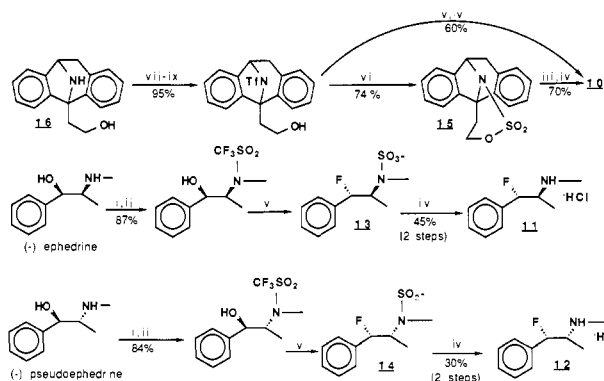


Scheme II^a

^a (i) TMS-imidazole/ CH_2Cl_2 ; (ii) $(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_2\text{O}/t\text{-Bu}_2\text{Me-pyridine}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$, 0 °C (H_3O^+ workup); (iii) $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{F}^-/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$, 70 °C, 20 min; (iv) 3.0 M HCl, 70 °C, 15 min; (v) $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{F}^-/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$, 70 °C, 60 min; (vi) NaH/THF reflux; (vii) TBDMS-Cl/imidazole/DMF; (viii) $(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_2\text{O}/\text{TEA}/t\text{-Bu}_2\text{Me-pyridine}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$, 0 °C; (ix) TsOH/MeOH.

acid. The overall reaction pathway is summarized in Scheme I.

Reaction of tertiary sulfonamides with alkoxide under vigorous conditions normally results in cleavage of the S-N bond.¹³ Indeed, when the triflamide derivative of MK-801 (**9**) is treated with sodium methoxide in refluxing acetonitrile, the only observed reaction is the slow removal of the sulfonyl group from nitrogen rather than loss of trifluoromethide. If this mechanism applied to the intramolecular reaction of the alkoxide oxygen with the sulfonyl group of **5**, one would not expect to observe the product **7** retaining the S-N bond. Therefore, it is likely that the intramolecular nature of the process as well as the stability of the trifluoromethide leaving group ($\text{p}K_a = 25$ for CHF_3)¹⁴ leads to this unique observation. As shown in Scheme I, a transition state or intermediate involving a pentacoordinate sulfur should require that the incoming oxygen occupy an axial position of the trigonal bipyramid. Because the N and incoming O atoms are part of a five-membered ring, the N must occupy an equatorial position, thus giving rise to two possible isomers *a* and *b*. By the same token, the highly electronegative CF_3^- leaving group should occupy an axial position (isomer *a*) which would lead to the product **7**. Therefore if isomer *b* is formed first, it must isomerize to isomer *a* via pseudorotation or turnstile rotation.^{15d}

To further define the scope of this reaction we have prepared the γ -fluoroamine **10**^{6a,9,7a-c} and the acyclic β -fluoroamines **11**^{6b,9,7a,c,d} and **12**^{6b,9,7a,c,d} derived from (-)-ephedrine and (-)-pseudoephedrine, respectively (Scheme II). In these cases, transient protection of the hydroxyl groups as their silyl ethers was required in order to direct the sulfonation to nitrogen. In all cases, we have shown the intermediacy of cyclic sulfamates by the isolation of the acyclic (e.g., **13**^{7a} and **14**^{7a}) or cyclic sulfamate (e.g., **15**^{6b,9,7a,e}) intermediates. In contrast to the previous syntheses in which **11** and **12** were obtained as a mixture of epimers at the carbon-bearing fluorine,¹⁶ our methodology provides a stereospecific¹⁷ route to these compounds which is also amenable to ¹⁸F labeling. Attempts to convert the amino alcohol **16** to the triflate **17** by using triflic anhydride or to the cyclic sulfamate

15 by using sulfur diimidazole led only to azetidine formation. Also treatment of the disulfonylated material **18** with F^- caused elimination.

