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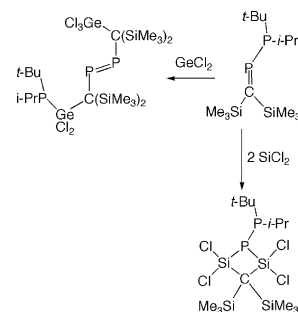
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Dichlorosilylene and dichlorogermylene
transfer to alkylidene phosphanes

SiCl₂ transfer from Me₃GeSiCl₃ to alkylidene phosphanes is compared with related reactions of GeCl₂.

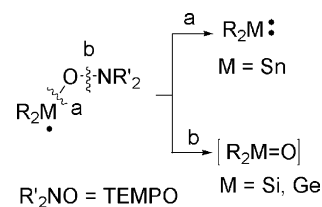


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Diverse reactions of nitroxide-radical
adducts of silylene, germylene, and
stannylene

Fate of aminoxy-substituted group-14 element radicals appeared in the addition reactions of stable group-14 element divalent compounds (R₂M:, M = Si, Ge, and Sn) with TEMPO was found to be remarkably dependent on the central metal. The reason is discussed on the basis of the DFT calculations for model reactions.

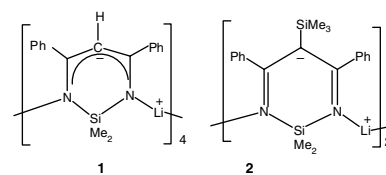


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Synthesis and structures of four crystalline
lithium β-diketiminates derived from
[Li{CH(SiMe₃)(SiMe₂OMe)}]₈ and PhCN
or Bu^tCN and PhCN

Four crystalline lithium complexes have been prepared from the title lithium silylmethyl and nitriles, each containing N,N'-Me₂ Si-bridged, β-diketiminato ligands [N⁻SiMe₂C(R)C(X)C(Ph)N⁻] (R = Bu^t or Ph); two have a central exocyclic C-H (X = H) (**1**, **3**) bond while **2** and **2'** have instead a C-SiMe₃ (X = SiMe₃) bond. Whereas **1** and **3** are π-delocalised, the central C(X) bond of **2** and **2'** has significant carbanionic character.

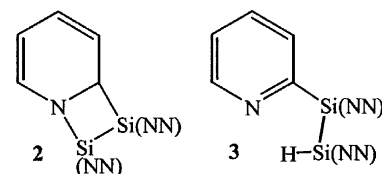


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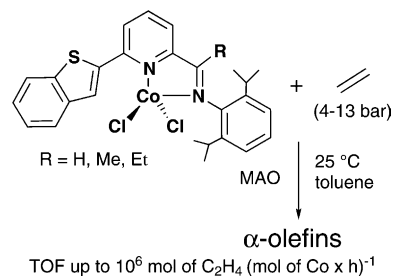
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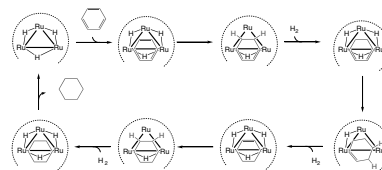
Oligomerisation of ethylene to linear α -olefins by tetrahedral cobalt(II) precursors stabilised by benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl-substituted (imino)pyridine ligands

Tetrahedral cobalt(II) complexes of new benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl-substituted (imino)pyridine ligands, on activation with MAO, are active and selective for the oligomerisation of ethylene to α -olefins.


Georg Süss-Fink, Bruno Therrien, Ludovic Vieille-Petit, Mathieu Tschan, Vladimir B. Romakh, Thomas R. Ward, Massoud Dadras, Gabor Laurency
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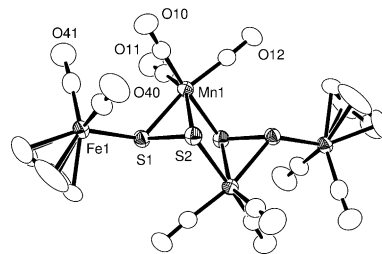
Supramolecular cluster catalysis: facts and problems

The hydrogenation of benzene to give cyclohexane, catalysed under biphasic conditions by the water-soluble cluster cation $[\text{H}_3\text{Ru}_3(\text{C}_6\text{H}_6)(\text{C}_6\text{Me}_6)_2(\text{O})]^+$ (tetrafluoroborate salt), is believed to occur within the hydrophobic pocket spanned by the arene ligands of the cluster, the intermediates being supramolecular host-guest complexes.


