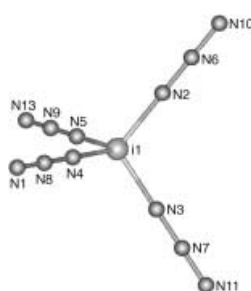


# The Binary Group 4 Azides $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$ , $[\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4][\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]$ , and $[\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]$ and on Linear Ti–N–NN Coordination\*\*

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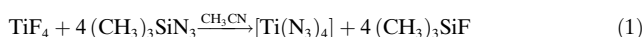
Whereas numerous partially azide-substituted titanium compounds had been reported,<sup>[1–7]</sup> no binary Group 4 azides were known. In a recent theoretical study, the Group 4 metal tetrazides  $[\text{M}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Ti}, \text{Zr}, \text{Hf}, \text{Th}$ ) were predicted<sup>[8]</sup> to be vibrationally stable, exhibiting tetrahedral structures with unique linear M–N–NN bond angles (see Figure 1). All the



**Figure 1.** Predicted tetrahedral structure of free gaseous  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  with linear Ti–N–NN bonds.

characterized covalent binary azide species possess bent M–N–NN angles.<sup>[9]</sup> Herein, we report the synthesis, isolation, and characterization of the first binary Group 4 azide species  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$ ,  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]^-$ , and  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]^{2-}$ , and provide explanations for the observed and predicted Ti–N–NN bond angles.

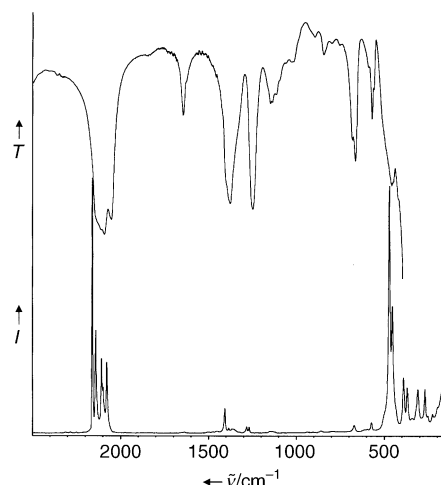
The reaction of  $\text{TiF}_4$  with  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SiN}_3$  in acetonitrile solution at room temperature results within minutes in complete fluoride-azide exchange and yields a clear orange solution of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  according to Equation (1).



Removal of the volatile products  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SiF}$  and excess  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SiN}_3$  at ambient temperature results in the isolation of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  as an amorphous orange solid. All attempts to obtain single crystals by recrystallization or sublimation were unsuccessful.

As expected for a highly endothermic, covalent polyazide species,  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  is very shock sensitive and can explode violently when touched with a metal spatula or when exposed to a rapid change in temperature (e.g. freezing with liquid nitrogen). Its identity was established by the observed material balance, and vibrational and NMR spectroscopy. The presence of covalent azido ligands<sup>[10–15]</sup> is confirmed by the observed  $^{14}\text{N}$  NMR shifts of  $\delta = -134$  ppm ( $\text{N}_\beta$ ,  $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 26$  Hz),  $-195$  ppm ( $\text{N}_\gamma$ ,  $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 39$  Hz) and  $-255$  ppm ( $\text{N}_\alpha$ , extremely broad) in DMSO solution at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

The observed Raman and IR spectra of solid  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  are shown in Figure 2, and the frequencies and intensities are listed in the Experimental Section. The experimental vibra-



**Figure 2.** IR (top) and Raman (bottom) spectra of solid  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$ .

tional spectra deviate significantly from those calculated for free  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  at the B3LYP level of theory,<sup>[8,16]</sup> and resemble those of higher-coordinated compounds with bent M–N–NN bonds. Therefore, the predicted<sup>[8]</sup> tetrahedral structure with linear Ti–N–NN bonds could not be confirmed. The discrepancy between the calculated and observed spectra arises from solid-state effects. The Ti atoms in  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  are coordinatively unsaturated seeking higher coordination numbers by the formation of nitrogen bridges, and crystal-structure data will be required for a reliable determination of the precise arrangement of the azido ligands in solid  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$ . The growing of single crystals for such a study will be difficult because the compound is hard to recrystallize and does not sublime without decomposition. The structure determination of free monomeric  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  and proof for its predicted tetrahedral structure with linear Ti–N–NN bonds will be even more difficult.

