

Recognition and sensing of Lewis bases by 1,2,5-chalcogenadiazoles

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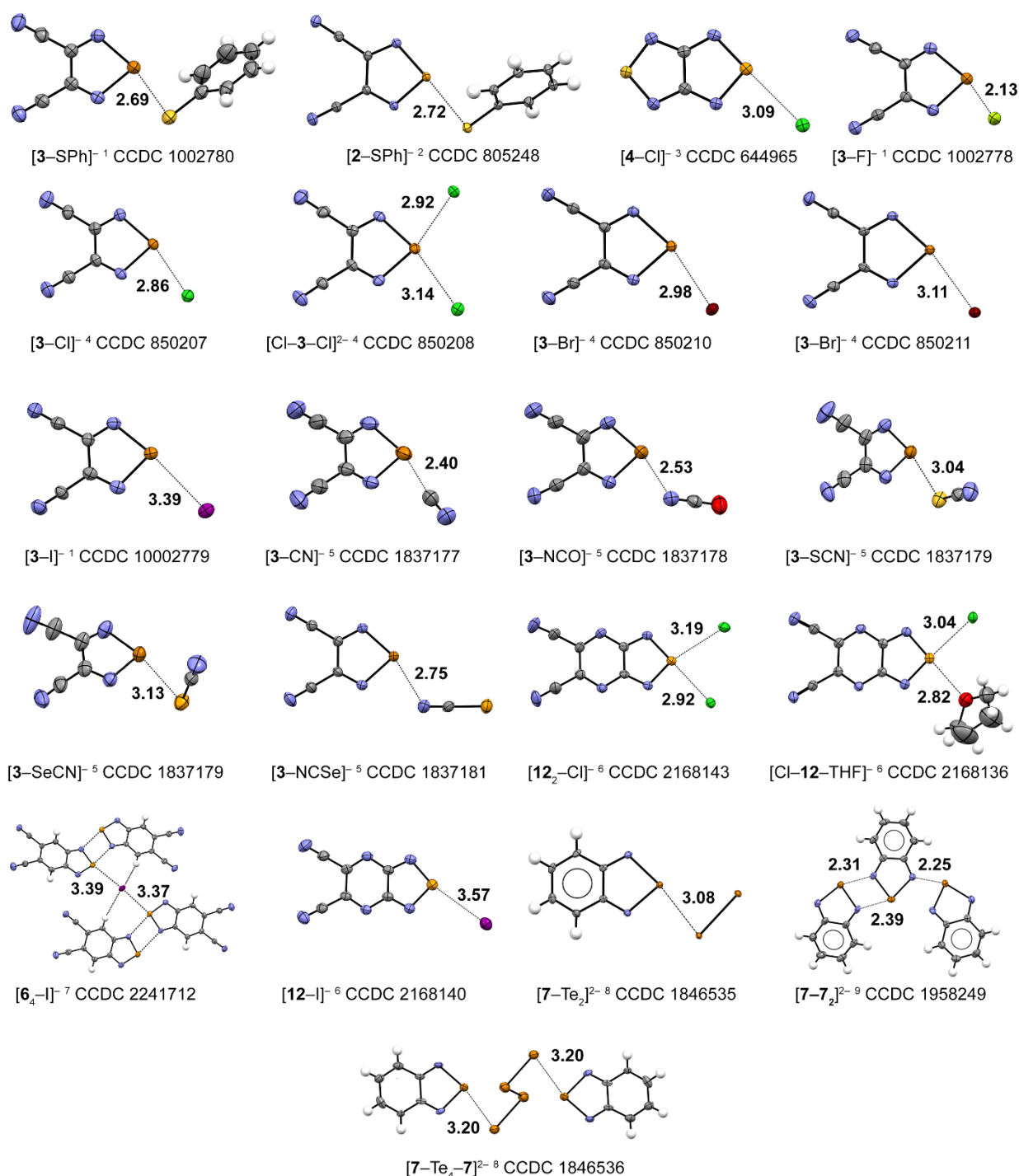


