

## Electronic Supporting Information

### **Novel self-adaptive boat-shaped complexes with a tetraphosphine ligand: synthesis, derivatization and investigations of encapsulating organic anions. DFT calculations on intramolecular CH $\cdots$ $\pi$ interactions**

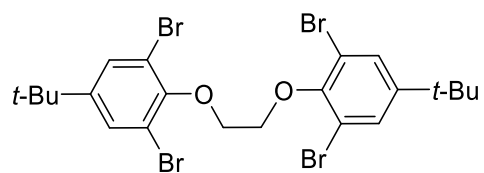
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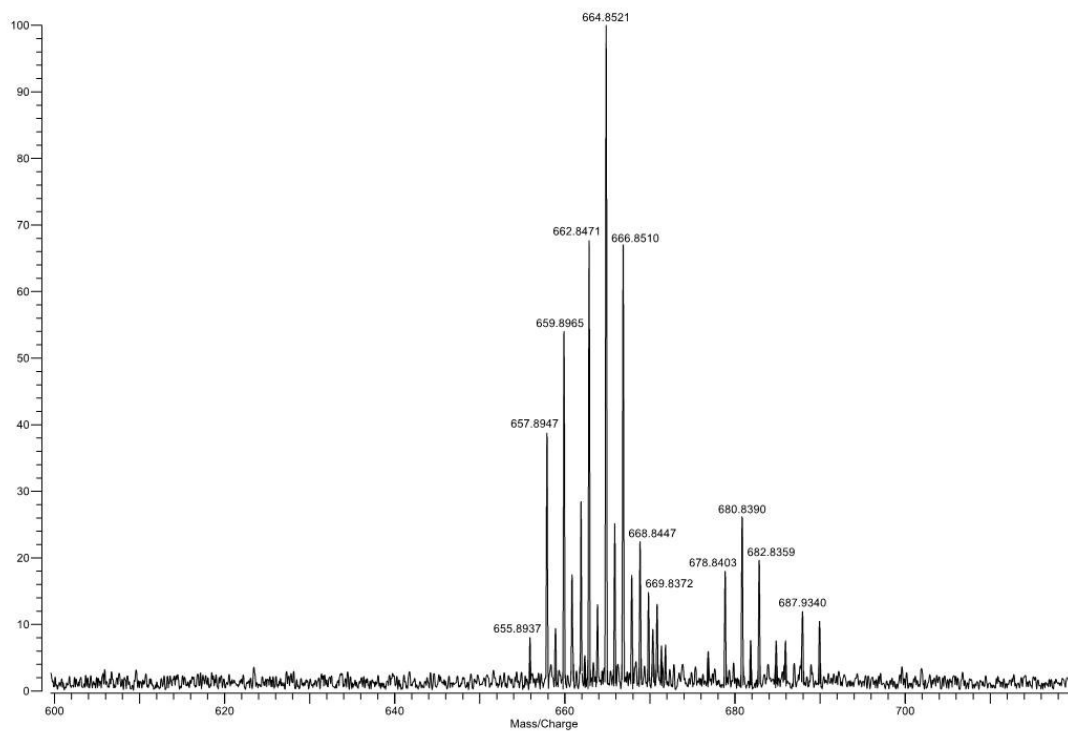
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# 1. HR-MS(ESI) of Compound c

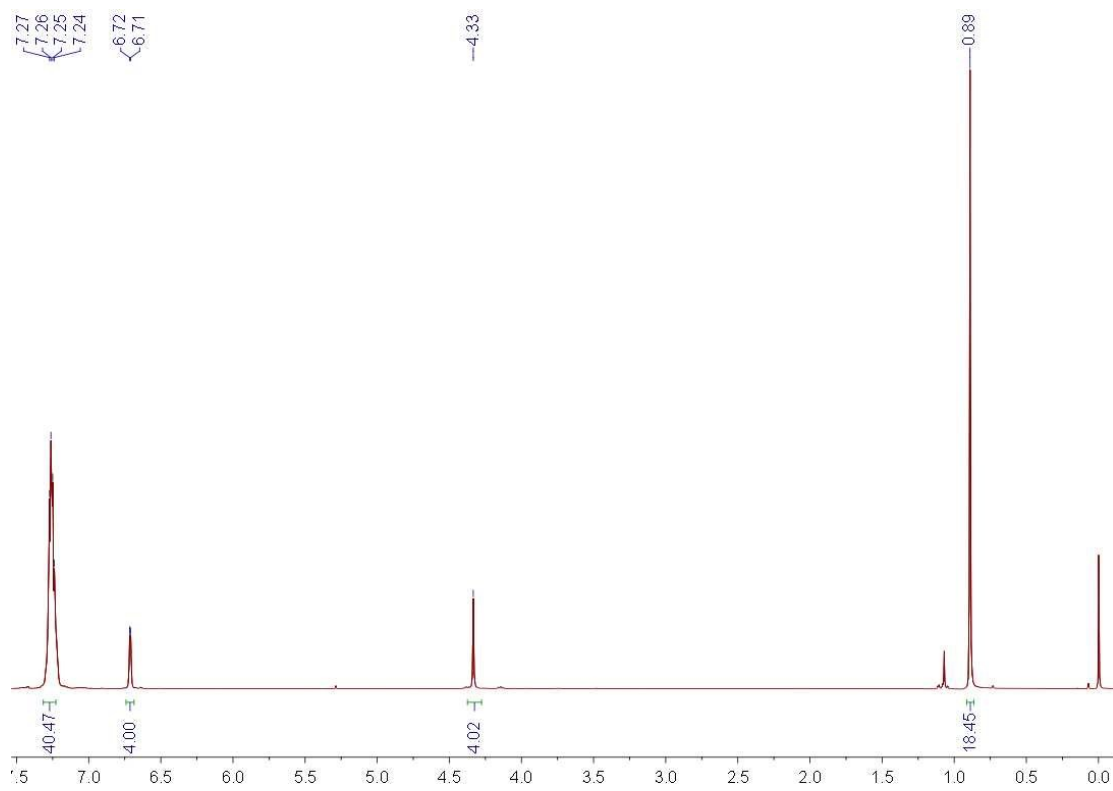
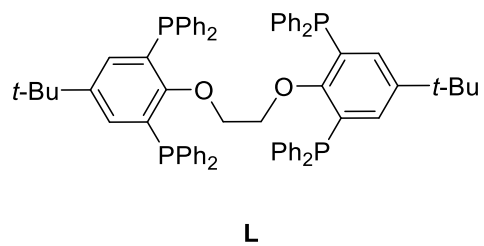


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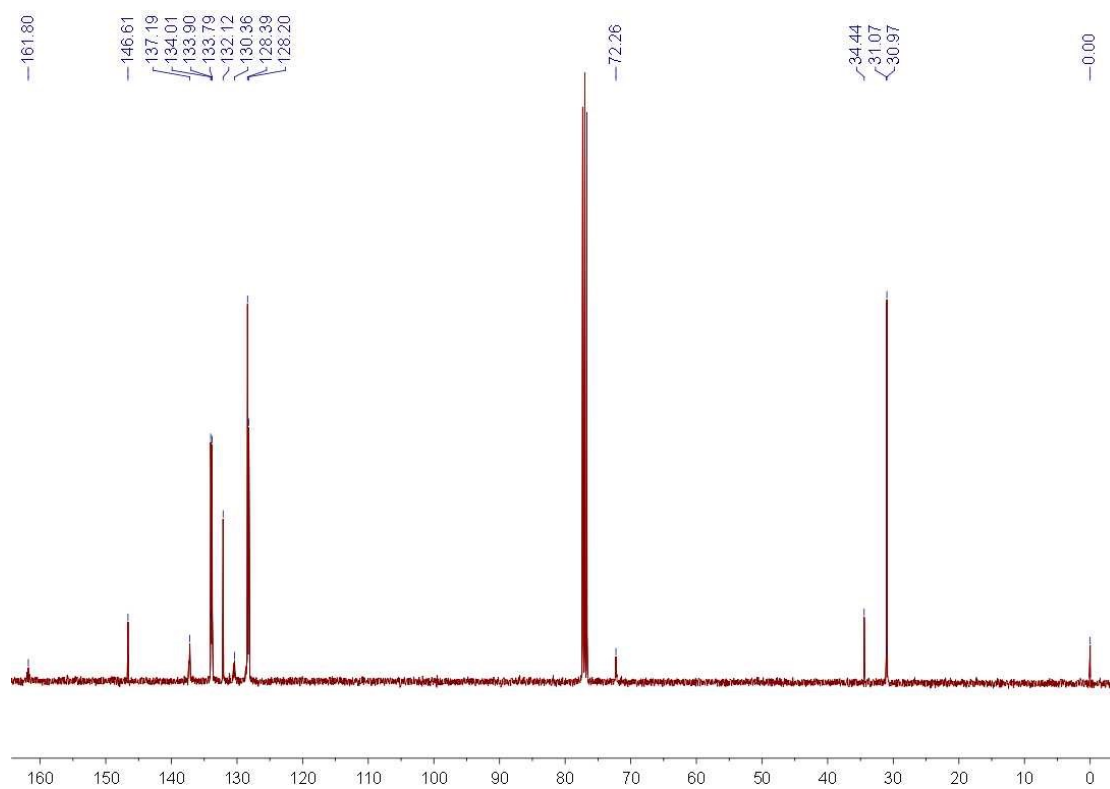
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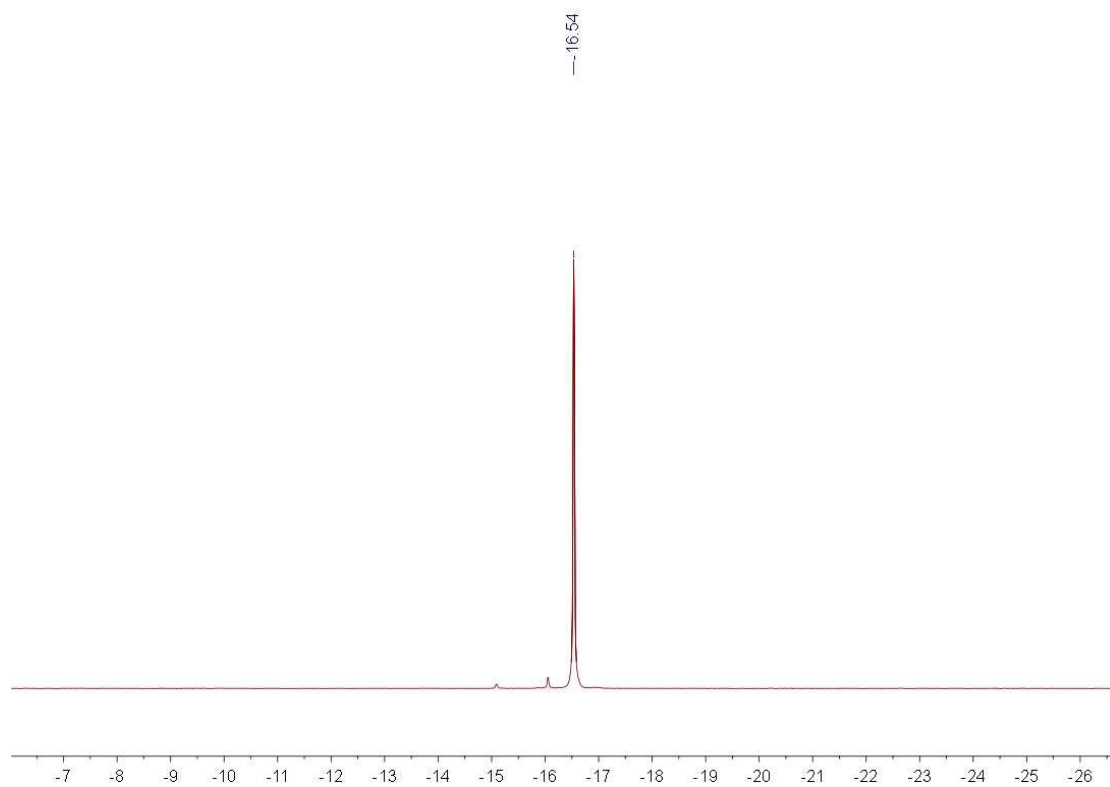
## 2. NMR spectra



