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Isolation of Ligand-Centered Borocations in Molybdenum Complexes Containing a Triaminoborane-Bridged Diphosphorus Ligand

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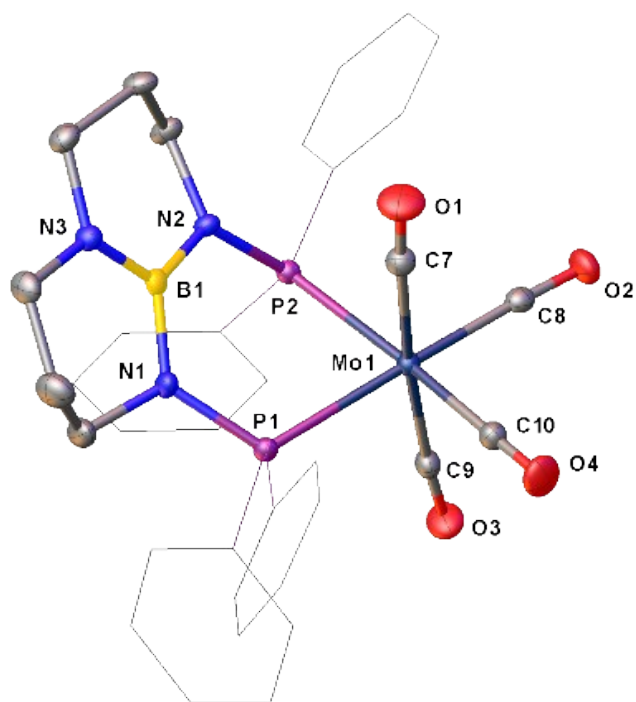


Figure S1. Molecular structure of **1** with thermal ellipsoids at the 35% probability level. Hydrogen atoms were omitted from the figure.

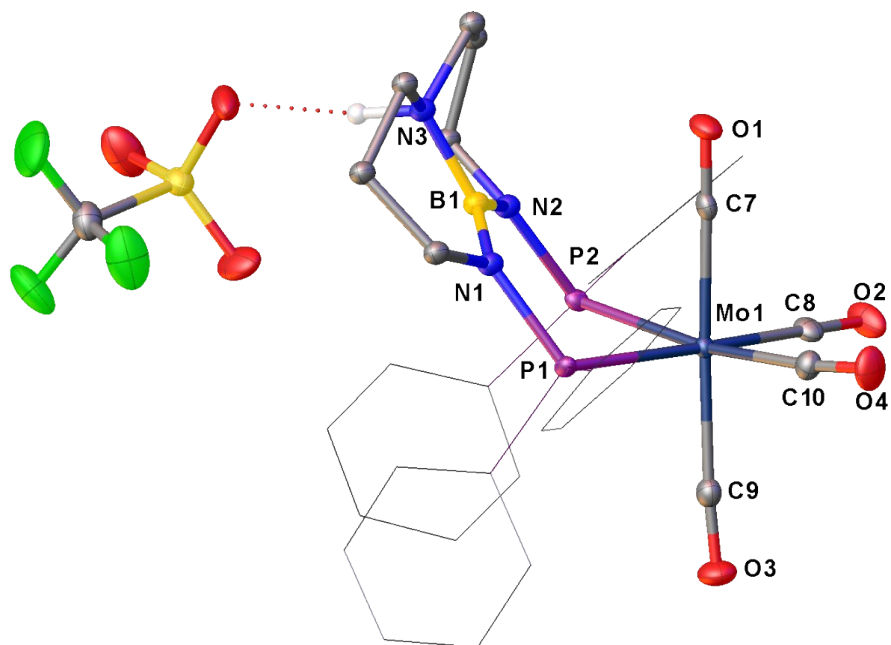


Figure S2. Molecular structure of **1-HOTf** with thermal ellipsoids at the 35% probability level.

Hydrogen atoms and co-crystallized solvent molecules were omitted from the figure.

Table S1. Crystallographic data for (PhTBDPhos)Mo(CO)₄ (**1**), [(PhTBDPhos-H)Mo(CO)₄]NTf₂ (**1-HNTf₂**), [(PhTBDPhos-H)Mo(CO)₄]OTf (**1-HOTf**), and [(PhTBDPhos-H₂F)Mo(CO)₄][BF₄] (**[1-H₂F][BF₄]**).

