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## Education

2008 **University of Chicago**, Ph.D. Chemistry  
2004 **University of Illinois at Chicago**, B. S., Chemistry

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## Professional Experience

2015 – Present **Assistant Professor**  
University of California, Riverside  
2011 – 2015 **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zürich  
Advisor: Dr. Christophe Copéret  
2008 – 2011 **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
Institut Català d'Investigació Química (ICIQ), Tarragona, Spain  
Advisor: Dr. Javier de Mendoza  
2004 – 2008 **Graduate Research**  
The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Advisor: Dr. Richard F. Jordan  
2002 – 2004 **Undergraduate Research**  
University of Illinois – Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Advisor: Dr. Vladimir Gevorgyan

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## Peer-Reviewed Publications at UCR

- 43.) Culver, D. B.; Venkatesh, A.; Huynh, W.; Rossini, A. J.; Conley, M. P. Al(ORF)<sub>3</sub> (R<sub>F</sub> = C(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>) Activated Silica: A Well-Defined Weakly Coordinating Surface Anion. *Chemical Science*, 2020, DOI: 10.1039/C9SC05904K.
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- 41.) Rodriguez, J.; Culver, D. B.; Conley, M. P. Generation of Phosponium Sites on Sulfated Zirconium Oxide: Relationship to Bronsted Acid Strength of Surface –OH Sites. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2019**, *141*, 1484-1488.
- 40.) Jothi, P. R.; Zhang, Y.; Yubuta, K.; Culver, D. B.; Conley, M. P.; Fokwa, B. P. T. Abundant Vanadium Diboride with Graphene-like Boron Layers for Hydrogen Evolution *ACS Appl. Energy Mater.* **2019**, *2*, 176-181.
- 39.) Gordon, C. P.; Culver, D. B.; Conley, M. P.; Eisenstein, O.; Andersen, R. A.; Copéret, C.  $\pi$ -Bond Character in Metal-Alkyl Compounds for C-H Activation: How, When, and Why? *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2019**, *141*, 648-656.
- 38.) Culver, D. B.; Conley, M. P. Activation of C–F Bonds by Electrophilic Organosilicon Sites Supported on Sulfated Zirconia. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2018**, *130*, 15118-15121.

- 37.) Huynh, W.; Culver, D. B.; Tafazolian, H.; Conley, M. P. Solid-state  $^{45}\text{Sc}$  NMR of  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Sc-X}$  and  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{ScX}(\text{THF})$ . *Dalton Trans.* **2018**, 47, 13063 - 13071. (Invited)
- 36.) Culver, D. B.; Huynh, W.; Tafazolian, H.; Ong, T. C.; Conley, M. P. The  $\beta$ -Agostic Structure in  $(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2\text{ScCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ : Solid-State NMR Studies of  $(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2\text{Sc-R}$  (R = Me, Ph, Et). *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2018**, 57, 9250-9253.
- 35.) Culver, D. B.; Tafazolian, H.; Conley, M. P. A Bulky Pd(II)  $\alpha$ -Diimine Catalyst Supported on Sulfated Zirconia for the Polymerization of Ethylene and Copolymerization of Ethylene and Methyl Acrylate. *Organometallics*, **2018**, 37, 1001-1006.
- 34.) Tafazolian, H.; Culver, D. B.; Conley, M. P. A Well-Defined Ni(II)  $\alpha$ -Diimine Catalyst Supported on Sulfated Zirconia for Polymerization Catalysis. *Organometallics*, **2017**, 36, 2385 - 2388.
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### Peer-Reviewed Publications Prior to Joining UCR

