

Supporting Information

Preparation of Polyfunctional Biaryl Derivatives by Cyclolanthanation of 2-Bromobiaryls and Heterocyclic Analogues Using *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl

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1. General Considerations

All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere in flame-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. Syringes used to transfer anhydrous solvents or reagents were purged with argon prior to use. THF was continuously refluxed and freshly distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen. Reactions were monitored by gas chromatography (GC and GC-MS) or thin layer chromatography (TLC). GC was performed on instruments of the type Hewlett-Packard 6890 or 5890 Series II, using a column of the type HP 5 and a flame ionization detector. TLC was performed using aluminum plates covered with SiO₂ (Merck 60, F-254) and visualized by UV detection. Purification by column chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 (0.040-0.063 mm, 230-400 mesh ASTM). Yields refer to yields of isolated compounds estimated to be >95% pure as determined by ¹H-NMR (25 °C) and GC-analysis. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz or 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported as δ -values in ppm relative to the deuterated solvent residual peak (CDCl₃: δ = 7.26 ppm for ¹H-NMR and 77.0 ppm for ¹³C-NMR; d^8 -THF: δ = 3.58 for ¹H-NMR and 67.57 ppm for ¹³C-NMR). ⁷Li-NMR spectra were recorded on a 500 MHz spectrometer (195 MHz for ⁷Li) with saturated THF solution of LiCl as the internal standard (0 ppm). For the characterization of the observed signal multiplicities, the following abbreviations were used: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quint (quintet), dd (doublet of doublet), ddd (doublet of doublet of doublet), dt (doublet of triplet), dq (doublet of quartet), m (multiplet) and br (broad). Melting points were measured using a Büchi B-540 apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded in 4000-400 cm⁻¹ on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum BX-59343 instrument using a Smiths Detection DuraSampl IR II Diamond ATR sensor. Mass spectra and high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Thermo Finnigan LTQ FT Ultra High Performance Mass Spectrometer using electro ionization (EI). LaCl₃·2LiCl (ca. 15% in THF, ca. 0.50 mol/L) and *n*BuLi (ca. 23% in hexane) were purchased from Rockwood Lithium company. *n*BuLi was titrated at regular intervals to ensure its accurate concentration. All reagents obtained from commercial sources were used without further purification unless otherwise stated.

Preparation of *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl:

A dry and argon-flushed *Schlenk*-tube was charged with $LaCl_3 \cdot 2LiCl$ (2.0 mL, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv, 0.55 M in THF) and THF (1.0 mL). After cooling to -50 °C, *n*BuLi (0.95 mL, 2.2 mmol, 2.2 equiv, 2.34 M in hexane) was added dropwise, and the resulting solution was stirred at -50 °C for 0.5 h. By this procedure, an orange and turbid solution of *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl was obtained, which can be stored at -50 °C under argon prior to use. (For its NMR analysis, see the attached ¹H-NMR and ⁷Li-NMR spectra for details.)

2. Typical Procedures

Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of 2-Bromobiaryls of Type 2 (TP0)



Following a reported procedure,^[1] a flask was charged with the corresponding iodobenzene (1.0 equiv), the corresponding boronic acid (1.2 equiv), potassium carbonate (2.0–3.0 equiv), and bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) dichloride (1.5 mol%) or tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (2.0 mol%). The reactants were dissolved in a degassed mixture of 1,2-dimethoxyethane/water (v/v = 6:1) or a mixture of toluene/ethanol/water (v/v = 4:1:1), and the reaction mixture was stirred with heat for 3–24 h. After cooling to room temperature, water was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Finally, the residue was purified by column chromatography using the indicated mixture of solvents as eluent to give 2-bromobiaryls of type **2**.

Typical Procedure for the Conversion of 2-Bromobiaryls into 2,2'-Diiodobiaryls of Type 4 Using *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl (TP1)



A dry and argon-flushed *Schlenk*-tube was charged with LaCl₃·2LiCl (2.0 mL, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv, 0.55 M in THF) and THF (1.0 mL). After cooling to $-50 \,^{\circ}$ C, *n*BuLi (0.95 mL, 2.2 mmol, 2.2 equiv, 2.34 M in hexane) was added dropwise, and the resulting orange solution was stirred at $-50 \,^{\circ}$ C for 0.5 h. Subsequently, 2-bromobiaryl (**2**, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added at $-50 \,^{\circ}$ C. After 5 min, the reaction solution was gradually warmed up to 0 $^{\circ}$ C. After 0.5 h, the reaction solution was quenched by adding I₂ (1.27 g, 5.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C and was further stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Then, saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution (5.0 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred until the brown colour faded away. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Finally, the residue was purified by column chromatography using the indicated mixture of solvents as eluent to give the desired product of type **4**.

Typical Procedure for the Direct Synthesis of Silafluorene Derivatives of Type 5 from 2-Bromobiaryls Using *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl (TP2)



A dry and argon-flushed *Schlenk*-tube was charged with LaCl₃·2LiCl (2.0 mL, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv, 0.55 M in THF) and THF (1.0 mL). After cooling to -50 °C, *n*BuLi (0.95 mL, 2.2 mmol, 2.2 equiv, 2.34 M in hexane) was added dropwise, and the resulting orange solution was stirred at -50 °C for 0.5 h. Subsequently, 2-bromobiaryl (**2**, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added at -50 °C. After 5 min, the reaction solution was gradually warmed up to 0 °C. After 0.5 h, the reaction solution was quenched by adding dichlorosilane (1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at 0 °C and was further stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Then, water (5.0 mL) was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Finally, the residue was purified by column chromatography using the indicated mixture of solvents as eluent to give the desired product of type **5**. (Other heterofluorenes **10** and **11** were also prepared according to this procedure.)

Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of Fluoren-9-one Derivatives of Type 6 from 2-Bromobiaryls Using *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl (TP3)



A dry and argon-flushed *Schlenk*-tube was charged with LaCl₃·2LiCl (2.0 mL, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv, 0.55 M in THF) and THF (1.0 mL). After cooling to $-50 \,^{\circ}$ C, *n*BuLi (0.95 mL, 2.2 mmol, 2.2 equiv, 2.34 M in hexane) was added dropwise, and the resulting orange solution was stirred at $-50 \,^{\circ}$ C for 0.5 h. Subsequently, 2-bromobiaryl (**2**, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added at $-50 \,^{\circ}$ C. After 5 min, the reaction solution was gradually warmed up to 0 $^{\circ}$ C. After 0.5 h, CO₂ was bubbled into the reaction solution at 0 $^{\circ}$ C for 0.5 h and the reaction solution was further stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. Then, water (5.0 mL) was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Finally, the residue was purified by column chromatography using the indicated mixture of solvents as eluent to give the desired product of type **6**.

Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of Phenanthrene Derivatives of Type 7 from 2-Bromobiaryls Using *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl (TP4)



A dry and argon-flushed *Schlenk*-tube was charged with LaCl₃·2LiCl (2.0 mL, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv, 0.55 M in THF) and THF (1.0 mL). After cooling to $-50 \,^{\circ}$ C, *n*BuLi (0.95 mL, 2.2 mmol, 2.2 equiv, 2.34 M in hexane) was added dropwise, and the resulting orange solution was stirred at $-50 \,^{\circ}$ C for 0.5 h. Subsequently, 2-bromobiaryl (**2**, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added at $-50 \,^{\circ}$ C. After 5 min, the reaction solution was gradually warmed up to 0 $^{\circ}$ C. After 0.5 h, FeCl₃ (0.1 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and alkyne (2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added and the reaction solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Then, water (5.0 mL) was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Finally, the residue was purified by column chromatography using the indicated mixture of solvents as eluent to give the desired product of type **7**.

3. Detailed Tables and Proposed Reaction Pathways

	Br 2a	1) <i>Reagent</i> THF, <i>T</i> , <i>t</i> 2) excess l ₂			
Entry	Reagent	T (°C)	<i>t</i> (min)	Conv. of 2a (%) ^a	Yield of 4a (%) ^{a,b}
1	<i>n</i> Bu Li (2.2 equiv)	-50	30	100	0
2	$n\mathrm{Bu}_{2}\mathrm{Mg}$ (1.1 equiv)	rt	60	23	0
3	<i>n</i> BuLi (1.1 equiv) then TMP Mg Cl•LiCl (1.1 equiv)	-50 to rt	60	100	0
4	$nBu_3Sm \cdot 5LiCl (1.1 equiv)$	-30	5	100	10
5	$nBu_3Sm \cdot 5LiCl (1.1 equiv)$	-30 to rt	30	100	31°
6	<i>n</i> Bu ₂ SmMe•5LiCl (1.1 equiv)	-30 to rt	30	100	31°
7	<i>n</i> Bu ₂ Sm Cl·4LiCl (1.1 equiv)	-30 to rt	30	100	40 ^c
8	<i>n</i> Bu ₃ La•5LiCl (1.1 equiv)	-50 to rt	30	100	49°
9	<i>n</i> Bu ₂ LaCl·4LiCl (1.1 equiv)	-50	15	93	33 ^d
10	<i>n</i> Bu ₂ LaCl·4LiCl (1.1 equiv)	-50	60	100	61 ^d
11	<i>n</i> Bu ₂ LaCl·4LiCl (1.1 equiv)	-50 to rt	30	100	89 ^d
12	<i>n</i> Bu ₂ LaCl·4LiCl (1.1 equiv)	-50 to 0	30	100	90(79 ^e)
13	<i>n</i> Bu ₂ LaCl·4LiCl (1.1 equiv)	-50 to 0	60	100	80
14	<i>n</i> Bu ₂ LaCl•4LiCl (1.1 equiv)	-30 to 0	30	100	84

Table S1. Optimization of Conditions for Cyclometalation of 2-Bromobiphenyl (2a)

[a] Determined by GC-analysis. [b] The observed by-products were mostly biphenyl, 2-butylbiphenyl and 2-iodobiphenyl. [c] 2-butylbiphenyl was mainly generated. [d] 2-butylbiphenyl was almost not observed. [e] Isolated yield of analytically pure product.

