#### General

<u>Chemicals and Solvents.</u> Commercial chemicals were used as obtained from Sigma-Aldrich or Fisher. Solvents were used without further purification. DMSO was dried over molecular sieves (certified <0.005% water content, Sigma-Aldrich).

<u>Analytical thin-layer chromatography.</u> TLC was performed using aluminium plates with silica gel and fluorescent indicator (Merck, 60F254). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to UV light.

<u>Column chromatography.</u> Flash column chromatography with silica gel 60 Å (220-240 mesh) from *Acros*. Pentane or mixtures thereof with ethyl acetate were used as eluents. Product yields were determined as isolated by column chromatography.

<u>Gas chromatography with mass-selective detector</u>. *Agilent* 6890N Network GC-System, mass detector 5975 MS. Column: BPX5 (30m x 0.25 mm x 0.25, from *SGE*, carrier gas: H<sub>2</sub>. Standard heating procedure:  $50^{\circ}$ C (2 min),  $25^{\circ}$ C/min ->  $300^{\circ}$ C (5 min).

<u>Gas chromatography with FID.</u> Agilent 7820A GC-Systems. Column: HP 5 19091J 413 (30 m x 0.32 mm x 0.25  $\mu$ m) from Agilent, carrier gas: N<sub>2</sub>. GC-FID was used for reaction optimization screening (Calibration with internal standard *n*-pentadecane or dodecanenitrile and analytically pure samples).

<u>NMR.</u> <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on a *Bruker* Avance 300 (300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H; 75 MHz <sup>13</sup>C) and *Bruker* Avance 400 (400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H, 101 MHz <sup>13</sup>C) spectrometers. Chemicals shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to solvent residual peak as internal reference. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz). Following abbreviations are used for spin multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet, dt = doublet of triplet, dq = doublet of quartet, ddt = doublet of triplet.

<u>IR spectroscopy.</u> Infrared spectra were recorded on a Cary 630 FTIR Spectrometer equipped with a ATR unit. Wavenumbers are indicated in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Intensive absorption bands are indicated with "s" (strong), medium bands with "m" (medium), and weak bands with "w" (weak).

<u>High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS).</u> The spectra were recorded by the Central Analytics Lab at the Department of Chemistry, University of Regensburg, on a MAT SSQ 710 A from *Finnigan*.

<u>Superscripts</u> behind compound names are literature references.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of arenediazonium salts

The parent aniline (10 mmol) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (6 mL) and 32% aqueous tetrafluoroboric acid (1.6 mL) at room temperature. Then, a solution of *tert*-butyl nitrite (1.2 mL) in glacial acetic acid (2 mL) was slowly added at room temperature over 5 min. Diethylether (15 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was cooled to -30 °C in order to induce crystallization of the ionic product. The crystals were filtered off, washed with cold diethylether (2 x 10 mL) and dried on air to give analytically pure arenediazonium tetrafluoroborates.

#### General procedure for base-induced thiolation, selenylation and telluration

A vial (5 mL) was charged with a magnetic stir bar, the arene diazonium salt (0.5 mmol), disulfide (0.5 mmol) and sodium acetate (0.5 mmol) and capped with a rubber septum. The vial was purged with N<sub>2</sub> (5 min). Dry DMSO (2.5 mL) was added. After 8 h of stirring water (5 mL) was added to give an emulsion, which was extracted with diethylether (3 x 5 mL). The organic phases were washed with brine (5 mL) and dried over MgSO4. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel) using pentane/ethyl acetate mixtures (from 100/0 to 100/20) as eluent to obtain pure product.

