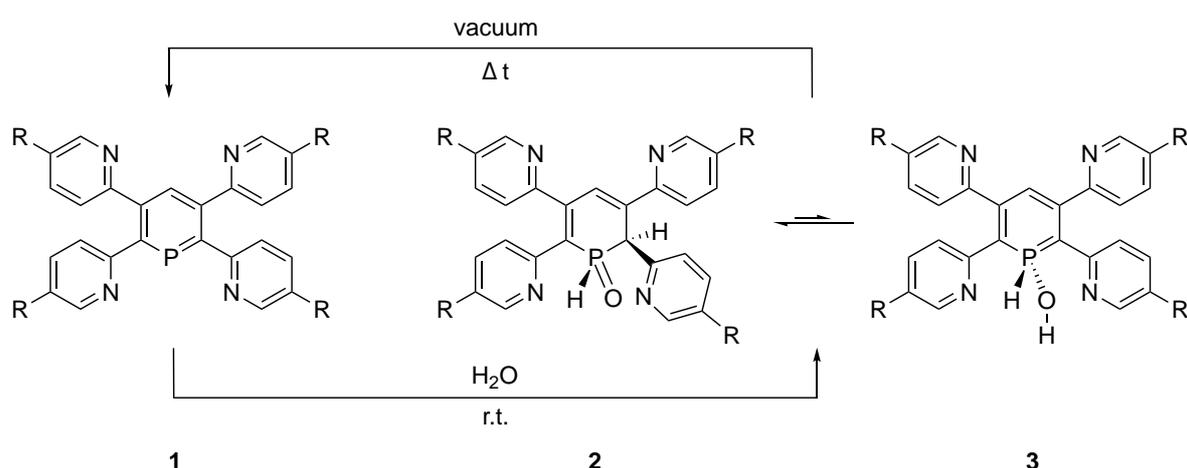


Figure 1: Reversible H₂O addition to **1** to afford the 1,2-phosphinine oxide (**2**) and phosphinine-1-ol (**3**) tautomer.

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O5 - Inorganic catalysis for main group rich polymers

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CS₂ promises easy access to degradable sulfur-rich polymers and insights into how main-group derivatisation affects polymer formation and properties, though its ring-opening copolymerisation is plagued by low linkage selectivity and small-molecule by-products.¹⁻⁵ We demonstrate that a cooperative Cr(III)/K catalyst selectively delivers poly(dithiocarbonates) from CS₂ and oxetanes while state-of-the-art strategies produce linkage scrambled polymers and heterocyclic by-products.⁶ The formal introduction of sulfur centres into the parent polycarbonates results in a net shift of the polymerisation equilibrium towards, and therefore facilitating, depolymerisation. During copolymerisation however, the catalyst enables near quantitative generation of the metastable polymers in high sequence selectivity by limiting the lifetime of alkoxide intermediates. Furthermore, linkage selectivity is key to obtain semi-crystalline materials that can be moulded into self-standing objects as well as to enable chemoselective depolymerisation into cyclic dithiocarbonates which can themselves serve as monomers in ring-opening polymerisation. Furthermore, the methodology can be expanded to the copolymerisation of cyclic thioanhydrides to produce alternating polyester-thioester which show degradability benefits over all oxygen polymers.⁷ Our work demonstrates the potential of cooperative catalysis to produce previously inaccessible main-group rich materials with beneficial chemical and physical properties.

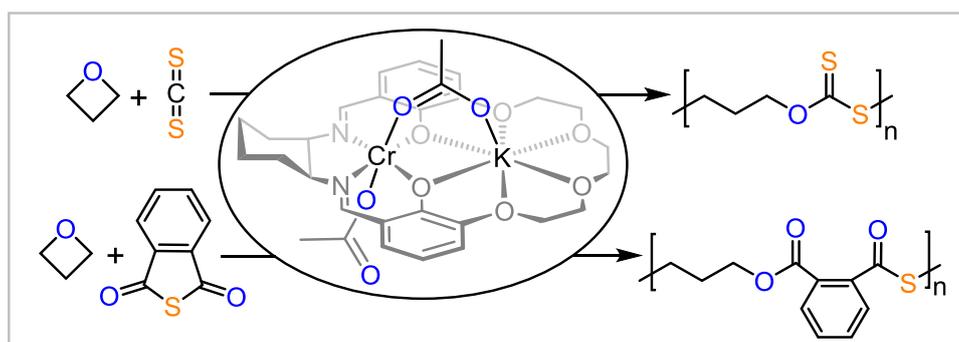


Figure 1: Copolymerisation of CS₂ or phthalic thioanhydride with oxetane .

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O6 - Pentathiepins: insights into the molybdenum mediated synthesis of bio-active indolizine-based polysulfides.

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Pentathiepins (PTTs) are heterocycles bearing a seven-membered ring, five of which are interconnected sulfur atoms and two are sp^2 carbons $C=C$. They comprised a chemical curiosity until their identification in marine animals belonging to *Ascidiae*, displaying formidable cytotoxic properties against pathogens such as bacteria.[1] Their synthesis typically required conditions and chemicals hard to handle,[2] except for the serendipitous breakthrough case involving the bistetrasulfido(oxo)molybdate(IV) complex $(NEt_4)_2[Mo^{IV}O(S_4)_2]$. [3] This most convenient approach involves the use of azines possessing an alkyne decorated with a diethoxy acetal-protected aldehyde in *ortho* position to the nitrogen atom, easily achievable with the widely explored Sonogashira cross coupling reaction.[4] Further treatment with half equivalent of the complex and one eq. of elemental sulfur (S_8) leads to the formation of a PTT ring fused on a pyrrole cycle (Figure 1). The product is a [1,2,3,4,5]pentathiepino[6,7-a]indolizine.

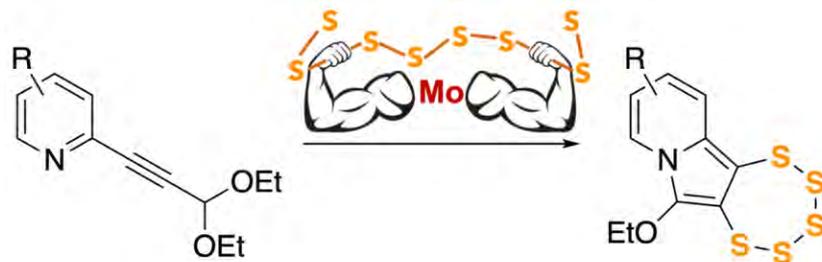


Figure 1: Graphical representation of molybdenum complex generating bio-active poly-sulfur species.

Previous studies limited the execution of the reaction to inert and anhydrous conditions.[5] Our recent findings broaden the procedure to an easier operation with non-dried solvents in air in some cases. The chosen combination of conditions in relation to the azine functional groups, can boost or drop the yields with remarkable differences. Furthermore, the possibility of decorating the pyrrole side of the indolizine scaffold is amplified by the revelation that one ethoxy (EtO^-) on propargylic position is sufficient as leaving group to facilitate the reaction.

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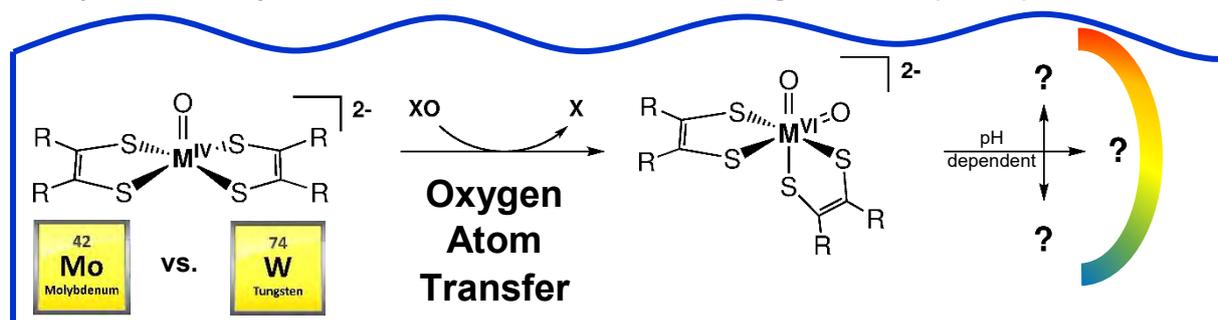
O7 - Mechanistic studies of biomimetic OAT reactivity under aqueous conditions with bis(dithiolene) complexes of molybdenum and tungsten

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Molybdenum and tungsten containing oxidoreductases comprise a ubiquitous enzyme class that catalyzes the transfer of a single oxygen atom (oxygen atom transfer, OAT) to a suitable substrate (SO_3^{2-} , SeO_3^{2-} , AsO_3^{3-}) or *vice versa*.^[1] Water, coupled via a proton-coupled electron transfer (PCET), equally takes on the role as sink or source of the oxygen. In bioinspired model chemistry, the use of organic solvents and artificial oxidizing or reducing agents may only reflect the reality in the enzyme to a limited extent, also with regard to the pH dependence.^[2]



The most frequently used scaffold for these functional analogues is represented by two dithiolene ligands plus one or two additional oxo moieties, $[\text{M}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{dt})_2]^{2-}$ and $[\text{M}^{\text{VI}}\text{O}_2(\text{dt})_2]^{2-}$ (M=Mo,W; dt=dithiolene).^[3] The introduction of alkali metal ions increased the solubility in water to enable investigations under aqueous conditions. As secondary information, all of these substances generate an unusual solid state structure for mononuclear coordination compounds, a coordination polymer.

Spectroscopic (UV/vis) examination of OAT reactivity in dependence of the pH revealed a substantial difference to literature-known mechanistic studies. The isolation of the first water-soluble bis(dithiolene) tungsten(VI) complex in combination with pH-dependent kinetic investigations supported the unravelling of the processes after oxygen transfer. The electronic effects of the dithiolene backbone as well as the pH value are affecting the observed follow-up reaction which opens up a possibility to adjust the reactivity in the desired direction.

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O9 - Tailored Ligand Design to Trigger Unusual and Reversible Bond Activations at Group 14 Centres

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A major focus line in molecular chemistry is based on the development of systems extending and mimicking the well-established chemistry of increasingly scarce transition metals, both in challenging bond activation reactions and catalysis.¹ Whereas examples of formal oxidative addition (OA) steps at low-valent main group centres are increasing tremendously, these bond activation steps often demonstrate a high thermodynamic driving force, often hampering their use in catalysis.¹

Our recently launched research group aims at tackling these issues by modern strategies in ligand design to develop a profound basis in understanding the crucial factors for enabling catalytic turnover.

In this talk, a glimpse on the overall research targets of the group in conjunction with first results will be introduced.²

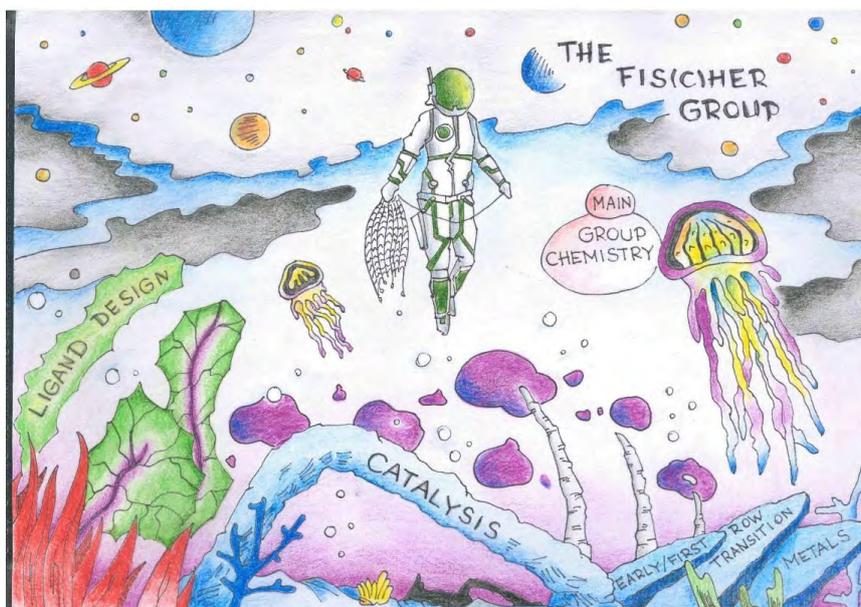


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O10 - Germaaluminocenes – Masked Heterofulvenes

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In recent years, we have studied intensively the synthetic potential of dipotassium germacyclopentadienediides, $K_2[1]$, towards various main group electrophiles.^[1] Of particular interest is the reactivity of germoledianions $[1]^{2-}$ versus aluminum(III)-dichlorides $RAICl_2$. Here, the transiently formed heterofulvenes **2** undergo intramolecular rearrangement reactions via bicyclic intermediates **3** and **4**. Depending on the substituent R at the aluminum atom, products such as alumoles, **5**, germanium complexes of aluomledianions, **6**, or aluminum complexes of germoledianions, **7**, are observed.^[2–3] Thus, reaction of $K_2[1]$ with Cp^*AlCl_2 provides germaaluminocenes **8** in high yields. Studies on the reactivity of these sandwich compounds **8** towards electrophiles, nucleophiles and amphiphiles will be presented.^[4–5]

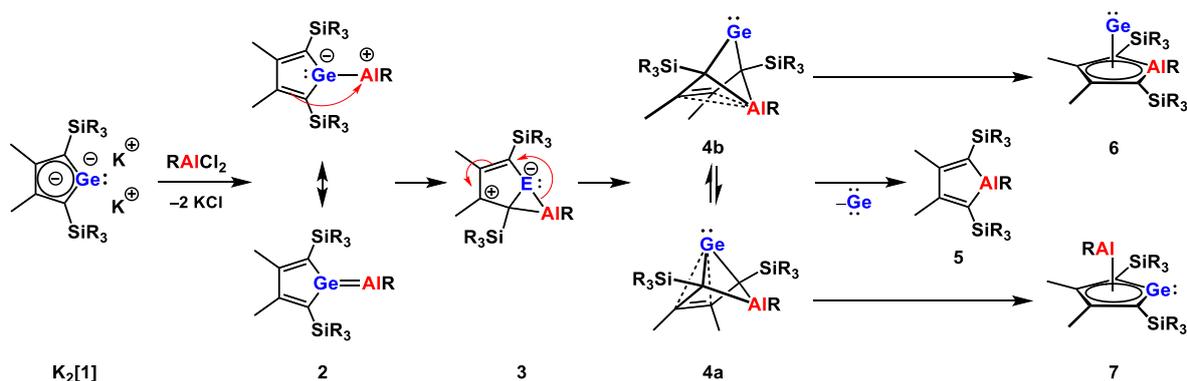


Figure 1: Reactivity of dipotassium germacyclopentadienediides $K_2[1]$ versus aluminum(III)dichlorides.

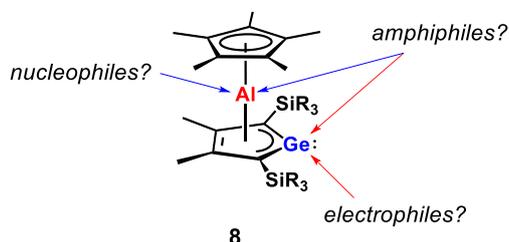


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O11 - Synthesis and ligand properties of chelating bis(NHC)-stabilized bis(phosphinidenes)

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Chelating phosphine ligands, like diphenylphosphinoethane (dppe), have found widespread application in catalysis, due to the additional entropic stabilization imposed by these ligands.^[1] In contrast to phosphines, phosphinidenes can act as potential 4 electron η^1 - η^2 ligands. NHC-stabilized phosphinidenes can be described as inversely polarized phosphalkenes. The electron-withdrawing N-atoms adjacent to P=C bond leads to an accumulation of π -density at P.

Recently, the groups of Inoue and simultaneously Hadlington and Driess introduced two chelating bis(NHC)-stabilized phosphinidene ligands (bis(NHP)s).^[2-3] A Xantphos derived bis(NHP), which could act as a bidentate ligand for element dihalides (e.g. FeCl₂, SnBr₂) and as multidentate ligand generating a cationic Cu₃P₃ cluster.^[3]

In this contribution the synthesis of a novel methylene bridged bis(NHP) ligand and its application in the coordination chemistry of Rh is discussed. The second lone pair can be selectively addressed by coordination of AuCl. The catalytic utilization of the novel Rh(cod) complex was tested in the catalytic hydrogenation of model alkenes at ambient conditions (rt, 1 bar).^[4]

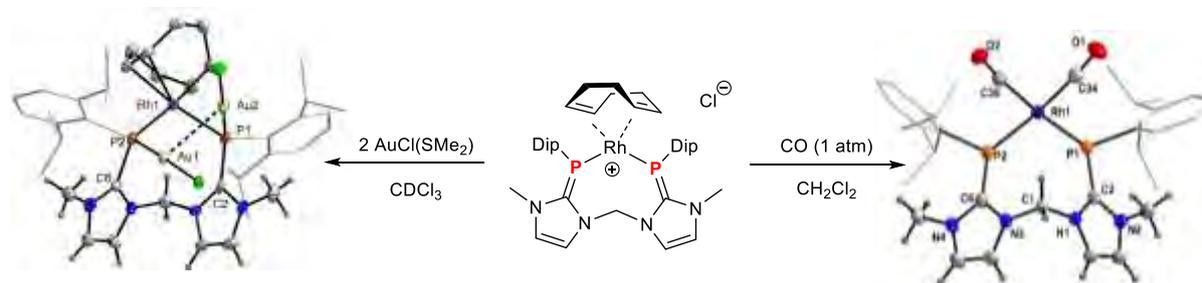


Figure 1: Novel bis(NHP) Rh(I) complex and selected reactivity at the metal or P center. (Dip = 2,6-Diisopropylphenyl)

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O12 - A reversible, selective molecular photo-switch based on a hybrid early transition metal/main group bisbiradicaloid

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The activation of small molecules such as H₂ is a desired goal in chemistry. However, the selective transformation of this often inert molecule remains a challenging task. It has been shown that the phosphorus-centred biradical (**A**) has great potential in activating small molecules and also interacts with isonitriles^[1] under ring expansion to form a new biradical species (**3**). These five-membered ring systems undergo photoisomerisation to form housane type structures (**4**).^[1] This behaviour is used to switch small molecule activation on or off.^[2] Since complexes of group 4 metals can also show photochemical activation of small molecules,^[3] it is of great interest to combine these reactivities.

The use of a functional group in the substituent of the isonitrile allowed this reactive system to be anchored to a organometallic fragment such as zirconocene (**2**). This system undergoes photoisomerisation in both directions (Figure 1, equilibrium between **3** and **4**) which allows photoinduced small molecule activation (e.g. H₂, see species **5**) that can be influenced by irradiating with light of different wavelength.

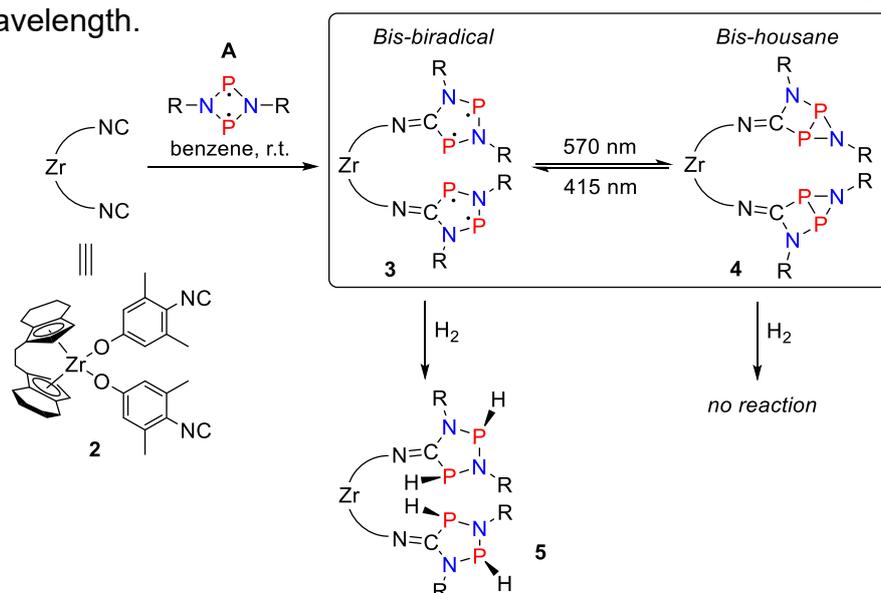


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O13 - Synthesis and Characterization of Lanthanide-Containing Asymmetric Wells-Dawson Ion

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Polyoxometalates (POMs) are a class of discrete, anionic metal-oxo clusters, comprising early transition metals in high oxidation states, such as W^{VI} , Mo^{VI} , and V^V with a large structural and compositional variety, associated with interesting physicochemical properties.¹ The aim of this work is based on the synthesis and structural characterization of *d*- and *f*-block metal-substituted POMs, with a special focus on the asymmetric Wells-Dawson ion.^{2,3} To date, this system has not been investigated in much detail and hence a certain number of novel compounds can be envisioned.⁴ Besides lanthanides, also *d*-block metal ions are of interest here, due to their catalytic potential. Herein, we have synthesized a family of novel polyanions, and structurally characterized them using FT-IR spectroscopy, ^{31}P and ^{183}W NMR spectroscopy and single-crystal X-ray diffraction. Some of these species are of interest in the fields of magnetism and catalysis.

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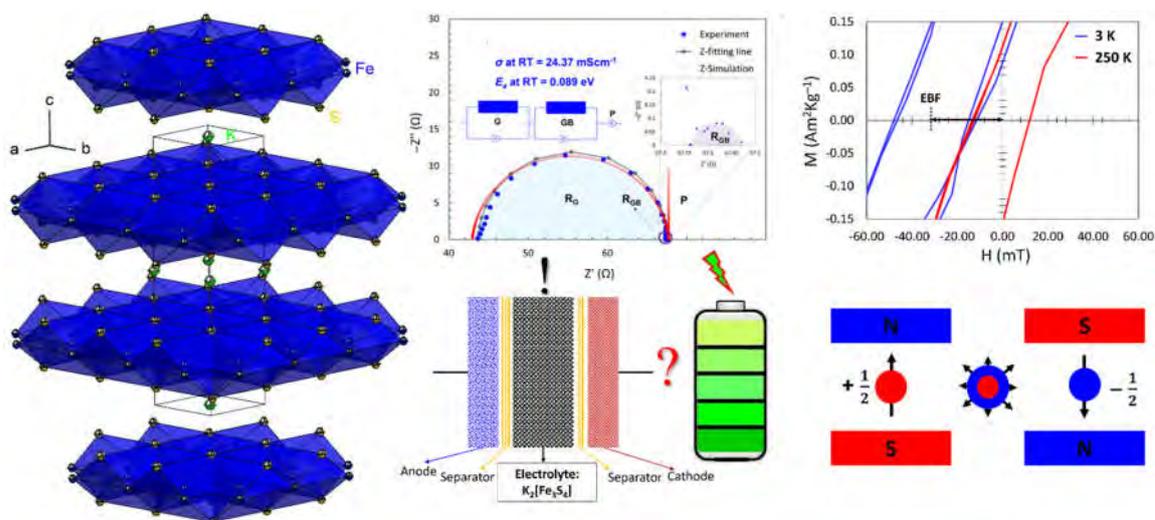
O14 - Electrical and magnetic characteristics of novel chalcogenido metalates

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We present a novel class of sulfido and selenido metalates of the general formula $A_2[M_3Ch_4]$ with $A = Na, K$; $M = Cr...Cu$; and $Ch = S, Se$. The materials contain a two-dimensionally extended anionic sublattice with sodium or potassium ions in between these layers. The majority of compounds, such as $K_2[Fe_3S_4]$ and $K_2[Co_3S_4]$,^[1] within this series crystallizes isotypic as a defect variant of the $ThCr_2Si_2$ structure type with the transition-metals obtaining a statistic occupation of 75%. This variety of elemental composition is used to tune their physical properties and the performance. The materials provide high dielectric constants (up to 4132 at 1 kHz for $K_2[Fe_3Se_4]$) as high-k materials as well as extraordinary ionic conductivities (up to $31.04 \text{ mS}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ at 295 K for $K_2[Fe_3Se_4]$), in the range of highest ever reported values, as potential electrode and solid-state electrolyte materials in next-generation sodium- or potassium-ion batteries. Moreover, the obtained compounds indicate large spontaneous magnetic exchange bias fields (up to 0.52 T at ≤ 20 K for $K_2[Co_3S_4]$), for potential spintronic applications. This phenomenon might be a consequence of the coexistence of spin glass and antiferromagnetic ordering, due to the transition-metal vacancies in the lattice. The findings introduce novel materials with potential for technological applications by an electronic and magnetic tuning through the choice of elemental constituents.



