



# Literature Report

## Stable Analog of Carbenes: Borylenes, Nitrenes and Phosphinidenes

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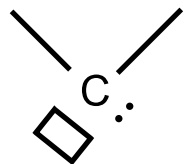


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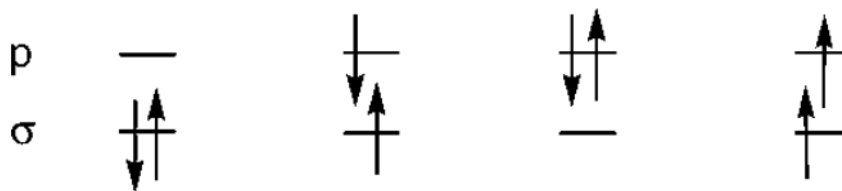
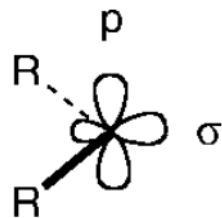
Carbene



Six valence electrons  
Reactive intermediates

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## Electronic configurations of carbenes



Lewis acid & Lewis base

$S_0(\sigma^2)$

$S_1(\sigma^1p^1)$

$S_2(p^2)$

$T_1(\sigma^1p^1)$

Diradicals

Singlet

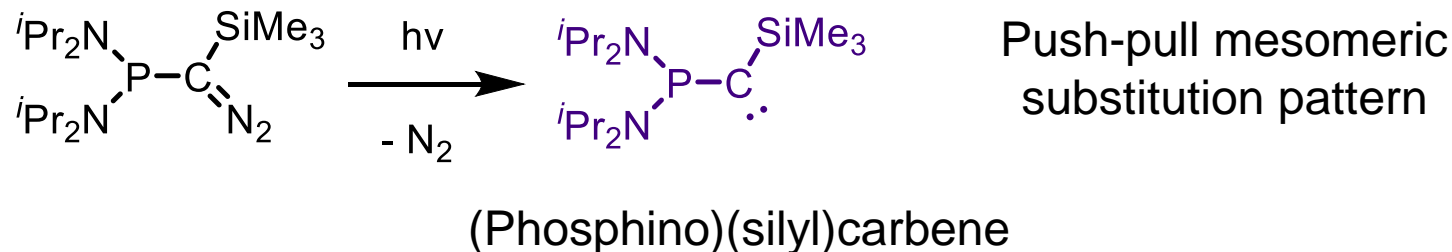
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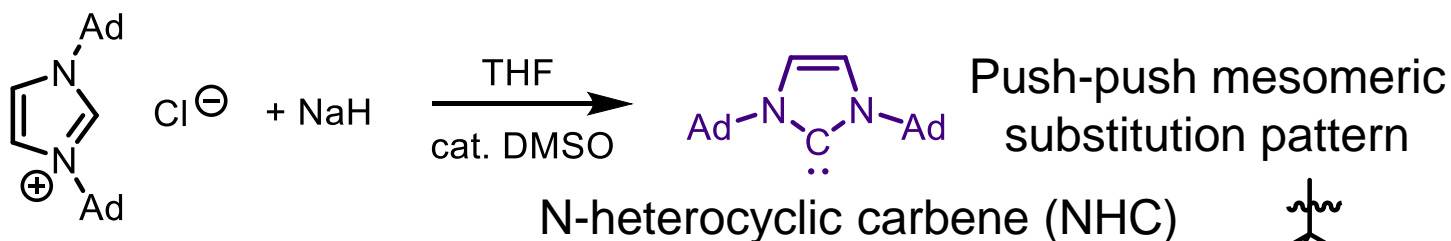
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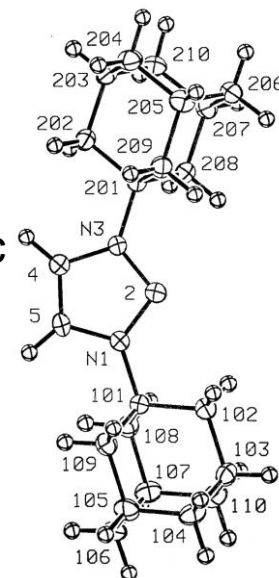
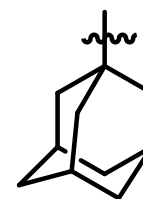
## The First Stable Carbene



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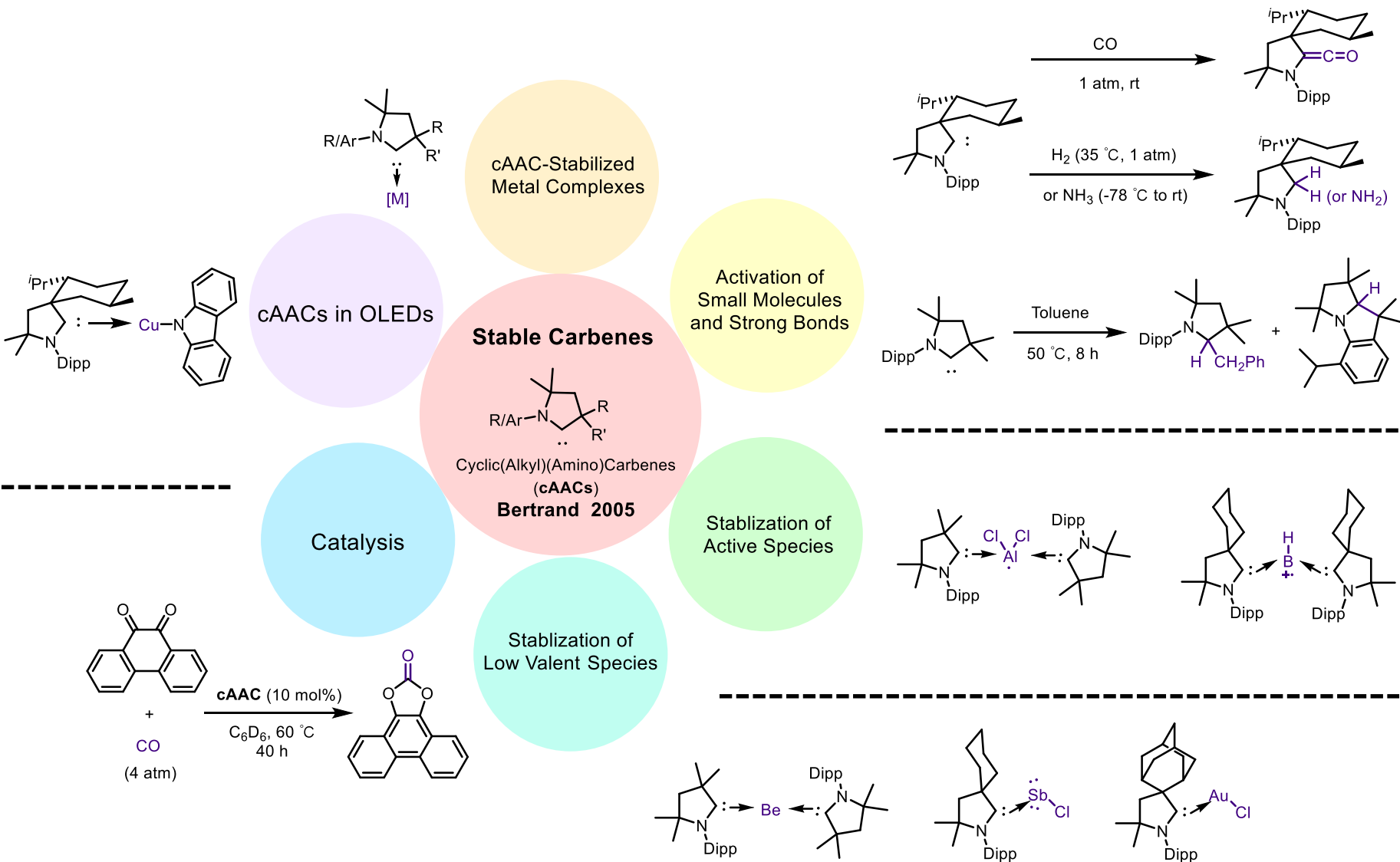


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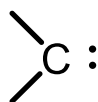
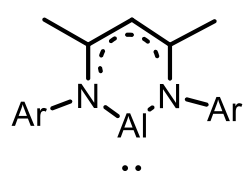
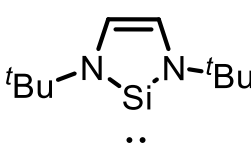
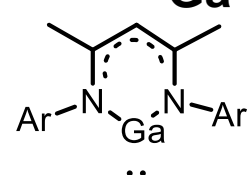
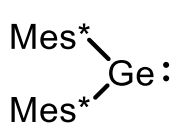


Arduengo, A. J. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 361-363.

# Areas of Stable Carbenes Chemistry



# Main Group Element Analogues of Carbenes

Group 13 (III A)	Group 14 (IV A)	Group 15 (V A)
<p><b>B</b></p> <p>—B : borylene</p>	<p><b>C</b></p> <p> : carbene</p>	<p><b>N</b></p> <p>—N̈ : nitrene</p>
<p><b>Al</b></p> <p> Roesky 2000</p>	<p><b>Si</b></p> <p> Weidenbruch 1994</p>	<p><b>P</b></p> <p>—P̈ : phosphinidene</p>
<p><b>Ga</b></p> <p> Power 2000</p>	<p><b>Ge</b></p> <p> Lange 1987</p>	<p><b>As</b></p>

Roesky, H. W. et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2000**, 39, 4274-4276.