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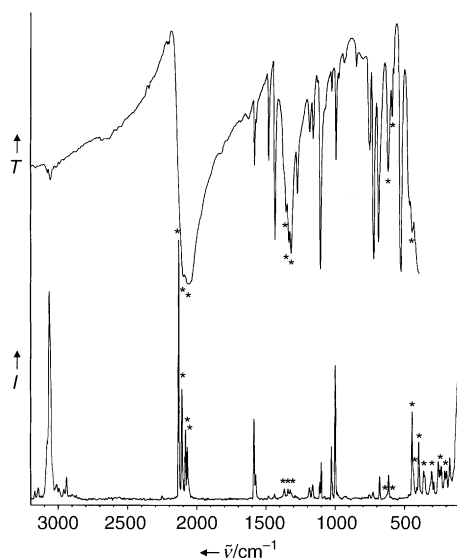
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The reaction of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  with one equivalent of ionic azides leads to the formation of the  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]^-$  ion according to Equation (2).



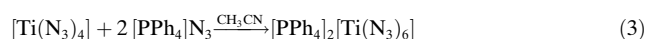
The  $[\text{PPh}_4][\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]$  salt was isolated as an orange solid. It is less sensitive than  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  and does not explode upon freezing with liquid nitrogen. It was characterized by its  $^{14}\text{N}$  NMR spectrum, and by infrared and Raman spectroscopy. The observed Raman and IR spectra of  $[\text{PPh}_4][\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]$  are shown in Figure 3. The frequencies and intensities are listed in



**Figure 3.** IR (top) and Raman (bottom) spectra of  $[\text{PPh}_4][\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]$ . The bands belonging to the  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]^-$  ion are marked with asterisks.

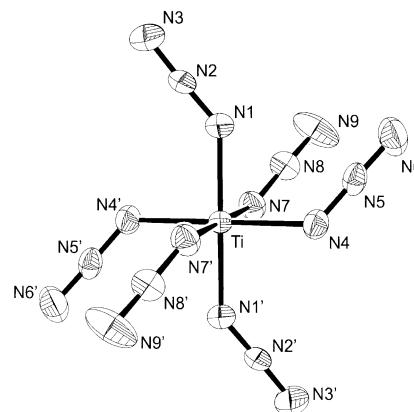
the Experimental Section. Three well-resolved  $^{14}\text{N}$  NMR resonances were found the spectrum run in DMSO at 25 °C. It shows a sharp signal at  $\delta = -133$  ppm ( $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 28$  Hz) for the  $\text{N}_\beta$  atoms, a medium-sharp resonance at  $\delta = -194$  ppm ( $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 40$  Hz) for the  $\text{N}_\gamma$  atoms, and a very broad signal at  $\delta = -263$  ppm ( $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 160$  Hz) for the  $\text{N}_\alpha$  atoms, in accord with our expectations for covalently bound azido groups and quadrupole relaxation effects. The calculated structure for the free gaseous anion is that of a trigonal bipyramid, and its calculated frequencies are listed in the Theoretical Methods section.

By reaction of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  with two equivalents of ionic azide, the  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]^{2-}$  ion is formed [Eq. (3)].



$[\text{PPh}_4]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]$  was isolated as an orange solid and is stable at room temperature. Because of the presence of two large counterions, it is much less sensitive and explosive than  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$ . It can even be heated to its melting point at 191 °C without any signs of decomposition. The compound was characterized by its crystal structure,<sup>[17]</sup> and vibrational and  $^{14}\text{N}$  NMR spectroscopy. Single crystals were obtained from a solution in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

$[\text{PPh}_4]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]$  crystallizes in the triclinic space group  $P\bar{1}$  and is the first structurally characterized binary titanium azide. Figure 4 depicts the structure of the  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]^{2-}$  ion that is only slightly distorted from perfect  $S_6$  symmetry. The