#### 4-Methoxyphenylmethylsulfane



	$C_8H_{10}OS$ , 154.23 g/mol
Yield	68.5 mg, 0.44 mmol, 89% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 7.27 (d, $J$ = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, $J$ = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	δ <sub>C</sub> [ppm] = 158.1, 130.1, 128.7, 114.5, 55.3, 18.0.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	154 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

4-Chlorophenylmethylsulfane



	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ClS, 158.64 g/mol
Yield	55.3 mg, 0.35 mmol, 70% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 7.25 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	δ <sub>C</sub> [ppm] = 136.9, 130.8, 128.9, 127.8, 16.0.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	158 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

# 4-Nitrophenylmethylsulfane



	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> S, 169.20 g/mol
Yield	67.7 mg, 0.40 mmol, 85% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 8.15 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] = 148.8, 144.8, 125.0, 123.9, 14.8.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	169 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

4-Methylthiophenol



C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>OS, 140.20 g/mol

Yield	61.0 mg, 0.44 mmol, 87% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 7.19 (d, $J$ = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, $J$ = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	δ <sub>C</sub> [ppm] = 154.8, 130.5, 128.0, 116.1, 18.2.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	$140 [M^+]$

2-Nitrophenylmethylsulfane



	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> S, 169.20 g/mol
Yield	40.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 80% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 8.26 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz, <i>J</i> = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz, <i>J</i> = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 8.2 Hz, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz, <i>J</i> = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	δ <sub>C</sub> [ppm] = 145.4, 139.3, 133.7, 126.2, 125.6, 124.1, 15.9.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	169 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

#### 2-Bromophenylmethylsulfane



C7H7BrS, 203.10 g/mol

Yield	40.1 mg, 0.20 mmol, 66% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 7.52 (dd, $J$ = 7.9 Hz, $J$ = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (ddd, $J$ = 7.9 Hz, $J$ = 7.4 Hz, $J$ = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, $J$ = 8.0 Hz, $J$ = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (ddd, $J$ = 7.8 Hz, $J$ = 7.6 Hz, $J$ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	δ <sub>C</sub> [ppm] = 139.6, 132.6, 127.8, 125.6, 125.3, 121.6, 15.7.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	203 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

1,2-Bis(methylthio)benzene



	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> S <sub>2</sub> , 170.29 g/mol
Yield	37.2 mg, 0.22 mmol, 73% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 7.24-7.13 (m, 4H), 2.48 (s, 6H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] = 137.3 (s), 126.6 (s), 125.8 (s), 16.2 (s).
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	170 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

Methyl-2-(methylthio)benzoate

SMe COOMe

C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S, 182.24 g/mol

64.7 mg, 0.36 mmol, 71% (isolated)

Yield

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  [ppm] = 7.98 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (ddd, J = 8.2 Hz, J = 7.3 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (ddd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] = 166.7, 143.2, 132.4, 131.2, 126.6, 124.2, 123.3, 52.0, 15.5.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	182 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

3-nitrophenylmethylsulfane



	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> S, 169.20 g/mol
Yield	36.2 mg, 0.36 mmol, 77% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 8.04 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (ddd, J = 8.1 Hz, J = 2.2 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (ddd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.8 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	δ <sub>C</sub> [ppm] = 141.6, 131.9, 129.4, 120.2, 119.7, 119.0, 15.4.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	169 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl(methyl)sulfane



	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>12</sub> S, 200.30 g/mol
Yield	35.6 mg, 0.18 mmol, 58% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 7.60-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] = 140.5, 138.0, 137.5, 128.8, 127.5, 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 15.9.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	200 [M <sup>+</sup> ]



	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>10</sub> S, 174.26 g/mol
Yield	46.2 mg, 0.27 mmol, 53% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 8.30 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.37 (m, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] = 135.7, 133.5, 131.5, 128.5, 126.2, 126.1, 125.7, 125.6, 124.2, 123.5, 16.1.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	174 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

# 2,4,6-Trichlorophenylmethylsulfane



	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> S, 227.53 g/mol
Yield	78.3 mg, 0.34 mmol, 55% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 7.40 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] = 141.4 (s), 134.9 (s), 133.3 (s), 128.5 (s), 18.3 (s).
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	226 [M <sup>+</sup> ]
HR MS (m/z):	found: 225.91721 [M <sup>+</sup> ] (calculated: 225.91721)
FT-IR:	794(s), 828(s), 857(s), 1118(m), 1178(m), 1364(s), 1532(s), 1562(m), 2922(w), 3068(w).