Power P. P. et al. *Chem. Commun.* **2000**, 1991-1992.

Weidenbruch, M. et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **1994**, 33, 1846-1848.

Lange, L. et al. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1987**, 329, C17-C20.

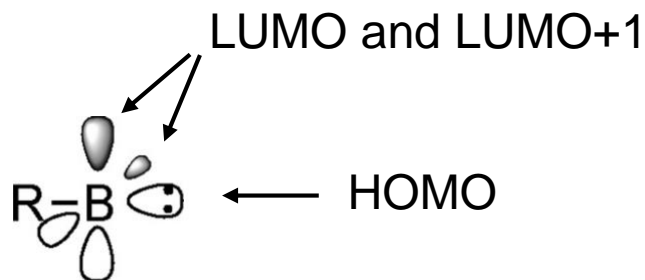


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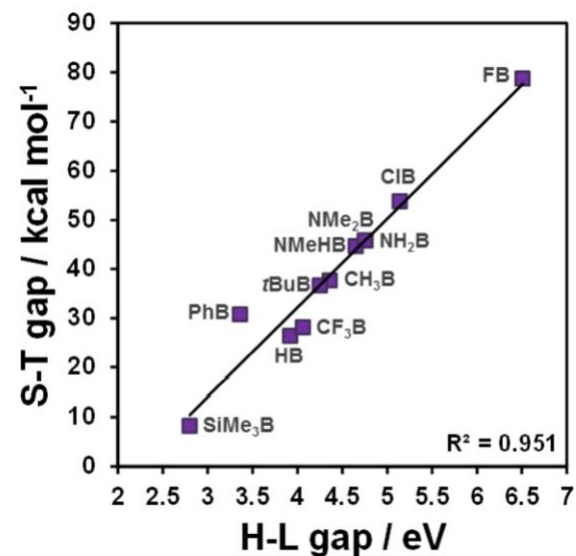
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# Borylenes

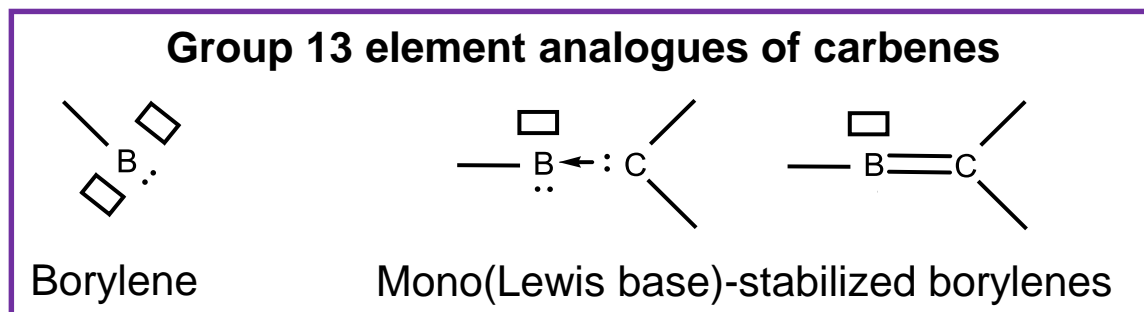
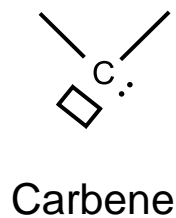


Electronic structure of singlet borylenes



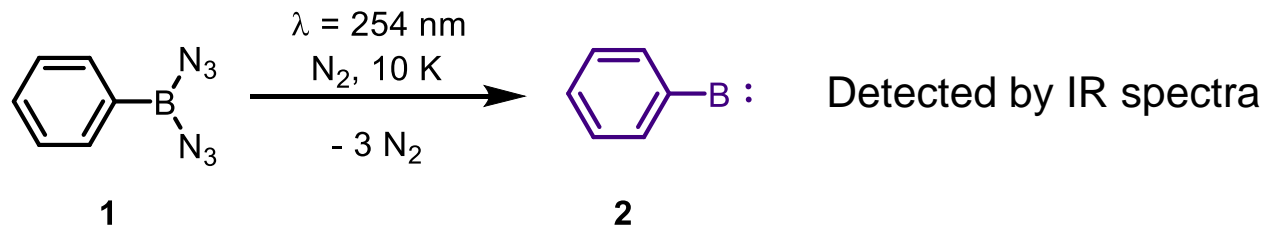
Bettinger H. F. et al. *J. Phys. Chem. A* **2016**, *120*, 6332-6341.

Computed at the B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory



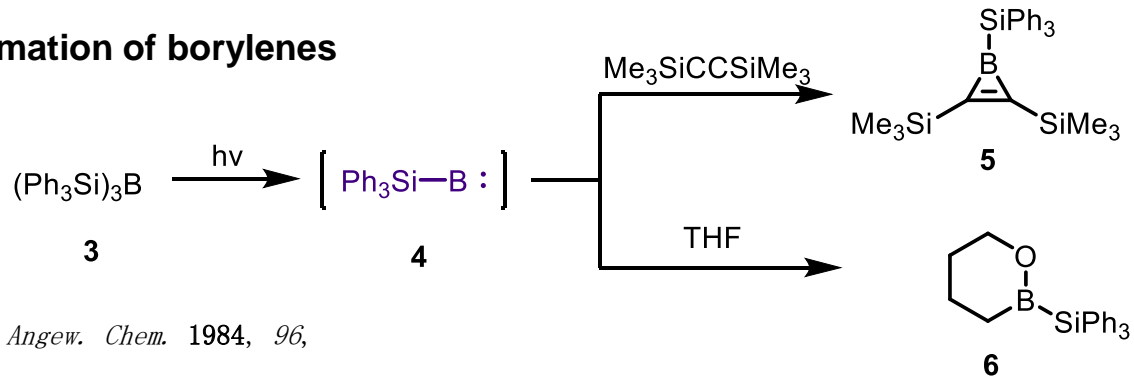
# Borylenes

## Spectroscopically characterized borylene

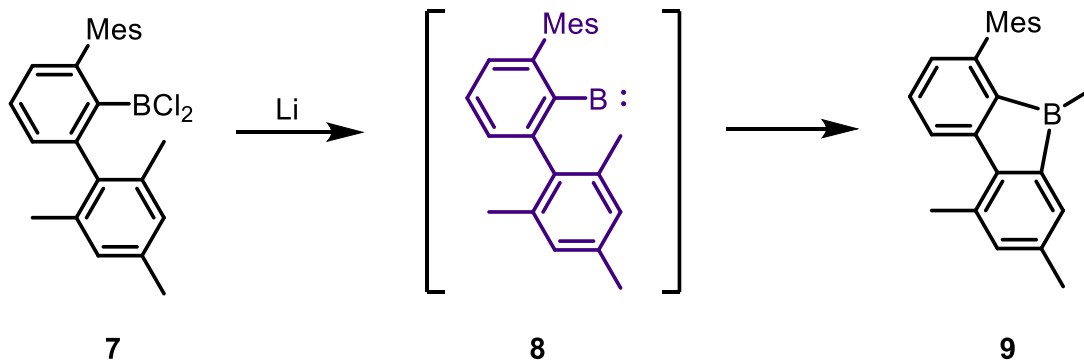


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## Transient formation of borylenes



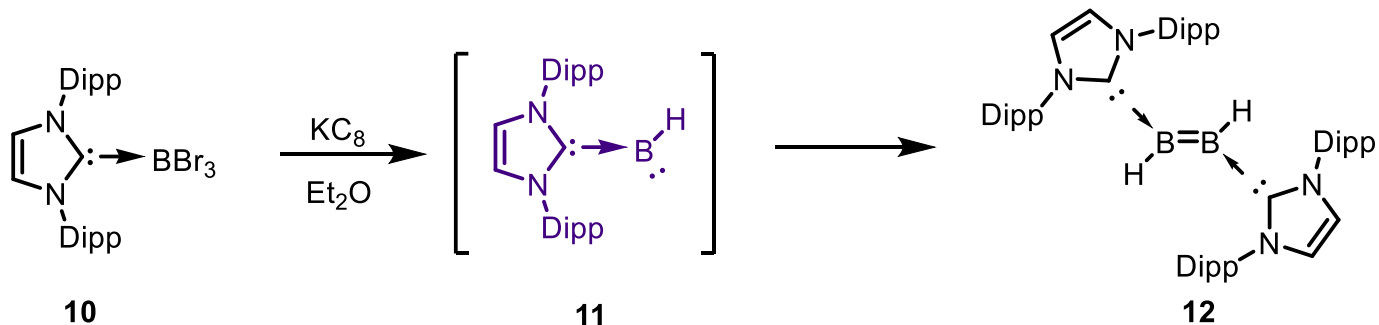
West R. et al. *Angew. Chem.* **1984**, *96*, 444.



Power, P. P. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 7981–7988.

