## Heterolytic dihydrogen activation with the 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)naphthalene/ $B(C_6F_5)_3$ pair and its application for metal-free catalytic hydrogenation of silyl enol ethers

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### **Supplementary Information**

### **Experimental section:**

All manipulations were carried out under argon using Schlenk-type glassware or in a glovebox unless otherwise noted. Solvents, including deuterated solvents used for NMR spectroscopy, were dried and distilled prior to use according to standard procedures. Elemental analyses were performed with a Foss-Heraeus CHN-O-Rapid instrument. NMR spectra were measured using a Bruker AC200 P, a Varian 500 MHz INOVA, or a Varian Unity Plus 600 NMR spectrometer. Most assignments were based on a series of NOE, TOCSY, and 2D NMR experiments. 1,8-Bis(diphenylphosphino)naphthalene was synthesized according literature procedures (R. D. Jackson, S. James, A. G. Orpen, P. G. Pringle, *J. Organomet. Chem.*, 1993, **458**, C3-C4.)

Data set was collected with a Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer, equipped with a rotating anode generator. Programs used: data collection COLLECT (Nonius B.V., 1998), data reduction Denzo-SMN (Z. Otwinowski, W. Minor, *Methods in Enzymology*, **1997**, 276, 307-326), absorption correction SORTAV (R.H. Blessing, *Acta Cryst.* **1995**, *A51*, 33-37; R.H. Blessing, *J. Appl. Cryst.* **1997**, *30*, 421-426), structure solution SHELXS-97 (G.M. Sheldrick, *Acta Cryst.* **1990**, *A46*, 467-473), structure refinement SHELXL-97 (G.M. Sheldrick, Universität Göttingen, 1997), graphics SCHAKAL (E. Keller, Universität Freiburg, 1997).

CCDC 630677 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html [or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: (internat.) +44(1223)336-033, E-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

**1,8-Bis(diphenylphosphino)naphthalene (5)** + **B**(**C**<sub>6</sub>**F**<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>: **5** (20.0mg, 0,040 mmol) and B(C<sub>6</sub>**F**<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (20.6 mg, 0.040 mmol) was mixed in  $d_8$ -toluene (1 mL). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,  $d_8$ -toluene, 298K):  $\delta$  6.95 (14 H, m, *o*, *p*-Ph and 3,6-Naph), 7.23 (8 H, br. s, *m*-Ph), 7.45 (2 H, dm, J = 7.8 Hz, 2,7-Naph), 7.49 (2 H, br. d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4,5-Naph). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz,  $d_8$ -toluene, 298K):  $\delta$  13.8. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (160 MHz,  $d_8$ -toluene, 298K):  $\delta$  59.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz,  $d_8$ -toluene, 298K):  $\delta$  -129.0 (br. s, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>), -142.2 (br. s, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>), -160.4 (br. s, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>).

6: A mixture of 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)naphthalene (150 mg, 0.30 mmol) and B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (155 mg, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (15 ml) was stirred under a H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (2 bar) at room temperature for 3 h. Afterwards the reaction flask was closed and stirred for another 14 h. The colorless reaction mixture was condensed to ~3 ml, and pentane (30 ml) was added, resulting in the formation of a white precipitate. This precipitate was collected by filtration and rinsed with pentane (15 ml), affording complex 6 as a white solid (245mg, 80%). Single crystals of complex 6 were obtained through vapor diffusion of pentane into a solution of dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298K):  $\delta$  3.60 (1 H, br. q (1:1:1:1),  $J_{BH} \approx$  92 Hz, BH), 7.16 (8 H, br. s, o-Ph), 7.41 (8 H, br. m, *m*-Ph), 7.55 (4 H, br. m, *p*-Ph), 7.67 (4 H, br. m, 2,3,6,7-Naph), 8.34 (2 H, br. d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 4,5-Naph), 10.1 (1 H, br. t, J<sub>PH</sub> = 280 Hz, PH). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298K): δ 127.1, 141.8 (2,7 / 3,6-Naph), 130.1 (m-Ph), 132.6 (p-Ph), 133.5 (o-Ph), 136.6 (4,5-Naph), 136.7 (dm,  $J_{CF} = 252$  Hz, m-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>), 138.2 (dm,  $J_{CF} = 246$  Hz, p-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>), 148.5 (dm,  $J_{CF} = 238$  Hz, o-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>), 148.5 (dm, J\_{CF} = 238 Hz, O-C<sub></sub>  $C_6F_5$ ).[1,8,9,10-Naph and C(i-Ph) were not observed]. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298K):  $\delta$  1.5 (m, minor isomer), -3.5 (br s,  $v_{1/2} \approx 150$  Hz, major isomer), -20.0 (m, minor isomer). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298K):  $\delta$  1.5 (dm,  $J_{PH} \approx 415$  Hz, minor isomer), -3.5 (br d,  $J_{\text{PH}} \approx 280$  Hz,  $v_{1/2} = 150$  Hz; major isomer), -20.0 (m, minor isomer). [ratio: 1 : 13 : 1].  ${}^{31}\text{P}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (202 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 193K):  $\delta$  10.0 (d,  $J_{PP} \approx 110$  Hz,  $v_{1/2} = 20$  Hz; major isomer), 1.9 (d,  $J_{PP} \approx 46$  Hz, minor isomer), -18.8 (d,  $J_{PP} \approx 110$ Hz,  $v_{1/2} \approx 10$  Hz; major isomer), -21.2 (d,  $J_{PP} \approx 46$  Hz, minor isomer); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 193K):  $\delta$  10.0 (dd,  $J_{PH} \approx 557$ Hz,  $J_{PP} \approx 110$  Hz,  $v_{1/2} = 50$  Hz; major isomer), 1.9 (dm,  $J_{PH} \approx 410$  Hz, minor isomer), -18.8 (d,  $J_{PP} \approx 110$  Hz,  $v_{1/2} = 30$  Hz; major isomer), -21.2 (m, minor isomer), [ratio: 13 : 1 : 13 : 1]. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (160 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298K): δ -25.8 (s,  $v_{1/2} \approx 50$  Hz); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298K): δ -25.8 (d,  $J_{BH} \approx 92$  Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298K): δ -134.3 (m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>), -165.1 (m,  $p-C_6F_5$ ), -168.0 (m,  $m-C_6F_5$ ).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 298K):  $\delta$  4.49 (1 H, br, B*H*), 6.67-7.07 (22 H, m, Ph and 3,6-Naph), 7.31 (2 H, br. s, 2,7-Naph), 7.57 (2 H, br. d, J = 7.1 Hz, 4,5-Naph), 9.68 (1 H, br. t,  $J_{PH} = 280$  Hz, P*H*). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (121 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 298K):  $\delta$  2.3 (m, minor isomer), -4.3 (br s,  $v_{1/2} \approx 150$  Hz, major isomer), -20.6 (m, minor isomer). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (96 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 298K):  $\delta$  -22.8 (s,  $v_{1/2} \approx 50$  Hz); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (96 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 298K):  $\delta$  -22.8 (d,  $J_{BH} \approx 84$  Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 298K):  $\delta$  132.0 (m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>), -163.7 (m, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>), -166.4 (m, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>).

