

Supporting Information

Potential precursors for terminal ytterbium(II) imide complexes bearing the tris(3-tert-butyl-5-methylpyrazolyl)hydroborato ligand

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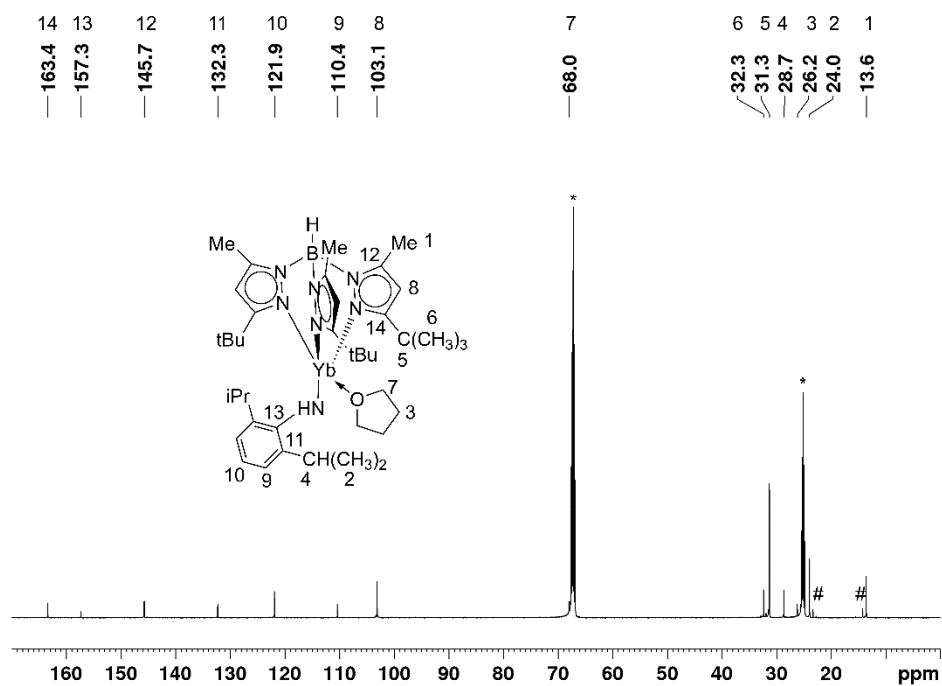
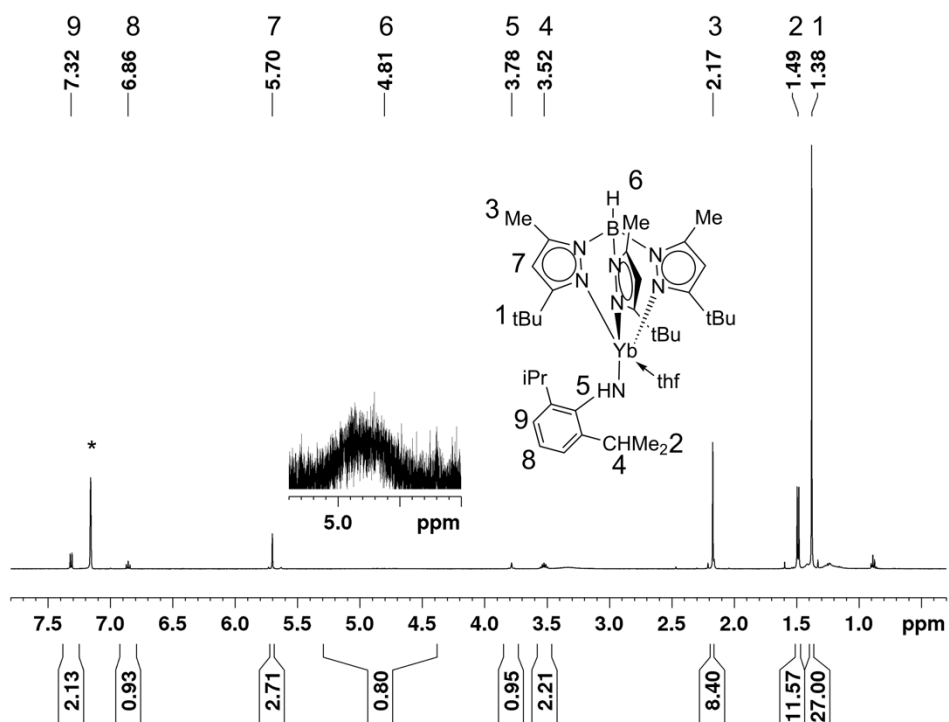
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NMR Spectra



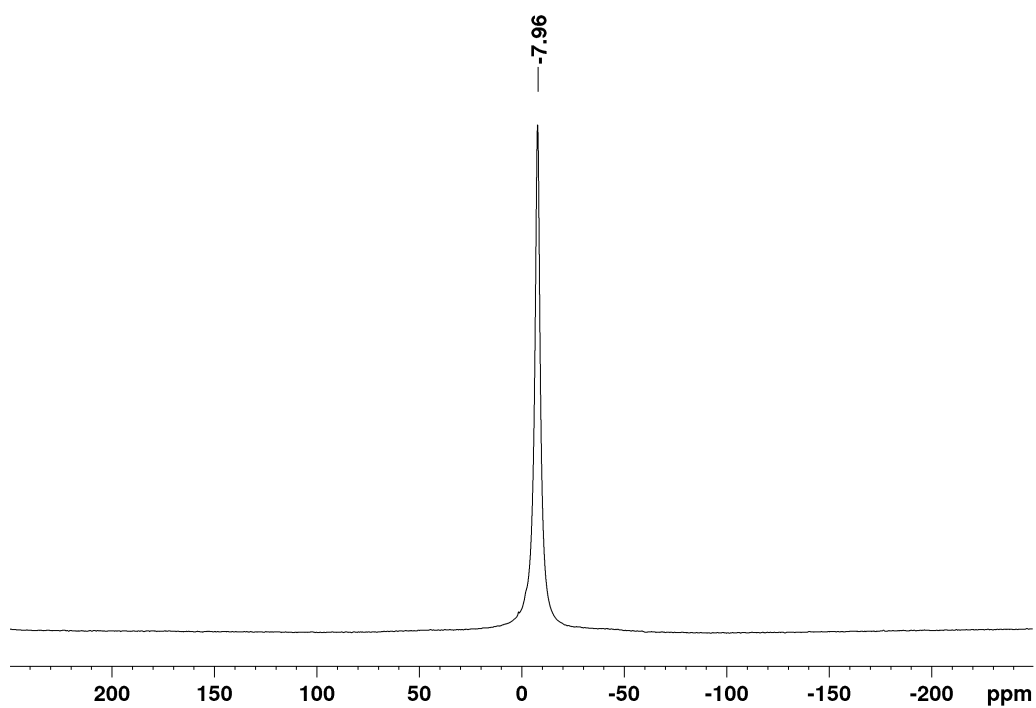


Figure S3 ^{11}B NMR spectrum (160 MHz) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})(\text{thf})$ ($\mathbf{1}^{\text{thf}}$) in C_6D_6 at 26°C .

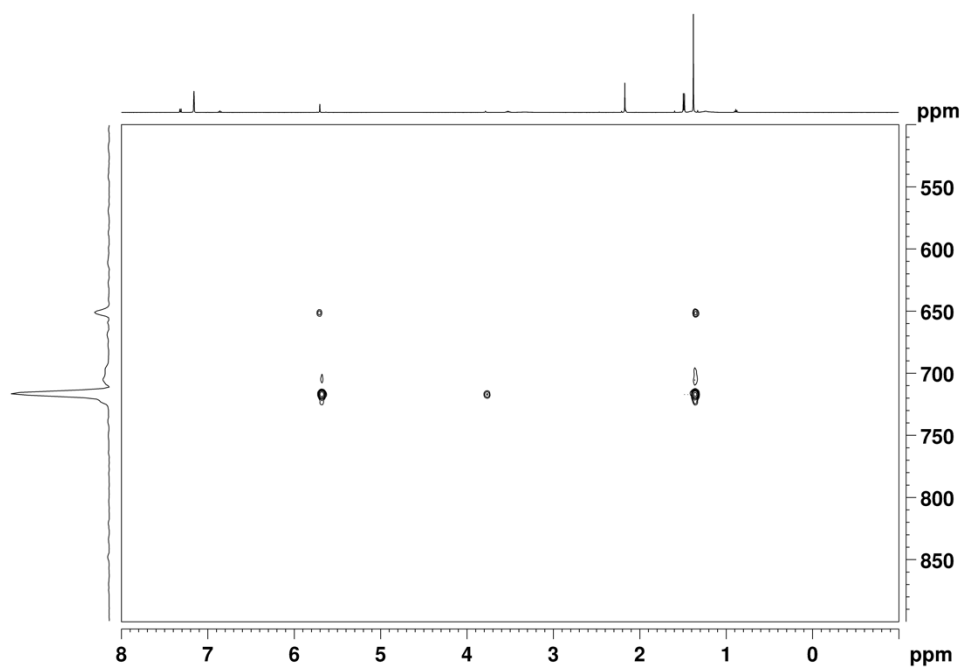


Figure S4 ^1H - ^{171}Yb HSQC NMR spectrum (500 MHz, 87.52 MHz C_6D_6 , 26°C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})(\text{thf})$ ($\mathbf{1}^{\text{thf}}$).

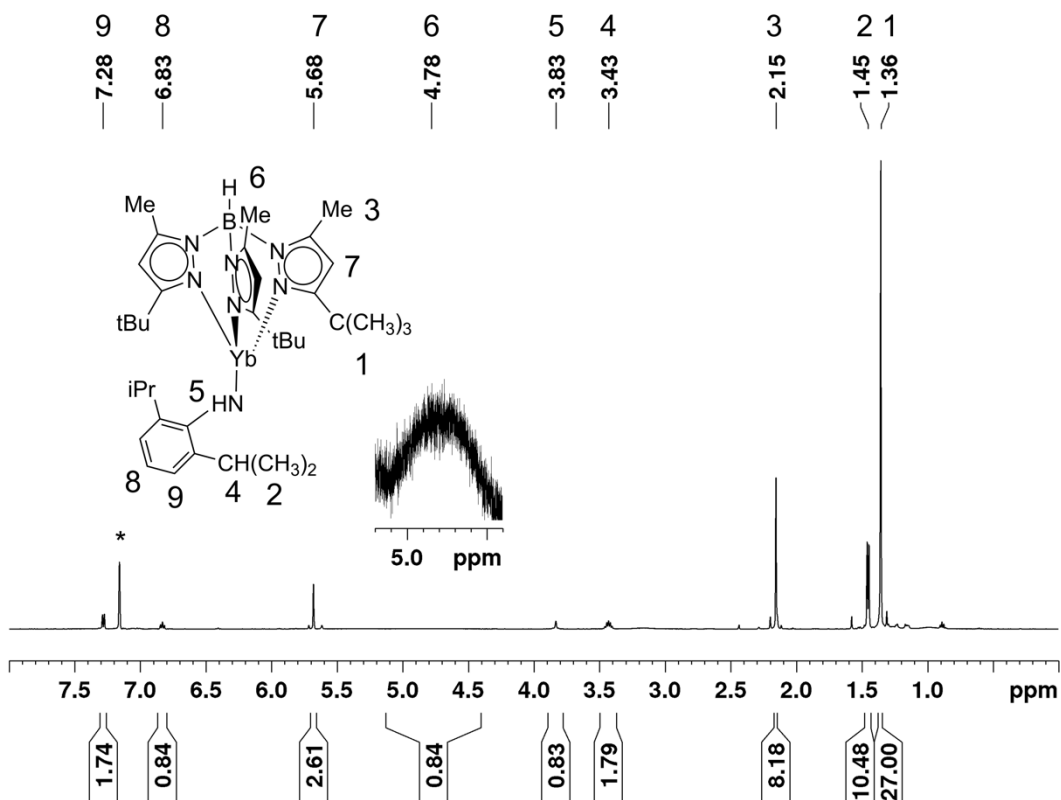


Figure S5 ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})$ (1). Residual solvent signals are marked with *.

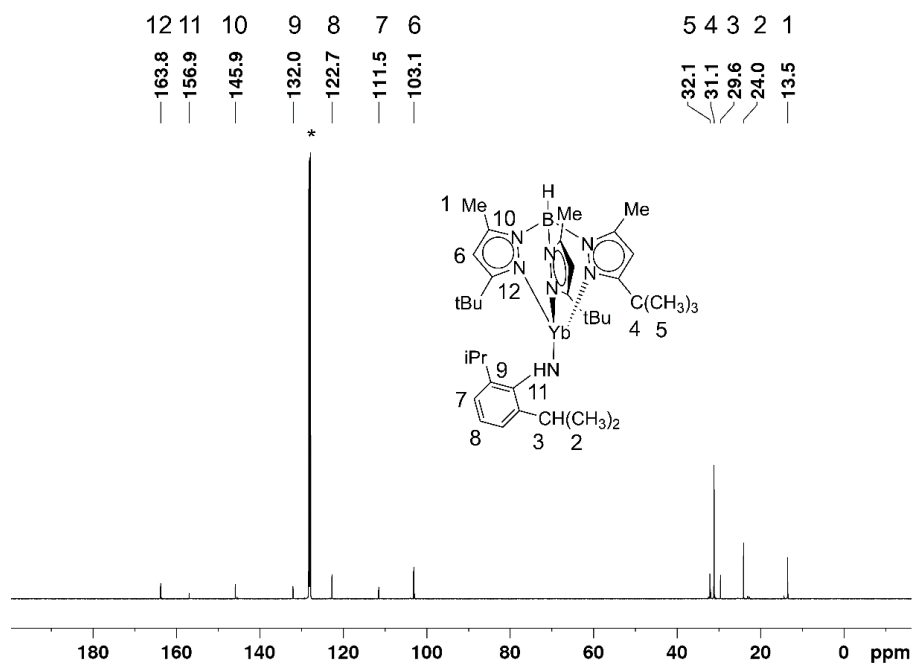


Figure S6 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (125 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})$ (1). Residual solvent signals are marked with *.

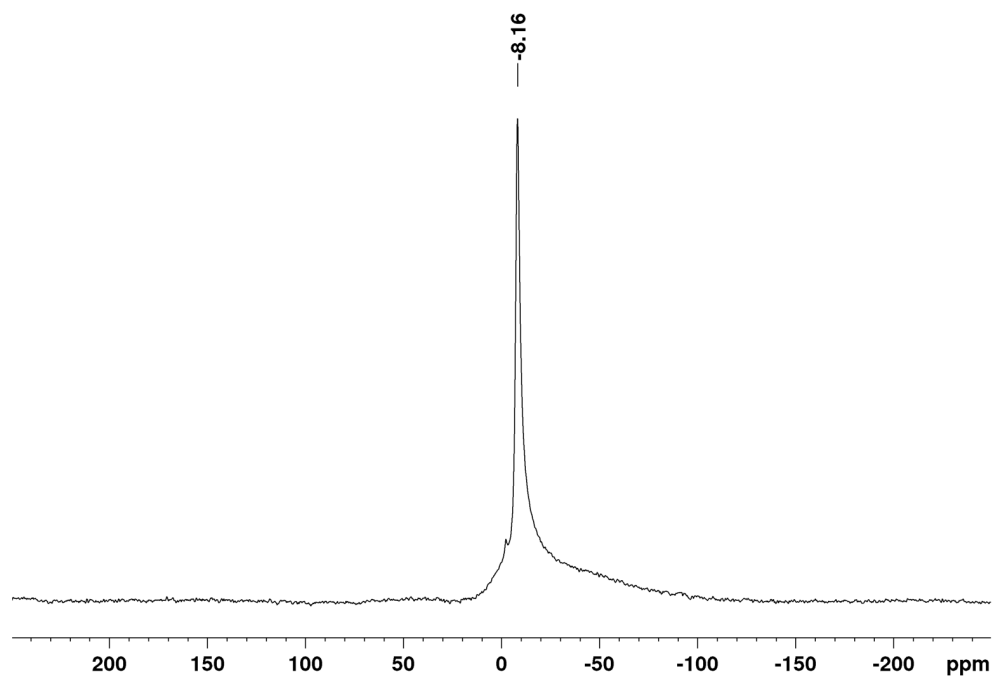


Figure S7 ^{11}B NMR spectrum (160 MHz) of a micro-scale reaction) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHA}^{\text{iPr}})$ (**1**) in C_6D_6 at 26 °C.

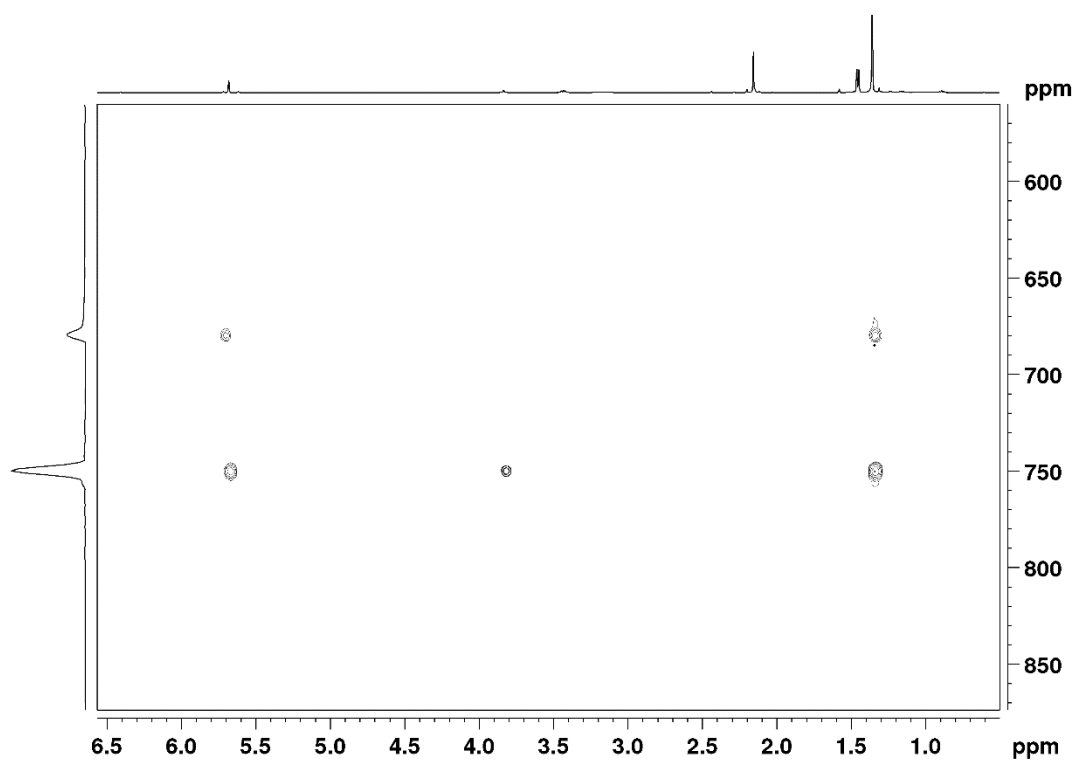


Figure S8 ^1H - ^{171}Yb HSQC NMR spectrum (500 MHz, 87.52 MHz) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHA}^{\text{iPr}})$ (**1**) in C_6D_6 at 26 °C. Main product $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHA}^{\text{iPr}})$: signal at 750 ppm.

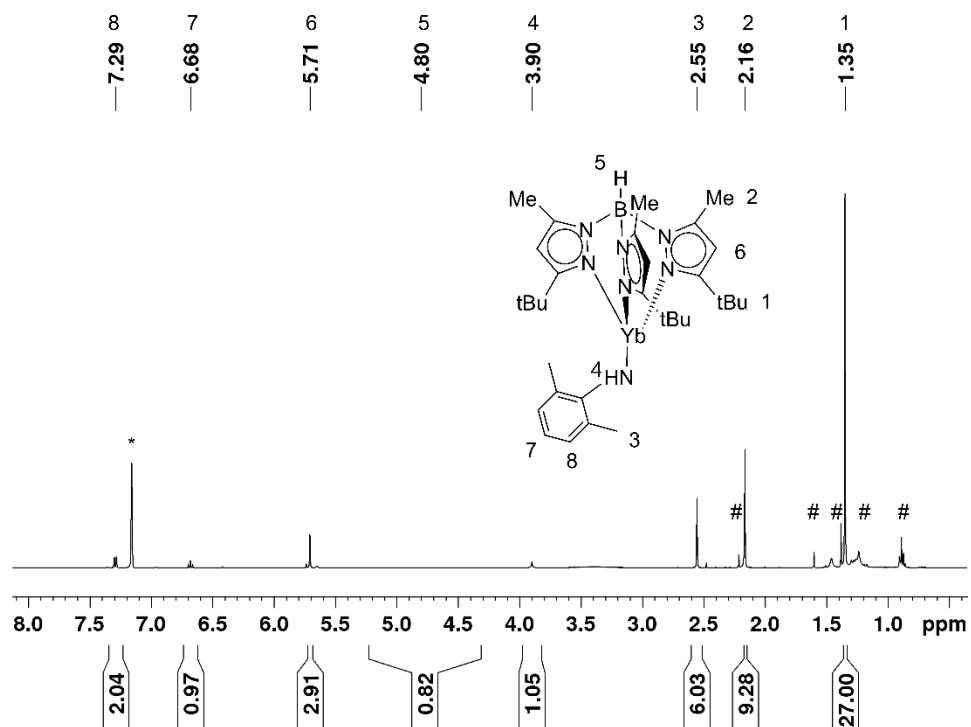


Figure S9 ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{Me}})$ (2). Residual solvent signals are marked with *. Impurities are marked with #.

