

# Supporting Information

## **Ditopic Hydridoborates and Hydridoboranes: Bridging Ligands in Coordination Polymers and Versatile Hydroboration Reagents**

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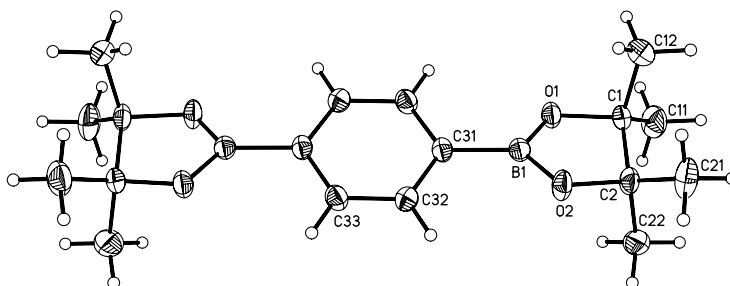
## X-ray crystal structure analyses of **3**, **4**, **5**, and $(\text{Li}(\text{thf})_2)_2[\mathbf{6}]$

**Experimental Details.** Data were collected on a STOE IPDS II two-circle diffractometer with graphite-monochromated  $\text{MoK}_\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). An empirical absorption correction was performed for **4** using the MULABS<sup>[1]</sup> option in PLATON<sup>[2]</sup>. The structures were solved by direct methods using the program SHELXS<sup>[3]</sup> and refined against  $F^2$  with full-matrix least-squares techniques using the program SHELXL-97<sup>[4]</sup>.

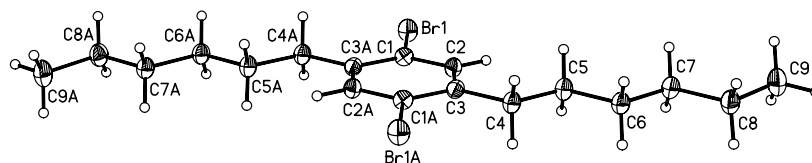
Compound **3** crystallises with two crystallographically independent half-molecules in the asymmetric unit (**3<sub>A</sub>**, **3<sub>B</sub>**). In **5**, three atoms of an *n*-hexyl chain are disordered over two sites with a site occupation factor of 0.69(1) for the major occupied site. The disordered atoms in **5** were refined isotropically. The crystals of **5** degraded upon cooling and had therefore to be measured at 293 K, which, together with the disorder, explains the poor figures of merit.

CCDC reference numbers: 793266 (**3**), 793267 (**4**), 793268 (**5**), and 793269 ( $(\text{Li}(\text{thf})_2)_2[\mathbf{6}]$ ).