Richard D. Adams, Burjor Captain, O-Sung Kwon, Perry J. Pellechia, Sanghamitra Sanyal
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Synthesis and properties of oligomers of iron-manganese carbonyl complexes with bridging disulfido ligands

The new dimeric mixed metal disulfido complexes: $[\text{CpFeMn}(\text{CO})_5(\mu_3\text{-S}_2)]_2$, **2** and $[\text{Cp}^*\text{FeMn}(\text{CO})_5(\mu_3\text{-S}_2)]_2$, **3** were prepared and structurally characterized. Compounds **2** and **3** both contain two triply bridging disulfido ligands. At 40 °C, compound **2** is transformed into a trimer, $\text{Cp}_3\text{Fe}_3\text{Mn}_3(\text{CO})_{15}(\mu_3\text{-S}_2)(\mu_4\text{-S}_2)_2$, **4** having three bridging disulfido ligands. Compound **4** exhibits a dynamical intramolecular exchange process that interconverts two of the three CpFe(CO)₂ groups on the NMR timescale.

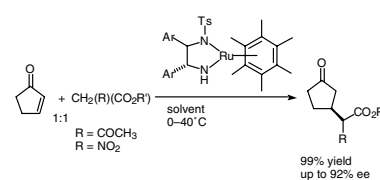


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Asymmetric Michael reactions of α -substituted acetates with cyclic enones catalyzed by multifunctional chiral Ru amido complexes

Well-defined 16-electron chiral ruthenium amido complexes, Ru[(*R,R*-diamine)(η^6 -arene)], efficiently catalyze asymmetric Michael additions of Michael donors to cyclic enones to give adducts in high yields and with excellent ee's. β -Ketoesters or nitroacetate as Michael donors react with 2-cyclopentenone in toluene or *t*-butyl alcohol containing the Ru amido catalyst (*S/C* = 50) to afford the Michael adduct in 99% yield and with up to 92% ee. The outcome of the reaction was delicately influenced by the structures of the diamine and arene ligands as well as reaction conditions.

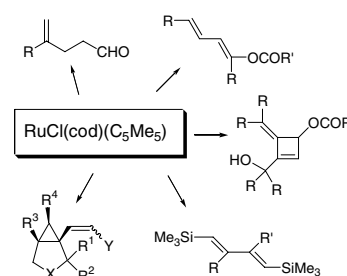


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The versatility of molecular ruthenium catalyst RuCl(COD)(C₅Me₅)

The complex RuCl(COD)(C₅Me₅) is a good catalyst precursor for the selective transformation of alkynes to generate high value chemicals with atom economy reactions. Its versatility has been shown by different ruthenium activation processes involving alkynes: cross-oxidative coupling, coupling via a cyclobutadienyl-ruthenium complex or via a mixed Fischer-Schrock type biscarbene-ruthenium complex or coupling via carbene-ruthenium species.

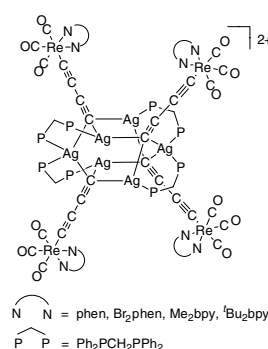


Vivian Wing-Wah Yam

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Luminescent metal alkynyls – from simple molecules to molecular rods and materials

This review describes the design and synthesis of a number of luminescent transition metal alkynyls by this laboratory. The luminescence properties of the complexes have been studied and their emission origin elucidated. Some of these complexes have been shown to be ideal building blocks for the design and construction of luminescent molecular rods and materials, in which the luminescence properties can be readily tuned by changing the alkynyl ligands. Some of them also exhibited luminescence switching behaviour with the “ON-OFF” luminescence states modulated by redox processes, metal ion-binding or solvent composition.

