

Supplementary Information

"A NHC-phosphinidenyI as synthon for new group 13/15 compounds"

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Experimental Section

General: All working procedures were conducted under rigorous exclusion of oxygen and moisture using a Schlenk line and nitrogen atmosphere. Solvents were dried and freshly distilled before use. NMR spectra were recorded with BRUKERAVANCEHD 300, BRUKERDRX400 or with BRUKERAVANCE 500 and were visualized with MestReNova.^[1] IR vibrational spectra were gathered with the BRUKER ALPHA ATR-FT-IR. The elemental analysis was performed on a Vario MicroCube. MS spectra were measured with the AccuTOF-GC.

Synthesis of SIMesPH (1)

4.3 g of SIMes·HCl^[2] (12.6 mmol) and 3.4 g of [Na(1,4-dioxane)_{2.5}PCO]^[3] (13.36 mmol) were suspended in 600 mL of tetrahydrofuran. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and, approximately 1 g of active coal and 50 mL of toluene were added to the reddish residue. The suspension was stirred for 30 min and was filtered. The remaining solid was extracted two times with 20 mL of toluene. The solvent of the filtrate was removed in vacuo and the remaining yellow residue was washed three times with 20 mL of *n*-pentane until 1.4 g of a white powder of **1** (4.14 mmol, 34.5 %) was obtained. Elemental analysis for C₂₁H₂₇N₂P [%] calc: C 74.53 %, H 8.04 %, N 8.28 %; found: C 73.95 %, H 7.95 %, N 8.34 %.

¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = 2.02 (d, ¹J_{HP} = 163 Hz, PH, 1H), 2.10 (s, *p*-CH₃, 3H), 2.11 (s, *p*-CH₃, 3H), 2.30 (s, *o*-CH₃, 6H), 2.36 (s, *o*-CH₃, 6H), 3.26 (s, CH₂, 4H), 6.79 (s, *m*-CH, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (THF-D8): δ/ppm = 18.17 (s, *o*-CH₃), 21.30 (s, *p*-CH₃), 49.09 (s, (NCH₂), 117.5 (s, *m*-C) 129.2 (s, *p*-C), 138.3 (s, *o*-C), 191.0 (¹J_{PC} = 73.3 Hz, NCN), *i*-C: not observed.

³¹P NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) δ/ppm = -127.2 (d, ¹J_{PH} = 163 Hz).

MS (LIFDI+) m/z: 338.1912 [M⁺] (calc: 338.1912)

IR (ATR-FT) [cm⁻¹]: 2948 (w), 2913 (w), 2873 (w), 2273 (s, PH), 1608 (w), 1479 (m), 1415 (m), 1389 (m), 1341 (m), 1328 (w), 1299 (m), 1268 (s), 1180 (s), 1098 (s), 1029 (m), 935 (w), 886 (s), 853 (m), 801 (w), 762 (w), 737 (vw), 614 (m), 597 (s), 577 (w), 497 (m), 435 (w).

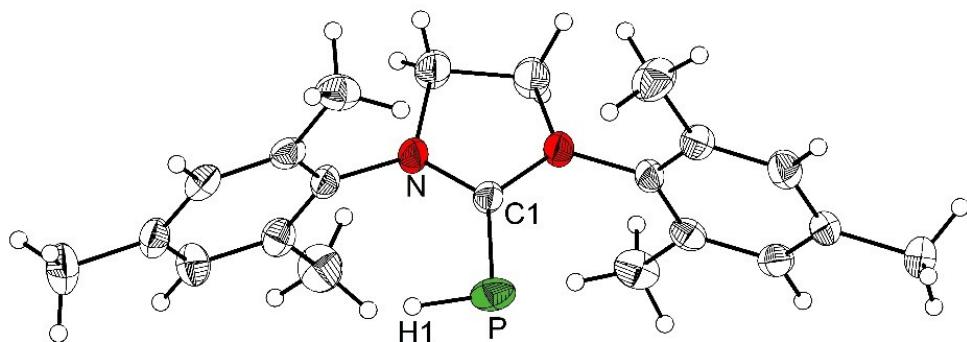


Figure S1. Molecular structure of **1** with thermal displacement parameters drawn at the 70% probability level. Selected bond lengths [pm] and angles [°]: P-C1 174.64(16), C1-N 136.24(13); P-C1-N 126.28(7), N-C1-N 107.45(13).

Synthesis of SIMesPK (2)

500 mg of **1** (1.5 mmol) were solved in 75 mL of toluene and cooled to -75 °C. 181 mg of benzyl potassium^[4] (xxx mmol) were slowly added under continuous stirring. The suspension was slowly warmed to room temperature: At -25 °C formation of a yellow precipitate was observed, which vanished at room temperature forming a clear dark red solution. After several minutes an orange precipitate appeared. After additional stirring for 12 hours and subsequent filtration, the precipitate was washed with 5 mL of benzene and 2 times with 5 mL of *n*-pentane. The remaining solid was dried at 10⁻³ mbar yielding 320 mg of **2** (0.96 mmol, 65 %). Elemental analysis for C₂₁H₂₆N₂PK [%]: calc: C 66.99, H 6.96 N 7.44; found: C 66.59, H 7.09, N 7.03

μ-RFA: P: 48.47 %, K: 51.53 %

IR (ATR-FT) [cm⁻¹]: 2954 (w), 2906 (m), 1480 (m), 1362 (m), 1326 (w), 1306 (w), 1294 (w), 1266 (m), 1225 (s), 1188 (vs), 1159 (s), 1094 (w), 1032 (w), 1011 (w), 889 (w), 848 (s), 732 (m), 676 (s), 617 (w), 604 (m), 575 (m), 511 (w), 498 (vw), 476 (vw).

