## Supporting Information

# Bidentate Boron Lewis Acids: Synthesis by Tin Boron Exchange Reaction and Host-Guest Complex Formation 

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## Experimental Procedures

## General considerations

All reactions were performed in the absence of water and air using conventional Schlenk techniques with nitrogen as inert gas or in a glove box with argon as inert gas. For handling volatile compounds and gases, conventional high vacuum techniques were used. $n$-Pentane, $n$-hexane and diethyl ether were dried over lithium aluminum hydride. Dichloromethane and chloroform were dried over calcium hydride or with molecular sieve. Benzene and THF were dried over $\mathrm{Na} / \mathrm{K}$ alloy. All solvents were degassed prior to use and stored with molecular sieve.

1,8-Bis[(trimethylstannyl)ethynyl]anthracene (1) ${ }^{[1]}$, 2-chloro-2-boraindane diethyl etherate $(\mathbf{2 a})^{[2]}$, chlorodiethylborane $(\mathbf{2 c})^{[3]}$, trimethylborane, ${ }^{[4]}$ chlorobis(pentafluorophenyl)borane (2d) ${ }^{[5]}$ and bis(pentafluorophenyl)borane ${ }^{[5,6]}$ were prepared according to literature.

NMR spectra were recorded on a Avance III 500 HD and Avance NEO 600 spectrometer at ambient temperature, unless otherwise stated. Chemical shifts were referenced to the residual proton or carbon signal of the solvent (CDCl3: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 7.26 \mathrm{ppm}$, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 77.2 \mathrm{ppm}$; $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 7.16 \mathrm{ppm},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 128.1 \mathrm{ppm}$; DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 2.50 \mathrm{ppm},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 39.5 \mathrm{ppm}$ ) or externally ( ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}: \mathrm{BF}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{OEt}_{2}$, ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}: \mathrm{CFCl}_{3}$ ). Elemental analyses were carried out using an EURO EA Elemental Analyzer. SC-XRD was performed on a Rigaku Supernova diffractometer using Cu-Ka or Mo-Ka radiation.

The numbering scheme for NMR spectroscopic assignments of the anthracenes (Scheme S 1 ) is based on IUPAC guidelines.


Scheme S1. Numbering scheme for NMR spectroscopic assignments.

## Syntheses

1,8-Bis[(2-boraindan-2-yl)ethynyl]anthracene (3a): A suspension of 2-chloro-2-boraindane diethyl etherate (2a, 1.20 g , $5.34 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $n$-hexane ( 15 mL ) was added to 1,8 -bis[(trimethylstannyl)ethynyl]anthracene ( $1,1.25 \mathrm{~g}, 2.26 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $n$-hexane $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, allowed to reach ambient temperature and was stirred for an additional hour. The suspension was centrifuged ( $2000 \mathrm{rpm}, 40$ minutes) to precipitate the crude product as a yellow solid. The supernatant solution was removed, the precipitate resuspended in benzene ( 15 mL ), stirred for additional 10 minutes and centrifuged again. The supernatant solution was removed, all volatile compounds were removed under reduced pressure and 1,8-Bis[(2-boraindan-2-yl)ethynyl]anthracene (3a, $0.92 \mathrm{~g}, 2.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 89 \%$ ) was obtained as a yellow solid. - ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 500 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=9.48(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 9), 8.53(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10), 8.12\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3}{ }_{\mathrm{H}} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5\right), 7.92\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}\right.$, $\mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7$ ), 7.54 (dd, $\left.{ }^{3}{ }_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 6\right), 7.17\left(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{Ph}}\right), 2.95\left(\mathrm{~s}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$
 $\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}}$ ), 125.4 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C} 3 / \mathrm{C} 6$ ), 124.1 (s, C9), 122.9 (s, C=C-B), 120.8 (s, C ${ }^{\text {q }}$, 36.9 (s, CH2). - ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR ( $160 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=$ 79.2 (s). - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{34} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~B}_{2}$ ( $M_{\mathrm{r}}=454.2$ ): C 89.91, H 5.33; found: C 89.90, H 5.36.

Chlorodimethylborane ( $\mathbf{M e}_{2} \mathbf{B C l}, \mathbf{2 b}$ ): This protocol is a derived version of the synthesis of chlorodiethylborane ( $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{BCl}, \mathbf{2 c}$ ) described by Breher et al. ${ }^{[3]}$

To an ampoule filled with $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}(15 \mathrm{mg})$, dichloromethane ( 10 mL ) was added. Trimethylborane ( 20.0 mmol ) and boron trichloride ( 10.0 mmol ) were added by condensation using a high vacuum line. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 d at
ambient temperature and additional 5 d at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Distillation of the reaction mixture yields chlorodimethylborane $\mathbf{( 2 b}, 26.4 \mathrm{mmol}$, $88 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=1.02\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=15.4\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .-$ ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR ( $160 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=77.0$.

