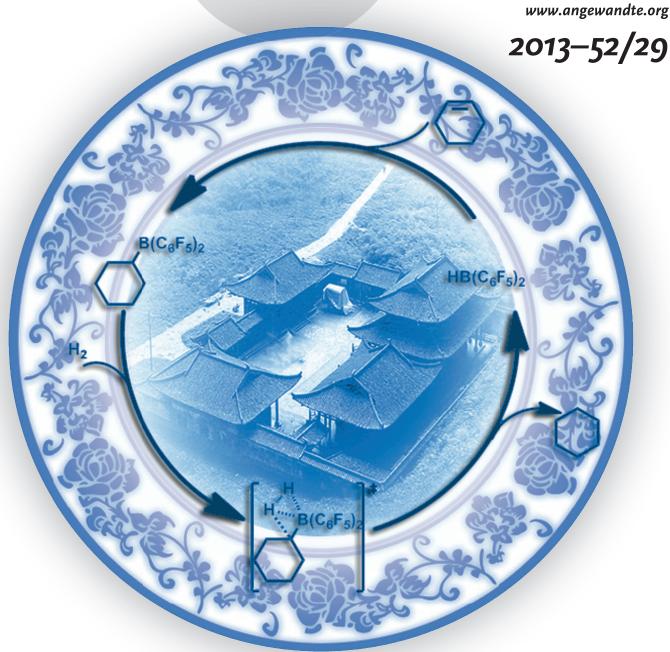
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## Metal-free hydrogenation ...

... of unfunctionalized olefins is described by Z. H. Li, H. Wang and co-workers in their Communication on page 7496 ff. Highly Lewis-acidic hydroborane  $HB(C_6F_5)_2$  was employed as the catalyst. The key step in the catalytic reaction is proposed to involve a borane-mediated  $\sigma$ -bond metathesis through a four-membered ring transition state which resembles the traditional Chinese residential house, Siheyuan, shown in the middle of the picture.



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