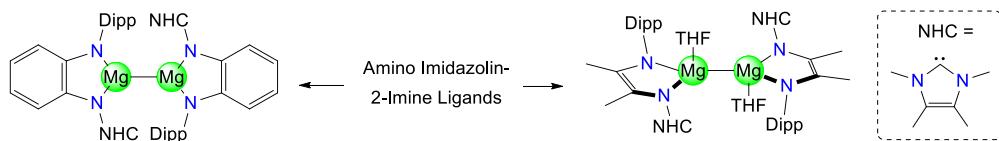


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(43) Amino Imidazolin-2-imine Ligands in Magnesium Complexes: Approaches Towards Low-Valent Mg(I) Species

Lars Denker, Hadi Dolati, Mario Barthen, **René Frank***, *Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.* **2024**, *in press*.

Amino imidazoline-2-imine ligands support magnesium(I) complexes, in analogy to well-known β -diketiminato architectures.



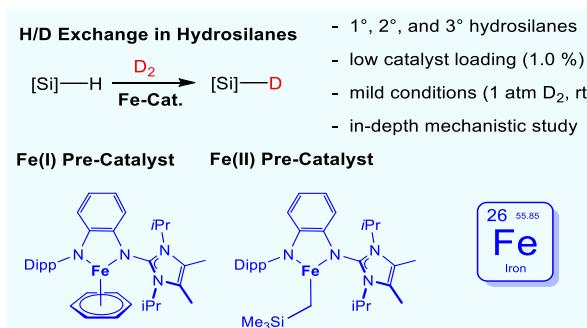
(42) Synthesis of N-heterocyclic carbene gold(I) complexes from the marine betaine 1,3-dimethylimidazolium-4-carboxylate

Seyedeh Mahbobe Mahdavi, Dirk Bockfeld, Rolf Büssing, Bianka Karge, Thomas Bannenberg, **René Frank**, Mark Brönstrup, Ingo Ott, Matthias Tamm*, *Dalton Trans.* **2024**, 53, 1942–1946. DOI: org/10.1039/D3DT04135B.

(41) Iron(I) and Iron(II) Amido-imidazolin-2-imine Complexes as Catalysts for H/D Exchange in Hydrosilanes

Noor U Din Reshi, Dirk Bockfeld, Dirk Baabe, Lars Denker, Juan Pablo Martínez, Bartosz Trzaskowski,* **René Frank,*** Matthias Tamm*, *ACS Catalysis* **2024**, 14(3), 1759–1772. DOI: org/10.1021/acscatal.3c05355.

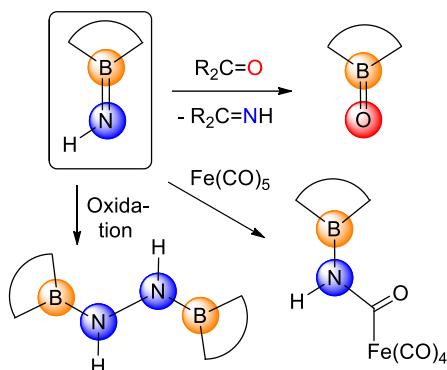
Amido-imidazoline-2-imine ligands support iron(I) and iron(II) complexes, which are demonstrated as efficient (pre)catalysts for the H/D exchange in hydrosilanes.



(40) Iminoboranes With Parent B=NH Entity: Imino Group Metathesis, Nucleophilic Reactivity and N–N Coupling

Hadi Dolati, Lars Denker, Juan Pablo Martínez, Bartosz Trzaskowski,* René Frank*, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2023**, 29, e202302494. DOI: org/10.1002/chem.202302494.