1,8-Bis[(dimethylboranyl)ethynyl]anthracene (3b): To a suspension of 1,8-bis[(trimethylstannyl)ethynyl]anthracene (1, $0.40 \mathrm{~g}, 0.72 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $n$-hexane ( 12 mL ), chlorodimethylborane ( $\mathbf{2 b}, 2.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added by condensation using a high vacuum line. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min and allowed to reach room temperature. Longer reaction times or temperatures above ambient temperature should be avoided, as these will strongly promote side reactions. All volatile compounds were removed under reduced pressure and 1,8-bis[(dimethylboranyl)ethynyl]anthracene ( $\mathbf{3 b}, 0.22 \mathrm{~g}, 0.72 \mathrm{mmol}$, quant.) was obtained as a yellow solid. $-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=9.41(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 9), 8.46(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10), 8.05\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}, \mathrm{H}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5\right)$, $7.81\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7\right), 7.48\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{H} 6\right), 1.08\left(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}(126 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ [ppm] = 132.0 (s, C2/C7), 131.6 (s, Cq), 131.3 (s, Cq), 130.2 (s, C4/C5), 127.8 (s, C10), 125.3 (s, C3/C6), 124.2 (s,
 Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~B}_{2}\left(M_{r}=306.0\right)$ : C 86.35, H 6.59; found: C 85.32, H 6.09.

1,8-Bis[(diethylboranyl)ethynyl]anthracene (3c): To a suspension of 1,8-bis[(trimethylstannyl)ethynyl]anthracene (1, 1.00 g , $1.81 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $n$-hexane ( 16 mL ), a solution of chlorodiethylborane ( $\mathbf{2 c}, 5.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dichloromethane was added with a syringe at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, allowed to reach ambient temperature and was stirred for additional 0.5 h . All volatile compounds were removed under reduced pressure and 1,8-bis[(diethylboranyl)ethynyl]anthracene (3c, 0.66 $\mathrm{g}, 1.81 \mathrm{mmol}$, quant.) was obtained as a yellow solid. $-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=9.42(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 9), 8.45(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{H} 10), 8.03\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5\right), 7.81\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7\right), 7.47\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 6\right), 1.43$ (q, ${ }^{3}{ }_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $1.20\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=131.9$ (s, C2/C7), 131.6 (s, Cq), 131.3 (s, Cq), 130.0 (s, C4/C5), 127.8 (s, C10), 125.3 (s, C3/C6), 124.3 (s, C9), 121.5 (s, Cq), 118.6 (s, C=C-B), 103.9 (s, C $=\mathbf{C}-\mathrm{B}$ ), 21.7 (s, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 9.6 (s, $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ). - ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B} \mathrm{NMR} \mathrm{(160} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=74.6$ (s). - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~B}_{2}\left(M_{r}=362.1\right)$ : C 86.24, H 7.79; found: C 85.56, H 7.66.

1,8-Bis[\{bis(pentafluorophenyl)boranyl\}ethynyl]anthracene (3d): To a suspension of 1,8-bis[(trimethylstannyl)ethynyl]anthracene ( $\mathbf{1}, 1.10 \mathrm{~g}, 2.00 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $n$-hexane ( 15 mL ), a solution of chlorobis(pentafluorophenyl)borane ( $\mathbf{2 d}, 1.90 \mathrm{~g}$, $5.00 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $n$-hexane $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ was slowly added at $-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, allowed to reach ambient temperature and was stirred for another hour. The suspension was centrifuged ( $2000 \mathrm{rpm}, 20$ minutes) to precipitate the crude product as a red solid, from which the supernatant solution was removed. To purify the product, the precipitate was resuspended in $n$-hexane ( 10 mL ) and stirred for 10 min . The suspension was centrifuged and the supernatant solution was removed. This washing procedure was repeated once more with $n$-hexane ( 10 mL ) and then with benzene ( 10 mL ). All volatiles were then removed under reduced pressure and 1,8-bis[\{bis(pentafluorophenyl)boranyl\}ethynyl]anthracene (3d, $1.60 \mathrm{~g}, 1.75 \mathrm{mmol}, 88 \%$ ) was obtained as a red solid. NMR spectroscopic data are provided in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ and DMSO-d6 as solvent, since the solubility in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ is very limited. No ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR signal was observed due to strong broadening. $-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $(500 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=9.91(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 9), 7.92(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10), 7.83\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7\right), 7.62\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5\right)$, 6.96 ( $\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 6$ ). ${ }^{19}{ }^{9} \mathrm{~F} \mathrm{NMR}\left(470 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=-127.6\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{~F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{o}}\right),-145.0\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{~F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{p}}\right),-160.9$ ( $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{m} \text { ) } . ~-~}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=9.32(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 9), 8.70(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10), 8.11\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5\right)$, $7.78\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7\right), 7.54\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{H} 6\right) .-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-\mathrm{d}_{6}\right): \delta$ [ppm] $=147.1\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{F}}=242 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}}\right), 138.7\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{F}}=247 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}}\right), 136.1\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{F}}=247 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}}\right), 131.7(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C} 2 / \mathrm{C} 7), 131.2\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{q}}\right)$,

 - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{20}$ ( $\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{r}}=914.1$ ): C 55.19, H 0.88; found: C 54.80, H 0.83 .

