

Supporting information

Highly trans-1,4 Selective (co-)Polymerization of Butadiene and Isoprene with Quinolyl Anilido Rare-earth Metal Bis(alkyl) Precursors

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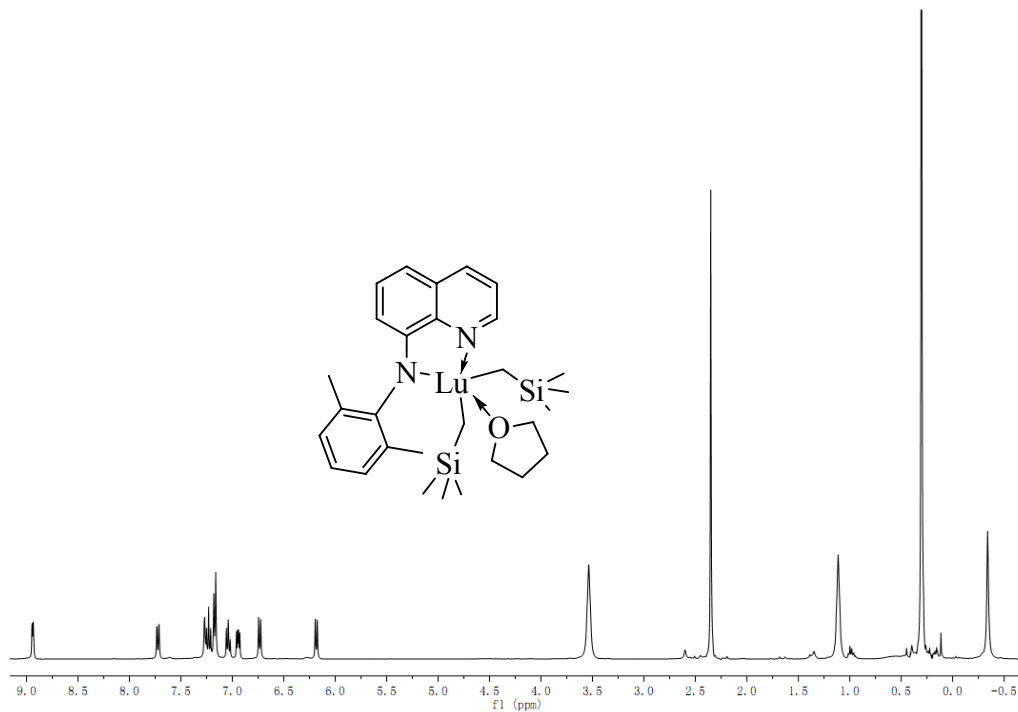


Figure 1. ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{L}^1\text{Lu}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\text{THF})$ (**4**) (25°C , C_6D_6).