Table S2. Evaluation of Transtion Metal Salts for the Annulation of Alkynes



Entry	Catalyst	<i>t</i> (h)	Yield (%) ^a
1	none	12	0
2	CrCl ₂ (10 mol%)	12	0
3	$CrCl_2(10 \text{ mol}\%) / bpy (20 \text{ mol}\%)$	12	0
4	CrCl ₃ (10 mol%)	12	49
5	CrCl ₃ (100 mol%)	5	75
6	Fe(acac) ₃ (10 mol%)	5	77
7	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	1	85(79 ^b)
8	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%) / bpy (20 mol%)	1	85
9	FeCl ₂ (10 mol%)	1	83

[a] Yields were determined by GC-analysis. [b] Isolated yield of analytically pure product.



Scheme S1. Proposed Role of Fe Catalyst in the Annulation Reaction

4. Reaction Details and Characterization Data of Compounds

Preparation of 2-bromo-4'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (2b):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with 1-bromo-2-iodobenzene (1.00 g, 3.54 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (4-fluorophenyl)boronic acid (594 mg, 4.25 mmol, 1.2 equiv), K_2CO_3 (1.22 g, 8.85 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (40 mg, 0.053 mmol, 1.5

mol%) in a degassed mixture of DME / H₂O (12 : 2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2b** (711 mg, 2.83 mmol, 80%) as a colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (**400** MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (**100** MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.3 (d, ¹*J*_C-F = 245 Hz), 141.6, 137.0 (d, ⁴*J*_C-F = 3.3 Hz), 133.1, 131.2, 131.0 (d, ³*J*_C-F = 8.0 Hz), 128.8, 127.4, 122.7, 114.9 (d, ²*J*_C-F = 21.3 Hz). ¹⁹F-NMR (**376** MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -114.4. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3054, 1890, 1606, 1511, 1464, 1221, 1157, 1026, 1005, 833, 753. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 252 (87), 250 (90), 171 (45), 170 (100). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₂H₈BrF] 249.9793, found 249.9787.

Preparation of 2-bromo-4'-chloro-1,1'-biphenyl (2c):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with 1-bromo-2-iodobenzene (1.37 g, 4.83 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (4-chlorophenyl)boronic acid (906 mg, 5.79 mmol, 1.2 equiv), K_2CO_3 (1.67 g, 12.1 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (51 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1.5

mol%) in a degassed mixture of DME / H₂O (15 : 2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 8 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2c** (1.02 g, 3.82 mmol, 79%) as a colorless oil. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 141.2, 139.3, 133.6, 133.2, 131.1, 130.7, 129.0, 128.2, 127.4, 122.4. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3052, 1597, 1495, 1462, 1395, 1090, 1018, 1002, 826, 751, 682. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 268 (75), 266 (59), 152 (100). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₂H₈BrCl] 265.9498, found 265.9491.

Preparation of 2,4'-dibromo-1,1'-biphenyl (2d):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (849 mg, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (2-bromophenyl)boronic acid (663 mg, 3.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv), K_2CO_3 (830 mg, 6.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (70 mg, 0.060 mmol, 2.0

mol%) in a degassed mixture of toluene / ethanol / water (16 : 4 : 4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2d** (810 mg, 2.60 mmol, 86%) as a colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2

Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.37 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.22 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 141.3$, 139.9, 133.2, 131.1, 131.0, 129.0, 127.5, 122.4, 121.9. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3051, 1898, 1494, 1460, 1390, 1073, 1014, 1000, 822, 750, 671. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 312 (80), 310 (43), 152 (100). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₂H₈Br₂] 309.8993, found 309.8987.

Preparation of 2-bromo-4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (2e):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene (936 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (2-bromophenyl)boronic acid (884 mg, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv), K_2CO_3 (1.11 g, 8.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (92 mg, 0.080

mmol, 2.0 mol%) in a degassed mixture of toluene / ethanol / water (20 : 5 : 5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2e** (874 mg, 3.32 mmol, 83%) as a colorless oil. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.68 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 159.0, 142.1, 133.5, 133.1, 131.3, 130.5, 128.4, 127.3, 122.9, 113.3, 55.2. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3034, 2834, 1888, 1609, 1514, 1463, 1295, 1241, 1176, 1024, 829, 753, 731. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 264 (97), 262 (100), 247 (29), 219 (21), 139 (54). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₃H₁₁BrO] 261.9993, found 261.9987.

Preparation of (2'-bromo-4'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)trimethylsilane (2f):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with 2-bromo-4-fluoro-1iodobenzene (690 mg, 2.29 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl)boronic acid (535 mg, 2.75 mmol, 1.2 equiv),

K₂CO₃ (792 mg, 5.74 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (25 mg, 0.035 mmol, 1.5 mol%) in a degassed mixture of DME / H₂O (9 : 1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2f** (550 mg, 1.70 mmol, 74%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 44 – 45 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (td, *J* = 8.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 0.35 (s, 9H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 161.6 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 249 Hz), 140.5, 139.9, 138.8 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz), 133.8, 133.0, 132.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.2 Hz), 128.7, 126.5, 122.6 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 9.4 Hz), 120.2 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 24.1 Hz), 114.5 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 20.7 Hz), -1.1. ¹⁹**F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = -113.5. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3067, 2955, 1593, 1475, 1376, 1246, 1114, 1002, 828, 806, 754, 692. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 324 (16), 322 (17), 309 (99), 307 (100), 165 (18). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₅H₁₆BrFSi] 322.0189, found 322.0180.

Preparation of 2-bromo-3'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (2g):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with 1-bromo-2-iodobenzene (863 mg, 3.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (3-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid (556 mg, 3.66 mmol, 1.2 equiv), K_2CO_3 (1.05g, 7.62 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and Pd(PPh_3)₂Cl₂ (35 mg, 0.046 mmol, 1.5 mol%) in a degassed mixture of DME / H₂O (9 : 1.5 mL). The reaction

mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) yielded **2g** (690 mg, 2.62 mmol, 86%) as a colorless oil. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.68 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.21 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.92 (m, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.0, 142.4, 133.1, 131.2, 129.0, 128.8, 127.3, 122.5, 121.8, 115.0, 113.2, 55.3. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3055, 2832, 1924, 1602, 1579, 1465, 1413, 1318, 1209, 1177, 1043, 1015, 860, 751, 696, 658. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 264 (97), 262 (100), 168 (25), 152 (35), 139 (45). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₃H₁₁BrO] 261.9993, found 261.9987.

Preparation of 2-bromo-3'-trifluoromethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (2h):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with 1-iodo-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (1.09 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (2-bromophenyl)boronic acid (884 mg, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv), K_2CO_3 (1.11 g, 8.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (93 mg, 0.08 mmol, 2.0 mol%) in a degassed mixture of toluene / EtOH / H₂O (16 : 4 : 4 mL). The

reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 4 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2h** (1.05 g, 4.0 mmol, 87%) as a colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.73 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 141.7, 141.1, 133.3, 132.8 (d, ${}^{4}J_{C-F}$ = 1.2 Hz), 131.1, 130.5 (q, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 32.1 Hz), 129.4, 128.5, 127.6, 126.3 (q, ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz), 124.4 (q, ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz), 124.1 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$ = 271 Hz), 122.4. ¹⁹F-NMR (**376 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = -62.6. IR (**Diamond-ATR, neat**) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3062, 1562, 1420, 1332, 1242, 1163, 1118, 1065, 1017, 904, 802, 752, 701, 666. MS (EI, **70 eV**) m/z (%) = 302 (63), 300 (66), 201 (100), 152 (36). HRMS (EI, **70 eV**) m/z: calcd for [C₁₃H₈BrF₃] 299.9761, found 299.9753.

Preparation of 1-(2-bromophenyl)naphthalene (2i):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with 1-iodonaphthalene (1.27 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (2-bromophenyl)boronic acid (1.10 g, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv), K_2CO_3 (1.38 g, 10.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (115 mg, 0.10 mmol, 2.0 mol%) in a degassed mixture of toluene / EtOH / H₂O (20 : 5 : 5 mL). The reaction mixture was

stirred at 80 °C for 5 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2i** (1.26 g, 4.45 mmol, 89%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 87 – 88 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.33 (td, *J*

= 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 141.3, 139.0, 133.4, 132.7, 131.9, 131.5, 129.1, 128.2, 128.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 125.1, 124.3. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3053, 1931, 1595, 1505, 1474, 1424, 1392, 1254, 1026, 800, 779, 758, 657. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 284 (27), 282 (30), 203 (96), 202 (100), 200 (30). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₆H₁₁Br] 282.0044, found 282.0037.

Preparation of 4-(2-bromophenyl)pyridine (2j):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with 4-iodopyridine (820 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (2-bromophenyl)boronic acid (884 mg, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv), K_2CO_3 (1.10 g, 8.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (92 mg, 0.08 mmol, 2.0 mol%) in a

degassed mixture of toluene / EtOH / H₂O (18 : 4.5 : 4.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 2 : 1) yielded **2j** (904 mg, 3.84 mmol, 96%) as an orange oil. ¹H-NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 8.65 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 149.5, 148.4, 139.7, 133.3, 130.7, 129.7, 127.6, 124.1, 121.6. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3025, 1931, 1596, 1540, 1464, 1404, 1217, 1072, 1012, 822, 753, 657. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 235 (96), 233 (100), 154 (33), 126 (25). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₁H₈BrN] 232.9840, found 232.9833.

Preparation of 3,5-dibromo-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)pyridine (2k):



According to a similar procedure,^[2] to a solution of 3,5-dibromopyridine (2.37 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (60 mL) was added dropwise TMPMgCl·LiCl (1.15 M in THF, 9.13 mL, 10.5 mmol, 1.05 equiv) at 0 °C.