# Mono(Lewis base)-Stabilized Borylenes

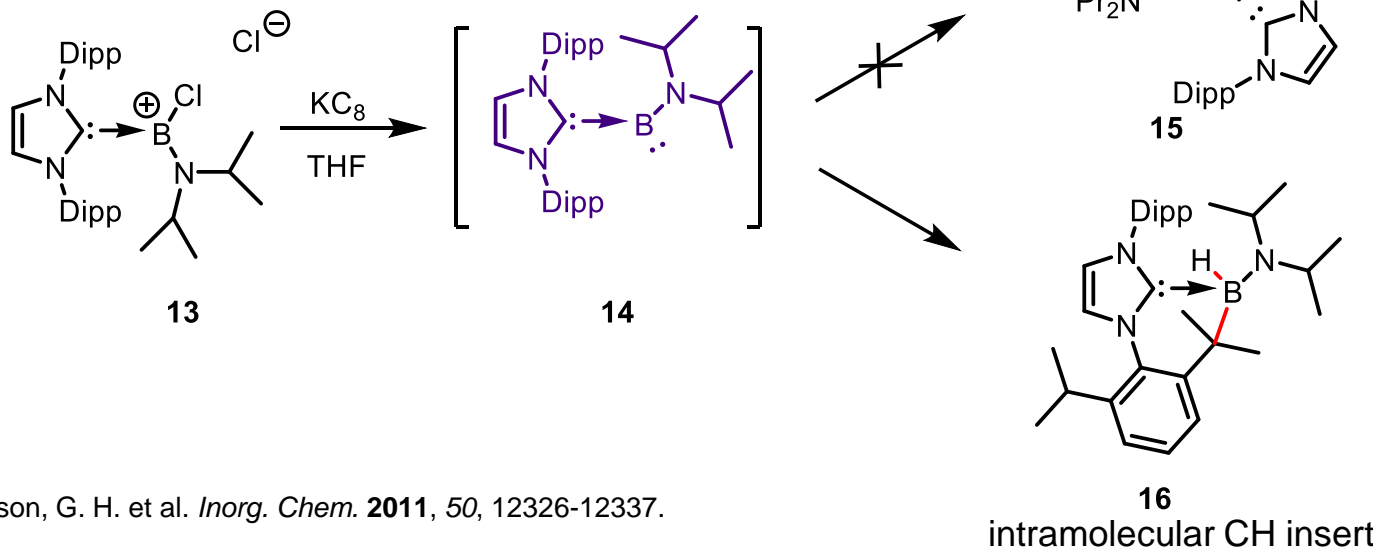
The first attempt to isolate mono(Lewis base)-stabilized borylene



Robinson, G. H. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 12412-12413.

The first stable neutral diborene

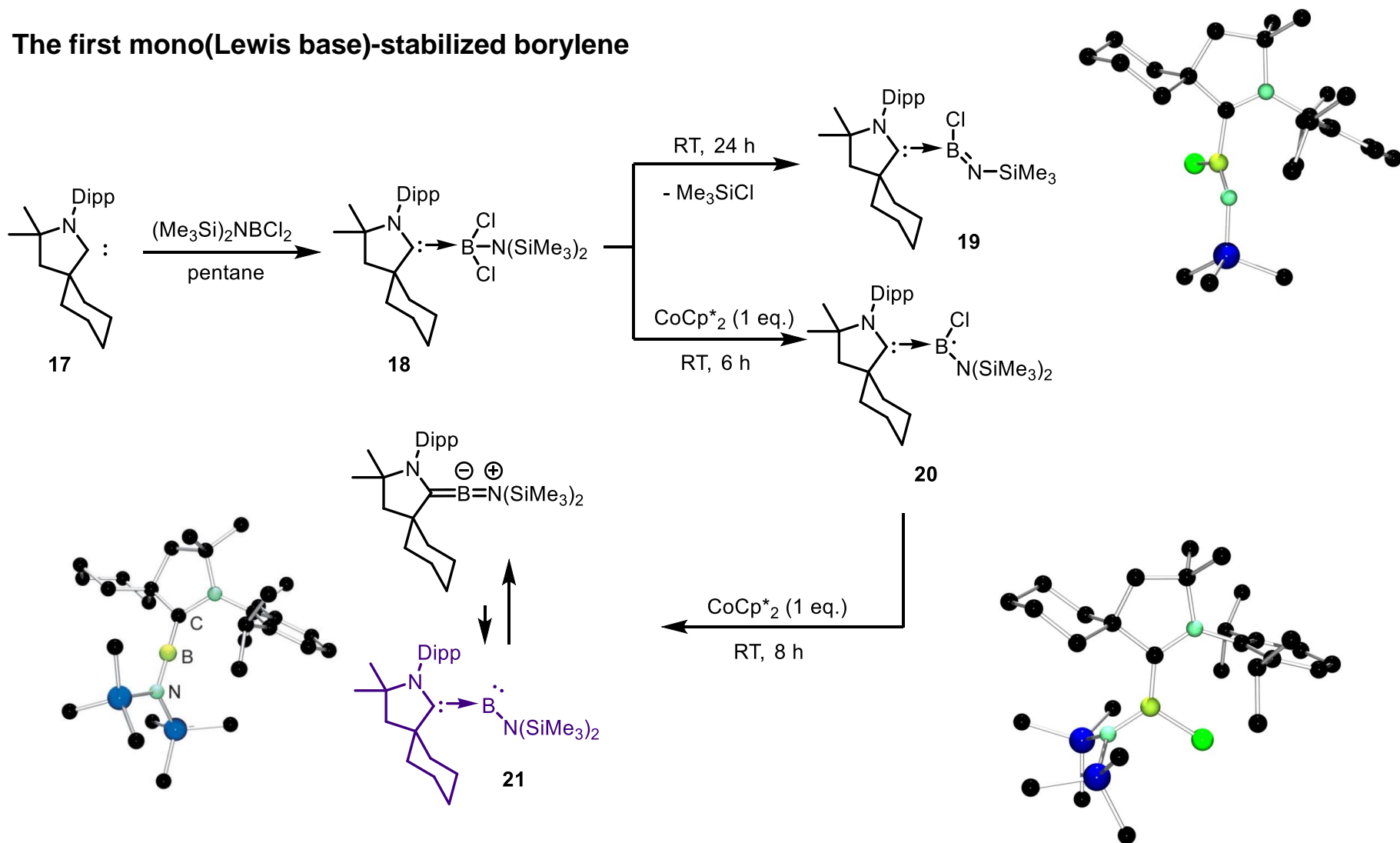
Need a  $\pi$ -donor substituent to be isolated



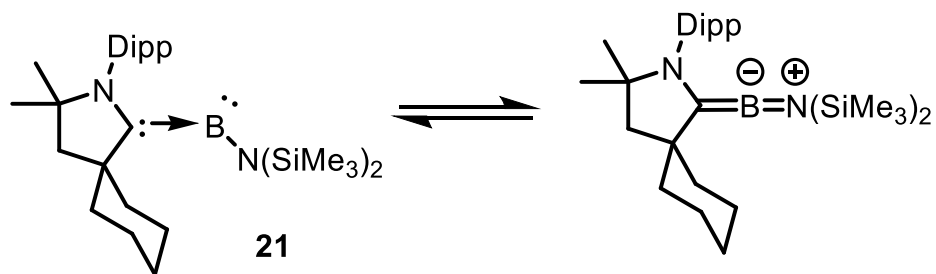
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## The first mono(Lewis base)-stabilized borylene



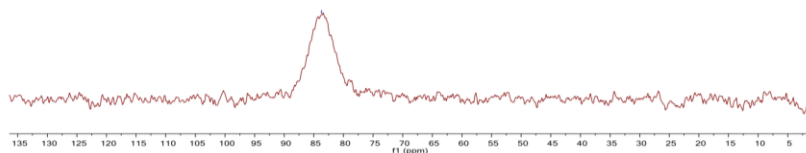
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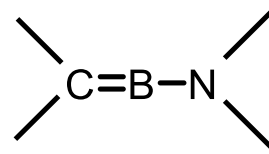
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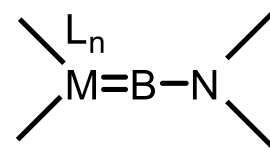


The  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **21**



Aminoboraalkenes

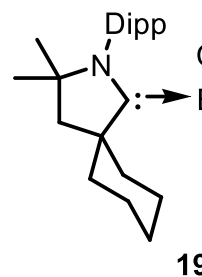
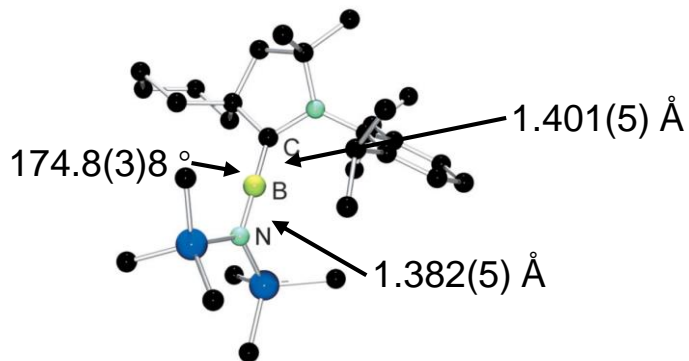
$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR +59 ~ +71 ppm