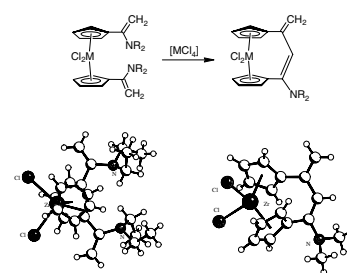


**Gerhard Erker, Gerald Kehr,
Roland Fröhlich**

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Developing some functional group chemistry at the Group 4 bent metallocene frameworks

Several types of reactions are described that lead to functionalized Group 4 metallocene complexes, including olefin metathesis reactions, photochemical [2+2] cycloadditions, an intramolecular *Mannich*-type reaction, and borylation reactions at the metallocene Cp-ligands using the very electrophilic boranes B(C₆F₅)₃ or HB(C₆F₅)₂, respectively.

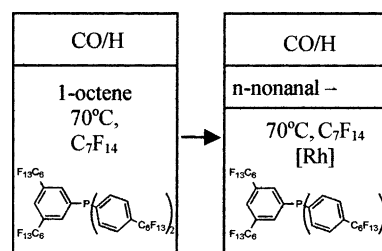


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Eric G. Hope, Peter J. Pogorzelec,
Alison M. Stuart**

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Hydroformylation in fluoruous solvents

The hydroformylation of long chain alkenes under fluoruous biphasic conditions and in neat perfluorocarbon solvents is reviewed, with emphasis on the steric and electronic influence of perfluoroalkylation on catalyst activity, regioselectivity and retention in the fluorocarbon phase.

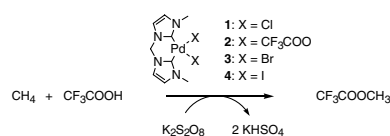


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Alexander Zeller, Eberhardt Herdtweck,
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The counterion influence on the CH-activation of methane by palladium(II) biscarbene complexes – structures, reactivity and DFT calculations

Palladium(II) biscarbene complexes with different counterions have shown to be active in the CH-activation of methane. A systematic study on the correlation between the counterion (I^- , Br^- , Cl^- , CF_3COO^-) and the catalytic activity was conducted. DFT calculations are used to estimate the bond strength and stability of the complexes. The results of single-crystal X-ray structure determinations for the bischloride and bistrifluoroacetate complexes are reported.

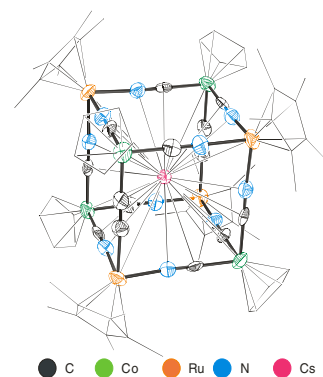


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Structural and mechanistic studies on ion insertion into the molecular box $\{[CpCo(CN)_3]_4[Cp^*Ru]_4\}$

The molecular box $[CpCo(CN)_3]_4[Cp^*Ru]_4$ (Co_4Ru_4) reacts readily with a variety of monocations to form $MCo_4Ru_4^+$ ($M = K^+$, Cs^+ , Rb^+).

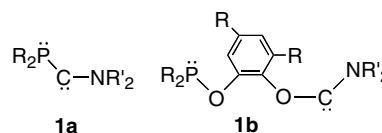


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α , β -(Phosphino)(aminocarbene) and α , ω -(phosphino)(oxyaminocarbene): new bidentate ligands for transition metal complexes

Two original rhodium(I) complexes were obtained by treatment of $[Rh(CO)_2Cl]_2$ with (amino)(phosphino)carbene **1a**, a 1,2-bidentate ligand, and (amino)(oxy)carbene **1b** a 1,6-bidentate ligand.



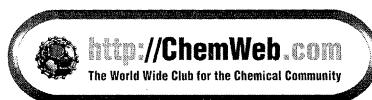
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