# Pyridine functionalized N -heterocyclic silane complexes of iridium and rhodium - an unexpected change in coordination 

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## 1. NMR spectroscopy

a) ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} N M R$


Figure S1: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of N -(2-nitrophenyl) pivalamide (1).


Figure S2: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of N -(2-aminophenyl) pivalamid (2).


Figure $\mathrm{S} 3:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of N -neopentyl- $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl) phenylene diamine (3).


Figure S4: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 1-neopentyl-2,2-hydrochloro-3-((pyridin-2-yl)-methyl)-benzo[1,3,2] diazasilol (4).


Figure S5: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 1-neopentyl-2-hydro-2-(bis-trimethylsilylamido)-3-((pyridin-2-yl)-methyl)-benzo[1,3,2] diazasilol (5).


Figure $\mathrm{S} 6:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 6 .


Figure S7: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 7 . Cocrystallized benzene is marked as such in the sample (see also crystal structure).
b) ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B} N \mathrm{NR}$


Figure $\mathrm{S} 8:{ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of 6 .


Figure $\mathrm{S} 9:{ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of 7.
c) ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}$


Figure S10: ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of N -(2-aminophenyl) pivalamid (2).


Figure S11: $\left.{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of N -neopentyl- $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl) phenylene diamine (3).


Figure $\mathrm{S} 12:{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of 1-neopentyl-2,2-hydrochloro-3-((pyridin-2-yl)-methyl)-benzo[1,3,2] diazasilol (4).


Figure S13: $\left.{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of 1-neopentyl-2-hydro-2-(bis-trimethylsilylamido)-3-((pyridin-2-yl)-methyl)-benzo[1,3,2] diazasilol (5).


Figure $\mathrm{S} 14:{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of 6 .

d) ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}$


Figure $\mathrm{S} 16:{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of 6 .


Figure S17: ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of 7.
e) ${ }^{29} \mathrm{Si}$ NMR


Figure S18: $\left.{ }^{29} \mathrm{Si}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of of 1-neopentyl-2,2-hydrochloro-3-((pyridin-2-yl)-methyl)-benzo[1,3,2] diazasilol (4).


Figure $\left.\mathrm{S} 19:{ }^{29} \mathrm{Si}{ }^{1}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of 1-neopentyl-2-hydro-2-(bis-trimethylsilylamido)-3-((pyridin-2-yl)-methyl)-benzo[1,3,2] diazasilol (5).


Figure $\mathrm{S} 20:{ }^{29} \mathrm{Si}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of 6 .


Figure $\mathrm{S} 21:{ }^{29} \mathrm{Si}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of 7 .

## 2. ESI-MS



Figure S22: ESI MS of N -(2-aminophenyl) pivalamid (2).


Figure S23: ESI MS of N-neopentyl-N'-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl) phenylene diamine (3).


Figure S24: ESI MS of 6.


Figure S25: ESI MS of 7.

## 3. LIFDI MS



Figure S26: LIFDI MS of of 1-neopentyl-2,2-hydrochloro-3-((pyridin-2-yl)-methyl)-benzo[1,3,2] diazasilol (4). Additional signal at $m / z=608$ caused by hydrolysis product (hydrolysis with moisture in the course of the measurement).


Figure S27: LIFDI MS of 1-neopentyl-2-hydro-2-(bis-trimethylsilylamido)-3-((pyridin-2-yl)-methyl)-benzo[1,3,2] diazasilol (5).

## 4. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction

a) X-Ray single crystal structure of $N$-neopentyl- $N^{\prime}$-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl) phenylene diamine (3).


Figure S28: ORTEP style X-ray structure of 3. Ellipsoids are shown at a $50 \%$ probability level. The hydrogen atoms are drawn with an arbitrary radius. Carbon-attached hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Element colors: black - carbon, blue nitrogen.