For preparative purposes, the cyclic sulfamates **7** and **15** may also be generated by treating the hydroxy triflamides with NaH in THF, thus avoiding the possibility of further reaction with F^- . Because **7** and **15** are stable, crystalline materials and give rise to the fluoro compounds **6** and **10** in a short period of time, they are currently being evaluated in radioactive labeling experiments for producing the ¹⁸F analogues with encouraging initial results.¹⁸

In summary, the facile formation of cyclic sulfamates from hydroxy triflamides involving the unusual expulsion of CF_3^- has been documented. In this reaction, the trifluoromethanesulfonyl group serves as a protecting group for nitrogen as well as a means of activating the hydroxyl carbon toward nucleophilic attack. Until now, cyclic sulfamates have been relatively inaccessible.¹⁹ We have also demonstrated the nucleophilic ring opening of these compounds to afford fluoroamines in a stereospecific manner.²⁰ This method provides an attractive addition to the existing synthetic methods for cyclic sulfamates and fluoroamines¹⁶ and seems well suited for the requirements of ¹⁸F labeling. In order to extend this methodology to primary amines, it is likely that transient protection of the triflamide N-H proton will be necessary.

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Reactions of Ammonium Salts with Butyllithium and with Lithium Hydride: New Routes to Fully Anhydrous Inorganic Lithium Complexes

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Lithium halide complexes, $(\text{LiHal}\cdot x\text{L})_n$, L = a nonmacrocyclic ligand, whether fully or partly ion-separated monomers, $\text{Li}(\text{L})_x^+\cdots\text{Hal}^-$, or intact oligomers, $(\text{LiHal})_n\cdot(x\text{L})_n$,¹ often have understandably low melting points and good solubility in organic media. As such, their likely applications are as low-energy

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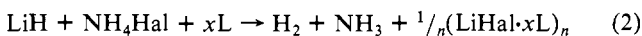
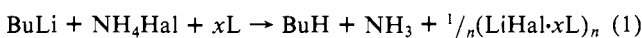
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Table I

complex ^a	route ^b	yield (%)	mp (°C)
1 (LiCl·HMPA) ₄	Hal = Cl, x = 1, 2, 3, or 4	83	142–144 (lit. ⁶ 142–144)
2 (LiBr·2HMPA) _n	Hal = Br, x = 2	53	70–72
3 (LiBr·4HMPA) _n	Hal = Br, x = 4	49	50–52
4 (LiI·2HMPA) _n	Hal = I, x = 2	64	63–65
5 (LiI·4HMPA) _n	Hal = I, x = 4	94	141–143

^a Analyses: **1** (C₆H₁₈ClLiN₃OP)₄, H, Li, N; C: calcd, 32.51; found, 32.03. Cl: calcd, 16.03; found, 15.40. **2** (C₁₂H₃₆BrLiN₆O₂P₂)_n, Li, N; C: calcd, 32.36; found, 31.19. H: calcd, 8.09; found, 7.53. **3** (C₂₄H₇₂BrLiN₁₂O₄P₄)_n, H, Li; C: calcd, 35.87; found, 35.05. N: calcd, 20.92; found, 20.30. **4** (C₁₂H₃₆ILiN₆O₂P₂)_n, H, Li; C: calcd, 29.27; found, 28.53. I: calcd, 25.81; found, 25.37. N: calcd, 17.07; found, 17.52. **5** (C₂₄H₇₂ILiN₁₂O₄P₄)_n, C, H, I, Li, N. ^b All via eq 1, with L = HMPA.

