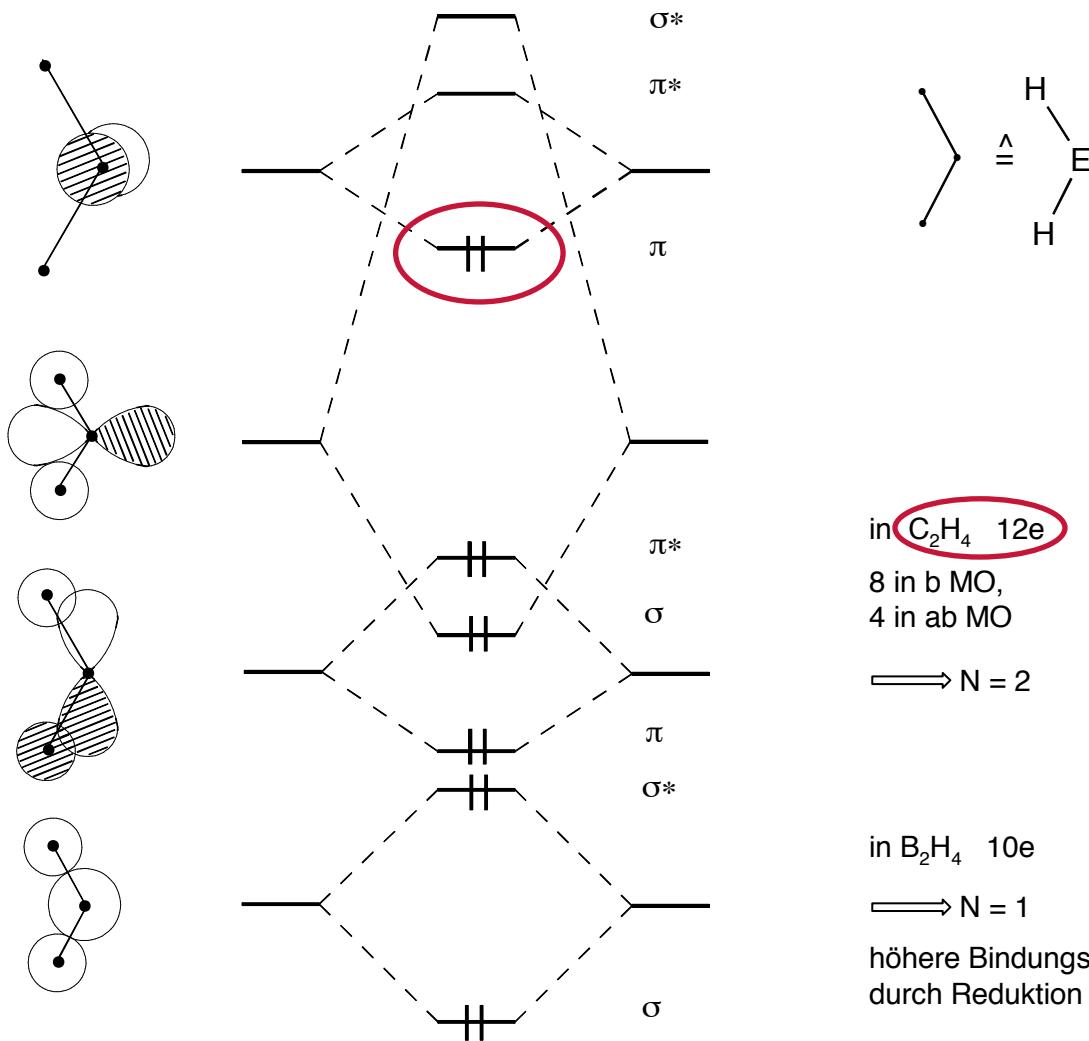


## Elektronische Struktur von E<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> D<sub>2</sub>h:



in C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> 12e

8 in b MO,  
4 in ab MO

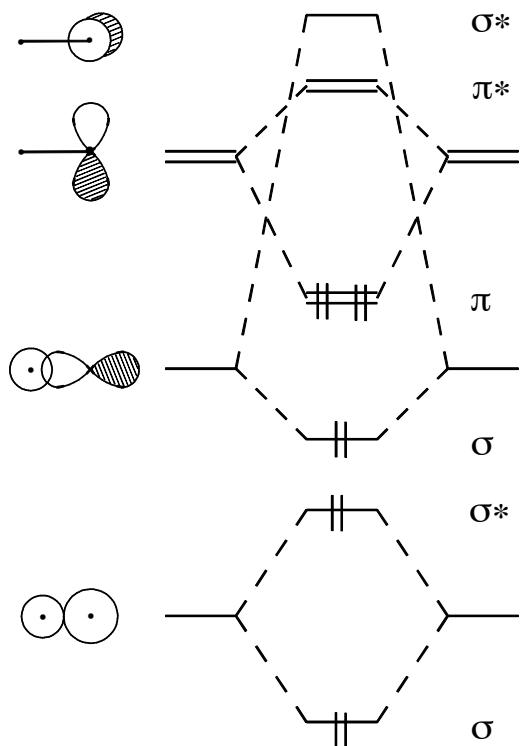
$$\implies N = 2$$

in B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> 10e

$$\implies N = 1$$

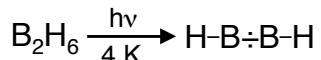
höhere Bindungsordnung  
durch Reduktion

## Elektronische Struktur von E<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>   D<sub>6h</sub>



in  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  10e  $\longrightarrow$  N = 3

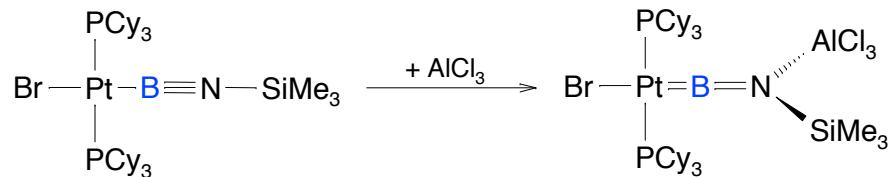
in  $\text{B}_2\text{H}_2$  8e  $\longrightarrow$  N = 2 **und** Tripletgrundzustand  
 $\longrightarrow$  hochreaktiv, instabil



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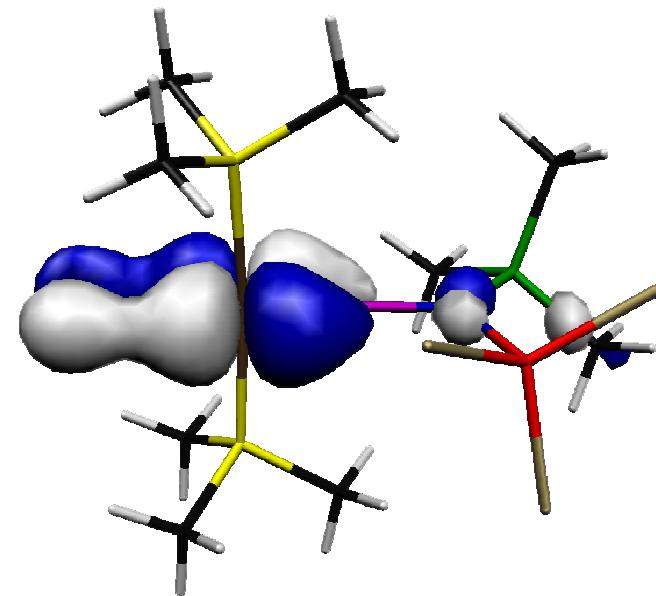
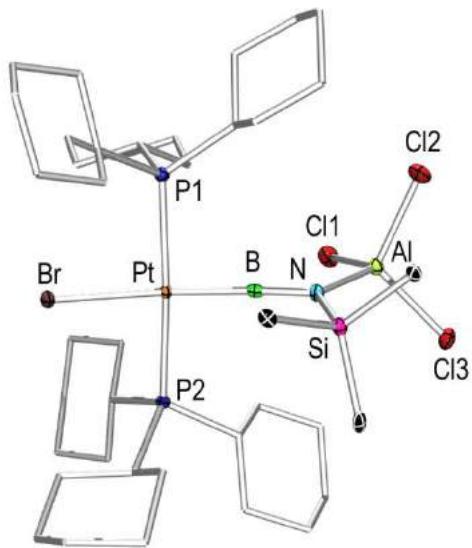
1 durch Photoionisation aus  $\text{B}_2\text{H}_6$  in Edelgasmatics bei 4K  
 Charakterisierung über ESR  $\longrightarrow$  Triplet

# Neutral Platinum Borylenecomplexes

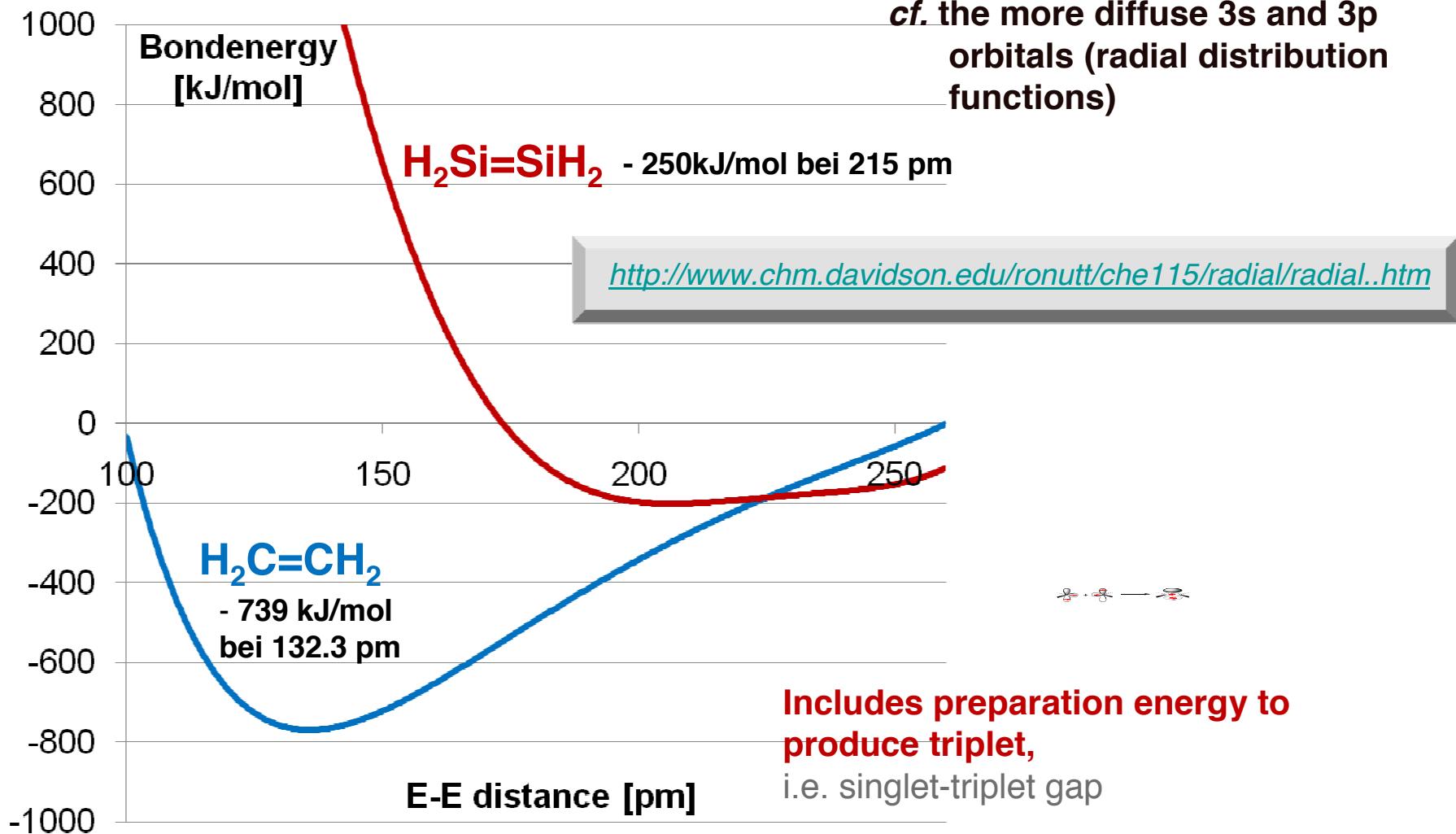


Pt-B = 196.0(3) pm  
Pt-Br = 255.16(4) pm  
B-N = 126.0(4) pm

Pt-B = 190.4(3) pm  
Pt-Br = 252.80(2) pm  
B-N = 133.0(3) pm



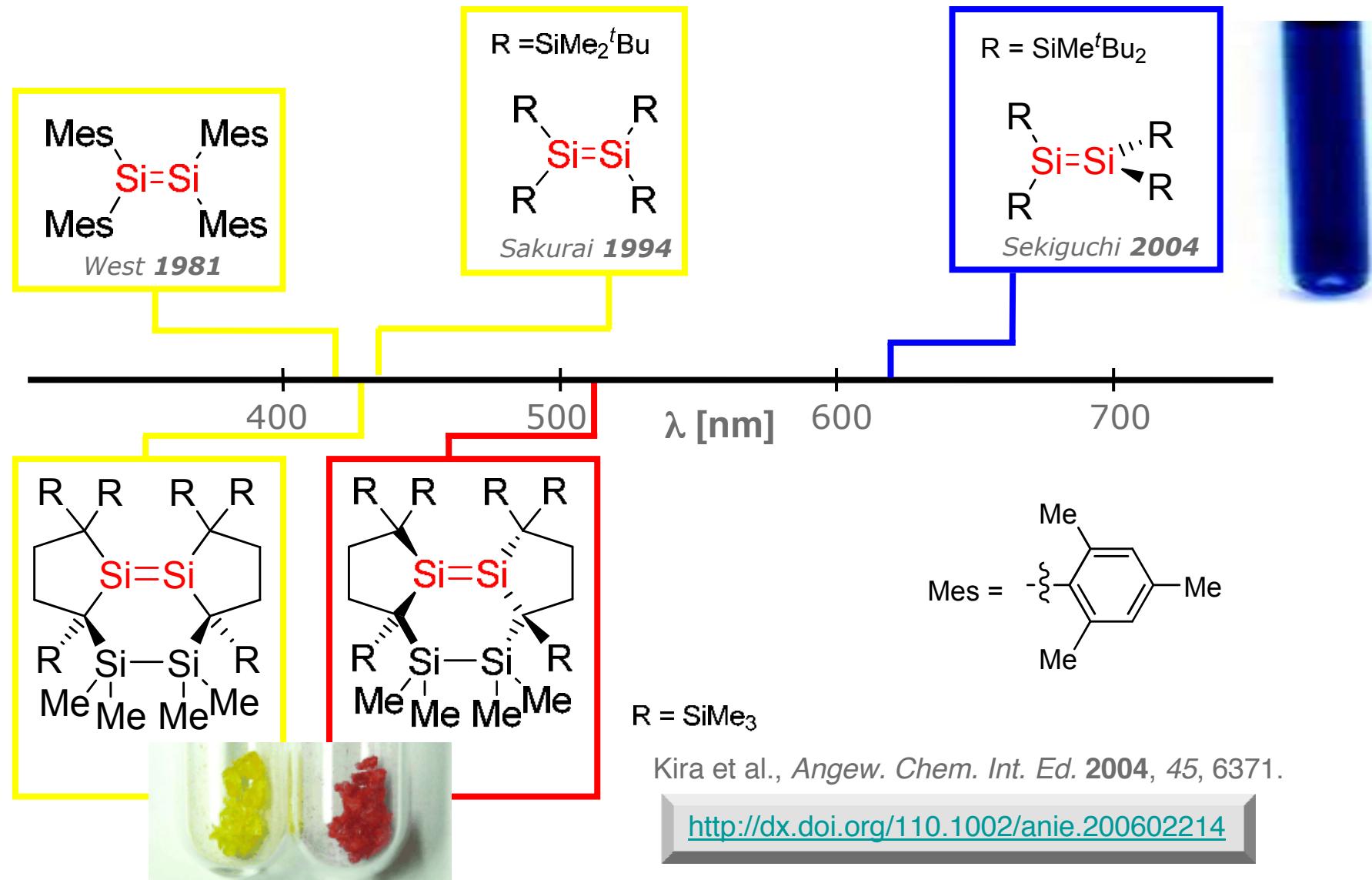
# Potentialenergiefläche $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$ vs. $\text{H}_2\text{Si}=\text{SiH}_2$



