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Supporting Information

Nucleophilic aromatic substitution approach to phosphanyl-substituted diboraanthracenes: biphilic compounds with tunable electron affinities

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1. General experimental procedures

If not stated otherwise, all reactions and manipulations were carried out under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen using Schlenk techniques or in an inert-atmosphere glovebox. *n*-Pentane, *n*-Hexane, C₆H₆, and THF were distilled from Na/benzophenone prior to use. CH₂Cl₂ and Me₃SiCl were distilled from CaH₂. NMR solvents were stored over molecular sieves under argon. BBr₃ was stored over Hg under argon. Commercial S₈ was recrystallized from CS₂ prior to use; commercial MeOTf (abcr), and Ph₃P (Sigma-Aldrich) were used as received. The starting materials **Ph₂PSiMe₃**,^[S1] **B**, **C**, ^[S2] and **D**^[S3] were prepared according to literature procedures.

NMR spectra were recorded at 298 K using the following spectrometers: Bruker DPX-250, Avance-300, or Avance-500. Chemical shift values are referenced to (residual) solvent signals (${}^{1}H/{}^{13}C{}^{1}H$; CDCl₃: δ = 7.26/77.16 ppm, CD₂Cl₂: δ = 5.32/53.84 ppm) or external BF₃·Et₂O (${}^{11}B$: 0.00 ppm) and CFCl₃ (${}^{19}F{}^{1}H$): 0.00 ppm). Abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, br. = broad, n.o. = not observed. Resonances of C atoms attached to B atoms were typically broadened and sometimes not observed due to the quadrupolar relaxation of boron. ${}^{11}B$ resonances of triarylborane compounds were typically very broad ($h_{\frac{1}{2}}$ > 1000 Hz) and only observed in highly concentrated samples. Resonance assignments were aided by HHCOSY, H,CHSQC, H,CHMBC, and FCHSQC spectra.

UV/Vis absorption spectra were recorded at room temperature by using a *Varian* Cary 50 Scan or a *Varian* Cary 60 Scan UV/Vis spectrophotometer. Photoluminescence (PL) spectra were recorded at room temperature by using a *Jasco* FP-8300 spectrofluorometer equipped with a calibrated *Jasco* ILF-835 100 mm diameter integrating sphere and analyzed using the *Jasco* FWQE-880 software. For PL quantum yield (Φ_{PL}) measurements, each sample was carefully degassed with argon using an injection needle and a septum-capped cuvette. Under these conditions the Φ_{PL} of the fluorescence standard 9,10-diphenylanthracene was determined as 97% (lit.: 97%). [S4,S5] For all Φ_{PL} measurements, at least three samples of different concentrations were used (range between 10⁻⁵ and 10⁻⁷ mol L⁻¹). Due to self-absorption, slightly lower Φ_{PL} values were observed at higher concentrations. This effect was corrected by applying a method reported by *Bardeen et al.*, which slightly improved the Φ_{PL} values (4% at most). [S6]

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) measurements were performed in a glovebox at room temperature in a onechamber, three-electrode cell using an *EG&G* Princeton Applied Research 263A potentiostat. A Pt-disk electrode (2.00 mm diameter) was used as the working electrode with a Pt-wire counter electrode and an Ag-wire reference electrode, which was coated with AgCl by immersion into HCl/HNO₃ (3:1). Prior to measurements, the solvent CH₂Cl₂ was dried with CaH₂ and degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles. [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (Sigma-Aldrich; used as received) was employed as the supporting electrolyte (0.1 mol L⁻¹). All potential values were referenced against the FcH/FcH⁺ redox couple (FcH = ferrocene; $E_{1/2} = 0$ V). Scan rates were varied between 100 and 400 mV s⁻¹.

High-resolution mass spectra were measured in positive mode using a *Thermo Fisher Scientific* MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL spectrometer and 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid or α-cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid as the matrix. Melting points were measured on an *OptiMelt MPA 100* instrument from *Stanford Research Systems* in sealed glass capillaries.

2. Nomenclature and blank control of an ¹¹B NMR spectrum

2.1. Nomenclature

Assignment of NMR signals: To maintain consistency with previous publications, the NMR signals were assigned according to the numbering scheme below (shown for an all-carbon framework).



Substituents are numbered as indicated below (shown for an all-carbon framework).



2.2 Blank control of an ¹¹B NMR spectrum



Note: To ensure that the ¹¹B NMR signals of the investigated substances are correctly identified, we measured an ¹¹B NMR spectrum of the NMR tube containing only CD_2Cl_2 without a sample compound. (\bigstar : borosilicate glass resonance)

3. Syntheses, purification methods, and analytical data

3.1 Synthesis of 1:



A thick-walled glass ampoule was charged with **B** (500 mg, 1.03 mmol) and **Ph**₂**PSiMe**₃ (267 mg, 1.03 mmol). C₆H₆ (5 mL) was added as the solvent. The ampoule was flame-sealed under vacuum and subsequently heated to 160 °C in an oven for 3 d. The pale brown solution obtained was cooled to room temperature. The ampoule was opened to ambient atmosphere and its content was transferred to a flask. All volatiles were removed in vacuo. Afterwards, the residual crude product was purified by column chromatography (5 cm silica gel, cyclohexane) to obtain the yellow-colored solid product **1**. Yield: 305 mg, 46%. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown in a glovebox by slow evaporation of a solution of **1** in *n*-hexane and CH₂Cl₂ (1:1).

¹**H NMR (500.2 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.41-7.36 (m, 2H; H-1,4), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H; H-15), 7.25-7.19 (m, 9H; H-5,13,14), 6.93 (s, 2H; Mes-CH-*m*), 6.88 (dd, ³*J*(H,P), ⁴*J*(H,F) = 7.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H; H-8), 6.69 (s, 2H; Mes-CH-*m*), 2.39 (s, 3H; Mes-CH₃-p), 2.36 (s, 3H; Mes-CH₃-p), 2.05 (s, 6H; Mes-CH₃-o), 1.83 (s, 6H; Mes-CH₃-o) ¹³C{¹H} NMR(125.8 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.9 (dd, \frac{1}{(C,F)} = 257.2 Hz, \frac{2}{(C,P)} = 14.9 Hz; C-6), 154.2 (dd, \frac{1}{(C,F)} = 14.9 Hz; C-6), 154.2 (dd, \frac{1}{(C,$ $= 259.1 \text{ Hz}, \frac{2}{(C,F)} = 11.8 \text{ Hz}; C-2 \text{ or } 3, 153.9 (dd, \frac{1}{(C,F)} = 258.5 \text{ Hz}, \frac{2}{(C,F)} = 11.8 \text{ Hz}; C-2 \text{ or } 3, 148.4 (br.; C-2 \text{ or } 3), 1$ C-10a), 146.3 (m; C-8), 143.6 (br.; C-4a or 9a), 143.4 (br.; C-4a or 9a), 140.6 (br.; C-8a), 139.1 (br.; Mes-C*i*), 138.9 (br.; Mes-C-*i*), 137.9 (Mes-C-*o*), 137.8 (Mes-C-*p*), 137.3 (Mes-C-*o*), 136.9 (Mes-C-*p*), 134.5 (d, ¹*J*(C,P) = 9.9 Hz; C-12), 133.8 (d, ²/(C,P) = 20.6 Hz; C-13), 131.4 (m; C-7), 129.3 (C-15), 128.7 (d, ³/(C,P) = 7.6 Hz; C-14), 127.9 (d, ²/(C,F) = 13.5 Hz; C-1 or 4), 127.7 (d, ²/(C,F) = 13.5 Hz; C-1 or 4), 127.4 (Mes-CH-m), 127.2 (Mes-CH-m), 124.6 (d, ²/(C,F) = 19.7 Hz; C-5), 22.8 (Mes-CH₃-o), 22.5 (Mes-CH₃-o), 21.4 (Mes-CH₃-p), 21.4 $(Mes-CH_3-p)$ ¹¹**B NMR (96.3 MHz, CDCl**₃): *δ* = 69.6 (very br.) ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282.3 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -95.6$ (d, ³/(F,P) = 44.9 Hz, 1F; F-6), -130.8 (d, ³/(F,F) = 20.1 Hz, 1F; F-2 or 3), -131.5 (d, 3 /(F,F) = 20.1 Hz, 1F; F-2 or 3) ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -17.9$ (d, ³/(P,F) = 44.9 Hz) **UV/Vis (CH₂Cl₂):** λ_{max} (ε) = 257 (42700), 274 (sh), 360 (5700), 405 (sh) nm (M⁻¹ cm⁻¹) Cyclic voltammetry (CH₂Cl₂, [*n*-Bu₄N][PF₆] 0.1 M, 200 mV s⁻¹, vs. FcH/FcH⁺): $E_{1/2} = -1.63$ V

