Structural Analysis of new early-late Heterobimetallic Tetranuclear Metallomacrocycles

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Coordination-driven self-assembly has shown remarkable potential in the construction of solid-state architectures withinteresting physico-chemical properties. Mononuclear complexes with strong covalently bound ligands and accessible donor sites have been used as building blocks for the synthesis of mixed heterometallic moieties using a modular appraoach.

Interestingly, very few heterometallic macrocycles containing metallocenes and late transition metals are known. A reduced number of Ti/Pt metallomacrocycles have been assembled using the flexible bis(pyridine-4-carboxylate)titanocene as building block; also Cp₂MCl₂ (M = Ti, Zr) complexes reacted with phosphino-alkylcyclopentadienyl ligands to produce tetranuclear M/Rh metallo-macrocycles.

We are studying the preparation and structural characteristics of new angular flexible metalloligands based on (alkoxymethyl)-diphenylphosphine ($\mu\text{-}OCH_2PPh_2$) ligand, designed for the modular assembly of $d^0\text{-}d^8$ early-late metallomacrocycles. In our poster, we will describe the structural details of two analogous but different tetranuclear Zr_2M_2 complexes, $[Cp_2Zr(\mu\text{-}OCH_2PPh_2)M(diolef)]_2$ (BF4)2 (M = Rh,Ir). We will analyze metal environments and the geometric characteristics of the bifunctional ligand.

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