## Supplementary Information

# Accessing Multimetallic Complexes with a Phosphorus (I) Zwitterion

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Figure 1.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  (top),  ${}^{1}H$  (middle), and  ${}^{13}C$  (bottom) NMR Spectra of 1



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Figure 4.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  (top),  ${}^{1}H$  (middle), and  ${}^{13}C$  (bottom) NMR Spectra of 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Figure 5. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} (top), <sup>1</sup>H (middle), and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR Spectra of 5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**Figure 6.**  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$  (top),  ${}^{1}H{}$  (middle, Et<sub>2</sub>O and THF also present in the spectrum), and  ${}^{13}C{}$  (bottom) NMR Spectra of **6** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**Figure 7.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} of the reaction between **1**, Fe<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>9</sub> and Me<sub>3</sub>NO. All of **1** has been consumed to produce at least 3 species, labelled A, B, and C. A is likely the coordination molecule **7**, while **B** could be the bimetallic complex which would be analogous to the compounds **6** and **8** reported in this work.



**Figure 8.**  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$  (top),  ${}^{1}H{}$  (middle), and  ${}^{13}C{}$  (bottom) NMR Spectra of 7 in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, hexanes is present in the sample as well.



Figure 9.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  (top),  ${}^{1}H$  (middle), and  ${}^{13}C$  (bottom) NMR Spectra of 8 in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

#### **Computational Details**

Calculations were performed with the Gaussian 09 suite of programs<sup>[1]</sup> using Compute Canada's Shared Hierarchical Academic Research Computing Network (SHARCNET). Model complexes were fully optimized with no symmetry constraints using the PBE1PBE density functional theory (DFT) method<sup>[2–4]</sup> in conjunction with the TZVP basis sets for all atoms.<sup>[5,6]</sup> The default Stuttgart-Dresden (SDD) quasi-relativistic effective core potentials were used for transition element atoms.<sup>[7,8]</sup> Geometry optimizations were started using models in which the relevant non-hydrogen atoms were placed in positions found experimentally using X-ray crystallography and the hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically appropriate positions using Gaussview.<sup>[9]</sup> Frequency calculations were also performed at the same level of theory in order to confirm that the optimized structures were minima on the potential energy hypersurface and to determine thermochemical and vibrational information. Natural bond orbital (NBO) analyses<sup>[10]</sup> to determine orbital contributions, Wiberg Bond Indicies and orbital energies were obtained using the routine included in the Gaussian distributions.<sup>[11]</sup> Visualizations of the Kohn-Sham orbitals and optimized geometries were made using Visual Molecular Dynamics (VMD).<sup>[12]</sup>

1\1\GINC-ORC333\FOpt\RPBE1PBE\TZVP\C6H9P3\BINDERJ\11-Oct-2017\0\\# PBE 1PBE/TZVP scf=tight opt freq pop=(full,nbo6read) test\\Optimization, f requency test and NBO6 analysis for sphos4\\0,1\P,-1.1564428681,1.4857 323593,0.2267436766\P,-2.721427401,0.0140590192,0.0035606146\P,-1.1683 347631,-1.4768478376,-0.1694725865\C,0.4033988702,0.7169023667,0.02446 85943\C,0.3989748277,-0.7068048724,-0.0437361035\C,1.7288189764,-1.138 935105,-0.0727637608\C,2.5511335911,-0.003284794,0.010789707\C,1.73618 20569,1.1378195235,0.085539084\C,4.0460323624,-0.0063582117,-0.0130561 045\H,-1.2521647311,2.188140402,1.4593732687\H,-1.3331238152,2.5685478 024,-0.6738215242\H,-1.3133602064,-2.5196427668,0.7833837456\H,-1.3085 050529,-2.2324526691,-1.3652800589\H,4.4534402541,0.8441167967,0.53900 192\H,4.4485958844,-0.9168068604,0.4376987711\H,4.4369653661,0.0513577 884,-1.0346589255\H,2.0706738422,-2.1627845244,-0.1458889017\H,2.08454 28162,2.1586221235,0.1695164037\\Version=EM64L-G09RevE.01\State=1-A\HF =-1257.4608352\RMSD=5.997e-09\RMSF=3.764e-06\Dipole=-0.3513457,-0.0113 113,0.0344867\Quadrupole=-5.5988406,9.1273532,-3.5285126,0.0614317,-0. 0485267,1.5927982\PG=C01 [X(C6H9P3)]\\@



Figure 10. Frontier orbital depictions and energies for L.