1,8-Bis[\{2,2-bis(pentafluorophenyl)boranyl\}vinyl]anthracene (4d): To a suspension of 1,8-bis[\{bis(pentafluorophenyl)boranyl\}ethynyl]anthracene (3d, $180 \mathrm{mg}, 197 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) in benzene ( 6 mL ), bis(pentafluorophenyl)borane ( $170 \mathrm{mg}, 0.49 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 d , the product was allowed to precipitate, and the supernatant solution was removed. After recrystallization from benzene and removal of all volatile compounds under reduced pressure, 1,8-bis[\{1,2-bis(pentafluorophenyl)boranyl\}vinyl]anthracene ( $4 \mathrm{~d}, 230 \mathrm{mg}, 143 \mu \mathrm{~mol}, 73 \%$ ) was obtained as an orange solid. No ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR signal was observed due to strong broadening. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=8.88(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CH})$, $8.31(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10), 7.93\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5\right), 7.84(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 9), 7.36\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3}{ }_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 6\right), 7.21(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7\right) .-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=172.0(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CH}), 155.0(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CH}), 148.0\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}, \mathrm{~F}=\right.$
 (d, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}, \mathrm{~F}=256 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}}$ ), 132.4 (s, C4/C5), 131.1 (s, C ${ }^{\mathrm{q}}$ ), 129.5 (s, C2/C7), 128.5 (s, C10), 128.1 (s, C ${ }^{\text {q }}$ ), 125.6 (s, C3/C6), 121.8 (s, C9), $113.8\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{C}^{\text {Ph- }}\right.$ ) $.-{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F} \operatorname{NMR}\left(470 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=-127.0\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{~F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{o}}\right),-129.1\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{~F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{o}}\right),-145.2\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{~F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{p}}\right),-146.8$ $\left(m, F^{\text {Ph-p }}\right),-160.5\left(m, F^{\text {Ph-m }}\right)$, -161.2 ( $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-m}$ ). - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{66} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~B}_{4} \mathrm{~F}_{40}\left(M_{r}=1606.0\right)$ : C 49.36, H 0.63; found: C 48.97, H 0.60.

## General procedure for the preparation of the adducts of $3 \mathrm{a}, 3 \mathrm{c}$ and 3 d with pyridine, pyrimidine and TMEDA

The respective 1:1- or 1:2-adducts were prepared in quantitative yield by adding one or two equivalents of guest (depending on the respective adduct) to a solution of host compound $\mathbf{3 a}, \mathbf{3 c}$ or $\mathbf{3 d}$. When the components were mixed, a color change from intense yellow or red towards pale yellow was observed. The adducts were characterized by various NMR spectroscopic experiments ( ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR, ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HMBC and HMQC NMR); the analytical data for these adducts are provided further below. Adducts of $3 \mathbf{d}$ were measured in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ instead of $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ to maintain comparability (the free host $\mathbf{3 d}$ is insoluble in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ but soluble in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ). No NMR data are given for [3a•TMEDA] and [3d-TMEDA] because these adducts precipitate quantitatively seconds after TMEDA addition, leaving only traces of the substance in the supernatant solution. In the case of [3c-TMEDA], the majority precipitated, and only small amounts remained soluble, so this supernatant solution was analyzed by NMR spectroscopy. By cooling these solutions or reducing the amount of solvent, precipitates were also obtained for the more soluble adducts. In case of [3a•2 Py], [3c•2 Py], [3d•2 Py], [3a•TMEDA], [3c•TMEDA], [3c•Pym] and [3d•Pym], these precipitates were crystalline and provided single crystals suitable for SC X-ray diffraction (see further below for details of the SC XRD measurements). The precipitates formed were dried under reduced pressure and examined by elemental analyses. No elemental analysis of [3a•Pym] was performed as no precipitate could be obtained at all and the NMR spectra show the presence of different species in solution.

## Analytical data of the adducts

3a.2 Py - ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=9.80(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 9), 8.89\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{Py}-\mathrm{o}}\right), 8.41(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10), 7.92\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5$ ), $7.77-7.71\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{Py}-\mathrm{p}}\right.$ and $\mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7$ ), $7.41\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 6\right), 7.34\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{Py}-\mathrm{m}}\right.$ ), 7.11-7.06 $\left(\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{Ph}}\right), 7.02-6.98\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{Ph}}\right), 2.48\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=17.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{b}}\right), 1.95\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=17.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{b}}\right) .-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$
 127.5 (s, C4/C5), 127.3 (s, $\mathrm{C}^{\text {Ph }}$ ), 127.2 (s, C10), 125.5 (s, $\mathrm{C}^{P y-m}$ ), 125.2 (s, C3/C6), 124.9 (s, C9), 124.9 (s, Ch), 124.2 (s, C $\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{q}}$ ), 112.9 (s, C $\equiv \mathbf{C}-\mathrm{B}$ ), 97.6 (s, C $=\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{B}$ ), 34.1 (s, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ). ${ }^{11}{ }^{11} \mathrm{BNMR}\left(160 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=0.7$ (s). - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{44} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\left(M_{\mathrm{r}}=612.4\right)$ : C 86.30, H 5.60, N 4.57; found: C 85.99, H 5.63, N 4.64.

