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Unique among metalloid clusters is the $[\text{Al}_7\text{R}_6]$ structural element presented by H. Schnöckel and co-workers, which on the basis of the topology of its seven aluminum atoms is analogous to the metal and thus a molecular model for a single-atom contact. The Communication on page 3579 ff. reports that the oxidation and reduction of the neutral $[\text{Al}_7\text{R}_6]$ cluster—like the removal and addition of an electron in conductance experiments—leads to drastic changes in the bond lengths within the $\{\text{Al}\}_7$ framework and thus to different bonding properties.

