

**Backbone-controlled LUMO energy induces intramolecular C–H activation in *ortho*-bis-
9-borafluorene-substituted phenyl and *o*-carboranyl compounds leading to novel 9,10-
diboraanthracene derivatives**

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General experimental details

Unless otherwise noted, the following conditions apply.

All syntheses were carried out using standard Schlenk and glovebox techniques under an argon atmosphere. The solvents used were dried using either a solvent purification system (SPS) from Innovative Technology or were distilled and degassed from appropriate drying agents and stored under argon. Deuterated solvents (CD_2Cl_2 and C_6D_6) used for NMR spectroscopy were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories. C_6D_6 and CD_2Cl_2 were dried over molecular sieves, degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles and stored under an argon atmosphere prior to use. *n*-Butyllithium (2.5 M solution in hexane) was purchased from Acros Organics and used as received. The compounds 9-bromo-9-borafluorene¹ and 1,2-bis(dichloroboryl)benzene² were prepared according to literature procedures. The dilithiated carborane 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀ was prepared *in situ* according to a published procedure.³ Isolation of 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀ from lithiation in toluene at 80 °C overnight does not result in a fully dilithiated product, as a significant portion of monolithiated product remains. To lower the amount of side product formation and problems of identification in NMR experiments, we synthesized 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀ in Et₂O following a known route.⁴ This results in the formation of 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀·(Et₂O)₂. All other starting materials were purchased from commercial sources and were used without further purification.

NMR Spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 FT NMR spectrometer (operating at ¹H: 500 MHz, ¹¹B: 160 MHz, ¹³C{¹H}: 126 MHz) or Bruker Avance III HD 300 spectrometer (operating at ¹H: 300 MHz, ¹¹B: 96 MHz, ¹³C{¹H}: 75 MHz). Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm and ¹¹B{¹H} NMR spectra are referenced to external $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$. ¹H NMR spectra were referenced via residual proton resonances of CD_2Cl_2 (5.32 ppm), C_6D_6 (7.16 ppm), and THF-d₈ (1.72 ppm). ¹³C{¹H} spectra were referenced to CD_2Cl_2 (53.84 ppm), C_6D_6 (128.06 ppm), and THF-d₈ (25.31 ppm).

HRMS were recorded using a Thermo Scientific Exactive Plus Orbitrap MS system by Liquid Injection Field Desorption Ionization (LIFDI) or an Atmospheric Sample Analysis Probe (ASAP).

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction: Crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction were selected, coated in perfluoropolyether oil or polybutyl oil, mounted on a polyimide microloop

(MicroMounts from MiTeGen) and transferred to a stream of cold nitrogen (Oxford Cryostream 700 or 800, respectively). Diffraction data were collected on a Bruker X8 Apex II 4-circle diffractometer with a CCD area detector, using Mo-K α radiation generated by a Nonius FR591 rotating anode and monochromated by graphite (**3a**) or by multi-layer focusing mirrors (**2b**). Diffraction data were collected on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction XtaLAB Synergy diffractometer with a semiconductor HPA-detector (HyPix-6000 or HyPix-Arc-150) and multi-layer mirror monochromated Cu-K α radiation generated by a PhotonJet (**3a****·THF**) or a PhotonJet-R (**3b**, **5**, **9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene**, **9-(Me₂S)-9-Br-9-borafluorene**, and **1-MeS-2-(Me₂S-9-borafluorene)-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀**) source. Data were collected at 100 K or 173 K (**5**). The images were processed and corrected for Lorentz-polarization effects and absorption (empirical scaling) as implemented in the Bruker software packages (**2b** and **3a**) or using the CrysAlis^{Pro} software from Rigaku Oxford Diffraction (**3b**, **3a****·THF**, **5**, **9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene**, **9-(Me₂S)-9-Br-9-borafluorene**, and **1-MeS-2-(Me₂S-9-borafluorene)-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀**). The structures were solved using the intrinsic phasing method (SHELXT)⁵ and Fourier expansion technique. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined in anisotropic approximation, with all hydrogen atoms ‘riding’ in idealized positions, by full-matrix least squares against F^2 of all data, using SHELXL⁶ software and the SHELXLE⁷ graphical user interface. In the case of **3a** disordered solvent was masked using SQUEEZE/PLATON.⁸ **3b** and **3a****·THF** were refined as two-component twins, both with twin fractions of 48%. **1-MeS-2-(Me₂S-9-borafluorene)-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀** was refined as two-component twin with a twin fraction of 43%. Diamond software was used for graphical representation.⁹ Crystal data and experimental details are listed in Table S1. Full structural information has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. CCDC-2174245 (**2b**), 2174247 (**3a**), 2174246 (**3b**), 2174248 (**3a****·THF**), 2174249 (**5**), 2216649 (**9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene**), 2216647 (**9-(Me₂S)-9-Br-9-borafluorene**), and 2216648 (**1-MeS-2-(Me₂S-9-borafluorene)-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀**).

Photophysical measurements: All measurements were performed in standard quartz cuvettes (1 cm x 1 cm cross-section). UV-visible absorption spectra were recorded using a Perkin Elmer Lambda 465 UV-visible spectrophotometer. **Emission spectra** were recorded using an Edinburgh Instruments FLSP920 spectrophotometer equipped with a double monochromator for both excitation and emission, operating in right-angle geometry mode, and all spectra were fully corrected for the spectral response of the instrument. **Fluorescence quantum yields** were measured using a calibrated integrating sphere (inner diameter: 150 mm) from Edinburgh Instruments combined with the FLSP920 spectrophotometer described above. For solution-state and solid-state measurements, the longest-wavelength absorption maximum of the

compound in the respective solvent was chosen as the excitation wavelength. **Fluorescence lifetimes** were recorded using the time-correlated single-photon counting (TCSPC) method using the same FLSP920 spectrometer described above. Solutions were excited with a picosecond pulsed diode laser at 376.6 nm. The full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the laser pulses were ca. 70–200 ps, while the instrument response function (IRF) had a FWHM of ca. 1.0 ns, measured from the scatter of a Ludox solution at the excitation wavelength. Decays were recorded to at least 10000 counts in the peak channel with a record length of at least 1000 channels. The band pass of the monochromator was adjusted to give a signal count rate of <10 kHz. Iterative deconvolution of the IRF with one decay function and non-linear least-squares analysis were used to analyze the data. The quality of the fit was judged by the calculated value of the reduced χ^2 and visual inspection of the weighted residuals.

Computational methods

All molecular geometries were fully optimized via DFT calculations at the B3LYP-D(BJ), wB97X-D¹⁰ and M062X¹¹⁻¹³/6-31G(d,p)^{14, 15} level of theory. Frequency calculations at the same level of theory were performed to confirm that all stationary points are local minima (no imaginary frequencies) or transition states (one imaginary frequency) and to provide free energies at 298.15 K. Transition states were located using the Berny algorithm and further confirmed by calculations of intrinsic reaction coordinates (IRC)¹⁶ showing that the transition states indeed connect the two relevant minima. All DFT calculations were performed with the Gaussian 09 (D.01) program.¹⁷

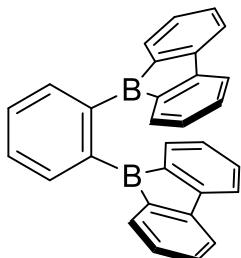
All calculations regarding the photophysical experiments of **2a**, **2b**, **3a**, and **3b** (DFT and TD-DFT) were carried out with the Gaussian 09 (9.E.01)¹⁸ program package and were performed on a parallel cluster system. GaussView (6.0.16) and multiwfn¹⁹ were used to visualize the results, to measure calculated structural parameters, and to plot orbital surfaces (isovalue: $\pm 0.030 [e \text{ a}_0^{-3}]^{1/2}$). The ground-state geometries were optimized using the B3LYP functional²⁰ in combination with the 6-31+G(d,p) basis set.^{21, 22}

The orbital overlap parameter was calculated with $\Lambda = \frac{\sum_{i,a} c_{i,a}^2 (|\varphi_a| ||\varphi_i|)}{\sum_{i,a} c_{i,a}^2}$, resulting in $0 \leq \Lambda \leq 1$, where $\Lambda = 0$ corresponds to no overlap and $\Lambda = 1$ corresponds to complete overlap.²³ The ultrafine integration grid and symmetry constraints were used for all molecules. Frequency calculations were performed on the optimized structures to confirm them to be local minima showing no negative (imaginary) frequencies. Based on these optimized structures, the lowest-energy vertical transitions (using the polarizable continuum model) were calculated (singlets, 25 states) by TD-DFT, using the Coulomb attenuated functional CAM-B3LYP²⁴ as well as

B3LYP. The CAM-B3LYP functional has been shown to more accurately describe CT systems in comparison to B3LYP.²³ The optimized ground-state geometries were used as starting coordinates for TD-DFT geometry optimizations.

Synthetic procedures

Bis(bis-9-borafluorenyl)benzene (**2b**)



Via syringe, a solution of 1,2-bis(dichloroboryl)benzene **4** (119 mg, 495 μmol , 1.0 eq.) in 10 mL toluene was slowly added to a solution of dimethyldibenzostannole (300 mg, 990 μmol , 2.0 eq.) in 10 mL toluene at -78°C in a Schlenk tube. The solution was stirred and allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. After removal of all volatiles including Me_2SnCl_2 *in vacuo*, the residue was washed with hexane (3 x 20 mL) to yield a yellow solid **2b** (158 mg, 393 μmol , 79%).

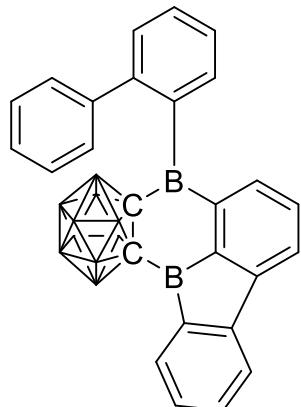
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500.1 MHz, CD_2Cl_2): δ = 8.03 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.70 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.47 (m, 4H, CH), 7.29 (m, 4H, CH), 7.23 (m, 4H, CH), 6.95 (m, 4H, CH) ppm.

$^{11}\text{B NMR}$ (160.5 MHz, CD_2Cl_2): δ = 67.0 (br) ppm.

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\} \text{NMR}$ (125.8 MHz, CD_2Cl_2): δ = 154.03 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 145.03 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 143.78 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 134.81 (CH_{Ar}), 134.43 (CH_{Ar}), 134.16 (CH_{Ar}), 130.70 (CH_{Ar}), 128.42 (CH_{Ar}), 120.06 (CH_{Ar}) ppm.

HRMS LIFDI calc. for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{B}_2]^+ = [\text{M}]^+$: 402.1746, found 402.1744.

3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-3*H*-1,2-(1,2-*ortho*-carboranyl)-3,10*b*-diborafluoranthene (3a**)**



Ortho-carborane (200 mg, 1.39 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was dissolved in toluene (5 mL) and a 2.5 M *n*BuLi solution in hexane (1.16 mL, 2.91 mmol, 2.1 eq.) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred at 80 °C overnight to obtain the dilithiated species **1** *in situ*. Then 9-bromo-9-borafluorene (707 mg, 2.91 mmol, 2.1 eq.) in toluene (5 mL) was added dropwise at -78 °C after which the reaction was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for 4 d. The suspension was filtered, the solid was washed with toluene (5 mL) and all volatiles were removed from the filtrate *in vacuo*. The crude product was recrystallized from toluene by hexane diffusion at -30 °C to give **3b** as orange crystals (85.0 mg, 182 μmol, 13%).

¹H NMR (500.1 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.65 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.59 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.56 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.42 (m, 3H, CH_{Ar}), 7.36 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.31 (m, 6H, CH_{Ar}), 7.25 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.18 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.16 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 3.18–1.53 (br, 10H, BH) ppm.

¹H{¹¹B} NMR (500.1 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.65 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.59 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.56 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.42 (m, 3H, CH_{Ar}), 7.36 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.31 (m, 6H, CH_{Ar}), 7.25 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.18 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.16 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 2.61(s, 1H, BH), 2.45–2.34 (m, 5H, BH), 2.27 (s, 1H, BH), 2.21(s, 1H, BH), 2.05(s, 1H, BH), 1.55(s, 1H, BH) ppm.

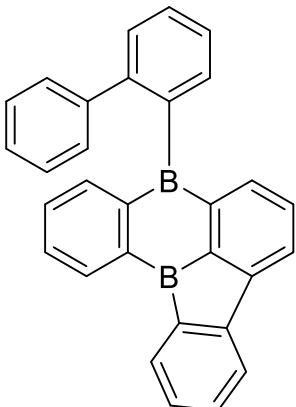
¹¹B NMR (160.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 66.1, 3.2, -4.4, -8.8 ppm.

¹¹B{¹H} NMR (160.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 66.1, 2.6, 2.2, -5.0, -5.7, -9.6 ppm.

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 155.8 (C_{q,Ar}), 152.9 (C_{q,Ar}), 143.9 (C_{q,Ar}), 143.8 (C_{q,Ar}), 138.6 (CH_{Ar}), 137.1 (CH_{Ar}), 136.4 (CH_{Ar}), 136.2 (CH_{Ar}), 129.9 (CH_{Ar}), 129.7 (CH_{Ar}), 129.6 (CH_{Ar}), 126.5 (CH_{Ar}), 129.1 (CH_{Ar}), 129.0 (CH_{Ar}), 128.1 (CH_{Ar}), 126.1 (CH_{Ar}), 125.7 (CH_{Ar}), 121.7 (CH_{Ar}) ppm.

HRMS LIFDI calc. for [C₂₆H₂₆B₁₂]⁺ = [M]⁺: 468.3219, found 468.3218.

5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-5H-benzo[4,5]borolo[3,2,1-de]boranthrene (3b)



Compound **2b** (37.0 mg, 92.0 μmol) was heated for 3 d at 120 °C in toluene. Removal of all volatiles *in vacuo* led to the isolation of **3b** as an orange solid (34.0 mg, 84.5 μmol , 92%).

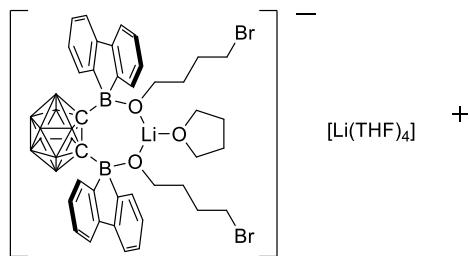
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500.1 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 8.33 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.02 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.73 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.67 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.58 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.55 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}) 7.48 (m, 3H, CH_{Ar}), 7.42 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.39 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.35 (m, 3H, CH_{Ar}), 7.20 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.13 (m, 4H, CH_{Ar}), 6.98 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}) ppm.

$^{11}\text{B NMR}$ (160.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 63.9 (br) ppm.

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\} \text{NMR}$ (125.8 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 156.80 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 153.26 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 150.80 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 149.68 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 145.62 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 144.32 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 144.11 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 143.36 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 141.99 ($C_{\text{q},\text{Ar}}$), 141.12 (CH_{Ar}), 137.49 (CH_{Ar}), 135.79 (CH_{Ar}), 135.60 (CH_{Ar}), 134.72 (CH_{Ar}), 133.97 (CH_{Ar}), 133.95 (CH_{Ar}), 132.18 (CH_{Ar}), 131.51 (CH_{Ar}), 129.08 (CH_{Ar}), 128.96 (CH_{Ar}), 128.93 (CH_{Ar}), 128.50 (CH_{Ar}), 128.44 (CH_{Ar}), 127.52 (CH_{Ar}), 126.46 (CH_{Ar}), 123.40 (CH_{Ar}), 121.14 (CH_{Ar}), ppm.

HRMS LIFDI calc. for [C₃₀H₂₀B₂]⁺ = [M]⁺: 402.1746, found 402.1743.

Synthesis of 5



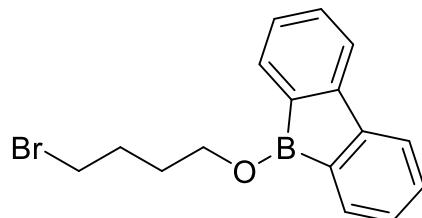
The compound 9-Br-9-borafluorene (10 mg, 41.2 μmol , 2.5 eq) was suspended in THF-d₈ (1 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 1 h. The reaction was monitored by ¹¹B NMR spectroscopy. Then, 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀·(Et₂O)₂ (5 mg, 16.4 μmol , 1.0 eq) was added at -30 °C and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was monitored by ¹H and ¹¹B NMR spectroscopy. Crystals of **5** were obtained from the reaction solution by pentane diffusion at -30 °C.

¹H NMR (300.2 MHz, THF-d₈): δ = 7.82 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.39 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.96 (m, 4H, CH_{Ar}) ppm.

¹¹B{¹H} NMR (96.3 MHz, THF-d₈): δ = 4.1, -3.2, -6.7, -8.4 ppm.

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.5 MHz, THF-d₈): δ = 149.9 (C_{q,Ar}), 133.5 (CH_{Ar}), 125.6 (CH_{Ar}), 124.9 (CH_{Ar}), 117.9 (CH_{Ar}) ppm.

Synthesis of 9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene



The compound 9-Br-9-borafluorene (10 mg, 41.2 μmol) was suspended in THF (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 1 h and was monitored by ¹¹B NMR spectroscopy. Removal of all volatiles *in vacuo* led to the isolation of 9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene. Crystals of the product were obtained from a CD₂Cl₂ solution by pentane diffusion at -30 °C.

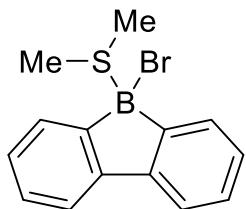
¹H NMR (500.1 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.55 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.49 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.35 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.19 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 4.61 (t, ³J_{HH} = 6.24 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 3.54 (t, ³J_{HH} = 6.59 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.11 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.00 (m, 2H, CH₂) ppm.

¹¹B NMR (160.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 45.0 ppm.

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 152.8 (C_{q,Ar}), 132.9 (CH_{Ar}), 132.3 (CH_{Ar}), 128.2 (CH_{Ar}), 120.0 (CH_{Ar}), 68.0 (CH₂), 34.2 (CH₂), 30.7 (CH₂), 29.8 (CH₂) ppm.

HRMS LIFDI calc. for [C₁₆H₁₆B₁O₁]⁺ = [M]⁺: 314.0472, found 314.0463.

Synthesis of 9-(Me₂S)-9-Br-9-borafluorene



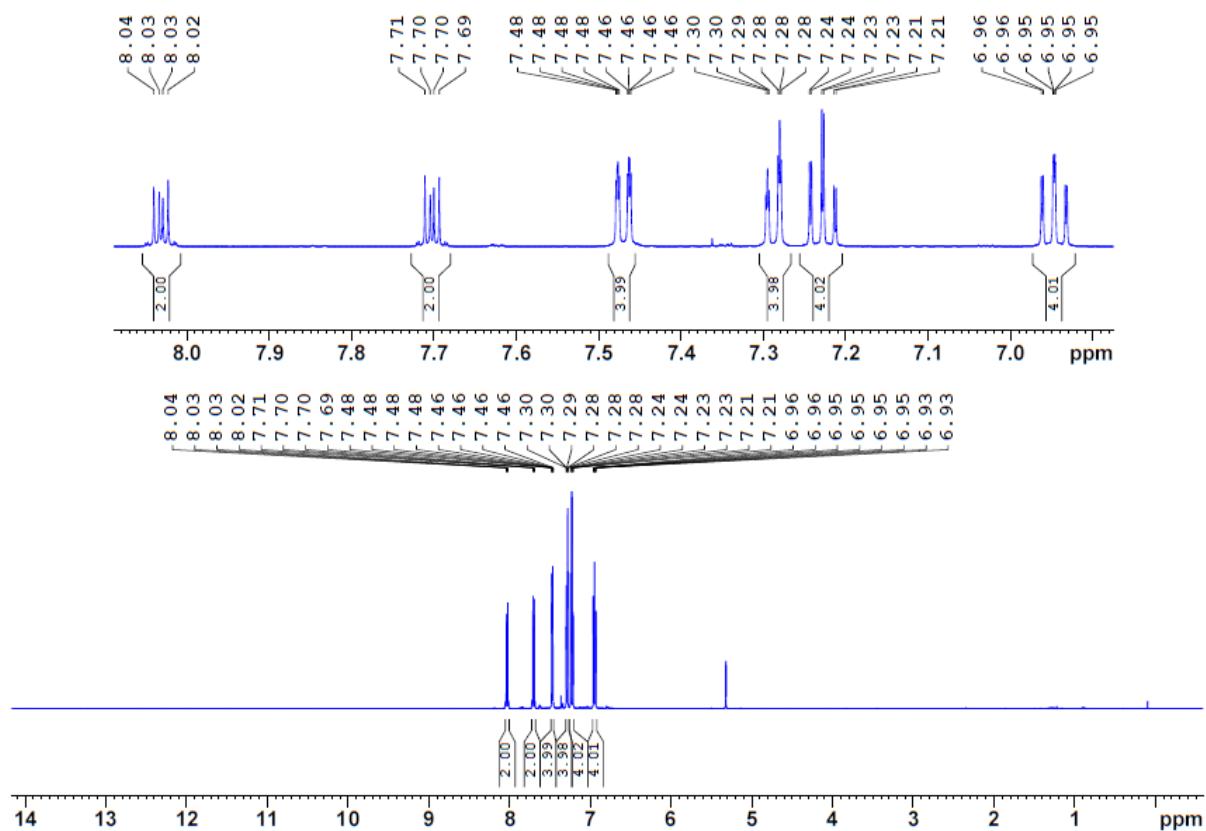
The compound 9-Br-9-borafluorene (10 mg, 41.2 μ mol) was dissolved in toluene (1 mL), one drop of Me₂S was added, and a colorless solid precipitated from the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Removal of all volatiles *in vacuo* led to the formation of the Me₂S adduct in quantitative yield according to ¹H and ¹¹B NMR spectroscopy. Crystals of the product were obtained from a Me₂S solution by pentane diffusion at –30 °C.

¹H NMR (500.1 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.64 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.54 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.33 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.23 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 2.18 (s, 6H, CH₃) ppm.