Melting Point: 276–279 °C

HRMS: Calculated *m*/*z* for [C₄₂H₃₆B₂F₃P₁+H]⁺: 651.27656, found: 651.27797

3.2 Synthesis of 2:



A thick-walled glass ampoule was charged with **B** (486 mg, 1 mmol) and **Ph₂PSiMe₃** (3.89 g, 15 mmol). C₆H₆ (10 mL) was added as the solvent. The ampoule was flame-sealed under vacuum and subsequently heated to 180 °C in an oven for 2 d. The brown solution obtained was cooled to room temperature. The ampoule was opened in the glovebox and its content was transferred to a Schlenk flask. All volatiles were removed at room temperature in vacuo. Afterwards, unconsumed starting material **Ph₂PSiMe₃** was recovered by distillation from the mixture under full vacuum (10⁻³ torr) at 130 °C for 0.5 h. The solid residue was washed with *n*-pentane (20 mL); the yellow-colored product **2** was isolated by filtration. Yield: 787 mg, 96%. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown under ambient atmosphere by slow evaporation of a solution of **2** in *n*-hexane and CH₂Cl₂ (1:1).

¹**H NMR (500.2 MHz, CD₂Cl₂):** δ = 7.38-7.32 (m, 12H; H-14,15), 7.29-7.26 (m, 8H; H-13), 7.20 (d, ³*J*(H,H) = 7.4 Hz, 2H; H-1,5), 6.84-6.80 (m, 2H; H-2,6), 6.78 (s, 4H; Mes-C*H-m*), 2.27 (s, 6H; Mes-C*H*₃-*p*), 2.01 (s, 12H; Mes-C*H*₃-*o*)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 170.6 (dd, ¹*J*(C,F) = 260.3 Hz, ²*J*(C,P) = 14.4 Hz; C-4,8), 147.8 (br.; C-9a,10a), 142.9 (br.; Mes-C-*i*), 140.4 (m; C-2,6), 136.9 (Mes-C-*o*), 136.6 (Mes-C-*p*), 135.4 (C-1,5), 135.2 (d, ¹*J*(C,P) = 10.6 Hz; C-12), 134.3 (d, ²*J*(C,P) = 20.8 Hz; C-13), 133.3 (m; C-3,7), 129.8 (C-15), 129.1 (d, ³*J*(C,P) = 7.5 Hz; C-14,4a,8a), 127.1 (Mes-*C*H-*m*), 22.3 (Mes-*C*H₃-*o*), 21.3 (Mes-*C*H₃-*p*)

Note: According to ^{HC}HSQC and ^{HC}HMBC experiments, the ¹³C NMR signals of C-4a,8a overlap with that of C-14.

¹¹**B NMR (96.3 MHz, CD**₂**Cl**₂): *δ* = 66.0 (very br.)

¹⁹F{**1H**} NMR (282.3 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = -87.7$ (d, ³*J*(F,P) = 58.2 Hz, 2F; F-4,8)

³¹P{¹H} NMR (202.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = -16.3 (d, ³*J*(P,F) = 58.2 Hz, 2P; P-3,7)

UV/Vis (CH₂Cl₂): $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\varepsilon) = 247 (43200), 290 (37500), 395 \text{ nm} (16100 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1})$

Cyclic voltammetry (CH₂Cl₂, [*n***-Bu₄N][PF₆] 0.1 M, 200 mV s⁻¹, vs. FcH/FcH⁺): E_{1/2} = -1.58 V Melting Point: >300 °C**

HRMS: Calculated *m*/*z* for [C₅₄H₄₆B₂F₂P₂+H]⁺: 817.33017, found: 817.33187

3.3 Synthesis of 3:



A thick-walled glass ampoule was charged with **B** (500 mg, 1.03 mmol) and **Ph**₂**PSiMe**₃ (4.0 g, 15.5 mmol). C₆H₆ (10 mL) was added as the solvent. The ampoule was flame-sealed under vacuum and subsequently heated to 180 °C in an oven for 3 d. The brown solution obtained was cooled to room temperature. The ampoule was opened in the glovebox and its content was transferred to a Schlenk flask. All volatiles were removed at room temperature in vacuo. Afterwards, unconsumed starting material **Ph**₂**PSiMe**₃ was recovered by distillation from the mixture under full vacuum (10⁻³ torr) at 130 °C for 0.5 h. The residual solid washed with *n*-hexane (4 × 10 mL) under ambient atmosphere; the red-colored product **3** was isolated by filtration. Yield: 1.16 g, 98%. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown in a sealed NMR tube by slowly decreasing the temperature of the **3** solution in C₆D₆ from 180 °C to room temperature in the oven.

¹**H NMR (500.2 MHz, CDCl₃):** *δ* = 7.14-7.09 (m, 12H; H-1,4,5,8,15), 7.06-7.03 (m, 16H; H-14), 7.01-6.98 (m, 16H; H-13), 6.44 (s, 4H; Mes-CH-m), 2.27 (s, 6H; Mes-CH₃-*p*), 1.60 (s, 12H; Mes-CH₃-*o*)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 149.6 (m; C-2,3,6,7), 144.1 (m; C-1,4,5,8,4a,8a,9a,10a), 138.8 (br.; Mes-C-*i*), 136.7 (Mes-C-*o*), 136.4 (m; C-12), 135.7 (Mes-C-*p*), 133.9 (m; C-13), 128.4 (C-15), 128.2 (m; C-14), 126.7 (Mes-*C*H-*m*), 22.5 (Mes-*C*H₃-*o*), 21.3 (Mes-*C*H₃-*p*)

Note: According to ^{HC}HSQC and ^{HC}HMBC experiments, the ¹³C NMR signals of C-1,4,5,8 overlap with those of C-4a,8a,9a,10a.

¹¹**B** NMR (161 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = n.o.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -14.4

UV/Vis (CH₂Cl₂): λ_{max} (ε) = 258 (77600), 293 (78100), 330 (sh), 381 (sh), 484 (sh) nm (M⁻¹ cm⁻¹) **Cyclic voltammetry (CH₂Cl₂, [***n***-Bu₄N][PF₆] 0.1 M, 200 mV s⁻¹, vs. FcH/FcH⁺):** E_{1/2} = -1.70 V **Melting Point:** >300 °C

HRMS: Calculated *m*/*z* for [C₇₈H₆₆B₂P₄+H]⁺: 1149.43739, found: 1149.43903

3.4 Synthesis of 4:



A round-bottom flask was charged with a stirring bar, **1** (300 mg, 461 µmol), **D** (50 mg, 91 µmol), and CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). The solution was stirred under air and daylight for 12 h, whereupon an oxidation reaction took place (no oxidation was observed under similar conditions in the dark or in daylight without the photocatalyst **D**). The progress of the reaction was monitored by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy, and the conversion was considered complete when the signal of **1** at $\delta = -17.9$ had vanished, leaving only a new signal at $\delta = 25.4$. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The solid residue was re-dissolved in *n*-hexane (20 mL), and the solution was slowly concentrated to a volume of approximately 3 mL under vacuum, whereupon the yellow-colored product **4** precipitated, which was isolated by filtration. Yield: 193 mg, 63%.