Figure S1 Selected XRD structures of complexes between 1,2,5-chalcogenadiazoles and anions. The *ChBs* are indicated by dashed lines with bonds distances in Å. Colour code: C – grey, H – light gray, Br – dark red, Cl – green, F – lemon green, I – purple, N – blue, O – red, S –yellow, Se – golden yellow, Te – orange. Omitted [Cat]⁺: [K(18-crown-6)]⁺ for [2-SPh]⁻, [PhS-3-THF]⁻, [3-A]⁻ (A = I, CN, NCO, SCN), [7-Te₂]²⁻, [7-Te₄-7]²⁻, [7-7₂]²⁻, [12-I]⁻; [PyH]⁺ for [3-A]⁻ (A = Cl, Br), [Cl-3-Cl]²⁻, [4-Cl]⁻; [Et₄N]⁺ for [6₄-I]⁻, [Cl-12-THF]⁻, [12-Cl-12]⁻; [(Me₂N)₃S]⁺ for [3-F]⁻; [K]⁺ for [3-NCSe]⁻.

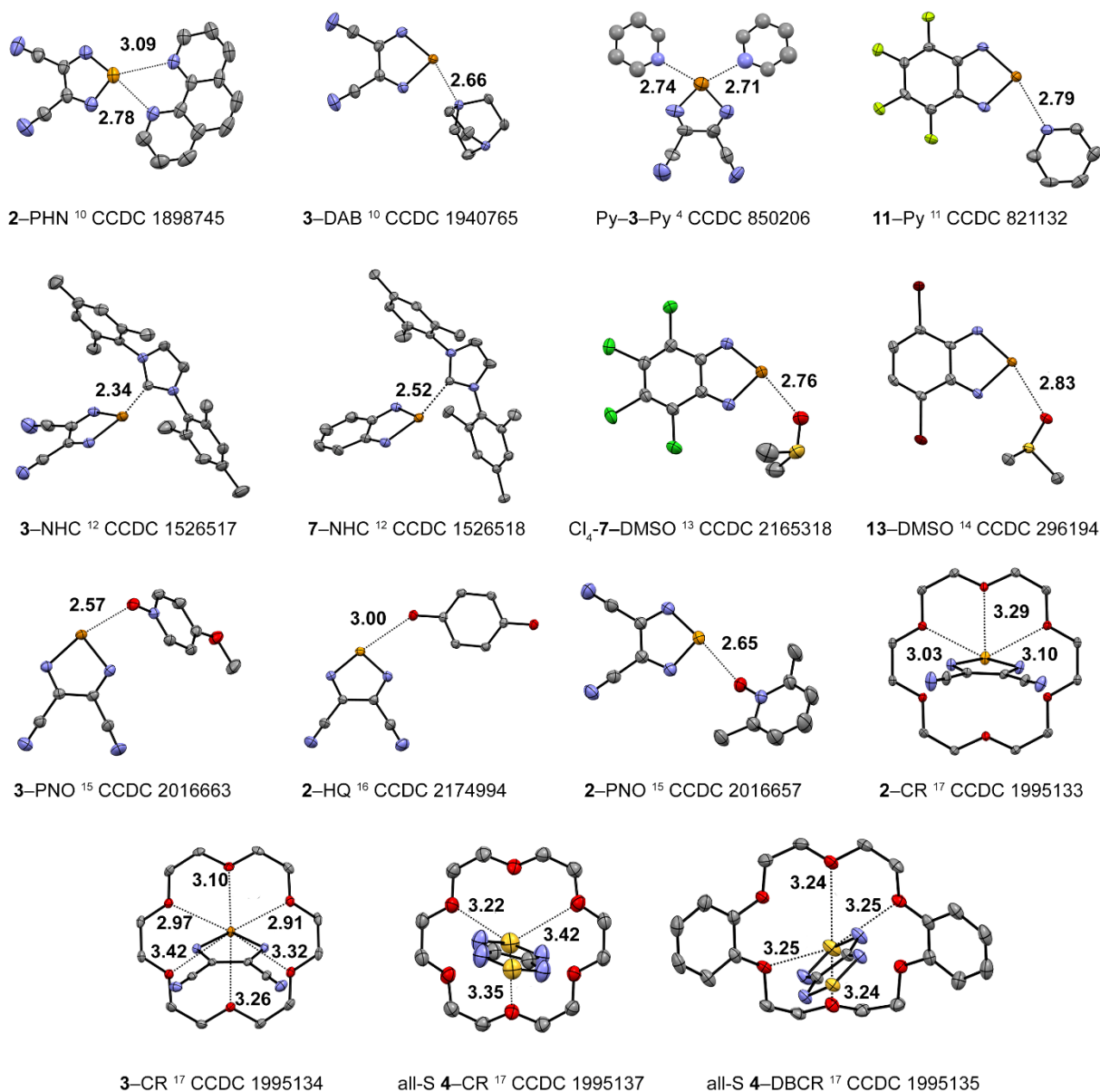


Figure S2 Selected XRD structures of complexes between 1,2,5-chalcogenadiazoles and neutral molecules; H atoms are omitted for clarity. The *ChBs* are indicated by dashed lines with bonds distances in Å. Colour code: C – grey, N – blue, O – red, S – yellow, Se – golden yellow, Te – orange.

Stability of complexes

Tables S1 and S2 contain experimental and theoretical data on stability of anionic complexes $[M-A]^{n-}$ and neutral complexes M-LB; M = 1,2,5-chalcogenadiazole, chalcogen = S, Se, Te; A^{n-} = anion; and LB = neutral Lewis base.

Table S1 Experimental association constants K and experimental and DFT-calculated Gibbs free energy ΔG of anionic complexes^{a,S1,S5,S18}