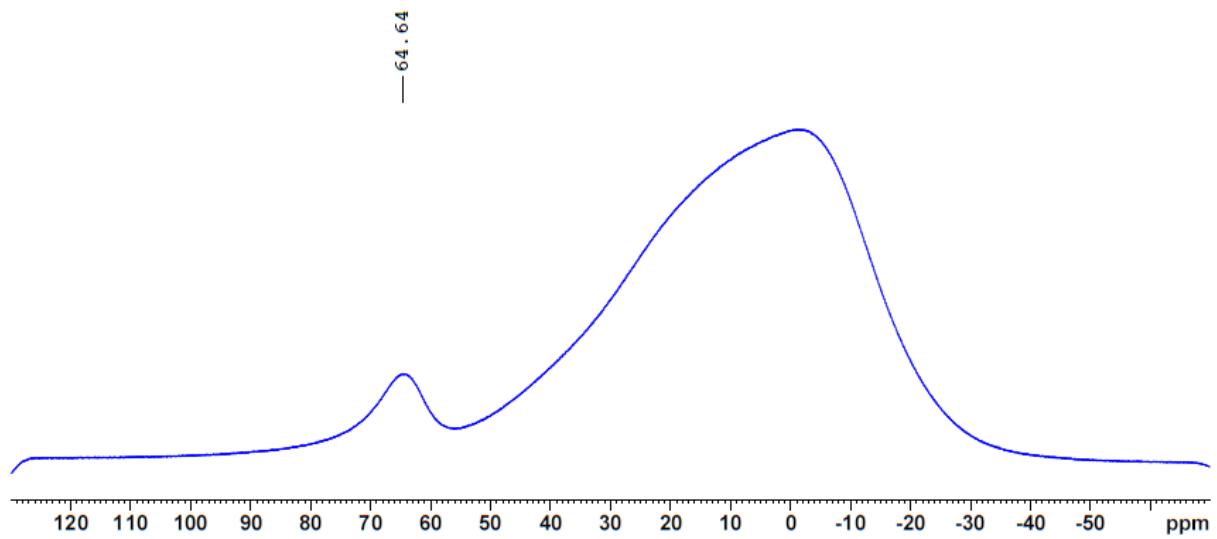
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¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 148.5 (C_{q,Ar}), 131.2 (CH_{Ar}), 129.4 (CH_{Ar}), 127.6 (CH_{Ar}), 120.1 (CH_{Ar}), 20.7 (CH₃) ppm.

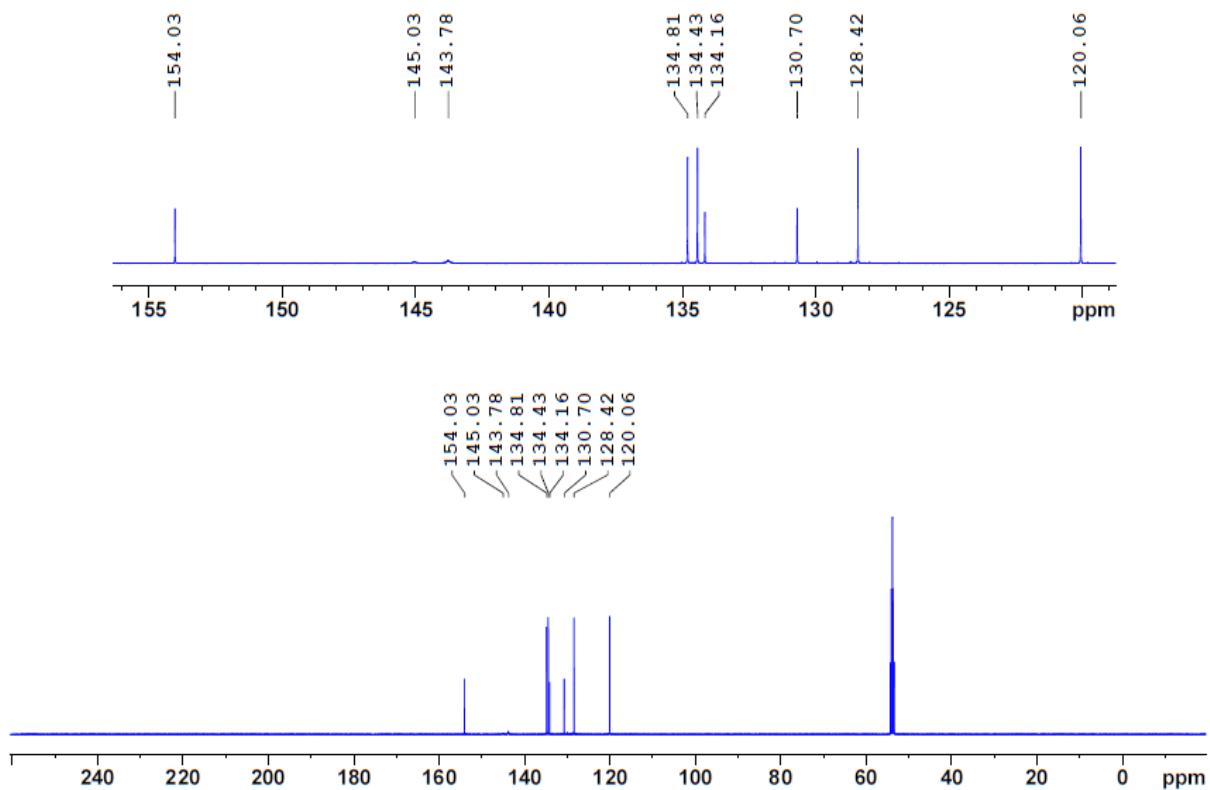
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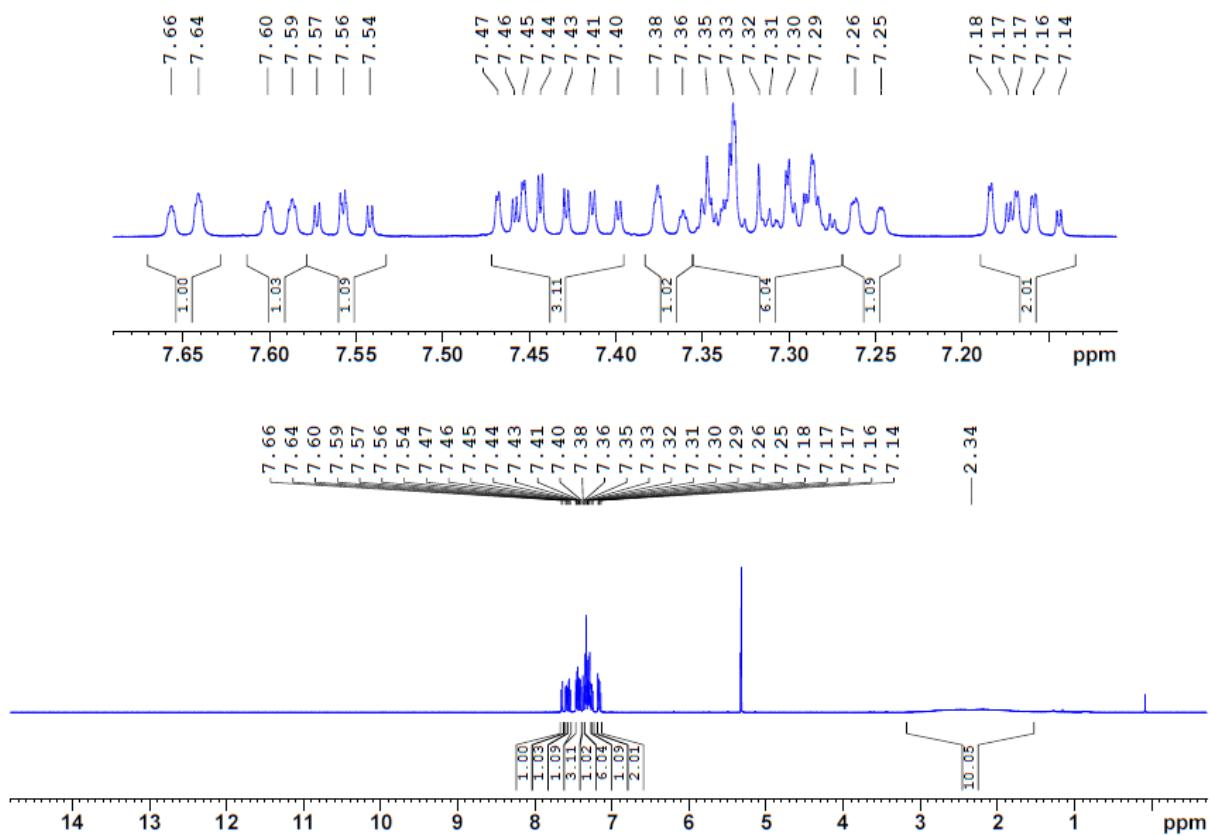
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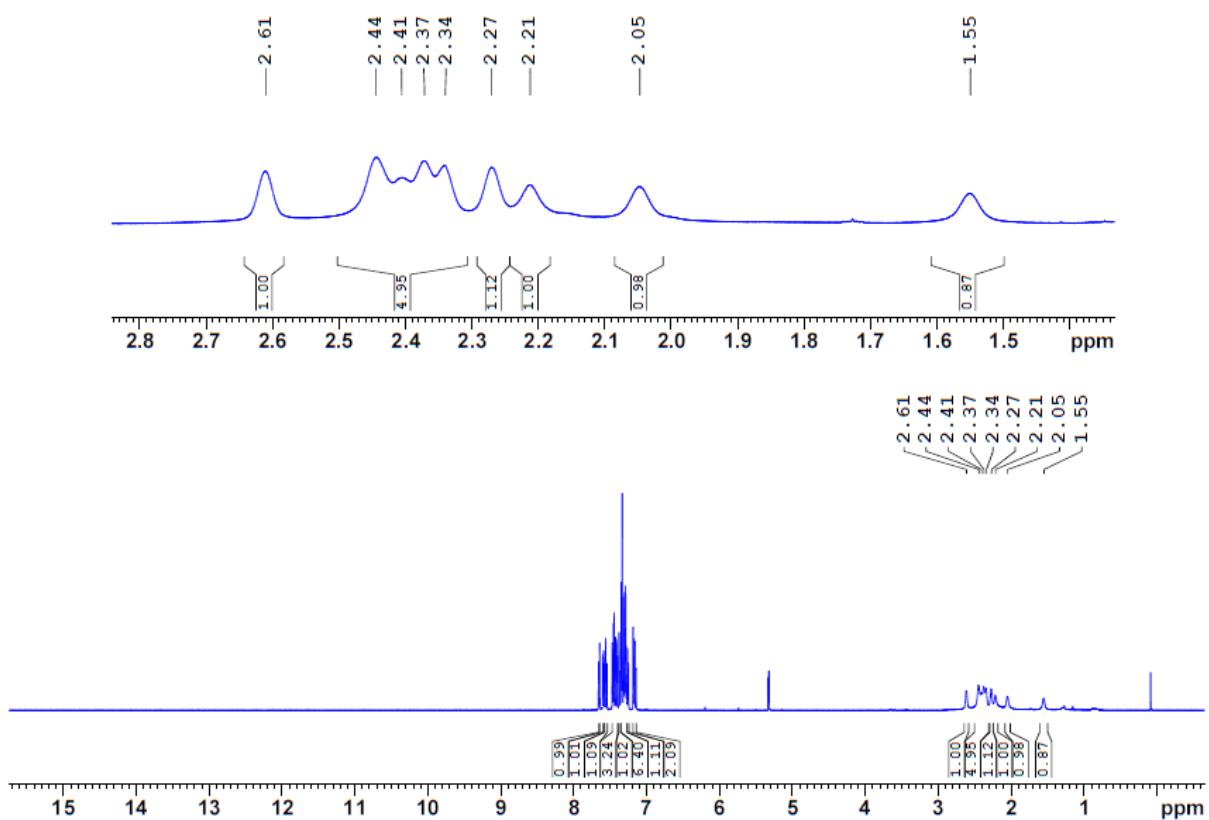
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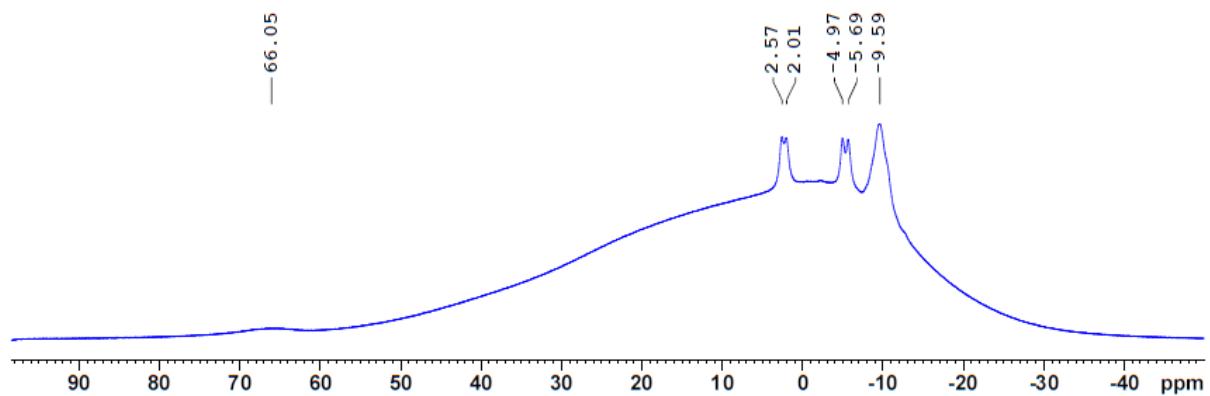
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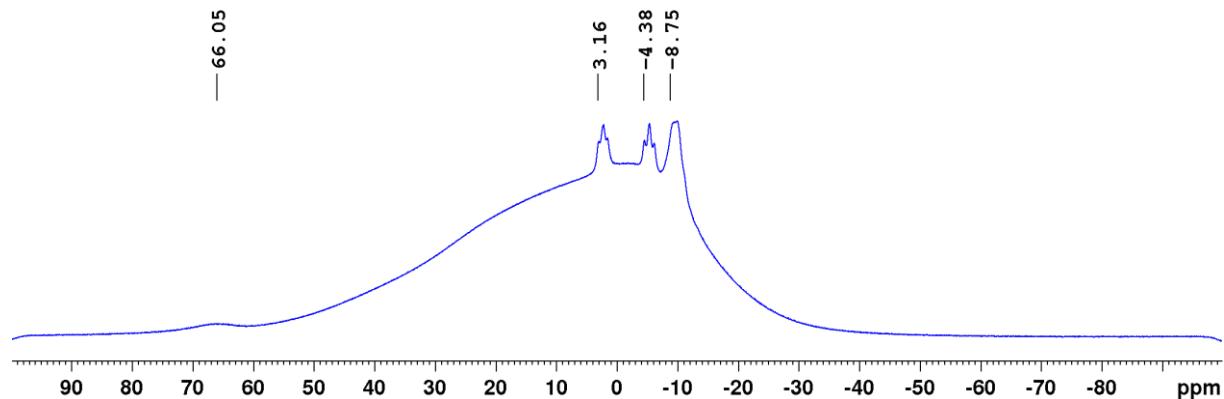
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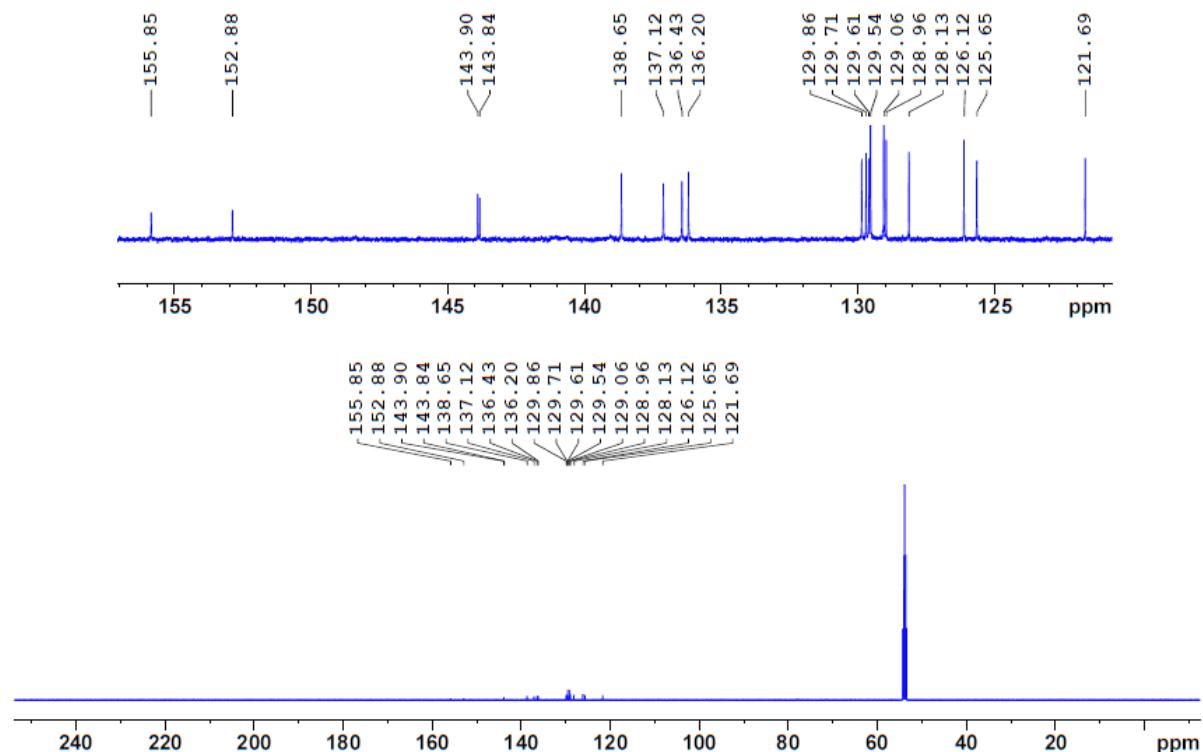
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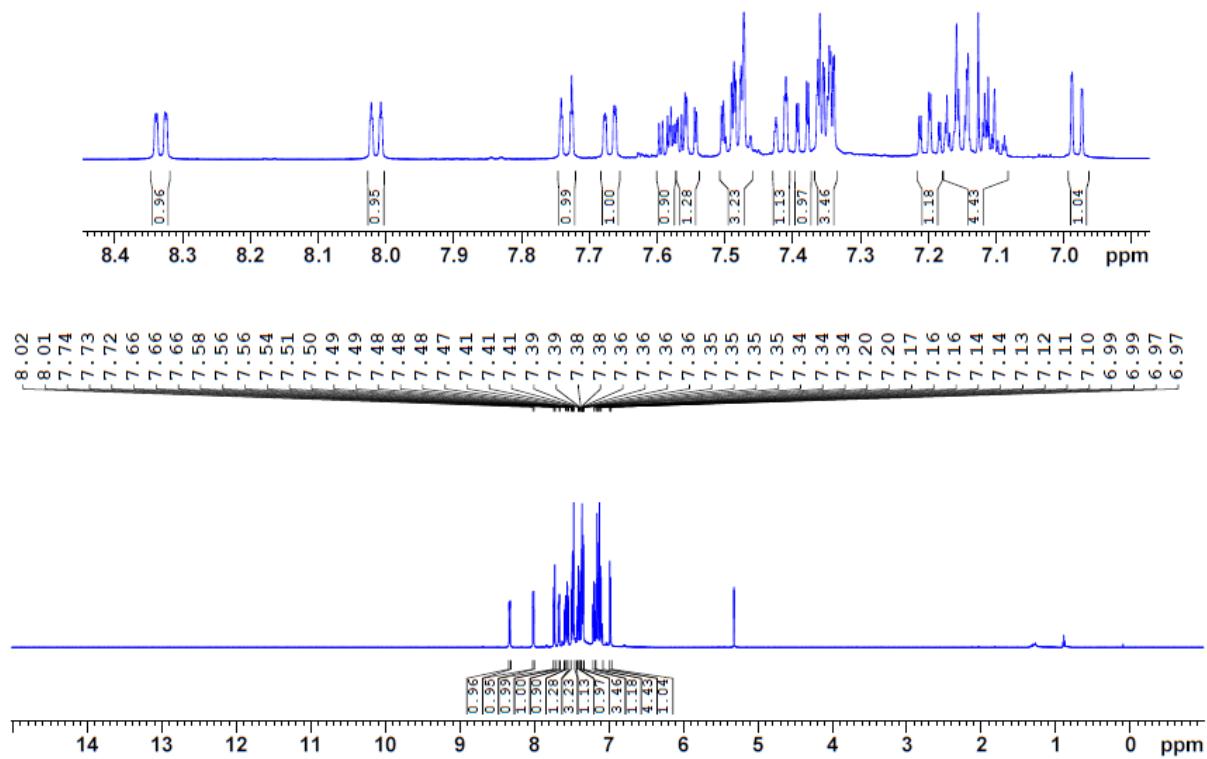
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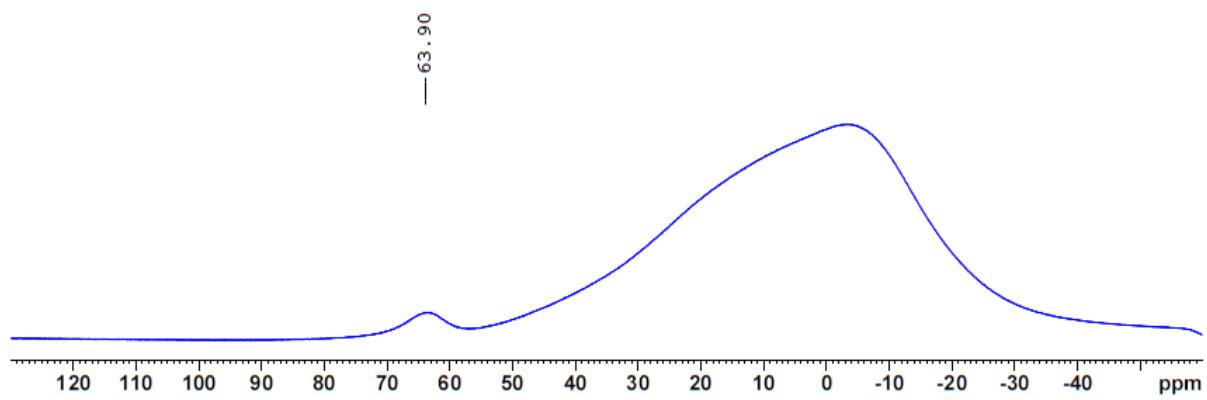
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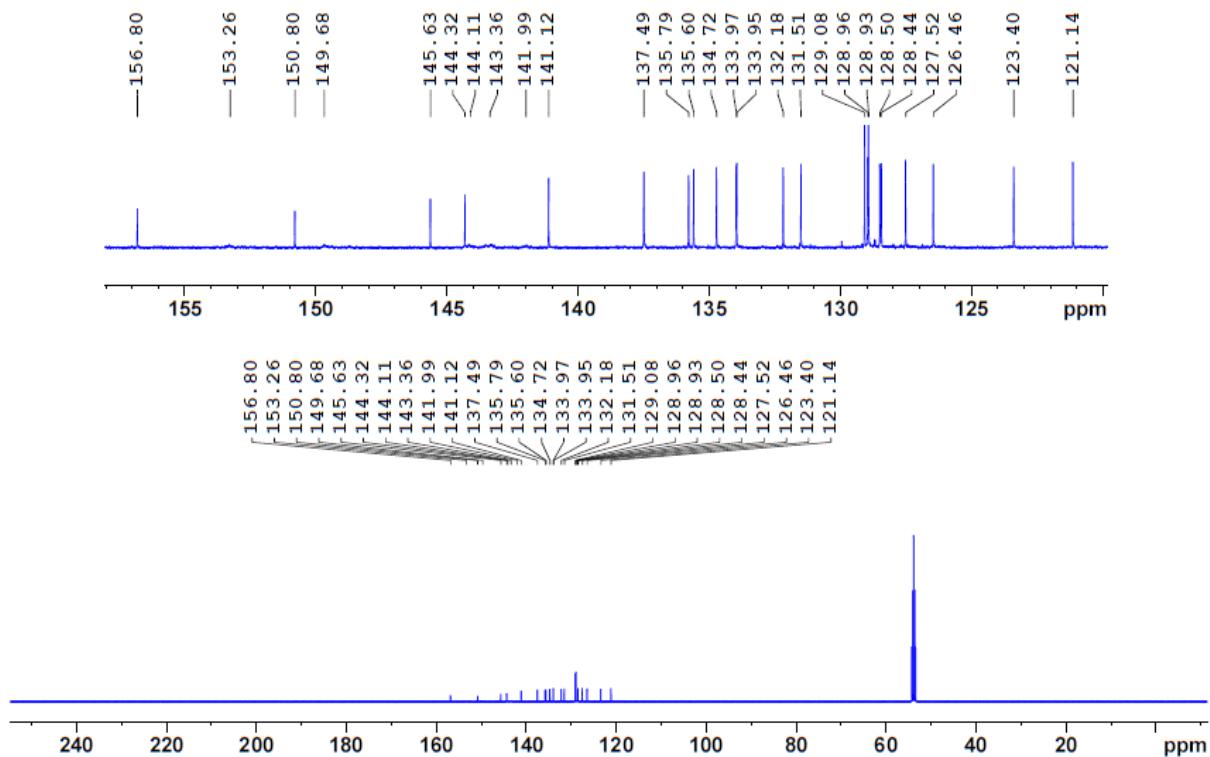
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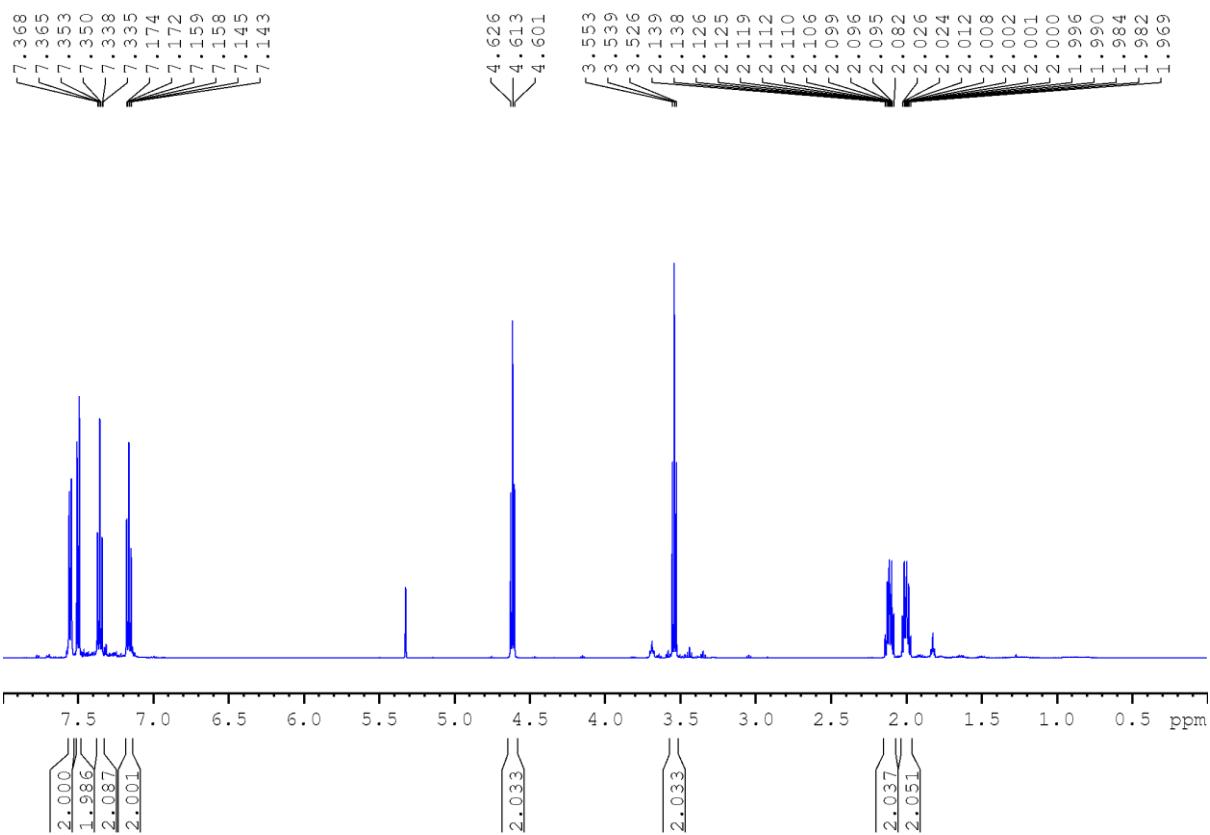
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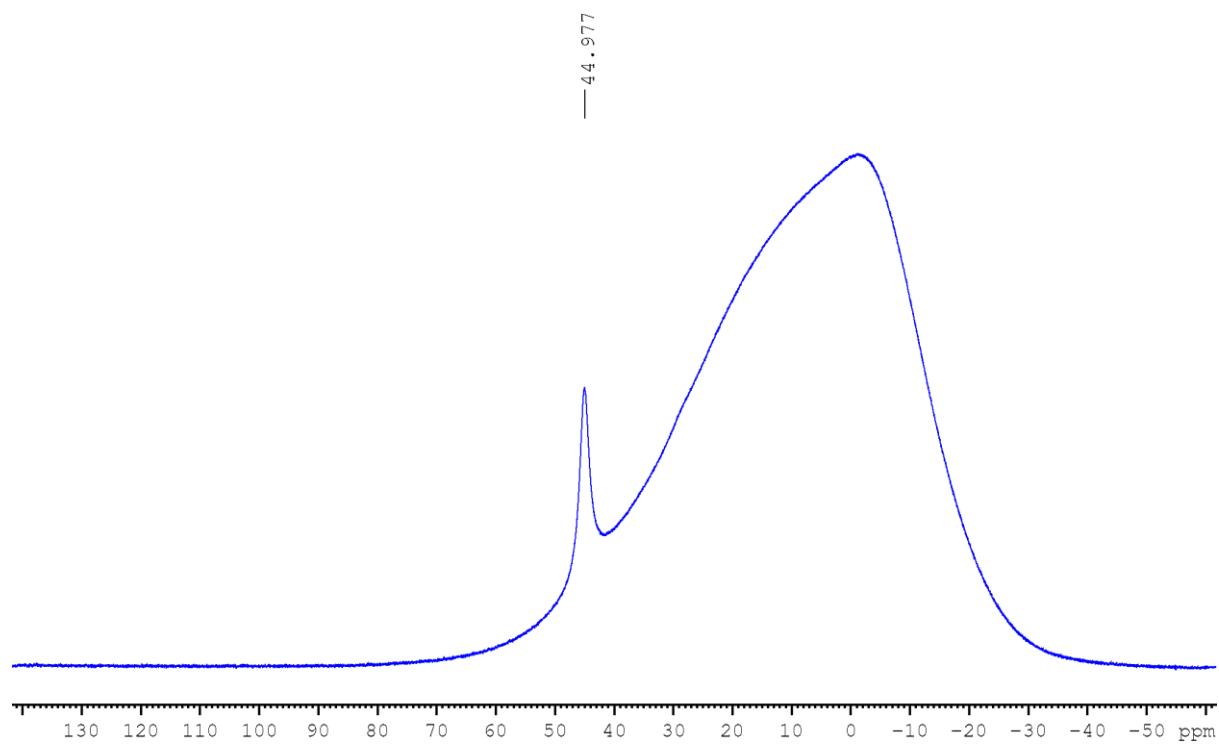
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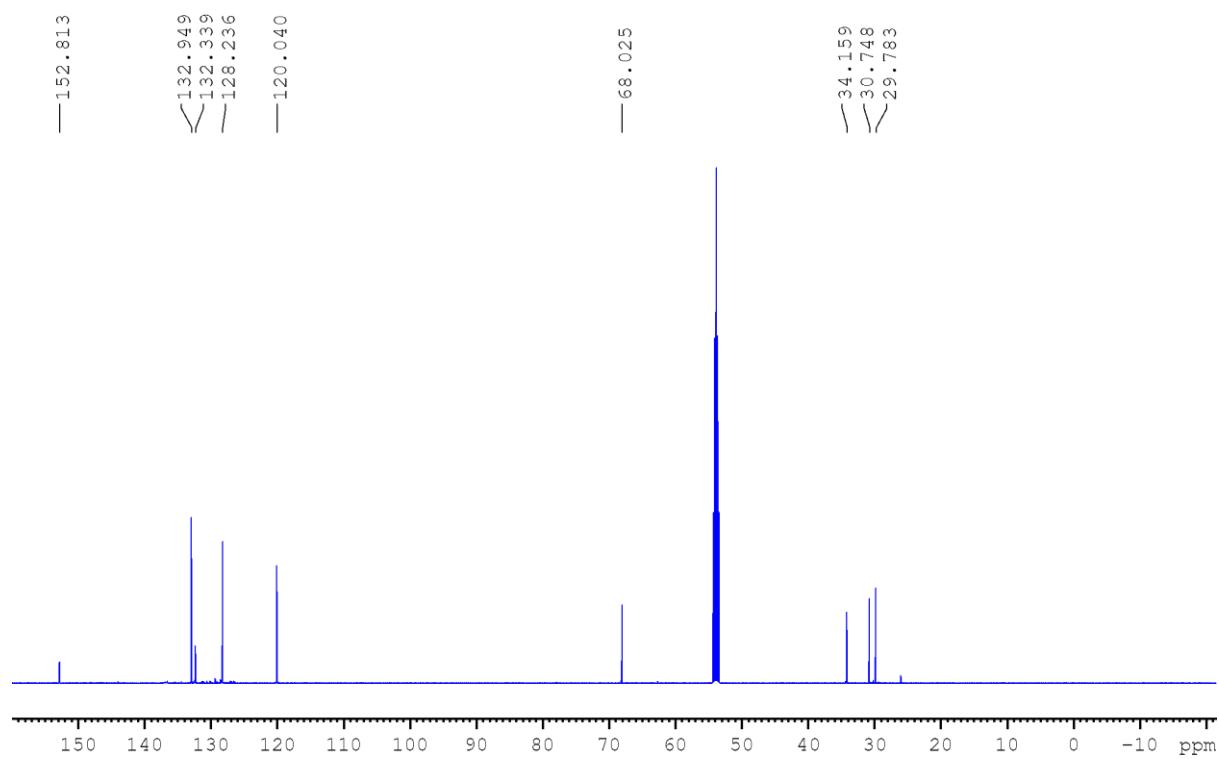
¹H NMR spectrum of 9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene in CD₂Cl₂



