

New Routes to Nanoparticles

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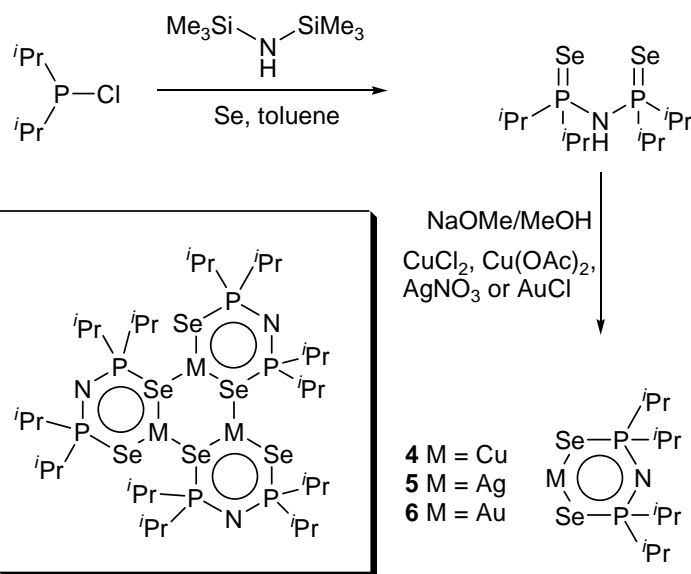
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New Ways to Tellurides.....

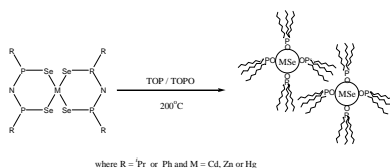
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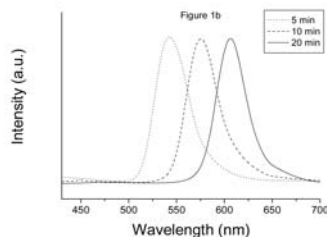
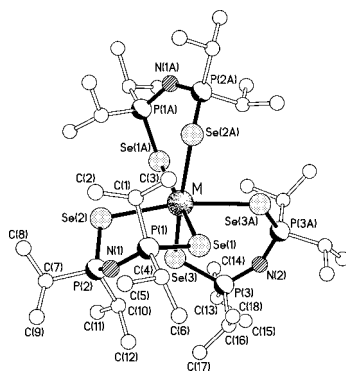
Imino-*bis*(diisopropylphosphine chalcogenide)

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Dalton Transactions 2003, 1500-1504 J. Mater. Chem., 2004, 14, 233-237



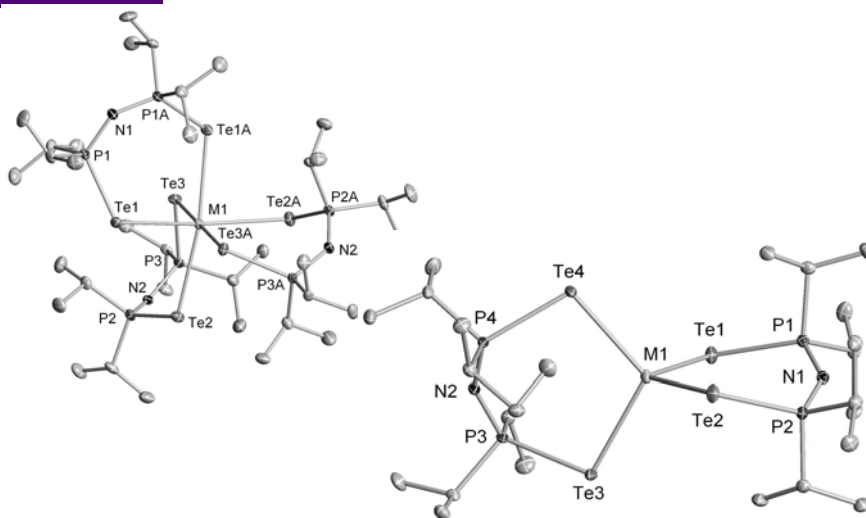
- Efficient synthesis of “air-stable” $M [N(SePR_2)_2]_2$ (yields 95-99%).
- Reaction can be scaled up (~25g) without loss to quality/yield.
- “Dot” synthesis is convenient and efficient.



PL of CdSe by Thermolysis of $Cd[N(SeP^iPr)_2]_2$

D.J.Crouch, P. O'Brien, M.A.Malik, P.J.Skabara and S.P. Wright, Chem. Comm., 2003 1454.

