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## **Supporting Information**

## A Model for C-F Activation By Electrophilic Phosphonium Cations

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### 1. Materials and Methods

#### General Remarks

All preparations and manipulations were carried out under an anhydrous N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere using standard Schlenk and glovebox techniques. All glassware was oven-dried and cooled under vacuum before use. Commercially-available reagents such as 1,8-dibromonaphthalene, isopropylmagnesium bromide (lithium chloride complex) and *n*-butyllithium solutions, iodine, 1,10-phenanthroline, sodium *tert*-butoxide, (trifluoromethyl)trimethylsilane, copper iodide and xenon difluoride were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Strem or Apollo Scientific and used without further purification unless indicated otherwise. [Et<sub>3</sub>Si(tol)][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>1</sup> was prepared according to literature procedures. 1-Bromo-8-iodonaphthalene was prepared via a modified literature procedure.<sup>2</sup> CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *n*-pentane, and toluene were dried using an Innovative Technologies solvent purification system. CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (Aldrich) was degassed, distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>, then stored over 4 Å molecular sieves before use. Fluorobenzene was degassed and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves before use.

### X-ray Diffraction Studies

A single crystal of **4** was coated with Paratone-N oil, mounted using a polyimide MiTeGen loop and frozen in a cold nitrogen stream (150 K) on the goniometer. Data was collected on a Bruker Apex II CCD diffractometer, using graphite-monochromated MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å). Data reduction was performed using the SAINT software package and an absorption correction was applied using SADABS. The structure was solved by direct methods using XS and refined by full-matrix least squares on F<sup>2</sup> using XL as implemented in the SHELXTL suite of programs. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Carbon-bound hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions using an appropriate riding model and coupled isotropic temperature factors.

#### NMR Spectroscopy

NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AvanceIII spectrometer operating at 400.37 MHz ( $\nu(^{1}H)$ ), an Agilent DD2 MHz spectrometer operating at 499.66 MHz ( $\nu(^{1}H)$ ), and an Agilent DD2 spectrometer operating at 599.821 MHz ( $\nu(^{1}H)$ ).

Variable temperature 1D <sup>19</sup>F and 1D <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were recorded using an Agilent DD2 spectrometer equipped with a 5mm HFX probe (( $v(^{31}P) = 242.81$  MHz; ( $v(^{19}F) = 564.33$  MHz; ( $v(^{1}H) = 599.821$  MHz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were acquired using a standard 1D pulse sequence with 131072 points over a 73529 Hz spectra window, a 30° pulse width, a 10s recycle delay, and 8 transients. 1D <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} spectra were acquired using a standard 1D pulse sequence with waltz16 <sup>1</sup>H decoupling, as well as 262144 points over a 147059 Hz spectra window, a 30° pulse width, a 0.1s recycle delay, and 128 transients. Samples were allowed to equilibrate for 5 minutes at each temperature prior to NMR acquisition.

2D  $^{19}F^{-13}C$  HSQC and  $^{19}F^{-31}P$  HSQC NMR spectra were also recorded using an Agilent DD2 spectrometer equipped with a 5mm HFX probe (( $v(^{31}P) = 242.81$  MHz; ( $v(^{19}F) = 564.33$  MHz;  $v(^{13}C) = 150.84$  MHz). Both experiments were acquired using the standard vendor-supplied gradient HSQC pulse sequence with decoupling in the indirect dimension. The  $^{19}F^{-31}P$  HSQC experiment was acquired with a 1s recycle delay, 4 transients, 1722 points over a 28409 Hz spectral width in the direct-detect ( $^{19}F$ ) dimension and 64 increments over a 6070 Hz spectral width in the indirect-detect ( $^{31}P$ ) dimension. The  $^{19}F^{-13}C$  HSQC experiment was acquired with a 1s recycle delay, 8 transients, 4096 points over a 96153 Hz spectral width in the direct-detect ( $^{19}F$ ) dimension and 128 increments over a 6070 Hz spectral width in the indirect-detect ( $^{31}P$ ) dimension. 50% non-uniform sampling was applied in the indirect-detect dimension.

