

Cationic 5-Phosphonio Substituted *N*-heterocyclic Carbenes

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S1 General remarks

General Considerations: All manipulations were performed in a Glovebox MB Unilab or using Schlenk techniques under an atmosphere of purified Argon. Dry, oxygen-free solvents (CH_2Cl_2 , CH_3CN , $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{F}$, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{F}_2$, distilled from CaH_2), Et_2O , THF, benzene (distilled from potassium/benzophenone), *n*-hexane (distilled from potassium) were employed. Deuterated benzene (C_6D_6) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and distilled from potassium. Anhydrous deuterated acetonitrile (CD_3CN), dichloromethane (CD_2Cl_2) and tetrahydrofuran (THF- d_8) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. All distilled and deuterated solvents were stored over molecular sieves (4 Å: CH_2Cl_2 , CD_2Cl_2 , $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{F}$, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{F}_2$, benzene, C_6D_6 , toluene, *n*-hexane, Et_2O , THF, THF- d_8 ; 3 Å: CH_3CN , CD_3CN). All glassware was oven-dried at 160 °C prior to use. NHC **8**¹, Ph_2PCl ,² Cy_2PCl ,² $\text{AuCl}(\text{tht})$,³ $\text{CuBr}(\text{tht})$ ³ were prepared according to procedures given by literature. Reagents Me_3SiOTf , and MeOTf were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and degassed and distilled for purification. PPh_3 and Cy_3P were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and sublimed for purification. LDA, XeF_2 , AgOTf , $[\text{RhCl}(\text{cod})]_2$, Ph_2PH , Cy_2PH , *i* Bu_2PH , *t* Bu_2PH , were purchased from Apollo Scientific, Sigma Aldrich or abcr and used as received. NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker AVANCE III HD Nanobay (^1H (400.13 MHz), ^{13}C (100.61 MHz), ^{31}P (161.98 MHz) ^{19}F (376.50 MHz)), 400 MHz UltraSield or on a Bruker AVANCE III HDX, 500 MHz Ascend (^1H (500.13 MHz), ^{13}C (125.75 MHz), ^{31}P (202.45 MHz) ^{19}F (470.59 MHz)). All ^{13}C NMR spectra were exclusively recorded with composite pulse decoupling. Reported numbers assigning atoms in the ^{13}C spectra were indirectly deduced from the cross-peaks in 2D correlation experiments (HMBC, HSQC). Chemical shifts were referenced to $\delta_{\text{TMS}} = 0.00$ ppm (^1H , ^{13}C) and $\delta_{\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4(85\%)} = 0.00$ ppm (^{31}P , externally). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hz. Melting points were recorded on an electrothermal melting point apparatus (Büchi Switzerland, Melting point M-560) in sealed capillaries under Argon atmosphere and are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) and Raman spectra were recorded at ambient temperature using a Bruker Vertex 70 instrument equipped with a RAM II module (Nd-YAG laser, 1064 nm). The Raman intensities are reported in percent relative to the most intense peak and are given in parenthesis. An ATR unit (diamond) was used for recording IR spectra. The intensities are reported relative to the most intense peak and are given in parenthesis using

the following abbreviations: vw = very weak, w = weak, m = medium, s = strong, vs = very strong. Elemental analyses were performed on a Vario MICRO cube Elemental Analyzer by Elementar Analysatorsysteme GmbH in CHNS modus.

S2 NMR spectra and additional figures

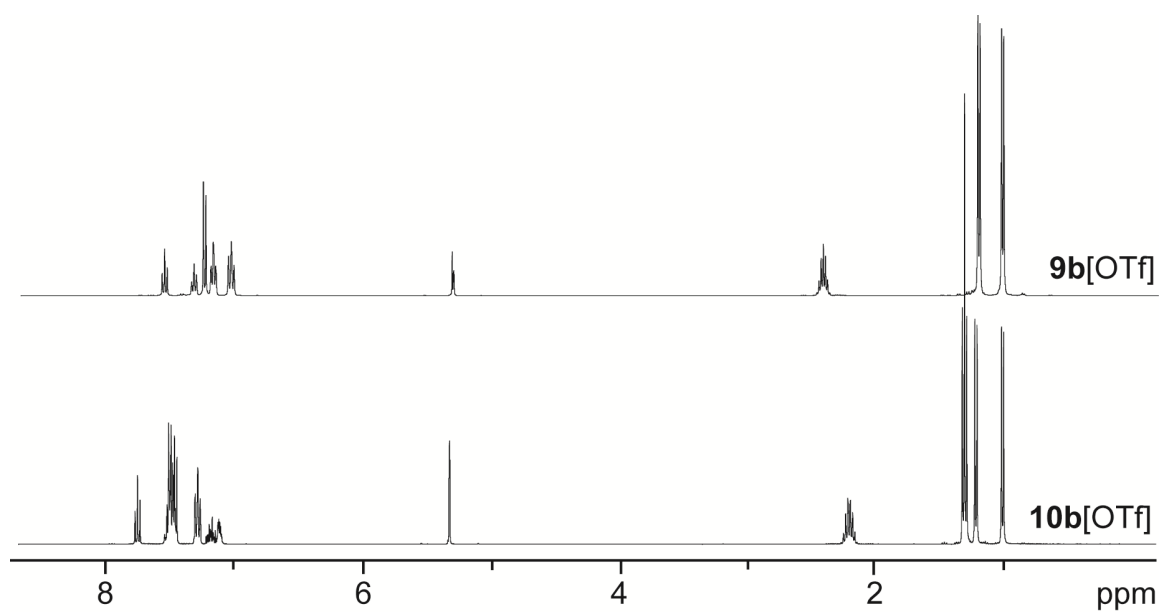


Figure S2.1. ^1H NMR spectra of **9b**⁺ and **10b**⁺ (CD_2Cl_2 , 300 K).

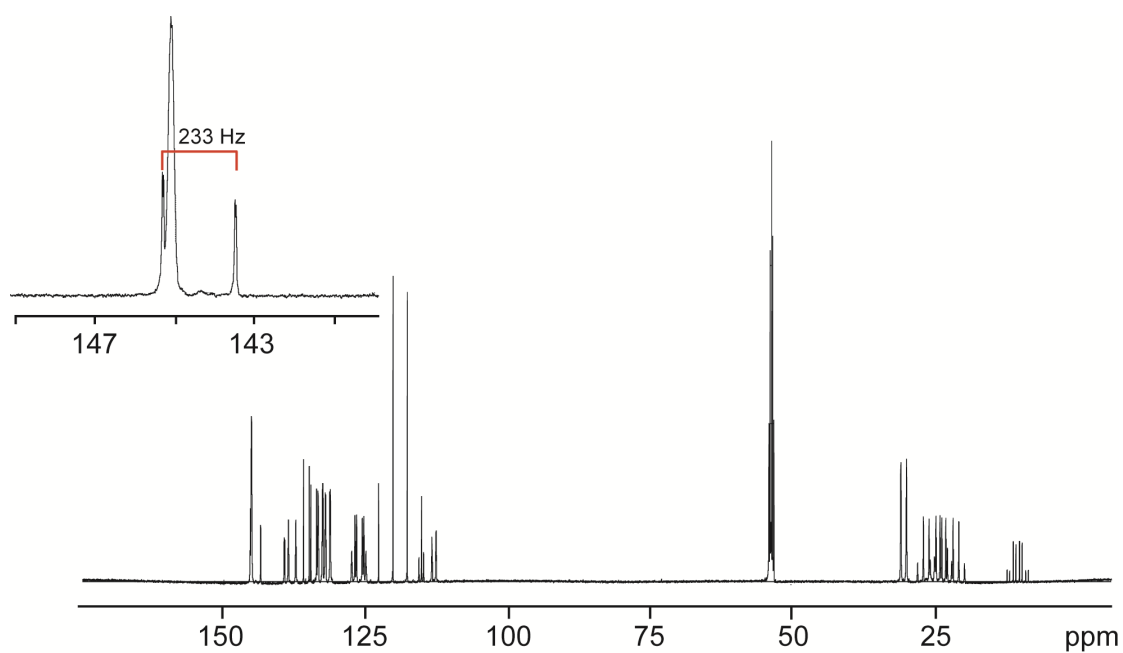


Figure S2.2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 17bH^{2+} ; Zoom in shows a doublet carbene C atom ($\delta(\text{C}) = 144.3$ ppm; $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 233$ Hz, CD_2Cl_2 , 300 K).

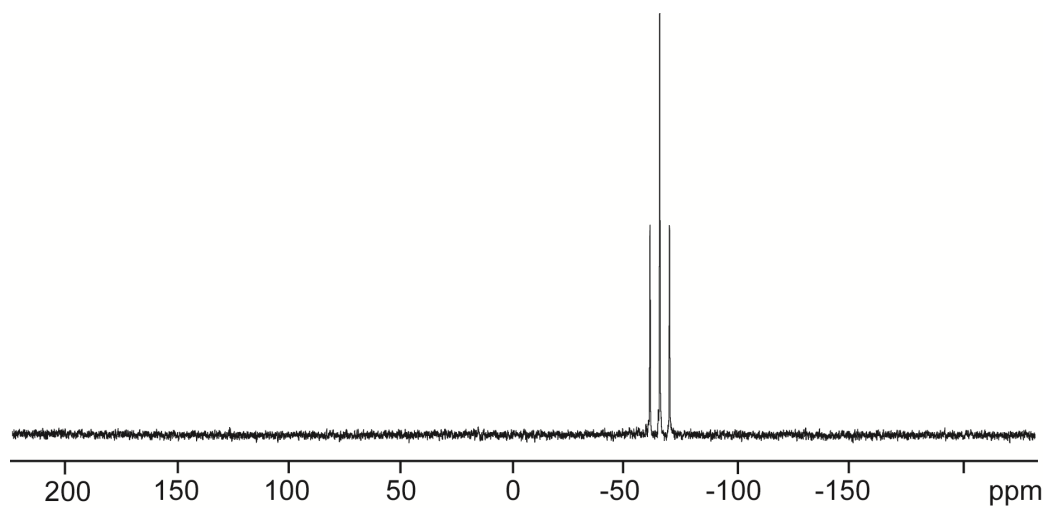


Figure S2.3. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $25[\text{OTf}]$ (CD_3CN , 300 K).

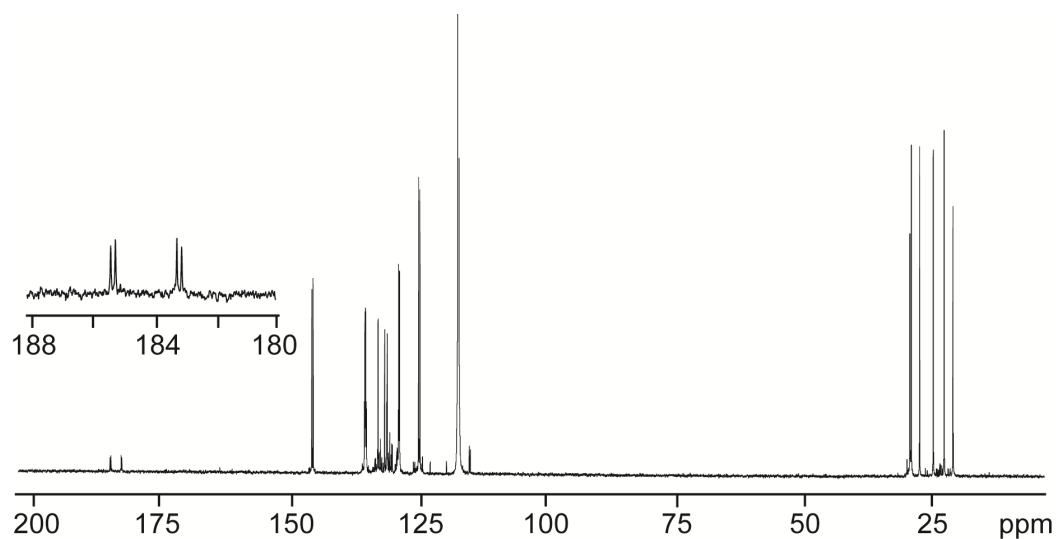


Figure S2.4. $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **25**[OTf]; Zoom in shows a doublet of doublets for the carbene C atom ($\delta(\text{C}) = 184.3$ ppm; $^1J_{\text{C-Ag109}} = 232$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{C-Ag107}} = 200$ Hz; CD_3CN , 300 K).

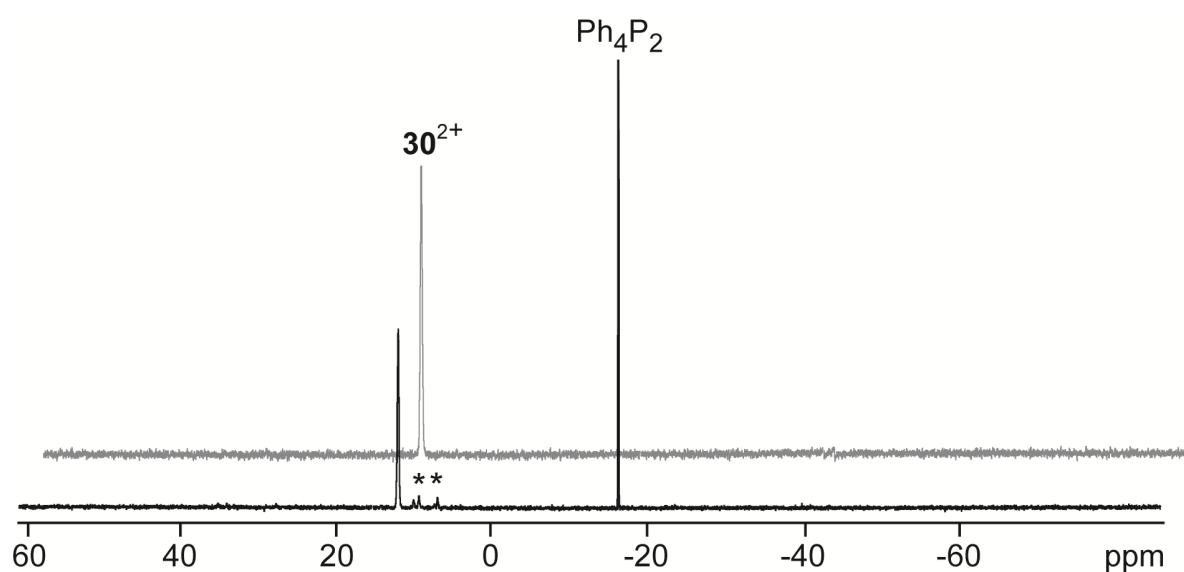


Figure S2.5. ^{31}P NMR spectrum for the reaction of **17b**[OTf] with 2eq. Ph_2PH after 30 h (1,2-dichloroethane, C_6D_6 -capillary, 300 K). Small amounts of not identified sideproducts are marked with asterisks; isolated $\mathbf{30}^{2+}$ (top).

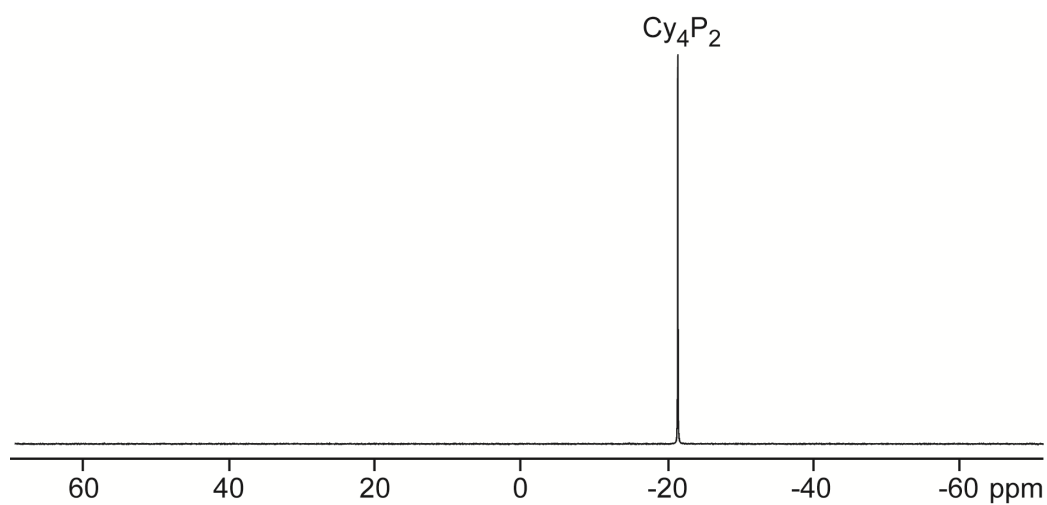


Figure S2.6. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of the isolated colorless precipitate from the reaction of **17b**[OTf] with 2eq. Cy_2PH after 12 h (C_6D_6 , 300 K).

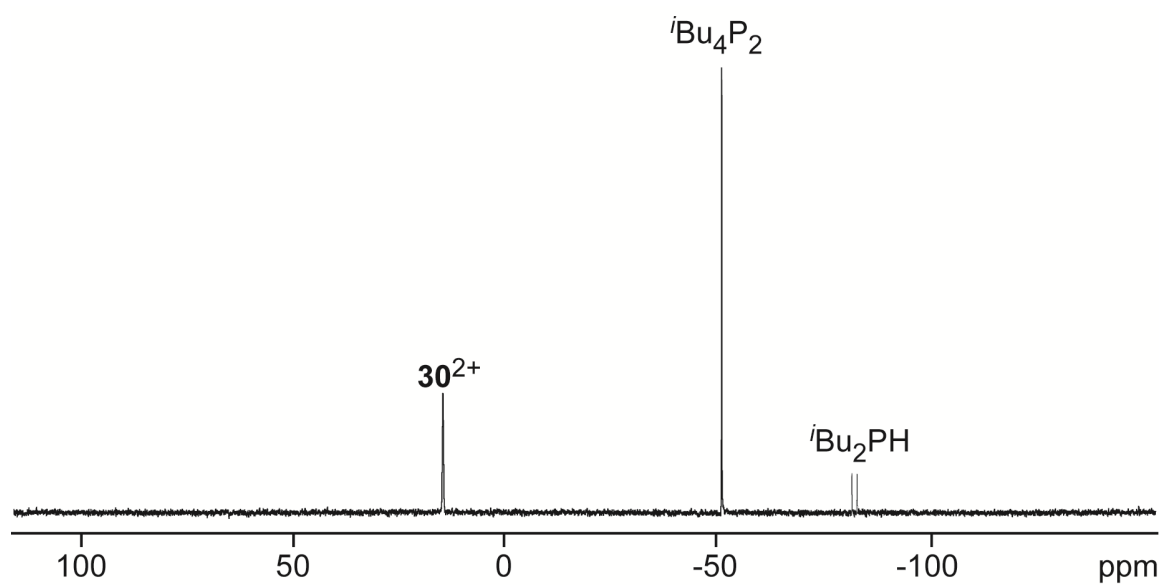


Figure S2.7. ^{31}P NMR spectrum for the reaction of 2 eq. $i\text{Bu}_2\text{PH}$ with **17b**[OTf] after 12 h (C_6D_6 , 300 K).

