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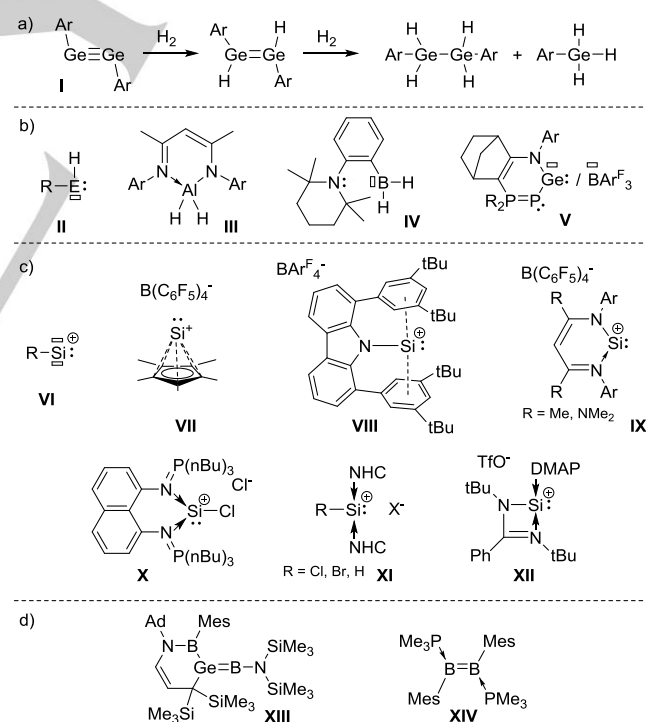
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**Abstract:** Several base-stabilized silyliumylidene ions (**2** and **3**) with different ligands were synthesized. Their behaviour appeared strongly dependent on the nature of ligand. Indeed, in contrast to the poorly reactive silyliumylidene ions **3c,d** stabilized by strongly donating ligands (DMAP, NHC), the silylene- and sulfide-supported one (**2-H** and **3a**) exhibits higher reactivity toward various small molecules. Furthermore, their capability to successively activate multiple small molecules was clearly demonstrated by processes involving successive reactions with silane / formamide, CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>. Moreover, HBPIn adduct of **3a** (**8-C**) catalyzes the hydroboration of pyridine. Of particular interest, silylene-supported silyliumylidene complex **2-H** is one of the very rare species able to activate two H<sub>2</sub> molecules.

hydrosilylation of CO<sub>2</sub>.<sup>[15]</sup> However, it should be noted that highly active systems able to activate two H<sub>2</sub> molecules are extremely rare and, to the best of our knowledge, the boragermene **XIII**,<sup>[16]</sup> and the phosphine-stabilized diborene **XIV**,<sup>[17]</sup> described by Kinjo and Braunschweig respectively, are only the examples reported.



**Figure 1.** a) Stepwise reactions of digermene **I** with two H<sub>2</sub> molecules, b) Examples of non-metallic species (**II-V**) able to activate multiple small molecules. c) Donor-supported silyliumylidene ions (**VII-XII**). d) Compounds capable of activating two molecules of H<sub>2</sub>.

## Introduction

The chemistry of main-group element species exhibiting "transition metal-like behavior" has attracted much attention in recent years.<sup>[1]</sup> Thus, some important achievements have been reported, including the activation of small molecules such as H<sub>2</sub> by digermynes,<sup>[2]</sup> disilenes,<sup>[3]</sup> carbenes,<sup>[4]</sup> heavier carbene analogues (metallylenes),<sup>[5]</sup> frustrated Lewis pairs (FLPs)<sup>[6]</sup> and low-valent group 13 species.<sup>[7-10]</sup> A significant advance in the field is the use of multi-coordination(reactive)-site species, capable of activating multiple small molecules to carry out successive reactions. However, the number of such non-metallic species still remains limited. The first reported example is a digermene **I**, featuring a reactive Ge≡Ge triple bond, capable of activating two H<sub>2</sub> molecules, and being an efficient catalyst for the [2 + 2 + 2] cyclization of alkynes, highlighting a multi-reactive character.<sup>[11]</sup> It has also been shown that metallylenes **II**,<sup>[12]</sup> Lewis pairs **III**<sup>[13]</sup> and FLP **IV**,<sup>[14]</sup> with labile hydrogen substituents, are also capable of activating two small molecules, and show particular catalytic activity compared to conventional species. We also recently demonstrated that a stable germylene-B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> complex **V**, which can behave as both an electrophilic germylene and a FLP, is capable of achieving the successive activation of Et<sub>3</sub>SiH and CO<sub>2</sub>, allowing the selective catalytic

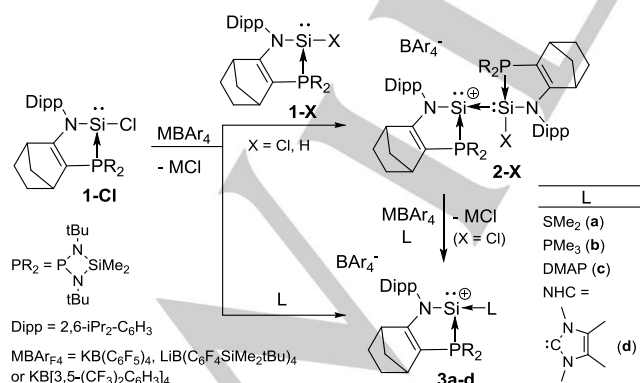
In this context, silyliumylidene cations **VI**, presenting mixed silyl cation / silylene functionalities should be interesting candidates as multi-activating systems. Indeed, Müller et al.



have recently demonstrated that a transient silyliumylidene ion is able to activate two molecules of benzene, via C-H bond cleavages, at the same silicon site.<sup>[18]</sup> Although silyliumylidene cations **VI** are, in general, highly reactive transient species,<sup>[19]</sup> they can be stabilized by compensating their electron deficiency at the silicon center either by L-ligands or by  $\pi$ -electron donating substituents. Jutzi et al. have reported the first stable  $\eta^5$ -silyliumylidene cation **VII** with a half-sandwich structure.<sup>[20]</sup> Mono-coordinate Si(II) cation **VIII**, stabilized by  $\pi$ -interaction with aryl groups, has also recently been synthesized by Hinz.<sup>[21]</sup> The Driess group<sup>[22]</sup> and more recently Aldridge et al.<sup>[23]</sup> successfully stabilized two-coordinate silyliumylidene cations **IX** combining both stabilizations (L-ligand and  $\pi$ -donating amino substituent). The multi-reactive character of **IX** was demonstrated by successive reactions with an alkyne and Et<sub>2</sub>O.<sup>[24]</sup> Furthermore, several base-stabilized silyliumylidene cations **X-XII** have also been isolated as stable complexes with two donating ligands.<sup>[25-27]</sup> These well-stabilized three-coordinate silyliumylidene complexes **X-XII** are probably the most appropriate for their practical use. Indeed, So et al. elegantly demonstrated that the NHC-stabilized Si(II) cation **XI** (R = H) is an efficient catalyst for hydroboration of carbonyl compounds<sup>[28]</sup> and N-formylation of amines.<sup>[29]</sup> However, the study of the reactivity of these species is still in its infancy,<sup>[26,27]</sup> which is partly explained by an excessive stabilization of silicon center by strong electron-donating ligands (NHCs, DMAP, phosphazenes...) which considerably reduce their reactivity. Therefore, the use of less coordinating ligands should improve the availability of the two coordination sites on the Si atom and bring out the expected properties as a multi-activation system.

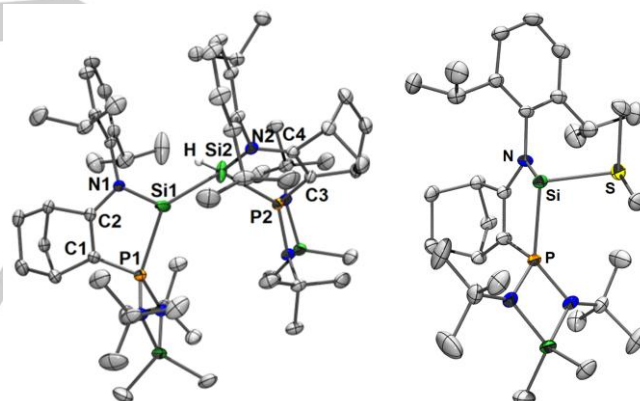
## Results and Discussion

We have demonstrated that phosphine-stabilized silylenes **1-X** (X = H, Cl, Ph, SnMe<sub>3</sub>) thanks to the weak coordination of phosphine and particular ligand effect, remain highly reactive species<sup>[30]</sup> and present, to some extent, a "transition metal-like behavior".<sup>[31-33]</sup> Thus, we have considered the use of **1-Cl**<sup>[34]</sup> as a platform to synthesize new silyliumylidene cations (**2** and **3**) stabilized by two coordinating ligands.



**Scheme 1.** The synthesis of donor-stabilized silyliumylidene ions **2-X** (X = Cl, H) and **3a-d**.

The reaction of chlorosilylene **1-Cl** with half an equivalent of NaB[3,5-(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub> cleanly affords the chlorosilylene-adduct of silyliumylidene ion **2-Cl** (Scheme 1). The same result was obtained even in the presence of an excess of sodium borate salt (5 eq.). Furthermore, no traces of the expected two-coordinate silyliumylidene ion were detected by NMR, probably due to an excessive electrophilic character. Because **2-Cl** has multiple chiral centers (Si<sup>II</sup> atom and bicyclic backbone in each Si(II)-unit), it exists as a mixture of four diastereomers in a 10 : 3 : 2 : 1 ratio, as indicated by four sets of AX-systems observed in the <sup>31</sup>P-NMR spectrum [68.3 / 45.1 ppm (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PP</sub> = 37.6 Hz), 70.3 / 53.4 ppm (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PP</sub> = 2.6 Hz), 69.3 / 54.9 ppm (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PP</sub> = 2.5 Hz), 69.6 / 45.2 ppm (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PP</sub> = 32.4 Hz)]. The <sup>29</sup>Si-NMR spectrum displays two doublet of doublets for the two central silicon atoms of the major isomer at -13.2 ppm [*J*<sub>SiP</sub> = 56.0 and 181.3 Hz ( $\lambda^2\sigma^3$ -Si)] and at -18.3 ppm [*J*<sub>SiP</sub> = 18.9 and 69.2 Hz ( $\lambda^2\sigma^4$ -Si)] respectively. **2-Cl** was isolated as air-sensitive yellow crystals from a saturated fluorobenzene/toluene solution at -30 °C (92 % yield). Similarly, the reaction of **1-Cl** with NaB[3,5-(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub> in the presence of one equivalent of hydrogenosilylene derivative **1-H** affords the related silylene→silyliumylidene complex **2-H** (Scheme 1) as a mixture of only two diastereomers. The structure of **2-H** was confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis (Figure 2-left). The Si-Si bond length (2.397(1) Å) of **2-H** corresponds to Si-Si single bonds and is longer than those of the reported Lewis base-stabilized disilenes (2.3224(7) – 2.3575(8) Å).<sup>[35]</sup>



**Figure 2.** Molecular structure of **2-H** (left) and **3a** (right). Thermal ellipsoids represent 30 % probability. Disordered, H atoms and counter anions B[3,5-(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> for **2-H** and B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>4</sub>Si<sup>t</sup>BuMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> for **3a** are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: **2-H**: Si1-Si2 2.397(1), N1-Si1 1.823(2), Si1-P1 2.335(1), N2-Si2 1.815(2), Si2-P2 2.334(1), N1-Si1-Si2 108.2(1), Si2-Si1-P1 128.8(1), N1-Si1-P1 89.7(1), N2-Si2-Si1 108.5(1), Si1-Si2-P2 126.7(1), N2-Si2-P2 89.9(1).. **3a**: Si1-S 2.334(1), Si1-P 2.372 (1), N1-Si1 1.818(3), P-C1 1.738(3), C1-C2 1.362(4), C2-N1 1.362(4), Si1-P-C1 91.2(1), P-C1-C2 116.0(2), C1-C2-N1 124.8(3), C2-N1-Si1 114.2(2), N1-Si1-S 98.2(1), N1-Si1-P 87.9(1), S-Si1-P 99.1(1).