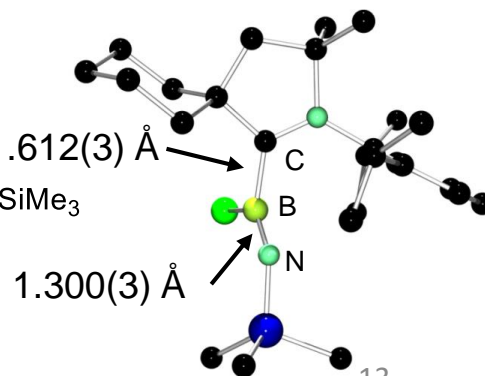
Transition-metal-stabilized terminal aminoborylenes

$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR +67 ~ +92 ppm

Allenic  
Structure



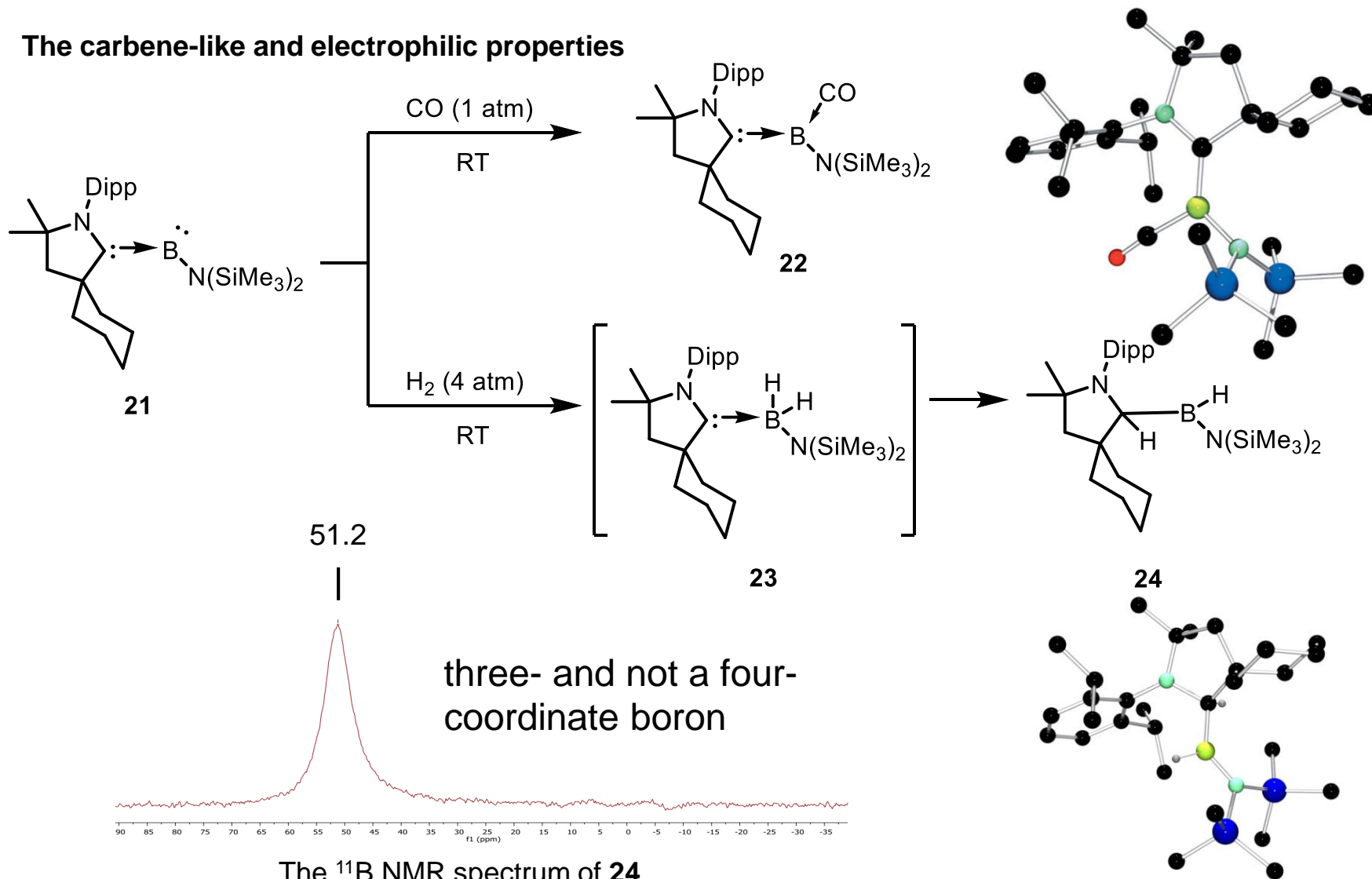
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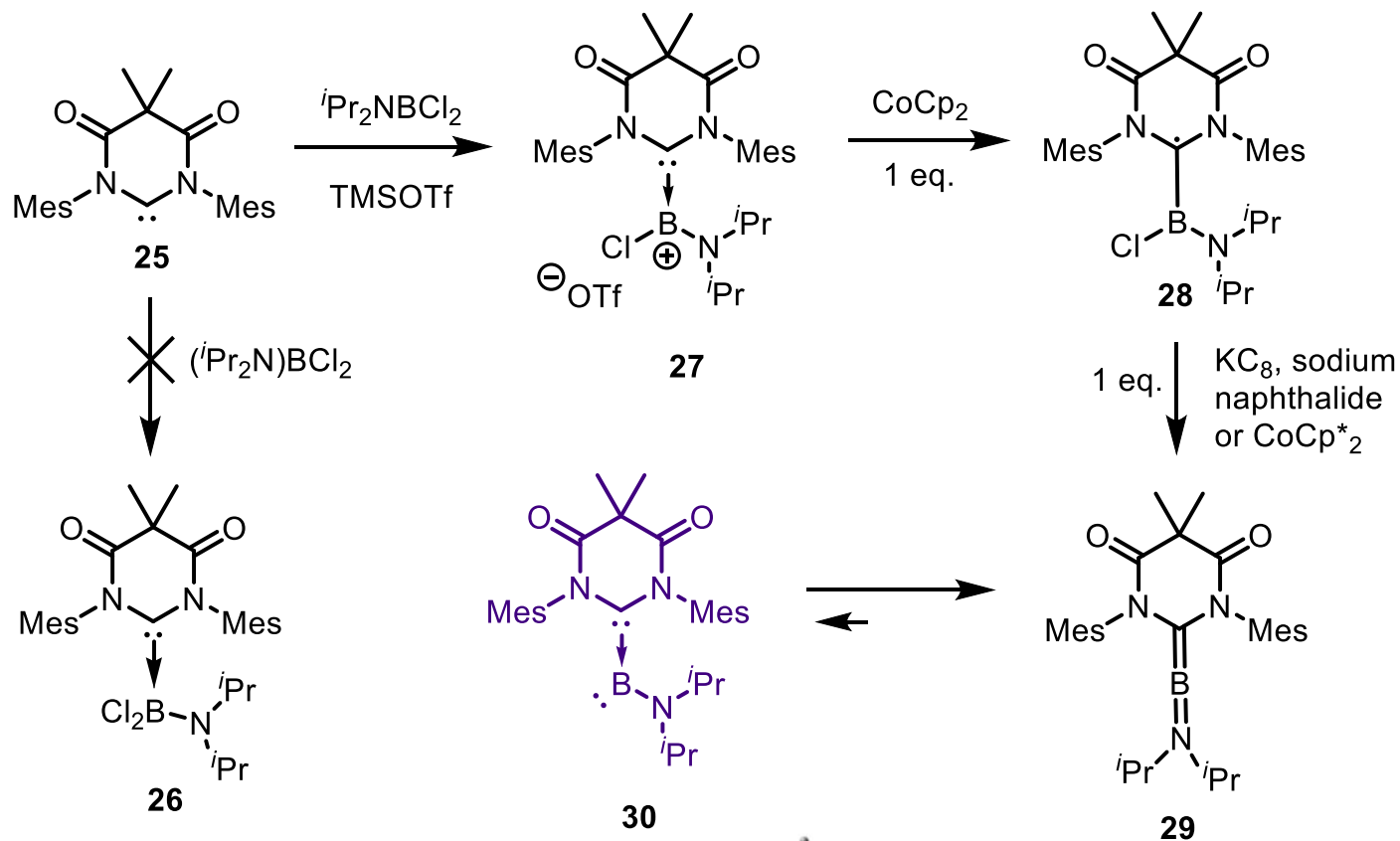
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The carbene-like and electrophilic properties