- 33.) Copéret, C.; Allouche, F.; Chang, K.; Conley, M. P.; Delley, M. F.; Fedorov, A.; Moroz, I.; Mougél, V.; Pucino, M.; Searles, K.; Yamamoto, K.; Zhizhko, P. Bridging the Gap Between Industrial and Well-Defined Supported Catalysts. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2017**, 57, 6398-6440.
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- 31.) Valla, M.; Wischert, R.; Comas-Vives, A.; Conley, M. P.; Verel, R.; Copéret, C.; Sautet, P. Role of Tri-coordinate Al Sites in  $\text{CH}_3\text{ReO}_3$  Olefin Metathesis Catalysts. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2016**, 138, 6774 – 6785.
- 30.) Conley, M. P.; Lapadula, G.; Sanders, K.; Gajan, D.; Lesage, A.; Rosal, I.; Maron, L.; Lukens, W. W.; Copéret, C.; Andersen, R. A. The Nature of Secondary Interactions at Electrophilic Metal Sites of Molecular and Silica-supported Organolutetium Complexes from Solid-State NMR Spectroscopy. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2016**, 138, 3831 – 3843.
- 29.) Copéret, C.; Comas-Vives, A.; Conley, M. P.; Estes, D.; Nunez-Zarur, F.; Fedorov, A.; Mougél, V.; Nagae, H.; Zhizhko, P.: Surface Organometallic and Coordination Chemistry towards Single-Site Heterogeneous Catalysts: Strategies, Methods, Structures, and Activities. *Chem. Rev.* **2016**, 116, 323 – 421.
- 28.) Lapadula, G.; Conley, M. P.; Copéret, C.; Andersen, R. A.: Synthesis and Characterization of Rare Earth Siloxide Complexes,  $\text{M}[\text{OSi}(\text{OtBu})_3]_3(\text{L})_x$  where L is  $\text{HOSi}(\text{OtBu})_3$  and  $x=0$  or 1. *Organometallics*, **2016**, 34, 2271 – 2277.
- 27.) Conley, M. P.; Delley, M. F.; Nunez-Zarur, F.; Comas-Vives, A.; Copéret, C.: Heterolytic Activation of C–H Bonds on  $\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}\text{-O}$  Surface Sites Is a Key Step in Catalytic Polymerization of Ethylene and Dehydrogenation of Propane. *Inorg. Chem.*, **2015**, 54, 5065–5078
- 26.) Lapadula, G.; Trummer, D.; Conley, M. P.; Steinmann, M.; Ran, Ying-Fen; Brasselet, S.; Guyot, Y.; Maury, O.; Decurtins, S.; Liu, Shi-Xia; Copéret, C.: One-Photon Near-Infrared Sensitization of Well-Defined Yb(III) Surface Complexes for NIR-to-NIR Single Nanoparticle Imaging. *Chem. Mat.* **2015**, 27, 2033–2039.
- 25.) Valla, M.; Conley, M. P.; Copéret, C.:  $\text{MeReO}_3/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Me}_4\text{Sn}$  Activated  $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_7/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  Alkene Metathesis Catalysts have Similar Active Sites. *Catal. Sci. Tech.*, **2015**, 5, 1438–1442.
- 24.) Gajan, D.; Bornet, A.; Vuichoudb, B.; Milanib, J.; Melzic, R.; Veyre, L.; Thieuleux, C.; Conley, M. P.;

Grüning, W. R.; Schwarzwälder, M.; Lesage, A.; Copéret, C.; Bodenhausen, G.; Emsley, L.; Jannin, S.: Hybrid Polarizing Solids for Pure Hyperpolarized Liquids through Dissolution Dynamic Nuclear Polarization. *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA*, **2014**, *111*, 14693–14697.

23.) *Conley, M. P.*; Forrest, W. P.; Mougél, V.; Copéret, C.; Schrock, R. R.: A Bulky Aryloxy Ligand Stabilizes a Heterogeneous Metathesis Catalyst. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2014**, *53*, 14221–14224.

22.) Feng, G.; *Conley, M. P.*; Jordan, R. F.: Differentiation between Chelate Ring Inversion and Aryl Rotation in a CF<sub>3</sub>-Substituted Phosphine-Sulfonate Palladium Methyl Complex. *Organometallics*, **2014**, *33*, 4486–4496.

21.) Filoneko, G. A.; Cosimi, E.; Lefort, L.; *Conley, M. P.*; Copéret, C.; Lutz, M.; Hensen, E. J. M.; Pidko, E. A.: Lutidine Derived Ru-CNC Hydrogenation Pincer Catalysts with Versatile Coordination Properties. *ACS Catal.* **2014**, *4*, 2667–2671.

20.) Delley, M. F.; Núñez-Zarur, F.; *Conley, M. P.*; Comas-Vives, A.; Siddiqi, G.; Norsic, S.; Monteil, V.; Safonova, O. V.; Copéret, C.: Proton Transfers Are Key Elementary Steps in Ethylene Polymerization on Isolated Chromium(III) Silicates. *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA*, **2014**, *112*, 11624–11629.

