## Sequestration and Activation:

## From Bio-inspired Weak Interactions to $\mathrm{SO}_{2}$ Coupled Electron Transfer

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## Lone Pair $\cdots \pi$ Interactions in Nature and in Lab <br>  <br>  <br> (b) <br> C-turn of the RNA pseudo-knot in Potato Leaf Roll Virus <br> $\mathrm{d}\left(\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{W}} \cdots\right.$ centroid $\left._{\mathrm{A} 20}\right)=2.92 \AA$

Strong Enough to Capture/Weak Enough to Loose


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## Capture of $\mathrm{SO}_{2}$ and Halocarbons








Organic Hydride Donors in $\mathrm{SO}_{2} \mathbf{A c t i v a t i o n ~}^{\text {Act }}$


ACS Sus. Chem. Eng. 2016, 4, 6517-6523.
ACS Sus. Chem. Eng. 2017, 5, 6322-6328.

Greener Metal Hydrides in $\mathrm{CO}_{2}-2$ and $\mathrm{SO}_{2} \underline{A}^{\text {Activation }}$


Green Chem. 2019, 21, 2752-2758.

| Summary <br> - Bioinspired weak interactions are useful in capture of $\mathrm{SO}_{2}$. <br> - Combining triazine backbone with koneramine complexes paved the way to catalytically activate $\mathrm{SO}_{2}$. <br> - Simple organic hydride were used in the sustainable stoichiometric activation. <br> - Air-stable metal hydrides that were synthesised in solvent free reactions activate many small molecules including $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{SO}_{2}$. <br> Acknowledgement <br> Sakthi Raje, Sonam Mehrotra, Manoj Chahal and Gopichand Kotana are acknowledged for their contributions. SERB-DST, BRNS and MoES, India sponsored the research. |
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