



Identifying non-conventional supramolecular synthons in the crystalline state

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Molecular packing

Well known...

Hydrogen bonding
Halogen bonding

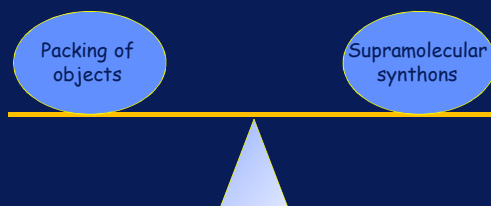
"Emerging"

Secondary bonding
M-M interactions
M-H interactions
Interactions involving chelate rings

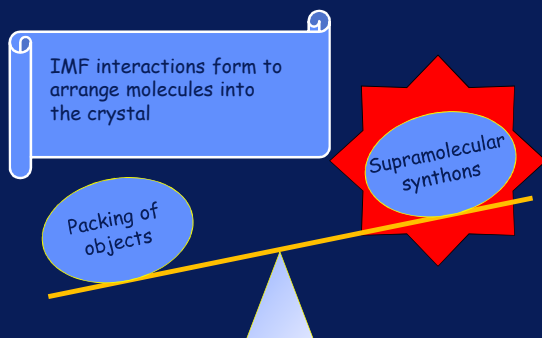
Caveat

Supramolecular synthon approach
versus
Global crystal packing approach

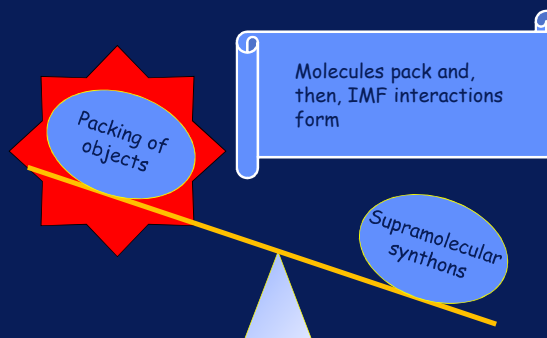
Factors that Control Molecular Packing



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"egg causality dilemma"

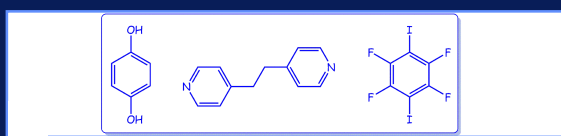


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Hydrogen Bonding versus Halogen Bonding

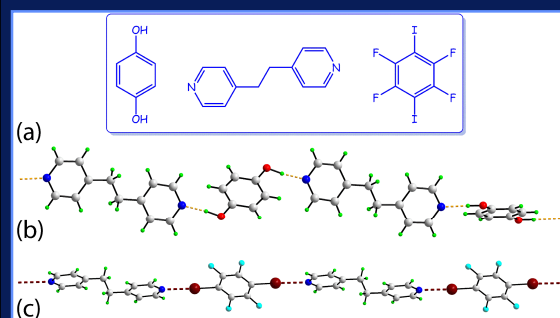


Halogen Bonding versus Hydrogen Bonding in Driving Self-Assembly Processes^{*,†}
Eleonora Corradi, Stefano V. Meille, Maria T. Messina,
Pierangelo Metrangola,^{*} and Giuseppe Resnati^{*}

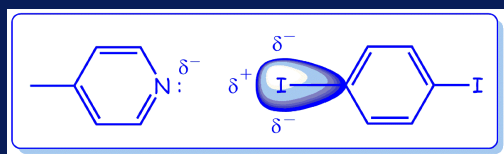
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Hydrogen Bonding versus Halogen Bonding



Hydrogen Bonding vs Halogen Bonding



polar gap, σ -hole

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Similar in energy = 5 - 15 kcal/mol