Synthesis of [SIMesPGatBu₂]₂ (3)

58 mg of Ga^tBu₂Cl^[5] (0.27 mmol) was solved in 3 mL of fluorobenzene and cooled to -40 °C. 100 mg of **2** (0.27 mmol) was slowly added to the solution and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature within two hours. Subsequently, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the yellow precipitate was extracted with 10 ml of *n*-pentane. The yellow extract was concentrated to 2 mL and stored at -25 °C to obtain 83 mg of yellow crystals of **3**, suitable for single crystal x-ray diffraction (0.08 mmol, 59.3 %). Elemental analysis for C₅₈H₈₈N₄P₂Ga₂ [%]: calc: C 66.81, H 8.51, N 5.37; found: C 66.67, H 8.62, N 5.39.

¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = 1.17 (s, GaC(CH₃)₃, 36H), 2.12 (s, *p*-CH₃, 12H), 2.37 (s, *o*-CH₃, 24H), 3.21 (s, CH₂, 8H), 6.80 (s, *m*-CH, 8H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = 19.1 (s, *p*-CH₃), 20.9 (s, *o*-CH₃), 30.8 (GaC(CH₃)₃), 32.2 (s, GaC(CH₃)₃), 48.5 (s, CH₂), 130.5 (s, *m*-C), 137.2 (s, *o*-C), 137.4 (s, *p*-C), 137.5 (s, *ipso*-C), NCN not observed.

³¹P NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = -113.2 (s).

MS (LIFDI+) m/z: decomposition, observed fragments: 1014.2735 [(SIMesPH)₂SIMesP⁺], 998.2309 [(SIMesP)₃⁺ -CH₄].

IR (ATR-FT) [cm⁻¹]: 2948 (m), 2916 (m), 2863 (m), 2815 (s), 2752 (w), 2692 (w), 2274, (w), 2162 (vw), 2113 (vw), 1608 (w), 1479 (s), 1459 (s), 1371 (s), 1304 (w), 1265 (s), 1234 (s), 1206 (s), 1179 (s), 1117 (m), 1029 (w), 1008 (m), 934 (w), 922 (w), 903 (w), 848 (m), 813 (w), 731 (w), 625 (w), 604 (w), 573 (s), 492 (s), 418 (vw), 407 (vw).

Synthesis of **SiMesP(GaBu₂)₂Cl (4)**

117 mg of *Ga*Bu₂Cl^[5] (0.53 mmol) were solved in 3.0 mL of fluorobenzene and added to a suspension of 100 mg of **2** (0.27 mmol) in 5 mL of fluorobenzene at -40 °C. The reaction mixture were slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for additional 12 h. After filtration, the clear colourless solution was concentrated in vacuo to 4 ml and stored at 6 °C. Within three days 160 mg of colourless crystals of **4** was obtained (0.21 mmol, 78 %). Elemental analysis: C₃₇H₆₂N₂PGa₂Cl [%]: calc: C 59.99, H 8.44 N 3.78; found: 59.82, H 8.55, N 3.80.

¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = 1.27 (d, ⁴J_{PH} = 1.3 Hz, GaC(CH₃)₃, 36H), 2.10 (s, *p*-CH₃, 6H), 2.28 (s, *o*-CH₃, 12H), 2.86 (d, ⁴J_{PH} = 2.0 Hz, CH₂, 4H), 6.74 (s, *m*-CH, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = 19.3 (d, ⁵J_{PC} = 2.4 Hz, *o*-CH₃), 21.1 (s, *p*-CH₃), 29.1 (d, ²J_{PC} = 15 Hz, GaC(CH₃)₃), 31.9 (s, GaC(CH₃)₃), 50.6 (s, CH₂), 131.2 (s, *m*-C), 136.5 (s, *o*-C), 136.6 (s, *p*-C), 139.2 (s, *ipso*-C), 183.3 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 65.7 Hz, NCN).

³¹P NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = -122.6 (s).

IR (ATR-FT) [cm⁻¹]: 2952 (m), 2933 (m), 2867 (m), 2827 (s), 2696 (w), 1608 (w), 1469 (m), 1411 (m), 1378 (m), 1356 (m), 1270 (vs), 1206 (w), 1191 (w), 1170 (w), 1011 (m), 931 (w), 850 (m), 731 (w), 626 (w), 626 (m), 605 (m), 576 (s), 512 (m).

Synthesis of **(SiMesP)₃AltBuK (5)**

50 mg of SiMesPK (0.13 mmol) were suspended in 5 mL of fluorobenzene and cooled to -40 °C. A solution of 16 mg of AltBu₂Cl^[5] (0.09 mmol) in 5 ml fluorobenzene was added at -40 °C to the suspension. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for 12 hours. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the remaining yellow solid was extracted three times with 4 mL of *n*-pentane. The yellow solution was concentrated to half of its former volume and stored at -25 °C. After one week orange crystals of **5** were obtained with a yield of 30 mg, 62%. Elemental analysis: calc. for C₆₇H₈₇N₆P₃AlK: C 70.81 %, H 7.81 %, N 7.39 %, found: C 70.85 %, H 7.38 %, N 6.86 %.

¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = -0.14 (s, AlC(CH₃)₃, 9H), 2.26 (s, *p*-CH₃, 18H), 2.49 (s, *o*-CH₃, 36H), 3.25 (s, CH₂, 12H), 6.81 (s, *m*-CH, 12H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = 19.47 (s, *p*-CH₃), 22.74 (s, *o*-CH₃), 31.34 (s, AlC(CH₃)₃), 49.29 (s, (CH₂), 129.6 (s, *m*-C), 135.7 (s, *o*-C), 138.3 (s, *p*-C), 140.6 (s, *ipso*-C), NCN not observed.

³¹P NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = -61.2 (s).

IR (ATR-FT) [cm⁻¹]: 3001 (w), 2956 (w), 2907 (w), 2851 (w), 2747 (m), 1718 (w), 1608, (w), 1479 (m), 1439 (w), 1390 (m), 1390 (m), 1376 (m), 1307 (w), 1292 (w), 1269 (s), 1208 (vs), 1033 (m), 1011 (m), 965 (w), 930 (w), 871 (w), 843 (m), 813 (s), 734 (w), 624 (w), 594 (m), 573 (m), 495 (s), 426 (w).

Synthesis of SIMesPHGatBu₂Cl (6)

100 mg of **1** (0.30 mmol) was solved in 2.0 mL of benzene and a solution of 61 mg of Ga^tBu₂Cl^[5] (0.30 mmol) in 2.0 mL benzene was added. A yellow solution formed immediately. The volume was reduced to 2 mL and the solution stored at 6 °C to obtain 135 mg of colourless crystals of **6** (0.24 mmol, 79.5 %). Elemental analysis: for C₂₉H₄₅N₂PGaCl [%]: calc: C 62.44, H 8.13 N 5.02; found: C 62.37, H 8.16 N 5.08.

¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = 1.17 (s, GaC(CH₃)₃, 18H), 2.06 (s, *p*-CH₃, 6H), 2.37 (s, *o*-CH₃, 12H), 2.55 (d, ¹J_{HP} = 211 Hz, PH, 1H), 3.06 (s, CH₂, 4H), 6.74 (s, *m*-CH, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = 18.8 (s, *p*-CH₃), 20.9 (s, *o*-CH₃), 26.5 (s, GaC(CH₃)₃), 30.7 (GaC(CH₃)₃), 49.7 (s, CH₂), 130.5 (s, *m*-C), 133.9 (s, *o*-C), 136.7 (s, *p*-C), 139.5 (s, *ipso*-C), 183.1 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 66.0 Hz, NCN).

³¹P NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = -148.8 (d, ¹J_{HP} = 211 Hz).

MS (LIFDI+) m/z: 517.1146 [MH⁺ - 3 CH₃], 338.1905 [SIMesPH⁺], 307.2122 [SIMesH⁺].

IR (ATR-FT) [cm⁻¹]: 2949 (m), 2912 (m), 2865 (n), 2834 (s), 2698(w), 2340 (w, PH), 1628 (w), 1609 (w), 1491 (s), 1458 (s), 1411 (m), 1378 (w), 1358 (w), 1319 (w), 1301 (s), 1271 (vs), 1171 (w), 1096 (vw), 1011 (m), 933 (w), 915 (w), 858 (m), 813 (m), 733 (w), 631 (w), 596 (w), 578 (m), 530 (w), 502 (w), 478 (mw).

Synthesis of SIMesPHAl(*t*-Bu)₂Cl (7)

100 mg of **1** (0.3 mmol) was solved in 2.0 mL of toluene and a solution of 52 mg of Al^tBu₂Cl^[5] (0.3 mmol) in 2.5 mL of toluene was added. A yellow solution was formed immediately and was stored at -25 °C. After two days, 105 mg of white crystals of **7** (0.2 mmol, 66.6 %) was obtained. Elemental analysis for C₂₉H₄₅N₂PAICl [%]: calc: C 67.64, H 8.81 N 5.44; found: C 67.32, H 8.79 N 5.50.

¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = 1.08 (s, AlC(CH₃)₃, 18H), 2.05 (s, *p*-CH₃, 6H), 2.31 (s, *o*-CH₃, 12H), 2.54 (d, ¹J_{HP} = 215 Hz PH, 1H), 3.02 (s, CH₂, 4H), 6.73 (s, *m*-CH, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = 18.6 (s, *p*-CH₃), 20.9 (s, *o*-CH₃), 22.7 (s, AlC(CH₃)₃), 30.5 (AlC(CH₃)₃), 49.8 (s, CH₂), 130.6 (s, *m*-C), 133.6 (s, *o*-C), 136.5 (s, *p*-C), 139.7 (s, *ipso*-C), 187.9 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 66 Hz, NCN).

³¹P NMR (C₆D₆): δ/ppm = -151.0 (d, ¹J_{HP} = 215 Hz).

MS (LIFDI+) m/z: decomposition, observed fragments: 338.1906 [SIMesPH⁺], 307.2120 [SIMesH⁺].

IR[cm⁻¹]: 3294 (m), 2920 (m), 2863 (m), 2810 (s), 2326 (w, PH), 1607 (w), 1549 (w), 1483 (s), 1455 (s), 1412 (m), 1381 (w), 1358 (w), 1355 (w), 1302 (m), 1274 (vs), 1186 (w), 1031 (w), 1007 (q), 936 (w), 899 (w), 862 (m), 848 (m), 812 (s), 637 (vw), 577 (m), 540 (s), 476 (w), 444 (vs).