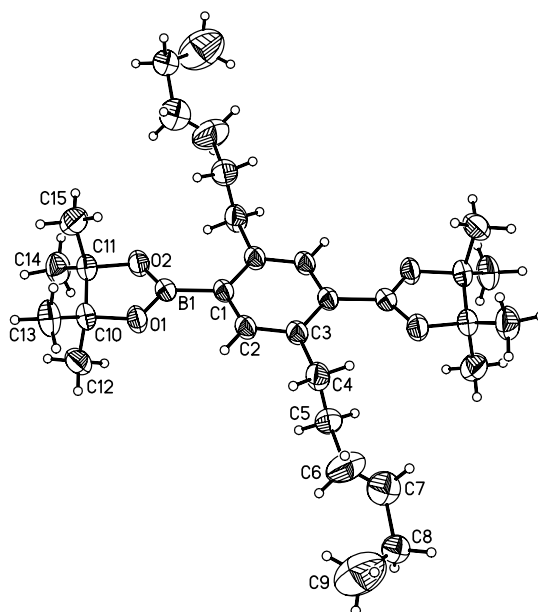
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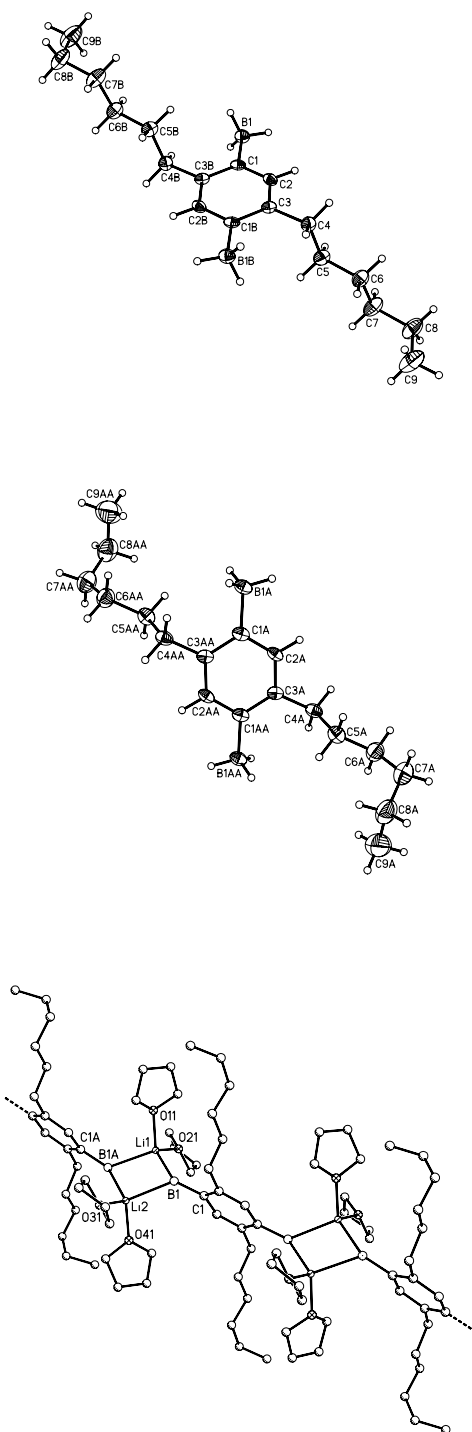
**Figure 1S:** Molecular structure and numbering scheme of compound **3<sub>A</sub>**. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å), bond angles (deg), and torsion angles (deg): B(1)–O(1) 1.368(2), B(1)–O(2) 1.367(2), B(1)–C(31) 1.567(2); O(1)–B(1)–O(2) 113.9(1), O(1)–B(1)–C(31) 122.5(1), O(2)–B(1)–C(31) 123.6(1); O(2)–B(1)–C(31)–C(32) –16.6(2). *Note:* Compound **3** crystallises with two crystallographically independent half-molecules in the asymmetric unit (**3<sub>A</sub>**, **3<sub>B</sub>**). Since all key structure parameters of **3<sub>A</sub>** and **3<sub>B</sub>** are very similar, only the data of **3<sub>A</sub>** are given here.



**Figure 2S:** Molecular structure and numbering scheme of compound **4**. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Selected bond length (Å), bond angles (deg), and torsion angle (deg): Br(1)–C(1) 1.901(2); Br(1)–C(1)–C(2) 117.2(1), Br(1)–C(1)–C(3A) 119.8(1), C(2)–C(1)–C(3A) 122.9(2); C(2)–C(3)–C(4)–C(5) 0.1(2). Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms: A:  $-x, -y, -z+1$ .



**Figure 3S:** Molecular structure and numbering scheme of compound **5**. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å), bond angles (deg), and torsion angles (deg): B(1)–O(1) 1.362(3), B(1)–O(2) 1.349(4), B(1)–C(1) 1.571(4); O(1)–B(1)–O(2) 112.8(2), O(1)–B(1)–C(1) 120.4(2), O(2)–B(1)–C(1) 126.8(2); O(1)–B(1)–C(1)–C(2) 8.7(4), C(2)–C(3)–C(4)–C(5) 92.8(4).



**Figure 4S:** Molecular structure of  $(\text{Li}(\text{thf})_2)_2[\mathbf{6}]$ ; hydrogen atoms attached to carbon have been omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ), atom $\cdots$ atom distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ), angles (deg), and dihedral angle (deg):  $\text{B}(1)\text{--}\text{C}(1) = 1.615(2)$ ,  $\text{B}(1\text{A})\text{--}\text{C}(1\text{A}) = 1.618(2)$ ,  $\text{B}(1)\cdots\text{Li}(1) = 2.448(1)$ ,  $\text{B}(1)\cdots\text{Li}(2) = 2.516(4)$ ,  $\text{B}(1\text{A})\cdots\text{Li}(1) = 2.492(5)$ ,  $\text{B}(1\text{A})\cdots\text{Li}(2) = 2.443(1)$ ,  $\text{Li}(1)\cdots\text{Li}(2) = 3.135(4)$ ;  $\text{B}(1)\cdots\text{Li}(1)\cdots\text{B}(1\text{A}) = 101.5(1)$ ,  $\text{B}(1)\cdots\text{Li}(2)\cdots\text{B}(1\text{A}) = 101.0(1)$ ,  $\text{Li}(1)\cdots\text{B}(1)\cdots\text{Li}(2) = 78.3(1)$ ,  $\text{Li}(1)\cdots\text{B}(1\text{A})\cdots\text{Li}(2) = 78.9(1)$ ;  $\text{C}(1)\text{C}(2)\text{C}(3)//\text{C}(1\text{A})\text{C}(2\text{A})\text{C}(3\text{A}) = 7.0$ .

**Table 1S:** Crystallographic Data for **3** and **4**.

	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>28</sub> B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>28</sub> Br <sub>2</sub>
<i>fw</i>	330.02	404.22
colour, shape	colourless, block	colourless, plate
temp (K)	173(2)	173(2)
cryst. syst.	triclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> (Å)	8.3824(8)	6.6943(6)
<i>b</i> (Å)	9.8427(9)	7.8948(8)
<i>c</i> (Å)	12.8041(12)	9.8024(9)
$\alpha$ (deg)	102.329(7)	109.190(7)
$\beta$ (deg)	96.038(8)	99.292(7)
$\gamma$ (deg)	110.013(7)	108.450(7)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	951.26(15)	443.27(7)
<i>Z</i>	2	1
<i>D</i> <sub>calcd.</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.152	1.514
<i>F</i> (000)	356	206
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.077	4.563
cryst. size (mm)	0.25 × 0.24 × 0.22	0.25 × 0.25 × 0.13
reflections collected	14687	7617
indep. reflns ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> )	3545 (0.0378)	1798 (0.0594)
data/restraints/params	3545 /0/218	1798/0/92
GOOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.024	1.077
<i>R</i> 1, <i>wR</i> 2 ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0385, 0.0928	0.0243, 0.0592
<i>R</i> 1, <i>wR</i> 2 (all data)	0.0494, 0.0973	0.0257, 0.0597
Largest diff peak and hole (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.234 and -0.156	0.383 and -0.545

**Table 2S:** Crystallographic Data for **5** and (Li(thf)<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[**6**].

	<b>5</b>	(Li(thf) <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> [ <b>6</b> ]
formula	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>52</sub> B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>66</sub> B <sub>2</sub> Li <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
<i>fw</i>	498.34	574.37
colour, shape	colourless, block	colourless, needle
temp (K)	293(2)	173(2)
cryst. syst.	triclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> (Å)	7.6693(9)	9.2666(10)
<i>b</i> (Å)	9.4074(10)	14.2673(15)
<i>c</i> (Å)	11.9721(13)	15.9830(19)
<i>α</i> (deg)	76.715(8)	67.763(8)
<i>β</i> (deg)	86.255(9)	76.707(9)
<i>γ</i> (deg)	73.941(8)	75.464(9)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	807.84(16)	1871.7(4)
<i>Z</i>	1	2
<i>D</i> <sub>calcd.</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.024	1.019
<i>F</i> (000)	274	636
<i>μ</i> (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.064	0.062
cryst. size (mm)	0.51 × 0.48 × 0.39	0.32 × 0.14 × 0.13
reflections collected	13355	11646
indep. reflns ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> )	2851 (0.0754)	6579 (0.0788)
data/restraints/params	2851/0/163	6579/0/381
GOOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.112	0.829
<i>R</i> 1, <i>wR</i> 2 ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0841, 0.2535	0.0572, 0.0961
<i>R</i> 1, <i>wR</i> 2 (all data)	0.1003, 0.2677	0.1275, 0.1117
Largest diff peak and hole (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.368 and -0.284	0.233 and -0.196