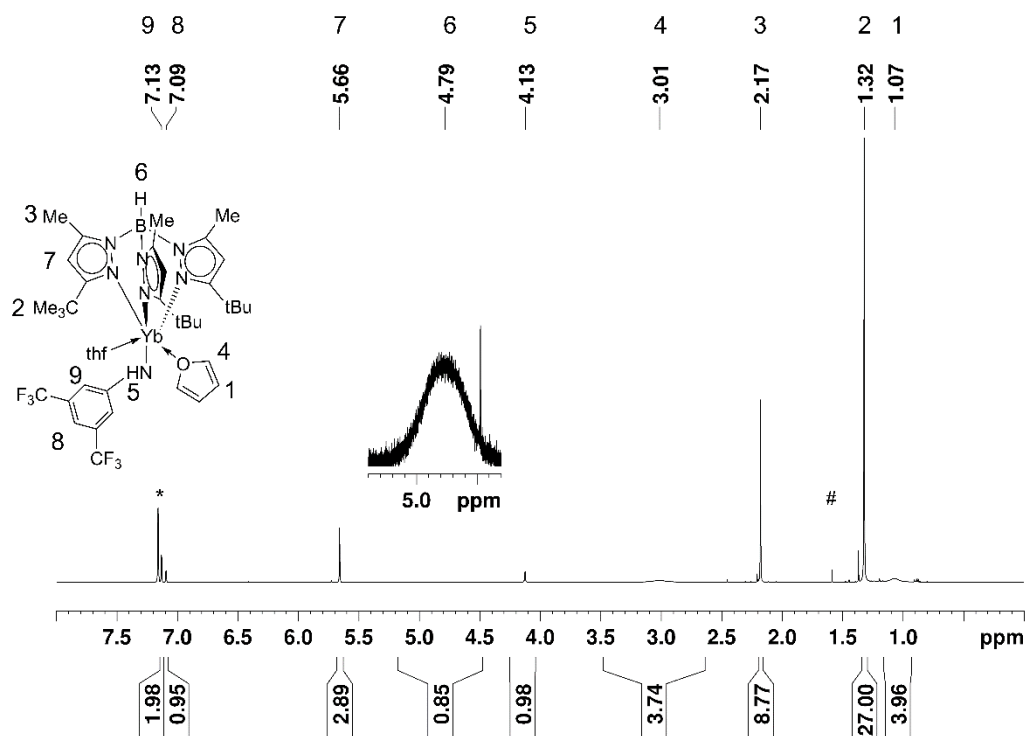


Figure S10 ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{thf})_2$ (3^{thf}). Residual solvent signals are marked with *. Minor impurities are marked with #.

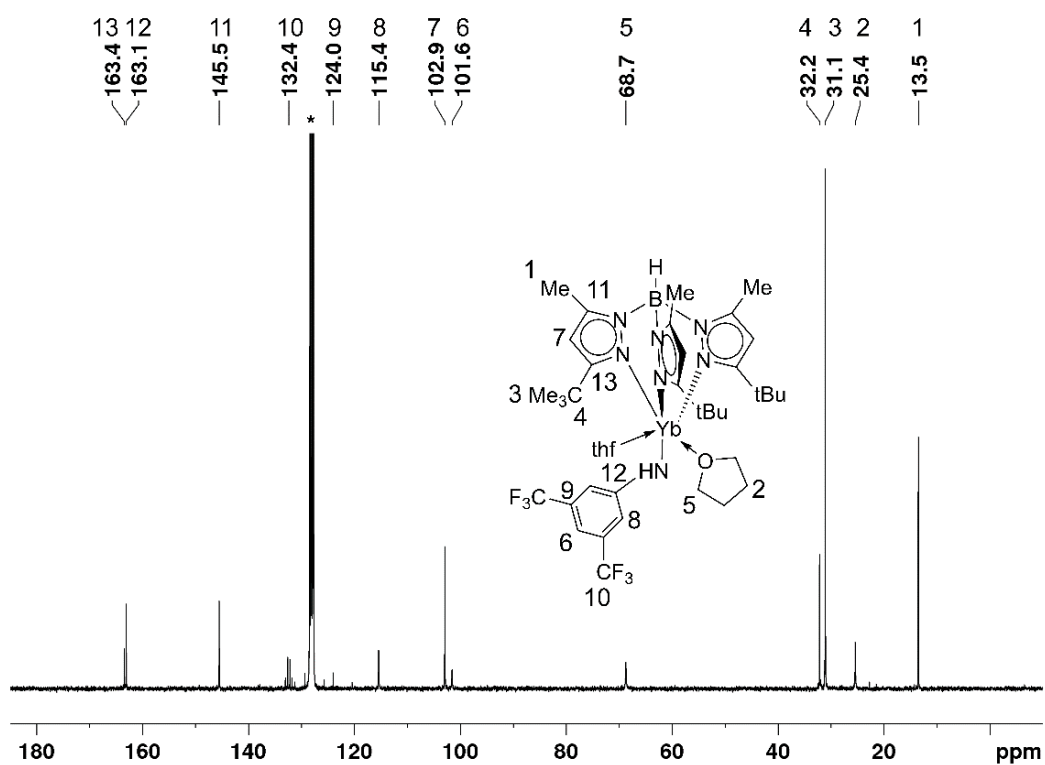


Figure S11 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (125 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{thf})_2$ ($\mathbf{3}^{\text{thf}}$). Residual solvent signals are marked with *.

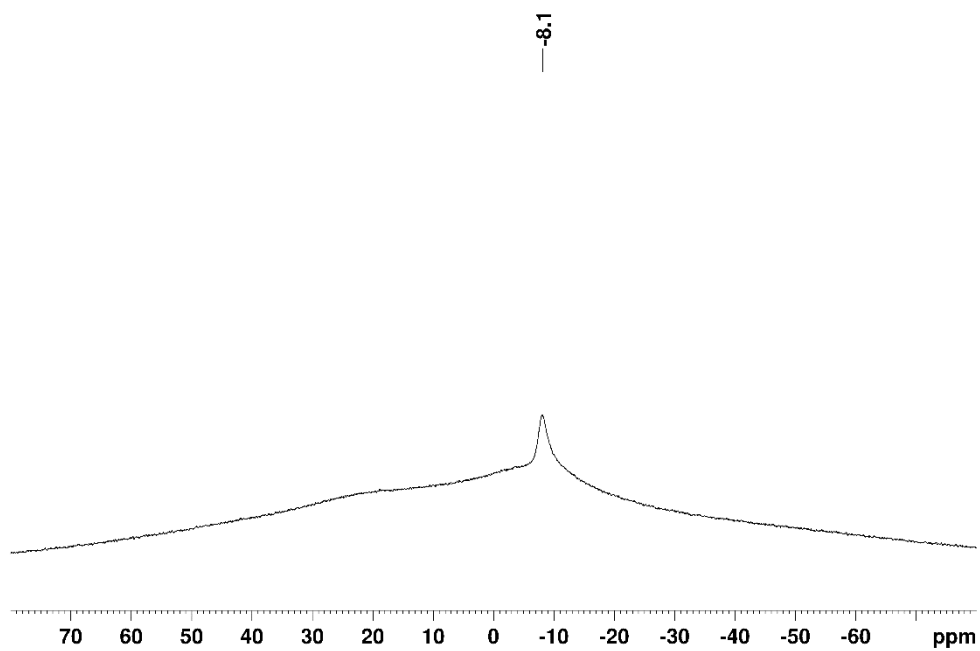


Figure S12 ^{11}B NMR spectrum (160 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{thf})_2$ ($\mathbf{3}^{\text{thf}}$).

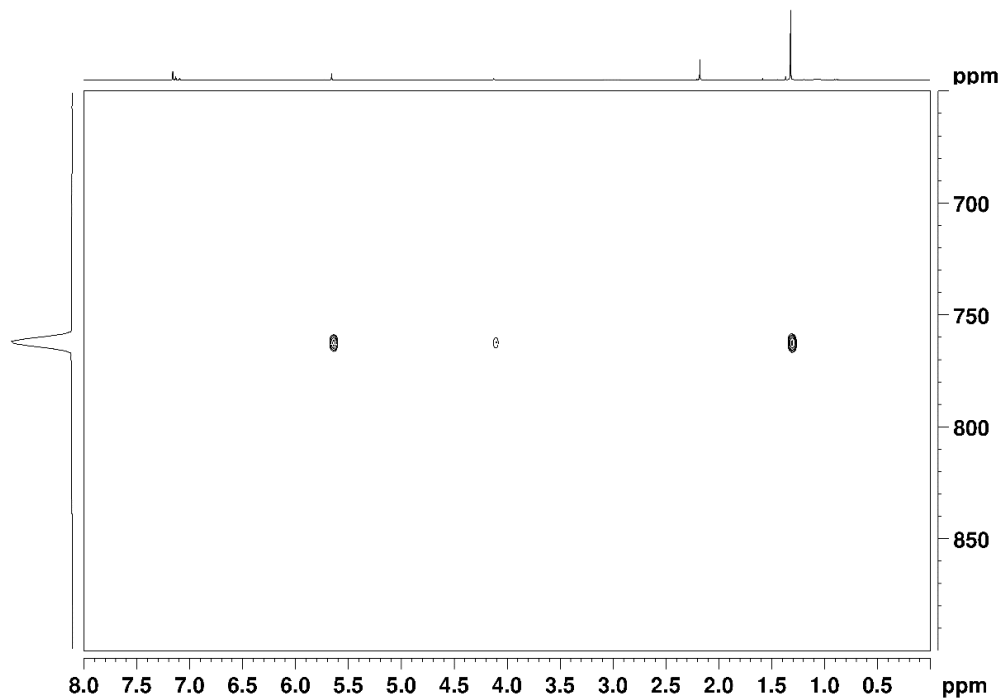


Figure S13 ^1H - ^{171}Yb HSQC NMR spectrum (500 MHz, 87.52 MHz C_6D_6 , 26 $^\circ\text{C}$) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{thf})_2$ ($\mathbf{3}^{\text{thf}}$).

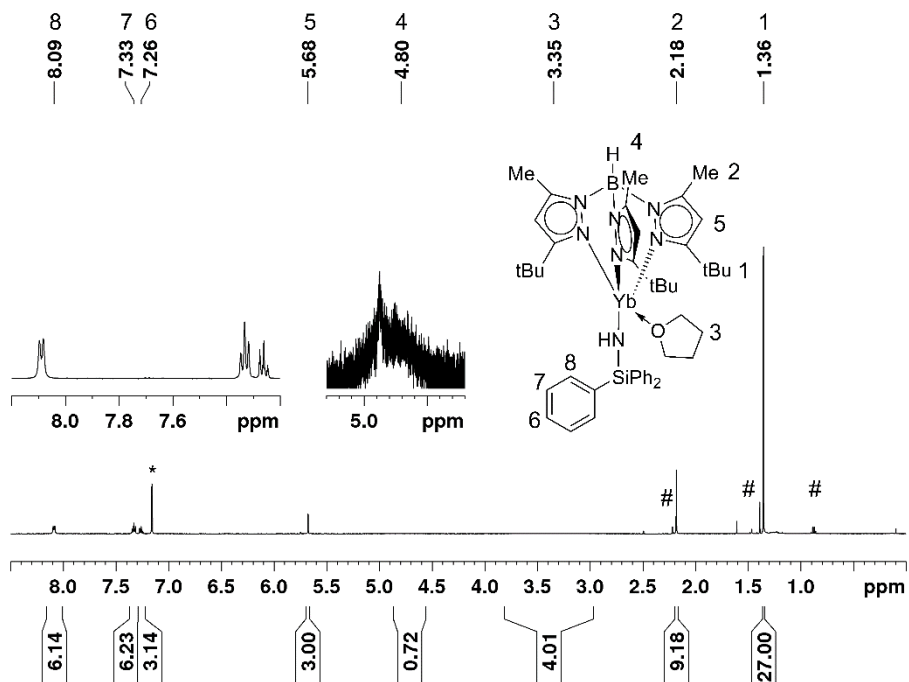


Figure S14 ^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 $^\circ\text{C}$) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHSiPh}_3)(\text{thf})$ ($\mathbf{4}^{\text{thf}}$). Residual solvent signals are marked with *, # marks minor impurities.

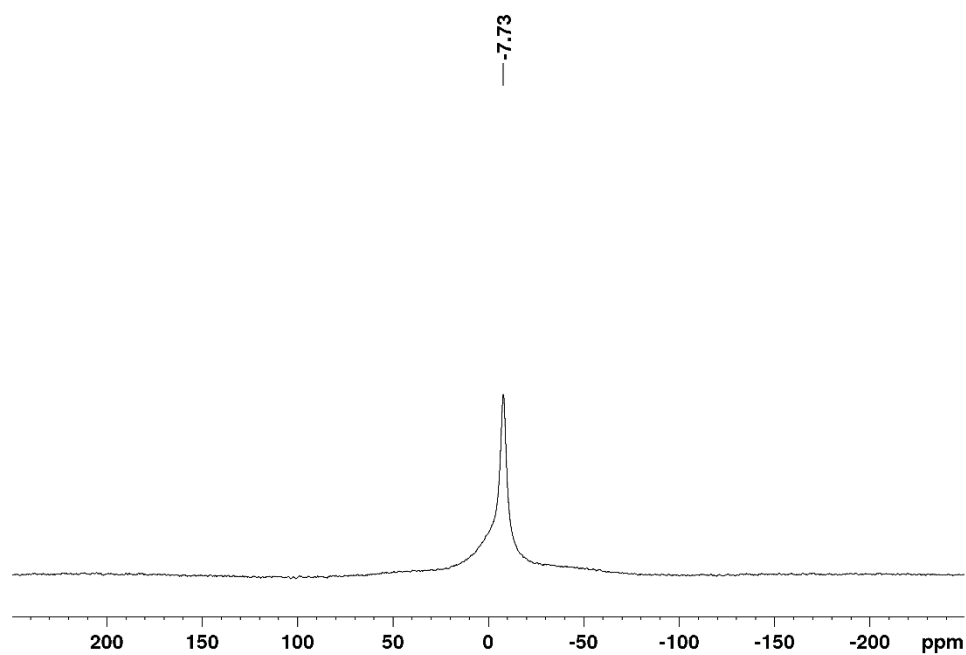
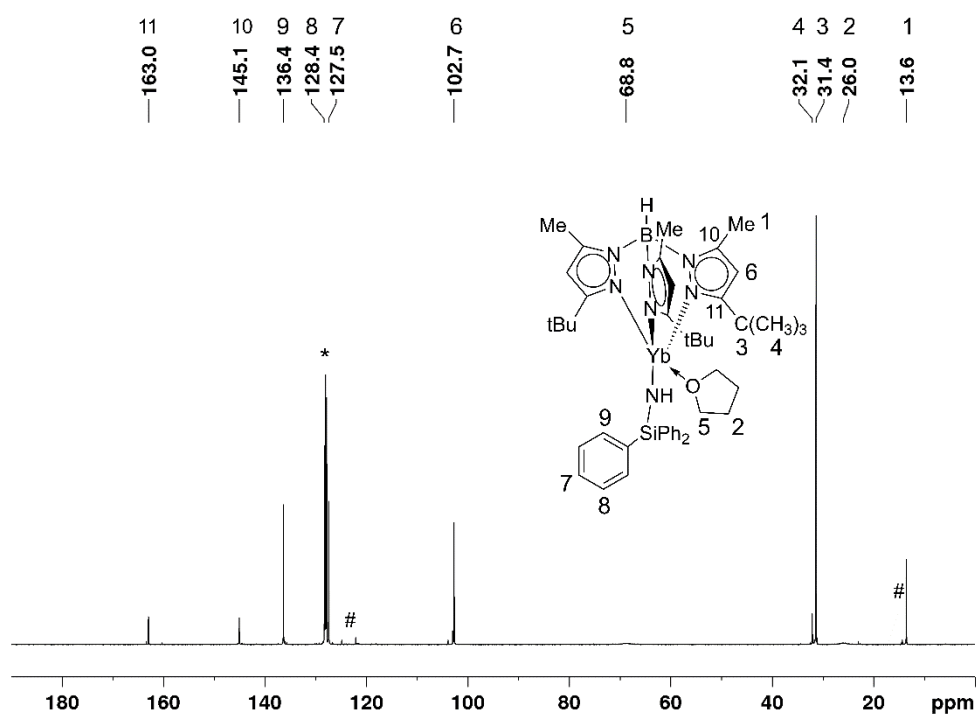


Figure S16 $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (160 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHSiPh}_3)(\text{thf})$ (4^{thf}).

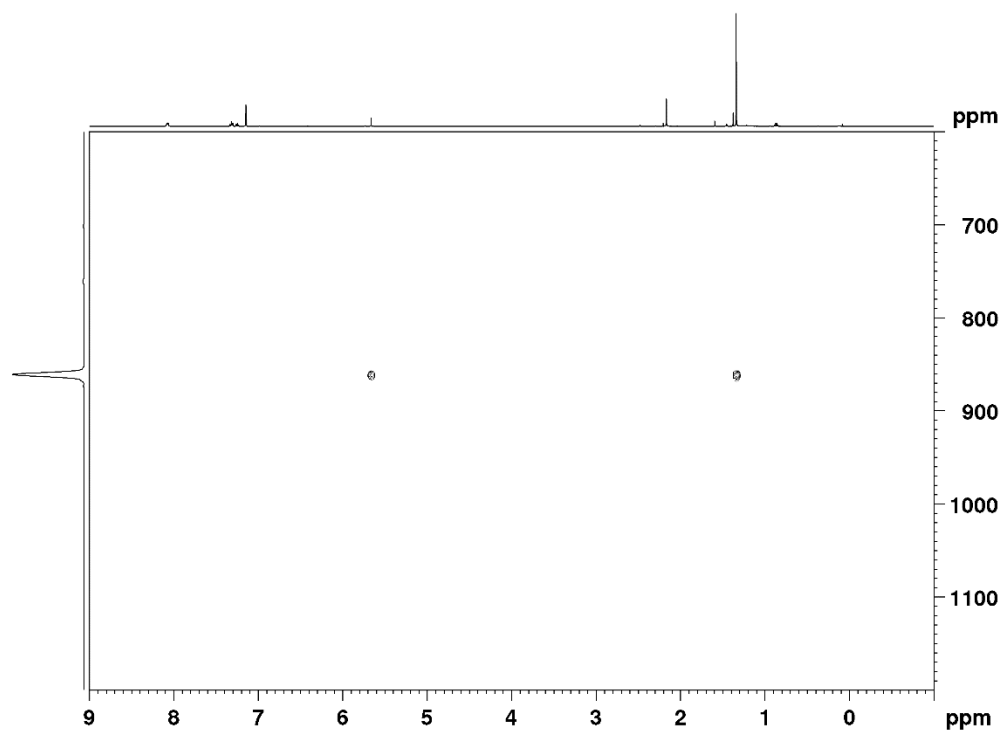


Figure S17 ^1H - ^{171}Yb HSQC NMR spectrum (500 MHz, 87.52 MHz C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHSiPh}_3)(\text{thf})$ (4^{thf}).