Ziegler *et al.*, J. Am. Chem Soc. 1994, 116, 3667.

<http://pubs.acs.org/doi/pdf/10.1021/ja00088a001>

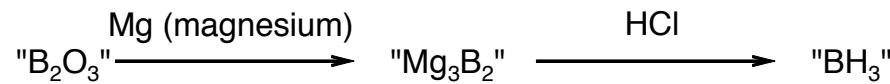
# Farbigkeit von Disilenen



# Boranes - Synthesis

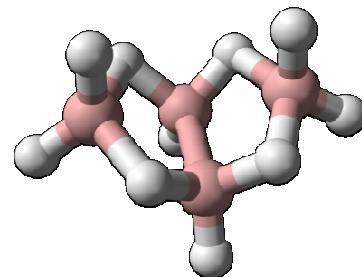
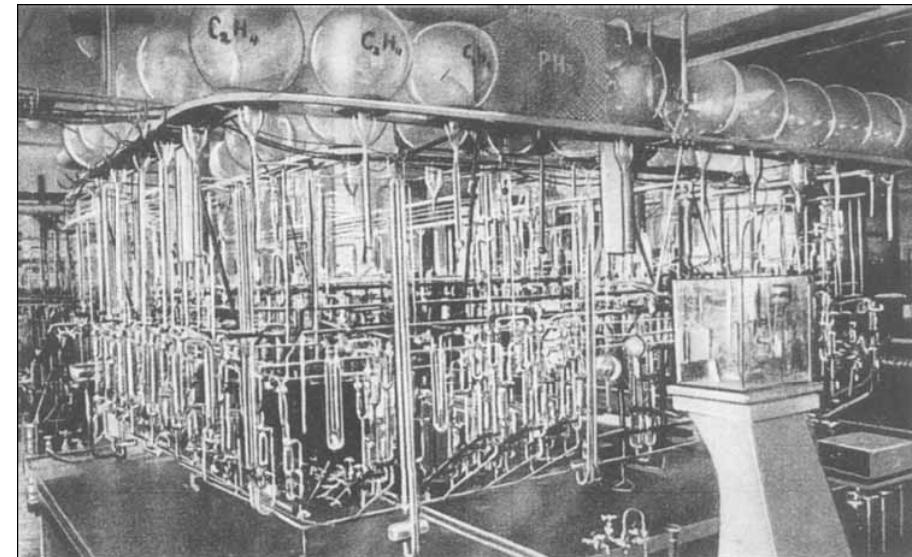
➤ „On a Hydride of Boron“

F. Jones, *J. Chem. Soc.* **1879**, 35, 41.



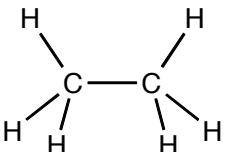
➤ At the turn of the 19th century, hydrides were known for all non-metals, **except boron**.

➤ Pioneering work by Alfred Stock (1876-1946) since 1909



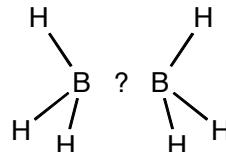
„Borwasserstoffe“  
A. Stock, C. Massenez,  
*Ber. Dtsch. Chem. Ges.* **1912**,  
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# Diborane(6) - Structure and Bonding



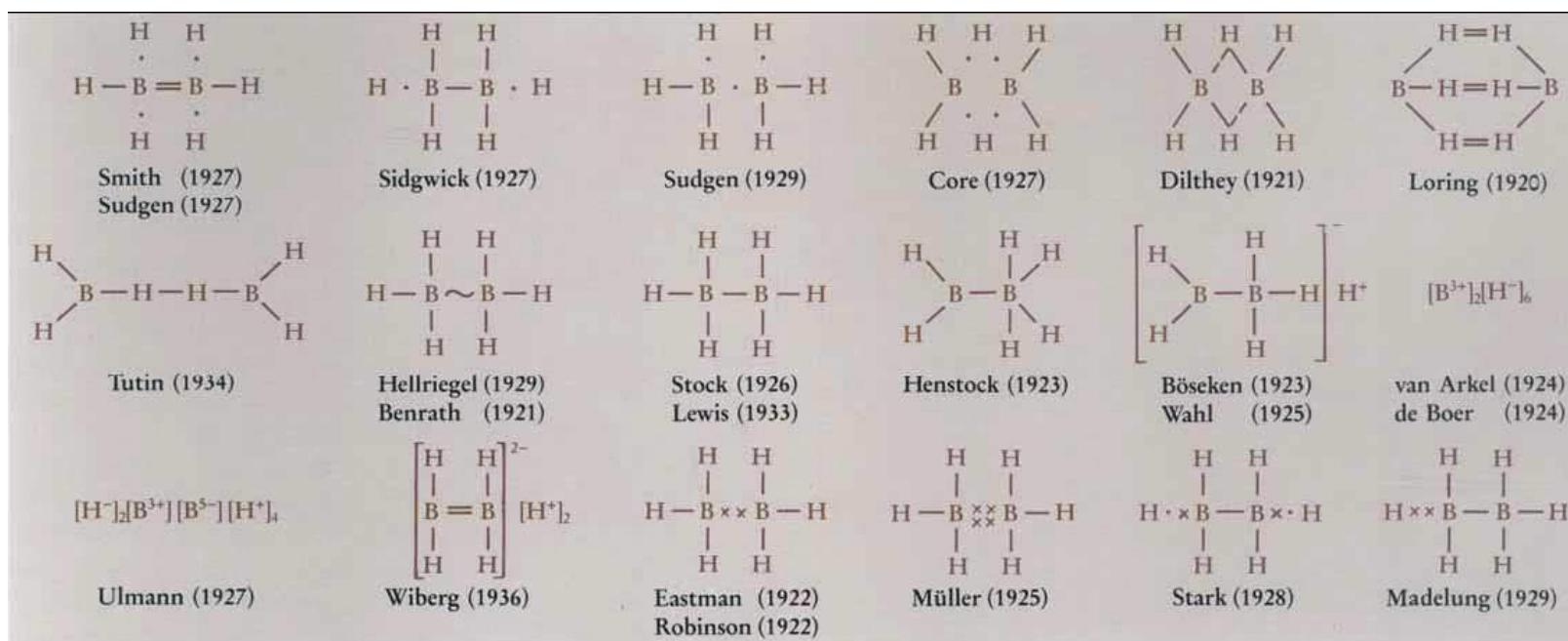
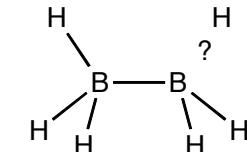
Ethane  $C_2H_6$ :

- 14 electrons in 7 pairs (bonds)
- every carbon atom employs 8 electrons
- classical (electron precise) bonding situation



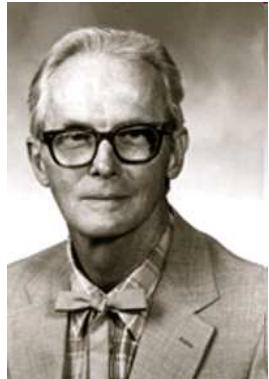
Diborane(6)  $B_2H_6$ :

- 12 electrons
- non-classical (electron deficient) bonding situation

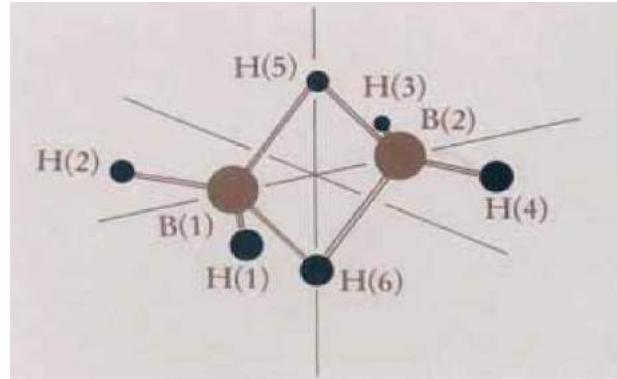


Selected examples attempting to describe the correct constitution and bonding of diborane(6)

# Diborane(6) - Structure and Bonding



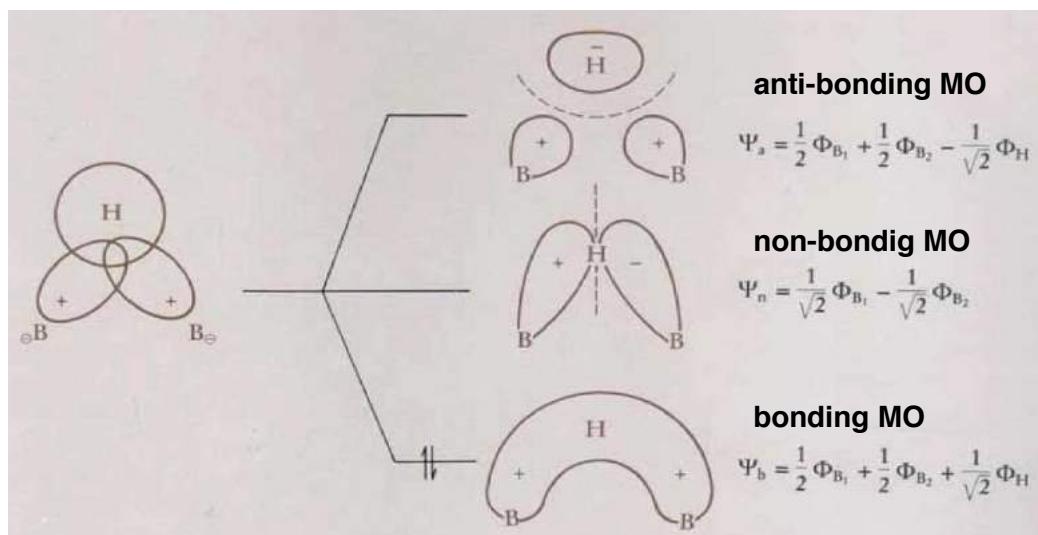
William Lipscomb  
born 1919  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1976



Diborane(6)  $B_2H_6$ :

- structure confirmed by X-ray and electron diffraction
- 4 terminal and 2 bridging hydrogens
- not consistent with a classical bonding description

W. N. Lipscomb: "Boron Hydrides", W. A. Benjamin Inc., New York 1963.



Rationale:

- 2c-2e bonds for terminal hydrogens
- 3c-2e bonds for bridging hydrogens
- electronic structure can not be described by Lewis-formalism or Valence Bond theory
- breakthrough for Molecular Orbital theory

# Higher Boranes - Structure and Bonding



Kenneth Wade, FRS  
born 1932

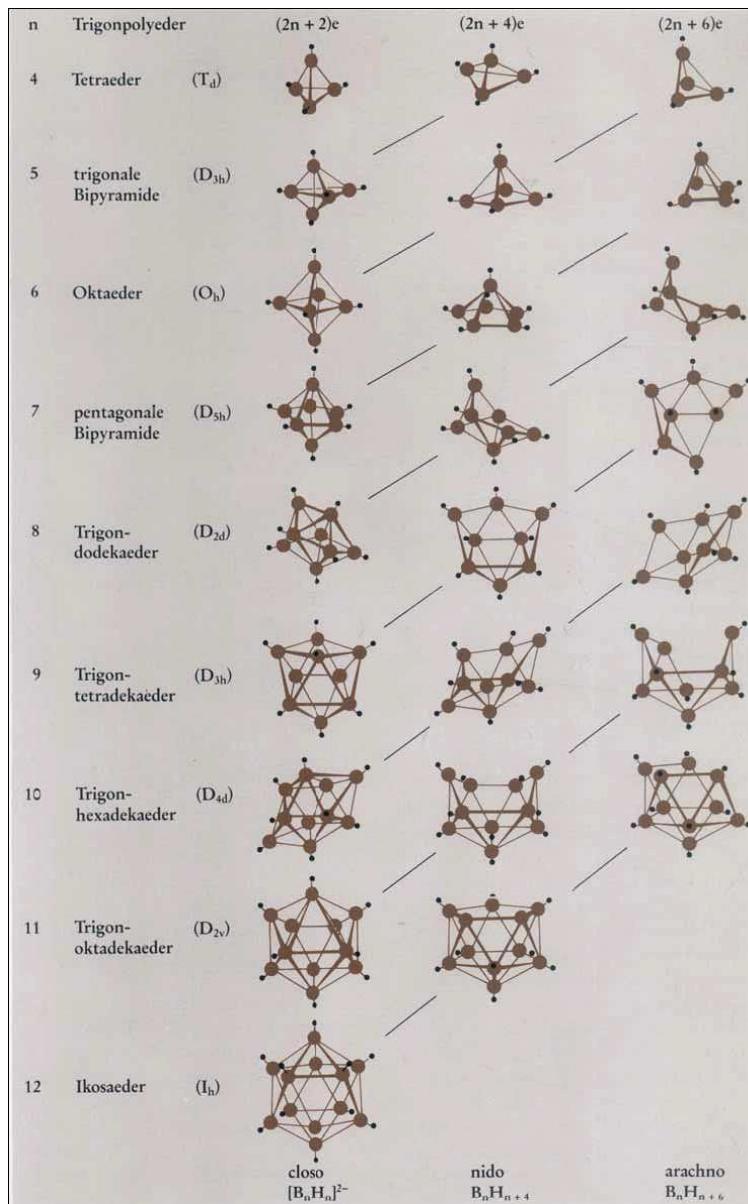
Classification of higher boranes:

- counting scheme (based on MO theory) to predict the cluster geometry from the formula „Wade’s Rules“
- rationale for the structural/electronic relationships between closo-, nido- and arachno-boranes
- applicable to heteroboranes, metallaboranes, boron-free polynuclear species (e.g. Zintl-anions)
- extended to metal clusters „Wade-Mingos-Rules“

K. Wade, *J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.* **1971**, 792.

Examples:

- $B_{12}H_{12}^-$ : 13 electron pairs, 12 vertices  
(n+1) closo
- $B_{11}H_{15}$ : 13 electron pairs, 11 vertices  
(n+2) nido
- $B_{10}H_{16}$ : 13 electron pairs, 10 vertices  
(n+3) arachno

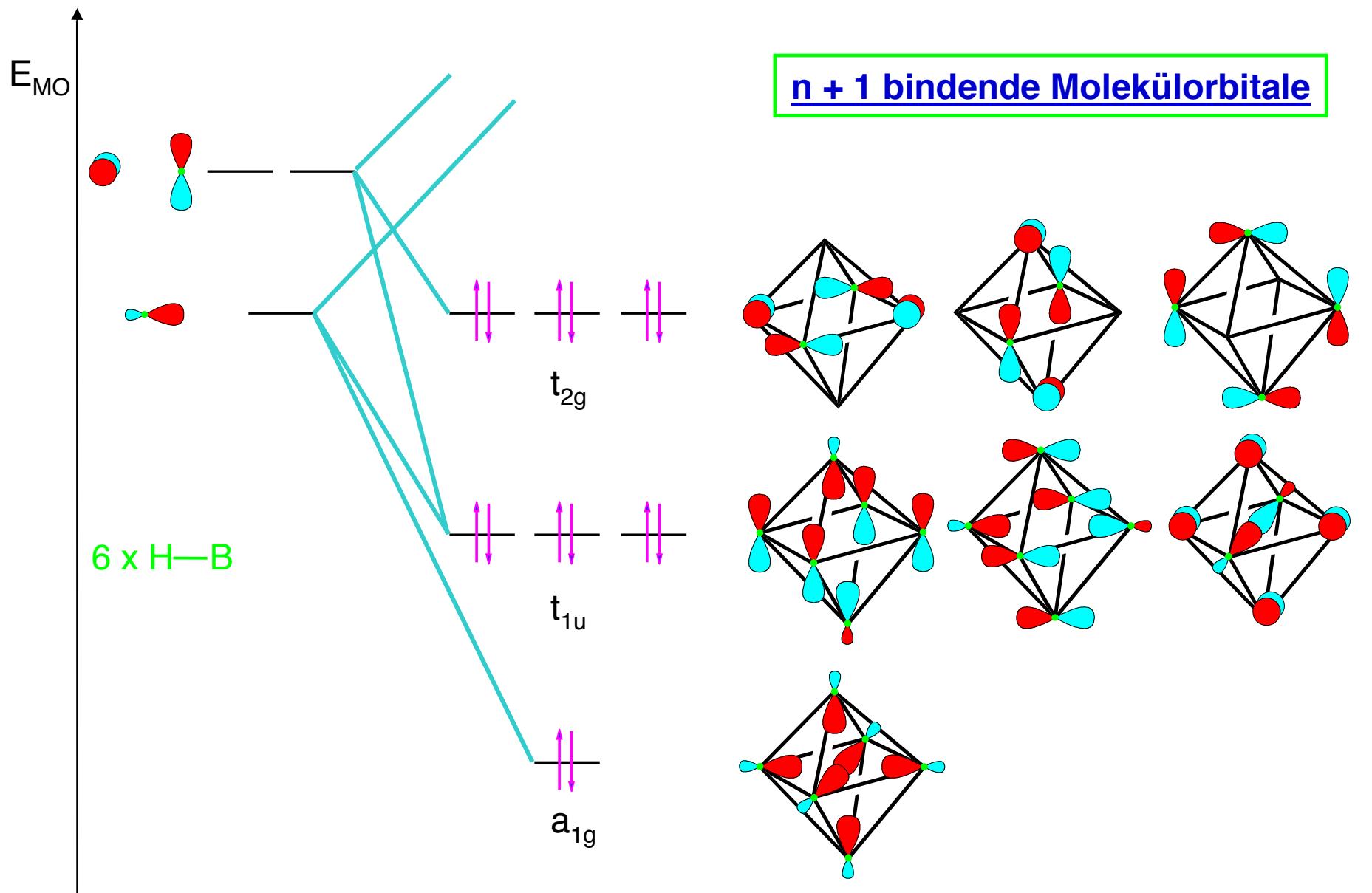


$n$	Trigonpolyeder	$(2n+2)e$	$(2n+4)e$	$(2n+6)e$
4	Tetraeder $(T_d)$			
5	trigonale Bipyramide $(D_{3h})$			
6	Oktaeder $(O_h)$			
7	pentagonale Bipyramide $(D_{5h})$			
8	Trigon- dodekaeder $(D_{2d})$			
9	Trigon- tetraedekader $(D_{3h})$			
10	Trigon- hexadekaeder $(D_{4d})$			
11	Trigon- oktaedekader $(D_{2d})$			
12	Ikosaeder $(I_h)$			

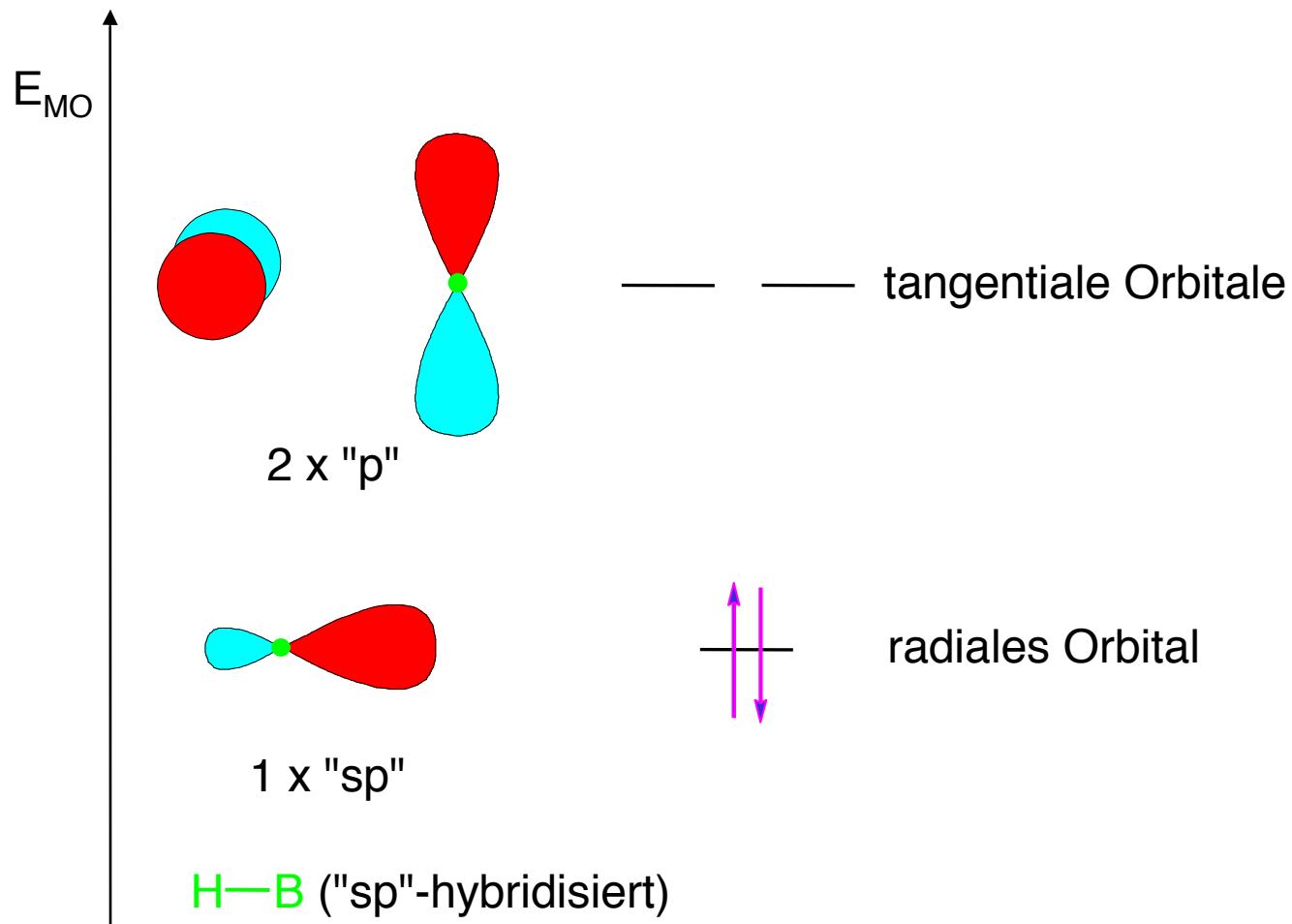
arachno  
 $R_n H_{n+4}$

nido  
 $[B_n H_n]^{2-}$

## Cluster-bindende Orbitale von $[B_6H_6]^{2-}$

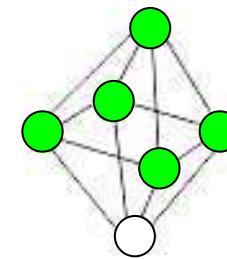
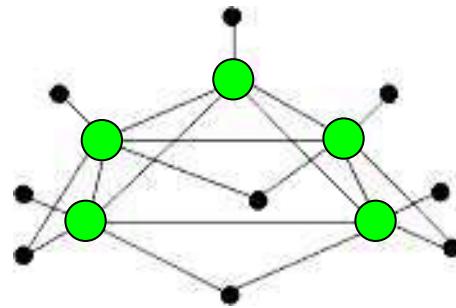


**Für den Clusteraufbau zur Verfügung stehende MO's  
eines B-H Gerüstbausteines**

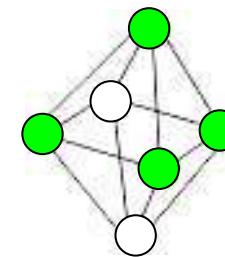
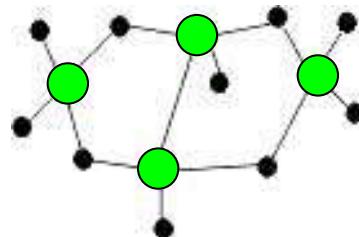


Beispiele:

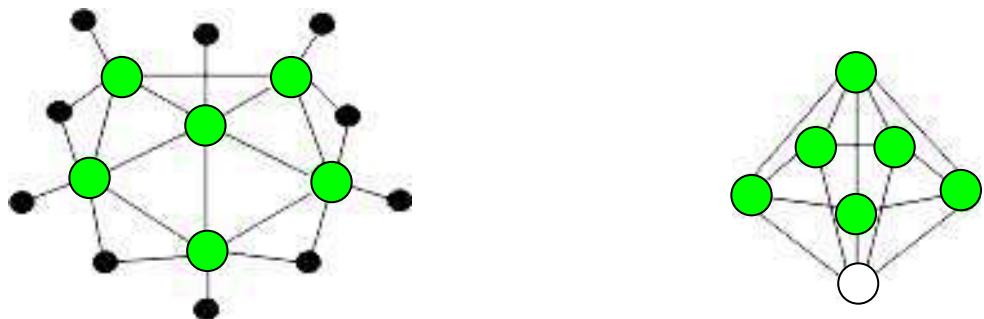
$B_5H_9$     nido-Pentaboran(9)



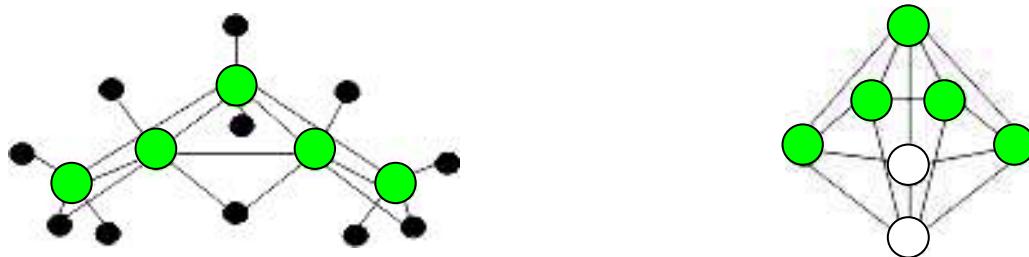
$B_4H_{10}$     arachno-Tetraboran(10)

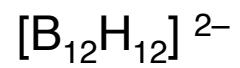


$B_6H_{10}$  nido-Hexaboran(10)

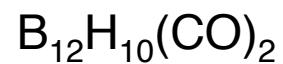
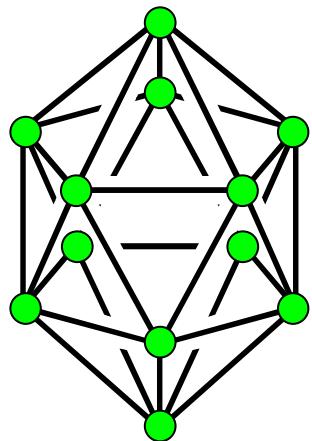