Complex	$K \times 10^3, \text{M}^{-1}$ ($-\Delta G$, exp. / DFT; ^b kcal mol ⁻¹)	
	THF	MeCN
1		
[1-CN] ⁻	– (– / –2.5)	– (– / –6.9)
[1-NC] ⁻	– (– / –3.5)	– (– / –6.4)
[1-OCN] ⁻	– (– / 0.0)	– (– / –4.1)
[1-NCO] ⁻	– (– / 0.8)	– (– / –2.8)
[1-SCN] ⁻	– (– / 0.2)	– (– / –3.2)
[1-NCS] ⁻	– (– / –0.2)	– (– / –2.6)
[1-SeCN] ⁻	– (– / 0.0)	– (– / –2.7)
[1-NCSe] ⁻	–	– (– / –1.4)
[1-TeCN] ⁻	– (– / –1.3)	– (– / –3.7)
[1-NCTe] ⁻	– (– / –1.7)	– (– / –4.0)
2		
[2-CN] ⁻	– (– / 4.1)	– (– / –1.6)
[2-NC] ⁻	– (– / 1.8)	– (– / –2.3)
[2-OCN] ⁻	– (– / 2.6)	– (– / –1.3)
[2-NCO] ⁻	– (– / 5.7)	– (– / 0.9)
[2-SCN] ⁻	– (– / 4.5)	– (– / –0.5)
[2-NCS] ⁻	– (– / 2.4)	– (– / –1.4)
[2-SeCN] ⁻	– (– / 4.0)	– (– / 0.2)
[2-NCSe] ⁻	–	– (– / –1.4)
[2-TeCN] ⁻	– (– / 2.5)	– (– / –0.9)
[2-NCTe] ⁻	– (– / 0.4)	– (– / –3.3)
3		
[3-F] ⁻	– (– / 33.1)	
[3-Cl] ⁻	– (– / 16.7)	
[3-Br] ⁻	– (– / 12.8)	
[3-I] ⁻	680 ^c (– / – 5.7)	1.5
[3-CN] ⁻	– (– / 12.7)	– (– / 6.4)
[3-NC] ⁻	– (– / 7.6)	– (– / 2.5)
[3-OCN] ⁻	– (– / 6.4)	– (– / 1.2)
[3-NCO] ⁻	– (– / 10.6)	– (– / 6.9)
[3-SCN] ⁻	– (– / 13.5)	0.50 (3.7 / 5.0)
[3-NCS] ⁻	– (– / 8.3)	– (– / 2.9)
[3-SeCN] ⁻	– (– / 10.3)	0.70 (3.8 / 5.1)
[3-NCSe] ⁻	– (– / 7.1)	– (– / 2.2)
[3-TeCN] ⁻	– (– / 9.3)	– (– / 3.6)
[3-NCTe] ⁻	– (– / 4.1)	– (– / –0.4)