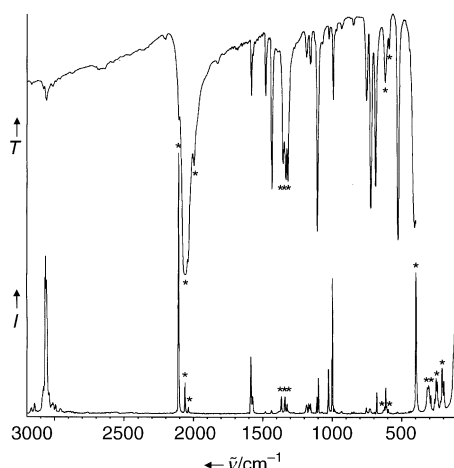
**Figure 4.** ORTEP drawing of the dianion of the crystal structure of  $[\text{PPh}_4]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]$ . Thermal ellipsoids are set at 50% probability. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Ti–N1 2.002(2), Ti–N4 2.019(2), Ti–N7 2.048(2), N1–N2 1.173(2), N2–N3 1.138(2), N4–N5 1.200(2), N5–N6 1.146(3), N7–N8 1.197(2), N8–N9 1.140(3); N1–N2–N3 177.5(2), N4–N5–N6 177.6(2), N7–N8–N9 176.9(2), N1–Ti–N4 91.68(9), N1–Ti–N7 90.18(7), N4–Ti–N7 89.73(9), Ti–N1–N2 140.64(14), Ti–N4–N5 126.01(13), Ti–N7–N8 129.67(14).

structure consists of an asymmetric  $\text{TiN}_9$  unit with three azido groups covalently bonded to give a trigonal pyramidal coordination environment around the titanium center. The remaining three azide groups are generated by symmetry (symmetry operation  $-x+2, -y+1, -z$ ). The average Ti–N distance of 2.02 Å is in good agreement with the one reported for  $[(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_2]$  (2.03(1) Å).<sup>[6]</sup> In the  $[\text{PPh}_4^+]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]^{2-}$  salt, the anions are well separated by twice as many large counterions, and the closest Ti···N contacts between neighboring anions are 7.1 Å.

Further support for the presence of the  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]^{2-}$  ion is provided by the NMR spectrum. In analogy with  $[\text{Te}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  and  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]^-$ , the  $^{14}\text{N}$  NMR spectra in DMSO show at  $\delta = -134$  ppm ( $\text{N}_\beta$ ,  $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 30$  Hz),  $-199$  ppm ( $\text{N}_\gamma$ ,  $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 35$  Hz) and  $-264$  ppm ( $\text{N}_\alpha$ ,  $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 165$  Hz) resonances characteristic for covalent azides.

The observed Raman and IR spectra of  $[\text{PPh}_4]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]$  are shown in Figure 5, and the observed frequencies and intensities are listed in the experimental section. Assignments of the observed spectra were made by comparison with those calculated at the B3LYP/SBKJC + (d) level of theory<sup>[16]</sup> and are given in the Experimental Section.

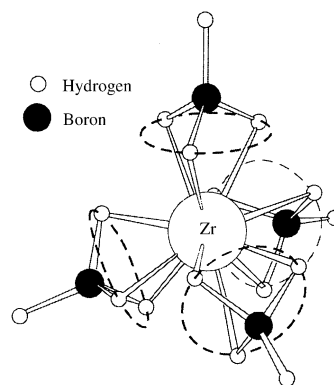
Although the occurrence of linear Ti–N–NN bond angles could not be confirmed experimentally, we have confirmed by independent computations the correctness of the previous predictions<sup>[8]</sup> for free gaseous  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$ . Furthermore, it was shown, both computationally and experimentally by our crystal structure determination, that in higher coordinated binary titanium azide species, such as  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]^{2-}$ , and in the main-group tetra-azides  $\text{M}(\text{N}_3)_4$  (M = Si, Ge, Sn) the M–N–NN bond angles are normal and strongly bent. It was also



**Figure 5.** IR (top) and Raman (bottom) spectra of  $[\text{PPh}_4]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]$ . The bands belonging to the  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]^{2-}$  ion are marked with asterisks.

shown that the occurrence of linear M–N–NN bond angles should not be limited to Group 4 tetra-azides, but might also occur in compounds, such as  $[\text{Fe}(\text{N}_3)_2]$ .<sup>[18]</sup> Normal coordinate analyses were carried out for the binary Ti-azides of this study and showed that the modes owing to the azido ligands were highly characteristic, while those of the  $[\text{TiN}_n]$  skeletal modes were strongly mixed and, therefore, are not reported herein. However, the  $[\text{TiN}_n]$  stretching-mode clusters clearly exhibit the frequency decreases expected for increasing polarities of the Ti–N bonds with increasing negative formal charges. Thus, the range of the  $[\text{TiN}_n]$  stretching modes decreases from 472–371  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  to 448–355  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]^-$  and 398–307  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]^{2-}$ .

