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The Reactivity of Antimony and Bismuth *N,C,N*-Pincer Compounds toward $K[BEt_3H]$ – the Formation of Heterocyclic Compounds vs. Element-Element Bonds vs. Stable Terminal Sb-H Bonds.

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1) Synthesis and NMR spectra of starting compounds.

Synthesis of 2-Sb

779 mg (1.36 mmol) of **1-Sb** was dissolved in benzene (15 mL) and 270 μL (1.36 mmol) of neat $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCH}_2\text{OTf}$ was added. The solution was stirred for 12 h at r.t. and the reaction mixture was evaporated. The solid residue was washed with hexane (*ca* 2x10 mL) and dried *in vacuo* giving **2-Sb** as a white powder. Yield 842 mg, 77%, m.p. 240-244 $^\circ\text{C}$. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{50}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{SSbSi}$ ($M_r = 809.72$): C, 54.9 %; H, 6.2 %; N, 3.5 %. Found: C, 55.2 %; H 6.5 %; N, 3.8 %. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3CN): δ -0.49 [9H, s, $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$]; 0.87 [2H, s, SiCH_2]; 1.10 [6H, d, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.7$ Hz, *iPr-CH*]; 1.21 [6H, d, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.9$ Hz, *iPr-CH*]; 1.26 [6H, d, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.7$ Hz, *iPr-CH*]; 1.29 [6H, d, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.9$ Hz, *iPr-CH*]; 2.69 [2H, h, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.9$ Hz, *iPr-CH*]; 3.09 [2H, h, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.7$ Hz, *iPr-CH*]; 7.32-7.38 [6H, m, Ar-H]; 8.08 [1H, t, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.7$ Hz, Ar-H]; 8.47 [2H, d, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.7$ Hz, Ar-H]; 9.16 [2H, s, $\text{CH}=\text{N}$] ppm. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125.76 MHz, CD_3CN): δ -0.7 [$\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$]; 7.9 [SiCH_2]; 23.7 [*iPr-CH*]; 23.9 [*iPr-CH*]; 25.1 [*iPr-CH*]; 26.8 [*iPr-CH*]; 29.1 [*iPr-CH*]; 30.0 [*iPr-CH*]; not detected [CF_3], 125.6 [Ar-C]; 125.9 [Ar-C]; 129.5 [Ar-C]; 133.3 [Ar-C]; 137.5 [Ar-C]; 140.3 [Ar-C]; 141.2 [Ar-C]; 141.4 [Ar-C]; 142.0 4 [Ar-C]; 156.3 [C-*ipso*]; 171.1 [$\text{CH}=\text{N}$] ppm.

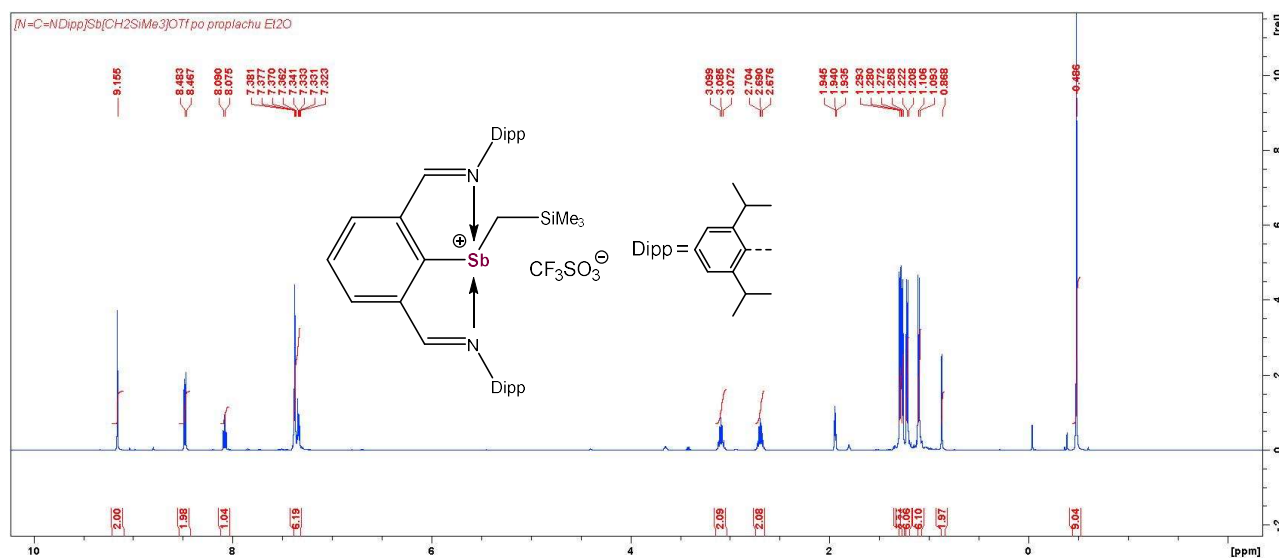


Figure S1: ^1H NMR spectrum of **2-Sb** in CD_3CN (500 MHz).

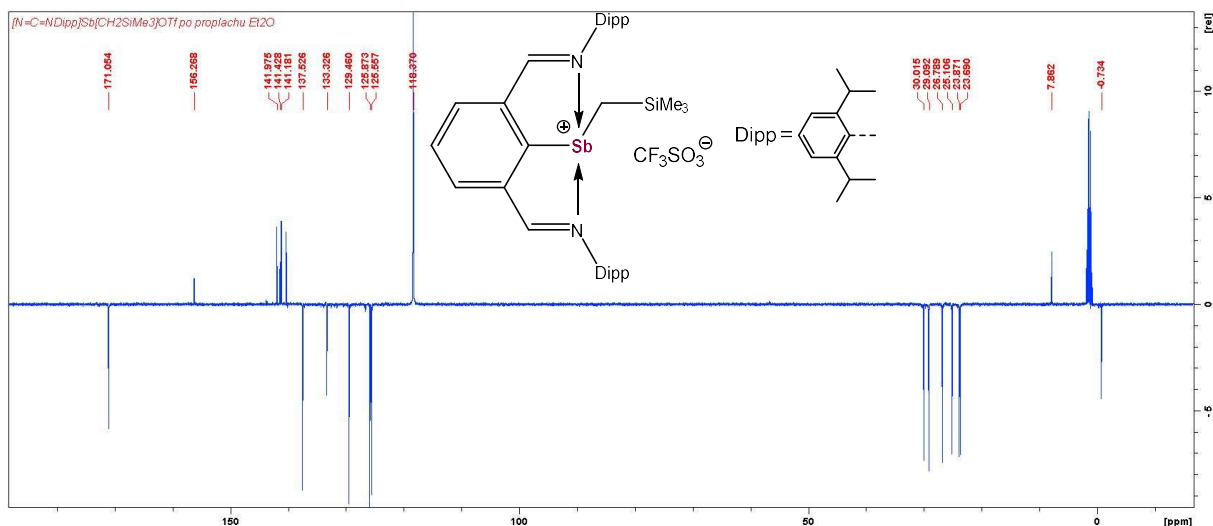


Figure S2: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -APT NMR spectrum of **2-Sb** in CD_3CN (125.6 MHz).

Synthesis of **2-Bi**

826 mg (1.25 mmol) of **1-Bi** was dissolved in benzene (15 mL) and 250 μL (1.25 mmol) of neat $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCH}_2\text{OTf}$ was added. The solution was stirred for 12 h at r.t. and the reaction mixture was evaporated. The solid residue was washed with hexane (*ca* 2x10 mL) and dried *in vacuo* giving **2-Bi** as a white powder. The product can re-crystallized from dichloromethane/hexane mixture. Yield 800 mg, 71%, m.p. 190-192 $^\circ\text{C}$. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{50}\text{BiF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{SSi}$ ($M_r = 896.94$): C, 49.6 %; H, 5.6 %; N, 3.1 %. Found: C, 49.5 %; H 5.7 %; N, 3.3 %. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3CN): δ -0.37 [9H, s, $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$]; 1.11 [6H, d, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.7$ Hz, *iPr-CH*₃]; 1.19 [6H, d, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.7$ Hz, *iPr-CH*₃]; 1.24 [2H, s, SiCH_2]; 1.27 [12H, m, *iPr-CH*₃]; 2.72 [2H, h, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.8$ Hz, *iPr-CH*]; 3.01 [2H, h, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.7$ Hz, *iPr-CH*]; 7.31-7.36 [6H, m, Ar-*H*]; 8.13 [1H, t, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.7$ Hz, Ar-*H*]; 8.57 [2H, d, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.7$ Hz, Ar-*H*]; 9.68 [2H, s, $\text{CH}=\text{N}$] ppm. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125.76 MHz, CD_3CN): δ 0.6 [$\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$]; 23.3 [*iPr-CH*₃]; 24.3 [*iPr-CH*₃]; 24.9 [*iPr-CH*₃]; 26.6 [*iPr-CH*₃]; 29.0 [*iPr-CH*]; 30.1 [*iPr-CH*]; 34.2 [SiCH_2]; 122.2 [t, $^1J_{\text{F,C}} = 325$ Hz, CF_3], 125.2 [Ar-C]; 125.8 [Ar-C]; 129.0 [Ar-C]; 131.9 [Ar-C]; 139.6 [Ar-C]; 140.3 [Ar-C]; 141.6 [Ar-C]; 143.5 [Ar-C]; 147.4 [Ar-C]; 176.0 [$\text{CH}=\text{N}$]; 192.0 [C-*ipso*] ppm.

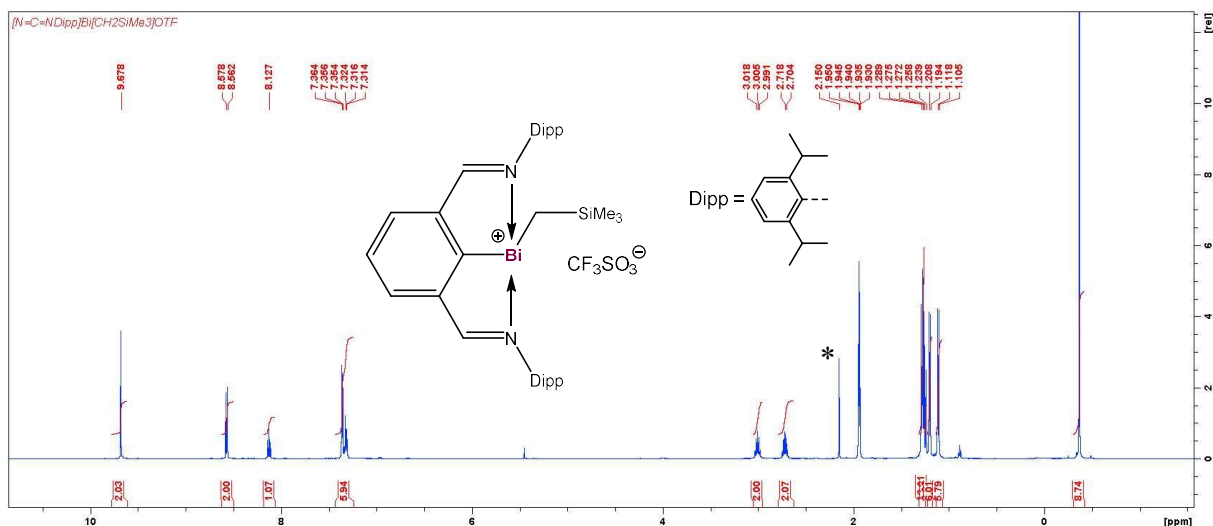


Figure S3: ^1H NMR spectrum of **2-Bi** in CD_3CN (500 MHz). *denotes traces of moisture in CD_3CN .

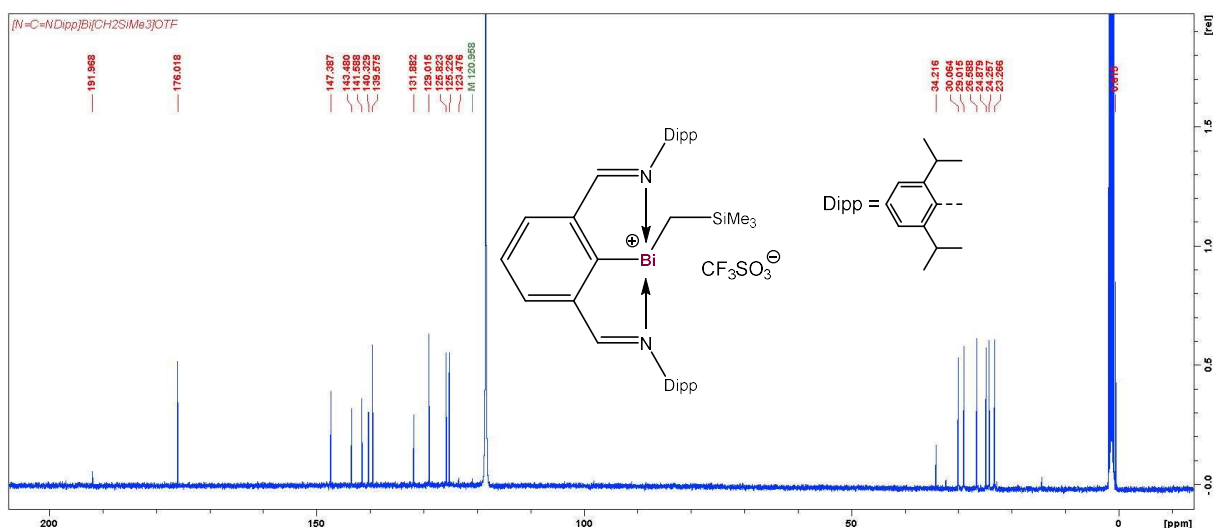


Figure S4: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **2-Bi** in CD_3CN (125.6 MHz).

Synthesis of 4-Sb

1.002 g (2.61 mmol) of **3-Sb** was dissolved in thf (40 mL), cooled to $-25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and 5.22 mL (5.22 mmol) of 1M solution of $\text{K}[\text{BET}_3\text{H}]$ in thf as added dropwise. The yellow solution was stirred for 10 min at $-25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and for additional 30 min at r.t. Subsequently, 0.52 mL (2.61 mmol) of neat $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCH}_2\text{OTf}$ was added. The solution was stirred for 1 h at r.t. and the reaction mixture was evaporated. The solid residue was washed with hexane (*ca* 2x10 mL) and dried *in vacuo*. Thus, obtained solid was extracted with acetonitrile (50 mL) and the clear colorless extract was

evaporated to give **4-Sb** as a white powder. The product can re-crystallized from thf/hexane mixture. Yield 592 mg, 42%, m.p. 132-137 °C. Anal. Calcd for $C_{17}H_{30}F_3N_2O_3SSbSi$ ($M_r = 549.34$): C, 37.2 %; H, 5.5 %; N, 5.1 %. Found: C, 37.6 %; H 5.7 %; N, 5.3 %. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3CN): δ 0.22 [9H, s, $Si(CH_3)_3$]; 0.87 [2H, s, $SiCH_2$]; 2.57 [6H, s, $N(CH_3)_2$]; 2.64 [6H, s, $N(CH_3)_2$]; 3.91 and 3.99 [4H, AB pattern, $^2J_{H,H} = 15.1$ Hz, NCH_2]; 7.27 [2H, d, $^3J_{H,H} = 7.5$ Hz, Ar- H]; 7.44 [1H, t, $^3J_{H,H} = 7.5$ Hz, Ar- H] ppm. $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100.6 MHz, CD_3CN): δ 1.1 [Si(CH_3) $_3$]; 8.6 [Si CH_2]; 47.2 [N(CH_3) $_2$]; 48.2 [N(CH_3) $_2$]; 65.4 [N CH_2]; 122.1 [t, $^1J_{F,C} = 322$ Hz, CF_3], 126.6 [Ar-C]; 131.9 [Ar-C]; 142.9 [C-ipso]; 144.6 [Ar-C] ppm.

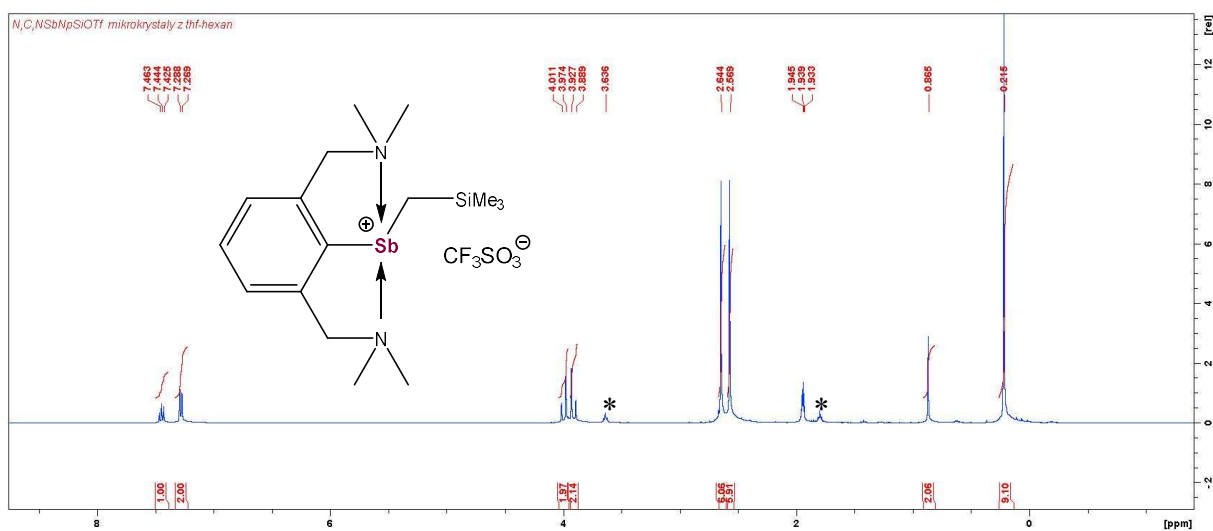


Figure S5: 1H NMR spectrum of **4-Sb** in CD_3CN (400 MHz). *denotes traces of thf.

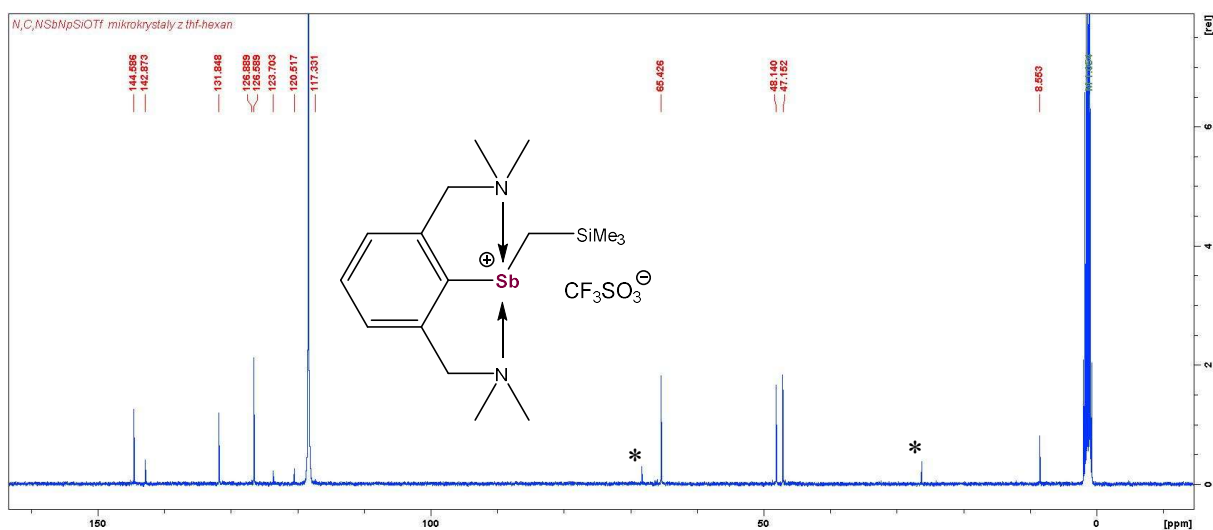


Figure S6: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4-Sb** in CD_3CN (125.6 MHz). *denotes traces of thf.

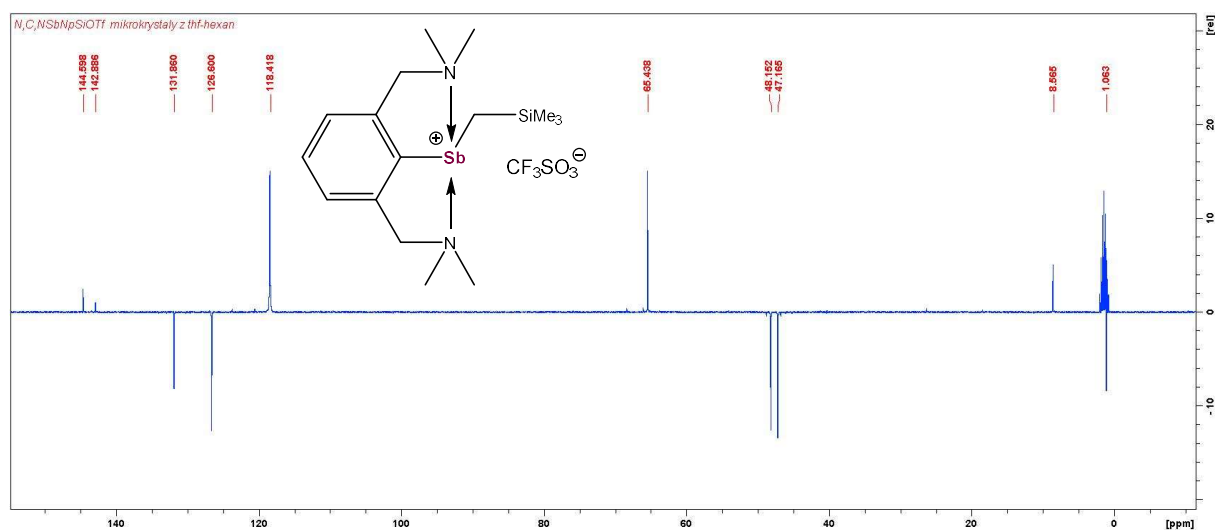


Figure S7: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -APT NMR spectrum of **4-Sb** in CD_3CN (125.6 MHz).

Synthesis of **5-Sb**

2.189 g (5.7 mmol) of **3-Sb** was mixed with thf (60 mL), cooled to $-25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and 11.4 mL (11.4 mmol) of 1M solution of $\text{K}[\text{BET}_3\text{H}]$ in thf as added dropwise. The orange solution was stirred for 10 min at $-25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and for additional 30 min at r.t. Subsequently, 0.36 mL (5.7 mmol) of neat MeI was added. The solution was stirred for 1 h at r.t. and the reaction mixture was evaporated. The solid residue was washed with hexane (*ca* 2x10 mL) and dried *in vacuo*. Thus, obtained solid was extracted with acetonitrile (30 mL) and the clear colorless extract was evaporated and washed with hexane (10 mL) give **5-Sb** as a white powder. Yield 1.532 g, 59%, m.p. 227-230 $^\circ\text{C}$. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{IN}_2\text{Sb}$ ($M_r = 455.00$): C, 34.3 %; H, 4.9 %; N, 6.2 %. Found: C, 34.8 %; H 5.2 %; N, 6.3 %. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3CN): δ 1.25 [3H, s, CH_3]; 2.57 [6H, s, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$]; 2.69 [6H, s, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$]; 3.94 and 3.99 [4H, AB pattern, $^2J_{\text{H,H}} = 14.9\text{ Hz}$, NCH_2]; 7.28 [2H, d, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.5\text{ Hz}$, Ar-H]; 7.43 [1H, t, $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.5\text{ Hz}$, Ar-H] ppm. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100.6 MHz, CD_3CN): δ 6.7 [CH_3]; 46.7 [$\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$]; 48.1 [$\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$]; 65.8 [NCH_2]; 126.3 [Ar-C]; 131.5 [Ar-C]; 143.2 [C-ipso]; 144.5 [Ar-C] ppm.

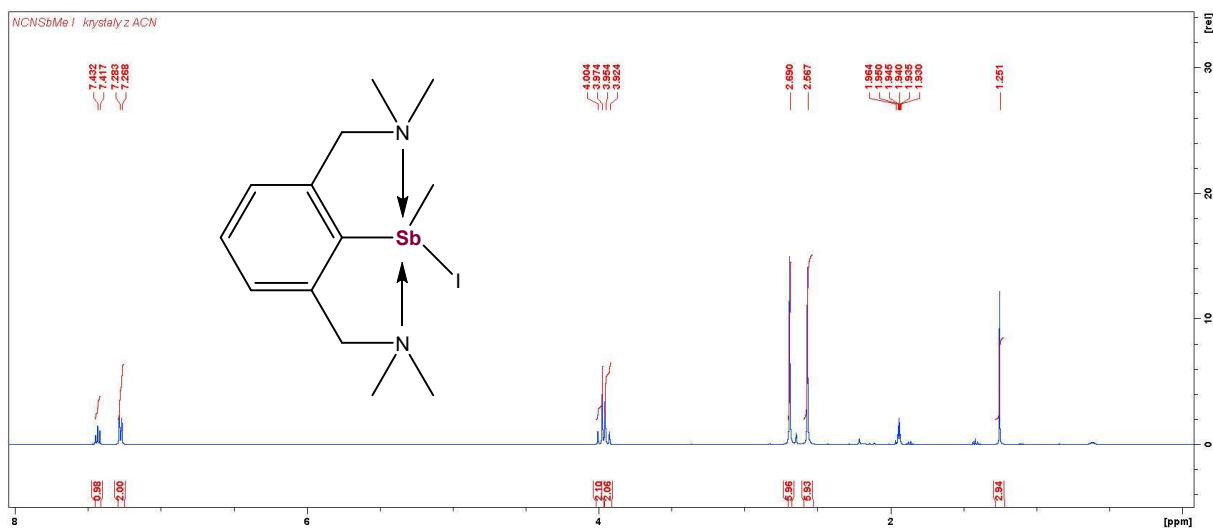


Figure S8: ^1H NMR spectrum of **5-Sb** in CD_3CN (500 MHz).

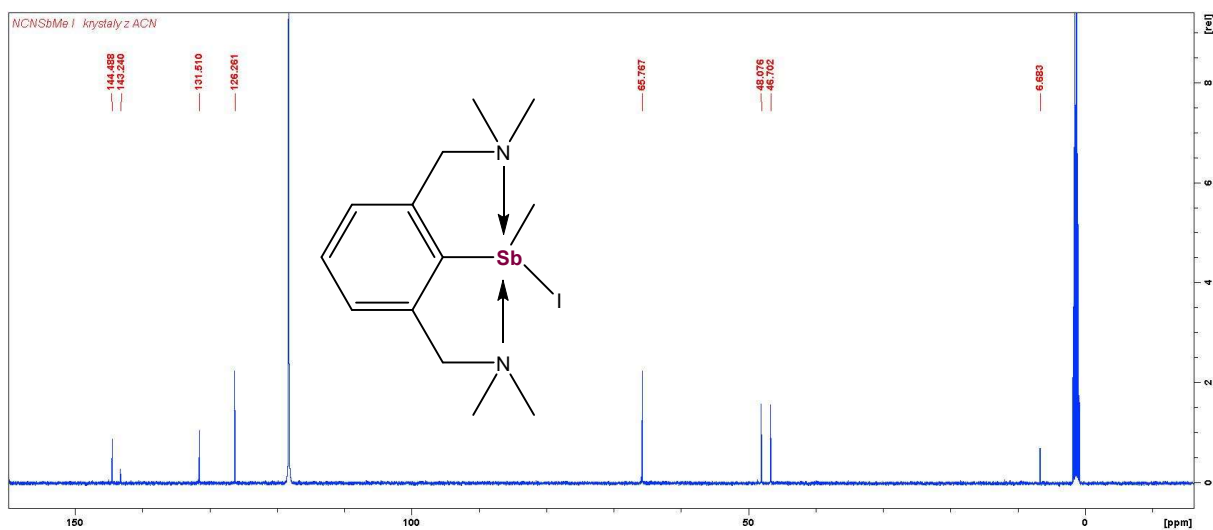


Figure S9: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **5-Sb** in CD_3CN (125.6 MHz).

2) NMR spectra of studied compounds.

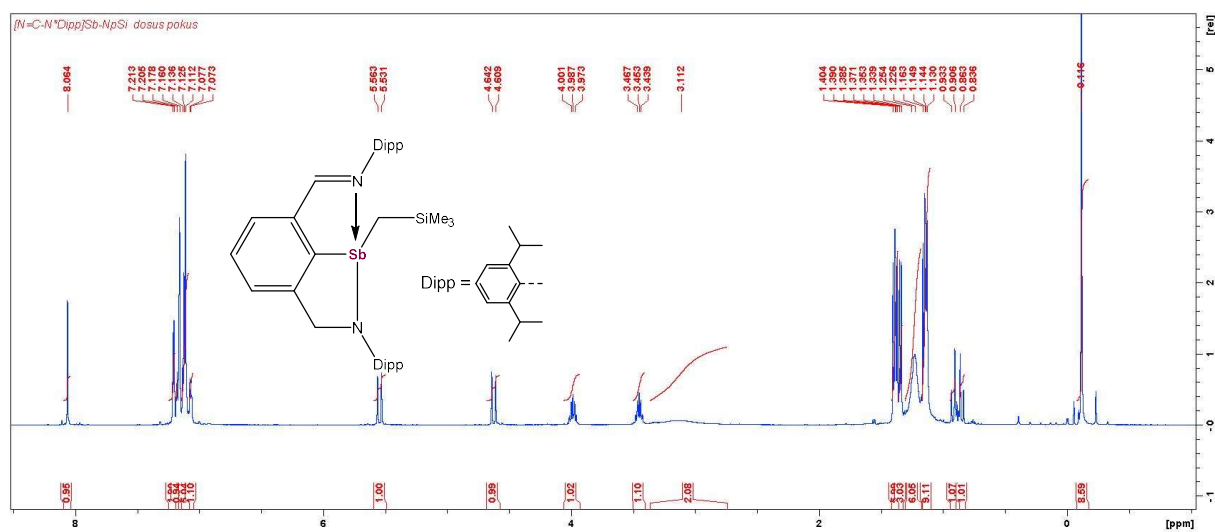


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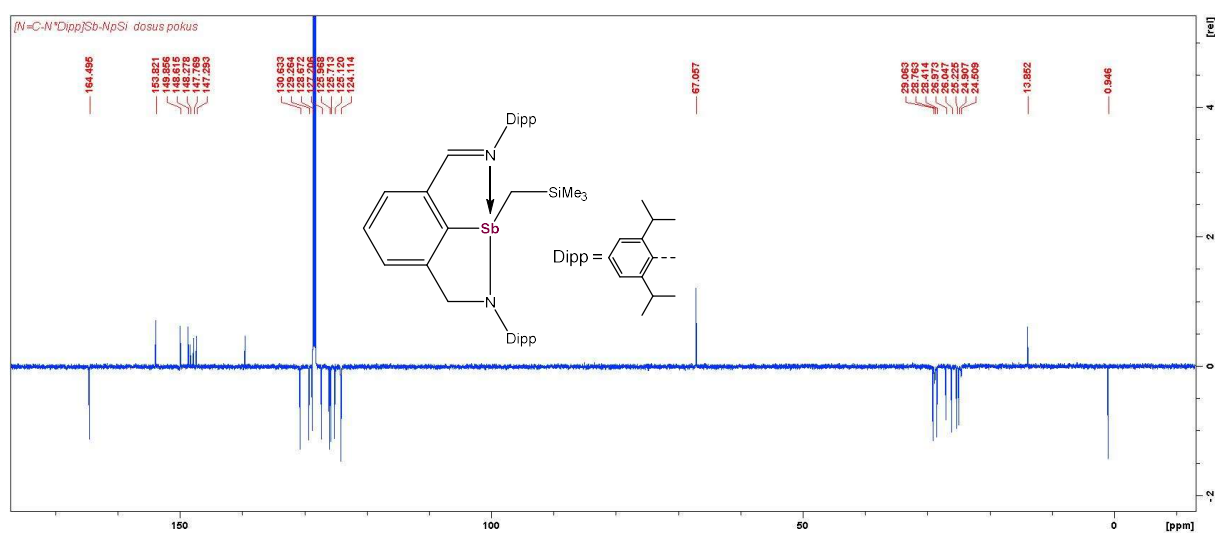


Figure S11: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -APT NMR spectrum of 6-Sb in C_6D_6 (125.6 MHz).

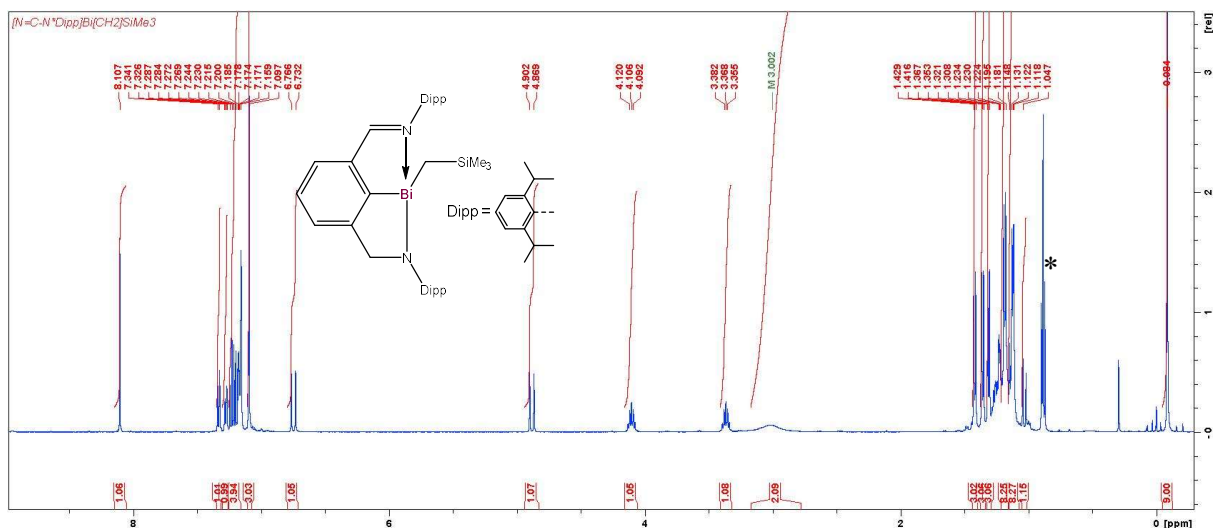


Figure S12: ^1H NMR spectrum of **6-Bi** in C_6D_6 (500 MHz). *denotes traces of hexane present in dissolved single-crystals.

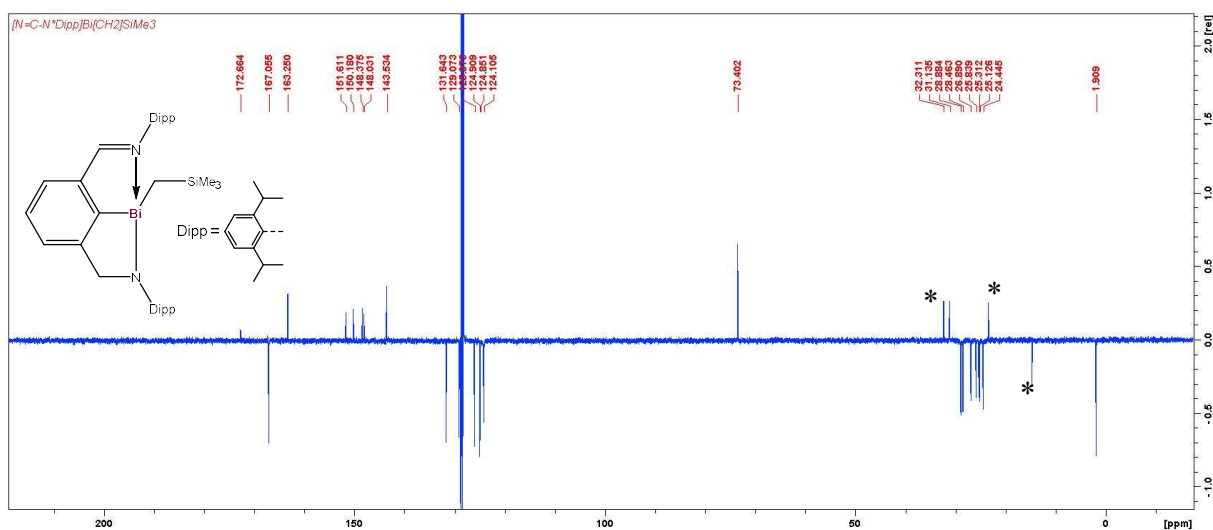


Figure S13: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -APT NMR spectrum of **6-Bi** in C_6D_6 (125.6 MHz). *denotes traces of hexane present in dissolved single-crystals.

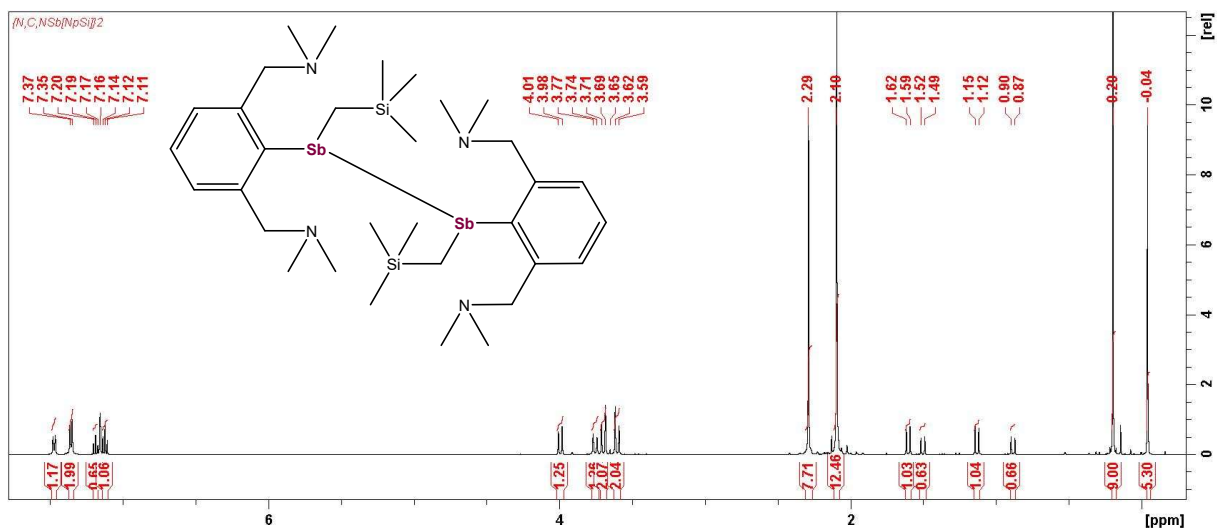


Figure S14: ^1H NMR spectrum of *meso*-7-Sb and *rac*-RR/SS-7-Sb in C_6D_6 (500 MHz).

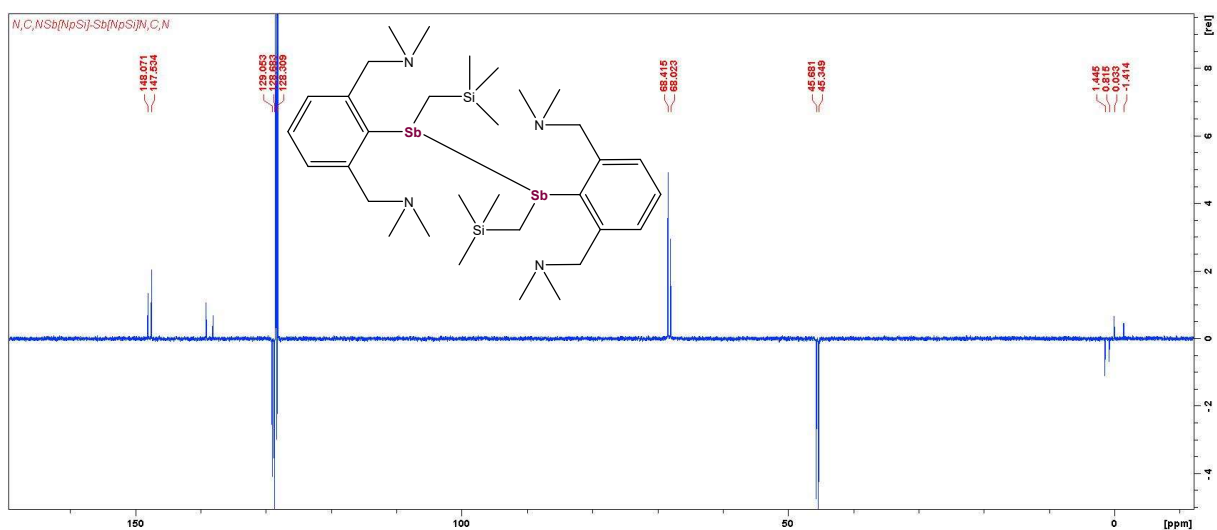


Figure S15: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -APT NMR spectrum of *meso*-7-Sb and *rac*-RR/SS-7-Sb in C_6D_6 (125.6 MHz).

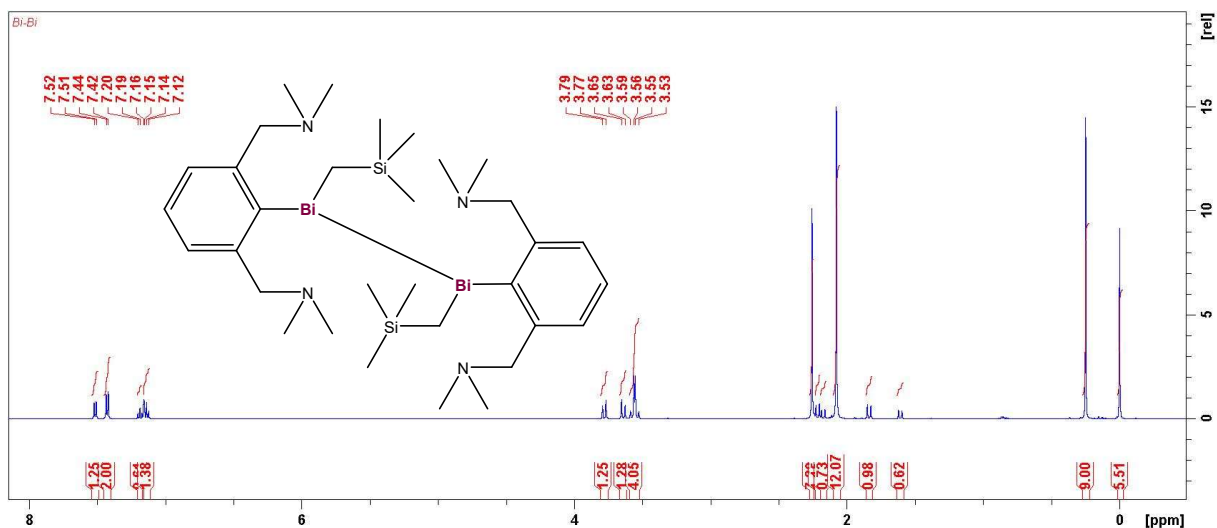


Figure S16: ¹H NMR spectrum of *meso*-7-Bi and *rac*-RR/SS-7-Bi in C₆D₆ (400 MHz).

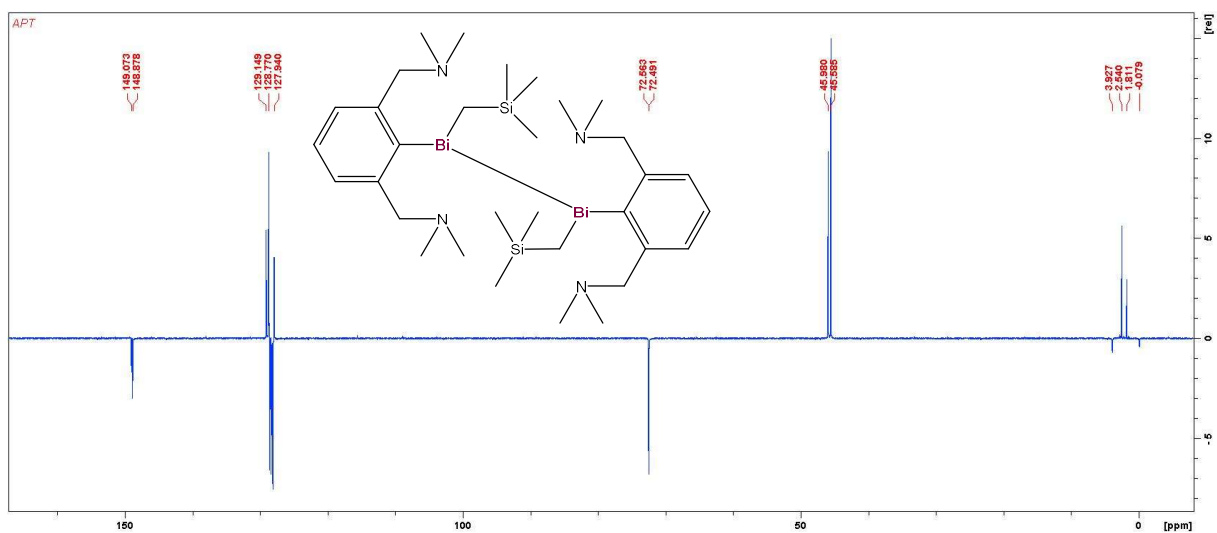


Figure S17: ¹³C{¹H}-APT NMR spectrum of *meso*-7-Bi and *rac*-RR/SS-7-Bi in C₆D₆ (100.2 MHz).

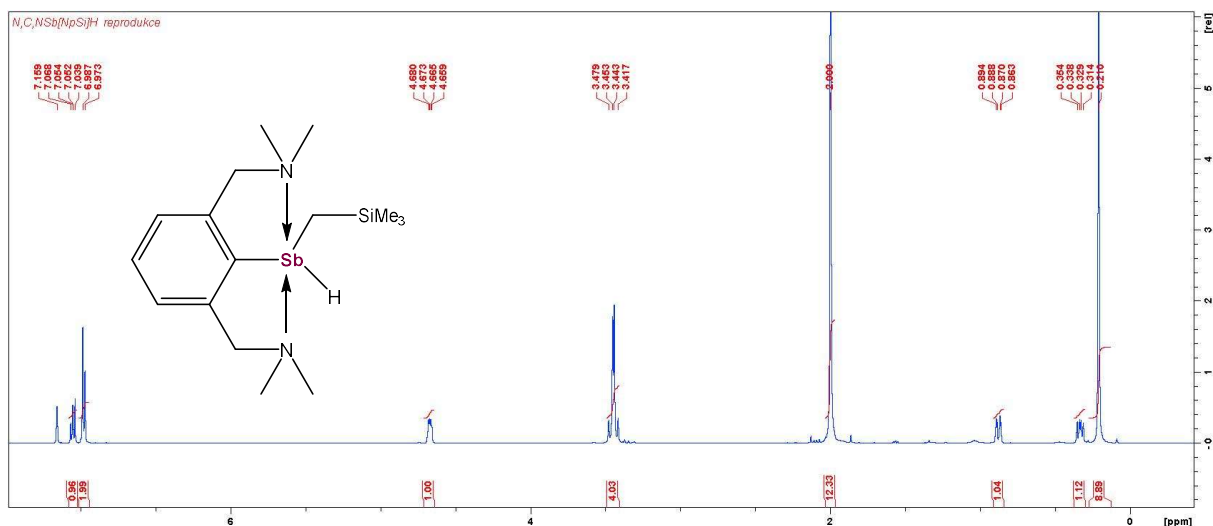


Figure S18: 1H NMR spectrum of **9-Sb** in C_6D_6 (500 MHz).

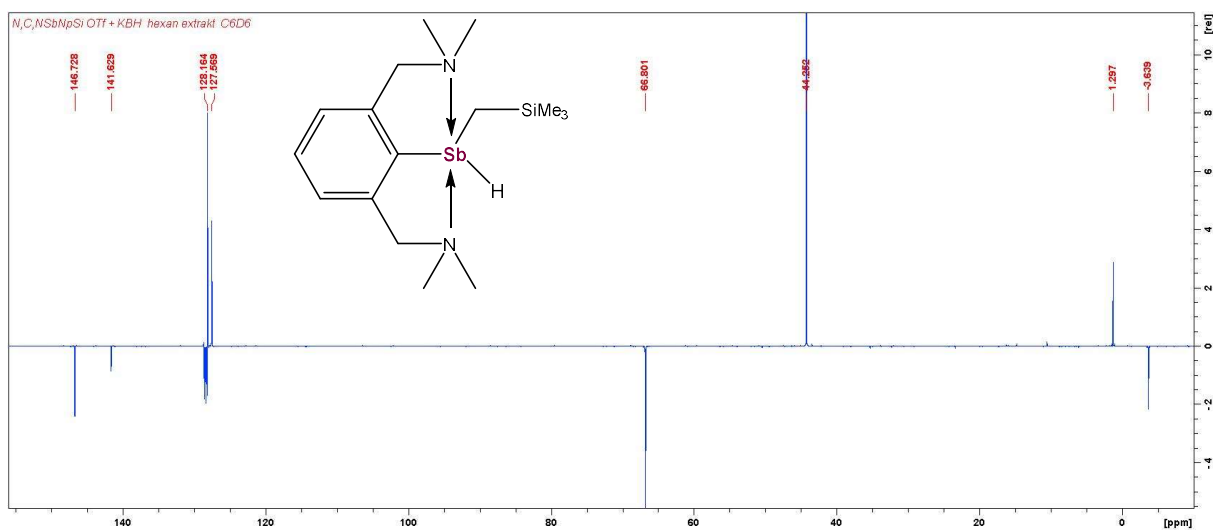


Figure S19: $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ -APT NMR spectrum of **9-Sb** in C_6D_6 (125.6 MHz).

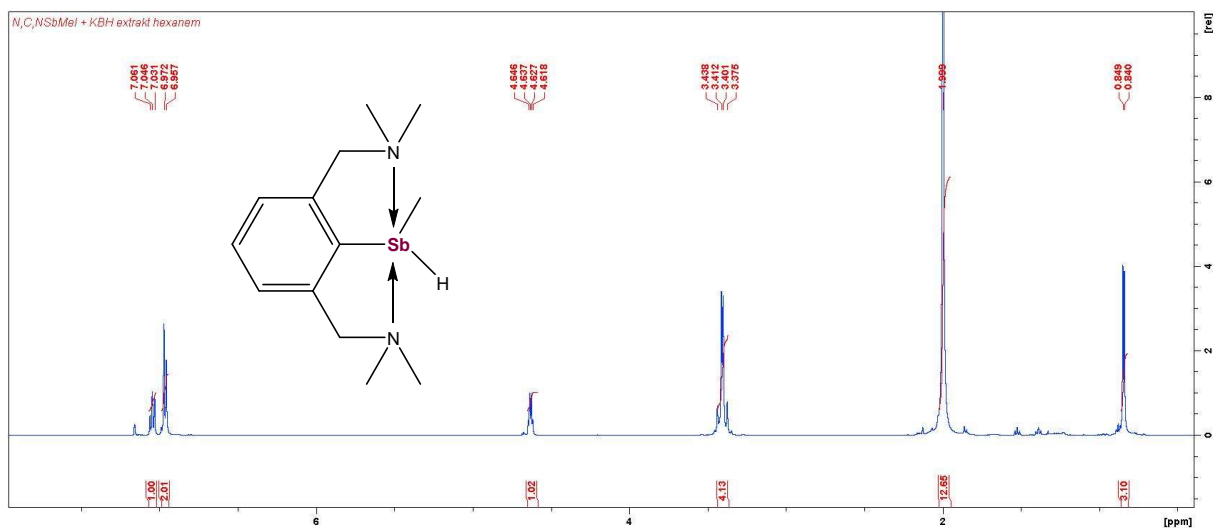


Figure S20: ^1H NMR spectrum of **10-Sb** in C_6D_6 (500 MHz).

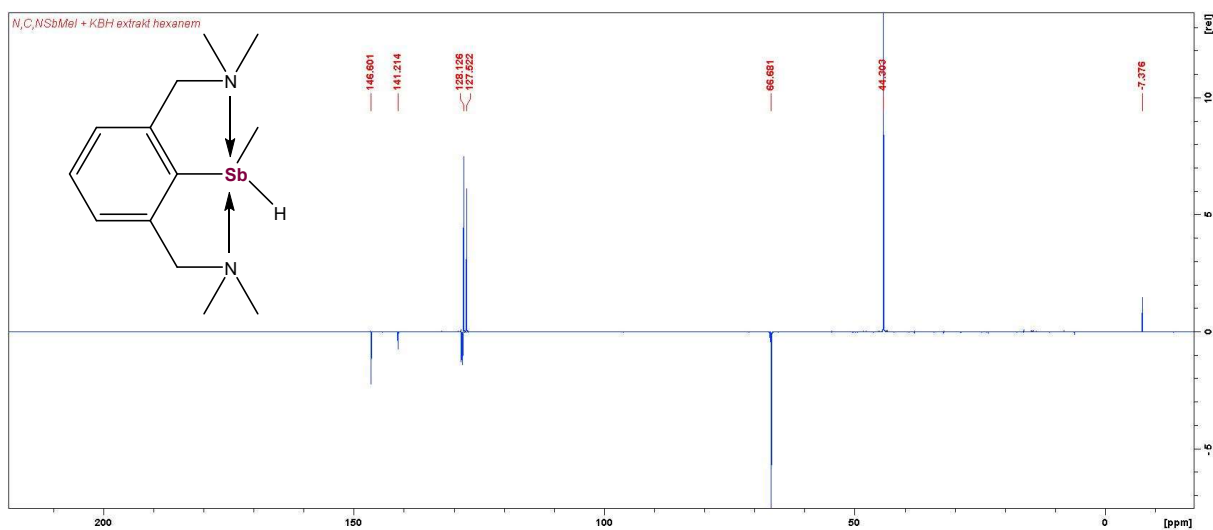


Figure S21: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -APT NMR spectrum of **10-Sb** in C_6D_6 (125.6 MHz).

3) NMR spectra of important reaction mixtures.

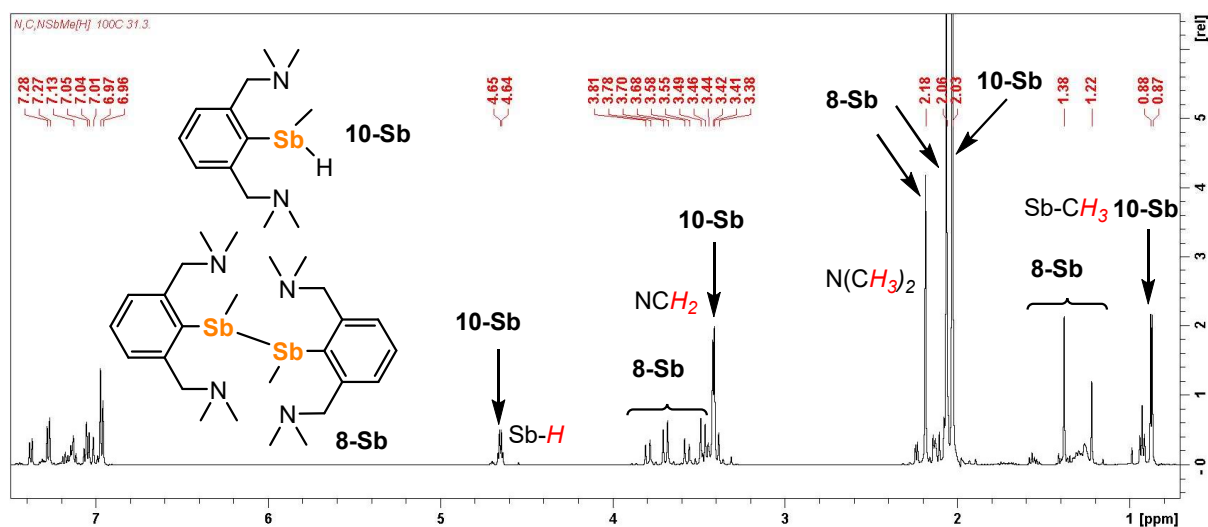


Figure S22: ^1H NMR spectra showing mixture after heating of **10-Sb** neat (90 °C, 5 days) resulting in partial formation of mixture *meso*-**8-Sb** and *rac*-*RR/SS*-**8-Sb** along with the starting material.

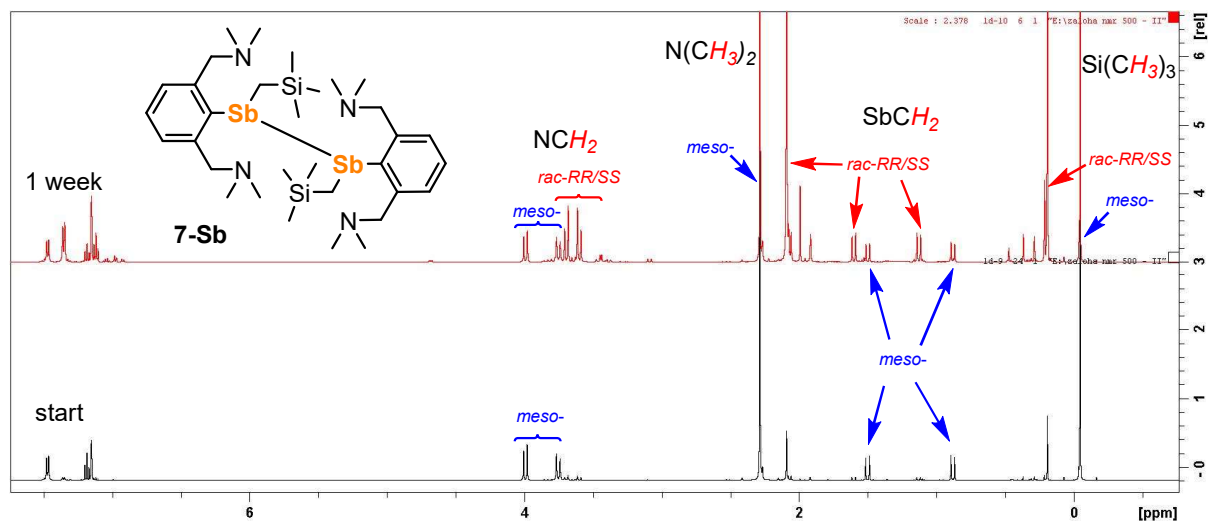


Figure S23: ^1H NMR spectra of *meso*-**7-Sb** (bottom) and formation of its mixture with *rac*-*RR/SS*-**7-Sb** (0.6:1, top). Bulk sample after crystallization dissolved and sealed in C_6D_6 (500 MHz).

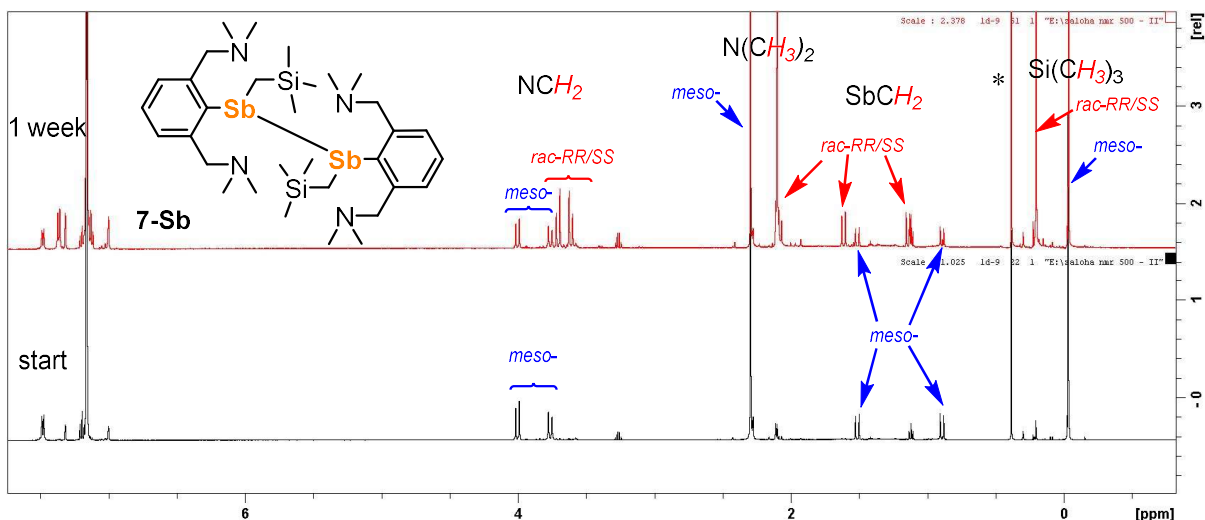


Figure S24: ¹H NMR spectra of *meso*-7-Sb (bottom) and formation of its mixture with *rac*-RR/SS-7-Sb (0.6:1, top). One single-crystal dissolved and sealed in C₆D₆ (ns = 50, 500 MHz). *denotes a trace amount of moisture visible due to the extremely low concentration of the sample.

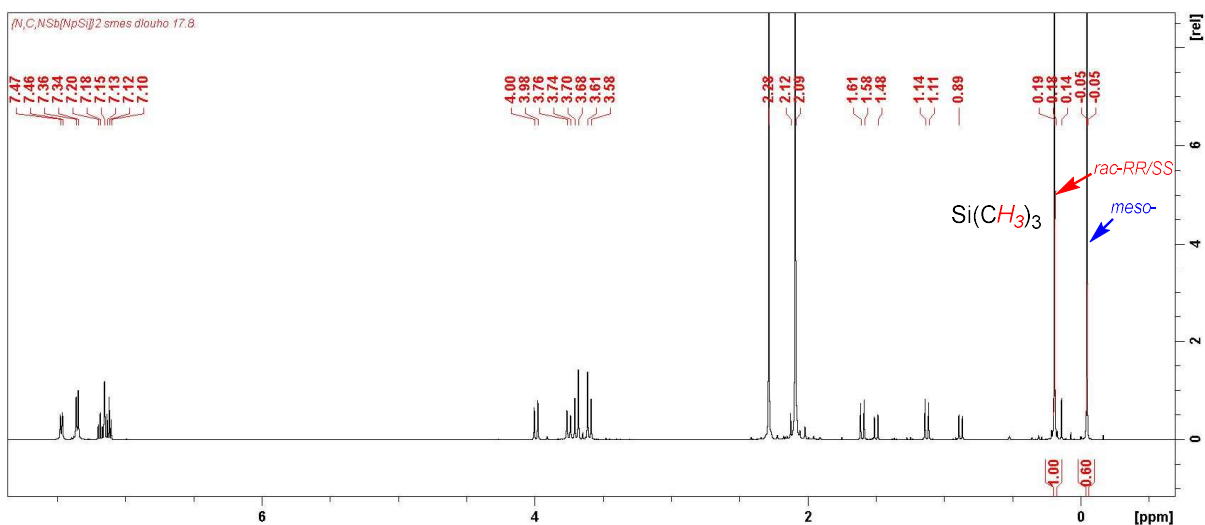


Figure S25: ¹H NMR spectra showing mixture of a bulk sample *meso*-7-Sb and *rac*-RR/SS-7-Sb (0.6:1) after two months sealed in C₆D₆ (500 MHz).

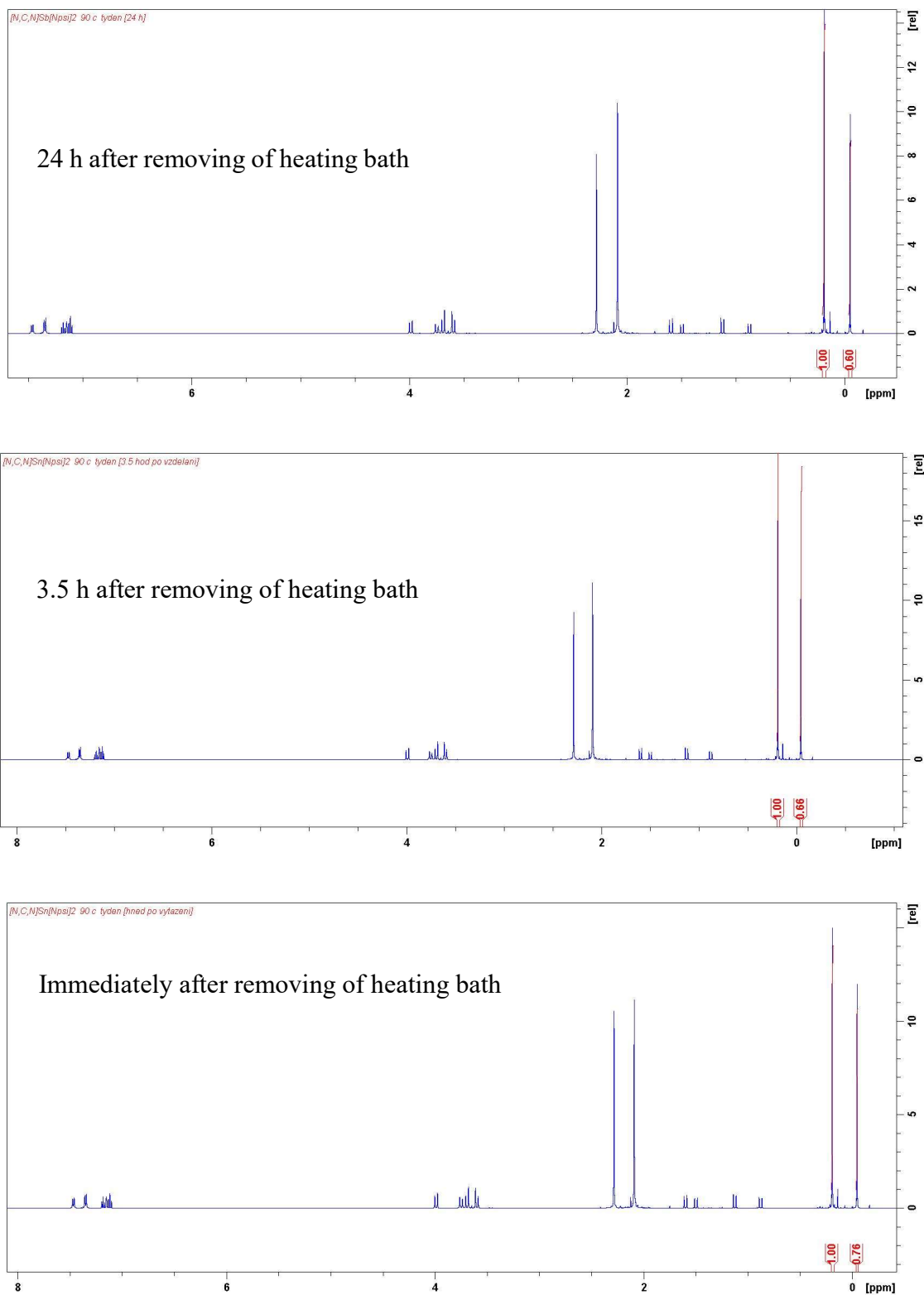


Figure S26: ^1H NMR spectra showing mixture of a bulk sample *meso*-7-Sb and *rac*-RR/SS-7-Sb after 1 week of heating (90 °C) sealed in C_6D_6 (ratio 0.76:1, bottom) and then leaving the sample at r.t. to recover the original mutual ratio of 0.6:1 (3.5 and 24h, top spectra) (500 MHz).

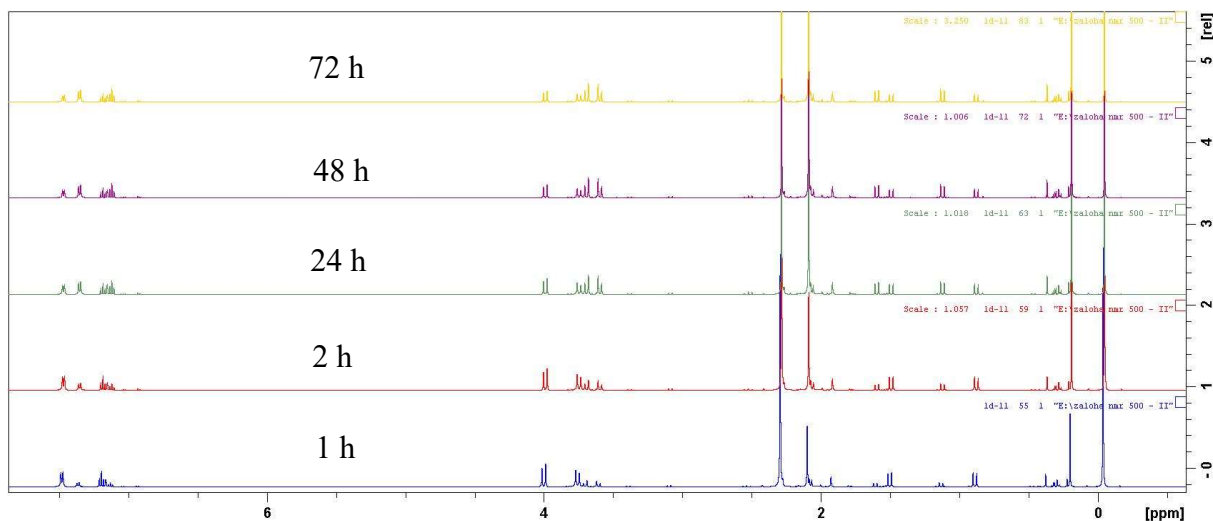


Figure S27: ^1H NMR spectra showing gradual conversion of *meso*-**7-Sb** to its mixture with *rac*-RR/SS-**7-Sb** at r.t. in C_6D_6 (the final ratio again 0.6:1, 500 MHz).

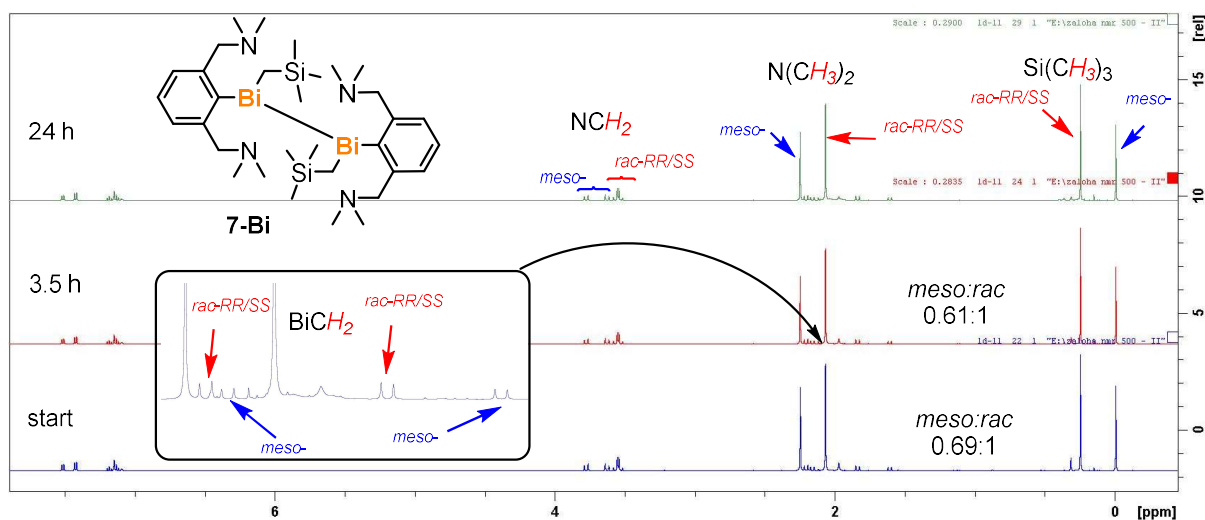


Figure S28: ^1H NMR spectra of mixture of *meso*-**7-Bi** and *rac*-RR/SS-**7-Bi** obtained upon dissolving bulk sample (ratio 0.69:1) after crystallization and sealed in C_6D_6 (bottom) and after 3.5 and 24 h (top, final ratio 0.61:1, 500 MHz).

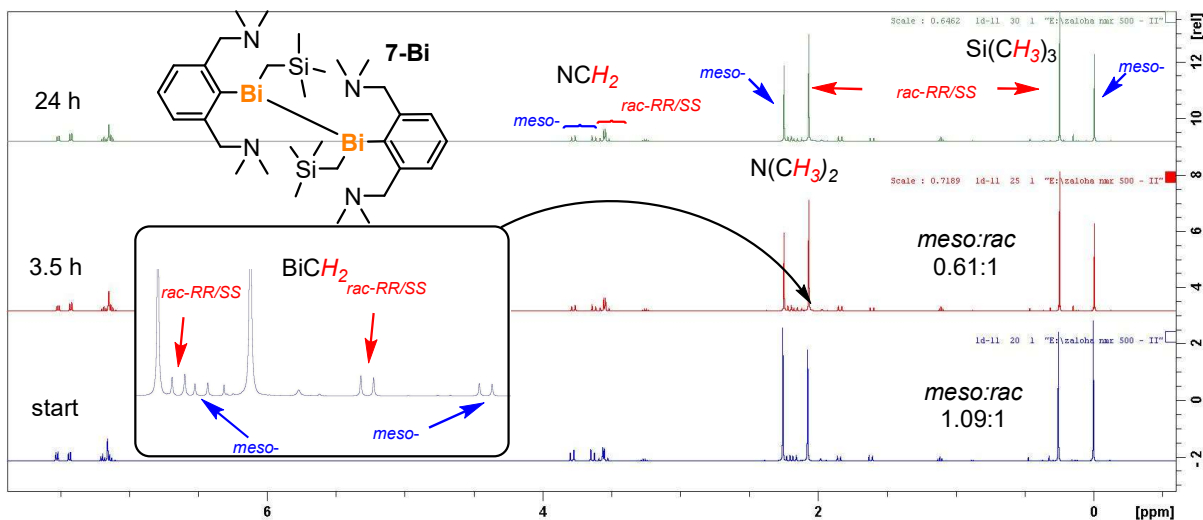


Figure S29: ^1H NMR spectra of mixture of *meso*-7-Bi and *rac*-RR/SS-7-Bi (ratio 1.09:1) obtained upon dissolving one single crystal of *meso*-7-Bi sealed in C_6D_6 (bottom) and after 3.5 and 24 h (top, final ratio 0.61:1, 500 MHz).

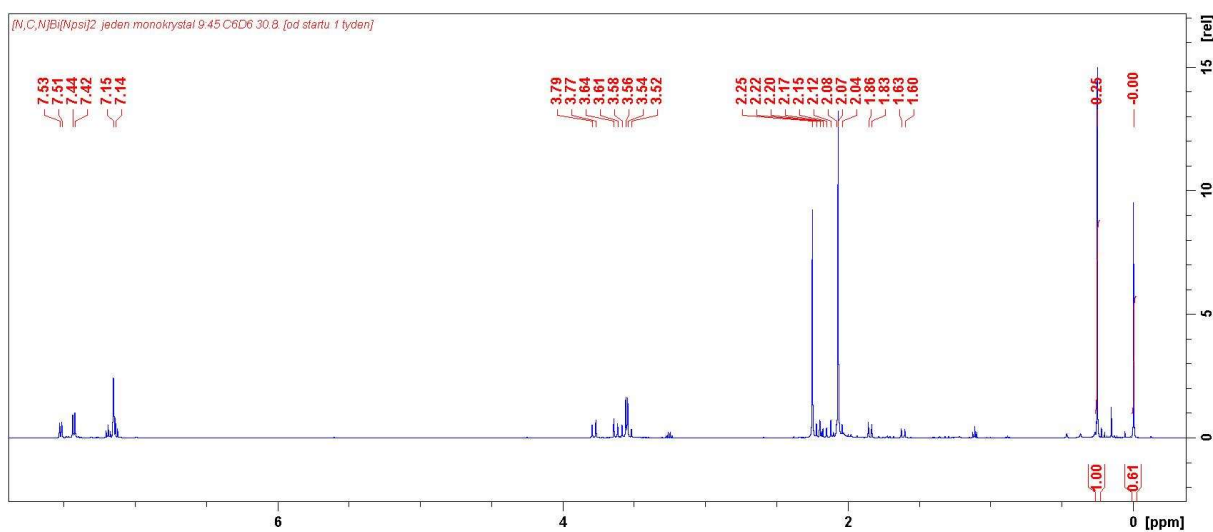


Figure S30: ^1H NMR spectrum of mixture of *meso*-7-Bi and *rac*-RR/SS-7-Bi (ratio 0.61:1) after one week at r.t. (C_6D_6 , 500 MHz).

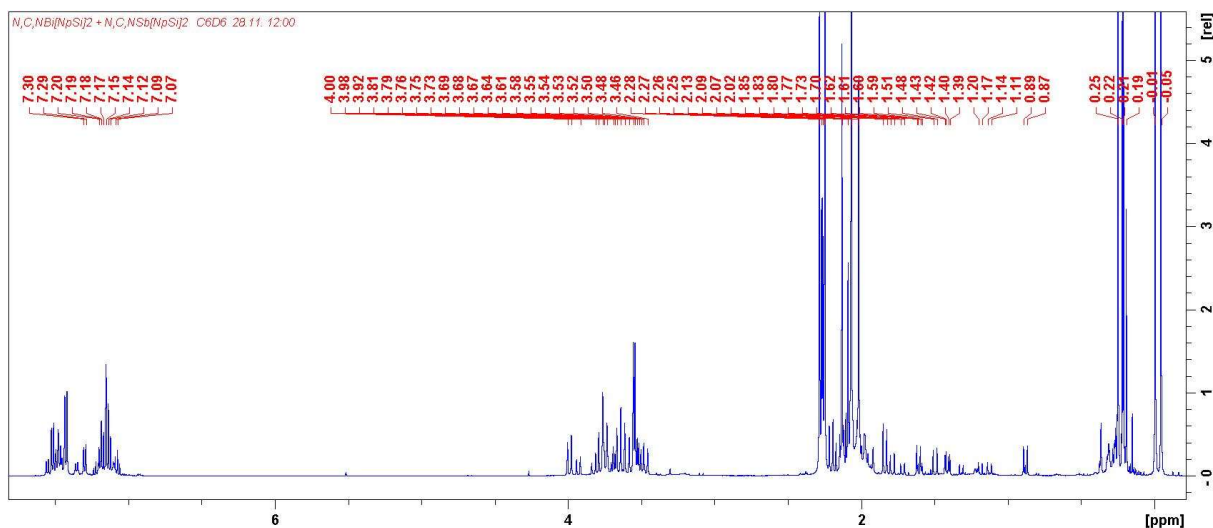


Figure S31: 1H NMR spectrum of mixture of *meso/rac-7-Sb* and *meso/rac-RR/SS-7-Bi* after 72 h at r.t. (C_6D_6 , 500 MHz).

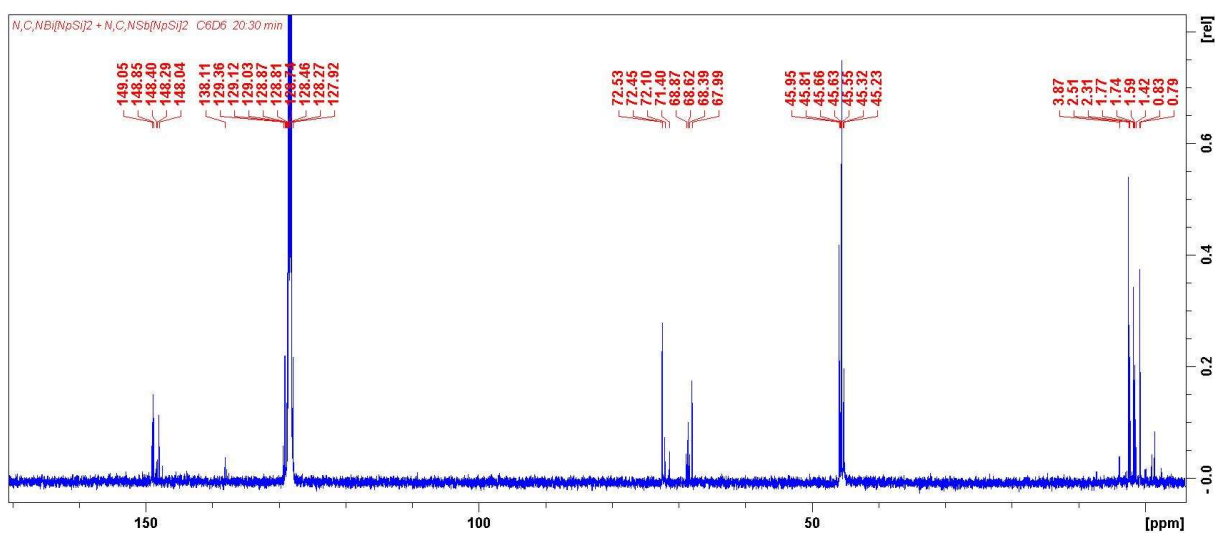


Figure S32: $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of mixture of *meso/rac-7-Sb* and *meso/rac-RR/SS-7-Bi* after 72 h at r.t. (C_6D_6 , 500 MHz).

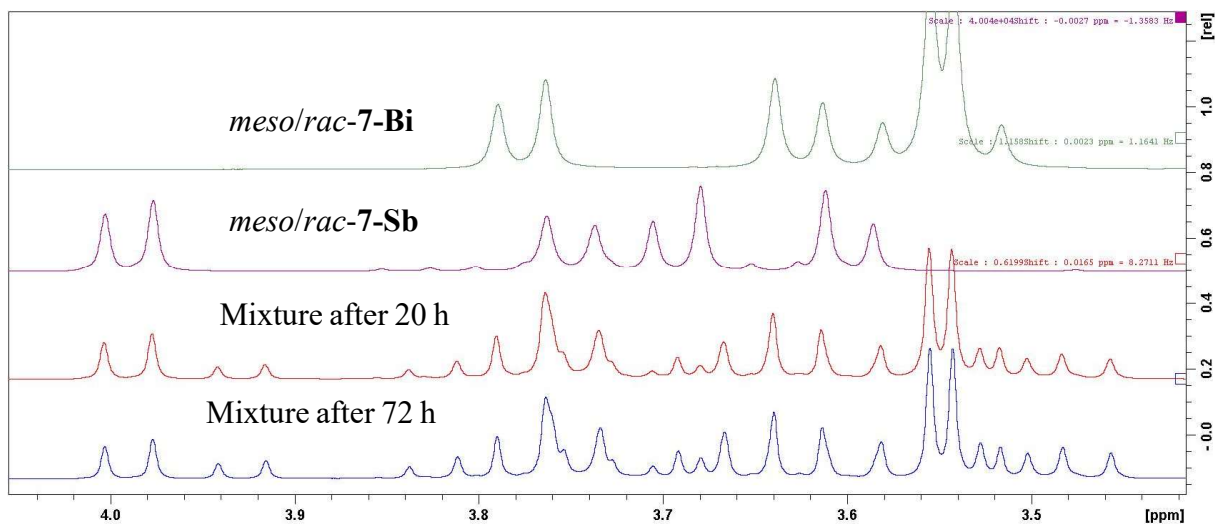


Figure S31: ^1H NMR spectra (region of CH_2N groups) of mixture of *meso/rac-7-Sb* and *meso/rac-7-Bi* after 72 h at r.t. along with pure samples of *meso/rac-7-Sb* and *meso/rac-RR/SS-7-Bi* for comparison (C_6D_6 , 500 MHz).

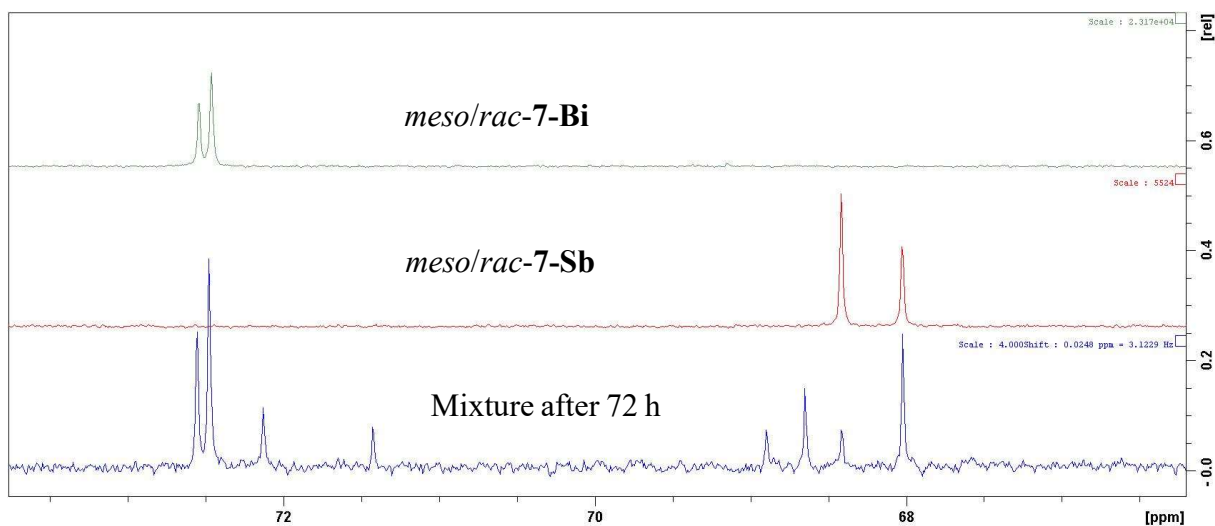


Figure S32: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra (region of CH_2N groups) of mixture of *meso/rac-7-Sb* and *meso/rac-7-Bi* after 72 h at r.t. along with pure samples of *meso/rac-7-Sb* and *meso/rac-RR/SS-7-Bi* for comparison (C_6D_6 , 500 MHz).

4) Crystallographic data for studied compounds.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement of studied compounds.

	2-Bi	4-Sb	6-Sb
Formula	C ₃₇ H ₅₀ BiF ₃ N ₂ O ₃ SSi	C ₁₇ H ₃₀ F ₃ N ₂ O ₃ SSbSi	C ₄₂ H ₆₅ N ₂ SbSi
Formula weight, g mol ⁻¹	896.92	549.33	747.80
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Orthorhombic
Crystal size, mm	0.59 × 0.27 × 0.15	0.40 × 0.07 × 0.05	0.59 × 0.53 × 0.37
Space group	P-2 ₁ /n	P-1	Pna2 ₁
<i>a</i> , Å	13.8907(7)	9.1611(7)	13.5556(5)
<i>b</i> , Å	13.5122(5)	10.0853(8)	18.2010(6)
<i>c</i> , Å	21.3741(9)	13.3015(10)	16.9952(6)
α , °	90	87.219(3)	90
β , °	92.234(2)	79.274(3)	90
γ , °	90	72.520(3)	90
<i>V</i> , Å ³	4008.7(3)	1151.69(16)	4193.1(3)
<i>Z</i>	4	2	4
ρ_{calcd} , Mg m ⁻³	1.4863	1.584	1.185
μ (Mo <i>K</i> α), mm ⁻¹	4.529	1.384	0.715
<i>F</i> (000)	1800	556	1584
θ range, deg	1 to 26.5	1 to 30.0	1 to 29.0
No. of reflns collected	85620	42574	32788
No. indep. Reflns	8304	7535	7888
No. obsd reflns with (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)), <i>R</i> _{int}	6387, 0.058	5697, 0.072	6376, 0.036
No. refined params	453	288	439
GooF (<i>F</i> ²)	1.053	1.108	1.027
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>F</i>) (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>))	0.044	0.053	0.039
<i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>F</i> ²) (all data)	0.063	0.093	0.085
Largest diff peak/hole, e Å ⁻³	1.095 / -1.446	2.175 / -1.325	0.598 / -0.369
CCDC	2203728	2203729	2203732

$$R_{\text{int}} = \frac{\sum |F_o^2 - F_{o,\text{mean}}^2|}{\sum F_o^2}, S = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(N_{\text{diffrs}} - N_{\text{params}})} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data, } R(F) = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|} \text{ for observed data, } wR(F^2) = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(\sum w(F_o^2)^2)} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data.}$$

Table S1 (continuation). Crystal data and structure refinement of studied compounds.

	6-Bi	7-Sb	7-Bi
Formula	C ₄₂ H ₆₅ BiN ₂ SbSi	C ₃₂ H ₆₀ N ₄ Sb ₂ Si ₂	C ₁₆ H ₃₀ BiN ₂ Si
Formula weight, g mol ⁻¹	835.03	800.52	487.49
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Crystal size, mm	0.52 × 0.32 × 0.26	0.59 × 0.59 × 0.23	0.59 × 0.49 × 0.09
Space group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	P-1	P-1
<i>a</i> , Å	13.4794(7)	9.6926(5)	9.8084(4)
<i>b</i> , Å	17.0612(10)	9.9028(6)	9.9912(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	18.2148(8)	11.5941(7)	11.6118(4)
α , °	90	114.372(2)	114.184(2)
β , °	90	101.681(2)	100.792(2)
γ , °	90	96.559(2)	98.542(2)
<i>V</i> , Å ³	4188.9(4)	967.98(10)	986.96(7)
<i>Z</i>	4	1	2
ρ_{calcd} , Mg m ⁻³	1.324	1.373	1.640
μ (Mo <i>K</i> α), mm ⁻¹	4.266	1.482	1.482
<i>F</i> (000)	1712	410	474
θ range, deg	1 to 26.0	1 to 27.5	1 to 26.5
No. of reflns collected	33155	31488	23235
No. indep. Reflns	8201	4432	4084
No. obsd reflns with (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)), <i>R</i> _{int}	6035, 0.058	4244, 0.034	3504, 0.058
No. refined params	427	189	198
Goof (<i>F</i> ²)	1.067	1.144	1.145
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>F</i>) (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>))	0.050	0.022	0.049
<i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>F</i> ²) (all data)	0.114	0.052	0.131
Largest diff peak/hole, e Å ⁻³	1.432 / -0.986	1.822 / -0.943	2.852 / -3.532
CCDC	2203727	2203731	2203730

$$R_{\text{int}} = \frac{\sum |F_o^2 - F_{o,\text{mean}}^2|}{\sum F_o^2}, S = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(N_{\text{diffrs}} - N_{\text{params}})} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data, } R(F) = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|} \text{ for observed data, } wR(F^2) = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(\sum w(F_o^2)^2)} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data.}$$