# 3-(Bis(methylthio)methyl)benzofuran



	$C_{11}H_{12}OS_2$ , 224.34 g/mol
Yield	62.6 mg, 0.28 mmol, 58% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$ δ_{\rm H} [\rm ppm] = 7.79 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.24 (m, 2H), 5.05 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 6H). $
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] = 155.6, 142.8, 125.9, 124.8, 122.6, 120.7, 119.0, 111.6, 47.2, 14.2.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	224 [M <sup>+</sup> ]
HR MS (m/z):	found: 224.03292 [M <sup>+</sup> ] (calculated: 224.03241)

## 3-(Bis(ethylthio)methyl)benzofuran

C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>16</sub> OS <sub>2</sub> , 252,39 g/mol	
Yield	54.3 mg, 0.22 mmol, 56% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$ δ_{\rm H} \text{ [ppm]} = 7.85-7.81 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 7.69 \text{ (d, } J = 0.5 \text{ Hz, 1H)}, 7.50-7.45 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 7.35-7.23 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 5.18 \text{ (d, } J = 0.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.85-2.45 \text{ (m, 4H)}, 1.26 \text{ (t, } J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}, \text{ 6H)}. $
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{C}$ [ppm] = 155.7 (s), 142.7 (s), 125.9 (s), 124.7 (s), 122.6 (s), 121.0 (s), 119.8 (s), 111.6 (s), 43.4 (s), 25.7 (s), 14.2 (s).
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	252 [M <sup>+</sup> ]
HR MS (m/z):	found: 252.06298 [M <sup>+</sup> ] (calculated: 252.06371)
FT-IR:	742(s), 857(m), 1178(m), 1264(m), 1450(s), 1573(w), 2870(w), 2926(w), 2967(w).

# 3-((methylthio)methyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran



	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub> OS, 180,06 g/mol
Yield	70.2 mg, 0.39 mmol, 20% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$ δ_{\rm H} [ppm] = 7.26 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 9.1 Hz, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (tt, J = 9.0 Hz, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H). $
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\begin{split} \delta_{C} \text{ [ppm]} &= 160.0 \text{ (s)}, 129.3 \text{ (s)}, 128.7 \text{ (s)}, 124.4 \text{ (s)}, 120.4 \\ \text{ (s)}, 109.7 \text{ (s)}, 76.1 \text{ (s)}, 41.4 \text{ (s)}, 39.2 \text{ (s)}, 15.8 \text{ (s)}. \end{split}$
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	180 [M <sup>+</sup> ]
HR MS (m/z):	found: 180.06031 [M <sup>+</sup> ] (calculated: 180.06034)
FT-IR:	746(s), 958(m), 1230(s), 1480(s), 1595(m), 2915(w).

(4-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane



	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>12</sub> OS, 216.30 g/mol
Yield	32.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 51% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 7.43 (d, $J$ = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J$ = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.10 (m, 5H), 3.83 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\begin{split} \delta_{\text{C}} \text{[ppm]} &= 159.8 \text{ (s)}, \ 138.6 \text{ (s)}, \ 135.4 \text{ (s)}, \ 128.9 \text{ (s)}, \ 128.1 \\ \text{(s)}, \ 125.7 \text{ (s)}, \ 124.2 \text{ (s)}, \ 114.9 \text{ (s)}, \ 55.3 \text{ (s)}. \end{split}$
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	216 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

Benzyl(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfane

MeO SCH<sub>2</sub>Ph

	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> OS, 230.33 g/mol
Yield	37.4 mg, 0.16 mmol, 54% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 7.28-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.76 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	δ <sub>C</sub> [ppm] = 159.2, 138.1, 134.0, 128.8, 128.3, 126.9, 126.0, 114.4, 55.3, 41.2.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	230 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

## (4-Methoxyphenyl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane



	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>7</sub> F <sub>3</sub> OS, 208.20 g/mol
Yield	84.2 mg, 0.40 mmol, 81% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 7.28-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.76 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] = 161.9, 138.3, 134.8, 129.6 (q, <i>J</i> = 308.1 Hz), 115.0, 55.4.
<sup>19</sup> F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm F}[{\rm ppm}] = -44.43.$
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	208 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

Benzyl(3-nitrophenyl)sulfane



C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S, 245.30 g/mol

19.2 mg, 0.08 mmol, 39% (isolated)

