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**Lecture – 59**

**Organometallic compounds of Main Group Elements**

Welcome to MSP lecture series on main group chemistry this is the last, but one lecture in the series of 60 lectures on main group elements. Of course, this is going to be the last lecture on organometallic chemistry of main group elements as well, after that I will be concluding the entire chemistry I spoke in the last 59 lectures. So, let me continue with the organosilicon compounds of course, while discussing group 14 chemistry, I did mention about organosilicon compounds and also I discussed about those polymers and all those things, let me just revisit again.

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## Organosilicon Compounds

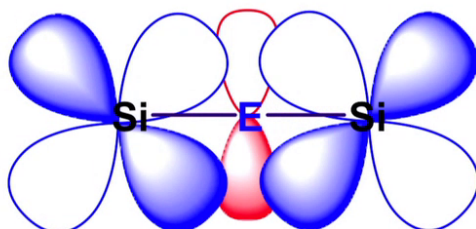


### Organosilicon compounds

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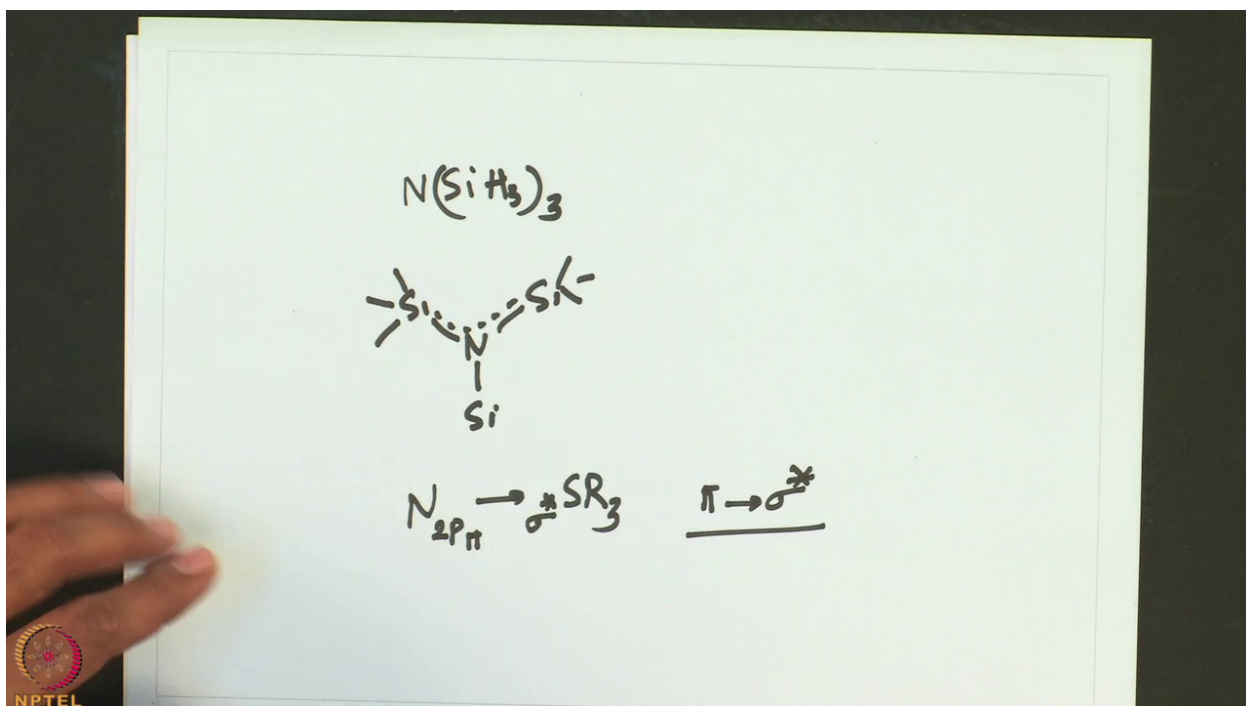


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Although we come across sodium hexafluorosilicate  $Na_2SiF_6$  where silicon has coordination number 6, it is a again a hypervalent molecule 2 fluorine atoms whatever they are giving 4 electrons, they essentially remain nonbonding that I showed when I was discussing molecular orbital theory of polyatomic molecules, especially in case of Sulphur hexafluoride. So, the flexibility permits silicon elastomer to remain rubber like down to very low temperature, d localization also accounts for low basicity of an oxygen atom attached to silicon, as the electrons needed for the oxygen atom to act as base or partially removed. As a result the Lewis basicity is also reduced the planarity of trimethylsilane  $plarsih_3$  three times is also explained by the delocalization of the lone pair on nitrogen, is also very weak basic in nature.