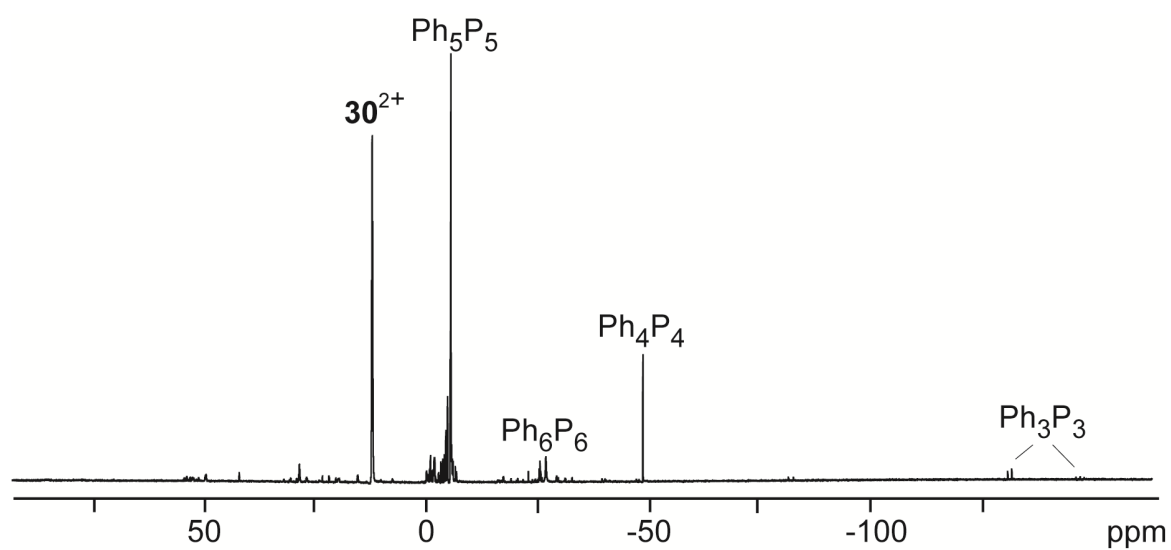


Figure S2.8. ^{31}P NMR spectrum for the reaction of **17b**[OTf] with 1eq. PhPH_2 after 24 h (1,2-dichloroethane, C_6D_6 -capillary, 300 K). Dicationic $\mathbf{30}^{2+}$, Ph_3P_3 , Ph_4P_4 , Ph_5P_5 and Ph_6P_6 are identified next to small amounts of of not identified sideproducts.

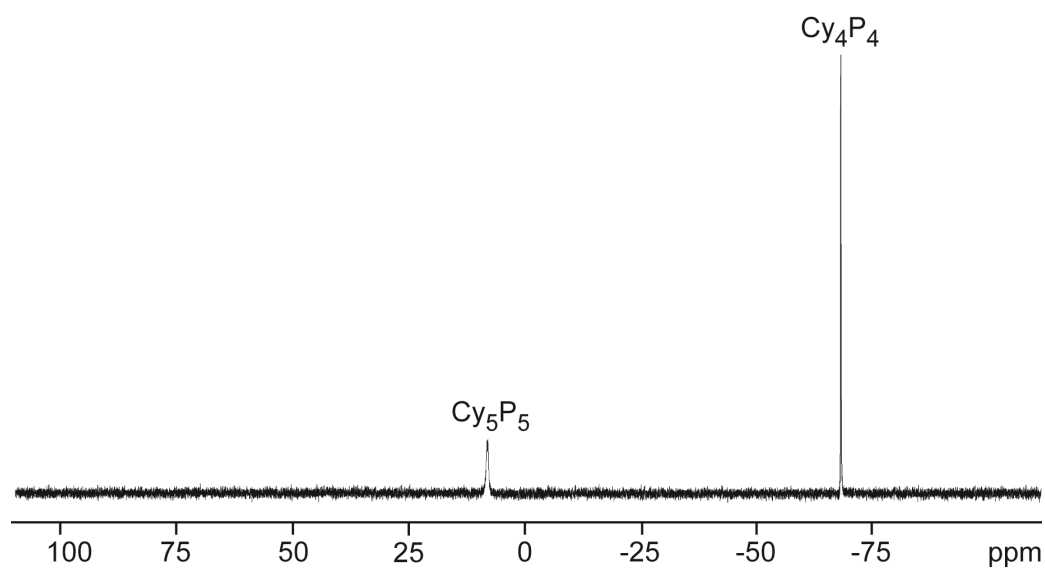


Figure S2.9. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of the isolated colorless precipitate from the reaction of **17b**[OTf] with 1eq. CyPH_2 after 24 h (C_6D_6 , 300 K).

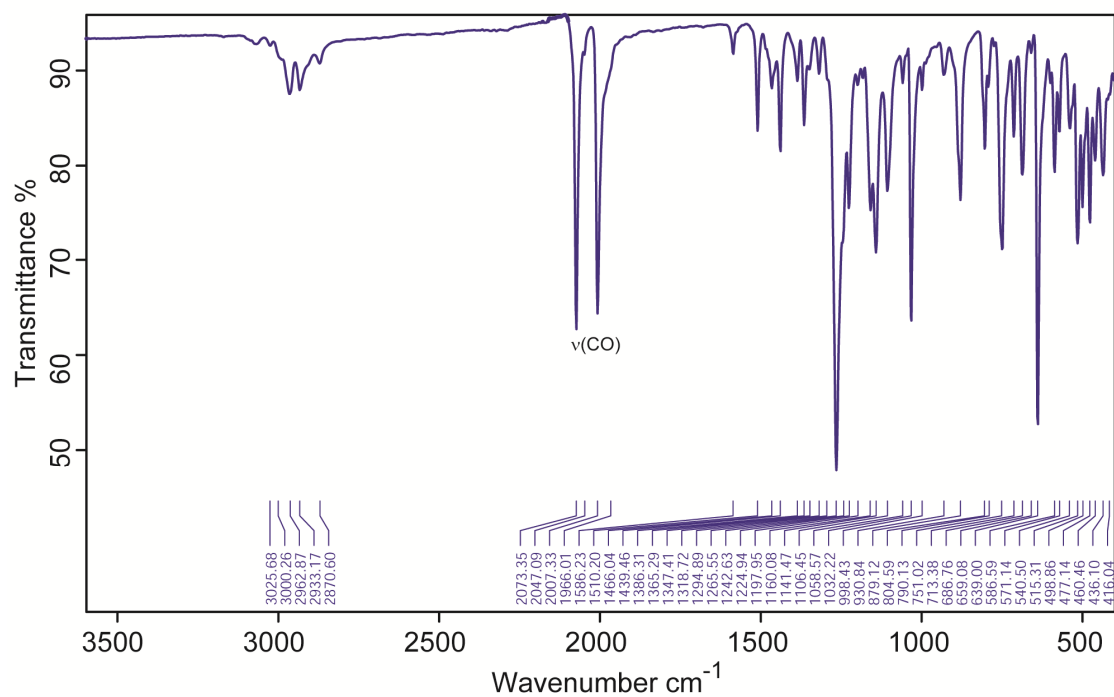


Figure S2.10. IR spectrum of **24**[OTf] (neat, ATR, ambient temperature).

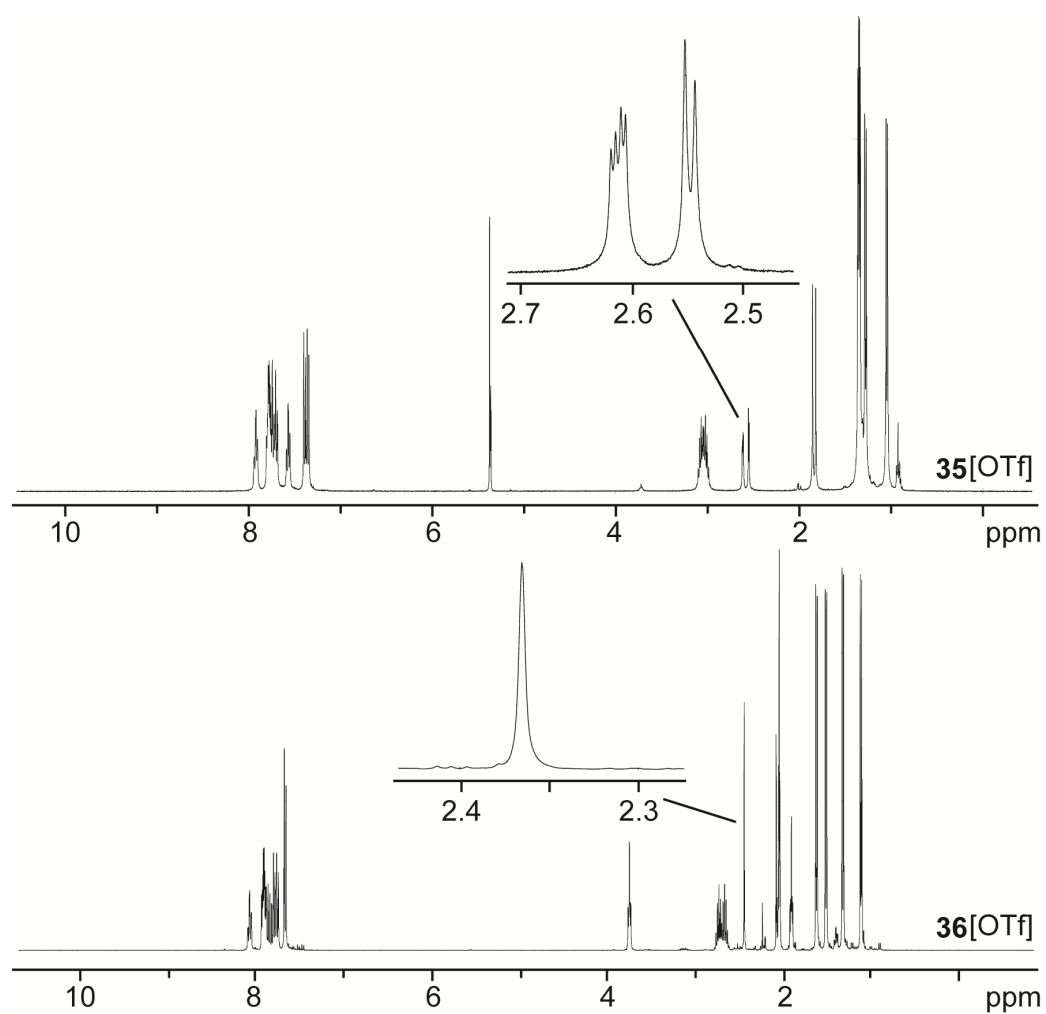


Figure S2.11. ^1H NMR spectra of **35**[OTf] (CD_2Cl_2 , 300 K, top) and **36**[OTf] (CD_3CN , 300 K, bottom); zoom in displays the resonances which can be attributed to the CH_2 -group attached to C1.

S3 Experimental Details

S3.1 Reaction of **9b**[OTf] with 0.3 eq. of NHC **8**

A solution of NHC **8** (18.0 mg, 0.039 mmol) in *o*-C₆H₄F₂ (1 ml) was added to a solution of **9b**[OTf] (103 mg, 0.13 mmol) in *o*-C₆H₄F₂ (2 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 h. During this time the reaction mixture was investigated using multinuclear NMR spectroscopy. After removing of all volatiles *in vacuo* the residue was again dissolved in CH₂Cl₂. The collected NMR spectroscopical data revealed a quantitative formation to cation **10b**⁺.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (CH₂Cl₂, C₆D₆-capillary, in ppm): $\delta = -29.12$ (s).

S3.2 Reaction of **17b**[OTf] with trifluoromethanesulfonic acid

HOTf (6 mg, 0.04 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **17b**[OTf] (30 mg, 0.04 mmol) in C₆H₅F (2 ml). After 1 h the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude material again dissolved in CD₂Cl₂ for NMR spectroscopic analysis. For the determination of the CH coupling constant see ¹³C NMR spectrum in figure S2.2.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (CH₂Cl₂, C₆D₆-capillary, in ppm): $\delta = 14.6$ (s).

S3.3 Reaction of **18b**[OTf] with silver fluoride in a 1:1 stoichiometry

Silver fluoride was added (10 mg, 0.07 mmol) to a stirred solution of NHC **18b**[OTf] (60 mg, 0.07 mmol) in C₆H₅F (1 ml). After 10 h the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue again dissolved in CD₃CN. The multinuclear NMR spectroscopy revealed quantitative formation to **25**[OTf] (figures S2.3 and S2.4). Due to decomposition in solution, a full characterization could not be performed.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₃CN, in ppm): $\delta = -65.26$ (t, ¹J_{PF} = 703 Hz).

S3.4 Reaction of **17b**[OTf] with diphenylphosphane (Ph₂PH) in a 1:2 stoichiometry

A solution of **17b**[OTf] (38 mg, 0.05 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (2 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of diphenylphosphane (Ph₂PH, 20 mg, 0.11 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (1 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 h at ambient temperature. The collected NMR spectroscopical data revealed a quantitative conversion of **17b**⁺ (figure S2.5).

³¹P NMR (C₂H₄Cl₂, C₆D₆-capillary, in ppm): $\delta = -16.23$ (s, Ph₄P₂), 12.10 (s, **30**²⁺).

S3.5 Reaction of **17b**[OTf] with dicyclohexylphosphane (Cy₂PH) in a 1:2 stoichiometry

A solution of **17b**[OTf] (100 mg, 0.13 mmol) in CH₃CN (1.5 ml) was added to a stirred solution of dicyclohexylphosphane (Cy₂PH, 52 mg, 0.26 mmol) in CH₃CN (1.5 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at ambient temperature accompanied by the formation of a colorless precipitate. After filtration and drying *in vacuo*, Cy₄P₂ was isolated as colorless powder in quantitative yield (see figure S2.6).

³¹P NMR (C₆D₆, in ppm): $\delta = -21.31$ (s, Cy₄P₂).

S3.6 Reaction of **17b**[OTf] with diisobutylphosphane (^{*i*}Bu₂PH) in a 1:2 stoichiometry

A solution of **17b**[OTf] (107 mg, 0.14 mmol) in CH₃CN (1.5 ml) was added to a solution of diisobutylphosphane (^{*i*}Bu₂PH, 42 mg, 0.28 mmol) in CH₃CN (1.5 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 h at ambient temperature. The collected NMR spectroscopical data revealed a quantitative formation of ^{*i*}Bu₄P₂ (figure S2.7).

³¹P NMR (CH₃CN, C₆D₆-capillary, in ppm): $\delta = -83.73$ (d, ¹J_{PH} = -199 Hz, ^{*i*}Bu₂PH), -52.41 (s, ^{*i*}Bu₄P₂), 13.53 (s, **30**²⁺).

S3.7 Reaction of **17b**[OTf] with phenylphosphane (PhPH₂) in a 1:1 stoichiometry

A solution of **17b**[OTf] (38 mg, 0.05 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (2 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of phenylphosphane (PhPH₂, 5.5 mg, 0.05 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (1 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at ambient temperature. The collected NMR spectroscopical data revealed a quantitative conversion of **17b**⁺ (figure S2.8).

³¹P NMR (C₂H₄Cl₂, C₆D₆-capillary, in ppm): $\delta = -147.2$ (t, Ph₃P₃), -131.2 (d, Ph₃P₃), -49.0 (s, Ph₄P₄), -27.1 (s(br), unassigned), -25.7 (m, Ph₆P₆), -5.0 (m, Ph₅P₅), -1.1 (m, unassigned), -12.1 (s, **30**²⁺), 28.72 (m, unassigned), 52.7 (m, unassigned).

S3.8 Reaction of 17b[OTf] with cyclohexylphosphane (CyPH₂) in a 1:1 stoichiometry

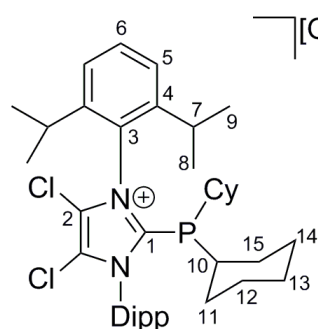
A solution of **17b**[OTf] (38 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (1.5 ml) was added to a stirred solution of cyclohexylphosphane (CyPH₂, 5.5 mg, 0.13 mmol) in CH₃CN (1.5 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at ambient temperature, accompanied by the formation of a colorless precipitate. The precipitate was filtered and washed with CH₃CN (2 ml) and dried *in vacuo*. The collected NMR spectroscopical data revealed a clean and quantitative formation of Cy₅P₅ and Cy₄P₄ (figure S2.9).

³¹P NMR (C₆D₆, in ppm): $\delta = -68.88$ (s, Cy₄P₄), 7.66 (s, Cy₅P₅).

S3.9 General procedure for the preparation of compounds [2-PR₂(4,5-Cl-Im^{Dipp})] [OTf] (R = Ph, Cy)

A solution of NHC **46** in C₆H₅F was added dropwise to a stirred C₆H₅F solution of R₂PCl (R = Ph, Cy) and Me₃SiOTf at ambient temperature. *n*-Hexane was added after 3 h which afforded a colorless precipitate. After filtration and washing with *n*-hexane the solid was dried *in vacuo*. Compounds **9a,b**[OTf] were obtained as colorless, moisture sensitive powders.