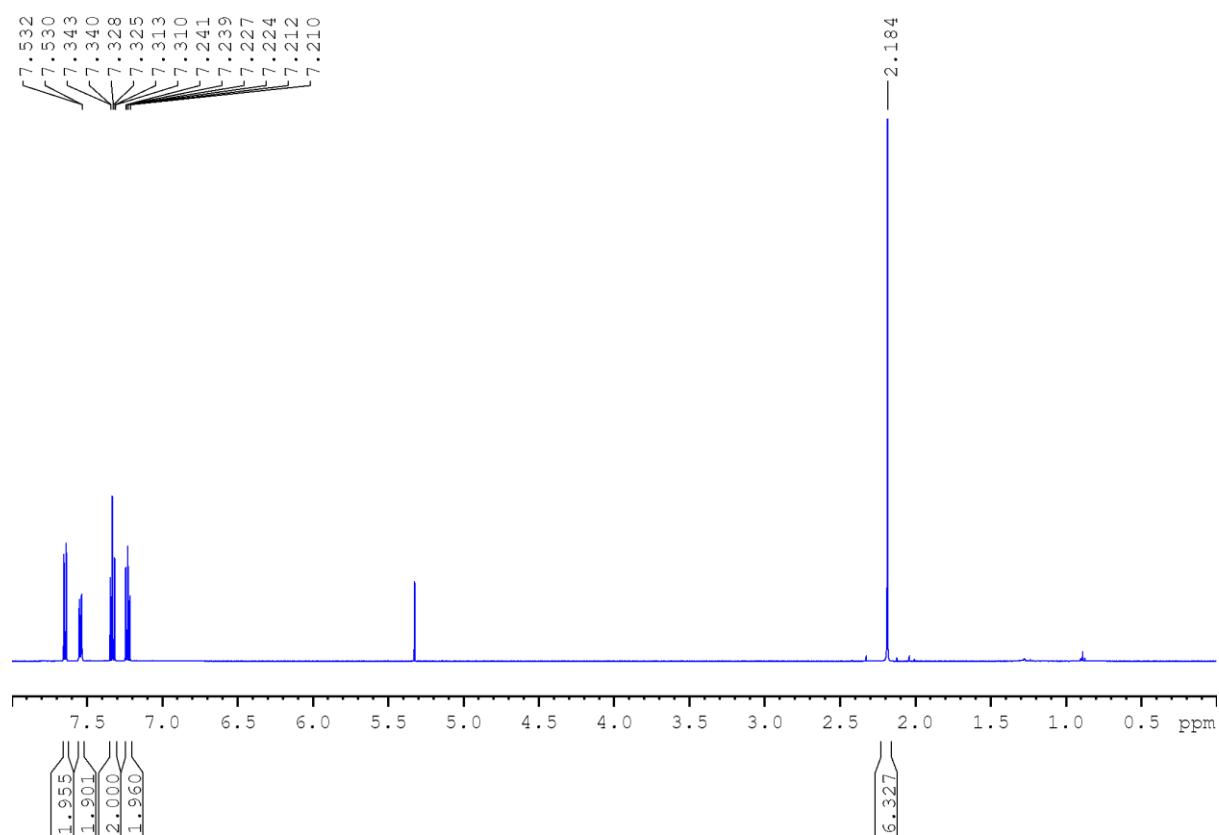
^{11}B NMR spectrum of 9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene in CD_2Cl_2



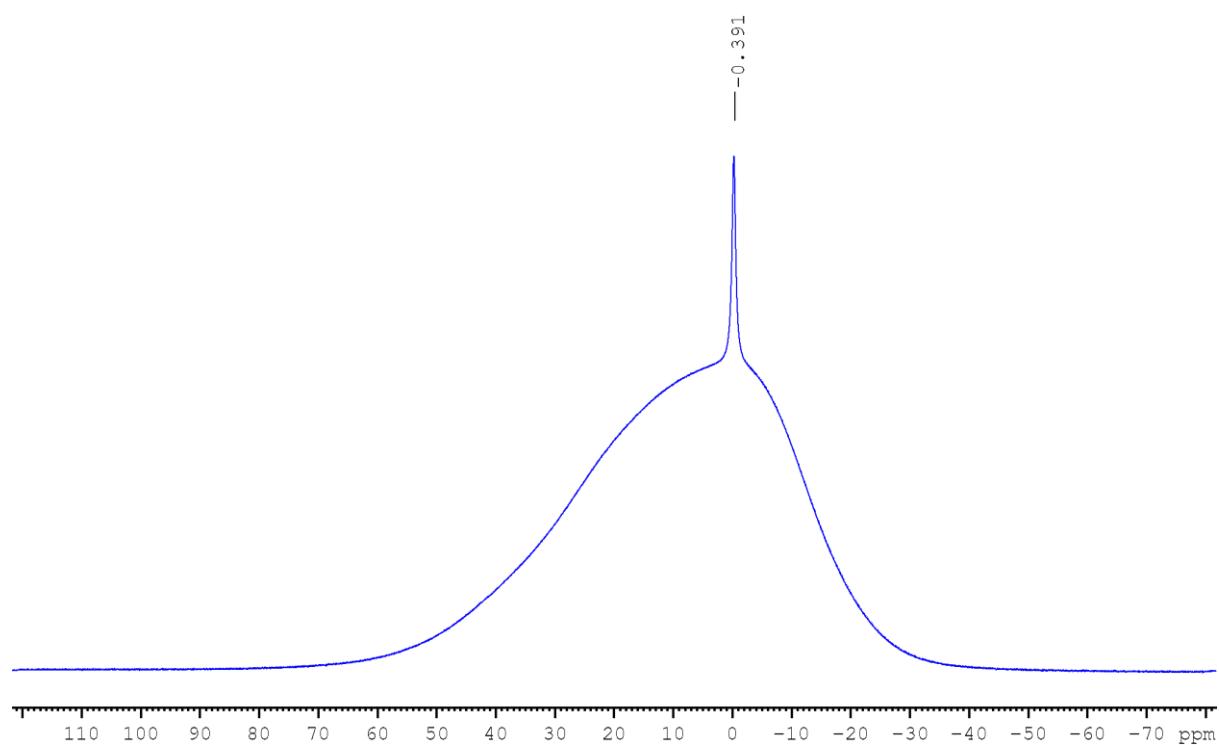
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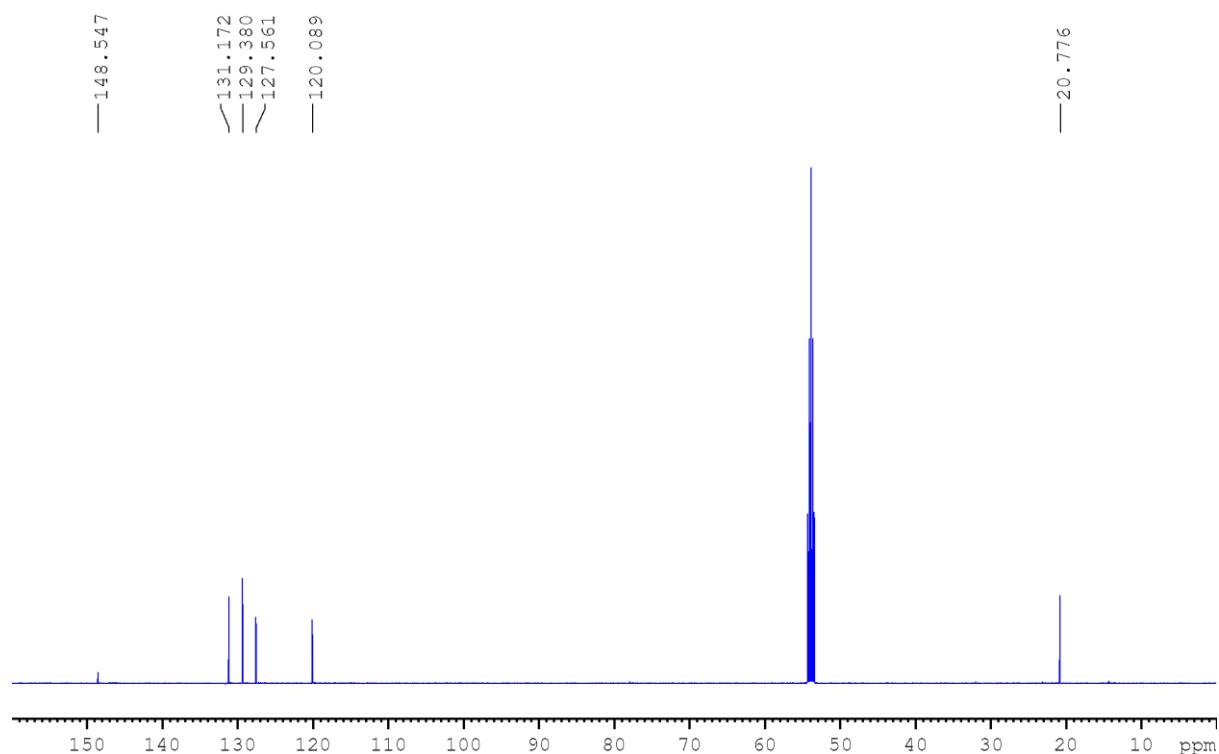
¹H NMR spectrum of the 9-(Me₂S)-9-Br-9-borafluorene in CD₂Cl₂



¹¹B NMR spectrum of the 9-(Me₂S)-9-Br-9-borafluorene in CD₂Cl₂



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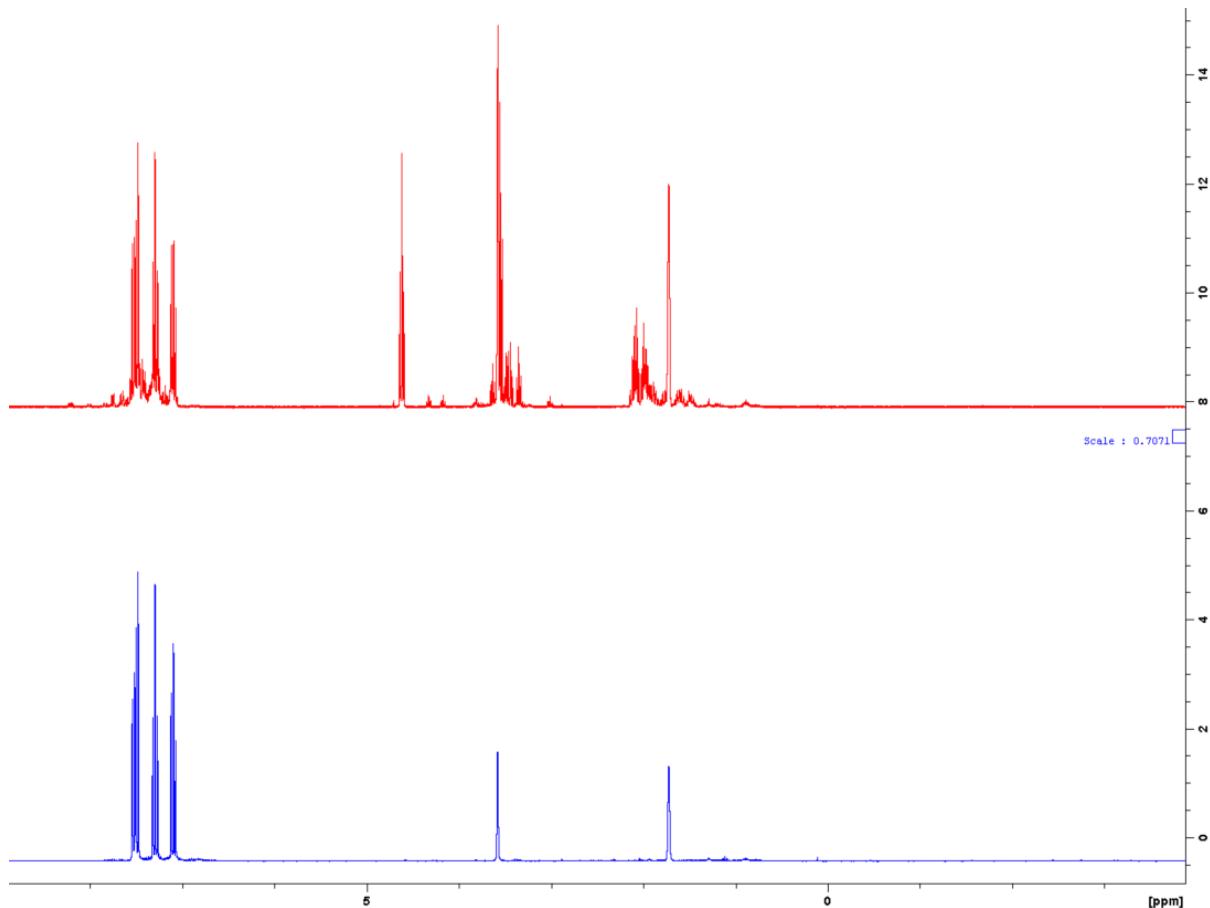
Additional reactions

A clean reaction was observed for the synthesis of **5** when the reaction was carried out in THF-d₈ as a one pot synthesis with an excess of **9-Br-9-borafluorene**, with the formation of a single new species by NMR spectroscopy (see below). As the ring-opened species arises from the deuterated THF solvent, the alkyl chain was not observed in the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectrum. Compound **5** was not detected by HRMS (LIFDI) as it is an anion.