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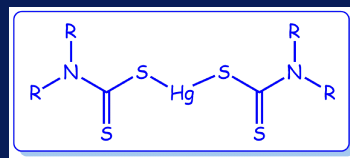
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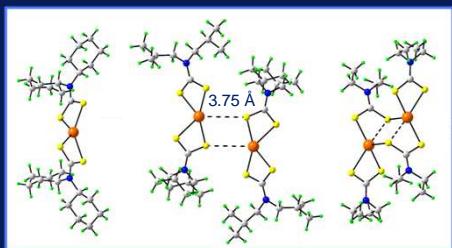
Interactions involving chelate rings

Steric effects and Secondary Bonding



"Hg(S₂CNR₂)₂"

Steric effects and Secondary Bonding



"Hg(S₂CNR₂)₂"

Sum of the van der Waals radii for Hg and S = 3.35 Å

← increasing size of R

Inherently weak interactions

How weak?

Repackaging:

Tetrel, pnictogen and chalcogen bonds

Electrophilic sites from Groups 14, 15 & 16, resp.

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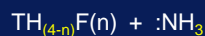
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Systematic Elucidation of Factors That Influence the Strength of Tetrel Bonds

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T = C, Si, Ge & Sn

n = 0	0.9 kcal/mol
n = 1*	6 – 9 kcal/mol
SnF ₄	25.5 kcal/mol

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Database Analysis of Au...Au Interactions†

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The geometry of gold-gold interactions in a group of 692 gold-containing crystal structures has been examined using data from the Cambridge Structural Database. These contacts occur in the range 2.50–4.00 Å. Isomolecular Au...Au contacts are formed by compounds of the type AuXY (X, Y = any element) with the X-Au-Au-Y conformation being either staggered or eclipsed. Clusters of the type Au_nZ (where Z is any element including Au) are characterized by a large number of short gold-gold contacts reflecting an approach towards Au⁺ in the interior of the cluster.

The existence of attractive gold-gold interactions has been repeatedly confirmed in many recent reports on gold chemistry.^{1–3} The energy of the interaction has been estimated to be as high as 7.8 kcal mol⁻¹, comparable to hydrogen bonding. Such interactions have distinctive effects upon structure, properties and stereochemistry^{4,5} and have been investigated by experimental and theoretical methods.^{6–12}

was initiated because no systematic analysis of the trends in gold-gold distances has been reported.¹³

Results and Discussion

A preliminary survey showed the presence of a large number of gold-gold distances in the range 2.50–4.00 Å. As a reference, the



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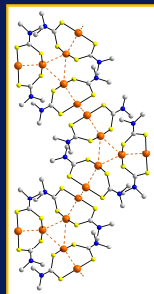
Aurophilic interactions

Au–Au separations in molecular
Crystal structures: 2.50 ~ 3.50 Å

Radius from ccp-Au: 2.89 Å

Sum of van der Waals radii: 3.80 Å

5d¹⁰ closed shell interactions -
relativistic effects



Yam *et al.* *Inorg. Chim. Acta* **358** (2005) 4191.

Gold Chemistry

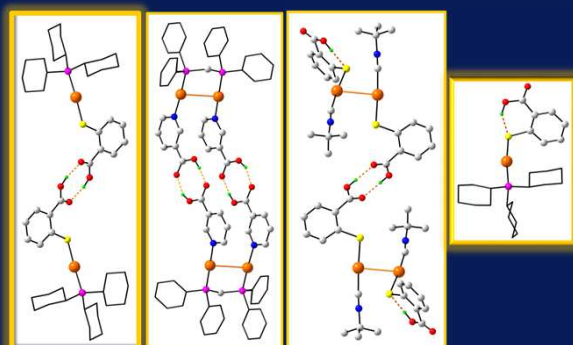
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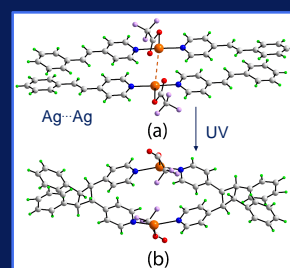
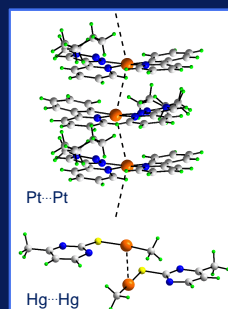
Comparable in energy