$B_5H_{11}$  arachno-Pentaboran(11)

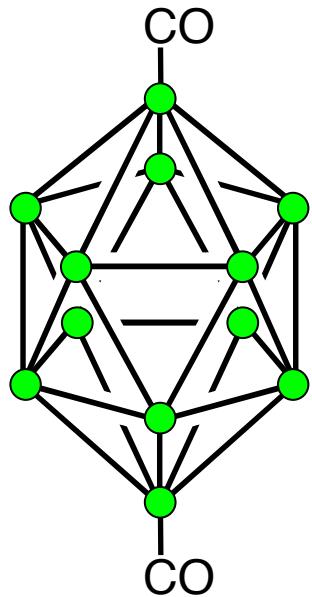




closo -Dodekahydrododekaborat(2-)



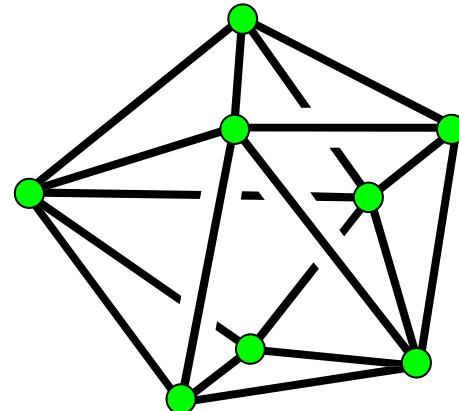
closo -1,12-Dicarbonyldodekaboran(10)



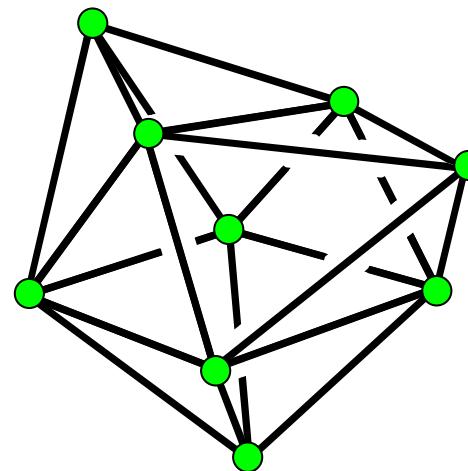
## Borsubhalogenide $B_nX_n$ ( $X = \text{Hal}$ , $n = 6, 8 - 12$ )

Beispiele:

$B_8Cl_8$     hypercloso - Octachlorooctaboran(8)



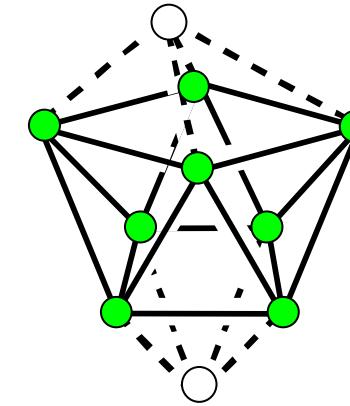
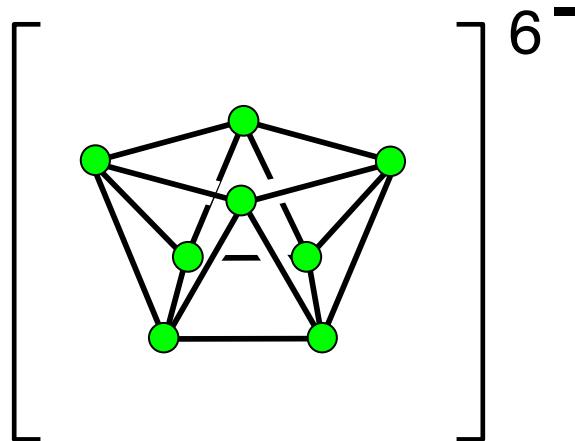
$B_9Cl_9$     hypercloso - Nonachlorononaboran(9)



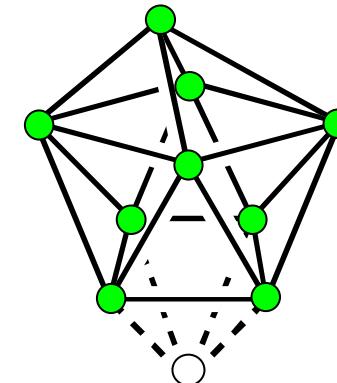
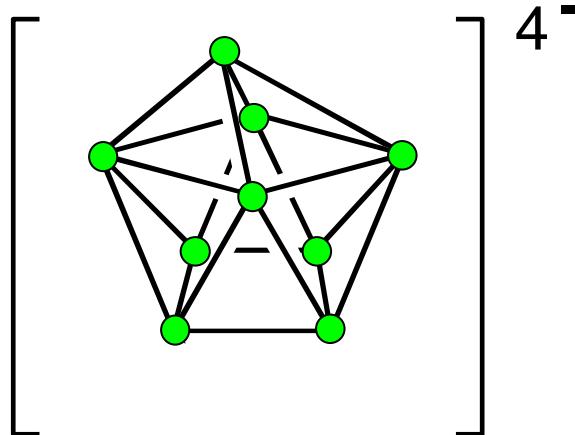
Derartige hypercloso-Cluster besitzen closo-Strukturen.

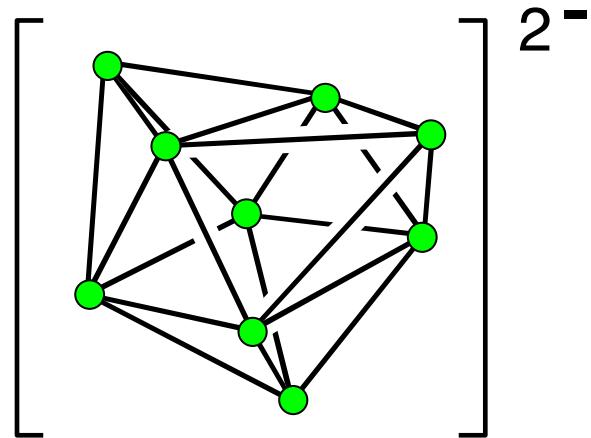
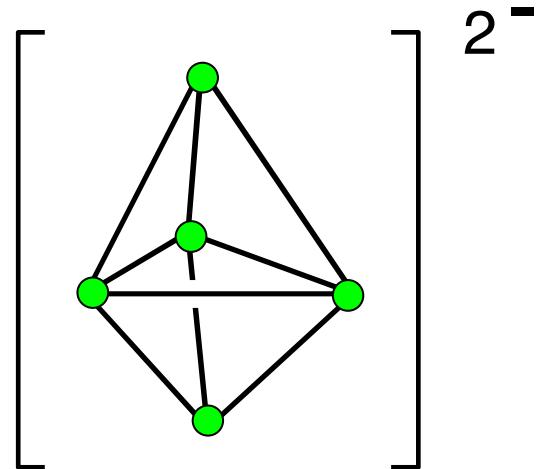
Zintl-Ionen:

$[Sn_8]^{6-}$  Clustertyp? arachno



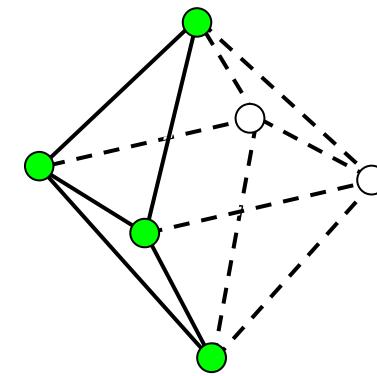
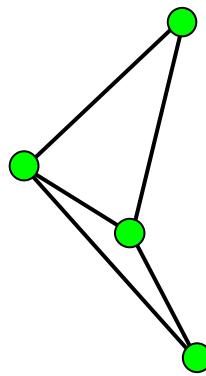
$[Sn_9]^{4-}$  Clustertyp? nido

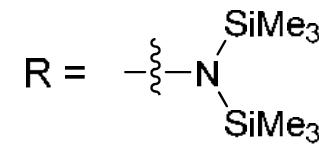


$[Ge_9]^{2-}$ Clustertyp? **closo** $[Pb_5]^{2-}$ Clustertyp? **closo**

$[\text{Si}_4]^{6-}$  (in  $\text{Ba}_3\text{Si}_4$ )

Clustertyp? **arachno**





$Al_{69}R_{18}^{3-}$  und  $Al_{77}R_{20}^{2-}$  aus  $AlX$  und  $LiN(SiMe_3)_2$  ( $60^{\circ}C$ )

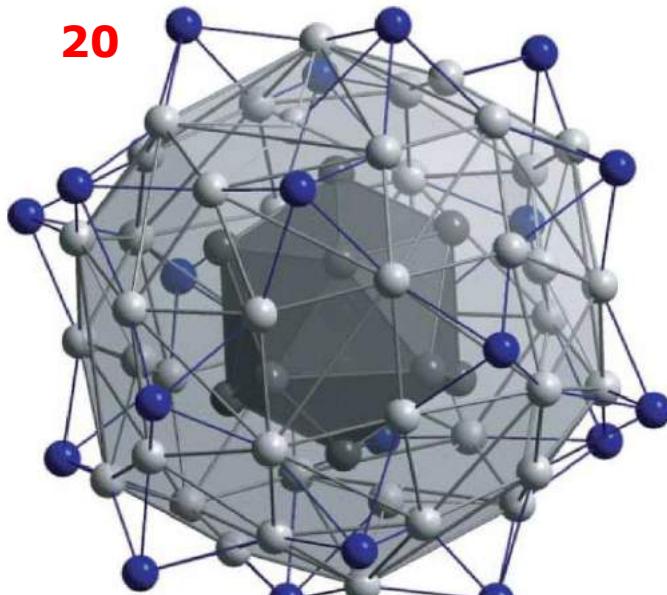
aus Aluminium(I)chlorid

outer shell  
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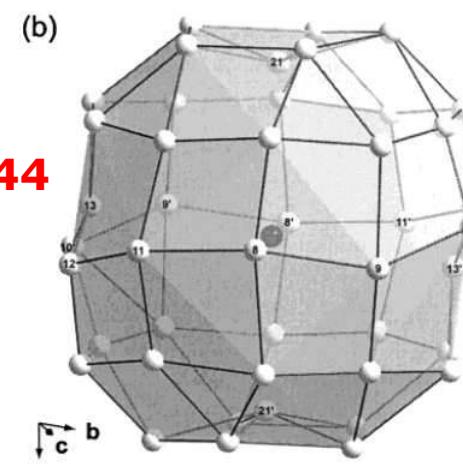
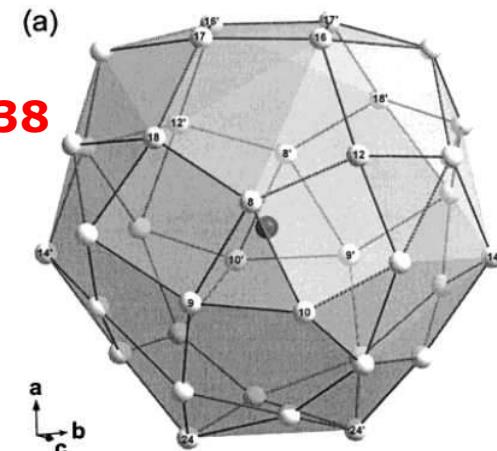
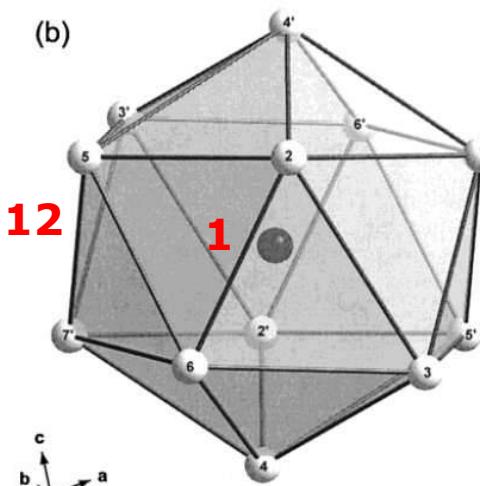
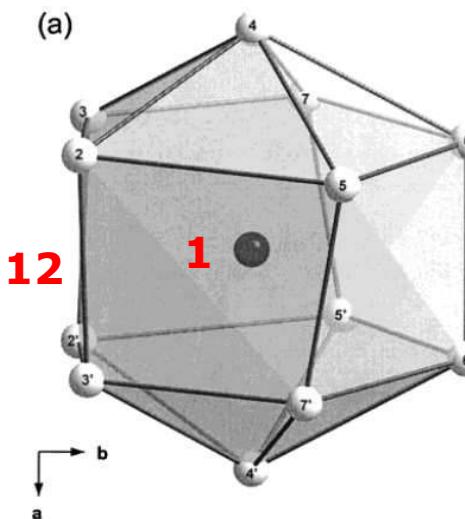
$Al_{69}R_{18}^{3-}$

aus Aluminium(I)iodid

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$Al_{77}R_{20}^{2-}$

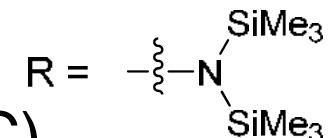


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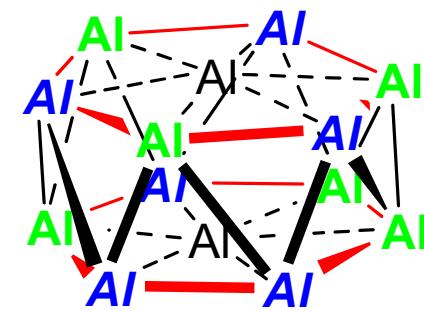
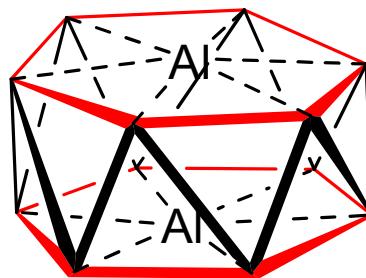
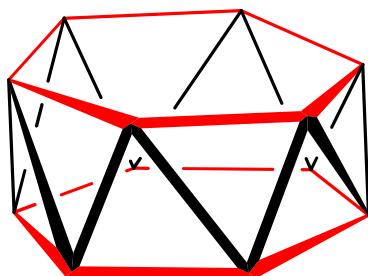
$$Ox = (18-3)/69 = 0.217$$

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$$Ox = (20-2)/77 = 0.234$$



### Paddle wheel structure



$$\text{Ox} = (12-2)/14 = 0.714$$

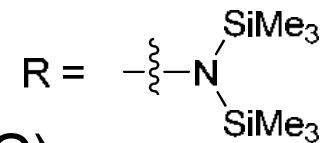
$\text{Al}$  = bare aluminium

$\text{AI}$  = iodide-bearing

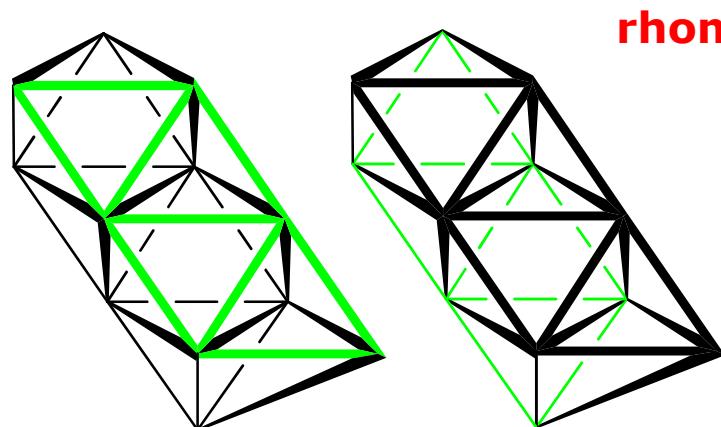
$\text{AI}$  = amide-bearing

Schnöckel *et al.*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2000**, *39*, 799.