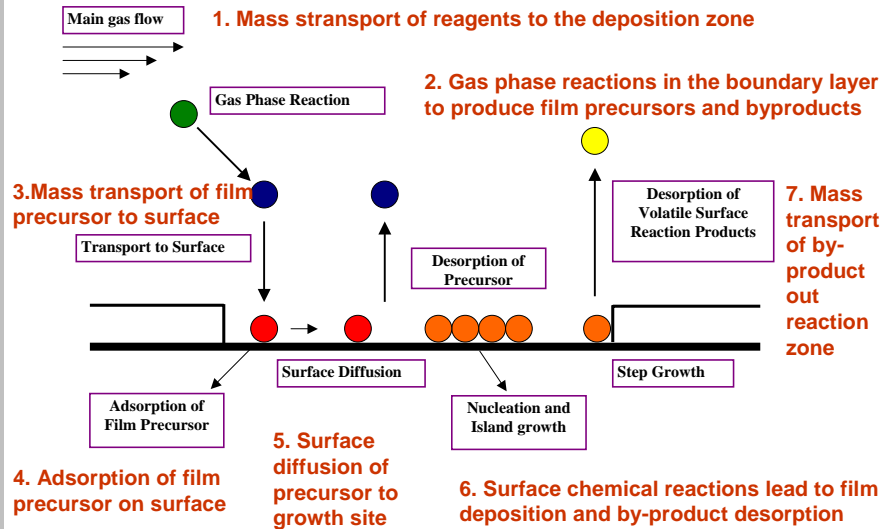
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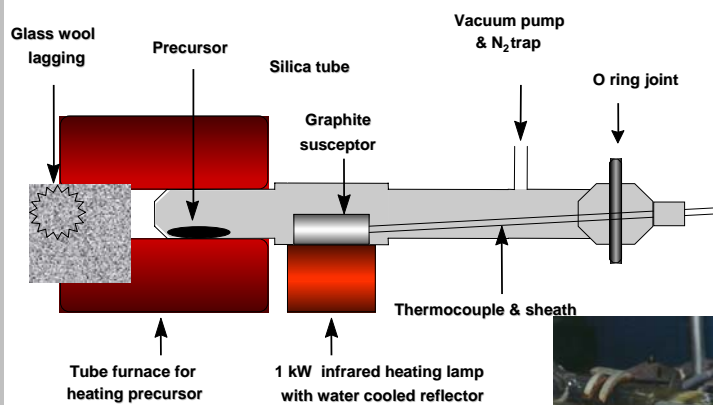
T. Chivers, DJ. Eisler, JS Ritch, Dalton Trans. 2005, 2675.

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How CVD works



Low-pressure CVD



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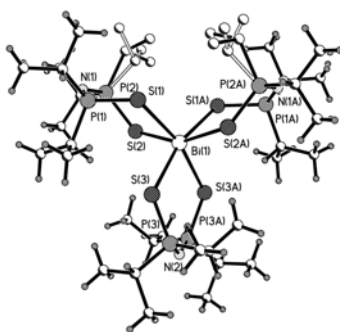
What makes for a good precursor?

- Volatility
- Clean decomposition
- Stability under delivery conditions
- Compatibility with other precursors
- Freedom from adventitious impurities

Conventional route

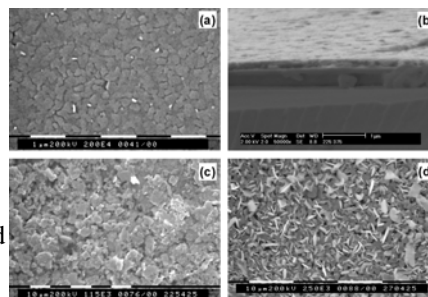
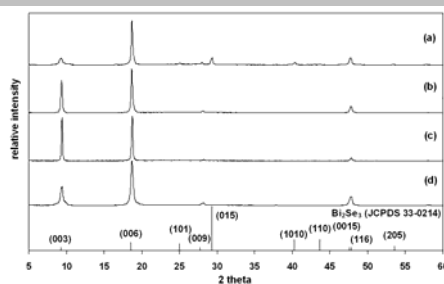
- Highly toxic and/or oxygen or moisture sensitive gases *e.g.* H_2S , H_2Se , NH_3 , PH_3 , AsH_3 , SiH_4 etc.
- Environment and safety conditions: particularly important for industrial processes.

