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**Surprising behaviour of M–CO(lone pair)••• π (arene)
interactions in the solid state of fluorinated oxaphosphirane
complexes**

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1. Experimental methods and synthesis

Preparative methods

All reactions and manipulations were carried out under an atmosphere of dry argon, using Schlenk and vacuum line techniques. Argon was cleaned over a BTS catalyst; the drying of the Ar gas occurred via silica gel and P₂O₅. Solvents were dried using sodium wire or sodium wire/benzophenone and stored in brown glasses over sodium wire, and under inert gas atmosphere.

Analytical methods

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AX 300 spectrometer (¹H: 300.1 MHz, ¹³C: 75.0 MHz and ³¹P: 121.5 MHz,) using CDCl₃ as solvent; shifts are given relative to external tetramethylsilane (¹H, ¹³C,) and 85% H₃PO₄ (³¹P).

Synthesis of complexes 4b-d.

500 mg (0.75 mmol) of [(Ph₃CPCl₂)W(CO)₅] were dissolved in THF (10 mL) and 120 μL (1eq.) of 12-crown-4 were added. The solution was then cooled to -80 °C and 1.2 eq. of ^tBuLi (1.7 M in *n*-pentane) was added dropwise. After 5 minutes stirring, 1.2 eq. of the corresponding fluorinated aldehyde were added. The suspension was then stirred for 2 h while gently warming to -20 °C. The solvents were then removed in *vacuo* (*ca.* 0.01 bar) and the residue extracted with 45 mL of *n*-pentane. The product was purified by washing 3 times with 20 mL with *n*-pentane at -30 °C.

4b: Light yellow solid. Yield: 370 mg (0.50 mmol, 74 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ = 4.95 (1H, s, CHP), 6.9 (1H, t, ³J_{H,H} = 8.5 Hz, *p*-Ar^F), 7.1–7.5 (15H, m, 3Ph), 7.6–7.7 (2H, dt, H-Ar^F). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 54.0 (d, ¹J_{C,P} = 25.6 Hz, PCO), 67.3 (d, ¹J_{C,P} = 6.7 Hz, P-CPh₃), 126.3 (s, *p*-Ph), 127.9 (d, ¹J_{C,F} = 1.85 Hz, *p*-Ar^F), 128.3 (d, ³J_{C,P} = 5.2 Hz, *m*-Ar^F), 128.7 (s, *m*-Ph), 129.5 (s, *o*-Ph), 130.9 (d, ¹J_{C,P} = 7.3 Hz, *o*-Ph), 139.5 (d, ¹J_{C,P} = 2.4 Hz, *ipso*-Ar^F), 143.9 (s, *ipso*-Ph), 193.8 (d, ²J_{C,P} = 8.1 Hz, *cis*-CO), 195.9 (d, ²J_{C,P} = 41.7 Hz, *trans*-CO). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): 8.9 ppm (¹J_{W,P} = 314 Hz).

4c: Light yellow solid. Yield: 405 mg (0.53 mmol, 81 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ = 5.75 (1H, s, CHP), 7.1–7.5 (15H, m, 3Ph), 7.6–7.7 (2H, dt, H-Ar^F). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 53.4 (d, ¹J_{C,P} = 25.7 Hz, PCO), 67.4 (d, ¹J_{C,P} = 6.3 Hz, P-CPh₃), 126.3 (s, *p*-Ph), 127.9 (d, ¹J_{C,F} = 1.85 Hz, *p*-Ar^F), 128.3 (s, *m*-Ph), 128.8 (s, *m*-Ar^F), 129.5 (s, *o*-Ph), 130.9 (d, ¹J_{C,P} = 7.5 Hz, *o*-Ar^F), 139.4 (d, ¹J_{C,P} = 2.5 Hz, *ipso*-Ar^F), 143.9 (s, *ipso*-Ph), 193.9 (d, ²J_{C,P} = 7.9 Hz, *cis*-CO), 195.6 (d, ²J_{C,P} = 41.6 Hz, *trans*-CO). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): 8.5 ppm (¹J_{W,P} = 316 Hz).