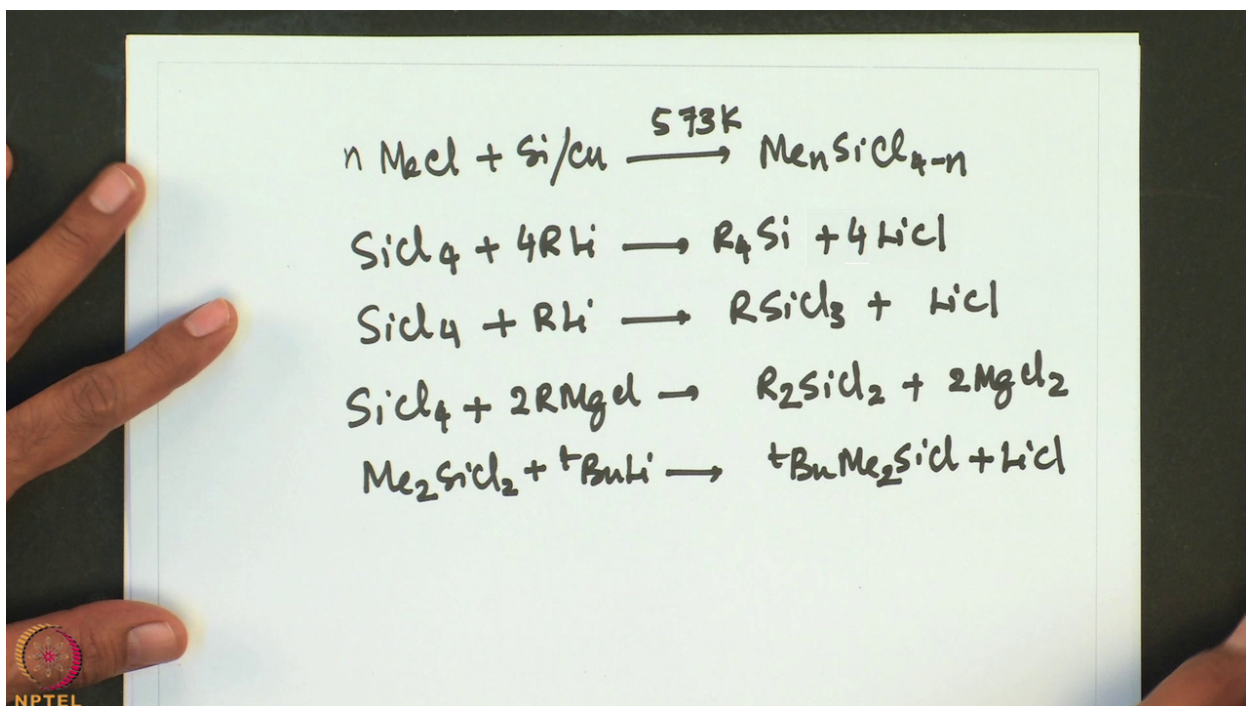
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For example, if you are considering  $\text{N}(\text{SiH}_3)_3$  one can write here n.

So, here the delocalization is there as a result this lone pair is delocalized into I can call essentially  $2p\pi$  to  $\text{SR}_3$  sigma star. So, we can call it as  $\pi$  to sigma star. So, this is called negative hyper conjugation because of this one what happens electron are delocalized, as a result this nitrogen is no longer Lewis basic in nature or it is very very weak base compare to triethylamine or tri methylamine. So, let us look into the preparation of some of organosilicon compounds, I did mention that I had discussed earlier, but let me come and write some of these reactions here.

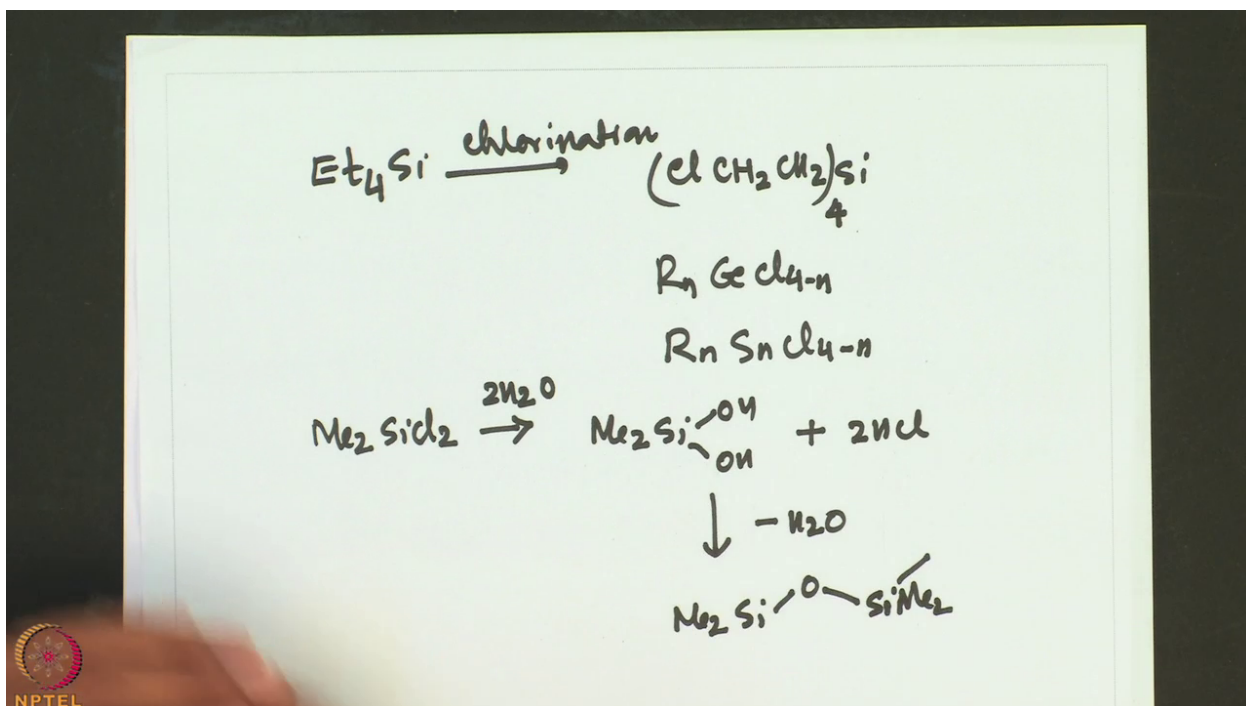
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Methyl chloride is treated with silicon over heated copper at 573 kelvin to form  $\text{Me}_n\text{SiCl}_{4-n}$ . If I take  $\text{SiCl}_4$  and treat with 4 equivalents of  $\text{RLi}$  it gives  $\text{R}_4\text{Si}$  for example,  $\text{SiCl}_4$  can tetra chloride is treated with 4 equivalents of methyl lithium.

