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## E i n l a d u n g z u m Kolloquium

Am Mittwoch, den 22. Oktober 2014, 17:00 Uhr, spricht

**Herr Dr. Lee J. Higham**

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zum Thema:

### **Surprises in Primary Phosphine Chemistry and Their Applications in Catalysis and Disease Imaging**

Primary phosphines are widely believed to be spontaneously flammable and toxic, despite their excellent potential as routes to very potent chiral ligands such as the DuPhos family of phosphines. We were able to demonstrate that the binaphthyl backbone of MOP-type monodentate ligands possess sufficient  $\pi$ -conjugation to render the normally oxygen sensitive phosphino group stable to air. In 2011 we published a DFT model on why this electronic stabilization effect may occur. Intriguingly, despite their inertness to air-oxidation, these phosphines retain the ability to be highly functionalized. Thus we have prepared chiral phosphiranes and phosphonites and studied their efficacy in asymmetric catalysis. Finally, the predictive powers of the DFT model allowed us to synthesise the first air-stable, fluorescent primary phosphines, based on the BODIPY backbone, the derivatives of which have potential as metal-based disease imaging agents.



#### Air-stable primary phosphines ...

... that are highly fluorescent are presented by L.J. Higham and co-workers in their communication on page 4021 ff. These primary phosphines (RPH<sub>2</sub>) can be used to prepare tripodal phosphines which form rhodium complexes that retain a desirable photophysical profile and have potential applications as stains of technetium imaging agents.

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