In the previous theoretical paper on the linearity of the M–N–NN bond angles for M = Ti, Zr, and Hf, the linearity of the M–N–NN angles was explained by M–N–N–N conjugation.<sup>[8]</sup> In our opinion, the linearity of the M–N–NN angles is due to a nearly ideal overlap between the three valence electron pairs on the  $\alpha$ -nitrogen atoms of the azide ligands and the lobes of the d orbitals on the central metal atom. Because the d orbitals of the (+IV) central metal atoms are unoccupied, the three valence electron pairs of the  $\alpha$ -nitrogen atoms can donate electron density equally into three lobes of the empty d orbitals resulting in the  $\alpha$ -nitrogen acting as a tridentate donor ligand. The symmetry of the central axes of these d orbitals is tetrahedral. Therefore, this tridentate type of overlap is possible only for the tetracoordinate azide complexes of Group 4 transition metals with  $d^0$  configurations. For other coordination numbers or electron configurations, the  $\alpha$ -nitrogen atoms act usually as monodentate donors with only one pair donating and two sterically active free valence electron pairs, thus resulting in strongly bent M–N–NN bond angles. An excellent example for the validity of our explanation is the known crystal structure of  $[\text{Zr}(\text{BH}_4)_4]$  (see Figure 6) involving a (+IV) Group 4  $d^0$  transition-metal central atom and for  $\eta^3\text{-BH}_4$  ligands.<sup>[19]</sup> Another example for a special geometry, dictated by the empty  $d^0$  orbitals of a (+IV) Group 4 transition metal is  $[\text{Ti}(\text{O}_2\text{ClO}_2)_4]$  in which the perchlorato groups act as bidentate ligands.<sup>[20]</sup>



**Figure 6.** Crystal structure of  $[\text{Zr}(\text{BH}_4)_4]$  demonstrating the perfect geometrical overlap of a tridentate donor into the empty  $d^0$  orbitals of a (+IV) Group 4 transition-metal atom.<sup>[19]</sup>

## Experimental Section

**Caution!** Covalent azides are potentially hazardous and can decompose explosively under various conditions! They should be handled only on a scale of less than 2 mmol with appropriate safety precautions (safety shields, safety glasses, face shields, leather gloves, protective clothing, such as leather suits, and ear plugs). Teflon containers should be used, whenever possible, to avoid hazardous fragmentation. Pure  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  has to be cooled or heated carefully and slowly. A sample at ambient temperature must not be cooled directly with liquid nitrogen. Doing so can result in violent explosions. Handle the materials, whenever possible, in solution to avoid detonation propagation. The use of large inert counterions as spacers and the formation of anions which increases the partial negative charges on the terminal  $\text{N}_\gamma$  atoms and thereby reduce the  $\text{N}_\beta\text{--N}_\gamma$  triple bond character, facilitate the manipulation of these materials. **Ignoring safety precautions can lead to serious injuries.**

All reactions were carried out in Teflon-FEP (FEP = fluoroethylene-propylene copolymer) ampules that were closed by stainless steel valves. Volatile materials were handled in a Pyrex glass vacuum line. All Teflon reaction vessels were passivated with  $\text{ClF}_3$  prior to use. Nonvolatile materials were handled in the dry argon atmosphere of a glove box.

Raman spectra were recorded at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$  in the range 4000–80  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  on a Bruker Equinox 55 FT-RA spectrophotometer using a Nd-YAG laser at 1064 nm with power levels of less than 200 mW. Pyrex melting point tubes that were baked out at  $300^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h at 10 Torr vacuum or Teflon-FEP tubes with stainless steel valves that were passivated with  $\text{ClF}_3$  were used as sample containers. Infrared spectra were recorded in the range 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  on a Midac, M Series, FT-IR spectrometer using KBr or AgCl pellets. The pellets were prepared inside the glove-box using an Econo press (Barnes Engineering Co.).

$^{14}\text{N}$  NMR spectra were recorded unlocked at 36.13 MHz on a Bruker AMX 500 spectrometer using solutions of the compounds in DMSO in sealed standard glass tubes. Neat  $\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$  (0.00 ppm) was used as the external reference.

The starting materials  $\text{TiF}_4$  and  $[\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4]\text{I}$  (both from Aldrich) were used without further purification.  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SiN}_3$  (Aldrich) was purified by fractional condensation prior to use. Solvents were dried by standard methods and freshly distilled prior to use.  $[\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4]\text{N}_3$  was prepared from  $[\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4]\text{I}$  and  $\text{AgN}_3$ .

