Friday, November 9
Miami Inn, Lower Level
7:00 – 9:00 Poster session and mixer
Complimentary snacks and beverages

Poster set-up is available starting at 5:00 pm.

Following the poster session, please remove your posters. They can be redisplayed in Marcum 112 during the Saturday session.

POSTERS

Hydrothermal synthesis of two basic lead carboxylates
Catherine M. Oertel, Catherine M. Mauck, and Titus van den Heuvel
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Oberlin College, Oberlin OH
Matthias Zeller
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Cationic, thiophene-fused heterocyclic complexes of ruthenium
Uttam R. Pokharal and John P. Selegue
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Boron-doped and metal oxide-coated carbon nano-onions
John D. Craddock and John P. Selegue
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Organometallic and materials chemistry
John P. Selegue, Nathan Tice, Sean Parkin, Minh Truong, John Anthony, John D. Craddock, Mark Meier and Rodney Andrews
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Neodymium, gadolinium and terbium complexes containing hexafluoroacetylacetonate and 2,2’-bipyrimidine: Structural and spectroscopic characterization
Albert Fratini, Gregory Richards, Emily Larder and Shawn Swavey
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A ruthenium porphyrin as potential DNA binding agent and photodynamic therapy (PDT) agents
Sandya Rani Beeram and Shawn Swavey
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A porphyrin-ruthenium photosensitizer as potential photodynamic therapy agent
Kyle Davia, David King, Yiling Hong and Shawn Swavey
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Synthesis and toxicity studies of tris-aminomethylethane tri-carbonyl rhenium (I) salts on HeLa and vascular smooth muscle cells
Sarah Robenstine
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Synthesis and coordination chemistry of the oxycarbahemiporphyrazines
Natalie Barone
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Metal binding chemistry of the carbahemiporphyrazines
Saovalak Sripothanognak
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Synthesis and characterization of glyoxime complexes of Re(CO)3+
Roshinee Costa
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Molecular phosphates, phosphonates, and phosphinates of aluminum
Ryan Rondo
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Phototriggered isomerization of a ruthenium (II) chelating sulfoxide complex: Direct S→O relaxation in picoseconds
Beth Anne McClure
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Zn is the important metal for catalytic activity for Arabidopsis thaliana GLX2-2
Ross M. McKinney, Pattraranee Limphong, Christopher A. Makaroff, and Michael W. Crowder
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Transcriptional response to external zinc: Zn homeostasis in E. coli
Andrew Herre, Thusitha Gunasekera and Michael W. Crowder
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Catalytic activity variation found in L1 metallo-β-lactamases of differing metal content
Lauren Spadafora and Michael W. Crowder
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Characterization of Bla2, a metallo-β-lactamase
Megan Hawk and Michael W. Crowder
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Ultramicroporous metal-organic framework for selective gas adsorption
Erika S. Manis, Shengqian Ma, Xi-Sen Wang, Christopher D. Collier and Hong-Cai Zhou
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Incorporation of synthetic analogues of iron-sulfur clusters in metal-organic frameworks
Ryan Kuppler, Betty Ooro and Hong-Cai Zhou
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Ligand-mediated metal-organic framework topologies
Aaron G. Nash, Dan Zhao and Hong-Cai Zhou
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Microporous metal-organic framework with high hydrogen and methane uptakes based on double-bond-coupled diisophthalate linkers
Joseph J. López, Xi-Sen Wang and Hong-Cai Zhou
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Microporous metal-organic framework based on angular linkers exhibiting high hydrogen uptake
Brandon Murphy, Xi-Sen Wang and Hong-Cai Zhou
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Cooperative two-electron transfer reagents
Sayandev Chatterjee, Levi J. Grove, Tyler W. Green, Jeanette Krause and William B. Connick
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Synthesis and characterization of an octanuclear cyanometalate complex that exhibits thermally- and light-induced intramolecular electron transfer
Dongfeng Li and Stephen M. Holmes
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High-spin trigonal bipyramidal nickel (II) complexes
Huaibo Ma, Swarup Chattopadhyay, and Michael Jensen
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Biomimetic organosulfur coordination chemistry at high-spin nickel (II) centers
Swarup Chattopadhyay, Tapash Deb, Huaibo Ma, and Michael Jensen
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Jeffrey Petersen
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Orthometallated zirconium complexes utilizing acetophenone imine ligands: The effect of
steric bulk on reactivity and isomerization
John F. Beck and Joseph A. R. Schmidt
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3-Iminophosphine palladium(II) complexes as intermolecular hydroamination catalysts for
the formation of imines and enamines
Andrew R. Shaffer and Joseph A. R. Schmidt
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New scorpionate ligands from 2-substituted calix[4]arene
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Saturday, November 10
Marcum Conference Center, Rooms 102 & 112

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and pastries, room 112
10:30 – 3:00 Drinks and snacks, room 112
9:15 – 4:00 Oral presentations, room 102