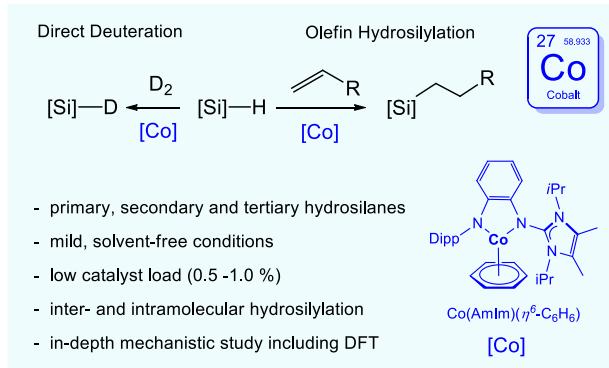
In this contribution the aminoimidazolin-2-imine ligand is applied afford parent iminoboranes with B=NH bond motif. The study presents a broad scope of reactivity including bond metathesis, nucleophilic addition and oxidative N–N coupling.



(39) Cobalt(I)-Catalyzed Transformation of Si–H Bonds: H/D Exchange in Hydrosilanes and Hydrosilylation of Olefins

Lars Denker, Daniela Wullschläger, Juan Pablo Martínez, Stanisław Świerczewski, Bartosz Trzaskowski,* Matthias Tamm,* René Frank*, *ACS Catalysis*, **2023**, 13, 4, 2586–2600. DOI: org/10.1021/acscatal.2c06259.

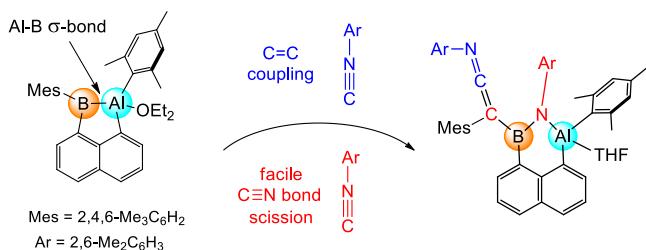
In this contribution the aminoimidazolin-2-imine ligand is applied to cobalt as a base metal. The resulting complexes are superior over analogous β -diketiminato complexes of cobalt in H/D exchange reactions in hydrosilanes and hydrosilylation reactions of olefines.



(38) Reductive Al–B σ -Bond Formation in Alumaboranes: Facile Scission of Polar Multiple Bonds

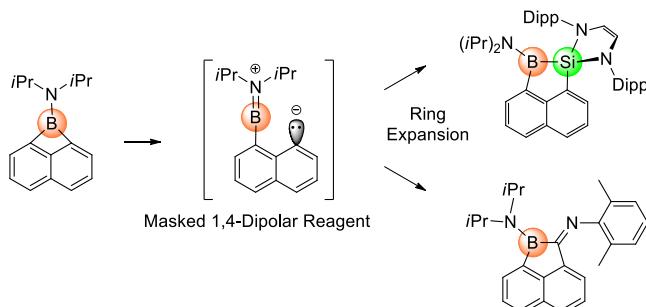
Zeynep Güven, Lars Denker, Daniela Wullschläger, Juan Pablo Martínez, Bartosz Trzaskowski,* **René Frank***, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2022**, *61*, e202209502.
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A novel access toward electron precise Al–B σ -bond in alumaboranes is presented employing the 1,8-disubstituted naphthalene backbone. In contrast to well-established Al–C σ -bonds in organometallic reagents, Al–B σ -bonds are extremely rare and tend to display completely different reactivity as demonstrated by double (C=O, C=S) and triple bond (C≡N) scission in selected substrates.



(37) Reactions of a Four-Membered Borete with Carbon, Silicon, and Gallium Donor Ligands: Fused and Spiro-Type Boracycles

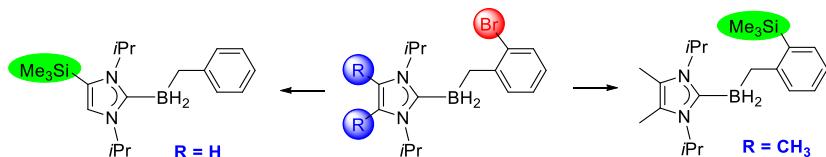
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(36) Metal Halide Exchange in Benzylborane NHC-Adducts: The Effect of Backbone Alkylation in the *N*-Heterocyclic Carbene