Crystal Structure Data collection was performed using a BRUKER D8 QUEST diffractometer at 100(2) K with MoK α radiation and graphite monochromatization ($\lambda = 0.71073$). Structure solution was realized by direct methods, refinement with full-matrix-least-squares against F^2 using SHELXL-14 and Olex2 software.^[6, 7] The presentation of crystal structures was done with DIAMOND4.2.2.^[8]

Table S1. Crystallographic data of **1**, **3 – 7**.

Compound	1	3	4	5	6	7
Empirical formula	C ₂₁ H ₂₇ N ₂ P	C ₅₈ H ₈₈ Ga ₂ N ₄ P ₂	C ₃₇ H ₆₂ ClGaN ₂ P	C ₆₇ H ₈₇ AlKN ₆ P ₃	C ₂₉ H ₄₅ GaClN ₂ P-3.5 C ₆ H ₆	C ₂₉ H ₄₅ AlClN ₂ P
Crystal system	orthorhombic	triclinic	triclinic	trigonal	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>Pbcn</i>	<i>P-1</i>	<i>P-1</i>	<i>R-3</i>	<i>P-1</i>	<i>P-1</i>
Formula units	4	2	2	2	2	2
Temperature [K]	100	100	100	100	100	100
Unit cell dimensions [pm] [°]	a = 1578.01(8) b = 748.05(4) c = 1618.42(8) $\alpha = 90$ $\beta = 90$ $\gamma = 90$	a = 1186.00(6) b = 1297.39(7) c = 2236.82(12) $\alpha = 100.545(2)$ $\beta = 101.098(2)$ $\gamma = 106.378(2)$	a = 970.12(6) b = 988.09(4) c = 2307.92(12) $\alpha = 84.726(2)$ $\beta = 83.754(2)$ $\gamma = 61.541(2)$	a = 1839.40(7) b = 1839.40(7) c = 3395.98(12) $\alpha = 90$ $\beta = 90$ $\gamma = 120$	a = 1081.9(5) b = 1362.19(7) c = 1714.42(8) $\alpha = 105.26(2)$ $\beta = 101.977(2)$ $\gamma = 98.128(2)$	a = 960.40(6) b = 1083.06(7) c = 1645.07(10) $\alpha = 83.758(2)$ $\beta = 87.788(2)$ $\gamma = 68.557(2)$
Cell volume [10^6 pm ³]	1919.43(17)	3135.8(3)	1931.38(18)	9950.6(8)	2332.5(2)	1583.27(17)
Density [g/cm ³]	1.177	1.104	1.274	1.137	1.183	1.080
Absorption coefficient [mm ⁻¹]	0.148	0.945	1.532	0.208	0.715	0.217
2 Θ range [°]	5.03 – 55.82	4.29 – 54.12	4.64 – 63.88	4.43-63.52°	4.51-55.42°	4.54-55.2°
Reflections measured	23093	78201	81566	36608	47277	32732
Independent reflections	2281 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0265$)	13720 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0767$)	11774 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0389$)	6730 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0777$)	10893 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0566$)	7290 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0869$)
Parameters	117	619	406	253	517	323
R ₁ [$F_0 > 4\sigma(F_0)$]	0.0355	0.0434	0.0327	0.0562	0.0366	0.0610
wR ₂ (all data)	0.1012	0.0981	0.0608	0.1171	0.0795	0.1316
GOOF	1.026	1.041	1.028	1.069	1.024	1.033
Residual electron density	0.30/-0.20	0.41/-0.57	0.48/-0.59	0.43/-0.35	0.48/-0.42	0.36/-0.27
CCDC	1537131	1537128	1537133	1537129	1537132	1537130

¹H NMR analysis of compound 1

Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 1 at 25 °C in Toluene-d8 (Signals with *: remaining hydrogen at the solvent)