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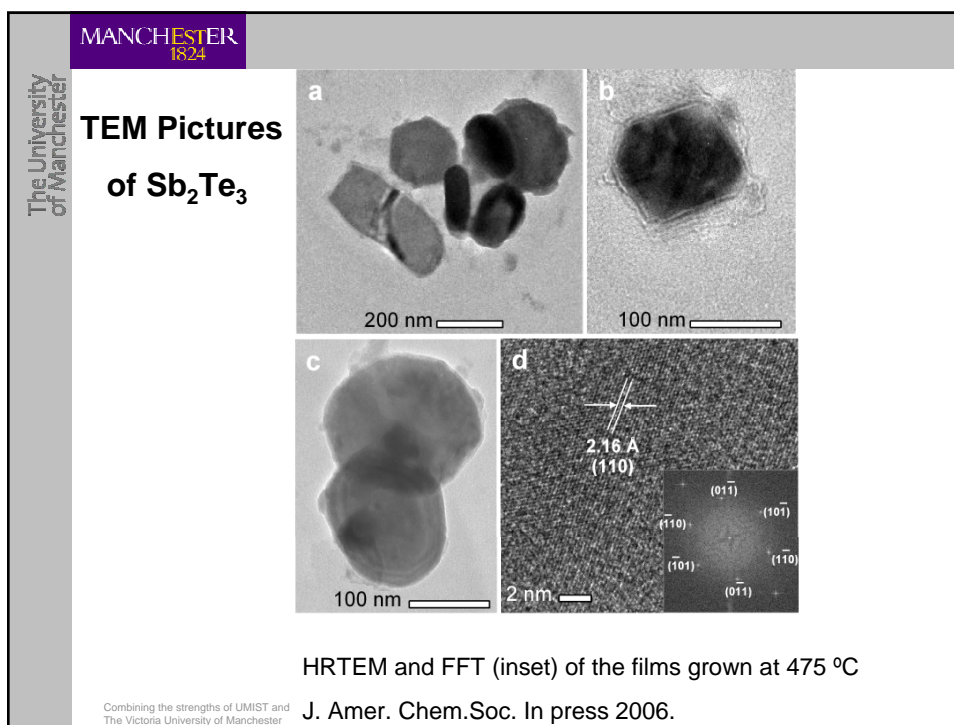
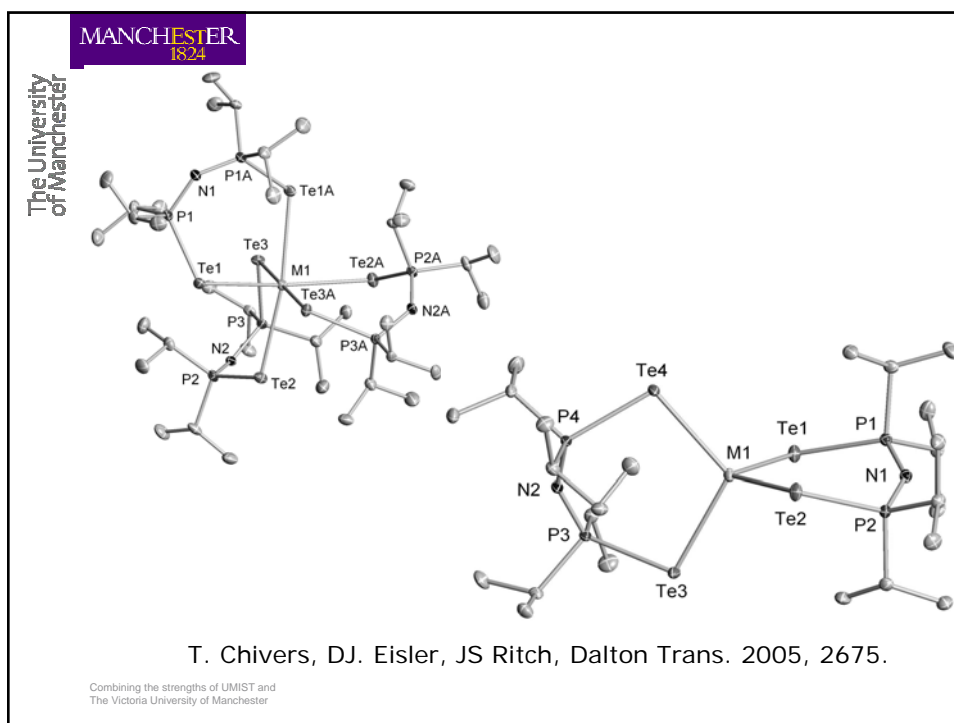
films grown by LP-MOCVD of
 $\text{Bi}[(\text{SeP}^i\text{Pr}_2)_2\text{N}]_3$ at

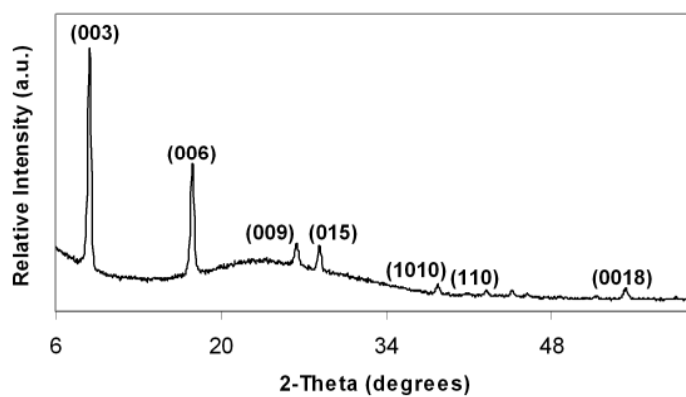
- (a) $T_{\text{prec}} = 275\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $T_{\text{subs}} = 425\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$,
 (b) $T_{\text{prec}} = 225\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $T_{\text{subs}} = 425\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$,
 (c) $T_{\text{prec}} = 225\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $T_{\text{subs}} = 400\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and
 (d) $T_{\text{prec}} = 225\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $T_{\text{subs}} = 375\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.