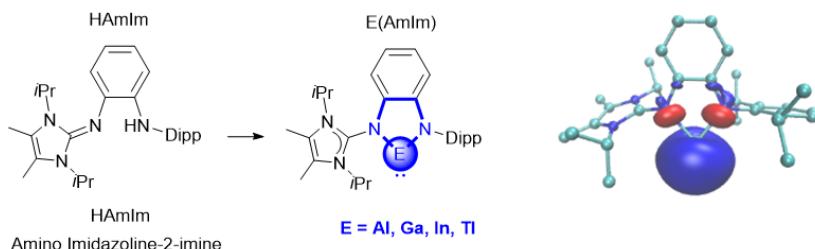
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Same Conditions – Different Outcome. A lithiation - silylation procedure at *ortho*-bromi-nated benzylborane adducts strongly depends on the *N*-heterocyclic carbene (NHC) used. The alkylation of the backbone controls the final position of the trimethylsilyl group.



(35) “Give Me Five” - An Amino Imidazoline-2-imine Ligand Stabilises First Neutral Five-membered Cyclic Triel(I) Carbenoids

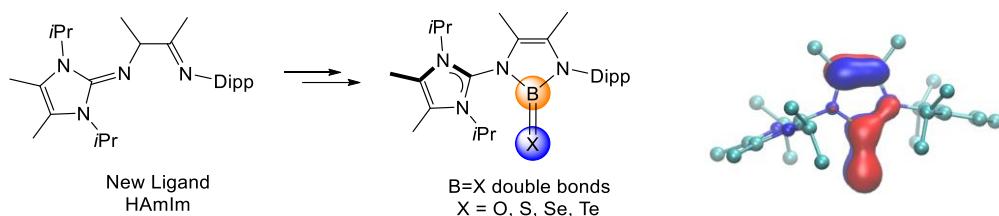
Lars Denker, Bartosz Trzaskowski*, René Frank*, *Chem. Commun.* **2021**, 57, 2816–2819.
DOI: org/10.1039/D1CC00010A.



(34) Superseding β -Diketiminato Ligands: An Amido Imidazoline-2-Imine Ligand Stabilizes the Exhaustive Series of B=X Boranes (X = O, S, Se, Te)

Hadi Dolati, Lars Denker, Bartosz Trzaskowski*, René Frank*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, 60, 4633–4639. **Hot Paper**.
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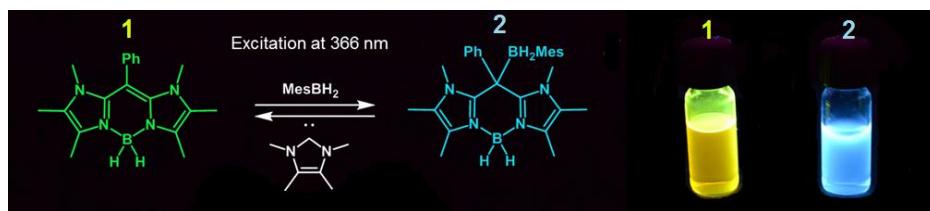
We present a novel monoanionic N,N' -chelating ligand with properties superior to β -diketiminato ligands. The new system was applied to stabilize the exhaustive series of boranes isoelectronic and chemically akin to ketones and their heavier analogues.