¹H NMR (500.2 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.66-7.62 (m, 4H; H-13), 7.59-7.55 (m, 1H; H-8), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H; H-15), 7.45-7.39 (m, 6H; H-1,4,14), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H; H-5), 6.92 (s, 2H; Mes-CH-*m*), 6.75 (s, 2H; Mes-CH-*m*), 2.38 (s, 3H; Mes-CH₃-*p*), 2.34 (s, 3H; Mes-CH₃-*p*), 2.03 (s, 6H; Mes-CH₃-*o*), 1.90 (s, 6H; Mes-CH₃-*o*)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.6$ (d, ¹/(C,F) = 262.7 Hz; C-6), 154.5 (dd, ¹/(C,F) = 260.2 Hz, ²/(C,F) = 12.1 Hz; C-2 or 3), 154.1 (dd, ¹/(C,F) = 259.1 Hz, ²/(C,F) = 11.8 Hz; C-2 or 3), 152.2 (br.; C-10a), 146.2 (m; C-8), 143.6 (br.; C-4a or 9a), 143.0 (br.; C-4a or 9a), 140.6 (br.; C-8a), 138.6 (br.; Mes-C-*i*), 138.4 (br.; Mes-C-*i*), 138.1 (Mes-C-*p*), 137.8 (Mes-C-*o*), 137.4 (Mes-C-*p*), 137.3 (Mes-C-*o*), 132.3 (d, ⁴/(C,P) = 2.6 Hz; C-15), 131.7 (d, ²/(C,P) = 10.2 Hz; C-13), 131.4 (d, ¹/(C,P) = 108.2 Hz; C-12), 128.7 (d, ³/(C,P) = 12.7 Hz; C-14), 128.4 (d, ²/(C,F) = 13.3 Hz; C-1 or 4), 128.1 (d, ²/(C,F) = 13.7 Hz; C-1 or 4), 127.6 (Mes-*C*H-*m*), 127.5 (Mes-*C*H-*m*), 125.7 (dd, ²/(C,F) = 19.6 Hz, ³/(C,P) = 4.3 Hz; C-5), 125.3 (dd, ¹/(C,P) = \approx 90 Hz, ²/(C,F) = 17.4 Hz; C-7), 22.8 (Mes-*C*H₃-*o*), 22.7 (Mes-*C*H₃-*o*), 21.4 (Mes-*C*H₃-*p*), 21.4 (Mes-*C*H₃-*p*)

Note: According to ^{HC}HSQC and ^{HC}HMBC experiments, half of ¹³C NMR signal of C-7 overlaps with that of C-5.

¹¹B NMR (96.3 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* = 67.1 (very br.)

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -92.1 (s, 1F; F-6), -129.6 (d, ³J(F,F) = 20.1 Hz, 1F; F-2 or 3), -130.7 (d, ³J(F,F) = 20.1 Hz, 1F; F-2 or 3)

³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 25.4 (d, ³*J*(P,F) = 1.6 Hz)

UV/Vis (CH₂Cl₂): λ_{max} (ϵ) = 266 (86000), 328 (sh), 338 nm (6800 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹)

Fluorescence (CH₂Cl₂, \lambda_{ex} = 265 nm): \lambda_{max} = 528 nm; \Phi_{PL} = 46 %

Fluorescence (C₆H₆, \lambda_{ex} = 340 nm): \lambda_{max} = 516 nm; \Phi_{PL} = 37 %

Fluorescence (THF, λ_{ex} = 340 nm): λ_{max} = 543 nm; Φ_{PL} = 18 %

Cyclic voltammetry (CH₂Cl₂, [*n***-Bu₄N][PF₆] 0.1 M, 200 mV s⁻¹, vs. FcH/FcH⁺):** E_{1/2} = -1.52 V **Melting Point:** 282–284 °C

HRMS: Calculated *m*/*z* for [C₄₂H₃₆B₂F₃O₁P₁+H]⁺: 667.27147, found: 667.27266

3.5 Synthesis of 5:



A thick-walled glass ampoule was charged with **1** (100 mg, 154 μ mol), S₈ (7 mg, 27 μ mol), and C₆H₆ (5 mL). The ampoule was flame-sealed under vacuum and subsequently heated to 100 °C in an oven overnight. The orange solution obtained was cooled to room temperature. The ampoule was opened under ambient atmosphere and its content was transferred to a Schlenk flask. All volatiles were removed under vacuum and the solid residue was washed with *n*-pentane (5 mL); the pale yellow product of **5** was isolated by filtration. Yield: 82 mg, 79%.

¹**H NMR (500.2 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.74-7.70 (m, 4H; H-13), 7.49-7.33 (m, 9H; H-1,4,8,14,15), 7.28 (m, 1H; H-5), 6.92 (s, 2H; Mes-CH-*m*), 6.74 (s, 2H; Mes-CH-*m*), 2.38 (s, 3H; Mes-CH₃-*p*), 2.36 (s, 3H; Mes-CH₃-*p*), 2.04 (s, 6H; Mes-CH₃-*o*), 1.89 (s, 6H; Mes-CH₃-*o*)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 167.2 (d, ¹/(C,F) = 264.3 Hz; C-6), 154.4 (dd, ¹/(C,F) = 260.5 Hz, ²/(C,F) = 12.1 Hz; C-2 or 3), 154.1 (dd, ¹/(C,F) = 259.4 Hz, ²/(C,F) = 12.1 Hz; C-2 or 3), 151.7 (br.; C-10a), 145.8 (m; C-8), 143.6 (br.; C-4a or 9a), 143.1 (br.; C-4a or 9a), 140.6 (br.; C-8a), 138.6 (br.; Mes-C-*i*), 138.3 (br.; Mes-C-*i*), 138.1 (Mes-C-*p*), 137.8 (Mes-C-*o*), 137.3 (Mes-C-*p*), 137.3 (Mes-C-*o*), 131.9 (d, ⁴/(C,P) = 3.1 Hz; C-15), 131.8 (d, ²/(C,P) = 11.0 Hz; C-13), 131.4 (d, ¹/(C,P) = 87.9 Hz; C-12), 128.6 (d, ³/(C,P) = 13.0 Hz; C-14), 128.4 (d, ²/(C,F) = 13.7 Hz; C-1 or 4), 128.1 (d, ²/(C,F) = 13.7 Hz; C-1 or 4), 127.4 (Mes-CH-*m*), 126.5 (dd, ¹/(C,P) = 89.3 Hz, ²/(C,F) = 15.6 Hz; C-7), 126.0 (dd, ²/(C,F) = 19.3 Hz, ³/(C,P) = 4.4 Hz; C-5), 22.8 (Mes-CH₃-*o*), 22.7 (Mes-CH₃-*o*), 21.4 (Mes-CH₃-*p*), 21.4 (Mes-CH₃-*p*)

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282.3 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -90.7$ (d, ³*J*(F,P) = 2.6 Hz, 1F; F-6), -129.7 (d, ³*J*(F,F) = 20.1 Hz, 1F; F-2 or 3), -130.6 (d, ³*J*(F,F) = 20.1 Hz, 1F; F-2 or 3)

³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 37.8 (d, ³*J* (P,F) = 2.6 Hz)

UV/Vis (CH₂Cl₂): $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\varepsilon) = 265 (89300)$, 343 nm (8200 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹)

Cyclic voltammetry (CH₂Cl₂, [*n***-Bu₄N][PF₆] 0.1 M, 200 mV s⁻¹, vs. FcH/FcH⁺):** E_{1/2} = -1.43 V **Melting Point:** 294–296 °C

HRMS: Calculated *m*/*z* for [C₄₂H₃₆B₂F₃P₁S₁+H]⁺: 683.24863, found: 683.24978

3.6 Synthesis of [6]OTf:



A Schlenk flask was charged with a stirring bar, **1** (500 mg, 769 μ mol), and CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). Neat MeOTf (190 mg, 1.16 mmol) was added at room temperature via syringe. The solution was stirred under nitrogen overnight. All volatiles were removed under vacuum and the solid residue was washed with cooled *n*-pentane (15 mL); the bright yellow-colored product [**6**]OTf was isolated by filtration. Yield: 590 mg, 94%.