3a.Pym - ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=11.15(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CH}) \mathrm{N}), 9.73-9.45$ (br. m, 1H, H9), $8.94-8.45$ (br. m, 2H, $\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CH}) \mathrm{C}), 8.30(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10), 7.83\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5\right), 7.59\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7\right.$ ), 7.32 ( $\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 6$ ), $7.23-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NCH}(\mathrm{CH})), 7.11-6.88$ (br. m, $8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{Ph}}$ ), $3.00-1.62$ (br. m, $8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ). $-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}$ ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=154.9(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{NCN}), 153.5(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{NCC}), 146.7\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}-1}\right), 131.5$ (s, Cq), 131.2 (s, Cq), 128.6 (s, C2/C7), 127.7 (s, C4/C5), 127.5 (s, $\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}}$ ), 127.0 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C} 10$ ), 125.9 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}}$ ), 125.5 (s, C3/C6), 125.1 (s, C9), 123.2 (s, C ${ }^{q}$ ), 122.8 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{NCC}$ ), 108.7 (s, C $=\mathbf{C}-\mathrm{B}$ ), 99.3 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{B}$ ), 34.4 (s, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ). ${ }^{11}{ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR ( $160 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=0.7$ (s).

3a-TMEDA - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{40.2} \mathrm{H}_{40.2} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{0.6}$ (3a-TMEDA•0.2 $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3} ; M_{r}=594.3$ ): $\mathrm{C} 81.25, \mathrm{H} 6.82, \mathrm{~N} 4.71$; found: C 81.28, H 6.88, N 4.76 .

3c.2 Py - ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=9.72(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 9), 8.98\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\text {Py-o }}\right), 8.40(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10), 7.89\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5), 7.85\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{Py}-\mathrm{p}}\right), 7.76\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7\right.$ ), $7.51\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{Py}-\mathrm{m}}\right.$ ), $7.40\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3}{ }^{\mathrm{J}} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}\right.$, $\mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 6), 0.73\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{JH}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.64\left(\mathrm{dq},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=15.3 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{JH}_{\mathrm{H}} \mathrm{H}=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{b}}\right), 0.50\left(\mathrm{dq},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=14.8 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{JH}, \mathrm{H}\right.$ $\left.=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{b}}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=145.7\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}^{\text {Py-o }}\right.$ ), $139.4\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}^{\text {Py-p }}\right), 131.9\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{q}}\right), 131.8\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{q}}\right)$, 130.9 (s, C2/C7), 127.2 (s, C4/C5), 127.2 (s, C10), 125.2 (s, C ${ }^{\text {Py-m }}$ ), 125.2 (s, C3/C6), 124.9 (s, C9), 124.8 (s, C ${ }^{q}$ ), 114.2 (s, $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{B}$ ), 97.9 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{B}$ ), 18.1 (s, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $10.8\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .-{ }^{11} \mathrm{~B} \mathrm{NMR}\left(160 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=0.7$ (s). - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{36} \mathrm{H}_{38} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\left(\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{r}}=520.3\right)$ : C 83.10, H 7.36, N 5.38; found: C 83.53, H 7.56, N 5.31.

3c•Pym - ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ [ppm] = 11.01 (br. m, 1H, N(CH)N), 9.78 (s, 1H, H9), 8.91 (br. m, 2H, N(CH)C), 8.40 (s, 1H, H10), $7.92\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3}{ }^{\mathrm{H}} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5\right), 7.77(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NCH}(\mathrm{CH})), 7.70\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{JH}_{\mathrm{H}} \mathrm{H}=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7\right), 7.43\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=\right.$ $8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 6), 0.83\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.73\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right) .-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}(126 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ [ppm] = 155.6 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{NCC}$ ), 154.4 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{NCN}$ ), 131.5 (s, $\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{q}}$ ), 131.2 (s, $\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{q}}$ ), 128.4 (s, C2/C7), 127.3 (s, C4/C5), 126.7 (s, C10), 125.5 ( s, C3/C6), 125.3 (s, C9), 123.8 ( s, C ${ }^{q}$ ), 122.4 (s, NCC), 109.9 (s, C=C-B), 99.1 (s, C=C-B), 18.5 (s, CH2), 10.5 (s, $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ). - ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR ( $160 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ [ppm] = 1.8 (s). - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\left(\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{r}}=442.2\right.$ ): C 81.48, H 7.29, N 6.33; found: C 81.42, H 7.33, N 6.30.

3c-TMEDA $-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=9.45(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 9), 8.36(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10), 7.86\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5\right)$, 7.67 (d, ${ }^{3}{ }_{\mathrm{H}}^{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7$ ), 7.37 (t, $7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 6$ ), $3.79-3.40$ (br. m, 4H, $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ ), $2.95-2.22$ (br. m, 12H, NCH3), $1.06\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.57\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=131.7\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{q}}\right)$, 131.7 (s, C ${ }^{q}$ ), 130.0 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C} 2 / \mathrm{C} 7$ ), 127.2 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C} 10$ ), 127.1 (s, C4/C5), 125.3 (s, C3/C6), 124.3 (s, C9), 112.7 (s, C三C-B), 98.6 ( s , C $=\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{B}$ ), $55.6\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right), 46.3\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{NCH}_{3}\right), 13.2\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 12.0\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .-{ }^{11} \mathrm{~B} \mathrm{NMR}\left(160 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=1.6$ (s). - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{44} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ ( $M_{\mathrm{r}}=478.3$ ): C 80.35, H 9.27, N 5.86; found: C 79.91, H 9.05, N 5.53 .

