REACTIVITY OF GERMANIUM ALKOXIDES WITH MULTIPLE BOND SYSTEMS

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There have been only a few studies focusing on divalent germanium alkoxides and their reactivity to determine their nucleophility in comparison to their transition metal counterparts[1]. Therefore we present an insight on the reactivity of new germanium compounds, where we have altered the Ge-O bond strength by both changing the ligand and by choosing a variety of alkoxides. Reactions with several multiple bond systems showed different outcomes depending on the bond strength, resulting in products of insertion, oxidation and oxidative addition.

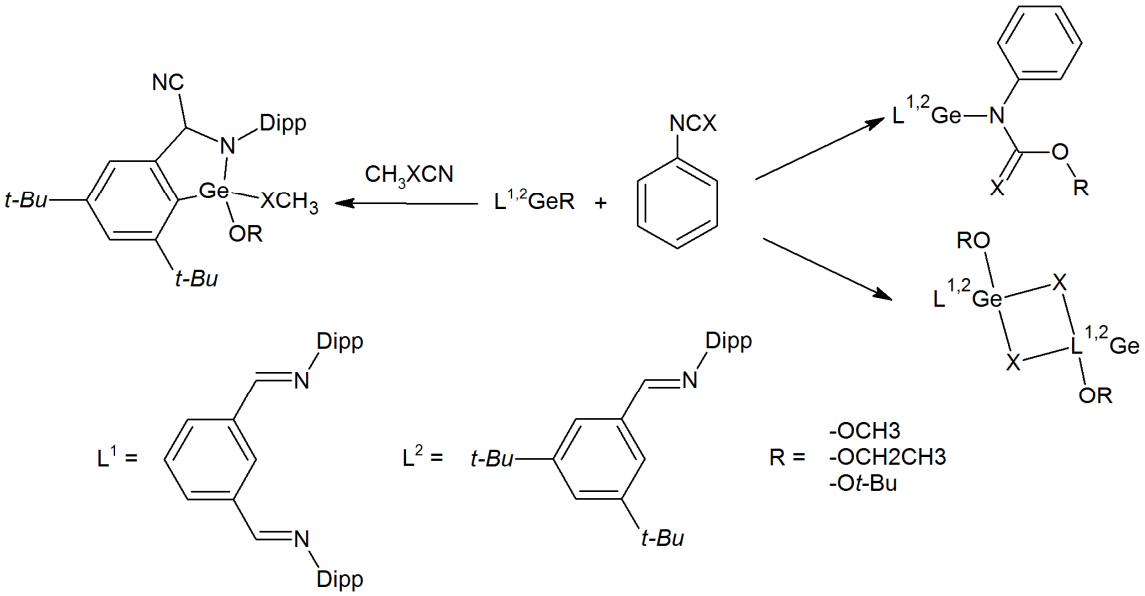

Fig 1: Reactivity of germanium alkoxides

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