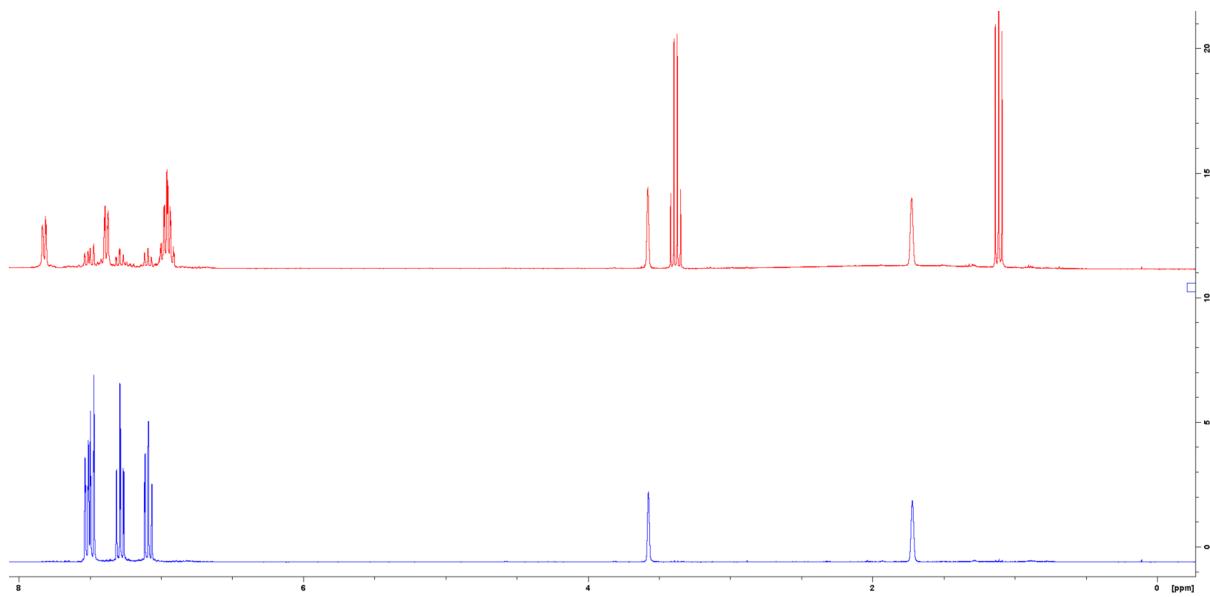
When this reaction was repeated in non-deuterated THF, removal of all volatiles *in vacuo* after the formation of 9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene led to the formation of some impurities. Continuing the reaction in THF-d₈ resulted in a mixture of compounds in the ¹H and ¹¹B NMR spectra.

The following NMR spectra show a comparison of the deuterated and non-deuterated 9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene and the reaction of the deuterated 9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene monitored by ¹H and ¹¹B NMR spectra.

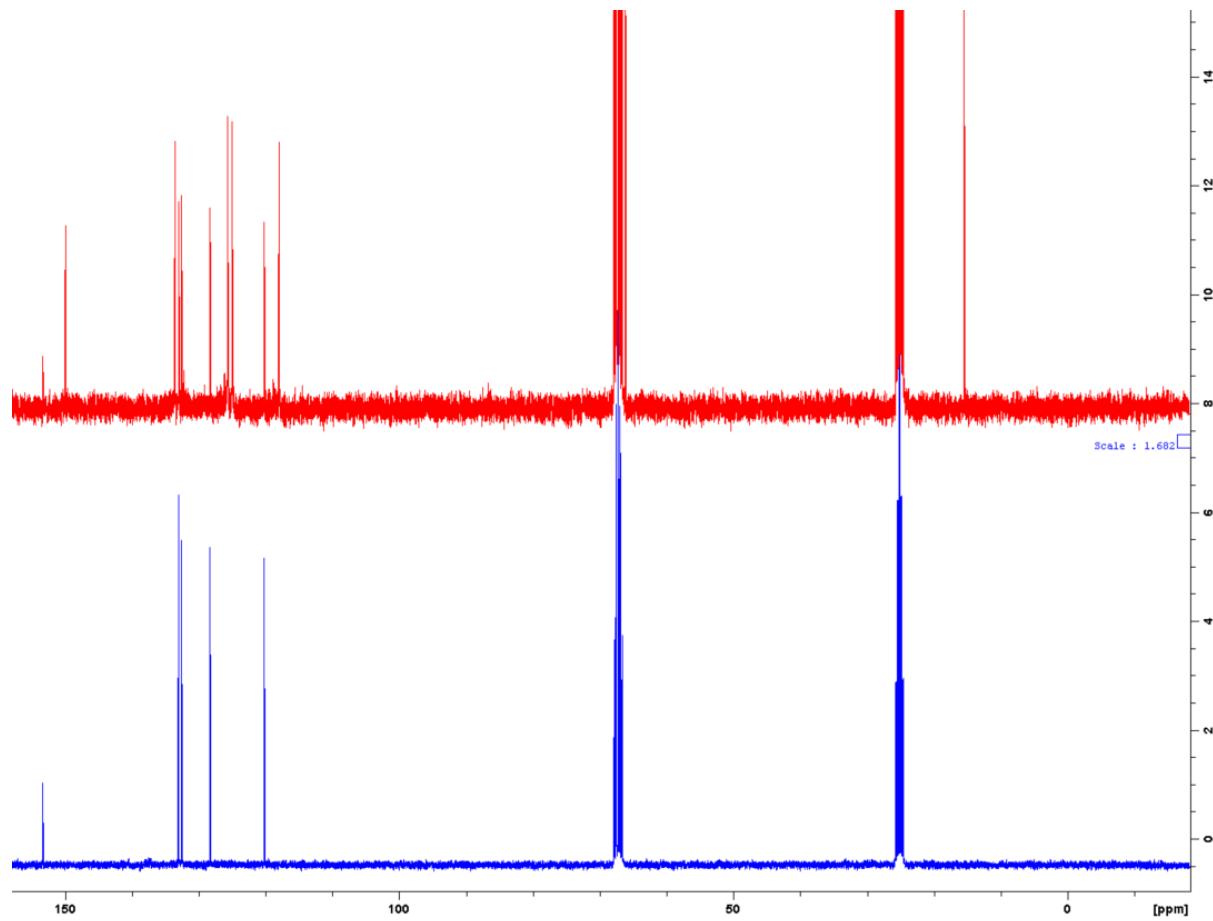
¹H NMR spectrum (300.2 MHz, THF-d₈): Comparison of the deuterated (blue) and non-deuterated (red) **9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene**.



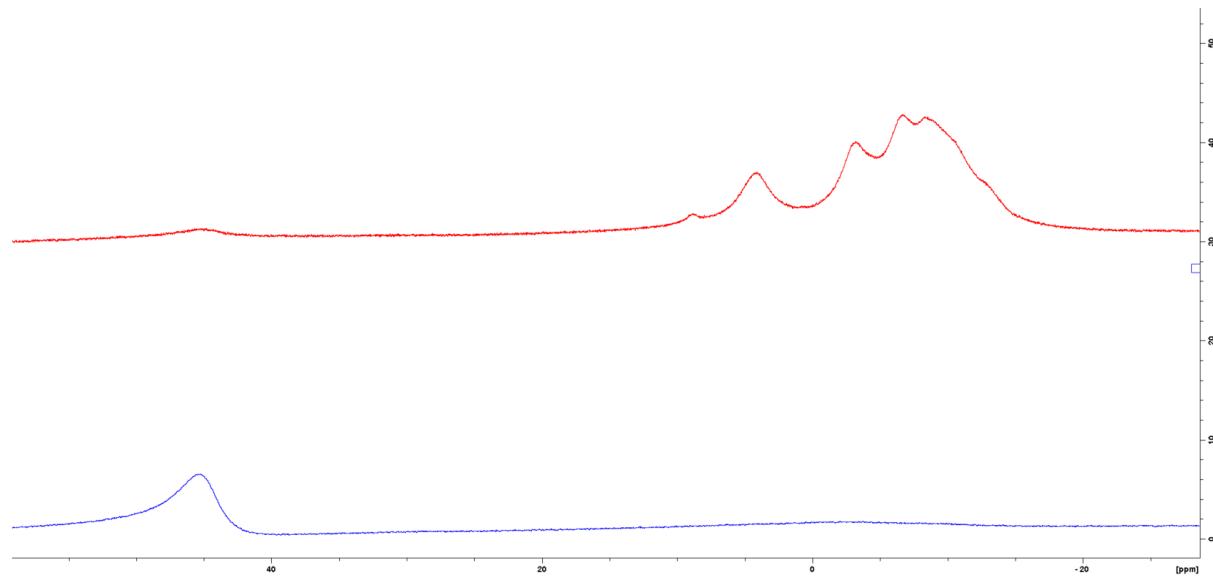
¹H NMR spectrum (300.2 MHz, THF-d₈): Reaction before (blue) and after (red) the addition of 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀·(Et₂O)₂.



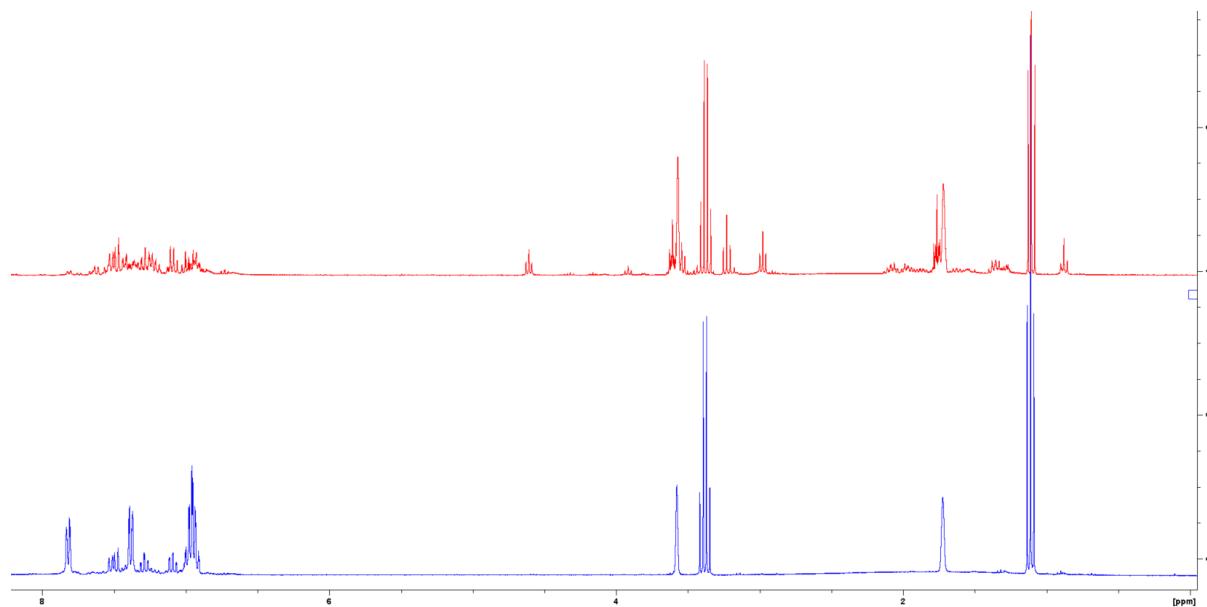
$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (75.5 MHz, THF-d₈): Reaction before (blue) and after (red) the addition of 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀·(Et₂O)₂.



$^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (96.3 MHz, THF-d₈): Reaction before (blue) and after (red) the addition of 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀·(Et₂O)₂.

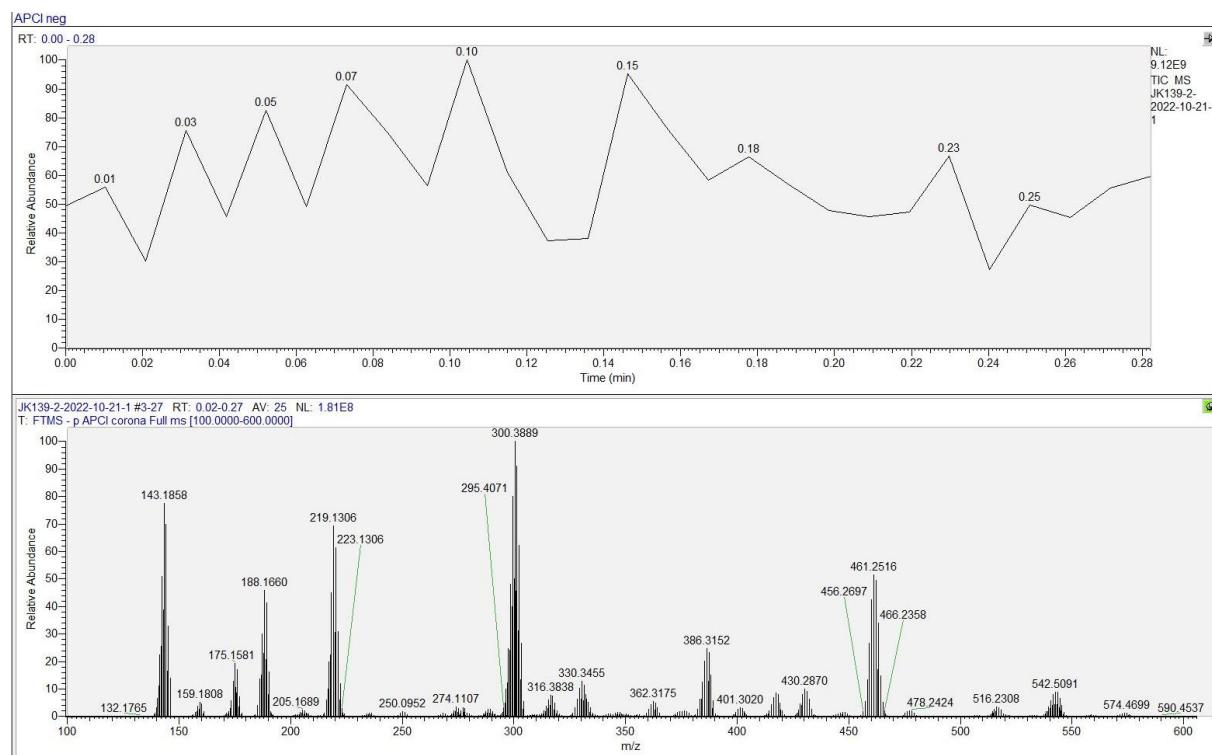


¹H NMR spectrum (300.2 MHz, THF-d₈): Difference between the reaction of (impure) non-deuterated **9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene** (red) and deuterated **9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene** (blue) after the addition of 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀·(Et₂O)₂.

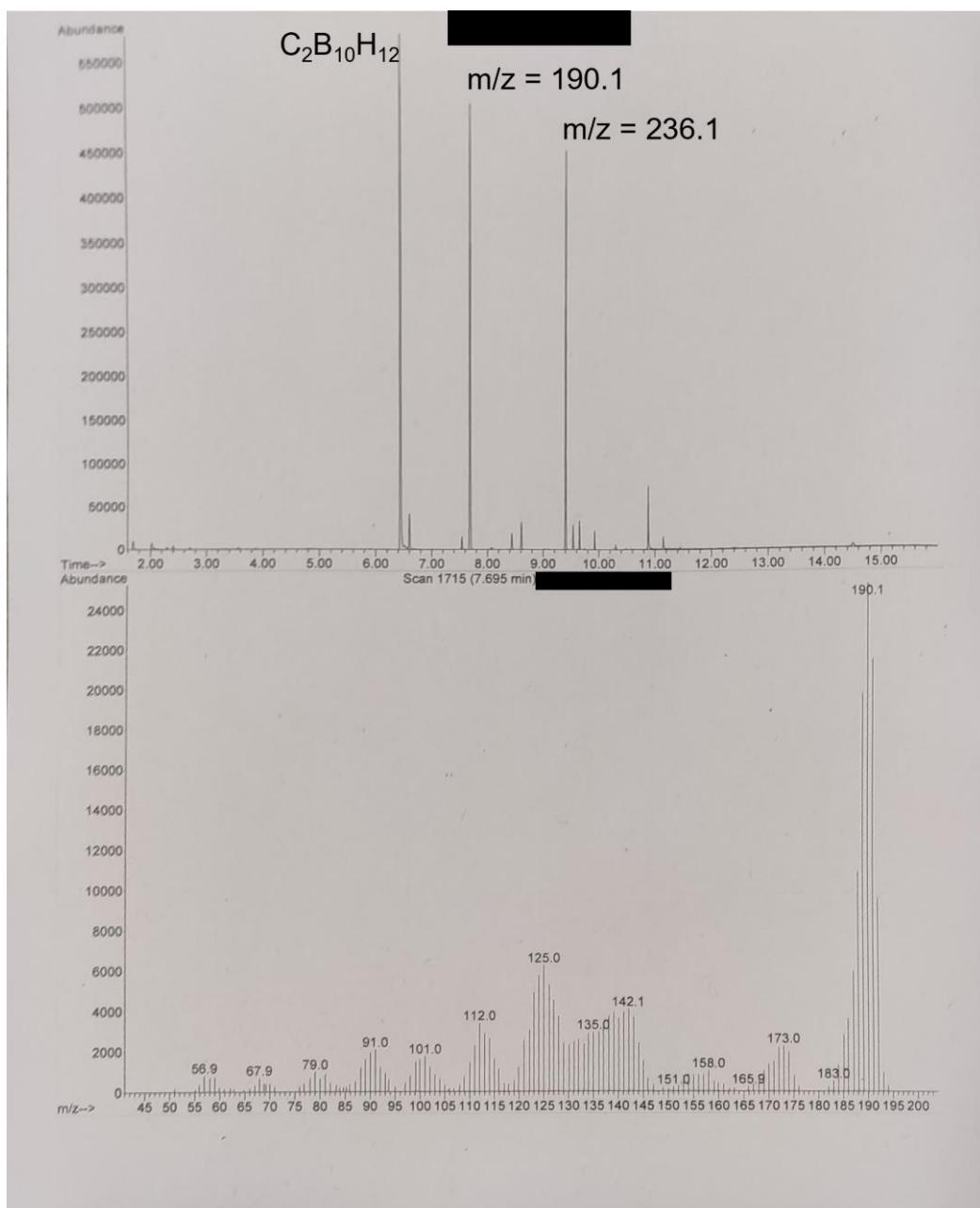


When **9-(Me₂S)-9-Br-9-borafluorene** was reacted with 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀·(Et₂O)₂ in C₆D₆, solubility was low and the reaction led to a complex mixture, as observed by NMR spectroscopy and HRMS. When the same reaction was carried out in Me₂S, reaction between the solvent and 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀·(Et₂O)₂ formed a complex mixture from which a crystal of **1-MeS-2-(Me₂S-9-borafluorene)-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀** was isolated and characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. To confirm the reaction between the solvent and dilithium salt, as similar reactions are known for *n*-butyllithium,²⁵ 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀·(Et₂O)₂ was dissolved in Me₂S. In this experiment **1-MeS-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₁** (calc. for [C₃H₁₄B₁₀S] = [M]: 190.2, found 190.1), **1,2-(MeS)₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀** (calc. for [C₄H₁₆B₁₀S₂] = [M]: 236.2, found 236.1) were visible in GCMS, and **μ-1,2-CH₂-(1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₁)** (calc. for [C₅H₂₄B₂₀]⁻ = [M]⁻: 300.3884, found 300.3889), as well as compounds of higher mass were visible in the HRMS.

HRMS (APCI neg) of the reaction of Me₂S with 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀(Et₂O)₂



GCMS of the reaction of Me₂S with 1,2-Li₂-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀(Et₂O)₂



Single-crystal X-ray diffraction

Table S1. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data and structure refinements of **2b**, **3a**, **3b**, **3a·THF**, **5**, **9-(Me₂S)-9-Br-9-borafluorene**, **1-MeS-2-(Me₂S-9-borafluorene)-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀**, and **9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene**.

	2b	3a	3b	3a·THF
CCDC	2174245	2174247	2174246	2174248
Empirical formula	C ₃₀ H ₂₀ B ₂	C ₂₆ H ₂₆ B ₁₂	C ₃₀ H ₂₀ B ₂ [+solvent]	2(C ₃₀ H ₃₄ B ₁₂ O), C ₇ H ₈
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	1.260	1.213	1.065	1.207
$F(000)$	840	968	1680	614
Crystal size/mm ³	0.22×0.20×0.16	0.68×0.32×0.27	0.15×0.04×0.02	0.31×0.18×0.13
Crystal colour, habit	yellow block	orange block	orange block	colourless block
μ/mm^{-1}	0.070	0.062	0.445	0.476
$M_r/\text{g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	402.08	468.19	402.08	1172.71
Temperature/K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Radiation, $\lambda/\text{\AA}$	MoK _α , 0.71073	MoK _α , 0.71073	CuK _α , 1.54184	CuK _α , 1.54184
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /n	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c	<i>P</i> 2 ₁	<i>P</i> 1̄
<i>a</i> /Å	10.040(3)	11.6705(5)	9.81472(6)	10.0646(3)
<i>b</i> /Å	14.612(6)	11.4351(5)	30.3107(2)	11.5240(4)
<i>c</i> /Å	14.451(4)	19.4944(8)	16.86116(12)	15.6916(5)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90	90	90	105.086(3)
$\beta/^\circ$	90.177(9)	99.7240(10)	90.0056(6)	98.763(3)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90	90	90	108.320(3)
Volume/Å ³	2120.0(12)	2564.21(19)	5016.04(6)	1612.85(9)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	8	4
2Θ/°	3.96–53.46	3.54–52.08	5.24–150.63	6.03–153.86
Reflections collected	40200	32404	255080	32353
Unique reflections	4510	5057	20250	12402
Parameters / restraints	289/0	383/0	1154/1	463/122
GooF on F^2	1.076	1.032	1.039	1.046
R ₁ [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	0.0443	0.0432	0.0575	0.0654
wR ₂ [all data]	0.1072	0.1134	0.1629	0.1955
Max./min. res. electron density/ e Å ⁻³	0.33 / -0.26	0.30 / -0.26	0.39 / -0.28	0.30 / -0.35

Table S1. Continued.