(33) Two π -Electrons Make the Difference - From BODIPY to BODIIM Switchable Fluorescent Dyes

Hadi Dolati, Lisa C. Haufe, Lars Denker, Andreas Lorbach, Robin Grotjahn, Gerald Hörmann*, René Frank*, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2020**, 26, 1422–1428.
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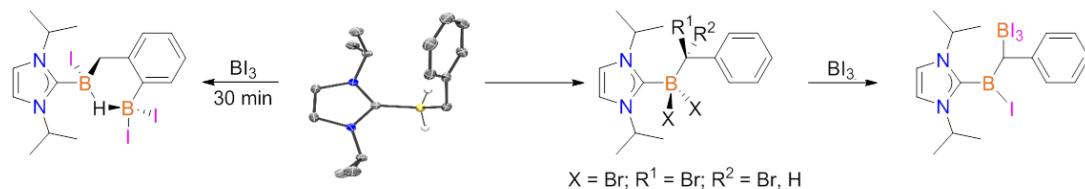
The modification of the 12 π -electron system in widely established BODIPY fluorescent dyes by two nitrogen atoms afforded a 14 π -electron system and results in the unprecedented fluorescent dye class termed BODIIM. This novel system displays Stokes-shifts, which are at least eight 8 times higher than in BODIPY systems, and shows switchable fluorescent properties upon the addition of Lewis-acids.



(32) **Benzyl Borane NHC Adducts: Beyond B–C Bond Scission**

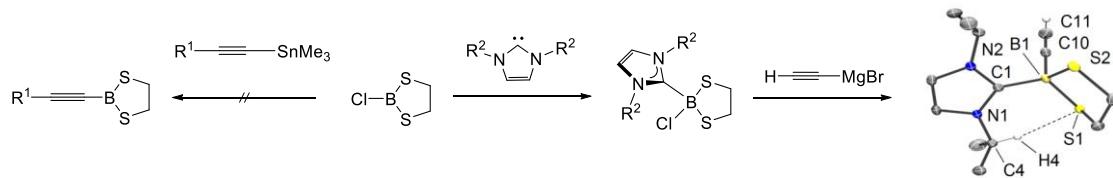
Richard Böser, Lars Denker, **René Frank***, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2019**, *25*, 10575–10579.
DOI: [org/10.1002/chem.201902698](https://doi.org/10.1002/chem.201902698).

The chemistry of benzyl boranes is currently poorly investigated. We present interesting reaction of adducts of NHC-benzylboranes with boron halides. In particular, reactions with Bi_3 a 1,2 bisborylated benzene or a zwitterionic Bi_3 -functionalized products.

(31) ***N*-Heterocyclic Carbene Adducts of Alkynyl Functionalized 1,3,2-Dithioborolanes**

Richard Böser, Lars Denker, **René Frank***, *Molecules* **2019**, *24*(9), 1690 (1–8).
DOI: [10.3390/molecules24091690](https://doi.org/10.3390/molecules24091690).

Contributions of our group to the chemistry of 1,3,2-dithioborolanes and their alkynylation reactions.

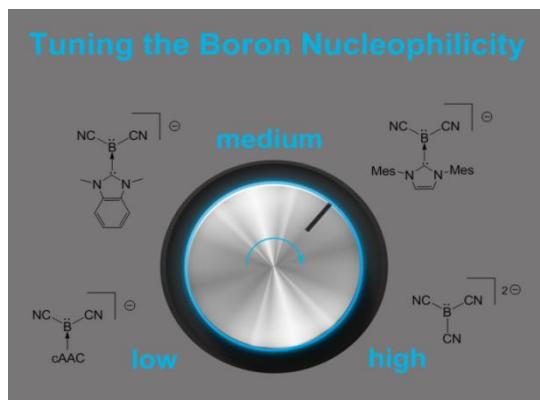
(30) **Spectroscopic, XRD, Hirshfeld surface and DFT approach (chemical activity, ECT, NBO, FFA, NLO, MEP, NPA, MPA) of (E)-4-bromo-2-[(4-bromophenylimino)methyl]-6-ethoxyphenol**

Zeynep Demircioğlu,* Gökhan Kaşaş, Çiğdem Albayrak Kaşaş, **René Frank**, *J. Mol. Struct.* **2019**, *1191*, 129–137. DOI: [10.1016/j.molstruc.2019.03.060](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.molstruc.2019.03.060).