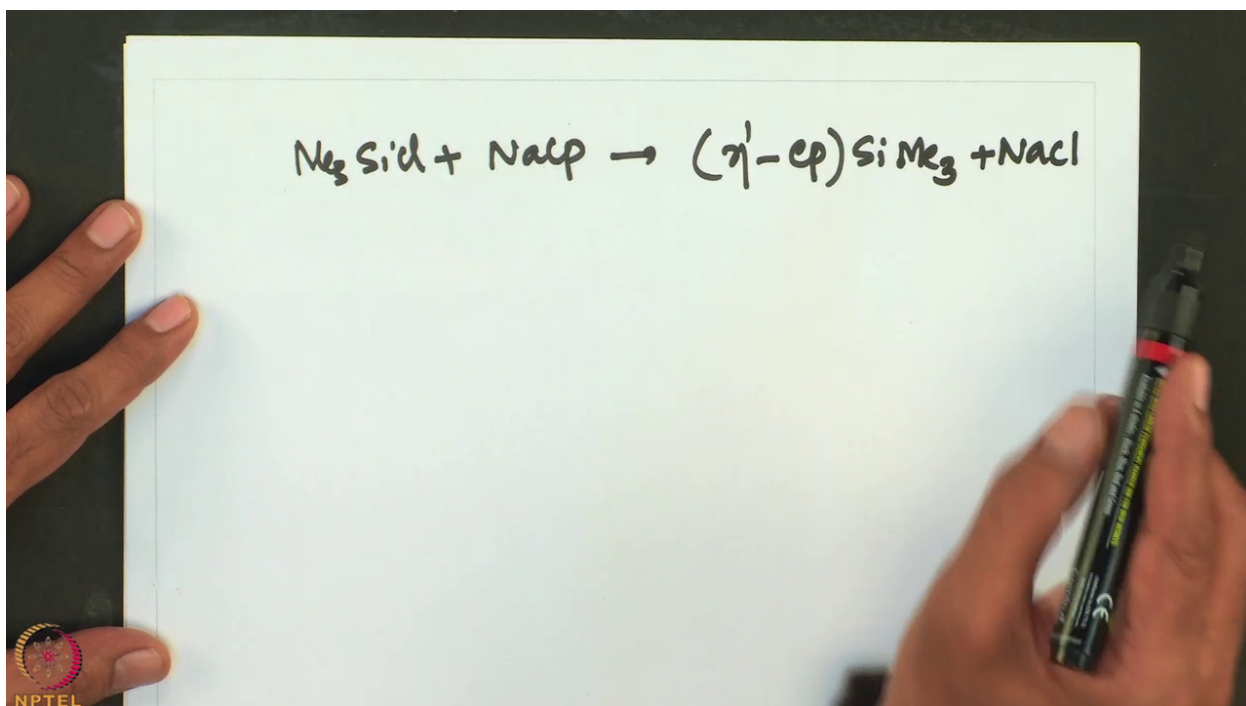
If forms tetramethylsilane or treatment with one equivalent of  $\text{RLi}$  gives  $\text{RSiCl}_3$  plus  $\text{LiCl}$  one can also react silicon tetrachloride with Grignard reagent  $2 \text{RMgCl}$  it gives or dimethyl dichlorosilane on treatment with tertiary butyl lithium gives tertiary butyl dimethyl chloro silane like this one can do a series of reactions to get desired compounds made. So, silicon carbon bonds are actively strong here, the bond enthalpy is about 380 kilo joules per mole and  $\text{R}_4\text{Si}$  tetra alkyl silane is posses very high thermal stabilities tetraethylsilane on chlorination gives  $\text{ClCH}_2$  to  $\text{CH}_2\text{Si}_4$  times.

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So, in contrast to the chlorination of R<sub>4</sub> tetra alkyl germanium or tetra alkyl tin, which essentially yield similar reactions yield R<sub>n</sub>GeCl<sub>4-n</sub> or R<sub>n</sub>SnCl<sub>4-n</sub>. So, this is the difference between the reactivity of silicon to carbon bond and rest of the group 14 members. Me<sub>2</sub>SiCl<sub>2</sub> to dimethyl dichlorosilane on hydrolysis produces silicons, initially it can give Me<sub>2</sub>Si(OH)<sub>2</sub> plus 2 HCl and this can undergo. So, it can continue like this. If it is more it just it can undergo hydrolysis to form hi or a cyclic structure. Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl can react with sodium Cp to give cyclopentadienyl compound as well.

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For example  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl}$  when its reacted with  $\text{NaCp}$  it gives of course, here hepatocyt is 1.

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## Organosilicon Compounds



The reaction between  $\text{R}_2\text{SiCl}_2$  and alkali metal or alkali naphthalides gives  $\text{cyclo}-(\text{R}_2\text{Si})_n$  by loss of  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{Si-Si}$  bond formation.

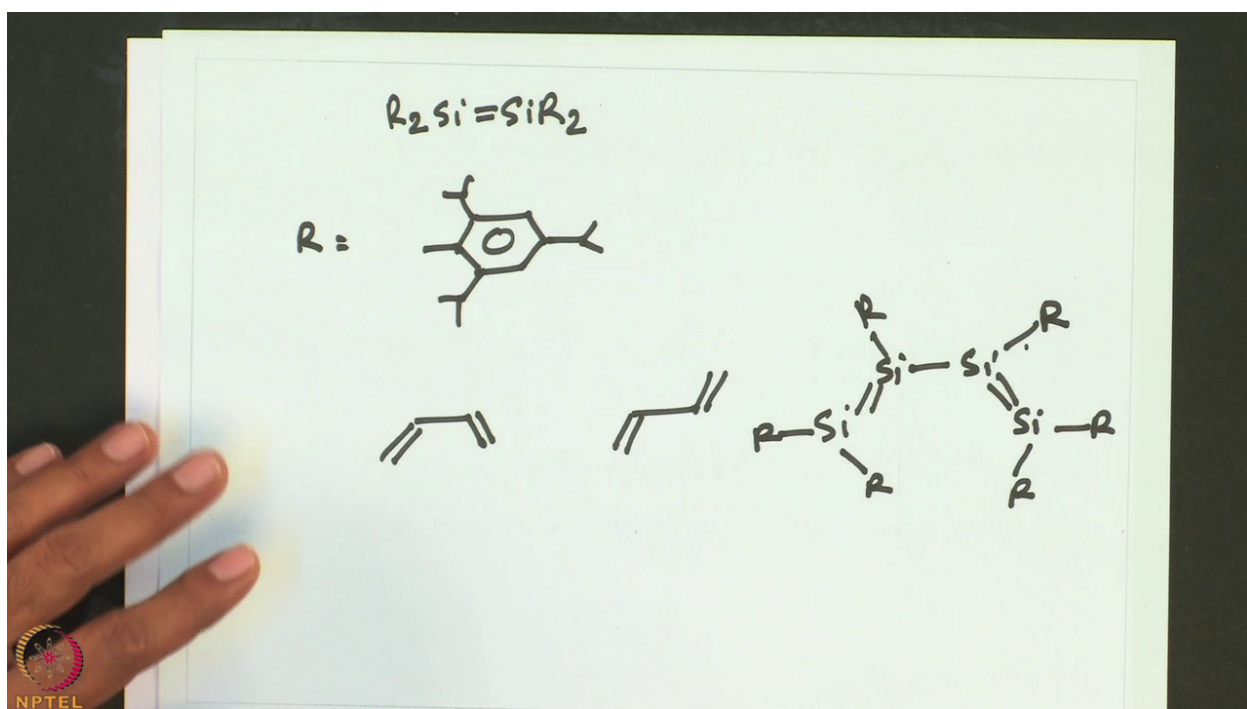
Bulky  $\text{R}$  groups favour small rings [e.g.  $(2,6\text{-Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)_6\text{Si}_3$  and  $\text{Bu}_6\text{Si}_3$ ] while smaller  $\text{R}$  groups encourage the formation of large rings [ $\text{Me}_{12}\text{Si}_6$ ,  $\text{Me}_{14}\text{Si}_7$  and  $\text{Me}_{32}\text{Si}_{16}$ ]