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O15 - Synthesis and temperature-dependent structure property relations of mullite-type SnMBO₄ compounds

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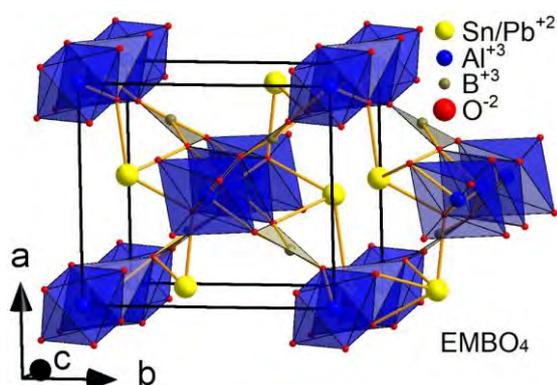


Figure 1: Crystal structure of SnAlBO₄ with AlO₆ octahedra, planar BO₃ groups and SnO₄ square pyramids.

Mullite-type EMBO₄ compounds (E₂M₂B₂O₈ ≡ O8-phase) have drawn a considerable interest due to the influence of stereochemical activity of the 6s² lone electron pairs (LEPs) of Pb²⁺ cation on crystal-chemico-physical properties. The crystal structure the mullite-type setting is described in the orthorhombic space group *Pnam* with edge-sharing MO₆ octahedra, trigonal planar BO₃ groups, and distorted PbO₄ square pyramids [1]. The influence of the LEP and the rigidity of the planar BO₃ groups play important roles to stabilize the O8-structures. In response to the toxicity of

lead and the associated environmental issues, replacement of Pb²⁺ by suitable LEP-containing divalent cation is a demanding alternative. As such, mullite-type SnMBO₄ (M = Al, Ga, Cr, V) are synthesized. Whereas the almost similar cationic size of Sn²⁺ and Pb²⁺ predict a complete replacement of Pb²⁺ by Sn²⁺ in the O8-structure, the significantly different Wang-Liebau eccentricity parameter [2] and the susceptibility of Sn²⁺ into Sn⁴⁺ oxidation requires ingenious exploitation of the solid-state reactions. The crystal structure features are obtained from the X-ray powder data Rietveld refinements where the bond valence sum indicates that tin and the M-elements are slightly under bonded whereas boron is slightly over bonded. This can be described in terms of the contraction of the BO₃ group and the distortion of the MO₆ octahedra via strong influence of the 5s² LEPs of Sn²⁺ cation. Temperature-dependent XRPD investigations did not show any phase transition from 13 K to decomposition. ¹¹⁹Sn Mössbauer spectroscopy shows only one Sn²⁺ environment at room temperature which was also proven by solid state NMR spectroscopy. In comparison, the Mössbauer measurement at 78 K shows two different Sn²⁺ environments which suggests an unknown phase transition which could also be measured with differential scanning calorimetry. For the magnetic compounds a change in the magnetic properties can be obtained by magnetic susceptibility measurements.

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O16 - Organoxenon Compounds in Synthetic Organotransition Metal Chemistry

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The first Xe(II) compound was reported by Bartlett in 1962, changing the paradigm of the inertness of noble gases.^[1] In 1989, the synthesis of the first compounds containing Xe–C bonds, namely salts of the $[\text{XeC}_6\text{F}_5]^+$ cation, entailed a key breakthrough in the rapid development of noble-gas chemistry. Since then, the field of organoxenon chemistry has expanded significantly making many different species available,^[3] yet their application in synthesis has been barely investigated.

The aim of our recently founded lab is to explore the applicability of organoxenon compounds in the synthesis of organometallic complexes in high oxidation states (Figure 1). We plan to investigate a broad variety of organoxenon species containing several types of organic groups with different degrees of fluorination. Regarding the metal complexes, those containing 3d metals will be of special interest because the stabilization of their higher oxidation states is more challenging than in their heavier homologues and therefore they have been far less studied.^[4] Here we will introduce our new lab and our preliminary results on this topic.

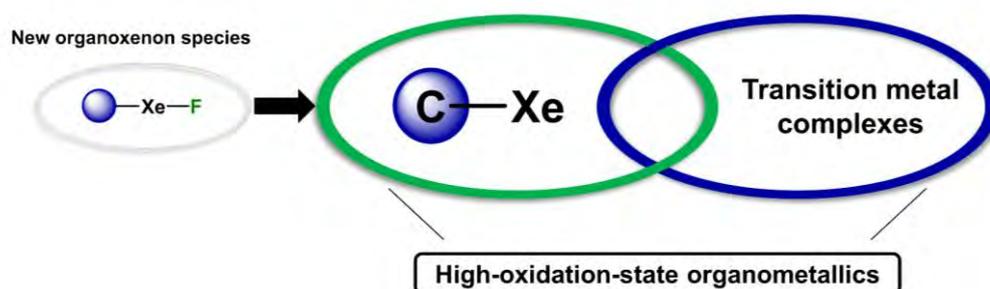


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O17 - Reactivity of Cyanometalates towards Electrophiles

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The combination of polycyanometalates and superacids has led to the isolation of unprecedented metal isocyanide complexes $[M(CNH)_8]^{4+}$ (M=Mo,W).^[1] Similarly, strong alkylating reagents have been utilized to prepare complexes featuring up to eight methyl isocyanide ligands.^[2] Following the success of perprotonation and peralkylation, the triple protonation of a single MCN ligand in a heteroleptic metal cyanide complex is under investigation to access the CNH₃ ligand. Our recent attempts in this regard to use super-acidic-robust ligands in order to stabilize the potentially labile and highly electrophilic complexes are presented.

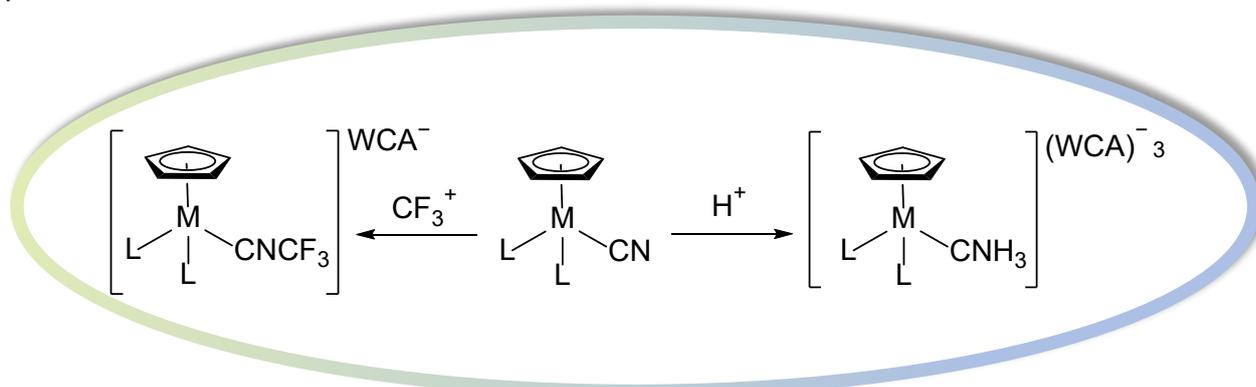


Figure 1: Trifluoromethylation (left) and triple protonation (right) of a metal-bound cyanide group

Several trifluoromethylisocyanide metal complexes have been isolated in the past century,^[3] their further research hampered by the synthetic problems associated with accessing the CNCF₃ ligand.^[4] With the discovery of several organic electrophilic trifluoromethylation reagents^[5] a facile access to this ligand from cyanide complexes seems feasible and could enable a more comprehensive understanding of this rare and synthetically challenging ligand. The reactivity of half-sandwich complexes containing one cyanide group towards Togni and Umemoto reagents is discussed.

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O18 - A Trip to the Extreme: From Superacids and High Potential Oxidizers to Electrophilic Xenonium and Halonium Cations

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The strongly electron withdrawing and chemically robust teflate group (-OTeF₅) has proven to be an effective building block in the design of Lewis superacids and weakly coordinating anions (WCAs).^[1] However, the synthesis of teflate-containing compounds can be challenging and requires the use of special equipment and technics, as the precursors for these compounds like FSO₃H and HF are highly toxic, corrosive and reactive. Clear examples of the interesting properties and applicability of teflate compounds are for example the Lewis superacid Al(OTeF₅)₃ and the corresponding WCA [Al(OTeF₅)₄]⁻ recently reported by our group. The outstandingly high Lewis acidity of the group 13 teflate compounds M(OTeF₅)₃ (M = B, Al) prompted us to study the heavier gallium analogue. Both the aluminum and the gallium compounds are able to form Lewis and Brønsted superacidic solutions which have been effectively used in the preparation of reactive cations, as for example unusual silyl-oxonium cations (Figure 1 A) and strong electrophilic chloronium cations (Figure 1 B).^[2]

Furthermore, the combination of the noble gas compound Xe(OTeF₅)₂ and the Lewis acids M(OTeF₅)₃ (M = Al, Ga) leads to a highly oxidizing system, from which upon addition of an oxidation-resistant base like pentafluoropyridine, the xenonium cation [Xe(OTeF₅)(NC₅F₅)]⁺ can be isolated (Figure 1 C).

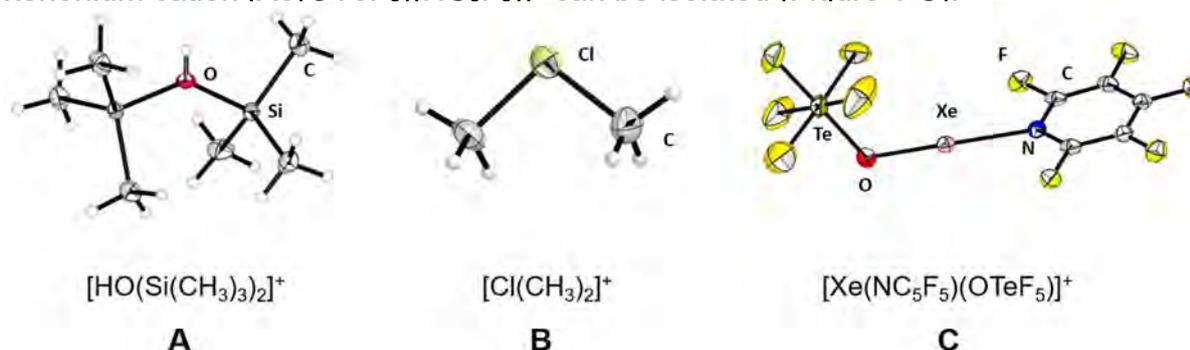


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O19 - Al complexes with redox-active iminophenanthrenones

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Imines are well-established ligands in coordination chemistry. For example acenaphthoquinone based diimines (BIAN) have been widely applied for the synthesis of transition metal complexes since the 1990s^[1] documented in almost 1000 structurally characterized examples in the CSD. In contrast, the chemistry of imines derived from related phenanthrenequinone is underexplored, information on their electrochemical behaviour are hardly available. However, mono(imino)phenanthrenones (MIP) are easily accessible^[2] and offer due to their N-O motif a more versatile coordination behaviour compared to BIAN (e. g. formation of μ -O bridged dinuclear metal complexes).

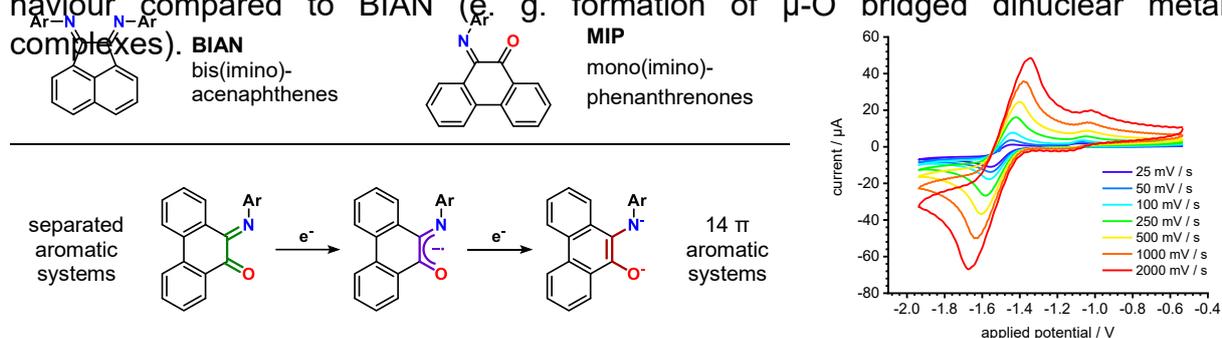


Figure 1: BIAN and MIP ligand (left, top), stepwise reduction of the MIP ligand (left, bottom) and cyclic voltammogram of its quasi-reversible first reduction (right).

Within this contribution, the synthesis of mono(imino)phenanthrenones bearing different aryl substituents will be presented. Their reduction to the corresponding aminophenanthrenols and the accessibility of Al complexes will be discussed in detail. First applications of selected compounds in the polymerisation of ϵ -caprolactone will be shown.

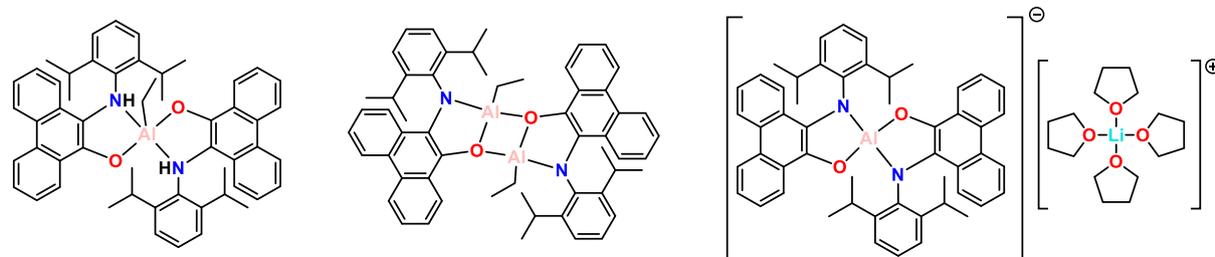


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O20 - Attempting to Make Uranium Behave in Small Molecule Activation

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During the uranium enrichment process for nuclear power, approximately 5.5 kg weakly radioactive depleted uranium (DU) are produced as a by-product for each kg of enriched uranium with the world-wide stocks of DU estimated at > 1 Mio. tonnes. Currently there are no major applications for DU except for highly debated military armour and only temporary civilian uses as counter weights.^[1] However, molecular uranium compounds have shown promising properties for applications as catalysts or in materials, as the bonding and reactivity of uranium complexes is often significantly different compared with transition metals and lanthanides.^[2]

Uranium(III) complexes are highly promising for reductive bond activation due to their large reduction potential, large ionic radius and both 6d- and 5f-orbitals available for bonding.^[3,4] Despite these properties, catalytic small molecule activation with uranium is still largely underdeveloped. This is due to several challenges, such as the formation of highly stable reaction products.^[5] Our approach to tackle these issues is to develop new uranium complexes with multidentate hybrid ligands with a hemilabile donor group, which allow a better control over the reactivity of uranium complexes in small molecule activation and potentially enable catalytic transformations.

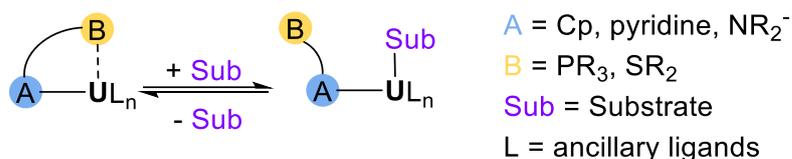


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O21 - A tungsten complex catalyzing the conversion of dinitrogen to ammonia

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Synthetic nitrogen fixation provides a basic understanding of the activation of the highly inert N₂ molecule and its catalytic conversion to NH₃ by transition metal complexes. [1,2] Differences in reactivity between molybdenum and tungsten complexes supported by pentadentate tetrapodal (pentaPod^P) ligands are of special interest. [3-6] Despite similar redox potentials, cyclic voltammetry reveals that the properties of molybdenum and tungsten pentaPod^P-complexes are different. [6] Compared to the original pentaPod^P ligand P₂^{Me}PP₂^{Ph} (**1**) the newly synthesized P₂^{Pln}PP₂^{Ph} (**2**) bears phospholane (Pln) instead of dimethylphosphine groups (Me), allowing to investigate steric and electronic effects of Pln-donors. [4,5] So far, X-ray diffraction as well as IR and NMR spectroscopic studies of [M(N₂)(P₂^{Me}PP₂^{Ph})] (**3,4**) and [M(N₂)(P₂^{Pln}PP₂^{Ph})] (**5,6**) suggest strong analogies. [3,6] Nevertheless, in contrast to [W(N₂)(P₂^{Me}PP₂^{Ph})] (**3**), [6] a catalytic activity in N₂ to NH₃ conversion by [W(N₂)(P₂^{Pln}PP₂^{Ph})] (**5**) is observed in the presence of Sml₂/H₂O. This renders **5** the first example of a tungsten complex catalyzing the synthesis of ammonia from N₂.

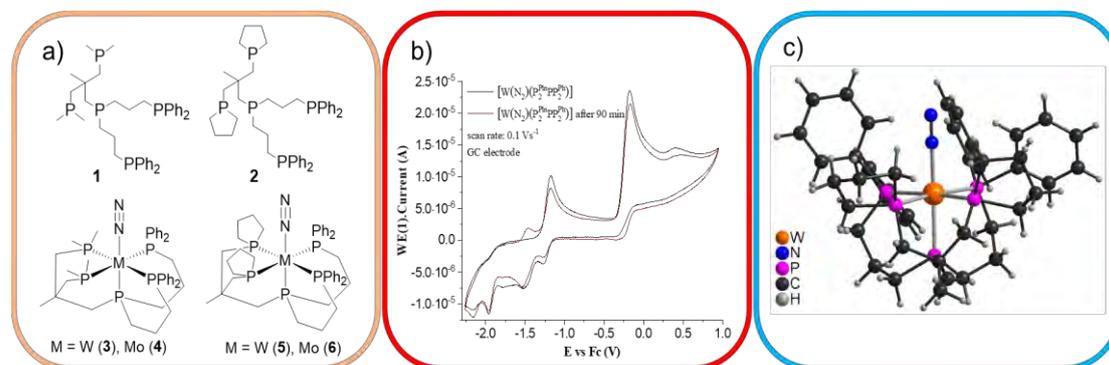


Figure 1: a) pentaPod^P ligands and Mo and W dinitrogen complexes, b) CV of [W(N₂)(P₂^{Pln}PP₂^{Ph})] and c) single-crystal structure of [W(N₂)(P₂^{Pln}PP₂^{Ph})].

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O22 - Synthesis and Characterization of Polynuclear Metalla-Ketimate Complexes

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Alkynes with proximate donor substitution are electronically flexible linkers with high conjugation potential. Side-on coordination at the triple bond converts such alkynes into chelate ligands.^[1–2] In dinuclear complexes the resulting $\mu\text{-}\eta^2\text{-C,C}'\text{-}\kappa^2\text{-X,X}'$ coordination mode provides a basis for strong intermetallic cooperativity.^[1] In this contribution novel approaches with $\text{X} = \text{NR}$ ($\text{R} = \text{Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3$, $t\text{-Bu}$) are shown.

The introduction of terminal nitrogen substituents is accomplished by isocyanide coupling at a W^{II} -metal template via reductive coupling.^[3] After deprotonation of the resulting monocation (**1**) via base the present system is similar to the well-known NacNac-motif. Addition of a Cu^{I} -reagent results in two different Cu^{I} -building blocks (**2**, **3**).^[4] Synthetic strategies of such systems depicted in Figure 1 will be discussed as well as their coordination behavior and various electrochemical and spectroscopic studies. In addition, details and side reactions of the isocyanide coupling will be presented.

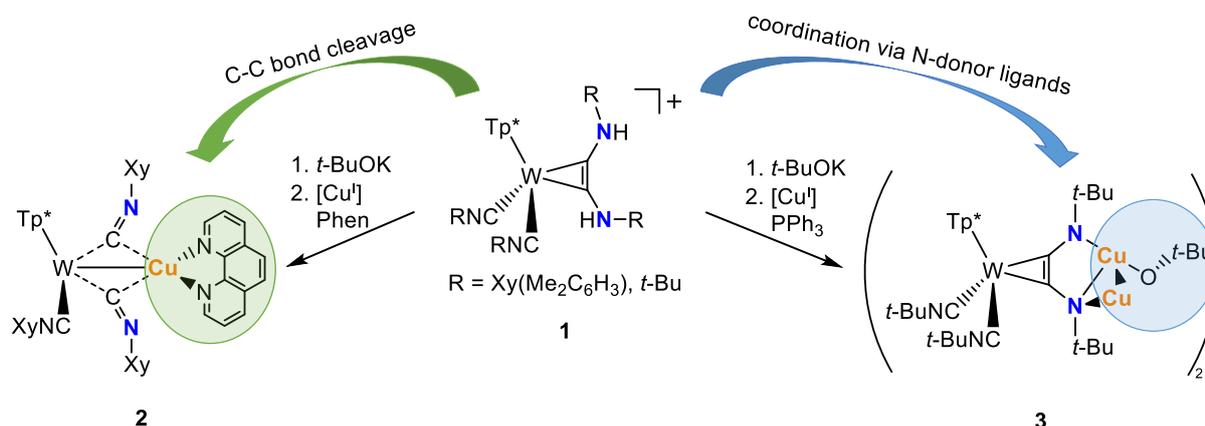


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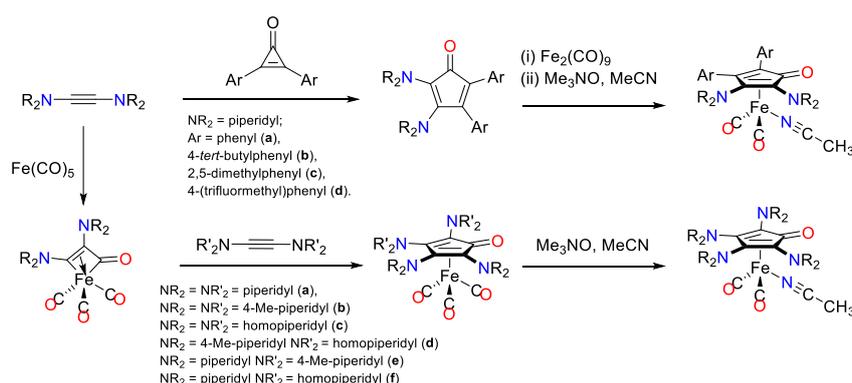
O23 - Diaminoacetylenes: Electron-Rich Precursors for the Preparation of Efficient Iron Cyclopentadienone Hydrogenation Catalysts

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The reactivity of electron-rich diaminoacetylenes (DAAs) is driven by their “hidden diaminodicarbene character”, which enables versatile transformations.^[1] In the past, we showed for instance the thermal dimerization and subsequent cyclization to strong σ -donor cyclic bent allene (CBA) ligands.^[2] In contrast, a proton-induced dimerization followed by oxidation led to the first fully characterized cyclobutadiene dication, whose aromaticity was evaluated by detailed computational methods.^[3] Our current research interest is focused on the synthesis and application of amino-substituted cyclopentadienone (CPD) iron complexes. Symmetric as well as asymmetric tetraamino-CPD iron tricarbonyl complexes can be obtained from DAAs and $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ via a unique ferracyclobutenone intermediate (Scheme 1).^[4] Diaminodiaryl substituted CPD iron tricarbonyl complexes are accessible from the free CPD ligands, which are synthesized from a DAA and a cyclopropenone. The transformations into dicarbonyl-acetonitrile complexes provide highly active precatalysts which hydrogenate a variety of ketones in the presence of a hydrogen donor such as H_2 at low overpressures (3 bar) and room temperature or with isopropanol at 80 °C in 2h, both with low catalyst loadings. The new diamino CPD complexes are currently being tested in reductive amination reactions providing first promising results.