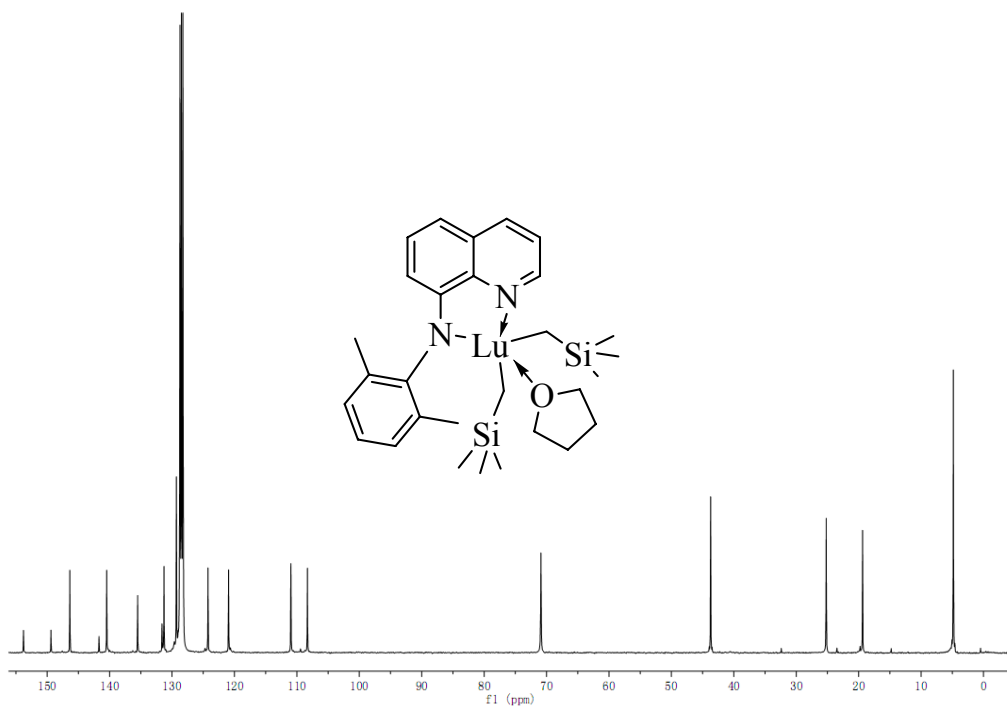


Figure 2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $\text{L}^1\text{Lu}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\text{THF})$ (**4**) (25°C , C_6D_6).

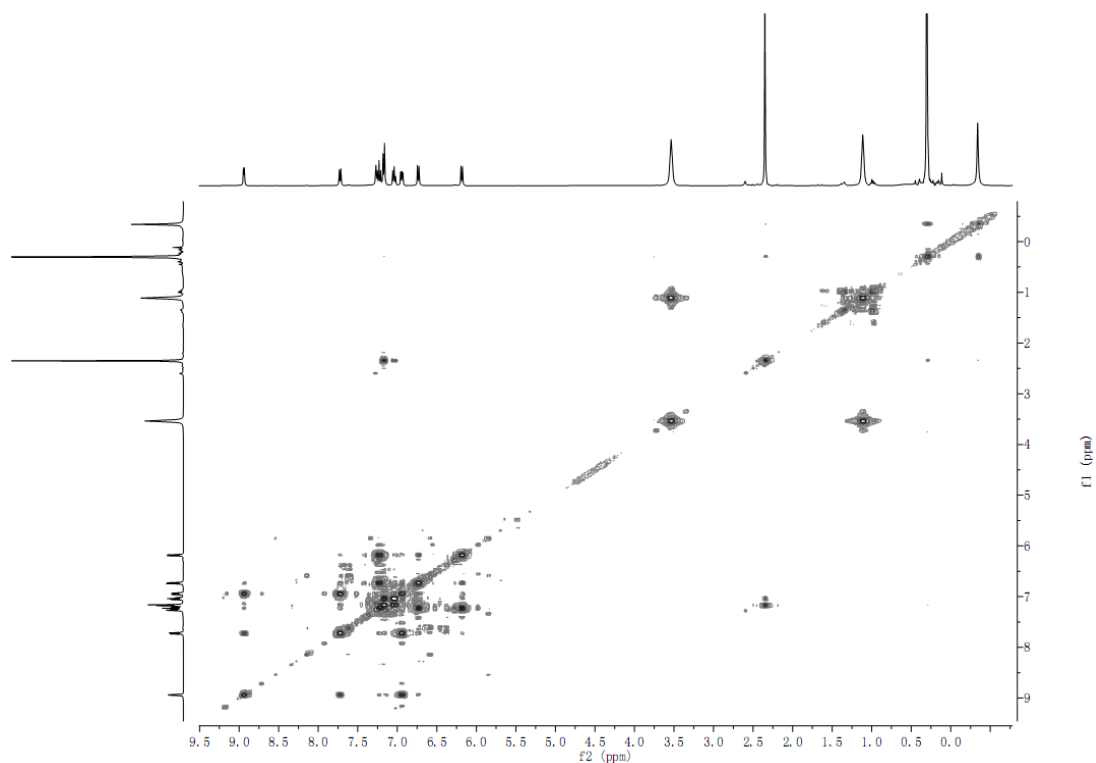


Figure 3. ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of $\text{L}^1\text{Lu}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\text{THF})$ (**4**) (25 °C, C_6D_6).