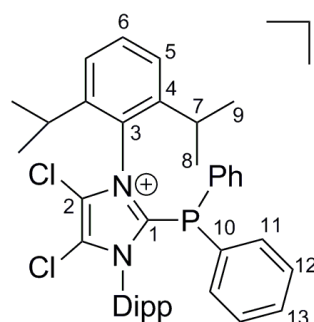
S3.10 Characterization data of 9a[OTf]



8: 1.48 g, 3.22 mmol (C₆H₅F: 12 ml); Cy₂PCl: 749 mg, 3.22 mmol; Me₃SiOTf: 716 mg, 3.22 mmol, (C₆H₅F: 12 ml); *n*-hexane: 35 ml; **yield:** 4.59 g (91%); **mp:** 262-264 °C, **Raman** (60 mW, in cm⁻¹): $\nu = 3081(7)$, 3067(20), 2974(45), 2942(100), 2909(9), 2858(67), 2723(7), 1590(20), 1467(16), 1446(31), 1344(33), 1316(13), 1288(31), 1237(9), 1183(7), 1098(9), 1031(33), 985(13), 885(18), 851(7), 811(9), 754(13), 709(11), 606(13); **IR** (ATR, in cm⁻¹): $\nu = 2968(\text{vw})$, 2931(w), 1573(vw), 1505(vw), 1465(w), 1387(vw), 1358(vw), 1309(vw), 1256(vs), 1223(w), 1178(vw), 1150(s), 1059(vw), 1029(vs), 994(vw), 933(vw), 850(w), 803(m), 762(w), 636(vs), 572(w), 543(vw), 516(m), 461(w), 434(vw); **¹H NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): $\delta = 0.87\text{-}0.91$ (2H, m (br), H11a), 0.90-0.92 (2H, m, (br), H12a),

1.03-1.05 (2H, m (br), H13a), 1.13-1.15 (2H, m (br), H12b), 1.18-1.20 (2H, m (br), H15a), 1.24-1.26 (2H, m (br), H14a), 1.26 (12H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.69$ Hz, H8), 1.47 (12H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.69$ Hz, H9), 1.50-1.52 (2H, m (br), H11b), 1.57-1.59 (2H, m (br), H14b), 1.59-1.61 (2H, m (br), H13b), 1.70-1.72 (2H, m (br), H15b), 1.92-1.94 (2H, m (br), H10), 2.36 (4H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.69$ Hz, H7), 7.53 (4H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.91$ Hz, H5), 7.76 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.91$ Hz, H6); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 24.09$ (4C, s, C9), 25.76 (2C, s, C13), 25.97 (4C, s, C8), 27.22 (2C, s, C11), 27.46 (2C, s, C15), 30.18 (4C, s, C7), 31.02 (2C, s, C12), 33.19 (2C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 20$ Hz, C10), 33.54 (2C, s, C14), 121.63 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 321$ Hz, $-\text{CF}_3$), 126.28 (2C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 2$ Hz C2), 126.84 (4C, s, C5), 129.95 (2C, s, C3), 146.21 (4C, s, C4), 155.42 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 99$ Hz, C1); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = -78.86$ (3F, s, $-\text{CF}_3$); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 12.71$ (s); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{56}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{PS}$: C: 59.8, H: 7.0, N: 3.5, S: 4.0; found: C: 59.7, H: 6.7, N: 3.6, S: 4.0.

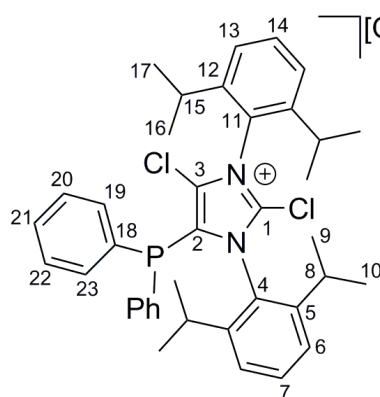
S3.11 Characterization data of 9b[OTf]



8: 1.84 g, 4.00 mmol ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{F}$: 8 ml); Ph_2PCl : 889 mg, 4.00 mmol; Me_3SiOTf : 882 mg, 4.00 mmol, ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{F}$: 8 ml); *n*-hexane: 32 ml; **yield**: 3.15 g (99%); **mp**: 224-226 °C; **Raman** (60 mW, in cm^{-1}): $\nu = 3061(100)$, 2971(32), 2940(50), 2914(21), 2870(31), 2771(7), 2722(11), 1585(46), 1562(21), 1468(18), 1443(21), 1368(7), 1346(57), 1317(25), 1280(46), 1240(14), 1186(7), 1164(14), 1102(10), 1049(10), 1031(50), 1000(39), 957(7), 886(18), 754(10), 735(7), 607(7), 573(7), 452(10); **IR** (ATR, in cm^{-1}): $\nu = 2968(\text{vw})$, 2932(vw), 1560(w), 1463(w), 1436(vw), 1389(vw), 1365(w), 1313(vw), 1265(vs), 1224(w), 1180(vw), 1146(s), 1112(vw), 1087(vw), 1059(vw), 1030(s), 998(vw), 936(vw), 811(m), 766(vw), 754(vw), 743(m), 699(m), 654(vw), 636(vs), 571(w), 544(vw), 516(m), 498(w), 472(w), 454(m); ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 1.02$ (12H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.71$ Hz, H8), 1.21 (12H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.71$ Hz, H9), 2.42 (4H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.71$ Hz, H7), 7.04 (2H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.79$ Hz, H12), 7.04 (2H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.79$ Hz, H14), 7.18 (2H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.79$ Hz, H11), 7.19 (2H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.71$ Hz, H15), 7.25 (4H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.69$ Hz, H5), 7.34 (2H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.71$ Hz,

1262(vs), 1222(w), 1183(vw), 1145(w), 1059(vw), 1030(s), 936(vw), 850(vw), 808(w), 763(m), 679(vw), 654(vw), 636(vs), 570(vw), 516(m), 432(vw); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = 1.21 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.83 Hz, H9), 1.23-1.25 (2H, m (br), H21a), 1.26-1.28 (2H, m (br), H22a), 1.26 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.89 Hz, H16), 1.31 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.89 Hz, H17), 1.32-1.34 (2H, m (br), H19a), 1.32-1.34 (2H, m (br), H20a), 1.32-1.34 (2H, m (br), H23a), 1.40 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.83 Hz), 1.54-1.56 (2H, m (br), H22b), 1.73-1.75 (2H, m (br), H21b), 1.81-1.83 (2H, m (br), H23b), 1.82-1.84 (2H, m (br), H19b), 1.88-1.90 (2H, m (br), H20b) 2.16 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.89 Hz, H15), 2.20 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.83 Hz, H8), 2.29 (2H, m (br), H18), 7.48 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.90 Hz, H6), 7.52 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.94 Hz, H13), 7.74 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.90 Hz, H7), 7.74 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.94 Hz, H14); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = 23.87 (2C, s, C16), 24.11 (2C, s, C17), 24.15 (2C, s, C9), 25.05 (2C, s, C10), 26.20 (2C, s, C21), 27.36 (2C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ = 11 Hz, C19), 27.78 (2C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ = 11 Hz, C23), 30.19 (2C, d, $^5J_{\text{CP}}$ = 1 Hz, C8), 30.66 (2C, s, C15), 31.53 (2C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}}$ = 7 Hz, C20), 31.67 (2C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}}$ = 7 Hz, C22), 34.77 (2C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}}$ = 15 Hz, C18), 121.62 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ = 322 Hz, $-\text{CF}_3$), 126.02 (1C, s, C11), 126.39 (2C, s, C6), 126.59 (2C, s, C13), 131.38 (1C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ = 10 Hz, C3), 134.13 (1C, s, C7), 134.58 (1C, s, C14), 135.44 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}}$ = 50 Hz, C2), 136.90 (1C, s, C1), 145.38 (1C, d, $^4J_{\text{CP}}$ = 2 Hz, C5), 145.94 (1C, s, C12); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = -78.89 (3F, s, $-\text{CF}_3$); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = -15.23 (s); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{56}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{PS}$: C: 59.7, H: 7.0, N: 3.5, S: 4.0; found: C: 59.9, H: 7.2, N: 3.5, S: 4.7.

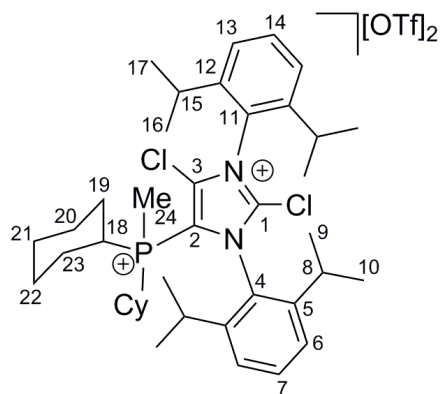
S3.14 Characterization data of 10b[OTf]



8: 6.82 g, 14.80 mmol (*o*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{F}_2$: 15 ml); Ph_2PCl : 2.52 g, 11.40 mmol; Me_3SiOTf : 2.53 g, 11.40 mmol, (*o*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{F}_2$: 10 ml); *n*-hexane: 45 ml; **yield**: 8.72 g (97%); **mp**: 282-284 °C; **Raman** (60 mW, in cm^{-1}): ν = 3078(49), 3064(16), 3051(7), 2988(22), 2971(11), 2940(66), 2909(100), 2871(66), 2772(16), 2729(22), 1584(83), 1516(33), 1470(33), 1448(16), 1430(49), 1338(7), 1301(67), 1264(11), 1185(16), 1161(16), 1104(27), 1050(11), 1032(83), 998(91), 956(16), 930(7), 887(27), 753(33), 688(16), 618(16), 570(7), 492(7); **IR** (ATR, in cm^{-1}):

$\nu = 2962(\text{vw}), 2872(\text{vw}), 1514(\text{w}), 1467(\text{w}), 1389(\text{vw}), 1367(\text{vw}), 1347(\text{vw}), 1273(\text{vw}), 1259(\text{vs}), 1222(\text{w}), 1185(\text{vw}), 1164(\text{m}), 1138(\text{vw}), 1059(\text{vw}), 1028(\text{s}), 935(\text{vw}), 804(\text{w}), 754(\text{w}), 703(\text{w}), 703(\text{vw}), 661(\text{vw}), 635(\text{s}), 572(\text{vw}), 541(\text{vw}), 516(\text{vw}), 504(\text{m}), 493(\text{vw}), 432(\text{vw}), 412(\text{vw})$; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 1.00$ (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.76$ Hz, H9), 1.21 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.76$ Hz, H10); 1.29 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = \text{H16}$), 1.31 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.86$ Hz, H17), 2.19 (2H, *pseudo sept*, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.86$ Hz, H15), 2.21 (2H, *pseudo sept*, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.76$ Hz, H8), 7.25-7.32 (4H, m, H20, 22), 7.42-7.56 (10H, m, H6, H13, H19, H21, H23), 7.75 (2H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.75$ Hz, H7, H14); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 22.98$ (2C, d, $^6J_{\text{CP}} = 2$ Hz, C9), 23.86 (2C, s, C16), 24.07 (2C, s, C17), 24.82 (2C, s, C10), 30.65 (2C, d, $^5J_{\text{CP}} = 2$ Hz, H8), 30.72 (2C, s, C15), 121.72 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 321$ Hz, $-\text{CF}_3$), 126.03 (1C, s, C11), 126.39 (2C, s, C6), 126.54 (2C, s, C13), 127.65 (1C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 2$ Hz, H4), 129.60 (2C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 8$ Hz, C18), 130.40 (2C, s, C23), 130.48 (2C, s, C19), 131.65 (2C, s, C21), 132.66 (1C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 8$ Hz, C3), 133.46 (2C, s, C20), 133.53 (2C, s, C22), 134.35 (1C, s, C7), 134.60 (1C, s, C14), 135.23 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 37$ Hz, C2), 136.96 (1C, s, C1), 145.88 (2C, s, C15), 145.95 (2C, d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 2$ Hz, C5); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = -28.98$ (s); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = -78.87$ (s); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{44}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{PS}$: C: 60.7, H: 5.6, N: 3.5, S: 4.0; found: C: 60.6, H: 5.2, N: 3.0, S: 4.1.

S3.15 Preparation of 14a[OTf]₂

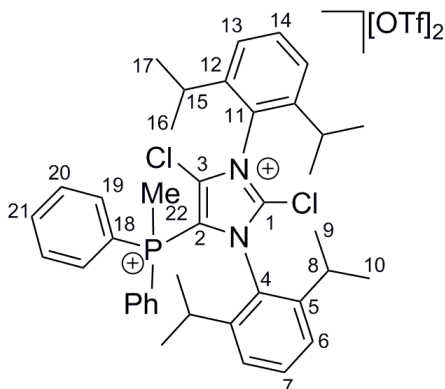


A solution of MeOTf (1.00 g, 6.10 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 ml) was slowly added to a solution of **10a**[OTf] (1.00 g, 1.22 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. After the addition of *n*-hexane (25 ml) a beige precipitate was observed, filtered and washed with $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{F}$ (10 ml). All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was isolated as colorless, moisture sensitive powder.

Yield: 800 mg (68%); **mp**: 270-272 °C; **Raman** (60 mW, in cm^{-1}): $\nu = 3076(40), 2991(19), 2947(59), 2922(14), 2898(35), 2871(22), 2861(8), 2779(5), 2733(11), 1600(8), 1586(16),$

1514(19), 1471(29), 1447(48), 1424(37), 1397(8), 1334(19), 1305(22), 1286(14), 1271(11), 1234(11), 1223(8), 1182(14), 1102(16), 1048(22), 1030(100), 999(24), 959(11), 882(29), 851(5), 829(11), 793(5), 765(5), 752(27), 706(29), 609(11), 571(29), 518(11), 446(13); **IR** (ATR, in cm^{-1}): ν = 2969(vw), 2896(vw), 2861(vw), 1508(m), 1467(vw), 1450(m), 1394(vw), 1372(vw), 1345(vw), 1274(27), 1251(m), 1222(m), 1182(vw), 1142(m), 1101(vw), 1059(vw), 1028(vs), 908(vw), 876(vw), 845(vw), 810(m), 762(vs), 705(vw), 635(vs); **^1H NMR** (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = 1.25 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.68 Hz, H9), 1.25-1.28 (2H, m (br), H20a), 1.28 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.84 Hz, H16), 1.30-1.34 (2H, m (br), H19a), 1.33 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.84 Hz, H17), 1.47-1.49 (2H, m (br), H23a), 1.52-1.55 (2H, m (br), H21a), 1.52-1.55 (2H, m (br), H22a), 1.53 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.68 Hz, H10), 1.76-1.80 (2H, m (br), H21b), 1.76-1.80 (2H, m (br), H22b), 1.85-1.89 (2H, m (br), H20b), 1.86 (3H, d, $^2J_{\text{HP}}$ = 12 Hz, H24), 1.87-1.91 (2H, m (br), H19b), 1.95-1.98 (2H, m (br), H23b), 2.11 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.84 Hz, H15), 2.33 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.68 Hz, H8), 3.26-4.01 (2H, m (br), H18), 7.56 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.91 Hz, H13), 7.64 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.84 Hz, H6), 7.83 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.91 Hz, H14), 7.91 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.84 Hz, H7); **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR** (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = 0.09 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}}$ = 48 Hz, C24), 24.01 (2C, s, C10), 24.10 (2C, s, C17), 24.22 (2C, s, C16), 25.12 (2C, d, $^4J_{\text{CP}}$ = 2 Hz, C21), 25.76 (2C, s, C9), 26.07 (2C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ = 15 Hz, C19), 26.61 (2C, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ = 14 Hz, C23), 27.39 (2C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}}$ = 4 Hz, C20), 27.95 (2C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}}$ = 5 Hz, C22), 30.32 (2C, s, C8), 31.00 (2C, s, C15), 34.07 (2C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}}$ = 37 Hz, C18), 116.98 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}}$ = 73 Hz, C2), 121.17 (2C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ = 321 Hz, $-\text{CF}_3$), 125.16 (1C, s, C11), 127.16 (2C, s, C13), 127.43 (1C, s, C4), 128.32 (2C, s, C6), 135.50 (1C, s, C14), 136.40 (1C, s, C7), 138.97 (1C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ = 10 Hz, C3), 142.62 (1C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}}$ = 3 Hz, C1), 145.47 (2C, s, C12), 145.88 (2C, s, C5); **$^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR** (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = -78.76 (6F, s, $-\text{CF}_3$); **$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR** (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = 38.45 (s); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{59}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{PS}_2 \cdot 0.5\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$: C: 50.5, H: 5.9, N: 2.8 S: 6.4; found: C: 50.3, H: 5.6, N: 2.8, S: 6.6.

S3.16 Preparation of 14b[OTf]₂

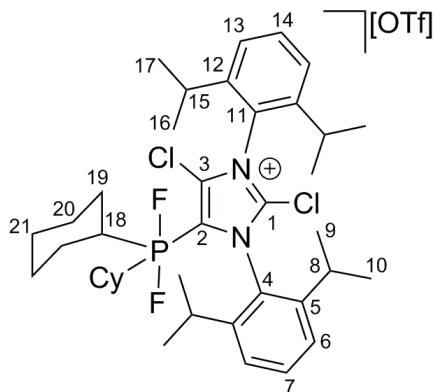


A solution of MeOTf (1.03 g, 6.30 mmol) in *o*-C₆H₄F₂ (3 ml) was slowly added to a solution of **10b**[OTf] (1.00 g, 1.26 mmol) in *o*-C₆H₄F₂ (10 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for 48 h at 70 °C. After the addition of *n*-hexane (25 ml) a pale brown precipitate was observed, filtered and washed with C₆H₅F (10 ml). All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was isolated as colorless, moisture sensitive powder.

Yield: 990 mg (79%); **mp:** 257-259 °C; **Raman** (60 mW, in cm⁻¹): ν = 3074(69), 3019(5), 2986(26), 2946(7), 2913(40), 2872(18), 2724(5), 1587(59), 1506(12), 1473(28), 1445(19), 1423(23), 1331(10), 1310(16), 1284(19), 1237(7), 1224(7), 1185(5), 1168(12), 1105(33), 1050(16), 1029(100), 998(75), 888(31), 755(27), 703(24), 612(21), 572(16), 518(5); **IR** (ATR, in cm⁻¹): ν = 2966(vw), 2911(vw), 2873(vw), 1586(vw), 1504(w), 1438(vw), 1391(vw), 1370(vw), 1286(vw), 1259(s), 1240(w), 1222(w), 1167(vw), 1143(m), 1109(vw), 1061(vw), 1026(vs), 995(vw), 936(vw), 908(m), 819(vw), 751(m), 722(vw), 682(w), 635(vs); **¹H NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 0.79 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.68 Hz, H9), 1.11 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.68 Hz, H10), 1.29 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.82 Hz, H16), 1.44 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.82 Hz, H17), 2.36 (2H, *pseudo sept*, ³J_{HH} = 6.68 Hz, H8), 2.45 (2H, *pseudo sept*, ³J_{HH} = 6.82 Hz, H15), 3.09 (3H, d, ²J_{HP} = 14 Hz, H22), 7.28 (2H, d, ³J_{HH} = 7.88 Hz, H6), 7.57 (2H, d, ³J_{HH} = 7.92 Hz, H13), 7.59-7.66 (4H, m, H20), 7.67 (1H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.88 Hz, H7), 7.69-7.75 (4H, m, H19), 7.82 (1H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.92 Hz, H14), 7.90-7.96 (2H, m, H21); **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 13.30 (1C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 57 Hz, C22), 22.72 (2C, s, C9), 24.29 (2C, s, C17), 24.47 (2C, s, C16), 25.71 (2C, s, C10), 30.22 (2C, s, C8), 30.64 (2C, s, C15), 113.98 (2C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 92 Hz, C18), 117.16 (1C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 101 Hz, C2), 121.48 (2C, q, ¹J_{CF} = 321 Hz, -CF₃), 125.58 (1C, s, C11), 127.11 (2C, s, C13), 127.45 (1C, s, C4), 127.47 (2C, s, C6), 132.18 (4C, d, ²J_{CP} = 14 Hz, C19), 134.17 (4C, d, ³J_{CP} = 12 Hz, C20), 135.26 (1C, s, C14), 135.81 (1C, s, C7), 137.91 (2C, d, ⁴J_{CP} = 3 Hz, C21), 139.69 (1C, d, ²J_{CP} = 12 Hz, C3), 142.84 (1C, d, ³J_{CP} = 5 Hz, C1), 146.51 (2C, s, C12), 146.58 (2C, s, C5); **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = -78.56 (s); **³¹P{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 16.88 (s); **elemental**

analysis: calcd. for C₄₂H₄₇Cl₂F₆N₂O₆PS₂: C: 52.7, H: 4.9, N: 2.9, S: 6.7; found: C: 52.6, H: 4.9, N: 2.9, S: 7.1.