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O24 - Syntheses, Characterization and Multifaceted Coordination Chemistry of Hydrazonido Titanium Complexes

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The chemistry of bis(π - η^5 : σ - η^1 -pentafulvene)titanium complexes (**1**) is characterized by a broad range of E–H activation and Ti–C functionalisation reactions.^[1] The reaction of **1** with of hydrazones (**2**) lead to both hydrazonido and hydrazido complexes depending on the interaction of the hydrazone (**2**) with the fulvene ligand of **1**. The molecular structures mostly reveal κ^2N,N side-on coordination of the hydrazonido ligand (**3**) due to the deprotonation of the N–H bond by one of the fulvene moieties. Instead of deprotonation, the reaction of **1** (CR₂: adamantylidene) with cinnamon aldehyde phenylhydrazone leads to a κ^1N coordination (**4**). By using donating groups in the backbone of **2**, there are exceptions to this coordination mode due to unexpected insertion of the C=N double bond into the Ti–C_{exo} bond of the pentafulvene moiety. Using 2-pyridincarboxaldehyde phenylhydrazone, a formal κ^3N,N,N ligand system (**5**) is formed by coordination of the pyridine nitrogen atom to the metal center via consecutive N–H deprotonation and insertion. Finally, the use of salicylaldehyde phenylhydrazone ultimately produces a complex with the κ^3N,N,O coordination mode (**6**) by double deprotonation of the hydrazone N–H and O–H funct

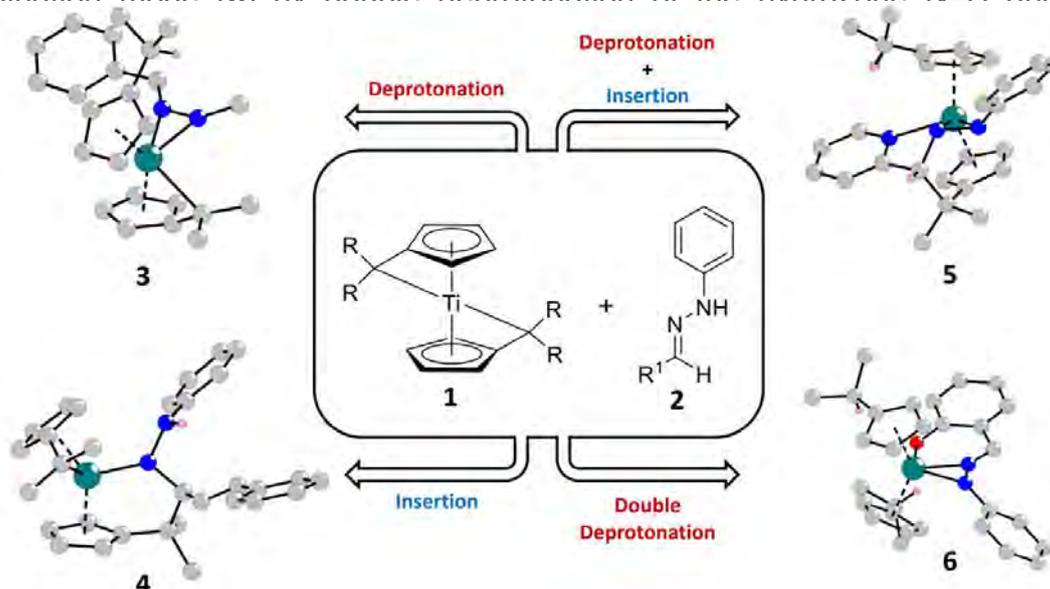


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O25 - Platinum(II) Metallopnictinidenes

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Nitrenes (N–R) are subvalent key intermediates in organic synthesis. Their reactivity strongly depends on the spin energetics of their closed-shell vs open-shell singlet and triplet configurations.^[1] The electronic structures of the heavier pnictinidene analogues also attracted attention,^[2] but their use as pnictogen building blocks is scarcely examined. Our group synthesized the first authentic metallonitrenes (M–N; M = Pd, Pt) and examined their role in catalytic N-atom transfer.^[3] Photolytic decarbonylation of phosphoethynolate also gave rise to phosphinidene coupling products.^[4] Here, we report the crystallographic, magnetic, and computational characterization of the platinaphosphinidene key intermediate (Figure 1) and heavier pnictinidene analogues (As, Sb), as well as their reactivity towards pnictinidene coupling and bond activation.

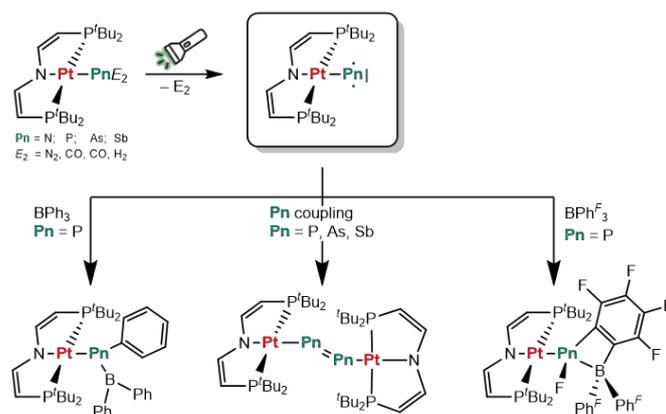


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O26 - Sulfur makes the difference: unusual C-H activation in novel iridium bis(thiophosphinite)pincer complexes

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In the last two decades, bis(phosphinite) Ir pincer complexes of the type $[(^R\text{POCOP}^R)\text{Ir}(\text{H})(\text{X})]$ $\{\text{RPOCOP}^R = \kappa^3\text{-1,3-(OPR}_2\text{)}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_3\}$; R = organic substituent; X = H, Cl} have been applied as versatile catalysts in many organic transformations.^[1] We were recently able to synthesise the corresponding Ir(III) bis(thiophosphinite) complexes **2-R** (R = *i*Pr, *t*Bu, Ph) from suitable Ir precursors in refluxing toluene and an atmosphere of H₂.^[2]

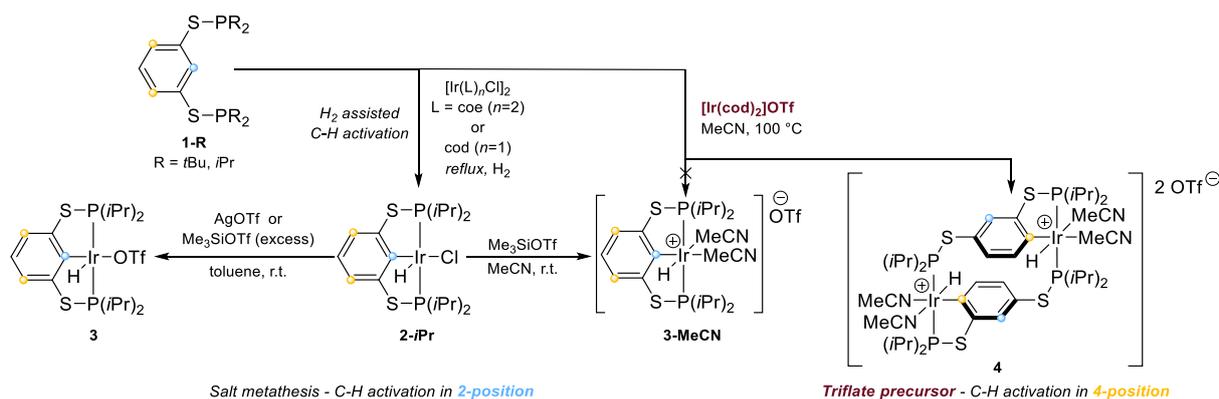


Figure 1: Synthesis of new Ir(III) bis(thiophosphinite) complexes **2-R** and unusual C-H activation in 4-position.

Ligand exchange reactions at **2-*i*Pr** yielded in dependence on the solvent **3** and **3-MeCN**. Aiming for synthesising **3-MeCN** directly from ligand **1-*i*Pr** and cationic Ir-precursor $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})_2]\text{OTf}$ we observed unusual C-H activation in 4-position of the arene fragment. To the best of our knowledge, this type of reactivity is so far only known for Ir-PCP^[3] and Pd-NCN-pincer^[4] complexes.

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Novel hard carbon anodes to unravel the sodium storage mechanism

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Lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) have been one of the greatest achievements in the field of energy storage of the last century. However, with the increasing demand for energy storage, battery technologies must be diversified according to their specific requirements in different applications. In terms of stationary energy storage and electric vehicles, sodium-ion batteries (SIBs) are considered to be the most attractive alternative to LIBs due to the uniformly high abundance and cost-effectiveness of raw materials, enabling large-scale and low-cost energy storage.

Unlike LIBs where crystalline graphite is commonly used as the anode material, disordered carbons are regarded as more promising for SIBs. However, further advances towards better reversibility and higher specific capacity are still needed to match or exceed that of graphite in LIBs. The main challenge is the complex and unpredictable Na⁺ storage mechanism in disordered carbons, as they may have different properties depending on the precursors and carbonization conditions.^[1] Recently, Matsukawa et al. have reported that the reversibility of (de)sodiation processes of disordered carbons is better for ultramicroporous carbons.^[2] These pores are accessible only to Na⁺ ions and not to solvent molecules. Therefore, the (de)sodiation processes are protected from the side reactions caused by the solvent, which reduces the related irreversible capacity loss.

With this idea, the origin of the specific capacity and irreversible losses will be further investigated by tailoring chemical composition (e.g., heteroatom doping) as well as pore structure of hard carbons used as anode materials in SIBs.

For the synthesis scalable and industrially relevant processes will be used. The structure and morphology of the materials will be characterized by electron microscopy, X-ray diffraction, X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, and Raman spectroscopy. In addition, different gas sorption techniques will be carried out to analyze the porosity, pore sizes and specific surface areas. The electrochemical performance of the prepared materials will be evaluated based on coin cells, three-electrode Swagelok cells, and pouch cells. Moreover, solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy will be performed to help understand the mechanism of Na⁺ storage.

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X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy to Reveal the „Molecular“ Structure of Metal and Nitrogen doped Carbons (M-N-Cs) Electrocatalysts

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High-performance electrocatalysts are required for energy storage of highly intermittent renewable energy. Metal and nitrogen doped carbons (M-N-Cs) are promising candidates as they are conductive and can be tuned to the desired properties by appropriate doping. In our division we focus on the oxygen reduction reaction (ORR) for fuel cell applications and CO₂ conversion. Structural characterization is essential to understand and optimize the catalytically active sites at their pseudo-molecular level. M-N-Cs are amorphous materials and X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) is the best method to determine the coordination sphere around the catalytically active metal center and to compare it with molecular models.

First results from XAS-measurements and the synthesis of M-N-Cs will be presented.

Degradation and Impact of Fluorinated Electrolytes from Lithium-Ion Batteries

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Lithium-based batteries (LiBs) have become increasingly important in modern society, as cutting-edge portable energy storage systems and as a crucial component in the energy revolution. However, they still face challenges such as safety concerns, capacity degradation, and the ever-growing demand for higher energy density. To address these issues, researchers have turned their attention to fluorinated organic compounds (FOCs) as part of LiBs electrolytes. These substances, closely related to per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS), have shown great potential in optimizing LiBs^[1-3]. Specifically, their strong fluorine-carbon bond offers enhanced oxidative and chemical resistance. Nevertheless, their environmental impact is a cause for concern. Fluorinated organics can persist in the environment or can lead to the formation of persistent end-products, which accumulate and contribute to global health problems.

To study the fate of fluorinated organic electrolytes in different environmental and application scenarios, a range of simulation methods are employed, including the TOP (Total Oxidizable Precursor) Assay, electrochemistry, photo-induced degradation, and cycling of self-assembled coin cells prepared with FOCs. Transformation products (TP) are identified using gas chromatography and liquid chromatography coupled with high resolution mass spectrometry (GC/LC-HRMS).

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Trimethylsilyl-substituted triazaphospholes: formation of a unprecedented phosphorus-containing mesoionic carbene

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Due to the isolobal relationship between a trivalent P-atom and a C-H fragment, 3*H*-1,2,3,4-triazaphospholes can be considered as the phosphorus analogues of 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles.^[1] These $\lambda^3\sigma^2$ -phosphorus heterocycles can be synthesized in a [3+2] cycloaddition reaction starting from organic azides and phosphalkynes. Recently, we achieved successfully the synthesis of 3*H*-1,2,3,4-triazaphospholenium salts (**1a/b**) by alkylating triazaphospholes with Meerwein salts ([Me₃O][BF₄]/ [Et₃O][PF₆]).^[2] **1a/b** are the formal phosphorus analogues of mesoionic 1,2,3-triazolyliidenes (**2**), following the principle of valence isoelectronicity.^[3]

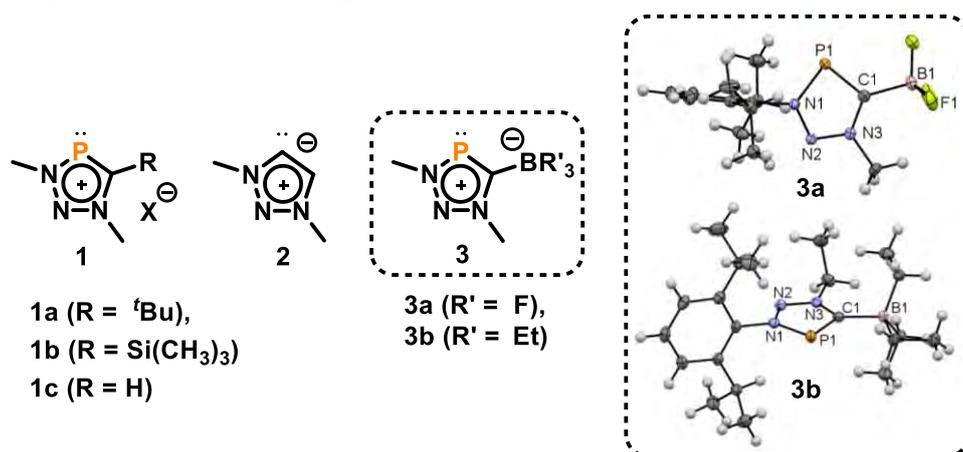


Figure 1: Left: Mesoionic carbene (**2**), its phosphorus analogue (**1**) and the BR₃-adduct of a phosphorus-containing mesoionic carbene (**3**). Right: Molecular structure of **3a/b** in the crystal.

The Si(CH₃)₃-substituted 3*H*-1,2,3,4-triazaphospholenium salts (**1b**) are of particular interest, as they provide access to protodesilylation products (**1c**). During the study of such reactions, a product was observed that can be described as a BF₃-adduct of a phosphorus-containing mesoionic carbene (**3a**). While originally obtained as a minor product, we were able to synthesize the BF₃-adduct in a directed synthesis and were even able to extend the scope to the BEt₃-adducts (**3b**).^[4]

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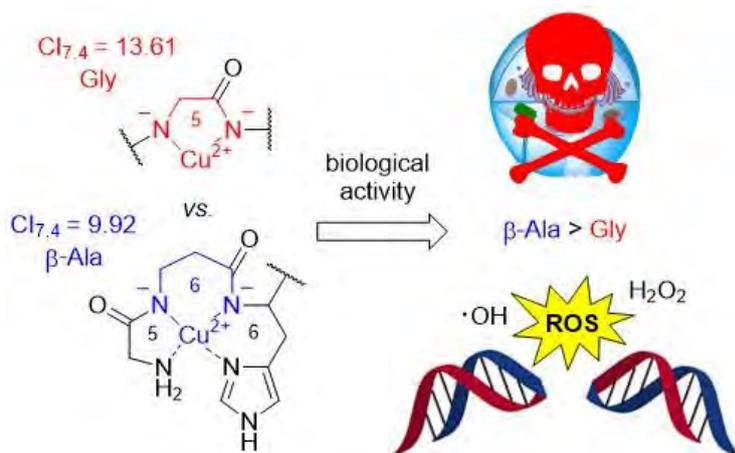
Incorporation of β -Alanine in Cu(II) ATCUN Peptide Complexes Increases ROS Levels, DNA Cleavage and Antiproliferative Activity

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DNA can be oxidatively cleaved by Cu(II) complexes of the ATCUN peptide (amino terminal Cu(II)- and Ni(II)-binding motif) through reactive oxygen species (ROS) production. The simplest peptide mimicking the ATCUN motif is the tripeptide glycine-glycine-histidine, the Cu(II) complex of which exhibits antitumor activity.^[1] Here, ATCUN-based peptides were synthesized by exchanging glycine for β -alanine at position 2 of the sequence. These metallopeptides were characterized at pH 7.4 via potentiometric titrations (competitivity indices, CI). High cytotoxic activity of the investigated metallopeptides correlates with their oxidative DNA cleavage activity and high cellular uptake into cancer cells.^[2]



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Amphiphilic Cu(II) oxacyclen complexes cause condensation of DNA

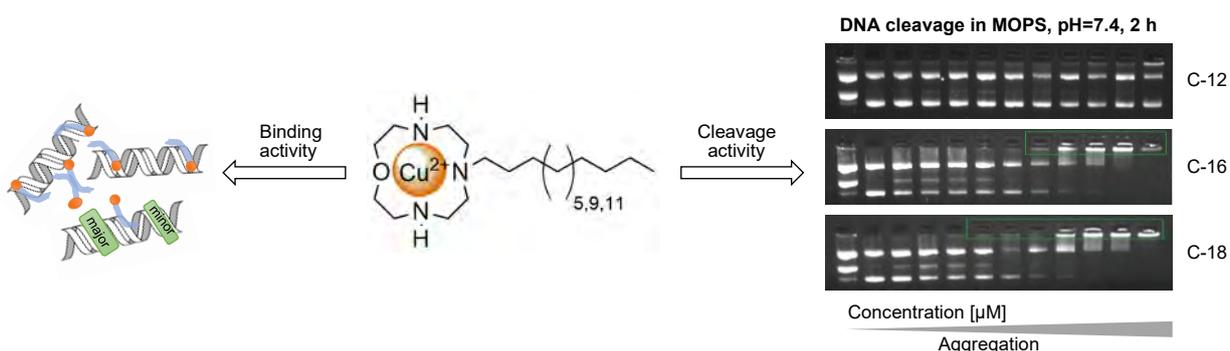
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Metal complexes of cyclen (1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane) have proven to be suitable compounds for the efficient oxidative cleavage of DNA. Current studies have focused on further derivatisation of this scaffold to increase DNA binding affinity and thus DNA cleavage activity. Heteroatom substitution in a macrocyclic Cu(II) complex can improve nuclease activity, which showed the better catalytic properties for reactive oxygen species (ROS) generation. The reactivity strongly depends on the heteroatom inserted into the macrocycle, with the following order: O > S > N.^[1-4]

The Cu(II) complexes with monoalkylated oxacyclen ligands (1-oxa-4,7,10-triazacyclododecane) have been investigated regarding their nuclease activity towards plasmid DNA, whereby the complexes differed in the length of the alkyl substituents. Our results have shown, that the alkylated Cu(II) complexes are able to cleave plasmid DNA at micromolar concentrations under near physiological conditions. It should be emphasised that ROS are involved in the cleavage. Furthermore, increasing the concentration of complex and increasing the length of the alkyl chain (C-12→C-18) lead to aggregates with increased sizes. Atomic force microscope scanning (AFM) also supports the above observation. Also, we have been able to show that amphiphilic Cu(II) derivatives interact with calf thymus DNA electrostatically and by groove binding.



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Synthesis of phospholide anions from white phosphorus

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Activation of white phosphorus with alkali metals leads to different polyphosphide anions depending on the stoichiometry. The aromatic pentaphospholide anion (**1**) and the heptaphospholide anion (**2**) are notable examples of this substance class.^[1,2] In contrast to white phosphorus P₄, which shows only weak nucleophilicity, these anions react with common electrophiles to form valuable organophosphorus compounds, such as aromatic heterocycles.^[2] Compounds **1** and **2** are reactive towards C≡E (E = C, N) triple bonds, yielding 1,2,3-triphospholide and azatriphospholide anions.^[3,4] The coordination chemistry of these phosphorus heterocycles is of particular interest because of their isolobal relationship to the classical cyclopentadienyl anion.

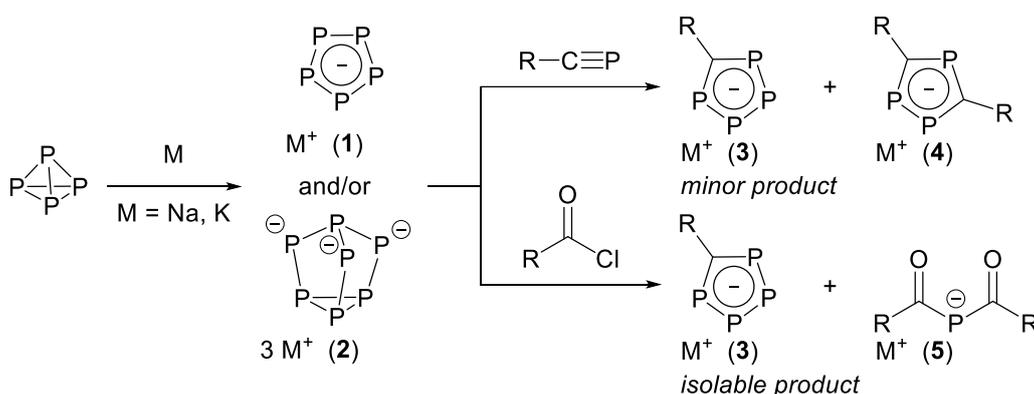


Figure 1: Synthetic pathways towards tetraphospholide anions.

We present here that **1** and **2** are reactive towards differently substituted phosphalkynes, resulting in a mixture of the respective tetra- (**3**), and the 1,3,4-triphospholide (**4**) anions. In addition, we introduce the synthesis of **4** by a reaction between acid chlorides and a mixture of different polyphosphides generated *in situ* from white phosphorus. This synthetic pathway opens up the possibility of new substitution patterns due to the more accessible acid chlorides compared to the limited amount of stable phosphalkynes.

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A phosphinine-B(C₆F₅)₃ Lewis pair initiates C-N bond cleavage

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Classical frustrated Lewis pairs (FLP), such as (tBu)₃P/B(C₆F₅)₃, are known to activate small molecules.^[1] MÜLLER *et al.* reported recently on the stable 3,5-bis(trimethylsilyl)-phosphinine-B(C₆F₅)₃ Lewis pair (**1**). Unlike classical FLPs, **1** features a dative P–B bond and an activated aromatic phosphorus heterocycle. The reaction of **1** with phenylacetylene leads to the 1-*R*-phosphabarrelenium salt **2**, formed by a [4+2] cycloaddition at the phosphinine and FLP-type insertion into the dative P–B bond. In contrast, styrene instead of phenylacetylene reacts with **1** only in a [4+2] cycloaddition reaction to the borane adduct of dihydro-1-phosphabarrelene **3**.^[2]

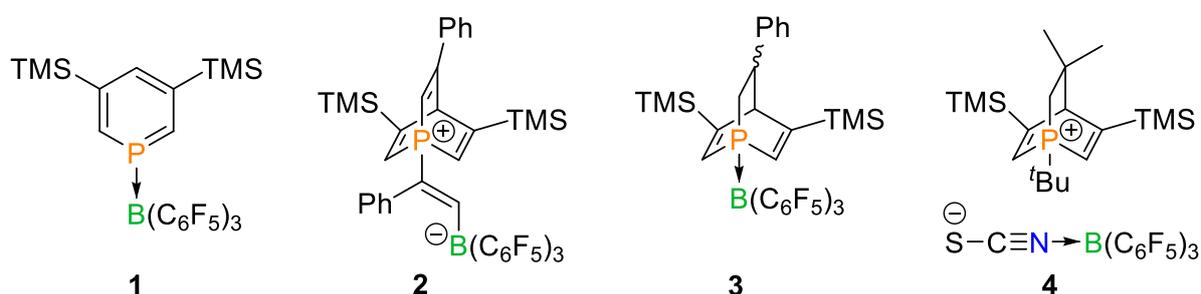


Figure 1: Phosphinine borane adduct **1** and cycloaddition products **2-4**.

The interesting properties of **1** have now been further investigated. *tert*-Butyl substituted isothiocyanide reacts with **1** to the dihydrophosphabarrelenium salt **4**. NMR investigations showed, that adduct **1** initiates first a C–N single bond cleavage, resulting in a transient alkylated phosphininium cation, which reacts subsequently with *in situ* formed isobutene to **4**. This reactivity contrasts classical FLPs. The reaction of (tBu)₃P/B(C₆F₅)₃ with tBu-NCS does not lead to an alkylation at the phosphorus atom, only protonation and liberation of isobutene were observed.