(29) Completing the Series of Boron-Nucleophilic Cyanoborates: Boryl Anions of Type NHC-B(CN)₂⁻

Richard Böser, Lisa C. Haufe, Matthias Freytag, Peter G. Jones, Gerald Hörner*, **René Frank***, *Chem. Sci.* **2017**, 8, 6274–6280. DOI: 10.1039/C7SC02238G.

Compounds with boron-centered nucleophilicity are rare and our contributions involve the synthesis of novel boryl anions of type NHC–B(CN)₂ to complete the series of cyanoborates with continuously varying strength boron-nucleophilic behavior. Reactions with electrophiles demonstrate the chemical reactivity as boron nucleophiles. **The content of this paper was presented at the “International Conference on Phosphorus, Boron and Silicon – PBSi 2018” by Richard Böser, who received the award for the best oral contribution.**



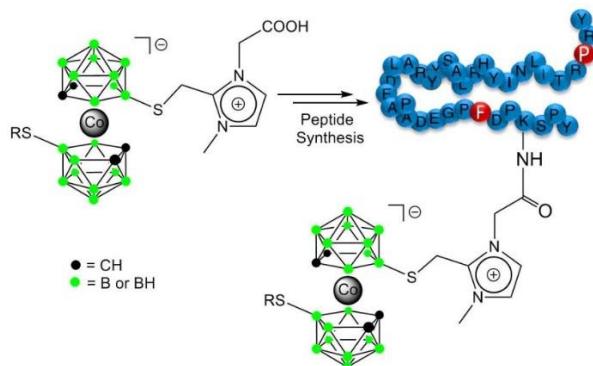
(28) Chiral Rhodium(I) Complexes of 1,2-Bis-(chloroalkoxyphosphanyl)- and 1,2-Bis-(amidoalkoxyphosphanyl)-1,2-dicarba-*c*loso-dodecaboranes(12)

Sebastian Bauer, Ilham Maulana, Peter Coburger, Steffen Tschirschwitz, Peter Loennecke, Peter Menyhart B. Sarosi, **René Frank**, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *ChemistrySelect*, **2017**, 2, 7407–7416. DOI: 10.1002/slct.201701630.

(27) Charge-Compensated Metallacarborane Building Blocks for Conjugation with Peptides

René Frank, Verena M. Ahrens, Solveig Boehnke, Annette G. Beck-Sickinger*, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *ChemBioChem* **2016**, 17, 308–317.
DOI: org/10.1002/cbic.201500569.

The bio-conjugation of sulfur-functionalised cobaltacarborane clusters to the breast tumour-selective neuropeptide Y (NPY) and its derivatives was demonstrated, which suggest application in the treat of breast cancer by the highly efficient method of boron neutron capture therapy (BNCT).



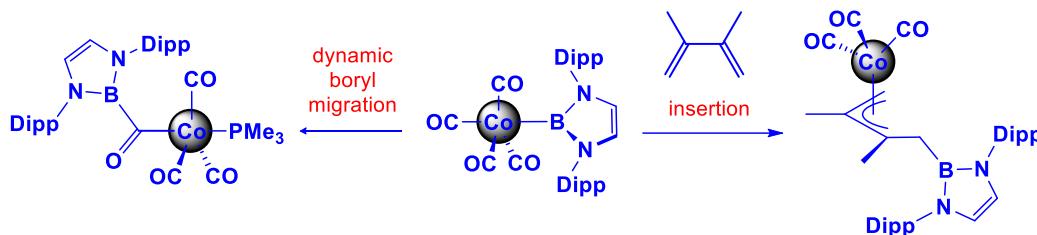
(26) A Convenient Route towards Deoxygalactosyl-Functionalised *ortho*-Carbaborane: Synthesis of a Building Block for Peptide Conjugation

René Frank, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *J. Organomet. Chem.* **2015**, *98*, 46–50.
DOI: 10.1016/j.jorganchem.2015.08.011.