Gold structures with carboxylic acids



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Heterometallophilic (M–M') interactions



Krikorian *et al.*, 2014; Bravo *et al.*, 1986; Chu *et al.*, 2005

Gold Chemistry

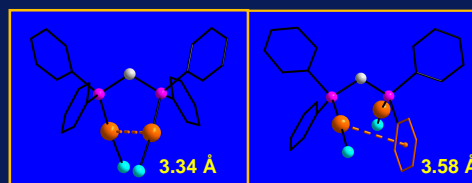
Competition between

i) Au–Au and hydrogen bonding

ii) Au–Au and Au– π (arene)



Polymorphs of (dppm)(AuCl)₂

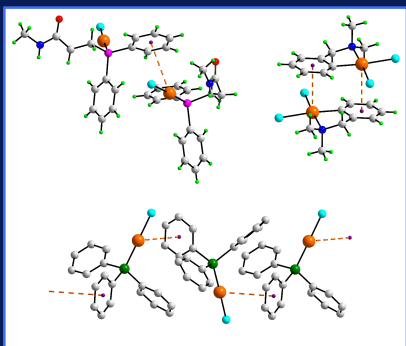


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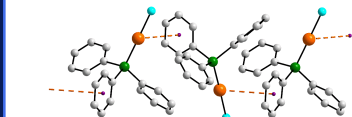
Healy (2003)

Intermolecular $\text{Au} \cdots \pi(\text{arene})$ interactions

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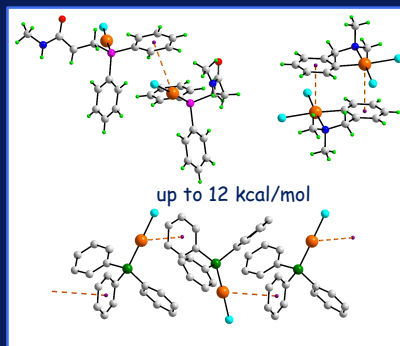


1-D



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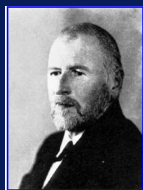
0-D



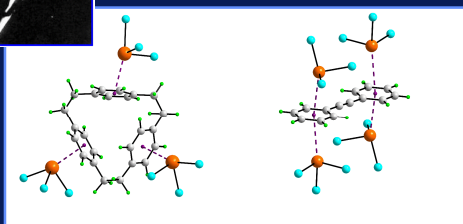
1-D

up to 12 kcal/mol

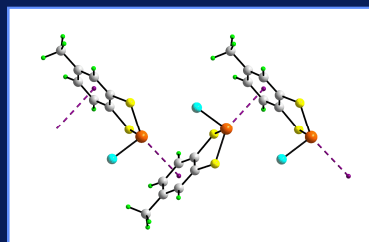
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"Menšutkin complexes"



Intermolecular $\text{M}(\text{lp}) \cdots \pi(\text{arene})$ interactions



cf. polar gap, σ -hole

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Energy?

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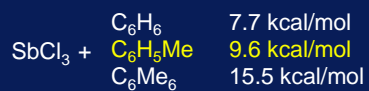
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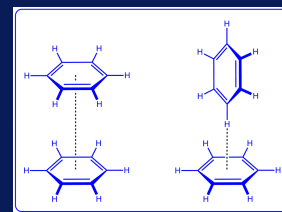
On the nature of the stabilisation of the $\text{E} \cdots \pi$
pnictogen bond in the $\text{SbCl}_3 \cdots \text{toluene}$ complex†

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π -Systems in Supramolecular Chemistry