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Different Reactivity of Dinuclear Rhodium and Iridium Pyridine, Diimine Complexes

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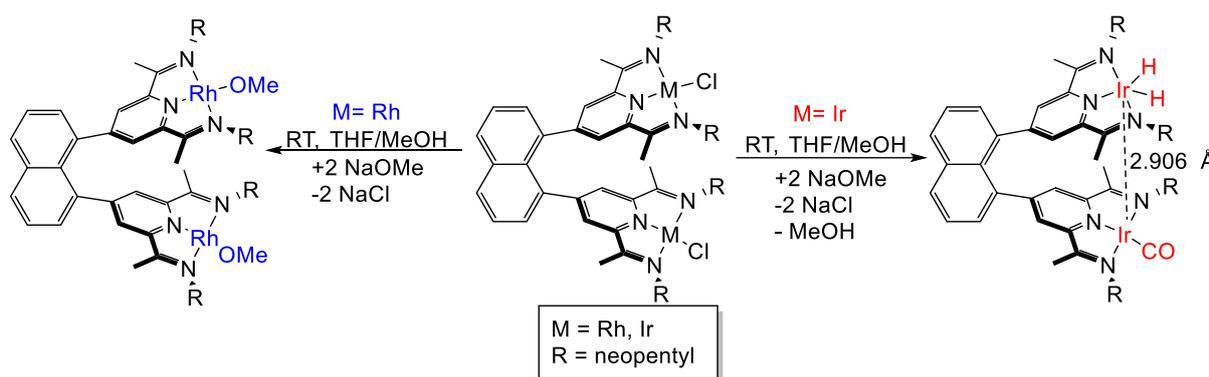


Figure 1: Example of different reactivity of bimetallic rhodium (left) and iridium complex (right).

We are currently investigating dinuclear aryl bridged pyridine diimine rhodium and iridium complexes.[1,2] In the course of this study, we noted a dramatic difference in the rhodium and iridium systems. As anticipated based on our findings for the mononuclear Rh and Ir compounds, the rhodium chlorido compound reacted with sodium methoxide to yield the corresponding methoxido complex (Fig. 1, left).[3] On the other hand, the iridium congener was cleanly converted to the dicarbonyl dihydrido complex with two formally d⁹-configured Ir(0) metal centers (Fig. 1, right). The close proximity of 3 Å in the X-ray crystal structure is between the Ir centers and the PDI planes carrying the spin density explains the antiferromagnetic coupling to a diamagnetic complex. This allowed to fully study the bonding of the dihydrido ligand by NMR spectroscopy. Furthermore, we will present the pathway to the carbonyl dihydrido diiridium complex and will address the distinct outcomes observed for the mononuclear and binuclear Rh and Ir systems.

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Bulk Synthesis and Characterization of Zn-based semiconductors.

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Ternary alkali metal chalcogenido zincates with the general formula $A_xZn_yS_z$ ($A = Na, K, x = 2, 4, 6, y = 1, 2, 3,$ and $z = 2, 3, 4$) show great potential in optoelectronic applications, photocatalytic materials, potential p-type transparent conducting materials due to their moderate band gaps and lack of magnetic interactions. They exhibit a diverse structural chemistry, whereby the anionic moiety comprises either isolated $[ZnS_4]^{6-}$ unit, or more complex 1-, 2- or 3D anionic subunits, formed by edge sharing $[Zn_3S_4]^{2-}$ tetrahedra.^[1-6] Several compounds have been predicted to exist but little or less is known about their optoelectronic and physical properties. Herein, we present the bulk synthesis of Na_2ZnS_2 (**1**), K_2ZnS_2 (**2**), $Na_2Zn_2S_3$ (**3**), $K_2Zn_3S_4$ (**4**) (air and moisture stable) and K_6ZnS_4 (**5**) alongside with their crystal structure, dielectric-, and optoelectronic properties.

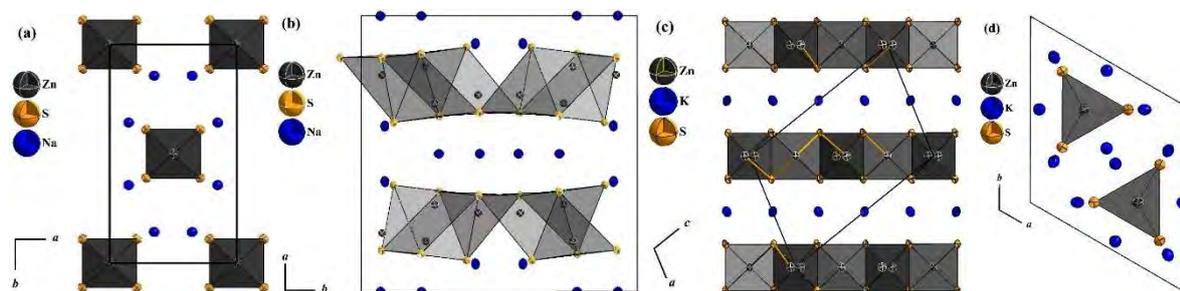


Figure 1. Depiction of the crystal structure of (**1**), (**2**), (**3**), (**4**) and (**5**). (a) *Ibam* type (**1**) and (**2**) with 1D connected $[ZnS_4]^{2-}$ anionic sublattice, (b) *C2/c* type (**3**) with 2D connected $[Zn_2S_3]^{2-}$ anionic sublattice, (c) *P2/n* type (**4**) with 2D connected $[Zn_3S_4]^{2-}$ anionic sublattice (d) *P6₃mc* type (**5**) with isolated $[ZnS_4]^{6-}$ anionic sublattice.

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From Bispentafulvenes and Cumulenes – Synthesis and Reactivity of Mono(pentafulven)titanium Complexes

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Over the past 20 years, pentafulvene complexes have been shown to be effective in activating various H–E bonds (E = H, C, N, O, Hal)^[1] as well as multiple bond substrates^[1,2] such as ketones or nitriles under mild conditions. While monopentafulvene complexes can be converted selectively,^[3] reactions of bispentafulvene complexes resulted in double bond activation or reactions with two equivalents of the substrate regardless of stoichiometry^[1,2] (with only a few exceptions^[2]). We previously reported the reactions of bis(pentafulvene)titanium complexes **Ti1** with the parent allene propa-1,2-diene, which led to the selective formation of chained titanium-allyl complexes **Ti2**, even with an excess of propa-1,2-diene.^[4] Herein, we report further selective reactions of bis(pentafulvene)titanium complexes **Ti1** with cumulenes to generate complexes **Ti3-Ti5**, still bearing one remaining fulvene function. This maintains the advantage of enabling additional substrate activation reactions with H–E bonds or multiple bond substrates (see Fig. 1).

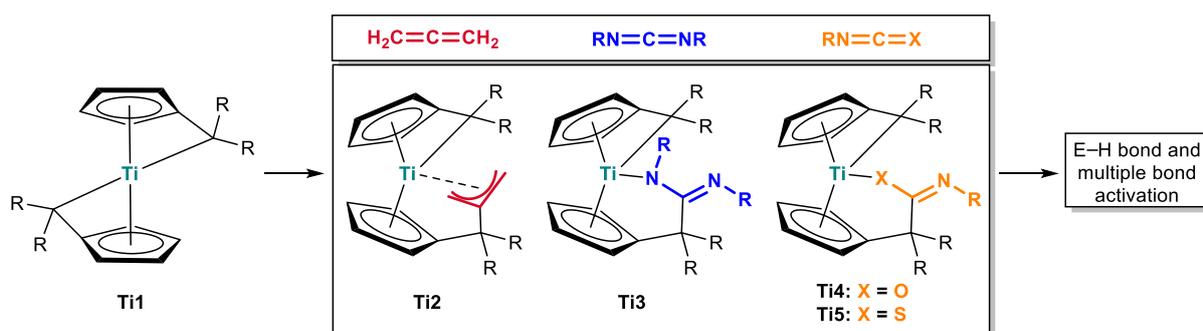


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An Unprecedented Cluster Unit in $(\text{BMIm})_2[\text{Hf}_9\text{Cl}_{14}\text{H}_8(\text{AlCl}_4)_6]$

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The reduction of HfCl_4 with $\text{Li}[\text{AlH}_4]$ under ionothermal conditions using $(\text{BMIm})[\text{AlCl}_4]$ as solvent and as reactant^[1] gives the compound $(\text{BMIm})_2[\text{Hf}_9\text{Cl}_{14}\text{H}_8(\text{AlCl}_4)_6]$ in moderate yield.^[2] It contains nona-nuclear metalloid cluster units with an unprecedented arrangement of the metal atoms. This can be described by a polyhedron consisting of two trigonal bipyramids, which are fused in one basal Hf atom. The edges of the Hf_9 polyhedron are bridged by Cl atoms and the apical sites Cl-bonded to $[\text{AlCl}_4]^-$ anions, see Figure 1. These bridge the cluster units into 1D cluster strands, see Figure 2. The metal atom polyhedron can be constructed by a step-wise distortion of a body centred cube. DFT calculations on $[\text{Hf}_9\text{Cl}_{14}\text{H}_{(8-x)}(\text{AlCl}_4)_6]^{2-}$ units for different numbers of hydrogen atoms ($x = 8-0$) at the UPBE-D3/def2-TZVP level of theory indicate significant metal-metal bonding. These calculations supported strongly the presence of hydridic H atoms bridging triangular faces of the metal atom skeleton. The most stable cluster anion is calculated for eight H atoms present in the cluster unit.

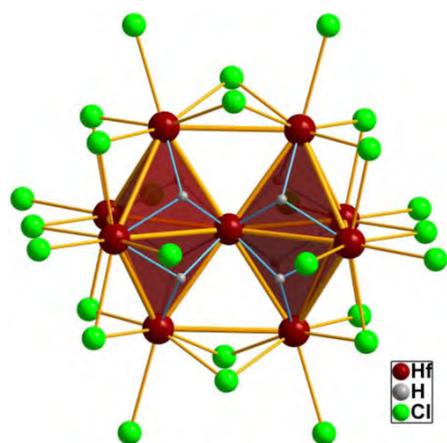


Figure 1: Structure of the chloride surrounded $[\text{Hf}_9\text{H}_8]$ cluster core in crystals of $(\text{BMIm})_2[\text{Hf}_9\text{Cl}_{14}\text{H}_8(\text{AlCl}_4)_6]$.

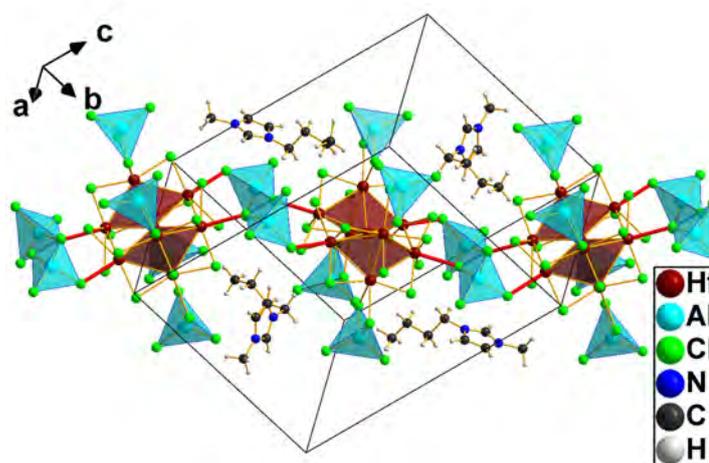


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Triphospha-heteroindanes and Hexaphospha-hetero-s-indacenes

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Recently, in our research group, a series of five-membered, resonance-stabilized bi- and tetraradicals in the form of azadiphosphaindane-1,3-diyls and 2,6-diaza-1,3,5,7-tetraphospha-s-hydrindacene-1,3,5,6-tetrayls were synthesized.^[1,2] By substituting nitrogen with other elements such as its heavier congeners, the reactivity and biradical character is now being optimized, potentially enabling photo-switchability. The introduction of phosphorus in 2- and 6-position could promote out-of-plane bending and consequently favor a light-induced isomerization to the hausan-type isomer, which hasn't been yet observed for the azadiphospha-derivative.

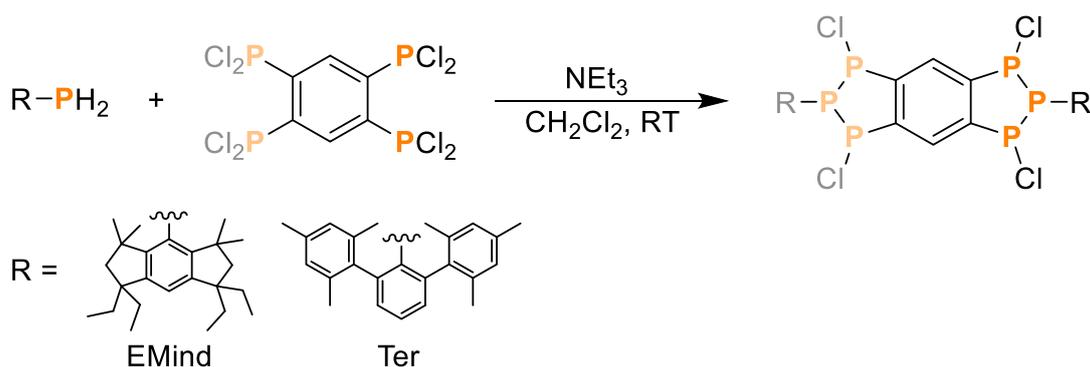


Figure 1: Synthesis of Dichloro-triphosphaheteroindanes and Tetrachloro-hexaphospha-hetreo-s-indacenes with sterically demanding substituents.

To establish the triphospha-heteroindane and hexaphospha-hetero-s-indacene framework, the sterically demanding phosphines EMind-PH₂^[3] and Ter-PH₂^[4] are reacted with bis(dichlorophosphanyl)benzene^[5] and tetrakis(dichlorophosphanyl)benzene^[5] respectively, in the presence of a base. The reduction of these systems is currently under investigation.

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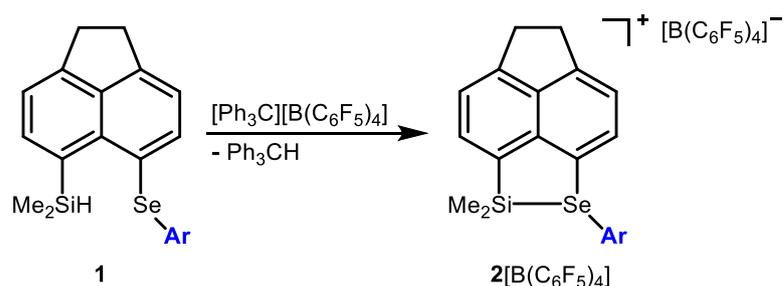
Syntheses of Silyl Acids with Tailer-Made Lewis Acidity

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Herein we report the synthesis and characterisation of acenaphthyl-based, selanyl-substituted dimethylsilyl borates $2[B(C_6F_5)_4]$. Previous studies have shown that the Lewis acidity of these species can be influenced by various factors such as the chalcogenyl centre, the substituents at the silicon and chalcogen atoms, as well as the backbone.^[1-3] By introducing a variety of electron-donating and -withdrawing aryl groups at the chalcogen atom this work demonstrates how the fine-tuning of Lewis acids results in tailer-made Lewis acidity. The Lewis acidity of these donor-stabilised silyl cations was estimated by the FBN method.^[4]



Scheme 1: Synthesis of silyl cations $2[B(C_6F_5)_4]$.

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A new Focus on Mo(VI) Alkylidyne Complexes as Catalysts for Diyne Disproportionation

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Catalytic alkyne and diyne metathesis have become undeniable for modern synthetic routes towards natural products, polymers and other macromolecules, simplifying the rearrangement of C-C triple bonds. The first tris(siloxy)-supported alkylidyne complexes were independently introduced by TAMM and FÜRSTNER.^[1] In collaboration with MAUDUIT, TROLEZ and coworkers, molybdenum(VI) alkylidyne complexes containing mixed fluoroalkoxy-siloxy ligands (see MoSiF9 and MoSi*F9) are highly active catalysts regarding diyne disproportionation of sterically hindered 1,3-conjugated diynes. The reaction proceeds selectively toward the formation of triynes contrary to symmetrically substituted tris(siloxy) systems.^[2] Although, siloxide ligands can be nicely tuned in their donor ability^[3], design strategies (see Figure 1, A and B) of the past deserve a new perspective regarding their catalytic behaviour. The strongly σ -donating imidazolin-2-iminato ligands, respectively iminato ligands in general, appear to be an interesting alternative to siloxy ligands.^[4] In this work, we would like to present a series of catalysts trying to maintain as well as improve the push-pull system by introducing a variety σ -donor ligands and study their performance in diyne disproportionation.

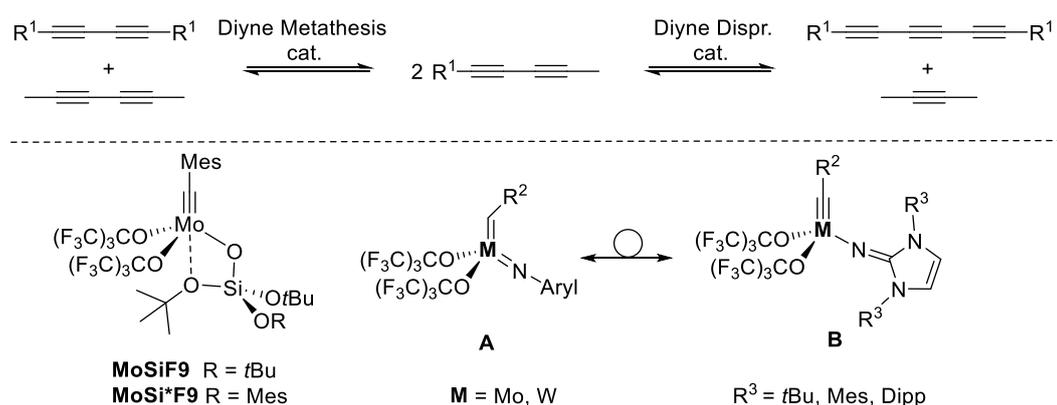


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Synthesis and Characterization of novel Alkali Metal Sulfido Silicates

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Inspired by the family of lithium superionic conductors Thio-LISICON^[1] and the sodium ion conductors^[2,3] based on the A-Si-S (A = Li, Na) system, we extend the search for solid state electrolytes for all-solid-state batteries to further members of the A-Si-S (A = Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs) family. As only five representatives of this compound class have been reported so far,^[1-6] the initial focus lies on the synthesis and crystallization of new ternary alkali metal sulfido silicates. Herein we present the successful synthesis and structural characterization of the *neso*-silicates $A_4[\text{SiS}_4]$ (A = Na, K), forming isolated $[\text{SiS}_4]^{4-}$ tetrahedra, as well as the *soro*-silicates $A_4[\text{Si}_2\text{S}_6]$ (A = Na, K), comprising two edge-sharing SiS_4 tetrahedra to form dimeric $[\text{Si}_2\text{S}_6]^{4-}$ anions. Additionally, we present the crystal structure of the novel quaternary sulfido silicate $\text{Na}_4[\text{SiFeS}_5]$.

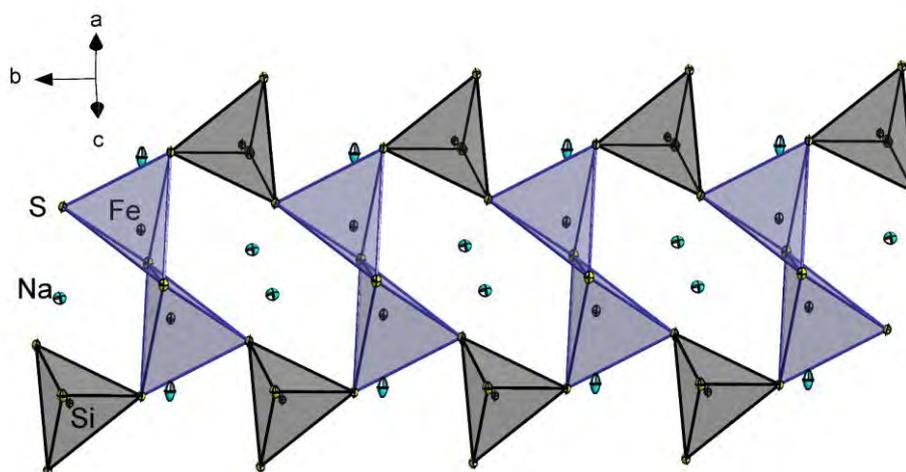


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Comparing Ce/U Doped Zirconia: Exploring Similarities and Differences in These Solid Solutions.

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Recent research indicates that crystalline ceramic materials, such as zirconia (ZrO_2), hold great potential as matrices for immobilizing radioactive waste [1]. Zirconia can exist in various crystal structures, including monoclinic (m), tetragonal (t), and cubic (c), as well as several metastable ones (t' , t'' , κ , and t^*), which form in doped zirconia materials [2]. In this study, we synthesized tetravalent Ce- and U-doped zirconia samples, both in the presence and absence of trivalent Y^{3+} as co-dopant. The Ce-doped zirconia samples were prepared with a wide range of cerium concentrations (10–95 mol%) using co-precipitation and calcination methods, while the U-doped samples contained a maximum of 30 mol% U. The trivalent co-dopant concentration was varied between 10 and 20 mol%. All samples underwent thorough characterization using X-ray diffraction and Raman spectroscopy. Despite the close similarity in cation radii between Ce(IV) and U(IV) of only 3%, the resulting zirconia phase compositions were remarkably different for these two tetravalent dopants. The monoclinic phase dominated up to concentrations of 15 mol% in case of Ce and 1 mol% for U doped Zr. Thereafter, t and t'' phases became prominent for Ce(IV) concentrations up to 75 mol%. The identification of the t'' phase relied on Raman data, revealing a defect band at 526.5 cm^{-1} characteristic of metastable phases (Fig 1a). Notably, the t'' phase cannot be distinguished from the cubic phase using only XRD [3]. In contrast, the results for U-doped zirconia with concentration higher than 1 mol%, compositions indicated the formation of orthorhombic and cubic phases. When the trivalent co-dopant (Y^{3+}) was added to the samples, both U- and Ce-doped compositions demonstrated similar behavior. XRD and Raman data revealed that the pure cubic phase was stabilized in both cases when the concentration of Y exceeded 15 mol% (Fig 1b). These findings shed light on the diverse phase behavior of Ce- and U-doped zirconia and the significant influence of co-dopants on the host crystal structure.

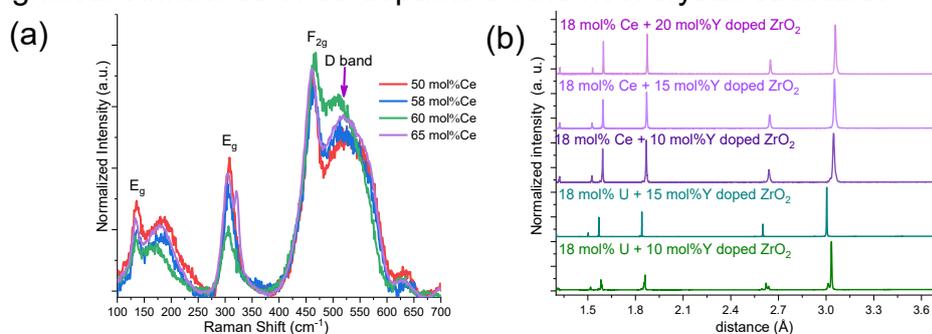


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Synthesis and Characterization of Organofluorine Derivatives of Polyoxopalladates

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Polyoxometalates (POMs) are discrete, anionic, polynuclear transition metal-oxo complexes.¹ POMs exhibit a large variety of shape, size and composition and potential applications ranging from material science to catalysis and biomedicine. Classical POMs are comprised of early *d*-block addenda in high oxidation states, such as W^{VI} or V^V. In 2008 the first polynuclear metal-oxo complex of palladium(II) was discovered,² and since then this class has been developed further over the years, resulting in almost 100 compounds.^{3,4}

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Synthesis and Characterization of Dimethylarsinate- and Phosphonate-Functionalized Polyoxomolybdates

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Polyoxometalates (POMs) are discrete, anionic, polynuclear metal-oxo clusters with unparalleled compositional versatility and structural intricacy combined with distinctive physicochemical properties that have unique and potentially useful applications in catalysis, molecular magnetism, material sciences, biotechnology, and medicine.¹ The size, shape, and charge density of POMs render them good candidates for pharmaceutical applications, such as antibacterial, antiviral or anticancer activities. The covalent linkage of organic or organometallic moieties in a controlled fashion can improve the selectivity of POMs towards specific biological targets.^{2,3}

Recently we have demonstrated that dimethylarsinate (also known as cacodylate) can be incorporated in polyoxo-platinates and palladates^{4a} as well as molybdates.^{4b}

Now we tried to further expand the cacodylate-containing polyoxomolybdate family by incorporation of various phosphonate capping groups. Several new compounds could be prepared, which were structurally characterized in the solid state by FT-IR spectroscopy and single-crystal/powder X-ray diffraction and in solution by ³¹P and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy as well as ESI-mass spectrometry.