S3.17 Preparation of 15a[OTf]

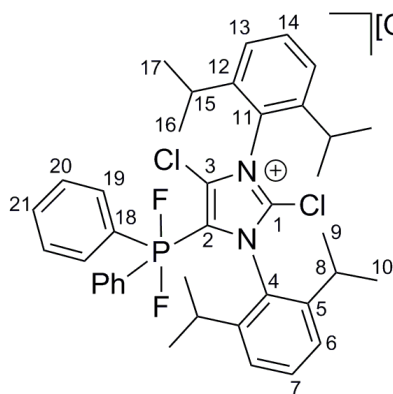


A solution of XeF₂ (2.78 g, 1.64 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of **10a**[OTf] (1.20 g, 1.50 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 ml). After stirring 12 h at ambient temperature *n*-hexane (20 ml) was added and a colorless precipitate was observed. The precipitate was filtered and washed with *n*-hexane (3 x 5 ml). All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was isolated as colorless and moisture sensitive powder.

Yield: 1.02 g (81%); **mp:** 165-167 °C; **Raman** (60 mW, in cm⁻¹): ν = 3070(43), 3035(5), 2995(6), 2976(9), 2940(57), 2918(8), 2901(35), 2871(30), 2856(48), 2770(13), 2723(11), 1600(12), 1586(26), 1469(30), 1445(74), 1427(22), 1392(8), 1349(21), 1332(9), 1302(100), 1275(17), 1222(18), 1183(17), 1104(30), 1049(39), 1032(91), 999(34), 960(17), 887(52), 854(9), 820(21), 771(7), 752(26), 737(13), 688(7), 609(34), 572(13), 549(17), 445(26), 373(27), 347(26), 317(17); **IR** (ATR, in cm⁻¹): ν = 2966(vw), 2928(w), 2854(vw), 1502(w), 1465(w), 1450(vw), 1390(vw), 1367(vw), 1349(vw), 1325(vw), 1287(vw), 1260(s), 1222(m), 1182(w), 1144(vs), 1060(vw), 1031(vs), 937(vw), 860(vw), 825(vw), 808(w), 771(m), 705(s), 657(w), 636(vs); **¹H NMR** (CD₃CN, in ppm): δ = 1.23 (6H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.68 Hz, H9), 1.30 (6H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.85 Hz, H16), 1.37 (6H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.85 Hz, H17), 1.46 (6H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.68 Hz, H10), 1.24-1.28(2H, m, H19), 1.25-1.29 (2H, m, H21), 1.46-1.52 (2H, m, H20), 1.71-1.76 (2H, m, H21), 1.82-1.85 (2H, m, H19), 1.83-1.87 (2H, m, H20), 2.21 (2H, *pseudo* sept, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.85 Hz, H15), 2.25-2.35 (2H, m, H18), 2.41 (2H, *pseudo* sept, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.68 Hz, H8), 7.51 (2H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.84 Hz, H6), 7.56 (2H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.84 Hz, H13), 7.75 (1H, t, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.84 Hz, H7), 7.82 (1H, t, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.84 Hz, H14); **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (CD₃CN, in ppm): δ = 22.94 (2C, *pseudo* t, ⁶*J*_{CP} = 1 Hz, C10), 23.51 (2C, s, C17), 23.73 (2C, s, C16), 24.90 (2C, s, C9), 25.72 (2C, d, ⁴*J*_{CP} = 2 Hz, C21), 26.93 (4C, dt, ²*J*_{CP} = 19 Hz, ³*J*_{CF} = 2 Hz, C19), 28.07 (4C, dt, ³*J*_{CP} = 4 Hz, ⁴*J*_{CF} = 6 Hz, C20), 29.85 (2C, s, C8), 29.97 (2C, s, C15), 44.75 (2C, dt, ¹*J*_{CP} = 114 Hz,

$^2J_{\text{CF}} = 20$ Hz, C18), 121.01 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 321$ Hz, -CF₃), 125.74 (2C, s, C6), 126.11 (2C, s, C13), 130.46 (2C, s, C4/11), 132.82 (1C, dt, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 192$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 48$ Hz, C2), 133.18 (1C, s, C7), 134.05 (1C, dt, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 48$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 23$ Hz, C3), 134.13 (1C, s, C14), 138.26 (1C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 9$ Hz, C1), 145.23 (2C, s, C5), 145.41 (2C, s, C12); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₃CN, in ppm): $\delta = -40.11$ (2F, d, $^1J_{\text{FP}} = 721$ Hz, -F1,2), -79.3 (3F, s, -CF₃); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₃CN, in ppm): $\delta = -28.54$ (t, $^1J_{\text{PF}} = 721$ Hz); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for C₄₀H₅₆Cl₂F₅N₂O₃PS: C: 57.0, H: 6.7, N: 3.3, S: 3.8; found: C: 56.9, H: 6.5, N: 3.3, S: 4.5.

S3.18 Preparation of 15b[OTf]

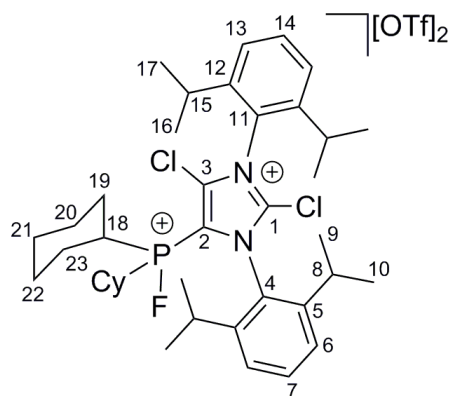


A solution of XeF₂ (1.21 g, 7.10 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of **10b**[OTf] (5.16 g, 6.50 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 ml). After stirring 3 h at ambient temperature, *n*-hexane was added and a colorless precipitate was observed. The precipitate was filtered and washed with *n*-hexane (30 ml). All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was isolated as colorless and moisture sensitive powder.

Yield: 4.82 g, (89%); **mp:** 241-243 °C; **Raman** (60 mW, in cm⁻¹): $\nu = 3084(37)$, 3068(24), 3036(5), 2975(48), 2939(41), 2909(51), 2870(44), 2767(8), 2722(16), 1591(68), 1519(10), 1466(29), 1445(17), 1429(32), 1389(5), 1338(13), 1301(44), 1277(19), 1237(13), 1222(6), 1205(7), 1171(11), 1151(6), 1102(29), 1050(6), 1034(65), 1002(100), 960(13), 887(29), 753(16), 708(19), 621(6), 608(14), 582(7), 523(6), 445(17); **IR** (ATR, in cm⁻¹): $\nu = 2971(\text{vw})$, 2931(vw), 2871(vw), 2378(vw), 1588(vw), 1553(vw), 1516(w), 1466(w), 1444(vw), 1388(vw), 1367(vw), 1325(vw), 1265(vs), 1221(vw), 1184(vw), 1146(s), 1112(w), 1098(vw), 1059(vw), 1030(m), 999(vw), 936(vw), 808(w), 774(vw), 761(vw), 746(w), 730(w), 706(vw), 691(vw), 636(s), 582(vw), 553(s), 537(vw), 517(w), 464(vw); ^1H NMR (CD₃CN, in ppm): $\delta = 1.00$ (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.61$ Hz, H9), 1.16 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.61$ Hz, H10), 1.26 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.74$ Hz, H16), 1.28 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.74$ Hz, H17), 2.20 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.74$ Hz, H15), 2.37 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.61$ Hz, H8), 7.37 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.86$ Hz, H6), 7.41-7.46 (4H, m, H20), 7.43-7.48

(1H, m, H14), 7.50 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.88$ Hz, H13), 7.57-7.64 (2H, m, H21), 7.70-7.80 (4H, m, H19), 7.71-7.76 (1H, m, H7); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₃CN, in ppm): $\delta = 22.53$ (2C, d, $^6J_{\text{CP}} = 1$ Hz, C9), 23.98 (2C, s, C17), 24.16 (2C, s, C16), 25.36 (2C, s, C10), 30.41 (2C, s, C8), 30.47 (2C, s, C15), 122.01 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 321$ Hz, -CF₃), 125.94 (1C, s, C11), 126.41 (2C, s, C6), 126.61 (2C, s, C13), 129.69 (1C, s, C4), 129.97 (2C, dt, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 24$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 183$ Hz, C18), 130.03 (4C, dt, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 2$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{CF}} = 17$ Hz, C20), 130.98 (1C, dt, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 5$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 17$ Hz, C3), 134.03 (1C, s, C14), 134.42 (1C, dt, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 60$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 226$ Hz, C2), 134.58 (1C, s, C7), 134.71 (2C, dt, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 2$ Hz, $^5J_{\text{CF}} = 4$ Hz, C21), 136.72 (4C, dt, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 12$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 14$ Hz, C19), 137.33 (1C, d, $^4J_{\text{CF}} = 9$ Hz, C1), 146.03 (2C, s, C12), 146.26 (2C, s, C5); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₃CN, in ppm): $\delta = -39.9$ (2F, d, $^1J_{\text{FP}} = 712$ Hz, -F1,2), -78.9 (3F, s, -CF₃); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₃CN, in ppm): $\delta = -64.9$ (t, $^1J_{\text{PF}} = 712$ Hz); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for C₄₀H₄₄Cl₂F₅N₂O₃PS: C: 57.9, H: 5.3, N: 3.4, S: 3.9; found: C: 57.6, H: 5.2, N: 3.3, S: 3.9.

S3.19 Preparation of 16a[OTf]₂

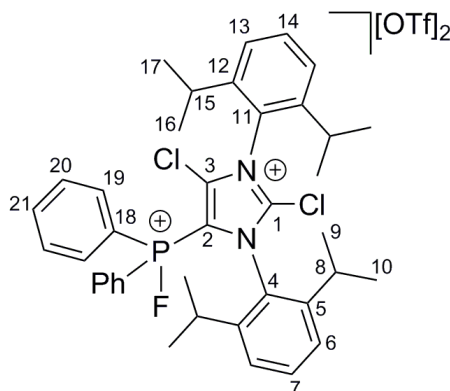


15a[OTf] (500 mg, 0.59 mmol) was dissolved in C₆H₅F (4 ml) and an excess of Me₃SiOTf (528 mg, 2.37 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h accompanied by the formation of a colorless precipitate. After filtration the residue was washed with C₆H₅F (3 x 3 ml). All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was isolated as colorless, very air and moisture sensitive powder

Yield: 521 mg, (91%); **mp:** 187-189 °C; ^1H NMR (CD₃CN, in ppm): $\delta = 1.26$ (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.76$ Hz, H10), 1.29 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.69$ Hz, H17), 1.37 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.69$ Hz, H16), 1.47 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.76$ Hz, H9), 1.39-1.51 (2H, m, H20), 1.45-1.54 (2H, m, H19), 1.55-1.62 (1H, m, H21), 1.84-2.22 (2H, m, H20), 1.89-1.95 (2H, m, H23), 1.97-2.09 (1H, m, H21), 2.00-2.09 (2H, m, H23), 2.01-2.12 (2H, m, H19), 2.22-2.31 (2H, m, H22), 2.25 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.69$ Hz, H15), 2.43 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.76$ Hz, H8), 3.46 (2H, m, H18), 7.69 (4H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.01$, H7, H14), 7.90 (2H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.01$ Hz, H6, H13); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₃CN, in ppm): $\delta = 24.11$ (2C, d, $^6J_{\text{CP}} = 1$ Hz, C9), 24.57 (2C, s, C16), 24.62 (2C, s, C17), 25.27 (2C, d,

$^3J_{CP} = 2$ Hz, C20), 25.43 (2C, d, $^3J_{CP} = 1$ Hz, C22), 25.74 (2C, s, C10), 26.07 (2C, s, C21), 26.27 (2C, dd, $^2J_{CP} = 5$ Hz, $^3J_{CF} = 1$ Hz, C23), 26.62 (2C, d, $^2J_{CP} = 14$ Hz, C19), 30.92 (2C, s, C8), 31.39 (2C, s, C15), 37.87 (2C, dd, $^1J_{CP} = 40$ Hz, $^2J_{CF} = 7$ Hz, C18), 122.46 (2C, q, $^1J_{CF} = 319$ Hz, -CF₃), 125.87 (1C, s, C11), 128.29 (2C, s, C14), 128.68 (2C, s, C7), 129.72 (1C, s, C4), 131.67 (1C, d, $^2J_{CP} = 9$ Hz, C3), 136.35 (1C, s, C6), 136.47 (1C, s, C13), 140.33 (1C, dd, $^1J_{CP} = 22$ Hz, $^2J_{CF} = 5$ Hz, C2), 145.92 (1C, d, $^3J_{CP} = 5$ Hz, C1), 146.84 (2C, d, $^4J_{CP} = 1$ Hz, C5), 147.24 (2C, s, C12); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₃CN, in ppm): $\delta = -149.69$ (d, $^1J_{FP} = 1027$ Hz); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₃CN, in ppm): $\delta = 122.11$ (d, $^1J_{PF} = 1027$ Hz); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for C₄₁H₅₆Cl₂F₇N₂O₆PS₂: C: 50.7, H: 5.8, N: 2.9, S: 6.6; found: C: 50.7, H: 5.6, N: 3.1, S: 7.3.

S3.20 Preparation of 16b[OTf]₂

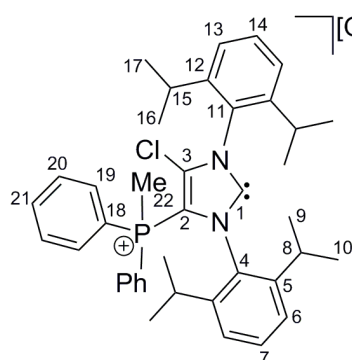


15b[OTf] (800 mg, 0.96 mmol) was dissolved in *o*-C₆H₄F₂ (5 ml) and an excess of Me₃SiOTf (2.15 g, 9.67 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 48 h accompanied by the formation of a colorless precipitate. After filtration the residue was washed with *o*-C₆H₄F₂ (4 ml). All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was isolated as colorless, very air and moisture sensitive powder.

Yield: 661 mg, (72%); **mp:** decomp. 172-174 °C; **Raman** (80 mW, in cm⁻¹): $\nu = 3073(63)$, 3033(6), 2983(14), 2942(23), 2913(16), 2869(14), 2771(8), 1585(57), 1504(5), 1465(20), 1444(11), 1417(24), 1338(8), 1303(29), 1278(21), 1237(6), 1222(6), 1164(9), 1100(23), 1050(11), 1030(100), 999(63), 961(5), 909(6), 886(26), 756(25), 710(17), 683(7), 610(23), 574(11), 518(9); **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹): $\nu = 3069(\text{vw})$, 2871(vw), 1584(vw), 1501(m), 1464(vw), 1443(vw), 1390(vw), 1367(vw), 1329(vw), 1279(s), 1249(vs), 1220(w), 1164(w), 1150(w), 1113(vw), 1098(vw), 1060(vw), 1026(vs), 995(vw), 934(vw), 907(w), 806(m), 774(vw), 754(m), 734(m), 708(w), 690(vw), 679(vw), 656(vw), 635(vs), 573(w), 554(m), 519(s), 492(m), 433(vw); ^1H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): $\delta = 0.93$ (6H, d, $^3J_{HH} = 6.67$ Hz, H9), 1.15 (6H, $^3J_{HH} = 6.67$ Hz, H10), 1.25 (6H, d, $^3J_{HH} = 6.77$ Hz, H17), 1.38 (6H, d, $^3J_{HH} = 6.77$ Hz, H16), 2.45 (2H, *pseudo sept*, $^3J_{HH} = 6.77$ Hz, H15), 2.51 (2H, *pseudo sept*, $^3J_{HH} = 6.67$ Hz, H8), 7.38 (2H, d,

$^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.86$ Hz, H6), 7.54 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.93$ Hz, H13), 7.72-7.79 (2H, m, H7, H14), 7.80-7.86 (4H, m, H19), 8.02-8.10 (2H, m, H21), 8.11-8.15 (4H, m, H20); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 22.71$ (2C, d, $^6J_{\text{CP}} = 1$ Hz, C9), 24.30 (2C, s, C16), 24.43 (2C, s, C17), 25.76 (2C, s, C10), 30.03 (2C, s, C8), 30.36 (2C, s, C15), 112.70 (2C, dd, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 12$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 115$ Hz, C18), 117.72 (1C, dd, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 142$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 23$ Hz, C2), 121.71 (2C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 322$ Hz, $-\text{CF}_3$), 125.46 (1C, s, C11), 127.01 (2C, s, C13), 127.04 (1C, s, C4), 127.41 (2C, s, C6), 132.09 (4C, d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 16$ Hz, C19), 135.05 (4C, dd, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 3$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{CF}} = 14$ Hz, C20), 135.09 (1C, s, C14), 135.81 (1C, s, C7), 140.28 (2C, dd, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 1$ Hz, $^5J_{\text{CF}} = 3$ Hz, C21), 142.56 (1C, dd, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 3$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 16$ Hz, C3), 143.38 (1C, dd, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 1$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{CF}} = 8$ Hz, C1), 146.82 (1C, s, C12), 147.09 (1C, s, C5); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = -126.27$ (1F, d, $^1J_{\text{FP}} = 996$ Hz, F1); -78.79 (s, $-\text{CF}_3$); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 70.6$ (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 996$ Hz); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{44}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_7\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{PS}_2$: C: 51.3, H: 4.6, N: 2.9, S: 6.6; found: C: 50.9, H: 4.5, N: 2.9, S: 6.6.