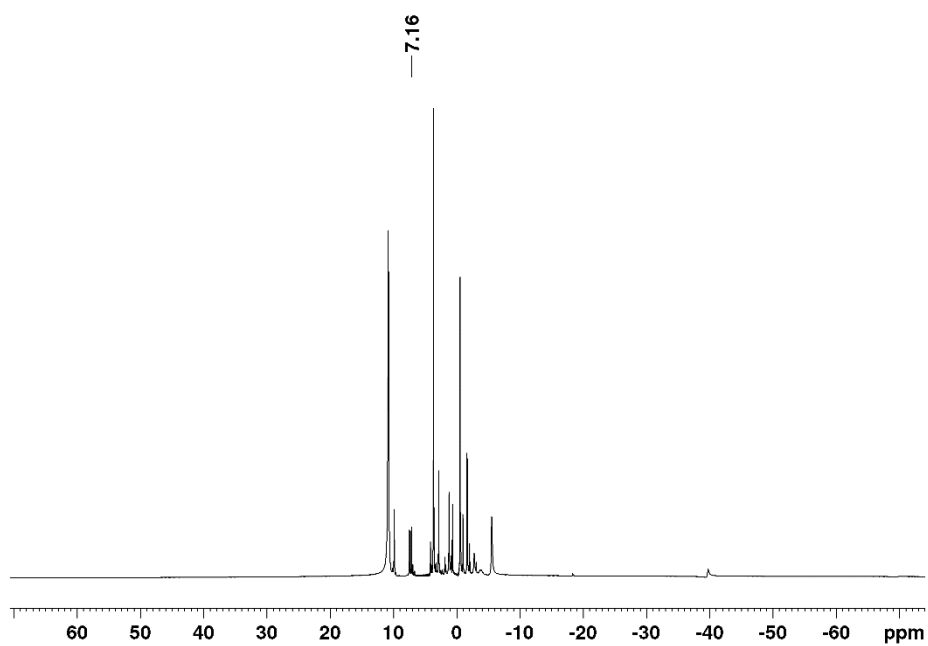


Figure S18 ^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Sm}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})(\text{thf})$ ($1^{\text{thf,Sm}}$)

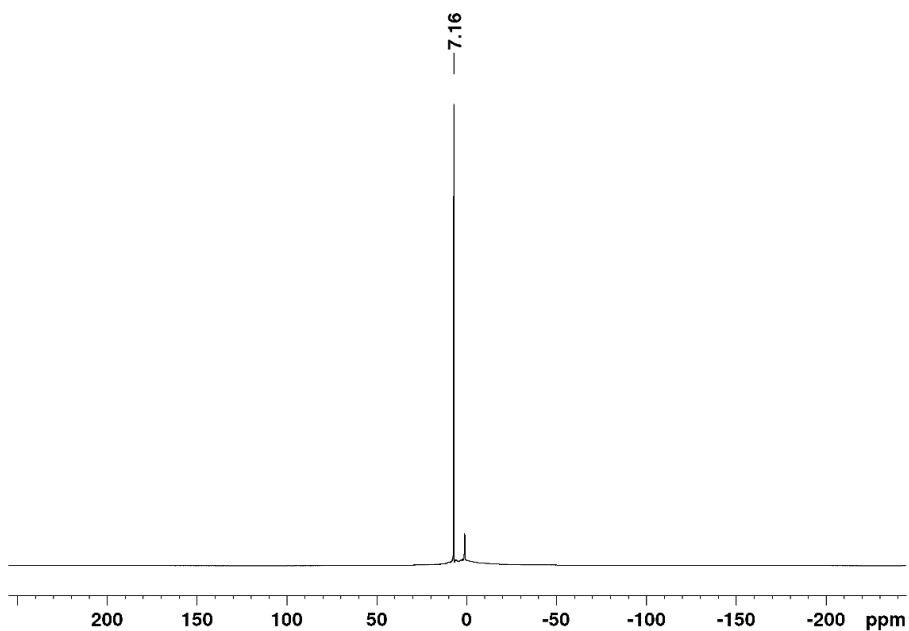


Figure S19 ^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 $^\circ\text{C}$) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Eu}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})(\text{thf})$ ($\mathbf{1}^{\text{thf,Eu}}$).

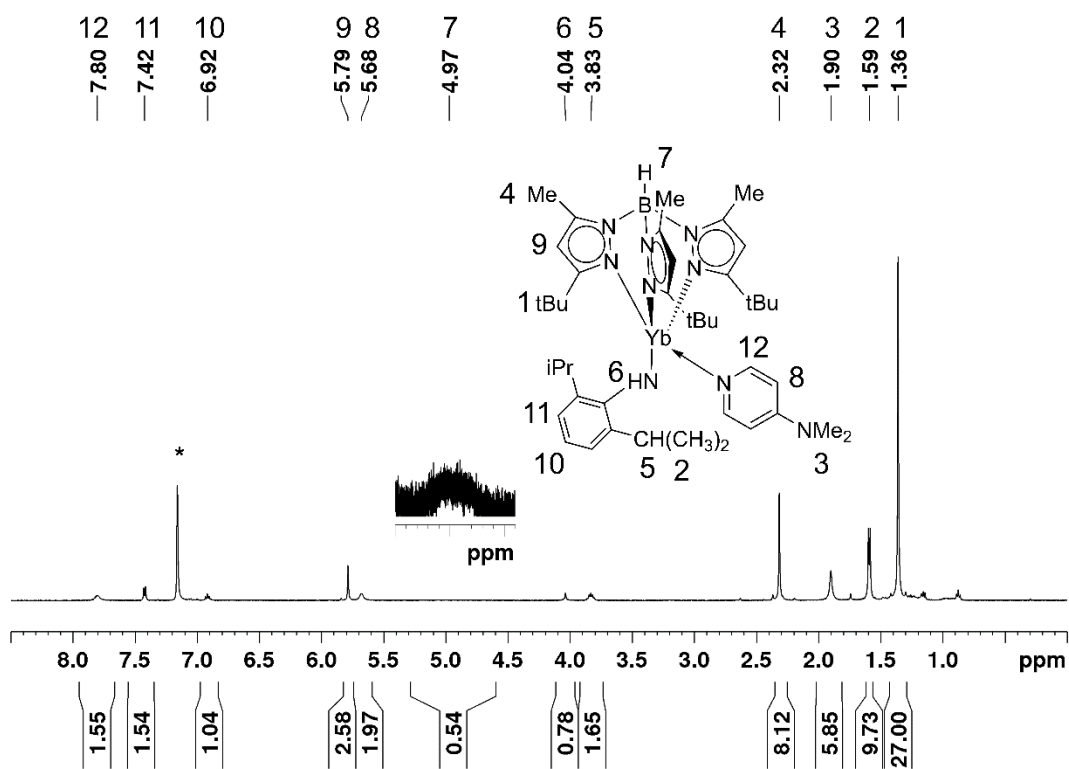


Figure S20 ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 $^\circ\text{C}$) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})(\text{dmap})$ ($\mathbf{1}^{\text{dmap}}$). Residual solvent signals are marked with *.

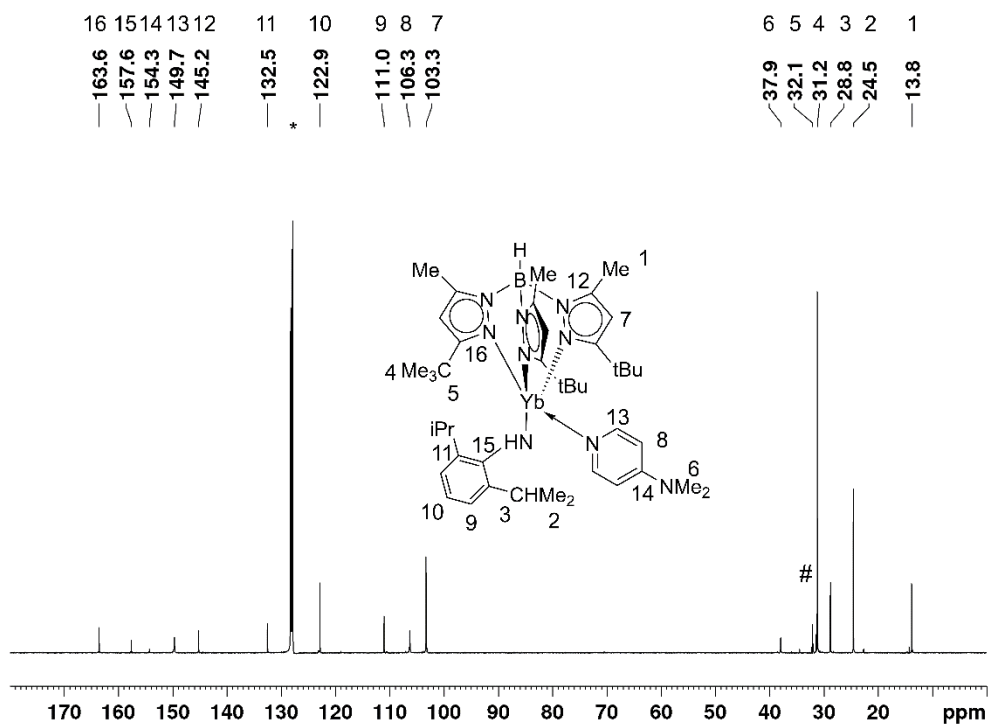


Figure S21 ^{13}C UDEFT NMR spectrum (125 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})(\text{dmap})$ ($\mathbf{1}^{\text{dmap}}$). Residual solvent signals are marked with *. Minor impurities are marked with #.

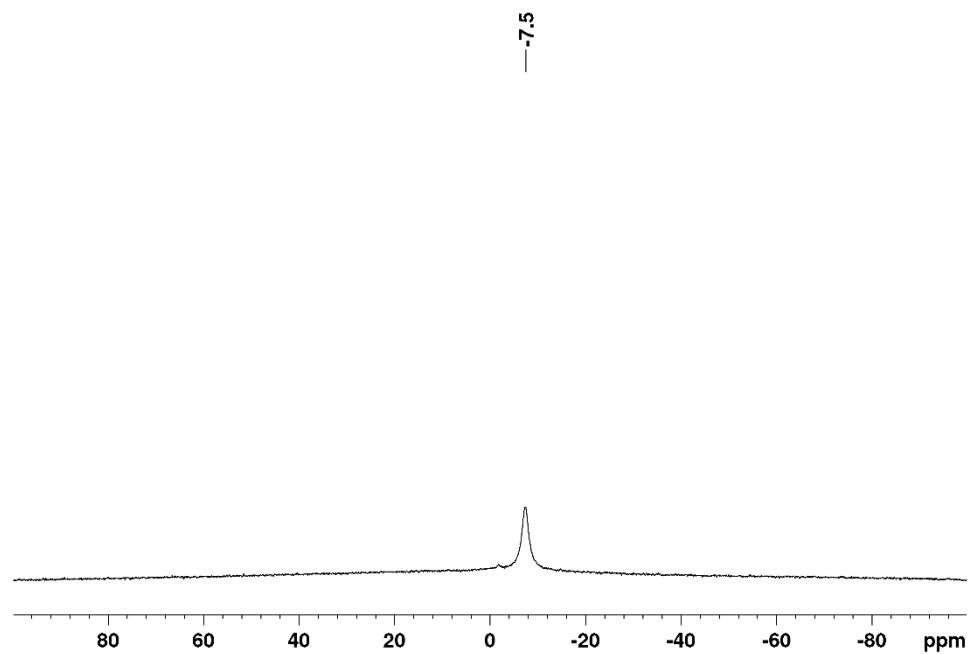


Figure S22 ^{11}B NMR spectrum (160 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})(\text{dmap})$ ($\mathbf{1}^{\text{dmap}}$).

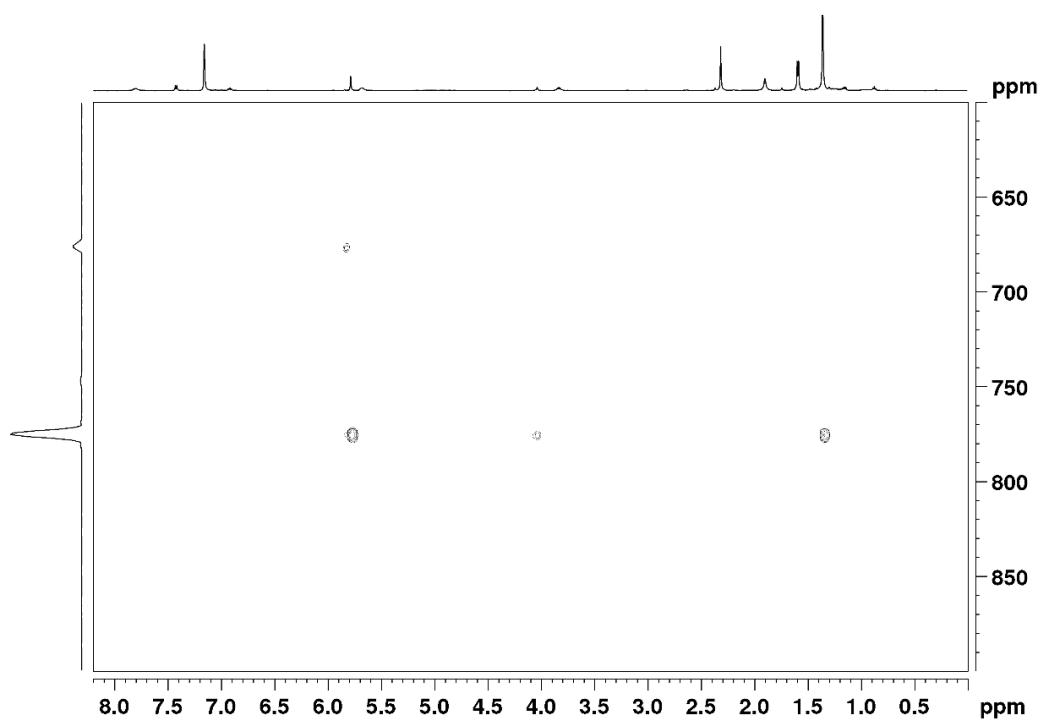


Figure S23 ^1H - ^{171}Yb HSQC NMR spectrum (500 MHz, 87.52 MHz C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})(\text{dmap})$ (1^{dmap}). Product signal at 776 ppm.

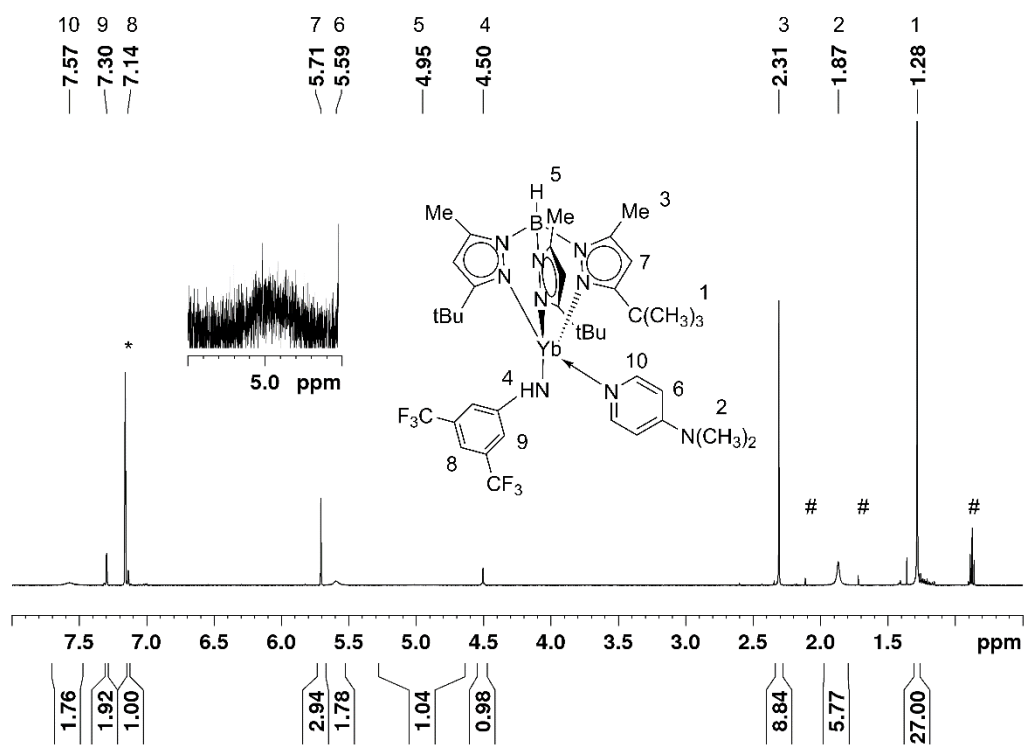


Figure S24 ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{dmap})$ (3^{dmap}). Residual solvent signals are marked with *.

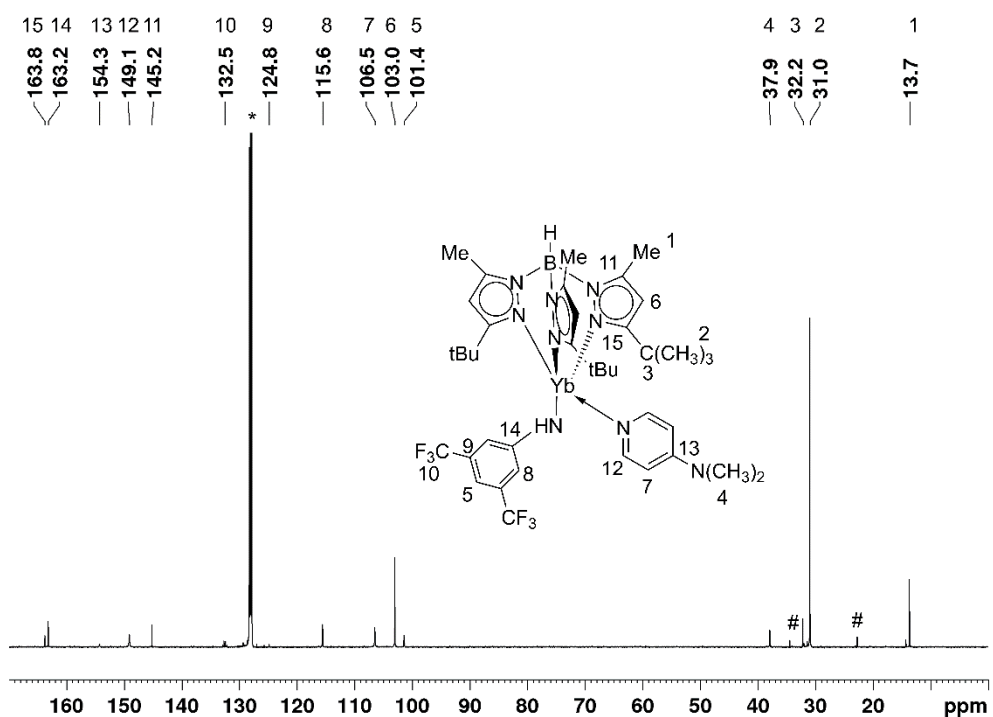


Figure S25 ¹³C UDEFT NMR spectrum (125 MHz, C₆D₆, 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{dmap})$ ($\mathbf{3}^{\text{dmap}}$). Residual solvent signals are marked with *. Minor impurities are marked with #.

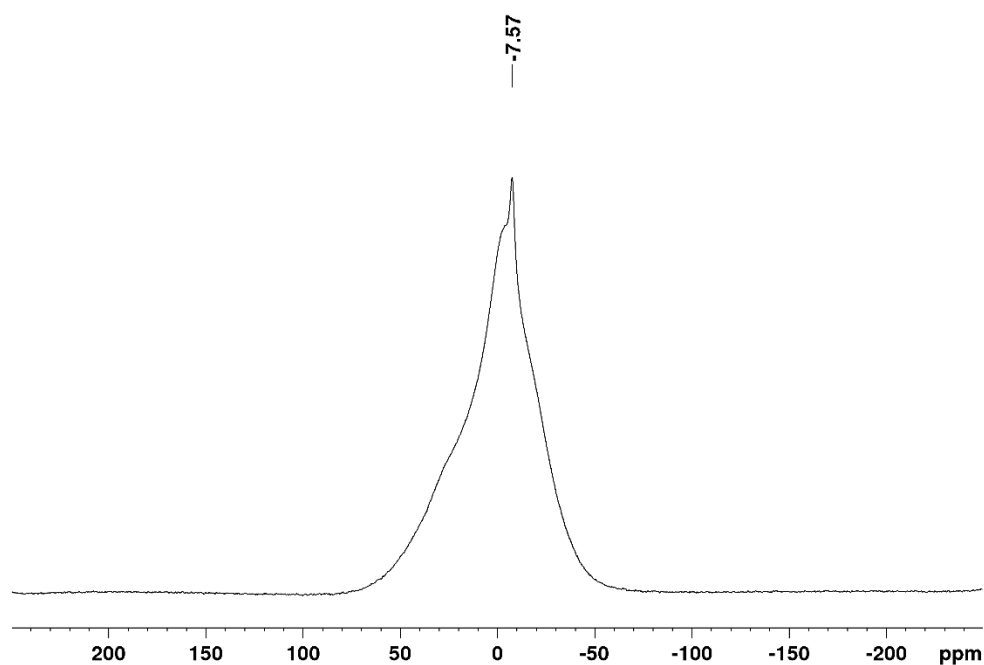


Figure S26 ¹¹B NMR spectrum (128 MHz, C₆D₆, 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{dmap})$ ($\mathbf{3}^{\text{dmap}}$).