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Peroxo-Thorium(IV)-Containing Polyoxometalate: Synthesis and Structural Characterization

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Polyoxometalates (POMs) represent a distinctive class of discrete, anionic, and soluble polynuclear metal oxides with a broad range of structural and compositional diversities. POMs exhibit intriguing potential for a range of applications, including magnetism, material science, biomedicine, and catalysis.^[1,2] The incorporation of peroxo-bridged *d* and *f*-block metal-oxo assemblies into POM structures constitutes a relatively underexplored subarea of POM chemistry, which has garnered attention due to its novelty in terms of both structure and composition.^[3-5] Herein, we present the first example of peroxo-thorium(IV)-containing tungstogermanates synthesized through a simple one-pot procedure in aqueous solution. The resulting polyanion was structurally characterized in both the solid state and in solution by various analytical techniques, including single-crystal X-ray diffraction, thermogravimetric analysis, Fourier transform infrared and Raman spectroscopy.

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Fluorinated Arylarsonate-containing Polyoxomolybdates: pH-dependent Formation of Mo₆ vs Mo₁₂ Species

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We report on the synthesis and characterization of some novel fluorinated arylarsonate-containing polyoxomolybdates.^[1-4] The reaction of different fluoro-arylarsonates with sodium molybdate in aqueous acidic medium resulted in the formation of three polyoxo-6-molybdates (**1-3**) and three polyoxo-12-molydates (**4-6**). These species can be interconverted reversibly as a function of pH. All six polyanions have been characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction, infrared spectroscopy, elemental analysis, thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), and multinuclear NMR spectroscopy (¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F).

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Peroxo-Polyoxometalates for H₂O₂-based Homogeneous, Heterogeneous, and Biphasic Oxidation Catalysis

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Polyoxometalates (POMs) are polynuclear metal-oxo complexes which can be synthesized from simple inorganic salts in aqueous, acidic solution by condensation. POMs have many interesting properties such as discrete structure, large size, solution-stability, redox-activity, photo- and chemo-reducibility, that make them attractive candidates in catalysis, magnetism, material science and biomedicine.^[1,2] POMs with one or more oxo-bridges replaced by peroxo-groups such as the so-called Venturello ion are of particular interest in green oxidation catalysis as they provide accessible sites for the simultaneous substrate and peroxide activation at the metal centers.^[2,3] Here we present the synthesis of peroxo-zirconium and peroxo-hafnium-containing polyoxotungstates, which were structurally characterized using multiple analytical techniques. Furthermore, these species were shown to be efficient homogeneous as well as heterogeneous catalysts for H₂O₂-mediated oxidation of alcohols, alkene, α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds, and thiols.

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Cagefight – Catapinands as mimics for biological anion recognition

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In biological systems anions often play a crucial role in, e.g. as cofactors, for ion co-transport, as hazards ect.^[1] Catapinands are three dimensional supramolecules which can form little pockets inside their cage-like geometry. By serving as a host they can bind with many anions which they then embed as their guests.^[1-3]

Several catapinands will be presented, which provide many binding sides similar to those that can be found in proteins, e.g. electron rich oxygen functions, free amines, aliphatic and aromatic binding sites. Our investigations are focused on the binding of and selectivity for the anion in the catapinand.

It was furthermore investigated whether and how easily the anion can change its geometry upon being swallowed by the catapinand, focussing on the examples of molybdate and tungstate, and utilizing of DFT calculations and UV/Vis spectroscopy.^[3-4]

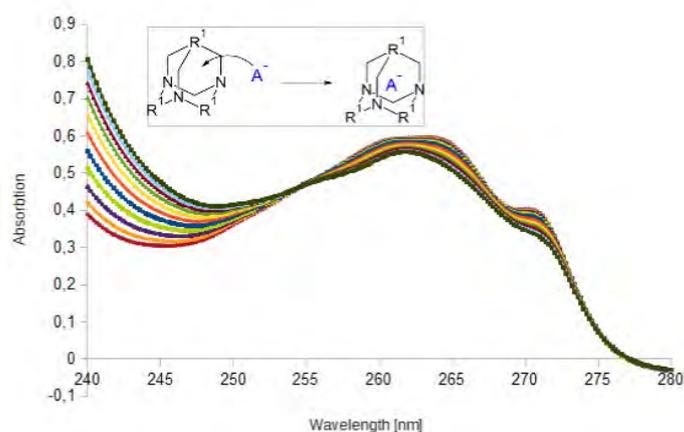


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Manganese thiacorroles with different oxidation states

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Manganese complexes of porphyrinoids have been studied in detail for a long time. They are used in biological studies because of their similarity to iron porphyrins such as heme.^[1] Furthermore manganese corroles and manganese porphyrins show catalytic behaviour for example in C-H halogenation and polymerisation of epoxides.^[2,3]

By synthesizing modified porphyrins with altered electronic properties, these processes can be investigated in more detail. 10-Thiacorroles can be considered as the intermediate between porphyrins and corroles. They are dianionic ligands and have a contracted cavity size.^[4] Already known complexes of 10-heterocorroles show unusual electronic and magnetic properties^[5], so the synthesis of novel manganese complexes of these ligands is of great interest. By varying the axial ligand or using reducing agents, different oxidation states of the manganese can be stabilized.

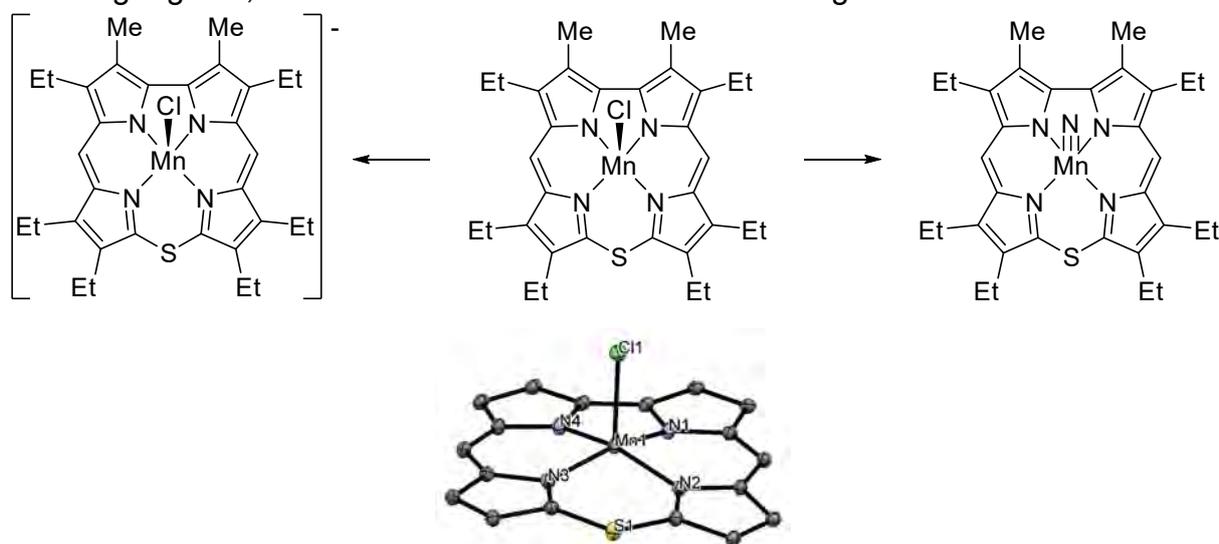


Figure 1: Chlorido manganese thiacorrole (middle) and its reaction to a nitrido manganese thiacorrole (right) and the reduction to anionic chlorido manganese thiacorrole (left). Crystal structure of chlorido manganese thiacorrole (below), cocrystalized solvent, β -substitutions and H omitted for clarity.

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Ventures in Synthesis of Sulfidolanthanidates (II) Salts

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While some sulfidometalates such as $K_2Fe_3S_4$ and $Na_2Fe_3S_4$ exhibit extraordinary ionic conductivity, and dielectric properties, exploring potential isotypic structures of sulfidolanthanidates can provide new candidates for electronic applications.^[1] Although the lanthanides series possesses interesting characteristics because of *f*-orbital interactions, only $A[LnS_2]$ is known in literature (A = alkali metal & Ln = lanthanoid) with a noticeable absence of any ternary sulfidolanthanidates (II), and sulfidolanthanidates possessing an organic cation. While lanthanoids are known to exist in the divalent state on the molecular level, their existence beyond binary systems on a network solid level is still a matter of question.^[2] In order to achieve the goal beforehand, two synthesis approaches were employed: solid state synthesis, and wet chemistry synthesis such as ligands substitution reactions in solvents starting from $(cation)_3[LnCl_6]$ (III) species followed by further reduction.

Pursuing wet chemistry synthesis approach starting from hexahalidolanthanidates (III) species, synthesis of $(cation)_3[LnCl_6]$ species was improved, leading to synthesis of a series of novel compounds possessing aliphatic ammonium-based or an imidazolium-based cation. Ligands substitution reactions were attempted on the $(cation)_3[LnCl_6]$ salts with A_2S in coordinating solvents such as ethane-1,2-diamine (*en*) and triethylene glycol (*TEG*) at 150 °C. This attempt yielded a series of novel compounds possessing formulas $[Ln(en)_xCl_y]Cl_z$ and $[Ln(TEG)_xCl_y]Cl_z$, variations in x , y , and z follow the pattern seen in lanthanides contraction. The coordinating nature of these solvents interfered with the targeted synthesis, for that, further attempts are planned to take place in non-coordinating solvents. Different attempts in solid-state synthesis yielded only the literature known $A[LnS_2]$, (Ln = Ce, Eu, Sm), even with targeting quaternary stoichiometries such as $K_2[Fe_2LnS_4]$, mixed phases of $K_3[Fe_2S_4]$ and $K[LnS_2]$ were obtained. Obtained compounds were characterized by means of X-Ray diffraction and investigated for optical properties and reduction potential.

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Arsenic Corroles

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Corrole macrocycles have aroused research interest as part of porphyrinoid chemistry. Due to the 18 π -system and tri-ionic nature, coordinated metals are stabilized in high oxidation states. Thus, a whole variety of metal corroles have been reported.^[1] Despite this, publications of main group corroles are still few and far between, especially for the 5th main group.^{[2] [3]}

Kadish *et al.* published As, Sb and Bi corroles with oxidation states of +3, +4 and +5.^[4] Since then, no further report has been published about arsenic corroles, which might cohere with the toxic starting material AsCl_3 for this synthesis.

Hence, less toxic material was used as a new starting reagent for arsenic corroles with different functional groups. Furthermore, new synthetic routes were established to yield arsenic corroles in formal oxidation states of +4 and +5 with different axial ligands and will be presented on the poster.

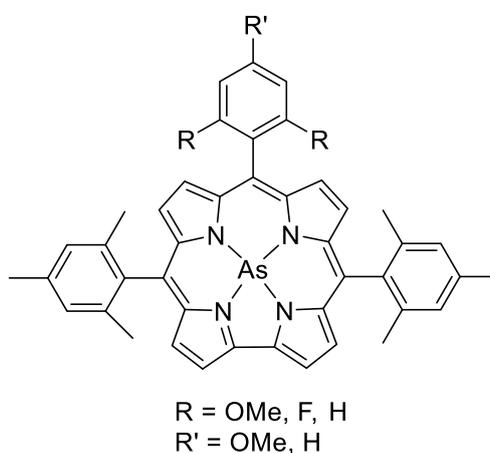


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Exploring Novel Phosphaalkene based Monoanionic P,N,P Ligands for Coordination Chemistry to Early Transition Metals

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Phosphinopyridine P,N and pyridineimine N,N ligands have been ubiquitously used in coordination chemistry and their widespread application in catalytic processes has been demonstrated.^[1] In contrast, reports on related pyridinephosphaalkene P,N ligands and their applications in coordination chemistry and catalysis are still rather limited. Apart from Geoffroy's studies of a pyridine-based phosphaalkene P,N Cu complex,^[2] only a series of Ru P,N complexes were reported by Cain and co-workers lately.^[3] Our group has recently demonstrated the synthesis of π -extended P,N phosphaalkene ligands using the phosphawittig reagent $\text{Mes}^*\text{-P}(\text{PMe}_3)$ and 2-quinolinecarboxaldehyde.^[4] When coordinated to Rh(I)^[5] and Ir(I),^[6] these ligands showed a diverse coordination chemistry, ranging from simple twofold coordination to C–H bond activation at the *o*-*t*Bu group of the Mes^* -substituted phosphaalkenes in case of Rh. The Ir(I) complexes have been shown to be good pre-catalysts for the Guerbet-type upgrading of EtOH to iso-butanol.

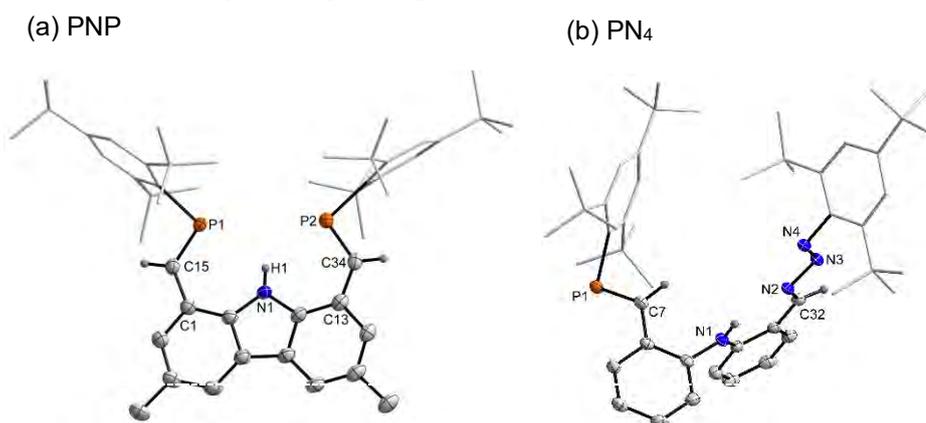


Figure 1: (a). PNP – derived from a carbazole dialdehyde backbone; (b). PN₄ – derived from a diphenylamine dialdehyde backbone.

To further extend the library of P,N,P type phosphaalkenes, we have been interested to use carbazole and diarylamine backbones, which would give monoanionic P,N,P type ligands. In this realm we have optimised the synthesis of carbazole and diarylamine based dialdehydes and have used these dialdehydes for the synthesis of novel bisphosphaalkenes and mono-phosphaalkene ligands respectively. In case of mono-phosphaalkene ligands the second aldehyde position is available for further functionalisation. Whereas monoanionic P,N,P type ligands are accessible in case of P,N,P ligand derived from a carbazole dialdehyde backbone using mild base. Preliminary studies show coordination to Ti(IV).

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Silole and germole anions substituted with stabilized silylenes

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Tri-coordinated Si(II) compounds such as silole anions **1** and derivatives of Roesky's silylene **2** are isolobal to phospholes and phosphanes and show favorable properties for coordination chemistry and small molecule activation.^[1] In this work, we combine both structural motifs in one compound to study possible cooperative phenomena. We report here the synthesis of potassium salts of the silylene-substituted silole anion [**3**]⁻ and discuss its electronic properties. Interestingly, the silylene substituted germole anion [**4**]⁻ cannot be isolated but it rearranges to the cyclic germyl anion [**5**]⁻. First results on the reactivity of K[**3**] and K[**5**] will be reported.

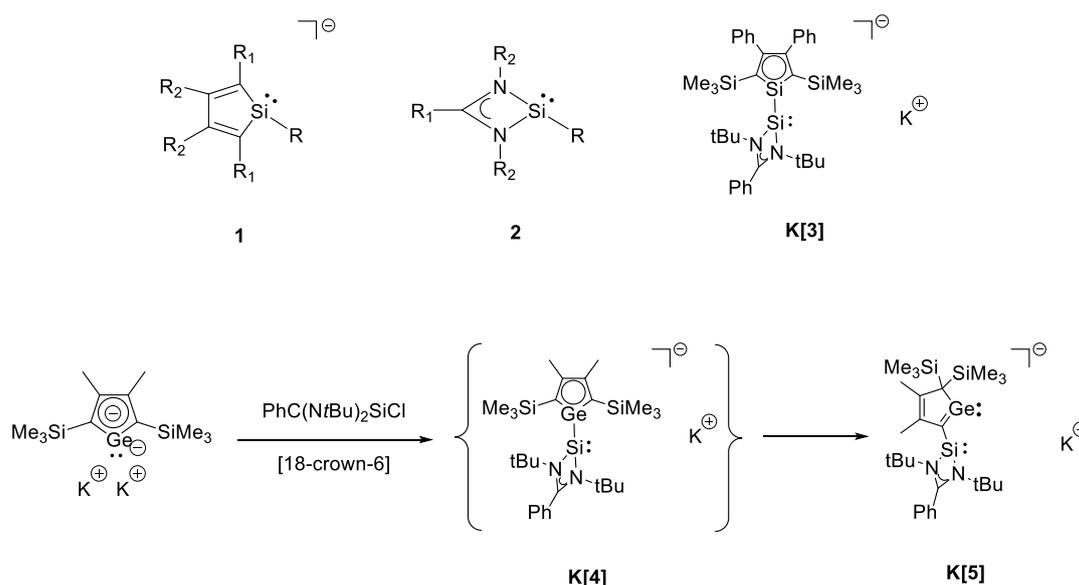


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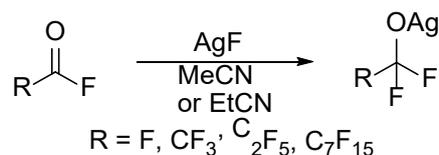
New Perfluorinated Silver(I) Alcoholates - Versatile Transfer Reagents

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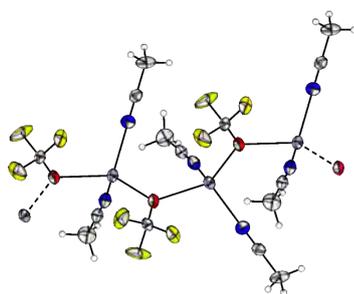
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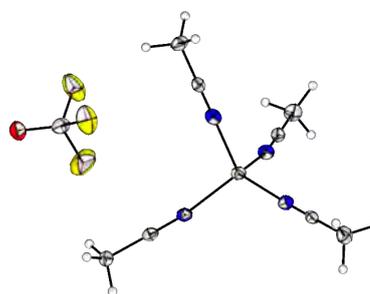
The perfluorinated alkoxy groups like OCF_3 and OC_2F_5 can be used as a tool for tuning the properties of bio active agents as the group is lipophilic and thermally and chemically stable.^[1] The temperature sensitive Silver(I) alcoholate AgOCF_3 , is known as versatile reagent to incorporate this group into organic molecules. Starting from Lewis acidic carbonyl fluoride, perfluorinated carboxylic acid fluorides, or ketones the silver(I) alcoholates can be synthesized via the reaction with silverfluoride. AgOCF_3 ^[2], AgOC_2F_5 and the higher alcoholates can be used as stable acetonitrile solutions.



Via metathesis the corresponding copper(I) alcoholates CuOCF_3 and CuOC_2F_5 can be synthesized. Crystallization of these species showed that in the silver compounds the OCF_3 groups serve as bridging ligands connecting silver(I) moieties while the analogous copper compound forms isolated F_3CO^- and $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4]^+$ ions. Further experiments focus on the application of these reagents in organic synthesis and coordination chemistry.



$[\text{Ag}(\text{MeCN})_2(\text{OCF}_3)]_n$



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Gaining new insights into the synthesis of low valent group 6 complexes with dithiooxamide ligands

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Research on low valent molybdenum and tungsten complexes with dithiooxamide type ligands peaked during the late last century.^[1-4] We think that these complexes have a high potential to be active for small molecule activation catalysis as they possess the most wanted attributes, such as low valency, a wide redox potential range, solubility in polar organic solvents, and proton-switching capabilities.

In 1984 tom Dieck and Form^[3] were the first to describe a synthetic procedure starting with $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3]$. The complexes were synthesized by substituting the acetonitrile ligands with triphenylphosphine and dithiooxamide in methanol. However, the analysis of all compounds was restricted to IR-spectroscopy and elemental analysis. Our poster presents an improved procedure for this complex type and the first molecule structures of its kind. Additionally, inevitable side products and a mechanistic explanation for their formation are shown.

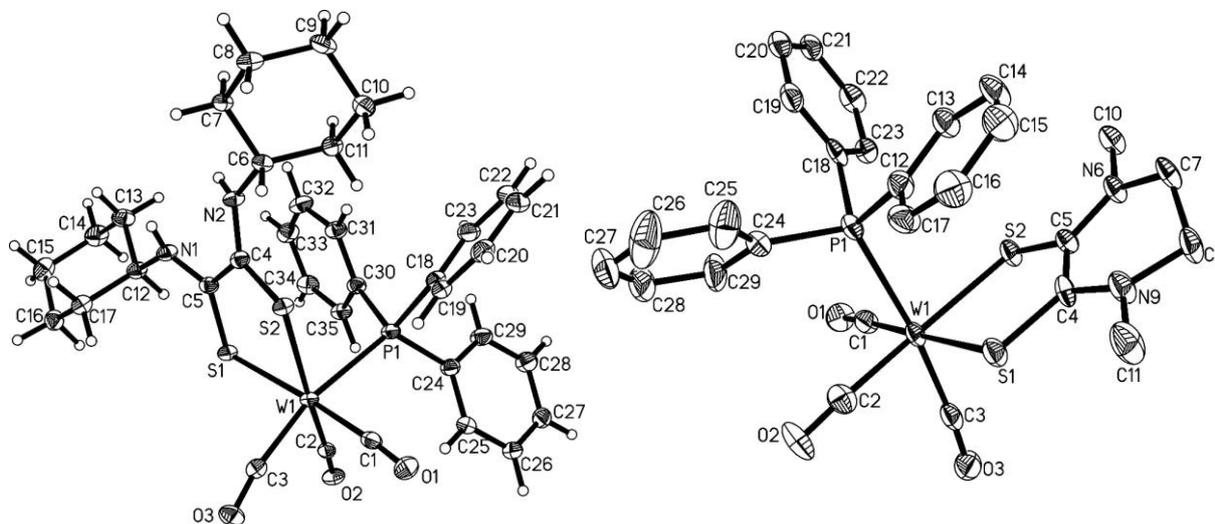


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A visible light-mediated double photoswitch: Combining biradicals with azobenzenes

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Molecular switches containing multiple switchable units have become the subject of intense investigations in recent time to get insights into their use as e.g. molecular motors.^[1,2] We now introduce a molecular switch that combines both biradical and azobenzene motifs to perform visible-light induced constitutional and stereo isomerization within the same molecule. The insertion of functionalized azobenzenes into already established four-membered biradical [$\text{P}(\mu\text{-N-Ter})_2\text{P}^*$] represents a straight-forward method to generate the desired double switches (e.g. **1**) in excellent yields (>90%). The switching properties were demonstrated with fluorinated species **1** and, interestingly, can be done either gradually or simultaneously, depending on the order in which the sample is irradiated with red and/or green light (Figure 1).

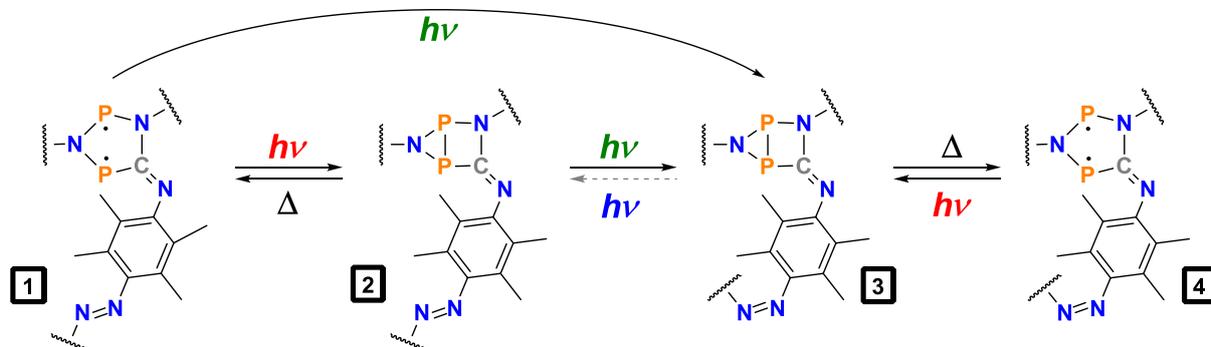


Figure 1: A molecular switch undergoing either constitutional or stereo isomerization upon irradiation with visible light as a combination of biradicals with azobenzenes.