(25) Cobalt Boryl Complexes: Enabling and Exploiting Migratory Insertion in Base-Metal-Mediated Borylation

René Frank*, James Howell, Jésus Campos, Rémi Tirfoin, Nicholas Phillips, Stefan Zahn, D. Michael P. Mingos, Simon Aldridge*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2015**, *54*, 9586–9590.
DOI:10.1002/anie.201504929.

The insertion of CO into M–R bonds is a key fundamental step in organometallic chemistry but is hitherto unknown for the boryl ligands, whereas the reverse de-insertion of CO from bora-acyl complexes is invariably spontaneous. We demonstrate CO migratory insertion in cobalt boryl complexes and show applications thereof in alkene functionalization – a well-known reaction for noble metals such as rhodium or platinum.



(24) Carbaboranes – More than just Phenyl Mimetics

René Frank, Verena M. Ahrens, Solveig Boehnke, Sven Hofmann, Martin Kellert, Stefan Saretz, Souvik Pandey, Menyhárt Sárosi, Ágota Bartók, Annette G. Beck-Sickinger*, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *Pure and Applied Chemistry* **2015**, *87*(2), 163–171.
DOI:10.1515/pac-2014-1006.

(23) Receptor-Mediated Uptake of Boron-Rich Neuropeptide-Y Analogues for Boron Neutron Capture Therapy

Verena M. Ahrens, **René Frank**, Solveig Boehnke, Christian L. Schütz, Gabriele Hampel, Dorothée S. Iffland, Nicolas H. Bings, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, Annette G. Beck-Sickinger*, *ChemMedChem* **2015**, *10*(1), 164–172. DOI:10.1002/cmdc.201402368. Joint first authors.

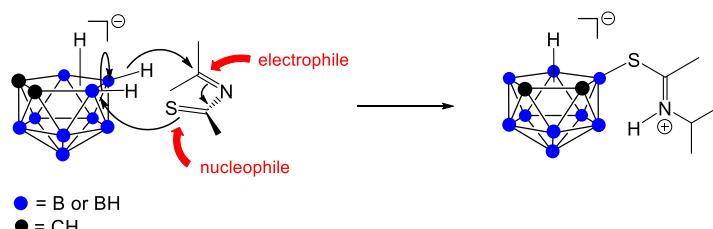
(22) Carbaborane-Substituted 1,2,3-Triphospholanes and 1-Aza-2,5-diphospholane: New Synthetic Approaches

Anika Kreienbrink, Sarah Heinicke, Thi Thuy Duong Pham, **René Frank**, Peter Lönnecke, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *Chemistry - A European Journal* **2014**, *20*(5), 1434–1439.
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(21) Electrophile-Induced Nucleophilic Substitution of the *nido*-Dicarbaundecaborate Anion $nido\text{-}7,8\text{-C}_2\text{B}_9\text{H}_{12}^-$ by Conjugated Heterodienes

René Frank, Anup Kumar Adhikari, Henry Auer, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *Chemistry - A European Journal*, **2014**, *20*(5), 1440–1446. DOI:10.1002/chem.201303762.

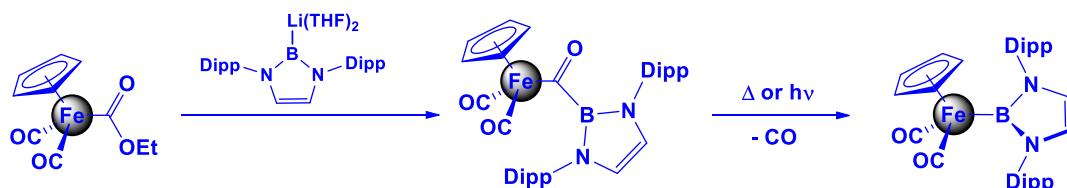
In a contribution to the chemistry of $nido\text{-}7,8\text{-C}_2\text{B}_9\text{H}_{12}^-$ we report its functionalisation in reactions with conjugated heterodienes, in which the latter display ambident behaviour as a hydride acceptor and nucleophile.