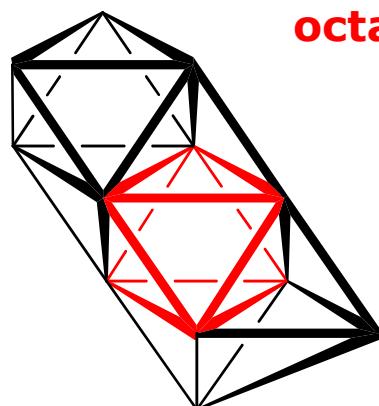
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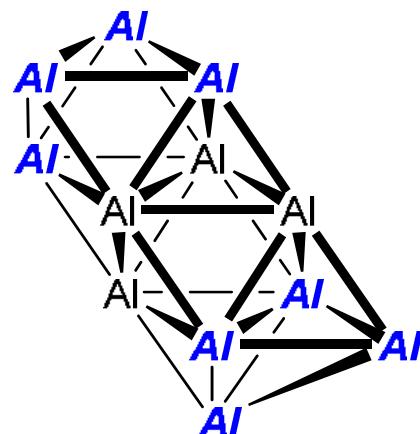
$\text{Al}_{12}\text{R}_8^-$  aus  $\text{AlCl}$  und  $\text{LiN}(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2$  ( $25^\circ\text{C}$ )



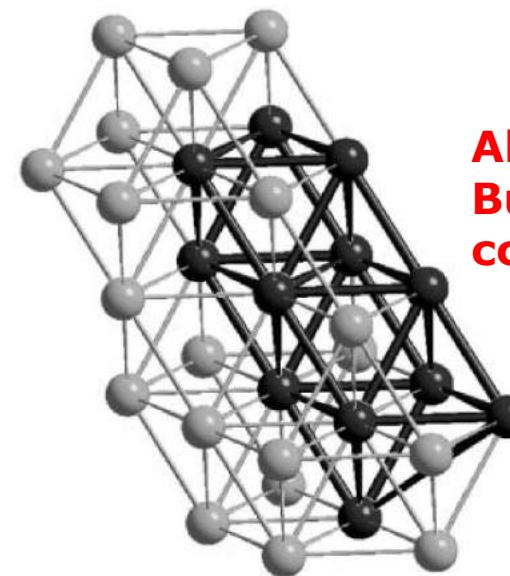
rhomboids



octahedra



$\text{AI}$     $\text{AI}$   
 $\text{AI}$     $\text{AI}$   
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 $\text{AI}$     $\text{AI}$   
 $\text{AI}$



Aluminium  
Bulk  
ccp

$$\text{Ox} = (8-1)/12 = 0.583$$

$\text{Al}$  = bare aluminium  
 $\text{AI}$  = amide-bearing

Voraussetzung für hohen Umsatz ist die exakte Stöchiometrie (1:1) der Reaktanden, d.h. Edukte müssen möglichst rein vorliegen.

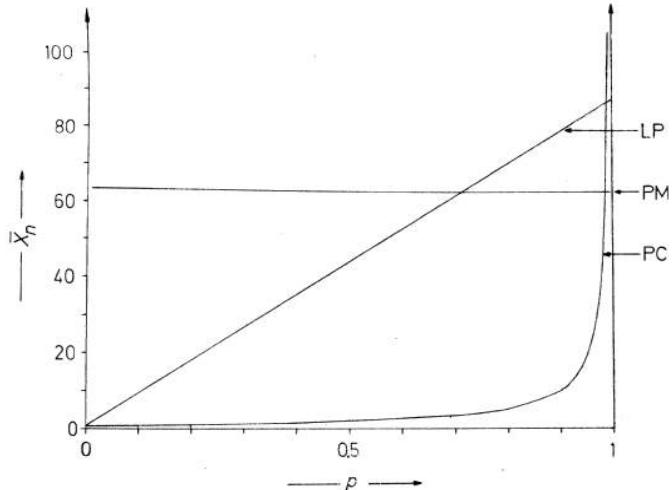


Abb. 15-1: Änderung des Zahlenmittels des Polymerisationsgrades mit dem Umsatz bei lebenden Polymerisationen (LP), Polymerisationen mit monofunktionellem Abbruch (PM) und Polykondensierungen (PC). Die Lagen der Geraden bei LP und PM hängen noch vom Monomer/Initiator-Verhältnis ab.

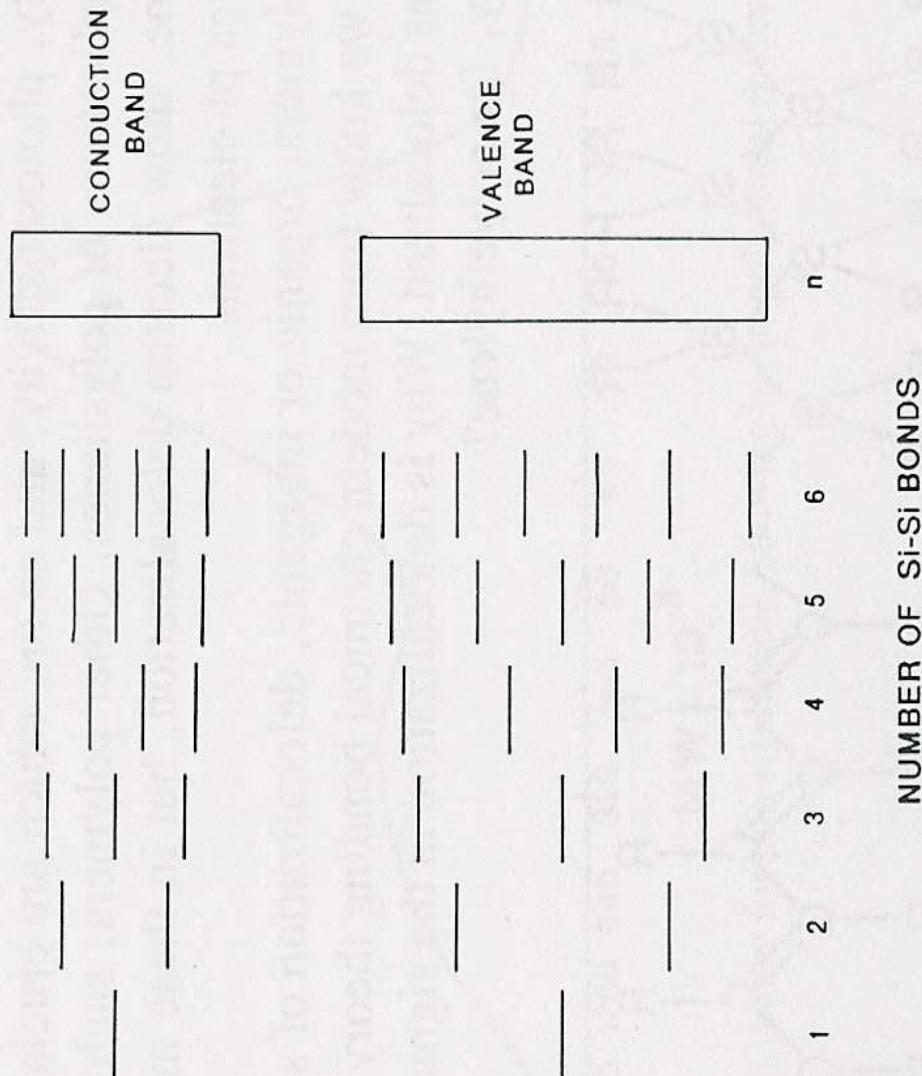
#### STEP-GROWTH SYNTHESSES

TABLE 2.2 Average Degree of Polymerization as a Function of Extent of Reaction and Reactant Ratios in Step-Growth Reactions<sup>a</sup>.

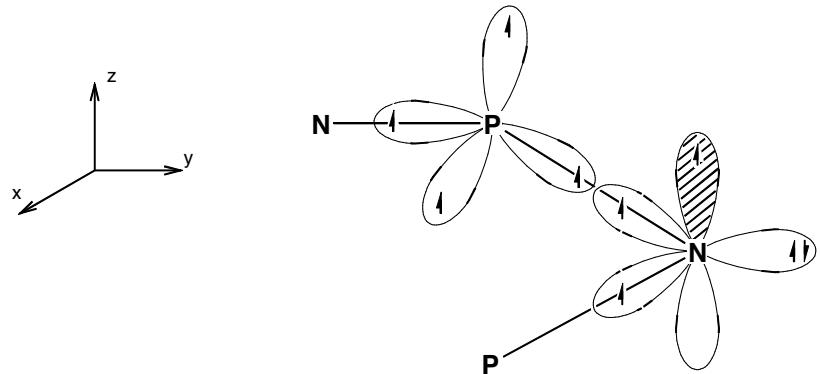
Extent of Reaction	Reactant Ratios			
	Exactly 1.00:1.00	1.01:1.00	1.02:1.00	1.05:1.00
99.9 %	1000	168	92	39
99.	100			
98.	50	40	34	23
97.	33			
96.	25			
95.	20			14
90.	10	<10	9	8

<sup>a</sup>These values are based on the formula  $DP = (N_M + N_R)/(N_M + N_R - 2r)$  where  $N_M$  and  $N_R$  are the moles of the two components M and R,  $r$  is the extent of reaction, and DP is the average degree of polymerization.

Polykondensierungen beruhen auf der Reaktion bifunktioneller Moleküle; funktionalisierte anorganische/metallorganische Spezies sind i.A. wesentlich reaktiver als organische und kaum in ausreichender Reinheit für hohe Umsätze bei Polykondensierungen darstellbar.



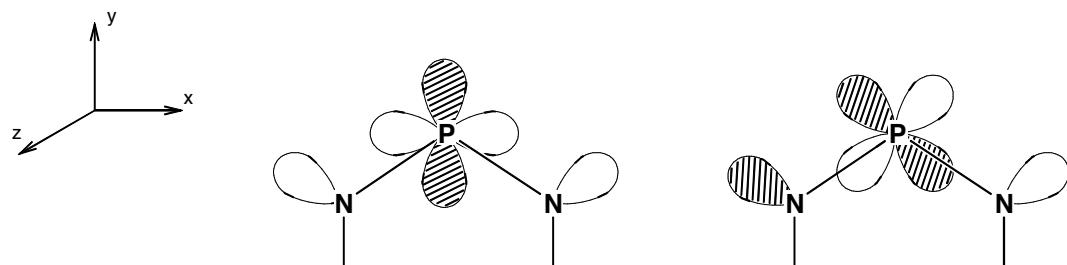
**Figure 5.8** Schematic diagram showing splitting of filled and unfilled energy levels for a polysilane as the length of the chain increases, leading to formation of a valence band and a conduction band.



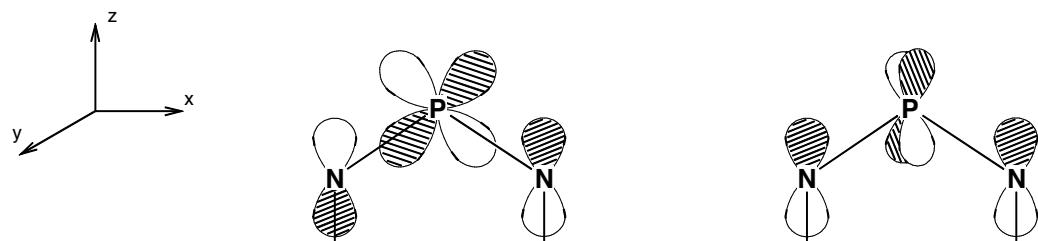
hybridisation at N ( $sp^2$ ) and P ( $sp^3$ ) showing a lp on N

Erklärung der Bindungsverhältnisse unter Beteiligung von d-Orbitalen am Phosphor (sog.  $\pi'$ -Bindung wg. Knotenebene am P und Unterbrechung der Delokalisation)