## b) X-ray measurement details

Data were collected on an X-ray single crystal diffractometer equipped with a CCD detector (Bruker APEX II, к-CCD), a rotating anode (Bruker TXS) with MoK $_{\alpha}$ radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073$ Å) and a Helios optic monochromator $(3,6)$ or on a Bruker D8 Kappa APEX II system equipped with a fine-focused sealed tube with with $\mathrm{MoK}_{\alpha}$ radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ ) and a Triumph monochromator ( $4,5,7$ ) by using the APEX software package. ${ }^{1}$ The measurements were performed on a single crystal coated with perfluorinated ether. The crystal was fixed on top of a microsampler and transferred to the diffractometer. The crystal was frozen under a stream of cold nitrogen. A matrix scan was used to determine the initial lattice parameters. Reflections were merged and corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects, scan speed, and background using SAINT. ${ }^{2}$ Absorption corrections, including odd and even ordered spherical harmonics were performed using SADABS. ${ }^{2}$ Space group assignments were based upon systematic absences, E statistics, and successful refinement of the structures. Structures were solved by direct methods with the aid of successive difference Fourier maps, and were refined against all data using SHELXLE ${ }^{3}$ in conjunction with SHELXL-2014 ${ }^{4}$. Hydrogen atoms were assigned to ideal positions and refined using a riding model with an isotropic thermal parameter 1.2 times that of the attached carbon atom (1.5 times for methyl hydrogen atoms). Silicon- and nitrogenattached protons could be located on the difference Fourier maps and were allowed to refine freely. If not mentioned otherwise, non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Full-matrix least-squares refinements were carried out by minimizing $\Sigma \mathrm{w}\left(\mathrm{Fo}^{2}-\mathrm{Fc}^{2}\right)^{2}$ with SHELXL- $97^{5}$ weighting scheme. Neutral atom scattering factors for all atoms and anomalous dispersion corrections for the non-hydrogen atoms were taken from International Tables for Crystallography. ${ }^{6}$ Images of the crystal structures were generated by PLATON. ${ }^{7}$

## c) Crystallographic data

Table S1: Crystallographic data for compounds 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

|  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| formula | $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~N}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{ClN}_{3} \mathrm{Si}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{40} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Si}_{3}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C}_{63} \mathrm{H}_{64} \mathrm{BF}_{24.07} \mathrm{Ir} \\ & \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Si}_{3} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{33.5} \mathrm{~B}_{0.5} \mathrm{~F}_{2} \\ & \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{Rh}_{0.5} \mathrm{Si}_{1.5} \end{aligned}$ |
| $M_{\text {r }}$ | 269.38 | 331.91 | 456.86 | 1621.71 | 475.01 |
| crystal habit | clear colorless fragment | clear yellow fragment | clear colorless fragment | clear orange fragment | clear yellow fragment |
| crystal system | monoclinic | triclinic | triclinic | monoclinic | triclinic |
| space group | P21/n | $P \overline{1}$ | $P \overline{1}$ | C2/c | $P \overline{1}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{a}$ [ ${ }_{\text {¢ }}$ ] | 9.1143(5) | 11.463(2) | 9.657(2) | 19.308(2) | 11.591(4) |
| $b[\AA]$ | 5.6876(3) | 12.121(1) | 10.800(1) | 18.256(1) | 12.932(5) |
| $c[\AA]$ | 29.019(2) | 13.285(2) | 14.678(2) | 40.759(3) | 18.375(7) |
| $\alpha\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 90 | 77.296(4) | 77.297(6) | 90 | 108.43(2) |
| $\beta\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 97.306(2) | 77.546(4) | 86.511(6) | 101.562(2) | 99.56(2) |
| $\gamma\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 90 | 71.924(4) | 63.939(5) | 90 | 104.37(2) |
| $\boldsymbol{V}\left[\AA^{3}\right]$ | 1492.1(2) | 1690.1(3) | 1340.4(3) | 14076(2) | 2440(2) |
| Z | 4 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| $\rho_{\text {c }}$ | 1.199 | 1.304 | 1.132 | 1.531 | 1.293 |
| $F(000)$ | 584 | 704 | 496 | 6485 | 998 |
| $\boldsymbol{T}$ [K] | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| $\mu\left[\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right]$ | 0.072 | 0.297 | 0.194 | 2.053 | 0.474 |
| data/restraints/ parameters | 2733/0/192 | 8379/0/411 | 7477/0/284 | 12417/319/991 | 8589/491/652 |
| $\operatorname{GoF}\left(F^{2}\right)$ | 1.047 | 1.076 | 1.071 | 1.050 | 1.068 |
| $\begin{aligned} & R_{1}{ }^{a}, w R_{2}{ }^{b}(I> \\ & 2 \sigma(I)) \end{aligned}$ | 0.0378, 0.0848 | 0.0328, 0.0852 | 0.0287, 0.0838 | 0.0500, 0.0987 | 0.0326, 0.0787 |
| $\begin{aligned} & R_{1}, w R_{2} \text { (all } \\ & \text { data) } \end{aligned}$ | 0.0527, 0.0901 | 0.0397, 0.0887 | 0.0316, 0.0904 | 0.0859, 0.1070 | 0.0406, 0.0831 |
| $\boldsymbol{R}_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0648 | 0.0347 | 0.0276 | 0.1517 | 0.0454 |
| CCDC number | 1571194 | 1571192 | 1571193 | 1571196 | 1571195 |