3d-2 Py - ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=10.00(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 9), 8.79\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{Py}-\mathrm{o}}\right.$ ), $8.07(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10), 7.86\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7$ ), $7.62\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5\right), 7.07$ ( $\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 6$ ), $6.83\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{Py}-\mathrm{p}}\right), 6.50(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.H^{\text {Py-m }}\right) .-{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $\left.470 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=-132.2\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{~F}^{\text {Phoo }}\right),-157.1\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{~F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{p}}\right),-163.4\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{~F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{m}}\right) .-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $(126 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=148.7\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{F}}=246 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}}\right), 146.4\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Py}-\mathrm{o}}\right), 141.6\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Py}-\mathrm{p}}\right), 140.4\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{F}=250 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}}\right), 137.6\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{F}=\right.$ $247 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}^{\text {Ph }}$ ), 132.8 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C} 2 / \mathrm{C} 7$ ), 132.1 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}^{\text {q }}$ ), 132.0 (s, C ${ }^{q}$ ), 128.9 (s, C4/C5), 128.7 (s, C10), 125.6 (s, $\mathrm{C}^{\text {Py-m }}$ ), 125.5 (s, C3/C6),
 (s). - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{52} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\left(\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{r}}=1072.3\right.$ ): $\mathrm{C} 58.25, \mathrm{H} 1.69, \mathrm{~N} 2.61$; found: $\mathrm{C} 58.30, \mathrm{H} 1.89, \mathrm{~N} 2.52$.

3d•Pym - ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ): $\delta$ [ppm] = 11.75 (s, 1H, N(CH)N), 10.13 (s, 1H, H9), 7.98 (d, 2H, N(CH)C), 7.95 (s, 1H, $\mathrm{H} 10), 7.76\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H} 7\right), 7.57\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4 / \mathrm{H} 5\right), 6.99\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 6\right), 5.97$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NCH}(\mathrm{CH})) .-{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F} \operatorname{NMR}\left(470 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right): \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=-131.9\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{~F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{o}}\right),-153.6\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{~F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{p}}\right),-161.7\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{~F}^{\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{m}}\right) .-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$
 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{F}}=245 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}}$ ), $138.0\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{JC}, \mathrm{F}=270 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{Ph}}\right.$ ), 131.66 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{q}}$ ), 131.30 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{q}}$ ), 129.9 (s, C2/C7), 129.0 (s, C4/C5), 128.6 (s,
 $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ): $\delta[\mathrm{ppm}]=-5.7$ (s). - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{46} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\left(\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{r}}=994.2\right)$ : C 55.57, H 1.22, N 2.82 ; found: C 55.52, H 1.19, N 2.90.

3d•TMEDA - Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ ( $M_{r}=1030.3$ ): C 55.96, H 2.35, N 2.72; found: C 56.00, H 2.45, N 2.64.

## NMR spectra



Figure S1. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 a}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S2. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}$ spectrum of $\mathbf{3 a}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S3. ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 a}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(160 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S4. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{BCl}(\mathbf{2 b})$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.

Figure S5. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{BCl}(\mathbf{2 b})$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S6. ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{BCl}(\mathbf{2 b})$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(160 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S7. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 b}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S8. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}$ spectrum of $\mathbf{3} \mathbf{b}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S9. ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 b}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(160 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 1 0} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(600 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 1 1 .}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(150 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S12. ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(160 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 1 3}$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 3 d in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S14. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 d}$ in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}(470 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S15. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 3 d in DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S16. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ DEPT NMR spectrum of 3d in DMSO $-d_{6}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S17. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum of 3d in DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}(470 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S18. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{4 d}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S19. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of 4d in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S20. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{4 d}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(470 \mathrm{MHz}$ ).

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Figure S21. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 a} \cdot 2 \mathrm{Py}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S22. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 a} \cdot 2 \mathrm{Py}^{2}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(126 \mathrm{MHz}$ ).


Figure S23. ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 a} \cdot 2 \mathrm{Py}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(160 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S24. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 3a•Pym in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(600 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S25. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 a} \cdot \mathrm{Pym}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(150 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S26. ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 a} \cdot$ Pym in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(160 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S27. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c} \cdot 2 \mathrm{Py}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S28. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c} \cdot 2 \mathrm{Py}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S29. ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c} \cdot 2 \mathrm{Py}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(160 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S30. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c}$ - Pym in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S31. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c} \cdot \mathrm{Pym}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S32. ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c} \cdot \operatorname{Pym}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(160 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S33. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c}$-TMEDA in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S34. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c} \cdot$ TMEDA in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S35. ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 c}$-TMEDA in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(160 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S36. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 d} \cdot 2$ Py in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S37. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 d} \cdot 2$ Py in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}(470 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S38. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 d} \cdot 2$ Py in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S39. ${ }^{11}$ B NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 d} \cdot 2$ Py in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}(160 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S40. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $3 \mathrm{~d} \cdot$ Pym in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 4 1}$. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 d} \cdot$ Pym in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}(470 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S42. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 d} \cdot$ Pym in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$.