S3.21 Preparation of 17b[OTf]

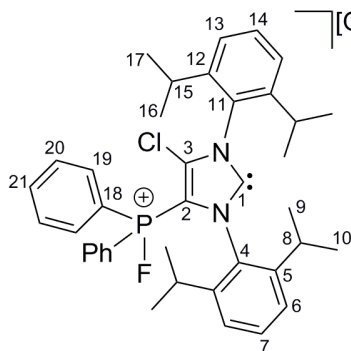


14b[OTf]₂ (505 mg, 0.53 mmol) and PCy_3 (148 mg, 0.53 mmol) were combined and suspended in $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{F}$ (5 ml). The reaction mixture got clear after 5 min and the solvent was reduced after 1.5 h accompanied by the formation of a colorless precipitate. Benzene (6 ml) was added and the precipitate was filtered and washed with benzene (6 ml). All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was isolated as colorless, air

and moisture sensitive powder.

Yield: 306 mg, (75%); **mp:** 177-179 °C; **IR** (ATR, in cm^{-1}): $\nu = 2957(\text{vw})$, 2925(vw), 2867(vw), 1590(vw), 1510(w), 1386(vw), 1349(w), 1280(w), 1257(m), 1223(w), 1208(vw), 1152(s), 1110(m), 1060(vw), 1029(vs), 997(vw), 967(vw), 935(vw), 899(w), 883(w), 808(m), 764(vw), 749(s), 719(vw), 688(s), 636(vs), 572(vw), 538(vw), 516(s), 493(vw), 463(w), 433(w); ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 0.97$ (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.83$ Hz, H9), 1.11 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.83$ Hz, H10), 1.21 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.87$ Hz, H17), 1.27 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.87$ Hz, H16), 2.31 (3H, d, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 14$ Hz, H22),

S3.22 Preparation of 18b[OTf]



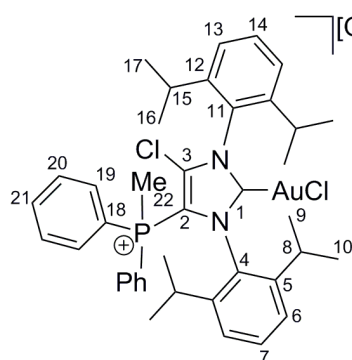
Yield: 110 mg, (55%); **mp:** 123-125 °C; **IR** (ATR, in cm^{-1}): ν = 2964(vw), 2870(vw), 1585(vw), 1531(vw), 1506(vw), 1466(vw), 1439(w), 1388(vw), 1367(vw), 1348(vw), 1273(vw), 1261(m), 1222(w), 1147(m), 1123(vw), 1060(vw), 1029(vs), 995(vw), 968(vw), 902(vw), 805(m), 756(w), 738(vw), 708(vw), 685(m), 636(vs), 615(vw), 592(w), 571(vw), 550(m), 532(vw), 513(s), 466(vw), 433(vw); **^1H NMR** (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = 0.93 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.84 Hz, H9), 1.13 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.84 Hz, H10), 1.22 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.76 Hz, H17), 1.28 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.76 Hz, H16), 2.41 (2H, *pseudo sept*, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.84 Hz, H8), 2.52 (2H, *pseudo sept*, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.76 Hz, H15), 7.20 (2H, d,

$^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.83$ Hz, H6), 7.38 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.88$ Hz, H13), 7.48 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.83$ Hz, H7), 7.57 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.88$ Hz, H14), 7.65-7.73 (4H, m, H20), 7.82-7.89 (4H, m, H19), 8.05-8.12 (2H, m, H21); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 21.64$ (2C, s, C9), 23.53 (2C, s, C16), 24.94 (2C, s, C17), 26.26 (2C, s, C10), 29.84 (2C, s, C15), 30.18 (2C, s, C8), 107.87 (1C, dd, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 143$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 20$ Hz, C2), 115.46 (2C, dd, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 117$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 14$ Hz, C18), 121.61 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 322$ Hz, $-\text{CF}_3$), 124.73 (2C, s, C6), 125.05 (2C, s, C13), 131.72 (1C, s, C14), 132.02 (4C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 15$ Hz, C19), 132.04 (1C, s, C7), 132.26 (1C, s, C11), 133.67 (4C, dd, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 14$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{CF}} = 1$ Hz, C20), 134.80 (1C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 2$ Hz, C4), 139.86 (2C, dd, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 3$ Hz, $^5J_{\text{CF}} = 1$ Hz, C21), 140.59 (1C, dd, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 30$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 1$ Hz, C3), 146.16 (2C, s, C12), 146.20 (2C, s, C5), 230.80 (1C, *pseudo* t, $^{3/4}J_{\text{CP/F}} = 4$ Hz); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = -78.79$ (s, $-\text{CF}_3$), -128.22 (1F, d, $^1J_{\text{FP}} = 997$ Hz, F1); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 77.8$ (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 997$ Hz); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{44}\text{ClF}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{PS}$: C: 61.9, H: 5.7, N: 3.6, S: 4.1; found: C: 61.1, H: 5.8, N: 3.3, S: 4.3.

S3.23 General procedure for the preparation of transition metal complexes

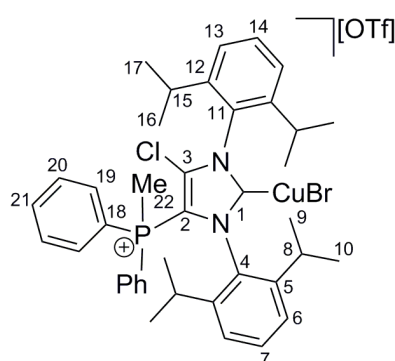
14b[OTf]₂ and Cy_3P or **16b**[OTf]₂ and PPh_3 were suspended in THF at ambient temperature. After 10-30 minutes a suspension of the corresponding transition metal salt in THF was added to the clear reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4-6 h accompanied by a formation of a colorless precipitate which was filtered off, washed with THF and dried *in vacuo*. **19**[OTf] and **20**[OTf] were obtained as colorless, air-stable powder. **21**[OTf] and **22**[OTf]₃ were obtained as colorless, moisture sensitive powder. **23**[OTf] was obtained as yellow, moisture sensitive powder.

S3.24 Characterization data of 19[OTf]



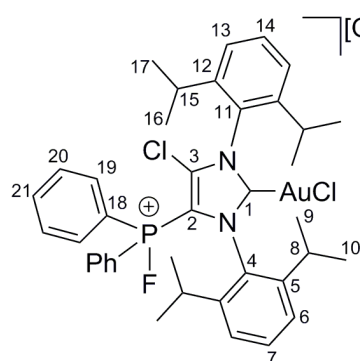
14b[OTf]₂ (400 mg, 0.42 mmol); Cy₃P (117 mg, 0.42 mmol), THF (8 ml); AuCl(tht) (135 mg, 0.42 mmol), THF (5 ml); THF (8 ml); **yield**: 372 mg, (88%); **mp**: 300 °C (decomp.); **Raman** (40 mW, in cm⁻¹): ν = 3173(7), 3066(100), 3012(13), 2986(12), 2969(28), 2941(13), 2914(64), 2866(40), 2765(6), 2716(10), 1588(55), 1514(22), 1467(12), 1444(15), 1412(7), 1367(37), 1338(21), 1307(12), 1262(18), 1235(6), 1196(6), 1166(9), 1112(12), 1047(10), 1030(43), 999(44), 888(12), 754(9), 707(7), 693(11), 613(10); IR (ATR, in cm⁻¹): ν = 2966(vw), 2913(vw), 2866(vw), 1587(vw), 1513(m), 1465(vw), 1439(m), 1388(vw), 1364(vw), 1339(vw), 1273(vw), 1258(s), 1222(w), 1164(vw), 1114(m), 1059(vw), 1029(vs), 916(vw), 900(m), 805(m), 762(vw), 742(s), 723(vw), 685(m), 636(vs), 572(w), 543(vw), 516(s), 498(vw), 485(vw); **¹H NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 0.97 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.79 Hz, H10), 1.28 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.87 Hz, H17), 1.35 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.87 Hz, H16), 1.38 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.79 Hz, H9), 2.11 (3H, d, ¹J_{HP} = 14.01 Hz, H22), 2.39 (2H, *pseudo* sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.79 Hz, H8), 2.42 (2H, *pseudo* sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.87 Hz, H15), 7.44 (2H, d, ³J_{HH} = 7.87 Hz, H6), 7.49 (2H, d, ³J_{HH} = 7.87 Hz, H13), 7.59-7.69 (4H, m, H20), 7.67-7.72 (2H, m, H7, H14), 7.74-7.82 (4H, m, H19), 7.91-7.97 (2H, m, H21); **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 10.56 (1C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 59 Hz, C22), 22.52 (2C, s, C10), 23.67 (2C, s, C17), 24.80 (2C, s, C17), 27.00 (2C, s, C9), 30.04 (2C, s, C8), 30.48 (2C, s, C15), 112.46 (2C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 111 Hz, C18), 116.56 (1C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 93 Hz, C2), 122.21 (1C, q, ¹J_{CF} = 321 Hz, -CF₃), 126.45 (2C, s, C13), 127.24(2C, s, C6), 130.70 (1C, s, C11), 132.19 (4C, d, ²J_{CP} = 14 Hz, C19), 132.98 (1C, s, C7), 133.61 (1C, s, C14), 134.09 (4C, d, ³J_{CP} = 11 Hz, C20), 134.28 (1C, s, C7), 137.72 (2C, d, ⁴J_{CP} = 3 Hz, C21), 138.97 (1C, d, ²J_{CP} = 14 Hz, C3), 147.08 (2C, s, C12), 147.23 (2C, s, C5), 184.04 (1C, s, C1); **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = -79.24 (s, -CF₃); **³¹P{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 14.08 (s); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for C₄₁H₄₇Cl₂F₃N₂O₃PSAu: C: 49.0, H: 4.7, N: 2.8, S:3.2; found: C: 49.0, H: 4.6, N: 2.8, S: 2.8.

S3.25 Characterization data of 20[OTf]



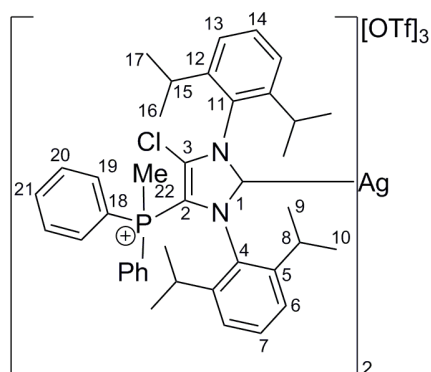
14b[OTf]₂ (500 mg, 0.52 mmol); Cy₃P (147 mg, 0.52 mmol), THF (8 ml); CuBr(tht) (128 mg, 0.55 mmol), THF (5 ml); THF (8 ml); **yield**: 442 mg, 93%; **mp**: 278-280 °C (decomp.); **Raman** (40 mW, in cm⁻¹): ν = 3173(6), 3098(5), 3066(100), 3030(5), 3011(9), 2971(39), 2940(9), 2914(84), 2865(45), 2764(9), 2714(12), 2293(6), 2108(6), 1588(75), 1512(24), 1467(18), 1443(18), 1392(6), 1369(42), 1324(33), 1304(12), 1257(21), 1236(9), 1196(6), 1166(12), 1105(33), 1047(9), 1030(54), 999(55), 960(6), 887(18), 756(12), 733(6), 693(15), 613(9), 596(12), 573(6), 537(5), 517(6); **IR** (ATR, in cm⁻¹): ν = 2965(vw), 2912(vw), 1587(vw), 1508(w), 1464(vw), 1440(m), 1387(w), 1361(w), 1321(vw), 1303(vw), 1272(vw), 1258(vs), 1222(w), 1161(w), 1147(m), 1114(m), 1060(m), 1029(vs), 935(vw), 916(vw), 901(m), 807(m), 792(vw), 764(vw), 742(s), 724(vw), 686(vs), 572(w), 544(vw), 517(s), 498(w), 465(m), 430(w); **¹H NMR** (CD₃CN, in ppm): δ = 0.97 (6H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.68 Hz, H10), 1.28 (6H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.84 Hz, H17), 1.29 (6H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.68 Hz, H9), 1.30 (6H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.84 Hz, H16), 2.13 (3H, d, ¹*J*_{HP} = 13.88 Hz, H22), 2.40 (2H, *pseudo sept*, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.68 Hz, H8), 2.44 (2H, *pseudo sept*, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.84 Hz, H15), 7.41 (2H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.87 Hz, H6), 7.48 (2H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.85 Hz, H13), 7.59-7.65 (4H, m, H20), 7.64-7.69 (2H, m, H7, H14), 7.74-7.79 (4H, m, H19), 7.91-7.96 (2H, m, H21); **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (CD₃CN, in ppm): δ = 10.55 (1C, d, ¹*J*_{CP} = 58 Hz, C22), 22.15 (2C, s, C10), 23.67 (2C, s, C17), 25.10 (2C, s, C16), 27.47 (2C, s, C9), 30.24 (2C, s, C8), 30.28 (2C, s, C15), 111.84 (2C, d, ¹*J*_{CP} = 110 Hz, C18), 116.75 (1C, d, ¹*J*_{CP} = 93 Hz, C2), 122.26 (1C, q, ¹*J*_{CF} = 321 Hz, -CF₃), 126.18 (2C, s, C13), 126.69 (2C, s, C6), 130.87 (1C, s, C11), 132.11 (4C, d, ²*J*_{CP} = 14 Hz, C19), 133.39 (1C, s, C4), 133.41 (1C, s, C7), 133.98 (1C, s, C14), 134.14 (4C, d, ³*J*_{CP} = 11 Hz, C20), 137.39 (2C, d, ⁴*J*_{CP} = 3 Hz, C21), 138.70 (1C, d, ²*J*_{CP} = 15 Hz, C3), 147.09 (2C, s, C12), 147.11 (2C, s, C5), 189.51 (1C, s, C1); **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (CD₃CN, in ppm): δ = -79.11 (s, -CF₃); **³¹P{¹H} NMR** (CD₃CN, in ppm): δ = 13.12 (s); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for C₄₁H₄₇ClBrF₃N₂O₃PSCu: C: 53.8, H: 5.2, N: 3.1, S: 3.5; found: C: 53.3, H: 5.3, N: 3.2, S: 3.4.

S3.26 Characterization data of 21[OTf]



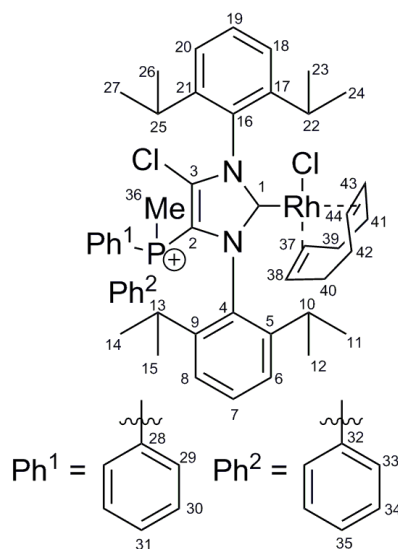
16b[OTf]₂ (120 mg, 0.12 mmol); Ph₃P (33 mg, 0.12 mmol), THF (3 ml); AuCl(tht) (40 mg, 0.12 mmol), THF (2 ml); THF (3 ml); **yield**: 109 mg, (87%); **mp**: 136 °C (decomp.); **IR** (ATR, in cm⁻¹): ν = 2965(w), 2871(vw), 1586(vw), 1511(w), 1464(vw), 1440(m), 1382(vw), 1364(vw), 1340(vw), 1274(vw), 1265(vs), 1223(w), 1184(vw), 1156(w), 1145(vw), 1129(vw), 1118(vw), 1099(vw), 1061(w), 1030(vs), 996(vw), 927(m), 907(vw), 807(m), 782(vw), 764(vw), 743(s), 711(m), 688(vw), 676(vw), 636(vs), 603(vw), 572(w), 551(m), 533(m), 515(vs), 478(m), 430(w); **¹H NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 0.92 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.80 Hz, H9), 1.35 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 7.21 Hz, H16), 1.43 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 7.21 Hz, H17), 1.45 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.80 Hz, H10), 2.38 (2H, *pseudo* sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.80 Hz, H8), 2.43 (2H, *pseudo* sept, ³J_{HH} = 7.21 Hz, H15), 7.34 (2H, d, ³J_{HH} = 7.85 Hz, H6), 7.48 (2H, d, ³J_{HH} = 7.91 Hz, H13), 7.68 (1H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.85 Hz, H7), 7.73 (1H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.91 Hz, H14), 7.80-7.88 (4H, m, H20), 7.91-7.99 (4H, m, H19), 8.14-8.21 (2H, m, H21); **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 22.52 (2C, s, C9), 23.77 (2C, s, C16), 24.74 (2C, s, C17), 26.65 (2C, s, C10), 30.24 (2C, s, C8), 30.35 (2C, s, C15), 110.58 (1C, dd, ¹J_{CP} = 146 Hz, ²J_{CF} = 19 Hz, C2), 113.93 (2C, dd, ¹J_{CP} = 116 Hz, ²J_{CF} = 14 Hz, C18), 125.88 (2C, s, C13), 125.98 (2C, s, C6), 129.69 (1C, s, C11), 130.74 (1C, dd, ²J_{CP} = 129 Hz, ³J_{CF} = 14 Hz, C3), 131.86 (1C, d, ³J_{CP} = 2 Hz, C4), 132.14 (4C, d, ²J_{CP} = 15 Hz, C19), 133.32 (1C, s, C14), 133.67 (1C, s, C7), 134.21 (4C, d, ³J_{CP} = 13 Hz, C20), 140.28 (2C, s, C21), 146.11 (2C, s, C12), 146.23 (2C, s, C5), 186.46 (1C, s, C1); **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = -78.75 (s, -CF₃), -128.16 (1F, d, ¹J_{FP} = 1008 Hz, -PF); **³¹P{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 78.97 (d, ¹J_{PF} = 1008 Hz); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for C₄₀H₄₄AuCl₂F₄N₂O₃PS: C: 47.7, H: 4.4, N: 2.8, S: 3.2; found: C: 47.9, H: 4.5, N: 2.8, S: 3.8.