electrolytic sources of Li metal,² and as soluble, pre-isolable (thus stoichiometrically controllable) halogenating agents, cf. current uses of, e.g., a CsF suspension in sulfolane.³ Furthermore, these complexes hold promise as fast-ion conductors, e.g., most recently, LiI·4MeOH,⁴ and, in effect, are used now in numerous organic transformations by reacting (LiHal)_∞ in various donors with organic precursors, e.g., (LiI)_∞ in pyridine or DMF, to carry out decarboxylations, ether cleavages, and dechlorinations.⁵ Direct routes to such complexes, through dissolution of (LiHal)_∞ in neat donors or donor/hydrocarbon mixes, have drawbacks: first, total exclusion of H₂O is difficult, even supposedly anhydrous Li⁺ salts requiring vigorous in vacuo dehydration prior to use, and second, the energies of *preformed* lattices often prevent dissolution.⁶ Recently, in situ routes have been described, whereby lattice growth of small (LiHal)_n units formed at low temperatures from organolithiums with metallic or organic halides is arrested by donor, e.g., (LiCl·HMPA)₄ [HMPA = O:P(NMe₂)₃] from *t*-Bu₂C=NLi + AlCl₃ + HMPA⁶ and (LiBr·PMDETA)₂ [PMDETA = Me₂N(CH₂)₂NMe·(CH₂)₂NMe₂] from *n*-BuLi + *n*-BuBr + PMDETA.⁷ Here we outline a very simple preparative system for these complexes [eq 1] in which ammonium salts (NH₄Hal)_∞ are used as the Hal⁻ source, so removing hydration problems (and probably offsetting lattice energy ones). Furthermore, reaction 1 allows syntheses of different complexes, (LiHal·xL)_n, with a common Hal⁻ and L, but, when L = HMPA, with x = 2 or 4, and seems equally applicable to pseudo halide complexes, e.g., SCN⁻ ones. We also note preliminary work on a totally inorganic route to these complexes [eq 2].⁸



Details of some lithium halide–HMPA complexes, **1–5**, synthesised via route 1 are given in Table I. In a typical reaction, 10 mmol of a 1.7 mol dm⁻³ *n*-BuLi solution in hexane (5.9 cm³) was taken under nitrogen, the hexane was removed (see below) and replaced by toluene, and HMPA (1, 2, 3, or 4 molar equiv as indicated) was added⁹ to give a deep red solution (presumably

a charge-transfer complex). The ammonium halide solid (10 mmol) was then added, and the mixture was heated to 40–60 °C when vigorous gas evolution (BuH, NH₃) occurred along with color changes, usually from deep red to violet-purple, to orange, then yellow, then colorless (still yellow for iodide complexes), and with gradual total disappearance of the solid.

Refrigeration of the solution gave crystals of the products. Recorded yields, where relatively low (e.g., for **2**, **3** especially, and **4**), reflect the high solubility of complexes (e.g., for **3**, >2 g per cm³ of toluene) rather than incomplete reaction: IR spectra of filtrates reduced in volume lacked ν(N–H) absorptions. If hexane is not removed from the *n*-BuLi solution, reactions in ensuing hexane/toluene mixtures are much slower and incomplete. Interestingly, also, gas evolution then occurs in two stages, BuH before NH₃.

Their simplicity apart, key points for these syntheses are, firstly, that **1–5** show no evidence of hydration, even though no efforts were made to dry, or otherwise purify (e.g., by sublimation), ammonium halide precursors: in contrast, direct dissolution of, e.g., supposedly anhydrous (LiCl)_∞ in HMPA gives, even at 100 °C and after extensive prior heating of the halide in vacuo, very low yields of a complex which contains H₂O.⁶ Second, complexes **2** and **3**, and **4** and **5** illustrate that this in situ route allows some control of final product identity/stoichiometry, with x = 2 or 4;¹⁰ again, in contrast, direct dissolution does not allow such control, e.g., (LiI)_∞ or (LiI·H₂O)_∞ suspended in toluene dissolve on addition of 4 equiv of HMPA—but not less—so giving **5** but not **4**.

A similar route to (LiF·xHMPA)_n was attempted by adding (NH₄F)_∞ to deep red *n*-BuLi·4HMPA in toluene. Heating the mix to 110 °C caused fading of the color to red and then yellow. After 2 h, the powdered (NH₄F)_∞ had disappeared, giving a pale yellow solution from which a microcrystalline material was slowly deposited. This solid was shown to be essentially (LiF)_∞ [e.g., Li found, 25.2%; LiF requires 26.9%] in ~100% yield, though its IR spectrum showed traces of HMPA (but none of NH₄⁺). Although a distinct, soluble LiF complex for use in fluorinations is seemingly out of reach, thermodynamically,¹¹ formation here of a (LiF)_∞ lattice from a (NH₄F)_∞ one presumably involves at some stage breakdown of the latter prior to growth of the former, whether in solution or at a solid surface: such a mixture at that stage might therefore be a promising fluorinating agent.