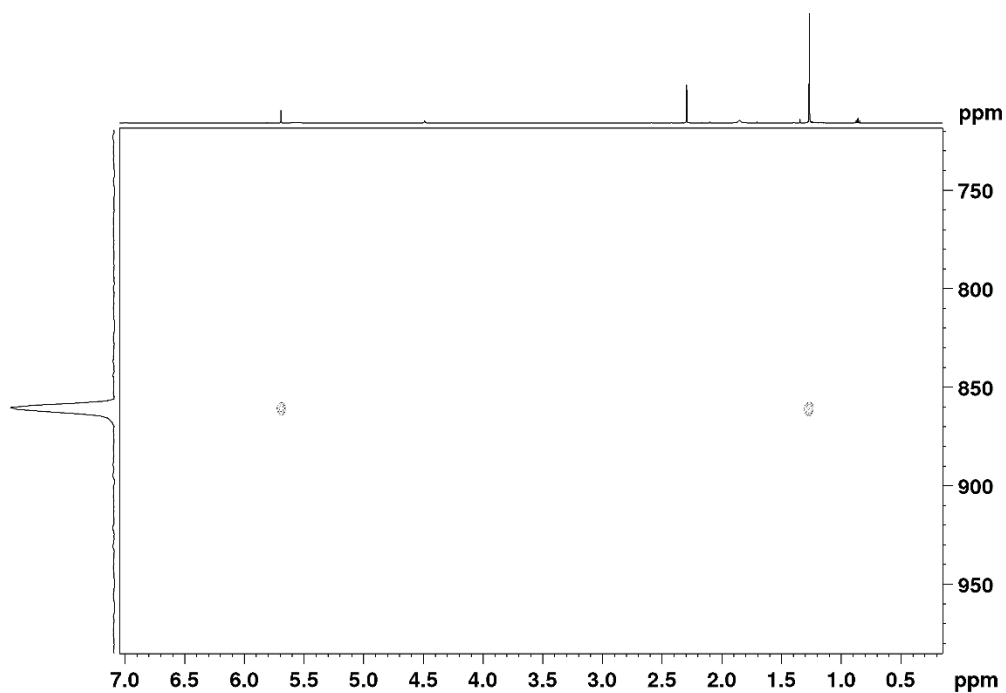


Figure S27 ^1H - ^{171}Yb HSQC NMR spectrum (500 MHz, 87.52 MHz C_6D_6 , 26 $^\circ\text{C}$) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{dmap})$ (**3^{dmap}**). Product signal at 862 ppm.

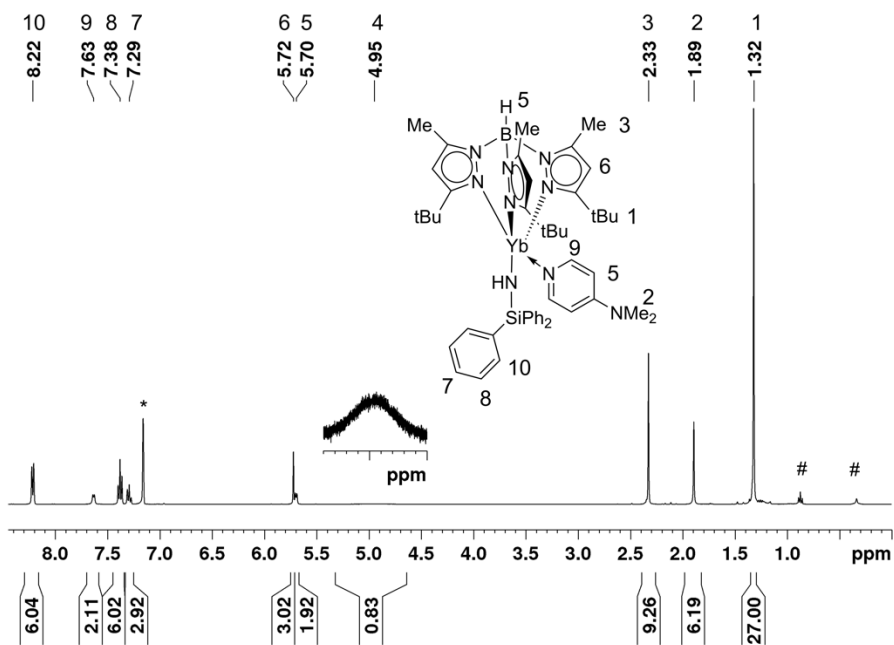


Figure S28 ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 $^\circ\text{C}$) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHSiPh}_3)(\text{dmap})$ (**4^{dmap}**). Residual solvent signals are marked with *, minor impurities are marked with #.

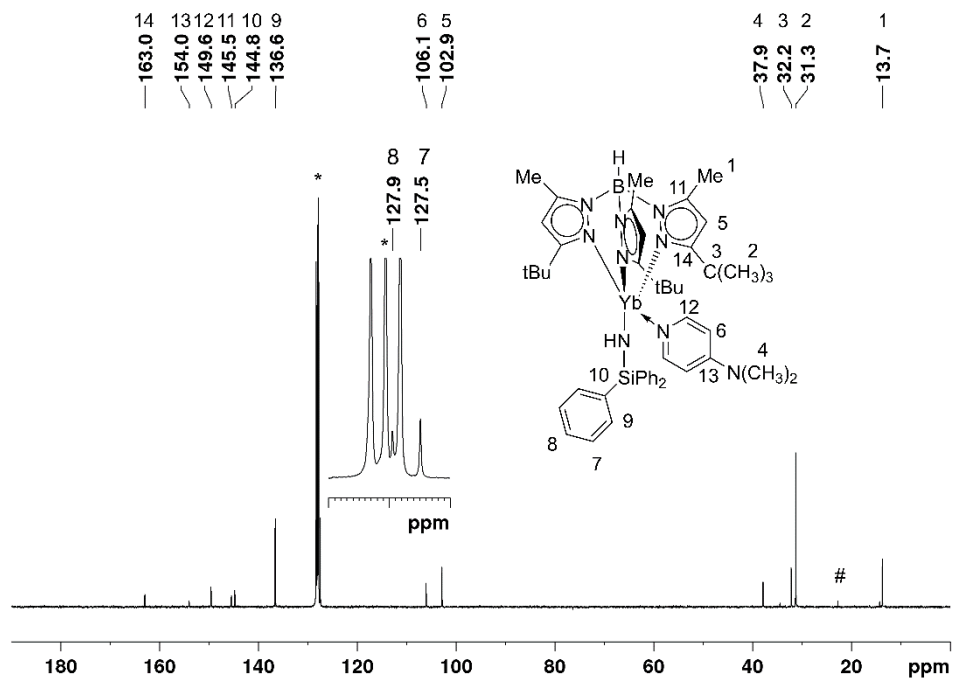


Figure S29 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ UDEFT NMR spectrum (100 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHSiPh}_3)(\text{dmap})$ (4^{dmap}). Residual solvent signals are marked with *, minor impurities are marked with #.

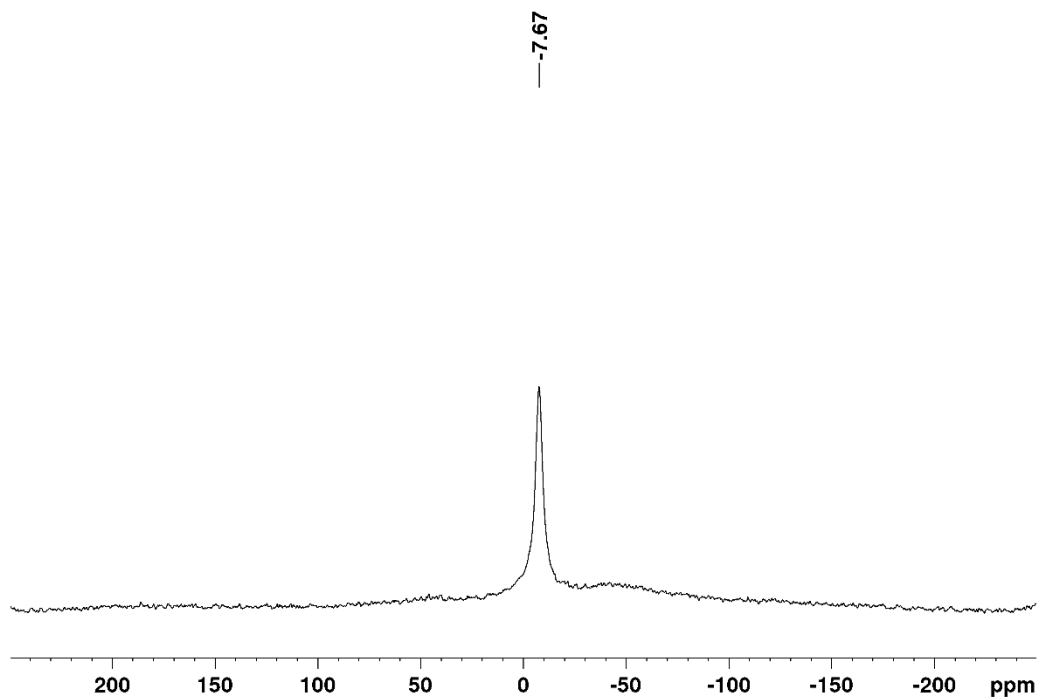


Figure S30 $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (96 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHSiPh}_3)(\text{dmap})$ (4^{dmap}). Residual solvent signals are marked with *, minor impurities are marked with #.

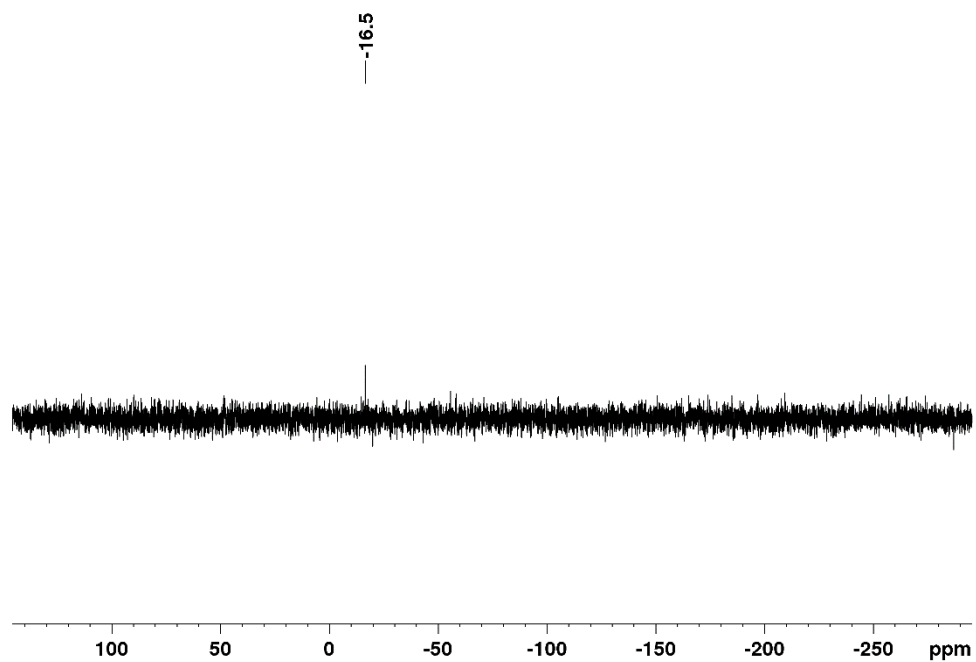


Figure S31 ^{29}Si DEPT45 NMR spectrum (60 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHSiPh}_3)(\text{dmap})$ (4^{dmap}).

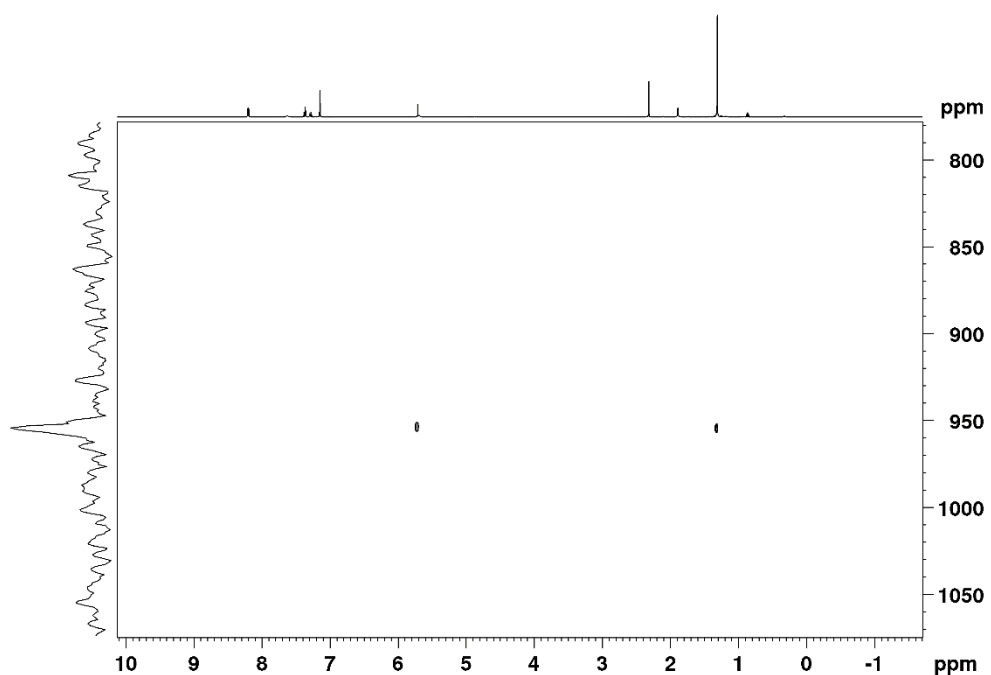


Figure S32 ^1H - ^{171}Yb HSQC NMR spectrum (500 MHz, 87.52 MHz C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHSiPh}_3)(\text{dmap})$ (4^{dmap}). Product signal at 954 ppm

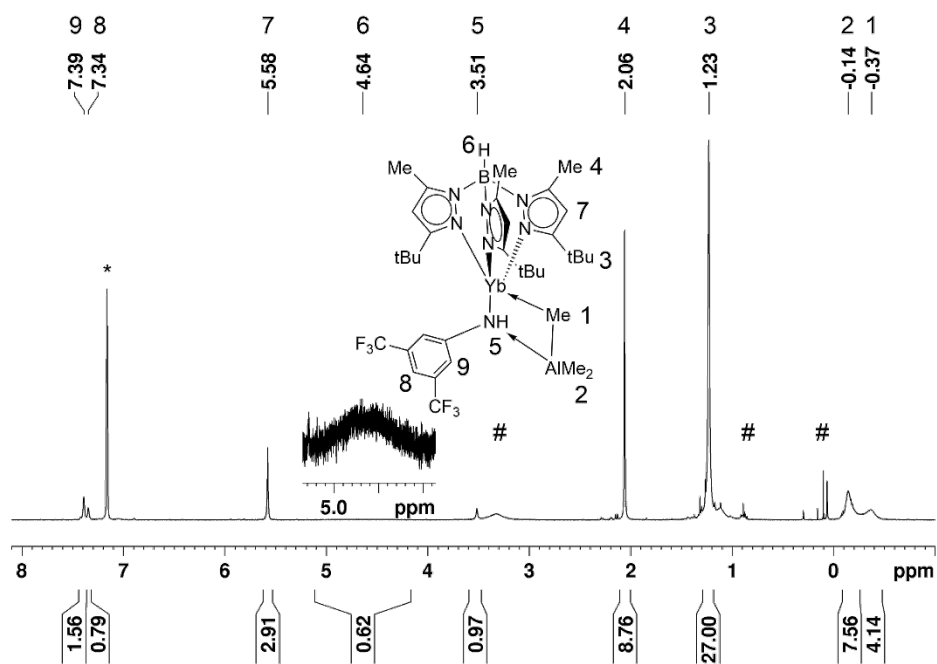


Figure S33 ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{AlMe}_3)$ (6).

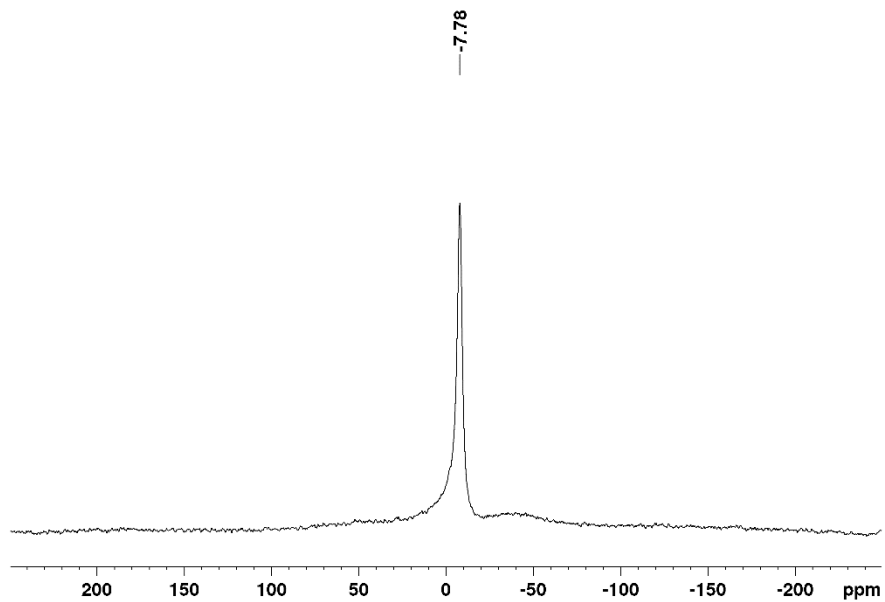


Figure S34 ^{11}B NMR spectrum (96 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{AlMe}_3)$ (6).

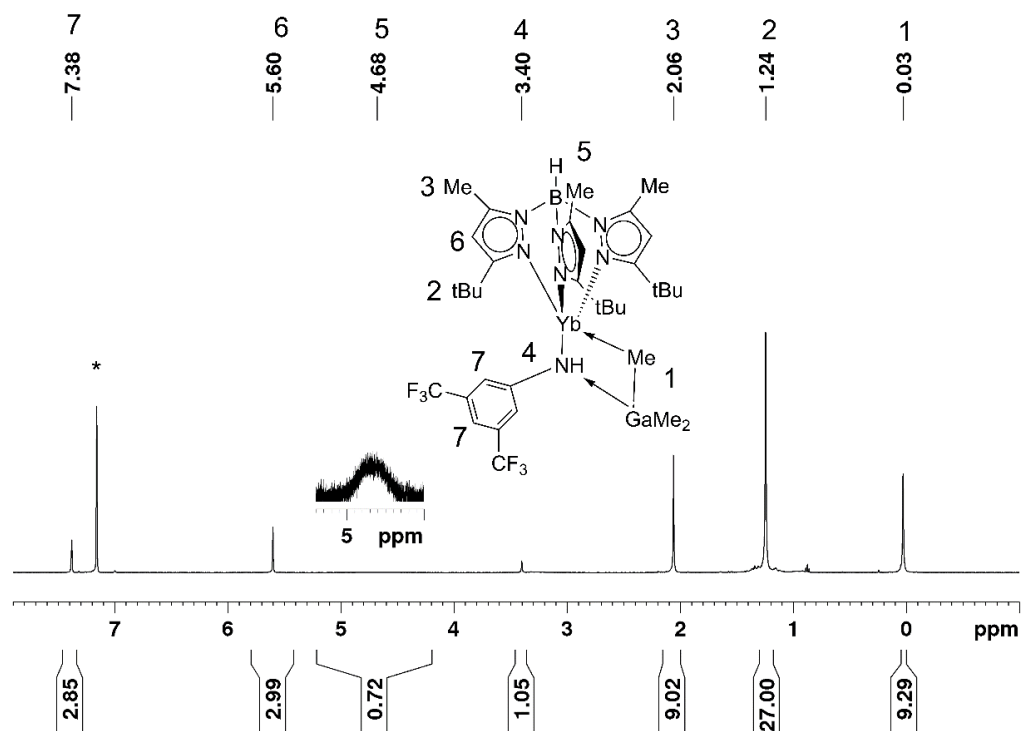


Figure S35 ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{GaMe}_3)$ (7).

