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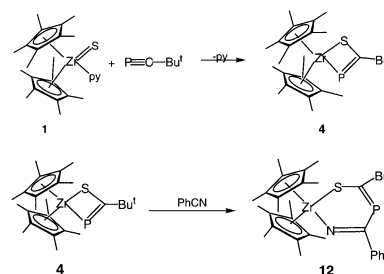
### Regular Papers

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[2+2] Cyclo-addition reactions of bis-penta-methylcyclopentadienyl zirconium metal complexes containing terminal chalcogenide ligands with the phospho-alkyne  $\text{PC}^t\text{Bu}$ . Syntheses, crystal and molecular structures of the four complexes  $[\text{Zr}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2(\text{SC}^t\text{Bu}=\text{P})]$ ,  $[\text{Zr}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2(\text{SeC}^t\text{Bu}=\text{P})]$ ,  $[\text{Zr}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2(\text{SC}^t\text{Bu}=\text{PSe})]$  and  $[\text{Zr}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2(\text{SC}^t\text{Bu}=\text{PC}(\text{Ph})=\text{N})]$

[2+2] Cyclo-addition reactions of chalcogenide (S, Se and Te) complexes of zirconium with the phospho-alkyne  $\text{PC}^t\text{Bu}$  are reported and further ring expansions with chalcogens and PhCN are described. NMR and single crystal data of the products are presented.

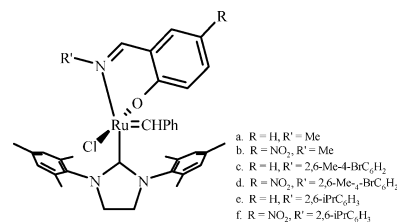


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Synthesis and evaluation of a new class of ruthenium-based catalytic systems for atom transfer radical addition and enol ester synthesis

We succeeded in synthesizing and characterizing a new class of N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC) and Schiff base containing ruthenium carbene complexes. These systems are highly active for the ATRA of  $\text{CCl}_4$  to terminal alkenes. Moreover, dependent on the reaction conditions, they also allow the stereoselective formation of enol esters or enynes in excellent yields.

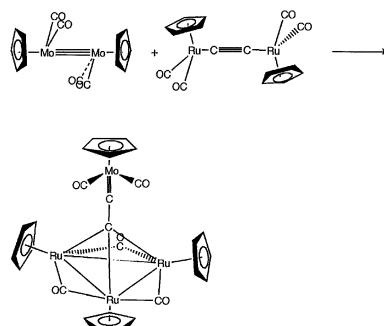


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Structural characterization of  $[\text{Ru}_3\text{Mo}(\mu_3\text{-}\eta^1\text{-CC})(\mu\text{-CO})_3(\text{CO})_2(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_3]$ : a revisitation

The reinvestigation of the single crystal X-ray structural determination of the product of the reaction between  $[\{\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\}_2(\mu\text{-C}\equiv\text{C})]$  and  $[\text{Mo}_2(\text{CO})_4(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2]$  has confirmed the stoichiometry but the connectivity has been reformulated. While it was previously modelled with a  $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)$  group pendant, in the revised structure, now  $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)$  is pendant. The new formulation better fits the available spectroscopic data.

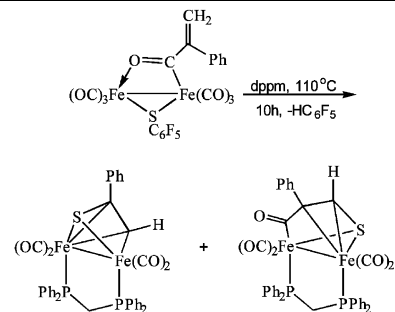


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Thiocarbonyl ligands via elimination of pentafluorobenzene at a diiron centre: crystal structures of  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_4\{\mu\text{-SC}(\text{Ph})=\text{CH}\}(\mu\text{-dppm})]$  and  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_4\{\mu\text{-SCH}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})\text{C}(\text{O})\}(\mu\text{-dppm})]$

Addition of dppm to  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6\{\mu\text{-O}=\text{C}-\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{CH}_2\}(\text{SC}_6\text{F}_5)]$  at  $110^\circ\text{C}$  results in elimination of pentafluorobenzene giving thiocarbonyl complexes  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_4\{\mu\text{-SC}(\text{Ph})=\text{CH}\}(\mu\text{-dppm})]$  and  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_4\{\mu\text{-SCH}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})\text{C}(\text{O})\}(\mu\text{-dppm})]$ . The former exists as fluxional *cis* and *trans* isomers which interconvert at higher temperatures.