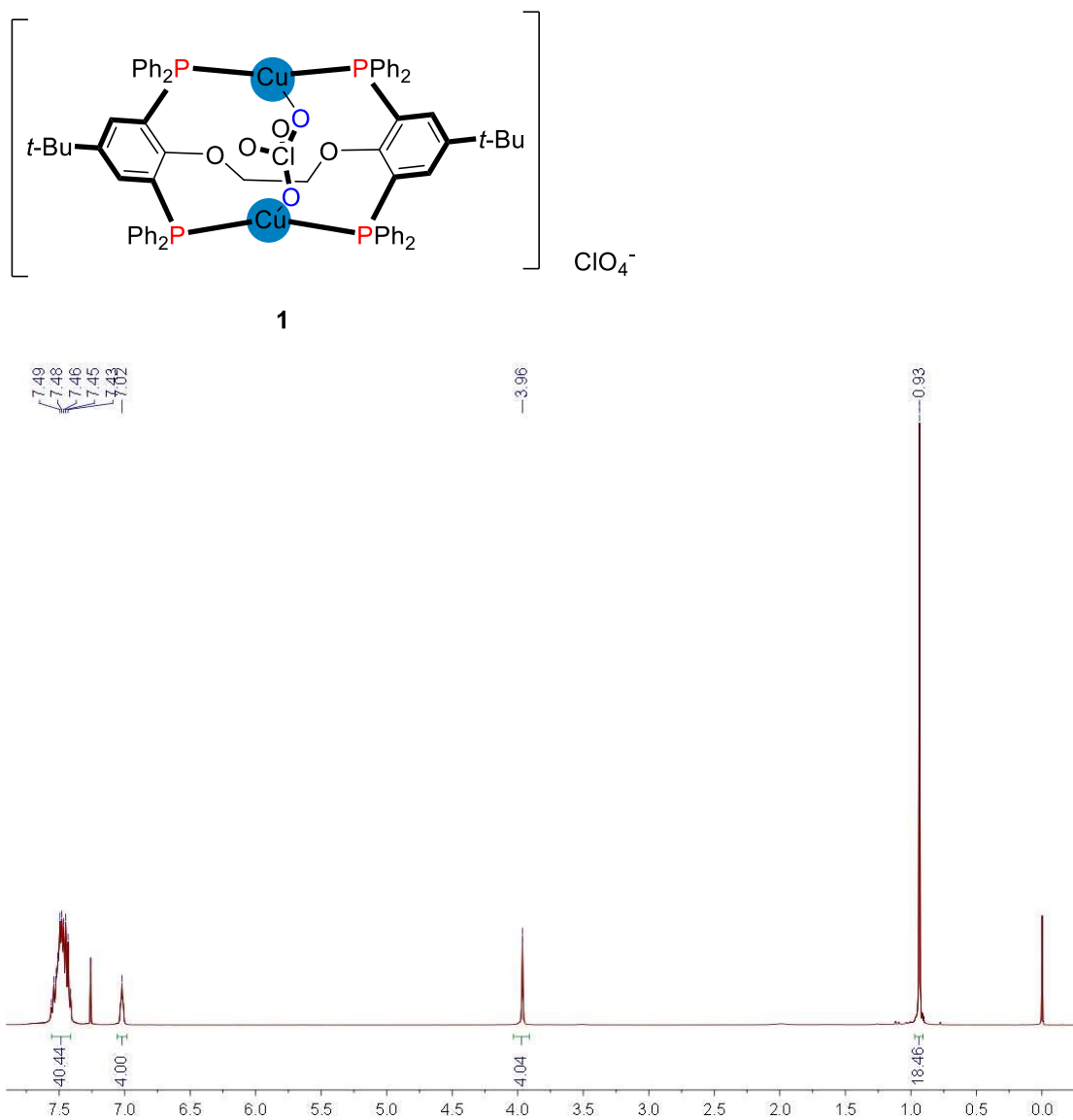
**Fig. S1.** 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Ligand L in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution.



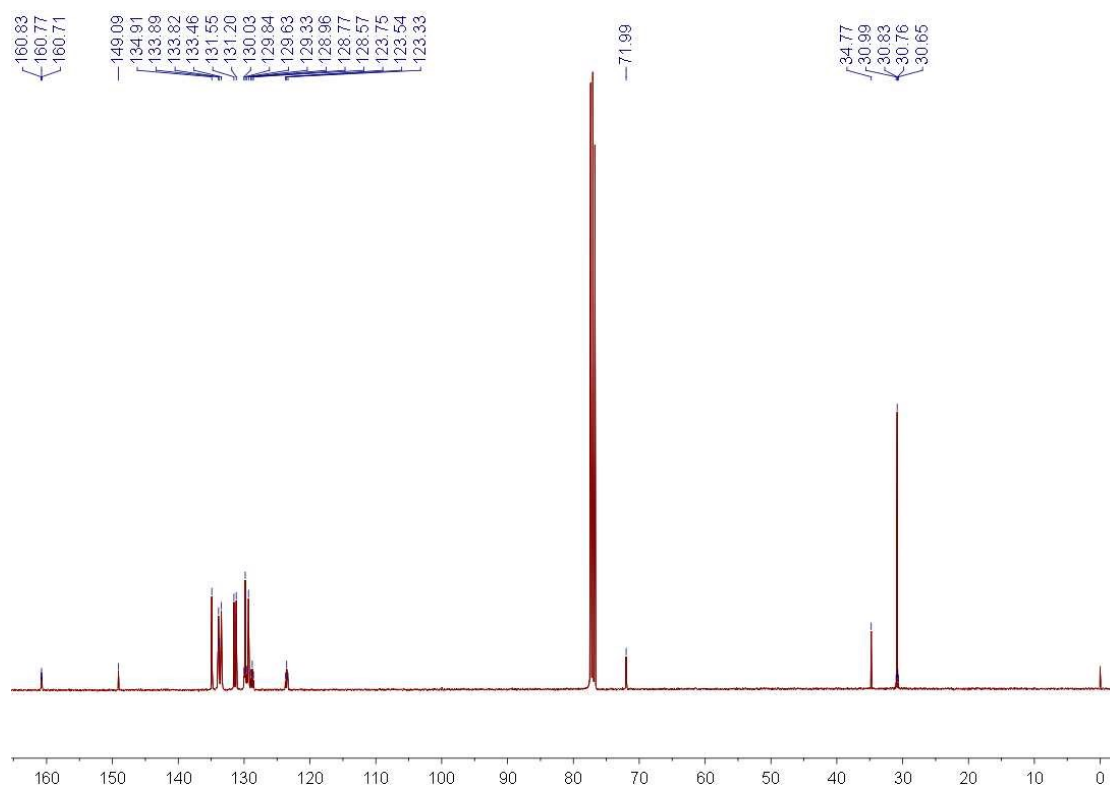
**Fig. S2.** 101 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of Ligand **L** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.



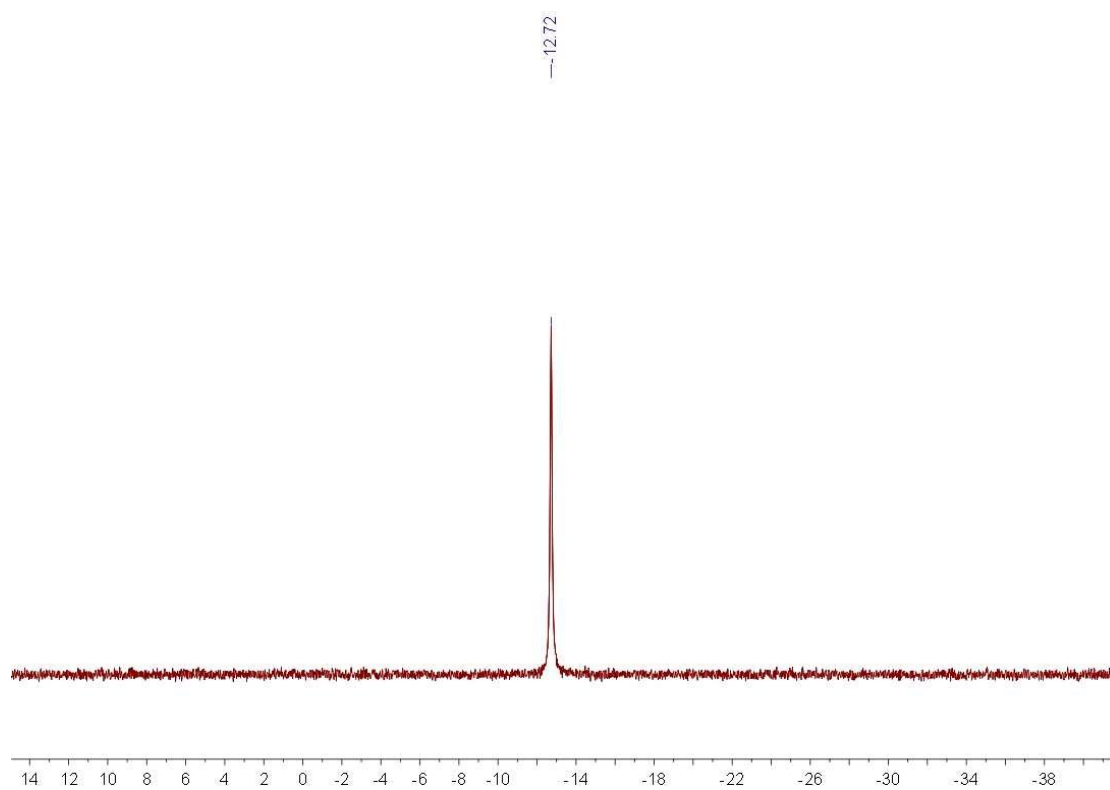
**Fig. S3.** 162 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of Ligand **L** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.