Finally, we have initiated experiments to open up an all-inorganic route [eq 2] to alkali metal halide complexes with use of (LiH)_∞ as the Li⁺ source; in a different context, it was noted many years ago that reaction of (BaH₂)_∞ with (NH₄I)_∞ in pyridine produces a BaI₂·pyr complex.¹² Thus, addition of (NH₄Cl)_∞ to a suspension of (LiH)_∞ in HMPA (2 equiv) and toluene, followed by heating at 110 °C for 4 days, caused most of the solids to dissolve. After filtration, cooling of the filtrate gave **1** in 51% yield. Although this is a relatively low yield, the unreactivity of commercially supplied (LiH)_∞ is well known,¹³ and this route certainly holds promise for syntheses of, e.g., NaHal and KHal complexes, with use of more reactive (NaH)_∞ and (KH)_∞, and furthermore avoiding [see eq 1] *n*-BuNa and *n*-BuK.¹⁴

Further applications of these routes are known, e.g., for Hal = Cl, Br, I, complexes with L = TMEDA (Me₂N·CH₂CH₂·NMe₂) have been isolated, while thiocyanate complexes, (LiSCN·xL)_n

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with $x = 2$, L = HMPA, $x = 1$, L = TMEDA or PMDETA, result in 83–95% yields from $n\text{-BuLi} + \text{NH}_4\text{SCN} + \text{L}$ reactions in hexane/toluene; thermodynamic (enthalpic and, possibly more important, entropic) parameters are also being calculated.

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Electrochemically Induced Reversible Insertion of Ruthenium Atoms into an Eight-Carbon Chain[†]

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We report remarkable redox chemistry of an organodiruthenium complex in which reversible opening and closing of an eight-carbon chain is accompanied by formation and cleavage, respectively, of a metal–metal bond. A net two-electron transfer, accomplished either electrochemically or with a chemical redox agent, is an integral part of the reaction. This redox-initiated C–C bond activation may have relevance to the mechanism of the nickel-catalyzed tetramerization of acetylene.^{1,2}

Earlier studies³ demonstrated that the pseudo-triple-decker⁴ complexes $\text{Cp}_2\text{M}_2(\text{cot})^5$ (1: M = Co, Rh; see Scheme 1) undergo substantial flattening of the bridging cyclooctatetraene ligand when oxidized by two electrons to give **2** (M = Co, Rh; $n = 2$). The two butadiene-like halves of the cot ring remain slightly twisted from coplanarity in **2**.^{3b} In a search for even more electron-deficient members of this series, the oxidation of $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ru}_2(\text{cot})$ (**3**) was investigated. This diruthenium complex is isolectronic and isostructural⁶ with **2** but is more readily oxidized since it is neutral.

Solutions of **3** at 298 K in acetone/0.1 M Bu_4NPF_6 display an anodic wave of two-electron height at +0.04V versus SCE when scanned in CV⁵ experiments. A cathodic wave at -0.25 V arises from re-reduction of the oxidation product. Bulk coulometric oxidation of **3** released 2 faradays of charge and resulted in stable solutions of a red-brown dication, **4**. The dication was isolated either from acetone with 2 equiv of $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}][\text{PF}_6]$ as oxidant or