	5	9-(Me₂S)-9-Br- 9-borafluorene	1-MeS-2-(Me₂S-9- borafluorene)-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀	9-(4-bromobutoxy)- 9-borafluorene
CCDC	2174249	2216647	2216648	2216649
Empirical formula	C ₃₈ H ₅₀ B ₁₂ Br ₂ LiO ₃ , C ₁₆ H ₃₂ LiO ₄	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ BBrS	C ₁₇ H ₂₇ B ₁₁ S ₂	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ BBrO
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	1.132	1.525	1.256	1.513
$F(000)$	2392	616	864	640
Crystal size/mm ³	0.24×0.13×0.12	0.28×0.20× 0.16	0.34×0.04×0.02	0.21×0.03× 0.03
Crystal colour, habit	yellow block	colourless block	colourless needle	colourless needle
μ/mm^{-1}	2.082	5.445	2.180	3.933
$M_r/\text{g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	1146.60	305.03	414.41	315.01
Temperature/K	173.01(10)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Radiation, $\lambda/\text{\AA}$	CuK _{α} , 1.54184	CuK _{α} , 1.54184	CuK _{α} , 1.54184	CuK _{α} , 1.54184
Crystal system	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /n	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c
<i>a</i> /\AA	10.14540(10)	11.8821(4)	13.0013(3)	16.3598(3)
<i>b</i> /\AA	15.55010(10)	6.7210(2)	19.0378(4)	5.11900(10)
<i>c</i> /\AA	37.9243(2)	17.0968(5)	8.8640(2)	16.5080(3)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90	90	90	90
$\beta/^\circ$	90	103.399(3)	93.062(2)	90.050(2)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90	90	90	90
Volume/\AA ³	5983.02(8)	1328.18(7)	2190.85(9)	1382.48(4)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	4
2 $\Theta/^\circ$	4.66–151.03	4.12–75.19	3.40–74.50	2.70–74.94
Reflections collected	131709	11292	35742	8247
Unique reflections	12305	2694	8080	2619
Parameters / restraints	919 / 624	156 / 0	275 / 0	172 / 0
GooF on F^2	1.020	1.083	1.089	1.084
R_1 [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	0.0519	0.0268	0.0574	0.0633
wR_2 [all data]	0.1512	0.0718	0.1634	0.0643
Max./min. res. electron density/ e Å ⁻³	0.65 / -0.60	0.75 / -0.66	0.93 / -0.60	0.36 / -0.28

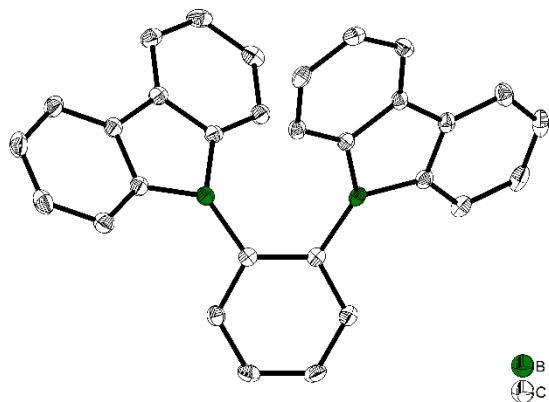


Figure S1. Solid state molecular structure of **2b** from single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

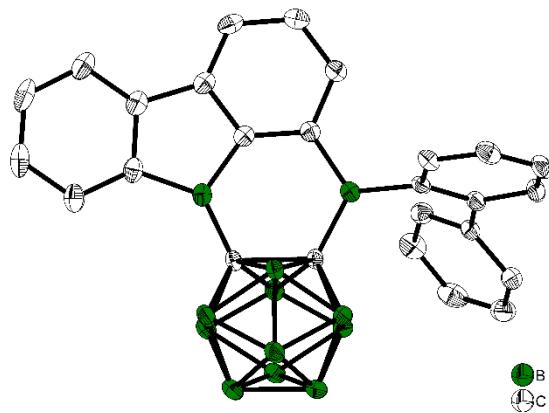


Figure S2. Solid state molecular structure of **3a** from single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

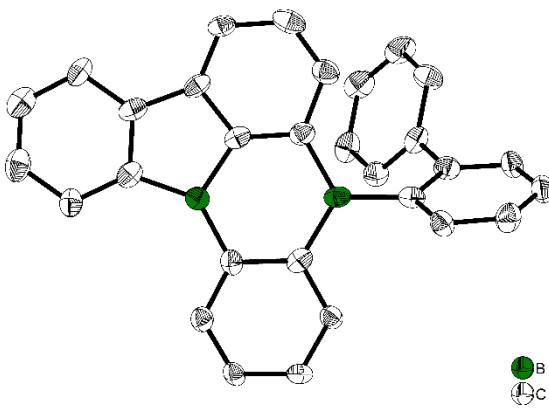


Figure S3. Solid state molecular structure of **3b** from single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Only one of four symmetry-independent molecules is shown.

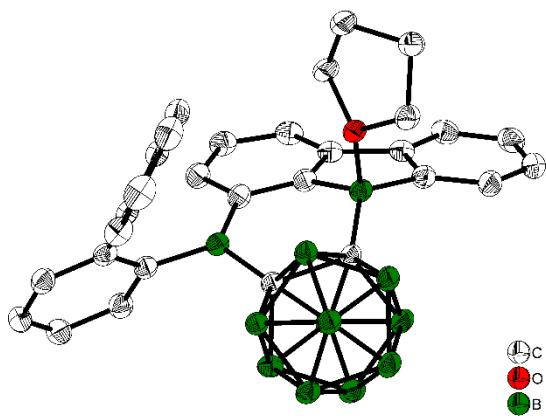


Figure S4. Solid state molecular structure of **3a**·THF from single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and solvent molecules and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

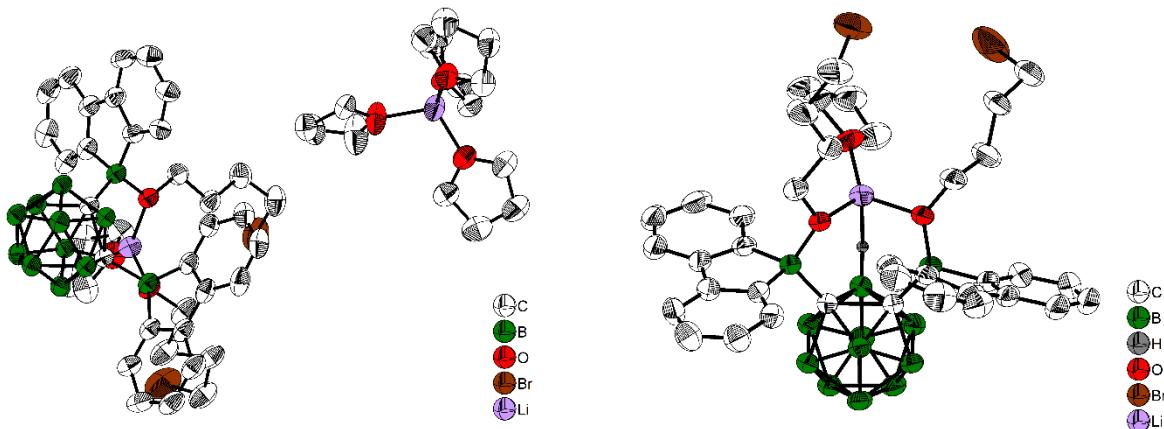


Figure S5. Solid state molecular structure of **5** from single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K, on the left with the lithium counterion and on the right from a different angle. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, and hydrogen atoms and the minor occupied components of disordered THF and alkyl groups are omitted for clarity. Only one of two symmetry-independent anions and cations are shown.

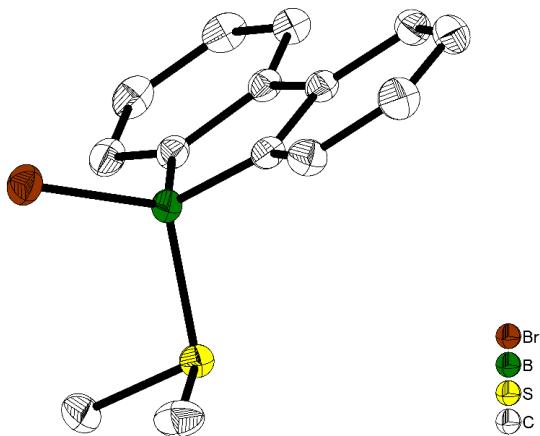


Figure S6. Solid state molecular structure of the dimethyl sulfide adduct of 9-Br-9-borafluorene, **9-(Me₂S)-9-Br-9-borafluorene**, from single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

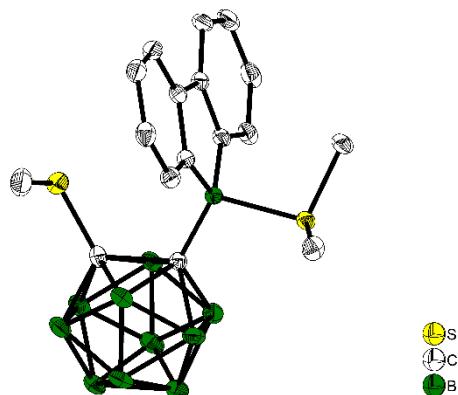


Figure S7. Solid state molecular structure of an isolated product **1-MeS-2-(Me₂S-9-borafluorene)-1,2-C₂B₁₀H₁₀** from the reaction in SMe₂ described above from single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

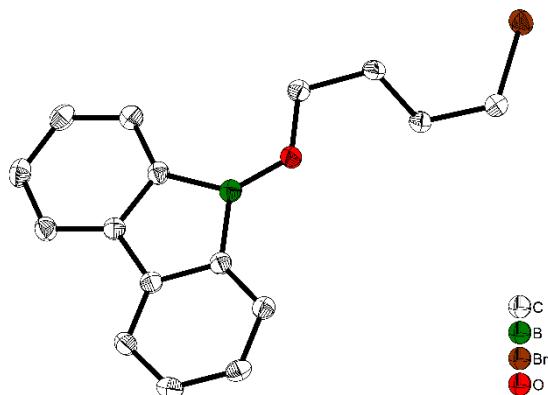
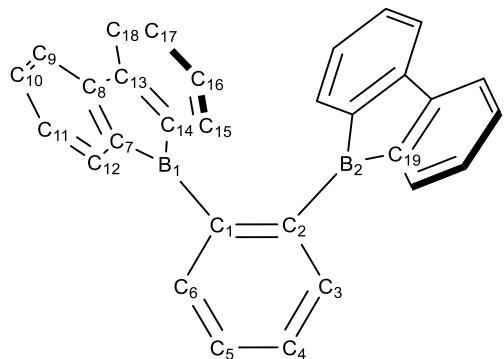


Figure S8. Solid state molecular structure of **9-(4-bromobutoxy)-9-borafluorene** from single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

Geometry tables



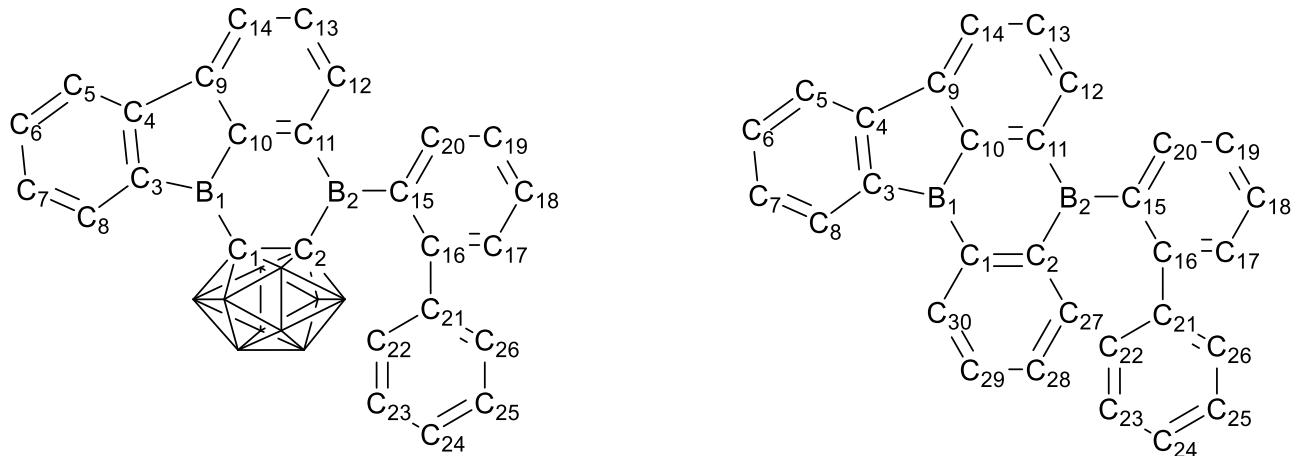
Scheme S1. Atom labeling in compound **2b**.

Table S2. Selected bond lengths [\AA], distances [\AA], and angles [$^\circ$] in the crystal and calculated at the B3LYP-d3bj and ω B97X-D level of theory (starting molecule).

	2a calc. B3LYP-d3bj	2a calc. ω B97X-D	2b crystal	2b calc. B3LYP-d3bj	2b calc. ω B97X-D
C ₁ –C ₂	1.674	1.674	1.426(2)	1.426	1.420
C ₁ –C ₆ / C ₂ –C ₃	–	–	1.402(2) / 1.405(2)	1.404	1.402
C ₅ –C ₆ / C ₃ –C ₄	–	–	1.388(2) / 1.389(2)	1.396	1.393
C ₄ –C ₅	–	–	1.386(2)	1.395	1.393
B ₁ –C ₁ ^a	1.591	1.600	1.554(2) / 1.551(2)	1.550	1.556
B ₁ –C ₁₄ ^a	1.566	1.570	1.571(2) / 1.571(2)	1.564	1.568
B ₁ –C ₇ ^a	1.562	1.566	1.568(2) / 1.571(2)	1.565	1.570
B ₁ –B ₂	3.025	3.054	3.186(2)	3.005	3.083
B ₂ –C ₁₅ ^a	3.428	3.487	3.252(2) / 3.354(2)	3.153	3.231
C ₁₄ –C ₁₃ ^a	1.426	1.418	1.417(2) / 1.415(2)	1.421	1.414
C ₇ –C ₈ ^a	1.421	1.413	1.416(2) / 1.419(2)	1.422	1.413
C ₈ –C ₁₃ ^a	1.480	1.483	1.487(2) / 1.489(2)	1.485	1.489
C ₁ –B ₁ –C ₁₄ ^a	129.0	128.8	128.1(1) / 128.5(1)	126.7	127.9
C ₁₄ –B ₁ –C ₇ ^a	105.1	105.0	103.9(1) / 103.7(1)	104.2	103.9
C ₇ –B ₁ –C ₁ ^a	125.1	125.1	127.5(1) / 127.5(1)	128.9	128.2
Σ C–B ₁ –C ^a	359.2	358.9	359.5(3) / 359.8(3)	359.8	359.8
C ₂ –C ₁ –B ₁ , C ₁ –C ₂ –B ₂	115.0	115.6	124.9(1) / 123.6(1)	120.4	122.1
B ₁ –C ₁ –C ₂ –B ₂	5.8	6.3	13.2(2)	8.5	9.4

$C_2-C_1-B_1-C_{14}^a$	58.8	59.5	43.6(2) / 39.2(2)	43.3	43.5
$C_{15}-C_{14}-B_1-C_1^a$	11.2	12.8	4.7(2) / 2.7(2)	8.1	2.6

^a Values are given for both borafluorene moieties of B1 and B2, respectively, for the crystal of **2b**.



Scheme S2. Atom labeling in compounds **3a** and **3b**.

Table S3. Selected bond lengths [\AA], distances [\AA], and angles [$^\circ$] in the crystals and calculated structures of **3a** and **3b** at the B3LYP-d3bj and ω B97X-D level of theory.

	3a crystal	3a B3LYP- d3bj	3a ω B97X-D	3b crystal ^a	3b B3LYP- d3bj	3b ω B97X-D	3a·THF crystal
C_1-C_2	1.718(2)	1.712	1.693	1.460(8), 1.409(7), 1.425(7), 1.425(7)	1.435	1.429	1.717(2)
C_2-C_{27}	—	—	—	1.399(7), 1.401(7), 1.423(7), 1.402(7)	1.402	1.399	—
$C_{27}-C_{28}$	—	—	—	1.393(7), 1.389(8), 1.380(8), 1.396(7)	1.397	1.394	—
$C_{28}-C_{29}$	—	—	—	1.403(7), 1.360(9), 1.403(9), 1.390(8)	1.394	1.390	—
$C_{29}-C_{30}$	—	—	—	1.364(8), 1.402(9), 1.417(8), 1.376(8)	1.396	1.393	—
$C_{30}-C_1$	—	—	—	1.379(7), 1.407(8), 1.384(8), 1.391(8)	1.403	1.398	—
B_1-C_1	1.551(2)	1.549	1.555	1.555(8), 1.548(8), 1.565(8), 1.554(8)	1.541	1.547	1.624(3)
B_1-C_3	1.546(2)	1.549	1.551	1.545(9), 1.591(9),	1.570	1.574	1.622(2)

				1.553(9), 1.604(9)			
B ₁ –C ₁₀	1.538(2)	1.541	1.544	1.567(9), 1.554(9), 1.561(9), 1.533(9)	1.549	1.553	1.595(3)
B ₂ –C ₂	1.607(2)	1.599	1.604	1.587(9), 1.597(8), 1.570(8), 1.573(8)	1.583	1.588	1.603(3)
B ₂ –C ₁₁	1.557(2)	1.557	1.562	1.558(8), 1.577(8), 1.557(8), 1.564(8)	1.563	1.567	1.541(2)
B ₂ –C ₁₅	1.572(2)	1.562	1.568	1.593(8), 1.577(8), 1.556(9), 1.604(8)	1.567	1.574	1.572(2)
C ₃ –C ₄	1.424(2)	1.430	1.422	1.401(9), 1.431(9), 1.457(9), 1.423(8)	1.432	1.424	1.419(3)
C ₉ –C ₁₀	1.406(2)	1.410	1.403	1.415(9), 1.421(9), 1.414(8), 1.396(8)	1.405	1.399	1.399(2)
C ₄ –C ₉	1.492(2)	1.492	1.495	1.470(10), 1.450(10), 1.440(10), 1.545(8)	1.491	1.493	1.485(2)
B ₁ –C ₁ –C ₂	114.4(1)	114.2	114.3	116.6(5), 117.9(5), 117.5(4), 116.9(5)	117.3	117.2	114.0(1)
B ₂ –C ₂ –C ₁	118.5(1)	118.5	118.8	122.3(5), 122.9(4), 124.0(5), 122.3(5)	122.7	122.7	119.6(1)
C ₁ –B ₁ –C ₁₀ / C ₁₀ –B ₁ –C ₃ / C ₃ –B ₁ –C ₁	119.5(1) / 105.5(1) / 135.0(1)	120.0 / 105.2 / 134.8	119.9 / 105.1 / 134.9	118.4(5) / 104.0(5) / 137.6(5), 117.5(5) / 103.8(5) / 138.7(5), 116.9(5) / 102.4(5) / 140.6(5), 118.8(5) / 103.7(5) / 137.5(5)	118.5 / 103.5 / 138.0	118.5 / 103.3 / 138.2	112.1(1) / 100.0(1) / 123.9(1)
ΣC–B ₁ –C	360.0	360.0	359.9	360.0	360.0	360.0	336.0
C ₂ –B ₂ –C ₁₅ / C ₁₅ –B ₂ –C ₁₁ / C ₁₅ –B ₂ –C ₂	119.6(1) / 120.0(1) / 119.2(1)	120.1 / 119.6 / 119.7	119.9 / 119.9 / 119.6	120.6(5) / 119.3(5) / 120.1(5), 117.8(5) / 120.9(5) / 121.3(5), 119.1(5) / 119.2(5) / 121.7(5),	120.9 / 119.9 / 119.2	120.9 / 119.8 / 119.2	118.3(1) / 122.2(2) / 118.1(1)

				120.2(5) / 119.5(5) / 120.3(5)			
$\Sigma C-B_2-C$	358.8	359.4	359.4	360.0	360.0	359.9	358.6
B ₁ -C ₁ -C ₂ - B ₂	2.6(2)	5.5	3.6	3.3(8), 3.3(7), 1.9(7), 3.4(7)	2.2	2.7	0.9(2)
C ₂ -B ₂ -C ₁₅ - C ₁₆	82.4(1)	76.2	79.4	58.2(6), 60.2(6), 60.7(6), 58.2(6)	61.1	63.3	78.6(2)
C ₂ -C ₁ -B ₁ - C ₃	176.1(1)	176.6	177.9	175.4(6), 176.7(6), 176.0(7), 176.1(6)	179.4	179.5	142.5(2)
C ₁ -C ₂ -B ₂ - C ₁₅	159.7(2)	166.3	170.4	178.0(5), 178.1(5), 177.1(5), 179.4(5)	175.3	176.1	176.0(1)
C ₁₅ -C ₁₆ - C ₂₁ -C ₂₆	140.8(2)	141.6	136.6	126.0(6), 128.6(6), 128.9(6), 126.0(6)	136.7	133.4	133.3(2)

^a Four symmetry-independent molecules are present in the crystal structure of **3b**. Values are given for all four molecules.

Table S4. Selected bond lengths [Å], distances (B-B, B-C₁₅ [Å]), and angles [°] of the calculated transition state structures at the ωB97X-D level of theory.