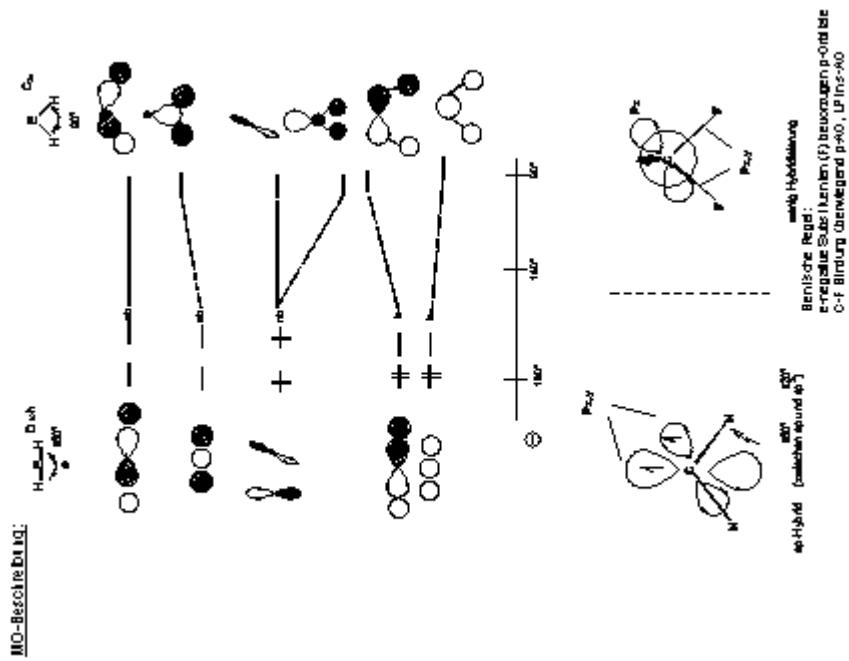
**trifft nicht zu.**



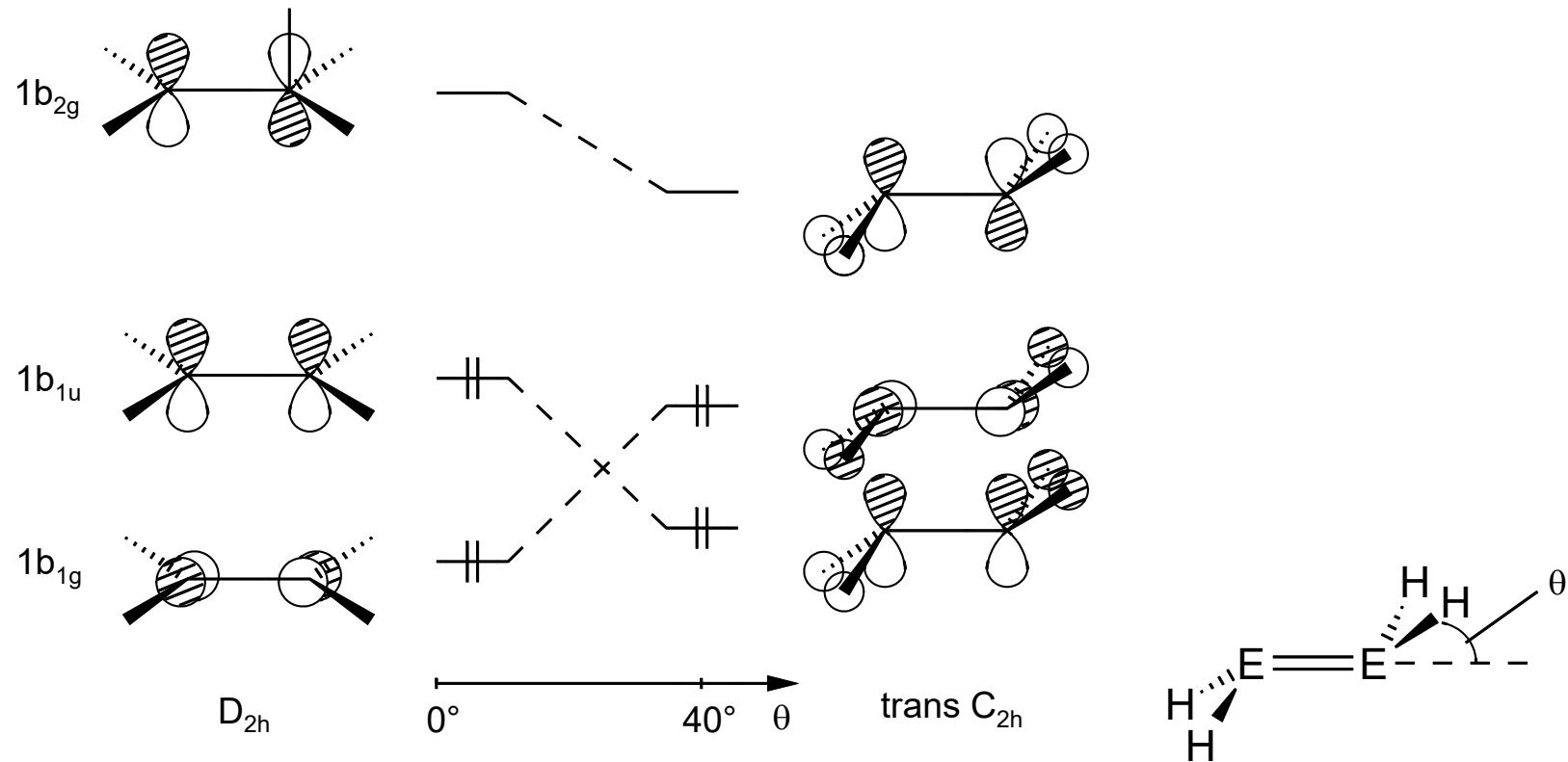
$\pi'$  interactions in the ring plane between lp on N and d-AO's on adjacent P



$\pi$  interactions between  $p_z$  AO on N and d-AO's on adjacent P

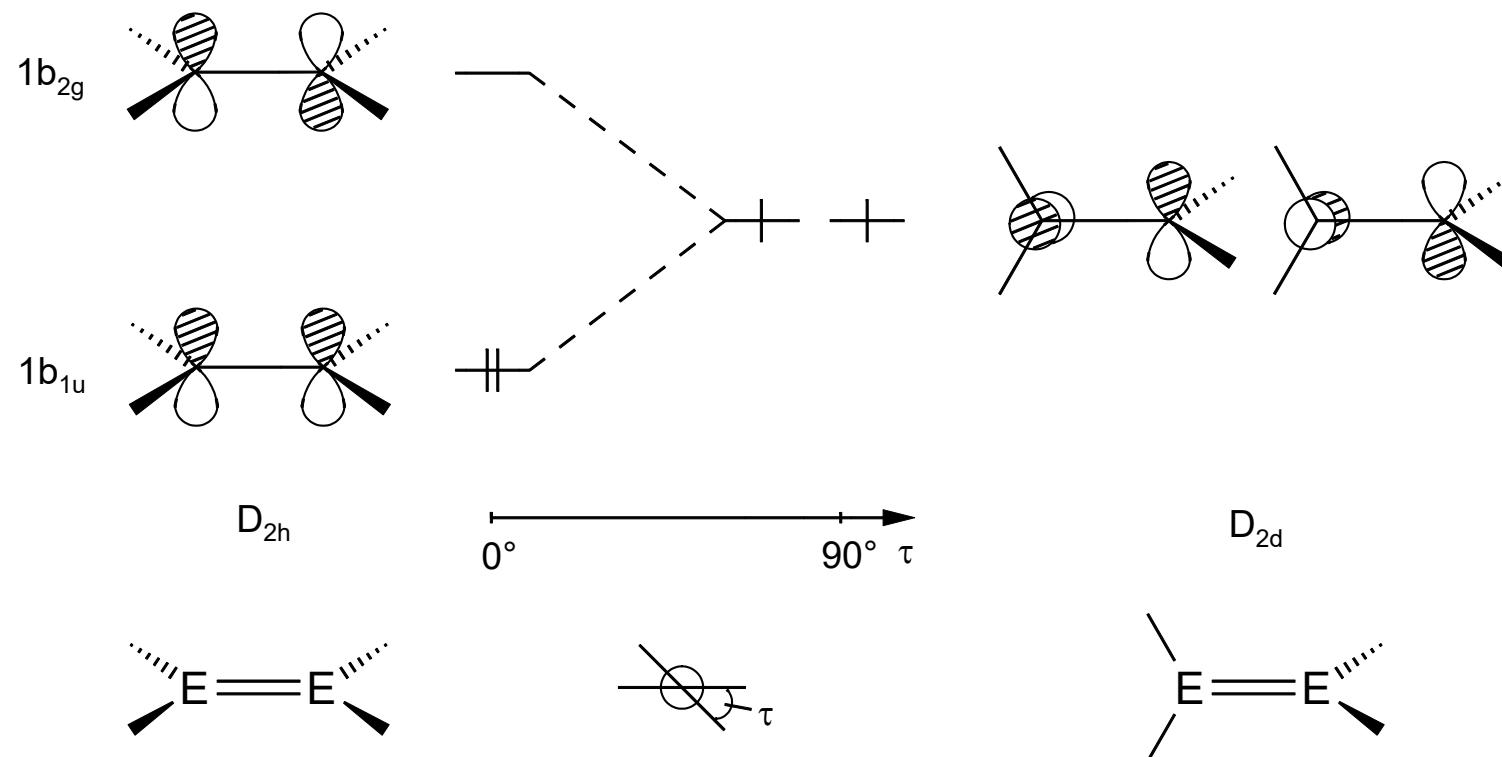


**Korrelationsdiagramm für  $D_{2h} \rightarrow C_{2h}$  (trans-bent) (Orbitale um 90° gedreht)**



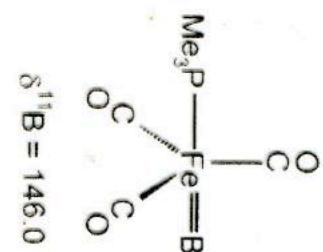
HOMO-LUMO Gap wird kleiner und hängt vom Winkel  $\theta$  ab

**Korrelationsdiagramm für  $D_{2h} \rightarrow D_{2d}$  (twisted) (Orbitale um 90° gedreht)**

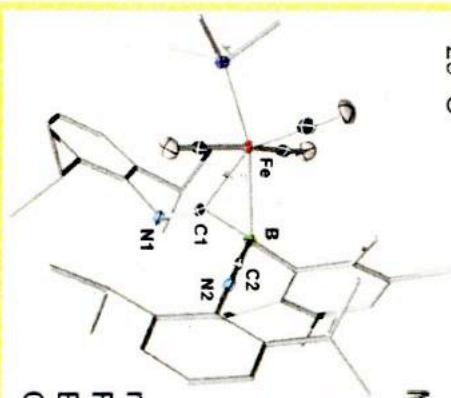


HOMO-LUMO Gap wird kleiner und hängt vom Winkel  $\tau$  ab; für  $\tau = 90^\circ$  entartete Orbitale m. Triplet-Zustand.

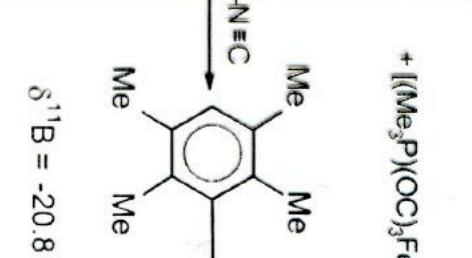
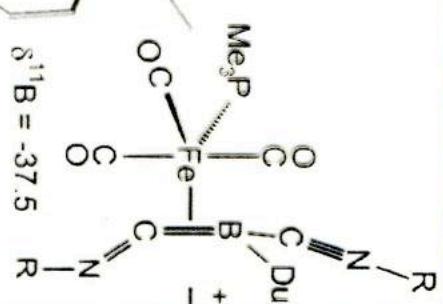
# Borylene Bisisonitrile Adducts: Formation and Reactivity



+ 2 R-N≡C  
25 °C

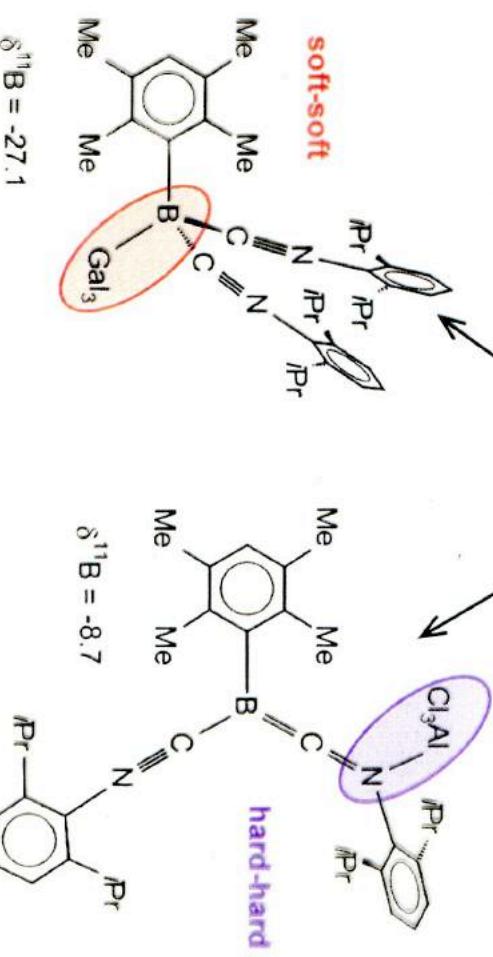
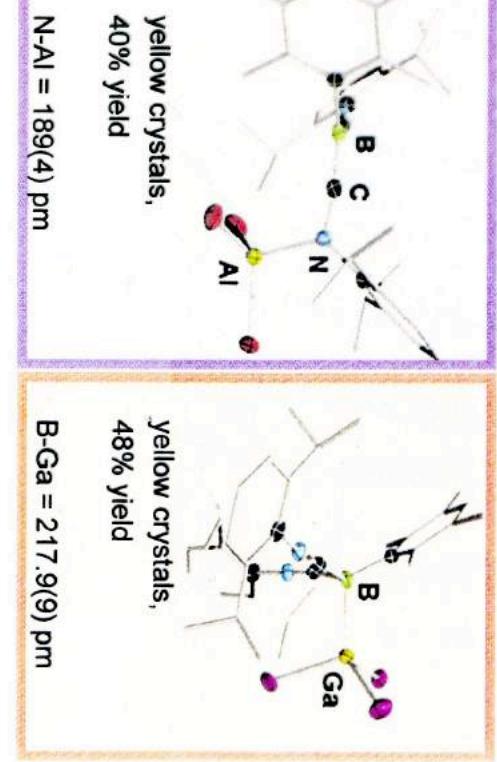


red crystals, 73% yield  
 $\text{Fe-B} = 226.5(3)$   
 $\text{B-C1} = 154.6(4)$ ,  
 $\text{C1-N1} = 124.7(3)$  pm