S3.27 Characterization data of 22[OTf]₃



14b[OTf]₂ (220 mg, 0.23 mmol); Cy₃P (65 mg, 0.23 mmol), THF (5 ml); AgOTf (58 mg, 0.23 mmol), THF (3 ml); THF (5 ml); **yield**: 193 mg, (82%); **mp**: 304 °C (decomp.); **Raman** (40 mW, in cm⁻¹): ν = 3069(68), 2987(14), 2965(16), 2939(18), 2908(25), 2866(19), 2846(9), 2765(9), 2721(11), 1588(75), 1520(31), 1467(22), 1442(19), 1392(10), 1370(37), 1320(21), 1297(25), 1258(13), 1223(9), 1168(16), 1108(44), 1048(15), 1031(100), 999(75), 984(9), 959(11), 887(25), 809(8), 753(26), 731(13), 692(25), 614(19), 595(12), 572(13), 518(10), 448(11), 405(10), 380(8); **IR** (ATR, in cm⁻¹): ν = 2968(vw), 2922(vw), 2875(vw), 1585(vw), 1516(w), 1463(vw), 1440(w), 1388(vw), 1363(vw), 1275(w), 1255(m), 1221(w), 1149(s), 1110(m), 1062(w), 1029(vs), 996(vw), 903(vw), 888(w), 807(w), 748(m), 720(w), 687(m), 636(vs), 571(w), 537(vw), 515(s), 497(vw), 462(vw), 433(w); **¹H NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 0.75 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.70 Hz, H10), 0.83 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.57 Hz, H17), 0.90 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.57 Hz, H9), 1.16 (6H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.70 Hz, H16), 2.00 (3H, d, ¹J_{HP} = 13.41 Hz, H22), 2.10 (4H, *pseudo sept*, ³J_{HH} = 6.79 Hz, H8, H15), 7.31 (4H, *pseudo t*, ³J_{HH} = 7.87 Hz, H6, H13), 7.48-7.57 (4H, m, H20), 7.67-7.78 (2H, m, H7, H14), 7.67-7.78 (4H, m, H19), 7.87-7.93 (2H, m, H21); **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 9.19 (1C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 58 Hz, C22), 20.93 (2C, s, C9), 22.74 (2C, s, C16), 24.86 (2C, s, C17), 27.38 (2C, s, C10), 29.29 (2C, s, C8), 29.47 (2C, s, C15), 113.39 (2C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 107 Hz, C18), 115.16 (1C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 92 Hz, C2), 120.90 (2C, q, ¹J_{CF} = 322 Hz, -CF₃), 125.75 (2C, s, C13), 126.31 (2C, s, C6), 129.76 (1C, s, C11), 131.35 (4C, d, ²J_{CP} = 14 Hz, C19), 132.41 (1C, s, C4), 132.52 (4C, d, ³J_{CP} = 12 Hz, C20), 134.19 (1C, s, C7), 133.03 (1C, s, C14), 136.79 (2C, d, ⁴J_{CP} = 3 Hz, C21), 139.94 (1C, d, ²J_{CP} = 15 Hz, C3), 145.40 (2C, s, C12), 145.42 (2C, s, C5), 183.68 (1C, d, ¹J_{CAg107} = 202 Hz, ¹J_{CAg109} = 234 Hz, C1); **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = -78.75 (s, -CF₃); **³¹P{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 14.08 (s); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for C₈₃H₉₄Cl₂F₉N₄O₉P₂S₃Ag: C: 55.4, H: 5.3, N: 3.1, S: 5.3; found: C: 54.9, H: 5.4, N: 2.9, S: 5.3.

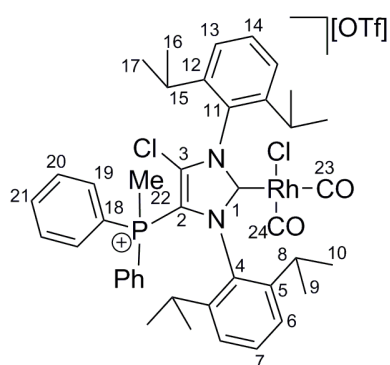
S3.28 Characterization data of 23[OTf]



14b[OTf]₂ (192 mg, 0.20 mmol); Cy₃P (57 mg, 0.20 mmol), THF (5 ml); [Rh(cod)Cl]₂ (55 mg, 0.11 mmol), THF (2 ml); THF (6 ml); **yield**: 179 mg, (88%); **mp**: 199-201 °C (decomp.); **Raman** (40 mW, in cm⁻¹): ν = 3065(91), 3011(11), 2970(36), 2945(12), 2917(22), 2905(10), 2872(45), 2826(27), 1587(85), 1515(63), 1469(23), 1443(16), 1430(12), 1346(22), 1333(11), 1303(51), 1280(10), 1262(13), 1238(24), 1220(36), 1189(11), 1167(9), 1142(9), 1106(42), 1047(11), 1031(73), 998(100), 976(22), 954(17), 912(9), 883(17), 852(12), 809(12), 779(8), 754(13), 733(12), 693(9), 615(10), 597(23), 573(27), 530(9), 505(10), 484(16); **IR** (ATR, in cm⁻¹): ν = 2968(vw), 2870(vw), 1586(vw), 1512(w), 1461(vw), 1440(w), 1388(vw), 1333(vw), 1286(m), 1252(m), 1219(w), 1152(vs), 1107(w), 1058(vw), 1031(s), 995(vw), 954(vw), 932(vw), 896(m), 851(vw), 803(vw), 753(vs), 690(m), 637(vs), 571(w), 546(vw), 516(m), 496(vw); **¹H NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 0.29 (3H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.79 Hz, H24), 0.91 (3H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.69 Hz, H26), 1.14 (3H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.69 Hz, H27), 1.16 (3H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.69 Hz, H11), 1.35-1.45 (8H, m, H12, H15, H42), 1.42 (3H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.90 Hz, H26), 1.55 (3H, d, ³J_{HH} = 6.90 Hz, H23), 1.59-1.72 (2H, m, H39), 1.72-1.79 (4H, m, H40, H41), 1.85 (3H, d, ²J_{HP} = 13 Hz, H36), 2.06 (1H, *pseudo* sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.79 Hz, H25), 2.47 (1H, *pseudo* sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.69 Hz, H13), 3.39 (2H, s(br), H37, H38), 3.50 (1H, *pseudo* sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.69 Hz, H10), 3.68 (1H, *pseudo* sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.69 Hz, H10), 4.45-4.54 (1H, m, H44), 4.79-4.88 (1H, m, H43), 7.39 (2H, d, ³J_{HH} = 7.92 Hz, H8, H20), 7.43-7.53 (4H, m, H6, H18, H30), 7.59-7.66 (2H, m, H29), 7.61-7.70 (2H, m, H34), 7.65-7.70 (1H, m, H19), 7.79-7.86 (3H, m, H7, H33), 7.90-7.97 (2H, m, H31, H35); **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): δ = 9.99 (1C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 59 Hz, C36), 22.64 (1C, s, C24), 22.82 (1C, s, C26), 25.05 (1C, s, C14), 25.27 (1C, s, C27), 25.35 (1C, s, C11), 26.14 (1C, s, C15), 26.57 (1C, s, C42), 27.04 (1C, s, C12), 29.01 (1C, s, C23), 29.09 (1C, s, C12), 29.22 (1C, s, C25), 29.66 (1C, s, C10), 29.70 (1C, s, C13), 30.36 (1C, s, C40), 30.49 (1C, s, C39), 34.72 (1C, s, C41), 66.21 (1C, d, ¹J_{CRh} = 14 Hz, C38), 72.3 (1C, d, ¹J_{CRh} = 14 Hz, C37), 96.80 (1C, d, ¹J_{CRh} = 7 Hz, C44), 100.31 (1C, d, ¹J_{CRh} = 7 Hz, C43), 109.48 (1C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 114 Hz, C2), 115.88 (1C, d, ¹J_{CP} = 90 Hz, C28), 117.95

(1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 93$ Hz, C32), 120.82 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 321$ Hz, -CF₃), 124.48 (1C, s, C8), 125.70 (1C, s, C20), 126.65 (1C, s, C6), 127.74 (1C, s, C18), 131.02 (2C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 14$ Hz, C29), 131.54 (2C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 14$ Hz, C33), 131.79 (1C, s, C7), 132.01 (1C, s, C4), 132.65 (1C, s, C19), 132.99 (2C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 11$ Hz, C30), 133.05 (2C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 11$ Hz, C34), 133.34 (1C, s, C16), 136.26 (1C, d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 3$ Hz, C31), 136.70 (1C, d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 3$ Hz, C35), 140.20 (1C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 17$ Hz, C16), 145.02 (1C, s, C9), 146.47 (1C, s, C21), 148.22 (1C, s, C17), 148.62 (1C, s, C5), 206.08 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CRh}} = 52$ Hz, C1); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): $\delta = -78.99$ (s, -CF₃); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): $\delta = 13.34$ (s); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for C₄₉H₅₉RhCl₂F₃N₂O₃PS: C: 57.6, H: 6.2, N: 2.7, S: 3.1; found: C: 57.7, H: 5.9, N: 2.8, S: 4.0.

S3.29 Preparation of **24**[OTf]



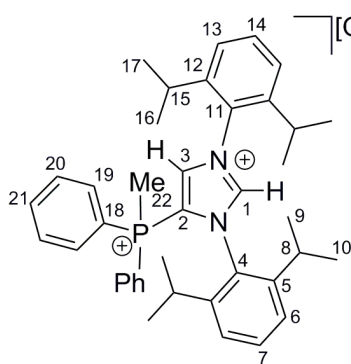
Carbon monoxide was bubbled for 45 min through a solution of **23**[OTf] (125 mg, 0.12 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 ml) accompanied by a color change from deep yellow to pale yellow. The solvent was reduced *in vacuo* and *n*-hexane (10mL) was added accompanied by the formation of a yellow precipitate. After filtration, all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. **24**[OTf] was isolated as air and moisture sensitive, pale yellow powder. For

CO stretching frequencies see IR spectrum in figure S2.10.

Yield: 99 mg, (86%); **mp**: 246-248 °C (decomp.); **Raman** (40 mW, in cm⁻¹): $\nu = 3072(77)$, 3062(61), 3026(23), 3006(20), 2971(30), 2963(28), 2937(73), 2915(61), 2869(35), 2079(67), 1997(100), 1587(76), 1572(17), 1510(30), 1467(15), 1442(21), 1366(40), 1350(38), 1317(28), 1295(38), 1273(11), 1244(31), 1228(22), 1183(8), 1168(9), 1107(23), 1046(21), 1029(81), 999(77), 982(16), 952(7), 883(23), 774(11), 754(17), 733(11), 714(9), 693(19), 658(7), 615(17), 600(19), 572(11), 539(15), 514(11), 491(15); **IR** (ATR, in cm⁻¹): $\nu = 2962(\text{vw})$, 2933(vw), 2073(s), 2007(s), 1586(vw), 1510(w), 1466(vw), 1439(w), 1386(vw), 1365(w), 1318(vw), 1265(vs), 1224(w), 1160(w), 1141(w), 1106(m), 1058(vw), 1032(s), 930(vw), 879(m), 804(w), 751(s), 713(w), 686(m), 639(vs), 586(vw), 571(vw), 540(vw), 515(m), 498(vw), 477(w), 460(vw), 436(w); ^1H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): $\delta = 0.95$ (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.74$ Hz, H10), 1.16 (6H,

d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.53$ Hz, H16), 1.42 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.74$ Hz, H9), 1.48 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.53$ Hz, H17), 2.04 (3H, d, $^3J_{\text{HP}} = 13.61$ Hz, H22), 2.76-2.88 (4H, m, H8, H15), 7.44 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.82$ Hz, H13), 7.48 (2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.84$ Hz, H6), 7.61-7.69 (5H, m, H14, H20), 7.71-7.76 (1H, m, H7), 7.73-7.79 (4H, m, H19), 7.88-7.94 (2H, m, H21); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 9.59$ (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 57$ Hz, C22), 24.60 (2C, s, C17), 24.86 (2C, s, C10), 25.26 (2C, s, C16), 26.99 (2C, s, C9), 29.59 (2C, s, C8), 30.79 (2C, s, C15), 112.71 (2C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 110$ Hz, C18), 117.25 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 92$ Hz, C2), 121.42 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 320$ Hz, $-\text{CF}_3$), 126.09 (2C, s, C13), 127.35 (2C, s, C6), 131.37 (1C, s, C11), 131.65 (4C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 14$ Hz, C19), 132.75 (1C, s, C14), 133.37 (1C, s, C4), 133.39 (4C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 11$ Hz, C20), 133.66 (1C, s, C7), 137.01 (2C, d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 3$ Hz, C21), 140.09 (1C, dd, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 15$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CRh}} = 2$ Hz, C3), 146.75 (1C, s, C12), 147.13 (1C, s, C5), 182.06 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CRh}} = 72$ Hz, C24), 183.37 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CRh}} = 55$ Hz, C23), 194.97 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CRh}} = 48$ Hz, C1); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 14.3$ (s); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = -78.99$ (s, $-\text{CF}_3$).

S3.30 Preparation of 26[OTf][Cl]

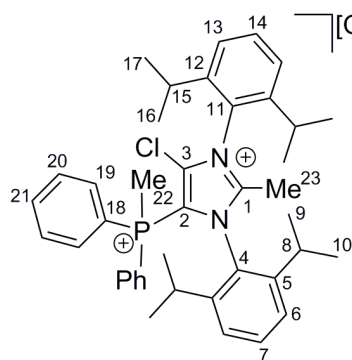


To a solution of Ph_2PH (20 mg, 0.11 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (1 ml) a solution of **17b**[OTf] (38 mg, 0.05 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (2 ml) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at ambient temperature. *n*-Hexane was added (2 ml) followed by the formation of a colorless precipitate. The precipitate was filtered, washed with *n*-hexane and dried *in vacuo*.

Yield: not determined; **mp:** 199-201 °C; ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 0.45$ (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.39$ Hz, H10), 0.98 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.39$ Hz, H9), 1.16 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.55$ Hz, H17), 1.30 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.55$ Hz, H16), 1.94 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.39$ Hz, H8), 2.42 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.55$ Hz, H15), 3.15 (3H, d, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 14$ Hz, H22), 7.17 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.91$ Hz, H6), 7.35 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.82$ Hz, H13), 7.45-7.56 (4H, m, H20), 7.52-7.64 (4H, m, H19), 7.56-7.66 (1H, m, H14), 7.56-7.61 (1H, m, H7), 7.79-7.85 (2H, m, H21), 10.69 (1H, s, H3), 11.66 (1H, s, H1); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 12.17$ (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 57$ Hz, C22), 21.20 (2C, s, C10),

24.18 (2C, s, C16), 24.58 (2C, s, C17), 26.61 (2C, s, C9), 29.99 (2C, s, C15), 30.12 (2C, s, C8), 114.19 (2C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 92$ Hz, C18), 118.76 (2C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 150$ Hz, C2), 121.11 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 321$ Hz, -CF₃), 125.35 (2C, s, C13), 125.87 (2C, s, C6), 128.68 (1C, s, C4), 129.73 (1C, s, C11), 131.37 (4C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 14$ Hz, C19), 132.97 (1C, s, C14), 134.27 (1C, s, C7), 134.46 (4C, d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 11$ Hz, C20), 137.04 (2C, d, $^5J_{\text{CP}} = 3$ Hz, C21), 141.07 (1C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 19$ Hz, C3), 145.44 (2C, s, C12), 146.36 (2C, s, C5), 148.35 (1C, d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 4$ Hz, C1); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): $\delta = -79.03$ (s, -CF₃); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂, in ppm): $\delta = 12.30$ (s).

S3.31 Preparation of 34[OTf]₂

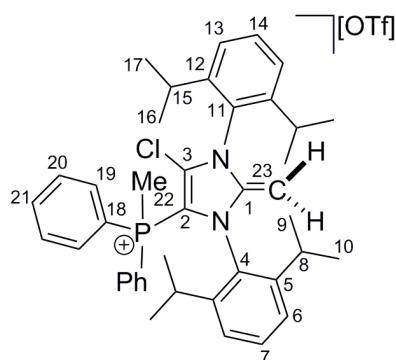


14b[OTf]₂ (500 mg, 0.52 mmol) and Cy₃P (147 mg, 0.52 mmol) were combined and suspended in C₆H₅F (8 ml). After 30 minutes MeOTf (103 mg, 0.62 mmol) in C₆H₅F (2 ml) was added to the clear reaction mixture accompanied by a formation of a colorless precipitate. After 12 h the precipitate was filtered, washed with C₆H₅F (6 ml) and dried *in vacuo*. The product was obtained as colorless, air-stable powder.

Yield: 466 mg, 96%; **mp:** 247-249 °C; **Raman** (40 mW, in cm⁻¹): $\nu = 3071(51)$, 3025(17), 2997(24), 2979(31), 2937(41), 2914(51), 2872(27), 1852(15), 1587(58), 1504(33), 1469(55), 1444(37), 1373(27), 1341(41), 1288(37), 1223(29), 1167(24), 1099(31), 1050(15), 1030(100), 999(76), 887(23), 813(15), 753(48), 722(36), 612(31), 572(26), 513(21), 451(19), 384(32), 348(41); **IR** (ATR, in cm⁻¹): $\nu = 2965(\text{vw})$, 2904(vw), 1586(vw), 1511(vw), 1466(vw), 1439(w), 1391(vw), 1348(vw), 1268(w), 1251(m), 1223(w), 1162(vw), 1147(w), 1105(w), 1060(vw), 1028(vs), 996(vw), 934(vw), 904(m), 808(vw), 789(vw), 749(m), 723(vw), 686(m), 636(vs), 572(w), 540(vw), 517(w), 505(vw), 485(vw), 471(vw), 455(vw); ^1H NMR (CH₂Cl₂, in ppm): $\delta = 0.88$ (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.65$ Hz, H10), 1.10 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.65$ Hz, H9), 1.33 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.73$ Hz, H16), 1.42 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.73$ Hz, H17), 2.38 (3H, s, H23), 2.91 (3H, d, $^1J_{\text{HP}} = 13.88$ Hz, H22), 2.34 (2H, *pseudo sept*, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.65$ Hz, H8), 2.38 (2H, *pseudo sept*, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.73$ Hz, H15), 7.35 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.94$ Hz, H6), 7.59 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.81$ Hz, H13), 7.62-

7.69 (4H, m, H20), 7.71 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.94$ Hz, H7), 7.73-7.79 (4H, m, H19), 7.83 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.81$ Hz, H14), 7.91-7.97 (2H, m, H21); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CH_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 12.31$ (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 57$ Hz, C22), 15.12 (1C, s, C23), 22.68 (2C, s, C9), 24.26 (2C, s, C16), 24.68 (2C, s, C17), 25.50 (2C, s, C10), 30.02 (2C, s, C8), 30.38 (2C, s, C15), 114.50 (2C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 92$ Hz, C18), 114.81 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 104$ Hz, C2), 121.44 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 321$ Hz, $-\text{CF}_3$), 125.45 (1C, s, C11), 127.22 (2C, s, C6), 127.50 (2C, s, C13), 127.69 (1C, s, C4), 132.11 (4C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 14$ Hz, C19), 133.86 (4C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 12$ Hz, C20), 134.87 (1C, s, C14), 135.57 (1C, s, C7), 137.73 (2C, d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 3$ Hz, C21), 139.05 (1C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 13$ Hz, C3), 146.01 (2C, s, C12), 146.15 (2C, s, C5), 154.63 (1C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4$ Hz, C1); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CH_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = -78.61$ (s, $-\text{CF}_3$); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CH_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 15.63$ (s); **elemental analysis**: calcd. for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{50}\text{ClF}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{PS}$: C: 55.2, H: 5.4, N: 2.9, S: 6.9; found: C: 54.9, H: 5.3, N: 2.9, S: 7.2.