	2a-3a	2b-3b
C ₁ -C ₁ *	1.689	1.422
B ₁ -B ₁	3.229	3.101
B ₁ -C ₁	1.551	1.534
B ₁ -C ₃	1.551	1.577
B ₁ -C ₁₀	1.548	1.554
B ₁ -C ₂	1.638	1.610
B ₁ -C ₁₅	1.596	1.597
B ₁ -C ₂₂	1.723	1.733
B ₁ -C ₁₁	1.771	1.750
B ₁ -C ₁ -C ₂	114.6	118.1
B ₂ -C ₂ -C ₁	123.0	126.4
B ₁ -C ₁ -C ₂ -B ₂	2.6	4.7
C ₂ -C ₁ -B ₁ -C ₃	175.0	172.6
C ₁₅ -C ₁₆ -C ₂₁ -C ₂₂	176.2	176.6

Photophysical data

2b

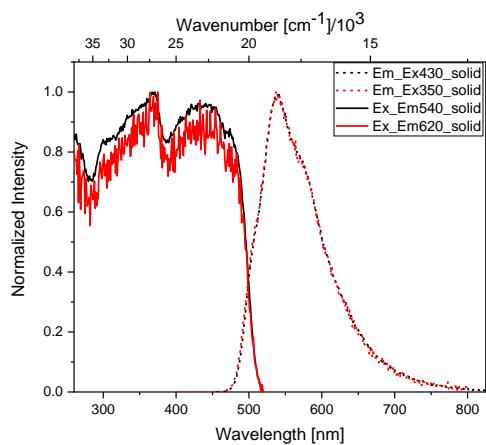


Figure S9. Excitation (solid) and emission (dashed) spectra of **2b** in the solid state.

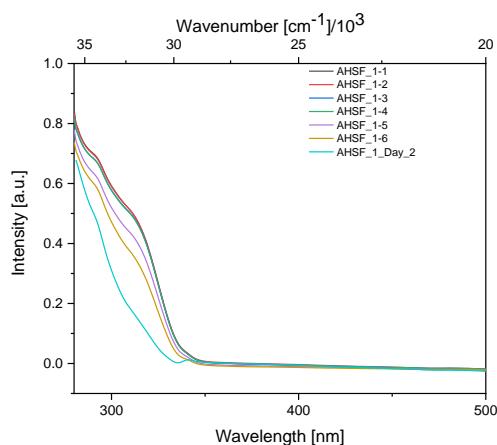


Figure S10. Absorption spectra of compound **2b** in toluene.

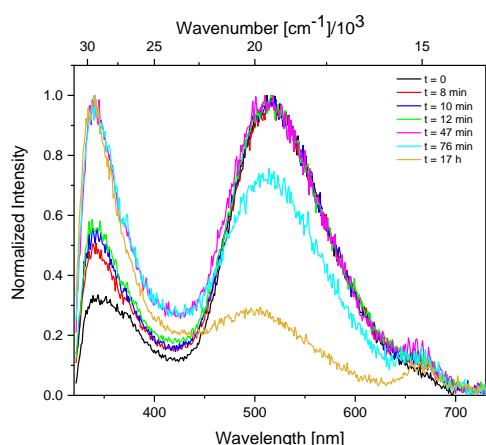


Figure S11. Normalized emission spectra of compound **2b** in toluene.

3a

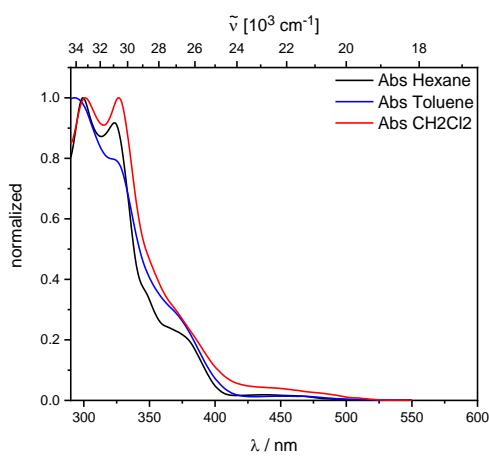


Figure S12. Absorption spectra of **3a** in hexane (black), toluene (blue) and CH_2Cl_2 (red).

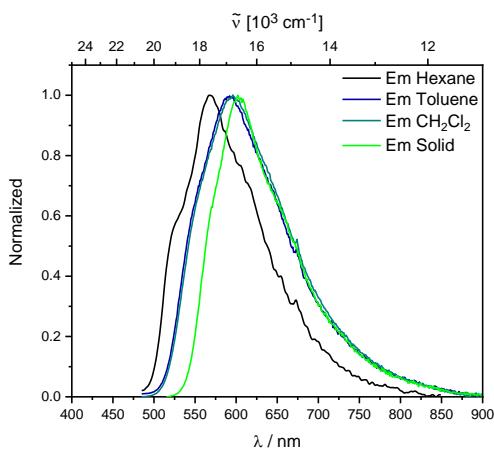


Figure S13. Emission spectra of **3a** in hexane (black), toluene (blue), CH_2Cl_2 (turquoise) and in the solid state (green).

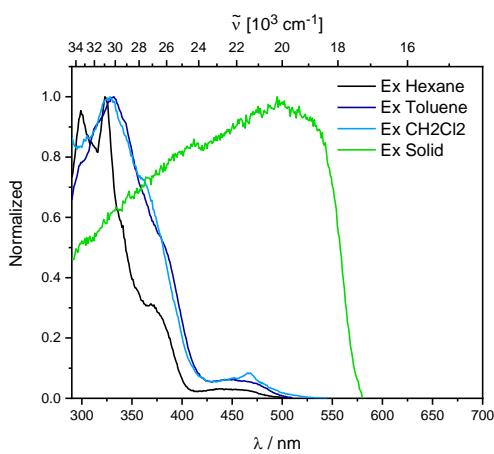


Figure S14. Excitation spectra of **3a** in hexane (black), toluene (blue), CH_2Cl_2 (turquoise) and in the solid state (green).

3b

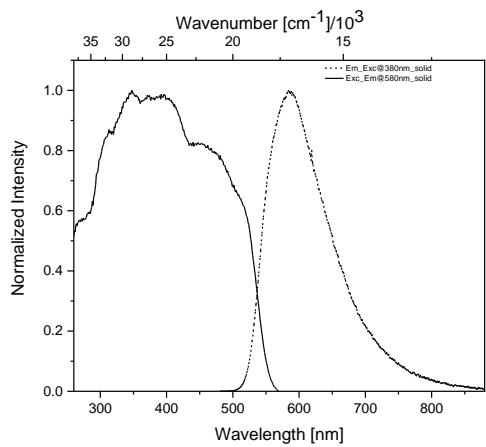


Figure S15. Excitation (solid) and emission (dashed) spectra of **3b** in the solid state.

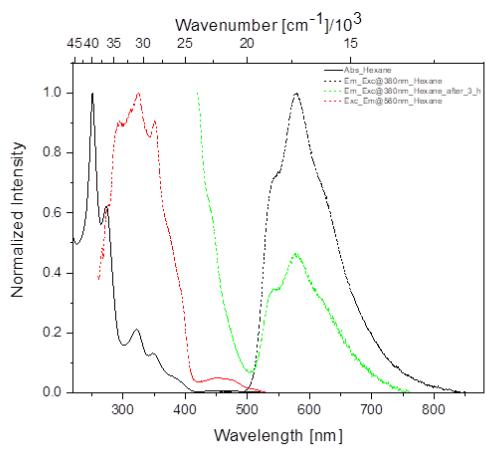


Figure S16. Absorption (black, solid), emission (black, dashed) and excitation (red, dashed) spectra of **3b** in hexane initially and after 3 h (green, dashed).

Cyclic voltammetry

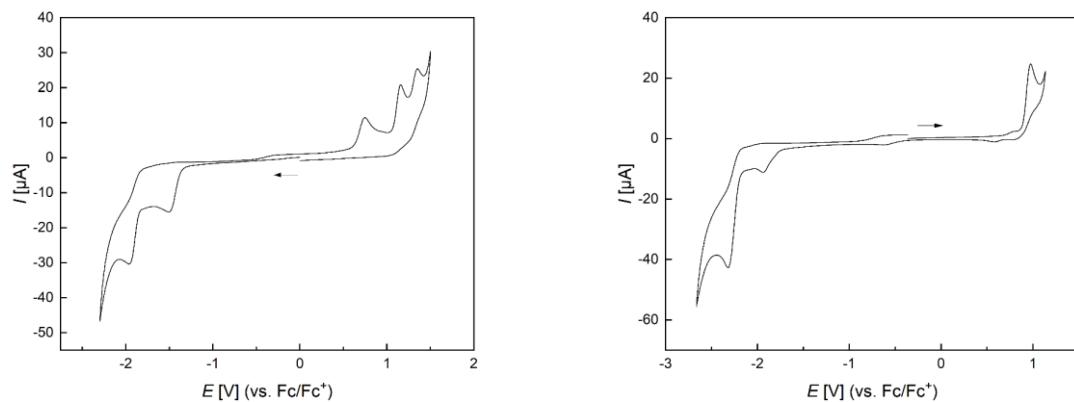


Figure S17. Cyclic voltammograms of **2b** measured in CH_2Cl_2 with $[\text{nBu}_4\text{N}][\text{PF}_6]$ as the electrolyte with a scan rate of 250 mVs^{-1} . All measurements are referenced to the Fc/Fc^+ ion couple.

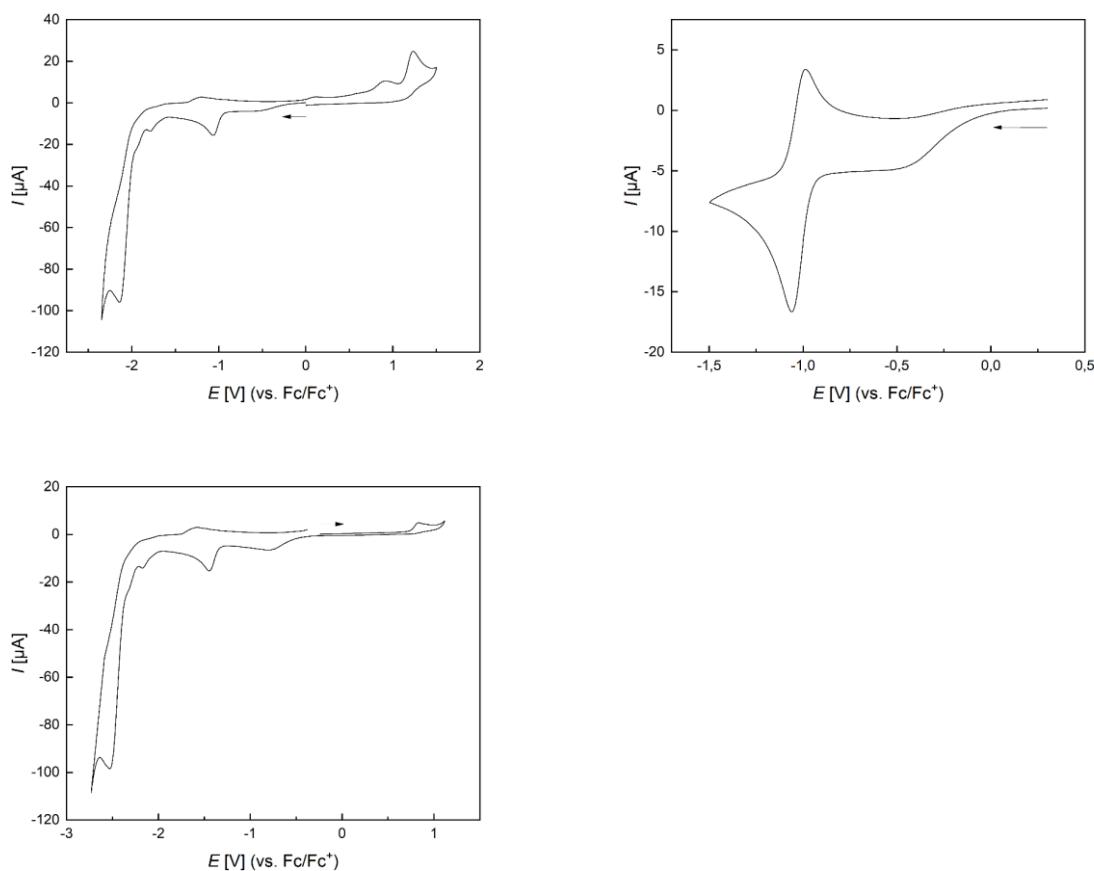


Figure S18. Cyclic voltammograms of **3a** measured in CH_2Cl_2 with $[\text{nBu}_4\text{N}][\text{PF}_6]$ as the electrolyte with a scan rate of 250 mVs^{-1} . All measurements are referenced to the Fc/Fc^+ ion couple.

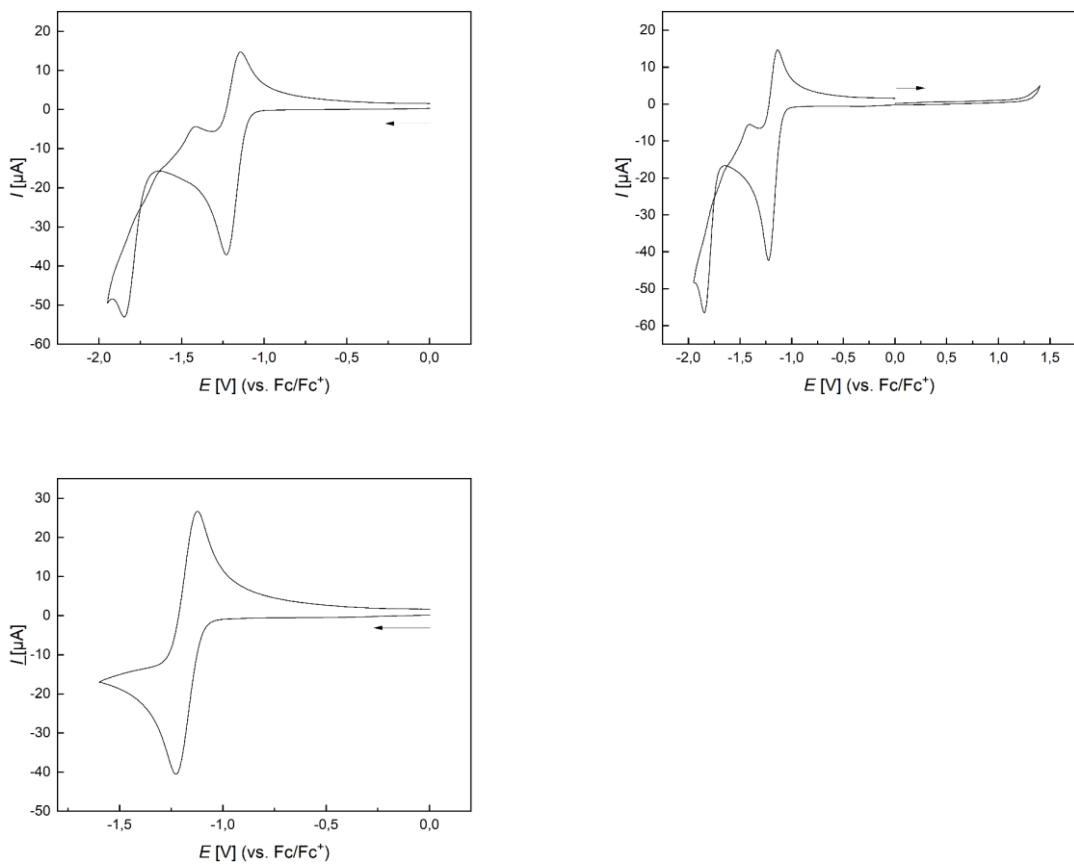


Figure S19. Cyclic voltammograms of **3b** measured in CH_2Cl_2 with $[\text{nBu}_4\text{N}][\text{PF}_6]$ as the electrolyte with a scan rate of 250 mVs^{-1} . All measurements are referenced to the Fc/Fc^+ ion couple.

Table S5. Reduction and oxidation potentials of **2b**, **3a** and **3b**.

compound	1 st reduction	2 nd reduction	1 st oxidation
2a	$E_{pc} = -1.50 \text{ V}$	$E_{pc} = -1.96 \text{ V}$	$E_{pa} = 0.98 \text{ V}$
3a	$E_{1/2}^{\text{a}} = -1.03 \text{ V}$	$E_{pc} = -2.14 \text{ V}$	$E_{pa} = 0.84 \text{ V}$
3b	$E_{1/2} = -1.17 \text{ V}$	$E_{pc} = -1.85 \text{ V}$	

[a] partially reversible.

DFT and TD-DFT results

Cartesian coordinates of the optimized structures of 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b in the transition state calculations

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H	5.342206000	1.759171000	2.829741000
C	3.475352000	0.932181000	3.512285000
H	3.487539000	1.470954000	4.453890000
C	2.421768000	0.075346000	3.209774000
H	1.615097000	-0.069181000	3.921353000
C	2.402963000	-0.606815000	1.996016000
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B	-2.031335000	0.607994000	-0.069465000
C	2.152414000	-1.113076000	-2.342356000
H	1.220726000	-1.092008000	-2.902049000
C	-1.436604000	-0.801293000	0.214552000
C	0.192209000	-2.564075000	0.344989000
H	1.226874000	-2.897207000	0.356096000
C	-0.842440000	-3.487014000	0.454383000
H	-0.605092000	-4.542279000	0.548745000
C	-2.188828000	-3.086839000	0.442151000
H	-2.974010000	-3.833487000	0.524184000
C	-2.480303000	-1.736772000	0.317342000
C	-3.587564000	0.373134000	0.044825000
C	-5.056770000	-1.560505000	0.355961000
H	-5.200854000	-2.626927000	0.506189000
C	-6.162475000	-0.707454000	0.273310000
H	-7.163829000	-1.117867000	0.361150000
C	-5.991340000	0.659255000	0.082520000
H	-6.859119000	1.308435000	0.024595000
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C	2.202306000	-0.582562000	-1.055016000
C	3.296951000	-1.665134000	-2.915058000
H	3.259540000	-2.065932000	-3.923398000
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H	5.379132000	-2.145679000	-2.651548000
C	4.561951000	-1.196186000	-0.906456000
H	5.493968000	-1.237802000	-0.349360000
C	3.416644000	-0.632730000	-0.343584000
C	3.274346000	-0.024268000	0.989546000
C	4.267130000	0.238642000	1.931551000
H	5.296854000	-0.051838000	1.743522000
C	3.931404000	0.896304000	3.113177000
H	4.703419000	1.102557000	3.848096000
C	2.619368000	1.302399000	3.359806000
H	2.377279000	1.822202000	4.280911000
C	1.622250000	1.040962000	2.421720000
H	0.595856000	1.351045000	2.605656000
C	1.948073000	0.378956000	1.241165000
H	0.816636000	-0.511642000	0.967057000
C	-1.566629000	2.998184000	-0.926334000
C	-1.092895000	1.732224000	-0.530699000
C	0.297191000	1.449849000	-0.620096000
C	1.146783000	2.459546000	-1.096025000
C	0.657096000	3.700919000	-1.482015000
C	-0.709012000	3.979306000	-1.396272000
H	-2.632343000	3.203336000	-0.867940000
H	2.214251000	2.262615000	-1.170810000
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B	0.745748000	-0.656694000	-0.575238000
B	-2.025074000	0.488753000	-0.475153000
C	2.442952000	-2.323225000	-1.491441000
H	1.606118000	-2.769344000	-2.024948000
C	-1.683226000	-0.965387000	-0.047856000
C	-0.349446000	-2.896671000	0.382027000
H	0.606983000	-3.413914000	0.395907000
C	-1.493730000	-3.554526000	0.831794000
H	-1.414843000	-4.579137000	1.183243000
C	-2.748867000	-2.925327000	0.851718000
H	-3.618902000	-3.467452000	1.213395000
C	-2.837366000	-1.611876000	0.409389000
C	-3.572866000	0.593452000	-0.195714000
C	-5.312063000	-0.901603000	0.659146000
H	-5.627117000	-1.865933000	1.048109000
C	-6.246300000	0.128659000	0.496486000
H	-7.285152000	-0.044233000	0.761201000
C	-5.858889000	1.368087000	0.001033000
H	-6.595477000	2.155970000	-0.118462000
C	-4.521916000	1.598837000	-0.343876000
H	-4.235696000	2.574204000	-0.728052000
C	2.207142000	-1.234022000	-0.639327000
C	3.723182000	-2.832682000	-1.688295000
H	3.879318000	-3.666423000	-2.365524000
C	4.798950000	-2.271879000	-1.006064000
H	5.799537000	-2.670538000	-1.140663000
C	4.585979000	-1.212741000	-0.130407000
H	5.416967000	-0.800296000	0.435419000
C	3.303624000	-0.688883000	0.061747000
C	3.092248000	0.418918000	1.027451000
C	3.969770000	1.507398000	1.083412000
H	4.815733000	1.543512000	0.402413000
C	3.746432000	2.553751000	1.971763000
H	4.429758000	3.396845000	1.994077000
C	2.642462000	2.529000000	2.821527000
H	2.467269000	3.347508000	3.512088000
C	1.766018000	1.448764000	2.779876000
H	0.907614000	1.416457000	3.443017000
C	1.992843000	0.400560000	1.893914000
H	1.324384000	-0.457853000	1.892326000
C	-1.096243000	2.676959000	-1.508239000
C	-0.887244000	1.379701000	-1.029747000
C	0.424334000	0.814362000	-1.080168000
C	1.452978000	1.588674000	-1.628194000
C	1.223751000	2.880434000	-2.102332000
C	-0.051894000	3.430058000	-2.041124000
H	-2.094440000	3.105107000	-1.468955000
H	2.456797000	1.176593000	-1.690342000
H	2.043855000	3.455700000	-2.521702000
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H	-1.685704000	-1.708345000	1.635607000
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B	-0.485910000	1.130211000	1.027132000
H	-1.684770000	1.709594000	-1.635704000
H	-3.103054000	-0.631434000	-2.791309000
B	-0.486951000	-1.129900000	-1.027296000
C	-0.438285000	3.692735000	0.096527000
H	-1.501847000	3.772193000	-0.097389000
C	-1.927513000	-0.586496000	-0.592066000
B	-3.279381000	-1.629566000	-0.411749000
H	-4.736667000	1.774373000	-1.728857000
C	0.094167000	-2.537591000	-0.661380000
B	-3.278086000	1.632045000	0.412026000
H	-5.699640000	1.075539000	1.108030000
H	-5.700569000	-1.071284000	-1.107445000
C	-1.926991000	0.588015000	0.592106000
B	-2.402661000	-1.032714000	0.994419000
C	0.393703000	-4.763041000	0.233250000
H	-0.027905000	-5.663416000	0.668129000
H	-4.737718000	-1.770925000	1.729330000
B	-4.157709000	1.032813000	-1.003566000
H	-3.102092000	0.633881000	2.791522000
B	-4.707932000	-0.616447000	-0.638751000
C	1.763853000	-4.675481000	0.010975000
H	2.407214000	-5.509026000	0.276790000
B	-3.258160000	-0.363476000	-1.646312000
C	2.323541000	-3.522471000	-0.547048000
H	3.396215000	-3.457705000	-0.702699000
B	-4.158291000	-1.029731000	1.004051000
H	-3.148024000	2.763626000	0.735065000
C	1.488089000	-2.470924000	-0.881565000
B	-3.257653000	0.365915000	1.646591000
H	-3.150160000	-2.761239000	-0.734824000
C	0.725011000	-0.333343000	-1.627263000
B	-4.707380000	0.619952000	0.639274000
C	3.138962000	-0.696397000	-1.738938000
H	4.011187000	-1.320494000	-1.569606000
C	3.291812000	0.596116000	-2.251893000
H	4.285917000	0.968796000	-2.480115000
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C	0.902735000	0.939167000	-2.165570000
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C	0.397561000	4.762492000	-0.233970000
H	-0.023333000	5.663095000	-0.669068000
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C	1.490124000	2.469765000	0.881379000
C	1.868651000	1.150711000	1.443975000
C	3.139651000	0.694313000	1.739394000
H	4.012290000	1.317902000	1.570305000
C	3.291553000	-0.598254000	2.252483000
H	4.285368000	-0.971543000	2.480966000
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H	2.309397000	-2.403778000	2.878157000
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H	0.058375000	-1.594339000	2.338523000
C	0.725494000	0.332758000	1.627105000
H	-1.504908000	-3.771125000	0.097036000
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H	-0.427245000	1.404341000	2.246144000
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C	-3.690406000	-1.631677000	0.219113000
C	0.000199000	-1.532538000	0.239302000
B	1.125183000	-0.188401000	-0.015577000
H	-0.638125000	0.679179000	-2.358202000
H	-2.883212000	2.490896000	-1.674968000
B	-2.083919000	0.128084000	0.152548000
C	1.879000000	-0.944516000	-2.503283000
H	0.877996000	-0.837066000	-2.908686000
C	-1.299522000	1.445225000	-0.081546000
B	-1.750654000	2.931693000	0.601437000
H	-0.365240000	3.715980000	-2.995496000
C	-1.353983000	-1.232105000	0.268618000
B	1.023354000	2.397787000	-1.238382000
H	1.360753000	4.917489000	-0.753976000
H	-1.690097000	5.199940000	-0.649359000
C	0.378912000	1.264716000	-0.134382000
B	-0.363886000	2.004960000	1.228165000
C	0.385322000	-2.885578000	0.203905000
H	1.439953000	-3.145956000	0.189553000
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B	-0.364473000	3.303942000	-1.881171000
H	2.132207000	2.549991000	1.085212000
B	-1.130338000	4.159944000	-0.515088000
C	-0.580158000	-3.883796000	0.187239000
H	-0.268457000	-4.923149000	0.156199000
B	-1.836495000	2.661085000	-1.141964000
C	-1.949027000	-3.577338000	0.202935000
H	-2.683785000	-4.376555000	0.179069000
B	-0.225575000	3.750056000	0.968144000
H	1.986742000	2.082466000	-1.849623000
C	-2.330170000	-2.246829000	0.237157000
B	1.108519000	2.671988000	0.503699000
H	-2.737856000	2.946814000	1.260991000
C	-3.595519000	-0.217124000	0.175475000
B	0.633102000	3.994916000	-0.575183000
C	-4.921987000	-2.260196000	0.231243000
H	-5.004366000	-3.342771000	0.261990000
C	-6.078793000	-1.469865000	0.204701000
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C	-6.000586000	-0.082047000	0.160224000
H	-6.910721000	0.508369000	0.137755000
C	-4.753192000	0.550092000	0.141525000
H	-4.687474000	1.633457000	0.100191000
C	2.127448000	-0.670313000	-1.160424000
C	2.919264000	-1.348083000	-3.336556000
H	2.726177000	-1.543181000	-4.386864000
C	4.210446000	-1.504107000	-2.829967000
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H	5.473873000	-1.398621000	-1.091303000
C	3.428450000	-0.844716000	-0.660404000
C	3.487342000	-0.559946000	0.779986000
C	4.612736000	-0.540467000	1.599009000
H	5.594280000	-0.757660000	1.188975000
C	4.474305000	-0.228036000	2.948824000
H	5.351739000	-0.210671000	3.587978000
C	3.222171000	0.059889000	3.487150000
H	3.122948000	0.292728000	4.542058000
C	2.093715000	0.047363000	2.670685000
H	1.120543000	0.259604000	3.100025000
C	2.220804000	-0.243279000	1.313282000
H	0.969012000	-0.978849000	1.028422000