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19.) *Conley, M. P.*; Rossini, A. J.; Comas Vives, A.; Valla, M.; Ouari, O.; Tordo, P.; Lesage, A.; Emsley, L.; Copéret, C.: Evidence for Surface rearrangement involving Q<sub>2</sub>-sites and strained siloxane bridges from <sup>119</sup>Sn Surface Enhanced NMR Spectroscopy. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **2014**, *16*, 17822–17827.

18.) *Conley, M. P.*; Copéret, C.; Thieuleux, C.: Mesostructured Hybrid Organic Silica Materials: Well-defined and regularly distributed supported Catalysts into the channel pores of a silica matrix. *ACS Catal.* **2014**, *4*, 1458–1469.

17.) Delley, M. F.; *Conley, M. P.*; Copéret, C.: Polymerization on CO-Reduced Phillips Catalyst initiates through the C-H bond activation of ethylene on Cr–O sites. *Catal. Lett.* **2014**, *144*, 805–888.

16.) Kermagoret, A.; Kerber, R. N.; *Conley, M. P.*; Callens, E.; Florian, P.; Massiot, D.; Copéret, C.; Delbecq, F.; Rozanska, X.; Sautet, P.: Chloroalkylaluminum supported on silica: a dinuclear aluminum surface species with bridging μ<sub>2</sub>-Cl–ligand for a highly efficient co-catalyst for the Ni-catalyzed dimerization of ethene. *J. Catal.* **2014**, *313*, 46–54.

15.) *Conley, M. P.*; Copéret, C.: State of the Art and Perspectives in the ‘Molecular Approach’ Towards Well-Defined Heterogeneous Catalysts. *Top. Catal.* **2014**, *57*, 843–851. (*Invited Perspective*)

14.) *Conley, M. P.*; Delley, M. F.; Siddiqui, G.; Lapadula, G.; Norsic, S.; Monteil, V.; Safonova, O. V.; Copéret, C.: Polymerization of Ethylene by Silica-Supported Dinuclear Cr<sup>III</sup> Sites through an Initiation Step Involving C-H Bond Activation. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2014**, *53*, 1872–1876.

13.) Lapadula, G.; Bourdolle, A.; Allouche, F.; *Conley, M.P.*; del Rosal, I.; Maron, L.; Lukens, W. W.; Guyot, Y.; Andraud, C.; Brasselet, S.; Copéret, C.; Maury, O.; Andersen, R. A.: Near-IR Two-photon Microscopy Imaging of Nanoparticles Prepared by Controlled Functionalization of Silica with 4,4'-diethylaminostyryl-2,2'-bipyridine Yb(III) Surface Sites. *Chem. Mat.* **2014**, *26*, 1062–1073.

12.) *Conley, M. P.*; Mougél, V.; Peryshkov, D. V.; Forrest, W. F.; Gajan, D.; Lesage, A.; Emsley, L.; Copéret, C.; Schrock, R. R.: A well-defined silica-supported tungsten oxo alkylidene as a highly active alkene metathesis catalyst. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, *135*, 19068–19070.

11.) Filonenko, G. A.; *Conley, M. P.*; Copéret, C.; Lutz, M.; Hensen, E. J. M.; Pidko, E. A.: The Impact of Metal-ligand Cooperation in Hydrogenation of Carbon Dioxide Catalyzed by a Ruthenium PNP Pincer. *ACS Catal.*

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10.) Gajan, D.; Schwarzwälder, M.; *Conley, M. P.*; Gruening, W. R.; Rossini, A. J.; Zagdoun, A.; Lelli, M.; Yulikov, M.; Jeschke, G.; Sauvée, C.; Ouari, O.; Tordo, P.; Veyre, L.; Lesage, A.; Thieuleux, C.; Emsley, L.; Copéret, C.: Solid-phase DNP Polarizing Matrices from Homogeneously Distributed Radicals in Mesostructured Hybrid Silica Materials. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, *135*, 15459-15466.