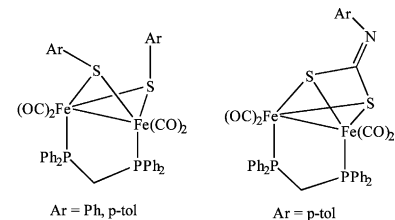


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Crystal and molecular structures of dppm-bridged diiron dithiolate complexes  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-SAr})_2(\mu\text{-dppm})]$  (Ar = Ph, *p*-tol; Ar<sub>2</sub> = C=N-*p*-tol)

Crystallographic studies have been carried out on three bis(diphenylphosphino)-methane (dppm) bridged diiron dithiolate complexes. Both  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-SAr})_2(\mu\text{-dppm})]$  (Ar = Ph, *p*-tol) adopt the expected *anti* configuration, while  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_4\{\mu\text{-SC}(\text{N}-p\text{-tol})\text{S}\}(\mu\text{-dppm})]$  is constrained to be *syn*. In each the diphosphine lies *trans* to one of the bridging sulfurs but this has no significant effect on the iron-sulfur bond lengths.

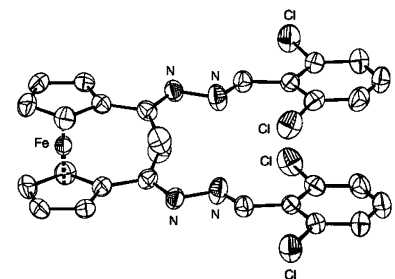


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Activation of  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{H})$  bonds of  $[\text{Fe}\{\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{-C}(\text{Me})=\text{N}-\text{N}=\text{C}(\text{H})(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3-2,6\text{-R})\}_2]$  (with R = Cl or H) promoted by palladium(II)

The activation of the  $\sigma(\text{Csp}^2\text{-ferrocene}-\text{H})$  bond of the novel bifunctional ferrocenyl Schiff bases  $[\text{Fe}\{\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{-C}(\text{Me})=\text{N}-\text{N}=\text{C}(\text{H})(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3-2,6\text{-R}_2)\}_2]$  (with R = Cl or H) promoted by palladium(II) salts is reported. This process has allowed the isolation of the two isomers (*meso*- and *d,L*- forms) of the heterotrimetallic complexes of general formula  $[\text{Pd}_2\{\text{Fe}[\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_3\text{-C}(\text{Me})=\text{N}-\text{N}=\text{C}(\text{H})(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5-2,6\text{-R}_2)]_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ , (with R = Cl or H).

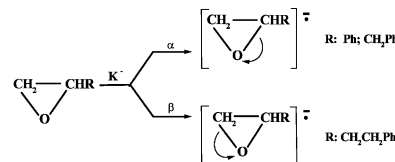


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Regioselectivity of the ring opening in the reaction of phenyloxirane, (phenylmethyl)oxirane and (2-phenylethyl)oxirane with  $\text{K}^-$ ,  $\text{K}^+(15\text{-crown-5})_2$

The electron from potassium anion of  $\text{K}^-$ ,  $\text{K}^+(15\text{-crown-5})_2$  is initially transferred to the aromatic ring of phenyloxirane and (phenylmethyl)oxirane. The oxirane ring is then opened exclusively in the  $\alpha$ -position. However, introduction of the second  $\text{CH}_2$  group into the substituent results in the  $\beta$ -opening of the oxirane ring in (2-phenylethyl)oxirane. Organometallic intermediates take part in all these processes.

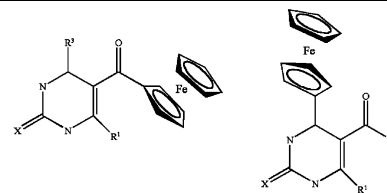


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Indium(III) halides-catalyzed preparation of ferrocene-dihydropyrimidinones

Indium(III) halides catalyse the three component Biginelli coupling of ferrocenyl-1,3-diketones, aldehydes and urea (or thiourea) to give 5-ferrocenyl-3,4-dihydropyrimidinones. 4-Ferrocenyl-3,4-dihydropyrimidinones were obtained from alkyl-acetoacetates, formylferrocene and urea.