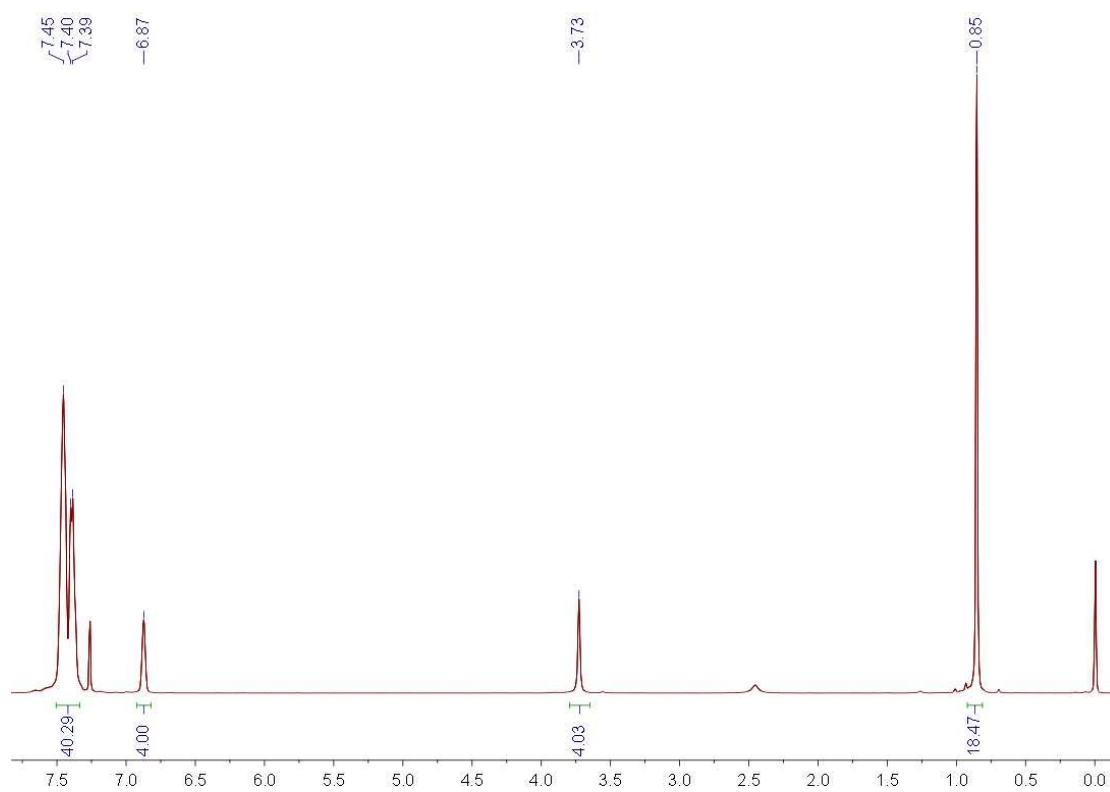
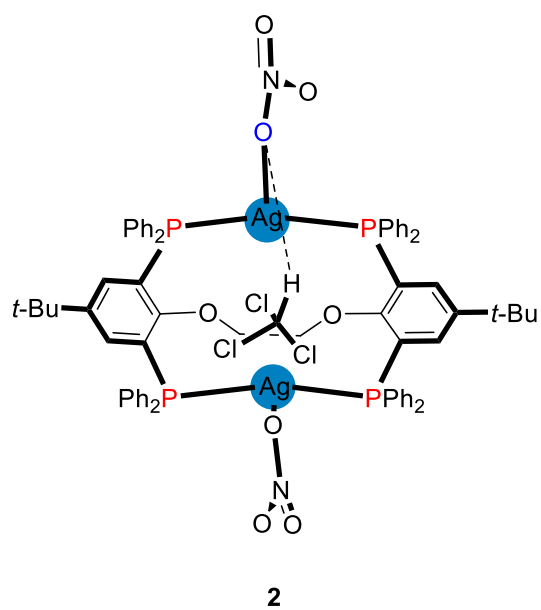
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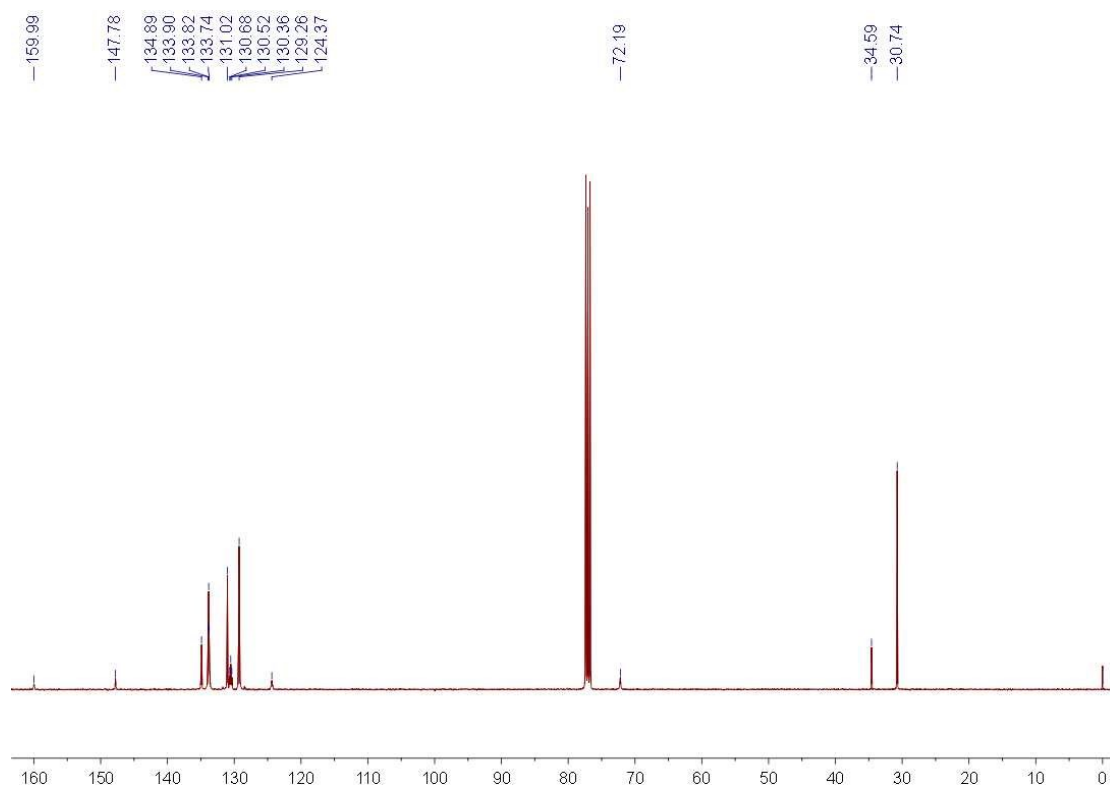
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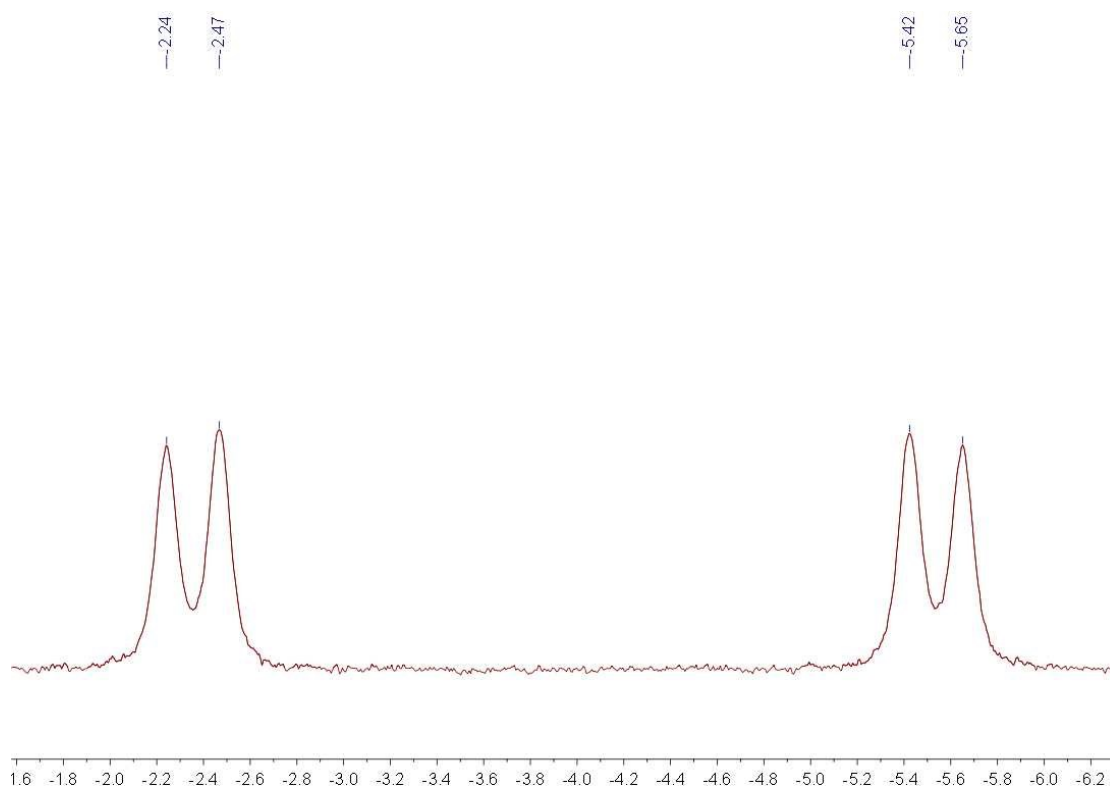
**Fig. S6.** 162 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of complex **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.



**Fig. S7.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.

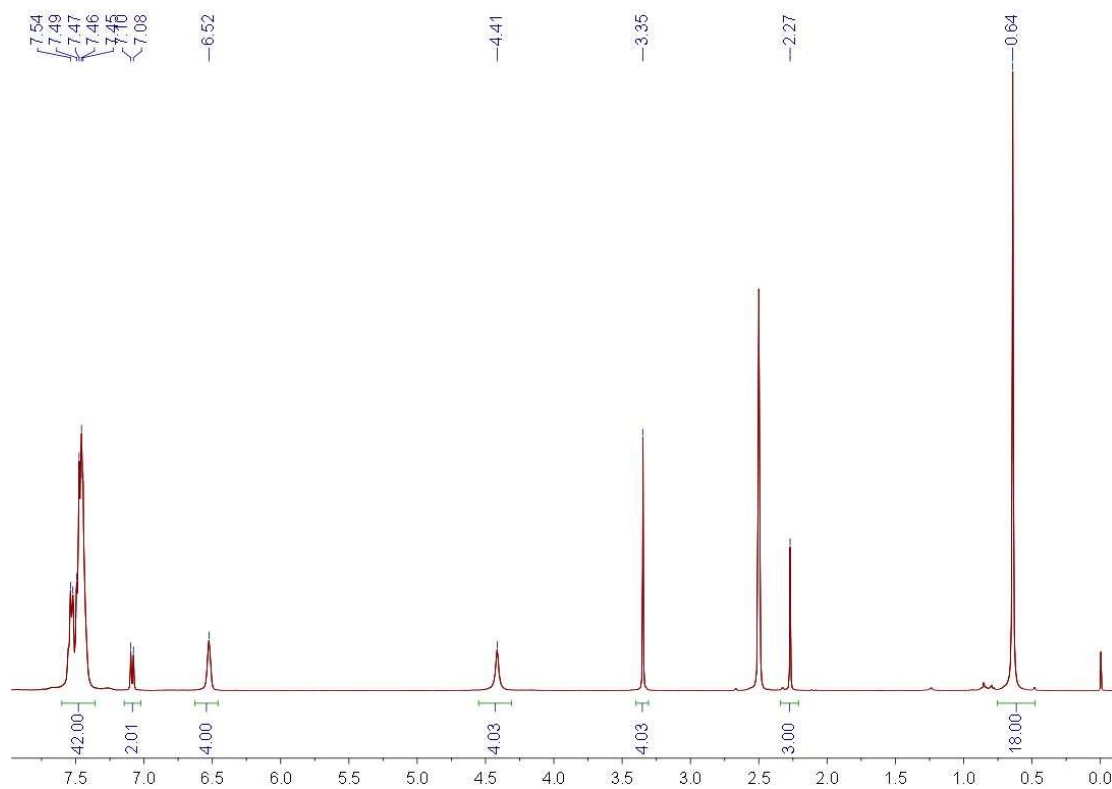
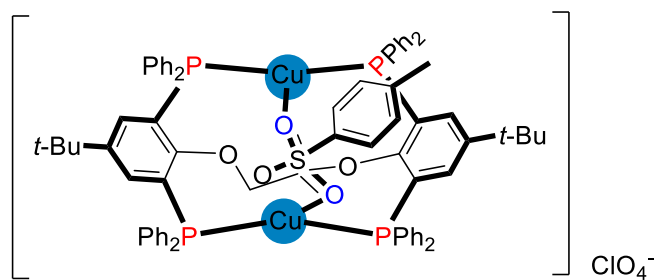