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

9:10 Welcome & opening remarks

9:15 – 10:30 Session I

Self-quenching of a luminescent platinum (II) diimine complex
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Luminescent platinum (II) diimine complexes are of particular interest because of their potential application in areas such as chemical sensing and multielectron photocatalysis. In an effort to better understand the rich photophysical and photochemical properties of this class of compounds, we are investigating a platinum (II) diimine complex, Pt(phen)(bpa)₂ (phen=1,10-phenanthroline; bpaH=1-butyl-4-phenylacetylene). This compound has been characterized by ¹H NMR spectroscopy, elemental analysis and UV-visible absorption spectroscopy. The complex exhibits long-lived luminescence in fluid solution. In dilute solutions, the emission maximum occurs at 612 nm. With increasing concentration a new feature grows in near 740 nm. The long-wavelength band is tentatively attributed to excimer emission. Steady-state and time-resolved emission spectroscopy probing the kinetics and mechanism of the self-quenching process will be discussed.

The electron-transfer chemistry of two-electron platinum reagents with modified pincer ligands
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A central problem in thermal and photochemical catalysis is the manipulation and delivery of multielectron redox equivalents for substrate activation. As a step toward understanding and learning to control cooperative, outer-sphere two-electron transfer reactions, we have developed a strategy for designing platinum complexes whose reactivity is characterized by transfer of the first electron being less favorable than transfer of the second. The complexes are composed of two potentially meridional-coordinating tridentate ligands that are capable of stabilizing both four-coordinate platinum (II) and six-coordinate platinum (IV). In this presentation, the synthesis, characterization and electronic properties of a series of outer-sphere two-electron reagents will be presented.
These results demonstrate that the apparent two-electron redox potential is modulated by more than 200 mV. In addition, we will discuss variable temperature NMR measurements probing the conformational dynamics of the dangling nucleophiles.

**Reaction of aqueous methylmercuric compounds with iron (II) species**  
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Methylmercuric compounds in water act as one-electron oxidizing agents towards metals and metal compounds. Iron metal slowly reduces dissolved mercury; the rate accelerates markedly when mixed-valence iron oxides are included. Iron (II), forming during the reaction, appear to be the active species. Ferrocyanide ion reacts rapidly with dissolved methylmercuric compounds, forming ferricyanide initially and mixed Fe(II)-Fe(III) cyanides subsequently. Proposed mechanisms for these reactions will be presented. Iron/iron oxide systems show considerable potential for removing methylmercuric compounds from polluted waters.

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:45 Session II

**The flexible binding site of a “Zn(II)-specific” binding center**  
Peter Hu and Michael W. Crowder  
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Metallo-β-lactamase L1 belongs to B3 subgroup of metallo-β-lactamases, which hydrolyze all known clinically-used β-lactam-containing antibiotics by utilizing a Zn(II)-coordinated hydroxide. L1 contains two Zn(II) ions: one is coordinated by three histidines and one bridging hydroxide (Zn1); the second Zn ion binds two histidines, one aspartate, one terminal water, and one bridging hydroxide (Zn2). In order to understand the function of each Zn(II), we have prepared and characterized analogs of L1 that contain Co(II) or Fe. Our data show that (1) The Zn1 site is essential for activity and more specific for Zn(II). (2) The Zn2 site is flexible and can be substituted by Co(II) and Fe ion. (3) By unfolding/refolding, both sites can be replaced by Fe and Co. (4) The Zn1L1, Zn1Co2L1, and Zn1Fe2 analogs of L1 exhibit good catalytic activities; however, the Fe1Fe2-analog is inactive. (5) The Zn2 site is important for the fluorescence change during catalysis and in the formation of intermediate.

**Glyoxalase 2-1 from Arabidopsis thaliana has the β-Lactamase Activity**  
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The glyoxalase system consists of two enzymes, glyoxalase 1 (GLXI) and glyoxalase 2 (GLXII), which catalyze the detoxification of the lipid metabolism by-product,
methylglyoxal. GLXII is a metallohydrolase containing a highly-conserved metal binding domain T-H-X-H-X-D-H reported to coordinate two zinc atoms in human GLXII. Unlike in humans, there are five isozymes of GLX2 in Arabidopsis thaliana, and several of these isozymes have been shown to bind Zn, Fe, and Mn. GLX2-1 is distinct among the plant isozymes because it has an Arg at position 272 where all of the other GLXII’s have a His. However, GLX2-1 has been shown to bind 2 equivalents of metal. GLX2-1 is not a glyoxalase II because it cannot hydrolyze SLG. Nonetheless, GLX2-1 can catalyze the hydrolysis of β-lactam-containing antibiotics, suggesting that metallo-β-lactamases are descendants of GLXII, and that GLX2-1 may be the “missing link.”

11:45 – 1:15 Lunch
Uptown Oxford – see attached map

1:15 – 2:30 Session III

Bridging complexes of aluminum alkyls with di- and tri(3-methylindolyl)methanes
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We have prepared a series of di- and tri-(3-methylindolyl)methane complexes of aluminum trialkyls. These complexes show a non-typical binding mode that involves the bridging of aluminum centers by the indolyl moieties. These are the first examples of µ2-N indolyl coordination mode for a group 13 metal, although similar coordination has been observed in complexes of group 1 metals. These complexes have been characterized by X-ray crystallography and NMR spectroscopy. Details of the syntheses and characterization of ligands and complexes will be presented.