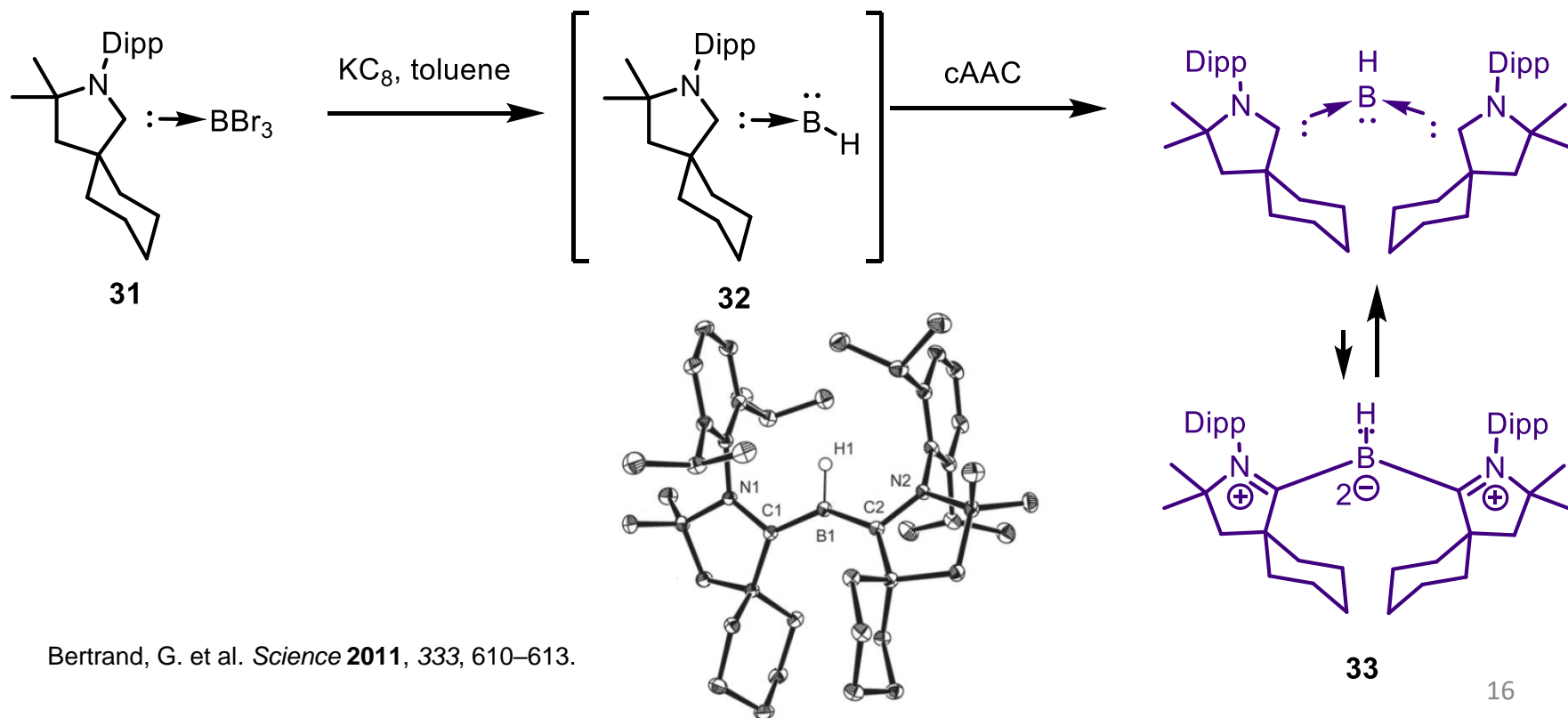
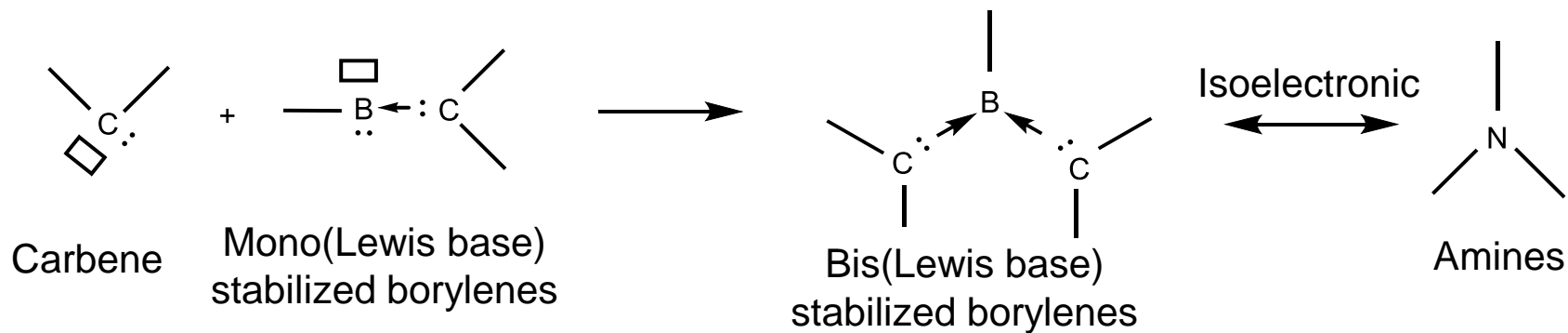
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## DAC-Stabilized Borylene



Hudnall T. W. et al. *Dalton Trans.* **2016**, 45, 9820-9826.

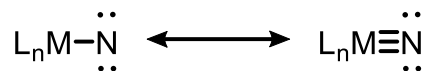
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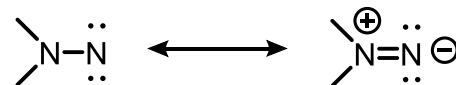
# Stable Nitrenes

metallonitrenes

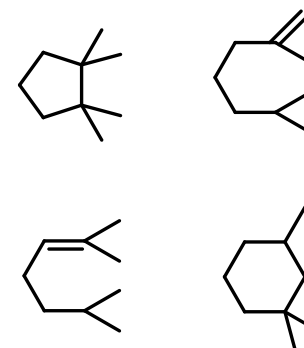
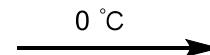
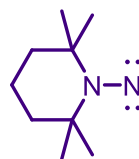
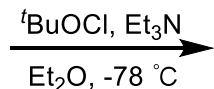
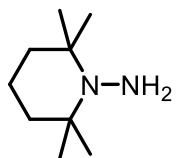


metal-nitrido complexes

the most stable nonmetallic nitrenes

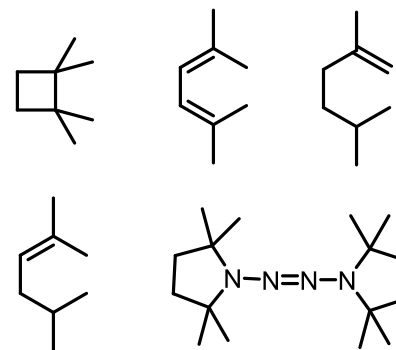
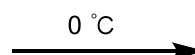
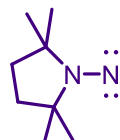
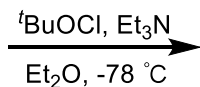
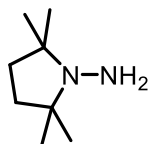


aminonitrene



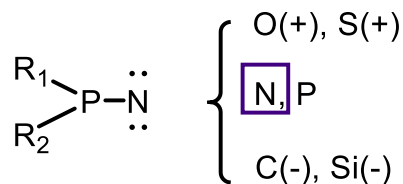
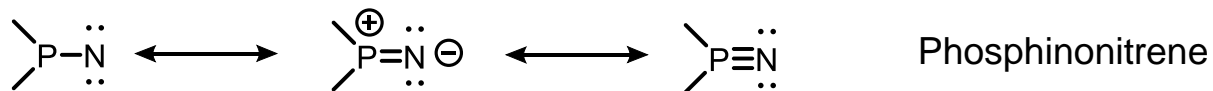
spectroscopic characterization  
and purification by low-  
temperature chromatography

piperidyl nitrene  
clear purple solution at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$



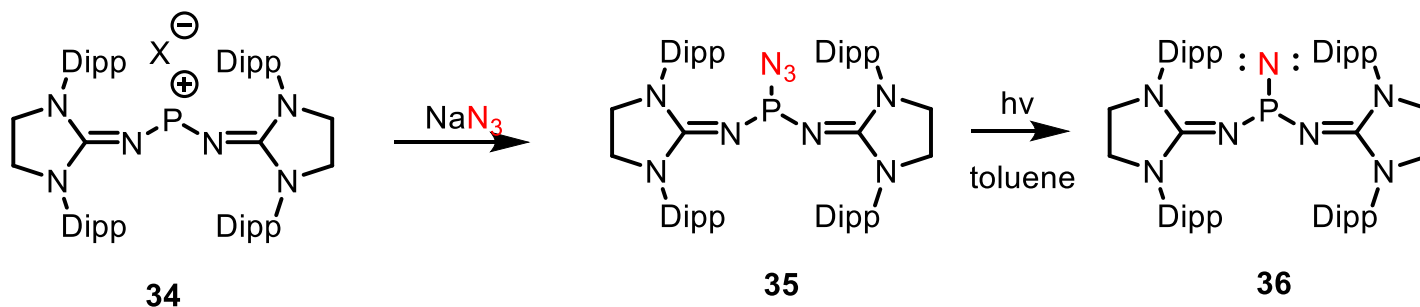
pyrrolidyl nitrene  
clear red solution at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$

# Stable Nitrenes



Substituents, which bear an imino function in the  $\alpha$ -position to the phosphorus atom, e.g., the phosphaniminato group” would be the best choice