Although all diastereomers of **2-Cl** could not be characterized by NMR spectroscopy due to the complex signal pattern, their formation was indirectly confirmed by a ligand exchange reaction with an excess of non-chiral SME<sub>2</sub> (5 eq.) and K[B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] (1 eq.) which affords a sulfide-supported silyliumylidene ion **3a** as a single product (Scheme 1). Indeed, the <sup>31</sup>P-NMR spectrum of the solution mixture shows only one singlet signal at  $\delta$  = 66.6 ppm for **3a**. The same product **3a** can be obtained directly by the reaction of chlorosilylene **1-Cl** with 1

eq. of  $\text{MBAr}_4$  [ $\text{KB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4$  or  $\text{LiB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{SiMe}_2\text{tBu})_4$ ] in the presence of an excess of  $\text{SMe}_2$  ligand (5 eq.) in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{F}$  at RT (Scheme 1) and was isolated as air-sensitive yellow crystals in 67 % yield. In the  $^{29}\text{Si}$ -NMR spectrum, **3a** displays a doublet signal at  $\delta = -15.7$  ppm with a large Si-P coupling constant ( $^1J_{\text{SiP}} = 167.1$  Hz), in the region of that of **2-Cl** (-18.3 ppm,  $^1J_{\text{SiP}} = 181.2$  Hz,  $^2J_{\text{SiP}} = 55.9$  Hz) and is only slightly upfield-shifted compared to precursor **1-Cl** (-10.5 ppm). This data is in marked contrast to the case of NHC-stabilized silyliumylidene ions **XI** whose  $^{29}\text{Si}$ -NMR resonances (-55.3 to -70.9 ppm) are significantly upfield-shifted in comparison to those of the halogenated precursors (-9.7 to 13.8 ppm).<sup>[26a-c]</sup> The same upfield-shift trend was also observed in the case of cationic Si(II) complex **XII** (14.6 to -82.3 ppm).<sup>[27,36]</sup> As expected, the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  chemical shift of **3a** is very different from those of mono-coordinate silyliumylidene cation **VIII** (56.8 ppm),<sup>[21]</sup> two-coordinate ones **IX** (69.3 to 80.0 ppm),<sup>[22,23]</sup> and the pentamethyl-cyclopentadienyl-substituted penta-coordinate cation **VII** (-400.2 ppm).<sup>[20]</sup> The X-ray structure of **3a** reveals a trigonal pyramidal geometry around Si1 center ( $\Sigma^\circ_{\text{Si}} = 285.2^\circ$ ) with an angle between phosphine and sulfide ligands [S-Si1-P =  $99.1(1)^\circ$ ] close to  $90^\circ$  (Figure 1-right),<sup>[37]</sup> which is in good agreement with an orthogonal interaction of both ligands with the two empty perpendicular 3p-orbitals on Si1 atom. The Si1-S distance [2.334(1)] is significantly longer than classical Si-S covalent bonds (2.10 - 2.15 Å), in agreement with a dative character of the S-Si bond. The Si-P bond length [2.372(1) Å] is similar to that of **1-Cl** (2.35 Å).<sup>[34]</sup>

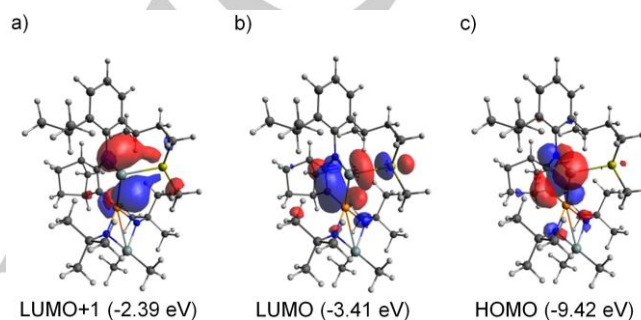
L	$\delta$ (ppm) [ $J_{\text{SiP}}$ (Hz)]
<b>1-Cl (2-Cl)</b>	-13.2 [56.0 and 181.3] (major, 63 %)
<b>1-H (2-H)</b>	-20.8 [24.3 and 226.2] (major, 70 %)
<b>SMe<sub>2</sub> (3a)</b>	-15.7 [167.0]
<b>PMe<sub>3</sub> (3b)</b>	-44.5 [171.6 and 223.2]
<b>DMAP (3c)</b>	-14.5 [178.4]
<b>NHC (3d)</b>	-26.8 [186.5]

**Figure 3.**  $^{29}\text{Si}$ -NMR data (chemical shifts in ppm and Si-P-coupling constants in Hz) of silyliumylidene ions **2** and **3**.

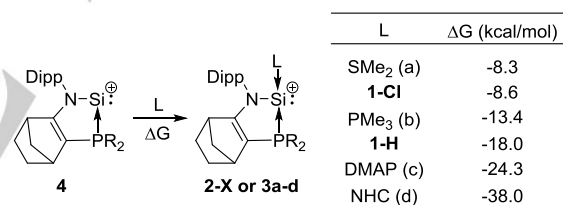
As expected, the same reaction, performed in the presence of more strongly donating ligands such as trimethylphosphine ( $\text{PMe}_3$ ), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) or an N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC), results in the quantitative formation of the corresponding silyliumylidene ion complexes **3b-d** (Scheme 1). It is important to note that, **3c,d** can be obtained using  $\text{NaBPh}_4$  with a less Lewis acid character at the sodium cation, whereas the more electrophilic **2-X** and **3a** cannot be generated in the same conditions.

To gain more insight into the electronic structure of base-stabilized silyliumylidene ions **2** and **3**, DFT calculations have been performed at the M06-2X/6-31G(d) level of theory. The optimized structure of **3a** agrees quite well with the experimental data (Si-S: 2.389 Å, Si-P: 2.366 Å, Si-N: 1.813 Å). The highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) is mainly localized at the silicon center as a lone pair (Figure 4c) and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbitals (LUMO+1 and LUMO) correspond to the two perpendicular anti-bonding  $\sigma^*$  orbitals localized on the Si atom. (a combination of  $\sigma^*_{\text{Si-P}}$  and  $\sigma^*_{\text{Si-N}}$  for LUMO+1 and  $\sigma^*_{\text{Si-S}}$  for LUMO) (Figure 4a,b). As expected, due to the weak coordination of sulfide ligand and the positive charge, both

LUMO and HOMO energies (LUMO: -3.41 eV, HOMO: -9.42 eV) are significantly lower than those of the neutral phosphine-stabilized silylene **XIII** (R = H, LUMO: +0.53 eV, HOMO: -6.05 eV) and are close to those of the corresponding two-coordinate silyliumylidene complex **4** with only a phosphine ligand (LUMO: -5.15 eV, HOMO: -10.36 eV). Moreover the LUMO ( $\sigma^*_{\text{Si-S}}$ ) is significantly lower than LUMO+1 ( $\sigma^*_{\text{Si-P}}$  and  $\sigma^*_{\text{Si-N}}$ ) certainly due to the weaker  $\text{Me}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{Si}^+$  interaction than  $\text{R}_3\text{P} \rightarrow \text{Si}^+$  and  $\text{N} \rightarrow \text{Si}^+$ . The HOMO-LUMO gap ( $\Delta E_{\text{HOMO-LUMO}}$ ) calculated for **3a** (6.01 eV) is in between those of silylene **XIII** (6.58 eV) and **4** (5.21 eV). Of particular interest, the energy gaps of silylene-stabilized silyliumylidene ions **2-X** ( $\Delta E_{\text{HOMO-LUMO}}$ : 4.85 eV for **2-Cl**, 5.05 eV for **2-H**) are even smaller than that of two-coordinate silyliumylidene **4** due to the high HOMO energy levels (**2-Cl**: -8.31 eV, **2-H**: -8.21 eV).



**Figure 4.** Frontier orbitals of **3a** calculated at the M06-2X/6-31G(d) level (Isosurface level:  $\pm 0.045$  e/(a.u.)<sup>3</sup>).

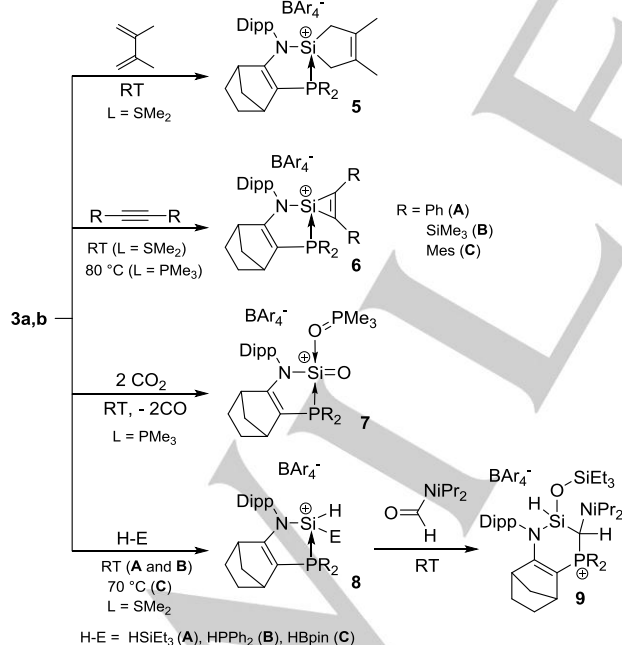


**Figure 5.** Calculated Gibbs free energy ( $\Delta G$  in kcal/mol) for the formation of silyliumylidene ions **2-X** and **3a-d** by the reaction of two-coordinate ion **4** with a L-ligand (**1-X**,  $\text{SMe}_2$ ,  $\text{PMe}_3$ , DMAP or NHC).

Furthermore, the calculated Gibbs free energy for the formation of **3a** by the coordination of sulfide ligand on the two-coordinate silyliumylidene ion **4** ( $\Delta G = -8.3$  kcal/mol) is considerably smaller than that of NHC-stabilized **3d** ( $\Delta G = -38.0$  kcal/mol, Figure 5). This result is in good agreement with the labile character of dimethylsulfide ligand, and suggests that silyliumylidene ion **3a** should be much more reactive than **3b-d**. Steric reasons certainly explain the low Gibbs energy for the formation of **2-Cl** ( $\Delta G_{4 \rightarrow 2\text{-Cl}} = -8.6$  kcal/mol) compared with **3b-d**, while in the case of **2-H** (smaller silylene ligand) this energy is considerably larger ( $\Delta G_{4 \rightarrow 2\text{-Cl}} = -18.0$  kcal/mol). The larger Gibbs free energy for the formation of **2-H** can also be also due to the stronger donating ability of **1-H** than **1-Cl**.

As expected, silyliumylidene ion **3a** supported by the weak  $\text{SMe}_2$  ligand presents a high reactivity and with 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene an immediate [4+1]-cycloaddition reaction was observed at RT affording the phosphine-stabilized five-membered cyclic silylium ion **5**, and release of sulfide ligand

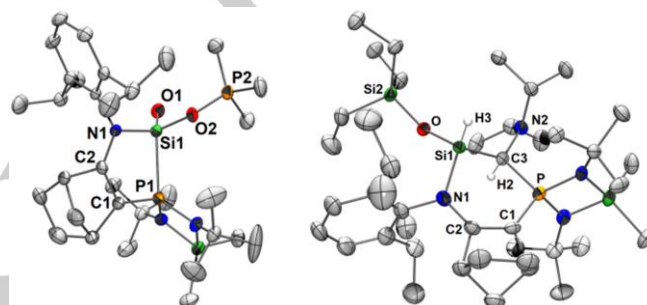
(Scheme 2). The  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR signal of **5** (37.6 ppm) is significantly shifted to high field compared to that of **3a** (67.0 ppm). Similar chemical shifts have been previously observed for related phosphine-stabilized silylium ions (22 - 40 ppm).<sup>[38]</sup> In the case of NHC-stabilized cation **3d**, no reaction was observed even upon heating at 100 °C. Silyliumylidene ion **3a** also immediately reacts with diphenylacetylene to give the corresponding [2+1]-cycloadduct **6-A** at RT. The strongly high-field shifted  $^{29}\text{Si}$ -NMR signal of **6-A** (-96.4 ppm,  $^1J_{\text{Si-P}} = 186.6$  Hz) is in good agreement with the formation of a three-membered cyclic silylium ion.<sup>[24]</sup> Here again, **3c,d** do not react with diphenylacetylene at RT, and at 100 °C, a complex mixture of compounds was obtained. The extraordinarily enhanced reactivity of **3a** was also demonstrated by the reactions, at RT, with bulky alkyne derivatives such as bis(trimethylsilyl)- or bis(mesityl)acetylene to give the corresponding silacyclopentenyl cation derivatives **6-B,C**. Both compounds show strongly high-field shifted  $^{29}\text{Si}$ -NMR signals (**6-B**: -100.1 ppm,  $^1J_{\text{Si-P}} = 215.8$  Hz, **6-C**: -86.9 ppm,  $^1J_{\text{Si-P}} = 174.2$  Hz). The  $\text{Me}_3\text{P}$ -supported silyliumylidene ion **3b** reacts with bis(trimethylsilyl)acetylene at 80 °C, but, as the reaction progresses, it slows down and almost stops at about 30 % of conversion. Probably the increasing amount of released  $\text{Me}_3\text{P}$  inhibits the ligand dissociation from complex **3b**, which hinders the progress of the reaction. Therefore, it is clear that for a reaction to take place, the L-ligand is required to dissociate from the silicon center of **3** to generate a more reactive two-coordinate silyliumylidene **4**, unlike the highly reactive neutral phosphine-stabilized silylenes **1**, which react with acetylenes even at room temperature.<sup>[30]</sup> The decreased reactivity of base-stabilized silyliumylidenes **3** compared to the neutral ones **1** is probably due to their reduced nucleophilic character.



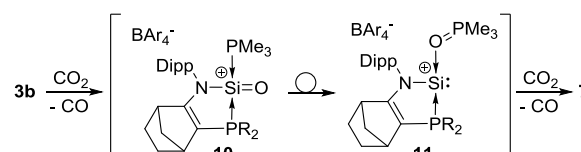
**Scheme 2.** The reactions of **3a,b**.

The  $\text{Me}_3\text{P}$ -stabilized cation **3b** readily reacts with two molecules of  $\text{CO}_2$  to afford the cationic silanone (sila-acylium ion) **7** stabilized by the phosphine fragment and  $\text{Me}_3\text{P}=\text{O}$ ,

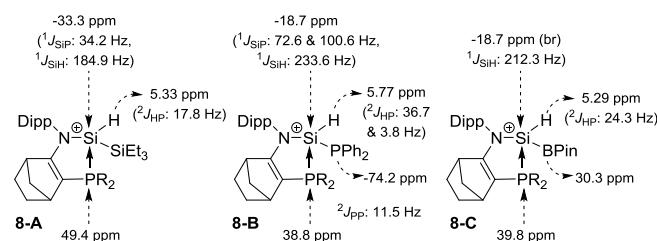
releasing  $\text{CO}$  as byproduct (Scheme 2). Although, the NMR characterization was not possible due to the insolubility of **7** in any organic solvent, its structure was confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis (Figure 6-left). The oxidation of donor-stabilized silyliumylidene ion **XI** by  $\text{CO}_2$  to give the corresponding sila-acylium ion is already known.<sup>[39]</sup> Similarly, the reaction probably starts with the oxidation of  $\text{Si(II)}$  center to generate a cationic silanone **10**, which evolves further by the oxygen transfer from the Si to the P atom of coordinated trimethylphosphine (Figure 7). This process regenerates the cationic  $\text{Si(II)}$  species **11** which readily undergoes a second oxidation step with  $\text{CO}_2$  to give the isolated cationic silanone **7**. It is worth noting that, in this process, the silyliumylidene fragment in **3b** formally behaves as an oxygen transfer catalysts. However, its further catalytic activity was not observed even in the presence of an excess of phosphine (10 eq.). Probably, the strong  $\text{Me}_3\text{P}=\text{O}$  coordination on the Si center in **7** prevents a ligand exchange reaction with  $\text{Me}_3\text{P}$  to reform complex **10**.