All possible isomerization reactions, i.e. housane formation and *E/Z* isomerization at the azobenzene, were successfully carried out and the reaction products **2**, **3** and **4** (when performing the thermal reverse reaction in the dark) were identified using $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ and $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy. Results from quantum chemical calculations contributed to the understanding and visualization of the different conformers of each of the observed compounds (**1** to **4**) caused by the unique structure of the double switches.

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A stable tetradical and its reactivity towards small molecules

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Pnictogen centered, cyclic biradicals have been in the focus of our research over the last decade. They have been used as molecular switches or for the activation of small molecules.^[1] One approach to increase the number of reactive centers is to link several (cyclic) biradical units. Thus, tetradicals can be synthesized by connecting two biradicals with completely^[2] or partially^[3] conjugated linkers. Here, a P-centered tetradical (**1**) is presented in which all radical centers are localized in a single annulated and aromatic ring system (Figure 1).^[4]

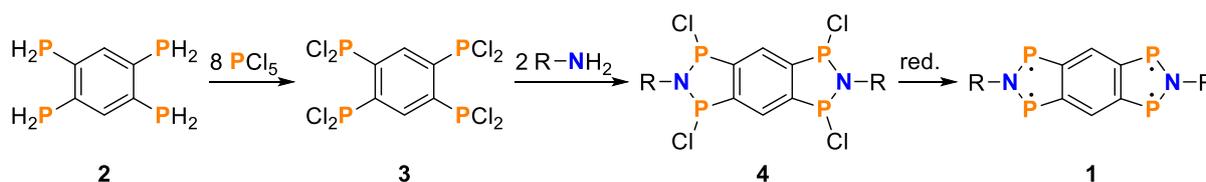


Figure 1: Synthesis of the tetradical **1** starting from 1,2,4,5-tetraphosphenobenzene (**2**).^[4,5]

Starting from 1,2,4,5-tetraphosphenobenzene (**2**),^[6] 1,2,4,5-tetrakis(dichlorophosphino)benzene (**3**) was prepared.^[5] By reaction with sterically demanding primary amines, diaza-tetraphospha-s-hydrindacenes (**4**) can be synthesized. Tetradicals (**1**) were obtained by reduction of (**3**).^[4]

It will be shown that the stability of **1** depends on the sterical demand of the substituent R: In case of insufficient stabilization, dimerization occurs, which can be prevented by the use of trapping reagents. Finally, first examples for the reactivity of the tetradical towards small molecules will be shown.

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Hybrid Ligand Systems in the Coordination Chemistry of Low-Valent Uranium Complexes

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In the past two decades, actinide coordination chemistry has experienced a significant renaissance, with uranium being the core and centre of most research efforts.^[1] The rich redox and coordination chemistry of this metal has shown promising potential for activating small molecules such as CO₂ or CO. The predominantly low-valent U(III) compounds involved exhibit high reduction potentials and oxophilicity, which enables their reactivity towards CO₂ or CO, but also often hinders the closing of catalytic cycles. In most activation products, the U-O bond formed is far too stable for product release and regeneration of active species.^[2]

One approach to overcome these limitations and to further improve the reactivity of low-valent uranium coordination compounds is to employ hybrid ligand systems combining different donor sites.^[3] In this work we designed hybrid ligands based on selectively functionalised 2-picolylamin derivatives and investigated their coordination chemistry with uranium and the reactivity of the resulting complex. The hereby generated insights could help to realise a real catalytic turnover in a uranium-mediated small molecule activation.

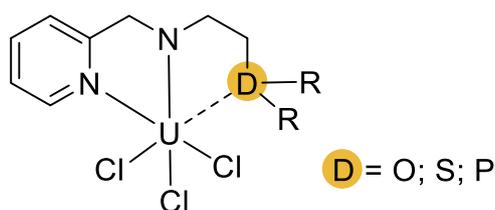


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Macrocyclic ligands for the deposition of transition-metal complexes on surfaces

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The activation of small molecules by deposition of transition metal complexes on metallic surfaces is a novel approach to combine the advantages of homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis. By adsorption of metal-organic complexes the electronic properties of the transition metal are changed due to interactions between the substrate surface and the adsorbate.^[1] Previous work showed that the distance from the transition metal to the surface and the conjugation in the spacer can have a significant impact on this interaction.^[2-4] A new approach is to deposit organometallic complexes with tridentate dome-shaped ligands directly on the substrate surface. The electronic influence of metal surfaces on dome-shaped complexes has not been studied yet.

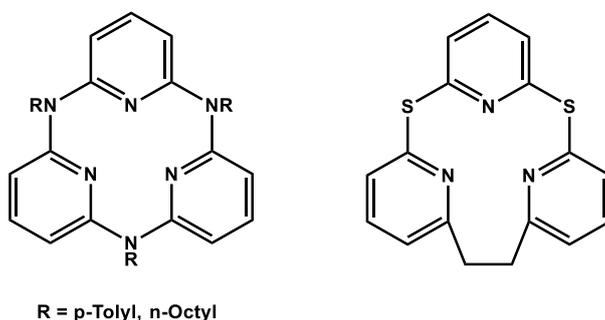


Figure 1: Dome-shaped ligands which were subsequently complexed and studied.

The ligands were complexed and physisorbed on Au(111) by deposition from solution and were investigated using a variety of surface-spectroscopic methods. The ability to activate small molecules was assessed by determining the IR vibrational frequencies of bound CO-ligands with the help of infrared reflection absorption spectroscopy (IRRAS). Moreover, X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) and near-edge X-ray absorption fine structure (NEXAFS) were used to determine the purity of the monolayers and the orientation of the molecules on the surface.

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[Xe(OTeF₅)(py^F)]⁺: Xenonium(II) Teflate Cation Stabilized by N-Donor Bases

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The pentafluoroorthotellurate group (teflate, –OTeF₅) resembles fluoride as it is also highly electronegative, but with a higher steric bulkiness, enabling the stabilization of a variety of reactive species, as for example noble-gas compounds.^[1] The strong oxidizing [XeF]⁺ cation has been extensively studied and is known to readily form Lewis acid-base adducts.^[2] In contrast, the [XeOTeF₅]⁺ analogue is known to exist as the solvent adduct [Xe(OTeF₅)·SO₂ClF]⁺ in the solid state,^[3] but its chemistry has not been developed so far.

Herein we report on the adduct formation between the [XeOTeF₅]⁺ cation with fluorinated pyridines to yield [Xe(OTeF₅)(py^F)]⁺[Al(OTeF₅)₄][−] (py^F = C₅F₅N, C₅H₃F₂N), which entail an unprecedented motif in xenon-teflate chemistry, while at the same time represent the first xenonium cations stabilized by the weakly coordinating [Al(OTeF₅)₄][−] anion. The Lewis superacid Al(OTeF₅)₃ is able to abstract one teflate group from Xe(OTeF₅)₂, resulting in the formation of a xenonium(II) cation species, whose characterization is possible upon subsequent coordination of oxidation-resistant N-bases. Additionally, the analogous synthesis of the related [Sb(OTeF₅)₆][−] salts, has enabled the characterization of the [Xe(OTeF₅)(NC₅F₅)]⁺ cation in the solid state by single-crystal X-ray diffraction (Figure 1).

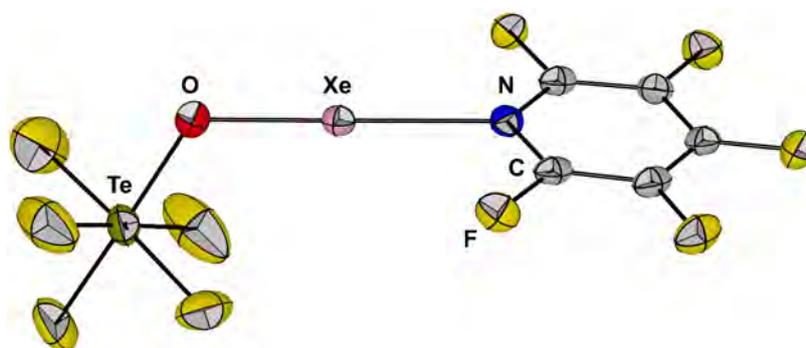


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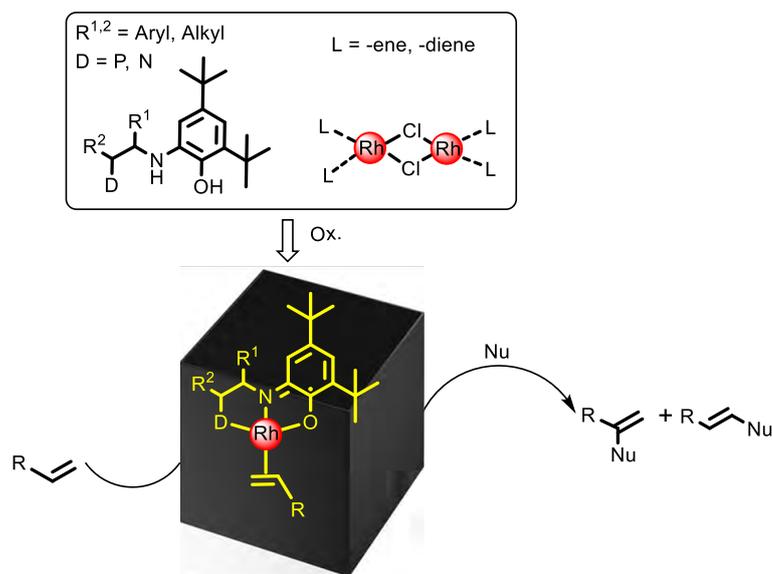
Mononuclear Rhodium complexes with redox active ligands

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Combining a redox-active ligand with a transition metal often result in novel unique properties of the ensuing mononuclear complex. Of particular note is the access to new reaction pathways for the selective preparation of a broad spectrum of synthetically useful compounds *via* ligand-centered one-electron transfer reactivity.^[1] Our group published *inter alia* Pd^{II} species with tridentate redox-active PNO^{H2} or NNO^{H2} platforms that are competent for the homolytic bond activation of disulfides or the aminocyclization of organic azides, respectively.^[2,3] Inspired by these results we currently focus on the synthesis of suitable rhodium based complexes for olefine functionalizations, including model complexes for evaluation of their intrinsic redox chemistry. We will report on the synthesis and characterization of several new species using multinuclear NMR spectroscopy, UV absorption spectroscopy, cyclovoltammetry, EPR and XRD analysis supported by DFT calculations.



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Synthesis and characterization of a $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PPP})]$ -complex covalently attached to Au-electrodes for small-molecule activation

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Catalysts based on low-valent molybdenum complexes bearing phosphine ligands are of critical interest in synthetic nitrogen fixation, possessing remarkable catalytic activities in solution.^[1-3] Current research is slowly progressing towards electrochemical NH_3 production.^[4-6] One approach is the covalent attachment of homogenous catalysts onto electrode surfaces. As a model for such a functionalized electrode we are currently investigating the covalent attachment of $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3(\text{etPP}^{\text{PhHP}})]$ onto an azide-terminated Au-surface *via* CuAAC.^[7] The functionalized surfaces are investigated by XPS, NEXAFS, IRRAS and CV to determine the chemical composition, surface-orientation, CO-activation and redox-potentials.

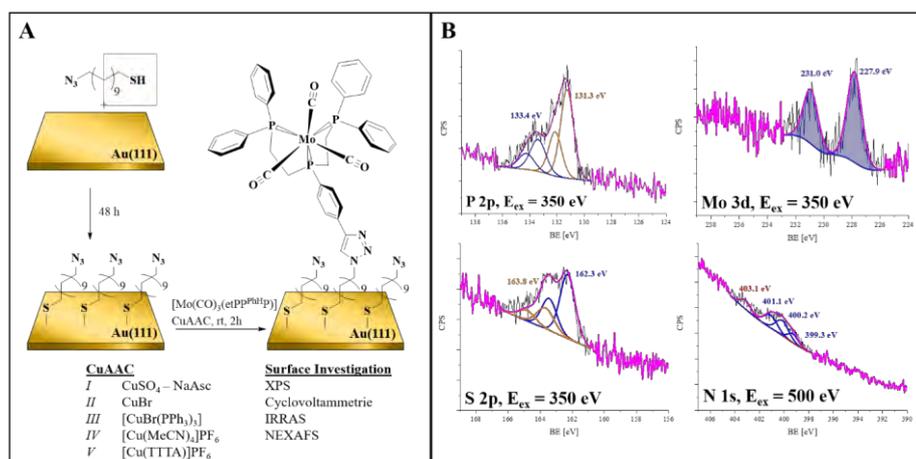


Figure 1: A: Schematic depiction of the surface functionalization process on Au(111). B: XP Spectra of an functionalized SAM with $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3(\text{etPP}^{\text{PhHP}})]$ via CuAAC using $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4]\text{PF}_6$ and 2,6-lutidine.

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Reactivity of Germacyclopentadienediides towards Group 13 Halides

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In recent years, several studies on the synthetic potential of the dipotassium salts of germacyclopentadienediides, also known as germole dianions, $K_2[1]$, towards element dihalides have been carried out by our group. Starting from the idea of obtaining heteropentafulvenes with polarized multiple bonds, mostly the resulting compounds underwent a rearrangement reaction.^[1,2] For example, reactions of dipotassium germole dianion $K_2[1]$ and amino-substituted dichloroboranes led to η^5 -borole complexes of Ge(II) (**2**).^[3] In contrast, the reaction of $K_2[1]$ with the Cp^{*}-substituted dichloroalane resulted in the formation of a novel germaaluminocene (**3**).^[2]

Further investigations on the reaction of dipotassium germacyclopentadienediides $K_2[1]$ towards Group 13 halides showed that the outcome of the rearrangement reaction is affected by the choice of the Group 13 element as well as its substituent resulting either in Group 13 heterole complexes of Ge(II) (**2**) or in germole complexes of Group 13 elements (**3**).

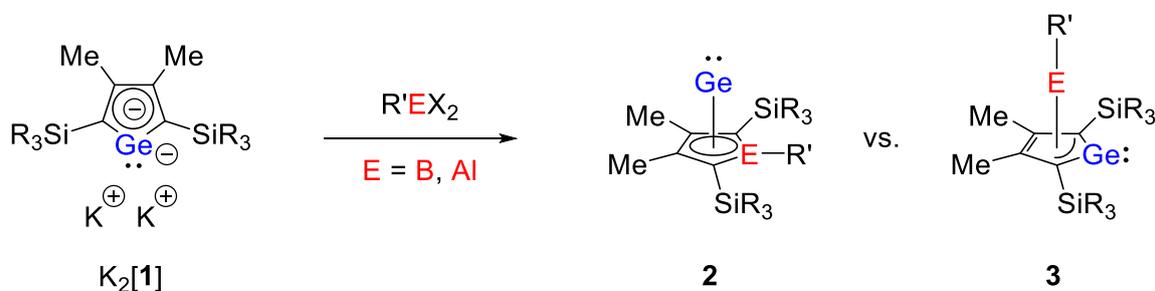


Figure 1: Synthesis of Group 13 heterole complexes of Ge(II) (**2**) or germole complexes of Group 13 elements (**3**) after reaction of dipotassium salts of germacyclopentadienediides $K_2[1]$ with Group 13 halides.

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Mixed Oxy-Hydride Materials as PCET Reagents

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Proton-coupled electron transfer (PCET) reactions are of utmost importance in chemical energy conversion reactions. In such energy conversion reactions, electrons that are generated in the oxygen evolution reaction are used to reduce small molecules, e.g., protons, N₂, CO₂. While PCET reactions at molecular complexes have been investigated intensively for these reactions, extensive literature on water splitting by materials was focused on electron transfer at the interface of surface species [1]. For instance, Mayer and co-workers [1] showed that TiO₂ nanoparticles react as PCET reagents in interfacial reactions. Initial research of PCET reactions at the interface of solid materials and solutions focused on carbon and oxide materials with hydroxy (M–OH) groups that form oxo (MO) surface species upon oxidation [2]. Materials with hydridic H-atoms have been rarely investigated so far, although such surface M–H species are key intermediates in energy conversion reactions, e.g., HER, or the hydrogenation of (polar) double bonds. This prompted us to investigate Perovskite-type oxides (ABO₃) that are doped with hydride anions as PCET reagents. The material BaTiO_{3-x}H_x is synthesized in topotactical solid state synthesis. The anionic sublattice is comprised of both O²⁻ and H⁻ anions around Ti cations existing in a mixed IV/III oxidation (Fig. 1) [2]. The material has been characterized thoroughly and initial studies on the PCET are under way.

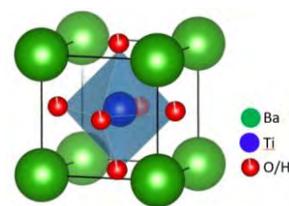


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Air-Stable Teflate Derivatives for the Synthesis of Strong Lewis Acids

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The pentafluoroorthotellurate group (teflate, OTeF_5) provides access to a variety of weakly coordinating anions (WCAs) and strong Lewis acids, as well as highly reactive species.^[1] Nevertheless, the teflate group presents some drawbacks, such as its sensitivity to hydrolysis and the complex synthesis of the starting material HOTeF_5 . This severely limits its potential field of application and requires working under strictly inert conditions. Due to the higher stability of organotellurium compounds,^[2] we envisioned the substitution of some of the fluorine atoms in the OTeF_5 group by (perfluoro)aryl groups to improve some of the properties of this ligand.

Herein we present two air-stable derivatives of the pentafluoroorthotellurate group containing fluorinated and non-fluorinated aryl substituents,^[3] whose precursors can be prepared through easy fluorination of aryl tellurides using the TCICA/KF oxidation system.^[4] The outstanding properties of the pentafluorophenyl derivative *trans*- $(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{TeF}_3\text{OH}$ in comparison to the non-fluorinated *cis*- PhTeF_4OH , prompted us to explore the use of the former for the synthesis of a new family of Lewis acids with sterically demanding ligands. The synthesis properties and reactivity of the boron- and aluminium-based compounds will be dis

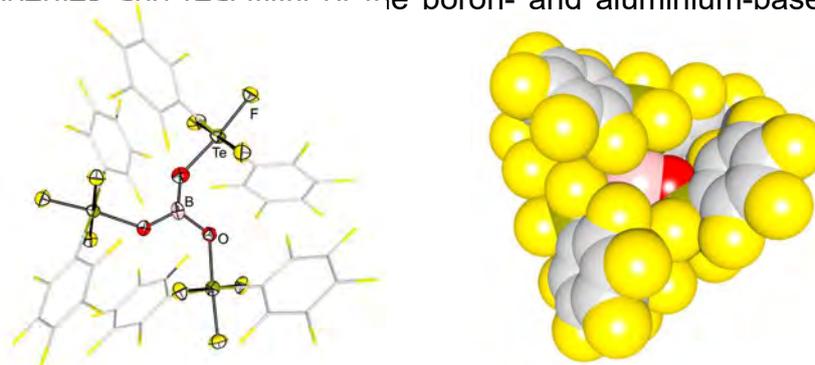


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Trichloride Salts as Efficient Chlorine Storage Media and Useful Chlorination Reagents

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Organic chloride salts react with gaseous Cl_2 to form trichlorides and can thereby bind up to 0.8 g chlorine per gram storage material at atmospheric pressure and room temperature.^[1] The formed trichlorides exist either as solids or low viscous room temperature ionic liquids and show a high long-term stability. Chlorine can either be released from the trichloride (by vacuum, heat, or addition of H_2O) or the trichloride can directly be used as an easy-to-handle chlorination reagent (Figure 1, left). This was demonstrated by the use of $[\text{NEt}_3\text{Me}][\text{Cl}_3]$ for the chlorination of CO to form the intermediate chemical phosgene at room temperature and atmospheric pressure.^[2] Additionally, the reaction of $[\text{NEt}_3\text{Me}][\text{Cl}_3]$ with sulfur resulted in the formation and stabilization of the hitherto unprecedented $[\text{SCl}_6]^{2-}$ anion which was characterized by single crystal XRD and Raman spectroscopy (Figure 1, right).^[3] Overall, we present trichlorides as promising candidates for a safer chlorine storage which can also be directly used as chlorination reagents for the synthesis of industrial important chemicals (e.g., phosgene) and unprecedented molecules ($[\text{SCl}_6]^{2-}$).

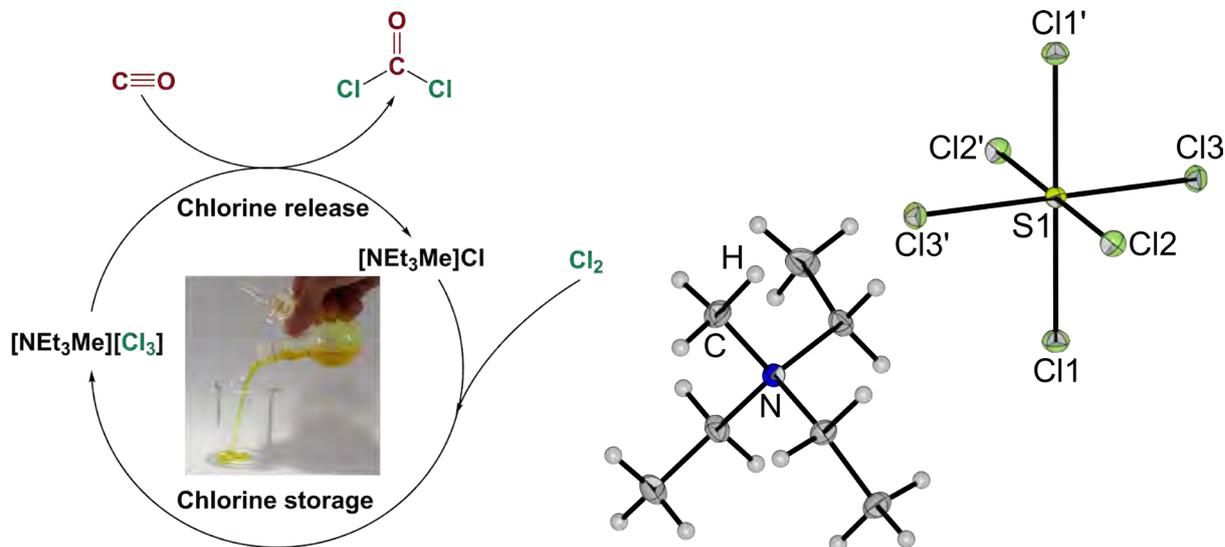


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Introducing the Perfluorinated Cp* Ligand into Coordination Chemistry

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The perfluorinated Cp* $[C_5(CF_3)_5]^-$ (figure 1) resembles an extremely electron deficient analogue of the well known Cp*, showing significantly deviating ligand properties and was consequently never coordinated, since its first synthesis in 1980.^[1] However, more than four decades later, the reaction of $AgBF_4$ and $[Rh(COD)Cl]_2$ in presence of $[NEt_4][C_5(CF_3)_5]$ afforded the fluorocarbon soluble complex $[Rh(COD)(C_5(CF_3)_5)]$ by salt metathesis, representing the first example for a successful coordination of the weakly basic $[C_5(CF_3)_5]^-$ ligand.^[2,3] The subsequent quantitative reversible substitution of the $[C_5(CF_3)_5]^-$ ligand in $[Rh(COD)(C_5(CF_3)_5)]$ by coordinating solvents, converting it into a WCA, experimentally proved the extraordinary weak bonding interaction.^[4] Furthermore, a series of rare and unusually stable group 11 cyclopentadienyl complexes,^[5] as well as a mixed ferrocene with extreme redox properties have been prepared.^[6]

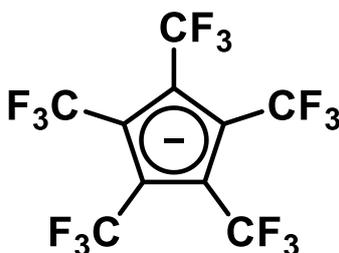


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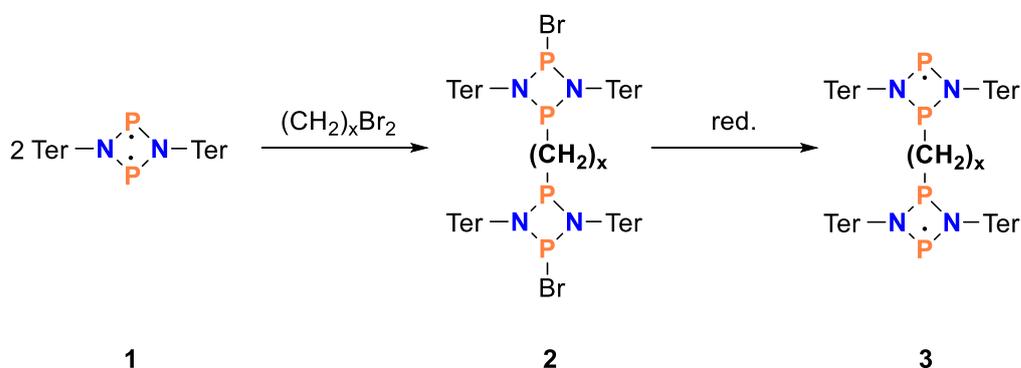
Rational design of a Phosphorus-centered disbiradical

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Biradicals are molecular entities with an even number of electrons with two (possibly delocalized) radical centres.^[1] They can be characterized by the interaction of the two electron spins with each other. The term disbiradical has been suggested for a molecule where the two unpaired electrons show little to no interaction, while in a biradical(oid) there is a considerable interaction.^[2,3] The singlet biradical $[P(\mu\text{-N}Ter)]_2$ [**1**] (Ter = 2,6-dimesitylphenyl), which was first synthesized in our group in 2011, has since been shown to activate a great variety of small molecules and its reactive behavior ranges between classic closed-shell and radical reactivity.^[4–7] By using the biradical-bromoalkane route towards asymmetrically substituted cyclo-1,3-diphospha-2,4-diazanes recently established by our group,^[6] it was now possible to link two N_2P_2 ring systems with a dibromoalkane [**2**] allowing for the synthesis of a disbiradical [**3**] which has been extensively studied by EPR spectroscopy.