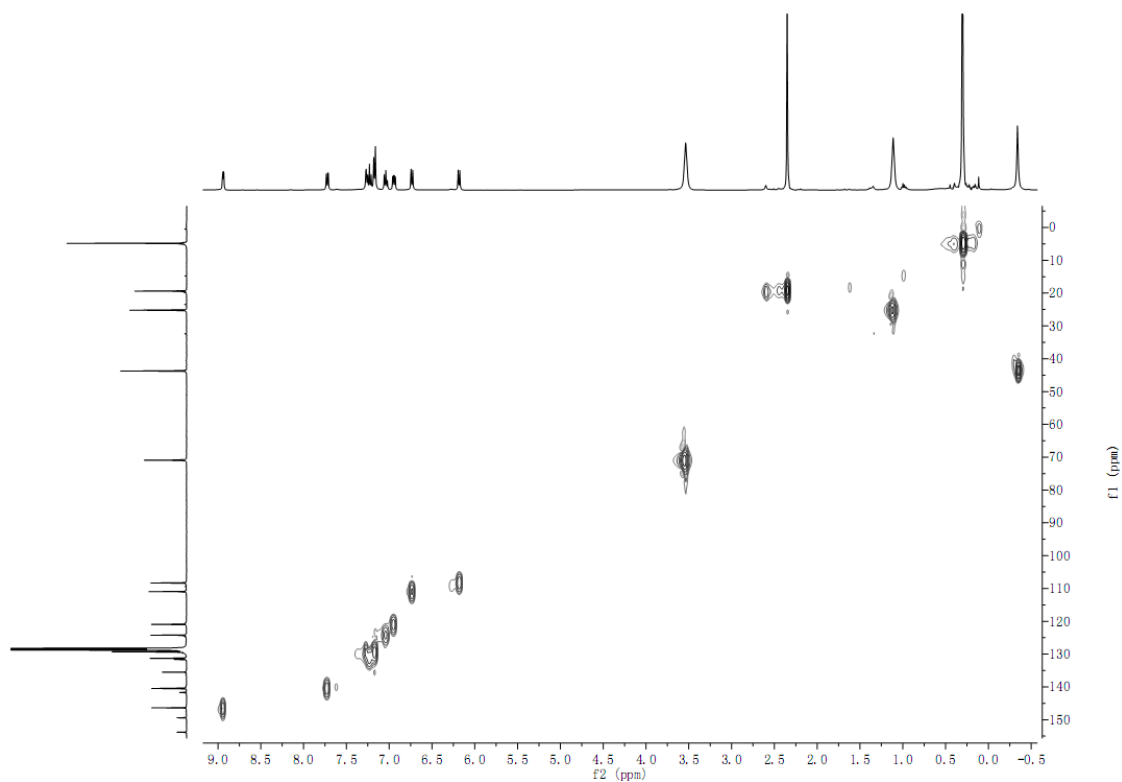


Figure 4. ^1H - ^{13}C COSY spectrum of $\text{L}^1\text{Lu}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\text{THF})$ (**4**) (25 °C, C_6D_6).