**Figure 6.** Molecular structures of **7** (left) and **9** (right). Thermal ellipsoids represent 30 % probability. Disordered, H atoms (except H2 and H3 for **9**), solvent molecule (**9**) and counter anion  $[\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$  are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: **7**: Si1-O1 1.516(3), Si1-O2 1.708(3), O2-P2 1.560(3), N1-Si1 1.769(4), Si1-P1 2.306(2), Si1-O2-P2 126.0(2), O1-Si1-O2 110.3(2). **9**: N1-Si1 1.781(3), Si1-C3 1.882(5), C3-N2 1.462(5), C3-P 1.842(4), Si1-O 1.608(4), O-Si2 1.666(4), Si1-O-Si2 153.5(5).



**Figure 7.** Proposed mechanism of the reaction of **3b** with  $\text{CO}_2$ .



**Figure 8.** NMR data ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $^{29}\text{Si}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$ ) of **8-A,B,C**.

Furthermore, **3a** immediately reacts with triethylsilane at RT, *via* oxidative addition at the  $\text{Si(II)}$  center, to give the corresponding silylium ion **8-A** (Scheme 2). Similar oxidative



additions were observed with diphenylphosphine at RT or H-Bpin at 70 °C affording the corresponding adducts **8-B,C**. These compounds **8-A,B,C** have been fully characterized by NMR spectroscopy (Figure 8) and particularly the Si-H moiety shows a characteristic signal in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (5.29 - 5.77 ppm) with large silicon-proton coupling constants ( $^1J_{\text{SiH}} = 184.9 - 233.6$  Hz).

Of particular interest, silylium ion **8-A** reacts further with *N,N*-diisopropylformamide, via the cleavage of C=O double bond of amide, to form siloxane derivative **9** (Scheme 2). **9** was isolated as yellow crystals in good yield (85 %) and its structure was confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis (Figure 6-right). The formation of **9** can be explained by the evolution of the silylium-amide complex **12**, via a reductive elimination<sup>[33]</sup> to generate a pair of [phosphine-stabilized silylene and a O-silylated iminium cation] **13** which evolves via the silylene insertion into C-O bond of iminium salt<sup>[40]</sup> to give the corresponding siloxane substituted iminium cation **14** (Figure 9). **14** undergoes a ring-extension via a 1,2-phosphine ligand migration toward iminium carbon to afford the experimentally obtained **9**.

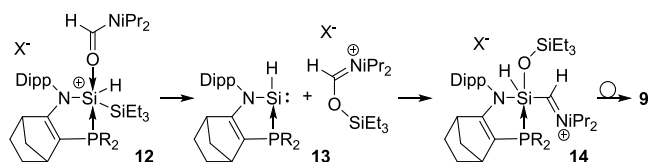


Figure 9. Proposed mechanism for the formation of **9**.

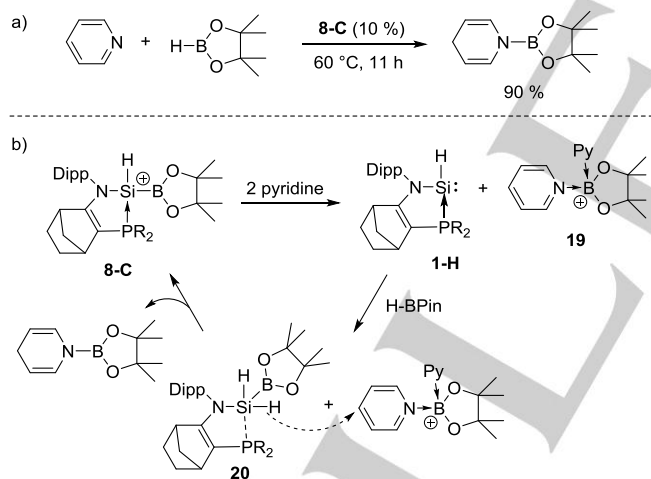
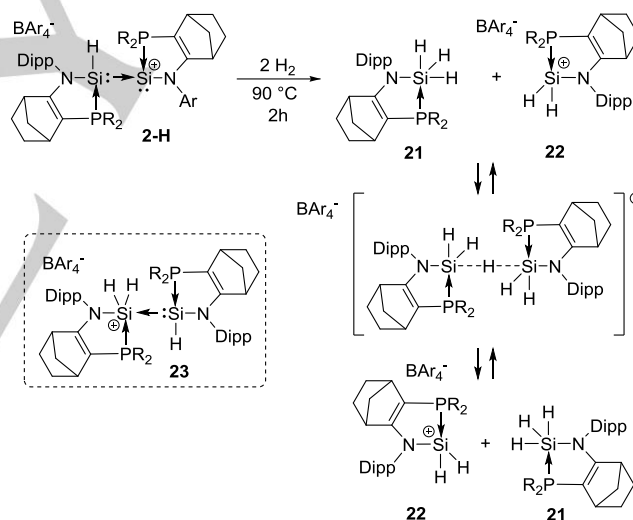


Figure 10. Hydroboration of pyridine catalyzed by **8-C** and its proposed mechanism.

Interestingly, silylium ion **8-C** (E = BPin) turns out to be an active catalyst for the hydroborylation of pyridine (Figure 10a).<sup>[41]</sup> Indeed, the reaction proceeds at 60 °C in the presence of **8-C** (10 mol%) and is completed in 11 h. Since NMR monitoring of the reaction detected the transient formation of pyridine-supported borenium salt **19** ( $^{11}\text{B}$ -NMR:  $\delta = 6.6$  ppm)<sup>[42]</sup> and borylsilane derivative **20** [ $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR:  $\delta = 108.5$  ppm (t),  $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 20.4$  Hz],<sup>[32]</sup> the catalysis cycle probably starts with the reaction of **8-C** with pyridine to generate the hydrogenosilylene **1-H** and

the borenium cation **19** (Figure 10b). **1-H** then reacts with H-BPin via oxidative addition to form the detected borylsilane **20**. Hydride transfer from **20** to the borenium-activated pyridine in **19**, which may be promoted by phosphine coordination at the Si center, completes the catalytic cycle to give the borylamine and regenerated **8-C**.

In contrast to silyliumylidene ions **3a,b**, **2-H** reacts with  $\text{H}_2$  (5 bars) at 80 °C, leading to the clean formation of trihydrogenosilane **21** and the phosphine-stabilized dihydrogenosilylium ion **22** (Scheme 3). In the  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR spectrum, quartet and triplet signals were observed for **21** [107.1 ppm (q),  $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 29.8$  Hz] and **22** [34.0 ppm (t),  $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 29.2$  Hz] respectively. The  $^{29}\text{Si}$ -NMR spectrum displays doublet signals for **21** (-43.1 ppm,  $^1J_{\text{SiP}} = 19.0$  Hz) and **22** (-78.2 ppm,  $^1J_{\text{SiP}} = 202.4$  Hz), which are correlated with  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR signals at  $\delta = 5.10$  ppm ( $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 45.2$  Hz) and  $\delta = 5.11$  ppm ( $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 26.4$  Hz) with  $^{29}\text{Si}$ -satellite signals showing a large silicon-hydrogen coupling constant ( $^1J_{\text{SiH}} = 267.1$  Hz for **21**, and  $^1J_{\text{SiH}} = 261.7$  Hz for **22**). These results indicate the presence of two additional H atoms at the Si atom of each fragment and are in good agreement with the behavior of **2-H** as a multi-functional FLP system able to activate two molecules of  $\text{H}_2$ . Both compounds **21** and **22** have been successfully separated: (i) by extraction with pentane in the case of neutral silane **21** (60 %), and (ii) by crystallization from a  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  / pentane solution at -30 °C in the case of cationic silylium **22** (96 %).



Scheme 3. The double  $\text{H}_2$  activation by **2-H** through the intermediacy of mono- $\text{H}_2$ -adduct **23**.

The two  $\text{H}_2$ -activations probably proceed step-by-step via the transient formation of silylium-silylene complex **23**, generated by the first  $\text{H}_2$  activation by **2-H**. The role of each Si center in **23** (Lewis acid / Lewis base) switches from that in **2-H** upon reacting with  $\text{H}_2$ . Although the reaction of **2-Cl** with  $\text{H}_2$  starts at lower temperature (70 °C), the reactions leads to a complicated mixture of compounds. The higher reactivity of **2** compare to **3a,b** can be attributed to the more strongly nucleophilic silylene counterpart, which promotes better FLP-type reactions.<sup>[43]</sup> These results also demonstrated that, despite the moderate electrophilic character of phosphine-stabilized silylium



ion,<sup>[38]</sup> with an appropriate nucleophilic partner, it can form an efficient FLP able to activate H<sub>2</sub> in relatively mild conditions.

The <sup>31</sup>P-NMR spectrum of the solution mixture of **21** and **22** at RT reveals very broad signals which become sharp upon lowering the temperature (-60 °C). Since the <sup>31</sup>P-NMR spectra of isolated compounds are well defined at RT, the NMR line broadening observed at RT for the mixture could be explained by a hydride transfer from **21** to **22**, probably being assisted by the P→Si interaction. This supports our hypothesis on the reduction of borenium-activated pyridine **19** by the hydride donation of phosphine-coordinated borylsilane **20** (Figure 10b). In addition, no dehydrogenation reaction (giving back either **23** or **2-H**) was observed by heating a PhF solution of **21** and **22** at 100 °C or under vacuum.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, we have synthesized and isolated base-stabilized silyliumylidene ions (**2** and **3**) with different ligands. Their behaviour appeared strongly dependent on the nature of ligand. Indeed, in contrast to the poorly reactive silyliumylidene complexes **3c,d** with strongly donating ligands (DMAP, NHC), the dimethylsulfide-supported one **3a** (SMe<sub>2</sub>) exhibits higher reactivity toward various small molecules. Furthermore, the potential of **2** and **3** as multi-activating systems was clearly demonstrated by successive reactions with different small molecules such as silane / formamide, CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>. Moreover, HBPIn adduct of **3a** (**8-C**) catalyzes the hydroboration of pyridine. Of particular interest, silyliumylidene-silylene complex **2-H** is one of the very rare species able to activate two H<sub>2</sub> molecules. Applications of their unique behaviour in catalysis are under active investigations.

## Experimental Section

### General

All manipulations were performed under inert atmosphere of argon by using Schlenk or high-pressure NMR tube techniques. Dry, oxygen-free solvents were employed. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>11</sup>B, <sup>19</sup>F, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>29</sup>Si and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance II 300MHz, Avance III HD 400 MHz and Avance I and II 500 MHz spectrometers. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>29</sup>Si and <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to SiMe<sub>4</sub> as internal standard. <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shifts are expressed in ppm relative to 85 % H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>. <sup>11</sup>B chemical shifts are relative to BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> and <sup>19</sup>F chemical shifts are relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub> as external reference. The following abbreviations and their combinations are used: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C resonance signals were attributed by means of 2D COSY, HSQC and HMBC experiments. GC-MS analyses were performed on a MS Perkin Elmer Clarus MS560 and GC PerkinElmer Clarus 500. The phosphine-stabilized silylenes **1-CI**<sup>[34]</sup> and **1-H**<sup>[12a]</sup> were synthesized as previously reported.

### Syntheses

**Compound 2-CI:** In a Schlenk tube, to a mixture of **1-CI** (850 mg, 1.42 mmol) and NaBAR<sub>4</sub><sup>F</sup> (515 mg, 0.58 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 8