**Fig. S8.** 101 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.

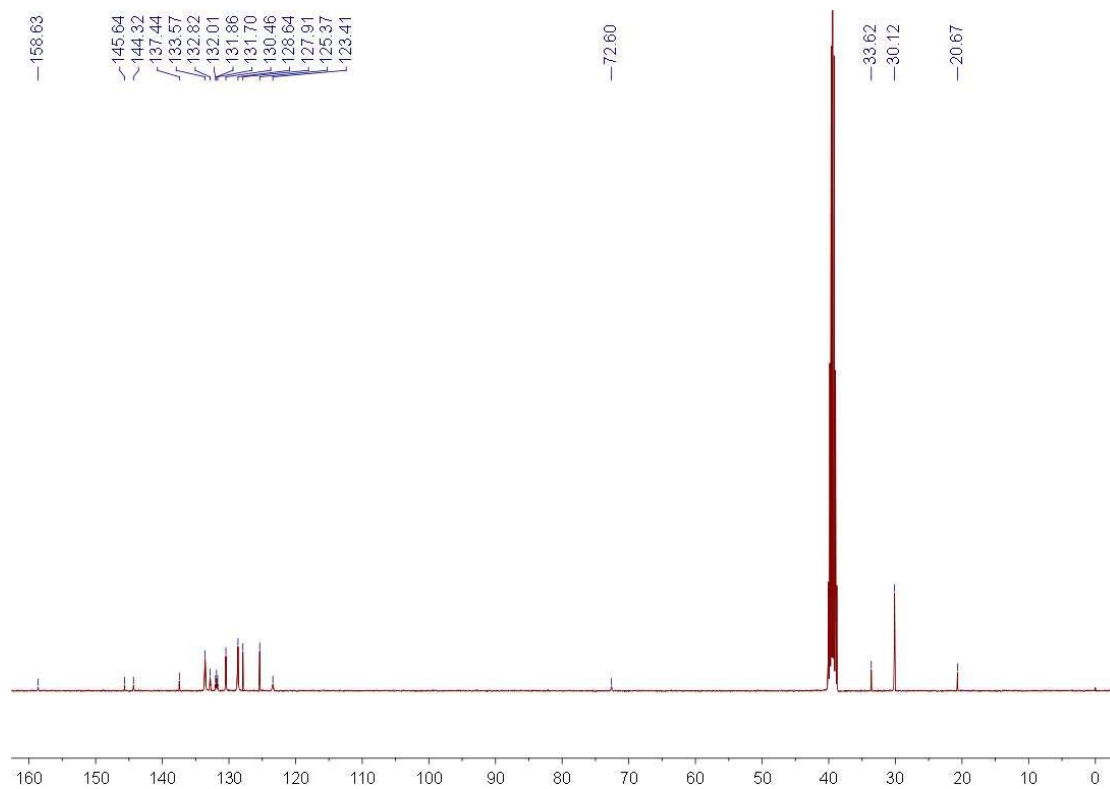


**Fig. S9.** 162 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of complex **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.

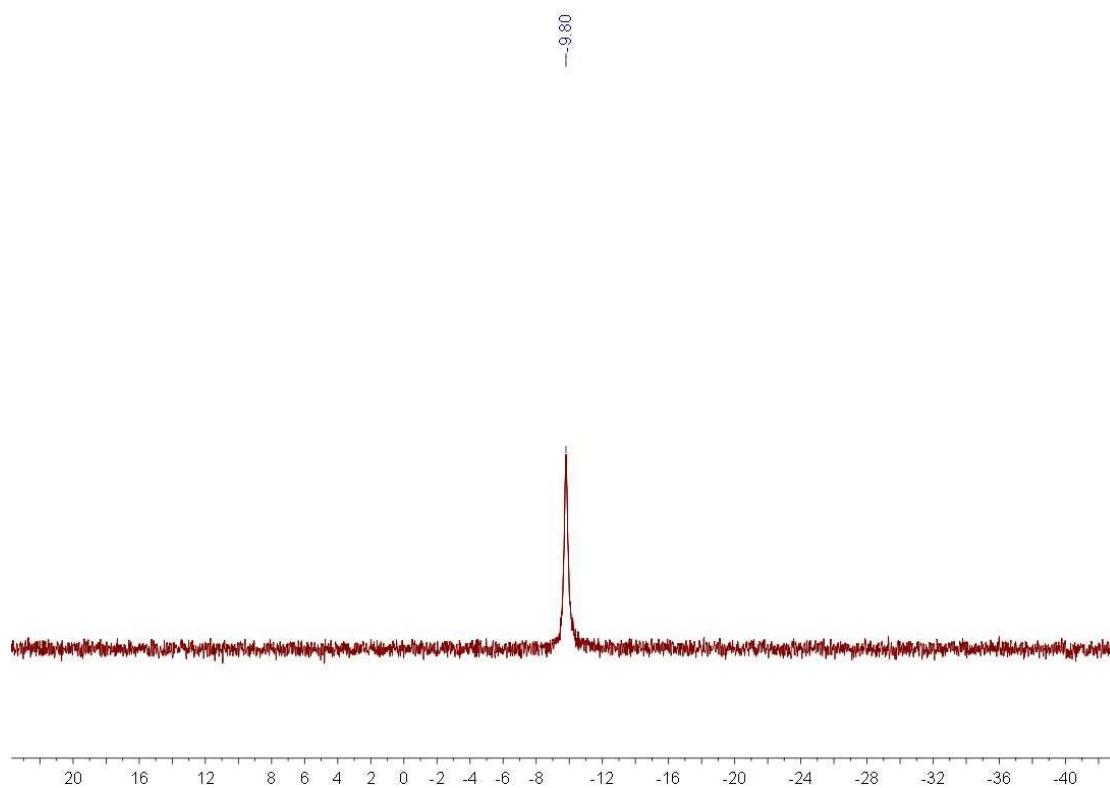




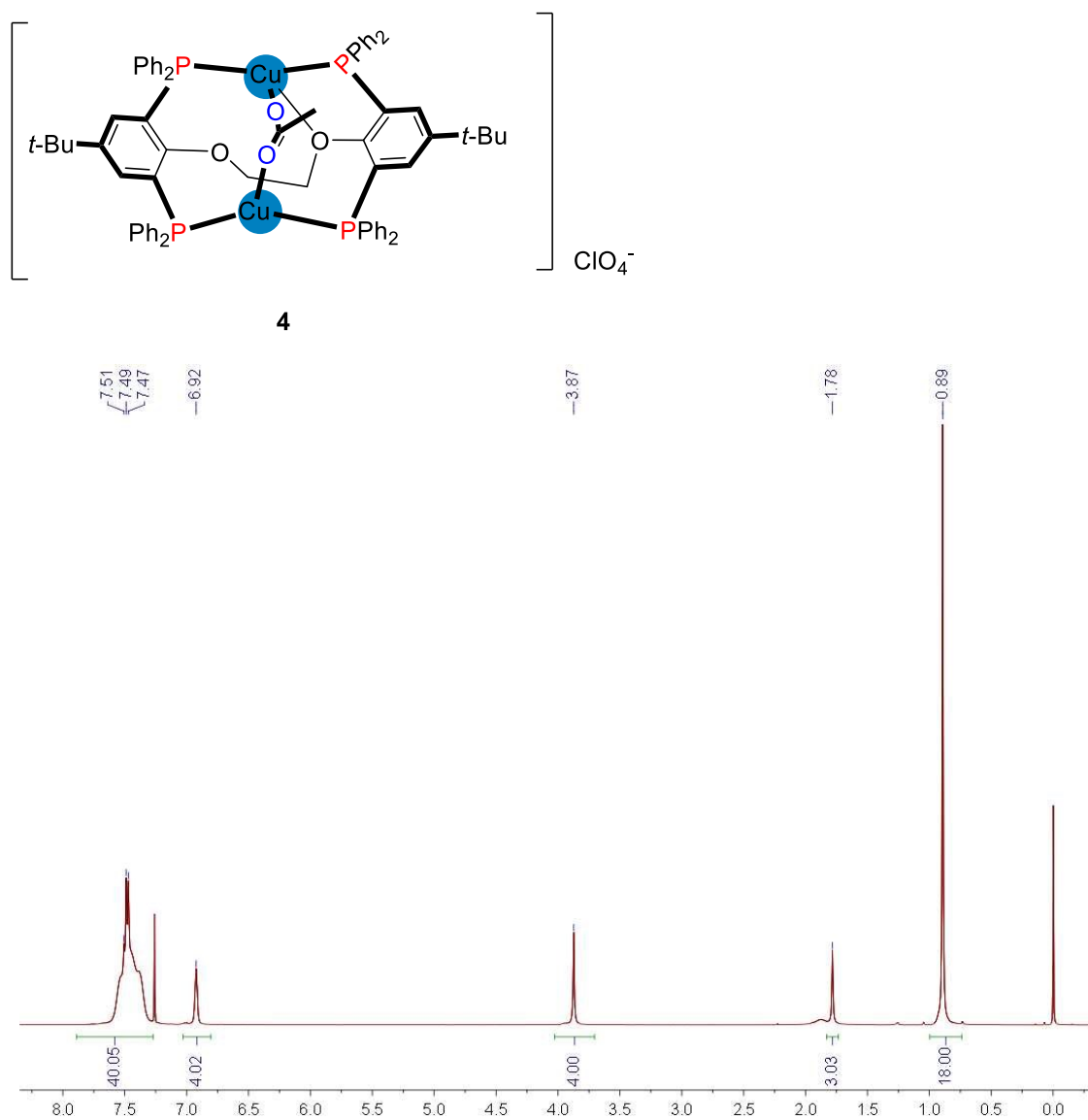
**Fig. S10.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **3** in DMSO solution.



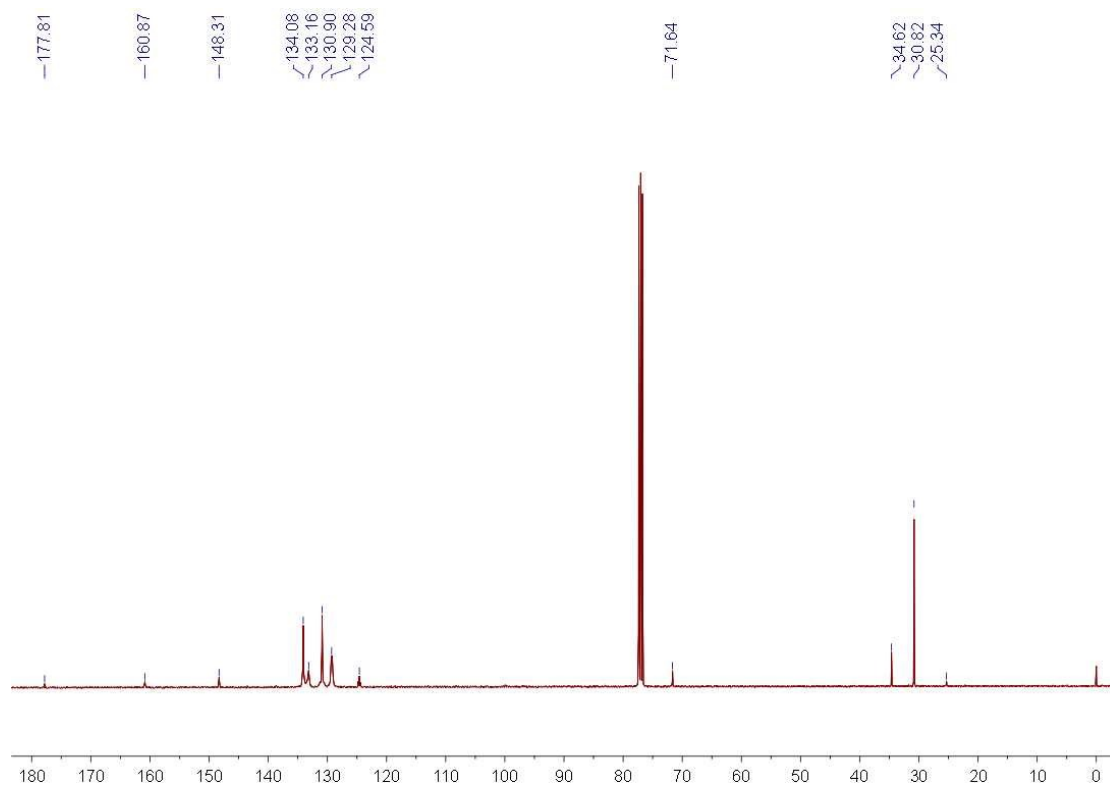
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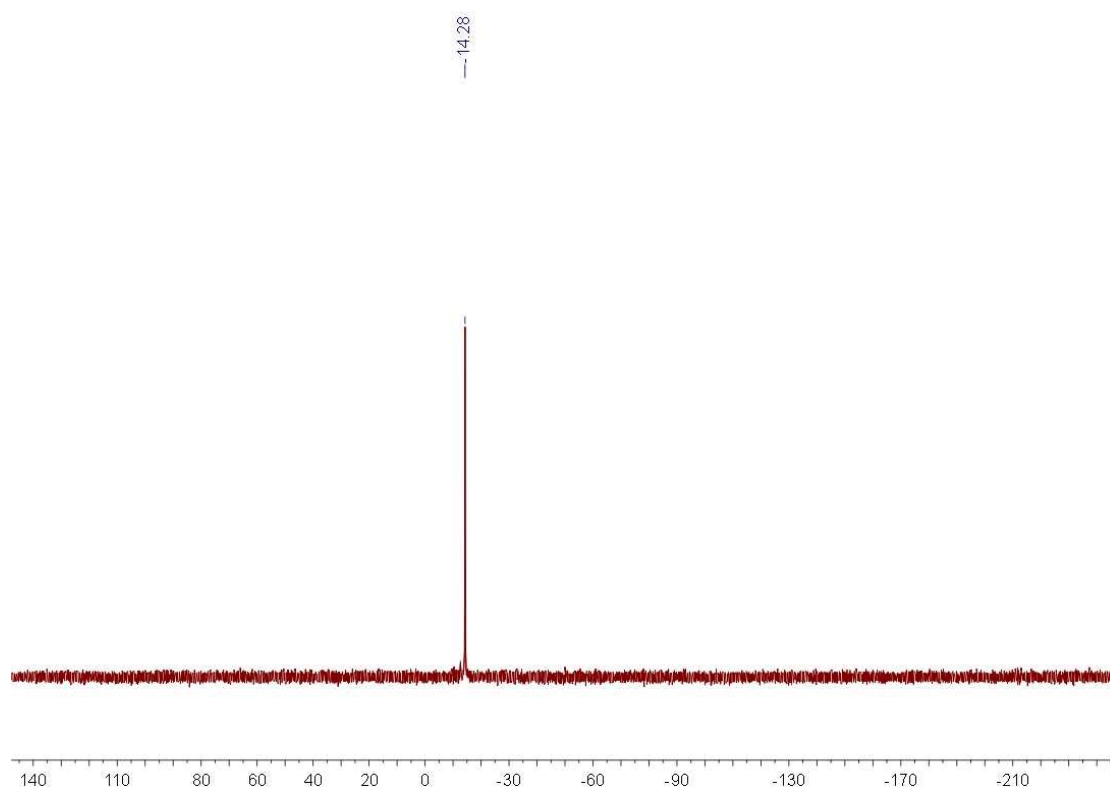
**Fig. S12.** 162 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of complex **3** in DMSO solution.