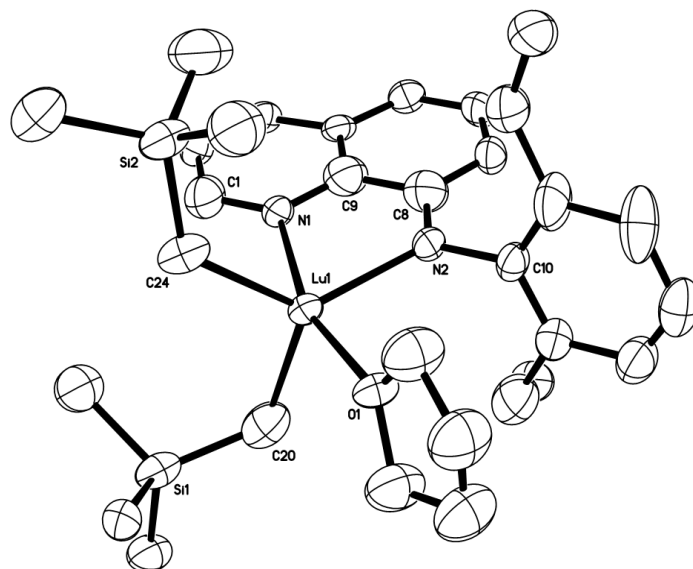


Figure 5. ORTEP drawing of complex **3** with 35% probability of thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg): Lu(1)–N(1) = 2.394(7), Lu(1)–N(2) = 2.260(8), Lu(1)–O(1) = 2.294(6), Lu(1)–C(20) = 2.327(14), Lu(1)–C(24) = 2.329(11), N(1)–C(9) = 1.367(16), N(2)–C(8) = 1.378(15), N(2)–C(10) = 1.431(11), O(1)–Lu(1)–N(1) = 163.1(2), C(20)–Lu(1)–C(24) = 111.6(5), N(2)–Lu(1)–N(1) = 70.3(2).

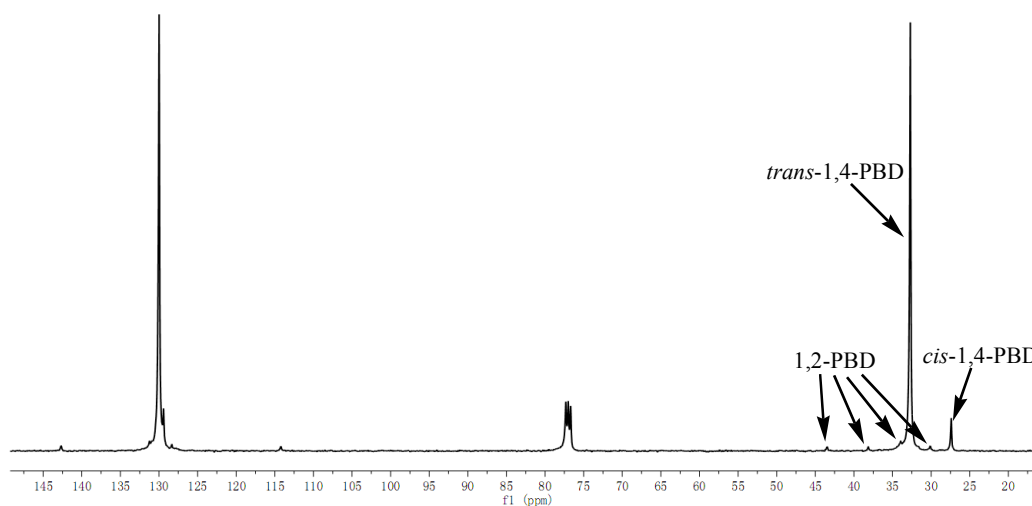


Figure 6. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of polybutadiene prepared by use of **1** / AlMe_3 / $[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$ at 25 °C in toluene (91% *trans*-1,4) (Table 1, entry 3).