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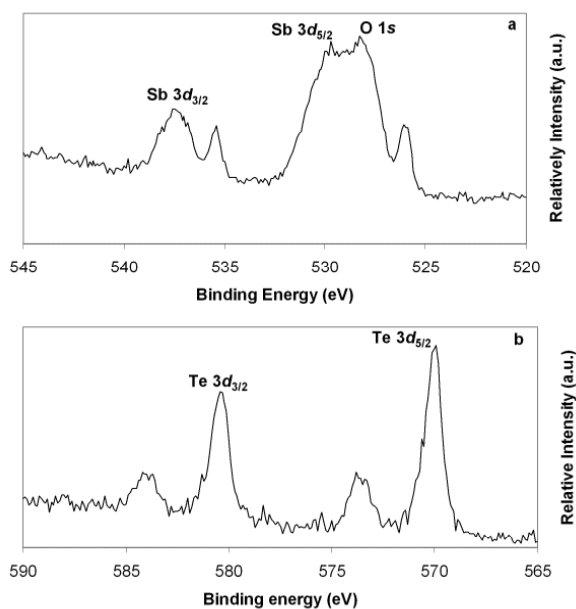
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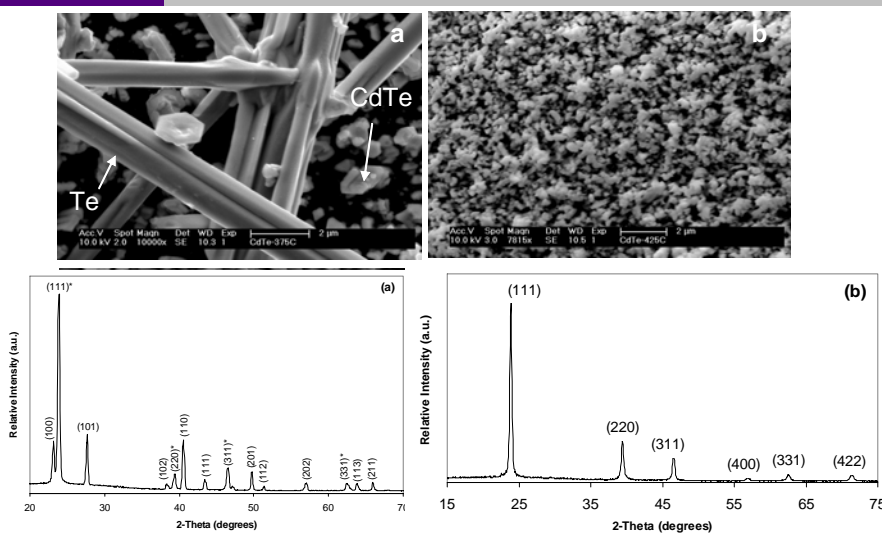


. X-ray diffraction pattern of rhombohedral Sb_2Te_3
thin films deposited at 475 °C
using a dynamic argon flow rate of 240 sccm.

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Survey XPS scan for
(a) Te and
(b) Sb
films grown at 475 °C.



SEMs of (a) CdTe and Te deposited at 375°C;
CdTe deposited at (b) 425°C.

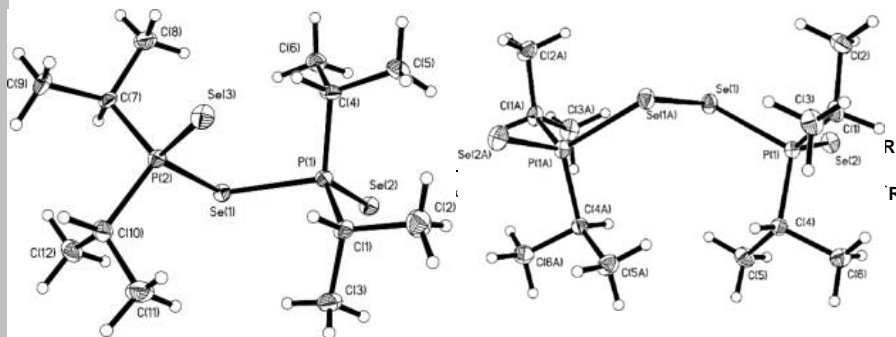
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J. Mater. Chem., 2006, 16, 966 – 969