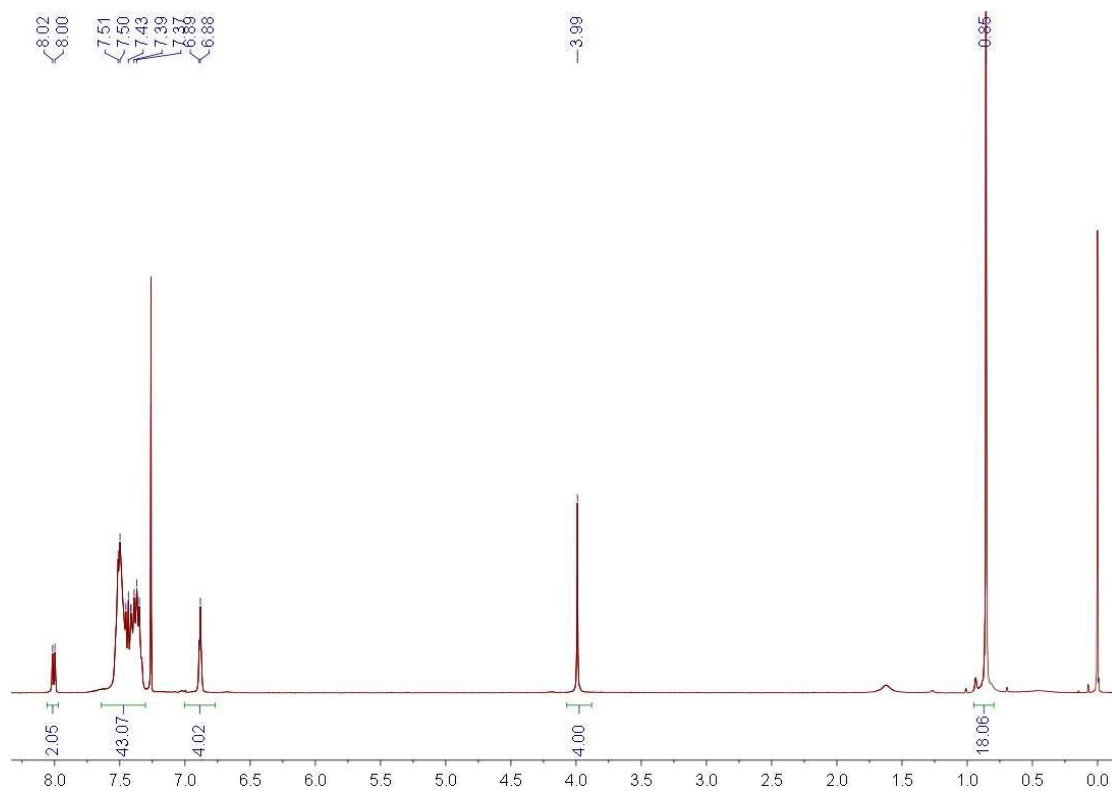
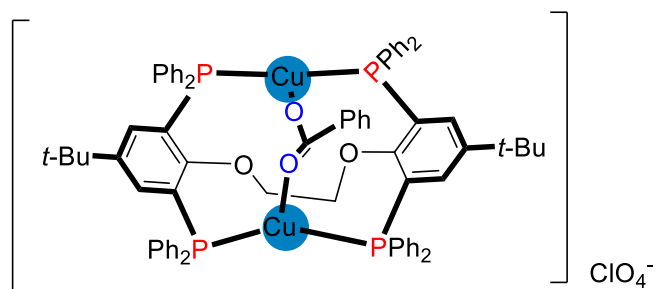
**Fig. S13.** 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **4** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution.



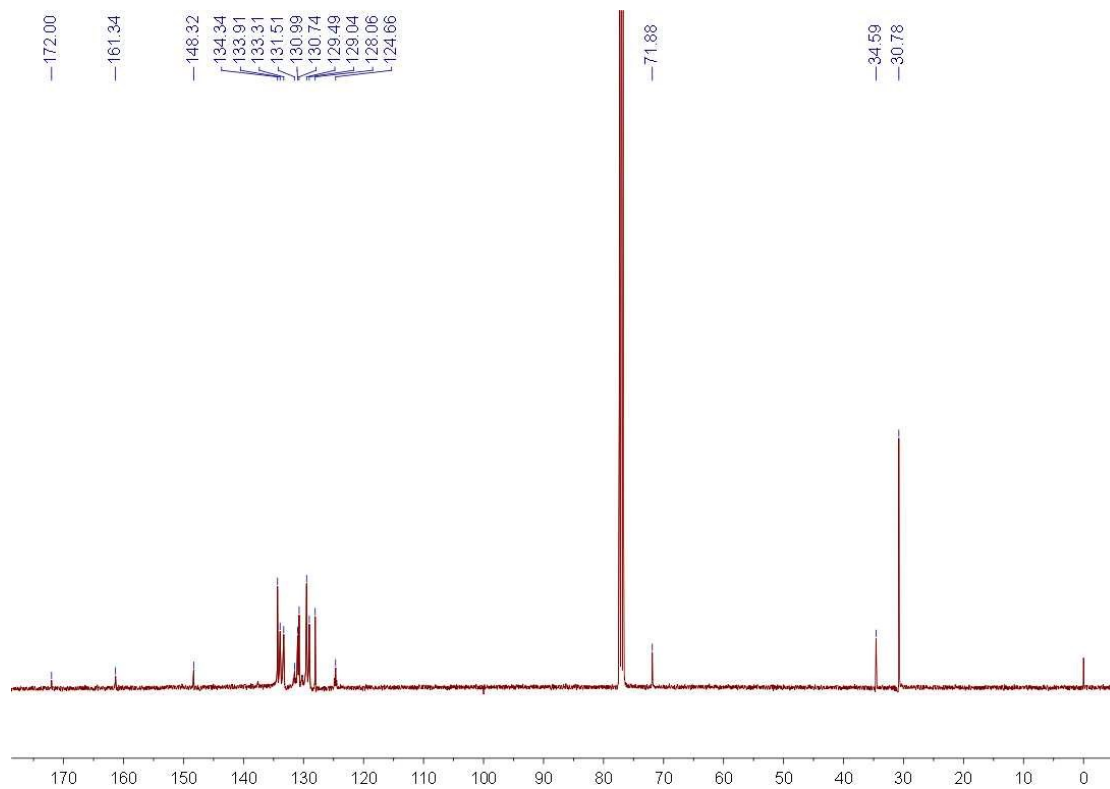
**Fig. S14.** 101 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.



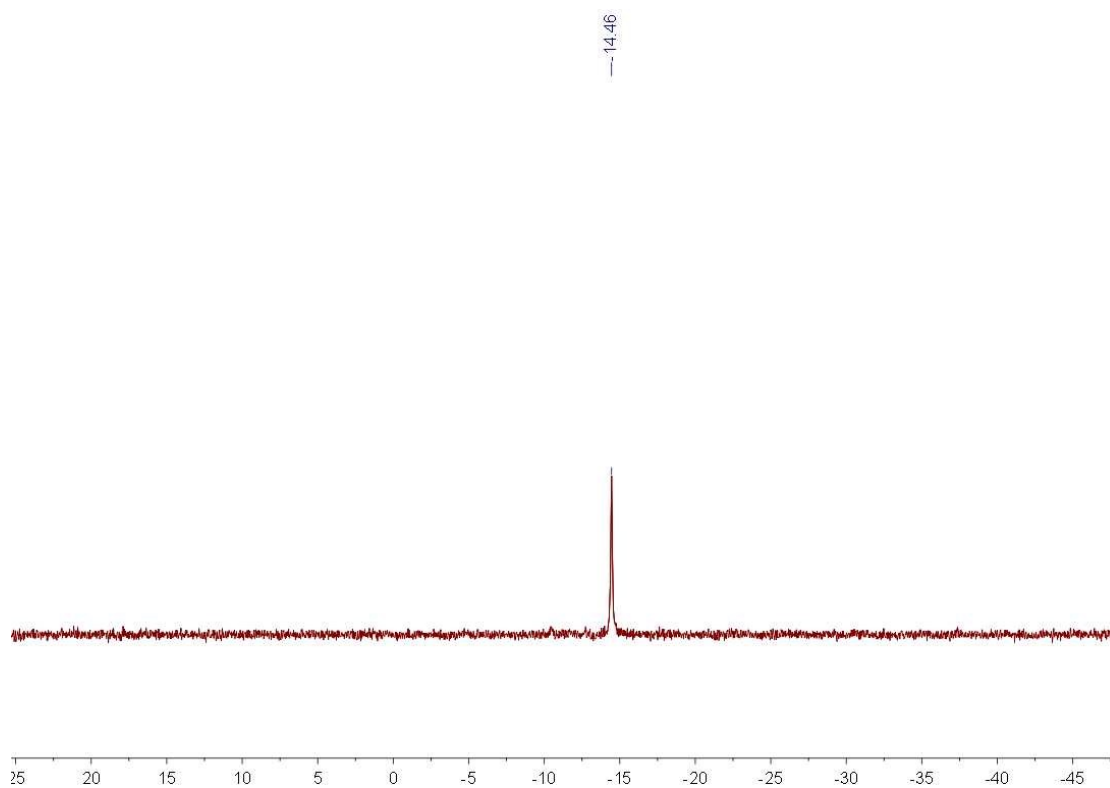
**Fig. S15.** 162 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of complex **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.