	1	1-HNTf₂	1-HOTf	[1-H₂F][BF₄]
formula	C ₃₄ H ₃₂ BMoN ₃ O ₄ P ₂	C ₃₄ H ₃₃ BF ₆ MoN ₄ O ₈ P ₂ S ₂ ·0.5(CH ₂ Cl ₂)	C ₃₄ H ₃₃ BF ₃ MoN ₃ O ₇ P ₂ S·(CH ₂ Cl ₂)	C ₃₄ H ₃₄ B ₂ F ₅ MoN ₃ O ₄ P ₂ ·(CH ₂ Cl ₂)
FW (g mol ⁻¹)	715.31	1038.93	950.32	908.07
crystal system	Triclinic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
space group	P-1	Pna2 ₁	P2 ₁ /n	P2 ₁ /c
a (Å)	10.3852(10)	19.741(2)	15.0807(15)	20.655(2)
b (Å)	15.1206(15)	9.9649(10)	14.2045(14)	11.0271(11)
c (Å)	20.549(2)	44.148(4)	19.3900(19)	17.7885(18)
α (deg)	84.673(5)	90	90	90
β (deg)	85.261(5)	90	105.030(5)	107.133(5)
γ (deg)	84.632(5)	90	90	90
volume (Å ³)	3189.9(5)	8684.6(15)	4011.5(7)	3871.8(7)
Z	4	8	4	4
ρ _{calc} (g cm ⁻³)	1.489	1.589	1.574	1.558
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.555	0.613	0.657	0.626
F(000)	1464	4200	1928	1840
θ range (deg)	1.00/26.02	2.26/22.19	2.45/26.38	2.20/21.86
R(int)	0.0293	0.0795	0.0338	0.0651
data/restraints/parameters	12584/0/811	17717/80/1116	8196/39/438	7909/0/488
GOF	1.026	1.116	1.023	1.065
R ₁ [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)] ^a	0.0343	0.0547	0.0339	0.0733
wR ₂ (all data) ^b	0.0787	0.1024	0.0807	0.1983
Ext. Coeff	-	-	-	-
Largest Peak/Hole (e ⁻ ·Å ⁻³)	0.988/-0.442	1.297/-1.483	0.848/-0.541	2.361/-1.177
Temp (K)	190(2)	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)

^aR₁ = $\sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum |F_o|$ for reflections with $F_o^2 > 2 \sigma(F_o^2)$.

^bwR₂ = $[\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum (F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ for all reflections.

