

Supporting information

General details of synthetic procedures and instrumentation

Materials: All reactions involving air- or moisture-sensitive compounds were carried out under an inert atmosphere by using Schlenk-type glassware or in a glovebox. Solvents (except for fluorobenzene and 1,2-difluorobenzene) were dried using an MBraun SPS800 prior to use. Fluorobenzene and 1,2-difluorobenzene were distilled from CaH₂. NMR-¹⁰ solvents were dried over molecular sieves (CD₂Cl₂) or potassium (C₆D₆, C₆D₅CD₃) and degassed before use when necessary. Solid starting materials were dried on high vacuum before use when necessary. Unless otherwise noted, all starting materials were commercially available and were used without further purification. L^{Py} and L^{NHC} were prepared via literature routes.^{51,52}

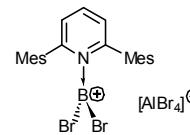
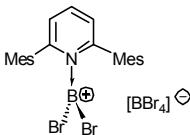
Techniques: The following instruments were used for physical characterization of the compounds: IR: Nicolet Magna-IR 560; NMR: Bruker AVCA500 (¹H: 500 MHz; ¹³C: 125 MHz); Bruker DRX500 (¹¹B: 160 MHz), Varian Unity500 (¹H: 500 MHz; ¹³C: 126 MHz, ¹¹B: 160 MHz), Varian Mercury VX-300 (³¹P: 122 MHz, ¹⁹F: 282 MHz, ¹¹B: 96 MHz). Mass spectra were measured by the EPSRC National Mass Spectrometry Service Centre, Swansea University. Elemental microanalysis was carried out at London Metropolitan University. For all ²⁵ crystallographic studies, diffraction data were collected at 150 K using an Enraf Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer;⁵³ structures were solved with SIR92⁵⁴ or SuperFlip,⁵⁵ and refined using the CRYSTALS software suite,⁵⁶ as per the information contained in the CIF.

30 Synthesis of [L^{Py}·BBr₂][BBr₄]: To a solution of BBr₃ (0.12 cm³, 1.26 mmol) in hexanes (30 cm³) was added a solution of Mes₂Py (0.20 g, 0.63 mmol) also in hexanes (20 cm³), and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The resulting cream suspension was filtered, the precipitate washed with hexanes (2 x 50 cm³) and dried *in vacuo*. The crude solid was extracted into minimum 1,2-difluorobenzene; layering with pentanes and storage at room temperature yielded [L^{Py}·BBr₂][BBr₄] as yellow crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography.

40 Isolated yield: 0.38 g, 73 %. **Spectroscopic and analytical data:** ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_H 2.07 (s, 12H, *ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.36 (s, 6H, *para*-CH₃ of Mes), 7.03 (s, 4H, *meta*-CH of Mes), 7.86 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, β-CH of py), 8.70 (t, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, γ-CH of py). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_C 20.9 (*para*-CH₃ of Mes), 21.6 (*ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 128.0 (β-CH of py), 128.7 (*meta*-CH of Mes), 129.6 (γ-CH of py), 136.8 (*para*-C of Mes), 142.3 (*ortho*-C of Mes), 147.8 (α-C of py), 155.5 (*ipso*-C of Mes). ¹¹B NMR (96 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_B 42 (br, BBr₂⁺), -26 ([BBr₄]⁻). Elemental microanalysis: calc. (for C₂₃H₂₅B₂Br₆N) C 33.80, H 3.09, N 1.71; meas. C 33.72, H 2.86, N 1.74.

50 Crystallographic data: C₂₃H₂₅B₂Br₆N, M_r = 816.50, orthorhombic, P_c n n, a = 11.8539(2), b = 13.1384(3), c = 18.3488(4) Å, V = 2857.67(10) Å³, Z = 4, ρ_c = 1.898 Mg m⁻³, T = 150 K, λ = 0.71073 Å. 18846 reflections collected, 3257 independent [R(int) = 0.032], which were used in all calculations. R₁ = 0.0356, wR₂ = 0.0676 for observed unique reflections [F² > 2σ(F²)] and R₁ = 0.0578, wR₂ = 0.0740 for all unique reflections. Max./min. residual electron densities 1.12 and -0.99 e Å⁻³. CCDC reference: 839372.

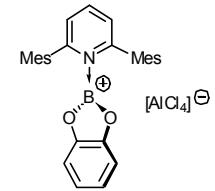
Synthesis of [L^{Py}·BBr₂][AlBr₄]: To a solution of BBr₃ (0.12 cm³, 1.27 mmol) in fluorobenzene (30 cm³) was added a solution of Mes₂Py (0.40 g, 1.27 mmol) also in fluorobenzene (20 cm³), and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 2 h. A solution/suspension of AlBr₃ (0.34 g, 1.27 mmol) also in fluorobenzene was then added to the resulting orange reaction mixture, which was stirred for a further 12 h. The resulting red solution was filtered and volatiles removed *in vacuo*. The crude solid product was washed with hexanes (2 x 50 cm³), extracted into minimum fluorobenzene and layered with pentane; storage at room temperature ⁷⁰ yielded [L^{Py}·BBr₂][AlBr₄] as yellow crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography. Isolated yield: 0.59 g, 57 %.



Spectroscopic data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_H 2.12 (s, 12H, *ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.37 (s, 6H, *para*-CH₃ of Mes), 7.07 (s, 4H, *meta*-CH of Mes), 8.06 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 9.0 Hz, β-CH), 8.95 (t, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 9.0 Hz, γ-CH). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_C 21.8 (*para*-CH₃ of Mes), 21.9 (*ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 126.0 (β-CH of py), 128.9 (*meta*-CH of Mes), 130.2 (γ-CH of py), 138.6 (*para*-C of Mes), 145.1 (*ortho*-C of Mes), 152.2 (α-C of py), 156.76 (*ipso*-C of Mes). ¹¹B NMR (96 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ_B 42 (br). Elemental microanalysis: calc. (for C₂₃H₂₅AlBBr₆N) C 33.15, H 3.03, N 1.68; meas. C 33.02, H 3.16, N 1.52.

Crystallographic data: C₂₃H₂₅AlBBr₆N, M_r = 832.67, monoclinic, P₂1/n, a = 12.4226(10), b = 13.3058(10), c = 18.0226(10) Å, β = 103.59°, V = 2895.56(4) Å³, Z = 4, ρ_c = 1.910 Mg m⁻³, T = 150 K, λ = 0.71073 Å. 49830 reflections collected, 6593 independent [R(int) = 0.021], which ⁸⁵ were used in all calculations. R₁ = 0.0316, wR₂ = 0.0678 for observed unique reflections [F² > 2σ(F²)] and R₁ = 0.0400, wR₂ = 0.0715 for all unique reflections. Max./min. residual electron densities 2.04 and -1.51 e Å⁻³. CCDC reference: 839371.

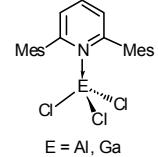
90 Synthesis of [L^{Py}·Bcat][AlCl₄]: To a mixture of BrCat (0.22 g, 1.11 mmol) and Mes₂Py (0.35 g, 1.11 mmol) in dichloromethane (40 cm³) at -10°C was added a solution/suspension of AlCl₃ (0.296 g, 2.22 mmol) also in dichloromethane (10 cm³). The reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 12 h, after which it was filtered and volatiles removed *in vacuo*. The crude solid product was washed with hexanes, extracted into minimum dichloromethane and layered with hexanes; storage at room temperature ⁹⁵ yielded [L^{Py}·Bcat][AlCl₄] as yellow crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography. Isolated yield 0.49 g, 68 %.



Spectroscopic data: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_H 2.12 (s, 12H, *ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.18 (s, 6H, *para*-CH₃ of Mes), 6.92 (s, 4H, *meta*-CH of Mes), 7.10 (s, 4H, CH of cat), 8.12 (d, ³J_{HH} = 8.0 Hz, 2H, β-CH of py), 9.04 (t, ³J_{HH} = 8.0 Hz, 1H, γ-CH of py). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_C 20.9 (*ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 21.5 (*para*-CH₃ of Mes), 113.7 (2-CH of cat), 125.2 (3-CH of cat), 126.9 (β-C of pyridine), 129.2 (γ-CH of pyridine), 129.6 (*meta*-CH of Mes), 137.7 (*ortho*-C of Mes), 143.7 (*para*-C of Mes), 146.6 (1-C of catechol), 151.2 (α-CH of py) and 159.8 (*ipso*-C of Mes). ¹¹B NMR (96 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_B 28 (br).

Crystallographic data: C₂₉H₂₉BNO₂AlCl₄, M_r = 603.16, triclinic, P-1, a = 9.2145(3), b = 12.0905(4), c = 14.8659(5) Å, α = 105.339(1), β = 107.565(1), γ = 93.3681°, V = 1505.3(1) Å³, Z = 2, ρ_c = 1.331 Mg m⁻³, T = 150 K, λ = 0.71073 Å. 25940 reflections collected, 5396 independent [R(int) = 0.028], which were used in all calculations. R₁ = 0.0669, wR₂ = 0.1781 for observed unique reflections [F² > 2σ(F²)] and R₁ = 0.0546, wR₂ = 0.1672 for all unique reflections. Max./min. residual electron densities 1.09 and -0.90 e Å⁻³. CCDC reference: 839373.

120 Syntheses of L^{Py}·AlCl₃ and L^{Py}·GaCl₃: The two compounds were prepared in similar fashion, exemplified for L^{Py}·AlCl₃. To a solution/suspension of AlCl₃ (0.21 g, 1.59 mmol) in fluorobenzene (30 cm³) was added a solution of Mes₂Py (0.50 g, 1.59 mmol) also in fluorobenzene (20 cm³), and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The resulting olive-green solution was filtered and volatiles removed *in vacuo*. The crude solid product was washed with hexanes, extracted into minimum fluorobenzene and layered with pentane; storage at room temperature yielded L^{Py}·AlCl₃ as colourless crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography. Isolated yield: 0.56 g, 79 %. L^{Py}·GaCl₃ was similarly isolated as colourless crystals (isolated yield: 0.40 g, 51 %).



Spectroscopic data: (for L^{Py}·AlCl₃) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₅CD₃, 20°C): δ_H 2.08 (s, 12H, *ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.13 (s, 6H, *para*-CH₃ of Mes), 6.48 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 9.0 Hz, β-CH), 6.76 (s, 4H, *meta*-CH of Mes), 6.92 (t, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 9.0 Hz, γ-CH). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₅CD₃, 20°C): δ_C 20.3 (*para*-CH₃ of Mes), 21.4 (*ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 128.7 (β-CH), 129.1 (*meta*-CH of Mes), 133.7 (γ-CH), 137.5 (*para*-C of Mes), 140.6 (*ortho*-C of Mes), 142.2 (α-C), 163.5 (*ipso*-C of Mes). EI-MS (m/z: 316.2 {10%, [Mes₂Py]⁺}, 447.1 {100%, [Mes₂Py·AlCl₃]⁺} exact mass: calc. for [Mes₂Py·AlCl₃]⁺ 447.0868, meas. 447.0838. Microanalysis: calc. C 61.55, H 5.61, N 3.12; meas. C 61.66, H 5.50, N 3.02. (for L^{Py}·GaCl₃) ¹H NMR

(300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_H 2.51 (s, 12H, *ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.55 (s, 6H, *para*-CH₃ of Mes), 6.85 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz, β-CH), 7.23 (s, 4H, *meta*-CH of Mes), 7.59 (t, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz, γ-CH). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_C 21.3 (*para*-CH₃ of Mes), 21.4 (*ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 128.2 (β-CH), 129.2 (*meta*-CH of Mes), 133.2 (γ-C), 137.4 (*para*-C of Mes), 140.7 (*ortho*-C of Mes), 142.2 (α-C), 162.9 (*ipso*-C of Mes). El-MS (m/z): 316.0 {10%, [Mes₂py·GaCl₃]⁺}, 489.0 {100%, [Mes₂py·GaCl₃]⁺}; exact mass: calc. for [Mes₂py·GaCl₃]⁺ 489.0308, meas. 489.0299. Microanalysis: calc. C 56.20, H 5.13, N 2.85; meas. C 56.66, H 5.50, N 3.02.

Crystallographic data: (for L^{Py}·AlCl₃) C₂₃H₂₅AlCl₃N₁, M_r = 448.80, monoclinic, P₂/c, *a* = 9.3044(10), *b* = 16.4546(2), *c* = 15.8068(2) Å, β = 106.66(5)^o, V = 2318.48(5) Å³, Z = 4, ρ_c = 1.286 Mg m⁻³, T = 150 K, λ = 0.71073 Å, 33829 reflections collected, 5275 independent [R(int) = 0.022], which were used in all calculations. R₁ = 0.0428, wR₂ = 0.0915 for observed unique reflections [F² > 2σ(F²)] and R₁ = 0.0663, wR₂ = 0.1008 for all unique reflections. Max./min. residual electron densities 0.56 and -0.76 e Å⁻³. CCDC reference: 839365. (for L^{Py}·GaCl₃) C₂₃H₂₅Cl₃GaN₁, M_r = 491.54, monoclinic, P₂/c, *a* = 9.3105(2), *b* = 16.5276(3), *c* = 15.7099(3) Å, β = 106.67(8)^o, V = 2315.81(8) Å³, Z = 4, ρ_c = 1.410 Mg m⁻³, T = 150 K, λ = 0.71073 Å, 22059 reflections collected, 5262 independent [R(int) = 0.022], which were used in all calculations. R₁ = 0.0335, wR₂ = 0.0705 for observed unique reflections [F² > 2σ(F²)] and R₁ = 0.0528, wR₂ = 0.0781 for all unique reflections. Max./min. residual electron densities 0.59 and -0.52 e Å⁻³. CCDC reference: 839367.

Synthesis of [L^{NHC}·BBr₂][AlBr₄]: To a stirred solution of L^{NHC}·BBr₃ (0.30 g, 0.53 mmol) in fluorobenzene (25 cm³) was added AlBr₃ (0.14 g, 0.53 mmol) also in fluorobenzene (15 cm³), and the reaction mixture stirred for 15 min to give a yellow solution. Volatiles were removed *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid which was washed with toluene (3 x 10 cm³) and dried *in vacuo*. Dark yellow crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from a layering of a concentrated fluorobenzene solution with hexanes at room temperature. Isolated yield: 0.34 g, 76 %

Spectroscopic data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_H 2.30 (s, 6H, *para*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.41 (s, 12H, *ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.62 (quin, ³J_{HH} = 5.7 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 3.84 (t, ³J_{HH} = 5.7 Hz, 4H, NCH₂), 7.01 (s, 4H, *meta*-CH of Mes). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_C 18.1 (*ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 19.2 (CH₂), 21.4 (*para*-CH₃ of Mes), 48.4 (NCH₂), 129.3 (*para*-C of Mes), 131.1 (*meta*-CH of Mes), 136.9 (*ortho*-C of Mes), 143.2 (*ipso*-C of Mes), 165.6 (br, NCN). ¹¹B NMR (96 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_B 51.4 (br). Elemental microanalysis: calc. (for C₂₂H₂₈AlBB₆N₂) C 31.52, H 4.37, N 3.34; meas. C 31.27, H 3.26, N 3.11.

Crystallographic data: (for fluorobenzene hemi-solvate) C₅₀H₆₁Al₂B₂Br₁₂F₄, M_r = 1771.49, triclinic, P-1, *a* = 14.9451(2), *b* = 15.0835(2), *c* = 15.2202(2) Å, α = 100.901(1), β = 95.178(1), γ = 105.988(1)^o, V = 3201.7(1) Å³, Z = 2, ρ_c = 1.837 Mg m⁻³, T = 150 K, λ = 0.71073 Å, 80911 reflections collected, 14561 independent [R(int) = 0.036], which were used in all calculations. R₁ = 0.0460, wR₂ = 0.0625 for observed unique reflections [F² > 2σ(F²)] and R₁ = 0.0753, wR₂ = 0.0769 for all unique reflections. Max./min. residual electron densities 1.87 and -1.86 e Å⁻³. CCDC reference: 839370.

Syntheses of L^{NHC}·BBr₃ and L^{NHC}·ECl₃ (E = Al, Ga): All three compounds were prepared in similar fashion: to a solution of L^{NHC} (0.50 g, 1.56 mmol) in hexane (20 cm³) was added the Group 13 trihalide (1.87 mmol) and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature overnight. The resulting precipitate was isolated by filtration, dried for 2 h *in vacuo*. Single crystals of each compound were obtained by layering a concentrated dichloromethane solution with hexane. Yields: L^{NHC}·BBr₃ 0.88 g, 98%; L^{NHC}·AlCl₃ 0.68 g, 97%; L^{NHC}·GaCl₃ 0.76 g, 98%.

Spectroscopic data: (for L^{NHC}·BBr₃) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_H 2.29 (s, 6H, *para*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.41 (s, 12H, *ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.62 (quin, ³J_{HH} = 5.7 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 3.61 (t, ³J_{HH} = 5.7 Hz, 4H, NCH₂), 6.90 (s, 4H, *meta*-CH of Mes). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_C 18.0 (orthochloro-CH₃ of Mes), 19.0 (CH₂), 20.2 (*para*-CH₃ of Mes), 47.9 (NCH₂), 129.5 (*para*-C of Mes), 130.8 (*meta*-CH of Mes), 134.9 (*ortho*-C of Mes),

141.4 (*ipso*-C of Mes). ¹¹B NMR (96 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 20°C): δ_B -16. MS (EI): 491 (70 %) (M-HBr)⁺; MS (Cl, NH₃) 569.9 (3 %) (M-H). (for L^{NHC}·AlCl₃) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆, 20°C): δ_H 1.29 (quin, ³J_{HH} = 5.7 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.08 (s, 6H, *para*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.25 (s, 12H, *ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.50 (t, ³J_{HH} = 5.7 Hz, 4H, NCH₂), 6.78 (s, 4H, *meta*-CH of Mes).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₆, 20°C): δ_C 18.6 (*ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 20.0 (CH₂), 21.1 (*para*-CH₃ of Mes), 48.5 (NCH₂), 130.9 (*meta*-CH of Mes), 136.0 (*para*-C of Mes), 140.1 (*ortho*-C of Mes). ²⁷Al (78 MHz, C₆D₆, 20°C) δ_{Al} 102. MS (EI): 418 (8 %) (M-Cl)⁺; MS (Cl-NH₃) 455.1 (1 %) (M). (for L^{NHC}·GaCl₃) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆, 20°C): δ_H 1.29 (quin, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.08 (s, 6H, *para*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.25 (s, 12H, *ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 2.52 (t, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz, 4H, NCH₂), 6.77 (s, 4H, *meta*-CH of Mes).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₆, 20°C): δ_C 18.9 (*ortho*-CH₃ of Mes), 20.1 (CH₂), 21.4 (*para*-CH₃ of Mes), 49.1 (NCH₂), 130.4 (*meta*-CH of Mes), 136.1 (*para*-C of Mes), 139.3 (*ortho*-C of Mes). MS (EI): 461 (100 %) (M-HCl)⁺; MS (Cl-NH₃) 496 (67 %) (M-H).

Crystallographic data: (for L^{NHC}·BB₃) C₂₂H₂₈Br₃BN₂, M_r = 571.00, monoclinic, P₂/₁/n, *a* = 8.2731(1), *b* = 16.7816(2), *c* = 16.7028(3) Å, β = 90.208(1)^o, V = 2317.5(1) Å³, Z = 4, ρ_c = 1.636 Mg m⁻³, T = 150 K, λ = 0.71073 Å, 16415 reflections collected, 5207 independent [R(int) = 0.0003], which were used in calculations. R₁ = 0.0498, wR₂ = 0.0838 for observed unique reflections [F² > 2σ(F²)] and R₁ = 0.0334, wR₂ = 0.071 for all unique reflections. Max. and min. residual electron densities 0.88 and -0.89 e Å⁻³. CCDC reference: 839366. (for L^{NHC}·AlCl₃) C₂₂H₂₈Cl₃AlN₂, M_r = 453.82, monoclinic, P₂/₁/n, *a* = 9.374(2), *b* = 16.2628(4), *c* = 15.8953(3) Å, β = 106.356(1)^o, V = 2318.5(1) Å³, Z = 4, ρ_c = 1.300Mg m⁻³, T = 150 K, λ = 0.71073 Å, 10229 reflections collected, 5285 independent [R(int) = 0.142], which were used in calculations. R₁ = 0.0816, wR₂ = 0.1590 for observed unique reflections [F² > 2σ(F²)] and R₁ = 0.0527, wR₂ = 0.1440 for all unique reflections. Max. and min. residual electron densities 0.68 and -0.53 e Å⁻³. CCDC reference: 839368.

(for L^{NHC}·GaCl₃) C₂₂H₂₈Cl₃GaN₂, M_r = 496.56, monoclinic, P₂/₁/n, *a* = 9.3709(1), *b* = 16.2052(2), *c* = 15.8875(3) Å, β = 106.271(1)^o, V = 2316.0(1) Å³, Z = 4, ρ_c = 1.424 Mg m⁻³, T = 150 K, λ = 0.71073 Å, 30498 reflections collected, 5271 independent [R(int) = 0.0004], which were used in calculations. R₁ = 0.0795, wR₂ = 0.1220 for observed unique reflections [F² > 2σ(F²)] and R₁ = 0.0402, wR₂ = 0.0846 for all unique reflections. Max. and min. residual electron densities 1.16 and -1.08 e Å⁻³.

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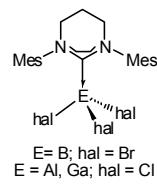
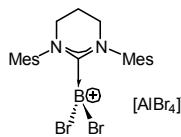
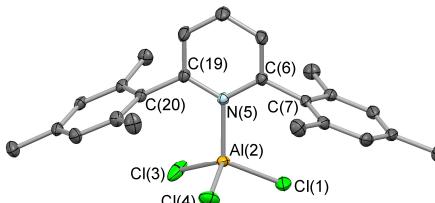
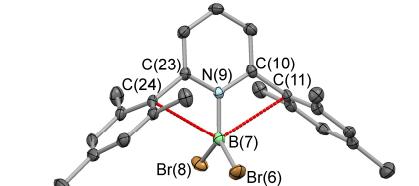


Figure S1: Molecular structure of the cationic component of [L^{Py}·BBr₂][AlBr₄]. Hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity and thermal ellipsoids set at the 40 % probability level. Key bond bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Br(6)-B(7) 1.872(4), B(7)-Br(8) 1.880(3), B(7)-N(9) 1.528(4), B(7)-C(11) 2.786(5), B(7)-C(24) 2.754(5), Br(6)-B(7)-Br(8) 120.4(2), Br(6)-B(7)-N(9) 121.3(2), Br(8)-B(7)-N(9) 118.3(2).

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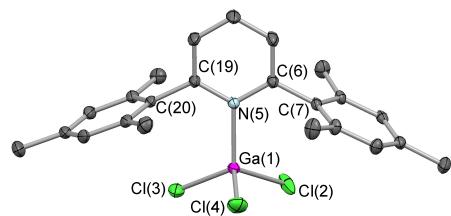


Figure S2: Molecular structures of (upper) $L^{Py} \cdot AlCl_3$ and (lower) $L^{Py} \cdot GaCl_3$. Hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity and thermal ellipsoids set at the 40 % probability level. Key bond bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]:
 s (for $L^{Py} \cdot AlCl_3$) Cl(1)-Al(2) 2.124(1), Al(2)-Cl(3) 2.106(1), Al(2)-Cl(4) 2.108(1), Al(2)-N(5) 2.009(2), Cl(1)-Al(2)-Cl(3) 102.7(1), Cl(1)-Al(2)-Cl(4) 108.4(1), Cl(3)-Al(2)-Cl(4) 112.9(1), Cl(1)-Al(2)-N(5) 116.3(1), Cl(3)-Al(2)-N(5) 112.5(1), Cl(4)-Al(2)-N(5) 104.3(1); (for $L^{Py} \cdot GaCl_3$) Ga(1)-Cl(2) 2.164(1), Ga(1)-Cl(3) 2.146(1), Ga(1)-Cl(4) 2.149(1), Ga(1)-N(5) 2.043(2), Cl(2)-Ga(1)-Cl(3) 102.0(1), Cl(2)-Ga(1)-Cl(4) 108.6(1), Cl(3)-Ga(1)-Cl(4) 112.2(1), Cl(2)-Ga(1)-N(5) 116.5(1), Cl(3)-Ga(1)-N(5) 113.6(1), Cl(4)-Ga(1)-N(5) 104.3(1).

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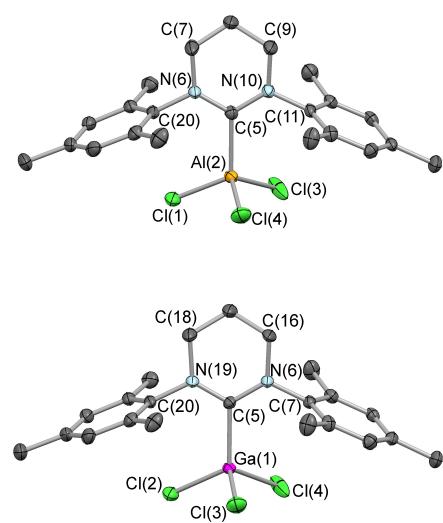


Figure S3: Molecular structures of (upper) $L^{NHC} \cdot AlCl_3$ and (lower) $L^{NHC} \cdot GaCl_3$. Hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity and thermal ellipsoids set at the 40 % probability level. Key bond bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]:
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 25 Ga(1)-Cl(2) 2.191(1), Ga(1)-Cl(3) 2.178(1), Ga(1)-Cl(4) 2.166(2), Ga(1)-C(5) 2.065(3), Cl(2)-Ga(2)-Cl(3) 105.6(1), Cl(2)-Ga(1)-Cl(4) 102.0(1), Cl(3)-Ga(1)-Cl(4) 109.5(1), Cl(2)-Ga(1)-C(5) 117.9(1), Cl(3)-Ga(1)-C(5) 107.0(1), Cl(4)-Ga(1)-C(5) 114.3(1).

30 Details of DFT calculations

Geometry optimizations on the molecules L^{Py} , $[L^{Py} \cdot BBr_2]^+$, L^{NHC} and $[L^{NHC} \cdot BBr_2]^+$, and single point calculations on L^{Py} and L^{NHC} (geometries obtained from the optimized $[L^{Py} \cdot BBr_2]^+$ and $[L^{NHC} \cdot BBr_2]^+$ structures with the $[BBr_2]^+$ fragment removed) were performed using the Vosko-Wilk-Nusair local density approximation with exchange from Becke^{s7} and correlation corrections from either Perdew^{s8} or Lee-Yang-Parr,^{s9} respectively giving BP or BLYP. Slater-type orbitals (STOs)^{s10} were used for the triple zeta basis set with an additional set of polarization functions (TZP). The large frozen core basis set approximation was applied with no molecular symmetry. The general numerical integration was 6.0. Initial coordinates of compounds used for DFT calculations were obtained

directly from the X-ray crystal structures. The DFT calculations were performed using the Amsterdam Density Functional (ADF) Package Software 2010.^{s11} The run files corresponding to the geometry optimizations are provided below.

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ADF Run Files

Complete output for all calculations herein provided upon request. Below are run files for the geometry optimization and single point calculations presented.

Calculations done at GGA:BP level:

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25 H   -0.226311000000   -5.281820000000 11.155800000000
26 H   1.706920000000   -4.162830000000 10.391000000000
27 H   1.688270000000   -2.460680000000  9.899010000000
28 H   1.224210000000   -3.723900000000  8.746220000000
29 Br  -1.491040000000   0.738571000000 12.341600000000
30 C   0.536407000000   1.082190000000  9.175410000000
31 C   0.535615000000   1.076360000000  7.782630000000
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32 C	1.102280000000	2.219910000000	9.953980000000
33 C	2.490220000000	2.240940000000	10.245200000000
34 C	3.422480000000	1.141310000000	9.794260000000
35 C	3.009550000000	3.354180000000	10.910400000000
36 C	2.212810000000	4.451420000000	11.265600000000
37 C	2.803880000000	5.626480000000	12.001400000000
38 C	0.858102000000	4.423840000000	10.914100000000
39 C	0.282528000000	3.337630000000	10.246700000000
40 C	-1.158830000000	3.417490000000	9.802530000000
41 H	0.963913000000	1.936460000000	7.268600000000
42 H	4.346140000000	1.147510000000	10.385300000000
43 H	2.977420000000	0.141726000000	9.881290000000
44 H	3.709470000000	1.283130000000	8.739930000000
45 H	4.075640000000	3.367680000000	11.150300000000
46 H	2.151510000000	6.506040000000	11.947400000000
47 H	2.949780000000	5.382830000000	13.064900000000
48 H	3.787190000000	5.897770000000	11.594400000000
49 H	0.226311000000	5.281820000000	11.155800000000
50 H	-1.706920000000	4.162830000000	10.391000000000
51 H	-1.688270000000	2.460680000000	9.899010000000
52 H	-1.224210000000	3.723900000000	8.746220000000

END

GUIBONDS	
1 1 15 3	28 14 26 1.0
2 2 3 1.5	29 14 28 1.0
3 2 30 1.0	30 14 27 1.0
4 2 15 1.0	31 15 29 1.5
5 3 4 1.5	32 30 31 1.5
6 3 6 1.0	33 30 32 1.5
7 4 16 1.0	34 31 41 1.0
8 4 5 1.5	35 32 39 1.5
9 5 17 1.0	36 32 33 1.5
10 5 31 1.5	37 33 34 1.0
11 6 7 1.5	38 33 35 1.5
12 6 13 1.5	39 34 43 1.0
13 7 8 1.0	40 34 44 1.0
14 7 9 1.5	41 34 42 1.0
15 8 18 1.0	42 35 36 1.5
16 8 20 1.0	43 35 45 1.0
17 8 19 1.0	44 36 38 1.5
18 9 10 1.5	45 36 37 1.0
19 9 21 1.0	46 37 46 1.0
20 10 11 1.0	47 37 48 1.0
21 10 12 1.5	48 37 47 1.0
22 11 22 1.0	49 38 39 1.5
23 11 24 1.0	50 38 49 1.0
24 11 23 1.0	51 39 40 1.0
25 12 13 1.5	52 40 50 1.0
26 12 25 1.0	53 40 51 1.0
27 13 14 1.0	54 40 52 1.0

END

CHARGE 1.0	GEOMETRY
BASIS	optim Delocalized
type TZP	END
core Large	SAVE TAPE21 TAPE13
createoutput None	INTEGRATION 6
END	NOPRINT LOGFILE
XC	eor
GGA Becke Perdew	
END	

#! /bin/sh

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# =====
# LNHC-BBr2+ - BBr2+ Single Point
# =====

"$ADFBIN/adf" <<eor
ATOMS
 1 H   -12.3330000000000  10.1310000000000  19.8394000000000
 2 H   -12.5646000000000  11.5340000000000  18.7723000000000
 3 H   -13.5662000000000  10.0923000000000  18.5601000000000
 4 C   -8.8474400000000  7.1489200000000  14.4559000000000
 5 N   -7.9231600000000  6.6703600000000  13.6109000000000
 6 C   -8.0890600000000  5.3685400000000  12.9743000000000
 7 C   -7.5537300000000  4.2254300000000  13.6000000000000
 8 C   -6.8005400000000  4.2826200000000  14.9073000000000
 9 C   -7.6884200000000  2.9985600000000  12.9355000000000
10 C   -8.2931900000000  2.8928300000000  11.6791000000000
11 C   -8.4147500000000  1.5630100000000  10.9788000000000
12 C   -8.7668000000000  4.0655200000000  11.0698000000000
13 C   -8.6651600000000  5.3155900000000  11.6840000000000
14 C   -9.1227700000000  6.5570600000000  10.9571000000000
15 C   -6.6768300000000  7.4144200000000  13.3079000000000
16 C   -6.8889900000000  8.9107200000000  13.4937000000000
17 C   -7.4979700000000  9.1768600000000  14.8637000000000
18 N   -8.6956300000000  8.3285400000000  15.0746000000000
19 C   -9.6954000000000  8.8165600000000  16.0178000000000
20 C   -10.7008000000000 9.6914000000000  15.5442000000000
21 C   -10.7768000000000 10.1201000000000 14.0987000000000
22 C   -11.6157000000000 10.1915000000000 16.4729000000000
23 C   -11.5424000000000 9.8756300000000  17.8389000000000
24 C   -10.5039000000000 9.0448000000000  18.2703000000000
25 C   -9.5533200000000  8.5148400000000  17.3865000000000
26 C   -8.4016900000000  7.7070400000000  17.9349000000000
27 C   -12.5516000000000 10.4352000000000 18.8093000000000
28 H   -6.9150000000000  3.3428300000000  15.4607000000000
29 H   -7.1375600000000  5.0975200000000  15.5582000000000
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30 H -5.722920000000 4.420300000000 14.724700000000
31 H -7.295600000000 2.099640000000 13.416100000000
32 H -9.458140000000 1.357340000000 10.701400000000
33 H -8.059180000000 0.740480000000 11.610100000000
34 H -7.826500000000 1.556610000000 10.049200000000
35 H -9.224360000000 4.006480000000 10.079300000000
36 H -9.659060000000 6.287860000000 10.040100000000
37 H -9.792960000000 7.175390000000 11.568700000000
38 H -8.268240000000 7.186130000000 10.661400000000
39 H -5.876960000000 7.038780000000 13.965600000000
40 H -6.398930000000 7.167820000000 12.275600000000
41 H -5.929490000000 9.436040000000 13.405000000000
42 H -7.553210000000 9.295960000000 12.706800000000
43 H -7.820940000000 10.220000000000 14.969900000000
44 H -6.776570000000 8.969330000000 15.669900000000
45 H -11.705200000000 10.671500000000 13.911200000000
46 H -9.942510000000 10.789600000000 13.835300000000
47 H -10.747500000000 9.267180000000 13.408100000000
48 H -12.407200000000 10.856700000000 16.119400000000
49 H -10.417800000000 8.805750000000 19.332800000000
50 H -8.715590000000 7.134780000000 18.816100000000
51 H -7.584920000000 8.372500000000 18.256400000000
52 H -7.990960000000 6.999760000000 17.205400000000
END

GUIBONDS	
1 27 1 1.0	26 14 37 1.0
2 27 2 1.0	27 14 38 1.0
3 27 3 1.0	28 15 40 1.0
4 4 18 1.0	29 15 39 1.0
5 4 5 1.5	30 15 16 1.0
6 5 6 1.0	31 16 42 1.0
7 5 15 1.0	32 16 17 1.0
8 6 13 1.5	33 16 41 1.0
9 6 7 1.5	34 17 18 1.0
10 7 9 1.5	35 17 43 1.0
11 7 8 1.0	36 17 44 1.0
12 8 28 1.0	37 18 19 1.0
13 8 29 1.0	38 19 20 1.5
14 8 30 1.0	39 19 25 1.5
15 9 10 1.5	40 20 21 1.0
16 9 31 1.0	41 20 22 1.5
17 10 11 1.0	42 21 47 1.0
18 10 12 1.5	43 21 45 1.0
19 11 34 1.0	44 21 46 1.0
20 11 32 1.0	45 22 23 1.5
21 11 33 1.0	46 22 48 1.0
22 12 35 1.0	47 23 24 1.5
23 12 13 1.5	48 23 27 1.0
24 13 14 1.0	49 24 49 1.0
25 14 36 1.0	50 24 25 1.5
	51 25 26 1.0

52 26 52 1.0 53 26 50 1.0 54 26 51 1.0 END	XC GGA Becke Perdew END
BASIS type TZP core Large createoutput None END	SAVE TAPE21 TAPE13 INTEGRATION 6 NOPRINT LOGFILE eor

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#!/bin/sh

# =====
# LPy-BBr2+ - BBr2+ Single Point
# =====

"$ADFBIN/adf" <<eor
ATOMS
 1 H   -1.706370000000  4.164230000000  10.386900000000
 2 N   0.000000000000  0.000000000000  9.847210000000
 3 C   -0.537394000000 -1.081550000000  9.179170000000
 4 C   -0.534722000000 -1.076810000000  7.786340000000
 5 C   0.000000000000  0.000000000000  7.082440000000
 6 C   -1.102750000000 -2.219640000000  9.957350000000
 7 C   -2.490830000000 -2.241470000000 10.247400000000
 8 C   -3.421880000000 -1.138910000000  9.800670000000
 9 C   -3.011230000000 -3.357790000000 10.906500000000
10 C   -2.215460000000 -4.457830000000 11.255300000000
11 C   -2.808360000000 -5.637950000000 11.981700000000
12 C   -0.859784000000 -4.427800000000 10.907700000000
13 C   -0.282943000000 -3.337800000000 10.247800000000
14 C   1.158420000000 -3.415520000000  9.802600000000
15 H   -1.687990000000  2.459310000000  9.904070000000
16 H   -0.962071000000 -1.937230000000  7.272040000000
17 H   0.000000000000  0.000000000000  5.992200000000
18 H   -4.346980000000 -1.148630000000 10.389300000000
19 H   -2.976560000000 -0.140053000000  9.894800000000
20 H   -3.705930000000 -1.274430000000  8.744680000000
21 H   -4.078310000000 -3.373870000000 11.141800000000
22 H   -2.156510000000 -6.517550000000 11.921700000000
23 H   -2.955030000000 -5.402120000000 13.046800000000
24 H   -3.791340000000 -5.905290000000 11.571400000000
25 H   -0.228869000000 -5.287780000000 11.144400000000
26 H   1.706370000000 -4.164230000000 10.386900000000
27 H   1.687990000000 -2.459310000000  9.904070000000
28 H   1.223050000000 -3.716370000000  8.744570000000
29 H   -1.223050000000  3.716370000000  8.744570000000
30 C   0.537394000000  1.081550000000  9.179170000000
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31 C 0.534722000000 1.076810000000 7.786340000000
32 C 1.102750000000 2.219640000000 9.957350000000
33 C 2.490830000000 2.241470000000 10.247400000000
34 C 3.421880000000 1.138910000000 9.800670000000
35 C 3.011230000000 3.357790000000 10.906500000000
36 C 2.215460000000 4.457830000000 11.255300000000
37 C 2.808360000000 5.637950000000 11.981700000000
38 C 0.859784000000 4.427800000000 10.907700000000
39 C 0.282943000000 3.337800000000 10.247800000000
40 C -1.158420000000 3.415520000000 9.802600000000
41 H 0.962071000000 1.937230000000 7.272040000000
42 H 4.346980000000 1.148630000000 10.389300000000
43 H 2.976560000000 0.140053000000 9.894800000000
44 H 3.705930000000 1.274430000000 8.744680000000
45 H 4.078310000000 3.373870000000 11.141800000000
46 H 2.156510000000 6.517550000000 11.921700000000
47 H 2.955030000000 5.402120000000 13.046800000000
48 H 3.791340000000 5.905290000000 11.571400000000
49 H 0.228869000000 5.287780000000 11.144400000000
END

GUIBONDS	
1 40 15 1.0	30 14 27 1.0
2 2 3 1.5	31 40 29 1.0
3 2 30 1.0	32 30 31 1.5
4 40 1 1.0	33 30 32 1.5
5 3 4 1.5	34 31 41 1.0
6 3 6 1.0	35 32 39 1.5
7 4 16 1.0	36 32 33 1.5
8 4 5 1.5	37 33 34 1.0
9 5 17 1.0	38 33 35 1.5
10 5 31 1.5	39 34 43 1.0
11 6 7 1.5	40 34 44 1.0
12 6 13 1.5	41 34 42 1.0
13 7 8 1.0	42 35 36 1.5
14 7 9 1.5	43 35 45 1.0
15 8 18 1.0	44 36 38 1.5
16 8 20 1.0	45 36 37 1.0
17 8 19 1.0	46 37 46 1.0
18 9 10 1.5	47 37 48 1.0
19 9 21 1.0	48 37 47 1.0
20 10 11 1.0	49 38 39 1.5
21 10 12 1.5	50 38 49 1.0
22 11 22 1.0	51 39 40 1.0
23 11 24 1.0	END
24 11 23 1.0	BASIS
25 12 13 1.5	type TZP
26 12 25 1.0	core Large
27 13 14 1.0	createoutput None
28 14 26 1.0	END
29 14 28 1.0	

XC	INTEGRATION 6
GGA Becke Perdew	NOPRINT LOGFILE
END	
SAVE TAPE21 TAPE13	eor

Calculations done at GGA:BLYP level:

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#!/bin/sh

# =====
# LNHC-BBr2+ Geometry Optimization
# =====

"$ADFBIN/adf" <<eor
ATOMS
1 Br -10.208500000000 4.975260000000 16.196700000000
2 B -10.188100000000 6.267170000000 14.749100000000
3 Br -11.780600000000 6.492280000000 13.661600000000
4 C -8.860920000000 7.144050000000 14.454000000000
5 N -7.931090000000 6.663980000000 13.606100000000
6 C -8.078370000000 5.351840000000 12.958800000000
7 C -7.525400000000 4.210640000000 13.581400000000
8 C -6.767450000000 4.264750000000 14.896600000000
9 C -7.637690000000 2.981870000000 12.908500000000
10 C -8.236060000000 2.871090000000 11.646700000000
11 C -8.334990000000 1.535850000000 10.935700000000
12 C -8.724640000000 4.041850000000 11.039300000000
13 C -8.645930000000 5.294120000000 11.660100000000
14 C -9.116200000000 6.534090000000 10.920100000000
15 C -6.671680000000 7.413390000000 13.304600000000
16 C -6.878310000000 8.917180000000 13.490100000000
17 C -7.497540000000 9.184000000000 14.862600000000
18 N -8.707950000000 8.330270000000 15.073100000000
19 C -9.702430000000 8.837050000000 16.030400000000
20 C -10.705000000000 9.725170000000 15.562700000000
21 C -10.796000000000 10.160400000000 14.110500000000
22 C -11.605300000000 10.242700000000 16.501100000000
23 C -11.521700000000 9.934170000000 17.871000000000
24 C -10.485800000000 9.092840000000 18.296400000000
25 C -9.548830000000 8.544310000000 17.403700000000
26 C -8.393820000000 7.728480000000 17.958500000000
27 C -12.519700000000 10.515000000000 18.853200000000
28 H -6.861580000000 3.315000000000 15.433400000000
29 H -7.117870000000 5.059360000000 15.561200000000
30 H -5.694900000000 4.427190000000 14.714100000000
31 H -7.232670000000 2.089400000000 13.386000000000
32 H -9.373560000000 1.313890000000 10.658300000000
33 H -7.966230000000 0.717753000000 11.562700000000
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34 H -7.746730000000 1.544010000000 10.008000000000
35 H -9.172110000000 3.980180000000 10.046900000000
36 H -9.623270000000 6.252910000000 9.992040000000
37 H -9.813310000000 7.136710000000 11.512300000000
38 H -8.269890000000 7.180260000000 10.644800000000
39 H -5.878600000000 7.036980000000 13.965800000000
40 H -6.391330000000 7.166690000000 12.276100000000
41 H -5.915390000000 9.435150000000 13.411900000000
42 H -7.531500000000 9.308090000000 12.699600000000
43 H -7.818420000000 10.224900000000 14.966700000000
44 H -6.781590000000 8.973590000000 15.669500000000
45 H -11.716500000000 10.727300000000 13.940800000000
46 H -9.956180000000 10.816000000000 13.837100000000
47 H -10.793000000000 9.312530000000 13.417200000000
48 H -12.389700000000 10.915900000000 16.153700000000
49 H -10.389700000000 8.860870000000 19.357400000000
50 H -8.706220000000 7.178680000000 18.852600000000
51 H -7.568240000000 8.390410000000 18.258800000000
52 H -7.997740000000 7.003090000000 17.242700000000
53 H -12.292300000000 10.216900000000 19.881700000000
54 H -12.521200000000 11.612100000000 18.807800000000
55 H -13.538900000000 10.180000000000 18.618900000000
END