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8.) Kermagoret, A.; Kerber, R. N.; *Conley, M. P.*; Callens, E.; Florian, P.; Massiot, D.; Copéret, C.; Delbecq, F.; Rozanska, X.; Sautet, P.: Triisobutylaluminum: Bulkier and Yet More Reactive Towards Silica Surfaces than Triethyl or Trimethylaluminum. *Dalton Trans.* **2013**, *42*, 12681-12687.

7.) Zagdoun, A.; Rossini, A. J.; *Conley, M. P.*; Grüning, W. R.; Schwarzwälder, M.; Lelli, M.; Franks, W. T.; Oschkinat, H.; Copéret, C.; Emsley, L.; Lesage, A.: Improved Dynamic Nuclear Polarization Surface-Enhanced NMR Spectroscopy through Controlled Incorporation of Deuterated Functional Groups. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2013**, *52*, 1222-1225.

6.) *Conley, M. P.*; Copéret, C.: Solid-state NMR: An EYE Opener in Surface Chemistry. *CHIMIA.* **2012**, *66*, 752-758.

5.) *Conley, M. P.*; Valero, J.; de Mendoza, J. Guanidinium Based Receptors for Oxoanions. In *Supramolecular Chemistry: From Molecules to Nanomaterials*; Gale, P. A. Ed; Wiley-VCH: New York, **2012**.

4.) *Conley, M. P.*; Jordan, R. F.: *Cis/trans* Isomerization of Phosphinesulfonate Palladium(II) Complexes. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2011**, *50*, 3744-3746.

3.) *Conley, M. P.*; Burns, C. T.; Jordan, R. F.: Mechanism of Ethylene Oligomerization by a Cationic Palladium(II) Alkyl Complex that Contains a (3,5-Me<sub>2</sub>-pyrazolyl)<sub>2</sub>CHSi(*p*-tolyl)<sub>3</sub> Ligand. *Organometallics* **2007**, *26*, 6750-6759.

2.) Sun, J.; *Conley, M. P.*; Zhang, L.; Kozmin, S. A.: Au- and Pt-Catalyzed Cycloisomerizations of 1,5-Enynes to Cyclohexadienes with a Broad Alkyne Scope. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 9705-9710.

1.) Rubina, M.; *Conley, M. P.*; Gevorgyan, V.: Dramatic Acceleration of the Pd-Catalyzed [4+2] Benzannulation Reaction of Enynes and Diynes in the Presence of Lewis Acids and Bases: Expanded Scope and New Mechanistic Insights. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 5818-5827.

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## Teaching Experience

2019–present CHEM 150A: Inorganic Chemistry I  
2019–present CHEM 231B: Reactivity and Mechanism in Organometallic Chemistry  
2015–2018 CHEM 231A: Structure and Bonding in Inorganic Chemistry (Graduate level)  
2015–2018 CHEM 1B: General Chemistry; second quarter in three quarter sequence

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## University and Department Service

2019-present Director of the Analytical Chemistry Instrumentation Facility  
2016-2019 Graduate Admissions Committee Representative, Inorganic Division

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## Current Funding

Title: Phosphines Supported on Sulfated Zirconia (sole PI)

Agency: National Science Foundation (CHE-1800561)

Amount: \$426,000

Period: 4/2018 – 4/2021

Title: Study on a polymerization catalyst to ascertain how the active catalyst is formed. (sole PI)

Agency: Chevron Phillips LLC

Amount: \$260,000

Period: 8/2017 – 6/2021

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## Invited Seminars

7/2020	Organometallic Gordon Research Conference
5/2020	ETH - Zürich
5/2020	University of Chicago
5/2020	Argonne National Lab
4/2020	University of Florida
4/2020	Iowa State University
3/2020	ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia (Inorganic Chemistry Division)
3/2020	ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia (Catalysis Division)
12/2019	University of California, Santa Barbara
12/2019	University of California, Los Angeles
11/2019	Texas A&M University
10/2019	University of Southern California
9/2019	University of Illinois at Chicago
3/2018	Baylor University
11/2017	Cal State, San Bernadino
9/2017	East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai
9/2017	University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei
9/2017	Donghua University, Shanghai
6/2017	Chevron Phillips, LLC. Bartlesville, OK
4/2017	ACS National Meeting, San Francisco
10/2016	University of California, Riverside, MSE
3/2016	ACS National Meeting, San Diego
3/2014	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne (EPFL)
10/2014	Osaka University