NMR spectra

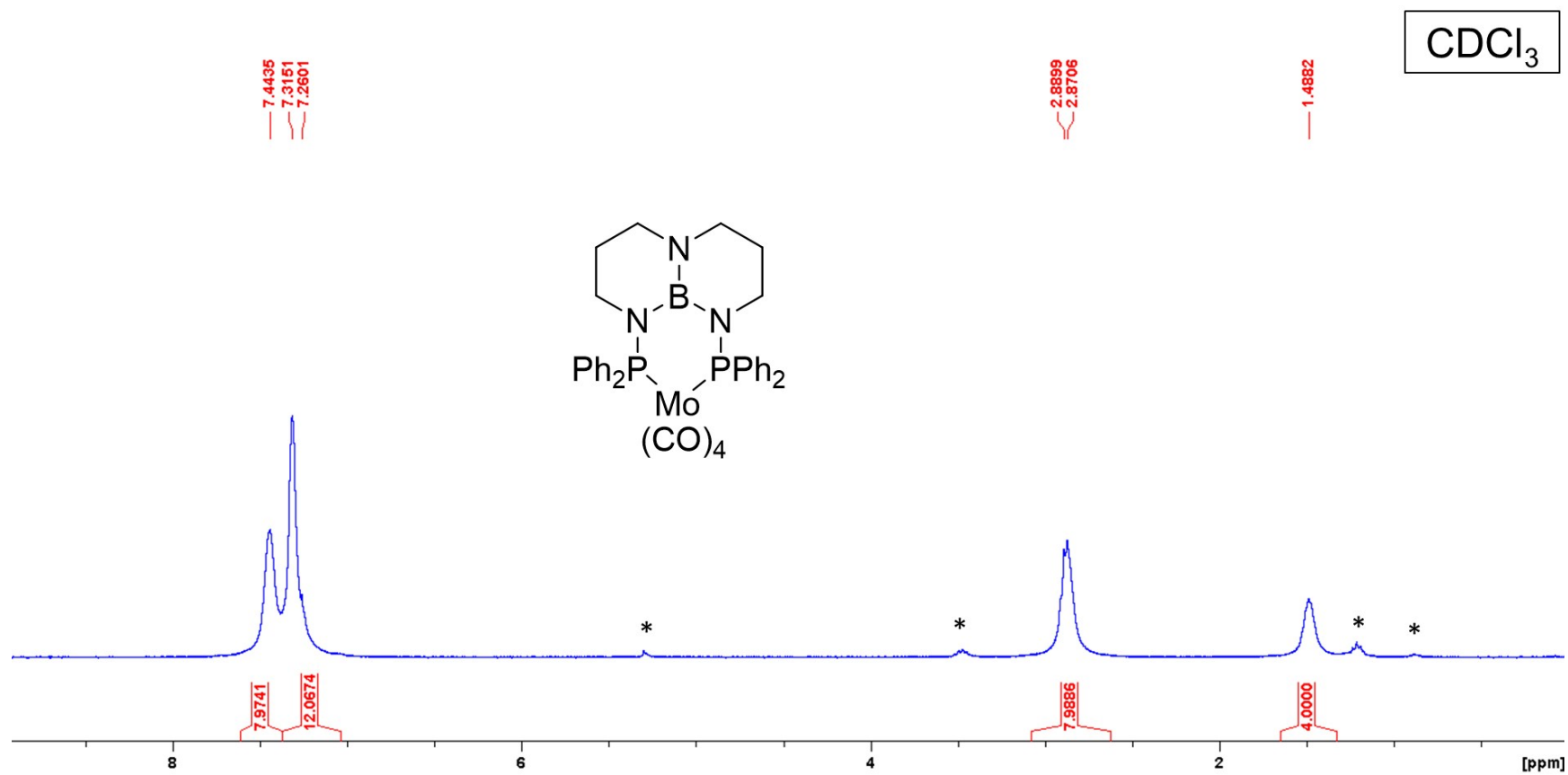


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of $(\text{PhTBDPhos})\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4$ (**1**). The * symbol indicates resonances assigned to residual pentane, Et_2O , and CH_2Cl_2 .

CDCl₃

— M 25.8615

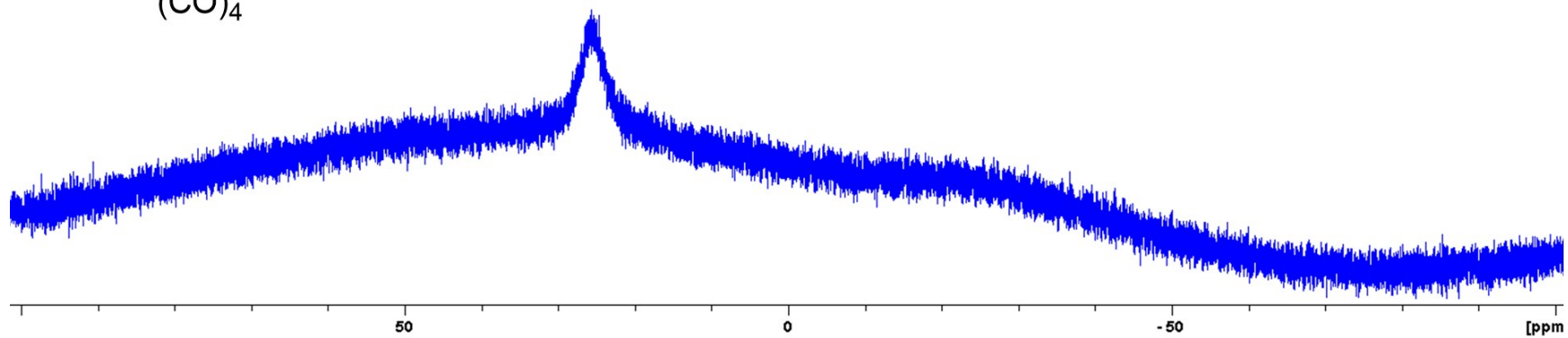
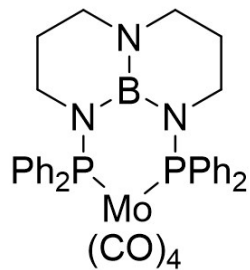


Figure S4. ¹¹B NMR spectrum of (^{Ph}TBDPhos)Mo(CO)₄ (**1**).