¹**H NMR (500.2 MHz, CD**₂**Cl**₂): δ = 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H; H-15), 7.65-7.62 (m, 4H; H-14), 7.58-7.47 (m, 7H; H-1,4,5,13), 7.02-6.98 (m, 1H; H-8), 6.97 (s, 2H; Mes-C*H-m*), 6.73 (s, 2H; Mes-C*H-m*), 2.90 (d, ²*J*(H,P) = 13.8 Hz, 3H; PCH₃), 2.39 (s, 3H; Mes-CH₃-*p*), 2.35 (s, 3H; Mes-CH₃-*p*), 2.05 (s, 6H; Mes-C*H*₃-*o*), 1.85 (s, 6H; Mes-C*H*₃-*o*)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 168.0 (d, ¹/(C,F) = 263.4 Hz; C-6), 156.0 (br.; C-10a), 155.0 (dd, ¹/(C,F) = 261.2 Hz, ²/(C,F) = 12.1 Hz; C-2 or 3), 154.7 (dd, ¹/(C,F) = 259.5 Hz, ²/(C,F) = 12.1 Hz; C-2 or 3), 146.2 (d, ²/(C,P) or ³/(C,F) = 6.3 Hz; C-8), 143.3 (br.; C-8a, 4a or 9a), 142.3 (br.; C-4a or 9a), 139.0 (Mes-C-*p*), 138.2 (Mes-C-*p*), 138.1 (Mes-C-*o*), 137.9 (br.; Mes-C-*i*), 137.6 (Mes-C-*o*) 137.6 (br.; Mes-C-*i*), 136.0 (d, ⁴/(C,P) = 3.1 Hz; C-15), 133.1 (d, ²/(C,P) = 11.0 Hz; C-13), 131.0 (d, ³/(C,P) = 13.3 Hz; C-14), 129.4 (d, ²/(C,F) = 13.8 Hz; C-1 or 4), 129.0 (d, ²/(C,F) = 13.8 Hz; C-1 or 4), 128.0 (Mes-CH-*m*), 127.7 (Mes-CH-*m*), 126.2 (dd, ²/(C,F) = 17.9 Hz, ³/(C,P) = 4.9 Hz; C-5), 121.3 (q, ¹/(C,F) = 321.2 Hz; CF₃), 117.3 (d, ¹/(C,P) = 90.8 Hz; C-12), 112.2 (dd, ¹/(C,P) = 86.6 Hz, ²/(C,F) = 16.5 Hz; C-7), 22.8 (Mes-CH₃-*o*), 22.6 (Mes-CH₃-*o*), 21.4 (Mes-CH₃-*p*), 21.4 (Mes-CH₃-*p*), 9.4 (dd, ¹/(C,P) = 57.3 Hz, ⁴/(C,F) = 3.7 Hz; PCH₃)

Note: According to an ^{HC}HMBC experiment, the ¹³C NMR signal of C-2 or 3 overlaps with that of C-10a, the signal of C-8a overlaps with that of C-4a or 9a, and the signal of Mes-C-*o* overlaps with that of Mes-C-*i*.

¹¹B NMR (160.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 66.4 (very br.)

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282.3 MHz, CD₂Cl₃): δ = -78.3 (s, 3F; CF₃), -91.0 (d, ³*J*(F,P) = 2.9 Hz, 1F; F-6), -127.9 (d, ³*J*(F,F) = 20.1 Hz, 1F; F-2 or 3), -128.8 (d, ³*J*(F,F) = 20.1 Hz, 1F; F-2 or 3)

³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 20.8 (d, ³*J*(P,F) = 2.9 Hz)

UV/Vis (CH₂Cl₂): $\lambda_{max}(\varepsilon) = 267 (49100)$, 338 nm (4400 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹)

Fluorescence (CH₂Cl₂, \lambda_{ex} = 267 nm): \lambda_{max} = 574 nm; \Phi_{PL} = 11 %.

Fluorescence (CHCl₃, $\lambda_{ex} = 267 \text{ nm}$): $\lambda_{max} = 560 \text{ nm}$; $\Phi_{PL} = 7 \%$.

Cyclic voltammetry (CH₂Cl₂, [*n*-Bu₄N][PF₆] 0.1 M, 200 mV s⁻¹, vs. FcH/FcH⁺): E_{1/2} = -1.24 V

Melting Point: decomposition at elevated temperatures

HRMS: Calculated *m*/*z* for [C₄₃H₃₉B₂F₃P₁]⁺: 665.29221, found: 665.29307

3.7 Synthesis of 7:



A thick-walled glass ampoule was charged with **2** (150 mg, 184 μ mol) and S₈ (17 mg, 66 μ mol). C₆H₆ (5 mL) was added as the solvent. The ampoule was flame-sealed under vacuum and subsequently heated to 100 °C in an oven overnight. The orange solution obtained was cooled to room temperature. The ampoule was opened under ambient atmosphere and its content was transferred to a flask. All volatiles were removed under vacuum and the residual solid was washed with *n*-pentane (5mL); the orange-colored product **7** was isolated by filtration. Yield: 123 mg, 76%.

¹**H NMR (500.2 MHz, CD**₂**Cl**₂**):** δ = 7.76-7.69 (m, 10H; H-2,6,13), 7.54-7.51 (m, 4H; H-15), 7.45-7.42 (m, 8H; H-14), 7.39 (dd, ³*J*(H,H) = 7.5 Hz, ⁴*J*(H,P) = 1.8 Hz, 2H; H-1,5), 6.79 (s, 4H; Mes-C*H-m*), 2.29 (s, 6H; Mes-C*H*₃-*p*), 1.94 (s, 12H; Mes-C*H*₃-*o*)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 169.8 (d, ¹/(C,F) = 267.1 Hz; C-4,8), 151.4 (br.; C-9a,10a), 141.7 (dd, ²/(C,P) = 7.9 Hz, ³/(C,F) = 4.0 Hz; C-2,6, Mes-C-*i*), 137.5 (Mes-C-*p*), 136.6 (Mes-C-*o*), 135.3 (m; C-1,5), 132.3 (d, ¹/(C,P) = 88.3 Hz; C-12), 132.3 (d, ⁴/(C,P) = 3.0 Hz; C-15), 132.0 (d, ²/(C,P) = 11.0 Hz; C-13), 130.4(*)(br.; C-4a,8a), 129.0 (d, ³/(C,P) = 13.0 Hz; C-14), 127.4 (Mes-*C*H-*m*), 127.3 (dd, ¹/(C,P)= 77.7 Hz, ²/(C,F)= 21.3 Hz; C-3,7), 22.4 (Mes-*C*H₃-*o*), 21.3 (Mes-*C*H₃-*p*)

Note: (*) The ¹³C NMR signal of C-4a,8a was unequivocally detected in an ^{H,C}HMBC spectrum. According to ^{HC}HSQC and ^{HC}HMBC experiments, the ¹³C NMR signals of C-2,6 overlap with that of Mes-C-*i*.

