

Wilhelm Johann Schlenk (1879–1943)

- Born in Munich.
- Studied in the Chemistry Department of the **Academy of Science in Munich**, led by Prof. **Adolf von Baeyer**.
- 1905: PhD (Prof. **Oskar Piloty**).
- 1906: after a short time in the chemical industry, research assistant in Munich. Habilitation passed in 1909.
- 1913: Associate professor at the **University of Jena**.
- 1917: with Johanna Holtz, report of the **preparation of organosodium and organolithium compounds**.
- 1918: nominated for the Nobel Prize for his work on stable radicals.
- 1921: Director of the Chemical Laboratory at the **University of Berlin**.
- 1929: **Schlenk equilibrium**.
- 1935: Removed from his chair in Berlin and moved to **Tübingen** (because of his rather open hostility to the Nazi regime). He was expelled from the *Deutsche Chemische Gesellschaft* in 1942.



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