The reaction between dialkyl dichlorosilane and alkali metal or alkali naphthalides gives a cyclic compound of this type by loss of chloride, and  $\text{Si-Si}$  bond formation takes place

here. So, bulky R groups favour smaller rings, and if you use sufficiently bulky group even a Si-Si double bond component can also be made for example, here diphenyl dichlorosilane when its treated with here SiPh<sub>2</sub> 5 times having Si-Si 5 linkages with di lithiated one it can give, a hexamer of this type having Si-Si bond and each silicon having 2 phenyl groups. So, bulky substituent stabilizes diffuse sufficiently bulky substituents it can stabilize Si-Si double bond.

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For example R<sub>2</sub>Si something like thing, they sterically demanding 2,4,6 for example, in these cases R can be one can you something like this. 2,4,6 diisopropyl phenyl group, ok.

So, this is essentially a first example of a compound having silicon see coming double bond, this type of compounds are also known.

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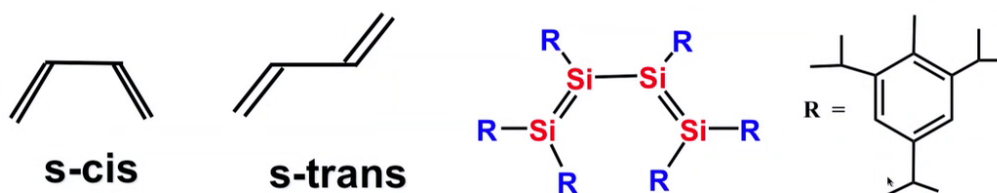
One can also make a compound of this type as well. Of course, similar compounds unknown for germanium as well and here also again bulky groups are used 2 force diisopropyl phenyl group.

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Bulky substituents stabilize  $R_2Si=SiR_2$  compounds. The sterically demanding  $2,4,6\text{-}i\text{Pr}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_2$  provided first example of compound containing conjugated  $Si=Si$  bonds.

Has **s-cis** configuration in both solution and the solid state.

Similar germanium compounds are also known.

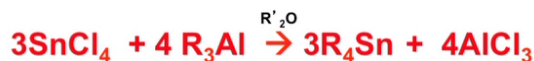
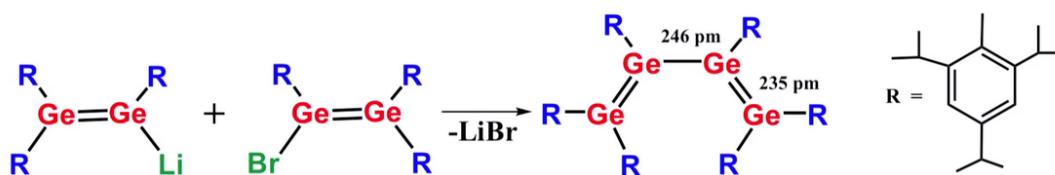


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## Organogermanium and -tin Compounds



Find out the structures of  $(Me_3SiCH_2)_3SnF$  and  $Me_2SnF_2$



Organo germanium compounds as I mentioned similar organo germanium compounds can also be made you can see here of course, here one can take this a lithium reagent, and one can have halide reagent and then when you combine lithium bromide is liberated that leads to the formation of this butadiene type compounds here. You can also see with the tin one can make organo tin compounds using one of these methods here ok.

Or depending upon the compounds we need to prepare you can choose the right kind of organometallic reagent. Of course, if you are can find out the structures of  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCH}_2$  whole trice  $\text{SnF}_4$  as well as dimethyl difluoro tin compound; of course, one can use valence bond theory conveniently to arrive at the structures of this 2 compounds.

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**Organosilicon and -tin Compounds**

**Tin(II) organometallics of the type  $\text{R}_2\text{Sn}$ , containing Sn-C  $\sigma$ -bonds, are stabilized only if R is sterically demanding.**

**$\text{SnCl}_2 + 2\text{Li}[(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{CH}] \rightarrow \{(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{CH}\}_2\text{Sn}$**

**(monomeric in solution and dimeric in solid state). But the dimer does not possess a planar  $\text{Sn}_2\text{R}_4$  framework unlike an analogous alkene, and Sn—Sn bond distance (267 pm) is shorter than a normal Sn—Sn single bond (276 pm).**