¹¹**B NMR (96.3 MHz, CD**₂**Cl**₂): *δ* = 68.0 (very br.)

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282.3 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = -81.5 (d, ³J(F,P) = 2.5 Hz, 2F)

³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 38.7 (d, ³/(P,F) = 2.5 Hz, 2P)

UV/Vis (CH₂Cl₂): λ_{max} (ϵ) = 260 (58900), 374 (16200 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹), 430 nm (sh).

Cyclic voltammetry (CH₂Cl₂, [*n*-Bu₄N][PF₆] 0.1 M, 200 mV s⁻¹, vs. FcH/FcH⁺): $E_{1/2} = -1.33$ V Melting Point: >300 °C

HRMS: Calculated *m*/*z* for [C₅₄H₄₆B₂F₂P₂S₂+H]⁺: 881.27431, found: 881.27569

3.8 Synthesis of 8:



A thick-walled glass ampoule was charged with **2** (150 mg, 131 µmol) and S₈ (25 mg, 98 µmol). C₆H₆ (10 mL) was added as the solvent. The ampoule was flame-sealed under vacuum and subsequently heated to 100 °C in an oven overnight. The orange solution obtained was cooled to room temperature. The ampoule was opened in a glovebox and its content was transferred to a Schlenk flask. All volatiles were removed in vacuo. The solid residue was re-dissolved in a mixture of *n*-hexane and CH₂Cl₂ (4 : 1, 20 mL), and the solution was concentrated to a volume of approximately 3 mL under vacuum, whereupon the orange-colored product **8** precipitated and could be isolated by filtration. Yield: 130 mg, 78%. Single crystals of **8** suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown by slowly cooling a solution of **8** in C₆D₆ from 100 °C to room temperature.

¹**H NMR (500.2 MHz, CD₂Cl₂):** δ = 7.41-7.33 (m, 28H; H-1,4,5,8,13,15), 7.23-7.20 (m, 16H; H-14), 6.43 (s, 4H; Mes-*CH*-*m*), 2.32 (s, 6H; Mes-*CH*₃-*p*), 1.56 (s, 12H; Mes-*CH*₃-*o*)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 146.6 (m; C-1,4,5,8), 145.3 (br.; C-4a,8a,9a,10a), 143.4 (dd, ¹*J*(C,P), ²*J*(C,P) = 77.1, 8.1 Hz; C-2,3,6,7), 137.2 (Mes-C-*p*), 136.7 (Mes-C-*o*, Mes-C-*i*), 134.9 (d, ¹*J*(C,P) = 88.0 Hz; C-12), 132.0 (m; C-13), 131.4 (C-15), 128.4 (m; C-14), 127.7 (Mes-CH-*m*), 22.4 (Mes-*C*H₃-*o*), 21.4 (Mes-*C*H₃-*p*) *Note:* According to ^{HC}HSQC and ^{HC}HMBC experiments, the ¹³C NMR signal of Mes-C-*o* overlaps with that of Mes-C-*i*.

¹¹B NMR (96.3 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): n.o.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 46.5
UV/Vis (CH₂Cl₂): λ_{max} (ε) = 262 (121000), 298 (sh), 371 (19000 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹), 463 nm (sh)
Cyclic voltammetry (CH₂Cl₂, [*n*-Bu₄N][PF₆] 0.1 M, 200 mV s ⁻¹, vs. FcH/FcH⁺): E_{1/2} = -1.23 V
Melting Point: >300 °C
HRMS: Calculated *m/z* for [C₇₈H₆₆B₂P₄S₄+H]⁺: 1277.32567, found: 1277.32588

3.9 Synthesis of [10](OTf)2:



A thick-walled glass ampoule was charged with **3** (200 mg, 174 μ mol) and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). Neat MeOTf (172 mg, 1.05 mmol) was added at room temperature via syringe. The ampoule was flame-sealed under vacuum and subsequently heated to 130 °C in an oven for 1.5 d. The pink solution obtained was cooled to room temperature. The ampoule was opened in a glovebox and its content was transferred to a Schlenk flask. All volatiles were removed in vacuo. The solid residue was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL); the colorless product [**10**](OTf)₂ could be isolated by filtration. Yield: 146 mg, 45%. Single crystals of [**10**](OTf)₂ suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown by storing a CD₂Cl₂ solution of [**10**](OTf)₂ in a flame-sealed NMR tube at 2 °C in the fridge.

¹H NMR (500.2 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 8.20 (m, 4H; H-1,4,5,8), 7.84-7.81 (m, 8H; H-15), 7.67-7.65 (m, 16H; H-14), 7.52-7.48 (m, 16H; H-13), 2.40 (d, ²*J*(H,P) =12.2 Hz, 6H; PC*H*₃) ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 153.5 (br; C-4a,8a,9a,10a), 146.4 (m; C-1,4,5,8), 136.3 (C-15), 133.5 (m; C-13), 131.4 (m; C-14), 119.9 (dd, ¹*J*(C,P) = 83.6, ²*J*(C,P) = 9.0 Hz; C-2,3,6,7) 119.2 (d, ¹*J*(C,P) = 89.7 Hz; C-12), 118.5 (q, ¹*J*(C,F) = 318.6 Hz; CF₃), 12.5 (d, ¹*J*(C,P) = 55.8 Hz; PCH₃) ¹¹B NMR (96.3 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): n.o. ¹⁹F NMR (282.3 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = -78.0 (12F; BOTf), -78.8 (6F; [OTf]⁻) ³¹P{¹H} NMR (202.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 25.4 Melting Point: 280–282 °C

4. Plots of ¹H, ¹³C{¹H}, ¹¹B, ¹⁹F{¹H}, and ³¹P{¹H} spectra



Figure S1: ¹H NMR spectrum of 1 (CDCl₃, 500.2 MHz).



Figure S2: ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **1** (CDCl₃, 125.8 MHz).



Figure S3: ¹¹B NMR spectrum of **1** (CDCl₃, 96.3 MHz; ▲: borosilicate glass resonance).



Figure S4: ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR spectrum of **1** (CDCl₃, 282.3 MHz).



Figure S5: ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **1** (CDCl₃, 121.5 MHz).







Figure S7: ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **2** (CD₂Cl₂, 125.8 MHz).



Figure S8: ¹¹B NMR spectrum of **2** (CD₂Cl₂, 96.3 MHz; ▲: borosilicate glass resonance).



Figure S9: ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR spectrum of 2 (CD₂Cl₂, 282.3 MHz).



Figure S10: ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of 2 (CD₂Cl₂, 202.5 MHz).



Figure S11: ¹H NMR spectrum of 3 (CDCl₃, 500.2 MHz).



Figure S12: $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$ NMR spectrum of 3 (CDCl₃, 125.8 MHz).



Figure S13: ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **3** (CDCl₃, 121.5 MHz).







Figure S15: ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **4** (CDCl₃, 125.8 MHz).



Figure S16: ¹¹B NMR spectrum of **4** (CDCl₃, 96.3 MHz; ▲: borosilicate glass resonance).



Figure S17: ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR spectrum of **4** (CDCl₃, 282.3 MHz).



Figure S18: ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **4** (CDCl₃, 121.5 MHz).



Figure S19: ¹H NMR spectrum of 5 (CDCl₃, 500.2 MHz).



Figure S20: ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **5** (CDCl₃, 125.8 MHz).



Figure S21:¹¹B NMR spectrum of **5** (CDCl₃, 96.3 MHz; ▲: borosilicate glass resonance).



