

**Ligand dependence of  $\pi$ -complex character in disilene-palladium complexes**

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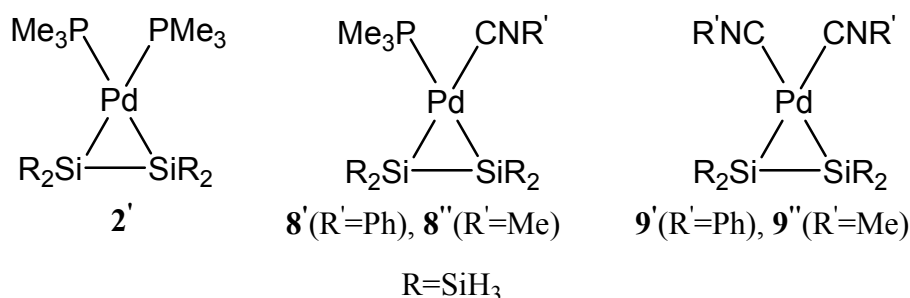
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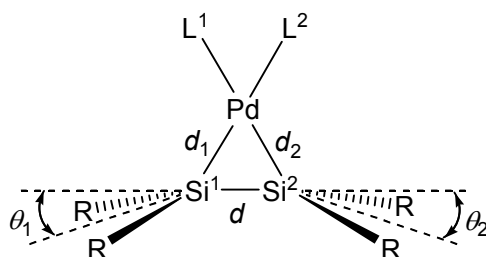
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### 1. DFT calculations of model compounds 2', 8', 8'', 9' and 9''

All DFT calculations were carried out using a Gaussian 98 program.<sup>S1</sup> Basis sets were 6-31G(d) for H, C, Si, and Lan12dz for Pd atoms. Geometry optimization was carried out at the B3LYP level. Selected structural parameters are summarized in Table S1. Atomic coordinates of 2-9'' are shown in Tables S2-S6. Structural parameters of 2-9'' are drawn in Figures S1-S5.



**Table S1.** Comparison of structural parameters of various disilene palladium complexes



Compound	L <sup>1</sup>	L <sup>2</sup>	d/Å	Δd/Å (%Δd/d <sub>0</sub> ) <sup>a</sup>	θ <sub>1</sub> /°	θ <sub>2</sub> /°	θ <sub>av.</sub> / <sup>ab</sup>	d <sub>1</sub> /Å	d <sub>2</sub> /Å	φ/ <sup>oc</sup>
2'	PMe <sub>3</sub>	PMe <sub>3</sub>	2.2666	0.094 (4.3)	27.6	28.2	27.9	2.4561	2.4523	4.41
8'	PhNC	PMe <sub>3</sub>	2.2685	0.096 (4.4)	19.6	31.0	25.3	2.4625	2.4595	2.45
8''	MeNC	PMe <sub>3</sub>	2.2685	0.096 (4.4)	20.0	31.1	25.5	2.4605	2.4565	0.28
9'	PhNC	PhNC	2.2625	0.090 (4.1)	21.9	21.9	21.9	2.4665	2.4665	1.82
9''	MeNC	MeNC	2.2635	0.091 (4.2)	22.5	22.5	22.5	2.4615	2.4615	0.16

<sup>a</sup> d<sub>0</sub> is the Si=Si distance in (H<sub>3</sub>Si)<sub>2</sub>Si=Si(SiH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (2.173 Å) optimized at the B3LYP / 6-31G(d) level. Δd = d - d<sub>0</sub> = d - 2.173. <sup>b</sup> θ<sub>av.</sub> = (θ<sub>1</sub> + θ<sub>2</sub>)/2 <sup>c</sup> dihedral angle between plane (L<sup>1</sup>-Pd-L<sup>2</sup>) and plane (Si-Pd-Si)

**Table S2.** Atomic coordinates of (Me<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Pd((H<sub>3</sub>Si)<sub>2</sub>Si=Si(SiH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) 2'