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Heterobimetallic mediators for electrocatalytical hydrogenation

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Phosphine ligands are widely used in homogeneous catalysis due to the tuneable donor strength and steric variability by the rich pool of possible substituents. Especially diphosphine ligands present the advantage of chelate ligands with potentially flexible bite angles. In addition, metal-ligand-cooperativity presents a field of interest because either redox-active ligands, acid/base behavior or potential H atom transfer might be involved. Recently, this trait in ligands has risen in popularity for catalysts in electro-catalytical hydrogenation reactions as it potentially allows milder conditions and avoid the use of elemental dihydrogen.

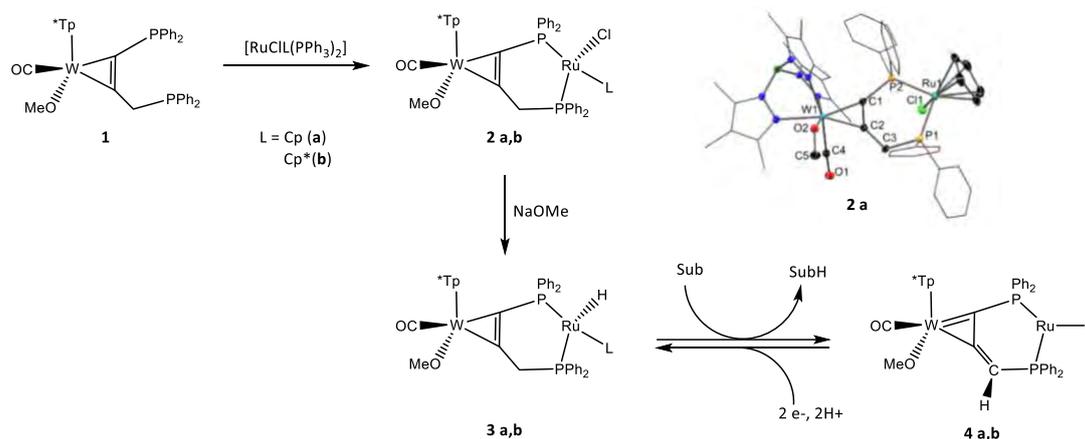


Figure 1: Reaction scheme of intended catalysed hydrogenation.

Air stable heterobimetallic W/Ru complexes, in which the metals are linked by an acetylenediphosphine bridging ligand, have previously been shown to be applicable as catalysts making use of the tunability of the phosphine ligands while also providing a potentially redox-active alkyne complex backbone.^[1] In subsequent studies, a novel ligand on this base bearing a methylene spacer was developed. The protic hydrogen at the propargylic position and a hydride at the metal are perfectly suited for polar hydrogen transfer. The investigations are devoted to the development of hydrogenation reactions driven by electrolysis. New complexes and advances in the conceptual realization are presented.

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Iron catalyzed Suzuki cross coupling

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Iron-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions have become a valuable method for C-C bond formation in recent years. However, reactivity patterns and mechanisms are not yet fully understood, which means that other and hitherto unknown manipulations of the catalysis activity by substrate effects are to be expected.^[1,2] The iron catalyzed Suzuki biaryl couplings remained problematic in several publications^[3] and to best of our knowledge there is only one known example of the Bedford group.^[4]

Fig. 1 shows the studied iron-catalyzed sp^2 - sp^2 Suzuki cross-coupling. Here, an imine acts as the directing group for the linkage of the phenyl borinate at the position of the leaving group Y (Y = Hal, OMe). In contrast to the previous work,^[4] this reaction proceeds under mild reaction conditions, with a small excess of the borinate. Crucial appears to be a pre-coordination of the iron catalyst to the imine donor function, leading to a dramatic acceleration of the elementary steps of the cross-coupling (oxidative addition, transmetalation, reductive elimination), while the thermodynamically favored direct addition of the organometallic species to the electrophilic carbonyl derivative function is suppressed. As a result, a broad substrate scope with a high functional group tolerance is achieved.

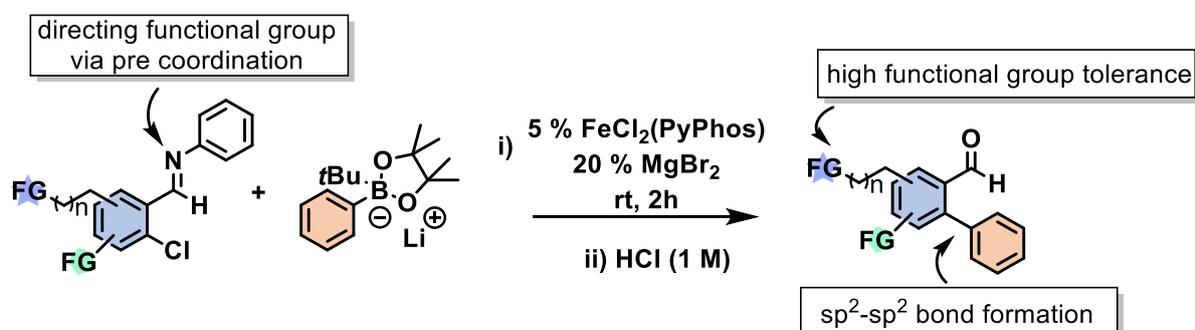


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Synthesis, characterization and structure-property relations in $\text{Pb}_2(\text{Pb}_{1-x}\text{Sn}_x)\text{O}_4$

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Both Pb_2PbO_4 (Pb_3O_4) and Pb_2SnO_4 are members of the mullite-type family. At ambient condition Pb_2PbO_4 and Pb_2SnO_4 crystallize in space group $P4_2/mbc$ and $Pbam$, respectively. At what extend the crystal structure prefers either of the space groups would be an excellent playground for a respective $\text{Pb}_2(\text{Pb}_{1-x}\text{Sn}_x)\text{O}_4$ solid solution. Several members of this series have been prepared by solid-state reactions in sealed quartz tubes. X-ray powder diffraction data Rietveld refinements confirm the structures of the red-orange Pb_2PbO_4 and yellow-beige Pb_2SnO_4 phases. Since the Pb^{4+} cation is about 10 pm larger than Sn^{4+} , the MO_6 polyhedral volume decreases linearly with increasing Sn content in the compounds. Moreover, the MO_6 contraction needs more space for the stereo-chemical activity of the $6s^2$ lone electron pairs (LEPs) of the Pb^{2+} cations resulting in symmetry reduction. As such, the Wang-Liebau eccentricity (WLE) [1] parameter, which is a measure of the distortion of a cation coordination including the associated deformation of the LEP electron density [2], increases with increasing tin in the solid solution. The gradual global blue shift of the Raman mode frequencies can be explained from the contraction of the metric parameters, which is as well supported by the lattice dynamical calculations. The indirect band-gap energy calculated by the RATD method [3] linearly increases from 2.1(1) eV ($x = 0$) to a maximum value of 2.5(1) eV ($x = 0.8$) followed by a sharp drop for $x > 0.8$.

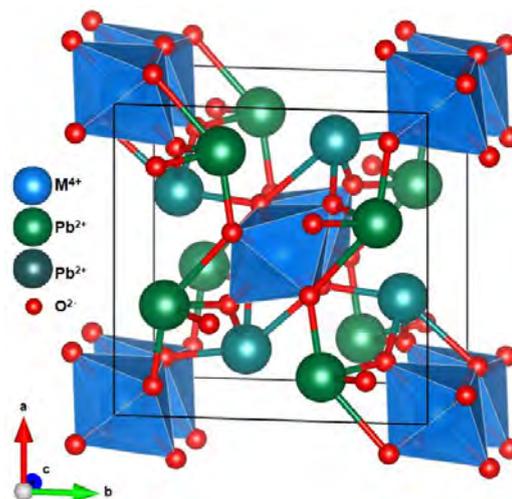


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Reactivity of Pacman Phosphanes

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Cooperativity of two reactive centres is a common motif in the field of small-molecule activation, e.g. in FLPs or biradicals.^[1] Following the same intention, already in 1983 Pacman complexes were developed, enforcing spatial proximity of two coordinated metal centres for possibly cooperative catalytic processes.^[2]

Replacing the metal centres by P atoms, we intend to transfer the concept to non-metal chemistry and bring two reactive P centres in close proximity. The introduction of two PCI units into a Pacman ligand leads to the *endo-exo*-orientated Pacman phosphane **1Cl** which represents a precursor for the formation of different reactive molecules.^[3]

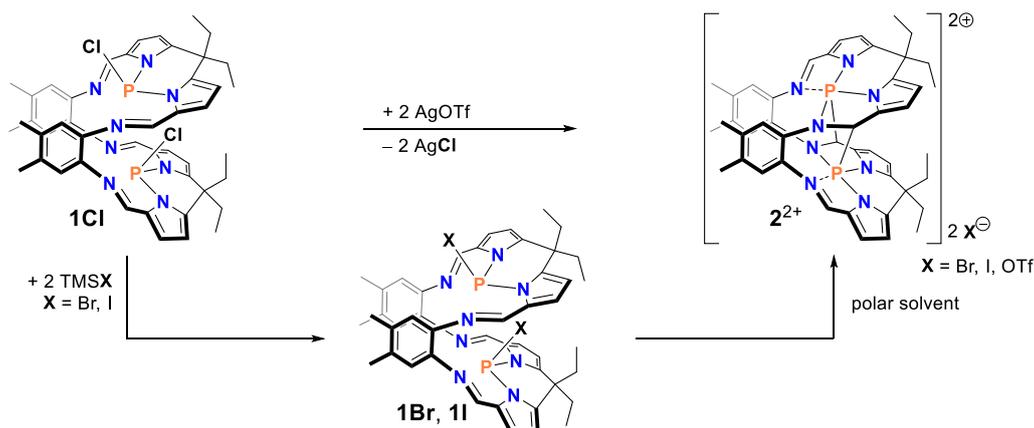


Figure 1: First Pacman phosphane **1Cl** and its reaction pathways to **[2][X]₂**.

As one example, the dication **2²⁺** is accessible *via* chloride abstraction from **1Cl** using AgOTf or by halogen exchange to **1Br** or **1I** which both isomerise to **[2][X]₂** in polar solvents.^[3] Due to an intramolecular redox reaction of the P centres which cooperatively attack adjacent C=N double bonds, the dicationic **2²⁺** forms a cage compound. Currently, the reactivity of **2²⁺** towards different substrates is investigated.

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Coinage metal complexes of multidentate Pacman phosphane ligands

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Cofacial and so-called Pacman ligands have been used as model systems to study the catalytic processes in enzymes, such as chlorophyll, due to their structural similarity.^[1–3] We were able to introduce phosphorus into such Pacman ligands,^[4] which leads to a new kind of bidentate phosphane ligands. We refer to such compounds as Pacman phosphanes. These Pacman phosphanes form a cavity, in which metals can be coordinated in various ways.

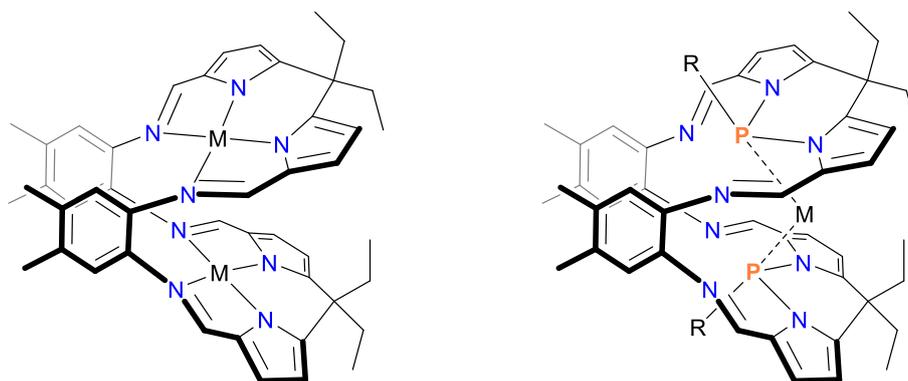


Figure 1: Pacman complex (left)^[3] and a Pacman phosphane-metal complex (right).

As prove of concept, we synthesized two Pacman phosphanes bearing either phenyl or diisopropylamine substituents on the phosphorus atoms and reacted them with coinage metals. In the resulting cationic complexes, the metal is located inside the cavity formed by the ligand. Under the influence of the phosphorus and iminic nitrogen atoms, different coordination environments at the metal reaching from linear over trigonal planar to a “see-saw” type of coordination, can be realized. Due to the special structure of these complexes, interesting catalytic properties are expected.^[5]

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Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution Reaction of Lewis Acid Stabilized Ketenimine

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Electrophilic aromatic substitution (EAS) can provide a straightforward approach to the efficient synthesis of functionalized complex aromatic molecules. In general, Lewis acids (LA) serve as beneficial stimulus for the formation of a Wheland complex. In presence of the strong LA $B(C_6F_5)_3$ ^[1] tricyanomethane $HC(CN)_3$ (**1a**)^[2] is activated leading to an unusual type of EAS. Thereby, the LA causes the isomerization of **1a** to the ketenimine, $HN=C=C(CN)_2$, which directly attacks the aromatic species in the EAS, with simultaneous proton migration forming an amino group instead of elimination. Amino-malononitrile-substituted aromatic compounds (**2Ar**·**2B**) are built in one step.

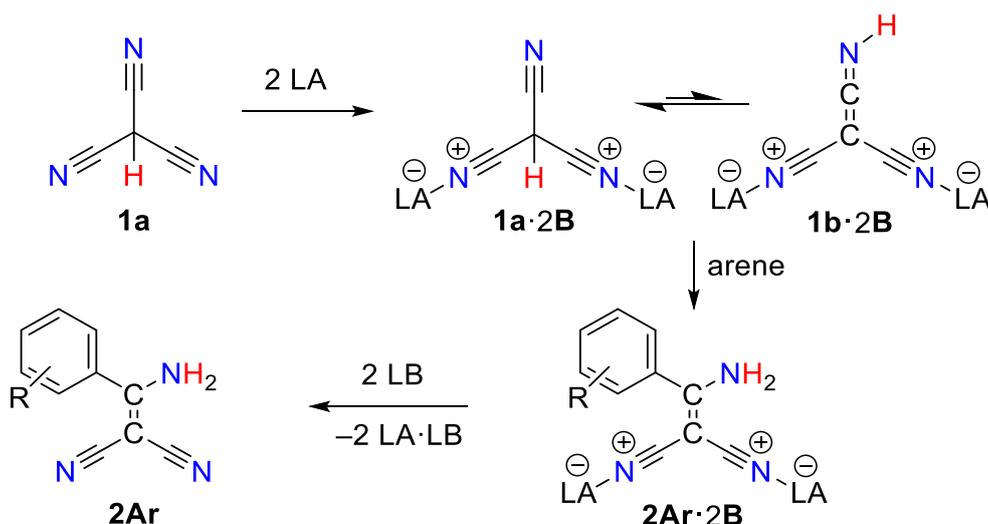


Figure 1: EAS reaction of aromatic compounds ($Ar = Ph, {}^pTol, Xyl, Mes, Dur$) in presence of $B(C_6F_5)_3$.

When a solution of **1a** with two equivalents of $B(C_6F_5)_3$ (**B**) in CH_2Cl_2 is concentrated, an orange solid (**1·2B**) is obtained. The isolated **1·2B** with arenes such as benzene or methylated aromatics led always to di-borane adducts of type **2Ar·2B** in an EAS reaction. In presence of H_3CCN the LA is stereoselectively removed in (*E*)-position, whereas water leads to the uncoordinated product **2Ar**.^[3]

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Nitrogen centered aqueous oxygenation of an iridium(V) nitrido complex

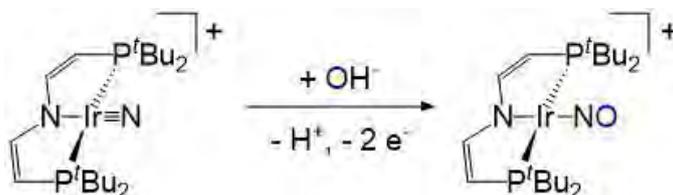
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Ammonia oxygenation is an industrially and biologically important process for the synthesis of high-valent nitrogenous compounds.^[1] Early homogeneous models demonstrated the oxidation of coordinated ammonia in aqueous media to nitrosyl, and ultimately all the way to nitrate.^[2] Terminal nitrido complexes were proposed as intermediates, but not isolated.^[3] While the oxygenation of electrophilic nitrido ligands with O-atom transfer reagents is well known,^[4] the use of water as oxygen source is rare and mechanistically not well examined.^[5]

We here describe the N-centered oxygenation of an iridium(V) nitrido complex^[6] upon oxidation in aqueous hydroxide solution (Scheme 1). The mechanism of N–O bond formation and associated proton-coupled electron transfer steps are discussed.



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Planar Corrole Dimers: Synthetic Approaches to di-topic non-innocent Ligands

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The research on polymers of porphyrinoids emerged in recent years as a promising new field in the already well established area of the chemically, biologically and medically important tetrapyrroles.^[1-5] Fusing these porphyrinoids to oligomers drastically increases the molecular complexity and potential applications. This complexity is advantageous if the synthetic approach is highly selective. This poster will provide insight into the process of developing synthesis strategies to obtain di-topic molecules, showcasing several different possible approaches.^[6-9]

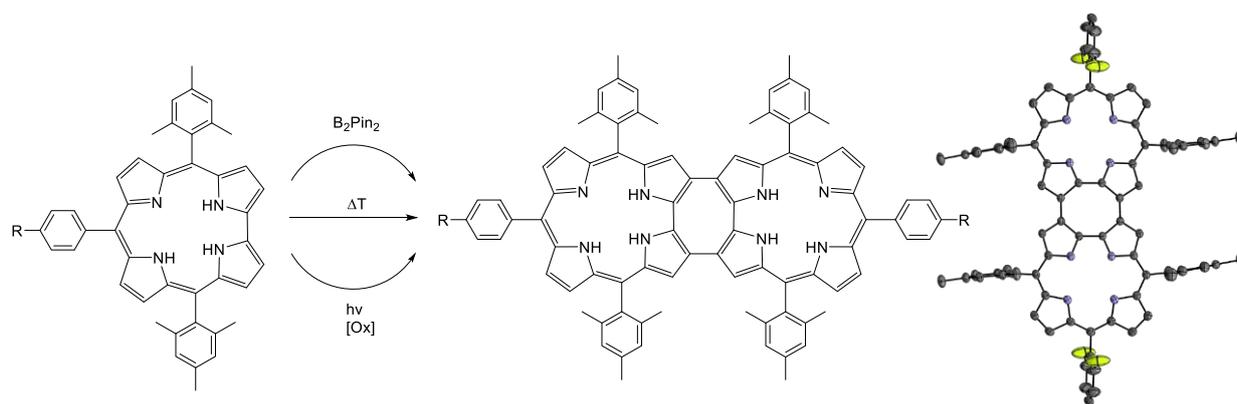


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Synthesis and Magnetic Properties of Low-Coordinate Iron(II) and Iron(I) Pogo Stick Complexes

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The magnetic properties of organo-iron species have recently attracted growing interest because of their possible application as single-molecule magnets.^[1] $[\{Cp'Fe(\mu-I)\}_2]$ ($Cp' = 1,2,4$ -tri-*tert*-butylcyclopentadienyl) reacts with lithium amides to the quasi-linear high-spin Fe(II) half-sandwich complexes **Fe-tms**, **Fe-*t*Bu** and **Fe-dipp**,^[2] which in two cases can also be reduced to Fe(I) compounds.

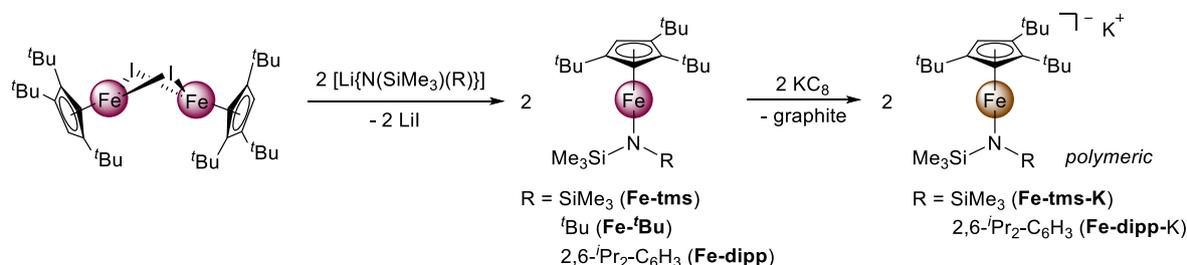


Figure 1: Synthesis of Fe(II) and Fe(I) amido half-sandwich complexes starting from $[\{Cp'Fe(\mu-I)\}_2]$.