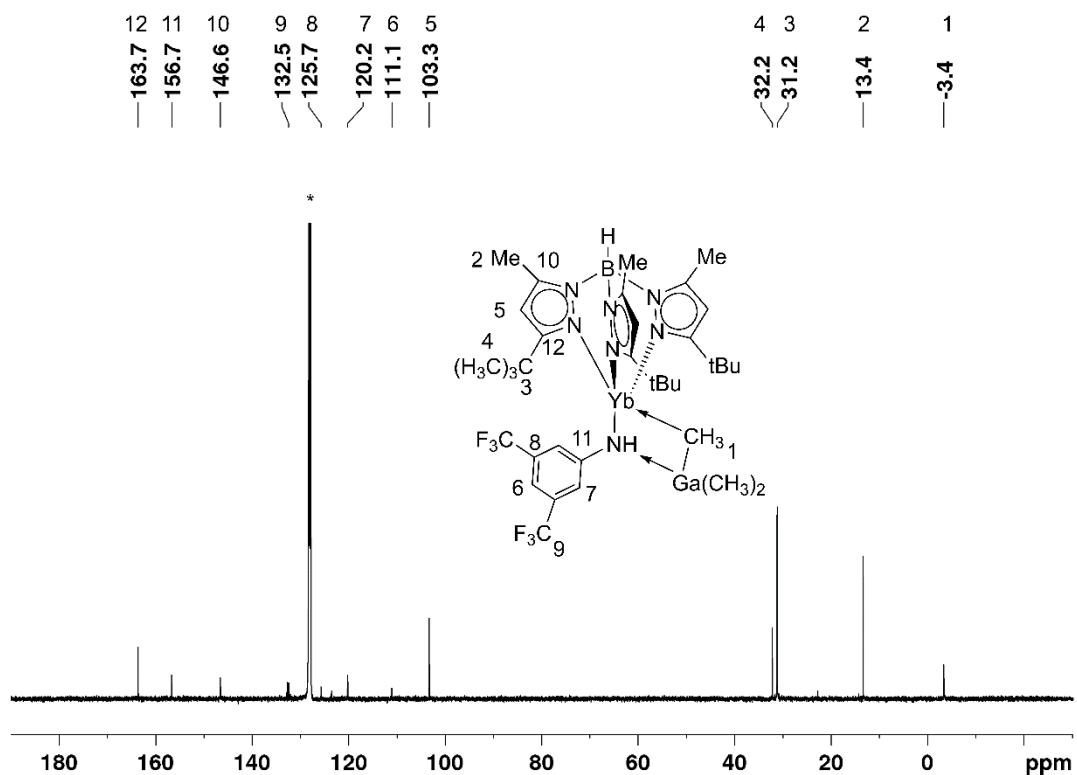


Figure S36 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (125 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{GaMe}_3)$ (7). Residual solvent signals are marked with *

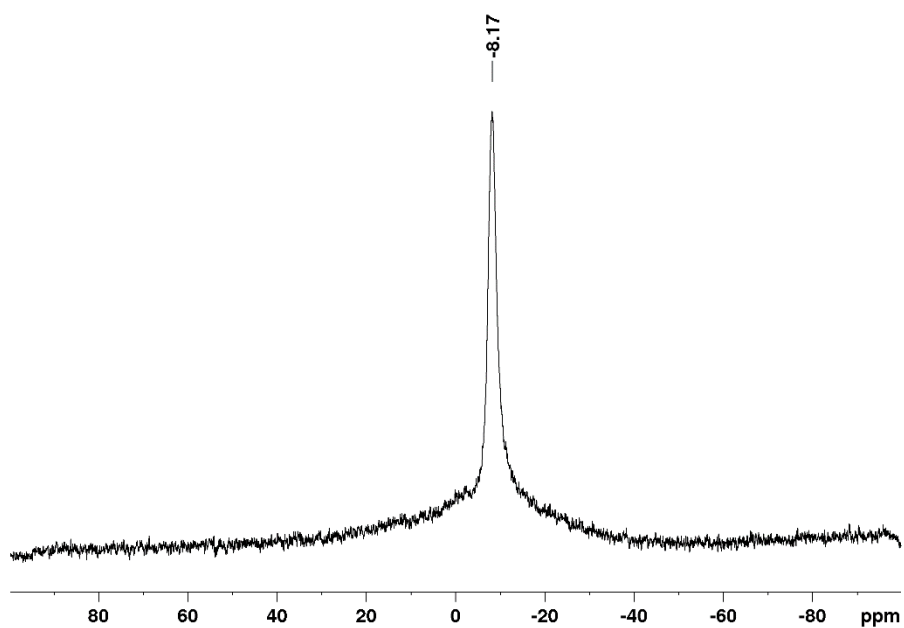


Figure S37 ^{11}B NMR spectrum (160 MHz, C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,MeYb}}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{GaMe}_3)$ (**7**).

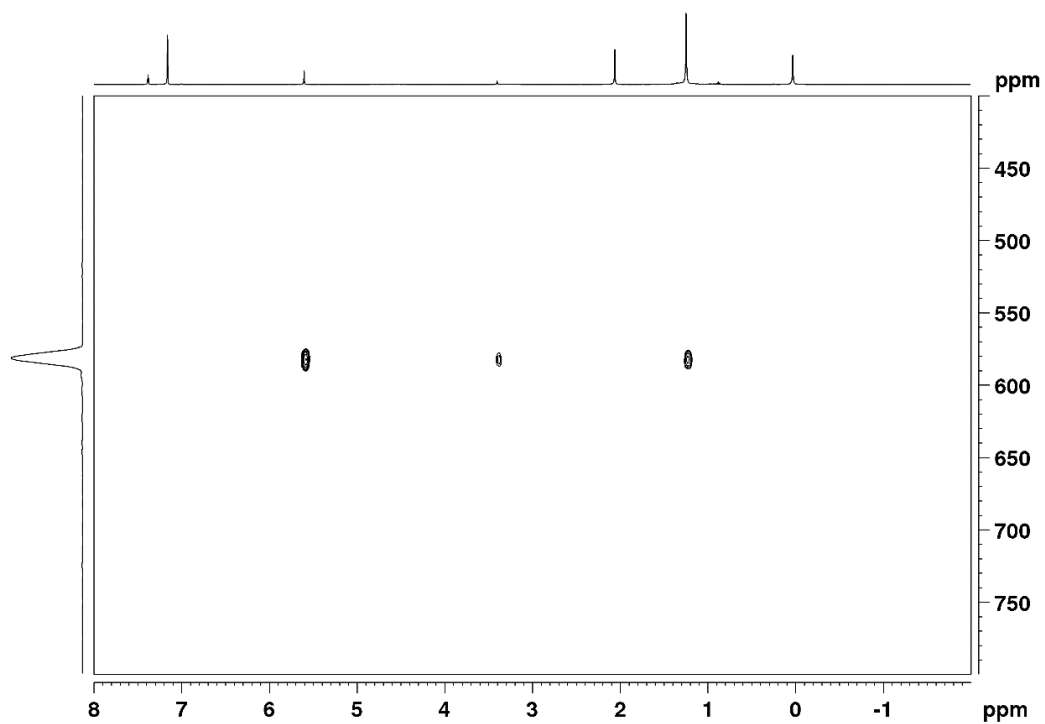


Figure S38 ^1H - ^{171}Yb HSQC NMR spectrum (500 MHz, 87.52 MHz C_6D_6 , 26 °C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,MeYb}}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{GaMe}_3)$ (**7**). Product signal at 582 ppm.

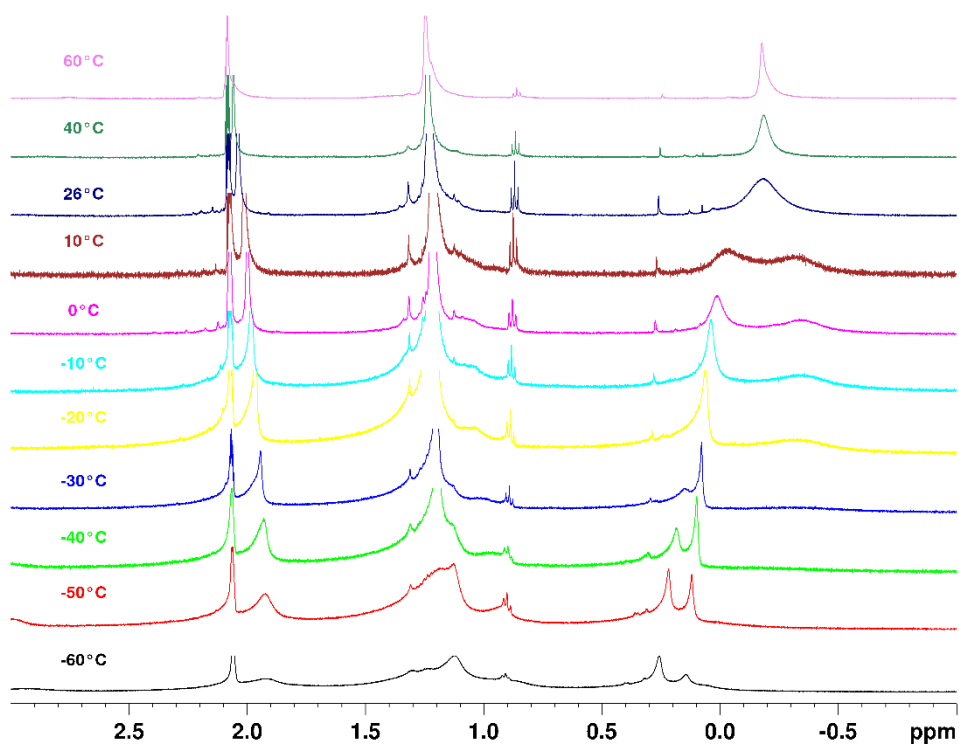


Figure S39 ^1H VT NMR spectra (500 MHz, toluene- d_8) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,MeYb}}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{GaMe}_3)$ (**7**). In the region of 0.5 to -0.5 ppm the signal splitting of the coordinated $\text{Ga}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ can be observed at low temperatures.

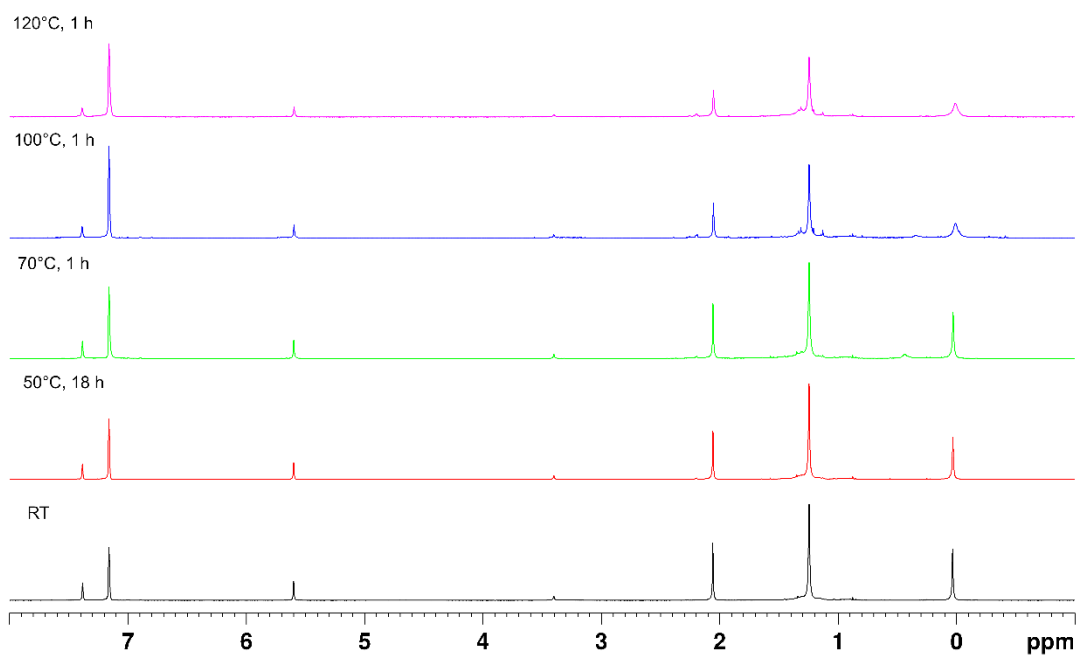


Figure S40 ^1H VT NMR spectra (500 MHz, C_6D_6) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,MeYb}}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{GaMe}_3)$ (**7**).

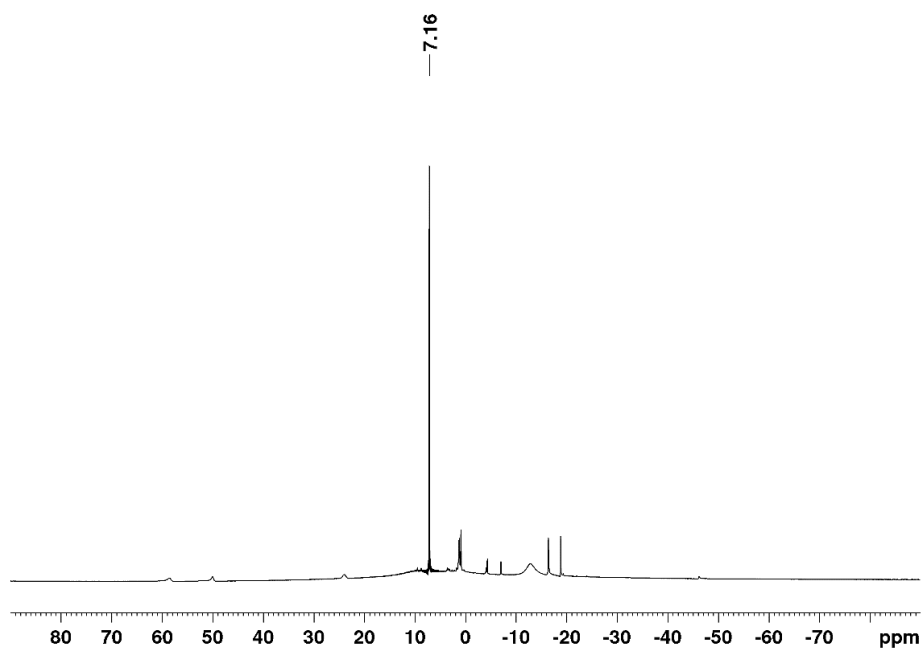


Figure S41 ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 26 °C) of Tp^{tBu,Me}Yb(NHAr^{iPr})(Cl) (**9a**).

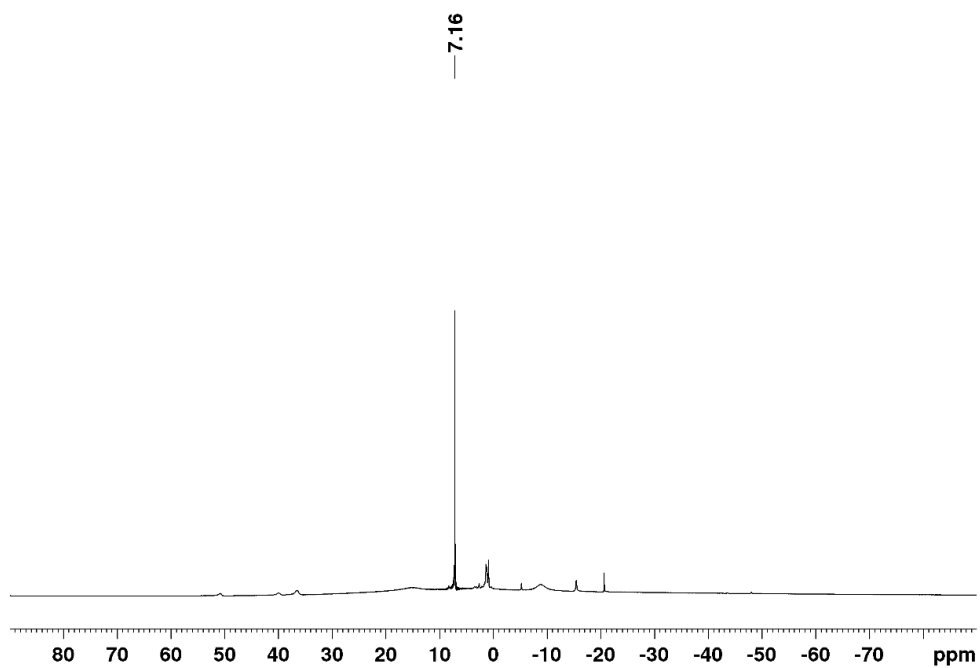


Figure S42 ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 26 °C) of Tp^{tBu,Me}Yb(NHAr^{iPr})(Br) (**9b**).

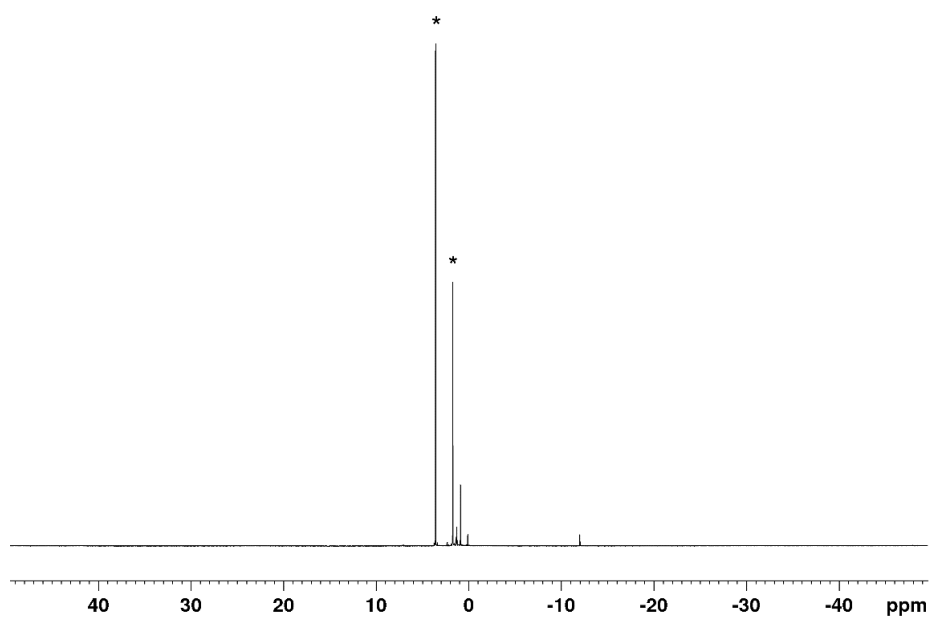


Figure S43 ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 26 °C) of Tp^{tBu,Me}Yb(NHAr^{CF3})(Cl) (**10a**).

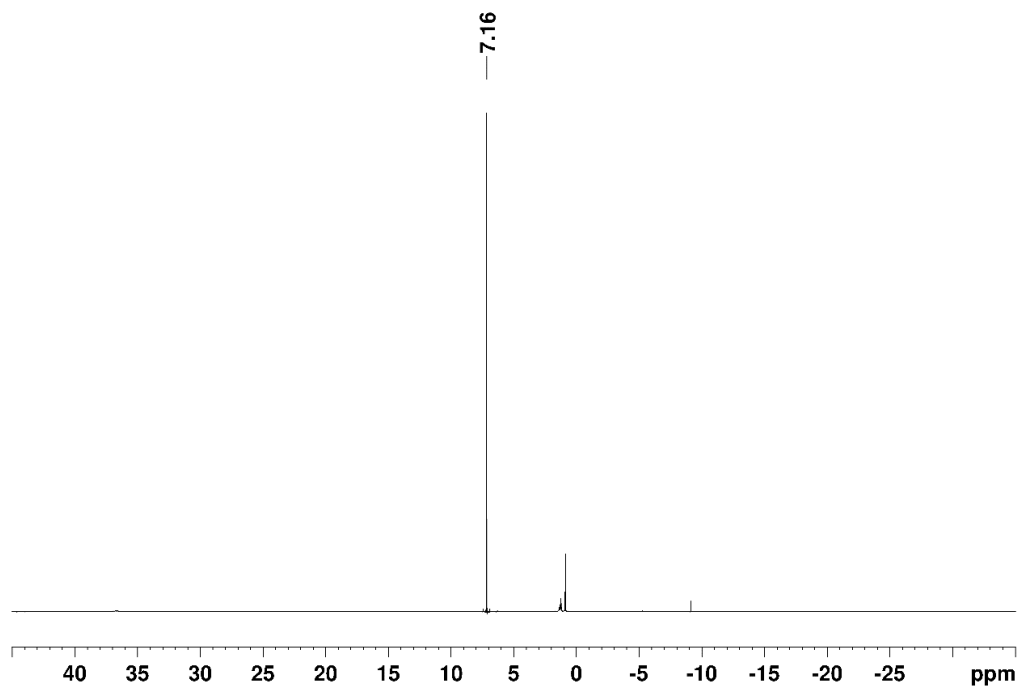


Figure S44 ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 26 °C) of Tp^{tBu,Me}Yb(NHAr^{CF3})(Br) (**10b**).