Are superacids responsible for the irreproducibility issues in chlorophosphazenes?
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The applications of polyphosphazenes range from biomedical materials to fire-retardant additives. However, inefficiency and irreproducibility in the synthesis and handling of the chlorophosphazene precursor materials hinder the wide usage of phosphazene polymers. In order to address some of these challenges, we are investigating the acid-base chemistry of [PCl₂N]₃. The reactions of the weak base [PCl₂N]₃ with Lewis acids gave adducts [PCl₂N]₃•MX₃ (MX₃ = AlCl₃, AlBr₃, GaCl₃) under rigorous anaerobic conditions and superacid adducts [PCl₂N]₃•HMXₘ₊₁ (HMXₘ₊₁ = HAICl₄, HAIBr₄, HSBCl₆) in the presence of a stoichiometric quantity of water. The superacid adducts [PCl₂N]₃•HMXₘ₊₁ (HMXₘ₊₁ = HAICl₄, HAIBr₄) were also formed by reacting [PCl₂N]₃•MX₃ (MX₃ = AlCl₃, AlBr₃) with HX (HX = HCl, HBr). It appears that HMX₄ was generated from MX₃ and HX, the latter being formed from the reaction of MX₃ with water. These superacid adducts were characterized by X-ray crystallography and multi-nuclear, variable-temperature, NMR studies. As a result of this work, we hypothesize that marginally-stable, super (or very strong) acid HPCl₆,
formed from PCl$_5$ impurities in [PCl$_2$N]$_3$ and water, may be at least partially responsible for the irreproducibilities mentioned earlier.

**Challenges in the mass spectrometric characterization of inorganic polymers: Poly(dichlorophosphazene)s and poly(siloxane)s**  
Alyison M. Leigh, Claire A. Tessier, and Chrys Wesdemiotis  
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This research focuses on the characterization of two major classes of inorganic polymers, phosphazenes and siloxanes, using mass spectrometry. Tandem mass spectrometry has the potential to provide insight into the degradation mechanisms of the polymers and is useful for the characterization of their macrostructures, architectures and end groups. MALDI ionization was most useful for the two types of polymers and choice of the correct cationizing agent was important. MS and tandem MS were used to elucidate the end groups of the short chain chlorophosphazenes that are obtained as by-products from the synthesis of the ring [PCl$_2$N]$_3$. MS/MS fragmentation behavior of various polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) systems was evaluated.

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 – 4:00 Session IV

**Metal-organic framework from an anthracene derivative containing nanoscopic cages exhibiting high methane uptake**  
Christopher D. Collier, Shengqian Ma, and Hong-Cai Zhou  
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A microporous metal-organic framework, PCN-14, based on an anthracene derivative, 5,5’-(9,10-anthracenediyli)di-isophthalate (H$_4$adip), was synthesized under solvothermal reaction conditions. X-ray single-crystal analysis revealed that PCN-14 consists of nanoscopic cages suitable for gas storage. N$_2$-adsorption studies of PCN-14 at 77 K reveal a Langmuir surface area of 2176 m$^2$/g and a pore volume of 0.87 cm$^3$/g. Methane adsorption studies at 290 K and 35 bar show that PCN-14 exhibits an absolute methane-adsorption capacity of 230 v/v, 28% higher than the DOE target (180 v/v) for methane storage.

**A microporous metal-organic framework with high hydrogen and methane storage capacities**  
Xi-Sen Wang, Shengqian Ma, Daqiang Yuan, and Hong-Cai Zhou  
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Solvothermal reaction of Cu(NO$_3$)$_2$ with H$_4$mbip gave rise to a metal-organic framework, Cu$_2$(mpib)(H$_2$O)$_2$·3DMA (PCN-12). X-ray single crystal analysis revealed that PCN-12 consists of cuboctahedral cages suitable for gas storage. At 77 K and 760 torr, the hydrogen uptake of PCN-12 can reach 3.0 wt% (24.45 g/L); at a pressure of 50 bar, its hydrogen...
adsorption capacity is 5.55 wt% (45.23 g/L). Methane adsorption studies at 298 K and 35 bar show that PCN-12 exhibits an access methane-adsorption capacity of 220 v/v, 23% high than the DOE target (180 v/v) for methane storage.

**Construction of metal-organic framework with permanent porosity based on hexatopic ligand**

Dan Zhao and Hong-Cai Zhou  
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One novel metal-organic framework has been constructed with hexatopic ligand and copper salt. The crystal material has permanent porosity with the Langmuir surface area 2990 m$^2$/g (BET surface area 2508 m$^2$/g) and is stable up to 300 °C. Hydrogen adsorption study shows the hydrogen uptake is 1.97 wt% at 77K under 1 atm.

**4:00 Closing remarks**

**4:30 (Optional)**  
Visit the Ohio Eminent Scholar Laboratory for Structural Biology, located in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Miami University. Prof. Michael Kennedy and his research group will lead a tour through this recently-constructed facility, which features the only 850 MHz NMR spectrometer in the United States.

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