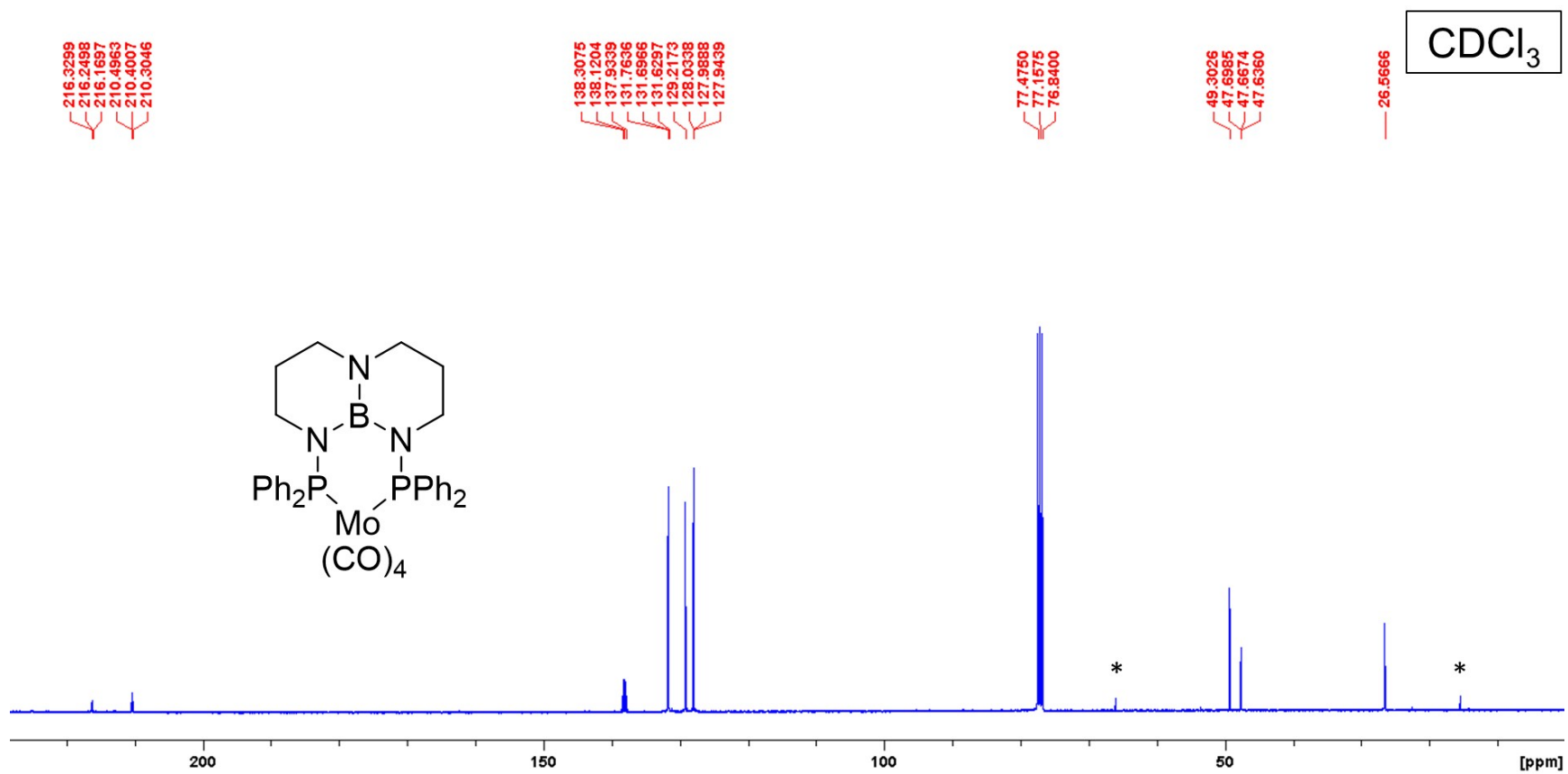


Figure S5. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $(\text{PhTBDPhos})\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4$ (**1**). The * symbol indicates resonances assigned to residual Et_2O .

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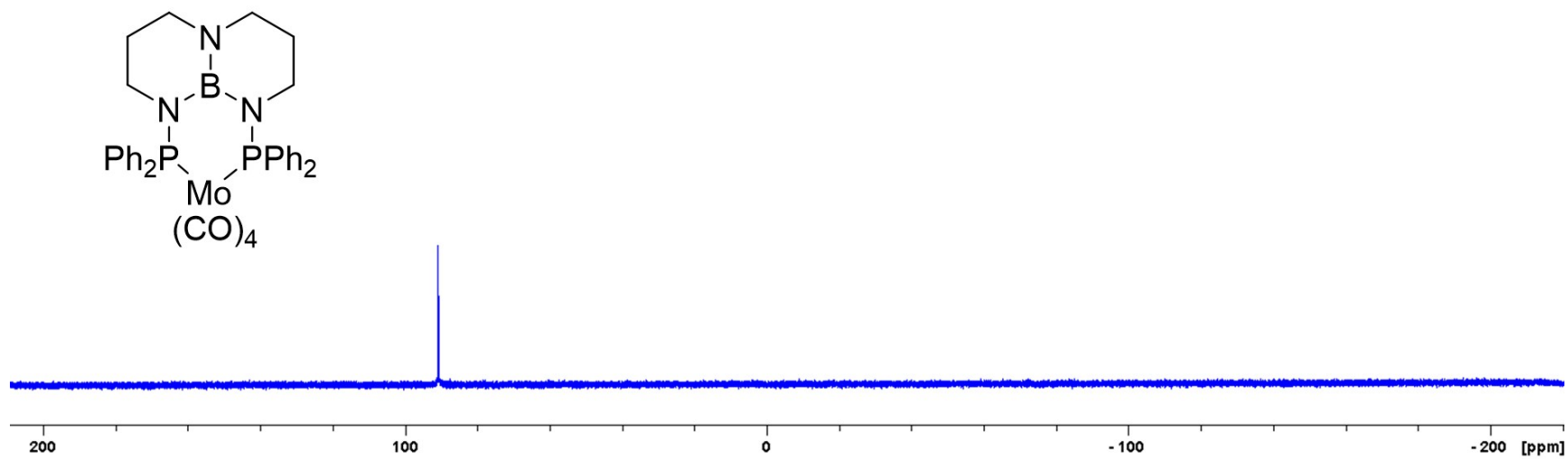