NMR processing was carried out using MestReNova software (v 11.0), Santiago de Compostela, Mestrelab Research S.L., Spain). All 1D NMR spectra were Fourier transformed, phased and then baseline corrected. 2D NMR HSQC spectra were processed using Gaussian apodization functions in F1 and F2, prior to Fourier transformation and phasing. Chemical shifts were either referenced relative to residual solvent peaks (CDCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H), (<sup>13</sup>C); CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H), (<sup>13</sup>C) or indirectly referenced relative to the spectrometer lock frequency (<sup>19</sup>F, <sup>31</sup>P).

Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quin = quintet, m = multiplet, dm = doublet of multiplets, b = broad), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$  / ppm).

### Mass Spectrometry

High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a micro mass 70S-250 spectrometer (EI), an ABI/Sciex QStar Mass Spectrometer (DART), or on a JOEL AccuTOF-DART (DART). Mass spectrometry experiments were run for isolated products and reaction mixtures, however in some cases the high fragmentation of compounds or volatility did not allow for mass peak identification.

### Computational Details

CF<sub>3</sub> Br

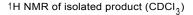
Electronic structure calculations were performed using density functional theory (DFT) as implemented in the Gaussian 09 program (revision E.01).<sup>3</sup> The geometry of the cation of compound 4 was optimized at the B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory using the crystallographic coordinates as the input geometry. The stationary nature of the converged-upon geometry was confirmed by carrying out a frequency calculation and ensuring the absence of imaginary frequencies. NBO calculations were performed with NBO version 6.<sup>4</sup> Atoms in molecules analyses<sup>5-7</sup> were performed for the cation 4 using MultiWFN.

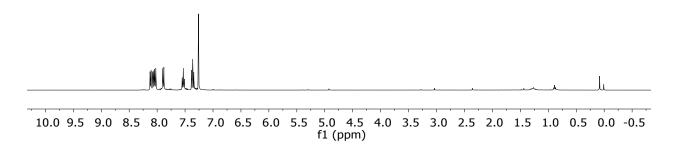
## 2. Syntheses and Spectroscopic Data of Compounds 1-4

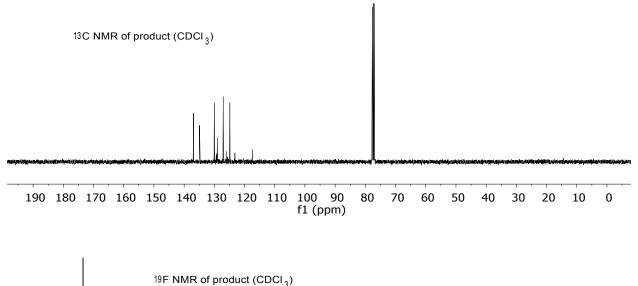
## 2.1 Synthesis of 8-Trifluoromethyl-1-bromonaphthalene $1^{8,9}$

To an oven-dried 100 mL Schlenk flask was added copper iodide (198 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv). Air in the flask was then evacuated and the flask was re-filled with nitrogen. Under positive pressure of nitrogen, KOtBu (224 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) and 1,10-

phenanthroline (360 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) were then added, along with 4.0 mL DMF. The Schlenk flask was sealed under nitrogen and the dark red mixture was stirred for 30 min. TMSCF<sub>3</sub> (0.296 mL, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was then added via syringe and the mixture was stirred for a further 60 min. The stopper was then removed and, under a positive pressure of nitrogen, 1-bromo-8-iodonaphthalene was added quickly via powder funnel. The Schlenk flask was then sealed and the mixture was stirred under nitrogen for 18 h at 50 °C. The mixture was then cooled, diluted with 15 mL Et<sub>2</sub>O, and filtered through Celite. The Celite was washed with a further 5 mL Et<sub>2</sub>O and the combined organic layers were washed sequentially with 10 mL 1 M HCl, 10 mL aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, and 10 mL brine, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The yellow solution was then concentrated and placed in a refrigerator at 0 °C overnight, affording brown-tinged yellow, x-rayquality crystals of 5-8 in 68% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> [ppm]):  $\delta = 7.36$  (t,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.8$  Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.53 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H, Ar), 7.88 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.2 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H, Ar), 8.03 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.3 \text{ Hz}, {}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.3 \text{ Hz}, 1H, Ar), 8.07 \text{ (dd, } {}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, {}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.3 \text{ Hz } 1H, Ar), 8.12 \text{ (dd, } {}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.3 \text{ Hz } {}^{2}J_{HH} = 1.3 \text{ Hz$  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.4 \text{ Hz}, {}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.2 \text{ Hz}, 1H, Ar), {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\} \text{ NMR (CDCl}_{3}, [ppm]): 117.4 (s, CAr), 124.9 (s, CAR),$ CAr), 127.0 (s, CAr), 129.0 (q,  $J_{FC} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$ , CAr), 129.4 (s, CAr), 130.0 (s, CAr), 134.9 (q,  $J_{FC} = 1.3 \text{ Hz}$ , CAr), 136.9 (s, CAr), 137.1 (s, CAr). Resonances for two quaternary carbon atoms were not observed. <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, [ppm]):  $\delta = -49.7$  (s, CF<sub>3</sub>)