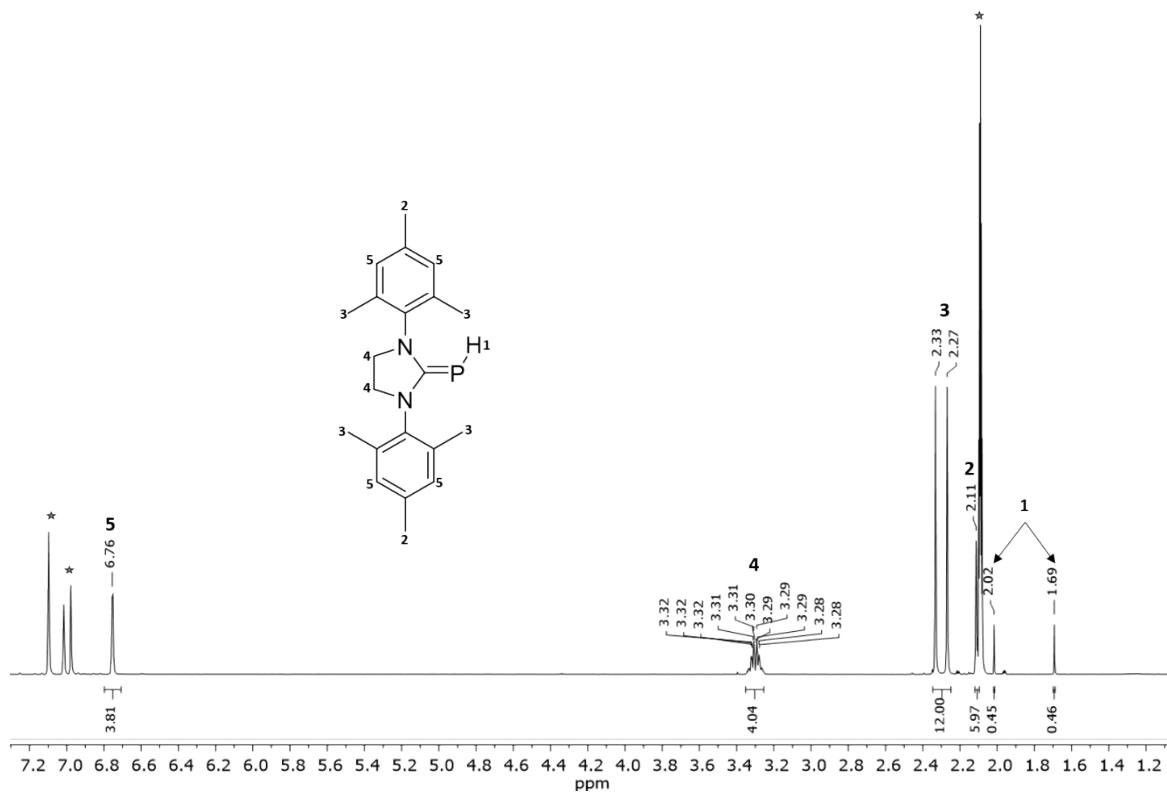
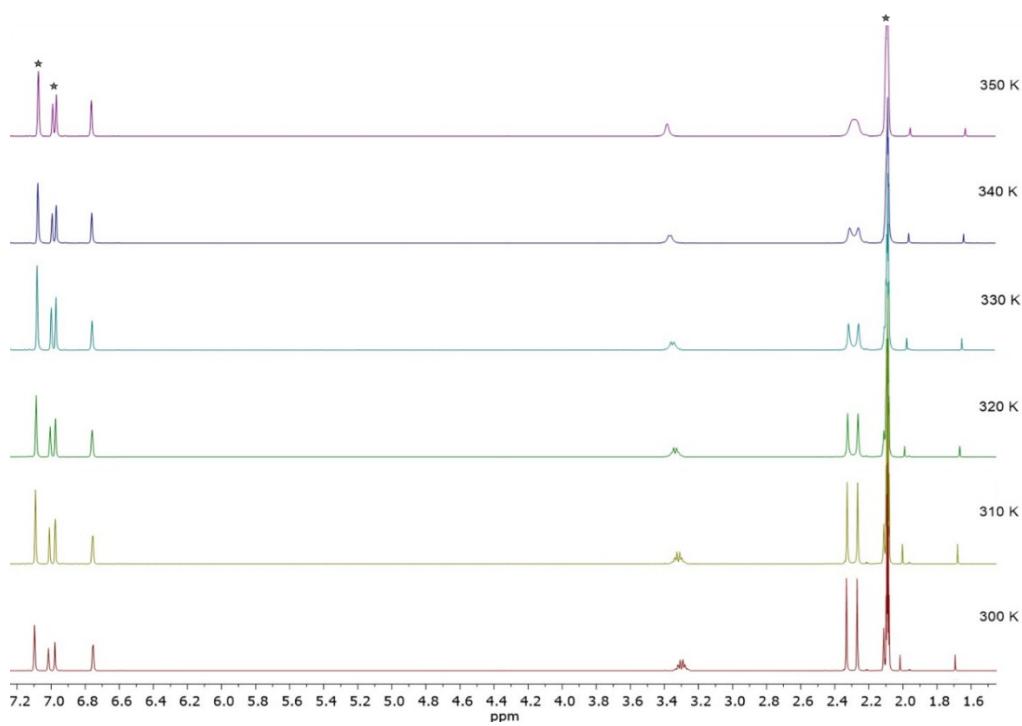


Figure S3. Temperature dependent ¹H NMR spectra of compound 1



¹H NMR analysis of IMesPH

Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound IMesPH at 25 °C in Toluene-d8 (Signals with *: remaining hydrogen at the solvent)