[3-SPh] ⁻	74	3.0
7		
[7-Cl] ⁻	0.97 (4.1 / 3.5)	0.07
[7-Br] ⁻	0.19 (3.1 / 1.2)	0.03
[7-I] ⁻	—	0.01
[7-NO ₃] ⁻	0.02 (1.6 / 0.7)	—
9		
[9-Cl] ⁻	38 (6.2 / 6.7)	—
[9-Br] ⁻	2.2 (4.6 / 3.7)	—
[9-NO ₃] ⁻	0.08 (2.6 / 2.1)	—
11		
[11-Cl] ⁻	130 (7.0 / 7.5)	—
[11-Br] ⁻	9.8 (5.4 / 4.6)	—
[11-NO ₃] ⁻	0.19 (3.1 / 2.7)	—
13		
[13-Cl] ⁻	12.2 (5.6 / 6.5)	—
[13-Br] ⁻	1.2 (4.2 / 4.5)	—
[13-NO ₃] ⁻	0.08 (2.6 / 0.2)	—

^a The [A]⁻ = [F]⁻, [HSO₄]⁻, [H₂PO₄]⁻, [AcO]⁻ and [TfO]⁻ decompose benzotelluradiazoles **7**, **9**, **11**, and **13**.^{S18} ^b B97-D3/def2-tzvp for [A]⁻ = [Cl]⁻, [Br]⁻, [I]⁻, [NO₃]⁻, and [PhS]⁻ with the PCM solvent model for THF;^{S18} and for [A]⁻ = [CN]⁻ and [ECN]⁻ (E = O, S, Se, Te) with the COSMO model for THF and MeCN.^{S5} ^c In CH₂Cl₂.

Table S2 Experimental association constants *K* and experimental and DFT-calculated Gibbs free energy ΔG of neutral complexes with quinuclidine^a (Q) in THF^{S18}

Complex	$\sim K \times 10^3, \text{M}^{-1}$ ($-\Delta G, \text{exp.} / \text{DFT};^b \text{kcal mol}^{-1}$)
6-Q	0.02 ^c (1.7 / 0.9)
8-Q	0.05 (2.4 / 2.7)
10-Q	0.10 (2.7 / 3.6)
12-Q	0.06 (2.4 / 2.2)

^a 1-Azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane. ^b B97-D3/def2-tzvp with the PCM solvent model for THF. ^c 0.04 in MeCN.

Acyclic analogues

Similar to 1,2,5-chalcogenadiazoles, their (R-N=)₂E (E = S, Se, Te) acyclic analogues analyzed here in dominant *Z,E* configurations^{S19-S21} feature MEP holes. However, the $V_{S,\text{max}}$ magnitudes at chalcogen atoms (Figure S3) are markedly lower than for related heterocycles (*cf.* 24 kcal mol⁻¹ for putative (Ph-N=)₂Te with 28.0 kcal mol⁻¹ for **7**; for real (Ph-N=)₂S the σ -hole at the S atom is

very weak). Notably, σ -holes in the Z,E configurations are shared between the chalcogen and *ortho*-H atoms of the E -Ph, which could facilitate SBIs, *i.e.*, simultaneous ChB and HB formation. Overall, without carbocyclic substitution by electron-acceptor groups the discussed acyclics are expected to be weak LB receptors. Indeed, reported reactions between $(R-N=)_2S$ and $[A]^-$ proceed as π -addition (*i.e.*, primary bonding interaction) of $[A]^-$ to the considerably polarized double bonds;^{S20,S23,S24} the addition of crypto C-anions of organolithium and -magnesium compounds to $(R-N=)_2S$ is even recommended as a simple method of quantitative determination of these organometallics.^{S24} Complexes / solvates with neutral LBs are unknown.

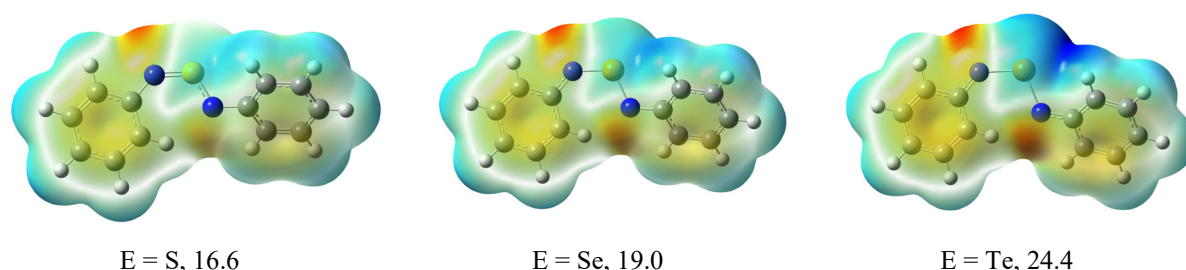


Figure S3 B3LYP/def2-tzvp-calculated MEPs ($0.001 \text{ e Bohr}^{-3}$ isosurfaces) of real ($E = S$) / putative ($E = Se, Te$) Z,E -($Ph-N=$) $_2E$ optimized at the same level of theory, together with $V_{s,max}$ (kcal mol^{-1}) of σ -holes. MEP colour code: blue – positive, red – negative; atom colour code: C – grey, H – light grey, N – blue, S – yellow.