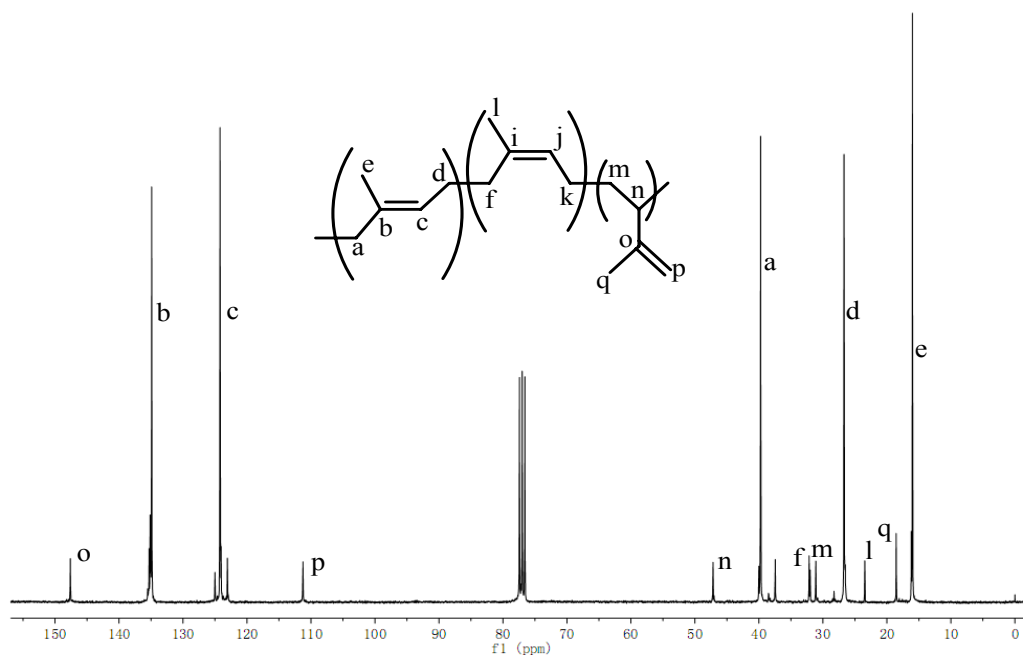


Figure 7. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of polyisoprene prepared by use of **1** / AlMe_3 / $[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$ at 25 °C in toluene (87% *trans*-1,4) (Table 2, entry 11).