Elemental analysis: Found C, 62.11; H, 2.45. Calc. for  $C_{52}H_{28}BF_{15}P_2$ : C, 61.81, H, 2.79%. Crystal data for  $C_{34}H_{27}P_2 \cdot HB(C_6F_5)_3$ , M = 1010.49, triclinic, space group *P*1bar (No. 2), a = 9.7493(5), b = 13.3554(6), c = 19.3935(9) Å, a = 100.853(2),  $\beta = 99.692(2)$ ,  $\gamma = 94.678(4)^\circ$ , V = 2427.8(2) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $D_c = 1.382$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 1.645$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, Z = 2,  $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å, T = 223(2) K, 29126 reflections collected ( $\pm h$ ,  $\pm k$ ,  $\pm l$ ), [( $sin\theta$ )/ $\lambda$ ] = 0.60 Å<sup>-1</sup>, 8515 independent ( $R_{int} = 0.062$ ) and 6735 observed reflections [ $I \ge 2\sigma(I)$ ], 639 refined parameters, R = 0.060,  $wR^2 = 0.172$ .

**6**-D<sub>2</sub>: Following the procedure of the synthesis of **6**, **6**-D<sub>2</sub> was prepared from 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)naphthalene (150 mg, 0.30 mmol) and B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (155 mg, 0.30 mmol) under D<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (1.7 bar). **6**-D<sub>2</sub> was isolated as a white solid (217mg, 71%). <sup>2</sup>H NMR (77 MHz, toluene, 298K):  $\delta$  4.34 (1 D,  $v_{1/2}$  = 20 Hz, BD), 9.73((1 D, br. t,  $J_{PD} \approx 40$  Hz, PD).

#### General procedures for the hydrogenation of silyl enol ethers:

A mixture of 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)naphthalene (20 mol%),  $B(C_6F_5)_3$  (20 mol%) and silyl enol ether (200 mg) in benzene (3ml) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (2 bar) at room temperature for 20 h. Afterwards pentane (30 ml) was added to the reaction mixture, and resulting white slurry was passed through Celite. Solvent was removed under vacuum, yielding the respective silyl ether as colorless oil.

*Trimethyl*(*1-phenylethoxy*)*silane:* 192 mg, yield 95%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  0.06 (9 H, *s*, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.39 (3 H, *d*, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.74 (1 H, *q*, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CH), 7.04-7.34 (5 H, *m*, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  0.0, 27.2, 70.9, 125.7, 127.2, 128.3, 146.8.

(3,3-Dimethyl-2-butoxy)trimethylsilane: 181 mg, yield 89%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  0.11 (9 H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), ), 1.02 (3 H, d, J = 6.0 Hz, CCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.36 (1 H, q, J = 6.1 Hz, CH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  0.0, 18.2, 25.5, 34.8, 75.7.

(Cyclohexyloxy)trimethylsilane: 174 mg, yield 86%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  0.12 (9 H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.00-1.85 (10 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.58 (1H, m, CH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  0.0, 23.9, 25.4, 35.9, 70.3.

(*Cyclopentyloxy*)trimethylsilane: 172 mg, yield 85%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta$  0.12 (9 H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.30-1.80 (8 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.12 (1H, m, CH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta$  0.0, 23.2, 35.7, 74.1.

*Isopropoxytrimethylsilane:* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ): 0.10 (9 H, *s*, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.09 (6 H, *d*, *J* = 6.1 Hz, CCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.83 (1 H, *m*, CH).









# <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, *d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 298K)





















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\* solvent



<sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (121 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)







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