Design considerations for chiral frustrated Lewis pairs: B/N FLPs derived from 3,5-bicyclic aryl piperidines

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General Considerations

All manipulations were carried out under dry, O₂-free N₂ using an MBraun glovebox and a Schlenk vacuum-line. Pentane and dichloromethane were collected from a Grubbs-type column system manufactured by Innovative Technology and into thick-walled glass Schlenk bombs with Youngtype Teflon valve stopcocks. Chloroform-d was obtained from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, dried over CaH₂, and vacuum-transferred into Young bombs, Toluene-d₈ and benzene-d₆ was obtained from Sigma-Aldrich, dried over Na/benzophenone and vacuum-transferred into Young bombs. All solvents were degassed after purification and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves. $B(C_6F_5)_3$ was purchased from Boulder Scientific and used without further purification for the synthesis of bis(perfluorophenyl)borane. (E)-N-tert-butyl-1-phenylmethanimine and triethylsilane were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, and dried and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves. Commercial reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, TCI Chemicals, Strem Chemicals or Alfa Aesar, and used without further purification unless indicated otherwise. Hydrogen gas (Grade 5.0) was obtained from Linde and purified through a Matheson Nanochem WeldAssure[™] gas purifier column prior to use. Deuterium hydride (extent of labeling: 96 mol% HD, 98 atom % D) and carbon ¹³C dioxide (99 atom % ¹³C, <3 atom % ¹⁸O) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. (1R,3s,5S)-7,8difluoro-3-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-1,5-methanobenzo[d]azepin-3-ium chloride was received from Pfitzer and used without further purification. (E)-N-(1-phenylethylidene)aniline,¹ tris(2,6-difluorophenyl)borane,² (bis(perfluorophenyl)borane,³ were prepared according to literature methods.

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer or a Varian Mercury Plus 400 MHz spectrometer at 25 °C. Chemical shifts are given relative to SiMe₄ and referenced to the residual solvent signal (¹H, ¹³C) or relative to an external standard (¹¹B: 15% (Et₂O)BF₃, ³¹P: 85% H₃PO₄, ¹⁹F: CFCl₃). Chemical shifts are reported in ppm and coupling constants as scalar values in Hz. Mass spectrometry was carried out using an AB/Sciex QStar mass spectrometer with an ESI source or on a Hewlett-Packard GC/MS 6890 N that works with the EI technique (70 eV). Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were performed in-house with a Perkin Elmer 2400 Series II CHNS Analyzer

Spectra















Figure S9. ¹H NMR spectrum of **4**









Figure S12. ¹H NMR spectrum of **6**



Figure S13. ¹H NMR spectrum of **7**



Figure S15. ¹H NMR spectrum of 8





Figure S17. ¹H NMR spectrum of 9











Figure S23. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of **10**



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Figure S31. ¹¹B NMR spectrum of **12**





Figure S33. ¹H NMR spectrum for HD scrambling experiment with **11** in toluene-d₈

Gutmann-Beckett Test

In an inert atmosphere glovebox, 0.005 mmol of the Lewis acid (1 eqv., 2 mg for **12**, 5 mg for **13**) and 0.8 mg of Et_3PO (0.006 mmol, 1.2 eqv.) were added to 1 mL of solvent (DCM for **12**, C_6D_6 for **13**).⁴ A clear colourless solution was formed and ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}_{C}$ NMR was collected.

Table S1. G	utmann-Beckett	test results
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	³¹ P{ ¹ H} (ppm)	Δ versus Et ₃ PO (ppm)
Et ₃ PO	52.2 (in DCM), 46.5 (in C ₆ D ₆)	-
Et ₃ PO + 10	52.4	0.2
Et ₃ PO + 11	74.3	27.8

Computational details

The tables contain the optimized coordinates of the compounds and their fluoride adducts (denoted as \mathbf{x} -F, additional possible geometries denoted alphabetically), calculated using the BP86 functional and the def2-TZVP basis set. All calculations were carried out in the gas phase.