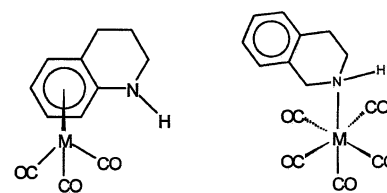


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Synthesis of ( $\eta^6$ -arene)tricarbonylmetal and ( $\sigma$ -nitrogen)pentacarbonylmetal complexes of 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline with chromium, molybdenum and tungsten

The hexacarbonyls of chromium, molybdenum and tungsten react with 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (THQ) and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (THIQ), to yield in the case of THQ the  $\eta^6$ -arene-tricarbonylmetal type complexes and in the case of THIQ gave mainly  $\sigma$ -N-pentacarbonylmetal compounds of molybdenum and tungsten; but in the case of THIQ and chromium both type of compounds were isolated.



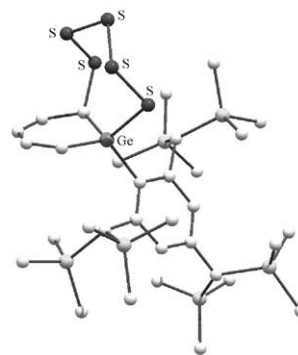
M= Cr, Mo, W

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Reaction of a stable germabenzene with chalcogens: synthesis and structure of a novel germanium analog of pentathiepane, 1,2,3,4,5,6-pentathiagermepane

A novel cyclic pentasulfide containing a germanium atom in the seven-membered ring, 1,2,3,4,5,6-pentathiagermepane, was synthesized together with the corresponding 1,2,3,4-trithiagermolane by the reaction of a kinetically stabilized germabenzene with elemental sulfur. Structures of these cyclic polysulfides were determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis.

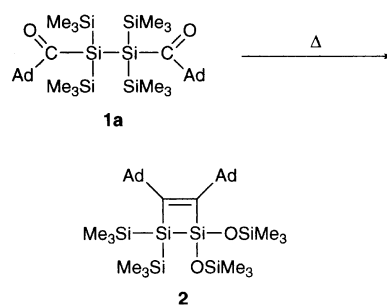


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Thermal isomerization of 1,2-diadamantoyltetrakis(trimethylsilyl)disilane via a 2,3-disilabutadiene intermediate

Heating a benzene solution of 1,2-diadamantoyltetrakis(trimethylsilyl)disilane (**1a**) at 120 °C gave an isomerization product (**2**) in 24% yield. A mechanistic interpretation including a 2,3-disiladiene intermediate is described for the formation of **2**, on the basis of the trapping experiment with methanol.

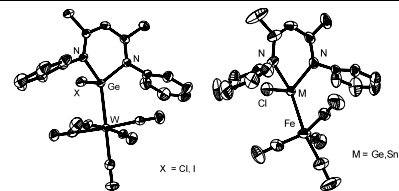


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Heteronuclear bonding between heavier Group 14 elements and transition-metals: novel halogermylene- and stannylene transition-metal complexes  $L^2(X)MM'L'_n$  [ $L^2 = \text{PhNC}(\text{Me})\text{CHC}(\text{Me})\text{NPh}$ ;  $X = \text{Cl, I}$ ;  $M = \text{Ge, Sn}$ ;  $M'L'_n = \text{W}(\text{CO})_5, \text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4$ ]

The new halogermylene- or stannylene-tungsten- and iron-complexes  $L^2(X)MM'L'_n$  [ $M'L'_n = \text{W}(\text{CO})_5$ ,  $M = \text{Ge}$ ,  $X = \text{Cl}$  (3) and I (4);  $M'L'_n = \text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4$ ,  $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $M = \text{Ge}$  (6) and Sn (7)] have been synthesized, starting from the divalent species  $L^2(X)M$ , and characterized by analytical and spectroscopic methods, including X-ray structures. The  $MM'$  bonds are very short. The nature of the  $MM'$  bond is discussed.

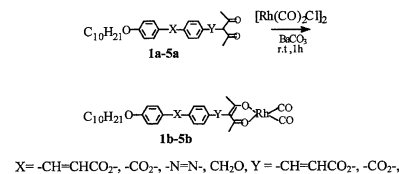


**Jie Han, Liang Fu Zhang, Wen Wan**

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Synthesis and mesomorphic properties of  $\gamma$ -substituted  $\beta$ -diketones and their dicarbonylrhodium(I) complexes

The synthesis, characterization and mesomorphic properties of five series of  $\gamma$ -substituted pentane-2,4-diones and their dicarbonylrhodium(I) complexes have been reported. The effect of the bridging groups of X and Y on the mesogenic properties has also been investigated by DSC and UV-visible data.