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H	-0.127483000	1.114217000	1.830602000
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C	-0.326823000	-1.648966000	-0.376622000
B	0.787474000	-0.579518000	-0.611548000
H	-0.860463000	0.632036000	-2.757458000
H	-2.732807000	2.766358000	-1.820027000
B	-2.175101000	0.224435000	-0.129999000
C	2.358694000	-1.517804000	-2.338804000
H	1.479725000	-1.576722000	-2.977014000
C	-1.216998000	1.418214000	-0.402918000
B	-1.351009000	2.923026000	0.356277000
H	-0.169808000	3.621605000	-3.332344000
C	-1.629788000	-1.219480000	-0.143451000
B	1.134944000	2.030834000	-1.747005000
H	1.912384000	4.443593000	-1.227492000
H	-1.023725000	5.200096000	-0.836742000
C	0.403408000	0.977537000	-0.616668000
B	-0.086262000	1.756080000	0.837246000
C	-0.100983000	-3.040574000	-0.356424000
H	0.897770000	-3.430690000	-0.531709000
H	0.616487000	4.133212000	1.538994000
B	-0.139189000	3.167179000	-2.235218000
H	2.441089000	1.903402000	0.471277000
B	-0.633901000	4.078905000	-0.779890000
C	-1.150300000	-3.920188000	-0.109884000
H	-0.957430000	-4.988675000	-0.096739000
B	-1.631657000	2.741959000	-1.378381000
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H	-3.253846000	-4.177852000	0.310655000
B	0.317043000	3.465038000	0.603603000
H	1.973278000	1.576694000	-2.450121000
C	-2.695736000	-2.097768000	0.103979000
B	1.411611000	2.212177000	-0.015429000
H	-2.260717000	3.073904000	1.103432000
C	-3.691277000	0.081991000	0.166000000
B	1.065119000	3.639799000	-1.007395000
C	-5.226151000	-1.766990000	0.574638000
H	-5.433445000	-2.827721000	0.681487000
C	-6.260451000	-0.831306000	0.716539000
H	-7.266281000	-1.179740000	0.931030000
C	-6.021099000	0.531714000	0.585129000
H	-6.837695000	1.237377000	0.697514000
C	-4.729529000	0.993139000	0.308323000
H	-4.539268000	2.057403000	0.203448000
C	2.229488000	-1.031031000	-1.029445000
C	3.592020000	-1.904798000	-2.850490000
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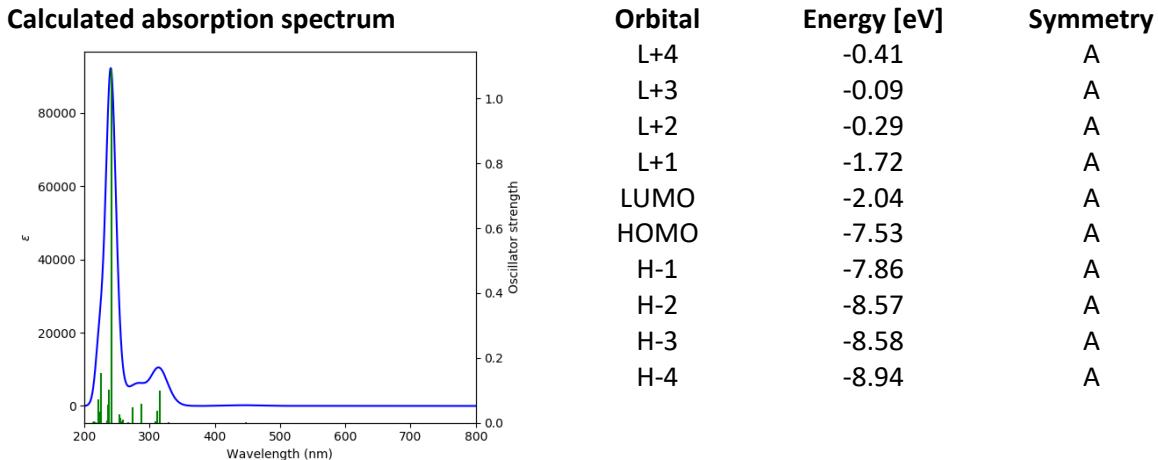
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Cartesian coordinates of optimized structures of **2a**, **2b**, **3a** and **3b** for the TD-DFT calculations, orbital energies, and transitions

TD-DFT calculations 2a:

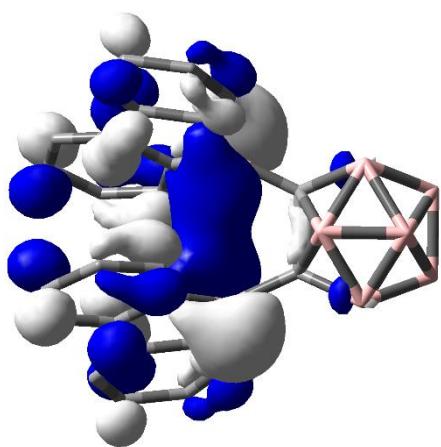


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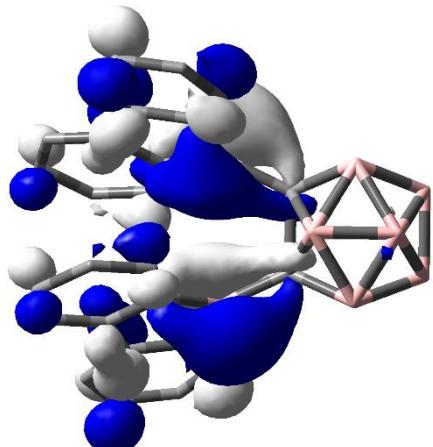
Table S6: Lowest energy singlet electronic transition of **2a** (TD-DFT CAM-B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p), gas phase).

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1	2.77	448.08	0.0026	Singlet-A	H-1→L+1 (22%), HOMO→LUMO (75%)	0.60
2	2.88	430.84	0.0002	Singlet-A	H-1→LUMO (51%), HOMO→L+1 (46%)	0.60
3	3.77	329.00	0.0019	Singlet-A	H-2→LUMO (12%), H-1→LUMO (35%), HOMO→L+1 (45%)	0.60
4	3.93	315.36	0.1006	Singlet-A	H-3→LUMO (14%), H-1→L+1 (54%), HOMO→LUMO (20%)	0.60
5	3.97	312.18	0.0363	Singlet-A	H-3→LUMO (54%), H-1→L+1 (21%)	0.61
6	4.02	308.27	0.0042	Singlet-A	H-3→L+1 (17%), H-2→LUMO (50%), H-1→LUMO (11%)	0.62
7	4.31	287.89	0.0582	Singlet-A	H-4→LUMO (50%), H-3→LUMO (11%), H-2→L+1 (22%)	0.63
8	4.53	273.71	0.0468	Singlet-A	H-5→LUMO (13%), H-4→L+1 (21%), H-3→L+1 (44%), H-2→LUMO (10%)	0.62
9	4.65	266.87	0.0024	Singlet-A	H-5→LUMO (44%), H-3→L+1 (25%), H-2→LUMO (10%)	0.65
10	4.78	259.22	0.0104	Singlet-A	H-5→L+1 (20%), H-4→LUMO (14%), H-3→LUMO (13%), H-2→L+1 (32%)	0.63
11	4.85	255.87	0.0047	Singlet-A	H-15→LUMO (17%), H-14→L+1 (17%), H-12→LUMO (22%), H-7→LUMO (11%)	0.44
12	4.85	255.67	0.016	Singlet-A	H-14→LUMO (22%), H-12→L+1 (11%), H-9→LUMO (10%), HOMO→L+2 (14%)	0.50
13	4.90	253.02	0.0265	Singlet-A	H-1→L+3 (10%), HOMO→L+2 (52%)	0.68
14	5.15	240.97	1.0913	Singlet-A	H-2→L+1 (18%), H-1→L+2 (26%), HOMO→L+3 (46%)	0.71
15	5.21	237.82	0.1028	Singlet-A	H-8→LUMO (16%), H-5→L+1 (13%), H-4→LUMO (20%)	0.63
16	5.24	236.69	0.0552	Singlet-A	H-6→LUMO (12%), H-5→LUMO (12%), H-4→L+1 (50%)	0.68
17	5.29	234.50	0.0072	Singlet-A	H-10→LUMO (30%)	0.45
18	5.30	233.89	0.0003	Singlet-A	H-16→LUMO (10%), H-11→LUMO (14%), H-10→L+1 (17%), H-9→LUMO (20%)	0.44
19	5.49	225.84	0.1545	Singlet-A	H-6→LUMO (59%)	0.71
20	5.52	224.63	0.0341	Singlet-A	H-8→LUMO (20%), H-6→L+1 (24%), H-5→L+1 (36%)	0.68
21	5.53	224.13	0.0296	Singlet-A	H-1→L+2 (44%), HOMO→L+3 (33%)	0.71
22	5.59	221.98	0.0722	Singlet-A	H-3→L+2 (18%), H-1→L+3 (39%), HOMO→L+2 (12%)	0.68
23	5.71	216.98	0.0023	Singlet-A	H-4→L+2 (12%), H-1→L+3 (13%), HOMO→L+9 (10%)	0.64
24	5.78	214.34	0.0021	Singlet-A	H-3→L+3 (17%), H-2→L+2 (16%), HOMO→L+6 (11%)	0.59
25	5.79	214.05	0.0034	Singlet-A	H-7→LUMO (71%)	0.34

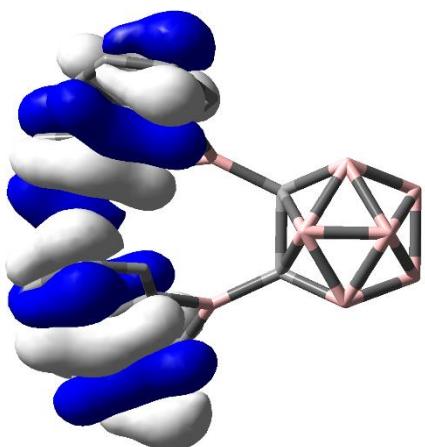
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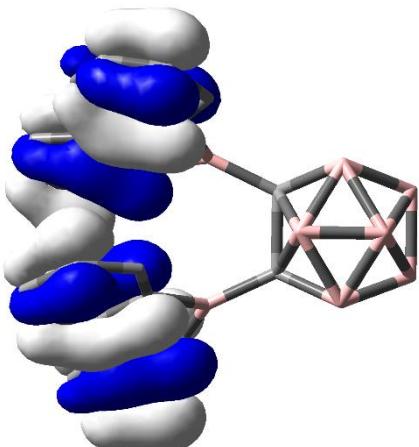
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HOMO: -7.53 eV

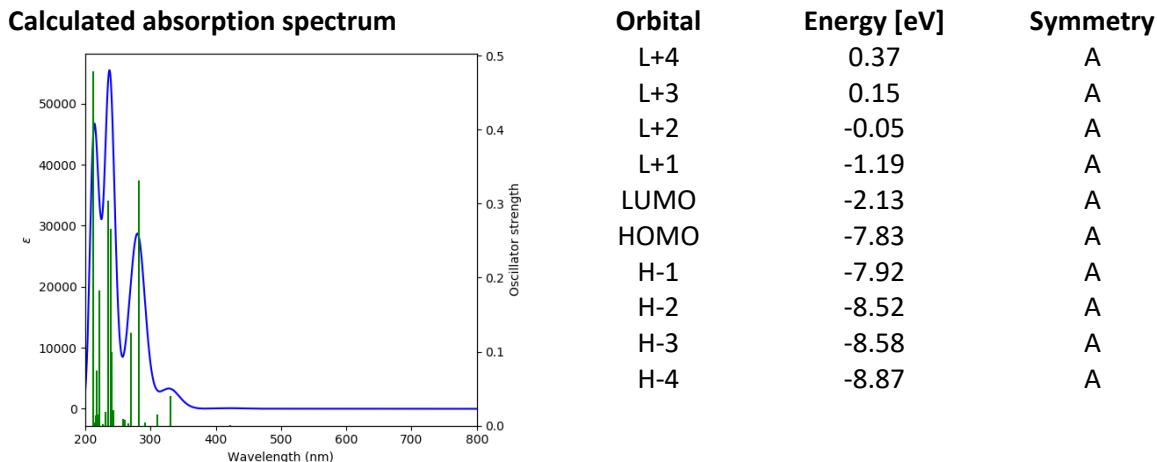


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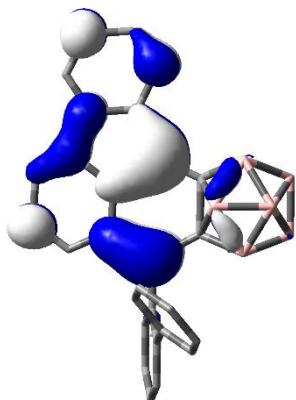


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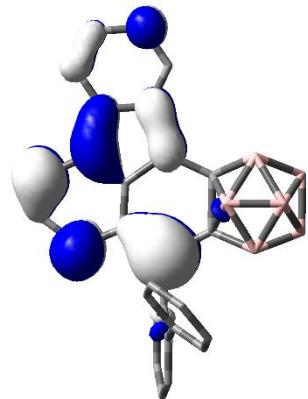
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1	2.93	422.45	0.0014	Singlet-A	H-1 \rightarrow LUMO (85%)	0.55
2	3.74	331.07	0.0403	Singlet-A	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (64%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (13%)	0.29
3	3.99	310.81	0.0153	Singlet-A	H-4 \rightarrow LUMO (39%), H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (39%)	0.65
4	4.25	291.41	0.004	Singlet-A	H-2 \rightarrow LUMO (59%), H-2 \rightarrow L+1 (13%), HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (12%)	0.23
5	4.39	282.10	0.3311	Singlet-A	H-4 \rightarrow LUMO (39%), H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (33%)	0.65
6	4.61	269.21	0.1259	Singlet-A	H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (63%), H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (11%)	0.65
7	4.67	265.75	0.0038	Singlet-A	H-15 \rightarrow LUMO (12%), H-11 \rightarrow LUMO (25%), H-7 \rightarrow LUMO (14%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (17%)	0.38
8	4.76	260.51	0.0084	Singlet-A	H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (62%)	0.28
9	4.81	257.75	0.0091	Singlet-A	HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (46%)	0.36
10	5.09	243.52	0.0208	Singlet-A	H-5 \rightarrow LUMO (16%), H-2 \rightarrow L+2 (11%), HOMO \rightarrow L+5 (18%)	0.47
11	5.12	242.11	0.0008	Singlet-A	H-14 \rightarrow LUMO (21%), H-13 \rightarrow LUMO (29%)	0.42
12	5.15	240.63	0.0688	Singlet-A	H-5 \rightarrow LUMO (13%), H-2 \rightarrow L+2 (10%)	0.46
13	5.17	239.65	0.0991	Singlet-A	H-6 \rightarrow L+1 (14%), H-4 \rightarrow L+1 (13%)	0.56
14	5.20	238.29	0.2662	Singlet-A	H-5 \rightarrow LUMO (10%), HOMO \rightarrow L+2 (57%)	0.68
15	5.28	235.03	0.0206	Singlet-A	H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (15%), H-8 \rightarrow LUMO (22%)	0.50
16	5.28	234.80	0.3035	Singlet-A	H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (12%), H-4 \rightarrow L+1 (38%)	0.61
17	5.37	230.98	0.0188	Singlet-A	H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (13%), H-5 \rightarrow LUMO (28%), H-3 \rightarrow L+2 (11%)	0.39
18	5.39	230.19	0.0023	Singlet-A	H-2 \rightarrow LUMO (13%), H-2 \rightarrow L+1 (44%)	0.29
19	5.46	227.26	0.0021	Singlet-A	H-11 \rightarrow LUMO (24%), H-7 \rightarrow LUMO (50%)	0.35
20	5.62	220.79	0.1826	Singlet-A	H-10 \rightarrow LUMO (16%), H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (15%), H-1 \rightarrow L+3 (26%)	0.56
21	5.67	218.63	0.0146	Singlet-A	H-15 \rightarrow LUMO (37%), H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (13%)	0.48
22	5.69	217.86	0.011	Singlet-A	H-10 \rightarrow LUMO (46%), H-8 \rightarrow LUMO (15%), H-3 \rightarrow L+1 (14%)	0.50
23	5.70	217.35	0.0744	Singlet-A	H-10 \rightarrow LUMO (20%), H-3 \rightarrow L+1 (49%)	0.36
24	5.75	215.55	0.0142	Singlet-A	H-12 \rightarrow LUMO (79%)	0.42
25	5.81	213.56	0.0047	Singlet-A	H-14 \rightarrow LUMO (23%), H-13 \rightarrow LUMO (38%)	0.38

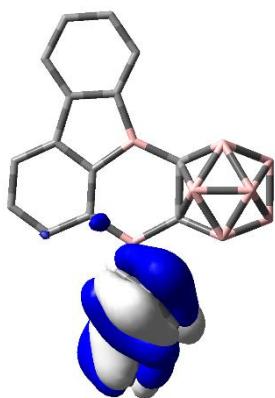
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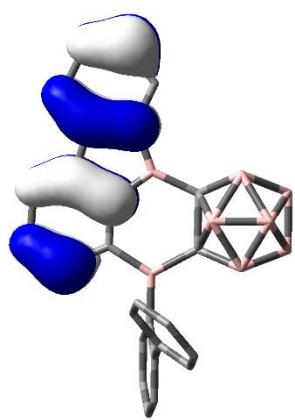
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HOMO: -7.83 eV

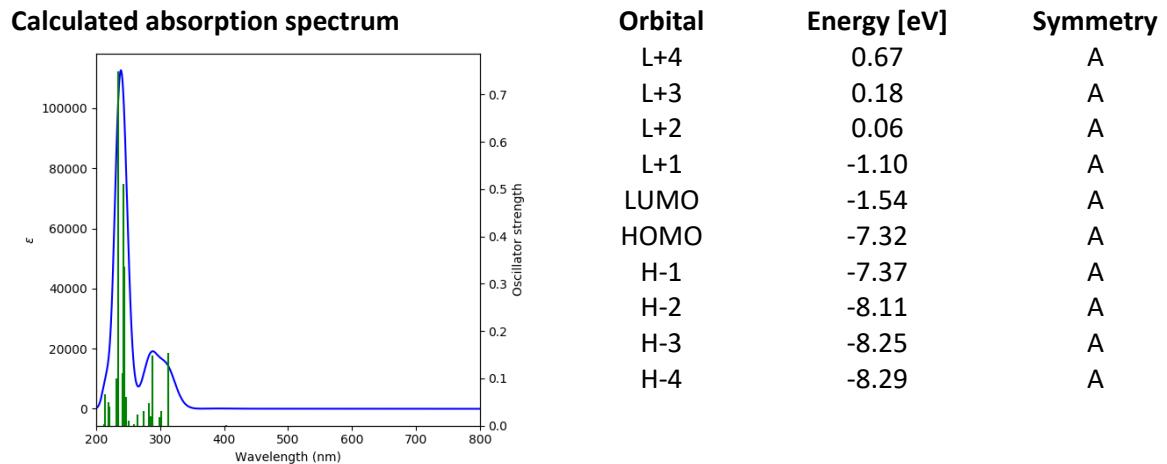


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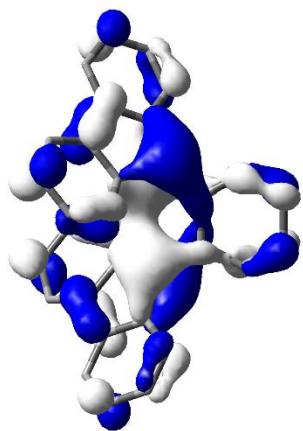