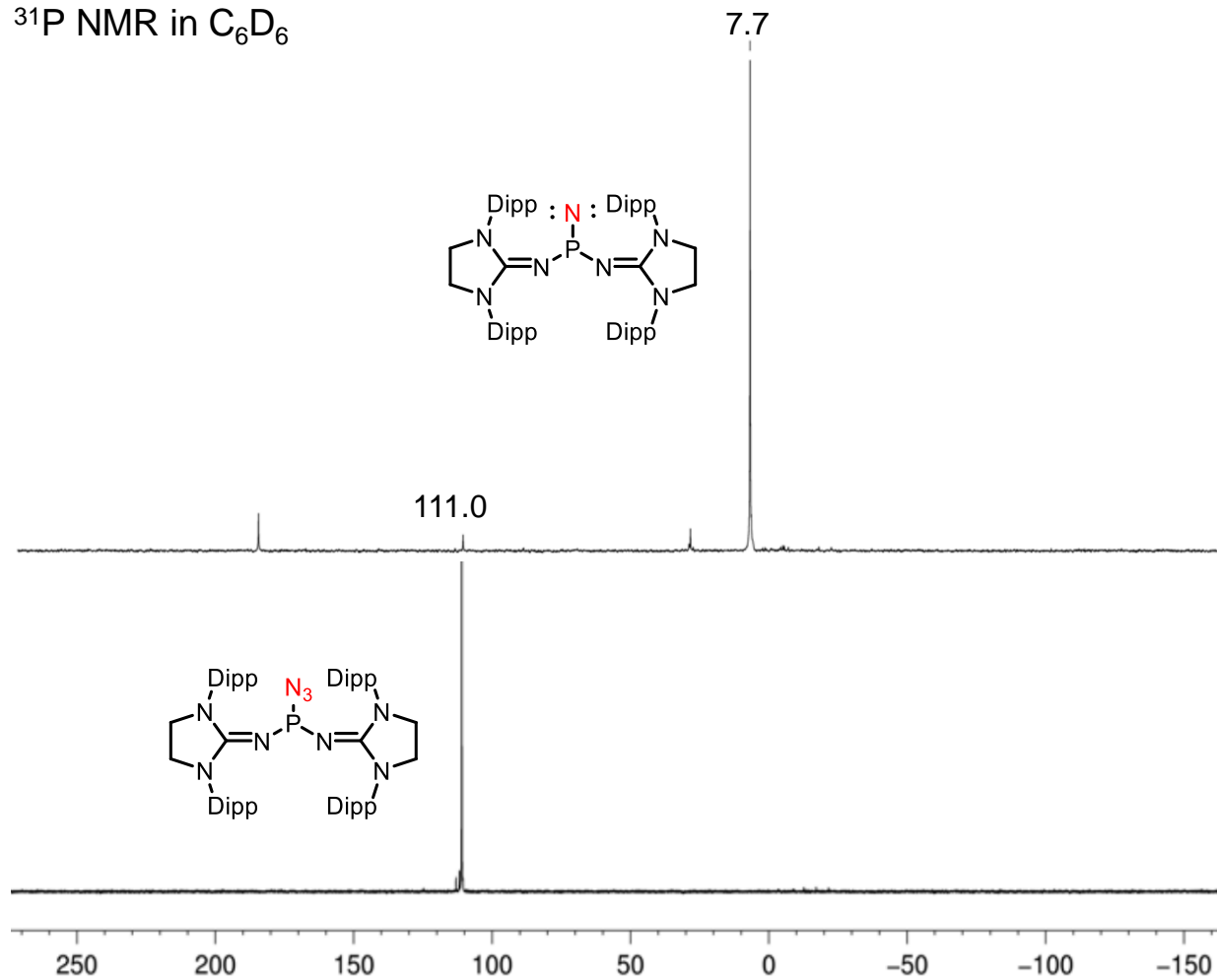
Schoeller, W. et al. *Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.* **2001**, 2001, 845-850.



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# Stable Nitrenes

$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$

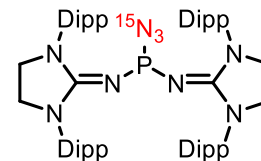


Hypervalent phosphorus center

# Stable Nitrenes

$^{15}\text{N}$  NMR in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$

196.6

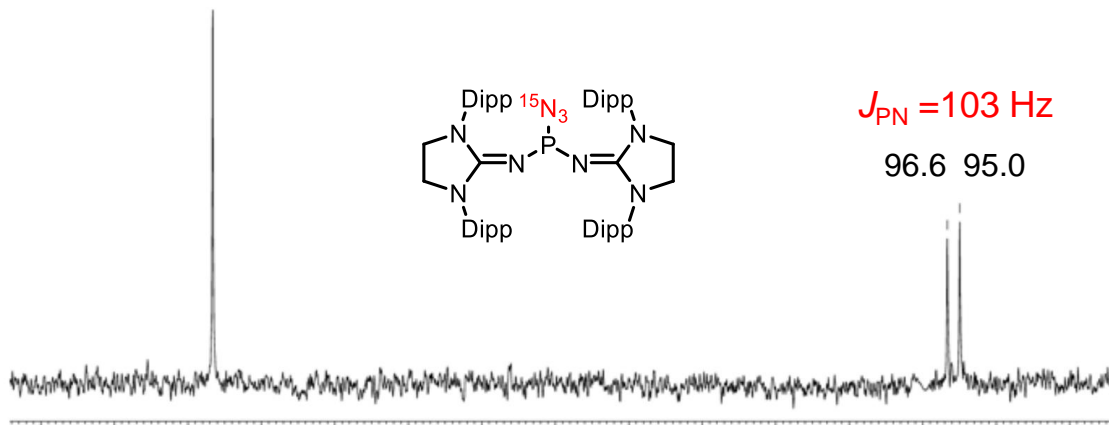
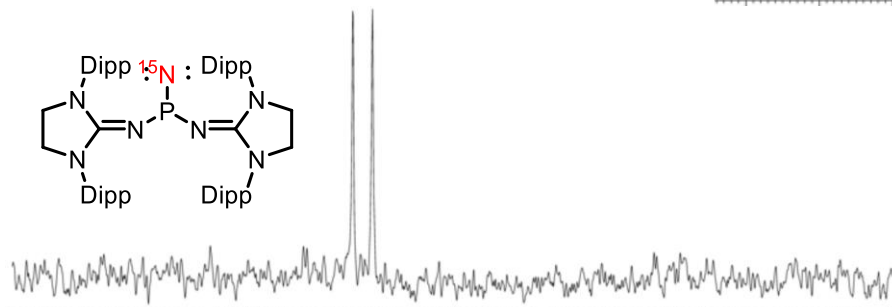
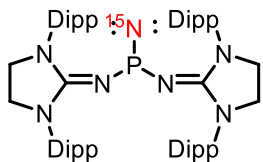