Figure S6. ³¹P NMR spectrum of (Ph^tTBDPhos)Mo(CO)₄ (**1**).

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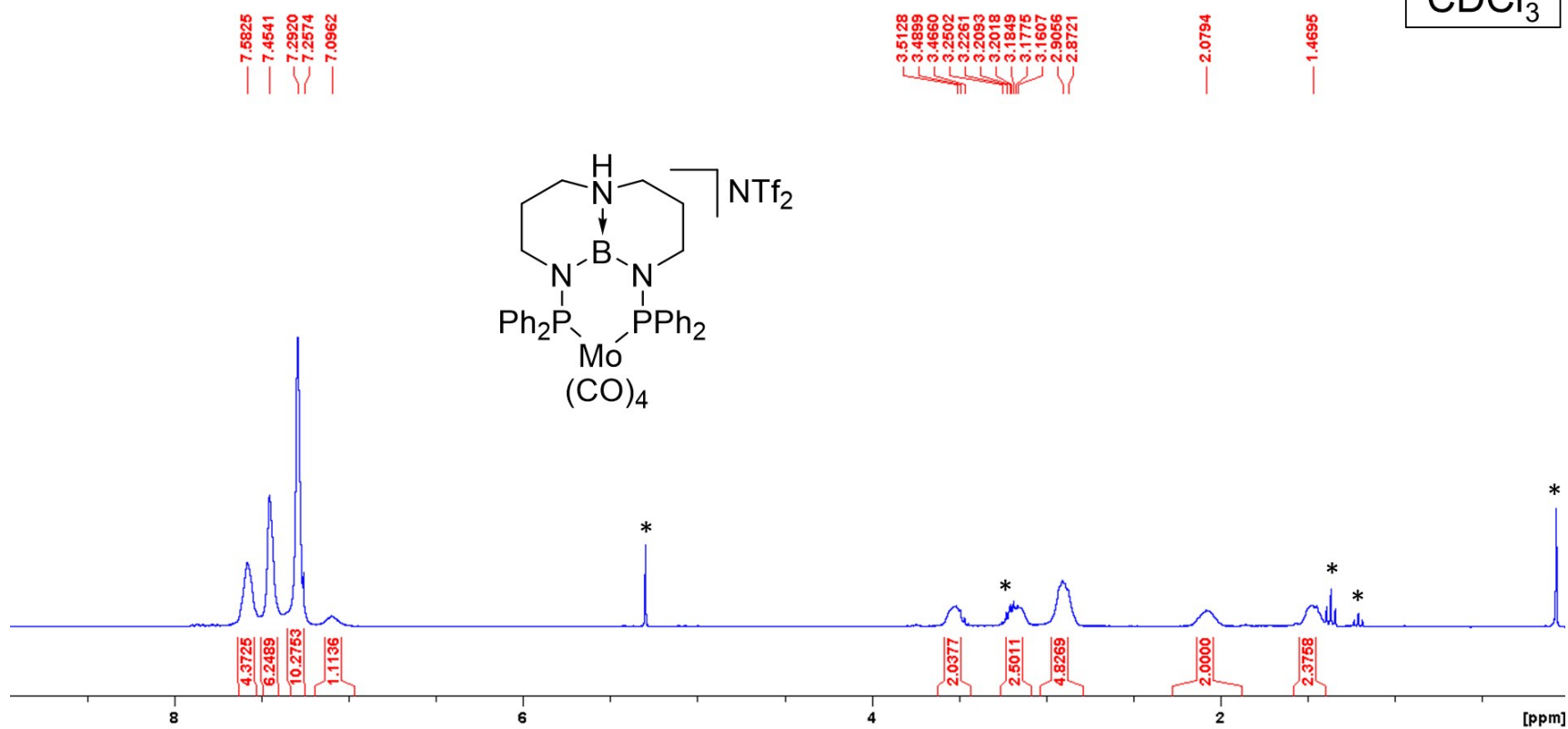


Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of [(^{Ph}TBDPhos-H)Mo(CO)₄]NTf₂ (**1-HNTf₂**). The * symbol indicates resonances assigned to residual grease, pentane, Et₂O, and CH₂Cl₂.

CDCl₃

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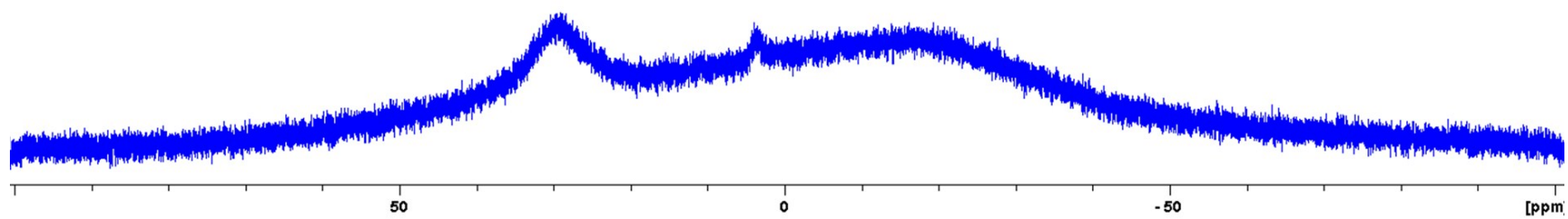
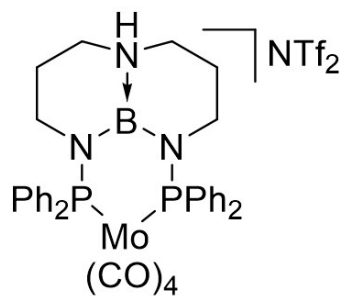


Figure S8. ^{11}B NMR spectrum of $[(\text{PhTBDPhos-H})\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4]\text{NTf}_2$ (1-HNTf₂).

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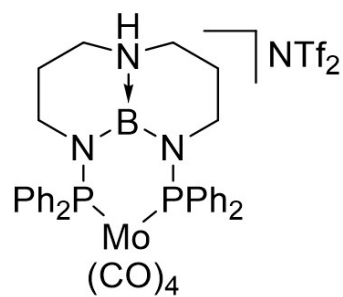


Figure S9. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of $[(^{\text{Ph}}\text{TBDPhos-H})\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4]\text{NTf}_2$ (**1-HNTf₂**).