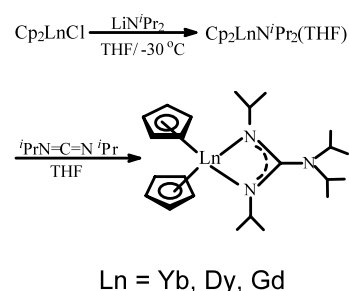


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Insertion of carbodiimide into the  $\text{Ln}-\text{N}$   $\sigma$ -bond of organolanthanide complexes. Synthesis and characterization of organolanthanide guanidinates  $(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Ln}[\text{PrN}=\text{C}(\text{N}^i\text{Pr}_2)=\text{N}^i\text{Pr}]$  ( $\text{Ln} = \text{Yb, Dy, Gd}$ )

*N,N'*-Di-isopropyl-carbodiimide can be inserted into the  $\text{Ln}-\text{N}$   $\sigma$ -bond of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{LnN}^i\text{Pr}_2$ , which provides an efficient method for synthesis of lanthanide guanidinate complexes.

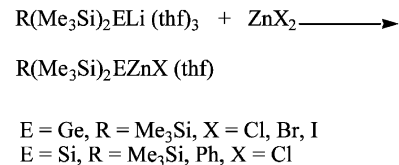


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Preparation and structural characterization of trimethylsilyl-substituted germalzinc halides,  $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_3\text{GeZnX}$  ( $X = \text{Cl, Br, and I}$ ) and silylzinc chloride,  $\text{R}(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{SiZnCl}$  ( $\text{R} = \text{SiMe}_3$  and Ph)

$(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_3\text{GeZnX}$  ( $X = \text{Cl, Br, and I}$ ) and  $\text{R}(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{SiZnCl}$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Me}_3\text{Si, Ph}$ ) have been prepared, and their structures have been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The germalzinc halides and silylzinc chlorides have dimeric structures consisting of two  $\mu$ -halogen atoms. The reactivity of germalzinc chloride with substrates is also examined.

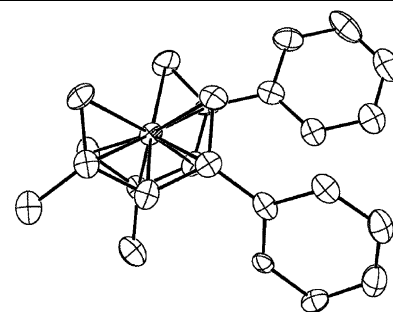


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Synthetic, spectroscopic, and structural studies of bis(2-methyl-4-phenylpentadienyl)-ruthenium,  $\text{Ru}(\text{2-CH}_3\text{-4-C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2$ : characterization of isomeric open ruthenocenes

The reaction of  $\text{RuCl}_3$  hydrate with 2-methyl-4-phenyl pentadienes leads to diastereomeric  $\text{Ru}(\text{2-methyl-4-phenylpentadienyl})_2$  complexes, which have been found to possess significantly different physical, spectral, and structural properties.

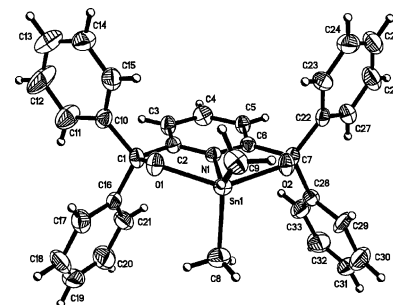


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Dimethyltin(IV) 2,6-disubstituted pyridine complexes

The synthesis and characterization of hypervalent pentacoordinated dimethyltin complexes obtained from the reaction of 2,6-disubstituted pyridine ligands with dichlorodimethyltin are reported. The complexes were characterized by mass spectrometry,  $^1\text{H}$ -,  $^{13}\text{C}$ - and  $^{119}\text{Sn}$ -NMR and Mössbauer spectroscopy, additionally the structures for two compounds were established by X-ray diffraction.

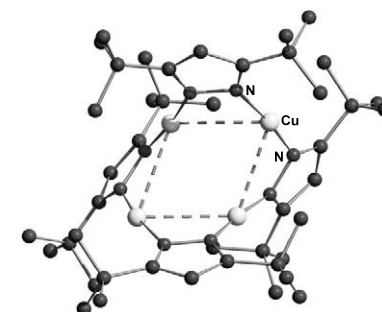


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Synthesis and characterisation of new polynuclear copper(I) pyrazolate complexes and their catalytic activity in the cyclopropanation of olefins

The homoleptic  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dcsbpz})_4]$  and  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dtbpz})_4]$  copper(I) pyrazolate derivatives have been found to catalytically promote cyclopropanation reactions of alkenes, the *trans*-diastereoisomeric products being, in all cases, favoured.



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