$J_{\text{PN}} = 103 \text{ Hz}$

96.6 95.0

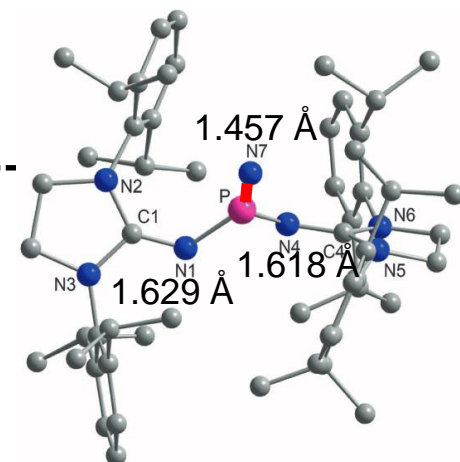
$J_{\text{PN}} = 144 \text{ Hz}$

267.2 264.8

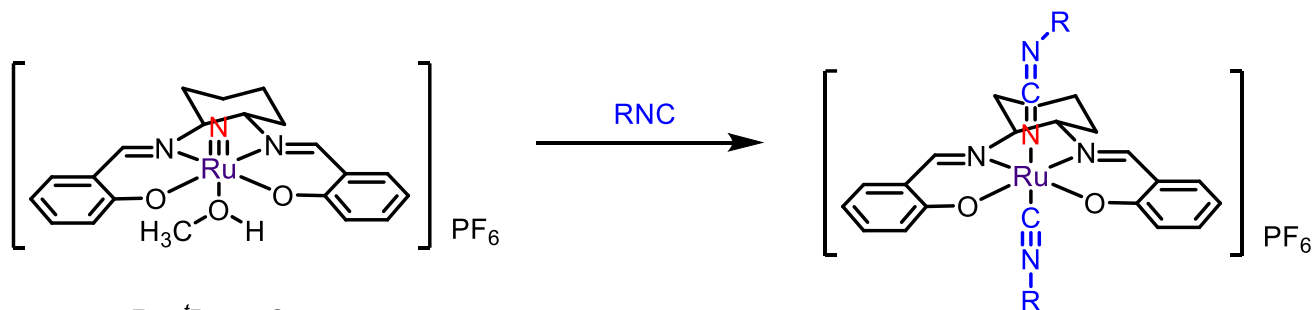


PN multiple bond

Reported PN double bonds are in the range of 1.50 to 1.60 Å

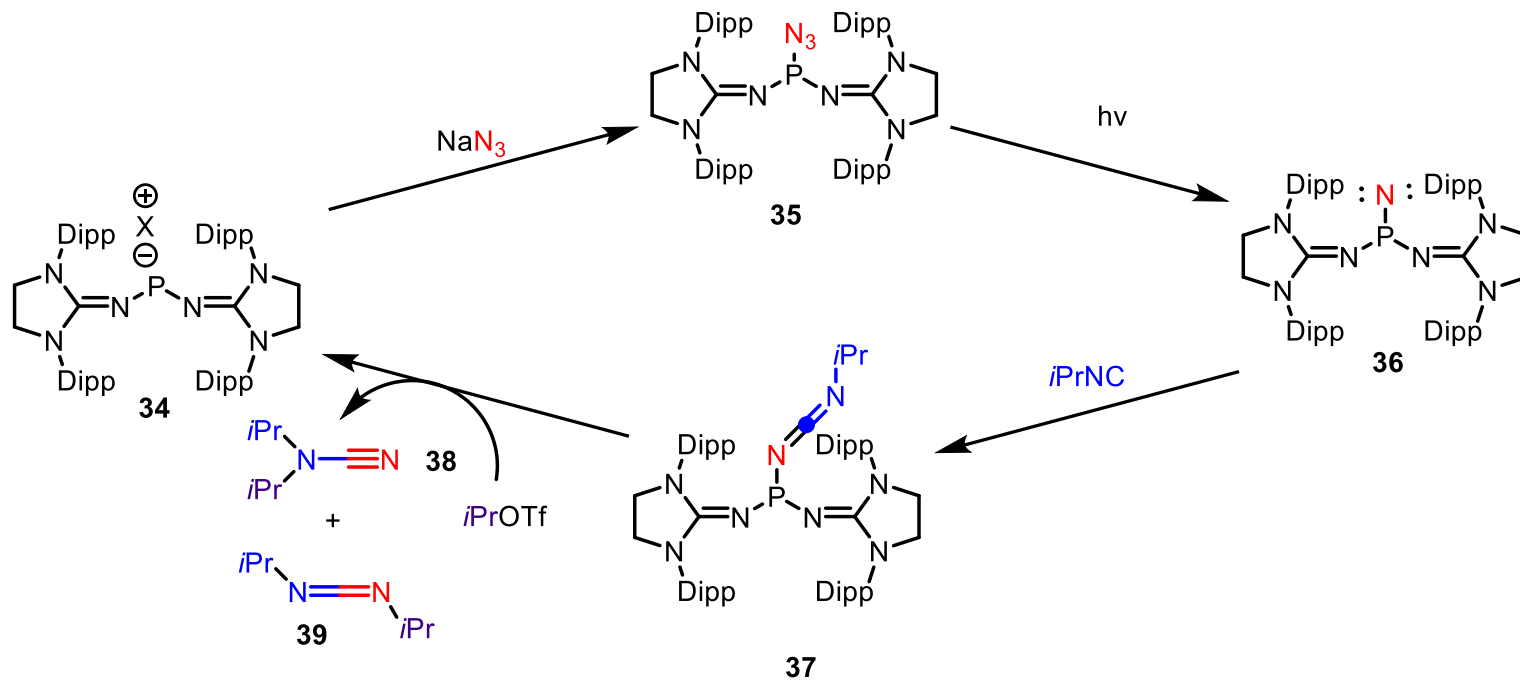


# Stable Nitrenes



$R = tBu$  or  $Cy$

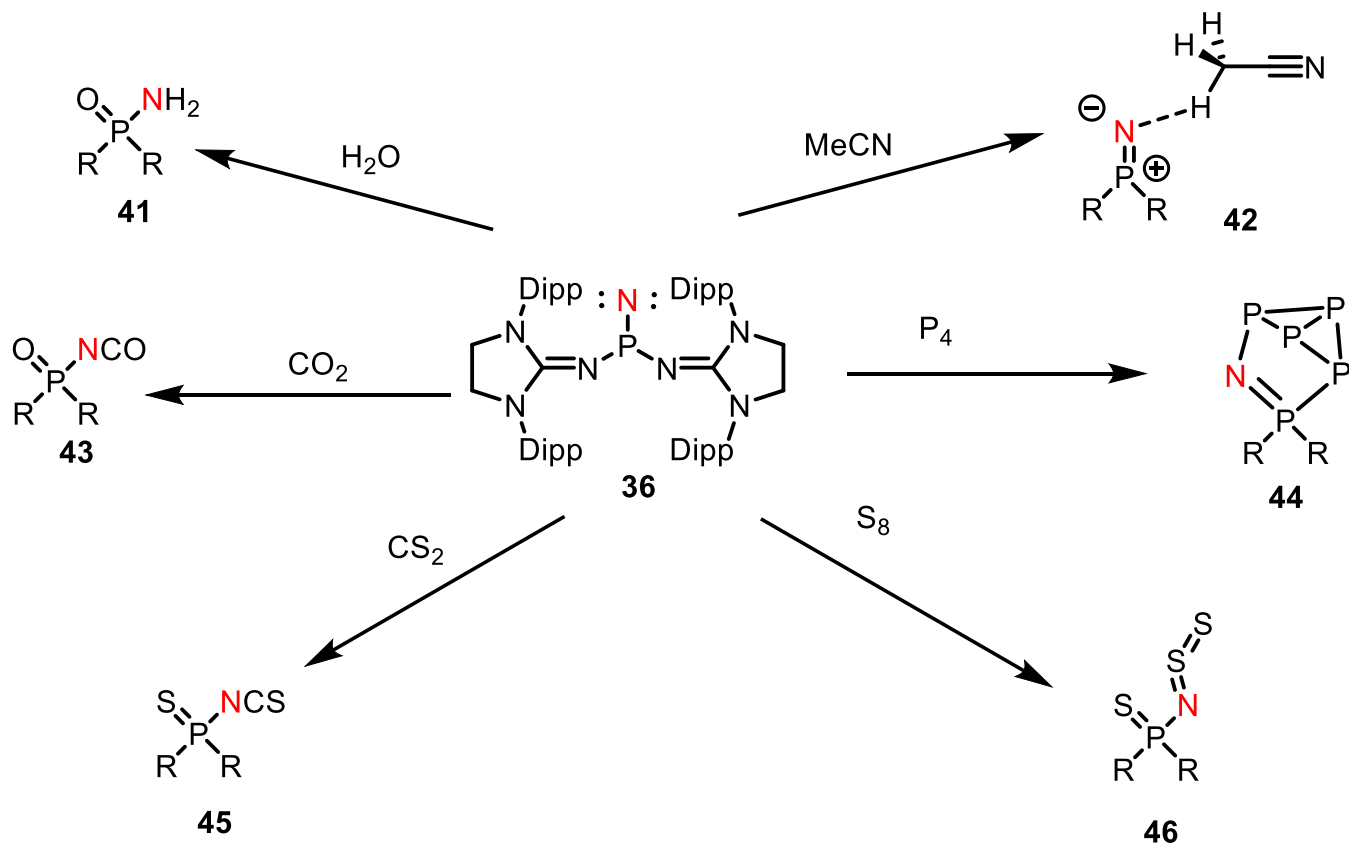
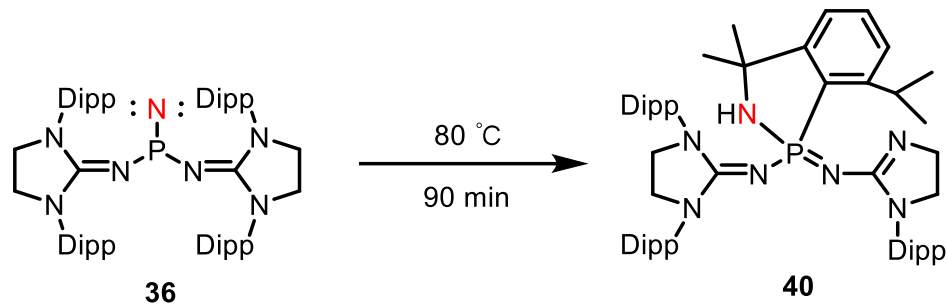
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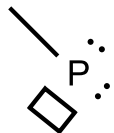
**Mimic the chemical behavior of transition metals**

Bertrand, G. et al. *Science* **2012**, *337*, 1526-1528.

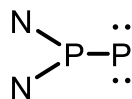
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# Stable Phosphinidene

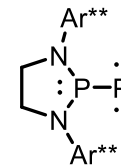
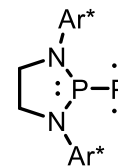
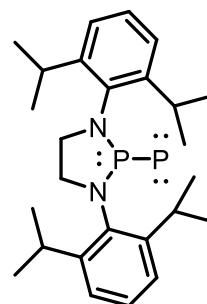
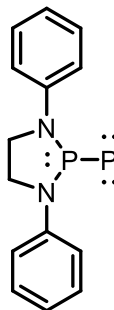
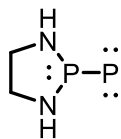


Phosphinidenes



Amino groups in the  $\beta$  position of phosphino-phosphinidenes would be the best choice

Nguyen, M. T. et al. *J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, 61, 7077-7084.