CDCl₃

101.3283

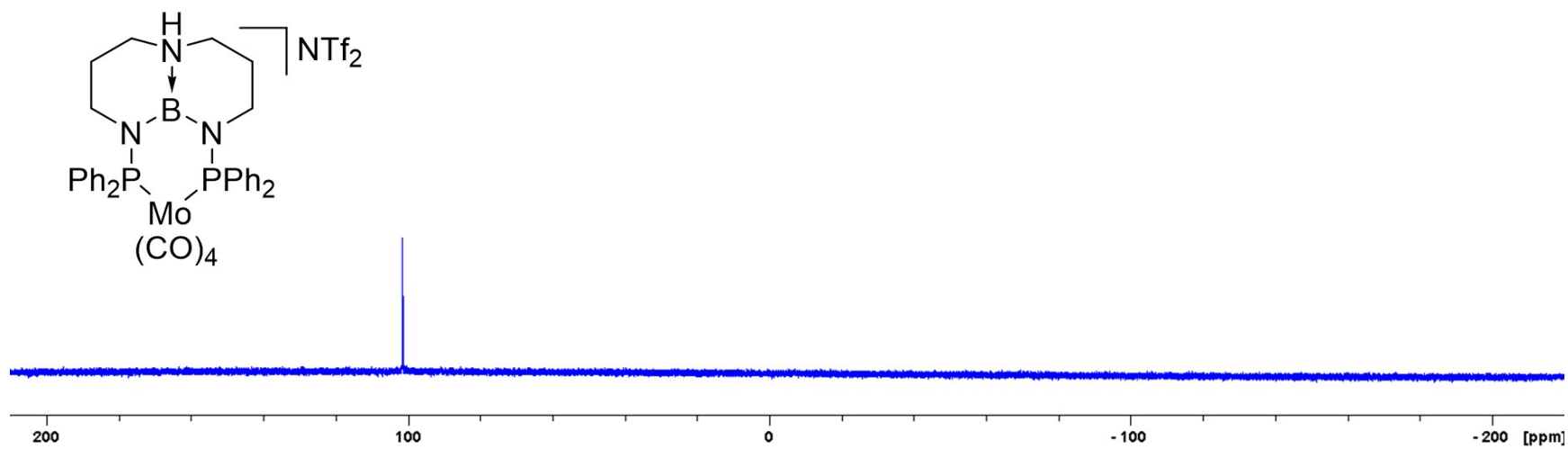


Figure S10. ³¹P NMR spectrum of $[(^{\text{Ph}}\text{TBDPhos-H})\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4]\text{NTf}_2$ (**1-HNTf₂**).

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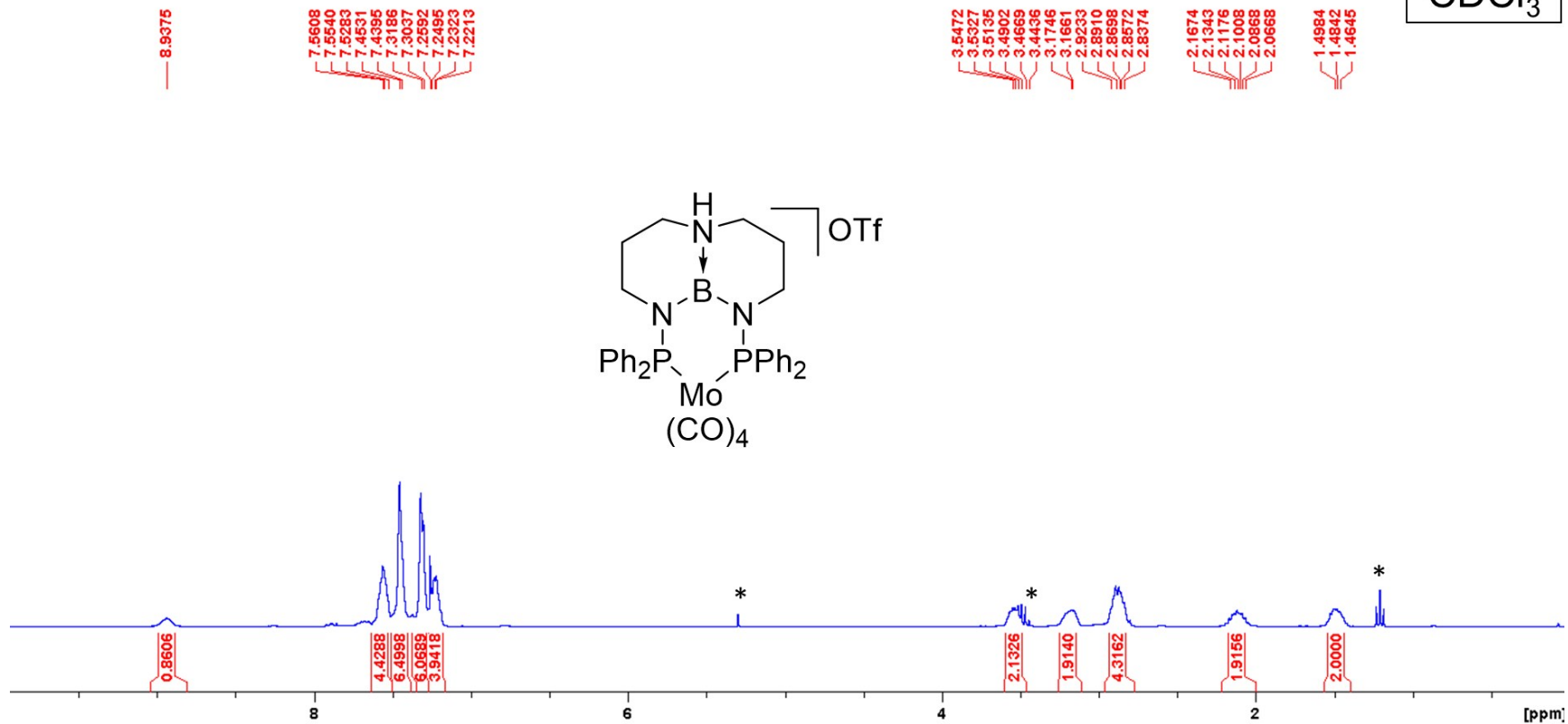


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[(\text{PhTBDPhos-H})\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4]\text{OTf}$ (**1-HOTf**). The * symbol indicates resonances assigned to residual Et₂O and CH₂Cl₂.