**Just when you thought you
understood!**

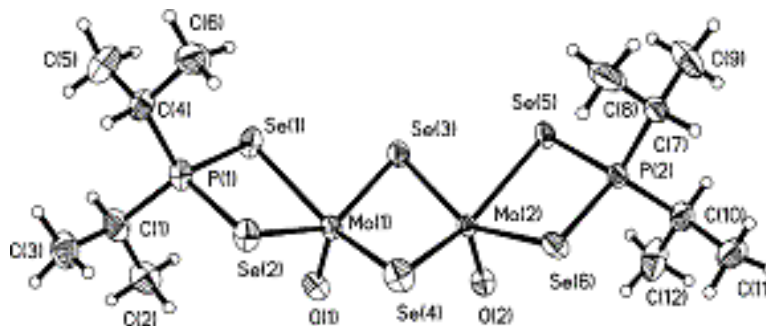
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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ | \\ \text{P}-\text{Cl} \\ | \\ \text{R} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Me} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{Me} \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \text{Me}-\text{Si}-\text{N}-\text{Si}-\text{Me} \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \text{Me} \quad \text{Me} \quad \text{Me} \end{array} \xrightarrow[\text{High Conc.}]{\text{Relux}} \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \quad \text{H} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{P}-\text{N}-\text{P} \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \text{R} \quad \text{R} \quad \text{R} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{Se}} \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{R} \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \text{P}=\text{C}=\text{N}-\text{P}=\text{C}=\text{R} \\ || \quad || \\ \text{C} \quad \text{C} \end{array}$$


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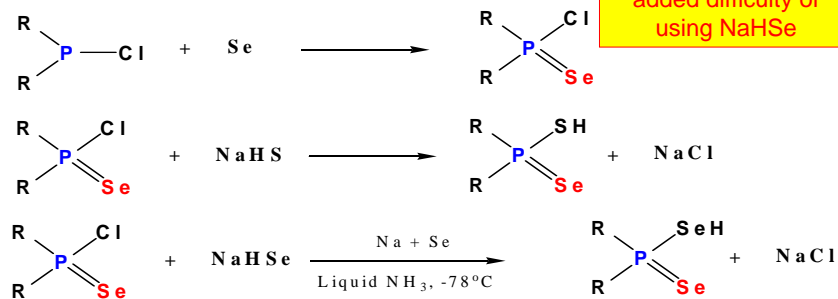
[Mo₂O₂Se₂(Se₂PⁱPr₂)₂] MoCl₅ and [iPr₂PSe]₂Se



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DIALKYLDICHALCOGENOPHOSPHINATES

Previous Work



Not-reproducible with
added difficulty of
using NaHSe

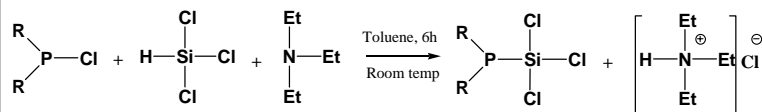
Unstable, never isolated, used *in situ* to make metal complexes, no solid state characterization

References: (a) *J. Inorg. Nucl. Chem.* 1974, **36**, 472-5; (b) *Angw. Chem.* 1969, **8**, 89.
(c) *Polyhedron* 1991, **10**, 2641.

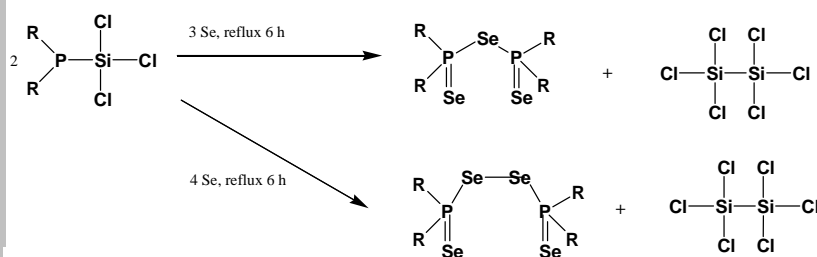
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Novel Synthetic Route (1)

STEP 1: BENKESER REACTION



STEP 2: INSERT Se



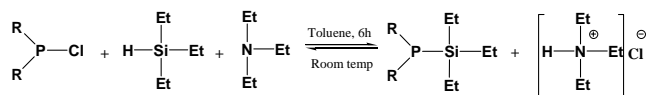
R = Isopropyl

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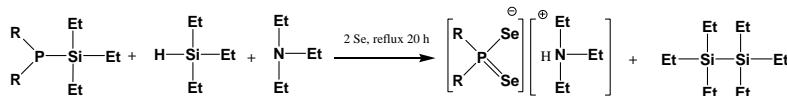
Novel Synthetic Route (2)

- Alternatively, use excess Lewis Base NEt_3 to stabilize ionic species e.g. $[(\text{Pr})_2\text{PSe}_2]^+$
- $\text{HSiCl}_3/\text{NEt}_3$: did not work due to the formation of $[\text{HNEt}_3^+][\text{SiCl}_3^-]$
- $\text{HSiEt}_3/\text{NEt}_3$: worked