S3.32 Preparation of **35**[OTf]



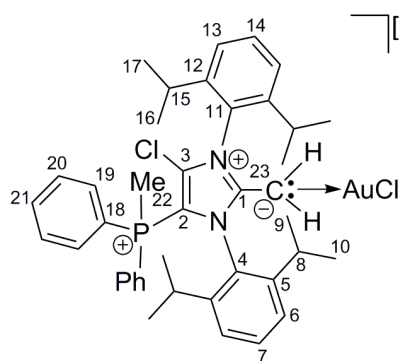
34[OTf]₂ (300 mg, 0.32 mmol) was suspended in THF (3 ml). LDA (147 mg, 0.52 mmol) was added accompanied by the formation of a clear yellow solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and the solvent was then removed in *vacuo*. The crude material was suspended in CH_2Cl_2 (2 ml), filtrated, and *n*-hexane was added to the filtrate until a yellow precipitate was observed. After filtration of the precipitate all

volatiles were removed in *vacuo* and **35**[OTf] was isolated as yellow, air-sensitive powder.

Yield: 235 mg, 93%; **mp**: 156-158 °C (decomp.); **Raman** (40 mW, in cm^{-1}): $\nu = 3066(62)$, 3008(16), 2983(33), 2964(31), 2911(58), 2869(45), 1642(29), 1586(66), 1523(100), 1468(24), 1444(23), 1411(16), 1388(21), 1354(20), 1303(16), 1259(37), 1231(24), 1165(21), 1105(21), 1049(16), 1029(41), 997(45), 973(11), 887(14), 753(12), 720(13), 691(19), 610(21), 549(11), 480(16), 443(17), 394(26); **IR** (ATR, in cm^{-1}): $\nu = 2965(\text{w})$, 2930(vw), 2870(vw), 1641(vs), 1586(vw), 1520(m), 1466(w), 1439(m), 1410(vw), 1387(w), 1365(vw), 1282(m), 1254(vs), 1223(m), 1192(vw), 1145(vs), 1106(m), 1060(vw), 1029(vs), 1009(vw), 971(vw), 937(vw), 897(s), 856(vw), 804(s), 745(vs), 717(w), 687(s), 636(vs), 609(w), 571(w), 538(vw), 511(vs),

473(w); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CH_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = 1.00 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.89 Hz, H9), 1.23 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.89 Hz, H10), 1.31 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.86 Hz, H16), 1.32 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.86 Hz, H17), 1.80 (3H, d, $^1J_{\text{HP}}$ = 13.67 Hz, H22), 2.50 (1H, d, $^2J_{\text{HH}}$ = 3.65 Hz, H23a), 2.57 (1H, dd, $^2J_{\text{HH}}$ = 3.65 Hz, $^5J_{\text{HP}}$ = 1.64 Hz, H23b), 2.98 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.86 Hz, H15), 3.02 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.89 Hz, H8), 7.30 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.78 Hz, H6), 7.34 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.78 Hz, H13), 7.56 (2H, t(br), $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.78 Hz, H7, H14), 7.63-7.71 (4H, m, H20), 7.70-7.76 (4H, m, H19), 7.83-7.91 (2H, m, H21); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CH_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = 10.37 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}}$ = 62 Hz, C22), 22.56 (2C, s, C9), 23.66 (2C, s, C16), 23.97 (2C, s, C17), 24.92 (2C, s, C10), 29.11 (2C, s, C8), 29.33 (2C, s, C15), 55.03 (1C, s, C23), 97.23 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}}$ = 127 Hz, C2), 118.65 (2C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}}$ = 93 Hz, C18), 121.65 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ = 322 Hz, $-\text{CF}_3$), 125.11 (2C, s, C13), 125.88 (2C, s, C6), 128.24 (1C, s, C11), 130.79 (4C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ = 14 Hz, C19), 131.18 (1C, s, C7), 131.31 (1C, s, C4), 131.50 (1C, s, C14), 132.44 (4C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}}$ = 11 Hz, C20), 135.73 (1C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ = 15 Hz, C3), 135.80 (2C, d, $^4J_{\text{CP}}$ = 3 Hz, C21), 147.80 (2C, s, C12), 148.89 (2C, s, C5), 151.66 (1C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}}$ = 6 Hz, C1); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CH_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = -79.01 (s, $-\text{CF}_3$); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CH_2Cl_2 , in ppm): δ = 9.64 (s).

S3.33 Preparation of 36[OTf]



31[OTf] (88 mg, 0.11 mmol) was dissolved in THF (1.5 ml), giving a clear yellow solution. $\text{AuCl}(\text{tht})$ (36 mg, 0.11 mmol) was added accompanied by the formation of a colorless precipitate. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h, filtered and washed with THF (2 ml). After removing all volatiles in *vacuo* **36[OTf]** was isolated as colorless solid.

Yield: 79 mg, 71%; **mp:** 171-173 °C (decomp.); **IR** (ATR, in cm^{-1}): ν = 2968(vw), 2904(vw), 1587(vw), 1522(m), 1478(w), 1441(w), 1391(w), 1368(vw), 1345(vw), 1322(vw), 1285(vs), 1254(s), 1223(w), 1182(vw), 1143(vs), 1103(m), 1058(vw), 1030(s), 1014(vw), 935(vw), 900(65), 839(vw), 810(m), 787(w), 748(vs), 718(w), 688(s), 637(vs), 571(w), 535(w), 516(m), 487(m), 469(m), 439(m); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CD_3CN , in ppm): δ = 1.04 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.84 Hz, H9), 1.24 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.68 Hz, H17), 1.43 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.84 Hz, H10), 1.54 (6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.68 Hz,

H16), 1.98 (3H, d, $^1J_{\text{HP}} = 13.71$ Hz, H22), 2.36 (1H, s, H23), 2.58 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.68$ Hz, H15), 2.65 (2H, *pseudo* sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.84$ Hz, H8), 7.58 (4H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.91$ Hz, H6, H13), 7.65-7.72 (4H, m, H20), 7.75 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.91$ Hz, H14), 7.79 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.91$ Hz, H7), 7.79-7.86 (4H, m, H19), 7.95-8.02 (2H, m, H21); **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR** (CD_3CN , in ppm): $\delta = 8.53$ (1C, s, C23), 9.21 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 57$ Hz, C22), 23.02 (2C, s, C9), 23.65 (2C, s, C16), 24.27 (2C, s, C17), 25.87 (2C, s, C10), 29.29 (2C, s, C8), 29.68 (2C, s, C15), 108.21 (1C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 114$ Hz, C2), 115.83 (2C, d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 93$ Hz, C18), 121.52 (1C, q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 319$ Hz, $-\text{CF}_3$), 126.23 (2C, s, C13), 126.39 (1C, s, C11), 127.15 (2C, s, C6), 127.92 (1C, s, C4), 131.22 (4C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 14$ Hz, C19), 132.91 (4C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 12$ Hz, C20), 133.12 (1C, s, C14), 133.80 (1C, s, C7), 136.68 (2C, d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 3$ Hz, C21), 137.42 (1C, d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 15$ Hz, C3), 146.14 (2C, s, C12), 146.57 (2C, s, C5), 168.72 (1C, d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4$ Hz, C1); **$^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR** (CH_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = -79.30$ (s, $-\text{CF}_3$); **$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR** (CH_2Cl_2 , in ppm): $\delta = 14.30$ (s).

S4 Crystallographic Details

Table S4.1: Crystallographic data and details of the structure refinements of compounds **9b**[OTf], **10b**[OTf], **14b**[OTf]₂ and **15b**[OTf].

	9b [OTf]·C ₆ H ₄ F ₂	10b [OTf]·C ₆ H ₄ F ₂	14b [OTf] ₂	15b [OTf]·1.5 CH ₂ Cl ₂
formula	C ₄₆ H ₄₈ Cl ₂ F ₅ N ₂ O ₃ PS	C ₄₆ H ₄₈ Cl ₂ F ₅ N ₂ O ₃ PS	C ₄₂ H ₄₇ Cl ₂ F ₆ N ₂ O ₆ PS ₂	C _{41.5} H ₄₇ Cl ₅ F ₅ N ₂ O ₃ PS
M _r / g mol ⁻¹	905.79	905.79	955.83	957.09
color, habit	colorless block	colorless block	colorless stick	colorless block
crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> / Å	12.4108(2)	16.2304(11)	14.924(13)	12.8733(4)
<i>b</i> / Å	12.7149(3)	18.8946(12)	15.476(13)	13.2711(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	14.6973(3)	29.2339(18)	20.278(18)	15.8278(4)
α / °	106.9695(17)	90	90	67.6070(10)
β / °	91.5755(14)	94.813(2)	107.78(2)	69.0530(10)
γ / °	100.6970(16)	90	90	75.4420(10)
<i>V</i> / Å ³	2171.47(7)	8933.5(10)	4460(7)	2314.07(12)
<i>Z</i>	2	8	4	1
<i>T</i> / K	153(2)	100(2)	153(2)	173(2)
crystal size / mm ³	0.24x0.14x0.09	0.13x0.06x0.05	0.20x0.15x0.10	0.35x0.25x0.04
ρ_c / g cm ⁻³	1.385	1.347	1.4235	1.374
<i>F</i> (000)	944	3776	1987	990
$\lambda_{\text{XK}\alpha}$ / Å	0.71073 (X = Mo)	0.71073 (X = Mo)	0.71073 (X = Mo)	0.71073 (X = Mo)
θ_{min} / °	2.139	2.50	1.50	2.547
θ_{max} / °	34.970	26.30	29.14	28.34
index range	-19 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 19	-20 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 20	-20 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13	-16 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 16
	-19 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 20	-23 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 23	0 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 21	-17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17
	-23 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 23	-35 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 36	0 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 27	-20 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 20
μ / mm ⁻¹	0.299	0.291	0.349	0.452
absorption correction	multi-scan	multi-scan	multi-scan	multi-scan
refl. collected	81346	188008	40162	39542
refl. unique	18665	19058	11957	10851
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0326	0.0560	0.0308	0.0213
reflection obs. [<i>F</i> > 3σ(<i>F</i>)]	14138	15029	9119	8587
residual density min / max / e Å ⁻³	0.926 / -0.613	0.508 / -0.538	0.754 / -0.603	0.759 / -0.777
structure solution	Superflip	Superflip	Superflip	Superflip
parameters	549	1164	558	613
GOOF	1.022	1.168	1.039	1.046
<i>R</i> ₁ [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0398	0.0689	0.0439	0.0459
w <i>R</i> ₂	0.0996	0.1567	0.1162	0.1341
CCDC	1450350	1450349	1450346	1450345

Table S4.2: Crystallographic data and details of the structure refinements of compounds **16b**[OTf]₂, **17b**[OTf], **19**[OTf]·CH₂Cl₂ and **20**[OTf]·2CH₃CN.

	16b [OTf] ₂	17b [OTf] ·0.5 C ₆ H ₄ F ₂	19 [OTf]·CH ₂ Cl ₂	20 [OTf]·2CH ₃ CN
formula	C ₄₁ H ₄₄ Cl ₂ F ₇ N ₂ O ₆ PS ₂	C ₄₄ H ₄₉ ClF ₄ N ₂ O ₃ PS	C ₄₂ H ₄₉ AuCl ₄ F ₃ N ₂ O ₃ PS	C ₄₅ H ₅₃ CuBrClF ₃ N ₄ O ₃ PS
M _r / g mol ⁻¹	959.79	828.33	1088.63	996.84
color, habit	colorless block	colorless block	colorless stick	colorless block
crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>
<i>a</i> / Å	12.5233(17)	10.5789(17)	12.2965(3)	12.0550(4)
<i>b</i> / Å	14.8180(18)	14.667(3)	28.6164(8)	32.3002(11)
<i>c</i> / Å	24.220(2)	15.965(3)	12.7029(4)	12.1453(5)
<i>α</i> / °	90	64.828(9)	90	90
<i>β</i> / °	99.726(5)	70.980(9)	91.453(2)	91.944(2)
<i>γ</i> / °	90	85.838(9)	90	90
<i>V</i> / Å ³	4430.0(9)	2113.1(6)	4468.5(2)	4726.4(3)
<i>Z</i>	4	2	4	4
<i>T</i> / K	153(2)	123(2)	100(2)	173(2)
crystal size / mm ³	0.15x0.10x0.03	0.24x0.20x0.14	0.17x0.09x0.09	0.42x 0.38x0.12
<i>ρ</i> _c / g cm ⁻³	1.4390	1.302	1.618	1.401
F(000)	1987	870	2176	2056
<i>λ</i> _{XKα} / Å	0.71073 (X = Mo)	0.71073 (X = Mo)	0.71073 (X = Mo)	0.71073 (X = Mo)
<i>θ</i> _{min} / °	2.20	2.55	2.39	2.34
<i>θ</i> _{max} / °	23.87	26.40	31.49	27.47
index range	-15 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 16 -19 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 18 -28 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 31	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13 -19 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 19 -20 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 20	-17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 18 -42 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 42 -18 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18	-16 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 16 -38 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 44 -12 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 16
<i>μ</i> / mm ⁻¹	0.354	0.237	3.666	1.496
absorption correction	multi-scan	multi-scan	multi-scan	multi-scan
refl. collected	34337	42703	58502	36664
refl. unique	10051	9407	14898	13013
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0454	0.0617	0.0342	0.0325
reflection obs. [F > 3σ(F)]	6672	7359	12616	9535
residual density min / max / e Å ⁻³	1.4741 / -0.8423	0.702 / -0.783	2.359 / -3.849	0.509 / -0.904
structure solution	Superflip	Superflip	ShelXT	ShelXT
parameters	557	584	523	581
GOOF	1.027	1.025	1.081	1.026
<i>R</i> ₁ [I > 2σ(I)]	0.0541	0.0525	0.0393	0.0475
w <i>R</i> ₂	0.1432	0.1408	0.0956	0.1202
CCDC	1450348	1450347	1450351	1450352

Table S4.3: Crystallographic data and details of the structure refinements of compounds **21**[OTf], **22**[OTf]₃ and **23**[OTf].

	21 [OTf]·CH ₂ Cl ₂	22 [OTf] ₃ ·1.5 Et ₂ O·CH ₃ CN	23 [OTf]·Et ₂ O
formula	C ₄₁ H ₄₆ AuCl ₄ F ₄ N ₂ O ₃ PS	C ₉₁ H ₁₁₂ AgCl ₂ F ₉ N ₅ O _{10.5} P ₂ S ₃	C ₅₃ H ₆₉ Cl ₂ F ₃ N ₂ O ₄ PRhS
M _r / g mol ⁻¹	1092.59	1951.74	1091.94
color, habit	colorless block	colorless needle	yellow block
crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> / Å	11.8603(6)	17.14476(19)	10.8203(3)
<i>b</i> / Å	28.3452(14)	17.1735(3)	14.3026(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	13.1731(6)	18.09533(13)	18.3756(2)
<i>α</i> / °	90	98.7772(11)	71.9557(17)
<i>β</i> / °	92.001(3)	101.6430(8)	88.5118(16)
<i>γ</i> / °	90	97.9382(12)	78.384(2)
<i>V</i> / Å ³	4425.9(4)	5078.06(12)	2646.53(10)
<i>Z</i>	4	2	2
<i>T</i> / K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
crystal size / mm ³	0.18x0.11x0.06	0.48x 0.11x0.06	0.14x 0.91x0.04
<i>ρ</i> _c / g cm ⁻³	1.640	1.276	1.370
F(000)	2176	2034	1140
<i>λ</i> _{XKα} / Å	0.71073 (X = Mo)	1.54184 (X = Cu)	1.54184 (X = Cu)
<i>θ</i> _{min} / °	2.352	3.2240	3.3170
<i>θ</i> _{max} / °	31.212	76.4080	76.3330
index range	-16 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 17	-19 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 21	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13
	-41 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 41	-21 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 21	-17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17
	-19 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 17	-22 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 22	-23 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 21
<i>μ</i> / mm ⁻¹	3.705	3.550	4.647
absorption correction	multi-scan	gaussian	gaussian
refl. collected	70316	57825	26966
refl. unique	14924	21098	10839
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0506	0.0543	0.0350
reflection obs. [F > 3σ(F)]	11901	19184	9934
residual density min / max / e Å ⁻³	1.525 / -1.763	1.910 / -1.482	1.827 / -1.013
structure solution	ShelXT	ShelXT	ShelXT
parameters	579	1378	615
GOOF	1.040	1.053	1.068
<i>R</i> ₁ [I > 2σ(I)]	0.0323	0.0771	0.0376
w <i>R</i> ₂	0.0697	0.2214	0.1086
CCDC	1450353	1450355	1450354

Table S4.3: Crystallographic data and details of the structure refinements of compounds **34**[OTf], **35**[OTf]₂ and **36**[OTf].

	34 [OTf]·0.5 Et ₂ O	35 [OTf] ₂ ·2 Et ₂ O	36 [OTf]·CH ₃ CN
formula	C ₄₅ H ₅₅ ClF ₆ N ₂ O _{6.5} PS ₂	C ₅₀ H ₆₉ ClF ₃ N ₂ O ₅ PS	C ₄₄ H ₅₂ AuCl ₂ F ₃ N ₃ O ₃ PS
M _r / g mol ⁻¹	972.45	933.55	1058.78
color, habit	colorless block	yellow plate	colorless block
crystal system	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c
<i>a</i> / Å	21.61588(4)	18.0515(9)	10.7069(2)
<i>b</i> / Å	21.61899(5)	13.7825(6)	21.3249(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	41.02783(8)	20.6137(9)	19.5715(5)
α / °	90	90	90
β / °	90	90.735(2)	102.332(2)
γ / °	90	90	90
<i>V</i> / Å ³	19172.86(7)	5128.2(4)	4365.52(16)
<i>Z</i>	16	4	4
<i>T</i> / K	100(2)	173(2)	100(2)
crystal size / mm ³	0.49x0.30x0.24	0.31x 0.23x0.08	0.23x 0.13x0.12
ρ_c / g cm ⁻³	1.348	1.209	1.611
F(000)	8144	1992	2128
$\lambda_{\text{XK}\alpha}$ / Å	1.54184 (X = Cu)	0.71073 (X = Mo)	1.54184 (X = Cu)
θ_{min} / °	2.8650	2.256	3.0950
θ_{max} / °	76.610	27.179	75.7480
index range	-27 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 27	-22 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 19	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13
	-27 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 27	-17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 16	-16 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 26
	-51 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 51	-25 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 25	-24 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 24
μ / mm ⁻¹	2.458	0.202	8.718
absorption correction	multi-scan	gaussian	gaussian
refl. collected	232073	50197	25208
refl. unique	40155	10485	9104
R _{int}	0.0352	0.0299	0.0296
reflection obs. [F>3σ(F)]	40144	8088	8508
residual density min / max / e Å ⁻³	0.950 / -0.525	1.104/ -0.807	2.016/ -1.303
structure solution	ShelXT	ShelXT	ShelXT
parameters	2406	589	533
GOOF	1.052	1.020	1.050
R ₁ [I>2σ(I)]	0.0396	0.0621	0.0309
wR ₂	0.1073	0.1795	0.0757
CCDC	1469788	1469787	1469786

S4.1 Structure solution and refinement

Suitable single crystals were coated with Paratone-N oil or Fomblin Y25 PFPE oil, mounted using a glass fiber and frozen in the cold nitrogen stream. X-ray diffraction data were collected at low temperature as indicated in tables S4.1-4.3 on either a Bruker Kappa APEX II diffractometer

using Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) generated using a fine-focus sealed tube or on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer using Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54184$ Å) generated by a Nova micro-focus source. The data reduction and absorption correction was performed using Bruker SMART⁴ and Bruker SADABS⁵ or CrysAlisPro⁶, respectively. For further crystal and data collection details see tables S4.1-4.3. Using Olex2⁷, the structures were solved with the SHELXT package⁸ by direct methods or with Superflip⁹ Hydrogen atoms bonded to carbon atoms were added to the structure models on calculated positions using the riding model. Images of the Structures depicted were produced with Diamond¹⁰ software.