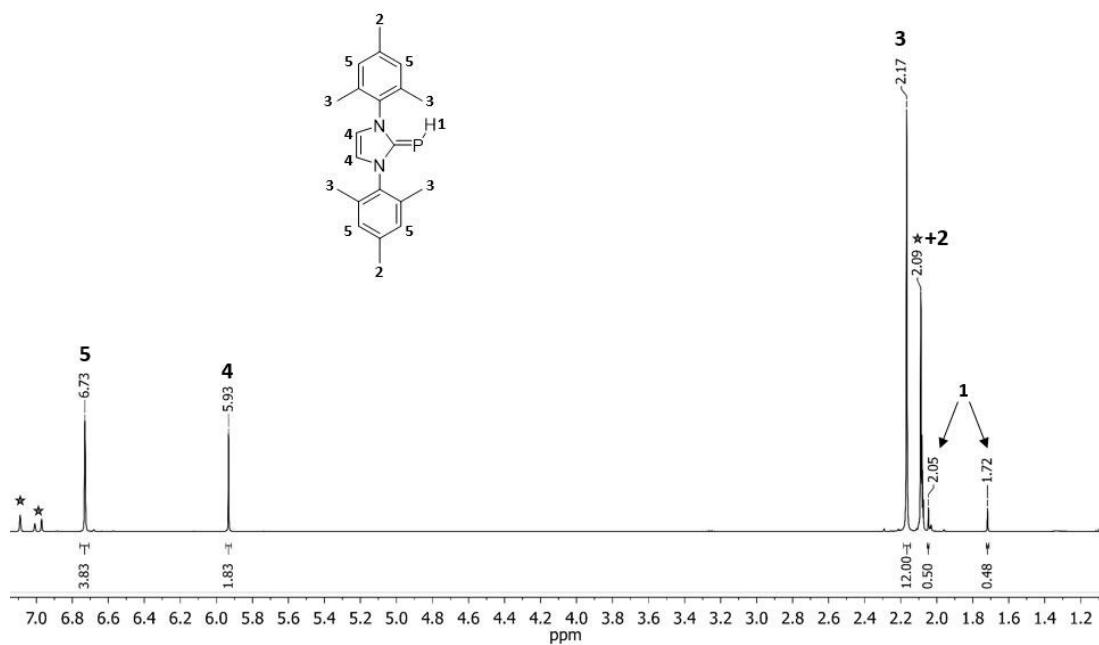
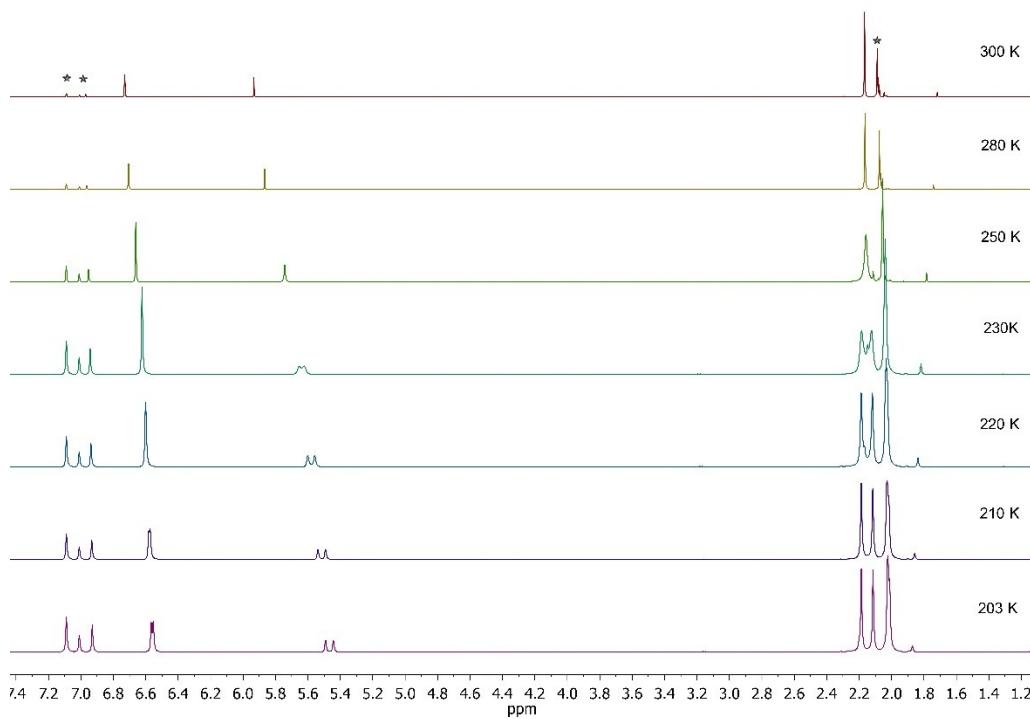


Figure S5. Temperature dependent ¹H NMR spectra of IMesPH



Density functional treatments of chemical shieldings in detail

Calculations were done with a local version TURBOMOLE, for which the module for calculating chemical shieldings differs from Version 7.1^[9] in the following respects. It allows for the usage of functionals PBE^[10] and PBE0^[11], the conductor like screening model (COSMO)^[12] is supported, and a resolution of the shieldings into orbital contributions^[13] as suggested by Wiberg is possible. The PBE functional with D3 dispersion correction.^[14] was used for optimization of structure parameters, chemical shieldings were calculated additionally with functionals BP86^[15], B3LYP^[16] and PBE0 as well as at Hartree-Fock level. Basis sets were of def2-TZVP^[17] quality. The conductor-like screening model was employed with a dielectric constant, set to 2.28 (benzene). Calculated and measured ³¹P and ¹³C shieldings σ for all compounds are listed in Table S2. For comparability with the experimental data we also list simulated shifts $\delta = \sigma_0 - \sigma$. σ_0 was determined by minimizing the deviation between calculated shieldings σ and measured shifts δ . In this way one obtains an agreement of calculated and measured ¹³C shifts within 2 ppm, and of ³¹P shifts within 30 ppm, which is not that much in view of the broad range of ³¹P shifts. Trends are correctly reproduced by the calculations, in particular the comparably small shift in **5**; this holds largely independent from the chosen functional, see Table S3. Closer investigation shows that the differences mainly stem from the paramagnetic contribution, that is, from the response of the electron density to the magnetic field and not from the electron density itself (diamagnetic contribution). This is evident from the high similarity of calculated numbers for the diamagnetic contribution for all compounds, which range from 960 to 967 ppm. In this case, any rationalization basing on the electron density itself, for instance via comparing electron populations at P, is not really conclusive. The paramagnetic contribution is very sensitive to changes in the geometric and/or the electronic structure. For instance, the ³¹P shielding of **1** and IMesPH differ by ca. 20 ppm, both due to calculations and measurements, despite very small differences in the composition (one versus two hydrogen atoms per carbon in the NHC. The reason for this are changes in the electronic structure (aromaticity in IMesPH, non-aromaticity in **1**) accompanied by changes in the geometric structure. Similar is observed for the dependence of ³¹P shifts on the rotation angle of the C-P-bond: for both **1** and IMesPH the ³¹P shifts for the transition states are higher by ca. 60 ppm than for the respective ground states. The bare electronic influence for the ground states of **1** and IMesPH was estimated by calculating the ³¹P shift for a hypothetical compound that was obtained by replacing the two H atoms per C in the NHC with one H atom per C in the optimized structure of **1**, without any other changes in structure parameters. Here, a total shielding of 444 ppm was obtained, just in between those for **1** and IMesPH. This is solely to changes in the paramagnetic contribution (the diamagnetic contribution amounts to 962 ppm for all cases). The high sensitivity of the paramagnetic contribution to slight changes in the structure parameters may be the reason for the high discrepancy between calculated and measured shifts in **3**, which differs from **4** only by the replacement of Cl with a