The solution was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, and ZnCl₂ (1.0 M in THF, 10.5 mL, 10.5 mmol, 1.05 equiv) was subsequently added. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. Then, Pd(PPh₃)₄ (462 mg, 0.40 mmol, 4.0 mol%) and 1-iodo-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene (2.74 g, 9.5 mmol, 0.95 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was heated at 50 °C overnight. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 15 : 1) yielded **2k** (2.38 g, 6.0 mmol, 63%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 78 – 79 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.68 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 155.2, 149.7 (q, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 1.7 Hz), 149.2, 143.4, 136.8, 131.0, 120.4 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 0.7 Hz), 120.4 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 256 Hz), 119.7, 119.2. ¹⁹**F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = -57.7. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3041, 2455, 1900, 1607, 1507, 1428, 1359, 1242, 1150, 1060, 1006, 923, 894, 837, 789, 755, 669. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 397 (43), 395 (22), 318 (96), 316 (100), 237 (77), 140 (51). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₂H₆Br₂F₃NO] 394.8768, found 394.8760.

Preparation of 1-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (2l):



According to a reported procedure,^[3] a flask was charged with 2,5dimethoxytetrahydrofuran (1.46 g, 11.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv), 2-bromoaniline (1.72 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuCl₂ (135 mg, 1.0 mmol, 10 mol%) and H₂O (30 mL). The

reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 1 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 8 : 1) yielded **2l** (1.96 g, 8.8 mmol, 88%) as a colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.27 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 140.2, 133.6, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 122.1, 119.7, 109.1. IR (**Diamond-ATR, neat**) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3102, 1721, 1588, 1493, 1441, 1332, 1115, 1071, 1012, 923, 756, 714. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 223 (97), 221 (100), 142 (38), 115 (99). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₀H₈BrN] 220.9840, found 220.9833.

Preparation of 2-(2-bromophenyl)thiophene (2m):



According to a reported procedure,^[4] to a solution of thiophene (2.52 g, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in THF (30 mL) was added dropwise *n*BuLi (12.8 mL, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv, 2.34 M in hexane) at -30 °C. The solution was then stirred at 0 °C for 1 h,

and 1,2-dibromobenzene (2.36 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was subsequently added to the solution. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2m** (2.10 g, 8.79 mmol, 88%) as a colorless oil. ¹**H**-**NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 141.7, 135.2, 133.6, 131.9, 129.0, 127.7, 127.4, 126.9, 126.0, 122.8. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3064, 1798, 1587, 1466, 1433, 1261, 1208, 1024, 959, 849, 752, 692. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 240 (99), 238 (100), 159 (25), 115 (75). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₀H₇BrS] 237.9452, found 237.9444.

Preparation of 2-(2-bromophenyl)benzo[b]thiophene (2n):



According to a reported procedure,^[4] to a solution of benzo[b]thiophene (4.03 g, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in THF (30 mL) was added dropwise *n*BuLi (12.8 mL, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv, 2.34 M in hexane) at -30 °C. The solution was then stirred

at 0 °C for 1 h, and 1,2-dibromobenzene (2.36 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was subsequently added to the solution. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2n** (2.34 g, 8.10 mmol, 81%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 65 – 66 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 141.9, 140.2, 139.7, 135.3, 133.7, 132.2, 129.6, 127.4, 124.5,

124.4, 124.4, 123.9, 123.0, 122.1. **IR** (**Diamond-ATR, neat**) \tilde{v} / cm = 3053, 1584, 1465, 1432, 1244, 1183, 1027, 940, 860, 833, 756, 726, 668. **MS** (**EI, 70 eV**) m/z (%) = 290 (99), 288 (100), 208 (34), 165 (92). **HRMS** (**EI, 70 eV**) m/z: calcd for [C₁₄H₉BrS] 287.9608, found 287.9601.

Preparation of 2,5-bis(2-bromophenyl)thiophene (20):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with 2,5-diiodothiophene (1.68 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (2-bromophenyl)boronic acid (2.21 g, 11.0 mmol, 2.2 equiv), K_2CO_3 (2.07 g, 15.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (173 mg, 0.15 mmol, 3.0

mol%) in a degassed mixture of toluene / EtOH / H₂O (30 : 7.5 : 7.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 8 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2o** (1.62 g, 4.1 mmol, 82%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 72 – 73 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (s, 2H), 7.19 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³**C-NMR** (**100 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = 142.3, 134.9, 133.8, 131.8, 129.0, 127.6, 127.5, 122.6. **IR** (**Diamond-ATR, neat**) \tilde{v} / cm = 2354, 1589, 1459, 1252, 1020, 938, 811, 743, 721. **MS** (**EI, 70 eV**) m/z (%) = 394 (100), 392 (53), 234 (99), 232 (20), 202 (40), 189 (36). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV**) m/z: calcd for [C₁₆H₁₀Br₂S] 391.8870, found 391.8864.

Preparation of 1,4-dibromo-2,5-diphenylbenzene (2p):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with 1,4-dibromo-2,5-diiodobenzene (1.46 g, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), phenylboronic acid (805 mg, 6.6 mmol, 2.2 equiv), K_2CO_3 (1.24 g, 9.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (104 mg, 0.09 mmol, 3.0 mol%) in a degassed mixture of toluene / ethanol / water (20 : 5 :

5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 3 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2p** (1.02 g, 2.64 mmol, 88%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 216 – 217 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 10H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 142.9, 139.4, 135.2, 129.3, 128.1, 128.1, 121.3. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3060, 1767, 1457, 1347, 1241, 1085, 1033, 1007, 890, 758, 695. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 388 (100), 386 (52), 228 (81), 226 (74), 113 (30). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₈H₁₂Br₂] 385.9306, found 385.9299.

Preparation of 2-(2-bromophenyl)benzofuran (2q):



According to a similar procedure,^[4] to a solution of 2,3-benzofuran (3.54 g, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in THF (30 mL) was added dropwise *n*BuLi (12.8 mL, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv, 2.34 M in hexane) at -30 °C. The solution was then stirred

at 0 °C for 1 h, and 1,2-dibromobenzene (2.36 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was subsequently added to the solution. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. After work-up,

purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2q** (1.52 g, 5.56 mmol, 56%) as a colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) $\delta = 8.00$ (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl**₃) $\delta = 154.2$, 153.1, 134.2, 130.9, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 127.4, 124.8, 122.9, 121.4, 120.7, 111.1, 107.0. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3062, 1570, 1452, 1308, 1257, 1207, 1171, 1108, 1010, 920, 886, 804, 742, 699. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 274 (98), 272 (100), 193 (18), 165 (84), 164 (20), 163 (23). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₄H₉BrO] 271.9837, found 271.9831.

Preparation of 3,4-dibromo-2,5-diphenylthiophene (2r):



According to **TP0**, a flask was charged with perbromothiophene (1.6 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), phenylboronic acid (1.17 g, 9.6 mmol, 2.4 equiv), K_2CO_3 (1.94 g, 14.0 mmol, 3.5 equiv) and $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$ (196 mg, 0.28 mmol, 7.0 mol%) in a degassed mixture of DMF / ethanol (16 : 4 mL). The reaction

mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 6 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **2r** (863 mg, 2.20 mmol, 55%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 95 – 96 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.69 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 6H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 138.1, 132.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 112.2. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3048, 1594, 1474, 1438, 1288, 1264, 1153, 1072, 1029, 863, 742, 686. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 394 (49), 392 (26), 234 (100), 202 (22), 189 (46). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₆H₁₀Br₂S] 391.8870, found 391.8863.

Preparation of 1,4-dibromo-2,5-bis(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)benzene (2s):



To a solution of benzo[b]thiophene (1.61 g, 12.0 mmol, 2.4 equiv) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise *n*BuLi (5.2 mL, 12.0 mmol, 2.4 equiv, 2.34 M in hexane) at -30 °C. The solution was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h and ZnCl₂ (1.0 M in THF, 12.0 mL, 12.0 mmol, 2.4 equiv) was

subsequently added. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. Then, Pd(PPh₃)₄ (578 mg, 0.50 mmol, 10 mol%) and 1,4-dibromo-2,5-diiodobenzene (2.44 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C overnight. After cooling to room temperature, water was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 40 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Finally, the residue was washed by ethyl acetate to give **2s** (1.45 g, 2.9 mmol, 58%) as a light yellow solid. **M.p.**: 228 – 229 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.91 – 7.85 (m, 6H), 7.60 (s, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 4H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 140.3, 139.7, 139.5, 136.4, 136.4, 125.2, 125.0, 124.7, 124.1, 122.1, 121.5. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3054, 1524, 1464, 1430, 1240, 1156, 1066,

942, 882, 834, 748, 720. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 500 (44), 498 (22), 340 (13), 126 (23), 58 (44), 43 (100). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₂₂H₁₂Br₂S₂] 497.8747, found 497.8753.

Synthesis of 2,2'-diiodo-1,1'-biphenyl (4a):

According to **TP1**, 2-bromobiphenyl (**2a**, 233 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **4a** (320 mg, 0.79 mmol, 79%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: $110 - 111 \,^{\circ}$ C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 7.98$ (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.2 \,\text{Hz}, 2\text{H}$), 7.44 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.2 \,\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.6 \,\text{Hz}, 2\text{H}$), 7.12 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.6 \,\text{Hz}, 2\text{H}$). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta =$ 148.8, 138.8, 129.8, 129.3, 127.9, 99.6. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** $\tilde{\nu} / \text{cm} = 2918, 1556, 1450, 1428,$ 1254, 1014, 997, 942, 753, 719. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 406 (5), 280 (13), 279 (100), 152 (62), 151 (16), 150 (15). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₂H₈I₂] 405.8715, found 405.8710.

Synthesis of 4-fluoro-2,2'-diiodo-1,1'-biphenyl (4b):



According to **TP1**, 2-bromo-4'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (**2b**, 251 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **4b** (348 mg, 0.82

mmol, 82%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 61 – 62 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.96 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.42 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 1H). ¹³**C-NMR** (**100 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = 161.4 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 251 Hz), 148.0, 145.2 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz), 138.9, 130.6 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.2 Hz), 130.1, 129.6, 128.1, 125.8 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 23.5 Hz), 115.2 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.0 Hz), 100.0, 99.1 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.1 Hz). ¹⁹**F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = -112.7. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 2921, 1890, 1573, 1490, 1455, 1380, 1248, 1194, 999, 855, 822, 759, 718. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 424 (4), 297 (12), 170 (12), 61 (12), 45 (13), 43 (100). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₂H₇FI₂] 423.8621, found 423.8610.