(20) Circumventing Redox Chemistry: Synthesis of Transition Metal Boryl Complexes from a Boryl Nucleophile by Decarbonylation

René Frank*, James Howell, Rémi Tirfoin, Deepak Dange, Cameron Jones, D. Michael P. Mingos, Simon Aldridge*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, *136*(44), 15730–15741.
DOI:10.1021/ja508979x.

The formation of transition metal boryl complexes employing nucleophilic boron compounds is often hampered by the strong inherent reduction potential of the boron reagents. We present a novel approach to prevent the reduction with the formation of the novel class of bora-acyl complexes, which undergo extrusion of CO at thermal or photolytic conditions.

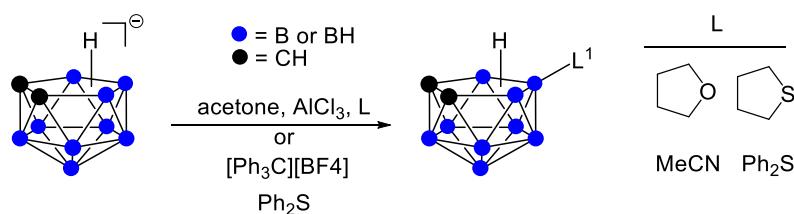


(19) The Prototropic Tautomerism and Substituent Effect through strong Electron-withdrawing Group in (*E*)-5-(Diethylamino)-2-[(3-nitrophenylimino)methyl]phenol

Çiğdem Albayrak*, Gökhan Kaşaş, Mustafa Odabaşoğlu*, René Frank, *Spectrochimica Acta Part A: Molecular and Biomolecular Spectroscopy* **2013**, *114*, 205–213.
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(18) Functionalisation of the *nido*-dicarborane anion $nido\text{-}7,8\text{-C}_2\text{B}_9\text{H}_{12}^-$ by hydride abstraction

René Frank, Henry Auer, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* **2013**, *747*, 217–224. DOI:10.1016/j.jorgchem.2013.04.031.



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Anne Grundmann, Menyhárt B. Sárosi, Peter Lönnecke, **René Frank**, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry* **2013**, 18, 3137–3140.
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(16) Imitation and Modification of Bioactive Lead Structures via Integration of Boron Clusters

Sven Stadlbauer, **René Frank**, Matthias Scholz, Solveig Boehnke, Verena M. Ahrens, Annette G. Beck-Sickinger*, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *Pure and Applied Chemistry* **2012**, 84(11), 2289–2298. DOI:10.1351/PAC-CON-11-11-02.

(15) Survey of Conformational Isomerism in (*E*)-2-[(4-Bromophenylimino)methyl]-5-(diethylamino)phenol Compound from Structural and Thermochemical Points of View

Çiğdem Albayrak, Gökhan Kaştaş, Mustafa Odabaşoğlu*, **René Frank**, *Spectrochimica Acta Part A: Molecular and Biomolecular Spectroscopy* **2012**, 95, 664–669.
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(14) Single Stranded Helical Chains of C–H···π Interactions further Connected by Halogen–Halogen Interactions of Type I to Construct Supramolecular Structure of (*E*)-5-(Diethylamino)-2-[(4-iodophenylimino)methyl]phenol Compound

Gökhan Kaştaş, Çiğdem Albayrak, Mustafa Odabaşoğlu*, **René Frank**, *Spectrochimica Acta Part A: Molecular and Biomolecular Spectroscopy* **2012**, 94, 200–204.
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(13) Synthesis and Thermolysis of the Phosphorus-Rich Manganese(I) Complex [Mn₂(μ-Br){cyclo-(P₄tBu₃)PtBu}(CO)₆]: From Complexes to Metal Phosphides

Aslihan Kircali, **René Frank**, Santiago Gómez-Ruiz, Barbara Kirchner, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *ChemPlusChem* **2012**, 77(5), 341–344. DOI:10.1002/cplu.201200013.