second SiMesP unit. In the calculations, exchanging SiMesP with Cl in **3** without any structure optimization yields a shielding of 336 ppm, very close to that in **3** (333 ppm) and not to that of the optimized structure of **4** (380 ppm). Thus, the calculated difference in the ^{31}P shift of **3** and **4** is a result of changes of the geometric structure, which act on the paramagnetic contribution of the shielding constant. In view of the high sensitivity ^{31}P shifts on slight changes in the geometric structure the measured similarity of shifts in **3** and **4** - despite measured significant differences in the N-C-P-Ga torsion angles - is much more surprising than the (measured and calculated) dissimilarity of the shifts in **5** to those in **3** and **4**. For further investigation the chemical shielding was resolved into orbital contributions, as suggested e.g. by Wiberg et al.^[13] We exemplarily show the results for the P atom in **4**, Table S4. The orbitals yielding the largest contributions are displayed in Figure S4. As expected, the diamagnetic part is dominated by inner orbitals of P, first of all the 1s(P), ca. 500 ppm, but also the 2s(P) and 2p(P) orbitals, ca. 100 ppm each. The paramagnetic part receives largest contributions from the C-P π -bond, 180 ppm in sum, but many other orbitals also show contributions larger than 10 ppm.

Table S2. Comparison of selected spectroscopic and structural data of compounds **1-7**. For details concerning the calculated absolute shielding constants (“abs.”) and the simulated shifts (“sim.”) see text.

Compound	$\delta^{31}\text{P}$ [ppm]		$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (carbene C atom) [ppm]		$^1J_{\text{PC}}$ [Hz]	d P-C [pm]	
	measured	calculated sim./abs.	measured	calculated sim./abs.		x-ray diffraction	calculated
1	-127.2	-157/433	191.0	192/-3	73.3	174.6(2)	175.3
IMesPH [5,6]	-147.3	-178/454	180.0	178/11	93.5	174.7(2)	176.1
3	-113.2	-57/333		182/ 7	-	174.4(2)	175.6
4	-122.6	-104/380	183.3	181/ 8	65.7	175.4(1)	175.3
5	-61.2	-54/330		185/ 4	-	175.3(2)	175.8
6	-148.8	-163/439	188.5	191/-2	68.9	179.8(2)	179.4
7	-151.0	-157/433	187.9	190/-1	65.5	180.1(2)	179.5

Table S3. ^{31}P shifts/shieldings for compounds **1-7** obtained with different functionals. For details concerning the calculated absolute shielding constants (“abs.”) and the simulated shifts (“sim.”) see text. The column “PBE, opt” contains numbers for optimized structure parameters, the numbers in the subsequent columns were calculated for experimental structure parameters.

compound	measured	PBE, opt	PBE	BP	B3-LYP	PBEO	HF
1	-127,2	-157 / 433	-164 / 455	-165 / 450	-163 / 443	-155 / 465	-140 / 491
IMesPH	-147,3	-178 / 454	-137 / 428	-138 / 423	-136 / 416	-133 / 443	-121 / 472
3	-113,2	-57 / 333	-59 / 350	-58 / 343	-61 / 341	-68 / 378	-94 / 445
4	-122,6	-105 / 381	-109 / 400	-107 / 392	-111 / 391	-117 / 427	-137 / 488
5	-61,2	-54 / 330	-77 / 368	-77 / 362	-79 / 359	-83 / 393	-99 / 450
6	-148,8	-163 / 439	-162 / 453	-162 / 447	-162 / 442	-160 / 470	-144 / 495
7	-151	-157 / 433	-163 / 454	-164 / 449	-161 / 441	-158 / 468	-137 / 488

Table S4. Molecular orbital (MO) contributions to ^{31}P shieldings, calculated as suggested in reference 13. Orbitals with contributions of less than 1 ppm to the total shielding are omitted; orbitals with largest contributions are indicated by an “x” in the last column and plotted in Figure S4. The molecule was shifted in a way that P is in the origin, for minimizing problems of gauge invariance.