STEP 1: BENKESER REACTION



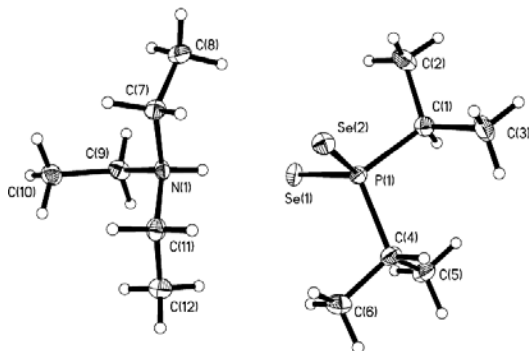
STEP 2: INSERT Se



R = Isopropyl; Phenyl

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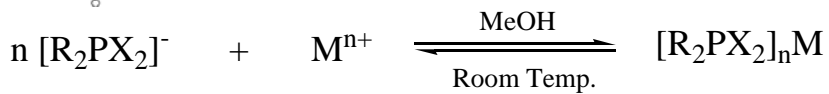
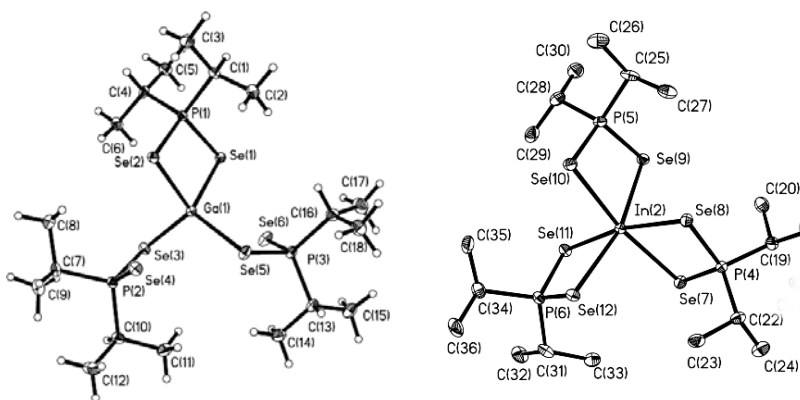
Crystal Structures



[iPr₂PSe₂][HNEt₃] Yield = ~ 85%

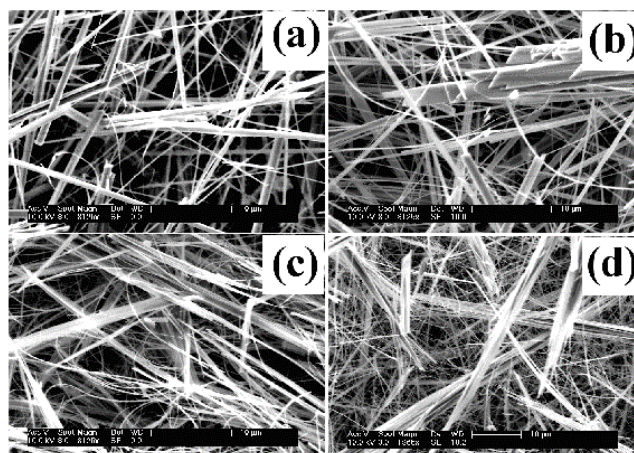
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Group 13 complexes



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$$R = \text{Ph}; \text{iPr} \quad X = \text{S}; \text{Se} \quad M^{n+} = \text{In}^{3+}; \text{Ga}^{3+}$$



Micrograph of rhombohedral Sb_2Se_3 grown on glass at
(a) 400 °C (b) 425 °C (c) 450 °C (d) 475 °C from
(b) $[\text{Sb}(\text{Se}_2\text{P}^i\text{Pr}_2)_3]$ with an Ar flow rate of 180 sccm

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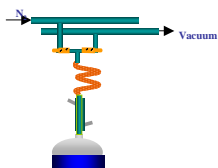
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TECHNIQUES

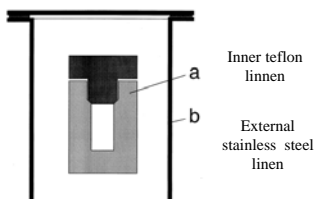
Schlenk Techniques



Strategies learnt from previous studies:

- High temperature/ Inert atmosphere
- Single precursor
- Single surfactant → spherical particles
- Mixture of surfactants → anisotropy

Solvothermal/Hydrothermal

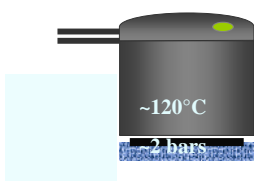


→ Comparable results

→ Advantage: Use of low cost and less toxic solvents

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WHAT ABOUT « COOKING » NANOPARTICLES ?



Using a pressure-cooker...

PRECURSOR +
SURFACTANT



NANOPARTICLES

What does the chef think?