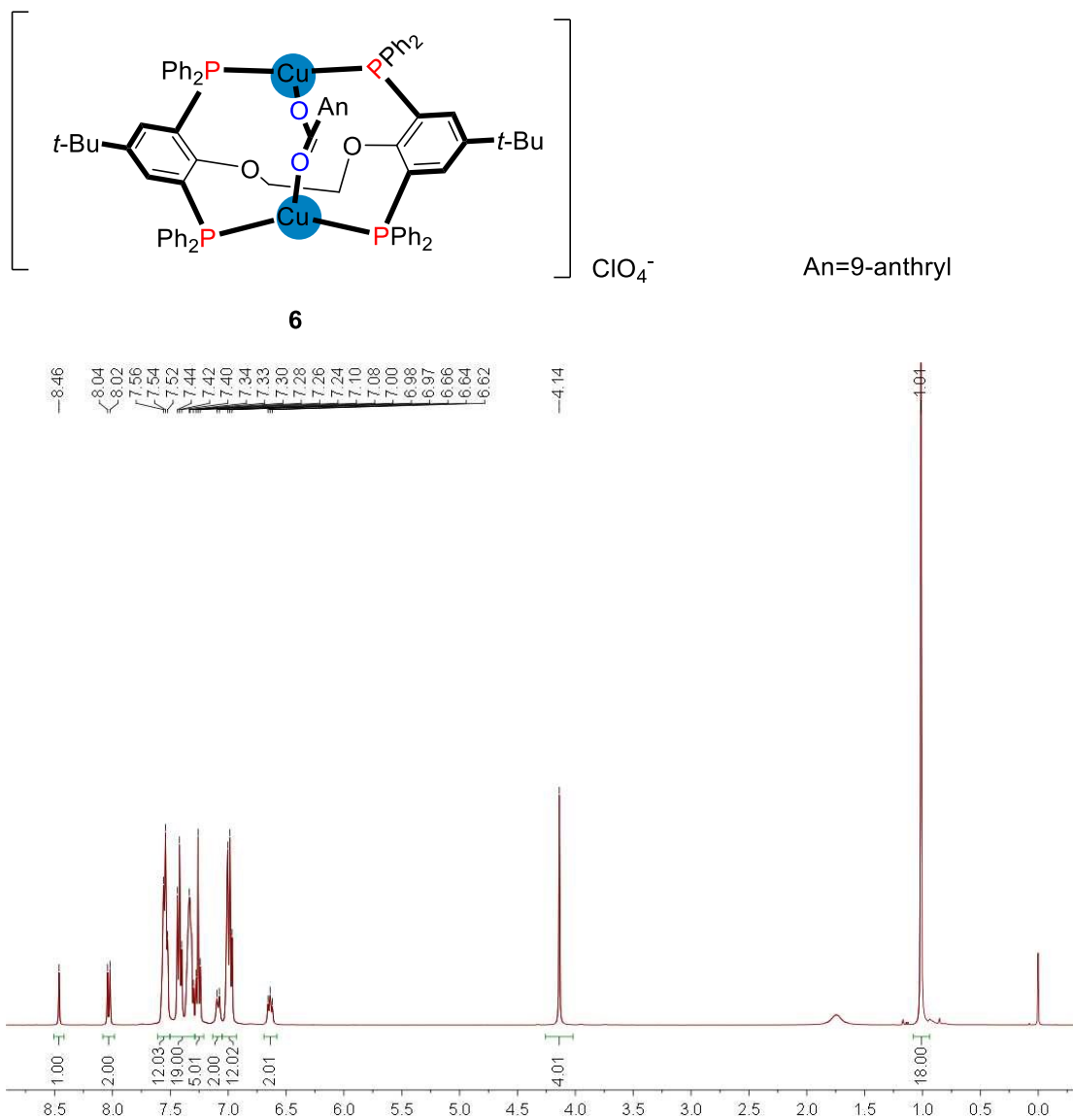
**Fig. S16.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **5** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.



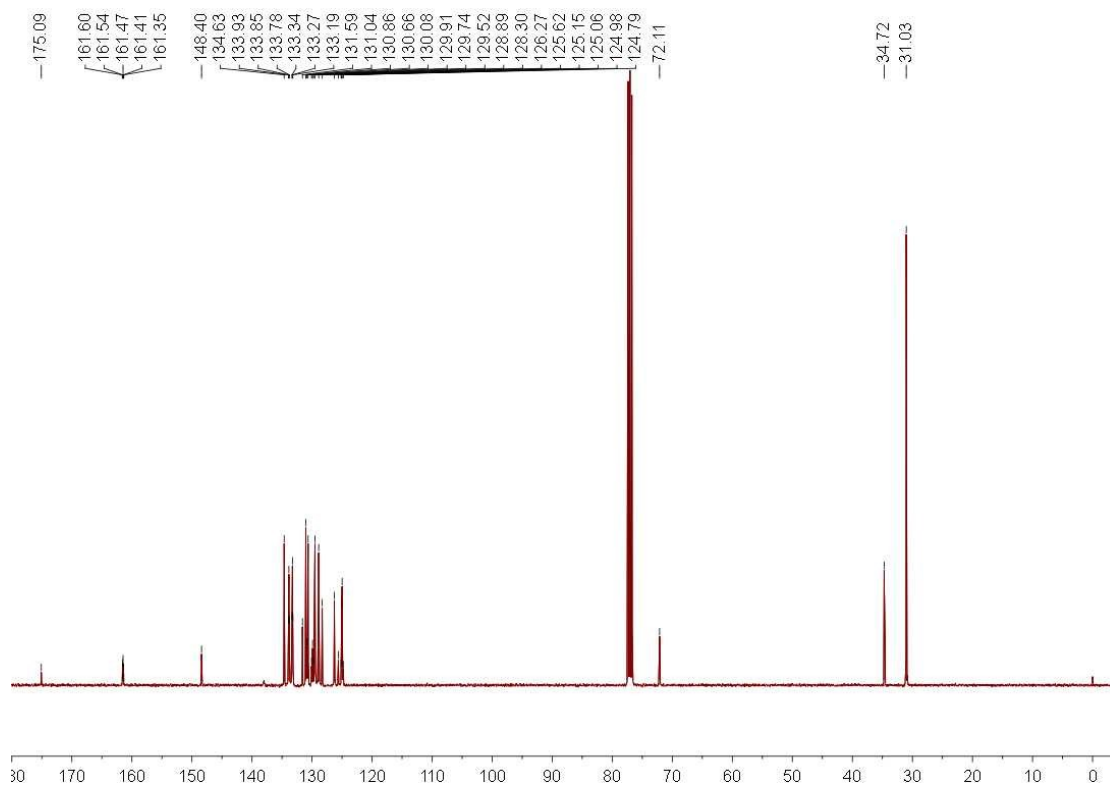
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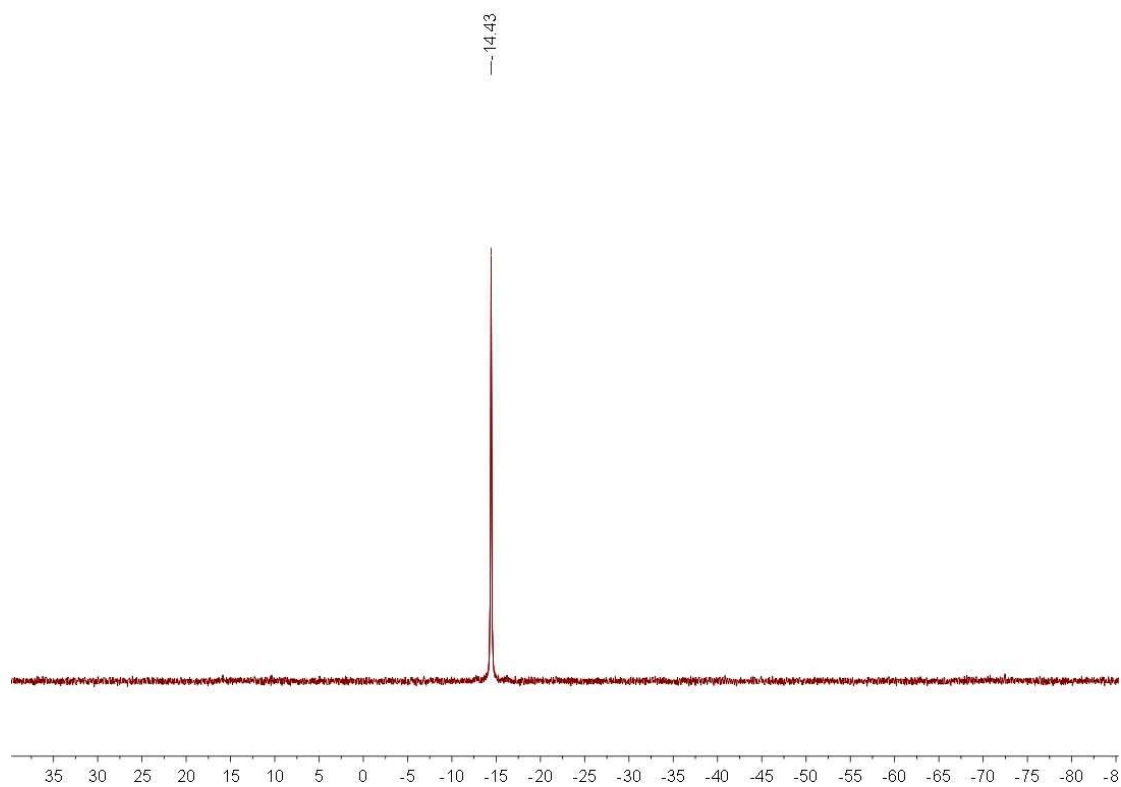
**Fig. S18.** 162 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of complex **5** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.



**Fig. S19.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **6** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.



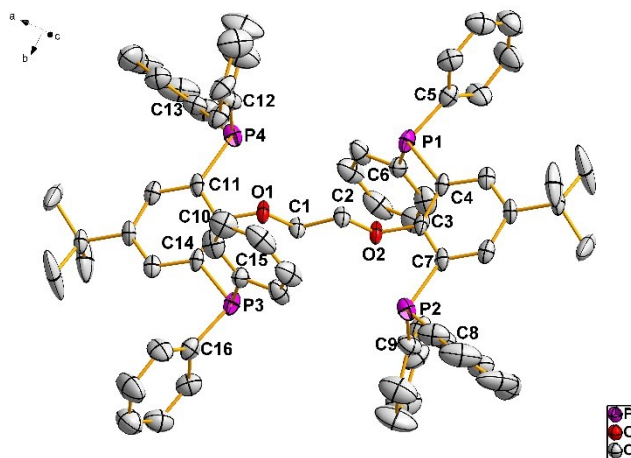
**Fig. S20.** 101 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **6** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.



**Fig. S21.** 162 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of complex **6** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.