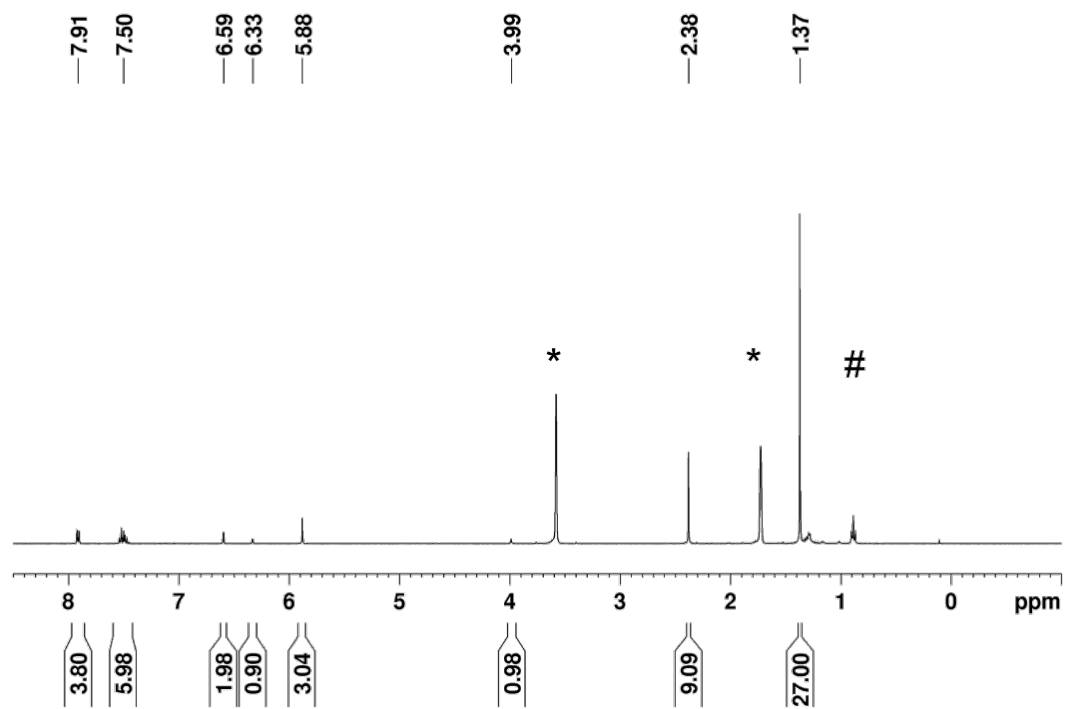


Figure S45 ^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, $\text{THF-}d_8$, 26°C) of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,MeYb}}(\text{NHACF}_3)(\text{N}_2\text{Ph}_2)$ (**11**). Residual solvent signals are marked with *. Minor impurities are marked with #.

Crystallographic Data

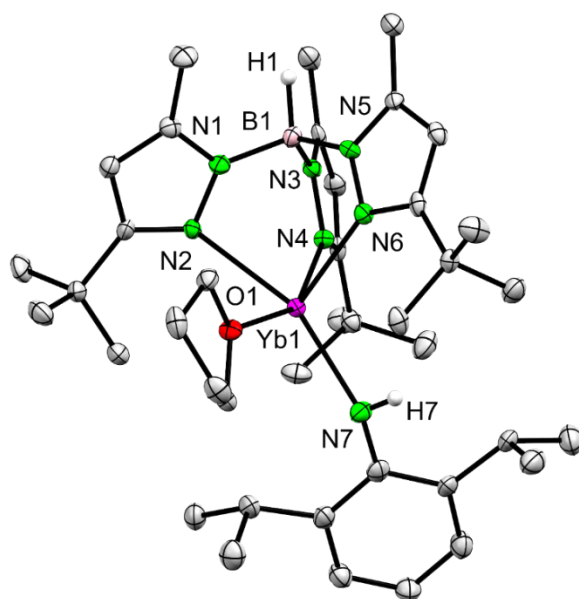


Figure S46 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})(\text{thf})$ ($\mathbf{1}^{\text{thf}}$). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms, lattice solvent *n*-hexane and disorder in thf are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]: Yb1 – N2 2.544(3), Yb1 – N4 2.487(3), Yb1 – N6 2.526(3), Yb1 – N7 2.353(4), Yb1 – O1 2.431(3), Yb1 – N7 – C25 147.8(3), Yb1 – N7 – H7 91(3), C25 – N7 – H7 110(3), N7 – Yb1 – O1 92.60(12).

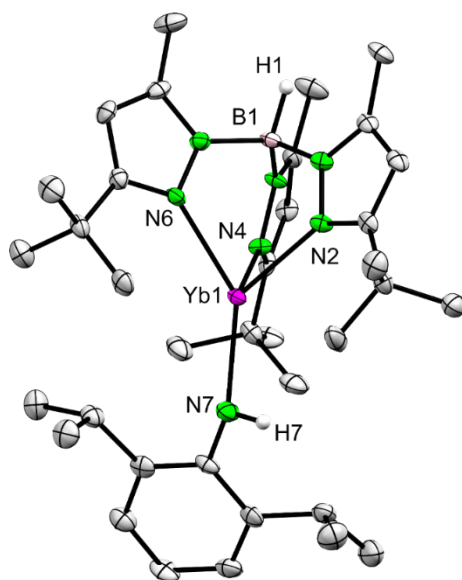


Figure S47 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})$ ($\mathbf{1}$). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorder in thf are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]: Yb1 – N2 2.428(4), Yb1 – N4 2.428(5), Yb1 – N6 2.425(4), Yb1 – N7 2.345(5), Yb1 – N7 – C25 139.1(4), Yb1 – N7 – H7 103(5), C25 – N7 – H7 105(5).

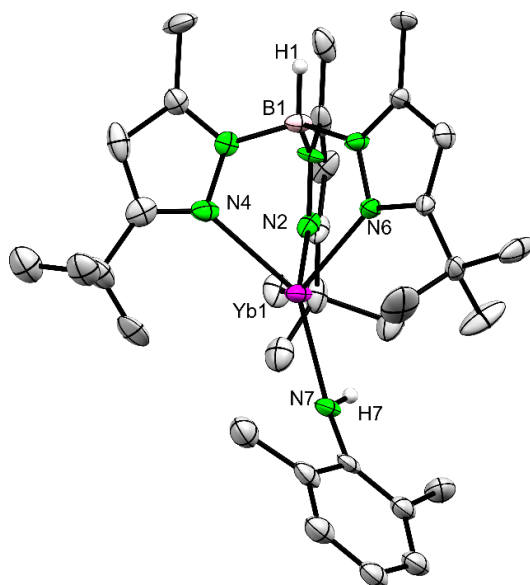


Figure S 48 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{Me}})$ (**2**). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorder in *t*Bu groups as well as the amid substituent are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°], values marked with * were calculated with Platon: Yb1 – N2 2.40(2), Yb1 – N4 2.457(19), Yb1 – N6 2.410(4), Yb1 – N7/7A 2.30(3)/2.29(3), Yb1 – N7 – C25 150(2), Yb1 – N7A – C25A 153(2), Yb1 – N7 – H7 77(15), Yb1 – N7A – H7A 103*, C25 – N7 – H7 118(14), C25A – N7A – H7A 103*.

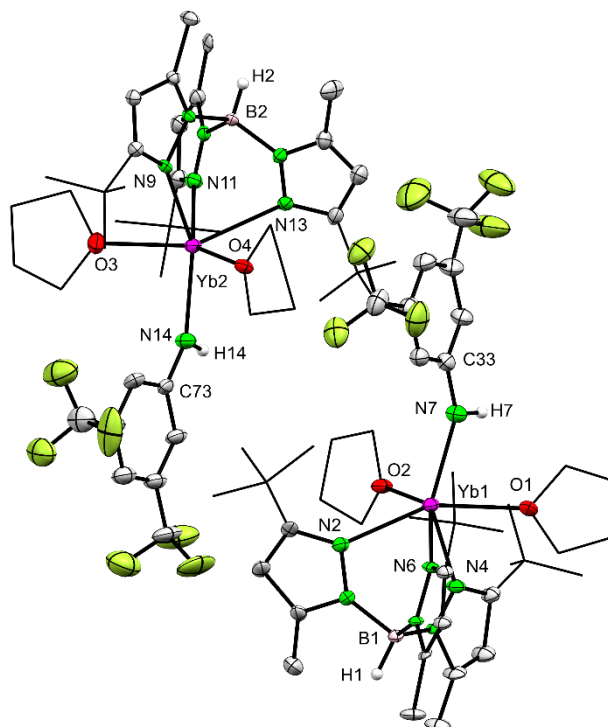


Figure S49 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{thf})_2$ (**3^{thf}**). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms, lattice solvent pentane and disorder in CF_3 groups are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°], values marked with * were calculated with Platon: Yb1 – N2 2.51(2), Yb1 – N4 2.55(2), Yb1 – N6 2.469(18), Yb1 – N7 2.411(12), Yb1 – N7 – C33 143.2(10), Yb1 – N7 – H7 108*, C33 – N7 – H7 108*, N7 – Yb1 – O1 78.4(5), N7 – Yb1 – O2 81.0(6), Yb2 – N9 2.599(19), Yb2 – N11 2.56(2), Yb2 – N13 2.60(2), Yb2 – N14 2.411(12), Yb2 – O3 2.50(2), Yb2 – O4 2.546(17), Yb2 – N14 – C73 145.4(10), Yb2 – N14 – H14 107*, C73 – N14 – H14 107*, N14 – Yb2 – O3 86.5(6), N14 – Yb2 – O4 83.8(5).

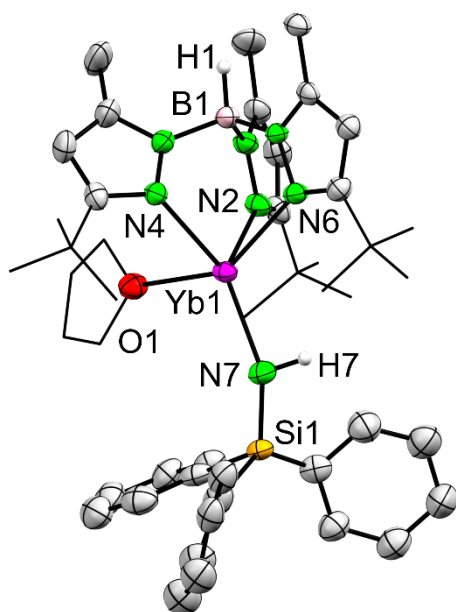


Figure S50 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NH}^{\text{iPr}}\text{SiPh}_3)(\text{thf})$ ($\mathbf{4}^{\text{thf}}$). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorders in phenyl, *t*Bu substituents and thf are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°], values marked with * were calculated with Platon: Yb1 – N2 2.519(2), Yb1 – N4 2.473(2), Yb1 – N6 2.450(2), Yb1 – N7/7A 2.341(3)/2.287(10), Yb1 – O1 2.4472(19), Yb1 – N7 – Si1 154.0(2), Yb1 – N7A – Si1A 153.7(6), Yb1 – N7 – H7 94(2), Si1 – N7 – H7 111(2), Si1A – N7A – H7D 92(9).

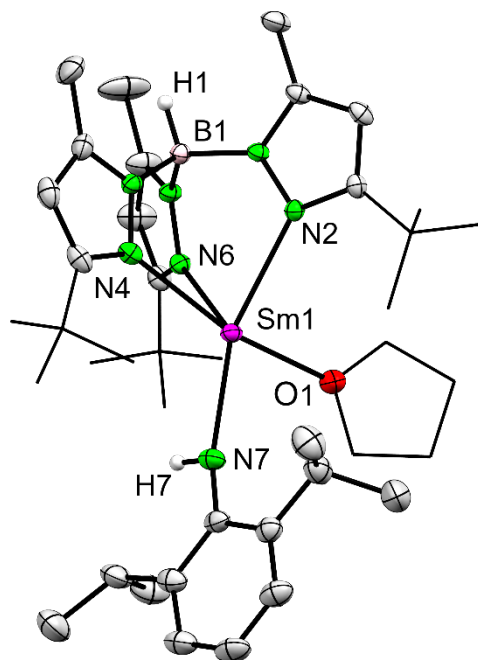


Figure S51 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Sm}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})(\text{thf})$ ($\mathbf{1}^{\text{thf,Sm}}$). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorder in *t*Bu groups are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°], values marked with * were calculated with Platon: Sm1 – N2 2.6573(17), Sm1 – N4 2.632(2), Sm1 – N6 2.6184(17), Sm1 – N7 2.483(2), Sm1 – N7 – C25 157.46(17).

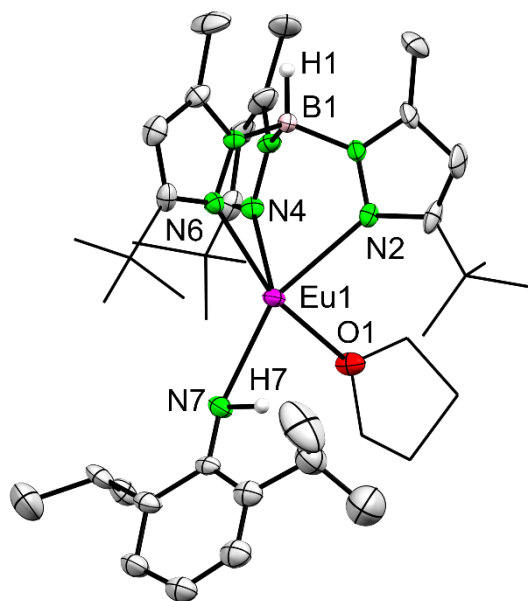


Figure S52 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Eu}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{Pr}})(\text{thf})$ ($1^{\text{thf, Eu}}$). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorder in *t*Bu groups as well as the amid substituent are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]: Eu1 – N2 2.629(12), Eu1 – N4 2.616(12), Eu1 – N6 2.610(3), Eu1 – N7/7A 2.474(17)/2.48(3), Eu1 – N7 – C25 158.4(16), Eu1 – N7A – C25A 159(2).

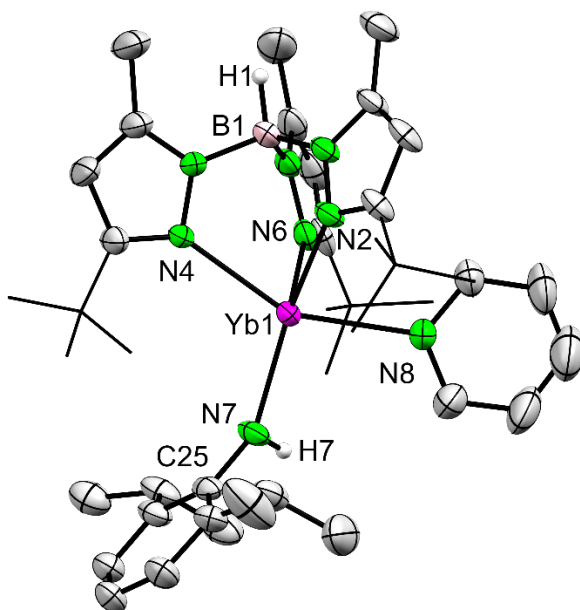


Figure S53 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{Pr}})(\text{py})$ (1^{Py}). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorders of the *i*Pr and one *t*Bu groups are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]: Yb1 – N2 2.479(4), Yb1 – N4 2.508(4), Yb1 – N6 2.492(5), Yb1 – N7 2.358(4), Yb1 – N8 2.554(4), Yb1 – N7 – C30 147.6(3), Yb1 – N7 – H7 106.2, C30 – N7 – H7 106.2, N7 – Yb1 – N8 96.61(15).

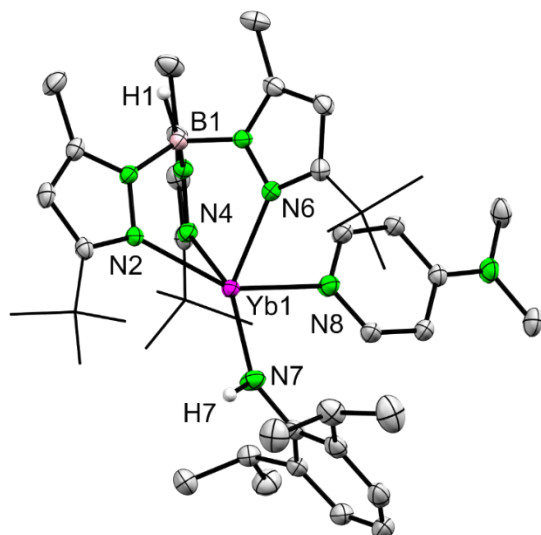


Figure S54 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{iPr}})(\text{dmap})$ ($\mathbf{1}^{\text{dmap}}$). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorder in one *t*Bu are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°], values marked with * were calculated with Platon: Yb1 – N2 2.5105(14), Yb1 – N4 2.5294(15), Yb1 – N6 2.4535(15), Yb1 – N7 2.3443(16), Yb1 – N8 2.4896(15), Yb1 – N7 – C30 138.03(12), Yb1 – N7 – H7 125.0(13)*, C30 – N7 – H7 96.9(13)*, N7 – Yb1 – N8 97.46(5).

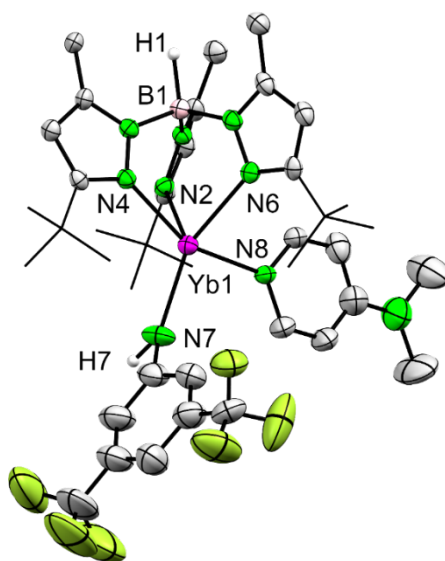


Figure S55 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{dmap})$ ($\mathbf{3}^{\text{dmap}}$). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorders of the CF_3 groups are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°], values marked with * were calculated with Platon: Yb1 – N2 2.461(5), Yb1 – N4 2.475(5), Yb1 – N6 2.484(5), Yb1 – N7 2.372(6), Yb1 – N8 2.486(5), Yb1 – N7 – C25 144.6(6), Yb1 – N7 – H7 84(8)*, N7 – Yb1 – N8 92.2(2).

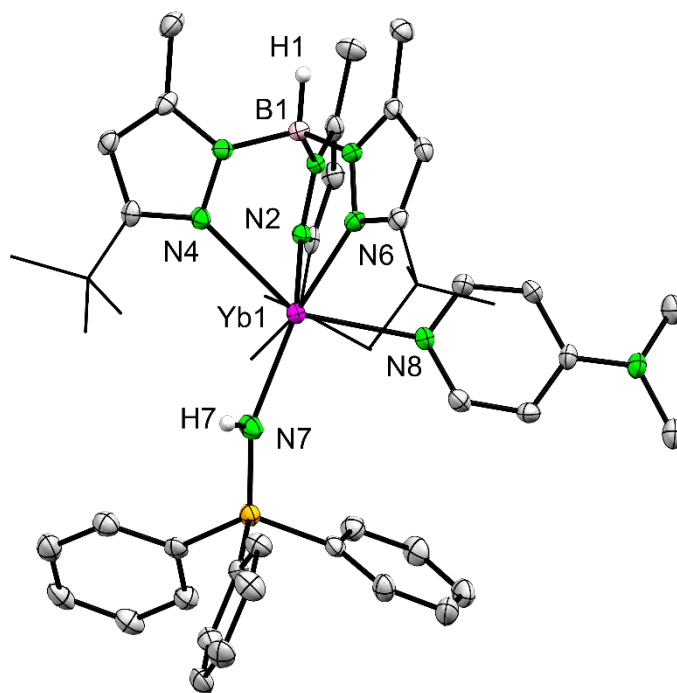


Figure S56 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHSiPh}_3)(\text{dmap})$ (4^{dmap}). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]: Yb1 – N2 2.476(3), Yb1 – N4 2.566(3), Yb1 – N6 2.460(3), Yb1 – N7 2.337(3). Yb1 – N8 2.549(3), Yb1 – N7 – Si1 149.92(18), Yb1 – N7 – H7 107(4), Si1 – N7 – H7 103(4), N7 – Yb1 – N8 103.11(10).