## 5. Thermodynamic parameters from VT NMR

For the determination of the thermodynamic parameters of the rotation barrier around Si1-N4 in 5, a NMR spectra were recorded at various temperatures in THF- $d_{8}$.

The overcoming of the rotational barrier in molecule 5 can be described as a first-order kinetic process. As such, the conformer lifetime $\tau$ is reciprocally proportional to the rate constant $k$.

According to Arrhenius, the rate constant $k$ is given by:

$$
k=A \cdot e^{\frac{E_{A}}{R T}}
$$

Following the relations for Gibbs free activation enthalpy, require standard pressure and apply the natural logarithm, for the first order reaction at temperature $T$ it can be denoted:

$$
\ln \frac{k}{T}=\frac{\Delta H}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T}+\frac{\Delta S}{R}+\ln \frac{k_{B}}{h}
$$

( $\Delta \mathrm{H}$ : activation Enthalpy; $\Delta \mathrm{S}$ : activation entropy; $k_{B}$ : Boltzmann constant; $h$ : Planck constant; $R$ : gas constant)

Thus, plotting $\ln \frac{k}{T}$ versus $\frac{1}{T}$ will makes all thermodynamic values accessible through slope or intercept.
$E_{A}$ can eventually be calculated by

$$
E_{A}=\Delta H+R T
$$

Determination of reaction constant $k$ :
At low temperatures ( $\leq 20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), the exchange rate was considered slow, and thus, with $w_{\frac{1}{2}}$ as the band width at half intensity level:

$$
k=\frac{1}{\tau}=\pi \cdot w_{\frac{1}{2}}
$$

Thereby, the linewidth at $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was considered as "natural linewidth" without exchange and was substracted from the linewidths, measured at higher temperatures in order to reveal the exchangerelated linewidths.

Around the coalescence point $\left(20-45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ ), $k$ was calculated through ( $\Delta \delta$ : separation between the two $\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}$ signals in Hz ):

$$
k=\frac{1}{\tau}=\frac{\pi \cdot \Delta \delta}{\sqrt{2}}
$$

For fast exchange at elevated temperatures ( $>45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), k was calculated as ( $\Delta \delta_{-40}$ : line separation at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ):

$$
k=\frac{1}{\tau}=\frac{\pi \cdot \Delta \delta_{-40}^{2}}{2 w_{\frac{1}{2}}}
$$

Table S2: Measured and calculated parameters within the $\mathrm{VT}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR studies of 5.

| T | w_1/2 | $\Delta \delta$ | k | 1/T | $\ln (\mathrm{k} / \mathrm{T})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -40 | 2,51 | 157,4 | 0,1 | 0,00428908 |  |
| -20 | 2,66 | 148,4 | 0,46338492 | 0,00395023 | -6,30317942 |
| 0 | 4,71 | 140 | 6,9272118 | 0,00366099 | -3,6745637 |
| 20 | 28,55 | 127,8 | 81,8243515 | 0,00341122 | -1,27610953 |
| 40 | 74,28 | 92 | 204,372615 | 0,00319336 | -0,42673744 |
| 45 | 145,0 | 78 | 173,272435 | 0,00314317 | -0,60765785 |
| 47 | 128,5 | 62 | 305,834199 | 0,00312354 | -0,04574651 |



Figure S28: Linear Regression of $\ln (k / T)$ vs. $1 / \mathrm{T}$.
Linear regression and calculation of the parameters reveals:

$$
\Delta H=60.3 \frac{\mathrm{~kJ}}{\mathrm{~mol}} ; \Delta S=-8.8 \frac{\mathrm{~J}}{\mathrm{~mol} \cdot \mathrm{~K}} ; E_{A}=62.9 \frac{\mathrm{~kJ}}{\mathrm{~mol}}
$$

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