(12) Electrophilic substitution of the *nido*-dicarbaborate anion 7,8-*nido*-C₂B₉H₁₂⁻ with sulfenyl chlorides

René Frank, Toni Grell, Markus Hiller, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *J. Chem. Soc., Dalton Trans.*, **2012**, 41, 6155–6161. DOI:10.1039/c2dt12501c.

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René Frank, Solveig Boehnke, Almaz Aliev, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *Polyhedron* **2012**, 39(1), 9–13. DOI:10.1016/j.poly.2012.03.003.

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Çiğdem Albayrak, Gökhan Kaştaş, Mustafa Odabaşoğlu*, **René Frank**, *Spectrochimica Acta Part A: Molecular and Biomolecular Spectroscopy* **2011**, 81(1), 72–78.
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(9) **Pnicogen Bonds: A New Molecular Linker?**

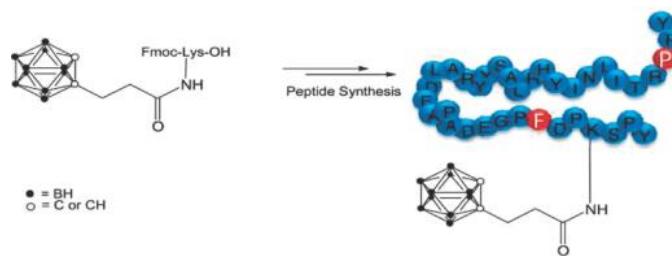
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(8) **Anti-Leishmanial Activity of Homo- and Heteroleptic Bismuth(III) Carboxylates**

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(7) **Incorporation of *ortho*-Carbaboranyl-*N*_t-Modified L-Lysine into Neuropeptide Y Receptor Y₁- and Y₂-Selective Analogues**

Verena M. Ahrens, **René Frank**, Sven Stadlbauer, Annette G. Beck-Sickinger*, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, *J. Med. Chem.* **2011**, 54 (7), 2368–2377. DOI:10.1021/jm101514m. Joint first authors.

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(5) **Spectroscopic, molecular structure characterizations and quantum chemical computational studies of (*E*)-5-(diethylamino)-2-[(2-fluorophenylimino)-methyl]-phenol**

Çiğdem Albayrak*, **René Frank**, *Journal of Molecular Structure* **2010**, 984(1–3), 214–220. DOI:10.1016/j.molstruc.2010.09.030.

(4) **Enantiomerically Pure Bis(phosphanyl)carbaborane(12) Compounds**

Sebastian Bauer, Steffen Tschirschwitz, Peter Lönncke, **René Frank**, Barbara Kirchner, Matthew L. Clarke, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins, *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry* **2009**, 19, 2776–2788. DOI:10.1002/ejic.200900304.

(3) **Synthesis and Reactivity of *ortho*-Carbaborane-Containing Chiral Aminohalophosphines**

Sven Stadlbauer, **René Frank**, Ilham Maulana, Peter Lönncke, Barbara Kirchner, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins, *Inorg. Chem.* **2009**, 48(13), 6072–6082. DOI: 10.1021/ic900443c.

(2) **Formation of Ho^{III} Trinuclear Clusters and Gd^{III} Monodimensional Polymers Induced by *ortho*- and *para*-Regioisomers of Pyridyl-Functionalised β-Diketones: Synthesis, Structure, and Magnetic Properties**

Philip C. Andrews, Glen B. Deacon, **René Frank**, Benjamin H. Fraser, Peter C. Junk, Jonathan G. MacLellan, Massimiliano Massi, Boujema Moubaraki, Keith S. Murray, Morry Silberstein, *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry* **2009**, 6, 744–751.
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Tatiana Luts, **René Frank**, Wladimir Suprun, Sebastian Fritzsche, Evamarie Hey-Hawkins*, Helmut Papp*, *Journal of Molecular Catalysis A: Chemical* **2007**, 273(1–2), 250–258. DOI:10.1016/j.molcata.2007.04.010.