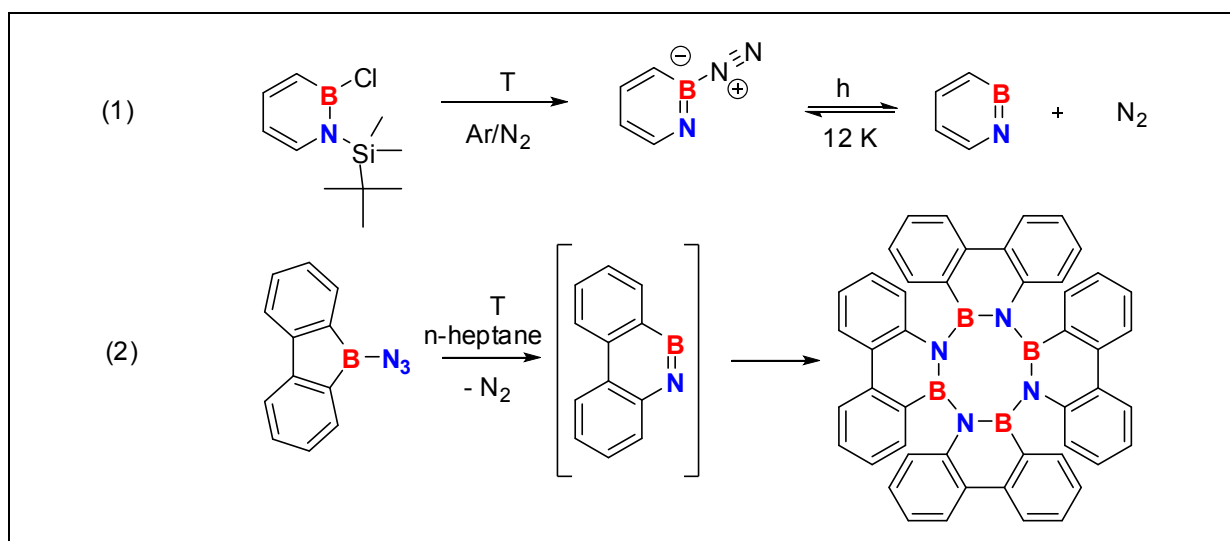


# The Boron-Nitrogen Analogues of *ortho*-Benzynes

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The isoelectronic nature of CC and BN units was extended to reactive intermediates: borylnitrenes  $R_2BN$  are isoelectronic to vinylidenes  $R_2CC$ .<sup>1</sup> Here the BN analogues of *ortho*-benzyne, 1,2-azaborines, are introduced. They can be generated either under flash vacuum pyrolysis conditions and studied by matrix isolation (reaction 1) or by solution phase thermolysis (reaction 2) of suitable precursors.<sup>2</sup>



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