Yield

<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$ δ_{\rm H} [\rm ppm] = 8.13 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (ddd, J = 8.2 Hz, J) $ = 2.2 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.7 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.26 (m, 5H), 4.21 (s, 2H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{C}$ [ppm] = 148.4, 139.4, 136.0, 134.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 123.2, 120.8, 38.3.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	245 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

Methyl 2-(benzylthio)benzoate



	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S, 258.34 g/mol
Yield	11.5 mg, 0.04 mmol, 22% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$ δ_{\rm H} [\rm ppm] = 7.96 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.26 (m, 7H), 7.16 (td, J = 7.5 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). $
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] = 166.9, 141.9, 136.1, 132.4, 131.2, 129.1, 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 126.0, 124.1, 52.1, 37.3.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	258 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

(3-Nitrophenyl)(phenyl)selane



	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> Se, 278.17 g/mol
Yield	51.6 mg, 0.19 mmol, 55% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 8.20 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (ddd, J = 8.2 Hz, J = 2.2 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 4H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	δ <sub>C</sub> [ppm] = 148.5, 136.9, 134.7, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.3, 125.7, 121.5.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	278 [M <sup>+</sup> ]



C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Se, 291.21 g/mol

Yield	71.7 mg, 0.25 mmol, 82% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 8.05 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz, <i>J</i> = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.89 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] = 167.2, 140.4, 137.5, 132.6, 131.2, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 126.9, 124.7, 52.3.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	292 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

Methyl 2-(phenyltellanyl)benzoate

TePh COOMe

C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Te, 339.85 g/mol

Yield	99.3 mg, 0.29 mmol, 97% (isolated)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$ δ_{\rm H} [\rm ppm] = 8.13-8.08 (m, 1H), 7.98 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (tt, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.10 (m, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H). $
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] = 168.4, 141.7, 133.3, 132.7, 131.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 127.1, 125.6, 117.7, 52.7.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	342 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

(4-Nitrophenyl)(phenyl)tellane



C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Te, 326.81 g/mol 40.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 41% (isolated)

Yield

<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	$\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] = 7.99-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.89-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.58 (dt, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (tt, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 2H).
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ):	δ <sub>C</sub> [ppm] = 147.1, 140.3, 135.2, 130.1, 129.3, 127.9, 123.7, 112.6.
LR MS (EI, 70 eV, m/z):	329 [M <sup>+</sup> ]

#### **Radical trapping experiment**

See standard procedure above, but with addition of TEMPO (1 equiv., 0.5 mmol) after 30 min.







	1	Best	Formula	Score V	Mass	Mass (MFG)	Diff (ppm)	Diff (abs. ppm)	Diff (mDa)	ID Source	Cases (MEQ)	
7			C8 H11 O S2	96.18	187.0252	187.0251	-0.49	0.49	-0.09	MFG	96.18	3.5
		Species	Ion Formula	m/z	Height	Score (MFG)	Score (MS)	Score (MFG, MS/MS)	Score (mass)	Score (iso, abund)	Score (iso spacing)	
	M*	+	C8 H11 O S2	187.0246	21004.3	96.18	96.18		99.91	93.26	92.24	
	-	miz	m/z (Calc)	Diff (ppm)	Diff (mDa)	Height	Height (Calc)	Height %	Height % (Calc)	Height Sum %	Height Sum% (Calc)	ĺ
	-	187.0245	187.0246	0.34	0.1	21768	21004.3	100	100	85.7	82.7	
	-	188.0278	188.0274	-2.28	-0.4	1877.4	2183.7	8.6	10.4	7.4	8.6	
		189.0227	189.0211	-8.96	-1.7	1625.9	2025.1	7.5	9.6	6.4	8	
		190.025	190.0238	-6.6	-1.3	129.6	187.9	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.7	









Spectroscopic Compound Characterizations

# <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





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135	125	115	105	95	90	85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0
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-148.43	139.36 136.01 134.59 128.81 128.81 128.71 128.71 127.65 120.79	SCH <sub>2</sub> Ph	-77.00	-38.26
1		NO <sub>2</sub>		



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150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 ppm













<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# Calculated geometries of the optimized structures and transition states:

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transition state

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