+  $\text{Gal}_3$

+  $\text{AlCl}_3$



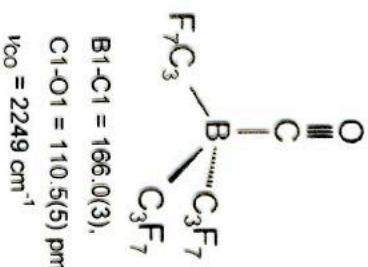
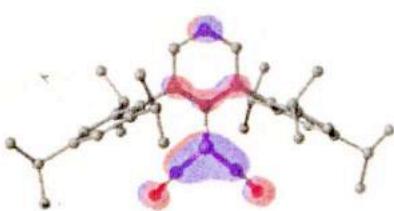
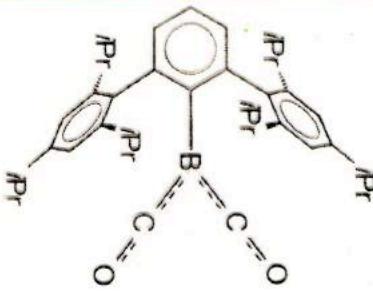
N-Al = 189(4) pm

yellow crystals,  
40% yield

yellow crystals,  
48% yield

# Borylene CO and R-N≡C Adducts: Metal-like Properties

synergistic, metal-like B-CO  $\sigma$ -/ $\pi$ -bond

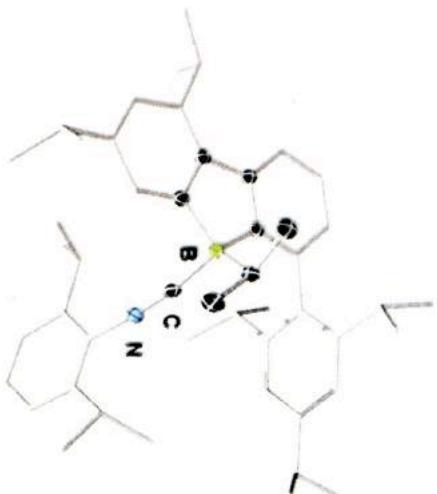
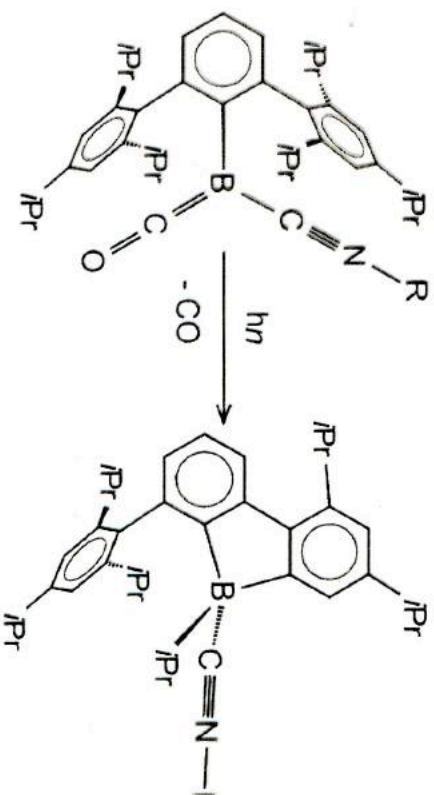


B1-C1 = 166.0(3),  
C1-O1 = 110.5(5) pm  
 $\nu_{CO} = 2249 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

B1-C1 = 147.5(3),  
C1-O1 = 115.2(2) pm  
 $\nu_{CO} = 1942, 2060 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

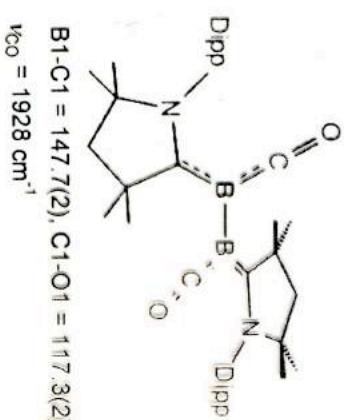
HOMO @ B3LYP/6-311G\*  
Nature 2015, 522, 327.

photolytic CO-release and C-C-bond activation



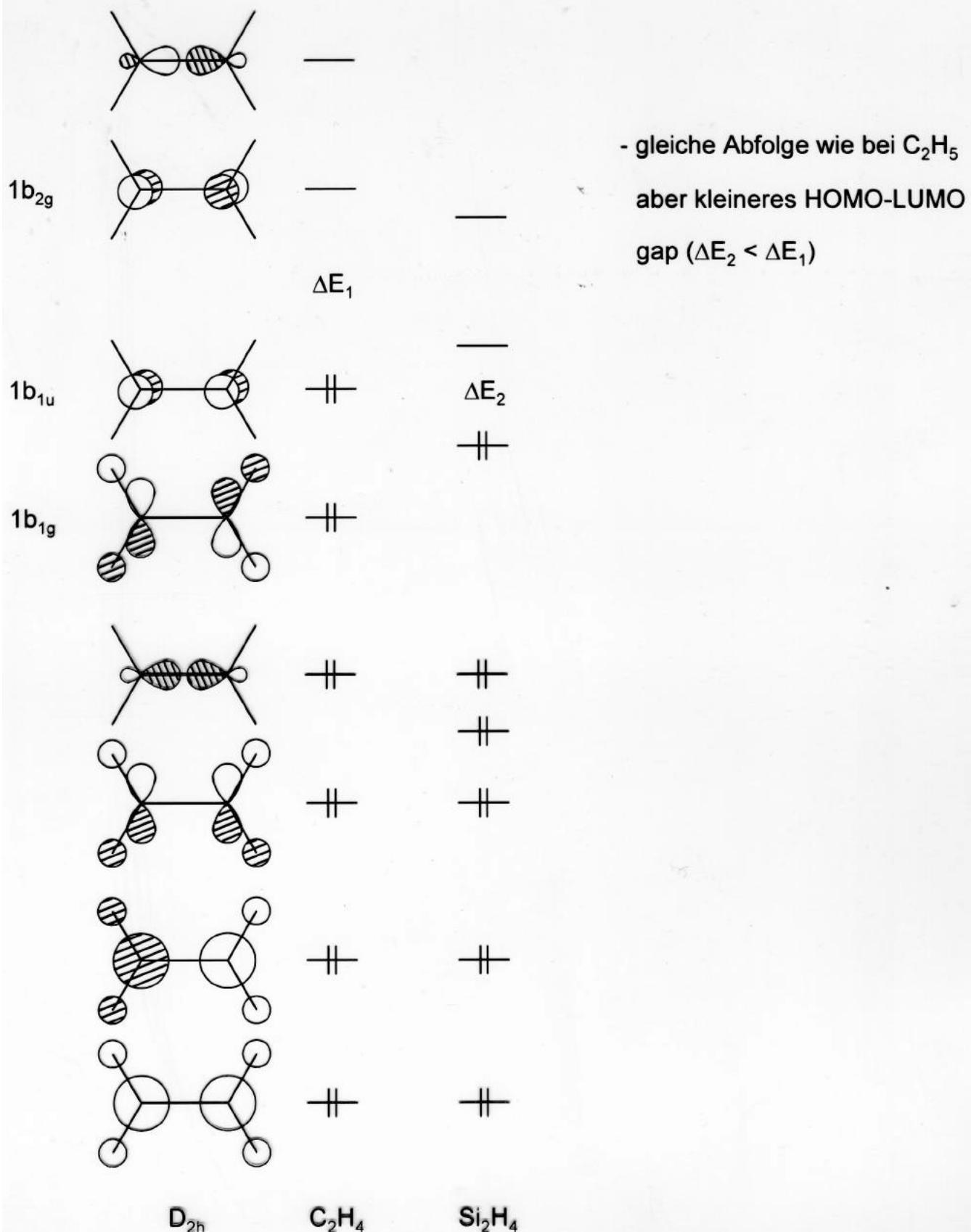
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bis-boraketene

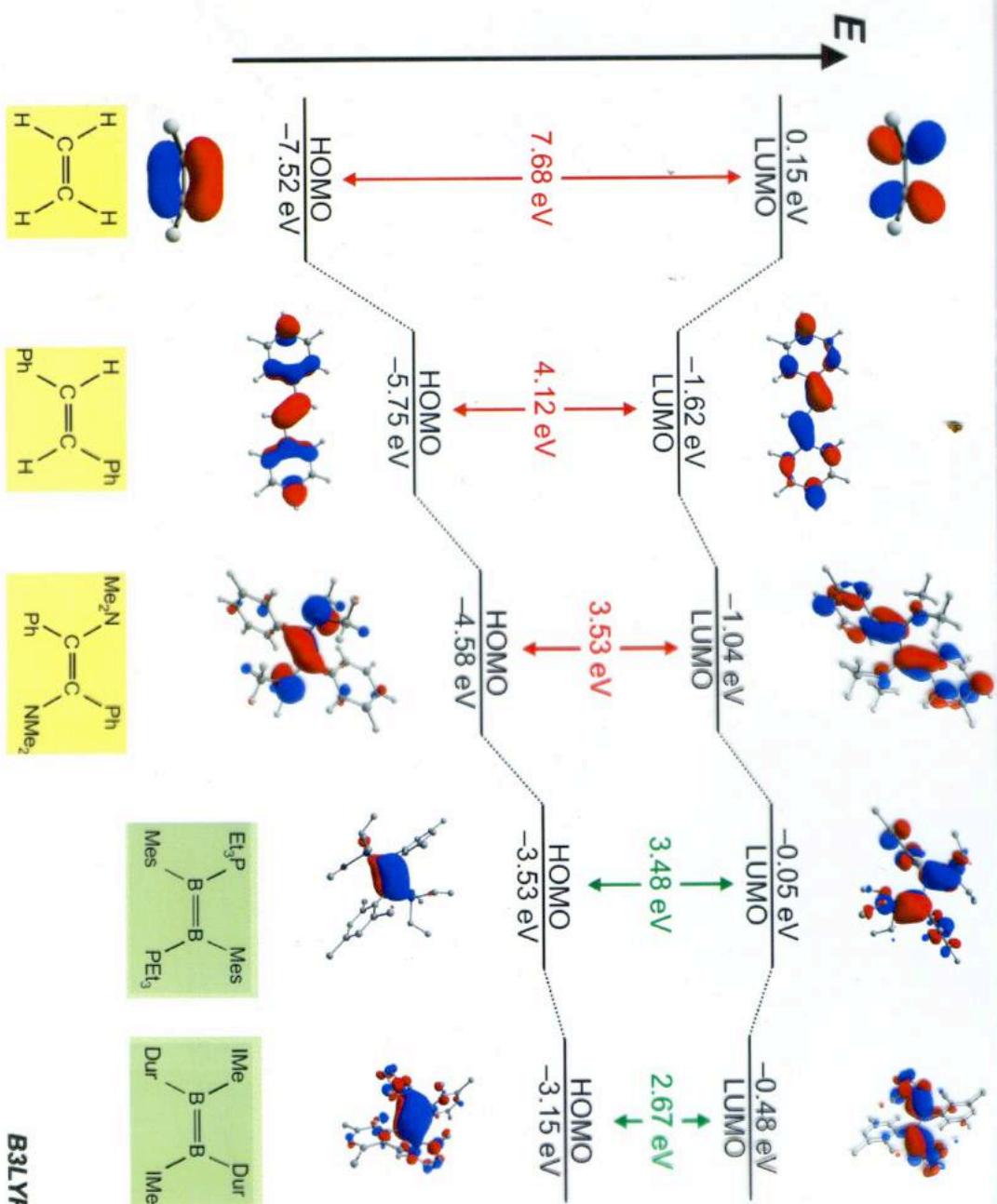


B1-C1 = 147.7(2), C1-O1 = 117.3(2) pm  
 $\nu_{CO} = 1928 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

**Beschreibung über MO; JACS, 1994, 116, 3667.**

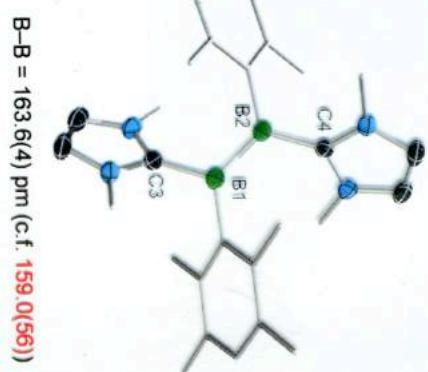
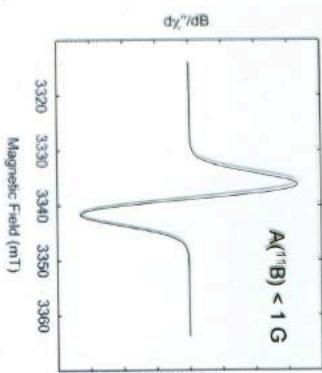
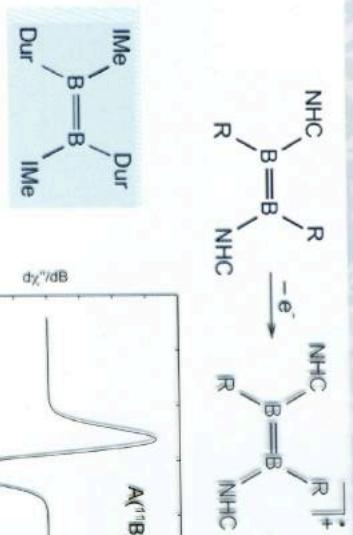
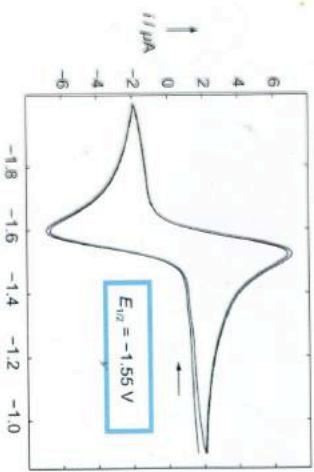


# Diborenes: Electronic Properties

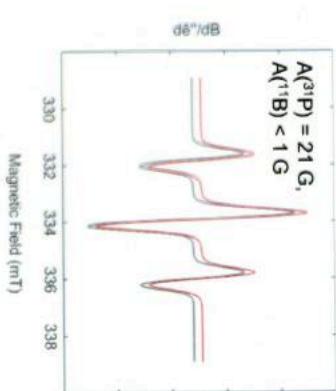
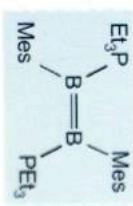
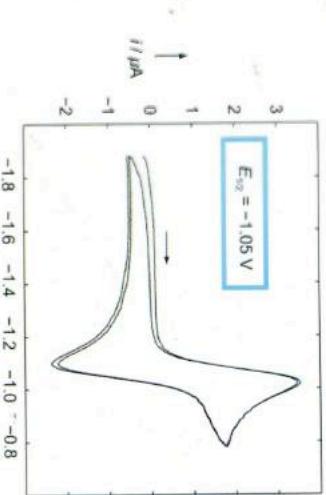