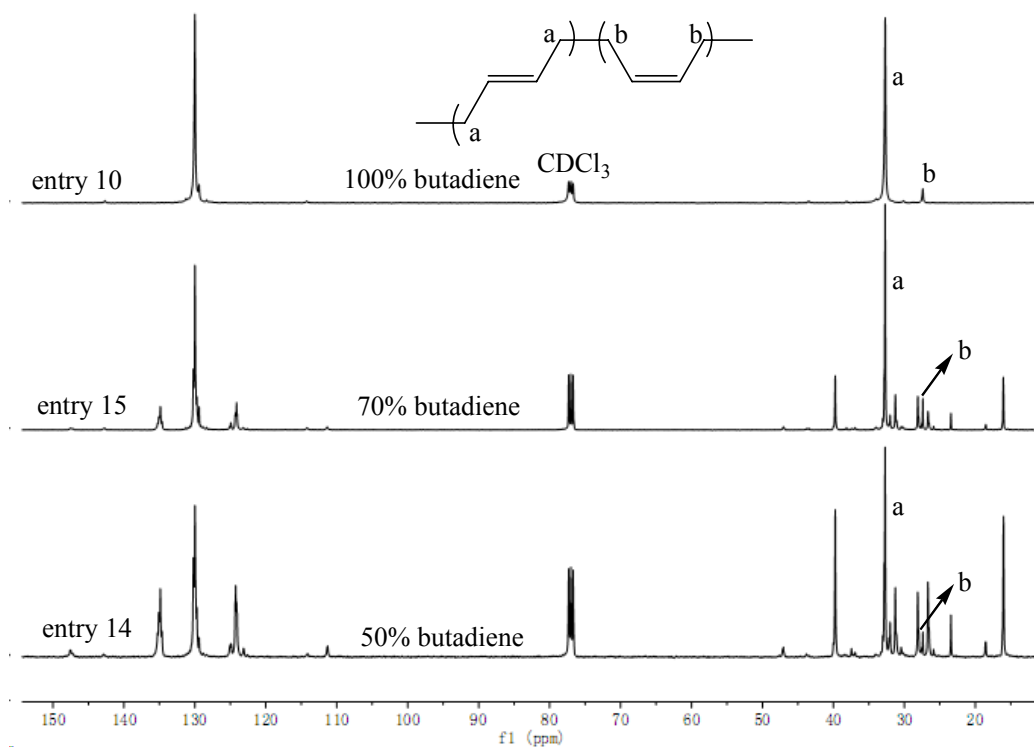


Figure 8. ^{13}C NMR spectra (400 MHz) of the resulting polymers.

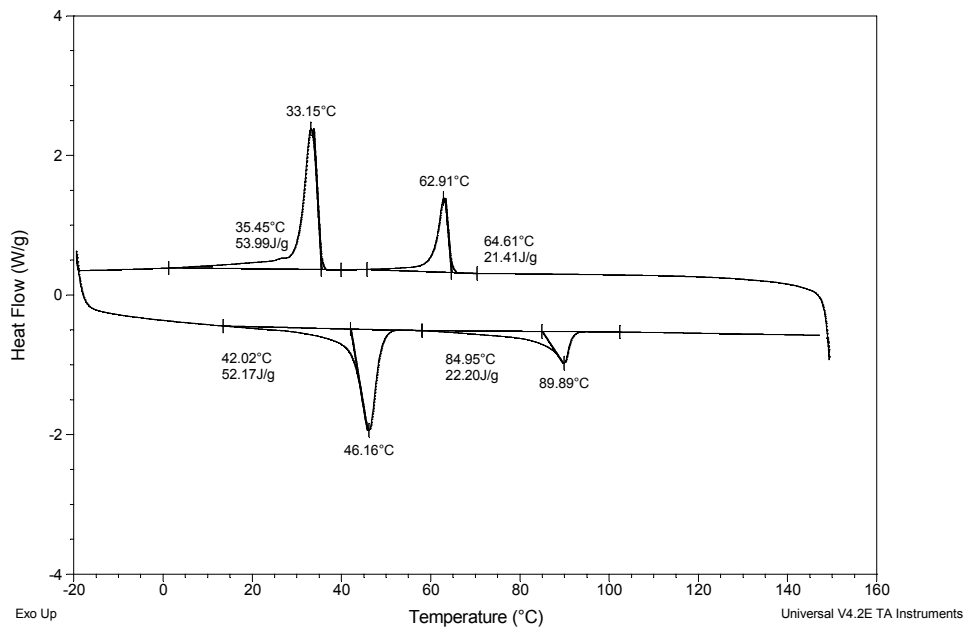


Figure 9. DSC curve of polybutadiene prepared by use of **1** / AlMe₃ / [Ph₃C][B(C₆F₅)₄] at 25 °C in toluene (91% *trans*-1,4) (Table 1, entry 3).