Synthesis of 4-chloro-2,2'-diiodo-1,1'-biphenyl (4c):



According to **TP1**, 2-bromo-4'-chloro-1,1'-biphenyl (**2c**, 268 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **4c** (370 mg, 0.84

mmol, 84%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 70 – 71 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.96 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 147.8, 147.4, 138.9, 138.2, 134.1, 130.4, 129.9, 129.6, 128.3, 128.1, 99.7, 99.4. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3050, 2922, 1892, 1574, 1478, 1450, 1368, 1248, 1095, 1018, 996, 820, 753, 688. **MS** (**EI, 70 eV**) m/z (%) = 440 (5), 313 (100), 186 (58), 150 (20). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₂H₇ClI₂] 439.8326, found 439.8320.

Synthesis of 4-bromo-2,2'-diiodo-1,1'-biphenyl (4d):



According to **TP1**, 2,4'-dibromo-1,1'-biphenyl (**2d**, 312 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **4d** (296 mg, 0.61 mmol, 61%) as a white solid. M.p.: 74 – 75 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.10 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (td, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 147.8$, 147.8, 140.8, 139.0, 131.2, 130.8, 129.8, 129.6, 128.1, 122.1, 100.2, 99.3. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3046, 2923, 1568, 1448, 1364, 1244, 1082, 1015, 994, 878, 818, 754, 676. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 486 (8), 484 (9), 357 (100), 230 (36), 151 (36), 150 (38). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₂H₇BrI₂] 483.7820, found 483.7818.

Synthesis of 2,2'-diiodo-4-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (4e):



According to TP1, 2-bromo-4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (2e, 263 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) yielded the desired

product 4e (349 mg, 0.80 mmol, 80%) as a light yellow solid. M.p.: 87 – 88 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, **CDCl**₃) $\delta = 7.94$ (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 - 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR $(100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta = 159.2, 148.6, 141.6, 138.8, 130.4, 130.1, 129.2, 128.0, 123.7, 114.1, 100.7, 99.6,$ 55.5. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3053, 2834, 1593, 1491, 1455, 1285, 1220, 1025, 876, 809, 750, 722. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 436 (16), 309 (100), 182 (37), 167 (29), 139 (47). HRMS (EI, 70 **eV**) m/z: calcd for [C₁₃H₁₀I₂O] 435.8821, found 435.8814.

Synthesis of 4-fluoro-4'-trimethylsilyl-2,2'-diiodo-1,1'-biphenyl (4f):



According to **TP1**, (2'-bromo-4'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4vl)trimethylsilane (2f, 323 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane)

yielded the desired product 4f (376 mg, 0.76 mmol, 76%) as a colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.05$ (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 0.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.3 (d, ¹J_{C-F} = 251 Hz), 148.0, 145.2 (d, ⁴J_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz), 143.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 8.4$ Hz), 132.9, 130.6 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 8.2$ Hz), 129.6, 129.6, 125.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 23.5$ Hz), 115.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 21.0$ Hz), 100.8, 98.9 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 8.1$ Hz), -1.2. ¹⁹F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta =$ -112.8. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 2954, 1593, 1493, 1358, 1248, 1199, 1112, 1060, 998, 815,

753, 656. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 496 (1), 369 (100), 227 (27). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₅H₁₅FI₂Si] 495.9016, found 495.9008.

Synthesis of 2,2'-diiodo-(5 or 3)-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (4g):

According to **TP1**, 2-bromo-3'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (**2g**, 263 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 8 : 1) yielded the desired product **4g** (379 mg, 0.87 mmol, 87%), which contains **4ga** (305 mg, 0.70 mmol) and **4gb** (74 mg, 0.17 mmol).



White solid. **M.p.**: 89 – 90 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.94 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J = 8.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 159.6, 149.6,

148.7, 139.4, 138.9, 129.8, 129.3, 128.0, 115.8, 115.6, 99.4, 88.1, 55.4. **IR** (**Diamond-ATR, neat**) \tilde{v} / cm = 3059, 2936, 2834, 1561, 1455, 1412, 1310, 1262, 1124, 1006, 851, 779, 753, 714. **MS** (**EI, 70 eV**) m/z (%) = 436 (28), 309 (99), 182 (29), 167 (37), 139 (100). **HRMS** (**EI, 70 eV**) m/z: calcd for [C₁₃H₁₀I₂O] 435.8821, found 435.8812.



Colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.94 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (td, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.2, 150.8, 149.1, 138.8, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0,

128.0, 122.3, 109.7, 99.5, 91.9, 56.5. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3049, 2932, 2834, 1561, 1457, 1297, 1209, 1176, 1015, 853, 804, 754, 723. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 436 (6), 309 (100), 182 (13), 167 (15), 152 (14), 139 (63). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₃H₁₀I₂O] 435.8821, found 435.8811.

Synthesis of 2,2'-diiodo-5-trifluoromethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (4h):



According to **TP1**, 2-bromo-3'-trifluoromethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**2h**, 300 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **4h** (341 mg, 0.72 mmol, 72%) as a yellow solid. **M.p.**: 62 - 63 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ

= 8.08 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 149.6, 147.6, 139.6, 139.1, 130.6 (q, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 32.8$ Hz), 129.9, 129.8, 128.2, 126.5 (q, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 3.7$ Hz), 125.8 (q, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 3.6$ Hz), 123.8 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 271$ Hz), 104.2, 99.0. ¹⁹F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.8. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 2929, 1916, 1604, 1426, 1398, 1331, 1282, 1254, 1175, 1131, 1082, 1064, 1003, 895, 825, 755, 719. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 474 (2), 347 (100), 220 (55), 201 (13), 170 (11). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₃H₇F₃I₂] 473.8589, found 473.8581.

Synthesis of 2-iodo-1-(2-iodophenyl)naphthalene (4i):



According to **TP1**, 1-(2-bromophenyl)naphthalene (**2i**, 283 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **4i** (260 mg, 0.57 mmol, 57%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 100 – 101 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 8.09 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H),

8.02 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 147.5$, 146.0, 139.2, 135.3, 132.7, 132.6, 130.7, 129.5, 129.4, 128.5, 128.0, 127.0, 126.5, 126.4, 100.3, 98.7. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3052, 1576, 1499, 1421, 1312, 1250, 1126, 1092, 1014, 959, 819, 796, 753, 725, 658. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 456 (34), 329 (53), 202 (100), 200 (31). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₆H₁₀I₂] 455.8872, found 455.8866.

Synthesis of 3-iodo-4-(2-iodophenyl)pyridine (4j):



According to **TP1**, 4-(2-bromophenyl)pyridine (**2j**, 117 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 1 : 1) yielded the desired product **4j** (134 mg, 0.33 mmol,

66%) as an organge solid. M.p.: 125 - 126 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 9.05$ (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.97 - 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.47 - 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.18 - 7.12 (m, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 157.4$, 156.0, 148.8, 146.2, 139.2, 130.1, 129.1, 128.3, 125.0, 99.0, 97.3. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 2924, 1935, 1569, 1442, 1392, 1264, 1172, 1082, 1001, 834, 756, 684. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 407 (13), 280 (100), 153 (39), 126 (37). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₁H₇I₂N] 406.8668, found 406.8663.

Synthesis of 5-bromo-3-iodo-2-(2-iodo-4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)pyridine (4k):



According to **TP1**, 3,5-dibromo-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)pyridine (**2k**, 100 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate =

15 : 1) yielded the desired product **4k** (112 mg, 0.20 mmol, 79%) as an orange oil. ¹H-NMR (**400 MHz**, **CDCl**₃) δ = 8.70 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (**100 MHz**, **CDCl**₃) δ = 161.2, 149.6, 148.9, 148.3, 144.6, 131.2, 130.1, 120.7, 120.3 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 257 Hz), 119.9, 97.1, 96.0. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3045, 2958, 1593, 1545, 1487, 1422, 1359, 1246, 1160, 1101, 1004, 891, 822, 782, 761, 666. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 571 (11), 569 (12), 444 (95), 442 (100), 317 (27), 315 (29), 139 (22). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₂H₅BrF₃I₂NO] 568.7596, found 568.7599.

Synthesis of 2-iodo-1-(2-iodophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (4l):



According to **TP1**, 1-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**2l**, 222 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **4l** (319 mg, 0.81 mmol, 81%) as a grey solid.

M.p.: 80 – 81 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.95 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 143.8, 139.4, 130.5, 129.8, 128.8, 125.2, 119.3, 111.8, 99.6, 70.2. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3060, 1714, 1579, 1474, 1439, 1378, 1320, 1192, 1048, 1016, 940, 759, 708. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 395 (100), 268 (72), 141 (94), 140 (39), 114 (28). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₀H₇I₂N] 394.8668, found 394.8663.

Synthesis of 3-iodo-2-(2-iodophenyl)thiophene (4m):



According to **TP1**, 2-(2-bromophenyl)thiophene (**2m**, 239 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **4m** (330 mg, 0.80 mmol, 80%) as a white solid.

M.p.: 106 – 107 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.96 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 2H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 144.9, 139.5, 139.2, 134.8, 131.7, 130.4, 128.0, 127.4, 101.4, 82.6. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3104, 1581, 1458, 1414, 1333, 1136, 1014, 963, 854, 755, 712. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 412 (8), 285 (16), 158 (16), 43 (100). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₀H₆I₂S] 411.8280, found 411.8270.

Synthesis of 3-iodo-2-(2-iodophenyl)benzo[b]thiophene (4n):



According to **TP1**, 2-(2-bromophenyl)benzo[b]thiophene (**2n**, 289 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **4n** (342 mg, 0.74

mmol, 74%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 141 – 142 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.00 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.5, 140.7, 139.9, 139.2, 131.5, 130.6, 128.0, 126.0, 125.8, 125.5, 122.3, 100.4, 83.7. **IR** (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3046, 1538, 1456, 1428, 1246, 1159, 1013, 968, 874, 744, 722. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 462 (23), 335 (70), 208 (100), 163 (24). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₄H₈I₂S] 461.8436, found 461.8433.