4d: Light yellow solid. Yield: 435 mg (0.55 mmol, 87 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ = 7.06–7.72 (15H, m, 3Ph), CHP (was hidden by the trityl signals)). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 53.3 (d, ¹J_{C,P} = 24.7 Hz, PCO), 67.6 (d, ¹J_{C,P} = 6.6 Hz, P-CPh₃), 128.1 (d, ¹J_{C,P} = 1.8 Hz, Ph), 128.3 (s, Ph), 128.9 (s, Ph), 129.4

(d, $J_{C,P} = 11$ Hz, Ar^F), 130.8 (d, $J_{C,P} = 7.7$ Hz, Ar^F), 139.1 (d, $^3J_{C,P} = 2.4$ Hz, Ar^F), 193.7 (d, $^2J_{C,P} = 8.1$ Hz, *cis*-CO), 195.1 (d, $^2J_{C,P} = 41.8$ Hz, *trans*-CO). $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): 7.5 ppm ($^1J_{W,P} = 320$ Hz).

Single-crystal structure analysis: Crystal structures were recorded on a Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer and a Nonius MACH3 diffractometer. The structures were solved by Patterson methods or Direct Methods (SHELXS-97)¹ and refined by full-matrix least squares on F² (SHELXL-97). All non-hydrogens were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were included isotropically using the riding model on the bound atoms; in some (denoted) cases hydrogen atoms were located in the Fourier difference electron density. Absorption corrections were carried out analytically or semi-empirically from equivalents. Additionally, some calculation of bond lengths and angles were obtained using the Ortep32 program.²

Crystal structure data of complex 4b

Data CCDC: 1035983; Empirical formula: C₃₂H₂₀Cl₃F₂O₆PW; Moiety formula: C₃₁H₁₉F₂O₆PW
Formula weight: 859.65; Temperature/K: 123.(2); Crystal system: triclinic; Space group: P -1; a/Å: 9.9709(8); b/Å: 10.8286(7); c/Å: 16.0930(15); α/°: 99.983(3); β/°: 98.899(3); γ/°: 109.619(2); Volume/Å³: 1568.9(2); Z: 2; ρ_{calc}/mg/mm³: 1.820; m/mm⁻¹: 4.044; F(000): 836; Crystal size/mm³: 0.27 × 0.25 × 0.10; Θ range for data collection: 2.64 to 27°; Index ranges: -12 ≤ h ≤ 11, -13 ≤ k ≤ 13, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20; Reflections collected: 15563; Independent reflections: 6741; [R_{int} = 0.0260]; Data/restraints/parameters: 6741/0/443; Goodness-of-fit on F²: 1.058; Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]: R₁ = 0.0260, wR₂ = 0.0524; Final R indexes [all data]: R₁ = 0.0354, wR₂ = 0.0563; Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å⁻³: 1.517/-1.735.

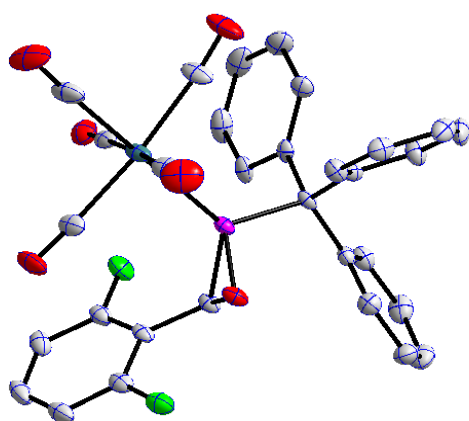


Figure 1. Crystal structure of complex **4b**. Hydrogen atoms were removed for clarity. The crystal structure contains one molecule of CDCl₃, which was removed for clarity, per two molecules of **4b**.