mL of fluorobenzene was added at ambient temperature. After 1 hours, precipitated salts were removed by filtration. To this mixture, toluene (ca. 20 mL) was added. **2-CI** was obtained as orange crystals at -30 °C (1.04 g, 92%). Mp. 139-142 °C (decomp.). **2-CI** is soluble only in polar solvents and decomposes in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Due to the solvent signal (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>F), aromatic region of <sup>1</sup>H NMR were not fully assigned. (Major isomer-A, 59%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, -30 °C, Ph-F/Tol-d<sub>6</sub>): δ = 0.28 (s, 3H, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.33 (s, 6H, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.36 (s, 3H, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.61 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>IBu), 0.67 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>IBu), 0.90 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 0.95 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 0.97 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.5 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 1.00 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.5 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 1.03 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.06 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.16 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>IBu), 1.20 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>IBu), 1.20 (overlapped, 3H CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 1.23 (overlapped, 3H CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 1.28 (overlapped, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 1.38 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.52 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.98 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.11 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.58 (br m, 1H, CH<sub>IPr</sub>), 2.88 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.88 (overlapped, 2H, CH<sub>IPr</sub>), 2.95 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 3.00 (overlapped, 1H, CH<sub>IPr</sub>), 7.54 (s, 4H, *p*-CHBAR), 8.38 (s, 8H, *m*-CHBAR). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, -30 °C, Ph-F/Tol-d<sub>6</sub>): δ = 2.9 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 2.2 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 4.5 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 1.3 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 5.6 (SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 6.6 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 1.3 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 22.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 22.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 24.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 24.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 26.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 26.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 26.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 27.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>IPr), 27.7 (CH<sub>IPr</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>IPr</sub>), 28.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 28.4 (CH<sub>IPr</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 28.7 (CH<sub>IPr</sub>), 32.4 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 2.1 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>IBu), 32.5 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>IBu), 33.1 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 7.3 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>IBu), 33.1 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 4.6 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>IBu), 40.7 (CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 41.2 (CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 44.3 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 13.4 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 45.6 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 10.2 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 47.8 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 3.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 50.2 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 3.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 51.0 (C<sub>IBu</sub>), 51.7 (C<sub>IBu</sub>), 52.7 (C<sub>IBu</sub>), 53.3 (C<sub>IBu</sub>), 98.7 (dd, J<sub>CP</sub> = 1.7 and 58.0 Hz, NC=CP), 105.5 (dd, J<sub>CP</sub> = 4.1 and 46.7 Hz, NC=CP), 118.0 (br, *p*-CHBAR), 124.7 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.3 (q, J<sub>CF</sub> = 272.4 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.5 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 126.0 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 126.2 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.3 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.5 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.9 (qq, J<sub>CF</sub> = 29.5 Hz, J<sub>CB</sub> = 2.4 Hz, *m*-C<sub>BAR</sub>), 135.4 (*o*-C<sub>BAR</sub>), 137.9 (N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 139.0 (N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.2 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.3 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.6 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.9 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 163.2 (q, J<sub>CB</sub> = 49.6 Hz, *isop*-C<sub>BAR</sub>), 181.8 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 34.7 Hz, NC=CP), 190.0 (dd, J<sub>CP</sub> = 28.3 Hz, NC=CP). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, -30 °C, Ph-F/Tol-d<sub>6</sub>): δ = 45.1 (d, J<sub>PP</sub> = 37.6 Hz, P-Si<sup>+</sup>), 68.3 (d, J<sub>PP</sub> = 37.6 Hz, P-Si-Cl). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (79 MHz, -30 °C, Ph-F/Tol-d<sub>6</sub>): δ = 19.9 (d, J<sub>SIP</sub> = 2.5 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 12.3 (d, J<sub>SIP</sub> = 2.6 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), -13.2 (dd, J<sub>SIP</sub> = 56.0 and 181.3 Hz, P-Si<sup>+</sup>), -18.3 (dd, J<sub>SIP</sub> = 18.9 and 69.2 Hz, P-Si-Cl). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (96 MHz, 25 °C, Ph-F/C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ = -6.0 (BAR<sub>4</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (282 MHz, 25 °C, Ph-F/C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ = -62.4 (CF<sub>3</sub>). (Minor isomer-B, 19%): <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, -30 °C, Ph-F/Tol-d<sub>6</sub>): δ = 53.4 (d, J<sub>PP</sub> = 2.6 Hz, P-Si<sup>+</sup>), 70.3 (d, J<sub>PP</sub> = 2.3 Hz, P-Si-Cl). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (79 MHz, -30 °C, Ph-F/Tol-d<sub>6</sub>): δ = 19.9 (d, J<sub>SIP</sub> = 2.5 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 12.3 (d, J<sub>SIP</sub> = 2.6 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), -13.2 (dd, J<sub>SIP</sub> = 56.0 and 181.3 Hz, P-Si-Cl). (Minor isomer-C, 15%): <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, -30 °C, Ph-F/Tol-d<sub>6</sub>): δ = 54.9 (d, J<sub>PP</sub> = 2.5 Hz, Si<sup>+</sup>), 69.3 (d, J<sub>PP</sub> = 2.5 Hz, P-Si-Cl). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (79 MHz, -30 °C, Ph-F/Tol-d<sub>6</sub>): δ = 19.9 (d, J<sub>SIP</sub> = 2.5 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 12.3 (d, J<sub>SIP</sub> = 2.6 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), -13.2 (dd, J<sub>SIP</sub> = 56.0 and 181.3 Hz, P-Si-Cl). (Minor isomer-D, 7%): <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, -30 °C, Ph-F/Tol-d<sub>6</sub>): δ = 45.2 (d, J<sub>PP</sub> = 32.4 Hz, P-Si<sup>+</sup>), 69.6 (d, J<sub>PP</sub> = 32.4 Hz, P-Si-Cl).

**Compound 2-H:** In a Schlenk tube, to a mixture of **1-CI** (300 mg, 0.533 mmol), **1-H** (340 mg, 0.646 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and NaBAR<sub>4</sub><sup>F</sup> (470 mg, 0.533 mmol), 6 mL of fluorobenzene was added at

ambient temperature. After 30 minutes, 3 mL of pentane was added to this mixture and then filtered to remove the precipitates. To this mixture, additional pentane (6 ml) was added to obtain **2-H** as orange crystals (960 mg, 93%). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained from saturated toluene solution at room temperature. Mp. 160-162 °C (decomp.). (Major isomer, 70%):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $-30$  °C, Ph-F/Tol- $d_8$ ):  $\delta$  =  $-0.04$  (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 0.09 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 0.38 (s, 6H,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ), 0.42 (s, 6H,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ), 0.94 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 0.94 (overlapped, 2H,  $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 0.96 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 1.05 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IBu}}$ ), 1.06 (overlapped, 2H,  $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 1.07 (overlapped, 6H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 1.18 (s, 18H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IBu}}$ ), 1.22 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IBu}}$ ), 1.22 (overlapped, 2H,  $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 1.24 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 1.36 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.5 Hz, 3H  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 1.36 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 1.55 (m, 5H,  $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 1.91 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 1.96 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 2.39 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 2.59 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 2.90 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 2.92 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 3.06 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 3.09 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 5.58 (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  = 21.5 Hz, Si-satellite :  $J_{\text{Hsi}}$  = 184.3 Hz, 1H, Si-H), 7.55 (s, 4H,  $p\text{-CH}_{\text{BAR}}$ ), 8.38 (s, 8H,  $m\text{-CH}_{\text{BAR}}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $-30$  °C, Ph-F/Tol- $d_8$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.7 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 3.4 Hz,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ), 4.2 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 3.6 Hz,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ), 5.2 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 1.2 Hz,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ), 5.2 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ), 23.5 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 24.0 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 24.8 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 25.0 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 25.3 ( $2\times\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 25.5 ( $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 26.1 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 26.2 ( $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 26.5 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 27.9 ( $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 28.1 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 28.3 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 28.3 ( $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 28.6 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 29.7 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 32.2 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IBu}}$ ), 32.5 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 6.2 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IBu}}$ ), 32.8 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 6.6 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IBu}}$ ), 33.1 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IBu}}$ ), 42.7 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 43.4 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 44.5 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 11.9 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 45.1 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 10.9 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 48.1 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 3.3 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 48.6 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 4.8 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 52.7 ( $\text{C}_{\text{IBu}}$ ), 52.8 ( $\text{C}_{\text{IBu}}$ ), 53.0 ( $\text{C}_{\text{IBu}}$ ), 53.1 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 0.8 Hz,  $\text{C}_{\text{IBu}}$ ), 98.9 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 60.3 Hz,  $\text{NC}=\text{CP}$ ), 103.5 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 49.2 Hz,  $\text{NC}=\text{CP}$ ), 118.0 (br sept,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 3.1 Hz,  $p\text{-CH}_{\text{BAR}}$ ), 124.8 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 125.1 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 125.2 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 125.4 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 272.4 Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 125.4 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 128.6 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 129.6 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 129.9 (qq,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 27.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{CB}}$  = 2.6 Hz,  $m\text{-C}_{\text{BAR}}$ ), 135.5 ( $o\text{-CH}_{\text{BAR}}$ ), 137.9 ( $2\times\text{N-C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 146.5 ( $i\text{Pr-C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 146.6 ( $i\text{Pr-C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 147.6 ( $i\text{Pr-C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 148.0 ( $i\text{Pr-C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 163.2 (q,  $J_{\text{CB}}$  = 49.7 Hz,  $is\text{po-C}_{\text{BAR}}$ ), 178.8 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 31.8 Hz,  $\text{NC}=\text{CP}$ ), 189.4 (dd,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 27.1 Hz,  $\text{NC}=\text{CP}$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $-30$  °C, Ph-F/Tol- $d_8$ ):  $\delta$  = 53.0 (d,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 35.6 Hz, P-Si-H), 73.9 (d,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 35.6 Hz, P-Si $^+$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $-30$  °C, Ph-F/Tol- $d_8$ ):  $\delta$  = 53.0 (dd,  $J_{\text{PH}}$  = 22.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 35.6 Hz, P-Si-H), 73.9 (d,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 35.6 Hz, P-Si $^+$ ).  $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (79 MHz,  $-30$  °C, Ph-F/Tol- $d_8$ ):  $\delta$  = 19.4 (d,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 5.6 Hz,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ), 11.9 (d,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 5.4 Hz,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ),  $-20.8$  (dd,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 24.3 and 226.2 Hz, P-Si $^+$ ),  $-23.0$  (t,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 11.7 Hz, P-SiH).  $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$  (128 MHz,  $-30$  °C, Ph-F/Tol- $d_8$ ):  $\delta$  =  $-5.9$  (BAR).  $^{19}\text{F}$  (470 MHz, 25 °C, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  =  $-62.3$  ( $\text{CF}_3$ ). (Minor isomer, 30%):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $-30$  °C, Ph-F/Tol- $d_8$ ): 5.58 (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  = 22.3 Hz, Si-satellite :  $J_{\text{Hsi}}$  = 180.0 Hz, 1H, Si-H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $-30$  °C, Ph-F/Tol- $d_8$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.7 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 3.6 Hz,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ), 4.0 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 2.4 Hz,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ), 24.1 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 24.9 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 25.0 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 25.4 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 25.6 ( $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 25.7 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 25.9 ( $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 26.7 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 27.0 ( $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 28.0 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 28.2 ( $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 29.0 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 42.8 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 52.5 ( $\text{C}_{\text{IBu}}$ ), 52.7 ( $\text{C}_{\text{IBu}}$ ), 52.9 ( $\text{C}_{\text{IBu}}$ ), 101.8 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 56.9 Hz,  $\text{NC}=\text{CP}$ ), 106.7 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 20.8 Hz,  $\text{NC}=\text{CP}$ ), 124.7 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 125.7 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 125.8 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 128.7 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 129.5 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 146.4 ( $i\text{Pr-C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 147.5 ( $i\text{Pr-C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 148.3 ( $i\text{Pr-C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 178.5 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 31.4 Hz,  $\text{NC}=\text{CP}$ ), 191.5 (dd,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 26.2 Hz,  $\text{NC}=\text{CP}$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $-30$  °C, Ph-F/Tol- $d_8$ ):  $\delta$  = 51.2 (d,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 39.6 Hz, P-Si-H), 71.7 (d,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 39.6 Hz, P-Si $^+$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $-30$  °C, Ph-F/Tol- $d_8$ ):  $\delta$  = 51.2 (dd,  $J_{\text{PH}}$  = 21.8 Hz,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 39.6 Hz, P-Si-H), 71.7 (d,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 39.6 Hz, P-Si $^+$ ).  $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (79 MHz,  $-30$  °C, Ph-F/Tol- $d_8$ ):  $\delta$  = 19.3 (d,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 5.3 Hz,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ), 11.6 (d,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 5.1 Hz,  $\text{SiMe}_2$ ),  $-18.5$  (t,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 12.6 Hz, P-SiH),  $-22.5$  (dd,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 22.3 and 227.3 Hz, P-Si $^+$ ).

**Compound 3a:**

**3a•B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>**: To a mixture of **1-Cl** (0.32 g, 0.56 mmol) and dimethylsulfide (0.52 g, 8.45 mmol) in fluorobenzene (3 mL) was added  $\text{KB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4$  (0.65 g, 0.91 mmol) at room temperature. After 3 hours, the solution was filtered and all volatiles were removed under vacuum to obtain **3a•B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>** as yellow powder (0.46 g, Yield: 65 %).

**3a•B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>4</sub>SiMe<sub>2</sub><sup>t</sup>Bu)<sub>4</sub>**: To a mixture of chlorosilylene **1-Cl** (0.25 g, 0.45 mmol) and dimethylsulfide (0.42 g, 6.80 mmol) in toluene (3 mL) was added  $\text{Li}(\text{Et}_2\text{O})_3\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{SiMe}_2^t\text{Bu})_4$  (0.58 g, 0.45 mmol) at room temperature. After 12 hours without stirring of solution, **3a•B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>4</sub>SiMe<sub>2</sub><sup>t</sup>Bu)<sub>4</sub>** was obtained as yellow crystals (0.49 g, Yield: 67 %). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from saturated toluene solution at ambient temperature.

**3a•B[3,5-(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub>**: In a Schlenck tube, **1-Cl** (500 mg, 0.89 mmol, 1.06 equiv) and  $\text{NaB}[3,5-(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3]_4$  (740 mg, 0.84 mmol, 1 equiv) were dissolved in 3 mL of fluorobenzene. To this mixture,  $\text{SMe}_2$  (0.7 mL, 9.55 mmol, 11 equiv.) was added at ambient temperature and keep stirring this solution at this temperature for 2 hours. The precipitates were removed by filtration. Addition of pentane (ca. 20 mL) at room temperature leads to crystallization of **3a**, giving the corresponding **3a•B[3,5-(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub>** as yellow crystals (930 mg, 77%). Mp. 125-126 °C (decomp.).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 0.20 (s, 3H,  $\text{SiCH}_3$ ), 0.34 (s, 3H,  $\text{SiCH}_3$ ), 1.00 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 6H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 1.03 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IBu}}$ ), 1.08 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 1.13 (overlapped, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 1.13 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IBu}}$ ), 1.27 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 1.40 (overlapped, 4H,  $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 1.41 (br s, 6H,  $\text{SCH}_3$ ), 2.28 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 2.67 (sept,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 2.98 (sept,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 3.02 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 7.06-7.12 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 7.63 (s, 4H,  $p\text{-CH}_{\text{BAR}}$ ), 8.31 (s, 8H,  $o\text{-CH}_{\text{BAR}}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 3.5 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 2.1 Hz,  $\text{SiCH}_3$ ), 4.9 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 2.6 Hz,  $\text{SiCH}_3$ ), 20.1 (detected by  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC,  $\text{SCH}_3$ ), 23.5 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 24.4 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 24.7 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 25.3 ( $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 25.4 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{IPr}}$ ), 27.7 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 28.0 ( $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 29.3 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{IPr}}$ ), 32.3 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 5.3 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IBu}}$ ), 32.8 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 3.4 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{IBu}}$ ), 42.1 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 5.1 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 43.9 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 12.6 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{\text{bridgehead}}$ ), 47.4 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 4.1 Hz,  $\text{CH}_{2\text{Norb}}$ ), 52.0 ( $\text{C}_{\text{tBu}}$ ), 52.6 ( $\text{C}_{\text{tBu}}$ ), 103.8 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 39.0 Hz, P-C=C-N), 118.0 (br sept,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 4.2 Hz,  $p\text{-CH}_{\text{BAR}}$ ), 125.0 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 125.3 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 272.6 Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 126.0 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 129.2 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 130.0 (qq,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 31.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 3.1 Hz,  $m\text{-C}_{\text{BAR}}$ ), 134.2 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 4.9 Hz, N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 135.4 ( $o\text{-CH}_{\text{BAR}}$ ), 146.1 ( $i\text{Pr-C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 146.3 ( $i\text{Pr-C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 162.8 (q,  $J_{\text{CB}}$  = 49.8 Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 185.3 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 36.7 Hz, P-C=C-N).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 67.0 (s, Si-satellite:  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 167.0 Hz).  $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (59 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , S25 °C):  $\delta$  =  $-15.6$  (d,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 167.0 Hz, Si-SMe<sub>2</sub>), 17.4 (d,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 4.6 Hz,  $\text{SiCH}_3$ ).  $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (500 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  =  $-6.0$  (BAR<sub>4</sub>).  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (372.5 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  =  $-63.4$  ( $\text{CF}_3$ ).