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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3	14	0	1.724520	-1.179706	0.082573
4	15	0	-1.852670	1.947358	-0.003938
5	15	0	-1.974199	-1.854038	-0.042709
6	14	0	2.341748	2.343126	1.835161
7	14	0	2.466216	2.065149	-2.069830
8	14	0	2.361984	-2.445957	-1.782253
9	14	0	2.241385	-2.191418	2.131407
10	6	0	-2.338062	2.443906	1.715503
11	6	0	-3.508131	1.881345	-0.847537
12	6	0	-1.206287	3.547721	-0.674261
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14	6	0	-2.899816	-2.061840	-1.637357
15	6	0	-3.361023	-1.804505	1.192529
16	1	0	2.074218	1.583856	3.088891
17	1	0	3.771904	2.769893	1.853836
18	1	0	1.530789	3.599332	1.910294
19	1	0	2.139073	1.189956	-3.230321
20	1	0	1.791339	3.377904	-2.306291
21	1	0	3.933692	2.336347	-2.102842
22	1	0	2.173226	-1.674980	-3.042982
23	1	0	3.786278	-2.888727	-1.724858
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25	1	0	1.960046	-1.269222	3.267279
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37	1	0	-2.159100	-4.310250	0.180078
38	1	0	-0.858580	-3.639807	1.203352
39	1	0	-0.600582	-3.815223	-0.536215
40	1	0	-3.593611	-2.909959	-1.595731
41	1	0	-2.185266	-2.227271	-2.449789
42	1	0	-3.462626	-1.151180	-1.863761
43	1	0	-4.028911	-2.667837	1.087590
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**Table S3.** Atomic coordinates of (Me<sub>3</sub>P)(PhNC)Pd((H<sub>3</sub>Si)<sub>2</sub>Si=Si(SiH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) **8'**

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	-2.524473	3.231384	1.219496
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3	6	0	-0.063795	4.073266	0.015497
4	6	0	-2.216546	3.159846	-1.644209
5	46	0	-0.478981	0.443779	0.036547
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15	1	0	-2.829548	-1.107962	-3.201643
16	1	0	-4.772554	-1.997622	-2.083974
17	1	0	-4.484129	0.367676	-2.281489
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24	1	0	-0.553042	-2.242547	3.290868
25	1	0	-0.252004	-4.393671	2.248093
26	1	0	1.562849	-2.831403	2.305665
27	1	0	-2.063119	3.119201	2.205941
28	1	0	-2.837443	4.274113	1.088294
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33	1	0	-3.087255	2.509291	-1.766602
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35	1	0	-1.556183	3.003710	-2.503248
36	6	0	4.913959	1.284704	0.698445
37	6	0	6.297045	1.127895	0.641719
38	6	0	6.858973	0.077799	-0.088811
39	6	0	6.032715	-0.823624	-0.765360
40	6	0	4.647760	-0.683836	-0.716837
41	1	0	4.461746	2.094636	1.261393
42	1	0	6.936609	1.829022	1.169817
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**Table S4.** Atomic coordinates of (Me<sub>3</sub>P)(MeNC)Pd((H<sub>3</sub>Si)<sub>2</sub>Si=Si(SiH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) **8''**

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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1	6	0	3.538371	0.098802	-1.443741
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3	6	0	3.541157	0.096232	1.436346
4	46	0	0.228336	0.595732	-0.002221
5	14	0	-0.028041	-1.847304	0.005371
6	14	0	0.525104	-3.003474	1.966163
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8	14	0	-3.152407	-0.312230	-1.973904
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14	14	0	0.533320	-3.019141	-1.943735
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18	1	0	2.006864	-3.126336	2.128924
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28	1	0	3.171050	0.549125	-2.371512
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31	1	0	2.948093	3.094476	0.885818
32	1	0	4.406901	2.580515	-0.002591
33	1	0	2.945588	3.096602	-0.885752
34	1	0	3.342090	-0.978223	1.481801
35	1	0	4.622800	0.260374	1.361689
36	1	0	3.175922	0.545212	2.365595
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**Table S5.** Atomic coordinates of  $(\text{PhNC})_2\text{Pd}\{(\text{H}_3\text{Si})_2\text{Si}=\text{Si}(\text{SiH}_3)_2\}$  **9'**