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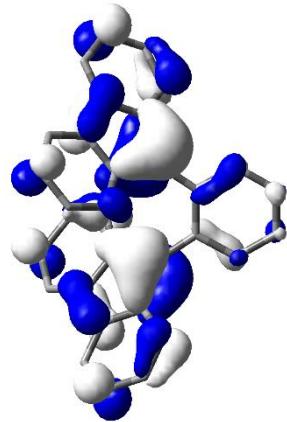
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1	3.07	403.46	0.0016	Singlet-A	H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (30%), HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (66%)	0.61
2	3.10	400.57	0.0001	Singlet-A	H-1 \rightarrow LUMO (62%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (35%)	0.61
3	3.97	312.68	0.1529	Singlet-A	H-2 \rightarrow LUMO (83%)	0.61
4	4.11	301.61	0.0315	Singlet-A	H-4 \rightarrow L+1 (10%), H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (46%), H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (14%)	0.66
5	4.15	298.63	0.0173	Singlet-A	H-4 \rightarrow LUMO (45%), H-3 \rightarrow L+1 (17%), HOMO \rightarrow L+2 (11%)	0.68
6	4.31	287.37	0.1489	Singlet-A	H-5 \rightarrow LUMO (67%)	0.56
7	4.34	285.63	0.0197	Singlet-A	H-1 \rightarrow LUMO (34%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (52%)	0.62
8	4.39	282.70	0.0481	Singlet-A	H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (51%), HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (29%)	0.63
9	4.53	273.78	0.0319	Singlet-A	H-2 \rightarrow L+1 (70%)	0.56
10	4.68	265.18	0.0236	Singlet-A	H-7 \rightarrow L+1 (12%), H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (50%)	0.72
11	4.79	258.88	0.0038	Singlet-A	H-7 \rightarrow LUMO (41%), H-6 \rightarrow L+1 (25%)	0.75
12	4.95	250.37	0.0103	Singlet-A	H-10 \rightarrow LUMO (19%), H-5 \rightarrow L+1 (42%), H-4 \rightarrow L+1 (17%)	0.56
13	5.03	246.43	0.0616	Singlet-A	H-4 \rightarrow LUMO (28%), H-1 \rightarrow L+3 (21%), HOMO \rightarrow L+2 (28%)	0.69
14	5.08	243.91	0.3361	Singlet-A	H-10 \rightarrow LUMO (39%), H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (12%), H-1 \rightarrow L+2 (12%), HOMO \rightarrow L+3 (11%)	0.60
15	5.10	242.93	0.5115	Singlet-A	H-10 \rightarrow LUMO (17%), H-5 \rightarrow L+1 (15%), H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (17%), H-1 \rightarrow L+2 (17%), HOMO \rightarrow L+3 (15%)	0.64
16	5.14	241.28	0.1113	Singlet-A	H-3 \rightarrow L+1 (46%), HOMO \rightarrow L+2 (15%)	0.69
17	5.29	234.49	0.0401	Singlet-A	H-12 \rightarrow LUMO (36%), H-11 \rightarrow L+1 (24%), H-4 \rightarrow L+1 (11%)	0.60
18	5.30	233.92	0.0296	Singlet-A	H-13 \rightarrow LUMO (20%), H-12 \rightarrow L+1 (13%), H-11 \rightarrow LUMO (29%), H-10 \rightarrow L+1 (23%)	0.53
19	5.30	233.91	0.7495	Singlet-A	H-5 \rightarrow L+1 (20%), H-4 \rightarrow L+1 (31%)	0.66
20	5.36	231.29	0.0998	Singlet-A	H-13 \rightarrow LUMO (19%), H-11 \rightarrow LUMO (14%), H-10 \rightarrow L+1 (20%), H-3 \rightarrow L+1 (13%)	0.58
21	5.62	220.63	0.0395	Singlet-A	H-12 \rightarrow LUMO (11%), H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (26%), H-8 \rightarrow L+1 (11%), H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (19%)	0.69
22	5.64	219.69	0.0496	Singlet-A	H-11 \rightarrow LUMO (11%), H-9 \rightarrow L+1 (10%), H-8 \rightarrow LUMO (35%)	0.70
23	5.78	214.32	0.0665	Singlet-A	H-6 \rightarrow L+1 (13%), H-5 \rightarrow LUMO (11%), H-2 \rightarrow L+5 (22%)	0.64
24	5.80	213.68	0.0049	Singlet-A	H-7 \rightarrow LUMO (13%), H-4 \rightarrow L+3 (13%), H-3 \rightarrow L+2 (21%)	0.69
25	5.82	212.99	0.0029	Singlet-A	H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (23%), H-7 \rightarrow L+1 (11%), H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (17%)	0.73

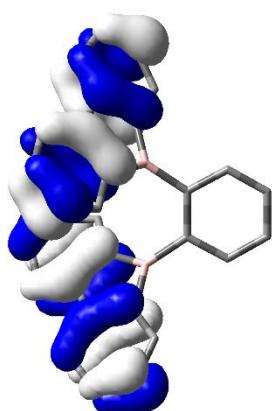
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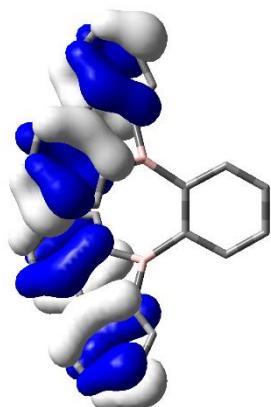
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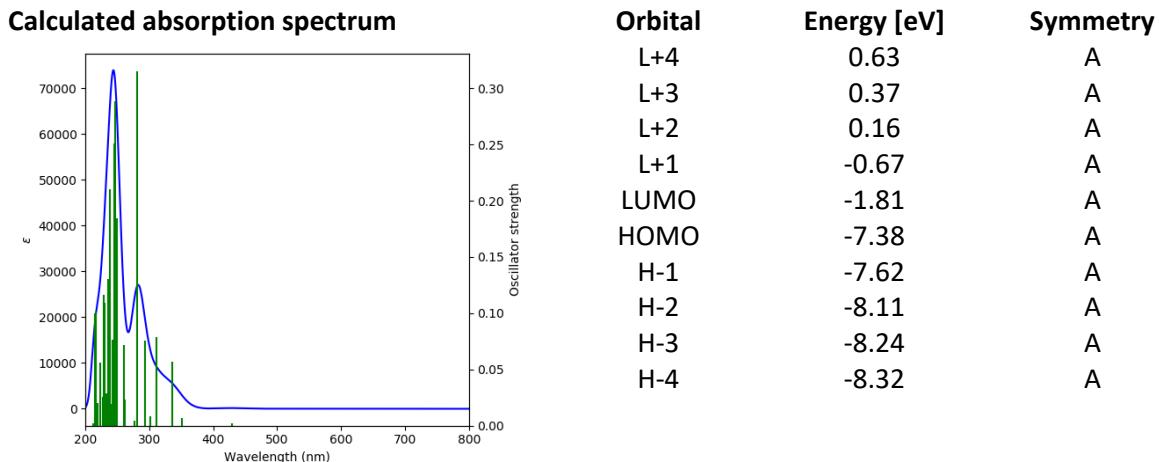


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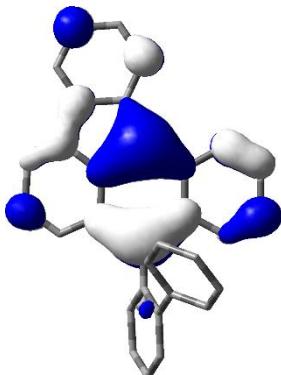


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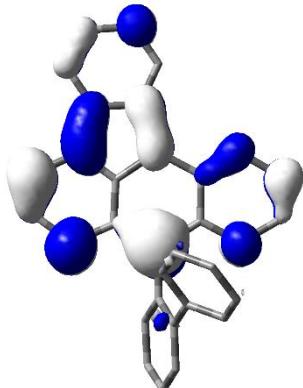
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State	E [eV]	λ [nm]	f	Symmetry	Major contributions	Δ
1	2.89	429.67	0.0022	Singlet-A	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (91%)	0.51
2	3.54	350.44	0.0066	Singlet-A	H-2 \rightarrow LUMO (89%)	0.60
3	3.70	335.18	0.0571	Singlet-A	H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (16%), H-1 \rightarrow LUMO (62%)	0.34
4	3.98	311.74	0.0791	Singlet-A	H-4 \rightarrow LUMO (56%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (23%)	0.60
5	4.11	301.52	0.008	Singlet-A	H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (28%), H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (26%), H-1 \rightarrow LUMO (14%)	0.50
6	4.23	293.04	0.0753	Singlet-A	H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (24%), H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (13%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (23%)	0.54
7	4.41	281.31	0.3153	Singlet-A	H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (25%), H-4 \rightarrow LUMO (17%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (24%)	0.62
8	4.49	276.13	0.0047	Singlet-A	H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (29%), H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (22%)	0.53
9	4.74	261.55	0.0231	Singlet-A	H-11 \rightarrow LUMO (46%), H-5 \rightarrow LUMO (27%)	0.47
10	4.77	260.19	0.0716	Singlet-A	H-11 \rightarrow LUMO (30%), H-5 \rightarrow LUMO (41%)	0.43
11	4.96	249.72	0.1841	Singlet-A	H-8 \rightarrow LUMO (16%), H-2 \rightarrow L+1 (10%), H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (18%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (11%)	0.55
12	5.03	246.61	0.2885	Singlet-A	H-2 \rightarrow L+1 (45%), H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (23%)	0.50
13	5.05	245.74	0.2508	Singlet-A	H-12 \rightarrow LUMO (10%), H-8 \rightarrow LUMO (14%), H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (17%)	0.55
14	5.10	243.01	0.0764	Singlet-A	H-12 \rightarrow LUMO (20%), H-7 \rightarrow LUMO (12%), H-3 \rightarrow L+2 (10%), H-1 \rightarrow L+5 (12%)	0.53
15	5.16	240.19	0.019	Singlet-A	H-12 \rightarrow LUMO (37%), H-1 \rightarrow L+5 (10%)	0.51
16	5.21	238.12	0.2103	Singlet-A	H-1 \rightarrow L+2 (48%)	0.67
17	5.26	235.51	0.1306	Singlet-A	H-3 \rightarrow L+2 (12%), H-1 \rightarrow L+2 (26%)	0.760
18	5.31	233.29	0.0288	Singlet-A	H-10 \rightarrow LUMO (23%), H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (14%), H-8 \rightarrow LUMO (29%)	0.67
19	5.38	230.27	0.1095	Singlet-A	H-7 \rightarrow LUMO (16%), H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (13%), H-4 \rightarrow L+1 (17%)	0.56
20	5.43	228.32	0.1167	Singlet-A	H-9 \rightarrow L+1 (12%), H-7 \rightarrow LUMO (27%), H-3 \rightarrow L+1 (12%)	0.47
21	5.46	227.00	0.0253	Singlet-A	H-13 \rightarrow LUMO (16%), H-9 \rightarrow L+1 (12%), H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (11%)	0.51
22	5.55	223.40	0.056	Singlet-A	H-4 \rightarrow L+1 (36%), HOMO \rightarrow L+3 (23%)	0.58
23	5.66	219.15	0.0198	Singlet-A	H-13 \rightarrow LUMO (36%), H-3 \rightarrow L+1 (36%)	0.42
24	5.73	216.23	0.1017	Singlet-A	H-6 \rightarrow L+1 (40%), H-5 \rightarrow L+1 (12%)	0.59
25	5.77	214.90	0.0996	Singlet-A	H-10 \rightarrow LUMO (11%), H-8 \rightarrow L+1 (10%), HOMO \rightarrow L+3 (11%), HOMO \rightarrow L+12 (14%)	0.64

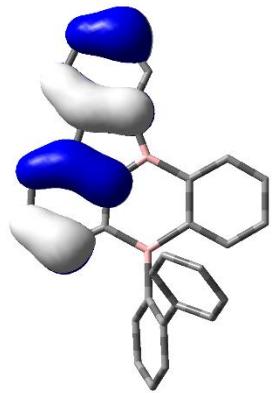
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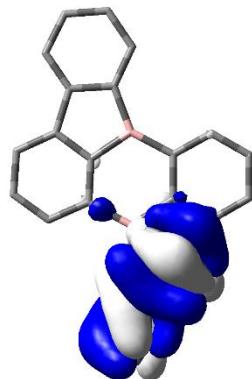
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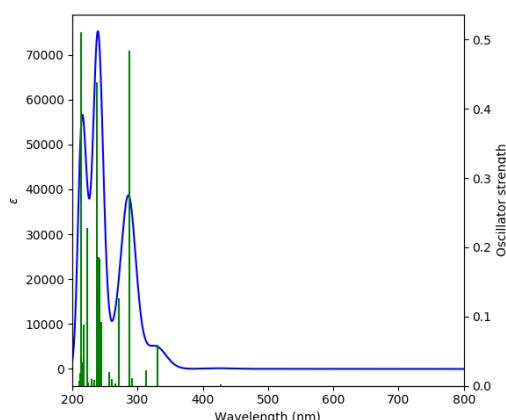
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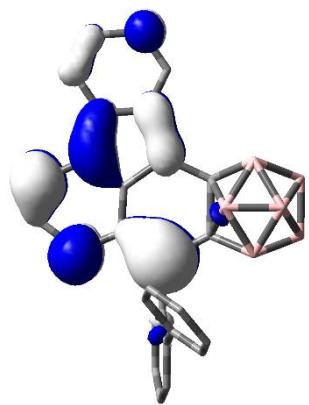
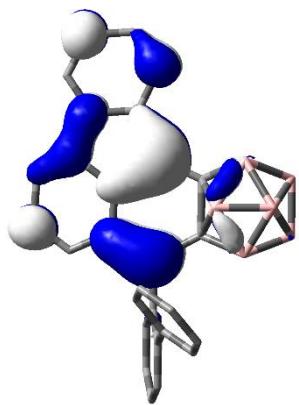
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HOMO	-7.81	A
H-1	-7.87	A
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Table S10: Lowest energy singlet electronic transition of **3a** (TD-DFT CAM-B3LYP/6-31+G(d, p), n-hexane).

State	E [eV]	λ [nm]	f	Symmetry	Major contributions	Λ
1	2.90	427.41	0.0021	Singlet-A	H-1 \rightarrow LUMO (68%), HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (25%)	0.51
2	3.75	330.81	0.059	Singlet-A	H-1 \rightarrow LUMO (16%), HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (52%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (12%)	0.41
3	3.97	312.24	0.0231	Singlet-A	H-4 \rightarrow LUMO (40%), H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (33%)	0.62
4	4.26	291.15	0.0106	Singlet-A	H-2 \rightarrow LUMO (59%), H-2 \rightarrow L+1 (13%), HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (10%)	0.25
5	4.32	286.97	0.4836	Singlet-A	H-4 \rightarrow LUMO (39%), H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (30%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (10%)	0.63
6	4.57	271.09	0.1269	Singlet-A	H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (69%)	0.68
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19	5.54	223.80	0.005	Singlet-A	H-11 \rightarrow LUMO (33%), H-8 \rightarrow LUMO (34%)	0.41
20	5.56	222.95	0.2281	Singlet-A	H-7 \rightarrow LUMO (39%), H-1 \rightarrow L+3 (22%)	0.65
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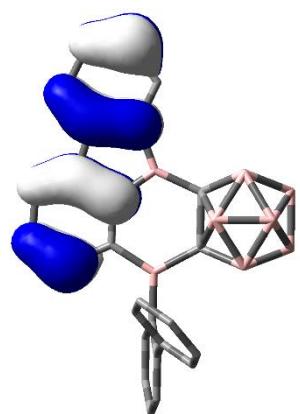


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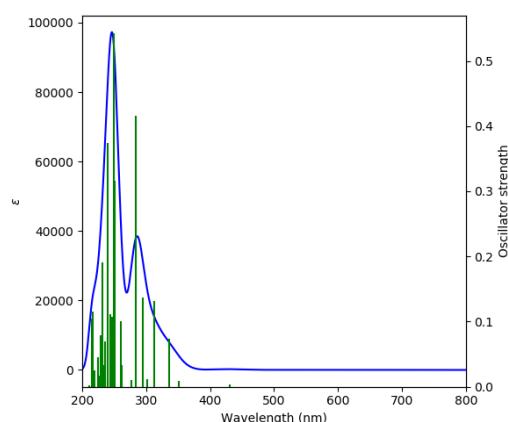
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TD-DFT calculations 3b:

Calculated absorption spectrum



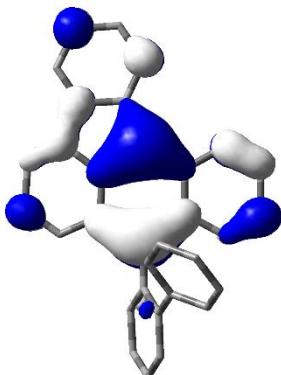
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HOMO	-7.41	A
H-1	-7.65	A
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TD-DFT CAMB3LYP/6-31+G(d,p), n-Hexane

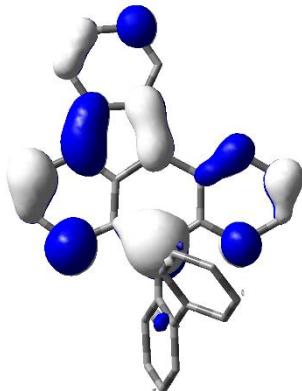
Table S11: Lowest energy singlet electronic transition of **3b** (TD-DFT CAM-B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p), *n*-Hexane).

State	E [eV]	λ [nm]	f	Symmetry	Major contributions	Δ
1	2.88	430.44	0.0031	Singlet-A	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (91%)	0.51
2	3.53	350.79	0.0091	Singlet-A	H-2 \rightarrow LUMO (89%)	0.60
3	3.69	335.95	0.0738	Singlet-A	H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (16%), H-1 \rightarrow LUMO (62%)	0.34
4	3.96	313.04	0.1311	Singlet-A	H-4 \rightarrow LUMO (61%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (19%)	0.60
5	4.11	301.89	0.0114	Singlet-A	H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (30%), H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (25%), H-1 \rightarrow LUMO (13%)	0.50
6	4.21	294.42	0.1364	Singlet-A	H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (17%), H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (12%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (31%)	0.54
7	4.37	283.97	0.4162	Singlet-A	H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (32%), H-4 \rightarrow LUMO (14%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (21%)	0.62
8	4.48	276.50	0.0099	Singlet-A	H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (30%), H-3 \rightarrow LUMO (22%)	0.53
9	4.73	261.88	0.0332	Singlet-A	H-11 \rightarrow LUMO (43%), H-5 \rightarrow LUMO (28%)	0.47
10	4.76	260.65	0.1	Singlet-A	H-11 \rightarrow LUMO (33%), H-5 \rightarrow LUMO (38%)	0.45
11	4.93	251.34	0.3167	Singlet-A	H-8 \rightarrow LUMO (13%), H-2 \rightarrow L+1 (31%), HOMO \rightarrow L+1 (11%)	0.59
12	4.98	249.08	0.5429	Singlet-A	H-8 \rightarrow LUMO (10%), H-2 \rightarrow L+1 (39%), H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (12%)	0.55
13	5.03	246.34	0.1075	Singlet-A	H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (39%)	0.46
14	5.09	243.47	0.1119	Singlet-A	H-12 \rightarrow LUMO (24%), H-7 \rightarrow LUMO (10%), H-1 \rightarrow L+5 (10%)	0.54
15	5.16	240.42	0.0123	Singlet-A	H-12 \rightarrow LUMO (34%), H-1 \rightarrow L+5 (11%)	0.51
16	5.16	240.04	0.3739	Singlet-A	H-1 \rightarrow L+2 (62%)	0.72
17	5.25	236.02	0.0694	Singlet-A	H-5 \rightarrow L+2 (10%), H-3 \rightarrow L+2 (15%)	0.53
18	5.29	234.53	0.0334	Singlet-A	H-10 \rightarrow LUMO (25%), H-9 \rightarrow LUMO (12%), H-8 \rightarrow LUMO (31%)	0.70
19	5.37	231.05	0.1904	Singlet-A	H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (12%), H-4 \rightarrow L+1 (22%), HOMO \rightarrow L+3 (11%)	0.60
20	5.42	228.71	0.0785	Singlet-A	H-9 \rightarrow L+1 (12%), H-7 \rightarrow LUMO (40%), H-3 \rightarrow L+1 (11%)	0.43
21	5.46	227.27	0.0174	Singlet-A	H-13 \rightarrow LUMO (18%), H-9 \rightarrow L+1 (14%), H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (11%)	0.51
22	5.52	224.48	0.0452	Singlet-A	H-10 \rightarrow LUMO (11%), H-4 \rightarrow L+1 (39%), HOMO \rightarrow L+3 (24%)	0.58
23	5.65	219.41	0.0255	Singlet-A	H-13 \rightarrow LUMO (32%), H-3 \rightarrow L+1 (37%)	0.41
24	5.71	217.24	0.1148	Singlet-A	H-13 \rightarrow LUMO (12%), H-6 \rightarrow L+1 (43%), H-5 \rightarrow L+1 (12%)	0.60
25	5.76	215.40	0.1041	Singlet-A	H-10 \rightarrow LUMO (13%), H-8 \rightarrow L+1 (11%), HOMO \rightarrow L+11 (16%)	64

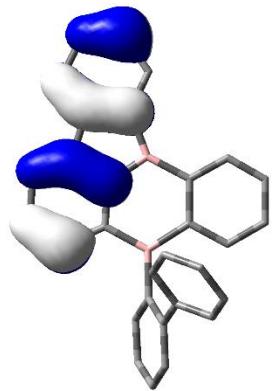
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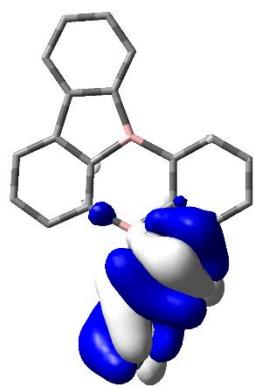
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LUMO+1: -0.70eV



HOMO: -7.41 eV



HOMO-1: -7.65 eV

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