Table S2. FIA data for boranes

Compound	Energy	Energy of F-	FIA
	(kJ/mol)	adduct (kJ/mol)	(kJ/mol)
10	-3478142.5	-3740334.9	350.1

BPh ₃	-1885741.0	-2147911.5	328.1
$B(C_6H_3F_2)_3$	-3447380.9	-3709585.2	362.3
11	-6473827.8	-6736111.6	441.4
$B(C_6F_5)_3$	-5789595.6	-6051890.2	452.6

Table S3. GEI data for boranes

Compound	Energy of	Energy of	GEI
-	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	(eV)
10	-5.445	-0.713	1.00
BPh ₃	-6.888	-2.256	2.04
$B(C_6H_3F_2)_3$	-6.993	-2.547	2.56
11	-5.538	-2.938	3.45
$B(C_6F_5)_3$	-7.651	-3.523	3.78

				(7 m m	
Number	Number	Type	X	y y	Stroms) 7
1	9	0	-0.900631	2.717975	-1.934365
2	9	0	1.084712	4.499207	-1.578456
3	.7	0	3.433290	-0.557609	0.615718
4	6	0	2.141240	-1.122122	1.022846
5	6	0	1.203826	-0.081218	_1 3020402
7	0	0	0 045202	2 452190	-0 995158
8	6	0	4.308752	-1.379187	-0.100289
9	6	0	1.993330	2.017030	0.905385
10	6	0	1.073946	3.380495	-0.814543
11	6	0	3.889613	-2.624385	-0.634505
12	6	0	6.078259	-3.023436	-1.620612
13	6	0	-1.187658	0.308278	-0.464885
14	6	0	6.513225	-1.811140	-1.079186
15	6	0	-5.12/180	1 400 601	0.830215
10	6	0	-3.907926	-1.488621	-0./68/59
18	6	0	-2 488818	0 725044	0.258339
19	6	0	4.004726	0.574683	1.354659
20	6	0	0.959568	1.084660	0.719023
21	6	0	-0.041556	1.269405	-0.243589
22	6	0	5.657611	-1.004938	-0.328341
23	6	0	2.931735	1.488945	1.978259
24	6	0	-5.473167	-1.017696	1.782159
25	6	0	1.970443	0.617146	2.813475
26	6	0	-5.468458	-2.411987	1.123362
27	6	0	-4.264361	-2.663553	0.193092
20	5	0	-6 329283	-0.179903	-1 341321
30	6	0	-6.192782	0.440256	-0.274332
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32	1	0	2.864578	3.917126	0.253179
33	1	0	6.052185	-0.076773	0.080873
34	1	0	7.543010	-1.481007	-1.234617
35	1	0	6.753613	-3.650299	-2.204439
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40	1	0	2.200000	-0 595166	1 998794
41	1	0	-0.883754	-0.694708	-0.128629
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43	1	0	-5.058428	1.077611	1.451429
44	1	0	-2.977711	-1.768678	-1.293207
45	1	0	-2.295116	0.854655	1.342277
46	1	0	-2.780042	1.746105	-0.060914
47	1	0	4.688780	0.223183	2.156441
48	1	0	4.606927	1.174234	0.654612
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52	1	0	1 296180	1 240271	3 419468
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62 61	⊥ 1	0	-3.91999/ -4 556083	1.3861U1 -0 467689	-0.///009
63	⊥ 1	0	-5.155599	-2.119677	-2.458052