Crystal structure data of complex **4c**

Data CCDC: 1035984; Empirical formula: $C_{31}H_{18}F_3O_6PW$; Formula weight: 758.27; Temperature/K: 123.15; Crystal system: triclinic; Space group: $P\bar{1}$; $a/\text{\AA}$: 10.6619(3); $b/\text{\AA}$: 16.0963(4); $c/\text{\AA}$: 16.5683(5); $\alpha/^\circ$: 76.9465(16); $\beta/^\circ$: 87.9808(16); $\gamma/^\circ$: 86.8159(16); Volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$: 2764.88(13); Z : 4; $\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{mg/mm}^3$: 1.822; m/mm^{-1} : 4.301; $F(000)$: 1472; Crystal size/ mm^3 : $0.84 \times 0.36 \times 0.18$; Θ range for data collection: 2.56 to 26° ; Index ranges: $-12 \leq h \leq 13$, $-19 \leq k \leq 19$, $-18 \leq l \leq 20$; Reflections collected: 31025; Independent reflections: 10799 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0673$]; Data/restraints/parameters: 10799/7/757; Goodness-of-fit on F^2 : 1.005; Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]: $R_1 = 0.0362$, $wR_2 = 0.0852$; Final R indexes [all data]: $R_1 = 0.0482$, $wR_2 = 0.0898$; Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$: 1.991/-2.996

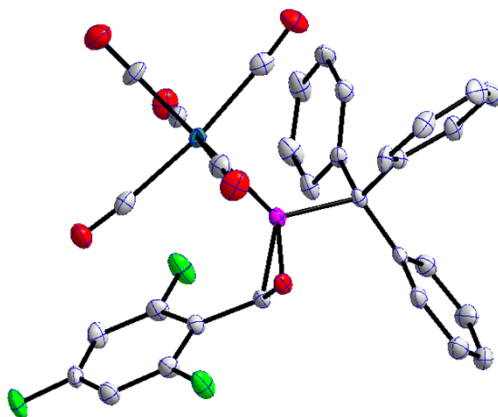


Figure 2. Crystal structure of complex **4c**. Hydrogen atoms were removed for clarity.

Crystal structure data of complex **4d**

Data CCDC: 1035985; Empirical formula: $C_{31}H_{16}F_5O_6PW$; Formula weight: 794.26; Temperature/K: 123.15; Crystal system: monoclinic; Space group: $C2/c$; $a/\text{\AA}$: 36.0465(10); $b/\text{\AA}$: 9.5603(3); $c/\text{\AA}$: 16.5305(4); $\alpha/^\circ$: 90.00; $\beta/^\circ$: 93.8297(17); $\gamma/^\circ$: 90.00; Volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$: 35683.9(3); Z : 8; $\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{mg/mm}^3$: 1.856; m/mm^{-1} : 4.198; $F(000)$: 3072.0; Crystal size/ mm^3 : $0.16 \times 0.12 \times 0.04$; Radiation: $\text{MoK}\alpha$ ($\lambda = 0.71073$); 2Θ range for data collection: 4.94 to 56° ; Index ranges: $-47 \leq h \leq 47$, $-12 \leq k \leq 12$, $-21 \leq l \leq 21$; Reflections collected: 50383; Independent reflections: 6848 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0952$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0556$]; Data/restraints/parameters: 6848/0/397; Goodness-of-fit on F^2 : 1.024; Final R indexes

[I> $\geq$ 2 σ (I)]: $R_1 = 0.0378$, $wR_2 = 0.0857$; Final R indexes [all data]: $R_1 = 0.0581$, $wR_2 = 0.0931$;
Largest diff. peak/hole / e $\text{\AA}^{-3}$: 3.27/-2.47

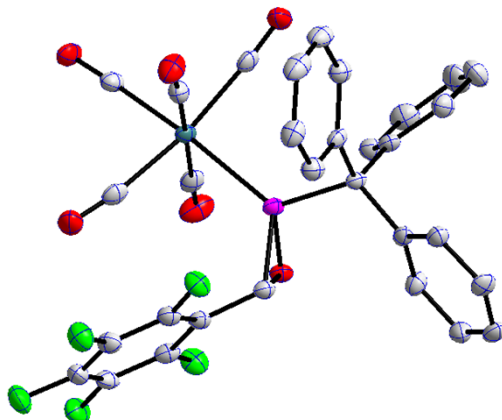


Figure 3. Crystal structure of complex **4d**. Hydrogen atoms were removed for clarity.