Figure S43. ${ }^{11}$ B NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3 d} \cdot \operatorname{Pym}$ in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}(160 \mathrm{MHz})$.

## Solid state structures of 2-(diisopropylamino)-2-boraindane and bis(2-methylphenyl)-diisopropylaminoborane

During preparation of 2-chloro-2-boraindane diethyl etherate (2a) according to a literature protocol, ${ }^{[2]}$ single crystals of the precursor 2-(diisopropylamino)-2-boraindane (I) and the by-product diisopropylamino-bis(2-methylbenzyl)borane (II) were obtained (Scheme S2). Solid state structures of both compounds were determined by single crystal X-ray diffraction. The structures of I and II are shown in Figure S44.


Scheme S2. Generation of the compounds I and II during the synthesis of 2-chloro-2-boraindane diethyl etherate (2a)


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II
Figure S44. Molecular structures of I and II in the solid state. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. For I, one of two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit is shown. Ellipsoids are set at $50 \%$ probability. Selected distances [Å] and angles [ ${ }^{\circ}$ ] of $I$ : $B(1)-N(1) 1.391(1), N(1)-C(9) 1.485(1), N(1)-C(12) 1.481(1), B(1)-$ $\mathrm{C}(1) 1.601$ (1), $\mathrm{B}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8) 1.603(1), \mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2) 1.514(1), \mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8) 1.518$ (1); $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{B}(1) 125.3(1), \mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{B}(1) 120.5(1), \mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(12) 114.2(1), \mathrm{N}(1)-$ $\mathrm{B}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1) 125.2(1), \mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{B}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8) 127.9(1), \mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{B}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8) 106.9(1), \mathrm{B}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2) 103.5(1), \mathrm{B}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7) 103.5(1)$; of II: $\mathrm{B}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1) 1.407(2), \mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ $1.485(1), N(1)-C(20) 1.484(1), B(1)-C(1) 1.607(2), B(1)-C(9) 1.594(2), C(1)-C(2) 1.510(2), C(9)-C(10) 1.513(2) ; C(17)-N(1)-B(1) 124.8(1), C(20)-N(1)-B(1)$ 122.5(1), $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(20) 112.7(1), \mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{B}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1) 121.5(1), \mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{B}(1)-\mathrm{C}(9) 123.7(1), \mathrm{B}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2) 114.0(1), \mathrm{B}(1)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10) 113.9(1)$.

## Crystallographic data

Single crystals were examined on a Rigaku Supernova diffractometer. The crystals were kept at 100.0(1) K during data collection. Using Olex $2^{[7]}$, the structures were solved with the ShelXT ${ }^{[8]}$ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL ${ }^{[9]}$ or olex2.refine ${ }^{[10]}$ refinement package using Least Squares minimization.
[3a•2 Py] was refined as a racemic twin and a disorder of C61 to C68 over two sites was modelled with ratio 82:18. For the refinement of [3c•2 Py] and [3c-TMEDA], non-spherical atom-form factors were applied using NoSpherA2. ${ }^{[11]}$ The crystal of [3c-TMEDA] was non-merohedrically twinned, the second domain was rotated by $42.1^{\circ}$ around [0.97 $0.22-0.08$ ] (reciprocal) or [0.98 0.18 0.04] (direct) with ratio 92:8. Both domains were taken into account for data reduction and refinement. In [3d•2 Py], one $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{6}$ groups is disordered with ratio $47: 53$, rigid body restraints were applied to disordered atoms. The crystal of [ $4 \mathbf{d} \cdot 2.5 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$ ] was non-merohedrically twinned, approximate ratio $60: 40$. Both domains were taken into account during data reduction, only the reflections of the main domain and the composite ones were used for structure refinement.

Details of the X-ray investigation are given in Table S1, Table S2 and Table S3. CCDC 2337388 - 2337399 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures.

Table S1. Crystallographic data for compounds 3a, 3d, 4d and [3d•2 Py].