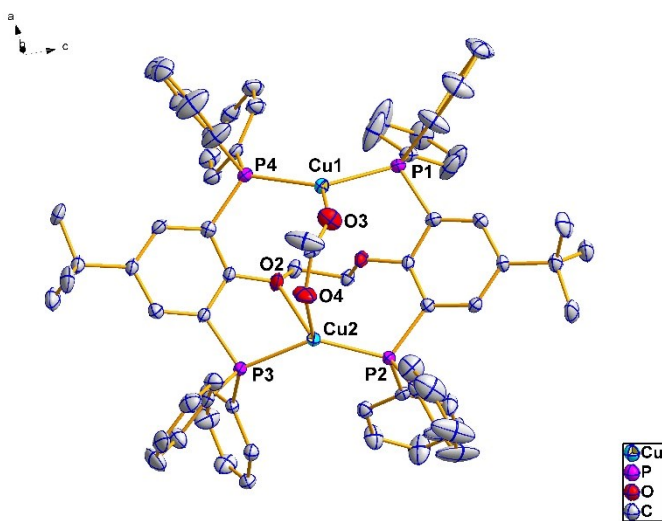


### 3. Crystallographic structures



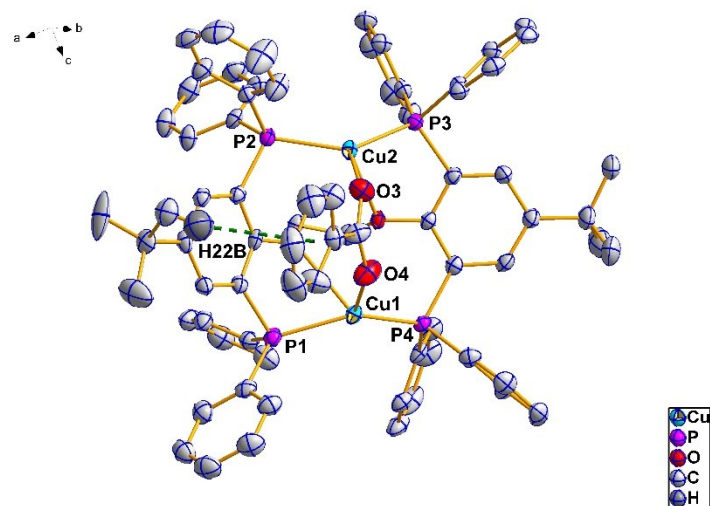
**Fig. S22.** Molecular views of the X-ray crystal structures of the ligand **L**. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

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**Fig. S23.** Molecular views of the X-ray crystal structures of the Cu(I) complex **4**. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms, one perchlorate anion and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

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**Fig. S24.** Molecular views of the X-ray crystal structures of the Cu(I) complex **5**. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level. Partial hydrogen atoms, one perchlorate anion and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

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#### 4. Selected bond distances and angles

Ligand L			
	Bond Distances (Å)		Bond Angles (°)
O(2)-C(2)	1.442(6)	C(2)-O(2)-C(3)	113.2(4)
O(2)-C(3)	1.397(5)	C(4)-P(1)-C(5)	101.6(2)
P(1)-C(4)	1.838(5)	C(4)-P(1)-C(6)	102.0(3)
P(1)-C(5)	1.822(6)	C(5)-P(1)-C(6)	104.3(3)
P(1)-C(6)	1.827(6)	C(7)-P(2)-C(8)	101.7(2)
P(2)-C(7)	1.842(5)	C(7)-P(2)-C(9)	102.3(3)
P(2)-C(8)	1.825(6)	C(8)-P(2)-C(9)	102.8(3)
P(2)-C(9)	1.836(7)		
Complex 1			
	Bond Distances (Å)		Bond Angles (°)
Cu(1)-O(3)	2.228(3)	O(3)-Cu(1)-P(1)	121.73(9)
Cu(1)-P(1)	2.2715(13)	O(3)-Cu(1)-P(4)	96.05(9)
Cu(1)-P(4)	2.2787(13)	P(1)-Cu(1)-P(4)	141.89(5)
Cu(2)-O(6)	2.144(3)	O(6)-Cu(2)-P(2)	113.10(9)
Cu(2)-P(2)	2.2496(13)	O(6)-Cu(2)-P(3)	101.27(9)

Cu(2)-P(3)	2.2712(13)	P(2)-Cu(2)-P(3)	144.65(5)
<b>Complex 2</b>			
	Bond Distances (Å)		Bond Angles (°)
Ag(1)-O(3)	2.445(2)	O(3)-Ag(1)-P(2)	106.79(6)
Ag(1)-P(2)	2.4627(9)	O(3)-Ag(1)-P(1)	105.94(5)
Ag(1)-P(1)	2.4740(10)	P(2)-Ag(1)-P(1)	144.99(3)
N(1)-O(5)	1.242(3)	O(5)-N(1)-O(4)	119.8(3)
N(1)-O(4)	1.261(3)	O(5)-N(1)-O(3)	120.9(3)
N(1)-O(3)	1.264(3)	O(4)-N(1)-O(3)	119.2(2)
<b>Complex 3</b>			
	Bond Distances (Å)		Bond Angles (°)
Cu(1)-O(3)	2.086(5)	O(3)-Cu(1)-P(1)	122.99(15)
Cu(1)-P(1)	2.2301(18)	O(3)-Cu(1)-P(4)	94.90(15)
Cu(1)-P(4)	2.2881(18)	P(1)-Cu(1)-P(4)	141.86(7)
Cu(2)-O(4)	2.094(4)	O(4)-Cu(2)-P(3)	115.08(15)
Cu(2)-P(3)	2.2332(19)	O(4)-Cu(2)-P(2)	105.22(14)
Cu(2)-P(2)	2.2719(18)	P(3)-Cu(2)-P(2)	139.04(7)
<b>Complex 4</b>			
	Bond Distances (Å)		Bond Angles (°)
Cu(1)-O(3)	2.015(2)	O(3)-Cu(1)-P(4)	114.55(9)
Cu(1)-P(4)	2.2560(10)	O(3)-Cu(1)-P(1)	105.07(9)

Cu(1)-P(1)	2.3057(10)	P(4)-Cu(1)-P(1)	140.12(3)
Cu(2)-O(4)	2.011(3)	O(4)-Cu(2)-P(2)	113.98(9)
Cu(2)-P(2)	2.2153(9)	O(4)-Cu(2)-P(3)	106.46(8)
Cu(2)-P(3)	2.2673(9)	P(2)-Cu(2)-P(3)	137.33(3)
Cu(2)-O(2)	2.436(2)	O(4)-Cu(2)-O(2)	91.69(10)
		P(2)-Cu(2)-O(2)	116.51(6)
		P(3)-Cu(2)-O(2)	74.01(6)
<b>Complex 5</b>			
	Bond Distances (Å)		Bond Angles (°)
Cu(1)-O(4)	2.041(3)	O(4)-Cu(1)-P(4)	111.14(11)
Cu(1)-P(4)	2.2538(8)	O(4)-Cu(1)-P(1)	108.18(11)
Cu(1)-P(1)	2.2886(8)	P(4)-Cu(1)-P(1)	140.68(3)
Cu(2)-O(3)	2.030(3)	O(3)-Cu(2)-P(3)	117.18(12)
Cu(2)-P(3)	2.2366(8)	O(3)-Cu(2)-P(2)	102.29(11)
Cu(2)-P(2)	2.2509(8)	P(3)-Cu(2)-P(2)	139.40(3)
<b>Complex 6</b>			
	Bond Distances (Å)		Bond Angles (°)
Cu(1)-O(3)	1.996(2)	O(3)-Cu(1)-P(1)	107.20(7)

Cu(1)-P(1)	2.2349(9)	O(3)-Cu(1)-P(4)	113.75(7)
Cu(1)-P(4)	2.2380(9)	P(1)-Cu(1)-P(4)	138.17(3)
Cu(2)-O(4)	2.001(2)	O(4)-Cu(2)-P(3)	107.30(7)
Cu(2)-P(3)	2.2339(9)	O(4)-Cu(2)-P(2)	111.84(7)
Cu(2)-P(2)	2.2458(9)	P(3)-Cu(2)-P(2)	139.87(3)

## 5. Crystal Data and Structural Refinement for Complexes.

**Table S1. Crystal Data and Structural Refinement for Complexes 1-2**

Compound	1	2
Empirical formula	C <sub>70</sub> H <sub>66</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>10</sub> P <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>37</sub> H <sub>35</sub> AgCl <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> P <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	1389.08	940.17
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>m</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	13.292(3)	11.219(2)
<i>b</i> (Å)	28.940(6)	25.594(5)
<i>c</i> (Å)	17.711(4)	14.172(3)
$\alpha$ (°)	90	90
$\beta$ (°)	106.566(3)	93.92(3)
$\gamma$ (°)	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	6530(2)	4060.1(14)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
<i>D</i> <sub>calcd</sub> (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.413	1.538
Abs coeff (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.890	1.009
<i>F</i> (000)	2872	1900
Crystal size	0.180 x 0.160 x 0.140 mm	0.180 x 0.160 x 0.140 mm
Range of $\theta$ for data collection	1.391 to 25.018°	1.591 to 25.020°
Reflections collected/unique	49080 / 11528 [R(int) = 0.0785]	29906 / 7269 [R(int) = 0.0411]
Max. & min. transmission	0.8855 and 0.8562	1.0000 and 0.6742
Final R indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	R1 = 0.0667, wR2 = 0.1517	R1 = 0.0373, wR2 = 0.0906

R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0813, wR2 = 0.1605	R1 = 0.0421, wR2 = 0.0939
Data/restraints/parameters	11528 / 170 / 861	7269 / 354 / 495
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.102	1.032

**Table S2. Crystal Data and Structural Refinement for Complexes 3-6**

Compound	3	4	5	6
Empirical formula	C <sub>80</sub> H <sub>76</sub> Cl <sub>10</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>9</sub> P <sub>4</sub> S	C <sub>74</sub> H <sub>72</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> P <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>79</sub> H <sub>73</sub> Cl <sub>7</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> P <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>87</sub> H <sub>77</sub> Cl <sub>7</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> P <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	1818.92	1552.97	1649.48	1749.59
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>Pna</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /n	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /n	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /n
<i>a</i> (Å)	20.061(4)	13.204(3)	17.962(3)	17.720(4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	23.316(5)	20.254(4)	20.584(3)	20.286(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	17.798(4)	27.031(5)	21.081(3)	23.057(5)
$\alpha$ (°)	90	90	90	90
$\beta$ (°)	90	94.95(3)	100.796(3)	90.04(3)
$\gamma$ (°)	90	90	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	8325(3)	7202(3)	7656.4(19)	8288(3)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	4
<i>D</i> <sub>calcd</sub> (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.451	1.432	1.431	1.402
Abs coeff (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.988	0.957	0.938	0.871
<i>F</i> (000)	3728	3200	3392	3600
Crystal size	0.180 x 0.160 x 0.140 mm	0.180 x 0.160 x 0.140 mm	0.180 x 0.160 x 0.140 mm	0.2000 x 0.1800 x 0.1600 mm
Range of $\theta$ for data collection	1.339 to 25.020°	1.816 to 27.869°	1.369 to 25.009°	1.337 to 25.020°
Reflections collected/ unique	60785 / 14685 [R(int) = 0.0520]	78478 / 17101 [R(int) = 0.0497]	79083 / 13500 [R(int) = 0.0417]	68212 / 14638 [R(int) = 0.0585]

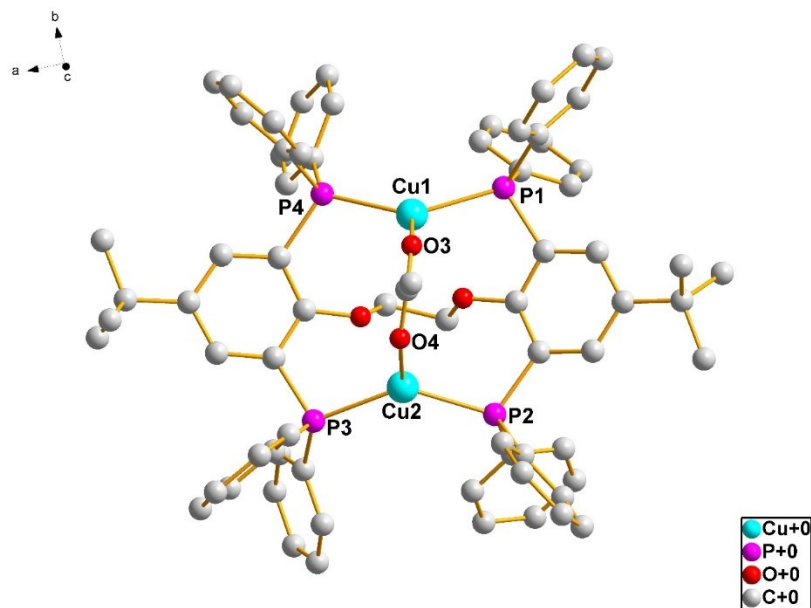


Max. & min. transmission	0.8740 and 0.8421	0.8777 and 0.8467	0.8799 and 0.8493	1.0000 and 0.8314
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R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0504, wR2 = 0.1116	R1 = 0.0715, wR2 = 0.1598	R1 = 0.0489, wR2 = 0.1119	R1 = 0.0594, wR2 = 0.1141
Data/restraints/parameters	14685 / 109 / 988	17101 / 319 / 937	13500 / 478 / 951	14638 / 0 / 943
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.123	0.951	1.081	1.022