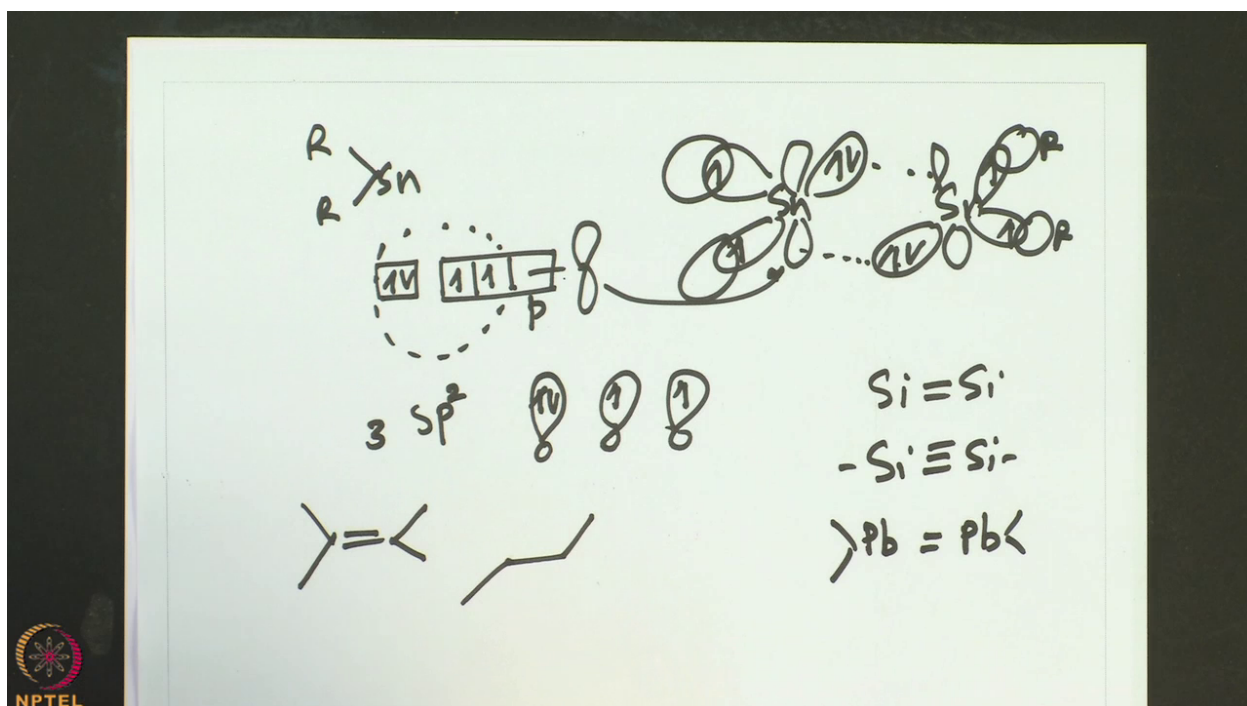
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Tin 2 organometallic compounds of the type  $\text{R}_2\text{Sn}$  containing Sn carbons sigma bonds are stabilized only if R is sterically demanding; that means, with very bulky group  $\text{R}_2\text{Sn}$  can undergo dimerization for example,  $\text{SnCl}_2$  I have shown one reaction, here  $\text{SnCl}_2$  treated with this very bulky lithium salt, leads to the formation of a  $\text{R}_2\text{Sn}$  type compound, and it is monomeric in solution and dimeric in solid state and, but the dimer does not possess a planar  $\text{Sn}_2\text{R}_4$  similar to ethylene slightly different and here Sn's Sn bond distance is 267 which is shorter than a normal Sn-Sn bond distance of 276 picometer. So, this indicates some multiple bond character in this compound that mean

the Sn<sub>2</sub>R<sub>4</sub> has a trans bend structure with a weak Sn-Sn double bond. It appears something like this.

So, it is in contrast to the carbon analogue SnC<sub>2</sub>R<sub>4</sub> ethylene derivative, it has a planar structure whereas; this one is a bend structure then how to explain the bonding in this one. So, one can explain bonding using a different hybridization concept here.

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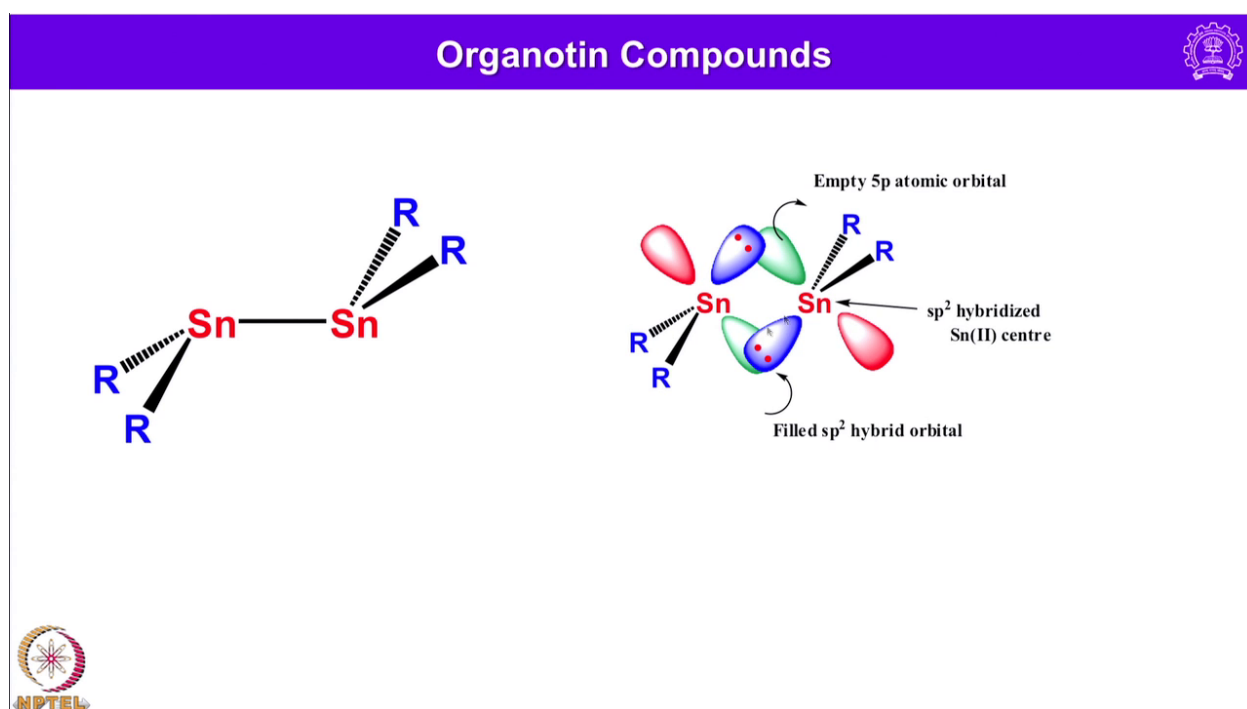
So, here let us consider R<sub>2</sub>Sn in the; for this one of course, Sn has ns<sup>2</sup> np<sup>2</sup> electronic configuration, we have something like this. So, initially we have something like this. So, now, prior to the reaction what happens it undergoes hybridization sp<sup>2</sup> hybridization. In this sp<sup>2</sup> hybridization basically what happens electron is not promoted here to the one of the p. One of the p remains empty and now these undergo hybridization to form 3 sp<sup>2</sup> hybrid orbital.

