

Using Coordination Chemistry To Develop New Routes To Materials And Nanocomposites

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Plan for the Lecture

'Using Chemistry to Control Material Deposition: why choose to use a chemical method ?'

Two examples

•Use a compound as a precursor and decompose it!

•Use labile chemistry to control delivery rates



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Part 1 Build and Destroy!

Dichalcogenoimidodiphosphinates

- Diseleno-phosphinates
- •New routes to selenohosphinates
- •Why bother the CIGS systems

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•PbS at interfaces



Dichalcogenoimidodiphosphinate Ligands



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Pr





M = Cd(1), X = I; M = Hg(2), X = Cl, tmeda = tetramethylethanediamine



Fig. 1 Thermal ellipsoid plot (30% probability) of the structure of 2a (M = Zn), 2b (M = Cd) and 2c (M = Hg). Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

Synthesis and structures of M[N(TePPrⁱ₂)₂-*Te*, *Te*']_n (n = 2, M = Zn, Cd, Hg; n = 3, M = Sb, Bi): the first ditelluroimidodiphosphinato p- and d-block metal complexes

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Low-pressure CVD





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.* H₂S, H₂Se, NH₃, PH₃, AsH₃, SiH₄ etc.
- Environment and safety conditions: particularly important for industrial processes.







M = Cd







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AACVD from $\{\ln(\mu-Te)[N(^{i}Pr_2PTe)_2]\}_3$



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SEM of (a) CdTe and Te deposited at 375°C;

CdTe deposited at (b) 425°C, (c) 475°C; (d) HRTEM of film deposited at 475°C.



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Cubic CdTe marked with asterisk and Hexagonal Te film

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films grown by LP-MOCVD of Bi[$(SeP'Pr_2)_2N]_3$ at (a) $T_{prec} = 275 \circ C$, $T_{subs} = 425 \circ C$, (b) $T_{prec} = 225 \circ C$, $T_{subs} = 425 \circ C$, (c) $T_{prec} = 225 \circ C$, $T_{subs} = 400 \circ C$, (d) $T_{prec} = 225 \circ C$, $T_{subs} = 375 \circ C$.

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J.-Ho Park, M. Afzaal, M. Helliwell, M. A. Malik, P O'Brien, and J. Raftery, Chem. Mater. 15, 2003, 4205.



AACVD studies of Sb[(TePⁱPr₂)₂N]₃

• pXRD of rhombohedral Sb₂Te₃ thin films at 475 °C with a dynamic argon flow rate of 240 sccm.



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A Serendipitous Synthesis of Diselenophosphinates



 $\mathbf{R} = {}^{\mathbf{i}}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{r}$





Expected Product



HOWEVER!



Obtained Product



Possible Mechanism?

Main Product



Inserting of Se into P-Si bond of the intermediate R₂PSi(Me)₃?

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Novel Synthetic Route to Se Phosphinates



Q. C. Nguyen, M. Mohammad, M. A. Malik, P. O'Brien, Chem. Commun., 2006, 2179.





(^{*i*}Pr₂PSe)₂Se

(Ph₂PSe)₂Se





X-ray Crystal Structures

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Inorganic complexes



C. Q. Nguyen, M. Afzaal, M. A. Malik, P. O'Brien, Chem. Commun., 2006, 2182.



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DIALKYLDICHALCOGENOPHOSPHINATES

Previous Work



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.



A New Route to R₂PSe₂ Ligands

Alternatively, use excess Lewis Base NEt₃ to stabilize

ionic species e.g. [(ⁱPr)₂PSe₂]⁻

- HSiCl₃/NEt₃ : did not work due to the formation of [HNEt₃⁺][SiCl₃⁻]
- HSiEt₃/NEt₃ : worked



R=ⁱPr, Ph, ^tBu



X-ray Crystal Structures



(HNEt₃)(ⁱPr₂PSe₂)



 $(^{t}Bu_{2}PSe_{2})$

Disorder in the cation hence, not shown





 $(HNEt_3)(Ph_2PSe_2)$

(HNEt₃)(ⁱPr₂PSSe)



Inorganic complexes



 $[Ga(Ph_2PSe_2)_3]$



 $[Pb(Se_2P^iPr_2)_2]$



 $[Zn(^{t}Bu_{2}PSe_{2})_{2}]$



 $[Ag_4(SSeP^iPr_2)_4]$



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Thin-film solar cells based on CIGS (Cu(In,Ga)Se₂) companies working with CIGS cells include Shell Solar and Würth.

Early Honda CIGS module prototypes had a maximum output of 112 W at dimensions of $1,367 \times 802 \times 46$ mm.

http://www.speedace.info/automotive_directory/honda.htm





CIGS Coming Down to Earth









Copper complexes

From CuCl

4 (HNEt₃)(ⁱPr₂PSe₂) + 4 CuCl \longrightarrow {(ⁱPr₂PSe₂)Cu}₄ + 4 (HNEt₃)Cl

From CuCl₂

8 (HNEt₃)(ⁱPr₂PSe₂) + 4 CuCl₂ $\xrightarrow{\text{MeOH}}$ {(ⁱPr₂PSe₂)Cu}₄ + 8 (HNEt₃)Cl + 2 (ⁱPr₂PSe)₂Se₂

Cu(II) is reduced to Cu(I) by the ligand



NMR of Copper complexes





X-ray Structure of Copper complex









AA-CVD Experiments: Solvent: toluene; Flow rate: 160 sccm; Time: 90 mins; Substrate: Glass





AA-CVD Experiments: Solvent: toluene; Flow rate: 160 sccm; Time: 90 mins; Substrate: Glass; Stoichiometric Cu:In ratio



And also Nanoparticles



Nanoco's Technology

illuminating the future



High resolution electron microscope Image of single QD (5nm across)



Electron microscope image showing QD In very ordered patern



30 grams of 560nm QD. No other company in the world can produce this quantity. Market value in today's bio applications greater than \$10Million. Competitors can only produce 100 milligrams, 300X less material per batch. Nanoco will soon be producing 1 kilo batches





ZnSe nanoparticles from [Zn(Se₂PⁱPr₂)₂]



Hexadecylamine (HDA) capped hexagonal ZnSe nanoparticles grown at 300 °C for 30 min from (a) 0.2 g, (b) 0.4 g and (c) 0.6 g of precursor.

Emission Spectra

a = 375 nm (3.30 eV) b = 414 nm (2.99 eV) c = 418 nm (2.96 eV) Vs. Bulk ZnSe = 459 nm (2.79 eV)





TEM image of ZnSe nanomaterial



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PbS mineral, *Galena* Dimensions in millimeters



Nanocrystalline PbS ⁴⁹ Scale bar = 10 nm





LEAD SULPHIDE NANOPARTICLES











Polyhedral

Skeletal

Singlecrystalline ordered dendrite

Partially disordered dendrite

Disordered polycrystallin e dendrite

Dense branching morphology

A Few examples



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