| Compound | 3a | 3d | [4d-2.5 $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$ ] | [3d•2 Py] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{34} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~B}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{20}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{81} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{~B}_{4} \mathrm{~F}_{40}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{58} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ |
| Mr | 454.15 | 914.10 | 1801.25 | 1150.41 |
| $T[\mathrm{~K}]$ | 99.9(3) | 100.0(1) | 100.0(1) | 100.0(1) |
| Radiation | CuKa | CuKa | Cu Ka | Cu Ka |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic | triclinic | triclinic |
| Space group | $P 21 / n$ | $P 2 / n$ | $P \overline{1}$ | $P \overline{1}$ |
| $a[\AA]$ | 5.00408(14) | 19.8509(2) | 12.7646(9) | 11.3707(7) |
| $b[\AA]$ | 20.9765(5) | 7.70443(10) | 16.0907(10) | 12.0641(7) |
| $c[\AA]$ | 23.1586(6) | 22.3199(3) | 19.4943(13) | 19.7225(10) |
| $\alpha\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 90 | 90 | 80.332(5) | 105.644(5) |
| $\beta\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 92.490(2) | 96.0176(10) | 71.304(6) | 96.165(5) |
| $v\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 90 | 90 | 69.470(6) | 108.009(5) |
| Volume [ $\AA^{3}$ ] | 2428.62(11) | 3394.80(7) | 3544.8(4) | 2423.3(3) |
| z | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| $\rho_{\text {calc }}\left[\mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}\right]$ | 1.242 | 1.789 | 1.688 | 1.577 |
| $\mu\left[\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right]$ | 0.520 | 1.629 | 1.545 | 1.289 |
| $F(000)[e]$ | 952 | 1800 | 1782 | 1152 |
| $2 \Theta$ range [ ${ }^{\circ}$ ] | 5.686-152.996 | 5.67-152.74 | $5.876-148.274$ | 8.002-136.502 |
|  | $-6 \leq h \leq 5$ | $-25 \leq h \leq 25$ | $-15 \leq h \leq 15$ | $-13 \leq h \leq 13$ |
| Index ranges | $-17 \leq k \leq 26$ | $-9 \leq k \leq 9$ | $-19 \leq k \leq 19$ | $-14 \leq k \leq 13$ |
|  | $-27 \leq 1 \leq 28$ | $-28 \leq 1 \leq 28$ | $-24 \leq 1 \leq 18$ | $-22 \leq 1 \leq 23$ |
| Refl. collected | 14521 | 56830 | 25292 | 32253 |
| Independent refl. | 5007 | 7084 | 14816 | 8872 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0305 | 0.0297 | 0.0853 | 0.1250 |
| Refl. with $\mathrm{I}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{l})$ | 4586 | 6380 | 10457 | 4899 |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 5007 / / / 421 | 7084 / 0 / 577 | 14816 / 0 / 1128 | 8872 / 162 / 827 |
| Goodness-of-Fit on $F^{2}$ | 1.037 | 1.026 | 0.944 | 1.004 |
| $R_{1} / w R_{2}[1>2 \sigma(l)]$ | $0.0424 / 0.1116$ | $0.0303 / 0.0809$ | $0.0592 / 0.1479$ | 0.0632 / 0.1344 |
| $R_{1} / w R_{2}$ (all data) | $0.0458 / 0.1149$ | 0.0340 / 0.0844 | $0.0807 / 0.1563$ | $0.1279 / 0.1731$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \rho_{\text {fin }}(\max / \min ) \\ {\left[e \AA^{-3}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | 0.28/-0.18 | 0.26/-0.20 | 0.46/-0.33 | 0.29/-0.32 |
| CCDC | 2337388 | 2337389 | 2337390 | 2337391 |

Table S2. Crystallographic data for compounds [3a•2 Py], [3a•TMEDA], [3c•2 Py] and [3c•Pym].

| Compound | [3a-2 Py] | [3a-TMEDA] | [3c. 2 Py ] | [3c $\cdot$ Pym] $\cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{44} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{40} \mathrm{H}_{40} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{36} \mathrm{H}_{38} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{36} \mathrm{H}_{38} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ |
| $M_{r}$ | 612.35 | 570.36 | 520.365 | 520.30 |
| $T[\mathrm{~K}]$ | 100.0(1) | 100.0(1) | 100.0(1) | 100.0(1) |
| Radiation | CuKa | Cu Ka | Mo Ka | Cu Ka |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P 2_{1}$ | $P 2_{1} / n$ | P2 $1_{1} \mathrm{C}$ | $P 2_{1} / n$ |
| $a[\AA]$ | 11.17085(16) | 10.3734(3) | 11.8924(3) | 10.5387(1) |
| $b[\AA]$ | 18.4947(2) | 19.5963(5) | 16.8358(3) | 20.1073(2) |
| $c[\AA]$ | 16.5929(2) | 15.8553(3) | 16.0803(3) | 14.4086(2) |
| $\beta\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 101.4546(14) | 102.198(2) | 110.959(2) | 103.080(2) |
| Volume [ $\AA^{3}$ ] | 3359.85(8) | 3150.28(13) | 3006.55(12) | 2974.03(6) |
| z | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| $\rho_{\text {calc }}\left[\mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}\right]$ | 1.211 | 1.203 | 1.150 | 1.162 |
| $\mu\left[\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right]$ | 0.525 | 0.514 | 0.065 | 0.496 |
| $F(000)$ [e] | 1288 | 1216 | 1112.3 | 1112 |
| $2 \Theta$ range [ ${ }^{\circ}$ ] | $5.434-152.652$ | $7.272-153.556$ | 5.54 to 73.74 | 7.682-152.906 |
|  | $-14 \leq h \leq 14$ | $-12 \leq h \leq 12$ | $-19 \leq h \leq 19$ | $-13 \leq h \leq 13$ |
| Index ranges | $-22 \leq k \leq 23$ | $-17 \leq k \leq 24$ | $-27 \leq k \leq 28$ | $-25 \leq k \leq 25$ |
|  | $-20 \leq 1 \leq 20$ | $-19 \leq 1 \leq 19$ | $-27 \leq 1 \leq 26$ | $-16 \leq 1 \leq 17$ |
| Refl. collected | 65174 | 30802 | 95727 | 65556 |
| Independent refl. | 13796 | 6535 | 14575 | 6218 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0290 | 0.0408 | 0.0384 | 0.0355 |
| Refl. with l >2 $2 \sigma(\mathrm{l})$ | 13520 | 5057 | 11136 | 5463 |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 13796/1/891 | 6535 / 0 / 558 | 14575/0/703 | $\begin{gathered} 6218 \text { / } 0 \text { / } \\ 365 \end{gathered}$ |
| Goodness-of-Fit on $F^{2}$ | 1.130 | 1.013 | 1.083 | 1.042 |
| $R_{1} / w R_{2}[1>2 \sigma(l)]$ | $0.0687 / 0.1791$ | $0.0402 / 0.0946$ | 0.0347 / 0.0680 | $0.0412 / 0.1067$ |
| $R_{1} /$ w $R_{2}$ (all data) | $0.0697 / 0.1800$ | $0.0580 / 0.1048$ | $0.0545, \mathrm{wR}_{2}=0.0751$ | $0.0473 / 0.1114$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \rho_{\text {fin }}(\max / \min ) \\ {\left[e \AA^{-3}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | 0.53/-0.28 | 0.21/-0.19 | $0.38 /-0.24$ | 0.25/-0.19 |
| CCDC | 2337392 | 2337393 | 2337394 | 2337395 |