So, 3 sp<sup>2</sup> hybrid will be having a situation like this now, 2 electrons one electron one electron. So, now, with Sn one electron, one electron and 2 electron are there. So, now, here we have this p orbital is here. So, this is coming here it is perpendicular to that one. So, of course, here R is there. So, this is completed this is completed. So, one more such species will come here this is your P orbital. So, this is with R completed sp<sup>2</sup> a covalent bond, now these 2 will interact. So, in order to facilitate this interaction they cannot be it

cannot be something like this, it has to be something like this. So, in this case appropriate orientation of this mtp orbital can come and it in interact with this one ok.

So; that means, here this is very interesting of course, here if you overall consider 4 bonds are there 4 electrons are there, 2 covalent bonds are there, but on the other hand this is little different and also this is weak; however, it add some multiple bond character here yes.

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We can see here this is a  $sp^2$ ; having 2 electrons and this  $sp^2$  having one electron each are completed the bonding here covalent bonds and here this is a P orbital orientation and this the P orbital orientation in order to facilitate the interaction between this lone pairs and one of the mtp orbital, a they have to be bent in this fashion as a result the overlapping happens that results in the organotin compound having this kind of structure. And similar kind of bonding concept can be utilized in explaining the silicon silicon double bond as well as tin tin double bond and lead lead double bond as well.

So, silicon silicon double bond one can use even silicon silicon triple bond also one can use this method, and also pb pb double bond also one can explain using this kind of  $sp^2$  hybridization having 2  $sp$  orbital having one electron and one  $sp^2$  having 2 electron, and having a m t p orbital they interact in this fashion to form this kind of bonding.

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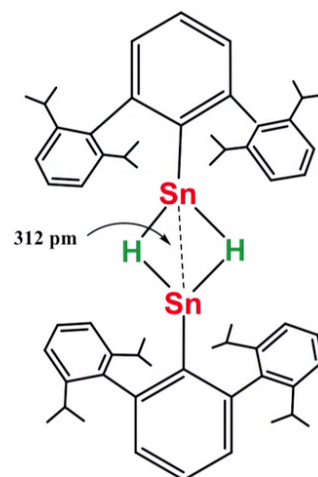
## Organotin Compounds



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The first organotin hydride was reported only recently in 2000. So, this was prepared in this fashion, di butyl aluminum hydride was treated with  $\text{R}_2\text{SnCl}$  to form  $\text{R}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{H}_2$  here, and this shows dimeric structure in the solid state containing hydride bridges like this and this Sn-Sn distance is to 312 picometer and of course, here also very bulky groups are employed to stabilize this SnH bond.

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### Commercial uses and environmental problems

Organotin(II) compounds find wide range of applications due to their catalytic and biocidal properties.

**$\text{Bu}_3\text{SnOAc}$  is an effective fungicide and bactericide and also a polymerization catalyst.**

$\text{Bu}_2\text{Sn}(\text{OAc})_2$  is used as a polymerization catalyst and a stabilizer for PVC.

$\text{Bu}_3\text{SnOSn}^n\text{Bu}_3$ : algicide, fungicide and wood-preserving agent

$\text{Bu}_3\text{SnCl}$  is a bactericide and fungicide



So, commercial uses and environmental problems let us look into it. So, organotin compounds find wide range of applications due to their catalytic and biocidal properties, this compound  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnOAc}$  acetate compound of tin is an effective fungicide and bactericide and also a polymerization catalyst, and also this one is also use as a polymerization catalyst and a stabilizer for polyvinyl chloride, and this compound is also used an algicide fungicide and also wood preserving agent and tributyltin chloride is a bactericide, and fungicide and this one triphenyl tin hydroxide used as an agricultural fungicide for crops such as potato sugar beet and peanuts.

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**$\text{Ph}_3\text{SnOH}$  used as an agricultural fungicide for crops such as potato, sugar beet and peanuts.**

**The cyclic compound ( $^n\text{Bu}_2\text{SnS}$ )<sub>3</sub> is used as a stabilizer for PVC**  
**Tributyltin derivatives have been used as antifouling agents, applied to the underside of ships' hulls to prevent the build-up of, for example, barnacles.**

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**Lead: Tetraethyllead****Laboratory Scale**

And tetraethyl lead is another important compound, used to be an additive for the petrol that is prepared starting from sodium Pb treated with 4 equivalents of ethyl chloride to form tetraethyl lead and of course, this reaction is performed in an autoclave 373 kelvin. So, laboratory scale involves the treatment of lead chloride  $\text{PbCl}_2$  with 4 equivalents of Grignard reagent  $\text{RMgBr}$ .

This gives  $\text{R}_2\text{Pb}$  and it further undergoes this proportional into  $\text{R}_4\text{Pb}$  plus  $\text{Pb}$  comes ok.