Crystals of **22**[OTf]₃·1.5 C₄H₁₀O·CH₃CN loose solvent easily and were therefore handled below −20 °C at all times. It was also possible to crystallize **22**[OTf]₃ from THF, but disorder of the anions and of the 10 THF molecules per trication rendered satisfactory refinement impossible (Space group *Pbcn*, *a*: 25.3195(3), *b*: 18.4175(3), *c*: 26.8985(3); Ag on ½, 0.782, ¼).

Structures **10b**[OTf]·C₆H₄F₂, **14b**[OTf]₂ and **15b**[OTf]·CH₂Cl₂ exhibit very short Cl1–OTf distances of 2.6–2.8 Å causing checkCIF A and B alerts. This corresponds well to the calculated σ -hole of the phosphonio-imidazolium species **14b**[OTf]₂ supporting the close contact between cation and anion.

In some structures SIMU, DFIX or SADI restraints (**10b**[OTf]·C₆H₄F₂, **15b**[OTf]·CH₂Cl₂, **17b**[OTf]·0.5 C₆H₄F₂, **20**[OTf]·2 CH₃CN, **21**[OTf]·CH₂Cl₂, **22**[OTf]₃·1.5 C₄H₁₀O·CH₃CN) or an EADP constraint (**10b**[OTf]·C₆H₄F₂) were employed in order to allow convergence of disordered solvent molecules or anions to a reasonable minimum.

S5 Computational methods

S5.1 General Considerations

The energies of all complexes included in this study were computed using either the DFT BP86¹¹-D3¹² functional or the ab initio RI-MP2¹³ method using the def2-TZVP¹⁴ basis set. The calculations have been performed by using the program TURBOMOLE version 7.0.¹⁵ The MEPS calculations have been performed at the ab-initio/DFT-D level by means of the SPARTAN software.¹⁶

S5.2 Cartesian coordinates of the optimized compounds

Table S5.2.1: Reactants; Figure 5 (A); MP2-optimized.

P	-3.4447061	-1.3207040	0.0602280
N	-0.6234714	1.4206168	-0.1699352
N	-0.6708394	-0.7239636	0.0627691
C	-1.9487706	1.0731119	-0.1643669
C	-1.9922659	-0.3035571	-0.0152928
C	0.1522868	0.3286036	-0.0319869
Cl	1.8160333	0.2957711	0.0118706
P	4.9659910	0.2631353	0.0918405
H	-0.2639074	2.3718358	-0.2648722
H	-0.3228378	-1.6748089	0.1749143
H	-3.4674387	-2.2559064	-0.9791316
H	-4.5340377	-0.4565456	-0.0620975
H	-3.5240259	-2.0080540	1.2754055
H	5.6757216	-0.9367344	0.2746413
H	5.6520811	1.0083482	1.0668143
H	5.7033305	0.7217519	-1.0138850

Table S5.2.2: Transition state (TS); Figure 5 (A); MP2-optimized.

P	-3.0886144	-1.7440454	0.0002855
N	-0.3061452	1.0217152	-0.0013735
N	-0.3192255	-1.1138892	0.0006910
C	-1.6277668	0.6676420	-0.0015134
C	-1.6510577	-0.7176846	-0.0002025
C	0.5003242	-0.0566307	-0.0000411
Cl	2.5231110	-0.0381252	0.0004868
P	4.8861277	0.0181032	0.0010212
H	0.0314205	1.9828628	-0.0021871

H	0.0327463	-2.0672595	0.0017076
H	-3.1412836	-2.5687672	-1.1269916
H	-4.1940595	-0.8924470	-0.0030733
H	-3.1443984	-2.5638287	1.1310166
H	5.5048475	-1.2365079	0.0320349
H	5.4457191	0.6980163	1.0883274
H	5.4479135	0.6446582	-1.1167883

Table S5.2.3: 15 lowest vibrations of the TS; MP2-optimized.

#		cm** (-1)	km/mol	IR	RAMAN
1	a	-420.29	0.00000	YES	YES
2		-0.00	0.00000	-	-
3		-0.00	0.00000	-	-
4		-0.00	0.00000	-	-
5		-0.00	0.00000	-	-
6		0.00	0.00000	-	-
7		0.00	0.00000	-	-
8	a	64.56	4.44479	YES	YES
9	a	72.40	3.65093	YES	YES
10	a	174.01	4.64993	YES	YES
11	a	190.63	0.03114	YES	YES
12	a	192.66	0.37189	YES	YES
13	a	217.62	5.84854	YES	YES
14	a	233.60	6.86201	YES	YES
15	a	239.36	3.26237	YES	YES

Table S5.2.4: Products (P); Figure 5 (A); MP2-optimized.

P	-3.6459012	-1.3705391	0.0016344
N	-0.8012703	1.2850570	-0.0027323
N	-0.8624994	-0.8225027	0.0010193
C	-2.1277246	0.9761182	-0.0024040
C	-2.1886624	-0.4039113	0.0000152
C	0.0324868	0.1962648	-0.0006701
C1	3.3928075	0.3471797	0.0016076
P	5.3390393	0.4998923	0.0007096
H	-0.4602332	2.2395243	-0.0044745
H	-0.5561748	-1.7864166	0.0026964
H	-3.7482941	-2.2045169	-1.1149476
H	-4.7321447	-0.4960600	-0.0023205
H	-3.7510196	-2.1975925	1.1231167
H	5.9243895	-0.7651284	0.0255254
H	5.7698795	1.2106924	1.1200099
H	5.7721920	1.1673897	-1.1440670

Table S5.2.5: Figure 5(B); DFT-optimized.

Cl	-3.5887698	2.3940945	0.3138909
P	-4.2051023	-1.1552383	0.2359855
N	-1.1169848	1.3853178	0.1909853
N	-1.3468944	-0.7855082	0.0443998
C	-2.4791282	1.1265551	0.1677631
C	-2.6497167	-0.2473504	0.0709539
C	-0.4505381	0.2128840	0.1164231
Cl	1.3089660	0.0830483	0.1990492
P	3.9995767	0.3232344	0.2707935
C	-5.4244608	-0.1363658	-0.6008359
C	-5.1515340	0.3566359	-1.8904043
C	-6.6547289	0.1268247	0.0194946
C	-6.1165676	1.1097853	-2.5542128
H	-4.1868382	0.1651877	-2.3643639
C	-7.6126414	0.8841286	-0.6564381
H	-6.8609659	-0.2447879	1.0236334
C	-7.3455100	1.3729502	-1.9378653
H	-5.9098363	1.4967434	-3.5519718
H	-8.5689112	1.0949230	-0.1778105
H	-8.0966882	1.9664392	-2.4594180
C	-4.1889574	-2.8012465	-0.4936763
C	-4.8087334	-3.0189760	-1.7366896
C	-3.6331915	-3.8810340	0.2172930
C	-4.8527589	-4.3089799	-2.2665271
H	-5.2709498	-2.1979630	-2.2825055
C	-3.6743110	-5.1604037	-0.3274779
H	-3.1658958	-3.7258314	1.1875321
C	-4.2828903	-5.3764168	-1.5684332
H	-5.3401467	-4.4782203	-3.2265224
H	-3.2337961	-5.9911656	0.2228590
H	-4.3219153	-6.3821543	-1.9875879
C	4.3376045	1.6782602	1.4399250
C	5.3641561	1.5983711	2.3943771
C	3.4877372	2.8017167	1.4331769
C	5.5432127	2.6270501	3.3221949
H	6.0281708	0.7337128	2.4082135
C	3.6862845	3.8325996	2.3503223
H	2.6792783	2.8803872	0.7020767
C	4.7095442	3.7471351	3.2998135
H	6.3457575	2.5560576	4.0569862
H	3.0377672	4.7080437	2.3233757
H	4.8595129	4.5545431	4.0171832
C	5.3202685	-0.9045306	0.5077355
C	6.5428998	-0.8326039	-0.1796401
C	5.1024652	-1.9373233	1.4348751

C	7.5365139	-1.7811510	0.0676558
H	6.7161994	-0.0361497	-0.9047755
C	6.1038332	-2.8766034	1.6860779
H	4.1464937	-2.0016682	1.9593023
C	7.3202892	-2.7994178	1.0013605
H	8.4851346	-1.7223543	-0.4669325
H	5.9339273	-3.6732870	2.4110442
H	8.1005586	-3.5366055	1.1928537
C	4.2383304	1.0083365	-1.4024325
C	3.8338515	0.1978561	-2.4797234
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C	3.9505736	0.6571206	-3.7908130
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H	5.0701772	2.9253271	-0.8350351
C	4.4543374	1.9378961	-4.0407472
H	3.6461693	0.0172607	-4.6199059
H	5.2539669	3.7450384	-3.1681584
H	4.5427069	2.2997660	-5.0654607
C	-0.4940106	2.6776084	0.3812262
C	-0.1043449	3.3962119	-0.7589905
C	-0.3137990	3.1124937	1.7054883
C	0.4685701	4.6541636	-0.5316672
C	0.2437347	4.3853457	1.8681687
C	0.6219425	5.1483961	0.7632126
H	0.7928176	5.2558236	-1.3809035
H	0.4000325	4.7760640	2.8737162
H	1.0556892	6.1375494	0.9134928
C	-0.9463046	-2.1778609	-0.0172322
C	-0.8466633	-2.7724804	-1.2906190
C	-0.6244683	-2.8208258	1.1917283
C	-0.4136216	-4.1019432	-1.3222738
C	-0.1929839	-4.1510772	1.0911341
C	-0.0899685	-4.7813284	-0.1464749
H	-0.3251328	-4.6159398	-2.2780929
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H	0.2527711	-5.8151763	-0.1989603
C	-0.6467921	2.2428854	2.9077154
H	-1.0801279	1.2959315	2.5444952
C	-0.2724249	2.8509275	-2.1671031
H	-0.7096652	1.8413980	-2.0983935
C	-0.7045990	-2.1412560	2.5529650
H	-1.1274353	-1.1320944	2.4174602
C	-1.1575990	-2.0009211	-2.5669954
H	-1.9426630	-1.2628235	-2.3281298
C	-1.6970469	2.8989132	3.8181743

H	-1.3215634	3.8352977	4.2524948
H	-2.6185288	3.1321834	3.2656999
H	-1.9492810	2.2290131	4.6528225
C	0.6362410	1.8764374	3.6758492
H	1.3618467	1.3734029	3.0222628
H	1.1262952	2.7716998	4.0820903
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C	-1.2484563	3.7160038	-2.9835738
H	-2.2279530	3.7903505	-2.4896938
H	-0.8605377	4.7359747	-3.1130708
H	-1.3938675	3.2868647	-3.9848196
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H	1.5681907	3.6802063	-3.0219761
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H	0.9672102	2.2327112	-3.8496221
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C	-1.6993041	-2.8914731	-3.6932207
H	-2.5243982	-3.5268231	-3.3485747
H	-2.0647943	-2.2672403	-4.5197604
H	-0.9153148	-3.5408265	-4.1067207
C	-1.6338576	-2.8955055	3.5200796
H	-1.6936273	-2.3611267	4.4776767
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C	0.6976785	-1.9792585	3.1714686
H	1.3748644	-1.4304870	2.5055088
H	0.6324850	-1.4309612	4.1210420
H	1.1459854	-2.9605009	3.3815143
C	-4.5785549	-1.2285219	1.9979828
H	-4.7254126	-0.2052160	2.3675350
H	-5.4775973	-1.8346342	2.1649093
H	-3.7337404	-1.6806939	2.5274193

Table S5.2.6: Figure 5 (C); DFT-optimized.

C1	-3.4039265	1.9603728	-0.4448624
P	-4.2532281	-1.4068075	0.1482304
N	-0.9758572	0.7677222	-0.4068301
N	-1.3359253	-1.3166693	-0.0239840
C	-2.3475816	0.6324634	-0.2945769
C	-2.6120547	-0.7029936	-0.0437805
C	-0.3304217	-0.4287642	-0.2296235
C1	2.4530769	-0.0120573	0.0080837
P	4.3690428	0.6518114	0.2560292

C	-5.1531452	-0.2765506	1.2290707
C	-6.4982677	0.0211844	0.9646618
C	-4.5133421	0.2700629	2.3556513
C	-7.2003599	0.8603987	1.8314068
H	-6.9926373	-0.3858046	0.0825950
C	-5.2243975	1.1048290	3.2147864
H	-3.4617231	0.0559211	2.5506911
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H	-8.2439751	1.0969265	1.6242095
H	-4.7293582	1.5316358	4.0870643
H	-7.1197316	2.0560841	3.6264842
C	-5.0789437	-1.5218422	-1.4514209
C	-4.7077002	-0.6945011	-2.5227305
C	-6.1619767	-2.4107199	-1.5861259
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H	-6.4494590	-3.0616073	-0.7597460
C	-6.4916373	-1.6406181	-3.8564975
H	-5.1193159	-0.1221903	-4.5558964
H	-7.7007474	-3.1550688	-2.8960080
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C	4.3733497	1.7330423	1.6860645
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C	4.4629355	3.1263504	1.5366995
C	4.1783090	1.9826416	4.0837462
H	4.1507932	0.0758884	3.0750168
C	4.4111215	3.9404591	2.6688987
H	4.5833680	3.5709051	0.5489543
C	4.2706475	3.3715489	3.9371852
H	4.0720468	1.5420702	5.0750408
H	4.4905371	5.0219710	2.5589272
H	4.2374999	4.0124252	4.8185560
C	4.8173529	1.5380696	-1.2349885
C	6.0921186	1.3657434	-1.7997415
C	3.8942587	2.4331119	-1.8025719
C	6.4394552	2.1006810	-2.9338410
H	6.8021756	0.6621972	-1.3641049
C	4.2576192	3.1623405	-2.9315353
H	2.8984572	2.5536334	-1.3742468
C	5.5271349	2.9979058	-3.4964296
H	7.4247691	1.9685370	-3.3806754
H	3.5425788	3.8553549	-3.3747102
H	5.8052002	3.5678269	-4.3834320
C	5.4568202	-0.7464380	0.5260091
C	5.2009016	-1.9704187	-0.1148236

C	6.6190623	-0.5706234	1.2988452
C	6.1103652	-3.0173161	0.0241040
H	4.2963365	-2.1037298	-0.7089543
C	7.5216222	-1.6264997	1.4256170
H	6.8150676	0.3791245	1.7972945
C	7.2679466	-2.8456689	0.7905676
H	5.9154219	-3.9710239	-0.4661299
H	8.4231289	-1.4964355	2.0243838
H	7.9756230	-3.6684652	0.8956818
C	-0.2982805	2.0182030	-0.6496293
C	-0.0581741	2.8639729	0.4456489
C	0.0770349	2.3264498	-1.9714040
C	0.5574373	4.0947471	0.1765122
C	0.6551172	3.5829873	-2.1877057
C	0.8885209	4.4601333	-1.1268572
H	0.7641663	4.7816918	0.9980673
H	0.9349139	3.8760281	-3.1992813
H	1.3403394	5.4341072	-1.3189526
C	-1.0443093	-2.7042576	0.2670431
C	-0.7569140	-3.5873736	-0.7904468
C	-1.0099576	-3.0875486	1.6262184
C	-0.4766284	-4.9181709	-0.4388798
C	-0.7340623	-4.4282870	1.9115483
C	-0.4772279	-5.3389255	0.8873403
H	-0.2533795	-5.6329757	-1.2330370
H	-0.7139811	-4.7664677	2.9463152
H	-0.2674889	-6.3819354	1.1273148
C	-0.4221567	2.4769799	1.8711492
H	-0.9120311	1.4912735	1.8473058
C	-0.1449219	1.3423539	-3.1089071
H	-0.1708348	0.3355862	-2.6660631
C	-1.1828950	-2.0637189	2.7411499
H	-1.9321584	-1.3287564	2.4038020
C	-0.6383330	-3.2150657	-2.2669629
H	-0.6937824	-4.1753084	-2.8045254
C	0.8443075	2.3263846	2.7295343
H	1.5121251	1.5608142	2.3143894
H	1.4061298	3.2691801	2.7849701
H	0.5836376	2.0307134	3.7555069
C	-1.4150517	3.4725539	2.4943660
H	-0.9703000	4.4724466	2.5964004
H	-2.3214898	3.5665930	1.8820149
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C	-1.5018278	1.5913054	-3.7925736
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H	-1.5137131	2.5737608	-4.2861879

H	-1.6970531	0.8220568	-4.5529595
C	0.9994151	1.3405189	-4.1310873
H	1.0408575	2.2753097	-4.7081180
H	1.9726544	1.1972455	-3.6410086
H	0.8551692	0.5232449	-4.8506584
C	-1.6838606	-2.6529070	4.0647697
H	-0.9110187	-3.2631958	4.5532044
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H	-2.5736075	-3.2787991	3.9240720
C	0.1392757	-1.3017435	2.9702444
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H	0.4976967	-0.8224674	2.0496796
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H	-1.6846933	-1.2915775	-2.5287050
H	-1.6786300	-2.3374885	-3.9501362
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H	0.8974846	-1.6833378	-1.9989195
C	-4.1732822	-3.0406031	0.9089636
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H	-5.2024493	-3.3935914	1.0510728

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