MO	Energy/eV	diamagnetic part	paramagnetic part	total	
4	-2075.219	517.191836	-0.0045397	517.187296	X
56	-170.577	99.4654758	0.09861722	99.564093	X
59	-122.029	92.6938755	34.7117998	127.405675	X
60	-121.991	95.9498071	-4.87383336	91.0759738	X
61	-121.983	95.8039826	-5.30359114	90.5003915	X
68	-25.662	0.53404716	1.3546215	1.88866866	
69	-23.408	-0.09814514	3.16604807	3.06790293	
70	-21.627	0.01959928	1.78702756	1.80662684	
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73	-19.633	0.24167534	6.54078556	6.78246089	
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77	-19.446	0.08714956	1.87050869	1.95765824	
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79	-19.362	0.49287261	-4.45535897	-3.96248637	
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94	-17.354	-0.01692121	1.55183281	1.53491159	
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96	-16.814	0.01229753	1.00358603	1.01588356	
97	-16.764	-0.01172257	1.21713482	1.20541225	
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107	-15.680	6.94363928	0.69097726	7.63461654	
108	-15.051	3.05882791	2.36501176	5.42383967	
112	-13.518	0.81685183	0.74118574	1.55803757	
113	-13.116	0.16457604	1.78343911	1.94801516	
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Total		962.655788	-581.846494	380.809294

Figure S4. Orbitals with largest contributions to the ^{31}P shielding in **4**. See also Table S4. MO 4 is the 1s of phosphorus, 56 the 2s and 59-61 the 2p orbitals. 193 and 196 are the P-C π orbitals; 196 is the highest occupied MO. Contours are drawn at ± 0.05 a.u.

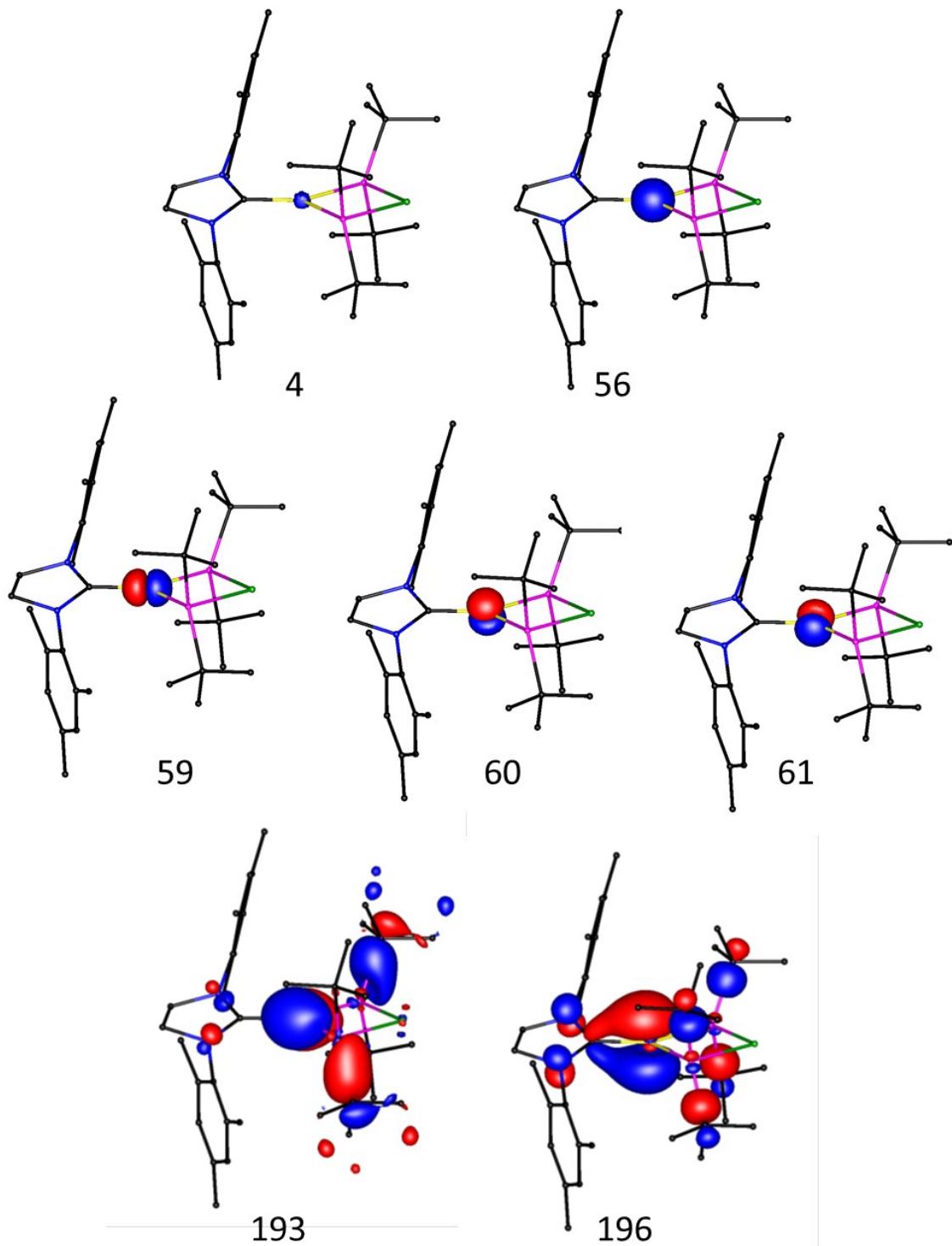


Table S5. Cartesian coordinates of the optimized structures (xyz, in Å).

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