Table S3. Crystallographic data for compounds [3c•TMEDA], [3d•Pym], I and II.

| Compound | [3c-TMEDA] | [3d•Pym] | I | II |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{44} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{46} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{20}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{BN}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{BN}$ |
| $M_{r}$ | 478.37 | 994.20 | 215.13 | 321.29 |
| $T[\mathrm{~K}]$ | 100.0(1) | 100.0(1) | 100.0(2) | 100.0(1) |
| Radiation | Cu Ka | Cu Ka | Cu Ka | Mo Ka |
| Crystal system | triclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic | orthorhombic |
| Space group | $P \overline{1}$ | $P 2_{1} / \mathrm{c}$ | 12/a | Pbca |
| $a[\AA]$ | 7.74992(15) | 9.0213(2) | 14.22709(18) | 11.8738(4) |
| $b[\AA]$ | 10.6301(2) | 15.6580(3) | 15.98244(15) | 13.8926(4) |
| $c$ [ $\AA$ ] | 17.3419(4) | 26.8420(4) | 23.7578(2) | 23.7305(8) |
| $\alpha\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 95.5219(16) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 95.4644(16) | 92.696(2) | 100.0828(11) | 90 |
| $Y\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 94.6077(16) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| Volume [ $\AA^{3}$ ] | 1409.79(5) | 3787.38(12) | 5318.70(10) | 3914.5(2) |
| Z | 2 | 4 | 16 | 8 |
| $\rho_{\text {calc }}\left[\mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}\right]$ | 1.127 | 1.744 | 1.075 | 1.090 |
| $\mu\left[\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right]$ | 0.473 | 1.535 | 0.447 | 0.061 |
| $F(000)[e]$ | 521.314 | 1968 | 1888 | 1408 |
| $2 \Theta$ range [ ${ }^{\circ}$ ] | $5.14-152.18$ | 6.538-151.662 | $6.698-153.158$ | $3.432-64.546$ |
|  | $-9 \leq h \leq 9$ | $-10 \leq h \leq 11$ | $-16 \leq h \leq 17$ | $-17 \leq h \leq 17$ |
| Index ranges | $-13 \leq k \leq 13$ | $-19 \leq k \leq 19$ | $-20 \leq k \leq 20$ | $-20 \leq k \leq 19$ |
|  | $-21 \leq 1 \leq 20$ | $-33 \leq 1 \leq 33$ | $-29 \leq 1 \leq 29$ | $-35 \leq 1 \leq 35$ |
| Refl. collected | 25460 | 46095 | 48401 | 75830 |
| Independent refl. | 5803 | 7640 | 5551 | 6693 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0173 | 0.0543 | 0.0303 | 0.0504 |
| Refl. with $\mathrm{I} \times 2 \sigma(\mathrm{l})$ | 5052 | 6294 | 5031 | 5117 |
| Data / restraints / parameters | $\begin{gathered} 5803 / 0 / \\ 501 \end{gathered}$ | 7640 / 0 / 631 | $\begin{gathered} 5551 / 0 \text { / } \\ 465 \end{gathered}$ | 6693 / 0 / 345 |
| Goodness-of-Fit on $F^{2}$ | 1.060 | 1.027 | 1.033 | 1.038 |
| $R_{1} / w R_{2}[/>2 \sigma(l)]$ | $0.0301 / 0.0850$ | 0.0390 / 0.0956 | $0.0362 / 0.0903$ | 0.0521 / 0.1330 |
| $R_{1} / w R_{2}$ (all data) | 0.0342 / 0.0869 | $0.0496 / 0.1022$ | 0.0404 / 0.0942 | $0.0713 / 0.1443$ |
| $\rho_{\text {fin }}(\max / \min )$ [ $e \AA^{-3}$ ] | 0.32/-0.19 | 0.30/-0.27 | 0.27/-0.18 | 0.32/-0.21 |
| CCDC | 2337396 | 2337397 | 2337398 | 2337399 |

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