Synthesis of 5-(2-bromophenyl)-3-iodo-2-(2-iodophenyl)thiophene (40):



According to **TP1**, 2,5-bis(2-bromophenyl)thiophene (**2o**, 394 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **4o** (469 mg, 0.83 mmol, 83%) as an orange oil. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0

Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.36 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.22 (td, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 145.5, 143.5, 139.3, 139.3, 134.8, 133.8, 131.8, 131.6, 130.5, 129.6, 128.0, 127.6, 122.6, 101.3, 82.2. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) <math>\tilde{v}$ / cm = 3051, 1918, 1582, 1455, 1314, 1253, 1136, 1016, 970, 904, 835, 749, 726. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 568 (46), 566 (47), 441 (38), 439 (39), 314 (38), 312 (38), 233 (40), 232 (63), 189 (100). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₆H₉BrI₂S] 565.7698, found 565.7701.

Synthesis of (Z)-(1-iodo-2-(2-iodophenyl)ethene-1,2-diyl)dibenzene (4p):



A dry and argon-flushed *Schlenk*-tube was charged with 2-bromo-1,1,2triphenylethylene (**2p**, 168 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), $LaCl_3 \cdot 2LiCl$ (1.0 mL, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv, 0.55 M in THF) and THF (0.5 mL). After cooling to -78 °C, *t*BuLi (0.92 mL, 1.65 mmol, 3.3 equiv, 1.80 M in hexane) was added dropwise, and the

resulting orange solution was stirred at -78 °C for 10 min and then was gradually warmed up to 0 °C. After 0.5 h, the reaction solution was quenched by adding I₂ (635 mg, 2.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at 0 °C and was further stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Then, saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution (5.0 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred until the brown colour faded away. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Finally, the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) to give the desired product **4p** (147 mg, 0.29 mmol, 58%) as a colorless solid. **M.p.**: 171 – 172 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.96 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 6H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 151.3, 150.3, 143.8, 139.6, 138.0, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 105.2, 99.3. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 2918, 1574, 1484, 1428, 1220, 1156, 1078, 1013, 954, 789, 738, 692. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 508 (2), 381 (37), 254 (100), 252 (44). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₂₀H₁₄I₂] 507.9185, found 507.9181.

Synthesis of 2-bromo-4-fluoro-2'-iodo-1,1'-biphenyl (8a):

A dry and argon-flushed *Schlenk*-tube was charged with 4-fluoro-2,2'-diiodo-1,1'-biphenyl (**4b**, 212 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (2.0 mL). After cooling to -40 °C, *i*PrMgCl·LiCl (0.41 mL, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 1.22 M in THF) was added dropwise, and the resulting solution was stirred at -40 °C for 1 h. Subsequently, 1,2-dibromotetrachloroethane (195 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added and the reaction



solution was further stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **8a** (158 mg, 0.42 mmol, 84%) as a colorless oil. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 7.96 - 7.94$ (m,

1H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.8 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 250 Hz), 145.1, 141.1 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz), 138.9, 131.8 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.5 Hz), 130.1, 129.5, 128.0, 123.6 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 9.6 Hz), 119.8 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 24.3 Hz), 114.4 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.0 Hz), 99.8. ¹⁹F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -111.9. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3050, 1599, 1578, 1495, 1458, 1384, 1258, 1199, 1068, 1001, 873, 817, 754, 722. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 378 (16), 376 (17), 297 (63), 251 (24), 249 (24), 170 (100). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₂H₇BrFI] 375.8760, found 375.8751.

Synthesis of 2'-bromo-2-iodo-4-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (8b):



A dry and argon-flushed *Schlenk*-tube was charged with 2,2'-diiodo-4-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (**4e**, 218 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (2.0 mL). After cooling to -40 °C, *i*PrMgCl·LiCl (0.41 mL, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv,

1.22 M in THF) was added dropwise, and the resulting solution was stirred at -40 °C for 1 h. Subsequently, 1,2-dibromotetrachloroethane (195 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added and the reaction solution was further stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) yielded **8b** (174 mg, 0.45 mmol, 89%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 87 – 88 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 0.23 H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.24H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 1.60H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 2.92H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 2.33H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 0.25H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1.06H), 3.86 (s, 3.15H), 3.84 (s, 0.75H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 159.6, 159.1, 145.8, 144.6, 138.8, 138.6, 137.5, 132.5, 131.5, 131.3, 130.4, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 127.9, 127.1, 123.7, 123.6, 117.5, 114.0, 113.3, 100.5, 99.4, 55.6, 55.5. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3058, 2958, 2835, 1747, 1601, 1558, 1499, 1458, 1418, 1290, 1220, 1032, 996, 877, 809, 752, 724. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 390 (50), 388 (51), 309 (92), 263 (28), 261 (29), 182 (95), 139 (100). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₃H₁₀BrIO] 387.8960, found 387.8954.

Synthesis of 3-bromo-2-(2-iodophenyl)thiophene (8c):



A dry and argon-flushed *Schlenk*-tube was charged with 3-iodo-2-(2-iodophenyl)thiophene (**4m**, 195 mg, 0.47 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (2.0 mL). After cooling to -40 °C, *i*PrMgCl·LiCl (0.39 mL, 0.47 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 1.22 M in THF)

was added dropwise, and the resulting solution was stirred at -40 °C for 1 h. Subsequently, 1,2dibromotetrachloroethane (185 mg, 0.57 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added and the reaction solution was further stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After work-up, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded **8c** (133 mg, 0.36 mmol, 78%) as a colorless solid. **M.p.**: 98 – 99 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (400 **MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = 7.96 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.12 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 140.4, 139.2, 137.9, 131.7, 130.4, 130.0, 127.9, 125.8, 110.9, 101.2. **IR** (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3103, 1582, 1528, 1460, 1416, 1340, 1148, 1015, 858, 756, 713. **MS** (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 366 (32), 364 (32), 285 (98), 158 (100). **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₀H₆BrIS] 363.8418, found 363.8411.

Synthesis of 9,9-dimethyl-9-silafluorene (5a):



According to **TP2**, 2-bromobiphenyl (**2a**, 233 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **5a** (178 mg, 0.85 mmol, 85%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 60 – 61 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.70 (m,

2H), 7.50 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.51 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 147.8, 138.9, 132.7, 130.1, 127.3, 120.8, -3.3. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3042, 2919, 1590, 1426, 1256, 1127, 1060, 841, 786, 744, 709. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 210 (37), 195 (100), 165 (35). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₄H₁₄Si] 210.0865, found 210.0857.

Synthesis of 2-fluoro-9,9-dimethyl-9-silafluorene (5b):



According to **TP2**, 2-bromo-4'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (**2b**, 160 mg, 0.64 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **5b** (116 mg, 0.51 mmol, 80%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 54 – 55 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ =

7.78 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.43 (td, *J* =7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.10 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 0.43 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 247 Hz), 147.0, 143.6 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 2.8 Hz), 141.9 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 5.1 Hz), 138.4, 132.8, 130.3, 127.0, 122.2 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.3 Hz), 120.6, 119.0 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 19.6 Hz), 116.9 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.3 Hz), -3.4. ¹⁹F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -115.9. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3045, 2956, 1588, 1469, 1433, 1253, 1192, 1127, 1053, 894, 839, 772, 748, 716. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 228 (55), 213 (100), 183 (12), 165 (23). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₄H₁₃FSi] 228.0771, found 228.0763.

Synthesis of 2-methoxy-9,9-dimethyl-9-silafluorene (5c):



According to **TP2**, 2-bromo-4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (**2e**, 263 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **5c** (219 mg, 0.91 mmol, 91%) as a yellow oil. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.0,

6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (ddd, J = 7.0, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 - 7.24 (m, 1H),

7.21 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 0.47 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.2$, 147.8, 140.9, 140.6, 138.1, 132.7, 130.2, 126.3, 121.9, 120.1, 117.7, 115.5, 55.4, -3.2. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3048, 2954, 1588, 1464, 1429, 1268, 1214, 1180, 1129, 1041, 867, 799, 772, 747, 716. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 240 (88), 225 (100), 210 (11), 182 (20). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₅H₁₆OSi] 240.0970, found 240.0963.

Synthesis of 3-bromo-2-phenyl-9,9-dimethyl-9-silafluorene (5d):



According to **TP2**, 1,4-dibromo-2,5-diphenylbenzene (**2p**, 582 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **5d** (432 mg, 1.18 mmol, 79%) as a light yellow solid. **M.p.**: 174 - 175 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400**

MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.13$ (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.34 (td, J = 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 0.46 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 148.6$, 146.2, 141.2, 141.0, 139.2, 138.2, 135.2, 132.8, 130.4, 129.4, 127.9, 127.5, 125.5, 125.3, 121.2, -3.3. **IR** (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3054, 1589, 1430, 1358, 1247, 1129, 1063, 1024, 906, 854, 766, 702. **MS** (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 366 (72), 364 (73), 351 (98), 349 (100), 269 (14), 267 (22), 239 (40). **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₂₀H₁₇BrSi] 364.0283, found 364.0276.

Synthesis of 9-methyl-9-phenyl-benzo[d]pyrroloazasilole (5e):



According to **TP2**, 1-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**2**l, 222 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and PhMeSiCl₂ (287 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **5e** (183 mg, 0.70 mmol, 70 %) as a grey solid. **M.p.**: 75 – 76 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400 MHz**,

CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.62 - 7.60$ (m, 2H), 7.57 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 2.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.12 (td, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (dd, J = 3.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 0.78 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) $\delta = 147.5$, 134.5, 134.0, 133.9, 130.9, 130.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.0, 124.1, 118.0, 117.3, 113.5, 111.5, -4.2. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3051, 2956, 1716, 1598, 1450, 1332, 1281, 1110, 1085, 955, 794, 723, 697. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 261 (64), 246 (100). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₇H₁₅NSi] 261.0974, found 261.0966.