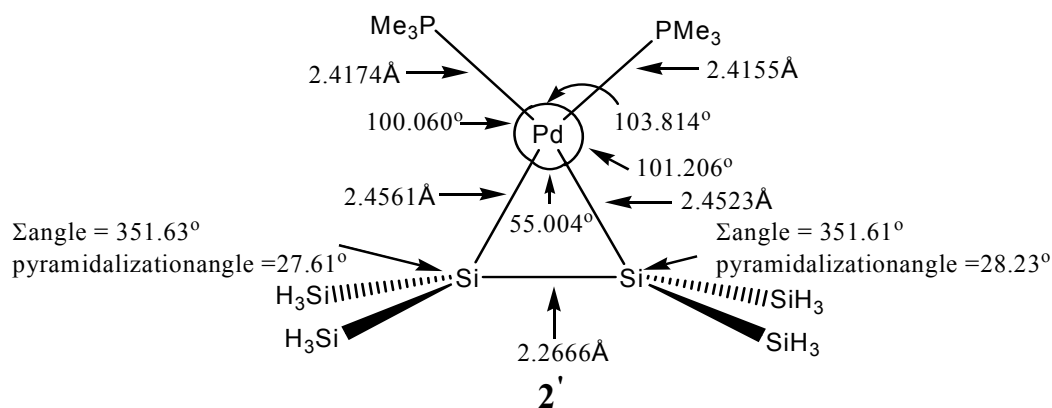
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24	1	0	-2.619991	4.272831	2.181201
25	1	0	-3.426983	2.018065	2.259868
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29	6	0	6.244503	-2.243513	0.635942
30	6	0	5.008547	-1.601302	0.625974
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36	6	0	-4.089257	-3.428528	0.703140
37	6	0	-5.333211	-4.055340	0.685546
38	6	0	-6.410471	-3.467549	0.017469
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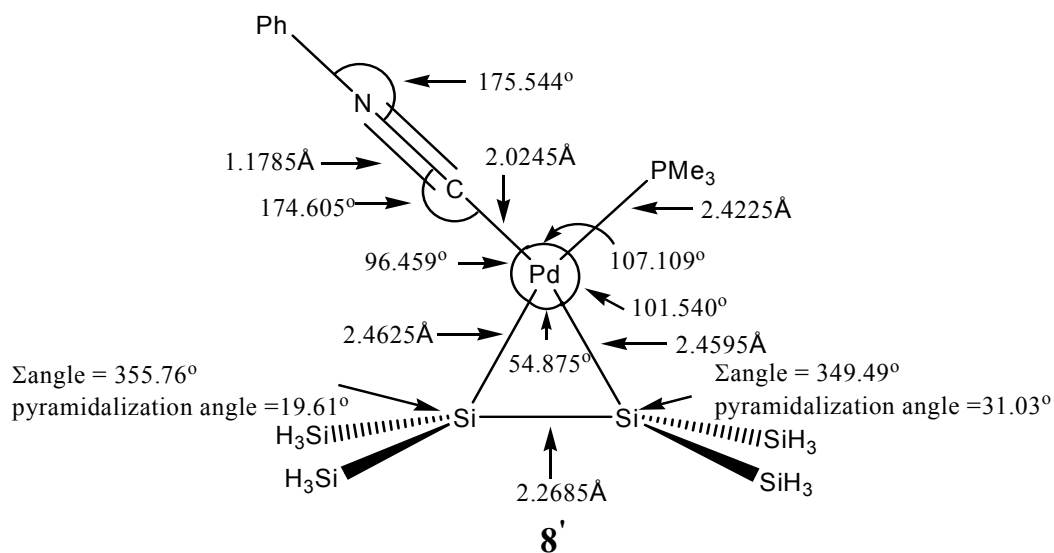
**Table S6.** Atomic coordinates of (MeNC)<sub>2</sub>Pd{(H<sub>3</sub>Si)<sub>2</sub>Si=Si(SiH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>} **9**"