B3LYP/6-311G\*

# Diborenes: 83 Years of Progress



B-B = 163.6(4) pm (c.f. 159.0(56))

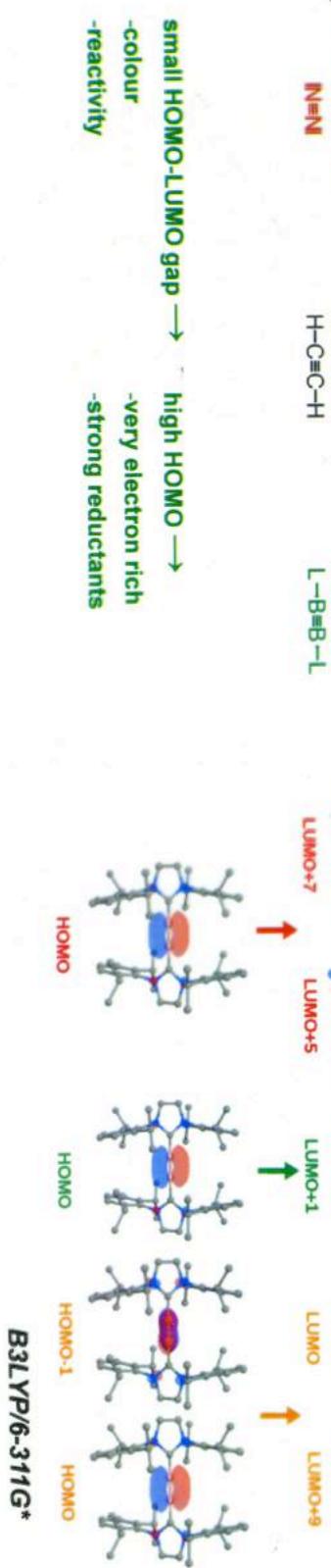
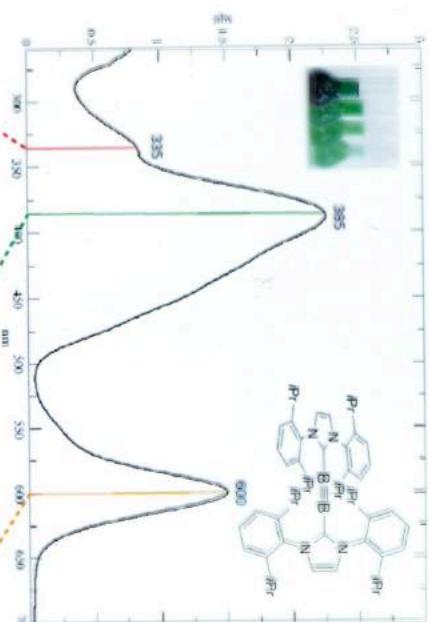
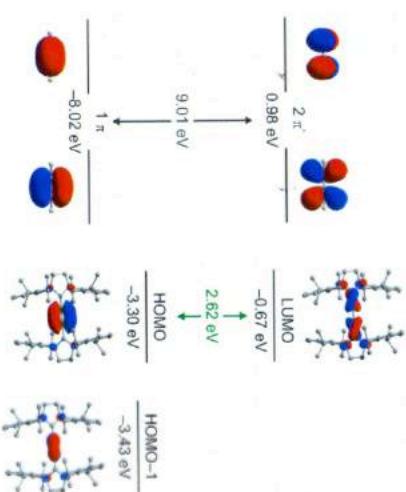
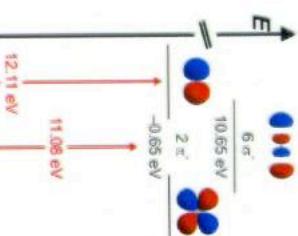


B-B = 163.1(6) pm (c.f. 157.9(3))

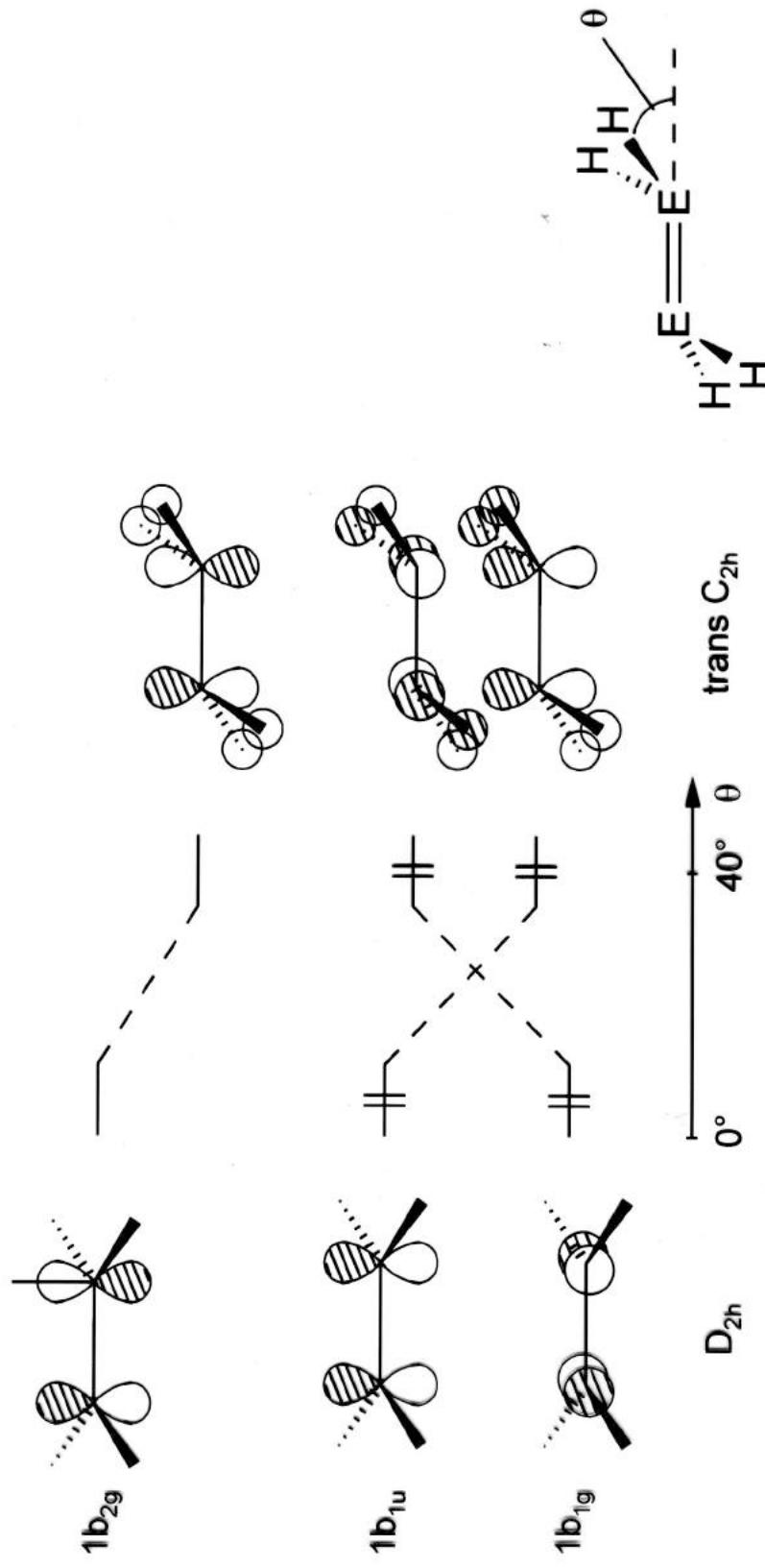
# Diborynes: Electronic Properties

**Diborynes  $\text{NHC}-\text{B}\equiv\text{B}-\text{NHC}$ :**

- highly reactive
- strong chromophores
- strong reductants!!



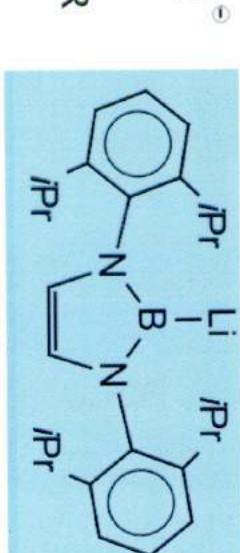
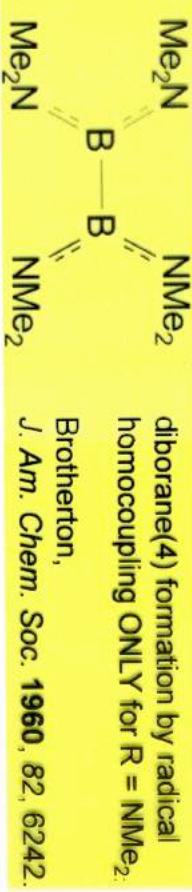
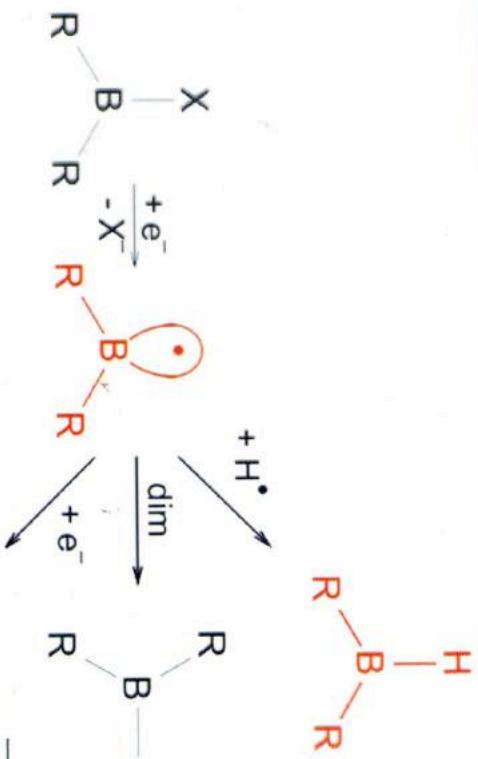
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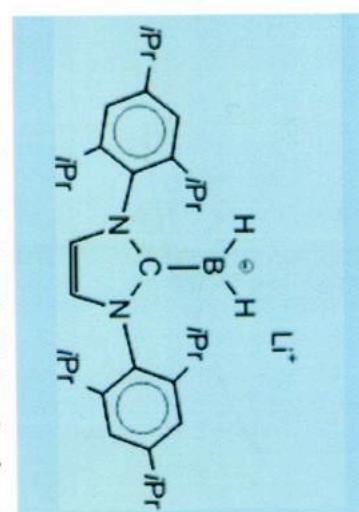
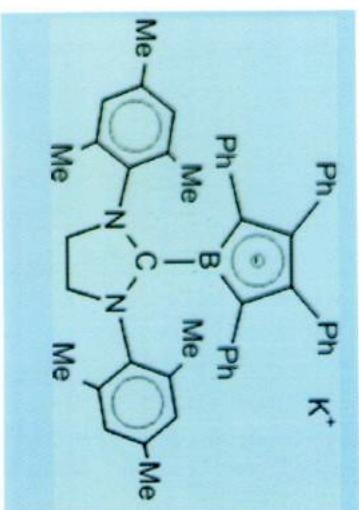
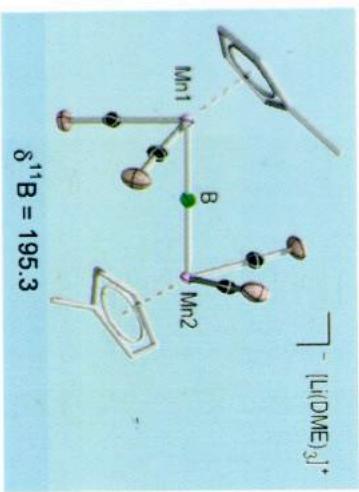
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# Reduction of Haloboranes: Diboranes(4) and Borylanions

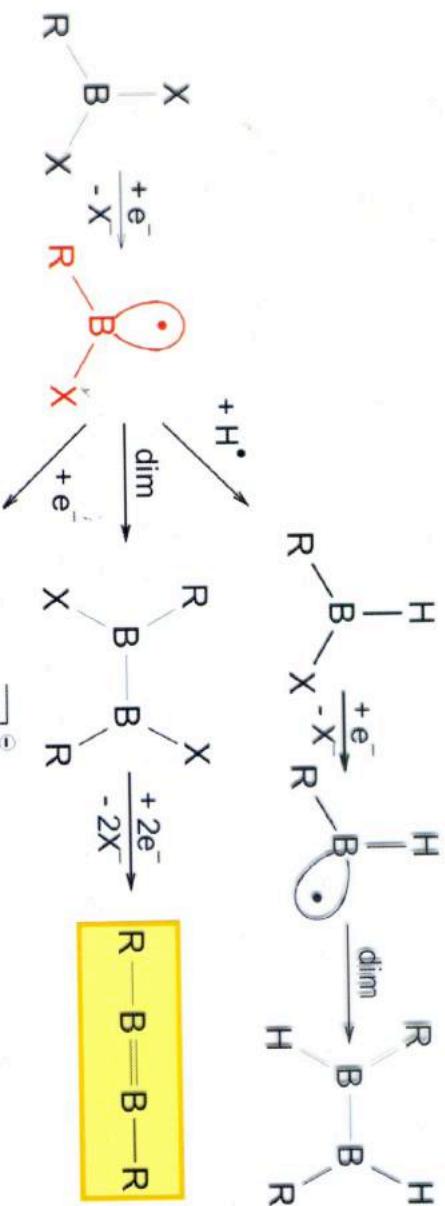
radical (H) abstraction  
occurs in > 99% of all cases



boryl anion formation by  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1e<sup>-</sup>-reduction in 4 cases:  
Yamashita, Nozaki  
*Science*, **2006**, 314, 113.



# Reduction of Dihaloboranes: Diborenes and Borylenes



20 years of efforts met with little success:

- no selective synthesis developed
- no diborene/borylene isolated



use of carbenes (NHC's) to stabilize  
intermediates and products

carbene (NHC) stabilized:

