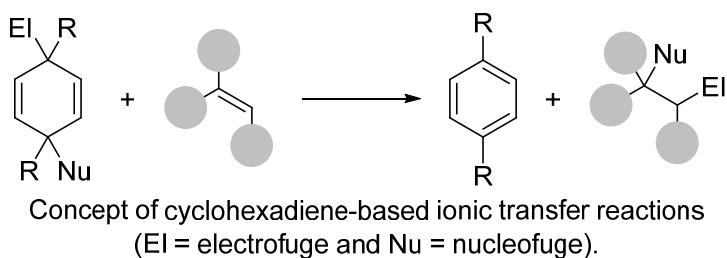


TRANSFER OF REACTIVE GASES FROM ONE MOLECULE TO ANOTHER

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This talk tells the story of how our work on tamed silicon cations [1–3] led us to introduce the new concept of ionic transfer hydrosilylation[4], even with monosilane [5]! The electron-deficient boron Lewis acid tris(pentafluorophenyl)borane catalyzes the release of hydrosilanes from cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl-substituted silanes. The same boron catalyst will then activate the Si–H bond for the reaction with representative π - and σ -donating substrates. The net transformation is a transfer hydrosilylation. That strategy also enables the related hydrogenation[6] and even transfer hydrocyanation [7], and has been extended to Brønsted acid-catalyzed transfer hydrohalogenation processes [8].



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