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## 6. The optimized ball-and-stick structure of complexes 4-6

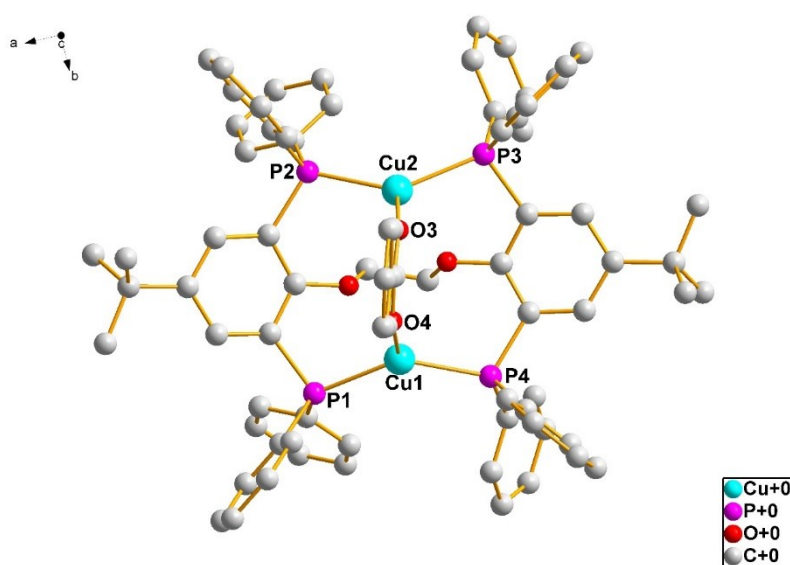
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**Fig. S25a.** The optimized ball-and-stick structure without D3 of the Cu(I) complex 4.

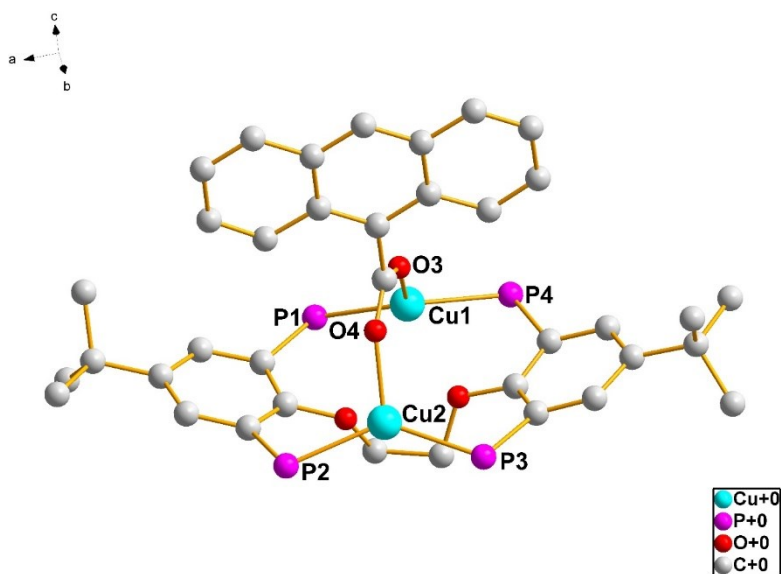
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**Fig. S25b.** The optimized ball-and-stick structure without D3 of the Cu(I) complex 5.

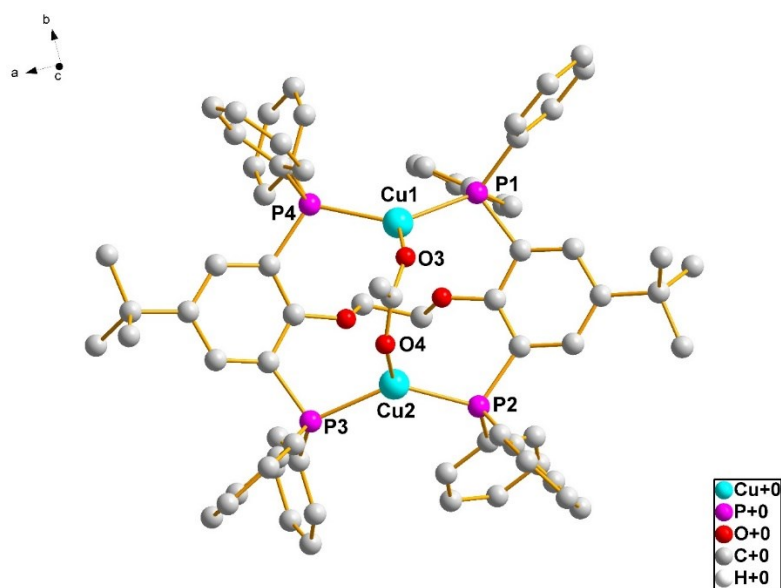
Hydrogen atoms, one perchlorate anion and solvent molecules are omitted.



**Fig. S25c.** The optimized ball-and-stick structure without D3 of the Cu(I) complex **6**.

Hydrogen atoms, one perchlorate anion, solvent molecules and phenyl are omitted.

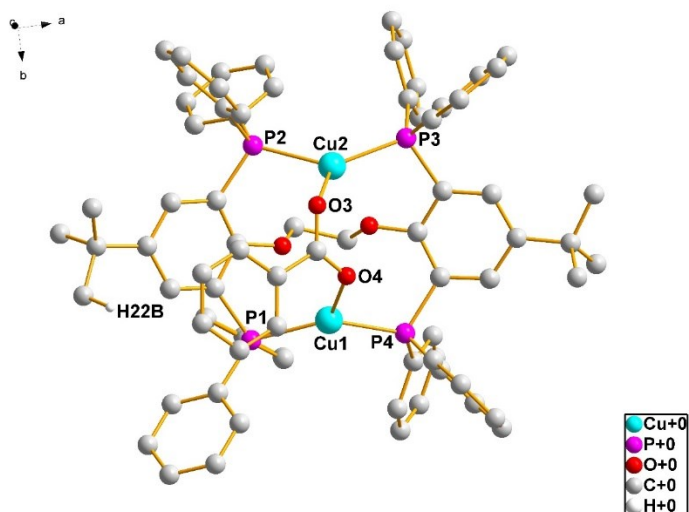
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**Fig. S26a.** The optimized ball-and-stick structure with D3 of the Cu(I) complex **4**.

Hydrogen atoms, one perchlorate anion and solvent molecules are omitted.

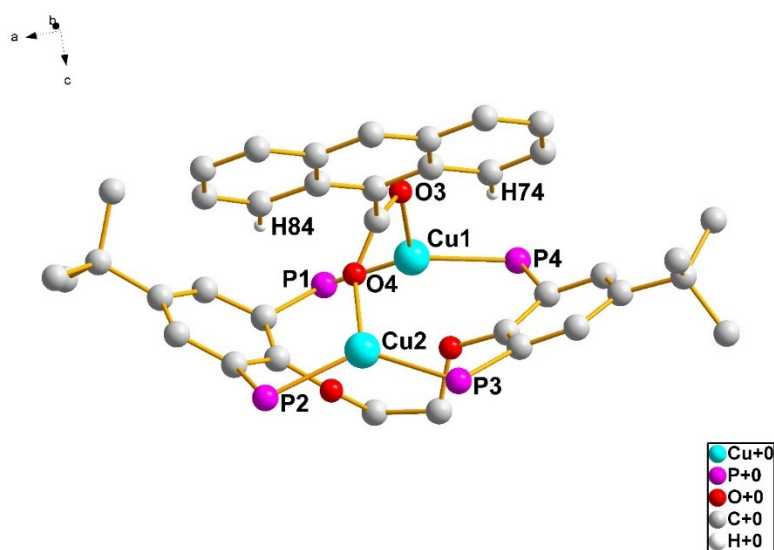
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**Fig. S26b.** The optimized ball-and-stick structure with D3 of the Cu(I) complex **5**.

Partial hydrogen atoms, one perchlorate anion and solvent molecules are omitted.

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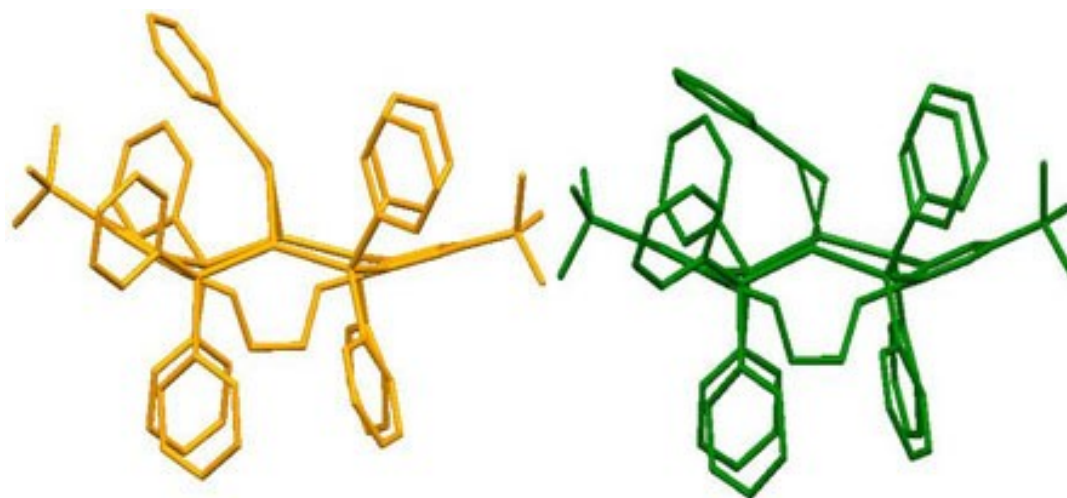


**Fig. S26c.** The optimized ball-and-stick structure with D3 of the Cu(I) complex **6**.

Partial hydrogen atoms, one perchlorate anion, solvent molecules and phenyl are omitted.

7. Comparing diagram of crystal structure (orange) and calculation structure (green) for complex 5.

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**Fig. S27.** Comparing diagram of crystal structure (orange) and calculation structure (green) for complex 5. The structure is displayed in wire model.

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## 8. Calculation information table

**Table S3. Details of calculation data collection for complexes 4-6**

Calculation (with D3)					
	Dihedral(exp.)	Dihedral(cal)	Gibbs free Energy(A.U.)	Interaction Energy(A.U.)	Interaction Energy(kJ/mol)
<b>host</b>			-4614.606944		
<b>guest 4</b>			-228.5543469		
<b>complex 4</b>	147.96°	142.78°	-4843.262275	-0.100983545	-265.1322974
<b>guest 5</b>			-420.2599563		
<b>complex 5</b>	139.54°	140.69°	-5034.975662	-0.108761619	-285.5536307
<b>guest 6</b>			-727.4469224		
<b>complex 6</b>	133.12°	130.24°	-5342.208723	-0.154856086	-406.5746538
Calculation (NO D3)					
	Dihedral(exp.)	Dihedral(cal)	Gibbs free Energy(A.U.)	Interaction Energy(A.U.)	Interaction Energy(kJ/mol)
<b>host</b>			-4614.161106		
<b>guest 4</b>			-228.5543736		
<b>complex 4</b>	147.96°	147.84°	-4842.778184	-0.06270469	-164.6311636
<b>guest 5</b>			-420.2600786		
<b>complex 5</b>	139.54°	148.97°	-5034.470925	-0.049740727	-130.5942787
<b>guest 6</b>			-727.44722		
<b>complex 6</b>	133.12°	146.88°	-5341.65549	-0.047164471	-123.8303186