Synthesis of 3-bromo-5,5-dimethyl-7-(trifluoromethoxy)-benzosilolo[3,2-b]pyridine (5f):



According to **TP2**, 3,5-dibromo-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)pyridine (**2k**, 159 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 15:1) yielded the desired product **5f** (103 mg, 0.28 mmol, 69 %) as a white

solid. **M.p.**: 91 – 92 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.65 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.23 – 8.21 (m, 1H),

7.99 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, J = 8.4, 2.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 0.48 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 162.2, 151.8, 150.3$ (q, ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 1.7$ Hz), 145.4, 142.8, 141.4, 134.8, 124.4, 124.1, 123.3, 120.5 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 256$ Hz), 120.2, -3.8. ¹⁹F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = -57.6$. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 2928, 1738, 1572, 1458, 1402, 1246, 1204, 1150, 1120, 1020, 944, 859, 780, 716, 662. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 375 (78), 373 (78), 360 (100), 358 (99), 139 (20). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₄H₁₁BrF₃NOSi] 372.9745, found 372.9736.

Synthesis of 10,10-dimethyl-benzosilolo[3,2-b]benzofuran (5g):



According to **TP2**, 2-(2-bromophenyl)benzofuran (**2q**, 273 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **5g** (167 mg, 0.67 mmol, 67%) as a colorless oil. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) $\delta = 7.65$ (d, J = 7.6

Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.42 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 0.50 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 169.3$, 158.4, 142.1, 138.8, 132.6, 130.7, 129.8, 127.7, 123.8, 123.2, 121.8, 119.4, 113.2, 111.7, -3.5. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3052, 2956, 1580, 1514, 1432, 1344, 1256, 1108, 1082, 1008, 840, 783, 740, 689. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 250 (100), 235 (99), 189 (16). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₆H₁₄OSi] 250.0814, found 250.0807.

Synthesis of 4,4-dimethyl-benzosilolo[3,2-b]thiophene (5h):



According to **TP2**, 2-(2-bromophenyl)thiophene (**2m**, 239 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **5h** (168 mg, 0.78 mmol, 78%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 97 – 98 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.54 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,

J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 0.44 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 156.6$, 143.6, 140.7, 140.6, 132.4, 130.1, 129.2, 126.5, 126.4, 120.6, -3.3. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3064, 2964, 1588, 1469, 1386, 1250, 1178, 1062, 894, 843, 768, 711. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 216 (65), 201 (100), 141 (14). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₂H₁₂SSi] 216.0429, found 216.0421.

Synthesis of 10,10-dimethyl-benzo[b]benzosilolo[2,3-d]thiophene (5i):



According to **TP2**, 2-(2-bromophenyl)benzo[b]thiophene (**2n**, 290 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **5i** (200 mg, 0.76 mmol, 76%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 91 – 92 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ

= 7.93 - 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.80 - 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.63 - 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 0.56 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 156.6, 143.7, 143.1, 141.8,

140.8, 137.2, 132.3, 130.2, 127.2, 124.7, 124.0, 123.9, 123.2, 121.6, -3.5. **IR** (**Diamond-ATR, neat**) \tilde{v} / cm = 2356, 1589, 1453, 1304, 1246, 1129, 1069, 997, 840, 784, 760, 732. **MS** (**EI, 70 eV**) m/z (%) = 266 (87), 251 (100), 189 (15). **HRMS** (**EI, 70 eV**) m/z: calcd for [C₁₆H₁₄SSi] 266.0585, found 266.0577.

Synthesis of 3-bromo-4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-benzosilolo[3,2-b]thiophene (5j):



According to **TP2**, 3,4-dibromo-2,5-diphenylthiophene (**2r**, 390 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **5j** (155 mg, 0.42 mmol, 42%) as a colorless solid. **M.p.**: 131 - 132 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz,**

CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.79 - 7.75$ (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 - 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.29 (td, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 0.57 (s, 6H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl**₃) $\delta = 154.2$, 145.1, 142.8, 139.6, 138.7, 133.1, 132.5, 130.2, 128.9, 128.5, 128.1, 127.0, 120.5, 110.8, -4.3. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3052, 2958, 1585, 1510, 1440, 1350, 1246, 1124, 1064, 989, 877, 791, 744, 693. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 372 (100), 370 (98), 357 (52), 355 (51), 275 (36), 215 (29). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₈H₁₅BrSSi] 369.9847, found 369.9839.

Synthesis of 2-(2-bromophenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-benzosilolo[3,2-b]thiophene (5k):



According to **TP2**, 2,5-bis(2-bromophenyl)thiophene (**2o**, 788 mg, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **5k** (528 mg, 0.71 mmol, 71%) as a colorless oil. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.69 (dd, *J* =

8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 0.46 (s, 6H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 157.1$, 143.6, 143.1, 141.0, 140.3, 135.4, 133.8, 132.3, 131.8, 130.1, 130.0, 128.8, 127.4, 126.6, 122.6, 120.7, –3.3. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3055, 2949, 1587, 1444, 1246, 1163, 1124, 1024, 859, 780, 748, 686. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 372 (100), 370 (98), 357 (65), 355 (60), 275 (19), 215 (38). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₈H₁₅BrSSi] 369.9847, found 369.9840.

Synthesis of 2-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-3-bromo-10,10-dimethyl-benzo[b]benzosilolo[2,3-d]thiophene (5l):



According to **TP2**, 1,4-dibromo-2,5-bis(benzo[b]thiophen-2yl)benzene (**2s**, 500 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **5l** (282 mg, 0.59 mmol, 59%) as a light

yellow solid. **M.p.**: 181 – 182 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.93 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.89 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 0.57 (s, 6H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 154.2, 145.0, 143.5, 142.1, 141.5, 140.2, 140.1, 139.7, 139.2, 135.6, 133.6, 126.4, 125.3, 125.0, 124.6, 124.5, 124.4, 124.3, 123.8, 123.3, 122.0, -3.5. **IR** (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3049, 2921, 2852, 1579, 1454, 1308, 1246, 1065, 1008, 836, 779, 744, 722. **MS** (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 478 (100), 476 (86), 463 (40), 461 (35). **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₂₄H₁₇BrS₂Si] 475.9724, found 475.9728.

Synthesis of [2,3]-benzosilolo-9,9-dimethyl-9-silafluorene (9a):



According to **TP2**, **5d** (92 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **9a** (70 mg, 0.21 mmol, 82%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 203 – 204 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 8.12 (s, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.46 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (td,

J = 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 0.49 (s, 12H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 147.8, 146.7, 141.4, 138.9, 132.8, 130.2, 127.1, 124.8, 120.7, -3.2. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) <math>\tilde{v}$ / cm = 3026, 2363, 1588, 1362, 1244, 1130, 1086, 831, 767, 745, 698. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 342 (98), 327 (100), 207 (22). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₂₂H₂₂Si₂] 342.1260, found 342.1252.

Synthesis of ladder π -conjugated compound 9b:



According to **TP2**, **5l** (143 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **9b** (118 mg, 0.26 mmol, 87%) as a yellow solid. **M.p.**: 364 – 365 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (s, 2H), 7.39

(td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 0.59 (s, 12H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 156.5$, 143.6, 143.1, 142.8, 141.9, 137.0, 125.4, 124.8, 124.0, 123.9, 123.2, -3.5. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3050, 2958, 1590, 1454, 1353, 1243, 1080, 1001, 832, 777, 722, 677. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 454 (100), 439 (23), 212 (16). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₂₆H₂₂S₂Si₂] 454.0701, found 454.0695.

Synthesis of 9,9'-spiro-9-silabifluorene (9c):



According to **TP2**, 2-bromobiphenyl (**2a**, 117 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and SiCl₄ (39 mg, 0.225 mmol, 0.45 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **9c** (50 mg, 0.15 mmol, 67%) as a colorless solid. **M.p.**: 215 – 216 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃)

 δ = 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.52 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 4H), 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.23 (td, J = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 149.9, 134.3, 132.6, 131.3, 127.9, 121.0. IR (Diamond-

ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3060, 1934, 1590, 1428, 1257, 1130, 1064, 769, 750, 725. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 332 (100), 302 (10). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₂₄H₁₆Si] 332.1021, found 332.1013.

Synthesis of 9,9-dimethyl-9-stannafluorene (10):



According to **TP2**, 2-bromobiphenyl (**2a**, 233 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Me_2SnCl_2 (264 mg, 1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by recrystallization of the residue in *i*-hexane yielded the desired product **10** (245 mg, 0.81 mmol, 81%) as a colorless solid. **M.p.**: 123 – 124 °C. ¹**H-NMR**

(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.76 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 0.64 – 0.49 (m, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 148.2, 140.9, 136.3, 129.1, 127.4, 122.4, –8.5. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3050, 1580, 1456, 1426, 1288, 1252, 1110, 781, 744, 706. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 302 (10), 287 (100), 285 (72), 152 (29). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₄H₁₄Sn] 302.0117, found 302.0106.

Synthesis of 9-phenyl-9-phosphafluorene (11):



According to **TP2**, 2-bromobiphenyl (**2a**, 233 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and PhPCl₂ (268 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **11** (161 mg, 0.62 mmol, 62%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 91 – 92 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ

= 7.97 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.74 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.49 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.22 (m, 7H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 143.6 (d, ³ J_{C-P} = 3.0 Hz), 142.5 (d, ³ J_{C-P} = 2.5 Hz), 136.1 (d, ¹ J_{C-P} = 18.7 Hz), 132.6 (d, ¹ J_{C-P} = 20.0 Hz), 130.4 (d, ¹ J_{C-P} = 21.7 Hz), 129.2 (d, ⁴ J_{C-P} = 0.8 Hz), 128.6, 128.6 (d, ² J_{C-P} = 7.6 Hz), 127.6 (d, ² J_{C-P} = 7.6 Hz), 121.3. ³¹P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -10.1. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3047, 1596, 1472, 1434, 1262, 1202, 1129, 1025, 870, 751, 692. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 260 (100), 228 (31), 183 (65). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₈H₁₃P] 260.0755, found 260.0747.