Figure S22: ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR spectrum of 5 (CDCl₃, 282.3 MHz).



Figure S23: ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **5** (CDCl₃, 121.5 MHz).



Figure S24: ¹H NMR spectrum of [6]OTf (CD₂Cl₂, 500.2 MHz).



Figure S25: ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of [**6**]OTf (CD₂Cl₂, 125.8 MHz; ▲: CF₃ resonance).



Figure S26: ¹¹B NMR spectrum of [**6**]OTf (CD₂Cl₂, 160.5 MHz; ▲: borosilicate glass resonance).



Figure S27: ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR spectrum of [**6**]OTf (CD₂Cl₂, 282.3 MHz).



Figure S28: ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of [6]OTf (CD₂Cl₂, 121.5 MHz).



Figure S29: ¹H NMR spectrum of 7 (CD₂Cl₂, 500.2 MHz).



Figure S30: ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **7** (CD₂Cl₂, 125.8 MHz).



Figure S31:¹¹B NMR spectrum of **7** (CD₂Cl₂, 96.3 MHz; ▲: borosilicate glass resonance).



Figure S32: ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR spectrum of 7 (CD₂Cl₂, 282.3 MHz).



Figure S33: ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of 7 (CD₂Cl₂, 121.5 MHz).



Figure S34: ¹H NMR spectrum of 8 (CD₂Cl₂, 500.2 MHz).



Figure S35: ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **8** (CD₂Cl₂, 125.8 MHz).



Figure S36: ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of 8 (CD₂Cl₂, 121.5 MHz).



Figure S37: ¹H NMR spectrum of [10](OTf)₂ (CD₂Cl₂, 500.2 MHz).



Figure S38: ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of [**10**](OTf)₂ (CD₂Cl₂, 125.8 MHz; ▲: CF₃ resonance).



Figure S39: ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR spectrum of [10](OTf)₂ (CD₂Cl₂, 282.3 MHz).



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Figure S40: ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of [10](OTf)₂ (CD₂Cl₂, 202.5 MHz).

5. NMR spectra of the methylation reaction of 2.

An NMR-tube was charged with **2** (10 mg, 12 μ mol) and CD₂Cl₂ (0.6 mL). Neat MeOTf (4.0 mg, 24 μ mol) was added at room temperature via syringe. The NMR-tube was flame sealed under vacuum and an orange solution was obtained after the sample had been stored for 1 h at room temperature. Afterwards, the NMR measurement of the sample was performed to characterize [**9**][OTf]₂ (Figure S41-43).

¹**H NMR (400.2 MHz, CD₂Cl₂):** δ = 7.85-7.81 (m, 4H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 10H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 8H), 7.05-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.73 (s, 4H; Mes-C*H*-*m*), 2.74 (d, ²*J*(H,P) = 13.7 Hz, 6H; PC*H*₃) 2.23 (s, 6H; Mes-C*H*₃-*p*), 2.03 (s, 12H; Mes-C*H*₃-*o*).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (162.0 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 20.1$ (d, ³/(P,F) = 6.0 Hz).



Figure S41: ¹H NMR spectrum (without purification) of [9][OTf]₂ (CD₂Cl₂, 400.2 MHz).



Figure S42: ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (without purification) of [**9**][OTf]₂ (CD₂Cl₂, 162.0 MHz).



Figure S43: ¹H NMR spectroscopic monitoring of the methylation reaction of 2 under various conditions (CD₂Cl₂, 400.2 MHz).



Figure S44: ³¹P{¹H} NMR-spectroscopic monitoring of the methylation reaction of **2** under various conditions (CD_2Cl_2 , 162.0 MHz).

6. HRMS of the mixture of di-, tri-, and tetraphosphanyl derivatives obtained after treatment of B with 1 eq. of Ph₂PSiMe₃.



Figure S45: HRMS of the diphosphanyl derivatives (Calculated m/z for $[C_{54}H_{46}B_2F_2P_2+H]^+$: 817.33017, found: 817.33099).



Figure S46: HRMS of the triphosphanyl derivative (Calculated m/z for $[C_{66}H_{57}B_2F_1P_3+H]^+$: 983.38378, found: 983.38342).



Figure S47: HRMS of the tetraphosphanyl derivative (**3**) (Calculated *m*/*z* for [C₇₈H₆₆B₂P₄+H]⁺: 1149.43739, found: 1149.43903).

7. Photophysical and electrochemical data.

	$\lambda_{abs} [nm]^{[a]}$ ($\epsilon [M^{-1} cm^{-1}]$)	λ _{abs} (tail) [nm] ^[b]	λ _{ex} [nm]	λ _{em} [nm]	Φ _{PL} [%] ^[c]	E_{LUMO} [eV] ^[d]	<i>E</i> _{1/2} [V]
1	257 (42700) 274 (sh) 360 (5700)	480	-	-	-	-3.17	-1.63
2	247 (43200) 290 (37500) 395 (16100)	480	-		-	-3.22	-1.58
3	258 (77600) 293 (78100) 330 (sh) 381 (sh)	525	-	-	-	-3.10	-1.70
4	266 (86000) 328 (sh) 338 (6800)	430	265 340 ^[e] 340 ^[f]	528 516 ^[e] 543 ^[f]	46 37 ^[e] 18 ^[f]	-3.28	-1.52
5	265 (89300) 343 (8200)	445	-	-	-	-3.37	-1.43
[6]OTf	267 (49100) 338 (4400)	480	267 267 ^[g]	574 560 ^[g]	11 7 ^[g]	-3.56	-1.24
7	260 (58900) 374 (16200)	500	-	-	-	-3.47	-1.33
8	262 (121000) 298 (sh) 371 (19000)	520	-	-	-	-3.57	-1.23

Table S1: Photophysical and electrochemical data of the compounds **1-8**. Optical measurements and electrochemical measurements were performed in CH₂Cl₂.

[a] Resolved vibrational fine structure. [b] The approximate wavelength at the end of the tail of the absorption. [c] Quantum yields were determined by using a calibrated integrating sphere. [d] $E_{LUM0} = -4.8 \text{ eV} - E_{1/2}^{\text{Red}}$ (FcH/FcH⁺ = -4.8 eV vs vacuum level). [e] Measurements were performed in C₆H₆. [f] Measurements were performed in THF. [g] Measurements were performed in CHCl₃. sh = shoulder.



Figure S48: Cyclic voltammogram of **1** (cathodic part only; switching potentials: -0.5 to -2.4 V) in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S49: Cyclic voltammogram of **1** in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S50: Cyclic voltammogram of **2** (cathodic part only; switching potentials: -1.1 to -1.9 V) in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S51: Cyclic voltammogram of **2** in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S52: Cyclic voltammogram of **3** (cathodic part only; switching potentials: -0.7 to -2.3 V) in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S53: Cyclic voltammogram of **3** in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S54: Cyclic voltammogram of **4** (cathodic part only; switching potentials: -1.2 to -1.8 V) in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S55: Cyclic voltammogram of **4** in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S56: Cyclic voltammogram of **5** (cathodic part only; switching potentials: -0.8 to -1.9 V) in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S57: Cyclic voltammogram of **5** in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S58: Cyclic voltammogram of [**6**]OTf (cathodic part only; switching potentials: –0.6 to –1.6 V) in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S59: Cyclic voltammogram of [6]OTf in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S60: Cyclic voltammogram of **7** (cathodic part only; switching potential: -0.7 to -1.8 V) in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [nBu_4N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S61: Cyclic voltammogram of **7** in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S62: Cyclic voltammogram of **8** (cathodic part only; switching potentials: -0.5 to -1.7 V) in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S63: Cyclic voltammogram of **8** in CH₂Cl₂ (room temperature, supporting electrolyte: [*n*Bu₄N][PF₆] (0.1 M), scan rate: 200 mV s⁻¹).



Figure S64: Normalized UV/Vis absorption spectrum of 1 in CH₂Cl₂.



Figure S65: Normalized UV/Vis absorption spectrum of 2 in CH₂Cl₂.



Figure S66: Normalized UV/Vis absorption spectrum of 3 in CH₂Cl₂.



Figure S67: Normalized UV/Vis absorption and emission spectra of 4 in CH₂Cl₂.



Figure S68: Normalized emission spectra of **4** in C₆H₆ (red curve; $\lambda_{ex} = 340$ nm), CH₂Cl₂ (blue curve; $\lambda_{ex} = 265$ nm), and THF (yellow curve; $\lambda_{ex} = 340$ nm).



Figure S69: Normalized UV/Vis absorption spectrum of 5 in CH₂Cl₂.



Figure S70: Normalized UV/Vis absorption and emission spectra of [6]OTf in CH₂Cl₂.



Figure S71: Normalized emission spectra of [6]OTf in CHCl₃ (green curve; $\lambda_{ex} = 267$ nm) and CH₂Cl₂ (blue curve; $\lambda_{ex} = 267$ nm).



Figure S72: Normalized UV/Vis absorption spectrum of 7 in CH₂Cl₂.



Figure S73: Normalized UV/Vis absorption spectrum of 8 in CH₂Cl₂.

8. X-ray crystal structure analyses

Crystal structure determinations. Data for all structures were collected on a STOE IPDS II two-circle diffractometer with a Genix Microfocus tube with mirror optics using Mo K_{α} radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). The data were scaled using the frame scaling procedure in the *X-AREA* program system (Stoe & Cie, 2002). The structures were solved by direct methods using the program *SHELXS* (Sheldrick, 2008) and refined against F^2 with full-matrix least-squares techniques using the program *SHELXL* (Sheldrick, 2008).^[S7,S8]

In **1 (CCDC 2176264)**, the H atoms of one methyl group are disordered over two equally occupied positions.

2 (CCDC 2176266) crystallizes with half a molecule (located on a center of inversion) and one molecule of dichloromethane in the asymmetric unit.

3 (CCDC 2176265) crystallizes with half a molecule (located on a center of inversion) in the asymmetric unit.

For 8 (CCDC 2176267), no further remarks are necessary.

The cation of [10](OTf)₂ (CCDC 2176268) is located on a center of inversion.



Figure S74: (CCDC 2176264): Molecular structure of **1** in the solid state. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level; hydrogen atoms are omitted to clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°): B(1)-C(1) = 1.563(5), B(1)-C(11) = 1.572(5), B(1)-C(21) = 1.576(5), B(2)-C(2) = 1.555(5), B(2)-C(12) = 1.561(5), B(2)-C(31) = 1.572(5), F(1)-C(5) = 1.358(3), F(2)-C(14) = 1.351(4), F(3)-C(15) = 1.358(4), P(1)-C(4) = 1.841(3), P(1)-C(41) = 1.837(3), P(1)-C(51) = 1.831(3); C(1)-B(1)-C(11) = 118.1(3), C(1)-B(1)-C(21) = 120.9(3), C(11)-B(1)-C(21) = 121.0(3), C(2)-B(2)-C(12) = 118.2(3), C(2)-B(2)-C(31) = 120.5(3), C(12)-B(2)-C(31) = 121.3(3), F(1)-C(5)-C(4) = 117.3(3), F(1)-C(5)-C(6) = 118.4(3), F(2)-C(14)-C(14) = 118.6(3), F(3)-C(15)-C(16) = 120.4(3), F(3)-C(15)-C(14) = 118.6(3), C(4)-P(1)-C(41) = 100.2(2), C(4)-P(1)-C(51) = 101.8(2), C(41)-P(1)-C(51) = 102.1(2).



Figure S75: (CCDC 2176266): Molecular structure of 2 in the solid state. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level; hydrogen atoms are omitted to clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°): B(1)-C(1) = 1.569(4), B(1)-C(2A) = 1.565(4), B(1)-C(31) = 1.582(4), F(1)-C(3) = 1.365(3), P(1)-C(4) = 1.841(3), P(1)-C(41) = 1.831(4), P(1)-C(51) = 1.834(3); C(1)-B(1)-C(2A) = 118.3(2), C(1)-B(1)-C(31) = 118.9(2), C(2A)-B(1)-C(31) = 122.8(2), F(1)-C(3)-C(2) = 119.0(2), F(1)-C(3)-C(4) = 114.8(2), C(4)-P(1)-C(51) = 101.6(2), C(41)-P(1)-C(51) = 101.3(2). Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: A, -x+1/2, -y+3/2, -z+1.



Figure S76: (CCDC 2176265): Molecular structure of **3** in the solid state. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level; hydrogen atoms are omitted to clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°): B(1)-C(1) = 1.561(3), B(1)-C(2A) = 1.575(3), B(1)-C(11) = 1.572(3), P(1)-C(4) = 1.850(2), P(1)-C(21) = 1.831(2), P(1)-C(31) = 1.840(2), P(2)-C(5) = 1.854(2), P(2)-C(41) = 1.837(3), P(2)-C(51) = 1.832(2); C(1)-B(1)-C(2A) = 118.6(2), C(1)-B(1)-C(11) = 123.0(2), C(2A)-B(1)-C(1) = 118.6(2), C(4)-P(1)-C(21) = 101.5(1), C(4)-P(1)-C(31) = 102.8(1), C(21)-P(1)-C(31) = 102.2(2), C(5)-P(2)-C(41) = 102.7(2), C(5)-P(2)-C(51) = 101.7(1), C(41)-P(2)-C(51) = 104.8(2). Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

A, -x+2, -y+1, -z+1.



Figure S77: (CCDC 2176267): Molecular structure of 8 in the solid state. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level; hydrogen atoms are omitted to clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°): B(1)-C(1) = 1.569(4), B(1)-C(11) = 1.560(3), B(1)-C(21) = 1.566(3), B(2)-C(2) = 1.560(3), B(2)-C(12) = 1.572(3), B(2)-C(31) = 1.573(3), P(1)-C(4) = 1.852(2), P(1)-C(41) = 1.826(3), P(1)-C(51) = 1.826(3)1.820(3), P(1)-S(1) = 1.940(1), P(2)-C(5) = 1.845(2), P(2)-C(61) = 1.818(3), P(2)-C(71) = 1.824(2), P(2)-S(2) = 1.938(1), P(3)-C(14) = 1.847(2), P(3)-C(81) = 1.828(2), P(3)-C(91) = 1.819(3), P(3)-S(3) = 1.942(1), 108.2 (2), C(41)-P(1)-C(51) = 103.0(2), C(5)-P(2)-C(61) = 103.6(2), C(5)-P(2)-C(71) = 103.7(2), C(61)-104.9(2), C(15)-P(4)-C(101) = 111.7(2), C(15)-P(4)-C(111) = 103.1(2), C(101)-P(4)-C(111) = 103.1(2), 116.8(1), S(2)-P(2)-C(61) = 116.1(1), S(2)-P(2)-C(71) = 110.0(1), S(3)-P(3)-C(14) = 116.7(1), S(3)-P(3)-C(81) = 111.0(1), S(3)-P(3)-C(91) = 115.5(1), S(4)-P(4)-C(15) = 110.1(1), S(4)-P(4)-C(101) = 115.9(1),S(4)-P(4)-C(111) = 112.1(1).



Figure S78: (CCDC 2176268): Molecular structure of [**10**](OTf)₂ in the solid state. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°): B(1)-C(1) = 1.603(5), B(1)-C(2A) = 1.601(5), B(1)-O(1) = 1.544(4), B(1)-O(2) = 1.558(4), P(1)-C(4) = 1.25(3), P(1)-C(9) = 1.791(3), P(1)-C(11) = 1.784(4), P(1)-C(21) = 1.806(3), P(2)-C(5) = 1.18(3), P(2)-C(10) = 1.800(3), P(2)-C(31) = 1.798(4), P(2)-C(41) = 1.792(4); C(1)-B(1)-C(2A) = 116.3(3), C(1)-B(1)-O(2) = 108.3(2), C(2A)-B(1)-O(1) = 107.8(3), C(2A)-B(1)-O(2) = 111.0(3), C(4)-P(1)-C(9) = 114.9(1), C(4)-P(1)-C(11) = 109.9(3), C(4)-P(1)-C(21) = 108.5(1), C(9)-P(1)-C(11) = 111.9(1), C(9)-P(1)-C(21) = 105.1(3), C(5)-P(2)-C(10) = 109.2(3), C(5)-P(2)-C(31) = 112.7(7), C(5)-P(2)-C(41) = 109.9(3). Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: A, -x+1, -y+1, -z+1

Table S2: Crystal data and structure refinement for 1.				
CCDC	2176264			
Empirical formula	$C_{42}H_{36}B_2F_3P$			
Formula weight	650.30			
Temperature	173(2) K			
Wavelength	0.71073 Å			
Crystal system	Monoclinic			
Space group	$P 2_1/n$			
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.6718(5) Å	α= 90°.		
	b = 17.6291(9) Å	β= 105.422(4)°.		
	c = 19.0191(9) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}.$		
Volume	3449.3(3) Å ³			
Z	4			
Density (calculated)	1.252 Mg/m^3			
Absorption coefficient	0.126 mm ⁻¹			
F(000)	1360			
Crystal color, shape	yellow plate			
Crystal size	0.310 x 0.200 x 0.110 mm ³			
Theta range for data collection	3.395 to 25.630°.			
Index ranges	-12<=h<=12, -21<=k<=21, -23<=l<=23			
Reflections collected	32564			
Independent reflections	6461 [R(int) = 0.0547]			
Completeness to theta = 25.000°	99.8 %			
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivaler	nts		
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.487			
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²			
Data / restraints / parameters	6461 / 0 / 439			
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.246			
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0775, wR2 = 0.1202			
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1113, wR2 = 0.1305			
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.238 and -0.229 e.Å ⁻³			

Table S3: Crystal data and structure refinement for	2.		
CCDC	2176266		
Empirical formula	$C_{56} H_{50} B_2 Cl_4 F_2 P_2$		
Formula weight	986.32		
Temperature	173(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 25.3221(10) Å	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$.	
	b = 9.3948(3) Å	β= 92.156(3)°.	
	c = 21.2159(9) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}.$	
Volume	5043.6(3) Å ³		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.299 Mg/m ³		
Absorption coefficient	0.343 mm ⁻¹		
F(000)	2048		
Crystal color, shape	yellow block		
Crystal size	0.220 x 0.190 x 0.140 mm ³		
Theta range for data collection	1.921 to 25.501°.		
Index ranges	-30<=h<=30, -11<=k<=11, -25<=l<=25		
Reflections collected	20614		
Independent reflections	4640 [R(int) = 0.0291]		
Completeness to theta = 25.000°	99.7 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.593		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²		
Data / restraints / parameters	4640 / 0 / 301		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.100		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0672, $wR2 = 0.1810$		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0756, wR2 = 0.1893		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.460 and -0.920 e.Å ⁻³		

Table S4: Crystal data and structure refinement for 3.				
CCDC	2176265			
Empirical formula	$C_{78} \ H_{66} \ B_2 \ P_4$			
Formula weight	1148.80			
Temperature	173(2) K			
Wavelength	0.71073 Å			
Crystal system	Monoclinic			
Space group	$P 2_{1}/c$			
Unit cell dimensions	a = 14.3549(8) Å	<i>α</i> = 90°.		
	b = 15.3536(6) Å	$\beta = 111.512(4)^{\circ}.$		
	c = 15.4112(8) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}.$		
Volume	3160.0(3) Å ³			
Z	2			
Density (calculated)	1.207 Mg/m ³			
Absorption coefficient	0.164 mm ⁻¹			
F(000)	1208			
Crystal color, shape	red orange plate			
Crystal size	0.190 x 0.160 x 0.030 mm ³			
Theta range for data collection	2.653 to 25.476°.			
Index ranges	-17<=h<=17, -18<=k<=18, -18<=l<=18			
Reflections collected	23140			
Independent reflections	5796 [R(int) = 0.0550]			
Completeness to theta = 25.000°	99.9 %			
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents			
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.322			
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²			
Data / restraints / parameters	5796 / 0 / 382			
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.044			
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0544, wR2 = 0.1312			
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0702, wR2 = 0.1391			
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.320 and -0.269 e.Å ⁻³			

Table S5: Crystal data and structure refinement for	8.		
CCDC	2176267		
Empirical formula	$C_{78} \ H_{66} \ B_2 \ P_4 \ S_4$		
Formula weight	1277.04		
Temperature	173(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	$P 2_{1}/c$		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 18.3036(8) Å	α= 90°.	
	b = 16.6651(5) Å	β= 108.330(3)°.	
	c = 23.4589(10) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}.$	
Volume	6792.6(5) Å ³		
Ζ	4		
Density (calculated)	1.249 Mg/m ³		
Absorption coefficient	0.278 mm ⁻¹		
F(000)	2672		
Crystal colour, shape	orange block		
Crystal size	0.220 x 0.140 x 0.130 mm ³		
Theta range for data collection	2.200 to 26.158°.		
Index ranges	-22<=h<=22, -20<=k<=20, -28<=l<=28		
Reflections collected	86330		
Independent reflections	13271 [R(int) = 0.0809]		
Completeness to theta = 25.000°	99.9 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalent	nts	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.389		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F	2	
Data / restraints / parameters	13271 / 0 / 799		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.030		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0546, $wR2 = 0.1441$		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0724, $wR2 = 0.1613$		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.519 and -0.424 e.Å ⁻³		

Table S6: Crystal data and structure refinement for [10](OTf)2.				
CCDC	2176268			
Empirical formula	$C_{70} \ H_{56} \ B_2 \ F_{18} \ O_{18} \ P_4 \ S_6$			
Formula weight	1865.00			
Temperature	173(2) K			
Wavelength	0.71073 Å			
Crystal system	Triclinic			
Space group	<i>P</i> -1			
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 10.1731(6) \text{ Å}$ $\alpha = 70.995(4)^{\circ}.$			
	b = 11.8017(7) Å	$\beta = 80.089(4)^{\circ}.$		
	c = 17.1337(9) Å	$\gamma = 88.822(5)^{\circ}.$		
Volume	1914.5(2) Å ³			
Z	1			
Density (calculated)	1.618 Mg/m^3			
Absorption coefficient	0.376 mm ⁻¹			
F(000)	948			
Crystal colour, shape	colourless block			
Crystal size	0.180 x 0.160 x 0.110 mm ³			
Theta range for data collection	3.439 to 25.689°.			
Index ranges	-12<=h<=10, -14<=k<=14, -20<=l<=20			
Reflections collected	17711			
Independent reflections	7161 [R(int) = 0.0299]			
Completeness to theta = 25.000°	99.7 %			
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivaler	nts		
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.715			
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²			
Data / restraints / parameters	7161 / 0 / 532			
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.266			
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0592, $wR2 = 0.1196$			
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0730, wR2 = 0.1255			
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.393 and -0.342 e.Å ⁻³			

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