$[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$ : A sample of  $\text{TiF}_4$  (0.96 mmol) was loaded into a Teflon-FEP ampule, followed by the addition of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (3 mL) and  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SiN}_3$  (4.32 mmol) in vacuo at  $-196^\circ\text{C}$ . The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. Within minutes, the mixture turned yellow, and the color intensified while the reaction proceeded.

After 1 hour, all volatile material was pumped off, leaving behind an orange solid (0.20 g, weight calculated for 0.96 mmol  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4] = 0.21$  g). The obtained orange solid was characterized by vibrational and NMR spectroscopy. IR (AgCl):  $\tilde{\nu} = 2141(\text{vs})$ , 2093(vs), 2051(vs) ( $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{N}_3$ ), 1376(s, br), 1253(s) ( $\nu_{\text{s}}\text{N}_3$ ), 684(s), 668(s), 665(s), 575(m), 561(m) ( $\delta\text{N}_3$ ), 458(w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu\text{TiN}_n$ ). Raman (50 mW,  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\tilde{\nu} = 2160(10.0)$ , 2141(4.0), 2108(2.9), 2100(1.8), 2079(2.8) ( $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{N}_3$ ), 1407(1.0), 1385(0.2), 1366(0.2), 1283(0.3), 1269(0.3) ( $\nu_{\text{s}}\text{N}_3$ ), 671(0.3), 574(0.4) ( $\delta\text{N}_3$ ), 472(9.6), 454(4.9), 391(2.2), 371(1.8) (all  $\nu\text{TiN}_n$ ), 310(1.7), 270 (1.7), 227 (0.8), 168 (2.1), 135(2.0)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For NMR spectroscopy data see text.

$[\text{PPh}_4][\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]$ . A solution of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  (0.5 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (3 mL) was added to a mixture of  $[\text{PPh}_4]\text{N}_3$  (0.5 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (2 mL) at  $-64^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction mixture was warmed to ambient temperature where it formed a clear orange solution. After 2 h, all volatiles were slowly removed in a dynamic vacuum at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ , leaving behind an orange solid (0.450 g, weight calculated for 0.5 mmol  $[\text{PPh}_4][\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5] = 0.443$  g). IR of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]^-$  (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 2100(\text{vs})$ , 2070(vs), 2058(vs) ( $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{N}_3$ ), 1373(m), 1356(s), 1320(s) ( $\nu_{\text{s}}\text{N}_3$ ), 621(m), 595(w), 591(w), 580(vw) ( $\delta\text{N}_3$ ), 448(w), 440(vw)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (both  $\nu\text{TiN}_n$ ). Raman of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]^-$  (50 mW,  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\tilde{\nu} = 2133(10.0)$ , 2110(4.4), 2083(2.9), 2070(2.2) ( $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{N}_3$ ), 1367(0.3), 1342(0.3), 1325(0.2), 1314(0.1) ( $\nu_{\text{s}}\text{N}_3$ ), 623(0.2), 608(0.1), 597(0.1) ( $\delta\text{N}_3$ ), 445(3.4), 438(1.0), 412(0.6), 398(2.2), 363(0.9), 355(0.7) (all  $\nu\text{TiN}_n$ ), 306(0.9), 245(1.3), 210(0.9), 174(1.6)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For NMR spectroscopy data see text.

$[\text{PPh}_4][\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]$ . A solution of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$  (0.5 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (3 mL) was added to a mixture of  $[\text{PPh}_4]\text{N}_3$  (1.0 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (2 mL) at  $-64^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction mixture was warmed to ambient temperature and an orange precipitate was formed. After 8 h, all volatiles were removed in a dynamic vacuum at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ , leaving behind an orange solid (0.768 g, weight calculated for 0.5 mmol  $[\text{PPh}_4][\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6] = 0.778$  g). Single crystals were grown from a solution in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  by slow evaporation in a dynamic vacuum. IR of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]^{2-}$  (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 2109(\text{m})$ , 2061(vs), 2041(vs) ( $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{N}_3$ ), 1356(s), 1322(s) ( $\nu_{\text{s}}\text{N}_3$ ), 622(m), 615(m), 595(w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $\delta\text{N}_3$ ). Raman of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]^{2-}$  (50 mW,  $-90^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\tilde{\nu} = 2110(10.0)$ , 2063(1.2), 2038(0.3) ( $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{N}_3$ ), 1366(0.7), 1341(0.7), 1325(0.4) ( $\nu_{\text{s}}\text{N}_3$ ), 631(0.2), 622(0.3), 608(0.3) ( $\delta\text{N}_3$ ), 398(5.4), 316(1.1), 307(1.1) ( $\nu\text{TiN}_n$ ), 246(1.3), 210 (1.8), 103(0.5), 95(0.5)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For NMR spectroscopy data see text.