Make Mine Soft Solvothermal Processed

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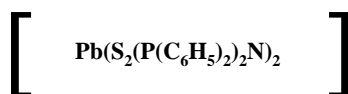
PRECURSORS



M = Cd, Pb

BCT: Bipyridyl Cadmium Thiocarbamate

BLT: Bipyridyl Lead Thiocarbamate



SPIROL: Spirobicyclic Lead

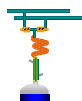
→ Air stable compounds

Zhang, Chin and Vittal, J.Chem Phys B., 2004, 108, 18569

Thiobenzoic acid complexes under reflux

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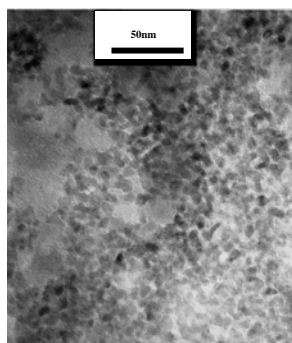
CADMIUM SULPHIDE NANOPARTICLES



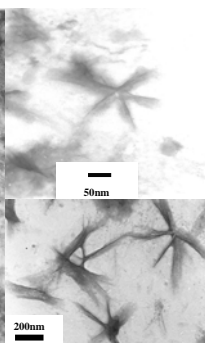
Inert
atmosphere



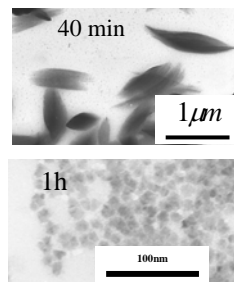
Aerobic
conditions
120°C



In HDA
1hr at 120°C



In thioglycerol, NaOH
and water
1hr at 100°C



In alkaline water

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LEAD SULPHIDE NANOPARTICLES

Polyhedral Skeletal Single-crystalline ordered dendrite Partially disordered dendrite Disordered polycrystalline dendrite Dense branching morphology

A Few examples

O'Brien et al. *J. Mater. Chem.*, 1997 Yang and Fendler *J. Phys. Chem.*, 1995 Sheon et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2002 Wang et al. *J. Phys. Chem. B*, 2006

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Cubic PbS made in alkaline aqueous solutions

50nm 500nm

2,2'-bipyridyl)Pb(SO)C(C₆H₅)₂ → Cubic PbS aggregating

Basic 1-thioglycerol (TG) solution (pH~9) and left to react in the pressure-cooker (120°C, 2 bars) for 10min.

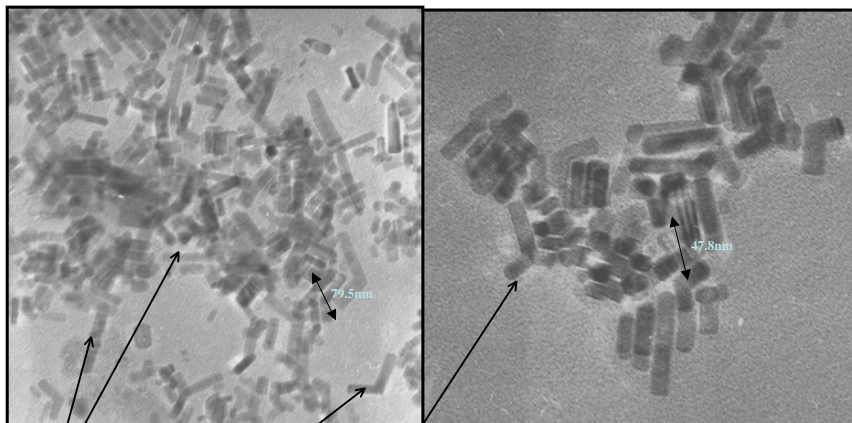
[Precursor]=2.6 x 10⁻² mol/L

Volume ratio TG/Water= 1/5

1µm

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PbS rods, bipods and tripods



Rods

Bipods

Tripod

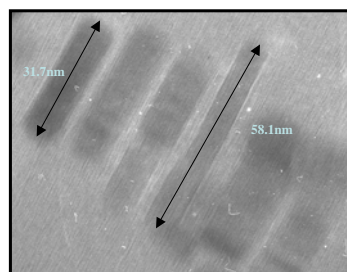
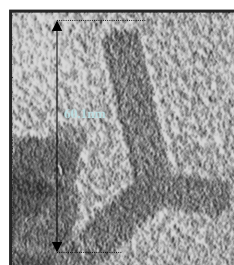
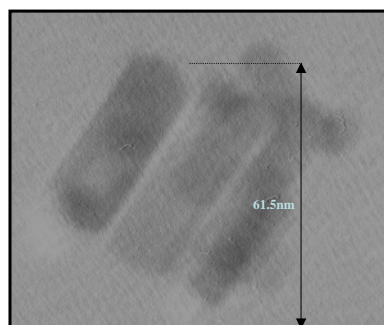
At lower concentration of the precursor, these results images are from the same sample. :