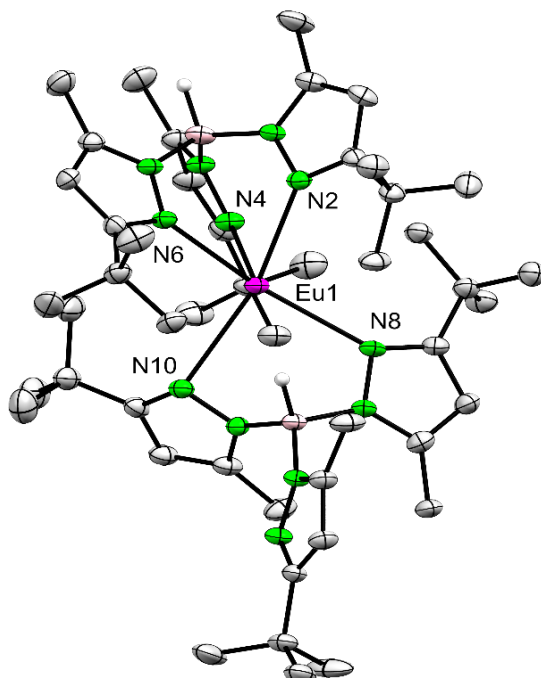


Figure S57 Crystal structure of $\text{Eu}(\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}})_2$ (**5**). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorders of the *i*Pr and one *t*Bu groups are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]: Eu1 – N2 2.618(4), Eu1 – N4 2.600(4), Eu1 – N6 2.633(4), Eu1 – N8 2.718(4), Eu1 – N10 2.710(4), B2 – Eu1 3.130(5).

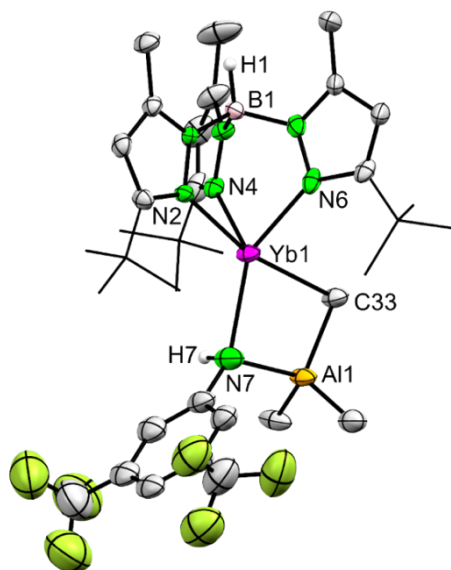


Figure S58 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{AlMe}_3)$ (**6**). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms, disorders of CF_3 and AlMe_3 groups and one disorder of one pyrazole are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Yb1 – N2 2.440(4), Yb1 – N4 2.422(4), Yb1 – N6 2.423(4), Yb1 – N7/N7A 2.510(9)/2.513(9), Yb1 – C33 2.810(6), Yb1 – Al1/Al1A 3.347(19)/3.43(2), Yb1 – N7/N7A – H7/H7AA 100.3/104.4, Yb1 – N7/N7A – C25/C25A, 136.0(10)/126.3(10), Yb1 – C33 – Al1/Al1A 85.4(6)/89.6(8), Yb1 – N7/N7A – Al1/Al1A 96.2(7)/98.4(9).

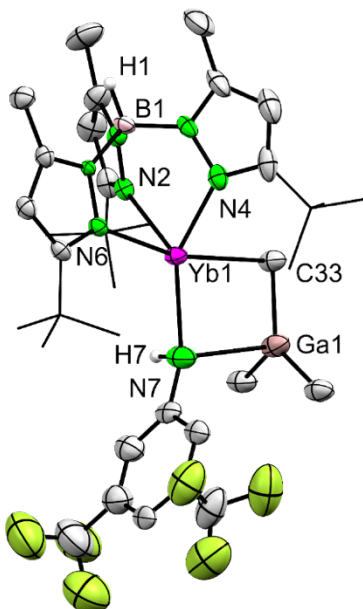


Figure S59 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{GaMe}_3)$ (**7**). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorders of the CF_3 and GaMe_3 groups are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Yb1 – N2 2.431(6), Yb1 – N4 2.425(6), Yb1 – N6 2.440(5), Yb1 – N7/N7A 2.471(14)/2.477(12), Yb1 – C33 2.868(8), Yb1 – Ga1/Ga1A 3.382(8)/3.458(11), Yb1 – N7/N7A – H7/H7A 100.1/102.9, Yb1 – N7/N7A – C25/C25A, 140.0(13)/131.6(14), Yb1 – C33 – Ga1/Ga1A 84.6(4)/88.5(4), Yb1 – N7/N7A – Ga1/Ga1A 94.9(6)/97.8(6).

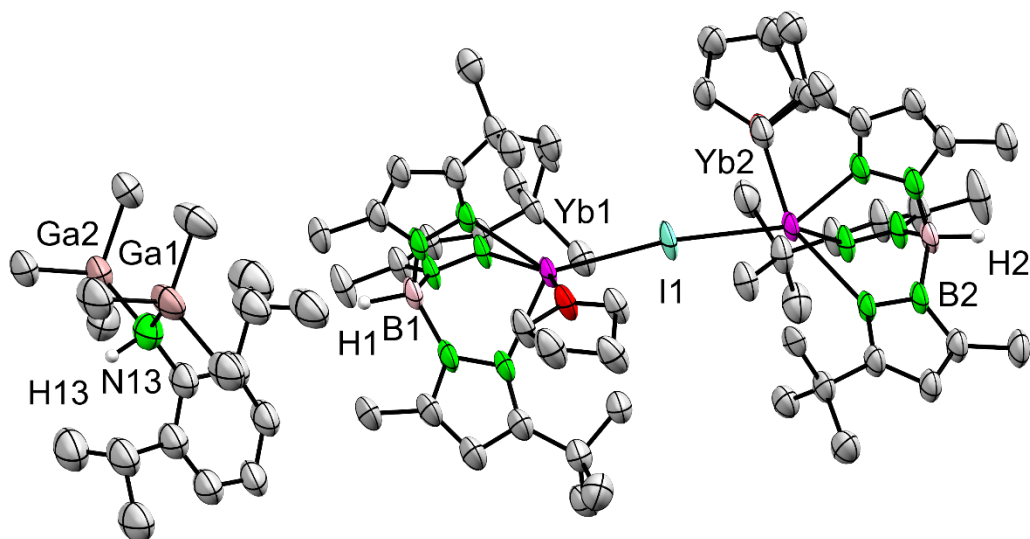


Figure S60 Crystal structure of $[(\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}})_2\text{Yb}_2\text{I}][\text{NHA}^{\text{rPr}}(\text{GaMe}_3)_2]$ (**8**). Due to bad crystallization properties only a connectivity was obtained.

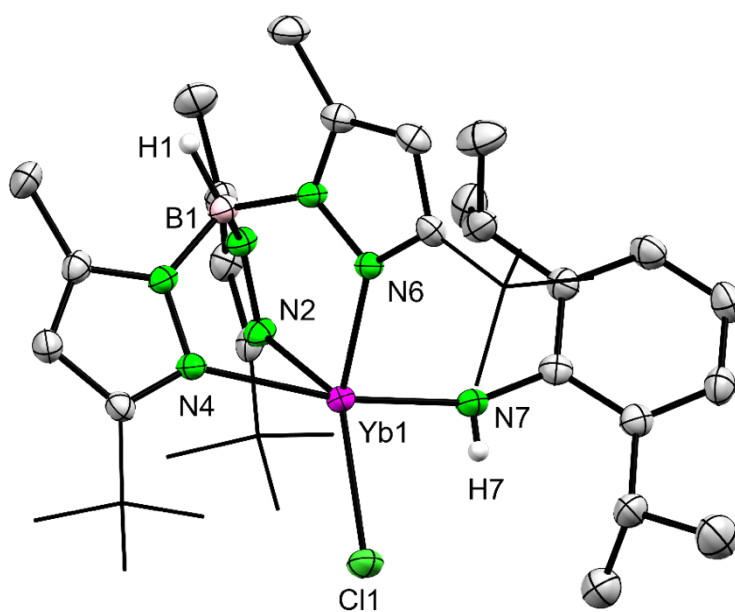


Figure S61 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHA}^{\text{rPr}})(\text{Cl})$ (**9a**). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorders of the CF_3 groups are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Yb1 – N2 2.326(2), Yb1 – N4 2.476(2), Yb1 – N6 2.303(2), Yb1 – N7 2.160(2), Yb1 – Cl1 2.5152(11), Yb1 – N7 – C25 156.08(19), Cl1 – Yb1 – N7 87.23(7).

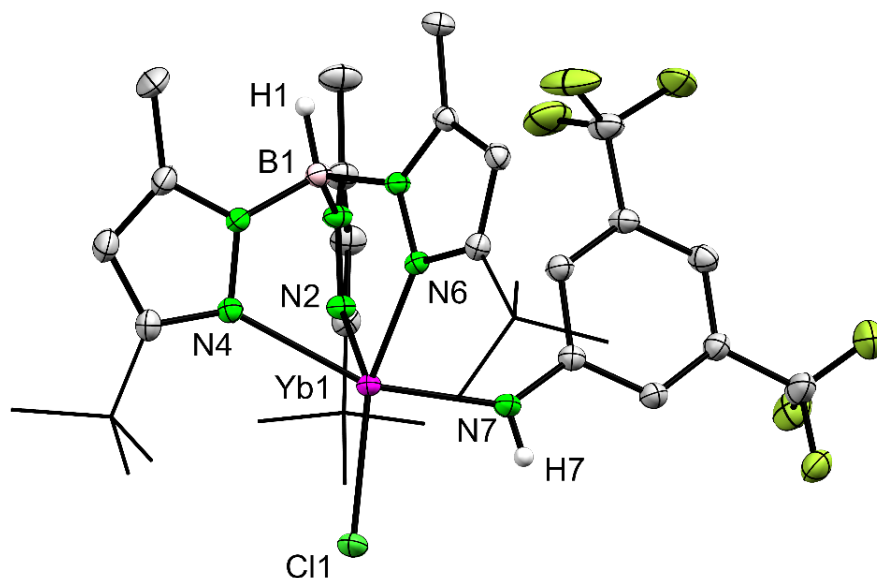


Figure S62 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{Cl})$ (**10a**). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorders of the CF_3 groups are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]: Yb1 – N2 2.3155(14), Yb1 – N4 2.4249(13), Yb1 – N6 2.3315(13), Yb1 – N7 2.2131(14), Yb1 – Cl1 2.5217(4), Yb1 – N7 – C25 137.42(11), Cl1 – Yb1 – N7 91.71(4).

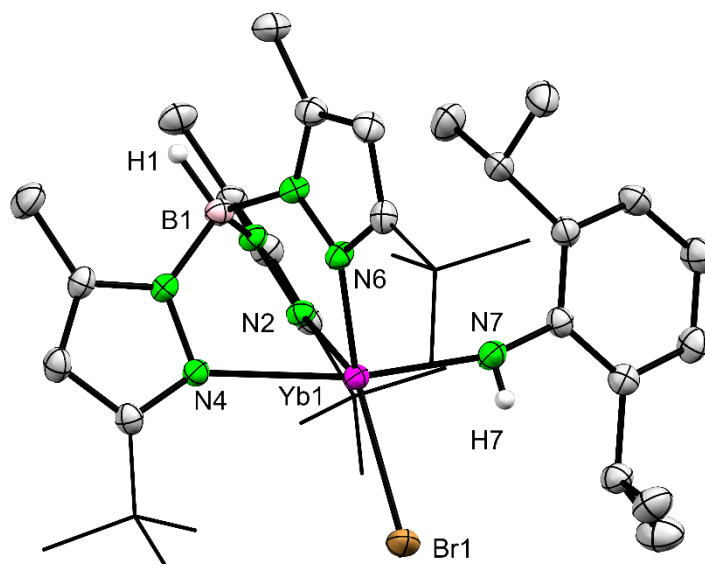


Figure S63 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{Pr}})(\text{Br})$ (**9b**). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]: Yb1 – N2 2.331(2), Yb1 – N4 2.485(2), Yb1 – N6 2.305(2), Yb1 – N7 2.162(2), Yb1 – Br1 2.6947(13), Yb1 – N7 – C25 155.52(16), Br1 – Yb1 – N7 87.00(7).

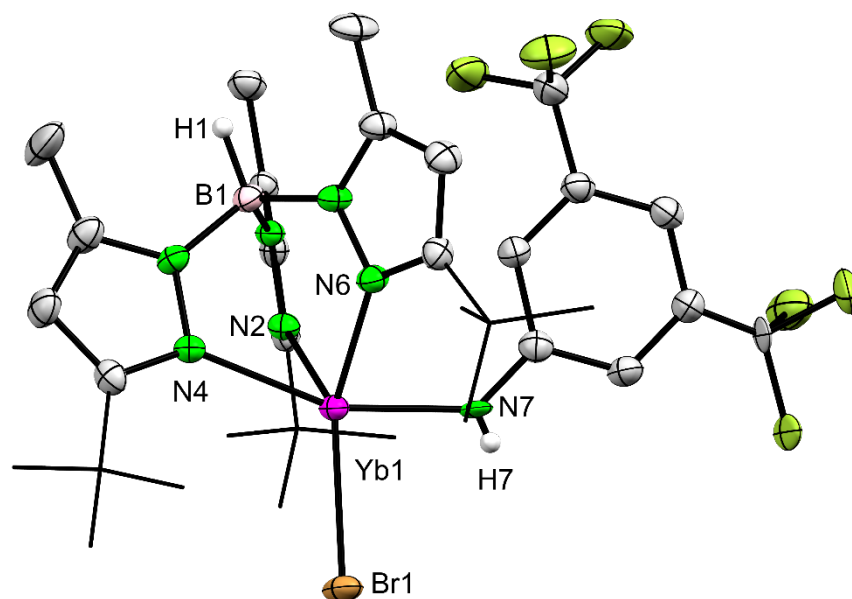


Figure S64 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{Br})$ (**10b**). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorders of one CF_3 group are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Yb1 – N2 2.419 (3), Yb1 – N4 2.321(3), Yb1 – N6 2.307(3), Yb1 – N7 2.253(3), Yb1 – Br1 2.6760(4), Yb1 – N7 – C25 136.6(2), Br1 – Yb1 – N7 91.40(6).

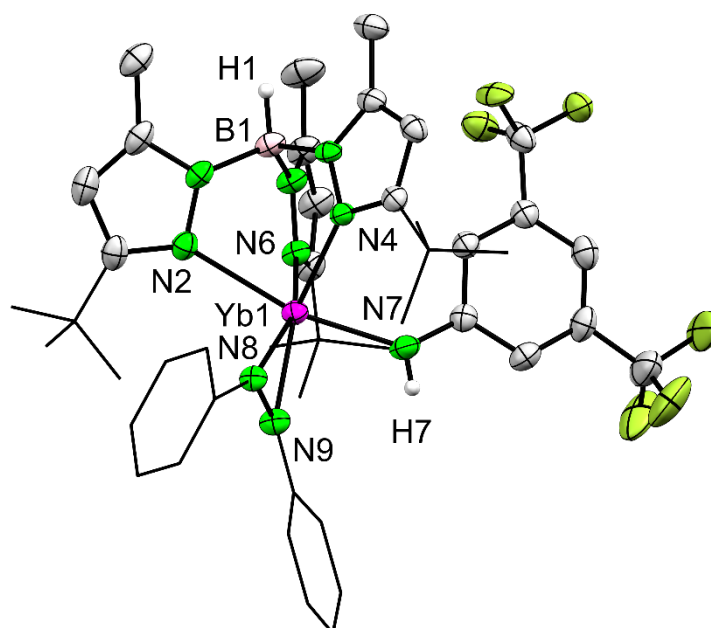


Figure S65 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{NHAr}^{\text{CF}_3})(\text{N}_2\text{Ph}_2)$ (**11**). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorders of the *iPr* and one *tBu* groups are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Yb – N2 2.449(2), Yb1 – N4 2.378(2), Yb1 – N6 2.360(2), Yb1 – N7 2.233(3), Yb1 – N8 2.274(2), Yb1 – N9 2.229(2), Yb1 – N7 – C25 136.0(2), Yb1 – N7 – H7 115(3), N7 – Yb1 – N8 107.80(9), N7 – Yb1 – N9 86.78(10).

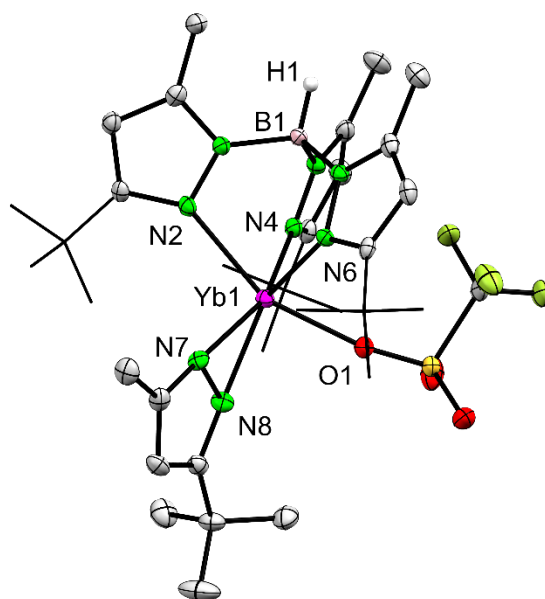


Figure S66 Crystal structure of $\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}}\text{Yb}(\text{pz}^{\text{tBu,Me}})(\text{OTf})$ (**12**). All atoms are represented by atomic displacement ellipsoids set at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms and disorders of the *i*Pr and one *t*Bu groups are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]: Yb1 – N2 2.380(3), Yb1 – N4 2.345(3), Yb1 – N6 2.366(3), Yb1 – N7 2.272(3), Yb1 – N8 2.230(3), Yb1 – O1 2.216(3).

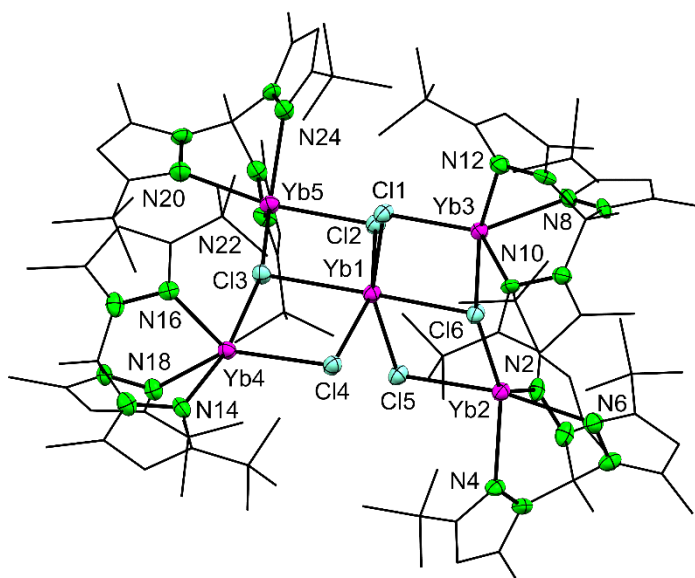


Figure S67 Crystal structure of $(\text{Tp}^{\text{tBu,Me}})_4\text{Yb}_6\text{Cl}_6$ (**13**). Due to bad crystallization properties only a connectivity was obtained.