**Figure 11.** Optimized geometry and carbonyl region of the calculated IR spectrum for LCr(CO)<sub>5</sub>.

1\1\GINC-ORC215\FOpt\RPBE1PBE\Gen\C11H9Cr105P3\BINDERJ\11-Sep-2017\0\ # PBE1PBE/gen pseudo=read scf=tight opt freq pop=(full,nbo6read) test\ \Optimization, frequency test and NBO6 analysis for SPHOSCr(CO)5\\0,1\ P,2.2492810351,4.5229290491,11.9431344109\P,4.2015782071,2.4283020837, 10.9903626804\P,4.3203170099,4.0177172547,12.5183584169\C,1.5814297033 ,3.1155463808,11.1581458643\C,2.5080697251,2.1213778839,10.7057587447\ C,1.7813524237,1.1455092349,10.0173006061\C,0.4268578193,1.5130509732, 10.0471555657\C,0.3052899273,2.7290888139,10.7378424067\C,-0.703805595 2,0.7170510475,9.4805552596\C,7.0654852196,7.0876565377,11.3943104807\ O,7.8106116177,7.9106499224,11.1121323749\C,4.6395458069,7.0574169352, 12.4338111149\0,3.8916884633,7.8478998355,12.7906822212\C,5.0805397936 ,5.8117256851,10.1322234556\O,4.5853075736,5.8200087028,9.0994845478\C ,7.0677918343,4.4522409636,11.2485327501\0,7.8017970101,3.6531667676,1 0.8821427133\C,6.5885971565,5.6518019718,13.5727999615\O,7.0428703407, 5.5992306263,14.6187270722\H,-0.3850193612,0.1399290207,8.6096069803\H ,-1.1054849776,0.0087106722,10.2126275033\H,-1.5265119228,1.3640156049 ,9.1677464858\H,4.9437191816,2.7278825192,9.8165933564\H,4.9020628719, 1.2965409907,11.472138969\H,2.1599350071,5.714882797,11.1753226628\H,1 .5439318858,4.899674332,13.1111332499\Cr,5.8583477492,5.7617172799,11. 835560205\H,-0.6185046194,3.260107207,10.9238952105\H,2.1836918935,0.2 537096766,9.5559881991\\Version=EM64L-G09RevE.01\State=1-A\HF=-1910.74 39861\RMSD=6.211e-09\RMSF=6.549e-06\Dipole=-1.1695504,-1.0664637,-0.05 17777\Quadrupole=0.0043688,1.6083425,-1.6127113,-8.0976806,-3.1978225, 2.4183251\PG=C01 [X(C11H9Cr1O5P3)]\\@

Zero-point correction= 0.174232 (Hartree/Particle)

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Thermal correction to Energy=	0.197473
Thermal correction to Enthalpy=	0.198418
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy	= 0.118194
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energie	es= -1910.569754
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1910.546513
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies	s= -1910.545569
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energy	gies= -1910.625792







Figure 12. Frontier orbital depictions and energies for LCr(CO)<sub>5</sub>.





**Figure 13.** Optimized geometry and carbonyl region of the calculated IR spectrum for LMo(CO)<sub>5</sub>.

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Zero-point correction= 0.172321 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy=	0.196362
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energy	gies= -1891.922802







Figure 14. Frontier orbital depictions and energies for LMo(CO)<sub>5</sub>.

### LMo<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>8</sub>



**Figure 15.** Optimized geometry and carbonyl region of the calculated IR spectrum for LMo<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>8</sub>.

