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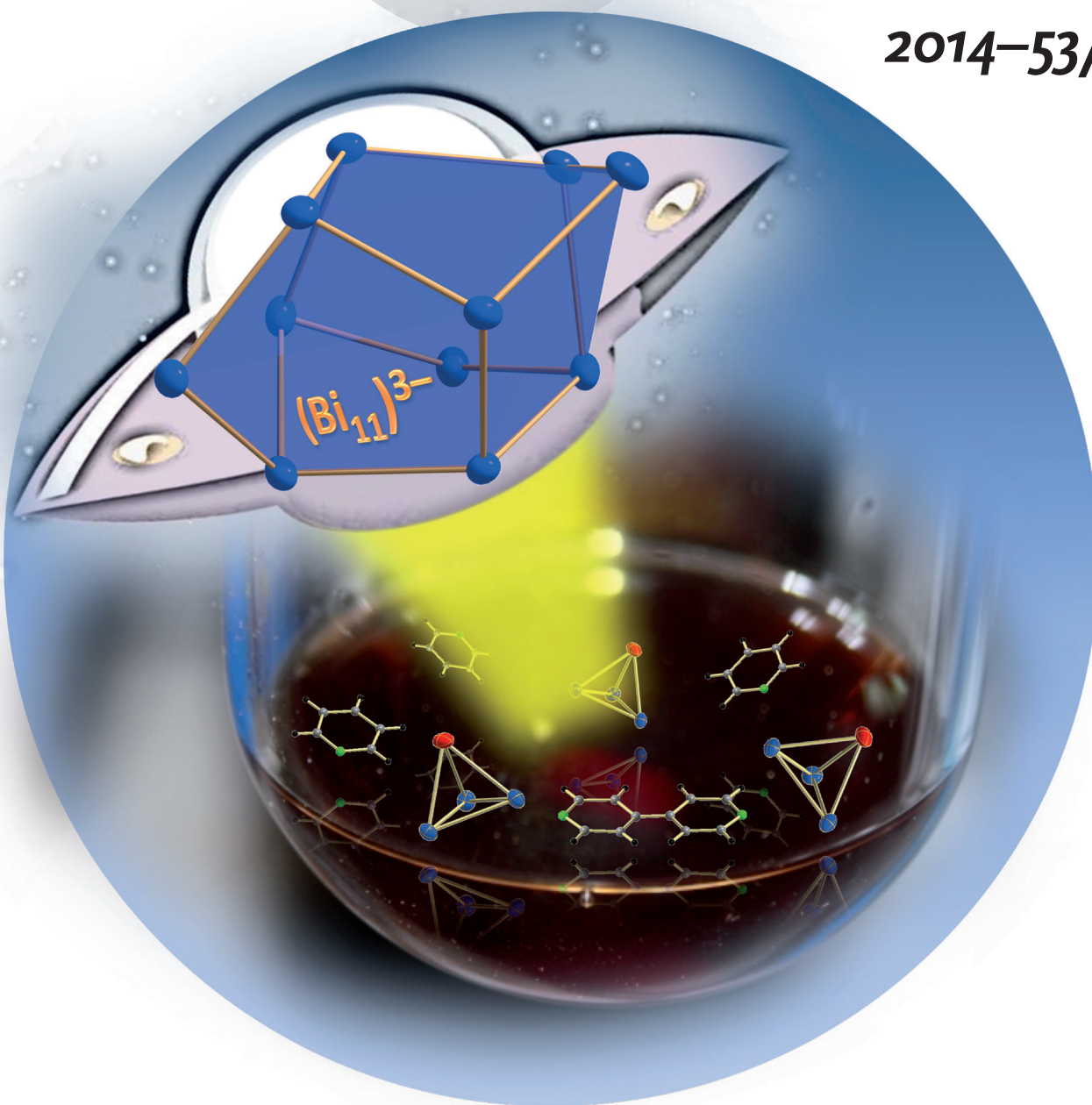
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With its so-called *ufosan* structure ...

... the $[\text{Bi}_{11}]^{3-}$ ion is the first polycyclic bismuth polyanion. S. Dehnen and co-workers show in their Communication on page 4704 ff. that its synthesis occurs by the surprisingly simple reaction of $[\text{K}([2.2.2]\text{crypt})]_2(\text{GaBi}_3)$ with the pyridine solvent to yield $[\text{K}([2.2.2]\text{crypt})]_3(\text{Bi}_{11})$. The binary Zintl anion $[\text{GaBi}_3]^{2-}$ decomposes under oxidative coupling of pyridine molecules and release of H_2 to form the $[\text{Bi}_{11}]^{3-}$ species.

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