The zero-field ^{57}Fe Mößbauer spectra of the Fe(II) complexes at $T > 20$ K feature asymmetrically broadened singlets representative of slow paramagnetic relaxation. At lower temperatures, the well-resolved six-line spectra indicate large internal magnetic hyperfine fields at the ^{57}Fe nuclei. Magnetic measurements supported by computations suggest significant axial zero-field splitting. Slow relaxation of magnetization is detected in the absence of a static magnetic field for compound **Fe-*t*Bu**.^[2]

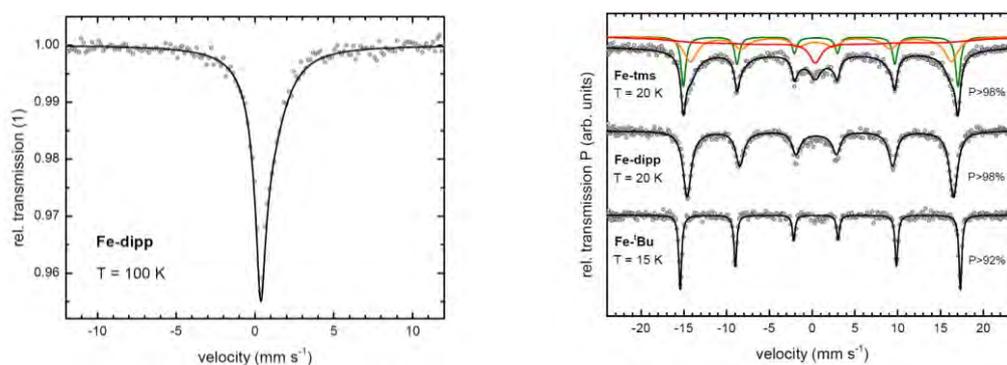


Figure 2: Zero-field ^{57}Fe Mößbauer spectra of **Fe-dipp** at $T = 100$ K (left) and the Fe(II) amido complexes at $T = 15$ and 20 K (right). Black dots are experimental data, lines represent the fit based on the Blume-Tjon model.^[2,3]

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Neutral Trigonal Cu(I) Complexes with Anionic *N*-Heterocyclic Carbenes

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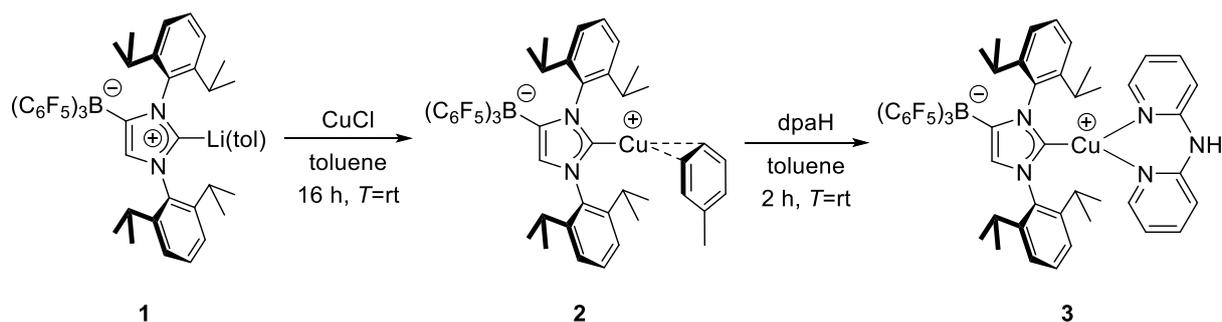
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Trigonal *N*-heterocyclic carbene (NHC)-Cu(I) complexes have gained attention due to their capability to emit blue light with high quantum yields.^[1] Whereas multiple examples of cationic complexes have been reported, only a limited number of neutral complexes with an anionic *N,N'*-ligand are known.^[2-3] We want to expand the scope with Cu(I) complexes containing an anionic NHC and neutral *N,N'*-ligands by preparation of a novel series of neutral emissive Cu(I) complexes.

The well established carbene transfer agent **1** is known to form in a reaction with CuCl the toluene solvate **2**, which we deemed an excellent starting point.^[4] The targeted complex **3** can be obtained by combination with the corresponding *N,N'*-ligand, which easily replaces the coordinated toluene. The blue luminescence in related complexes is mainly optimized by tailoring the *N,N'*-ligand, which makes this variation the most versatile.^[2] Complex **3** showed a bright blue luminescence in the solid state, which is currently examined further.



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Rhodium(I) PNN pincer complexes with proton-responsive ligands: synthesis, characterisation, and catalytic dehydrocoupling of amine boranes

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Cooperative ligands, which activate the substrate in concert with the transition metal show a high activity for a variety of catalytic reactions.^[1] One example is the dehydropolymerisation of amine boranes $H_3B \cdot NMe_nH_{3-n}$ ($n = 0-2$), commonly referred to as isoelectronic main group analogues of alkanes with great potential for the construction of oligomeric, polymeric and heterogeneous B-N materials.^{[2][3]} We synthesised Rh(I) complexes with the potentially cooperative pyridine-pyrazole PNN(H) ligand, first reported by Caulton and co-workers and used this system for the dehydropolymerisation of amine boranes.^[4]

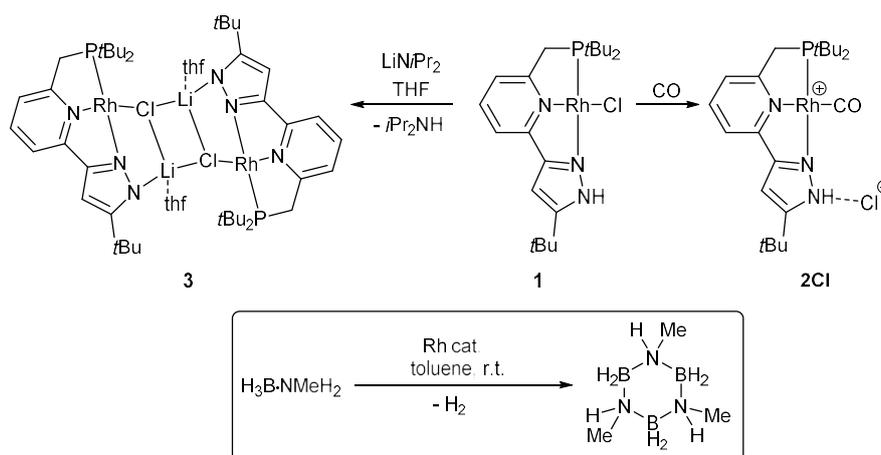


Figure 1: Synthesis of new Rh(I) PNN complexes and catalytic oligomerisation of methylamine borane.

Starting from the Rh chloride complex **1** a cationic complex **2Cl** was created by addition of CO. The deprotonation of **1** was achieved with $Li(NiPr_2)$ and furnished a bimetallic complex **3**. All three complexes were tested as precatalysts for the dehydrocoupling of amine boranes, producing mainly N -methylcyclotriborazane ($(H_2BNMeH)_3$).

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Synthesis, Characterization and Follow-Up Chemistry of Superoxides and Ozonides with Organic Cations

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Alkaline superoxides have been investigated thoroughly by x-ray as well as neutron diffraction studies, but no reliable O–O bond distances could be determined, due to multiple structural phase transitions and disorder of the anion.^[1] Therefore, organic cations have been chosen to force the [O₂][−] groups in ordered positions.^[1c] So far, only six examples are known and analyzed via single crystal x-ray diffraction, from which five include crystallized ammonia.^[1c,2] We were able to obtain a second crystal structure without crystallized ammonia in combination with the shortest O–O bond in any reported organic superoxide (1-propyl-1-methylpyrrolidin-1-ium superoxide, [PMP][O₂]), as shown in **Figure 1**.

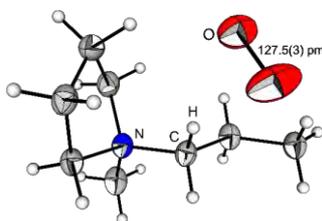


Figure 1: Crystal structure of [PMP][O₂]. Thermal ellipsoids are set to 50% probability.

As a result of the high reactivity and the limited scope of suitable solvents, metalorganic or complex chemistry of ozonides is rather undiscovered.^[3] Therefore, we investigated asymmetric ammonium-based cations for the synthesis of new ozonide salts, which are now available as highly soluble synthons.^[4] Based on these results, we were able to explore new reaction pathways.

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N–H bond activation by a strictly T-shaped phosphine

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The activation of polar small molecules to synthesize value-added chemicals has long captivated the realm of transition metal chemistry. Transition metal complexes exhibit catalytic prowess in converting diverse small molecules through E–H bond cleavage. However, ammonia (NH₃) has posed a persistent challenge due to its proclivity for forming Werner-type complexes, leading to unfavorable coordination/activation equilibria.^[1] Pincer-type phosphines have emerged as an intriguing avenue for N–H bond activation reactions. The geometric perturbation of the phosphorus center results in Lewis-acidic reactivity enabled by an unoccupied p-orbital centered at the P atom.^[2] While rare redox-neutral and more common oxidative addition of ammonia have been documented, the subsequent transfer to organic substrates has remained enigmatic.^[3]

Here we report the reactivity of the strictly T-shaped phosphine **I**^[4] towards amines. Cooperative N–H bond scission along a flanking P–N bond proceeds under retention of the phosphorus redox state. Mechanistic intricacies are illuminated through NMR experiments. Additionally, we delve into the electronic structure of **I**, particularly the interplay between the planarized phosphorus center and the redox non-innocent acridane derived NNN pincer ligand.^[5] These insights enrich our understanding of compound **I**'s reactivity and its future potential in metal free catalysis.

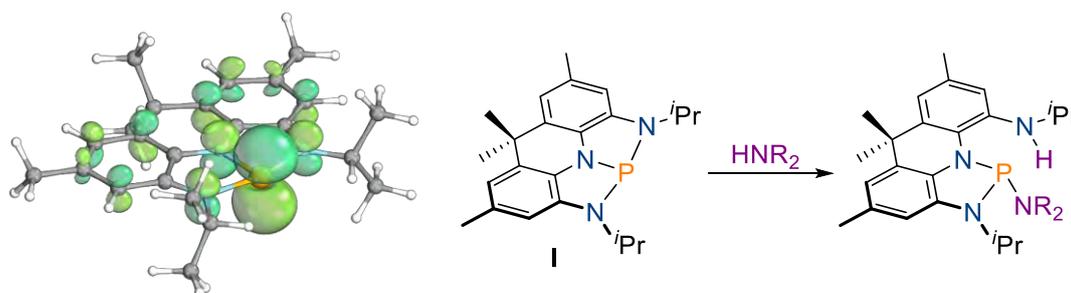


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Relativistic Effects on the Thermochemistry of Proton-Coupled Electron Transfer at a Rhenium Complex

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The magnetic and spectroscopic properties of heavy metal complexes are heavily determined by spin-orbit coupling (SOC).¹ In contrast, the impact of relativistic effects on reaction thermochemistry is less well examined. Computations by Kývála et al. predicted that the SOC-induced splitting of the $^2T_{2g}$ ground states of O_h -symmetric $[M(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ ($M = Ru, Os$) significantly shifts the M^{III}/M^{II} redox potentials by $\Delta E^\circ = -190$ mV (Ru) and $\Delta E^\circ = -390$ mV (Os), respectively.² However, such large effects might be quenched in lower molecular symmetry. Furthermore, absolute computations of redox potentials are challenging due to inherent difficulties to adequately describe solvation.

We therefore moved to a net charge neutral proton-coupled electron transfer (PCET) reaction of the heavy metal rhenium (Figure 1). The thermochemical parameters were derived by calorimetry and through the square-scheme formalism and compared with multireference computations using perturbational treatment of SOC. Our results reveal a SOC contribution to the PCET reaction energetics around $\Delta E_{SOC} = 28.1$ kJ/mol ($X=Cl$), thus, confirming a large SOC effect in low symmetry (C_{2v}). This is attributed to the nearly degenerate $S=1$ ground state of the rhenium(III) amine complex.



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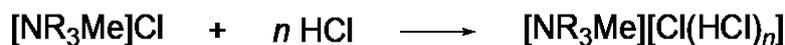
Investigation of Bichloride Ionic Liquids as Hydrogen Chloride Storage

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Organic ammonium chloride salts can form bichlorides when reacting with gaseous hydrogen chloride (**Scheme 1**). This reactivity is already known for the lighter halogen fluorine due to its ability to form bifluorides, considered as a stabilized, less-volatile type of gaseous hydrogen fluoride.^[1] The bichlorides exist either as ionic liquids or as solids at room temperature, depending on the organic groups of the ammonium cation.^[2]



Scheme 1: Reaction of organic ammonium chloride ionic liquids (R = Me, Et, Pr, Bu) with n equivalents of hydrogen chloride to form bichloride salts.

Since hydrogen chloride is produced in various large-scale processes as a side-product, the industry must deal with its corrosive behavior as a gas, or even worse, as an aqueous solution.^[3] The possibility to store hydrogen chloride as an ionic liquid or as a solid would help to prevent corrosion and could also lead to a safer method for handling it. In our work, we characterize different properties of four different bichlorides to investigate their possible industrial application (**Figure 1**).

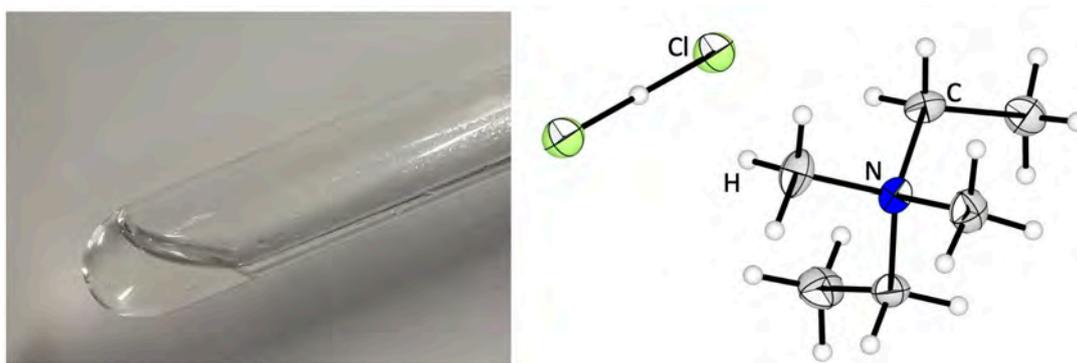


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Re-discovering Silicon Teflates

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Among the few silicon compounds containing the pentafluorooorthotellurate group (OTeF₅, teflate) that have been reported, Me₃SiOTeF₅ is the only one that has been fully characterised.^[1] On the contrary, Si(OTeF₅)₄ was only briefly mentioned in the literature and its characterization is limited to its melting point.^[2] With the aim of eventually isolating and characterizing unambiguously this compound, we envisioned a stepwise Cl/OTeF₅ substitution of different organosilicon chlorides towards silicon compounds with an increasing teflate content.

Inspired by the synthesis of Me₃SiOTeF₅, several other R₃SiOTeF₅ (R = alkyl, aryl) compounds like Ph₃SiOTeF₅ could be obtained by reacting HOTEf₅ and the corresponding R₃SiCl. Based on these results, the synthesis of R₂Si(OTeF₅)₂ species (R° = Me, Et, ⁱPr, Ph) was tackled. However, for the introduction of two teflate groups, AgOTeF₅ has to be used as an OTeF₅-transfer reagent. Similar attempts towards silicon compounds with a higher teflate content look currently promising. Moreover, the Lewis acidity of silicon teflates R_xSi(OTeF₅)_{4-x} (x = 3–0, R = aryl, alkyl) is also investigated.

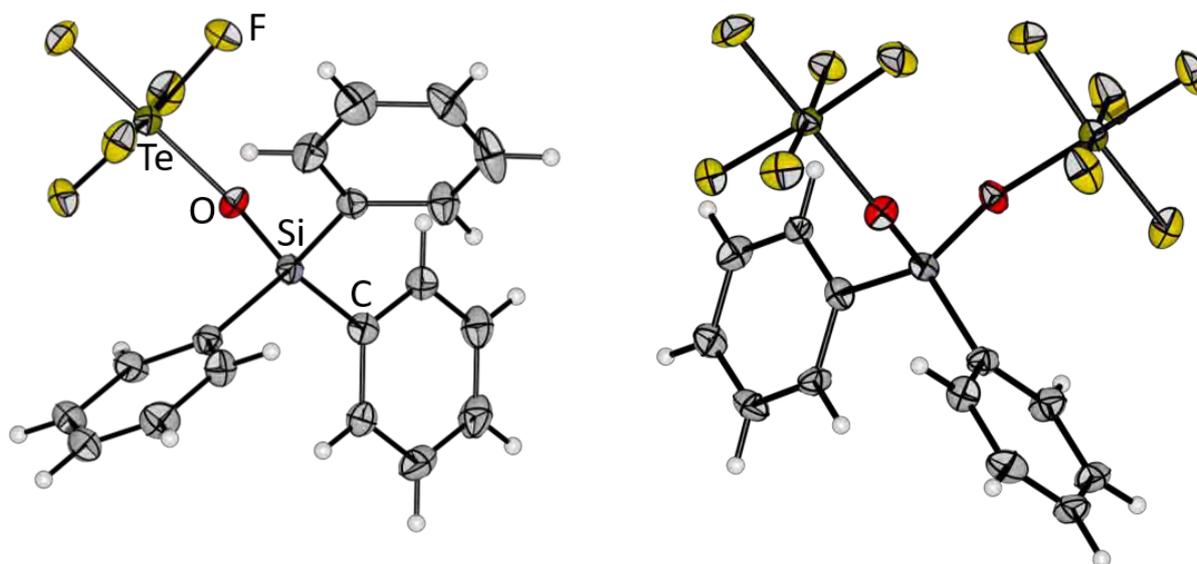


Figure 1: Molecular structure of Ph₃SiOTeF₅ and Ph₂Si(OTeF₅)₂ in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are set at 50% probability.

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Introducing a New Aluminum-based Lewis Superacid: Aluminum Tris(fluorosulfate)

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Lewis acids, whose strength surpasses that of monomeric SbF_5 in the gas phase, are commonly known as Lewis superacids.^[1] These species play a major role not only in fundamental research, but also in applied chemistry. The quest for the strongest, most easily accessible and most stable Lewis superacid is of increasing scientific interest.

Herein we present a new aluminum-based Lewis superacid, $\text{Al}(\text{SO}_3\text{F})_3$. It is the first fluorosulfate-based Lewis superacid and its remarkably easy synthesis directly from commercially available starting materials distinguishes it from other aluminum-based representatives. Its full characterization as a Lewis superacid will be reported.

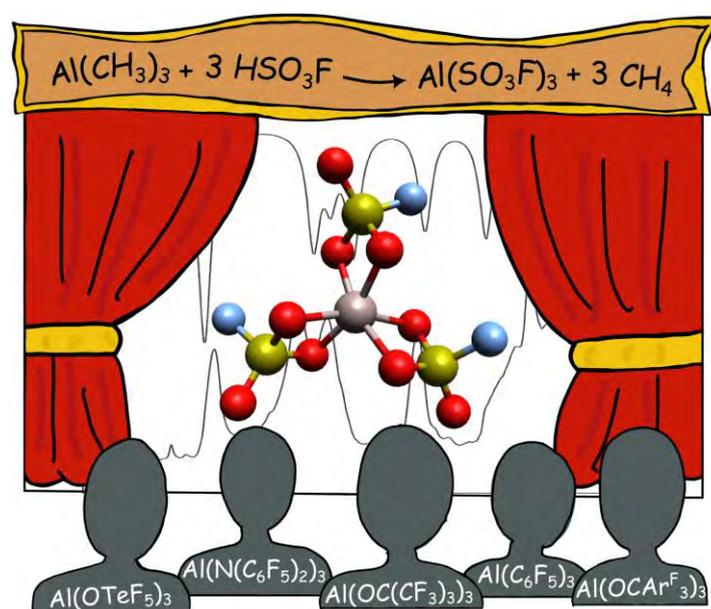


Figure 1: Introducing a new aluminum-based Lewis superacid: Aluminum tris(fluorosulfate). In the background the experimental and calculated IR spectra show a clear conformity (B3LYP-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVPP).

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Sequence selective terpolymerisation of Elemental Sulfur with Propylene oxide and Carbon Disulfide: Scope, Mechanism and Crosslinking

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Elemental sulfur, a cheap by-product of the oil refinement process, represents a promising synthetic opportunity for the synthesis of new functional, recyclable, and degradable materials. Controlled anionic polymerisations to access thermoplastic polysulfide from S_8 however depend on thiolate intermediates generated through expensive comonomers and catalysts to facilitate S_8 ring-opening^{[1][2]}. We show that simple lithiumalkoxides facilitate the polymerisation of elemental sulfur



S_8 with industrially relevant propylene oxide (PO) and CS_2 , a sulfur base chemical sourced from waste S_8 itself. A rare sequence selective ring-opening terpolymerisation (ROTERP) forming poly(monothiocarbonate-alt- S_x) in an unusual heat-to-head-alt-tail-to-tail selectivity is observed allowing to control the rank of the polysulfide links S_x and the ROTERP of a range of monosubstituted and alicyclic epoxides. A combined experimental and computational elucidation of the mechanism reveals kinetic S_8 over CS_2 selection by in-situ formed lithium thiolate intermediate which are formed by a central O/S exchange step to be key in the reaction mechanism. The Sulfur centres of the starting S_8 building blocks get distributed by thermodynamically controlled reshuffling involving intermolecular attack of R- S_x -R links by thiolate chain-ends and back-biting pathways at R- S_x -Li chain ends. The polymers can be crosslinked in-situ with multifunctional thiols to yield thermally reprocessible and nucleophilically degradable networks with improved solvent resistance. Our report demonstrates how mechanistic understanding allows S_8 waste utilization with inexpensive components to yield a broad palette of reprocessible and degradable materials.

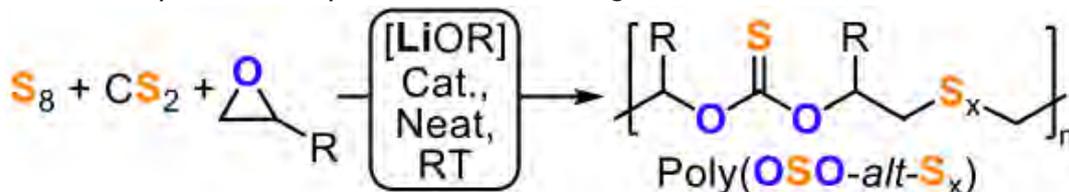


Figure 1: Ring opening copolymerization (ROCOP) between elemental sulfur, propylene oxide and carbon disulfide to make polysulfides-alt-monothiocarbonate containing materials.

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An Unsymmetrical Diborane(4) as a Facile Precursor to PBP Boryl Pincer Complexes

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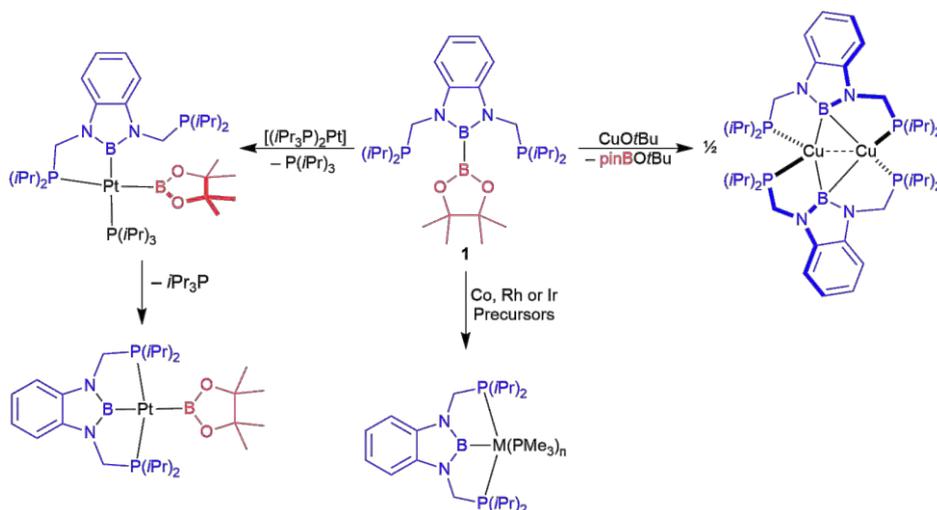
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The synthesis of PBP aminoboryl pincer complexes introduced in 2009 by Yamashita and Nozaki et al. has thus far been restricted to B-H oxidative addition of diaminoborane ligand precursors to transition metal precursors.^[1] This limitation has hindered the field's progress. Consequently, we developed a new process to access PBP boryl pincer complexes *via* an unsymmetrical diborane(4), a class of compounds established as boryl ligand precursors.^[2]

The unsymmetrical diborane(4), $d(\text{CH}_2\text{P}(i\text{Pr})_2)\text{abB}-\text{Bpin}$ (pin = $(\text{OCMe}_2)_2$; $d(\text{R})\text{ab} = 1,2-(\text{RN})_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)$), was obtained by reacting a copper(I) boryl complex (boron nucleophile) with a boron electrophile, the borane $d(\text{CH}_2\text{P}(i\text{Pr})_2)\text{abB}-\text{H}$; a protocol we established as a general route to unsymmetrical diborane(4) derivatives.^[3]

This diborane(4) precursor can be used as a precursor to prepare PBP boryl pincer complexes. The versatility of this method was demonstrated by preparing copper and platinum complexes, $[(d(\text{CH}_2\text{P}(i\text{Pr})_2)\text{abB})\text{Cu}]_2$ and $\text{trans}-[(d(\text{CH}_2\text{P}(i\text{Pr})_2)\text{abB})\text{Pt}-\text{Bpin}]$, as well as a series of group nine boryl complexes with the general formula $(d(\text{CH}_2\text{P}(i\text{Pr})_2)\text{abB})\text{M}(\text{PMe}_3)_n$ ($n = 1, 2$).^[4,5]



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