19F NMR of product (CDCl 3)

-30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -220 f1 (ppm)

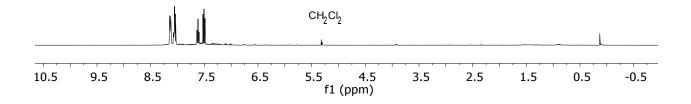
## 2.2 Synthesis of (8-Trifluoromethylnaphthyl)bis(pentafluorophenyl)fluorophosphine 2

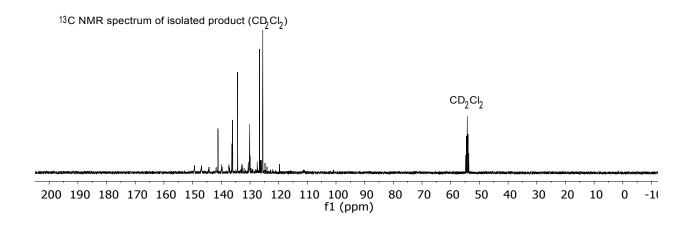
CF<sub>3</sub> P(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

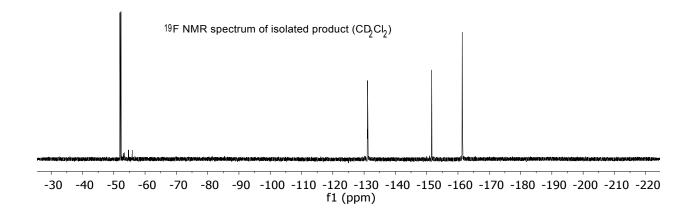
A solution of **5-8** (68.8 mg, 0.25 mmol) in toluene was cooled to -35 °C. 0.10 mL (0.25 mmol) of a 2.5 M solution of *n*BuLi in hexanes was added dropwise. Allowing the mixture to warm to room temperature over 2 h resulted in a brown suspension. The brown suspension was cooled to -35 °C and a cooled solution of  $(C_6F_5)_2PBr$  (111.0 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 0.5 mL toluene was added dropwise, resulting in change of the colour of the suspension to dull red. This suspension was allowed to warm to room temperature over the course of 20 h. Volatiles were then removed *in vacuo* and the product extracted with 2 mL pentane, which was loaded onto a small silica column. Washing the column with pentane until the yellow colour had reached the bottom of the silica resulted in removal of impurities, and the product was eluted from the column with DCM. This procedure was repeated a second time, affording **5-10** as a sticky white solid in