**Compound 3b**

**3b•B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>**: To a mixture of **1-Cl** (0.37 g, 0.67 mmol) and trimethylphosphine (0.34 mL, 3.35 mmol) in fluorobenzene (10



ml) was added  $\text{KB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4$  (0.49 g, 0.67 mmol) at room temperature. After 30 min, the solution was filtered and all volatiles were removed under vacuum. to obtain **3b**•**B**( $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ )<sub>4</sub> as yellow powder (0.68 g, Yield: 80 %).

**3b**•**B**( $\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{SiMe}_2^t\text{Bu}$ )<sub>4</sub>: To a mixture of **1-Cl** (28 mg, 0.05 mmol) and trimethylphosphine (25 mL, 0.05 mmol) in toluene (0.5 ml) was added  $\text{Li}(\text{Et}_2\text{O})_3\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{SiMe}_2^t\text{Bu})_4$  (65 mg, 0.45 mmol) at room temperature. After 12 hours without stirring of solution, **3b**•**B**( $\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{SiMe}_2^t\text{Bu}$ )<sub>4</sub> was obtained as yellow crystals. The crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from saturated toluene solution at ambient temperature.

**3b**•**B**[**3,5**-( $\text{CF}_3$ )<sub>2</sub> $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3$ ]<sub>4</sub>: In a Schlenk tube, **1-Cl** (670 mg, 1.19 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and  $\text{NaB}[3,5\text{-(CF}_3)_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3]_4$  (940 mg, 1.06 mmol, 1 equiv) were dissolved in 7 mL of fluorobenzene. To this mixture,  $\text{PMe}_3$  solution in toluene (1.0 M, 3.0 mL, 3.00 mmol, 2.8 equiv.) was added at ambient temperature and keep stirring this solution at this temperature for 1 hours. The precipitates were removed by filtration. Addition of excess pentane (ca. 20 mL) at room temperature leads to crystallization of **3b**, giving the corresponding **3b**•**B**[**3,5**-( $\text{CF}_3$ )<sub>2</sub> $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3$ ]<sub>4</sub> as yellow crystals (1.16 mg, 75%). Mp: 172–174 °C (decomp.). (Major isomer, 85%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 0.24 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.37 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.95 (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  = 10.4 Hz, 9H, P-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.97 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.04 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.07 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.09 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 1.13 (overlapped, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.19 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 1.25 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.46 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.60 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 2.28 (m, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.68 (sept,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 2.87 (sept,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 3.10 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 7.19–7.24 (m, 3H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.62 (s, 4H, *p*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>), 8.29 (s, 8H, *o*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 3.6 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 1.5 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.1 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 1.6 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 11.7 (dd,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 30.8 and 7.0 Hz, PCH<sub>3</sub>), 23.9 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 25.4 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 26.5 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 1.7 Hz, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 27.9 (CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 32.3 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 6.2 Hz, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 32.8 (t,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 2.7 Hz, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 41.9 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 4.0 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 44.1 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 11.2 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 47.5 (dd,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 3.2 and 2.1 Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 52.2 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 52.8 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 104.7 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 48.8 Hz, P-C=C-N), 118.0 (br sept,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 3.8 Hz, *o*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>), 124.4 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.6 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 272.6 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.8 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.1 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.9 (qq,  $J_{\text{CB}}$  = 2.7 Hz,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 31.3 Hz, *m*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>), 135.4 (*o*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>), 135.5 (overlapped, N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 145.8 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.7 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 162.8 (q,  $J_{\text{CB}}$  = 49.8 Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 181.1 (dd,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 30.6 and 6.9 Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 64.3 (d,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 19.0 Hz, Si-satellite :  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 171.6 Hz, PN), -28.8 (d,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 19.1 Hz, Si-satellite :  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 224.0 Hz, PMe<sub>3</sub>). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -44.6 (dd,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 171.6 Hz,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 224.0 Hz, P-Si-P), 13.3 (d,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 2.0 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (160 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -6.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  = -62.3 (CF<sub>3</sub>). (Minor isomer, 15%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 0.23 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.35 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.15 (m, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.55 (sept,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 3.01 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75.5 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 3.4 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 1.6 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.5 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 1.6 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 11.7 (dd,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 31.3 and 7.2 Hz, PCH<sub>3</sub>), 23.7 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 23.8 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 25.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 26.3 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 27.6 (CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 29.1 (CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 31.9 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 6.7 Hz, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 32.7 (t,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 2.6 Hz, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 41.3 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 1.8 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 43.5 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 12.8 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 51.0 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}}$  = 5.9 Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 51.9 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 106.1 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 49.8 Hz, P-C=C-N),

125.7 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.3 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.0 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.3 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 183.4 (dd,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 30.5 and 8.5 Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C): 61.9 (d,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 23.1 Hz, Si-satellite:  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 162.5 Hz, PN), -28.7 (d,  $J_{\text{PP}}$  = 19.1 Hz, Si-satellite:  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 223.5 Hz, PMe<sub>3</sub>). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (59 MHz, Ph-F/ $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -29.6 (dd,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 163.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 224.4 Hz, P-Si-P), 13.8 (d,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 2.1 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>).

**Compound 3c**: To a mixture of **1-Cl** (0.89 g, 1.58 mmol) and DMAP (0.25 g, 2.05 mmol) in THF (10 mL), NaBPh<sub>4</sub> (0.54 g, 1.58 mmol) was added at room temperature. After 2.5 hours, the solution was filtered and all volatiles were removed under vacuum. The residue was washed with pentane to obtain **3c** as yellow powder (1.25 g, Yield: 82 %). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained from a solution in THF/Et<sub>2</sub>O at room temperature. Mp.: 111 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 0.63 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.64 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.88 (m, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.10 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.15 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 1.19 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.32 (m, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.32 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.43 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.46 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 1.62 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.63 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.82 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 2.52 (s, 6H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.64 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.99 (sept,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 3.35 (m, 1H, CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 3.35 (m, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 6.38 (t,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 6.64 (t,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 7.2 Hz, 4H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 6.79 (t,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 7.4 Hz, 8H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.21 (m, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.27 (m, 8H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.33 (m, 2H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.36 (m, 2H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 4.7 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 2.3 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.8 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 2.5 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 24.2 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 25.2 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 25.4 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.7 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 28.9 (CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 29.0 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 1.7 Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 30.2 (CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 33.0 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 3.5 Hz, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 33.8 (CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 39.7 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 42.6 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 5.9 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 44.8 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 47.2 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 6.4 Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 52.6 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 53.5 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 103.2 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 43.5 Hz, P-C=C-N), 109.2 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 122.0 (q, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.8 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.9 (q, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 126.4 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.3 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 137.3 (q, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 137.7 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 3.4 Hz, N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 143.7 (iPr-CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.3 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.5 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 156.6 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 165.4 (q, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 180.3 (d,  $J_{\text{PC}}$  = 33.5 Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (121 MHz, THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 64.7 (s, Si-satellite:  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 178.4 Hz). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -14.5 (d,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 178.4 Hz, Si-DMAP), 13.7 (d,  $J_{\text{SiP}}$  = 3.1 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (160 MHz, THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -6.5.

**Compound 3d**: To a mixture of **1-Cl** (1.05 g, 1.86 mmol) and NHC (0.30 g, 2.42 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added NaBPh<sub>4</sub> (0.64 g, 1.86 mmol) at room temperature. After 15 minutes, the solution was filtered and all volatiles were removed under vacuum. The residue was washed with pentane to obtain **3d** as orange powder (1.31 g, Yield: 73 %). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained from a solution in THF/Et<sub>2</sub>O at -30 °C. Mp. 215 °C : <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 0.52 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.66 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.67 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.07 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.19 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.21 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 1.38 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.43 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.47 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 1.64 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.65 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.69 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.73 (s, 6H, C=C<sub>NHC</sub>), 1.83 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 2.63 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.88 (sept,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 3.00 (s, 6H, C=C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.24 (sept,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Pr</sub>), 3.38 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 6.65 (t,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 7.2 Hz, 4H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 6.80 (t,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 7.4 Hz, 8H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.19 (dd,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 7.4 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.25 (m, 8H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.29 (m, 8H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, THF-d<sub>8</sub>,

25 °C):  $\delta$  = 3.8 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 2.8 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.9 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 3.0 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 8.8 (C=C-CH<sub>3</sub>NHC), 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 24.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 25.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 26.1 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 2.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 26.5 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 2.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 28.7 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 1.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 28.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 35.2 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 4.0 Hz, N-CH<sub>3</sub>NHC), 32.5 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 5.6 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 34.0 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 2.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 43.4 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 4.4 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 44.8 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 11.1 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 48.3 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 3.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 52.8 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 1.3 Hz, C<sub>F</sub>Bu), 53.9 (C<sub>F</sub>Bu), 102.8 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 48.0 Hz, P-C=C-N), 121.9 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.6 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.9 (q, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 126.4 (s, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.7 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 130.1 (C=C-NHC), 137.3 (q, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 139.7 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 1.7 Hz, N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.5 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.8 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 157.1 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 6.7 Hz, C<sub>carbene</sub>), 165.3 (q, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 178.1 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 32.0 Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 67.6 (s, Si-satellite:  $J_{SiP}$  = 196.6 Hz). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (79 MHz, THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -26.8 (d,  $J_{SiP}$  = 196.5 Hz, Si-NHC), 12.0 (d,  $J_{SiP}$  = 3.4 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (96 MHz, THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -6.5.

**Compound 5:** To a mixture of **3a** (0.29 g, 0.24 mmol) in fluorobenzene (2 ml) was added 1,3-dimethyl-2,3-dimethylbutadiene (2.7  $\mu$ L, 0.23 mmol) at room temperature. After 20 minutes, all volatiles were removed under vacuum. The residue was washed with pentane to obtain **5** as orange powder (0.24 g, Yield: 81 %). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained from a solution in CDCl<sub>3</sub>/pentane at RT. Mp.: 171 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 0.56 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.75 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.16 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.7 Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 1.24 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 1.28 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 1.35 (overlapped, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.35 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 1.37 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 1.55 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.60 (s, 3H, H<sub>3</sub>CC=CCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.69 (s, 3H, H<sub>3</sub>CC=CCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.73 (m, 2H, CH<sub>Norb</sub>), 1.92 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb and Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.06 (brs, 2H, Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.71 (brs, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.80 (sept,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 2.95 (sept,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 3.37 (brs, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 7.22 (d, 1H,  $J_{HH}$  = 7.8 Hz, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.23 (d, 1H,  $J_{HH}$  = 7.8 Hz, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.36 (t, 1H,  $J_{HH}$  = 7.8 Hz, CH<sub>Ar</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 4.1 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 1.9 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.6 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 18.4 (H<sub>3</sub>CC=CCH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (H<sub>3</sub>CC=CCH<sub>3</sub>), 22.8 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 11.5 Hz, Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.9 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 14.0 Hz, Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 24.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 25.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 25.2 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 1.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 25.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 27.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 28.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 28.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 32.1 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 5.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 32.5 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 5.7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 41.1 (CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 44.1 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 10.2 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 48.3 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 6.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 53.0 (brs, 2 x C<sub>F</sub>Bu), 98.4 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 68.5 Hz, P-C=C-N), 125.4 (2 x CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.4 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 4.0 Hz, H<sub>3</sub>CC=CCH<sub>3</sub>), 129.7 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 130.0 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 3.7 Hz, H<sub>3</sub>CC=CCH<sub>3</sub>), 132.0 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 3.3 Hz, N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 136.4 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 244.5 Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 138.3 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 244.5 Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.3 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.7 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 148.3 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 242.4 Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 192.2 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 25.5 Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 37.6 (s, Si-satellite:  $J_{SiP}$  = 125.6 Hz). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 11.1 (d,  $J_{SiP}$  = 125.6 Hz, SiP), 21.6 (d,  $J_{SiP}$  = 2.8 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (160 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -16.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -132.5 (m, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), -163.4 (t,  $J_{FF}$  = 20.5 Hz, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), -167.0 (t,  $J_{FF}$  = 19.6 Hz, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>).