5) IR and Raman spectra

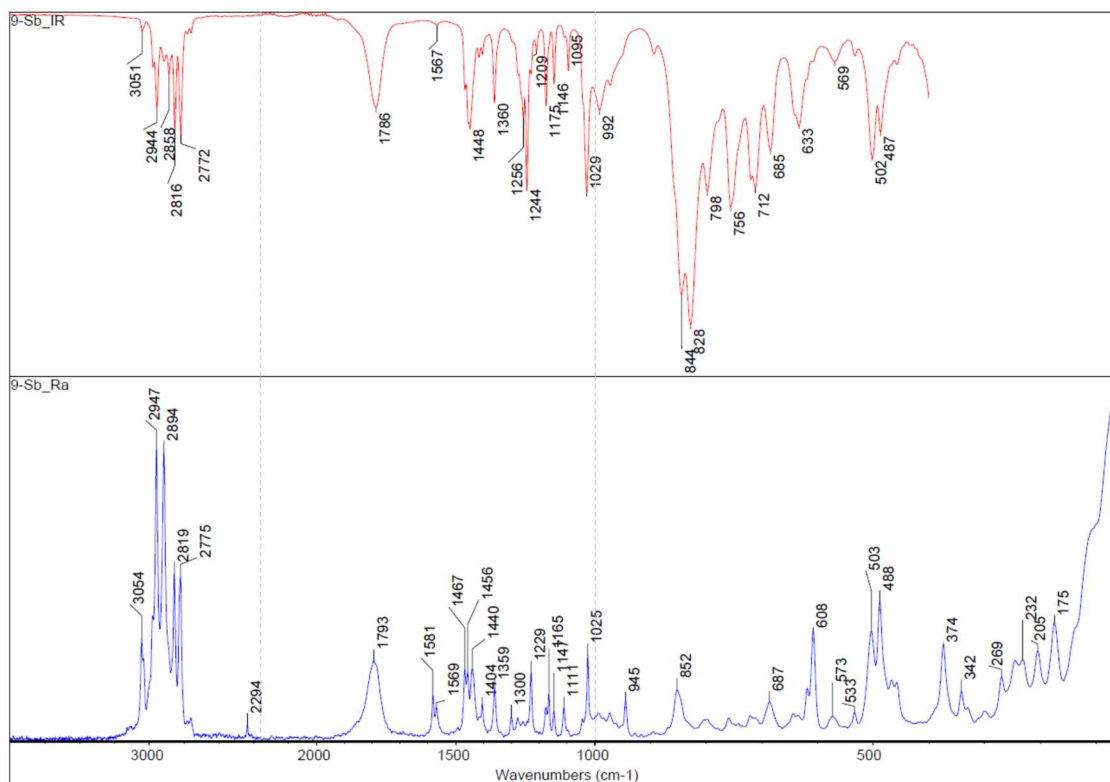


Figure S35: Infrared (top) and Raman (bottom) spectra of **9-Sb**.

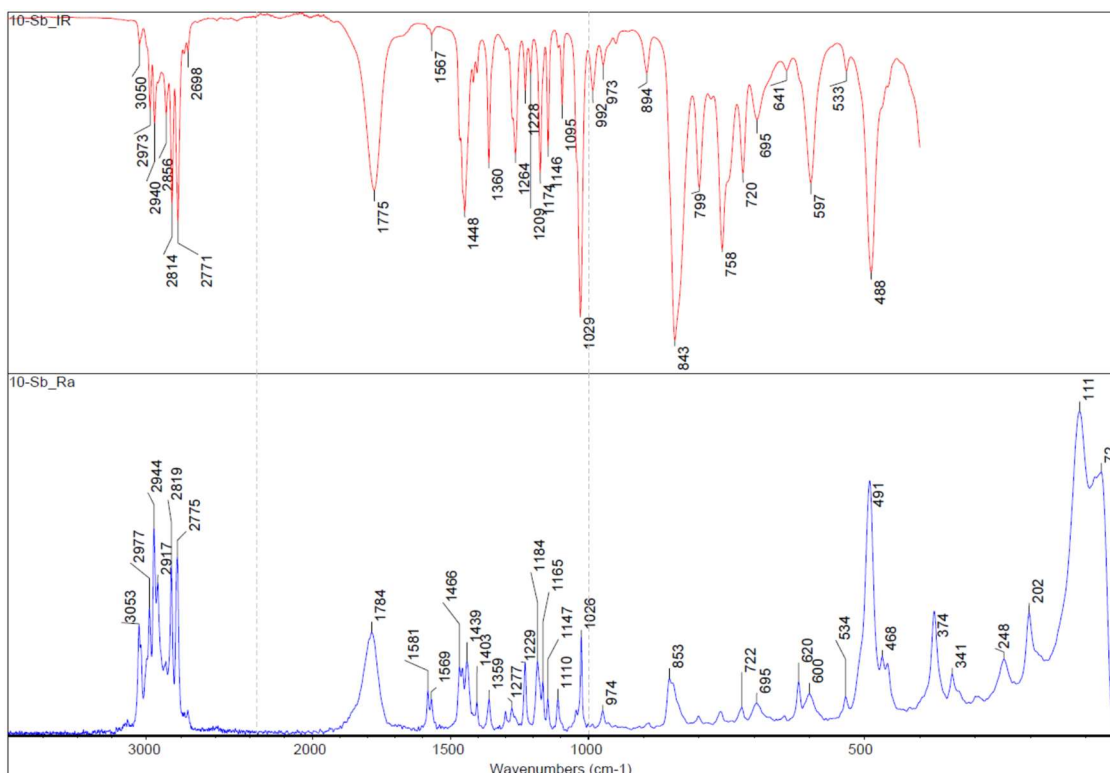


Figure S36: Infrared (top) and Raman (bottom) spectra of **10-Sb**.

6) Theoretical study

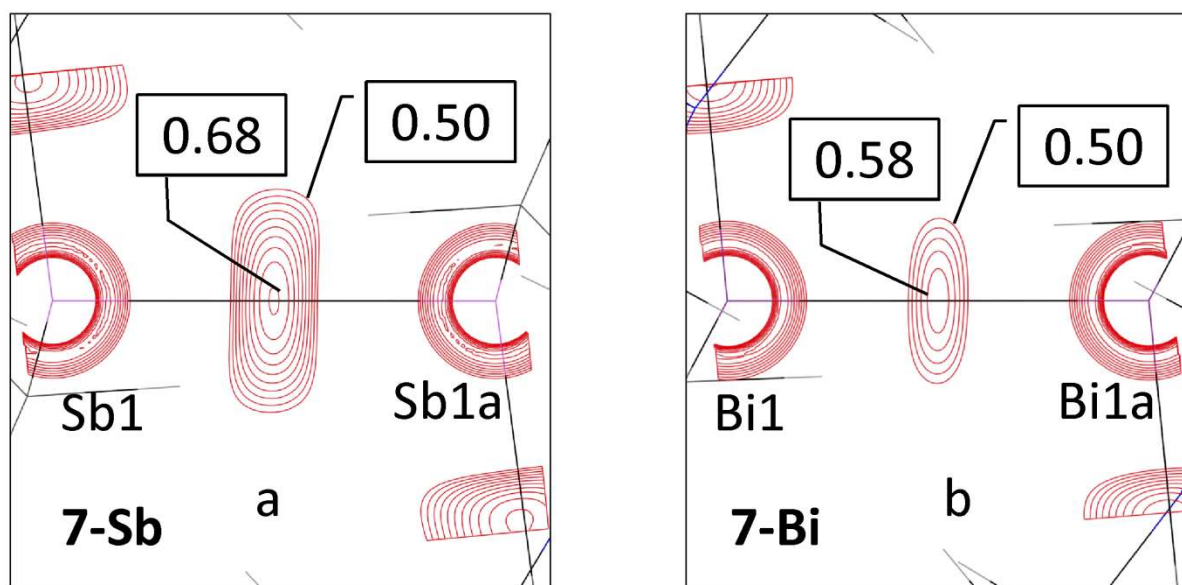


Figure S37. Contour maps of the LOL function (0.5-0.7, step 0.02) in the EEC(Arene) plane (E = Sb, Bi, Arene = [2,6-(Me₂NCH₂)₂C₆H₃]) of complexes *meso*-7-Sb (a) and *meso*-7-Bi (b).

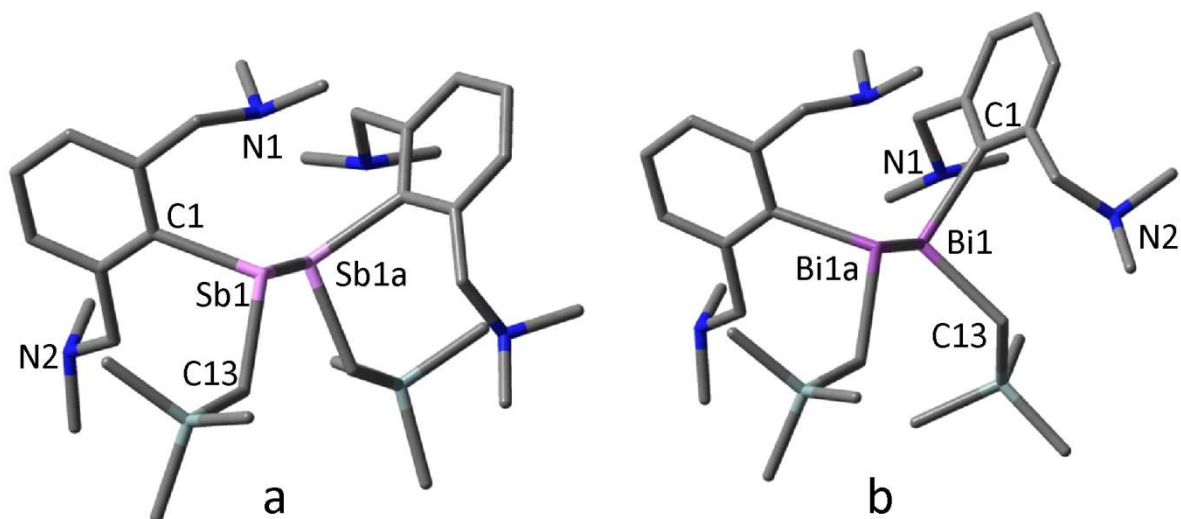


Figure S38. Optimized structures of *rac*-SS-7-Sb (a) and *rac*-SS-7-Bi (b). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: *rac*-SS-7-Sb: Sb(1)-C(1) 2.185, Sb(1)-N(1) 3.005, Sb(1)-N(2) 4.911, Sb(1)-C(13) 2.193, Sb(1)-Sb(1a) 2.851, C(1)-Sb(1)-C(13) 102.48, C(1)-Sb(1)-Sb(1a) 92.88, C(13)-Sb(1)-Sb(1a) 99.72; *rac*-SS-7-Bi: Bi(1)-C(1) 2.287, Bi(1)-N(1) 3.184, Bi(1)-N(2) 4.221, Bi(1)-C(13) 2.274, Bi(1)-Bi(1a) 2.999, C(1)-Bi(1)-C(13) 100.56, C(1)-Bi(1)-Bi(1a) 98.84, C(13)-Bi(1)-Bi(1a) 94.41.

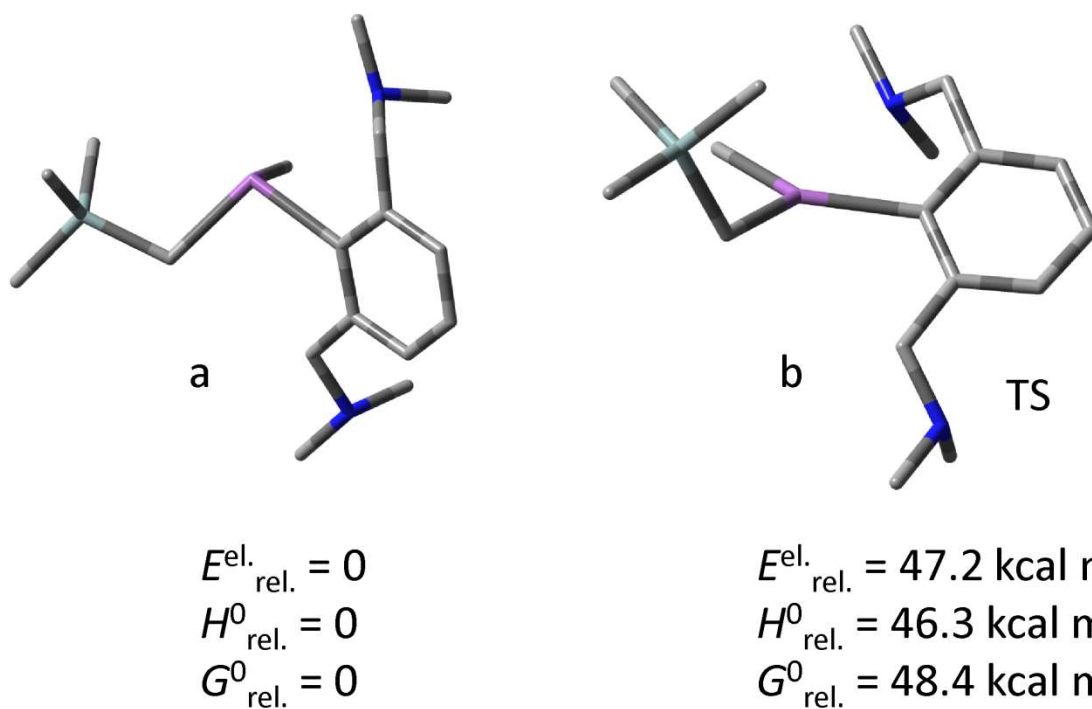


Figure S39. Optimized structures and relative energies of model complex [2,6-(Me₂NCH₂)₂C₆H₃](NpSi)(Me)Sb and the transition state corresponding to inversion at the Sb atom.