Synthesis of fluoren-9-one (6a):



According to **TP3**, 2-bromobiphenyl (**2a**, 233 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) yielded the desired product **6a** (133 mg, 0.74 mmol, 74%) as a yellow solid. **M.p.**: 82 – 83 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 7.64 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 0.8 Hz,

2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.27 (td, J = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 193.8$, 144.4, 134.6, 134.1, 129.0, 124.2, 120.2. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3058, 1835, 1712, 1598, 1449, 1296, 1186, 1150, 1097, 917, 733, 670. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 180 (100), 152 (42), 150 (14). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₃H₈O] 180.0575, found 180.0569.

Synthesis of 2-bromo-fluoren-9-one (6b):



According to **TP3**, 2,4'-dibromo-1,1'-biphenyl (**2d**, 312 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 12 : 1) yielded the desired product **6b** (137 mg, 0.53 mmol, 53%) as a yellow solid. **M.p.**: 141 – 142 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃)

 δ = 7.73 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 192.3, 143.6, 142.9, 137.0, 135.7, 135.0, 133.6, 129.4, 127.5, 124.6, 122.7, 121.7, 120.4. **IR** (**Diamond-ATR, neat**) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3062, 1716, 1593, 1441, 1292, 1256, 1187, 1150, 1109, 1052, 820, 735, 658. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 260 (97), 258 (100), 151 (50), 150 (37). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₃H₇BrO] 257.9680, found 257.9674.

Synthesis of benzo[c]fluoren-9-one (6c):



According to **TP3**, 1-(2-bromophenyl)naphthalene (**2i**, 283 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) yielded the desired product **6c** (115 mg, 0.50 mmol, 50%) as an orange solid. **M.p.**: 160 – 161 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ = 8.46 – 8.43 (m, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (q, *J* =

8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (dd, J = 7.2, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.50 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 194.4$, 144.9, 142.8, 137.9, 134.4, 134.4, 131.8, 129.9, 129.6, 128.7, 128.7, 128.2, 127.7, 124.8, 124.0, 123.3, 119.8. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3062, 1707, 1602, 1578, 1462, 1368, 1172, 1100, 934, 824, 779, 740, 701. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 230 (100), 202 (66), 200 (37). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₇H₁₀O] 230.0732, found 230.0725.

Synthesis of pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9-one (6d):



According to **TP3**, 1-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**2**l, 222 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) yielded the desired product **6d** (120 mg, 0.71 mmol, 71%) as an orange solid. **M.p.**: 121 - 122 °C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) $\delta = 7.54$

(d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.76 (dd, J = 3.6, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd, J = 3.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 179.6$, 143.7, 134.1, 131.8, 130.1, 125.4, 124.4, 119.4, 115.8, 113.9, 110.2. **IR (Diamond-ATR, neat)** \tilde{v} / cm = 3125, 3056, 1674, 1616, 1523, 1478, 1403, 1358, 1311, 1248, 1181, 1076, 1021, 909, 870, 745, 699. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 169 (100), 140 (22), 114 (15). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₁₁H₇NO] 169.0528, found 169.0521.

Synthesis of indeno[1,2-b]benzofuran-10-one (6e):



According to **TP3**, 2-(2-bromophenyl)benzofuran (**2q**, 273 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) yielded the desired product **6e** (138 mg, 0.63 mmol, 63%) as an orange solid. **M.p.**: 159 – 160 °C.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.75 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 4H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 185.0, 178.4, 160.8, 138.6, 133.5, 132.8, 130.4, 125.3, 125.0, 123.6, 122.2, 121.0, 118.5, 118.3, 112.5. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3056, 1721, 1697, 1538, 1475, 1404, 1302, 1178, 1140, 1052, 915, 855, 754, 714. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 220 (100), 163 (44). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₅H₈O₂] 220.0524, found 220.0518.

Synthesis of benzo[b]indeno[2,1-d]thiophen-10-one (6f):



According to **TP3**, 2-(2-bromophenyl)benzo[b]thiophene (**2n**, 289 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane / ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) yielded the desired product **6f** (170 mg, 0.72 mmol, 72%) as a red solid. **M.p.**: 204 – 205 °C. ¹**H**-

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.11$ (dd, J = 7.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-**NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 187.2$, 162.2, 143.9, 138.6, 136.8, 134.7, 133.5, 132.4, 129.5, 126.5, 125.2, 123.4, 123.1, 122.9, 120.1. **IR** (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3062, 1714, 1688, 1596, 1462, 1349, 1226, 1155, 1078, 1042, 850, 744, 698. **MS** (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 236 (100), 208 (28), 163 (23). **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₅H₈OS] 236.0296, found 236.0289.

Synthesis of 9,10-diphenylphenanthrene (7a):



According to **TP4**, 2-bromobiphenyl (**2a**, 117 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and diphenylacetylene (178 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **7a** (130 mg, 0.40 mmol, 79%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 234 – 235 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400**

MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.83$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.59 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 5H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 139.5$, 137.2, 131.8, 131.0, 129.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.6, 126.4, 126.4, 122.5. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 1486, 1440, 1418, 1072, 1028, 758, 725, 700. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 330 (100), 329 (21), 253 (22), 252 (30). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₂₆H₁₈] 330.1409, found 330.1399.

Synthesis of 9-methyl-10-phenylphenanthrene (7b):



According to **TP4**, 2-bromobiphenyl (**2a**, 117 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1phenyl-1-propyne (116 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **7b** (90 mg, 0.34 mmol, 67%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 100 – 101 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400**

MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.83 - 8.79$ (m, 1H), 8.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.20 - 8.16 (m, 1H), 7.74 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.62 - 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.51 - 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.35 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 140.7$, 137.0, 132.3, 131.8, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 128.4, 127.4, 127.0, 126.8, 126.3, 126.2, 125.6, 125.1, 122.8, 122.3, 17.3. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3060, 2918, 1590, 1488, 1440, 1317, 1238, 1072, 1004, 856, 752, 723, 700. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 268 (100), 253 (36), 252 (36). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₂₁H₁₆] 268.1252, found 268.1244.

Synthesis of 9,10-dipropylphenanthrene (7c):



According to **TP4**, 2-bromobiphenyl (**2a**, 117 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 4-octyne (110 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **7c** (67 mg, 0.26 mmol, 51%) as a colorless solid. **M.p.**: 95 – 96 °C. ¹**H-NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ

= 8.77 – 8.72 (m, 2H), 8.16 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 3.19 – 3.15 (m, 4H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 4H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 133.8, 131.3, 129.8, 126.5, 125.3, 124.7, 122.9, 31.5, 24.0, 14.8. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3079, 2953, 2868, 1588, 1493, 1430, 1376, 1240, 1088, 1046, 888, 756, 723. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 262 (80), 233 (100), 218 (24), 203 (33), 191 (40). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₂₀H₂₂] 262.1722, found 262.1714.

Synthesis of 9-methyl-10-(trimethylsilyl)phenanthrene (7d):



According to **TP4**, 2-bromobiphenyl (**2a**, 117 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1trimethylsilyl-1-propyne (112 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **7d** (69 mg, 0.26 mmol, 52%) as a colorless oil. ¹**H-NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃)

 $\delta = 8.70 \text{ (dt, } J = 7.2, 2.0 \text{ Hz, } 2\text{H}\text{)}, 8.23 - 8.21 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 8.17 - 8.14 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 7.70 - 7.62 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.60 - 7.53 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 2.90 \text{ (s, 3H)}, 0.61 \text{ (s, 9H)}. {}^{13}\text{C-NMR} (100 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta = 140.9, 135.4, 134.5, 131.9, 130.8, 129.3, 128.8, 126.7, 126.5, 125.4, 125.0, 124.5, 122.9, 122.6, 21.9, 4.1. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) <math>\tilde{v} / \text{ cm} = 3071, 2950, 1563, 1488, 1434, 1376, 1251, 1043, 916, 834, 749, 722. \text{ MS (EI, 70 eV)} \text{ m/z (\%)} = 264 (72), 249 (78), 233 (100). \text{HRMS (EI, 70 eV)} \text{ m/z: calcd for } [C_{18}H_{20}\text{Si}] 264.1334, \text{ found } 264.1325.$

Synthesis of 4(5)-methyl-5(4)-phenylnaphtho[1,2-b]thiophene (7e):



According to **TP4**, 2-(2-bromophenyl)thiophene (**2m**, 120 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-phenyl-1-propyne (116 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **7e** (89

mg, 0.32 mmol, 65%) as an orange oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.22 - 8.15$ (m, 2.01H), 7.62 - 7.59 (m, 2.14H), 7.54 - 7.49 (m, 2.36H), 7.47 - 7.43 (m, 1.28H), 7.39 - 7.31 (m, 3.53H), 7.03 - 6.98 (m, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 0.35H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 140.6$, 139.8, 137.9, 137.8, 136.7, 135.5, 135.4, 135.1, 131.1, 130.8, 130.6, 129.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.6, 127.1, 127.0, 126.1, 125.8, 125.7, 125.5, 125.5, 124.9, 124.1, 124.0, 123.5, 18.0, 16.3. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) \tilde{v} / cm = 3052, 3024, 2920, 1947, 1886, 1601, 1575, 1494, 1442, 1378, 1323, 1270, 1094, 1072, 847, 745, 723, 690. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 274 (100), 259 (12), 239 (10), 197 (14). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₁₉H₁₄S] 274.0816, found 274.0805.

Synthesis of 4,5-diphenylpyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline (7f):



According to **TP4**, 1-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**2**l, 111 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and diphenylacetylene (178 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **7f** (144 mg, 0.45 mmol, 90%) as a grey solid. **M.p.**: 210 - 211 °C. ¹**H-NMR**

(400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.00 - 7.96$ (m, 2H), 7.55 - 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 - 7.16 (m, 11H), 6.79 (dd, J = 4.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 137.7, 137.6, 132.7, 131.9, 131.5, 130.8, 130.2, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 126.9, 126.7, 124.7, 123.4, 114.0, 112.9, 112.2, 104.2. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) <math>\tilde{v}$ / cm = 3056, 2358, 1591, 1482, 1442, 1365, 1321, 1159, 1098, 1073, 1026, 908, 751, 696. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 319 (9), 281 (25), 225 (16), 207 (100), 191 (17). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₂₄H₁₇N] 319.1361, found 319.1354.