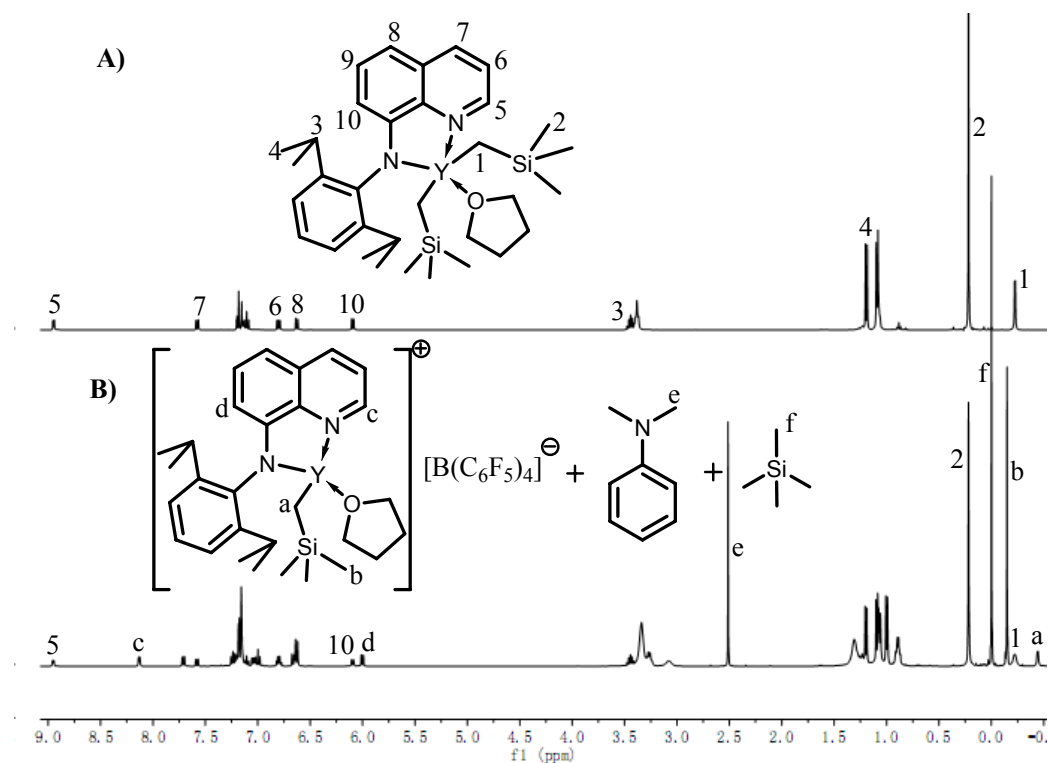


Figure 10. A) ¹H NMR spectrum of complex **1** (25 °C, C₆D₆). B) ¹H NMR spectrum of complex **1** / [PhNMe₂H][B(C₆F₅)₄] (25 °C, C₆D₆).

sTable 1. Summary of Crystallographic Data for 1, 2, 3, 5

Compound reference	1	2	3	5
Chemical formula	C ₃₃ H ₅₃ YN ₂ OSi	C ₃₃ H ₅₃ LuN ₂ OSi ₂	C ₃₁ H ₄₉ LuN ₂ OSi ₂	C ₅₀ H ₆₅ NdN ₄ OSi
Formula Mass	638.86	724.92	696.87	910.39
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
<i>a</i> /Å	11.4555(12)	11.3890(5)	9.7731(5)	11.0181(6)
<i>b</i> /Å	16.8260(18)	16.7980(8)	17.2591(9)	11.6008(7)
<i>c</i> /Å	18.987(2)	18.8840(9)	20.0423(10)	18.1909(10)
α /°	90.00	90.00	90.00	89.2590(10)
β /°	99.752(2)	99.7520(10)	90.2090(10)	89.7830(10)
γ /°	90.00	90.00	90.00	84.4310(10)
Unit cell volume/Å ³	3607.0(7)	3560.5(3)	3380.6(3)	2314.0(2)
Space group	<i>P</i> 2(1)/ <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2(1)/ <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2(1)/ <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> -1
No. of formula units per unit cell, <i>Z</i>	4	4	4	2
No. of reflections measured	19968	19474	18709	12109
No. of independent reflections	7105	7004	6643	8032
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0621	0.0404	0.0271	0.0213
Final <i>R</i> _{<i>I</i>} values (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0686	0.0356	0.0666	0.0385
Final <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²) values (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.1655	0.0770	0.1738	0.0854
Final <i>R</i> _{<i>I</i>} values (all data)	0.1159	0.0547	0.0810	0.0482
Final <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²) values (all data)	0.1898	0.0852	0.1865	0.0901
Goodness of fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.033	1.008	1.040	1.046