At the same time, solid-state structures of four individual $(Ar-N=)_2S$ ^{S25-S28} featuring shortened $S \dots X$ intermolecular contacts are published; notably, one compound is in the Z,E configuration, whereas three other are in the Z,Z (Figure S4). It is unclear, whether these contacts are $ChBs$. In any way, potential of $(R-N=)_2E$ in the context of ChB is worth a closer look. Particularly for $E = S$, $Ar-E_k-(N=E=N-E-)_l-N=E=N-S_m-Ar$ ($k, m = 0, 1$; $l = 0, 1$) structurally-flexible catenated compounds are known;^{S19,S20,S29} the most extended ($k = l = m = 1$) represent σ -hole garlands.

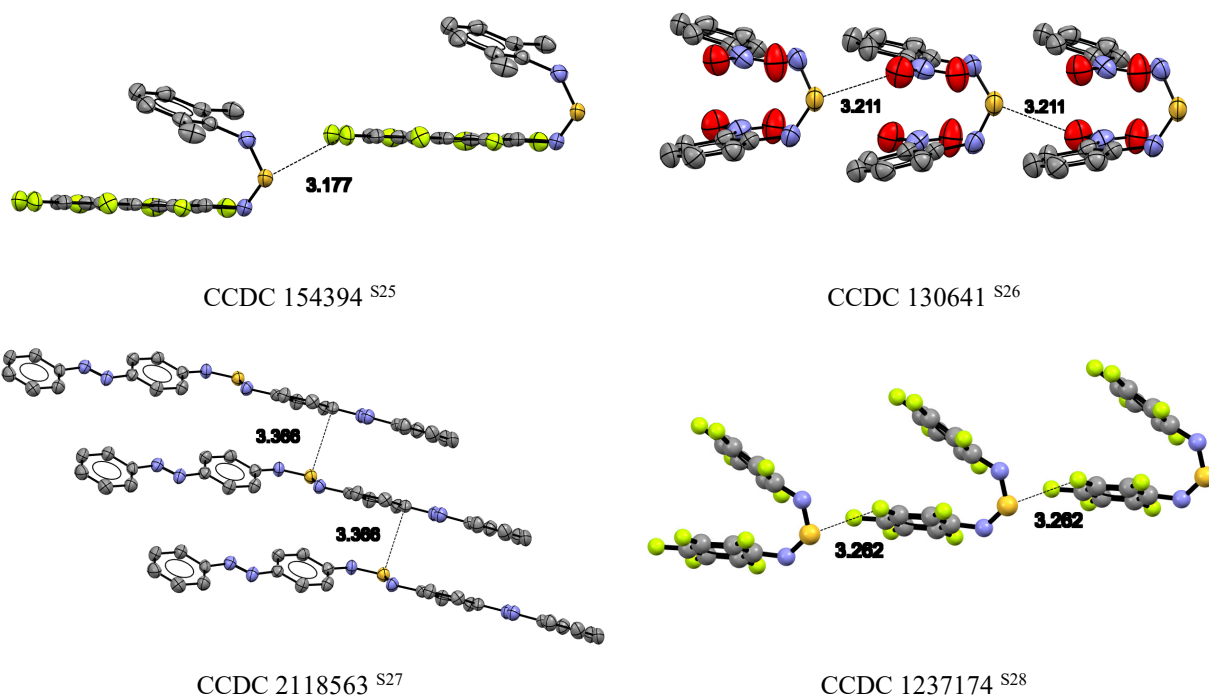


Figure S4 Fragments of XRD structures of (Ar-N)=S featuring shortened S...X intermolecular contacts; H atoms omitted. Colour code: C – grey, F – light green, N – blue, O – red, S – yellow.

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