1\1\GINC-ORC272\FOpt\RPBE1PBE\Gen\C14H9Mo2O8P3\BINDERJ\11-Sep-2017\0\\ # PBE1PBE/gen pseudo=read scf=tight opt freq pop=(full,nbo6read) test\ \Optimization, frequency test and NBO6 analysis for SPHOSMo2(CO)8\\0,1 \P,4.661224591,7.3755159799,15.2636230452\P,6.4442488781,6.1104612976, 13.1325836741\P,5.8118710183,8.1888155419,13.5566641552\C,5.1187439211 ,5.6797780946,15.4981144218\C,5.960090056,5.0828352736,14.4925154243\C ,6.3083998316,3.7725965195,14.9342314089\C,5.7050178515,3.5780473596,1 6.204324115\C,4.9554569205,4.7325251578,16.5513017988\C,5.7624397051,2 .3177895922,17.0004525615\Mo,4.1563650581,8.9255878893,11.7341676562\C ,2.937552803,9.6185864575,10.3028630975\C,5.2564290238,10.6588037121,1 1.6260132742\C,2.9430352007,9.7887370918,13.1341529628\C,3.0856626529, 7.1990233461,11.8631087275\C,5.3302427643,8.0955455813,10.2815006117\O ,2.2366377219,10.0064154165,9.4861082765\0,5.8513910289,11.6272366356, 11.5491993633\0,2.2502272991,10.2706344103,13.9048622882\0,2.493764679 6,6.2231028701,11.947227018\0,5.9718221232,7.6309101311,9.4576758157\M o,7.2291216218,5.4768773883,16.3523403504\C,8.8800035079,6.0172950823, 15.4709829315\C,8.3433139342,4.6670420125,17.7653698913\C,7.2968157479 ,7.1405489677,17.3632161253\0,9.8260359951,6.328541785,14.879286192\0, 8.9655479636,4.1576973522,18.5883821525\0,7.2657585631,8.1450124613,17 .9394416555\H,7.831924655,6.0144629163,12.8918546517\H,5.8860408509,5. 6382251633,11.9162069229\H,4.8595238517,8.1234182143,16.4443545797\H,3 .2635141909,7.498877887,15.050612022\H,6.9030103732,3.0492858733,14.39 80749318\H,4.3573825273,4.8555792915,17.440889862\H,6.702524625,1.7905 829885,16.8347074878\H,5.6708557654,2.5224292455,18.0676499267\H,4.944 2274082,1.6517114423,16.7111766202\\Version=EM64L-G09RevE.01\State=1-A

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Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -22		16304
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthe	alpies= -2299.8	45360
Sum of electronic and thermal Free	Energies= -2299	.946551





**Figure 16.** Optimized geometry and carbonyl region of the calculated IR spectrum for LW(CO)<sub>5</sub>.

1\1\GINC-ORC21\FOpt\RPBE1PBE\Gen\C11H9O5P3W1\BINDERJ\10-Sep-2017\0\\# PBE1PBE/gen pseudo=read scf=tight opt freq pop=(full,nbo6read) test\\O ptimization, frequency test and NBO6 analysis for SPHOSW(CO)5\\0,1\P,2 .2147619969,4.3977883699,12.0851868125\P,4.1700545987,2.3447703669,11. 0247084104\P,4.3015894732,3.8912945808,12.5937195084\C,1.5518136141,3. 0439879896,11.2071905904\C,2.4771639661,2.0722581293,10.7063150635\C,1 .7471061083,1.127414148,9.9784241907\C,0.3935780203,1.4949984595,10.02 60960741\C,0.2738958202,2.6754842234,10.77676444\C,-0.7319763294,0.759 6151441,9.3735795432\W,5.8784442282,5.7876730178,11.8319590811\C,7.158 9193341,7.2608302888,11.3430451874\0,7.8856152343,8.1008727545,11.0577 777259\C,4.5674208835,7.1977273857,12.5452632173\O,3.8412294977,7.9928 489172,12.9339640026\C,4.9946141731,5.8993456865,9.986084593\O,4.49741 06525,5.9577316855,8.9562227388\C,7.2208049642,4.4136115055,11.1068037 087\0,7.9739374227,3.6567417367,10.6937601996\C,6.7465458152,5.6519312 702,13.6953791626\0,7.2391242955,5.5897030272,14.7238299712\H,-0.48949 29511,-0.2968380099,9.240063619\H,-1.645238205,0.8181852242,9.97033339 07\H,-0.9615033798,1.1699803901,8.3847420007\H,4.9341966454,2.66675618 6,9.8722748266\H,4.8452705499,1.1864384345,11.4809239636\H,2.100889060 1,5.640527459,11.4083610736\H,1.5173259769,4.6791047974,13.2852413129\ H.-0.6496675746,3.1940626379,10.9961309246\H.2.1469388887,0.2546949637 ,9.4799281371\\Version=EM64L-G09RevE.01\State=1-A\HF=-1890.9358606\RMS D=3.729e-09\RMSF=1.009e-05\Dipole=-1.2481469,-1.1973227,0.0275173\Quad rupole=0.5882865,1.4083661,-1.9966526,-7.0575175,-3.213366,2.9646218\P G=C01 [X(C11H9O5P3W1)]\\@

Zero-point correction= 0.172076 (Hartree/Particle)

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Thermal correction to Energy=	0.196190
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Sum of electronic and zero-point Energie	es= -1890.763784
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1890.739671
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energy	gies= -1890.823322





Figure 17. Frontier orbital depictions and energies for LW(CO)<sub>5</sub>.

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