2. Figure S1:

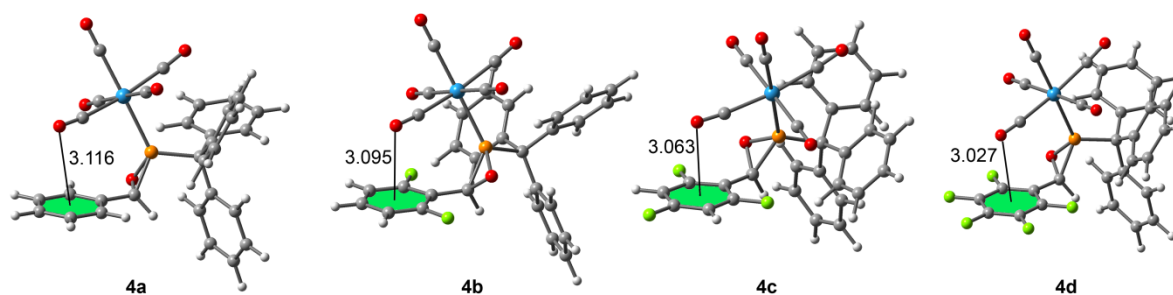


Fig. S1 Optimized complexes **4a-4d** (distances in Å).

3. Figure S2:

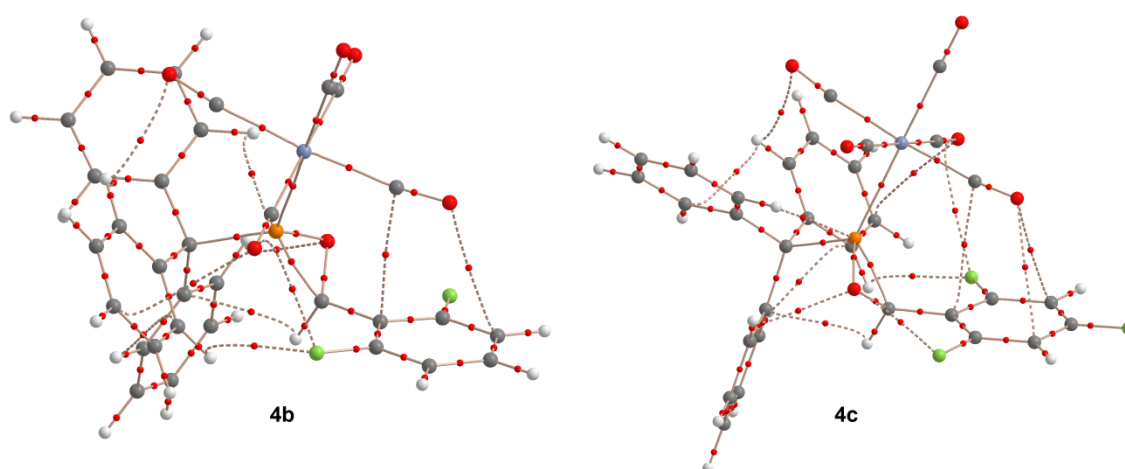


Fig S2. Distribution of critical points in complexes **4b-c** (bond and ring critical points are represented by red and yellow spheres, respectively). Bond paths connecting bond critical points are represented.

2. Computational methods:

The geometries and energies of all complexes included in this study were computed at the BP86-D3/def2-TZVPD level of theory. The optimizations have been performed by using the program TURBOMOLE version 6.4³ without imposing symmetry constraints. The calculation of the wavefunctions that are necessary to carry out the AIM and orbital analyses has been done using the Gaussian-09 program⁴ at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory. The basis set for W atom (def2-SVP) was retrieved from the EMSL basis set exchange.⁵ The AIM analysis has been performed using the AIMall program.⁶

3. Cartesian coordinates

4a

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4b

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4c

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4d.

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