**Compound 6-A:** To a mixture of **3a** (0.29 g, 0.23 mmol) in fluorobenzene (2 mL) was added diphenylacetylene (4.2 mg, 0.23 mmol) at room temperature. After 1 hour, all volatiles were removed under vacuum. The residue was washed with pentane to obtain **6-A** as yellow powder (0.26 g, Yield: 80 %). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained from a

solution in CDCl<sub>3</sub>/pentane at room temperature. Mp.: 221 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 0.57 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.74 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.93 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 0.95 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 1.21 (d, 6H,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 1.46 (overlapped, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.46 (s, 18H, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 1.59 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.76 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.98 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 2.86 (brs, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 3.07 (sept,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 3.17 (sept,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 3.46 (brs, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 7.14 (m, 4H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.35 (m, 7H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.47 (m, 2H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 4.2 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 1.6 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.0 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 24.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 24.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 24.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 25.2 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 1.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 25.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 28.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 28.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 29.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 32.2 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 6.5 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 32.5 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 6.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 41.1 (CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 45.8 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 8.9 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 47.5 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 6.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 53.2 (2 x C<sub>F</sub>Bu), 97.6 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 78.2 Hz, P-C=C-N), 125.0 (2 x CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 127.8 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 127.9 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.4 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.5 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.1 (2 x CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.7 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 1.4 Hz, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.7 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.8 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 130.0 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 2.8 Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 130.8 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 131.3 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 2.4 Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 131.7 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 131.8 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 2.6 Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 136.4 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 244.2 Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 139.3 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 244.2 Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.3 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.5 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 148.3 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 241.2 Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 152.4 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 5.0 Hz, PhC=CPh), 154.4 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 2.4 Hz, PhC=CPh), 193.3 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 20.7 Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 23.9 (s, Si-satellite:  $J_{SiP}$  = 186.5 Hz). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -96.4 (d,  $J_{SiP}$  = 186.6 Hz, SiP), 21.4 (d,  $J_{SiP}$  = 2.4 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (160 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -16.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): -132.5 (m, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), -163.3 (t,  $J_{FF}$  = 20.5 Hz, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), -166.9 (t,  $J_{FF}$  = 19.5 Hz, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>).

**Compound 6-B:** To a mixture of **3a** (1.01 g, 0.80 mmol) in fluorobenzene (4 mL) was added bis(trimethylsilyl)acetylene (0.18 mL, 0.80 mmol) at room temperature. After 12 hours, all volatiles were removed under vacuum. The residue was washed with pentane to obtain **6-B** as yellow powder (0.84 g, Yield: 76 %). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained from a solution in CDCl<sub>3</sub>/pentane at room temperature. Mp.: 183 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 0.14 (s, 9H, SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.14 (s, 9H, C-SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.34 (s, 9H, C-SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.51 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.73 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.16 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 1.20 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 1.24 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 1.31 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 1.42 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.44 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 1.2 Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 1.47 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 1.2 Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 1.58 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.73 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.76 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.91 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 1.99 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 2.83 (m, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.98 (m, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 3.43 (brs, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 7.19 (dd,  $J_{HH}$  = 1.6 and 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.24 (dd,  $J_{HH}$  = 1.6 and 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.34 (t,  $J_{HH}$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 0.1 (Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.7 (Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 4.0 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 1.5 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.8 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 23.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 24.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 25.0 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 1.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 25.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 28.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>Pr), 32.4 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 6.4 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 32.5 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 6.3 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>Bu), 40.8 (CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 46.0 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 8.7 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 47.3 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 52.9 (C<sub>F</sub>Bu), 53.0 (C<sub>F</sub>Bu), 96.8 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 79.8 Hz, P-C=C-N), 124.6 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 124.8 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.3 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 131.8 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 2.2 Hz, N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 136.2 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 245.5 Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 138.1 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 245.5 Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 145.7 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 145.9 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 148.2 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 241.3 Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 189.2 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 8.0 Hz, TMSC=CTMS), 189.7 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 4.3 Hz, TMSC=CTMS), 192.5 (d,  $J_{PC}$  = 20.5 Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 33.6 (s, Si-satellite:  $J_{SiP}$  = 215.8 Hz). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, Ph-F/C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -100.1 (d,  $J_{SiP}$  = 216.1 Hz, SiP), -7.5 (d,  $J_{SiP}$  = 2.6 Hz, TMS), 19.4 (d,  $J_{SiP}$  = 1.7 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (160 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = -16.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): -132.2 (m, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), -



163.3 (t,  $J_{FF} = 20.4$  Hz,  $B(C_6F_5)_4$ ), -166.9 (t,  $J_{FF} = 19.2$  Hz,  $B(C_6F_5)_4$ ).

**Compound 6-C:** To a mixture of **3a** (0.49 g, 0.39 mmol) in fluorobenzene (2.5 mL) was added dimesitylacetylene (0.10 g, 0.39 mmol) at room temperature. After 48 hours, all volatiles were removed under vacuum. The residue was washed with pentane to obtain **6-C** as yellow powder (0.33 g, Yield: 58 %). Mp.: 126 °C.  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = 0.62$  (s, 3H,  $SiCH_3$ ), 0.80 (s, 3H,  $SiCH_3$ ), 0.78 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.10 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.22 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.24 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.28 (d, 9H,  $CH_{3BU}$ ), 1.49 (d, 9H,  $CH_{3BU}$ ), 1.60 (m, 1H,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 1.63 (m, 1H,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 1.78 (m, 2H,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 1.80 (s, 6H,  $CH_{3Mes}$ ), 2.05 (m, 2H,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 2.07 (s, 6H,  $CH_{3Mes}$ ), 2.22 (s, 3H,  $CH_{3Mes}$ ), 2.23 (s, 3H,  $CH_{3Mes}$ ), 3.00 (m, 1H,  $CH_{bridgehead}$ ), 3.08 (m, 2H,  $CH_{PR}$ ), 3.50 (brs, 1H,  $CH_{bridgehead}$ ), 6.76 (m, 1H,  $CH_{Ar}$ ), 6.80 (m, 1H,  $CH_{Ar}$ ), 7.15 (dd,  $J_{HH} = 1.6$  and 7.7 Hz, 1H,  $CH_{Ar}$ ), 7.29 (m, 1H,  $CH_{Ar}$ ), 7.38 (t,  $J_{HH} = 7.7$  Hz, 1H,  $CH_{Ar}$ ).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = 4.0$  (d,  $J_{PC} = 2.3$  Hz,  $SiCH_3$ ), 5.3 ( $SiCH_3$ ), 20.8 ( $CH_3$ ), 20.9 ( $CH_3$ ), 21.2 (2 x  $CH_3$ ), 22.1 (2 x  $CH_3$ ), 22.3 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 24.1 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 26.0 (brs,  $CH_2$ ), 26.0 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 26.7 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 27.6 ( $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 28.2 ( $CH_{PR}$ ), 28.3 ( $CH_{PR}$ ), 31.6 (d,  $J_{PC} = 6.1$  Hz,  $CH_{3BU}$ ), 32.1 (d,  $J_{PC} = 6.3$  Hz,  $CH_{3BU}$ ), 41.8 ( $CH_{bridgehead}$ ), 46.5 (d,  $J_{PC} = 8.6$  Hz,  $CH_{bridgehead}$ ), 47.6 (d,  $J_{PC} = 6.1$  Hz,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 53.2 ( $C_{tBu}$ ), 53.3 ( $C_{tBu}$ ), 97.9 (d,  $J_{PC} = 71.1$  Hz, P-C=C-N), 125.2 ( $CH_{Ar}$ ), 125.4 ( $CH_{Ar}$ ), 127.7 (brs, 2 x  $CH_{Ar}$ ), 128.7 (d,  $J_{PC} = 3.4$  Hz,  $C_{Ar}$ ), 128.8 ( $CH_{Ar}$ ), 128.9 ( $CH_{Ar}$ ), 129.7 ( $CH_{Ar}$ ), 130.2 (d,  $J_{PC} = 2.6$  Hz,  $C_{Ar}$ ), 132.0 (d,  $J_{PC} = 2.5$  Hz,  $C_{Ar}$ ), 133.2 (d,  $J_{PC} = 0.8$  Hz,  $C_{Ar}$ ), 134.1 (d,  $J_{PC} = 1.1$  Hz,  $C_{Ar}$ ), 136.2 (d,  $J_{CF} = 245.0$  Hz,  $C_{Ar}$ ), 137.4 ( $C_{Ar}$ ), 138.2 ( $C_{Ar}$ ), 138.2 (d,  $J_{CF} = 245.0$  Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 138.8 ( $C_{Ar}$ ), 139.8 ( $C_{Ar}$ ), 146.9 ( $C_{Ar}$ ), 147.2 ( $C_{Ar}$ ), 148.2 (d,  $J_{CF} = 242.8$  Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 158.7 (d,  $J_{PC} = 1.1$  Hz, MesC=C<sub>Mes</sub>), 160.3 (d,  $J_{PC} = 7.9$  Hz, MesC=C<sub>Mes</sub>), 193.2 (d,  $J_{PC} = 20.9$  Hz, P-C=C-N).  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = 27.6$  (s, Si-satellite:  $J_{SiP} = 174.2$  Hz).  $^{29}Si\{^1H\}$  NMR (99 MHz, Ph-F/ $C_6D_6$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = -86.9$  (d,  $J_{SiP} = 174.2$  Hz, SiP), 21.7 (d,  $J_{SiP} = 2.8$  Hz,  $SiCH_3$ ).  $^{11}B\{^1H\}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = -16.6$ .  $^{19}F$  NMR (470 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = -132.5$  (m,  $B(C_6F_5)_4$ ), -163.3 (t,  $J_{FF} = 20.5$  Hz,  $B(C_6F_5)_4$ ), -166.9 (t,  $J_{FF} = 19.6$  Hz,  $B(C_6F_5)_4$ ).

**Compound 7:** In a pressure NMR tube, fluorobenzene/ $C_6D_6$  (0.4+0.1 mL) solution of **3b** (114 mg, 0.089 mmol) were exposed to a 3 bar of  $CO_2$  at ambient temperature. This reaction was monitored by  $^{31}P$  NMR and completed after 30 min. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation from fluorobenzene solution. Due to the low solubility of **7** after crystallization, full characterization of **7** by NMR were not succeeded. (Major isomer, 82%):  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ /Ph-F, 25 °C):  $\delta = 85.4$  (d,  $J_{PP} = 2.9$  Hz, N-Si-P), 20.0 (d,  $J_{PP} = 2.9$  Hz, P=O). (Minor isomer, 18%):  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ /Ph-F, 25 °C):  $\delta = 85.7$  (s, N-Si-P), 19.7 (s, P=O).

**Compound 8-A:** In a J. Young NMR tube, to a solution of **3a** (100 mg, 0.069 mmol) in fluorobenzene (0.5 mL), diphenylphosphine (12  $\mu$ L, 0.069 mmol) was added at ambient temperature. The color of solution changed from yellow to colorless within 1 min. Addition of excess pentane (ca. 1.5 mL) at room temperature leads to crystallization of **8-A**, giving the corresponding **8-A** as colorless crystals (102 mg, 92%). Mp: 172–175 °C (decomp.). (Major isomer, 90%):  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,

$CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = 0.11$  (s, 3H,  $SiCH_3$ ), 0.58 (s, 3H,  $SiCH_3$ ), 0.64 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.11 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.28 (overlapped, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.28 (s, 9H,  $CH_{3BU}$ ), 1.31 (s, 9H,  $CH_{3BU}$ ), 1.54 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.7$  Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.59 (d,  $J_{HH} = 9.0$  Hz, 1H,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 1.65 (m, 1H,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 1.83 (d,  $J_{HH} = 9.0$  Hz, 1H,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 1.91 (m, 3H,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 2.73 (sept,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 1H,  $CH_{PR}$ ), 2.87 (m, 1H,  $CH_{bridgehead}$ ), 3.19 (sept,  $J_{HH} = 6.7$  Hz, 1H,  $CH_{PR}$ ), 3.34 (s, 1H,  $CH_{bridgehead}$ ), 5.77 (dd,  $J_{HP} = 36.7$  and 3.8 Hz, Si-satellite:  $J_{HSi} = 233.6$  Hz, Si-H), 6.45 (dd,  $J_{HP} = 8.6$  Hz,  $J_{HH} = 7.9$  Hz, 2H,  $CH_{PPH}$ ), 6.94 (t,  $J_{HH} = 7.0$  Hz, 2H,  $CH_{PPH}$ ), 7.10–7.14 (m, 2H,  $CH_{Ar}$ ), 7.37 (d,  $J_{HH} = 7.1$  Hz, 1H,  $CH_{Ar}$ ), 7.47 (t,  $J_{HH} = 7.7$  Hz, 1H,  $CH_{PPH}$ ), 7.52 (dd,  $J_{HH} = 14.7$  and 8.0 Hz, 3H,  $CH_{PPH}$ ), 7.56 (s, 4H, *p*- $CH_{BAR}$ ), 7.68 (dd,  $J_{HP} = 7.0$  Hz,  $J_{HH} = 7.3$  Hz, 2H,  $CH_{PPH}$ ), 7.76 (s, 8H, *o*- $CH_{BAR}$ ).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = 3.3$  (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.2$  Hz,  $SiCH_3$ ), 5.8 ( $SiCH_3$ ), 23.9 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 24.6 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 24.7 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 24.7 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 25.0 ( $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 27.9 ( $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 28.6 ( $CH_{PR}$ ), 28.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 1.9$  Hz,  $CH_{PR}$ ), 32.4 (t,  $J_{CP} = 5.7$  Hz,  $CH_{3BU}$ ), 32.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.7$  Hz,  $CH_{3BU}$ ), 41.7 ( $CH_{bridgehead}$ ), 44.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.4$  Hz,  $CH_{bridgehead}$ ), 48.6 ( $J_{CP} = 5.0$  Hz,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 52.7 ( $C_{tBu}$ ), 53.4 ( $C_{tBu}$ ), 100.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 70.0$  Hz, P-C=C-N), 117.6 (br sept,  $J_{CF} = 3.8$  Hz, *p*- $CH_{BAR}$ ), 124.7 (q,  $J_{CF} = 272.5$  Hz,  $CF_3$ ), 125.7 ( $CH_{Ar}$ ), 125.9 ( $CH_{Ar}$ ), 129.1 ( $CH_{Ar}$ ), 129.1 (qq,  $J_{CF} = 31.6$  Hz,  $J_{CB} = 2.7$  Hz, *m*- $CH_{BAR}$ ), 129.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 6.8$  Hz,  $CH_{PPH}$ ), 130.2 (dd,  $J_{CP} = 20.7$  and 5.3 Hz,  $C_{PPH}$ ), 130.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.4$  Hz,  $CH_{PPH}$ ), 131.7 ( $CH_{PPH}$ ), 132.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 18.3$  Hz,  $CH_{PPH}$ ), 135.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.2$  Hz, N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 135.0 (o- $CH_{BAR}$ ), 137.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 21.1$  Hz,  $CH_{PPH}$ ), 146.0 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.7 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 161.9 (q,  $J_{CB} = 49.8$  Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 191.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 25.3$  Hz, P-C=C-N).  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR (202 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = -74.2$  (d,  $J_{PP} = 11.5$  Hz, Si-satellite:  $J_{SiP} = 73.0$  Hz,  $PPH_2$ ), 38.8 (d,  $J_{PP} = 11.6$  Hz, Si-satellite:  $J_{SiP} = 100.0$  Hz, C=C-P).  $^{29}Si\{^1H\}$  NMR (99 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = -18.7$  (dd,  $J_{SiP} = 72.6$  Hz,  $J_{SiP} = 100.6$  Hz, P-Si-P), 22.1 (d,  $J_{SiP} = 3.2$  Hz,  $SiCH_3$ ).  $^{11}B\{^1H\}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = -6.6$ .  $^{19}F$  NMR (470 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = -62.4$  ( $CF_3$ ). (Minor isomer, 10%):  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = 0.14$  (s, 3H,  $SiCH_3$ ), 0.98 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.16 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.21 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.27 (s, 9H,  $CH_{3BU}$ ), 1.33 (d,  $J_{HH} = 7.0$  Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3PR}$ ), 1.77 (d,  $J_{HH} = 8.7$  Hz, 1H,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 2.80 (m, 1H,  $CH_{bridgehead}$ ), 5.75 (dd,  $J_{HP} = 36.1$  and 4.2 Hz, Si-H), 6.51 (dd,  $J_{HP} = 7.4$  Hz,  $J_{HH} = 7.9$  Hz, 2H,  $CH_{PPH}$ ).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = 3.3$  (d,  $J_{CP} = 3.4$  Hz,  $SiCH_3$ ), 5.8 ( $SiCH_3$ ), 24.2 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 24.3 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 24.3 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 24.4 ( $CH_{3PR}$ ), 27.7 ( $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 28.3 ( $CH_{PR}$ ), 28.7 ( $CH_{PR}$ ), 32.2 (t,  $J_{CP} = 597$  Hz,  $CH_{3BU}$ ), 44.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.9$  Hz,  $CH_{bridgehead}$ ), 49.7 ( $J_{CP} = 7.4$  Hz,  $CH_{2Norb}$ ), 52.8 ( $C_{tBu}$ ), 53.5 ( $C_{tBu}$ ), 102.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 69.1$  Hz, P-C=C-N), 125.6 ( $CH_{Ar}$ ), 125.7 ( $CH_{Ar}$ ), 129.1 ( $CH_{Ar}$ ), 129.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 6.5$  Hz,  $CH_{PPH}$ ), 131.1 (dd,  $J_{CP} = 19.4$  and 5.5 Hz,  $C_{PPH}$ ), 131.7 ( $CH_{PPH}$ ), 136.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 20.9$  Hz,  $CH_{PPH}$ ), 132.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 3.1$  Hz, N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.8 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.2 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>).  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR (202 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = -73.6$  (d,  $J_{PP} = 12.9$  Hz,  $PPH_2$ ), 38.4 (d,  $J_{PP} = 12.8$  Hz, C=C-P).  $^{29}Si\{^1H\}$  NMR (99 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = -15.5$  (dd,  $J_{SiP} = 69.7$  Hz,  $J_{SiP} = 104.4$  Hz, P-Si-P), 22.2 (d,  $J_{SiP} = 3.0$  Hz,  $SiCH_3$ ).

**Compound 8-B:** To a mixture of **3** (0.49 g, 0.39 mmol) in fluorobenzene (2 mL) was added triethylsilane (62  $\mu$ L, 0.39 mmol) at room temperature. After 1 h, all volatiles were removed under vacuum. The residue was washed with pentane to obtain **8-B** as pale orange powder (0.43 g, Yield: 84 %). Mp : 276 °C. (Major isomer, 80%):  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta = 0.62$  (s, 3H,  $SiCH_3$ ), 0.71 (s, 3H,  $SiCH_3$ ), 0.73 (m, 3H,  $CH_{2Et}$ ),

0.86 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2Et</sub>), 0.88 (m, 9H, CH<sub>3Et</sub>), 1.13 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.7$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.18 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.26 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.29 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.34 (d,  $J_{PH} = 1.2$  Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 1.39 (d,  $J_{HP} = 0.9$  Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 1.47 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.54 (dd,  $J_{HH} = 1.7$  Hz,  $J_{HP} = 9.2$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.67 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.75 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.92 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.97 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 2.71 (m, 1H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 2.76 (m, 1H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 3.03 (sept,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 3.36 (s, 1H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 5.33 (dd,  $J_{HP} = 17.8$  Hz, 1H,  $J_{HSi} = 184.9$  Hz, SiH), 7.23 (m, 2H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.38 (m, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 3.7$  (d,  $J_{PC} = 2.2$  Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.1 (d,  $J_{PC} = 1.8$  Hz, CH<sub>2Et</sub>), 6.1 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 8.2 (SiCH<sub>3Et</sub>), 23.7 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 24.4 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 25.4 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 25.4 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 27.9 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 32.0 (d,  $J_{PC} = 6.5$  Hz, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 32.7 (d,  $J_{PC} = 5.4$  Hz, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 41.6 (CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 44.4 (d,  $J_{PC} = 11.4$  Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 49.8 (d,  $J_{PC} = 7.0$  Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 52.7 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 53.7 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 102.7 (d,  $J_{PC} = 65.4$  Hz, P-C=C-N), 124.9 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.6 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.8 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 133.5 (d,  $J_{PC} = 3.9$  Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 136.3 (d,  $J_{CF} = 243.8$  Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 138.3 (d,  $J_{CF} = 245.0$  Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.4 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 148.3 (d,  $J_{CF} = 237.5$  Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 191.5 (d,  $J_{PC} = 26.4$  Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 49.4$  (s, Si-satellite:  $J_{SiP} = 33.8$  Hz), <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = -33.3$  (d,  $J_{SiP} = 34.2$  Hz, Si-H), 20.5 (SiEt<sub>3</sub>), 20.5 (d,  $J_{SiP} = 3.5$  Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (160 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = -16.1$ . <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): -132.5 (m, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), -163.5 (t,  $J_{FF} = 20.5$  Hz, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), -167.0 (t,  $J_{FF} = 19.6$  Hz, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>). (Minor isomer, 20%): <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 0.61$  (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.72 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.86 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2Et</sub>), 1.16 (d,  $J_{HH} = 7.1$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.30 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.7$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.37 (d,  $J_{PH} = 0.8$  Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 1.36 (d,  $J_{HP} = 1.1$  Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 1.59 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.84 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 2.76 (m, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.81 (m, 1H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 2.90 (sept,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 3.24 (m, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 5.42 (dd,  $J_{HP} = 17.8$  Hz, 1H,  $J_{HSi} = 187.7$  Hz, SiH), 7.23 (m, 2H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.38 (m, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 3.6$  (d,  $J_{PC} = 2.1$  Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.9 (d,  $J_{PC} = 1.8$  Hz, CH<sub>2Et</sub>), 5.7 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 8.0 (SiCH<sub>3Et</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 24.5 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 24.8 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 25.2 (d,  $J_{PC} = 1.6$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 32.1 (d,  $J_{PC} = 6.4$  Hz, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 32.8 (d,  $J_{PC} = 5.4$  Hz, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 41.7 (CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 44.7 (d,  $J_{PC} = 10.6$  Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 49.2 (d,  $J_{PC} = 4.6$  Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 52.8 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 53.6 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 101.0 (d,  $J_{PC} = 65.3$  Hz, P-C=C-N), 125.0 (s, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.7 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.9 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 133.8 (d,  $J_{PC} = 2.9$  Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 136.3 (d,  $J_{CF} = 243.8$  Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 138.3 (d,  $J_{CF} = 245.0$  Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 145.9 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.7 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 148.3 (d,  $J_{CF} = 237.5$  Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 191.1 (d,  $J_{PC} = 26.1$  Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 47.9$  (s, Si-satellite:  $J_{SiP} = 41.9$  Hz), <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = -33.9$  (d,  $J_{SiP} = 41.7$  Hz, Si-H), 21.0 (SiEt<sub>3</sub>), 20.4 (d,  $J_{SiP} = 3.1$  Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>).

**Compound 8-C:** In a J. Young NMR tube, to a solution of **3a** (100 mg, 0.069 mmol) in fluorobenzene (0.5 mL), pinacolborane (10  $\mu$ L, 0.069 mmol) was added and warmed at 70 °C. The color of solution changed from yellow to colorless within 5 min. Addition of excess pentane (ca. 1.5 mL) at room temperature leads to crystallization of **8-C**, giving the corresponding **8-C** as colorless crystals (92 mg, 87%). Mp: 179–180 °C (decomp.). (Major isomer, 90%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 0.60$  (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.68 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.17 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.17 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3Bpin</sub>), 1.18 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3Bpin</sub>), 1.23 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.26 (overlapped, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.34 (s, 18H, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 1.56 (d,  $J_{HH} = 9.1$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.66 (m, 1H,

CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.82 (d,  $J_{HH} = 9.0$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.86 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.92 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.96 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 2.74 (m, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.82 (sept,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 2.92 (sept,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 3.34 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 5.29 (d,  $J_{HP} = 24.3$  Hz, Si-satellite:  $J_{HSi} = 212.3$  Hz, Si-H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 2H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.37–7.40 (m, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.55 (s, 4H, *p*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>), 7.74 (s, 8H, *o*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 3.7$  (d,  $J_{CP} = 1.4$  Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.9 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 23.8 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 24.2 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 24.3 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 24.8 (CH<sub>3Bpin</sub>), 24.9 (CH<sub>3Bpin</sub>), 24.9 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 27.9 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 28.6 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 32.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 6.1$  Hz, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 32.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.7$  Hz, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 41.2 (CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 44.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.5$  Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 48.9 ( $J_{CP} = 4.7$  Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 52.8 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 53.5 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 86.8 (C<sub>Bpin</sub>), 100.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 70.6$  Hz, P-C=C-N), 117.6 (br sept,  $J_{CF} = 3.8$  Hz, *p*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>), 124.7 (q,  $J_{CF} = 272.5$  Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.1 (2xCH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.6 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.1 (qq,  $J_{CF} = 31.5$  Hz,  $J_{CB} = 2.6$  Hz, *m*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>), 132.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.6$  Hz, N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 135.0 (*o*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>), 146.2 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.6 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 161.9 (q,  $J_{CB} = 49.8$  Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 192.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 25.7$  Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 39.8$  (s, Si-satellite:  $J_{SiP} = 111.0$  Hz, C=C-P). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = -35.0$  (br, P-Si), 19.9 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (160 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = -6.6$  (BAr<sub>4</sub>), 30.3 (br, Bpin). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = -62.4$  (CF<sub>3</sub>). (Minor isomer, 40%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 0.60$  (overlapped, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.68 (overlapped, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.13 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.19 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.25 (overlapped, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.25 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3Bpin</sub>), 1.26 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3Bpin</sub>), 1.31 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 1.33 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 1.37 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 1.52 (d,  $J_{HH} = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.74 (d,  $J_{HH} = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 2.74 (m, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.72 (sept,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 3.06 (sept,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 3.37 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 5.14 (d,  $J_{HP} = 18.6$  Hz, Si-satellite:  $J_{HSi} = 211.9$  Hz, Si-H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 2H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.37–7.40 (m, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 3.7$  (d,  $J_{CP} = 1.0$  Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.1 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 24.8 (CH<sub>3Bpin</sub>), 25.3 (CH<sub>3Bpin</sub>), 25.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 1.0$  Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 25.5 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 25.5 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 28.2 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3Pr</sub>), 31.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 6.2$  Hz, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 32.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.6$  Hz, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 41.3 (CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 44.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 11.2$  Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 49.4 ( $J_{CP} = 6.8$  Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 52.9 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 53.5 (C<sub>tBu</sub>), 87.0 (C<sub>Bpin</sub>), 101.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 69.4$  Hz, P-C=C-N), 125.2 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.3 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.8 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 132.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 3.5$  Hz, N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.4 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.3 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 193.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 26.1$  Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 40.0$  (s, Si-satellite:  $J_{SiP} = 110.8$  Hz, C=C-P). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = -32.3$  (br, detected by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>29</sup>Si HSQC, P-Si), 20.3 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>).