Singlet-triplet gap  
(kcal/mol)

**47**  
17.4

**48**  
8.2

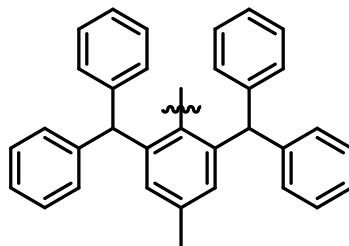
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**50**  
23.5

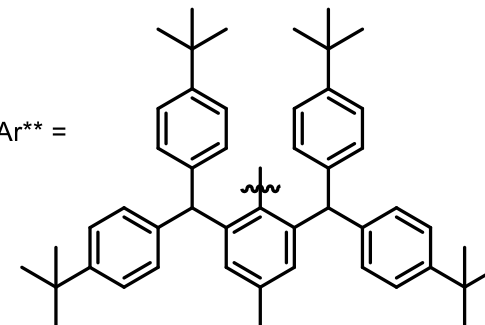
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calculations at the  
M06-2X/Def2-SVP level

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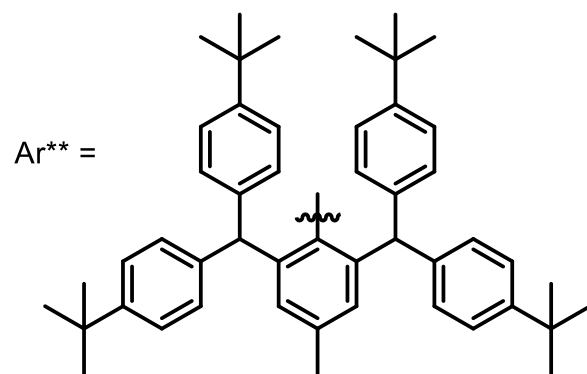
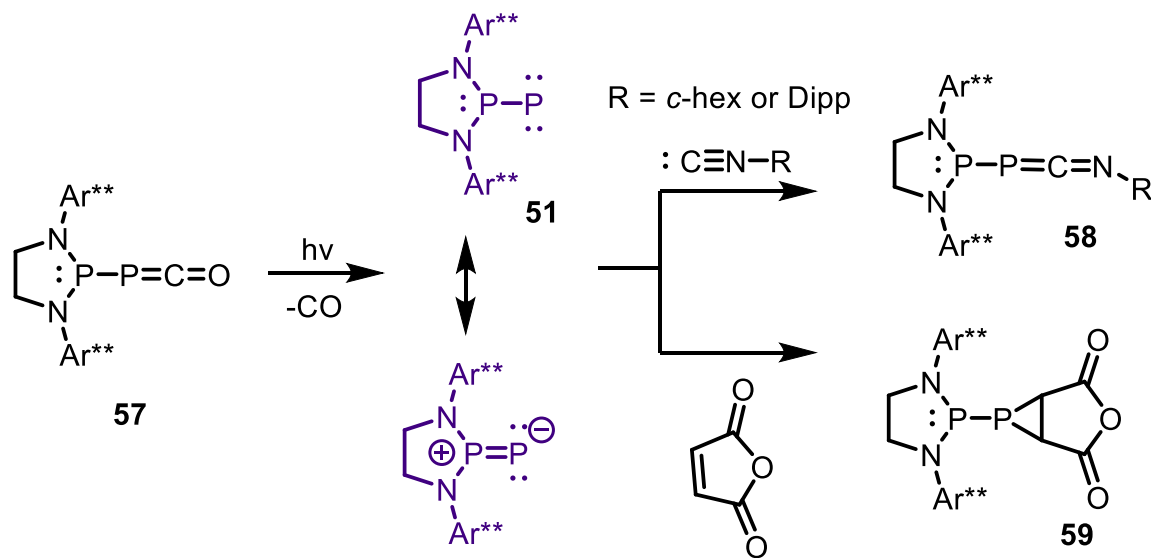
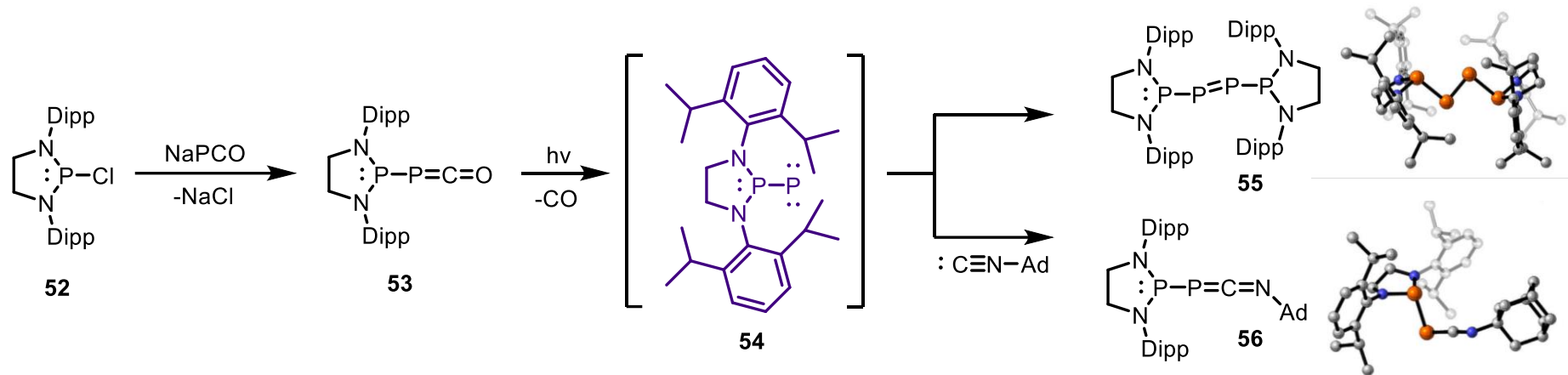


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# Stable Phosphinidene

Dipp groups are not bulky enough to kinetically protect phosphinidene



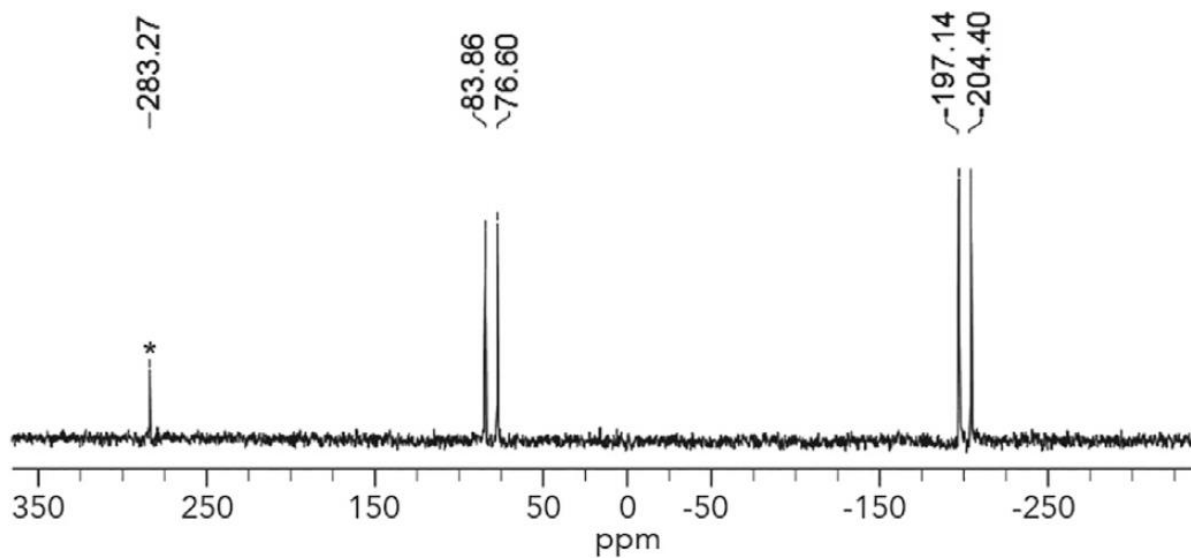
Nucleophilic behavior



# Stable Phosphinidene

$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$

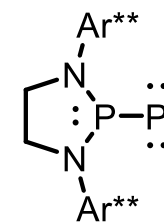
$J_{\text{PP}} = 883.7 \text{ Hz}$



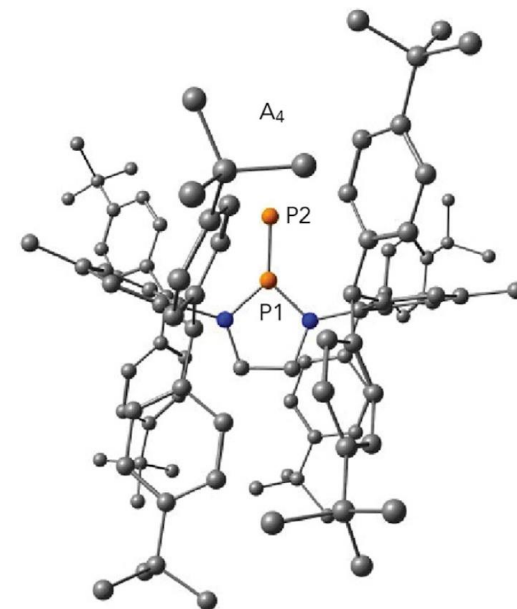
(asterisk denotes unidentified impurity)

PP multiple bond

A negatively charged terminal phosphorus center



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Planar Environment



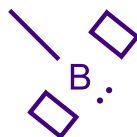
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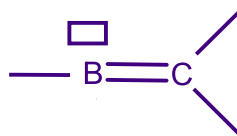
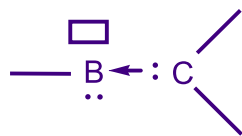
## Emerging Class of Compounds

Borylenes



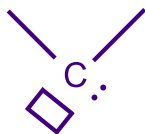
Eluding by synthetic skills

Mono(Lewis base)-stabilized borylenes



Linear allenic structure

Stable  
Analog of  
Carbenes



Nitrenes



PX multiple bond

Planar  
Environment

Phosphinidenes



**Thanks!**