GUIBONDS	
1 1 2 3	27 14 38 1.0
2 2 3 1.5	28 15 40 1.0
3 2 4 1.5	29 15 39 1.0
4 4 18 1.0	30 15 16 1.0
5 4 5 1.5	31 16 42 1.0
6 5 6 1.0	32 16 17 1.0
7 5 15 1.0	33 16 41 1.0
8 6 13 1.5	34 17 18 1.0
9 6 7 1.5	35 17 43 1.0
10 7 9 1.5	36 17 44 1.0
11 7 8 1.0	37 18 19 1.0
12 8 28 1.0	38 19 20 1.5
13 8 29 1.0	39 19 25 1.5
14 8 30 1.0	40 20 21 1.0
15 9 10 1.5	41 20 22 1.5
16 9 31 1.0	42 21 47 1.0
17 10 11 1.0	43 21 45 1.0
18 10 12 1.5	44 21 46 1.0
19 11 34 1.0	45 22 23 1.5
20 11 32 1.0	46 22 48 1.0
21 11 33 1.0	47 23 24 1.5
22 12 35 1.0	48 23 27 1.0
23 12 13 1.5	49 24 49 1.0
24 13 14 1.0	50 24 25 1.5
25 14 36 1.0	51 25 26 1.0
26 14 37 1.0	52 26 52 1.0
	53 26 50 1.0

54 26 51 1.0	GGA BLYP
55 27 55 1.0	END
56 27 53 1.0	
57 27 54 1.0	GEOMETRY
END	optim Delocalized
CHARGE 1.0	END
BASIS	SAVE TAPE21 TAPE13
type TZP	
core Large	INTEGRATION 6
createoutput None	NOPRINT LOGFILE
END	
XC	eor

#!/bin/sh

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# =====
# Free LNHC Geometry Optimization
# =====
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"\$ADFBIN/adf" <<eor

ATOMS

1 C	4.816710000000	9.480180000000	10.650600000000
2 N	5.437320000000	9.002630000000	9.541810000000
3 C	5.674860000000	9.935300000000	8.447940000000
4 C	6.795490000000	10.791800000000	8.496660000000
5 C	7.024180000000	11.662000000000	7.417870000000
6 C	6.175050000000	11.703600000000	6.302510000000
7 C	5.066480000000	10.844100000000	6.287350000000
8 C	4.796020000000	9.958190000000	7.343430000000
9 C	3.561580000000	9.075340000000	7.292580000000
10 C	6.423060000000	12.678300000000	5.163520000000
11 C	7.721210000000	10.806900000000	9.698040000000
12 C	5.929740000000	7.601080000000	9.336740000000
13 C	6.167290000000	6.929400000000	10.695100000000
14 C	4.937710000000	7.124610000000	11.590600000000
15 N	4.584860000000	8.579200000000	11.638800000000
16 C	3.870960000000	9.036640000000	12.822600000000
17 C	2.465080000000	9.154970000000	12.788400000000
18 C	1.683380000000	8.880440000000	11.517500000000
19 C	1.798130000000	9.574600000000	13.950900000000
20 C	2.485030000000	9.873910000000	15.137000000000
21 C	3.883090000000	9.761070000000	15.133700000000
22 C	4.593710000000	9.349500000000	13.993900000000
23 C	6.110500000000	9.299210000000	14.021500000000
24 C	1.735270000000	10.291400000000	16.390800000000
25 H	7.889460000000	12.326100000000	7.455190000000
26 H	4.384530000000	10.866500000000	5.435230000000

27 H 2.901390000000 9.383660000000 6.474160000000
28 H 2.999900000000 9.132890000000 8.232470000000
29 H 3.818010000000 8.018950000000 7.128840000000
30 H 6.161050000000 12.237500000000 4.193470000000
31 H 5.815650000000 13.587600000000 5.283890000000
32 H 7.474040000000 12.988400000000 5.124190000000
33 H 8.543900000000 11.514300000000 9.544670000000
34 H 7.168380000000 11.097300000000 10.600800000000
35 H 8.155590000000 9.816990000000 9.893120000000
36 H 6.855750000000 7.641910000000 8.749400000000
37 H 5.193840000000 7.026870000000 8.752020000000
38 H 7.045090000000 7.377770000000 11.180300000000
39 H 6.372770000000 5.860080000000 10.556400000000
40 H 5.130980000000 6.775800000000 12.611800000000
41 H 4.083070000000 6.546000000000 11.203400000000
42 H 0.608909000000 9.011050000000 11.687800000000
43 H 2.000780000000 9.565370000000 10.720800000000
44 H 1.846740000000 7.858520000000 11.149800000000
45 H 0.711648000000 9.674920000000 13.923200000000
46 H 4.441690000000 10.013800000000 16.036700000000
47 H 6.490610000000 9.645820000000 14.988900000000
48 H 6.533740000000 9.935120000000 13.233600000000
49 H 6.496820000000 8.283630000000 13.857000000000
50 H 2.358570000000 10.918600000000 17.039600000000
51 H 0.826170000000 10.853700000000 16.144700000000
52 H 1.428400000000 9.413600000000 16.979000000000
END

GUIBONDS		23 11 35 1.0
1 1 15 1.5		24 11 33 1.0
2 1 2 1.5		25 12 37 1.0
3 2 12 1.0		26 12 36 1.0
4 2 3 1.0		27 12 13 1.0
5 3 8 1.5		28 13 14 1.0
6 3 4 1.5		29 13 39 1.0
7 4 11 1.0		30 13 38 1.0
8 4 5 1.5		31 14 41 1.0
9 5 6 1.5		32 14 15 1.0
10 5 25 1.0		33 14 40 1.0
11 6 7 1.5		34 15 16 1.0
12 6 10 1.0		35 16 17 1.5
13 7 8 1.5		36 16 22 1.5
14 7 26 1.0		37 17 18 1.0
15 8 9 1.0		38 17 19 1.5
16 9 27 1.0		39 18 42 1.0
17 9 28 1.0		40 18 44 1.0
18 9 29 1.0		41 18 43 1.0
19 10 30 1.0		42 19 45 1.0
20 10 31 1.0		43 19 20 1.5
21 10 32 1.0		44 20 24 1.0
22 11 34 1.0		45 20 21 1.5

46 21 22 1.5	
47 21 46 1.0	XC
48 22 23 1.0	GGA BLYP
49 23 48 1.0	END
50 23 49 1.0	
51 23 47 1.0	GEOMETRY
52 24 51 1.0	optim Delocalized
53 24 52 1.0	END
54 24 50 1.0	
END	SAVE TAPE21 TAPE13
BASIS	INTEGRATION 6
type TZP	
core Large	NOPRINT LOGFILE
createoutput None	
END	eor

#!/bin/sh

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# =====
# Free LPy Geometry Optimization
# =====
```

```
"$ADFBIN/adf" <<eor
ATOMS
1 N    0.107191000000   7.005650000000   10.516900000000
2 C    0.425827000000   7.889810000000   11.492000000000
3 C    1.199970000000   7.371880000000   12.677400000000
4 C    2.525130000000   7.815390000000   12.912400000000
5 C    3.235190000000   8.780490000000   11.971900000000
6 C    3.219190000000   7.331730000000   14.033900000000
7 C    2.639020000000   6.430020000000   14.936300000000
8 C    1.329890000000   5.998310000000   14.679600000000
9 C    0.599930000000   6.445680000000   13.567000000000
10 C   -0.815148000000  5.933800000000   13.352200000000
11 C   3.395550000000   5.954840000000   16.165100000000
12 C   0.047454000000   9.243710000000   11.422100000000
13 C   -0.656794000000  9.694280000000   10.303600000000
14 C   -0.974649000000  8.784420000000   9.293210000000
15 C   -0.586115000000  7.439250000000   9.437460000000
16 C   -0.921757000000  6.427790000000   8.371160000000
17 C   0.114558000000   5.838310000000   7.602450000000
18 C   -0.222069000000  4.927170000000   6.590280000000
19 C   -1.551360000000  4.567490000000   6.320830000000
20 C   -2.557340000000  5.151640000000   7.100390000000
21 C   -2.270320000000  6.077730000000   8.118360000000
22 C   -3.424300000000  6.655360000000   8.927630000000
23 C   -1.881680000000  3.553880000000   5.238420000000
24 C   1.576530000000   6.181750000000   7.837260000000
25 H   4.313640000000   8.779880000000   12.167700000000
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26 H	2.878560000000	9.812500000000	12.097500000000
27 H	3.078060000000	8.512970000000	10.920000000000
28 H	4.245520000000	7.665090000000	14.198400000000
29 H	0.858843000000	5.289460000000	15.362900000000
30 H	-1.130010000000	5.307160000000	14.194300000000
31 H	-1.531620000000	6.761320000000	13.256800000000
32 H	-0.884532000000	5.343720000000	12.430400000000
33 H	3.059510000000	4.960150000000	16.482100000000
34 H	3.240330000000	6.639630000000	17.012300000000
35 H	4.475270000000	5.907390000000	15.977000000000
36 H	0.302823000000	9.923480000000	12.233300000000
37 H	-0.952650000000	10.739200000000	10.220300000000
38 H	-1.511900000000	9.103670000000	8.401730000000
39 H	0.580322000000	4.488920000000	5.993840000000
40 H	-3.598560000000	4.879690000000	6.918130000000
41 H	-4.330020000000	6.055450000000	8.782040000000
42 H	-3.660690000000	7.685890000000	8.627140000000
43 H	-3.197730000000	6.677920000000	10.000300000000
44 H	-2.935180000000	3.615610000000	4.940820000000
45 H	-1.264670000000	3.708820000000	4.343980000000
46 H	-1.695610000000	2.527850000000	5.588730000000
47 H	2.209740000000	5.710390000000	7.077120000000
48 H	1.746620000000	7.266420000000	7.798370000000
49 H	1.905720000000	5.842690000000	8.827080000000