**Compound 9:** To a mixture of **8-B** (0.30 g, 0.23 mmol) in fluorobenzene (1.8 ml) was added diisopropylformamide (3.3  $\mu$ L, 0.23 mmol) at room temperature. After 1 h, all volatiles were removed under vacuum. The residue was washed with pentane to obtain **9** as pale orange powder (0.26 g, Yield: 78 %). Crystals suitable for Xray diffraction analysis were obtained from a solution in CDCl<sub>3</sub>/pentane at room temperature. (Major isomer, 69%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta = 0.23$  (m, 6H, CH<sub>2Et</sub>), 0.75 (d,  $J_{HH} = 8.0$  Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3Et</sub>), 0.79 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.80 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.15 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.9$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr-Dip</sub>), 1.26 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.9$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3Pr-Dip</sub>), 1.26 (d,  $J_H = 6.9$  Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3Pr-Dip</sub>), 1.29 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3-NiPr2</sub>), 1.31 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3-NiPr2</sub>), 1.36 (overlapped, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.38 (overlapped, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.42 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 1.43 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3Bu</sub>), 1.58 (d,  $J_{HH} = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.77 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.84 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>),



1.89 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Norb), 2.54 (br s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.94 (sept, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>iPr-Dip</sub>), 2.98 (sept, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>iPr-Dip</sub>), 3.04 (brs, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 3.40 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>iPr-NiPr2</sub>), 4.06 (dd, J<sub>HP</sub> = 22.3 Hz, J<sub>HH</sub> = 3.9 Hz, PCH<sub>NiPr2</sub>), 5.55 (dd, J<sub>HP</sub> = 4.1 Hz, J<sub>HH</sub> = 3.9 Hz, Si-satellite: J<sub>HSi</sub> = 253.3 Hz, 1H, SiH), 7.22-7.27 (m, 2H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ = 4.4 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 3.1 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.9 (CH<sub>2Et</sub>), 6.6 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.1 (SiCH<sub>3Et</sub>), 22.6 (CH<sub>3iPr-NiPr2</sub>), 23.3 (CH<sub>3iPr-Dip</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>3iPr-Dip</sub>), 24.2 (CH<sub>3iPr-Dip</sub>), 24.5 (CH<sub>3iPr-Dip</sub>), 25.4 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 2.3 Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>3iPr-NiPr2</sub>), 27.7 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 28.6 (CH<sub>iPr-Dip</sub>), 29.1 (CH<sub>iPr-Dip</sub>), 31.7 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 4.8 Hz, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 33.1 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 5.5 Hz, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 44.4 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 46.8 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 12.1 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 47.5 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 4.7 Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 51.5 (CH<sub>iPr-NiPr2</sub>), 54.1 (C<sub>t-Bu</sub>), 54.4 (C<sub>t-Bu</sub>), 54.9 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 53.4 Hz, PCH<sub>NiPr2</sub>), 94.4 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 89.4 Hz, P-C=C-N), 124.2 (br, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.4 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.6 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.4 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 135.3 (N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 136.4 (d, J<sub>CF</sub> = 244.0 Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 138.3 (d, J<sub>CF</sub> = 244.3 Hz, B-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.0 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.8 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 148.4 (d, J<sub>CF</sub> = 242.5 Hz, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 178.1 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 13.5 Hz, P-C=CN). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ = 47.9 (s, Si-satellite: J<sub>SiP</sub> = 41.9 Hz), <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ = 20.5 (d, J<sub>SiP</sub> = 5.7 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 21.0 (SiEt<sub>3</sub>), -33.9 (d, J<sub>SiP</sub> = 41.7 Hz, SiH). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (160 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ = -16.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ = -132.5 (m, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), -163.4 (t, J<sub>FF</sub> = 20.5 Hz, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), -167.0 (t, J<sub>FF</sub> = 19.5 Hz, B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>). (Minor isomer, 31%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ = 0.23 (overlapped, 6H, CH<sub>2Et</sub>), 0.76 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.1 Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3Et</sub>), 0.18 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.82 (s, 3H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.36 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.7 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3iPr-NiPr2</sub>), 1.39 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3iPr-NiPr2</sub>), 1.38 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 1.43 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 2.61 (br s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.87 (sept, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.7 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>iPr-Dip</sub>), 3.25 (br s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 3.44 (sept, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>NiPr2</sub>), 3.92 (dd, J<sub>HP</sub> = 20.5 Hz, J<sub>HH</sub> = 3.6 Hz, PCH<sub>NiPr2</sub>), 5.55 (dd, J<sub>HP</sub> = 6.7 Hz, 1H SiH), 7.22-7.27 (m, 2H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ = 4.6 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 2.9 Hz, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.9 (CH<sub>2Et</sub>), 6.3 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.0 (SiCH<sub>3Et</sub>), 23.4 (CH<sub>3iPr-Dip</sub>), 23.9 (CH<sub>3iPr-Dip</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 25.2 (br, CH<sub>3-iNiPr2</sub>), 25.3 (CH<sub>3iPr-Dip</sub>), 25.4 (CH<sub>3iPr-Dip</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3-iNiPr2</sub>), 27.5 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>iPr-Dip</sub>), 29.0 (CH<sub>iPr-Dip</sub>), 31.7 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 4.7 Hz, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 32.8 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 5.4 Hz, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 43.7 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 5.7 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 46.8 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 12.1 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 49.1 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 4.9 Hz, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 54.4 (CH<sub>iPr-NiPr2</sub>), 54.0 (C<sub>t-Bu</sub>), 54.2 (C<sub>t-Bu</sub>), 58.6 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 53.6 Hz, PCH<sub>NiPr2</sub>), 94.5 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 89.0 Hz, P-C=C-N), 125.4 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.6 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.6 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 132.5 (N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.2 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.6 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 179.3 (d, J<sub>PC</sub> = 14.0 Hz, P-C=C-N). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ = 46.4 (s, Si-satellite: J<sub>SiP</sub> = 77.4 Hz), <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ = 20.5 (d, J<sub>SiP</sub> = 5.7 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 21.0 (SiEt<sub>3</sub>), -33.9 (d, J<sub>SiP</sub> = 41.7 Hz, SiH).

### Hydroboration of pyridine catalyzed by compound 8-C

In a J. Young NMR tube, to a solution of **8-C** (77 mg, 0.053 mmol) in fluorobenzene (0.5 mL), pinacolborane (77 μL, 0.553 mmol, 10 eq.) and pyridine (44 μL, 0.553 mmol, 10 eq.) was added and warmed at 60 °C. After 11 hours, the consumption of HBpin was observed by <sup>11</sup>B NMR and formation of 1,4-hydroboration product was observed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After removal of all volatiles under reduced pressure, the residue was extracted by pentane and the filtrate were dried under reduced pressure to obtain the corresponding 1-pinacolboryl-1,4-dihydropyridine as colorless oil (102 mg, 90%).

Data for **1-pinacolboryl-1,4-dihydropyridine**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, 25 °C, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ = 0.98 (s, 12 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.82 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.57 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2-CH</sub>), 6.50 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.1 Hz, N-CH). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, 25 °C, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ = 22.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 83.4 (O-C), 102.8 (CH<sub>2-CH</sub>), 127.5 (N-CH). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (96 MHz, 25 °C, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ = 23.9 (Bpin). EI-MS Calculated for m/z C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>: 2017.1431, found: 207.1495.

Data for **10**: <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, 25 °C, Ph-F/C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ = 108.6 (t, J<sub>PH</sub> = 20.1 Hz, N-P-Si). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, 25 °C, Ph-F/C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ = -20.4 (d, J<sub>SiP</sub> = 10.5 Hz, SiH<sub>2</sub>B).

### Reaction of compound 2-H with H<sub>2</sub>

In a pressure NMR tube, the fluorobenzene solution (0.6 mL) of **2-H** (110 mg, 0.0357 mmol) were exposed to a 5 bar of H<sub>2</sub> and heated at 80 °C for 16 h. The reaction is monitored by NMR. The same reaction was also effectuated in another NMR tube at the same time. After the reaction completed, the solutions in the two tubes were combined in a NMR tube. After removal all volatiles, the addition of pentane leads to the slow precipitation of **22** at room temperature. The solution was filtered and the solids were washed with pentane to obtain **22** as yellow solid. Recrystallization of the obtained solid in fluorobenzene/pentane gave **16** (140 mg, 96%) as yellow crystals. The separated organic phase were dried under reduced pressure to obtain the corresponding **15** (33 mg, 60%) as colorless powder. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis of **22** were grown from Et<sub>2</sub>O/pentane solution.

Data for **21**: Mp. 85–87 °C (decomp.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 0.43 (s, 3H, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.46 (s, 3H, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 1.00 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.19 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9 Hz, 63H, CH<sub>3iPr</sub>), 1.19 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9 Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3iPr</sub>), 1.22 (d, J<sub>HP</sub> = 0.9 Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 1.22 (overlapped, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.25 (d, J<sub>HP</sub> = 0.9 Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 1.32 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.49 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.61 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 1.68 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 2.26 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 3.24 (sept, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>iPr</sub>), 3.29 (sept, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>iPr</sub>), 3.53 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 4.91 (d, J<sub>HP</sub> = 29.9 Hz, Si-satellite: J<sub>HSi</sub> = 219.5 Hz, SiH<sub>2</sub>), 7.14-7.17 (m, 2H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.26 (t, J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 6.3 (SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 7.8 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 5.6 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>3iPr</sub>), 23.8 (CH<sub>3iPr</sub>), 25.0 (CH<sub>3iPr</sub>), 25.5 (CH<sub>3iPr</sub>), 26.5 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>iPr</sub>), 27.9 (CH<sub>iPr</sub>), 28.1 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 32.3 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 5.6 Hz, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 32.7 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 5.8 Hz, CH<sub>3tBu</sub>), 41.7 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 1.2 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 46.5 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 4.2 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 46.8 (CH<sub>2Norb</sub>), 50.6 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 10.5 Hz, C<sub>tBu</sub>), 50.9 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 13.3 Hz, C<sub>tBu</sub>), 123.4 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 48.6 Hz, P=C=CN), 123.9 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 124.1 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 127.2 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 142.8 (N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.5 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 147.8 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 165.7 (d, J<sub>CP</sub> = 29.2 Hz, P=C=CN). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (202 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 106.6 (s). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 106.6 (q, J<sub>PH</sub> = 29.8 Hz). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.9 (d, J<sub>SiP</sub> = 0.9 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), -42.7 (d, J<sub>SiP</sub> = 18.8 Hz, N-Si-P). <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (99 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.8 (m, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), -42.7 (dq, J<sub>SiH</sub> = 220.4 Hz, J<sub>SiP</sub> = 18.8 Hz, N-Si-P).

Data for **22**: Mp.: 222–226 °C (decomp.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 0.63 (s, 3H, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.64 (s, 3H, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 1.11 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3iPr</sub>), 1.12 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3iPr</sub>), 1.17 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3iPr</sub>), 1.19 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9 Hz, 3H,

CH<sub>3</sub>(Pr), 1.30 (d,  $J_{HP}$  = 0.9 Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>(Bu)), 1.30 (overlapped, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>(Norb)), 1.33 (d,  $J_{HP}$  = 0.9 Hz, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>(Bu)), 1.52 (dd,  $J_{HP}$  = 1.3 Hz,  $J_{HH}$  = 9.1 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>(Norb)), 1.63 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>(Norb)), 1.72 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>(Norb)), 1.86 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>(Norb)), 1.90 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>(Norb)), 2.71 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 2.78 (sept,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>IPr</sub>), 2.92 (sept,  $J_{HH}$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>IPr</sub>), 3.32 (s, 1H, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 5.11 (d,  $J_{HP}$  = 26.4 Hz, Si-satellite:  $J_{HSi}$  = 261.7 Hz, SiH<sub>2</sub>), 7.20 (d,  $J_{HH}$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.37 (t,  $J_{HH}$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.54 (s, 4H, *p*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>), 7.72 (m, 4H, *o*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 3.6 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 1.0 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 5.3 (SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 23.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>(Pr)), 24.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>(Pr)), 24.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>(Norb)), 25.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>(Pr)), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>(Pr)), 28.0 (CH<sub>IPr</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>IPr</sub>), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>(Norb)), 32.2 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 6.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>(Bu)), 32.3 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 6.1 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>(Bu)), 41.4 (CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 44.1 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 10.3 Hz, CH<sub>bridgehead</sub>), 48.5 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 6.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>(Norb)), 53.1 (C<sub>IBu</sub>), 53.1 (C<sub>IBu</sub>), 99.1 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 76.5 Hz, PC=CN), 117.6 (br sept,  $J_{CF}$  = 3.8 Hz, *p*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>), 124.7 (q,  $J_{CF}$  = 272.5 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.1 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.2 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 129.1 (qq,  $J_{CB}$  = 2.7 Hz,  $J_{CF}$  = 31.2 Hz, *m*-C<sub>BAr</sub>), 129.6 (CH<sub>Ar</sub>), 132.1 (N-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 135.0 (*o*-CH<sub>BAr</sub>), 146.3 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 146.6 (iPr-C<sub>Ar</sub>), 161.9 (q,  $J_{CB}$  = 49.9 Hz, *ipso*-C<sub>BAr</sub>), 191.8 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 24.2 Hz, PC=CN). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (160 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = -6.5 (BAR). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = -62.0 (CF<sub>3</sub>). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (121 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 34.0 (Si-satellite:  $J_{PSi}$  = 136.9 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (121 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 34.0 (t,  $J_{PH}$  = 29.2 Hz). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (99 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 17.6 (d,  $J_{SiP}$  = 3.7 Hz, SiMe<sub>2</sub>), -78.2 (d,  $J_{SiP}$  = 202.4 Hz, N-Si-P).

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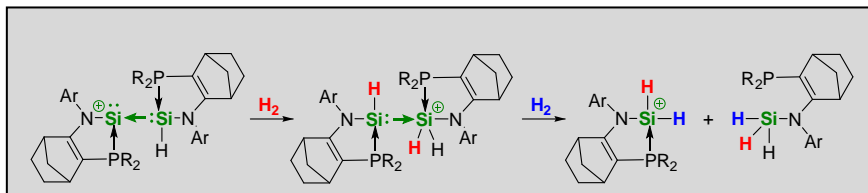
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Various base-stabilized silyliumylidene ions with different ligands were synthesized. Their behaviour appeared strongly dependent on the type of ligand. Indeed, in contrast to the poorly reactive silyliumylidenes stabilized by strongly donating ligands (DMAP, NHC), the sulfide-supported one (SMe<sub>2</sub>) exhibits higher reactivity toward various small molecules. Furthermore, their capability to successively activate multiple small molecules was clearly demonstrated by processes involving successive reactions with silane / formamide, CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>. Of particular interest, the silyliumylidene-silylene complex is one of the very rare species able to activate two H<sub>2</sub> molecules.