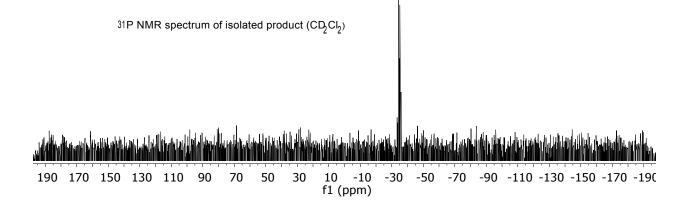
54% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]): 7.51 (dd, 1H, HAr,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.3$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.8$  Hz, Ar), 7.62 (dd, 1H, HAr,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.3$  Hz), 8.03 (2H, m, HAr), 8.13 (2H, dd,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.7$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 3.4$  Hz). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]):  $\delta = 119.7$  (m, C,  $CF_3$ ), 126.1 (d, 1C, CAr,  ${}^{1}J_{PC} = 114$  Hz), 130.1 (q, 1C, CAr,  ${}^{4}J_{PC} = 7.3$  Hz), 132.9 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{PC} = 37$  Hz, CAr) 134.3 (s, 1C, CAr), 136.1 (m, 1C, CAr), 136.3 (d, 1C, CAr,  ${}^{4}J_{PC} = 8.4$  Hz), 141.2 (q, 1C, Car,  ${}^{1}J_{FC} = 2.0$  Hz), 138.7 (d of m, 2C, m- $C_6F_5$ ,  ${}^{1}J_{FC} = 255$  Hz), 143.0 (d of m, 1C, C, p- $C_6F_5$ ,  ${}^{1}J_{FC} = 255$  Hz), 148.1 (d of m, 2C, o- $C_6F_5$   ${}^{1}J_{FC} = 248$  Hz). Resonances for *ipso*-carbon atoms on phenyl moieties were not observed. <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]): -52.1 (d, 3F, CF<sub>3</sub>,  $J_{PF} = 120$  Hz), ), -131.1 (t, 4F, o- $C_6F_5$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{FF} = 29$  Hz), -151.5 (t, 2F, p- $C_6F_5$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{FF} = 21$  Hz), -161.4 (td, 4F, m- $C_6F_5$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{FF} = 29$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{FF} = 21$  Hz). <sup>31</sup>P{1H} NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]): -34.7 (m) Elemental Analysis for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>2</sub>P: calcd.: C 49.3, H 1.1, found: C 50.2, H 1.2; DART MS: m/z 561.00821 (calcd. for MH\*: 561.00778)

1H NMR spectrum of isolated product (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)

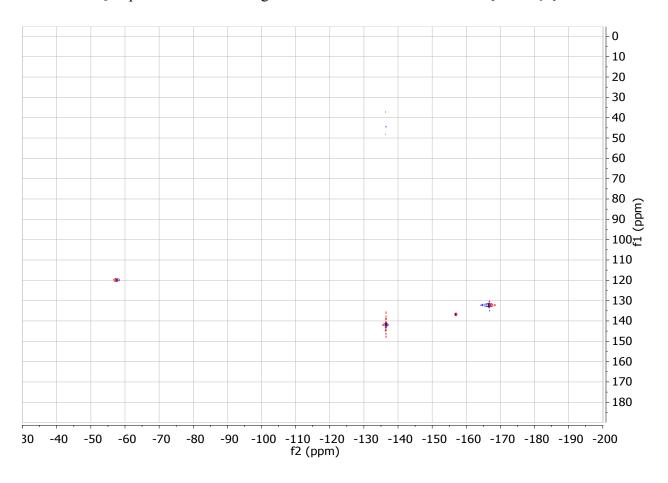








 $^{19}\text{F-}^{13}\text{C-}$  HSQC spectrum of **2** showing 1-bond F-C correlations of the CF<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub> moieties

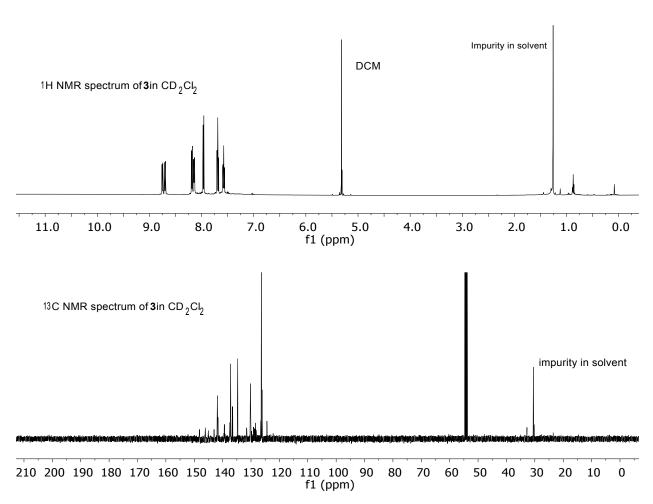


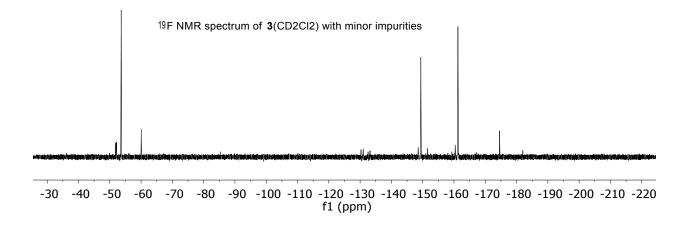
## ${\bf 2.3~Synthesis~of~(8-Trifluoromethylnaphthyl)} bis (pentafluorophenyl) difluorophosphorane~{\bf 3}$

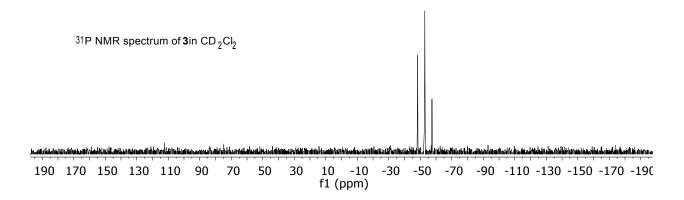
 $CF_3 PF_2(C_6F_5)_2$ 

To a solution of **2** (54 mg, 0.096 mmol) in DCM was added a DCM solution containing 16 mg (1.0 equiv., 0.096 mmol) XeF<sub>2</sub>. The solution was allowed to stir for 2 h. Volatiles were then removed *in vacuo* and the resultant solid washed with 1 mL *n*-pentane, affording **3** as a white solid in 86% yield. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]):** 7.58 (td, 1H, H*Ar*,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.8$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 3.6$  Hz), 7.69 (t, 1H, H*Ar*,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.7$  Hz), 7.96 (dd, 1H, H*Ar*,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.4$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.4$  Hz), 8.14 (dd, 1H, H*Ar*,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.1$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{FH}} = 3.3$  Hz), 8.18 (1H, ddd, H*Ar*,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.1$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{PH}} = 2.9$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.2$  Hz), 8.73 (ddd, 1H, H*Ar*,  $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 25$  Hz,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.6$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.2$  Hz). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>**H**} **NMR** 

(CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]): 124.4 (s, CAr), 126.2 (d, CAr,  ${}^{3}J_{PC} = 21.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 126.3 (s, CAr), 128.4 (t, CAr), 129.0 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{PC} = 26.8 \text{ Hz}$ ), 130.3 (q, CAr,  ${}^{4}J_{FC} = 5.1 \text{ Hz}$ ), 131.5 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{PC} = 12.6 \text{ Hz}$ , CAr), 134.7 (s, CAr), 136.5 (d, CAr,  ${}^{4}J_{PC} = 9.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 137.2 (d, CAr,  ${}^{5}J_{PC} = 5.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 141.8 (q, CAr,  ${}^{3}J_{FC} = 13.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 138.4 (d of m, m- $C_{6}F_{5}$ ,  ${}^{1}J_{FC} = 252 \text{ Hz}$ ), 144.0 (d of m, p- $C_{6}F_{5}$ ,  ${}^{1}J_{FC} = 259 \text{ Hz}$ ), 147.1 (d of m, o- $C_{6}F_{5}$ ,  ${}^{1}J_{FC} = 248 \text{ Hz}$ ). Resonances for *ipso*-carbon atoms on  $C_{6}F_{5}$  rings were not observed. 19F{1H} NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]): -53.6 (s, CF<sub>3</sub>), -133.1 (4F, m(br)), -149.9 (2F, t, p- $C_{6}F_{5}$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{FF} = 21 \text{ Hz}$ ), -161.3 (4F, m, m- $C_{6}F_{5}$ ). 31P{1H} NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]): -53.0 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{PF} = 736 \text{ Hz}$ )







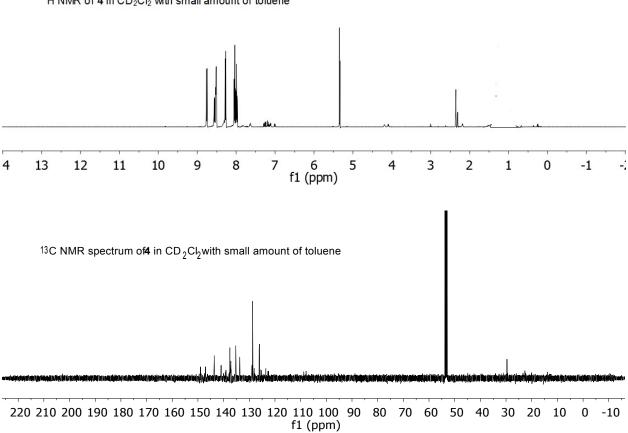
## ${\bf 2.4~Synthesis~of~(8-Trifluoromethylnaphthyl)bis (pentafluorophenyl)fluorophosphonium~salt~4}$

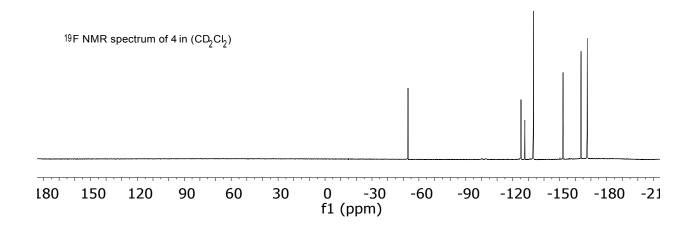
 $\begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{F} \oplus \\ \mathsf{CF}_3 & \mathsf{P}(\mathsf{C}_6\mathsf{F}_5)_2 \\ \end{bmatrix} \oplus \\ [\mathsf{B}(\mathsf{C}_6\mathsf{F}_5)_4 \end{bmatrix}$ 

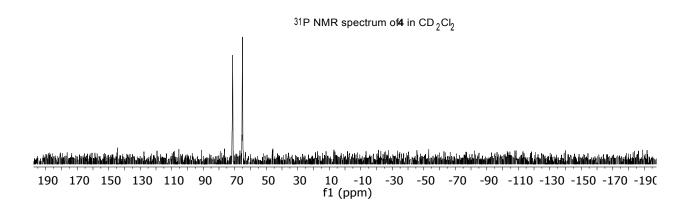
[Et<sub>3</sub>Si(tol)][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] To a vial containing **4** (54 mg, 0.90 mmol) was added 76 mg [Et<sub>3</sub>Si(tol)][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] (0.86 mmol, 0.95 equiv.) in several portions, with shaking after each addition. Immediately a dark, oily precipitate formed on the bottom of the vial. The vial was left to stand for 4 h then the supernatant was decanted from the oily precipitate and the precipitate was washed with toluene (2 x 0.5 mL) and n-pentane (2 x 0.5 mL) and dried *in vacuo* yielding 70 mg of **4** (65% yield). X-ray quality crystals were obtained by slow diffusion of *n*-pentane into a saturated solution of **4** in DCM cooled to -35 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]): 7.96 (1H, td,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 3.1 \text{ Hz}$ , HAr), 8.01 (1H, ddd,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.3 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.0 \text{ Hz}$ ),

8.25 (1H, dd,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.6$  Hz,  ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.3$  Hz, HAr), 8.52 (2H, m, HAr), 8.73 (1H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.3$  Hz).  ${}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]):  $\delta = 127.7$  (d,  $J_{PC} = 18$  Hz, CAr), 129.5 (s, CAr), 134.6 (q,  ${}^{4}J_{FC} = 5.4$  Hz, CAr), 136.2 (d,  $J_{PC} = 13.5$  Hz, CAr) 138.0 (s, CAr), 138.4 (m, CAr), 138.7 (dm, m- $C_{6}F_{5}$ ), 139.6 (dm,  ${}^{1}J_{FC} = 262$  Hz,  $C_{6}F_{5}$ ), 141.8 (m, CAr), 144.5 (d, CAr,  $J_{PC} = 3.6$  Hz), 148.6 (dm,  $C_{6}F_{5}$ ), 148.9 (dm,  ${}^{1}J_{FC} = 242$  Hz,  $C_{6}F_{5}$ ), 150.2 (dm,  $C_{6}F_{5}$   ${}^{1}J_{FC} = 270$  Hz). Resonances for *ipso*-carbon atoms on  $C_{6}F_{5}$ , phenyl moieties, CF<sub>3</sub> were not observed.  ${}^{19}F\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]): -53.1 (3F, d,  $CF_{3}$ ,  $J_{PF} = 27$  Hz), -125.3 (4F, m, o-P( $C_{6}F_{5}$ )<sub>2</sub>), -127.7 (2F, m, p-P( $C_{6}F_{5}$ )<sub>2</sub>), -133.3 (8F, m, o-B( $C_{6}F_{5}$ )<sub>4</sub>, -152.2 (4F, tm,  ${}^{3}J_{FF} = 19$  Hz, m-P( $C_{6}F_{5}$ )<sub>2</sub>), -163.7 (4F, td,  ${}^{3}J_{FF} = 21$  Hz p-B( $C_{6}F_{5}$ )<sub>4</sub>), -167.6 (8F, m, m-B( $C_{6}F_{5}$ )<sub>4</sub>). Resonance for P-F  ${}^{19}F$  nucleus was observed at -100.4 ppm at -80 °C but not observed at room temperature.  ${}^{31}P\{1H\}$  NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, [ppm]): 70.3 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{PF} = 1010$  Hz).

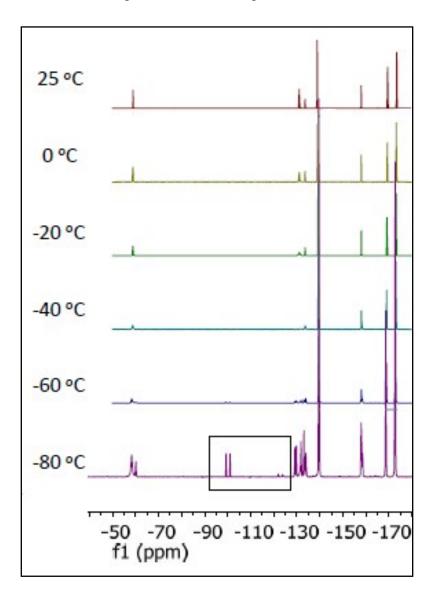




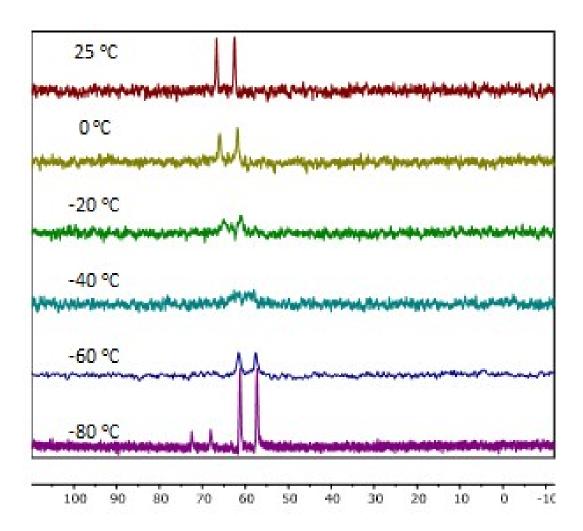




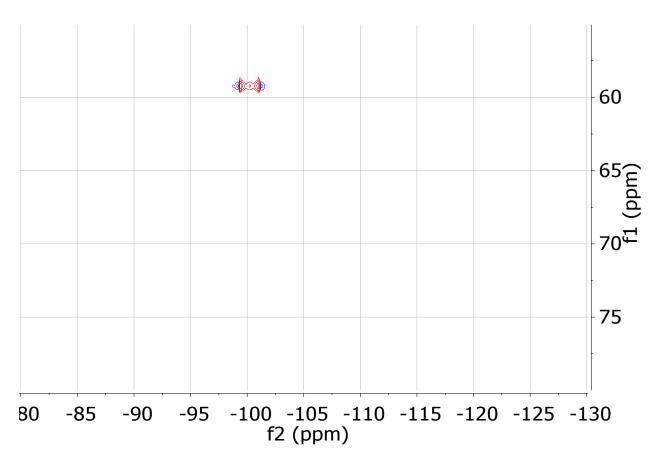
Variable-temperature  $^{19}F$  NMR spectra of 4 in  $CD_2Cl_2$ .



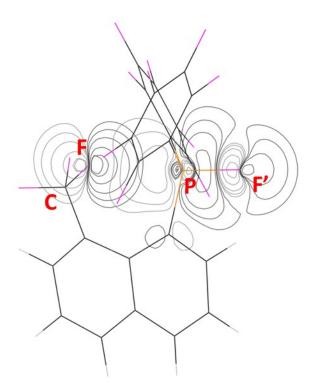
Variable-temperature <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra of **4** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>



 $^{19}\text{F}$ - $^{31}\text{P}$  HSQC spectrum of **4** obtained at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  showing a correlation between the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR resonance at 59.3 ppm (y-axis) and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR resonance at at -100.4 ppm (x-axis) for the major species.



Contour plot of the NBO donor-acceptor interaction in compound 4. The contour map is plotted in the F-P-F' plane and the molecule is depicted as lines with F pink, C black, P orange, and H white.



# 3. Cartesian Coordinates (Å) for the Optimized Structure of the cation of 4 (Table S1)

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Type	X	Y	Z
1	 15	0	9.711915	11.636109	2.622594
2	9	0	9.029671	12.303241	5.024836
3	9	0	6.875014	12.678469	3.296976
4	9	0	11.083099	13.806139	4.312327
5	9	0	10.038179	11.288247	1.114996
6	9	0	9.376350	8.767796	2.486537
7	9	0	7.866632	10.621975	5.720963
8	9	0	8.869759	11.887833	7.118686
9	9	0	8.001330	13.139234	0.814438
10	9	0	10.852351	16.460915	4.000622
11	9	0	4.782567	8.516306	3.303978
12	9	0	7.791858	15.825311	0.498895
13	9	0	4.653840	11.198837	3.546525
14	9	0	7.132474	7.285382	2.788242
15	9	0	9.228308	17.462928	2.097494
16	6	0	11.187873	10.398154	4.820344
17	6	0	8.993702	11.304538	5.941459
18	6	0	8.225955	9.361795	2.746133
19	6	0	8.184385	10.756780	2.871734
20	6	0	5.800715	10.617893	3.288315
21	6	0	10.218970	10.427738	5.876813
22	6	0	6.955646	11.373261	3.137307
23	6	0	10.168738	15.651054	3.228408
24	6	0	9.553782	13.407593	2.552172
25	6	0	7.082410	8.590658	2.903513
26	6	0	8.585907	15.323533	1.412674
27	6	0	11.131995	11.011753	3.509752
28	6	0	8.710574	13.952337	1.574158
29	6	0	10.393056	9.677668	7.025179
30	1	0	9.636684	9.739328	7.809844
31	6	0	10.281011	14.272767	3.379561
32	6	0	12.392727	9.668595	5.102713
33	6	0	12.244609	11.026879	2.677424
34	1	0	12.192145	11.493359	1.692609
35	6	0	9.327220	16.170553	2.242829
36	6	0	5.867178	9.228009	3.165083
37	6	0	11.531426	8.881321	7.233911
38	1	0	11.630237	8.295422	8.147228
39	6	0	12.528968	8.911506	6.296061
40	1	0	13.456624	8.358394	6.452042
41	6	0	13.497501	9.697456	4.208590
42	1	0	14.396652	9.143968	4.485298
43	6	0	13.452011	10.403377	3.037240
44	1	0	14.306661	10.445066	2.363061

# **4.** Crystallographic data and details of the structure refinement of compound **4** (Table S2)

	4·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
formula	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>8</sub> PF <sub>34</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> B
$M_{\rm r}$ [g mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	1343.22
colour, habit	yellow, needle
crystal system	Triclinic
space group	$P^{\overline{1}}$
a [Å]	12.0867(19)
b [Å]	14.713(3)
c [Å]	27.639(5)
<i>α</i> [°]	90.302(7)
eta [°]	97.601(7)
γ [°]	99.450(8)
$V [Å^3]$	4803.8(14)
Z	4
crystal size [mm <sup>3</sup> ]	0.9x0.2x0.2
$ ho_{ m c}$ [g cm $^{-3}$ ]	1.857
F(000)	2624
$\theta$ min [°]	0.744
$\theta$ max [°]	24.407
reflection area	$-14 \le h \le 13$ $-17 \le h \le 17$ $-32 \le h \le 32$
$\mu~[ ext{mm}^{-1}]$	0.340
absorption correction	SADABS
reflections collected	37892
reflections unique	15465
$R_{int}$	0.0946
reflections obs. $[F > 2\sigma(F)]$	7165
residual density [e Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	3.362, -0.876
parameters	1569
GOF	1.036
$R_1[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0976
wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.3236

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