Table S1 Crystallographic data of compounds **1^{thf}**, **1** and **2**

| Compound ^[a] | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHAr ^{iPr})(thf) 1^{thf} | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHAr ^{iPr}) 1 | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHAr ^{Me}) 2 |
|--|---|--|---|
| Molecular formula | C ₄₃ H ₇₃ BN ₇ OYb | C ₃₆ H ₅₈ BN ₇ Yb | C ₃₂ H ₅₀ BN ₇ Yb |
| CCDC No. | 2248528 | 2248521 | 2248522 |
| M [g/mol] | 887.93 | 772.74 | 716.64 |
| Temperature [K] | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| Wavelength [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| Crystal dimensions [mm] | 0.156 x 0.134 x 0.090 | 0.246 x 0.134 x 0.072 | 0.460 x 0.094 x 0.065 |
| Crystal description | orange needle | red needle | orange needle |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Orthorhombic |
| Space group | C2/c | P2 ₁ /n | Pca2 ₁ |
| a [Å] | 21.1160(14) | 9.5488(4) | 19.726(2) |
| b [Å] | 13.3578(9) | 23.9283(11) | 10.5723(12) |
| c [Å] | 32.769(2) | 16.2362(7) | 16.2311(19) |
| α [°] | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β [°] | 101.5050(10) | 93.3820(10) | 90 |
| γ [°] | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| V [Å ³] | 9057.2(11) | 3384.9(7) | 3384.9(7) |
| Z | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| ρ [mg/m ³] | 1.302 | 1.386 | 1.406 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 2.104 | 2.559 | 2.794 |
| F (000) | 3704 | 1592 | 1464 |
| θ range [°] | 2.099 to 28.700 | 2.116 to 29.227 | 2.065 to 30.403 |
| Indices | -28<=h<=28 -18<=k<=18 -44<=l<=43 | -12<=h<=11 -20<=k<=32 -22<=l<=22 | -26<=h<=28 -13<=k<=15 -23<=l<=23 |
| Number of reflexes | 91652 | 30426 | 33340 |
| Unique reflexes | 11676 | 9592 | 10155 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[b] (I < 2σ) | R1 = 0.0446, wR2 = 0.0984 | R1 = 0.0512, wR2 = 0.1024 | R1 = 0.0360, wR2 = 0.0756 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[a] (all) | R1 = 0.0542, wR2 = 0.1014 | R1 = 0.0926, wR2 = 0.1196 | R1 = 0.0580, wR2 = 0.0872 |
| GOF ^[c] | 1.256 | 1.001 | 1.024 |

^[c]GOF = $[\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n_o - n_p)]^{1/2}$. ^[a]R1 = $\sum(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|$, $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$. ^[b]wR2 = $\{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$.

Table S1 continued Crystallographic data of compounds **3^{thf}**, **4^{thf}** and **1^{thf,Sm}**

| Compound ^[a] | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHAr ^{CF3})(thf) ₂ 3^{thf} | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHSiPh ₃)(thf) 4^{thf} | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Sm(NHAr ^{Pr})(thf) 1^{thf,Sm} |
|--|---|--|--|
| Molecular formula | C ₄₃ H ₆₇ BF ₆ N ₇ O ₂ Yb | C ₄₆ H ₆₄ BN ₇ OSiYb | C ₄₀ H ₆₆ BN ₇ OSm |
| CCDC No. | 2248537 | 2248530 | 2248529 |
| M [g/mol] | 1011.88 | 942.98 | 822.15 |
| Temperature [K] | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| Wavelength [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| Crystal dimensions [mm] | 0.244 x 0.062 x 0.049 | 0.226 x 0.225 x 0.205 | 0.193 x 0.140 x 0.117 |
| Crystal description | red needle | red block | green block |
| Crystal system | Triclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space group | P1 | C2/c | P2 ₁ /c |
| a [Å] | 11.6419(9) | 41.2689(13) | 9.9313(5) |
| b [Å] | 12.1357(10) | 11.6943(4) | 16.9639(8) |
| c [Å] | 17.4345(14) | 19.9784(7) | 24.6920(12) |
| α [°] | 100.123(3) | 90 | 90 |
| β [°] | 107.912(3) | 90.4350(10) | 93.4090(10) |
| γ [°] | 90.396(3) | 90 | 90 |
| V [Å ³] | 2302.4(3) | 9641.5(6) | 4152.6(4) |
| Z | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| ρ [mg/m ³] | 1.460 | 1.299 | 1.313 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 2.098 | 2.004 | 1.452 |
| F (000) | 1038 | 3888 | 1720 |
| θ range [°] | 1.249 to 26.505 | 1.810 to 28.308 | 2.043 to 30.519 |
| Indices | -14<=h<=14 -15<=k<=15 -21<=l<=21 | -54<=h<=43 -15<=k<=15 -26<=l<=26 | -14<=h<=14 -24<=k<=24 -35<=l<=35 |
| Number of reflexes | 54467 | 64839 | 75787 |
| Unique reflexes | 18830 | 11912 | 12666 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[b] (I < 2σ) | R1 = 0.0526, wR2 = 0.1091 | R1 = 0.0289, wR2 = 0.0649 | R1 = 0.0328, wR2 = 0.0767 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[a] (all) | R1 = 0.0837, wR2 = 0.1253 | R1 = 0.0369, wR2 = 0.0682 | R1 = 0.0486, wR2 = 0.0851 |
| GOF ^[c] | 1.067 | 1.030 | 1.028 |

^[c]GOF = $[\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n_o - n_p)]^{1/2}$. ^[a]R₁ = $\sum (|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|$, F_o > 4σ(F_o). ^[b]wR₂ = $\{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]\}^{1/2}$.

Table S1 continued Crystallographic data of compounds **1^{thf,Eu}**, **1^{py}** and **1^{dmap}**

| Compound ^[a] | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Eu(NHAr ^{iPr})(thf) 1^{thf,Eu} | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHAr ^{iPr})(py) 1^{py} | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHAr ^{iPr})(dmap) 1^{dmap} |
|--|---|--|--|
| Molecular formula | C ₄₀ H ₆₆ BEuN ₇ O | C ₄₁ H ₆₃ BN ₈ Yb | C ₄₃ H ₆₈ BN ₉ Yb |
| CCDC No. | 2248540 | 2248527 | 2248526 |
| M [g/mol] | 823.76 | 851.84 | 894.91 |
| Temperature [K] | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| Wavelength [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| Crystal dimensions [mm] | 0.190 x 0.088 x 0.033 | 0.253 x 0.057 x 0.044 | 0.400 x 0.179 x 0.146 |
| Crystal description | yellow needle | black needle | red block |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ | P2 ₁ /c | P2 ₁ /n |
| a [Å] | 9.934(6) | 11.854(7) | 11.1230(7) |
| b [Å] | 16.980(10) | 21.460(14) | 21.4324(13) |
| c [Å] | 12.308(8) | 19.117(11) | 18.9230(11) |
| α [°] | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β [°] | 93.396(16) | 96.938(10) | 97.5190(10) |
| γ [°] | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| V [Å ³] | 2073(2) | 4827(5) | 4472.3(5) |
| Z | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| ρ [mg/m ³] | 1.320 | 1.172 | 1.329 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 1.551 | 1.970 | 2.130 |
| F (000) | 862 | 1760 | 1856 |
| θ range [°] | 1.657 to 30.507 | 1.731 to 27.102 | 2.171 to 30.534 |
| Indices | -14<=h<=14 -24<=k<=24 -15<=l<=17 | -15<=h<=13 -27<=k<=27 -21<=l<=24 | -15<=h<=15 -30<=k<=30 -24<=l<=26 |
| Number of reflexes | 55048 | 51249 | 81723 |
| Unique reflexes | 12637 | 10647 | 13646 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[b] (I < 2σ) | R1 = 0.0305, wR2 = 0.0635 | R1 = 0.0517, wR2 = 0.1168 | R1 = 0.0238, wR2 = 0.0559 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[a] (all) | R1 = 0.0378, wR2 = 0.0675 | R1 = 0.0818, wR2 = 0.1313 | R1 = 0.0306, wR2 = 0.0586 |
| GOF ^[c] | 1.041 | 0.961 | 1.044 |

$$^{[c]}GOF = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n_o - n_p)]^{1/2}. \quad ^{[a]}R_1 = \sum (|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|, F_o > 4\sigma(F_o). \quad ^{[b]}wR_2 = \{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]\}^{1/2}.$$

Table S1 continued Crystallographic data of compounds **3^{dmap}**, **4^{dmap}** and **5**

| Compound ^[a] | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHAr ^{CF3})(dmap) 3^{dmap} | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHSiPh ₃)(dmap) 4^{dmap} | Eu(Tp ^{tBu,Me}) ₂ 5 |
|--|--|--|---|
| Molecular formula | C ₃₉ H ₅₄ BF ₆ N ₉ Yb | C ₆₃ H ₈₂ BN ₉ SiYb | C ₄₈ H ₈₀ B ₂ EuN ₁₂ ·1/2C ₅ H ₁₂ |
| CCDC No. | 2248541 | 2248531 | 2248536 |
| M [g/mol] | 946.76 | 1177.31 | 1034.89 |
| Temperature [K] | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| Wavelength [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| Crystal dimensions [mm] | 0.113 x 0.062 x 0.039 | 0.402 x 0.079 x 0.065 | 0.321 x 0.129 x 0.047 |
| Crystal description | orange plate | yellow block | yellow block |
| Crystal system | Triclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space group | P1 | P2 ₁ /c | P2 ₁ /n |
| a [Å] | 12.013(10) | 11.3413(10) | 12.110(9) |
| b [Å] | 12.377(10) | 19.1966(18) | 25.76(2) |
| c [Å] | 16.032(14) | 27.315(3) | 17.757(12) |
| α [°] | 85.204(12) | 90 | 90 |
| β [°] | 87.406(10) | 90.707(2) | 92.761(12) |
| γ [°] | 64.265(12) | 90 | 90 |
| V [Å ³] | 2140(3) | 5946.4(9) | 5534(7) |
| Z | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| ρ [mg/m ³] | 1.470 | 1.315 | 1.242 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 2.250 | 1.639 | 1.177 |
| F (000) | 960 | 2448 | 2184 |
| θ range [°] | 1.275 to 28.517 | 1.297 to 26.418 | 1.394 to 28.386 |
| Indices | -16<=h<=16 | -14<=h<=14 | -16<=h<=16 |
| | -16<=k<=16 | -23<=k<=24 | -34<=k<=34 |
| | -21<=l<=21 | -33<=l<=34 | -23<=l<=23 |
| Number of reflexes | 81932 | 73316 | 82682 |
| Unique reflexes | 10733 | 12169 | 13753 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[b] (I < 2σ) | R1 = 0.0531, wR2 = 0.1264 | R1 = 0.0360, wR2 = 0.0753 | R1 = 0.0511, wR2 = 0.1076 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[a] (all) | R1 = 0.0799, wR2 = 0.1439 | R1 = 0.0583, wR2 = 0.0846 | R1 = 0.0972, wR2 = 0.1274 |
| GOF ^[c] | 1.016 | 1.007 | 1.011 |

$$^{[c]} \text{GOF} = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n_o - n_p)]^{1/2}. \quad ^{[a]} R_1 = \sum (|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|, F_o > 4\sigma(F_o). \quad ^{[b]} wR_2 = \{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}.$$

Table S1 continued Crystallographic data of compounds 6, 7 and 8

| Compound ^[a] | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHAr ^{CF3})(AlMe ₃) 6 | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHAr ^{CF3})(GaMe ₃) 7 | [(Tp ^{tBu,Me}) ₂ Yb ₂][NHAr ^{IPr} (GaMe ₃) ₂] 8* |
|--|---|---|--|
| Molecular formula | C ₃₅ H ₅₃ AlBF ₆ N ₇ Yb | C ₃₅ H ₅₃ GaBF ₆ N ₇ Yb | C ₉₅ H ₁₅₆ B ₂ Ga ₂ In ₁₃ O ₂ Yb |
| CCDC No. | 2248523 | 2248525 | 2248534 |
| M [g/mol] | 896.67 | 939.41 | 2146.36 |
| Temperature [K] | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| Wavelength [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| Crystal dimensions [mm] | 0.142 x 0.139 x 0.098 | 0.198 x 0.123 x 0.057 | 0.248 x 0.058 x 0.037 |
| Crystal description | Yellow needle | Yellow needle | yellow needle |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /c | P2 ₁ /c | P2 ₁ /c |
| a [Å] | 9.6523(8) | 9.6012(8) | 17.520(15) |
| b [Å] | 17.0921(15) | 17.1131(14) | 30.61(3) |
| c [Å] | 25.098(2) | 25.200(2) | 19.717(18) |
| α [°] | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β [°] | 90.5840(10) | 90.868(3) | 103.34(3) |
| γ [°] | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| V [Å ³] | 4140.4(6) | 4140.0(6) | 10291(16) |
| Z | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| ρ [mg/m ³] | 1.438 | 1.507 | 1.385 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 2.340 | 2.955 | 2.669 |
| F (000) | 1816 | 1888 | 4392 |
| θ range [°] | 1.623 to 26.369 | 1.438 to 28.474 | 1.194 to 27.679 |
| Indices | -12<=h<=12 -21<=k<=21 -31<=l<=31 | -12<=h<=10 -22<=k<=22 -33<=l<=32 | -22<=h<=22 -35<=k<=35 -20<=l<=20 |
| Number of reflexes | 55710 | 73872 | 124709 |
| Unique reflexes | 8434 | 10363 | 17261 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[b] (I < 2σ) | R1 = 0.0443, wR2 = 0.0997 | R1 = 0.0656, wR2 = 0.1500 | R1 = 0.0806, wR2 = 0.1817 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[a] (all) | R1 = 0.0608, wR2 = 0.1096 | R1 = 0.0981, wR2 = 0.1674 | R1 = 0.1963, wR2 = 0.2386 |
| GOF ^[c] | 1.035 | 1.055 | 1.008 |

^[c]GOF = $[\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n_o - n_p)]^{1/2}$. ^[a]R1 = $\sum(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|$, F_o > 4σ(F_o). ^[b]wR2 = $\{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]\}^{1/2}$; * only connectivity obtained.

Table S1 continued Crystallographic data of compounds **9a**, **10a** and **9b**

| Compound ^[a] | Tp ^{tBu} MeYb(NHAr ^{iPr})(Cl) 9a | Tp ^{tBu} MeYb(NHAr ^{CF3})(Cl) 10a | Tp ^{tBu} MeYb(NHAr ^{iPr})(Br) 9b |
|--|---|---|---|
| Molecular formula | C ₃₆ H ₅₈ BClN ₇ Yb | C ₃₂ H ₄₄ BClF ₆ N ₇ Yb | C ₃₆ H ₅₈ BBrN ₇ Yb |
| CCDC No. | 2248524 | 2248533 | 2248532 |
| M [g/mol] | 808.19 | 860.04 | 852.65 |
| Temperature [K] | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| Wavelength [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| Crystal dimensions [mm] | 0.119 x 0.113 x 0.094 | 0.154 x 0.128 x 0.125 | 0.179 x 0.119 x 0.105 |
| Crystal description | intense blue needle | purple needle | turquoise needle |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /c | P2 ₁ /n | P2 ₁ /c |
| a [Å] | 11.645(6) | 11.6245(3) | 11.675(8) |
| b [Å] | 18.016(10) | 16.0723(4) | 18.213(13) |
| c [Å] | 18.923(10) | 20.2693(5) | 18.789(13) |
| α [°] | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β [°] | 98.925(10) | 104.3460(10) | 98.165(19) |
| γ [°] | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| V [Å ³] | 3922(4) | 3668.87(16) | 3955(5) |
| Z | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| ρ [mg/m ³] | 1.369 | 1.557 | 1.432 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 2.486 | 2.685 | 3.408 |
| F (000) | 1660 | 1724 | 1732 |
| θ range [°] | 1.570 to 28.336 | 1.637 to 30.539 | 1.565 to 30.544 |
| Indices | -15<=h<=15 -24<=k<=24 -25<=l<=25 | -16<=h<=15 -22<=k<=22 -28<=l<=24 | -16<=h<=16 -26<=k<=26 -26<=l<=26 |
| Number of reflexes | 61775 | 79290 | 202113 |
| Unique reflexes | 9777 | 11225 | 12111 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[b] (I < 2σ) | R1 = 0.0257, wR2 = 0.0536 | R1 = 0.0201, wR2 = 0.0473 | R1 = 0.0257, wR2 = 0.0570 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[a] (all) | R1 = 0.0360, wR2 = 0.0580 | R1 = 0.0236, wR2 = 0.0490 | R1 = 0.0345, wR2 = 0.0612 |
| GOF ^[c] | 1.022 | 1.048 | 1.069 |

^[c]GOF = $[\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n_o - n_p)]^{1/2}$. ^[a]R1 = $\sum(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|$, $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$. ^[b]wR2 = $\{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum[w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$.

Table S1 continued Crystallographic data of compounds **10b**, **11** and **12**

| Compound ^[a] | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHAr ^{CF3})(Br) 10b | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(NHAr ^{CF3})(N ₂ Ph ₂) 11 | Tp ^{tBu,Me} Yb(pz ^{tBu,Me})(OTf) 12 |
|--|--|---|---|
| Molecular formula | C ₃₂ H ₄₄ BBF ₆ N ₇ Yb | C ₄₄ H ₅₄ BF ₆ N ₉ Yb | C ₃₃ H ₅₃ BF ₃ N ₈ O ₃ SYb |
| CCDC No. | 2248539 | 2248535 | 2248520 |
| M [g/mol] | 904.50 | 1006.81 | 882.74 |
| Temperature [K] | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| Wavelength [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.710703 |
| Crystal dimensions [mm] | 0.142 x 0.120 x 0.116 | 0.251 x 0.091 x 0.089 | 2.461 |
| Crystal description | deep blue needle | yellow needle | light green plate |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Triclinic | Triclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /n | P1 | P1 |
| a [Å] | 11.7019(11) | 10.2802(4) | 10.572(12) |
| b [Å] | 16.1670(15) | 12.5250(5) | 11.769(13) |
| c [Å] | 20.2544(19) | 18.7909(8) | 17.94(2) |
| α [°] | 90 | 94.0850(10) | 87.201(18) |
| β [°] | 104.1270(10) | 94.0530(10) | 83.321(18) |
| γ [°] | 90 | 111.3230(10) | 63.69(3) |
| V [Å ³] | 3715.9(6) | 2235.98(16) | 1988(4) |
| Z | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| ρ [mg/m ³] | 1.617 | 1.495 | 1.475 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 3.654 | 2.158 | 2.461 |
| F (000) | 1796 | 1020 | 898 |
| θ range [°] | 1.631 to 27.102 | 1.755 to 28.310 | 1.143 to 26.341 |
| Indices | -15<=h<=15 -20<=k<=20 -25<=l<=25 | -13<=h<=13 -16<=k<=16 -25<=l<=25 | -13<=h<=13 -14<=k<=14 0<=l<=22 |
| Number of reflexes | 53047 | 52910 | 8088 |
| Unique reflexes | 8187 | 11115 | 8088 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[b] (I < 2σ) | R1 = 0.0283, wR2 = 0.0559 | R1 = 0.0319, wR2 = 0.0709 | R1 = 0.0261, wR2 = 0.0587 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[a] (all) | R1 = 0.0459, wR2 = 0.0622 | R1 = 0.0410, wR2 = 0.0749 | R1 = 0.0296, wR2 = 0.0604 |
| GOF ^[c] | 1.029 | 1.038 | 1.069 |

$$^{[c]}GOF = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n_o - n_p)]^{1/2}. \quad ^{[a]}R_1 = \sum (|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|, F_o > 4\sigma(F_o). \quad ^{[b]}wR_2 = \{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]\}^{1/2}.$$

Table S1 continued Crystallographic data of compound 13

| Compound ^[a] | (Tp ^{tBu,Me}) ₄ Yb ₅ Cl ₆ 13* |
|--|--|
| Molecular formula | C ₁₀₈ H ₁₈₈ B ₄ Cl ₄ N ₂₄ Yb ₅ |
| CCDC No. | 2248538 |
| M [g/mol] | 2943.95 |
| Temperature [K] | 97(2) |
| Wavelength [Å] | 0.71073 |
| Crystal dimensions [mm] | 0.136 x 0.056 x 0.047 |
| Crystal description | green-yellow plate |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic |
| Space group | C2/c |
| a [Å] | 46.844(2) |
| b [Å] | 19.2663(8) |
| c [Å] | 28.8401(13) |
| α [°] | 90 |
| β [°] | 96.973(2) |
| γ [°] | 90 |
| V [°] | 25836.1(19) |
| Z | 8 |
| ρ [mg/m ³] | 1.514 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 3.760 |
| F (000) | 11808 |
| θ range [°] | 1.144 to 26.404 |
| Indices | -58<=h<=58 -24<=k<=24 -36<=l<=36 |
| Number of reflexes | 256180 |
| Unique reflexes | 26462 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[b] (I < 2σ) | R1 = 0.0537, wR2 = 0.0875 |
| R1 ^[a] /wR2 ^[a] (all) | R1 = 0.1168, wR2 = 0.1428 |
| GOF ^[c] | 0.999 |

^[c]GOF = $[\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n_o - n_p)]^{1/2}$. ^[a]R₁ = $\sum (|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|$, F_o > 4σ(F_o). ^[b]wR₂ = $\{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]\}^{1/2}$; * only connectivity obtained.