Synthesis of 4,5-diphenylnaphtho[1,2-b]thiophene (7g):



According to **TP4**, 2-(2-bromophenyl)thiophene (**2m**, 120 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and diphenylacetylene (178 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **7g** (124 mg, 0.37 mmol, 74%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 216 – 217 °C. ¹**H-NMR**

(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.27 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.18 (m, 11H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 139.8, 138.9, 137.5, 136.9, 135.4, 134.8, 131.5, 130.6, 130.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 127.6, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 125.8, 124.6, 123.6. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3055, 2364, 1490, 1443, 1394, 1316, 1094, 1073, 1029, 850, 756, 740, 696. **MS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z (%) = 336 (100), 302 (11), 259 (16). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)** m/z: calcd for [C₂₄H₁₆S] 336.0973, found 336.0964.

Synthesis of 5,6-diphenylbenzo[b]naphtho[2,1-d]thiophene (7h):



According to **TP4**, 2-(2-bromophenyl)benzo[b]thiophene (**2n**, 145 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and diphenylacetylene (178 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **7h** (127 mg, 0.33 mmol, 66%) as a white solid. **M.p.**:

218 – 219 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.16 (m, 11H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 139.8, 139.3, 138.8, 137.5, 137.2, 136.8, 135.8, 131.4, 131.3, 131.0, 130.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 127.1, 126.5, 126.4, 125.5, 124.9, 124.4, 123.9, 122.6. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3057, 2358, 1493, 1441, 1378, 1315, 1158, 1072, 1030, 751, 730, 696. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 386 (10), 281 (27), 225 (26), 207 (100), 191 (17). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₂₈H₁₈S] 386.1129, found 386.1124.

Synthesis of 10,10'-diphenyl-9,9'-biphenanthrene (7i):



According to **TP4**, 2-bromobiphenyl (**2a**, 117 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1,4-diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne (46 mg, 0.225 mmol, 0.45 equiv) were used for the reaction. Finally, purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, *i*-hexane) yielded the desired product **7i** (62 mg, 0.12 mmol, 54%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: $300 - 301 \,^{\circ}$ C. ¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 8.79$ (d, $J = 8.4 \,\text{Hz}$, 4H), 7.66

- 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.47 (ddd, J = 8.0, 3.2, 1.2 Hz, 4H), 7.42 - 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.21 (td, J = 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (tt, J = 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 - 6.78 (m, 4H), 6.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 138.4, 137.5, 133.9, 133.3, 132.2, 132.0, 130.5, 129.6, 128.8, 128.5, 127.7, 127.4, 126.8,$ $126.8, 126.6, 126.3, 126.3, 126.2, 122.5, 122.4. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat) <math>\tilde{\nu}$ / cm = 3060, 2356, 1600, 1486, 1444, 1416, 1178, 1074, 1042, 914, 856, 759, 724, 700. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) = 507 (47), 506 (100), 127 (13). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: calcd for [C₄₀H₂₆] 506.2035, found 506.2016.

5. X-ray Crystallographic Studies

Single crystals of LaCl₃·2LiCl suitable for X-ray analysis were grown in THF at -10 °C for a week. Data collections were performed at 180 K on a XtaLAB Pro: Kappa single diffractometer using Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). Using Olex2, the structure was solved with Superflip solution program using Charge Flipping or ShelXS-97 solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the ShelXL refinement package using Least Squares minimization. Refinement was performed on F^2 anisotropically for all the non-hydrogen atoms by the full-matrix least-squares method. The hydrogen atoms were placed at the calculated positions and were included in the structure calculation without further refinement of the parameters. In the structure, the commands DELU, SIMU and ISOR were applied to mostly restrain the disorders of coordinated THF molecules. Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication nos. CCDC-1936794. Copies of these data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.



Figure S1. ORTEP drawing of LaCl₃·2LiCl with 20% thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

Identification code	LaCl ₃ ·2LiCl
Empirical formula	$C_{24}H_{48}Cl_5LaLi_2O_6$
Formula weight	762.66

Temperature/K	179.99(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P21/c
a/Å	10.5244(3)
b/Å	32.2985(8)
c/Å	11.1418(3)
α/°	90
β/°	113.212(4)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å ³	3480.77(19)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.455
μ/mm ⁻¹	1.643
F(000)	1552.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.1 imes 0.1 imes 0.1
Radiation	MoKa ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	4.71 to 52.042
Index ranges	$-12 \le h \le 12, -39 \le k \le 39, -13 \le l \le 13$
Reflections collected	63768
Independent reflections	6835 [$R_{int} = 0.0471$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0215$]
Data/restraints/parameters	6835/280/343
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.155
Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0624, wR_2 = 0.1384$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0647, wR_2 = 0.1397$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.93/-1.76

6. X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (XAFS) Studies

Extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) measurements (La solution) were performed at the La L_3 -edge in fluorescence mode. Data collections were performed at beamline Taiwan Photon Source (TPS) 44A at National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center (NSSRC) in Taiwan. Internal energy calibration was made with a vanadium metal foil assigned to 5465 eV (V K-edge). The JAQ program (by Oliver Müller, Bergische Universität Wuppertal) was used for EXAFS data treatment. Artemis software (Demeter 0.9.26) was used to fit the EXAFS data. The coordination parameters were obtained by fitting the R-space which was k^2 -weighted Fourier transform data.

First, the Fourier transform data for LaCl₃·2LiCl in THF [La001] appears as one peak corresponding to La–O and La–Cl bonds. The best fit revealed that each La atom is bound to two oxygen atoms with 2.63 Å La–O bond distance and five chlorine atoms with 2.84 Å La–Cl bond distance on average, (Figure S2, Table S4). These parameters are in good accordance with the crystal structure of LaCl₃·2LiCl.



Figure S2. La *L*₃-edge *k*²-weighted EXAFS spectra and Fourier transforms for LaCl₃·2LiCl in THF. Solid black lines show the experimental data and dashed red lines are the best fitting result. (2.7 Å⁻¹ < k < 9 Å⁻¹ and 1.3 Å < R < 3.2 Å)
Then, to the solution of LaCl₃· 2LiCl in THF was added *n*BuLi (2.0 equiv) at -50 °C, and K-space and R-space revealed that the coordination environment of La changed immediately and carbon and chlorine atoms were detected around La atom. The EXAFS fitting is an average of various La species and their best fits are shown in Figure S3. The average coordination numbers (CN) of La–C and La–Cl are 1.96 and 4.22, respectively. Meanwhile, the La–C and La–Cl bond distances determined from EXAFS refinements are 2.36 Å and 3.00 Å, respectively (Table S4). These results indicated that the transmetalation occurred upon the addition of *n*BuLi to LaCl₃· 2LiCl in THF, affording some new organolanthanum species [La002]. One possible structure of [La002] was proposed in Scheme S2. The flexible coordination of LiCl around La in [La002] might also have led to the average CN_{La–Cl} (4.22) lying in between 4-5.



Figure S3. La *L*₃-edge *k*²-weighted EXAFS spectra and Fourier transforms after addition of 2.0 equiv of *n*BuLi to LaCl₃·2LiCl in THF (the formulated *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl). Solid black lines show the experimental data and dashed red lines are the best fitting result. (2.7 Å⁻¹ < k < 8 Å⁻¹ and 1.3 Å < R < 3.2 Å)

Next, after addition of 2-bromobiphenyl to the above solution (the formulated *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl) at -50 °C, X-ray absorption fine structure (XAFS) measurement was started with 0.5 second/scan in quickscan mode and structural changes occurred. All EXAFS spectra were recorded during the operando experiment and spectra were nearly identical from over 30 min. The fitting results reveal that the CN of La–C and La–Cl are about 3.63 and 4.26 and the bond distances are 2.50 Å and 2.91 Å, respectively. (Figure S4, Table S4). These results indicated that some new organolanthanum species [La003] were formed upon the addition of 2-bromobiphenyl into *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl. The average CN_{La–C} (3.63) and CN_{La–Cl} (4.26) revealed that there were several proportional La species in [La003]. Three possible structures in [La003] were proposed in Scheme S2 and one structure was shown as a representative in Ref. 5b.



Figure S4. La L_3 -edge k^2 -weighted EXAFS spectra and Fourier transforms after addition of 2bromobiphenyl to the formulated *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl in THF. Solid black lines show the experimental data and dashed red lines are the best fitting result. (2 Å⁻¹ < k < 7 Å⁻¹ and 1.3 Å < R < 3 Å)

 Table S4. EXAFS fitting results

La001_LaCl ₃ ·2LiCl in THF		HF $S_0^2 = 1.05 \Delta E_0 =$	$S_0^2 = 1.05$ $\Delta E_0 = 6.009$ eV	
	Coordination Number	Bond Distance (Å)	$\sigma^2(\text{\AA}^2)$	
La-Cl	5	2.84(1)	0.00851	
La-O	2	2.56(1)	0.00351	

La002_LaCl ₃ ·2LiCl_2 <i>n</i> BuLi in THF $S_0^2 = 1.05 \Delta E_0 = 1.253 \text{ eV}$					
	Coordination Number	Bond Distance (Å)	$\sigma^2(\text{\AA}^2)$		
La-Cl	4.22	2.99(3)	0.01508		
La-C	1.96	2.36(2)	0.00342		

La003_LaCl ₃ ·2LiCl_2 <i>n</i> BuLi_2-BrbiPh in THF $S_0^2 = 1.05 \Delta E_0 = 6.203 \text{ eV}$					
	Coordination	Bond	$-2(\lambda^2)$		
	Number	Distance (Å)	0 (A)		
La-Cl	4.26	2.90(2)	0.013		
La-C	3.63	2.49(2)	0.00349		



Scheme S2. Proposed structures of the involved organolanthanum species

7. NMR Spectra



¹H-NMR analysis of *n*BuLi and *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl

⁷Li-NMR analysis of LaCl₃·2LiCl, *n*BuLi and *n*Bu₂LaCl·4LiCl











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100 50 0 -50 -100 -150 -200 -250 f1 (ppm)










































































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