Table S4. Optimized Cartesian coordinates of 10

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coord	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Ζ
1	9	0	-0.426637	3.411292	-1.983942
2	9	0	1.627442	4.894990	-1.096809
3	7	0	3.228228	-0.704888	0.573138
4	6	0	1.820146	-1.140027	0.659178
5	6	0	0.097300 4 594141	-3 396912	-1 608537
7	6	õ	0.346727	2.894827	-0.989426
8	6	0	4.125758	-1.510952	-0.111858
9	6	0	1.976847	1.981078	1.040922
10	6	0	1.415712	3.671828	-0.530511
11	6	0	3.687976	-2.611291	-0.898493
12	6	0	5.96951/ _1 1103/7	-3.144903	-1.564/94
14	6	0	6.418654	-2.080683	-0.777777
15	6	õ	-4.423434	-0.465065	1.245995
16	6	0	-3.797640	-1.115924	-1.196951
17	6	0	2.257512	3.231357	0.490234
18	6	0	-2.334599	0.891317	0.070824
19	6	0	3.770779	0.276712	1.519804
20	6	0	0.910194	1.203895	0.572287
21	6	0	0.056/12	1.62/35/	-0.459863
22	6	0	2 696014	-1.282680	-0.059419
23	6	0	-4 943142	-1 900440	1 495325
25	6	õ	1.549518	0.316526	2.671575
26	6	0	-5.328372	-2.688538	0.221495
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29	6	0	-5.499179	0.509961	0.713078
30	6	0	-4.865087	-0.132206	-1.730189
31	1	0	3.079900	3.866919	0.824437
3∠ 33	1	0	5.931654 7 488109	-0.4/3845	-0 711146
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36	1	0	2.629206	-2.855610	-0.958630
37	1	0	1.448793	-1.317967	-0.361167
38	1	0	1.749785	-2.103114	1.204702
39	1	0	-0.102773	-0.561025	1.431742
40	1	0	-0.796865	-0.257535	-0.941994
41	1	0	-1.422268	-0.070640	-1.918440
43	1	0	-3.020763	-1.202269	-1.985435
44	1	õ	-1.958620	1.140022	1.082644
45	1	0	-2.957957	1.752976	-0.227361
46	1	0	4.313977	-0.236152	2.343583
47	1	0	4.507205	0.901734	0.987759
48	1	0	3.178962	1.833605	2.886905
49	1	0	-4.137532	-2.451090	2.011607
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53	1	0	-5.433209	-3.759828	0.479156
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01 62	⊥ 1	0	-4.34//39	-0.516578	-2.658731
63	9	0	-2.141823	-1.509069	0.717324
64	5	0	-3.155148	-0.533584	0.200664

Table S5. Optimized Cartesian coordinates of 10-F

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coor	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Z
1	9	0	2.242709	-2.423356	-1.978245
2	9	0	-0.958911	-1.417000	-3.675560
3	9	0	-3.420665	-2.243432	-4.380589
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/	9	0	5.292450	-4.410337	2 722625
9	9	0	4 278856	0 998719	-1 231948
10	9	0	1.134696	4.589723	1.433909
11	9	0	3.562868	5.351115	0.424955
12	9	0	5.122621	3.541301	-0.909410
13	7	0	-4.355601	0.230476	1.016728
14	6	0	-3.306880	-1.273667	-3.443077
15	6	0	-2.031047	-0.843086	-3.071198
16	6	0	-2.982926	0.733534	-1.564522
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18	6	0	3.749481	-3.423//6	-0.496538
19	6	0	2.730805	-1.24//25	-1 750659
20	1	0	-0.410505	1 593506	-1 332344
22	1	0	0.188805	0.624421	-2.669326
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24	6	0	-3.147022	1.818019	-0.506172
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26	6	0	0.269225	-0.394785	-0.755466
27	1	0	0.194887	-1.424801	-1.132162
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39	1	0	-6.335573	0.988419	0.759962
40	l	0	-5.997434	-0.589559	0.010381
41	6	0	4.342670	-2.312893	2 401416
42	1	0	-6 442027	-1 323097	1 801305
44	- 6	0	1.465324	2.389229	0.581344
45	6	0	-4.524865	2.403573	-0.884808
46	1	0	-4.967813	3.013047	-0.081833
47	1	0	-4.459918	3.012219	-1.798809
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51	6	0	3.934514	3.164103	-0.412720
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54	1	0	-6 572162	-2.652502	3 835870
55	6	0	-3.429848	-0.482616	3.179548
56	1	Ũ	-2.545714	0.137087	3.041721
57	- 6	0	3.138289	4.092640	0.264537
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59	1	0	-4.709537	-2.640176	5.509016
60	6	0	1.895158	3.702145	0.772681
61	6	0	-3.523378	-1.248555	4.342096
62	1	0	-2.704461	-1.208288	5.064136
63	5	0	1.737311	-0.070022	-0.290231

Table S6. Optimized Cartesian coordinates of 11

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coord	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Z
1	9	0	-2.624225	2.721620	0.450934
2	9	0	0.284947	4.175665	-0.475275
3	9	0	2.632843	5.438615	-0.766334
4	9	0	-4.004220	-1.768325	1.361852
5	9	0	0.040811	-2.686969	1.197230
6	9	0	-5.160211	3.530873	0.693888
7	9	0	-7.158470	1.736275	1.268843
8	9	0	-6.543466	-0.920718	1.597256
9	9	0	-2.8/4101	-0.40/448	-1.839518
11	9	0	-1 0/7399	-4.695313	-2 965988
12	9	0	-2.614229	-2.435152	-3.579303
13	7	0 0	4.379176	-0.267524	0.193368
14	6	0	2.590139	4.091665	-0.957085
15	6	0	1.369155	3.428629	-0.801486
16	6	0	2.410191	1.372054	-1.363735
17	6	0	1.232665	2.042531	-0.992899
18	6	0	-4.860148	2.218869	0.856137
19	6	0	-3.164910	0.423981	0.894361
20	6	0	-0.100392	1.352980	-0.813402
21	1	0	-0.130173	0.492858	-1.502424
22	l	0	-0.904883	2.03444/	-1.124186
23	6	0	-3.542843	-0 100926	-1 629/53
25	1	0	1 764315	-0.643630	-2 004638
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27	1	0	-0.460403	1.736288	1.295846
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30	1	0	4.684620	3.959660	-1.444346
31	6	0	-4.228740	-0.440298	1.188920
32	6	0	3.633835	2.038442	-1.536117
33	6	0	-1.474606	-1.450230	-0.197108
34	6	0	4.847618	-0.767889	1.406726
35	6	0	4.690108	1.020441	-1.935328
30	1	0	5.486265 _5.979473	1 31/720	-2.5/131/
38	6	0	5 344273	0 389261	-0 691726
39	1	0	6.131121	-0.324380	-1.022669
40	1	0	5.850462	1.185139	-0.121498
41	6	0	-5.558549	-0.032679	1.316303
42	6	0	6.161080	-0.489214	1.868540
43	1	0	6.845158	0.104872	1.264997
44	6	0	-0.671299	-2.572001	0.046688
45	6	0	3.823148	-0.052820	-2.628098
46	1	0	4.340394	-1.019131	-2.742305
47	1	0	3.484284	0.290126	-3.617255
48	6	0	3.133290	-0.830895	-0.353995
49	1	0	2.349032	-0.749895	-0 579414
51	1	0	-1 977221	-2 490610	-2 38/293
52	6	0	-2 095024	-1 456292	-1 450801
53	6	0	6.609660	-0.965694	3.101258
54	1	0	7.626696	-0.721707	3.419450
55	6	0	4.033793	-1.581146	2.238241
56	1	0	3.023551	-1.849009	1.934944
57	6	0	-1.183716	-3.595618	-2.079990
58	6	0	5.788856	-1.746310	3.918730
59	1	0	6.145277	-2.116518	4.881508
60	6	0	-0.521839	-3.633236	-0.853305
61	6	0	4.499767	-2.046871	3.466388
62	1	0	3.833355	-2.660301	4.077269
63 C1	9	U	-1.4368/4	-0.095/54	2.240066
04	5	U	-1.002029	-0.10/304	0.901/82

Table S7. Optimized Cartesian coordinates of 11-F

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coord	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Z
1	5	0	-0.000110	-0.000075	0.000132
2	6	0	0.1829/2	1.558//6	0.000043
3	6	0	-0./33063	2.410996	0.660/51
4	6	0	1.2/1644	2.1/5222	-0.660844
5	6	0	-0.564169	3./9/040	0.6/6355
6	l	0	-1.584019	1.9/1213	1.186405
/	6	0	1.428709	3.562650	-0.6/6/22
8	l	0	1.997393	1.549963	-1.186372
9	6	0	0.514243	4.377209	-0.000258
10	1	0	-1.277318	4.428591	1.210995
11	1	0	2.268838	4.011533	-1.211480
12	1	0	0.641761	5.462093	-0.000380
13	6	0	-1.441627	-0.621009	0.000152
14	6	0	-2.519643	0.012695	-0.661867
15	6	0	-1.721857	-1.839669	0.662180
16	6	0	-3.799693	-0.545080	-0.677594
17	1	0	-2.340948	0.953211	-1.188501
18	6	0	-3.006650	-2.386435	0.677966
19	1	0	-0.915731	-2.356062	1.188815
20	6	0	-4.048113	-1.743510	0.000185
21	1	0	-4.608302	-0.042597	-1.213265
22	1	0	-3.197129	-3.319196	1.213651
23	1	0	-5.051374	-2.175596	0.000225
24	6	0	1.258425	-0.937982	0.000140
25	6	0	2.453519	-0.571658	0.663104
26	6	0	1.249177	-2.187819	-0.662994
27	6	0	3.569609	-1.410715	0.678638
28	1	0	2.497176	0.384232	1.190567
29	6	0	2.372427	-3.017234	-0.678950
30	1	0	0.345607	-2.503015	-1.190308
31	6	0	3.534112	-2.633479	-0.000289
32	1	0	4.472348	-1.109613	1.214998
33	1	0	2.342024	-3.968277	-1.215488
34	1	0	4.410092	-3.286084	-0.000495

Table S8. Optimized Cartesian coordinates of BPh₃

Center	Atomic	Atomic		Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Z	
1	5	0	-0.000253	-0.000274	0.735952	
2	9	0	1 526900	0.00016/	2.201820	
3	6	0	-1.520000	-0.340301	1 070011	
4	6	0	-2.401121	-1.030993	_1 033350	
5	0	0	-2.041340	-1 403764	-1.033339	
7	1	0	-2 0/17/7	-1 333076	2 075019	
, 8	6	0	-3 337658	-0 337398	-1 /37662	
9	1	0	-1 /16252	0.591/25	-1 716710	
10	6	0	-4 177506	-1 049111	-0 574542	
11	1	0	-4 347809	-1 954365	1 383910	
12	1	0	-3 698089	-0 040113	-2 427854	
13	1	0	-5.192476	-1.317001	-0.882172	
14	- 6	0	0 463152	1 494624	0 229598	
15	6	0	1.027424	1.763321	-1.033967	
16	6	0	0.283872	2,607259	1.078505	
17	6	0	1.376981	3.058366	-1.438206	
18	1	0	1.221323	0.929967	-1.717220	
19	6	0	0.633123	3.905972	0.691939	
20	1	0	-0.135745	2.434012	2.073339	
21	6	0	1.179658	4.141664	-0.575430	
22	1	0	1.815293	3.221823	-2.428122	
23	1	0	0.479103	4.741943	1.382383	
24	1	0	1.455099	5.154611	-0.883052	
25	6	0	1.062893	-1.149079	0.230189	
26	6	0	2.117899	-1.547134	1.078272	
27	6	0	1.012357	-1.774507	-1.032097	
28	6	0	3.068687	-2.498376	0.692044	
29	1	0	2.178414	-1.095251	2.072214	
30	6	0	1.959862	-2.724163	-1.436064	
31	1	0	0.192347	-1.527979	-1.714524	
32	6	0	2.998478	-3.091908	-0.574163	
33	1	0	3.871090	-2.780629	1.381803	
34	1	0	1.881466	-3.187327	-2.425056	
35	1	0	3.738599	-3.836420	-0.881547	

Table S9. Optimized Cartesian coordinates of BPh₃-F





Figure S35. Depictions of HOMO (left) and LUMO (right) of **11**



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