END

GUIBONDS	
1 1 15 1.5	25 12 13 1.5
2 1 2 1.5	26 12 36 1.0
3 2 3 1.5	27 13 14 1.5
4 2 12 1.5	28 13 37 1.0
5 3 9 1.5	29 14 38 1.0
6 3 4 1.5	30 14 15 1.5
7 4 5 1.0	31 15 16 1.0
8 4 6 1.5	32 16 21 1.5
9 5 26 1.0	33 16 17 1.5
10 5 27 1.0	34 17 18 1.5
11 5 25 1.0	35 17 24 1.0
12 6 7 1.5	36 18 19 1.5
13 6 28 1.0	37 18 39 1.0
14 7 8 1.5	38 19 23 1.0
15 7 11 1.0	39 19 20 1.5
16 8 9 1.5	40 20 40 1.0
17 8 29 1.0	41 20 21 1.5
18 9 10 1.0	42 21 22 1.0
19 10 32 1.0	43 22 41 1.0
20 10 30 1.0	44 22 42 1.0
21 10 31 1.0	45 22 43 1.0
22 11 33 1.0	46 23 44 1.0
23 11 34 1.0	47 23 46 1.0
24 11 35 1.0	48 23 45 1.0
	49 24 49 1.0

50 24 48 1.0	
51 24 47 1.0	
END	
	GEOMETRY
	optim Delocalized
	END
BASIS	
type TZP	
core Large	
createoutput None	
END	
	SAVE TAPE21 TAPE13
XC	
GGA BLYP	
END	
	INTEGRATION 6
	NOPRINT LOGFILE
	eor

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#! /bin/sh

# =====
# LPy-BBr2+ Geometry Optimization
# =====

"${ADFBIN}/adf" <<eor
ATOMS
 1 Br    1.505900000000   -0.727349000000   12.387300000000
 2 N     0.000000000000   0.000000000000   9.868750000000
 3 C    -0.541229000000   -1.085720000000   9.191650000000
 4 C    -0.537477000000   -1.076790000000   7.795980000000
 5 C     0.000000000000   0.000000000000   7.089890000000
 6 C    -1.116430000000   -2.241390000000   9.952410000000
 7 C    -2.513920000000   -2.276240000000   10.217300000000
 8 C    -3.454360000000   -1.169580000000   9.768340000000
 9 C    -3.042310000000   -3.407690000000   10.850400000000
10 C   -2.247360000000   -4.512450000000   11.197800000000
11 C   -2.852840000000   -5.712590000000   11.897800000000
12 C   -0.883524000000   -4.471030000000   10.874600000000
13 C   -0.297516000000   -3.366170000000   10.240000000000
14 C    1.158510000000   -3.446460000000   9.811240000000
15 B     0.000000000000   0.000000000000   11.418000000000
16 H   -0.964364000000   -1.933270000000   7.279620000000
17 H     0.000000000000   0.000000000000   6.001670000000
18 H   -4.391000000000   -1.206160000000   10.333900000000
19 H   -3.028150000000   -0.168646000000   9.894030000000
20 H   -3.711040000000   -1.287030000000   8.704860000000
21 H   -4.111260000000   -3.432230000000   11.065400000000
22 H   -2.191790000000   -6.584050000000   11.845600000000
23 H   -3.031840000000   -5.490940000000   12.959400000000
24 H   -3.819020000000   -5.984130000000   11.455400000000
25 H   -0.254981000000   -5.330780000000   11.107800000000
26 H    1.695320000000   -4.192940000000   10.405500000000
27 H    1.689390000000   -2.494350000000   9.913910000000
28 H    1.233920000000   -3.753640000000   8.757340000000
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29 Br	-1.505900000000	0.727349000000	12.387300000000
30 C	0.541229000000	1.085720000000	9.191650000000
31 C	0.537477000000	1.076790000000	7.795980000000
32 C	1.116430000000	2.241390000000	9.952410000000
33 C	2.513920000000	2.276240000000	10.217300000000
34 C	3.454360000000	1.169580000000	9.768340000000
35 C	3.042310000000	3.407690000000	10.850400000000
36 C	2.247360000000	4.512450000000	11.197800000000
37 C	2.852840000000	5.712590000000	11.897800000000
38 C	0.883524000000	4.471030000000	10.874600000000
39 C	0.297516000000	3.366170000000	10.240000000000
40 C	-1.158510000000	3.446460000000	9.811240000000
41 H	0.964364000000	1.933270000000	7.279620000000
42 H	4.391000000000	1.206160000000	10.333900000000
43 H	3.028150000000	0.168646000000	9.894030000000
44 H	3.711040000000	1.287030000000	8.704860000000
45 H	4.111260000000	3.432230000000	11.065400000000
46 H	2.191790000000	6.584050000000	11.845600000000
47 H	3.031840000000	5.490940000000	12.959400000000
48 H	3.819020000000	5.984130000000	11.455400000000
49 H	0.254981000000	5.330780000000	11.107800000000
50 H	-1.695320000000	4.192940000000	10.405500000000
51 H	-1.689390000000	2.494350000000	9.913910000000
52 H	-1.233920000000	3.753640000000	8.757340000000

END

GUIBONDS	
1 1 15 3	25 12 13 1.5
2 2 3 1.5	26 12 25 1.0
3 2 30 1.0	27 13 14 1.0
4 2 15 1.0	28 14 26 1.0
5 3 4 1.5	29 14 28 1.0
6 3 6 1.0	30 14 27 1.0
7 4 16 1.0	31 15 29 1.5
8 4 5 1.5	32 30 31 1.5
9 5 17 1.0	33 30 32 1.5
10 5 31 1.5	34 31 41 1.0
11 6 7 1.5	35 32 39 1.5
12 6 13 1.5	36 32 33 1.5
13 7 8 1.0	37 33 34 1.0
14 7 9 1.5	38 33 35 1.5
15 8 18 1.0	39 34 43 1.0
16 8 20 1.0	40 34 44 1.0
17 8 19 1.0	41 34 42 1.0
18 9 10 1.5	42 35 36 1.5
19 9 21 1.0	43 35 45 1.0
20 10 11 1.0	44 36 38 1.5
21 10 12 1.5	45 36 37 1.0
22 11 22 1.0	46 37 46 1.0
23 11 24 1.0	47 37 48 1.0
24 11 23 1.0	48 37 47 1.0
	49 38 39 1.5

50 38 49 1.0 51 39 40 1.0 52 40 50 1.0 53 40 51 1.0 54 40 52 1.0 END	XC GGA BLYP END
CHARGE 1.0	GEOMETRY optim Delocalized END
BASIS type TZP core Large createoutput None END	SAVE TAPE21 TAPE13 INTEGRATION 6 NOPRINT LOGFILE eor