**Theoretical Methods:** The molecular structures and harmonic vibrational frequencies were calculated at the DFT level using the B3LYP hybrid functional,<sup>[16a]</sup> which included the VWN5 correlation functional.<sup>[16b]</sup> The SBKJC<sup>[16c]</sup> effective core potential and the corresponding valence-only basis set was used for titanium. The all-electron 6-31G basis set<sup>[16d]</sup> augmented with a d polarization function<sup>[16e]</sup> and a diffuse s + p shell<sup>[16f]</sup> and denoted as 6-31 + G(d), was used for nitrogen. All calculations were performed using the GAMESS<sup>[16g]</sup> quantum chemistry program. Unscaled calculated frequencies [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ] and (infrared,  $\text{kmol}^{-1}$ ) and [Raman,  $\text{\AA}^4\text{amu}^{-1}$ ] intensities for  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_4]$ : 2293 (0.0) [794], 2251 (5737) [1022], 1497 (0.0) [4.5], 1475 (2005) [48], 573 (110) [0.3], 571 (0.0) [0.3], 569 (0.0) [0.0], 516 (933) [67], 373 (0.0) [103], 192 (17) [7.3], 167 (0.0) [14.0], 14.8 (0.0) [50], 14.0 (0.0) [71].  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_5]^-$  (pseudo-trigonal bipyramid of  $C_1$  symmetry): 2248 (72) [751], 2212 (3406) [42], 2206 (1441) [160], 2202 (1836) [77], 2200 (142) [278], 1445 (48) [28], 1433 (390) [4.3], 1415 (180) [16], 1404 (174) [17], 1402 (384) [6.9], 620 (50) [0.3], 618 (18) [0.8], 615 (57) [0.7], 602 (13) [1.2], 601 (12) [0.1], 599 (10) [0.7], 595 (12) [0.8], 594 (1.0) [0.4], 584 (19) [0.9], 577 (43) [0.4], 487 (325) [1.2], 475 (347) [0.7], 456 (534) [1.8], 401 (1.2) [77], 322 (0.3) [4.2], 263 (2.6) [8.6], 252 (5.3) [7.3], 231 (3.9) [7.2], 228 (0.8) [19], 200 (0.7) [8.1], 131 (2.8) [4.8], 103 (1.1) [11], 94 (0.2) [12], 91 (0.5) [7.1], 66 (0.1) [1.9], 54 (1.1) [4.6], 40 (0.1) [18], 36 (0.1) [22], 33 (0.6) [18], 30 (0.2) [19], 24 (1.1) [2.4], 19 (0.7) [8.1].  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}_3)_6]^{2-}$ : 2234 (1.4) [798], 2186 (3723) [9.5], 2185 (2778) [90], 2180 (2776) [74], 2168 (25) [180], 2167 (468) [134], 1438 (3.6) [70], 1429 (161) [18], 1428 (19) [46], 1425 (182) [23], 1424 (186) [24], 1424 (165) [17], 626 (4.1) [5.9], 622 (34) [1.2], 621 (39) [2.8], 620 (59) [3.9], 620 (0.0) [2.9], 616 (3.1) [3.9], 608 (5.2) [0.2], 605

(8.8) [0.0], 604 (3.9) [0.1], 599 (9.4) [0.1], 599 (9.9) [0.0], 598 (0.6) [0.4], 409 (675) [0.4], 404 (540) [0.9], 404 (601) [1.2], 364 (1.2) [78], 284 (0.2) [11], 280 (0.1) [8.4], 264 (3.0) [7.0], 261 (5.4) [0.2], 250 (3.5) [6.1], 235 (3.6) [8.7], 209 (0.1) [19], 205 (0.2) [7.4], 151 (1.2) [25], 150 (0.2) [15], 142 (0.4) [25], 78 (1.9) [2.2], 63 (0.1) [11], 62 (2.7) [0.4], 44 (2.2) [20], 40 (0.5) [28], 39 (0.0) [14], 33 (1.0) [28], 28 (2.0) [2.7], 23 (0.1) [13], 21 (1.2) [4.1], 16 (0.1) [4.5], 15 (1.2) [6.8].

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