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**Thermolysis leads to radical reactions.**



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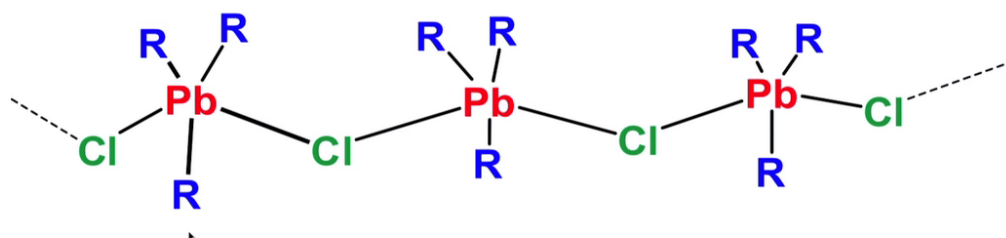
So, thermolysis leads to radical reactions here, these radical reactions are responsible for its utility in an additive agent in petrol of course, because of its toxic environmental issues, now no longer this is added that is a reason people use unleaded petrol for their automobiles. Tetraalkyl and tetraaryl lead compounds are inert with respect to attack by air and water at room temperature, the reason is very simple therefore, coordinated and they are stabilized and they do not have empty orbital, and the next empty orbitals are quite high in energy. As a result they are quite stable towards hydrolysis under normal circumstances at room temperature if you heat it of course, they undergo hydrolysis.

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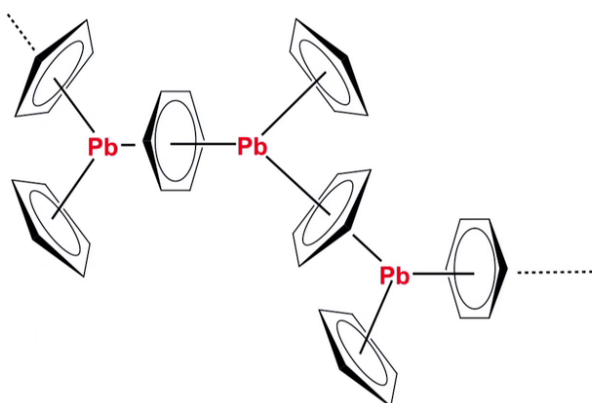


$\text{Me}_3\text{PbCl}$  consists of linear chain



So, this trimethyllead chloride consist of linear chains, this cyclopentadienyl lead compound solid state structure is shown here.

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Solid state structure of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Pb}$  shows polymeric nature, but in the gas phase, discrete  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Pb}$  molecules are present which possess the bent structure similar to silicon analogue.



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Of course as I mentioned  $R_2Pb=PbR_2$  double bond  $PbR_2$  double bonded dimer of  $R_2Pb$  the structure of this one is very similar to the tin compound.

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**$R_2Pb=PbR_2$  are similar to analogues tin compounds**

**Confirm that the octahedral structure of  $[Ph_6Bi]^-$  is consistent with VSEPR theory**



And of course, one can also look into the structure of hexa phenyl bismuth, using vsepr theory this is a problem for you can work out.

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## Organozinc,-cadmium and –mercury compounds



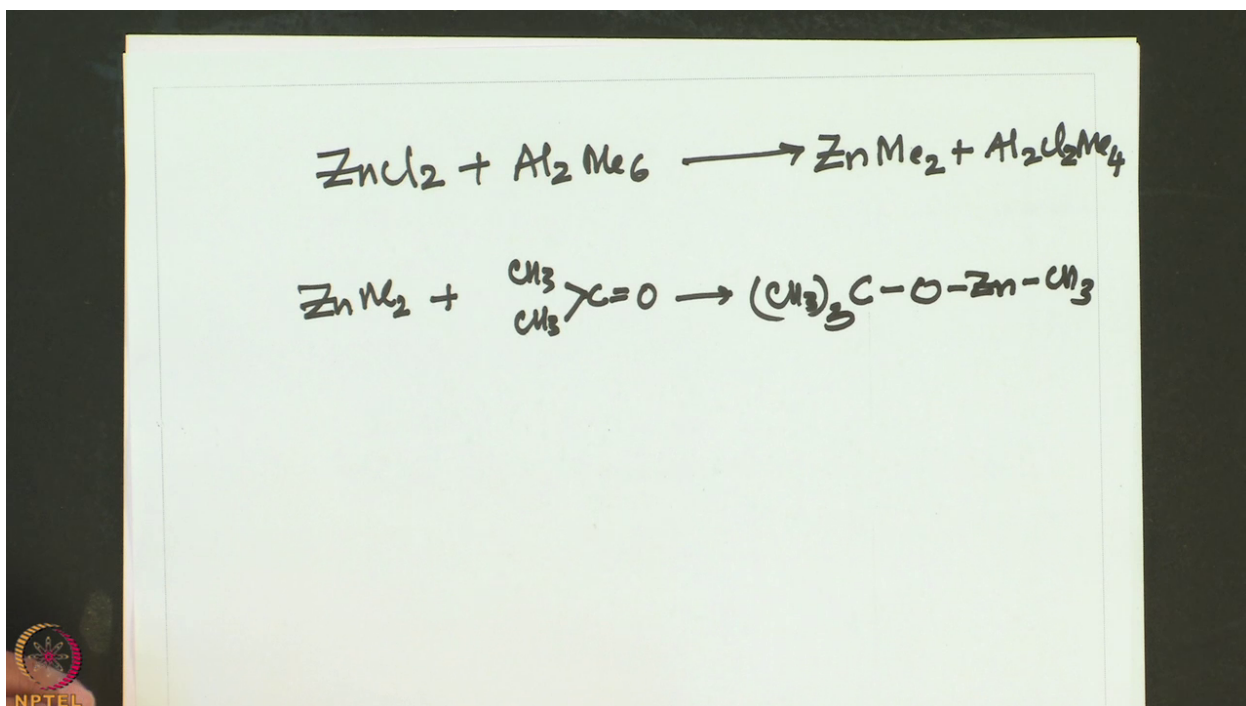
- **Dialkyl compounds of Zn, Cd and Hg do not associate through alkyl bridges.**
- **Dialkylzinc ( $R_2Zn$ ) compounds are only weak Lewis acids, organocadmium ( $R_2Cd$ ) compounds are even weaker, and organomercury ( $R_2Hg$ ) compounds do not act as Lewis acids except under special circumstances.**
- **Convenient route is metathesis with alkylaluminium or alkyl lithium compounds.**
- **With alkyl lithium compounds it is the electronegativity which is decisive, whereas between Al and Zn it is hardness considerations correctly predict the formation of softer  $ZnCH_3$  and harder AlCl pairs.**