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	7	0	-2.679469	2.645842	0.000817
2	6	0	-1.678156	2.037348	-0.000555
3	6	0	-3.925619	3.324816	0.004026
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5	14	0	-1.131574	-1.329348	-0.002739
6	14	0	-2.297489	-1.813320	-1.974262
7	14	0	1.131526	-1.329378	0.002740
8	14	0	2.297440	-1.813356	1.974261
9	14	0	2.307670	-1.813963	-1.962536
10	6	0	1.678220	2.037289	0.000548
11	7	0	2.679552	2.645752	-0.000870
12	6	0	3.925716	3.324702	-0.004002
13	1	0	4.732996	2.617746	-0.218110
14	14	0	-2.307721	-1.813931	1.962535
15	1	0	-4.096737	3.786222	-0.973072
16	1	0	-1.459076	-1.533541	-3.172951
17	1	0	-2.738055	-3.237825	-2.046838
18	1	0	-3.532820	-0.979708	-2.087330
19	1	0	1.476464	-1.532768	-3.165895
20	1	0	3.544434	-0.981356	-2.068280
21	1	0	2.747612	-3.238738	-2.033410
22	1	0	-1.476513	-1.532740	3.165893
23	1	0	-3.544482	-0.981320	2.068279
24	1	0	-2.747665	-3.238705	2.033406
25	1	0	1.459008	-1.533628	3.172948
26	1	0	2.738048	-3.237850	2.046811
27	1	0	3.532746	-0.979710	2.087358
28	1	0	-4.733386	2.617023	0.213482
29	1	0	-3.921725	4.104304	0.771697
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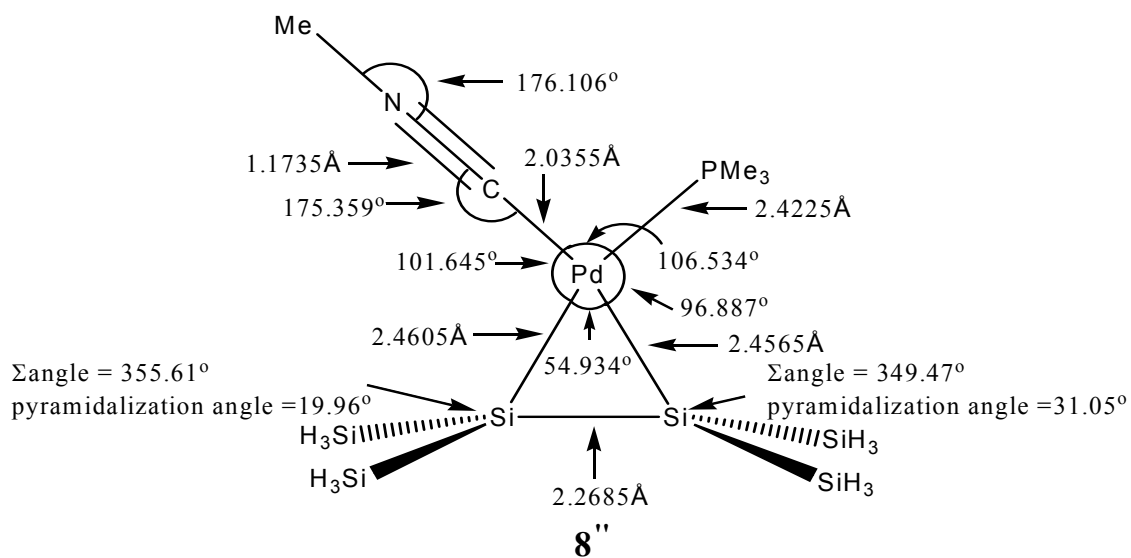


**Figure S1.** Selected structural parameters of **2'**.

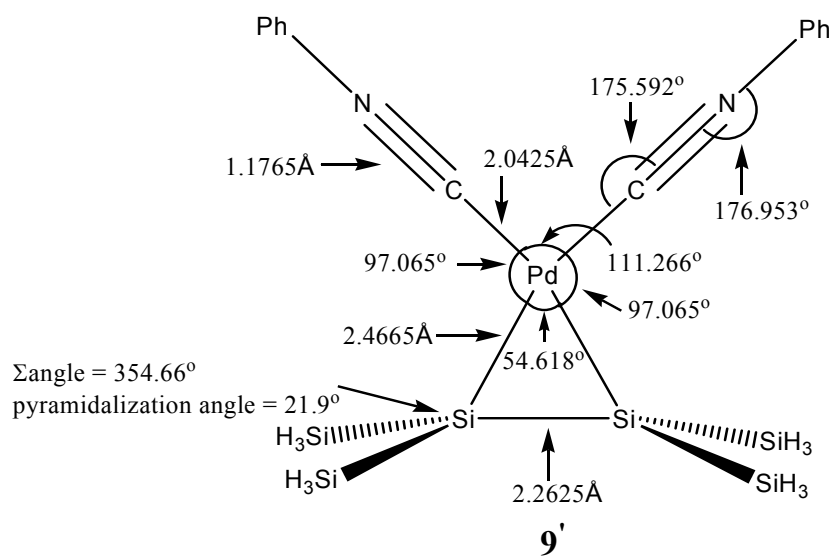


**Figure S2.** Selected structural parameters of **8'**.





**Figure 3.** Selected structural parameters of **8''**.



**Figure 4.** Selected structural parameters of **9'**.