#!/bin/sh

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# =====
# LNHC·BBr2+ - BBr2+ Single Point
# =====
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"$ADFBIN/adf" <<eor
ATOMS
1 H   -12.2926000000000  10.2126000000000  19.8813000000000
2 H   -12.5238000000000  11.6076000000000  18.8076000000000
3 H   -13.5397000000000  10.1741000000000  18.6191000000000
4 C   -8.8605400000000  7.1439700000000  14.4522000000000
5 N   -7.9301900000000  6.6640800000000  13.6048000000000
6 C   -8.0768600000000  5.3519300000000  12.9574000000000
7 C   -7.5256300000000  4.2105500000000  13.5811000000000
8 C   -6.7693300000000  4.2645900000000  14.8974000000000
9 C   -7.6389900000000  2.9814100000000  12.9091000000000
10 C  -8.2361800000000  2.8704400000000  11.6468000000000
11 C  -8.3365000000000  1.5347400000000  10.9369000000000
12 C  -8.7225400000000  4.0414000000000  11.0380000000000
13 C  -8.6431300000000  5.2939900000000  11.6581000000000
14 C  -9.1111500000000  6.5340000000000  10.9167000000000
15 C  -6.6706100000000  7.4136200000000  13.3042000000000
16 C  -6.8773900000000  8.9173800000000  13.4898000000000
17 C  -7.4974600000000  9.1838400000000  14.8620000000000
18 N  -8.7079900000000  8.3300400000000  15.0716000000000
19 C  -9.7028000000000  8.8360200000000  16.0289000000000
20 C  -10.7055000000000 9.7243800000000  15.5618000000000
21 C  -10.7967000000000 10.1605000000000  14.1099000000000
22 C  -11.6059000000000 10.2410000000000  16.5007000000000
23 C  -11.5225000000000  9.9309700000000  17.8703000000000
24 C  -10.4867000000000  9.0892000000000  18.2950000000000
25 C  -9.5497000000000  8.5415100000000  17.4019000000000
26 C  -8.3953300000000  7.7241400000000  17.9558000000000
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27 C -12.520800000000 10.510500000000 18.852900000000
28 H -6.864860000000 3.315120000000 15.434400000000
29 H -7.119950000000 5.059730000000 15.561200000000
30 H -5.696410000000 4.426110000000 14.716100000000
31 H -7.236790000000 2.088570000000 13.388400000000
32 H -9.375370000000 1.313490000000 10.660000000000
33 H -7.968370000000 0.716799000000 11.564500000000
34 H -7.748480000000 1.541620000000 10.009000000000
35 H -9.168940000000 3.979590000000 10.045000000000
36 H -9.617250000000 6.252800000000 9.988110000000
37 H -9.808470000000 7.137680000000 11.507600000000
38 H -8.263820000000 7.179190000000 10.642100000000
39 H -5.877900000000 7.037130000000 13.965800000000
40 H -6.389620000000 7.167140000000 12.275800000000
41 H -5.914440000000 9.435400000000 13.412300000000
42 H -7.530160000000 9.308430000000 12.699100000000
43 H -7.818360000000 10.224700000000 14.966300000000
44 H -6.781970000000 8.973160000000 15.669300000000
45 H -11.716800000000 10.728200000000 13.940800000000
46 H -9.956490000000 10.815600000000 13.836400000000
47 H -10.794700000000 9.313050000000 13.416100000000
48 H -12.390500000000 10.914300000000 16.153900000000
49 H -10.391100000000 8.855720000000 19.355700000000
50 H -8.707710000000 7.174810000000 18.850200000000
51 H -7.568540000000 8.384930000000 18.255400000000
52 H -8.000880000000 6.998140000000 17.239600000000
END

GUIBONDS		
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1 27 1 1.0	24 13 14 1.0	
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3 27 3 1.0	26 14 37 1.0	
4 4 18 1.0	27 14 38 1.0	
5 4 5 1.5	28 15 40 1.0	
6 5 6 1.0	29 15 39 1.0	
7 5 15 1.0	30 15 16 1.0	
8 6 13 1.5	31 16 42 1.0	
9 6 7 1.5	32 16 17 1.0	
10 7 9 1.5	33 16 41 1.0	
11 7 8 1.0	34 17 18 1.0	
12 8 28 1.0	35 17 43 1.0	
13 8 29 1.0	36 17 44 1.0	
14 8 30 1.0	37 18 19 1.0	
15 9 10 1.5	38 19 20 1.5	
16 9 31 1.0	39 19 25 1.5	
17 10 11 1.0	40 20 21 1.0	
18 10 12 1.5	41 20 22 1.5	
19 11 34 1.0	42 21 47 1.0	
20 11 32 1.0	43 21 45 1.0	
21 11 33 1.0	44 21 46 1.0	
22 12 35 1.0	45 22 23 1.5	

46 22 48 1.0	createoutput None
47 23 24 1.5	END
48 23 27 1.0	
49 24 49 1.0	XC
50 24 25 1.5	GGA BLYP
51 25 26 1.0	END
52 26 52 1.0	
53 26 50 1.0	SAVE TAPE21 TAPE13
54 26 51 1.0	
END	INTEGRATION 6
BASIS	NOPRINT LOGFILE
type TZP	
core Large	eor

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#!/bin/sh

# =====
# LPy-BBr2+ - BBr2+ Single Point
# =====

"$ADFBIN/adf" <<eor
ATOMS
 1 H   -1.695510000000  4.191270000000  10.407000000000
 2 N   0.000000000000  -0.000000000000  9.869210000000
 3 C   -0.541894000000  -1.085460000000  9.191890000000
 4 C   -0.536857000000  -1.077060000000  7.796300000000
 5 C   0.000000000000  -0.000000000000  7.090310000000
 6 C   -1.117140000000  -2.241390000000  9.952300000000
 7 C   -2.515090000000  -2.277780000000  10.215000000000
 8 C   -3.456840000000  -1.173990000000  9.761650000000
 9 C   -3.042900000000  -3.409030000000  10.848900000000
10 C   -2.247180000000  -4.512650000000  11.198300000000
11 C   -2.852150000000  -5.712660000000  11.898900000000
12 C   -0.883377000000  -4.470820000000  10.874900000000
13 C   -0.297756000000  -3.365710000000  10.240500000000
14 C   1.158650000000  -3.444860000000  9.812700000000
15 H   -1.688840000000  2.492450000000  9.916170000000
16 H   -0.963046000000  -1.933820000000  7.279940000000
17 H   0.000000000000  -0.000000000000  6.002120000000
18 H   -4.395160000000  -1.212200000000  10.324300000000
19 H   -3.033540000000  -0.171873000000  9.887490000000
20 H   -3.709910000000  -1.293310000000  8.697520000000
21 H   -4.112100000000  -3.434620000000  11.062500000000
22 H   -2.190980000000  -6.584030000000  11.846700000000
23 H   -3.030740000000  -5.490680000000  12.960500000000
24 H   -3.818480000000  -5.984520000000  11.456900000000
25 H   -0.254329000000  -5.329960000000  11.109100000000
26 H   1.695510000000  -4.191270000000  10.407000000000
27 H   1.688840000000  -2.492450000000  9.916170000000
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28 H 1.234990000000 -3.751520000000 8.758730000000
29 H -1.234990000000 3.751520000000 8.758730000000
30 C 0.541894000000 1.085460000000 9.191890000000
31 C 0.536857000000 1.077060000000 7.796300000000
32 C 1.117140000000 2.241390000000 9.952300000000
33 C 2.515090000000 2.277780000000 10.215000000000
34 C 3.456840000000 1.173990000000 9.761650000000
35 C 3.042900000000 3.409030000000 10.848900000000
36 C 2.247180000000 4.512650000000 11.198300000000
37 C 2.852150000000 5.712660000000 11.898900000000
38 C 0.883377000000 4.470820000000 10.874900000000
39 C 0.297756000000 3.365710000000 10.240500000000
40 C -1.158650000000 3.444860000000 9.812700000000
41 H 0.963046000000 1.933820000000 7.279940000000
42 H 4.395160000000 1.212200000000 10.324300000000
43 H 3.033540000000 0.171873000000 9.887490000000
44 H 3.709910000000 1.293310000000 8.697520000000
45 H 4.112100000000 3.434620000000 11.062500000000
46 H 2.190980000000 6.584030000000 11.846700000000
47 H 3.030740000000 5.490680000000 12.960500000000
48 H 3.818480000000 5.984520000000 11.456900000000
49 H 0.254329000000 5.329960000000 11.109100000000
END

GUIBONDS	
1 40 15 1.0	27 13 14 1.0
2 2 3 1.5	28 14 26 1.0
3 2 30 1.0	29 14 28 1.0
4 40 1 1.0	30 14 27 1.0
5 3 4 1.5	31 40 29 1.0
6 3 6 1.0	32 30 31 1.5
7 4 16 1.0	33 30 32 1.5
8 4 5 1.5	34 31 41 1.0
9 5 17 1.0	35 32 39 1.5
10 5 31 1.5	36 32 33 1.5
11 6 7 1.5	37 33 34 1.0
12 6 13 1.5	38 33 35 1.5
13 7 8 1.0	39 34 43 1.0
14 7 9 1.5	40 34 44 1.0
15 8 18 1.0	41 34 42 1.0
16 8 20 1.0	42 35 36 1.5
17 8 19 1.0	43 35 45 1.0
18 9 10 1.5	44 36 38 1.5
19 9 21 1.0	45 36 37 1.0
20 10 11 1.0	46 37 46 1.0
21 10 12 1.5	47 37 48 1.0
22 11 22 1.0	48 37 47 1.0
23 11 24 1.0	49 38 39 1.5
24 11 23 1.0	50 38 49 1.0
25 12 13 1.5	51 39 40 1.0
26 12 25 1.0	END

BASIS
type TZP
core Large
createoutput None
END

XC
GGA BLYP
END

SAVE TAPE21 TAPE13
INTEGRATION 6
NOPRINT LOGFILE
eor