Let us look into organo zinc cadmium and mercury compounds, this dialkyl compounds of zinc cadmium and mercury do not associate through alkyl bridges, and this compounds are only weak Lewis acids organocadmium compounds are even weaker and organomercury compounds do not act as Lewis acids, except under special circumstances. Convenient route is metathesis and with alkyl aluminum or alkyl lithium compounds with alkyl lithium compounds, it is the electronegativity which is decisive whereas, between aluminum and zinc it is hardness consideration correctly predictive formation of softer methyl, zinc or harder aluminum chloride pairs ok.

So, whether zinc has an affinity towards methyl and aluminum has an affinity towards a chloride is what the deciding factor in such reactions.

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For example, let us look into this reaction here  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  plus  $\text{Al}_2\text{Me}_6$ . If you see here of course, it readily happens to form dimethylzinc plus  $\text{Al}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{Me}_4$ . Here if you see zinc has an affinity towards methyl group as aluminum has a field towards chloride because its more Lewis acidic in nature alkyl zinc compounds are highly pyrophoric and are really hydrolyzed, whereas alkyl cadmium compounds react more slowly with air due to mild Lewis acidity dialkylzinc and dialkyl cadmium compounds form stable complexes with amines especially with chelating amines, and zinc to carbon has greater carbon ionic character than the cadmium to carbon bond.

For example addition of alkyl zinc compounds across the carbonyl group of ketone, and let us take dimethylzinc and consider a ketone here. So, it forms. So, it is something like this it forms this reaction does not proceed with the less polar alkyl cadmium, or alkyl mercury compounds, but organo lithium, organo magnesium and organo aluminum compounds can promote this reaction readily since all of which contain metals with lower electro negativity than zinc.

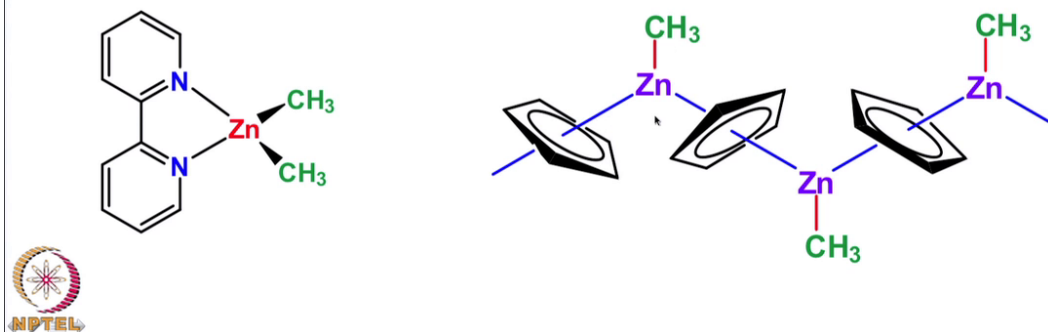
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## Organozinc,-cadmium and –mercury compounds



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## Organometallic Compounds of Main Group Elements



### Mercury Toxicity


The toxicity of mercury arises from the very high affinity of the soft Hg atom for sulfhydryl ( $\text{—SH}$ ) groups in enzymes. Simple mercury-sulfur compounds have been studied as potential analogs of natural systems. The Hg atoms are most commonly four-coordinated, as in  $[\text{Hg}_2(\text{SMe})_6]^{2-}$ .




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## Organometallic Compounds of Main Group Elements



- **Mercury poisoning was a serious concern even from early days. Issac Newton, Alfred Stock worked in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.**
- **Later in 60s awareness came following the incidence of brain damage and death it caused among the inhabitants in Minamata, Japan.**
- **Mercury from a plastic company was allowed to escape into a bay where it found its way into fish that were later eaten.**
- **Research has shown that bacteria found in sediments are capable of methylating mercury, and that species such  $\text{HgMe}_2$  and  $[\text{HgCH}_3]^+$  enter the food chain because they readily penetrate cell walls.**
- **The bacteria appear to produce  $\text{HgMe}_2$  as a means of eliminating toxic mercury ions through their cell walls and into the environment.**



So, mercury poisoning versus serious concern even from early days Issac Newton Alfred stock worked in the early 20th century, he experienced this mercury poisoning. Later in sixties awareness came following the incidence of brain damage and death it caused among the inhabitants in Minamata Japan, mercury from a plastic company was allowed to escape into a bay, where it found its way into fish that were later eaten. Research has shown that bacteria found in sediments are capable of methylating mercury, and that species such as dimethylmercury or methylmercury cations enter the food chain because they readily penetrate cell walls.

So, the bacteria appears to produce dimethylmercury as a means of eliminating toxic mercury ions through their cell walls and into the environment before I conclude let me give one reaction here. So, just following reaction here, look into this reaction I already showed zinc chloride with trimethylaluminum gives dimethylzinc, plus dichloro tetramethyl aluminum dimmer. Yes this reaction occurs here and if you just look into it

aluminum has 2 methyl bridges, and it forms 3 centered 2 electron bonds when it is reacted with zinc chloride, there is a possibility to abstract chlorides from zinc. So, that can be utilized for making lcl al bridging.

So, that now it become say a 4 electron bond; that means, it forms 3 centered 4 electron bond, as a result this compound is more stabilized. So, yes this reaction occurs. So, one can analyze in this fashion and whether you can considered Lewis acidity, whether you can consider hard and soft interaction or you can consider electro negativity one of this entity is will come very handy, in looking to the reaction and analyzing them whether this reaction happens or not. So, with this I complete the organometallic chemistry not in depth, but briefly and in my next lecture I will conclude overall whatever I discuss so for in the last 59 lectures.

Thank you very much.