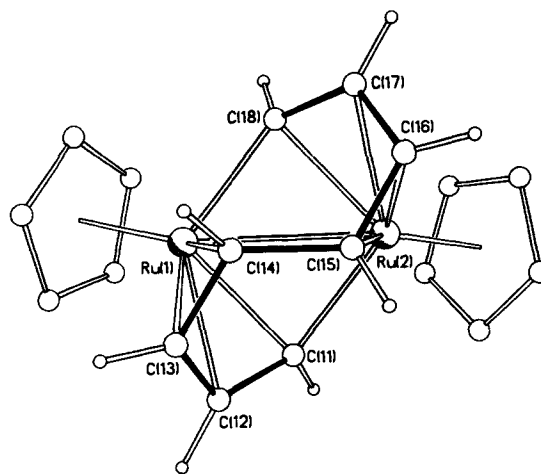
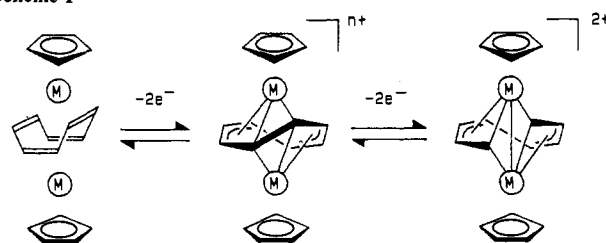


Figure 1. Molecular structure and labeling scheme for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{Ru}_2][\text{PF}_6]_2 \cdot 0.5\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ (distances in Å, angles in deg): Ru(1)–Ru(2), 2.7291 (4); Ru(1)–CNT(1), 1.868 (5); Ru(2)–CNT(2), 1.881 (5); Ru(1)–Cu(11), 2.131 (4); Ru(1)–C(12), 2.213 (5); Ru(1)–C(13), 2.181 (7); Ru(1)–Cu(14), 2.233 (8); Ru(1)–C(18), 2.066 (4); Ru(2)–C(11), 2.063 (4); Ru(2)–Cu(15), 2.228 (7); Ru(2)–C(16), 2.174 (7); Ru(2)–C(17), 2.216 (6); Ru(2)–C(18), 2.143 (5); C(11)–C(12), 1.417 (8); C(12)–C(13), 1.407 (10); C(13)–C(14), 1.400 (8); C(14)–C(15), 1.491 (7); C(15)–C(16), 1.366 (8); C(16)–C(17), 1.408 (10); C(17)–C(18), 1.414 (8); C(11)–C(18), 3.195 (8). C(11)–Ru(1)–C(18), 99.1 (2); C(11)–Ru(2)–C(18), 98.8 (2); Ru(1)–C(11)–Ru(2), 81.2 (2); Ru(1)–C(18)–Ru(2), 80.8 (2); Ru(1)–C(11)–C(12), 74.1 (3); Ru(2)–C(11)–C(12), 132.5 (4); Ru(1)–C(18)–C(17), 131.8 (4); Ru(2)–C(18)–C(17), 73.9 (3); C(11)–C(12)–C(13), 121.3 (4); C(12)–C(13)–C(14), 118.0 (5); C(13)–C(14)–C(15), 120.5 (5); C(14)–C(15)–C(16), 120.3 (5); C(15)–C(16)–C(17), 118.2 (5); C(16)–C(17)–C(18), 121.9 (5). CNT(1)–Ru(1)–Ru(2)–CNT(2), -31.5 (4); C(11)–C(12)–C(13)–C(14), -13.3 (6); C(12)–C(13)–C(14)–C(15), -38.3 (6); C(13)–C(14)–C(15)–C(16), 152.3 (6); C(14)–C(15)–C(16)–C(17), -36.7 (6); C(15)–C(16)–C(17)–C(18), -14.8 (6).

Scheme 1



- 1, M = Co, Rh 2, M = Co, Rh, $n = 2$ 4
3, M = Ru, $n = 0$

from dichloromethane with low-temperature electrolysis (**4** precipitated nearly quantitatively from CH_2Cl_2 solutions of **3** electrolyzed at 220 K).

NMR spectra of the dication displayed an unusually low-field resonance in both ^1H (δ 13.4) and ^{13}C (δ 195) experiments.⁷ The carbon resonance was reminiscent of those observed for bridging carbons in “flyover” complexes⁸ and suggested that the eight-carbon ring had been fractured in the dication. This suspicion was confirmed by X-ray crystallography on crystals grown from nitromethane/benzene.⁹

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