[Precursor] = 7.8×10^{-3} mol/L

Volume ratio TG/Water = 1/5

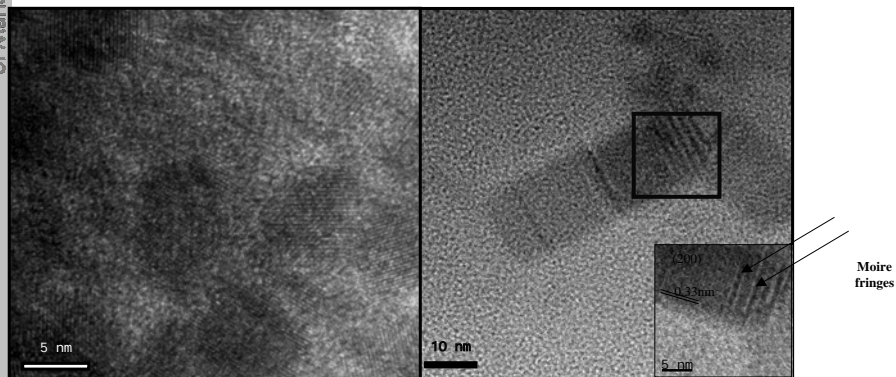
Reaction time: 10min, T = 120°C, P = 2bars

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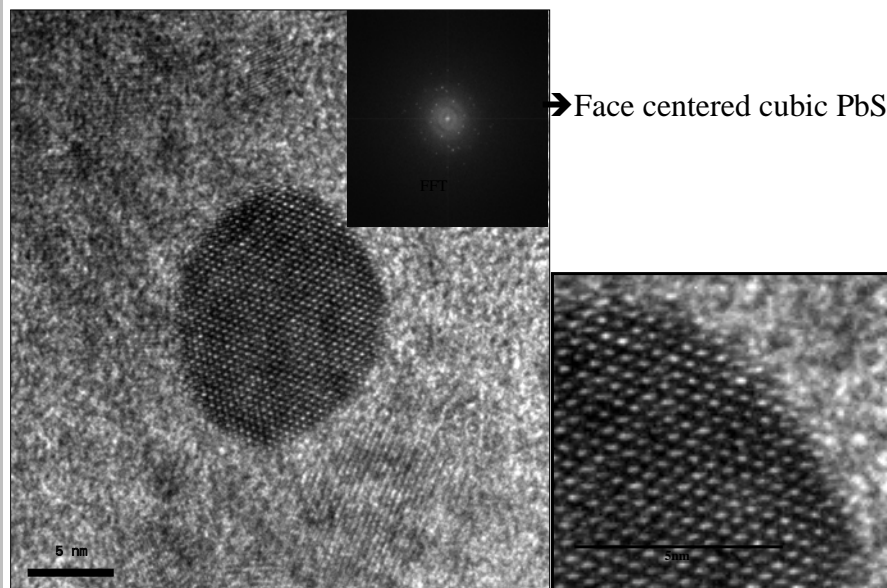
PbS nanorods



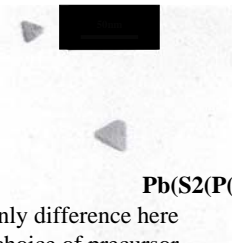
By decreasing the ratio surfactant/water and the concentration (to one fifth), we get these much smaller particles, with good crystallinity and narrow size distribution. Exact conditions: [Precursor] = 1.5×10^{-3} mol/L, Volume ratio TG/Water = 1/10, Reaction time: 5 min, $T = 120^\circ\text{C}$, $P = 2$ bars

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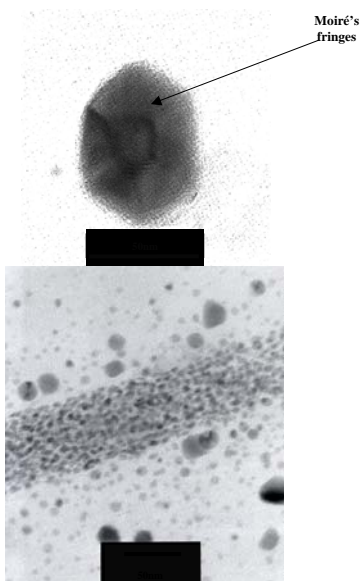
PbS QDs



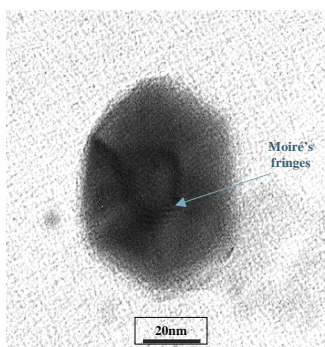
Triangular and pyramidal/bipyramidal PbS...



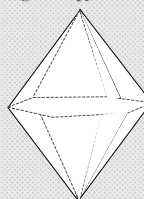
The only difference here is the choice of precursor.
The hexagonal pyramid or bipyramid was not confirmed by SEM. These morphologies are minor species in the sample distribution. The exact conditions of their formation is not known at this stage. Exact conditions:
[Precursor] = 2.5×10^{-2} mol/L
Volume ratio TG/Water = 1/5
Reaction time: 10min, $T=120^\circ\text{C}$, $P=2\text{bars}$



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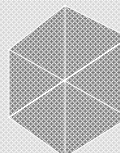
Hexagonal bipyramide



Hexagonal pyramide



→ Seen from above



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- 2000 academic staff & 1200 research staff
- £504M turnover (2004-5)
- £300M capital investment programme
- Manchester 2015 Agenda launched