Classic π -systems/interactions



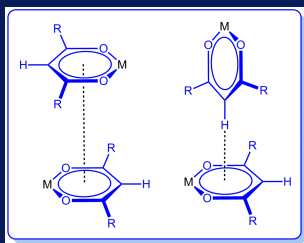
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π -Systems in Supramolecular Chemistry

TM Chelate π -systems/interactions



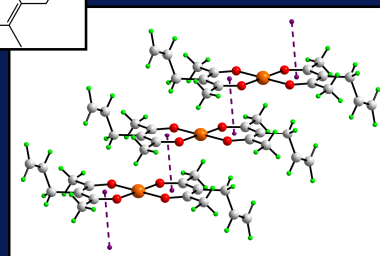
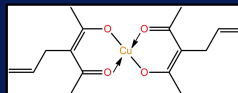
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TM π (chelate) $\cdots\pi$ (chelate) interactions



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π (chelate) $\cdots\pi$ (chelate) interactions

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Review

Noncovalent bonding: Stacking interactions of chelate rings of transition metal complexes

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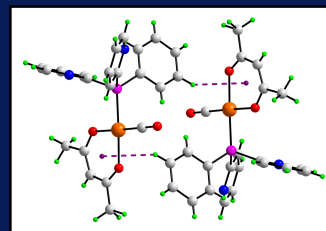
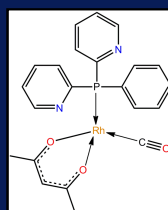
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π (chelate) $\cdots\pi$ (arene) ~ 6 kcal/mol

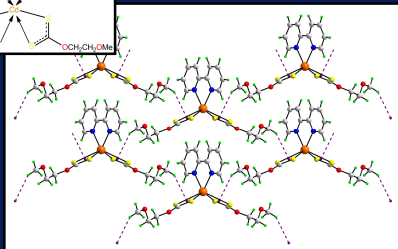
π (chelate) $\cdots\pi$ (chelate) ~ 9 kcal/mol

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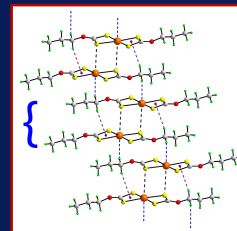
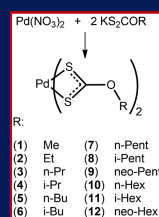
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Main group arene-H $\cdots\pi$ (chelate) interactions

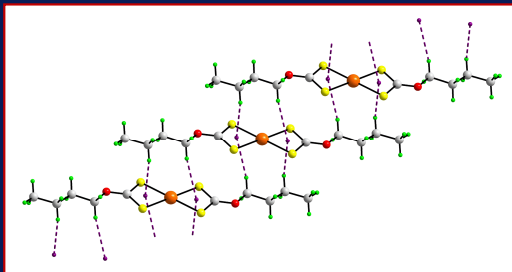


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C—H $\cdots\pi$ (chelate) interactions:



C—H... π (chelate) interactions:

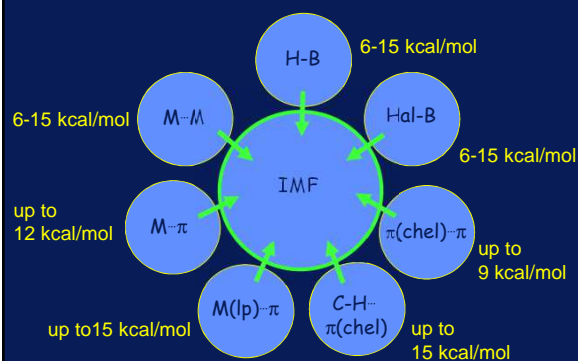


Intermolecular interactions involving chelate rings



Pd...S	16 kcal/mol
C—H... π (chelate)	15 kcal/mol

Overview



Conclusions

More than hydrogen-bonding (halogen-bonding)
 Energies of "emerging" interactions similar

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Fortuna Eruditis Favet ("Fortune favours the prepared mind")



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