CDCl₃

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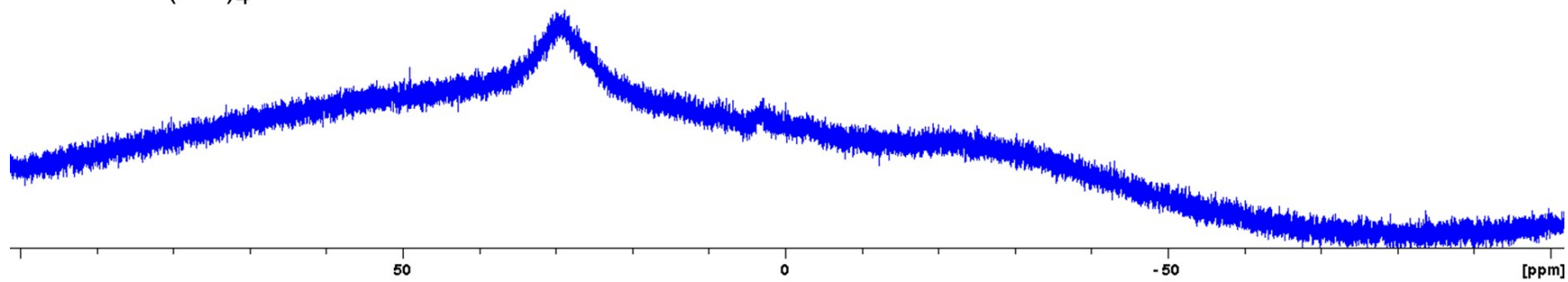
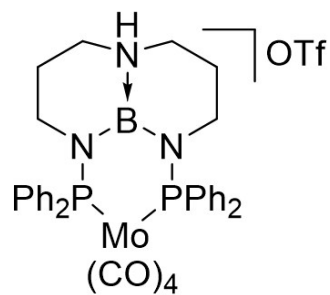


Figure S12. ¹¹B NMR spectrum of [(^{Ph}TBDPhos-H)Mo(CO)₄]OTf (**1-HOTf**).

CDCl₃

-78.5968

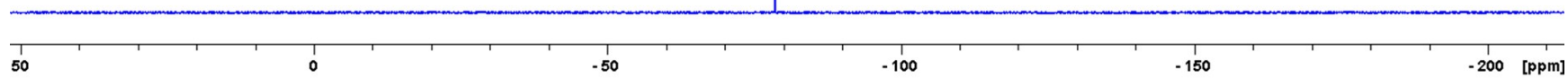
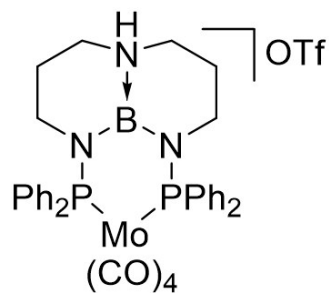


Figure S13. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of [(^{Ph}TBDPhos-H)Mo(CO)₄]OTf (**1-HOTf**).

CDCl₃

101.2185

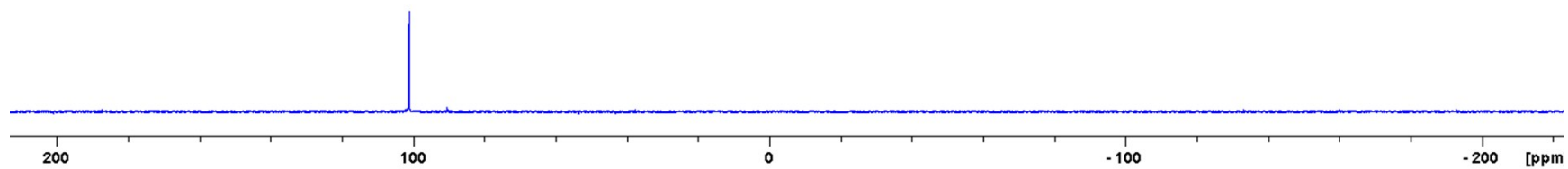
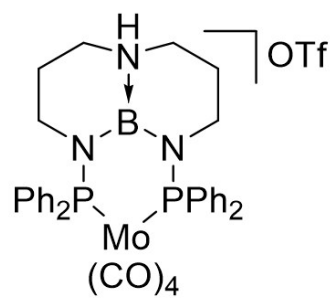


Figure S14. ³¹P NMR spectrum of [(^{Ph}TBDPhos-H)Mo(CO)₄]⁺OTf (**1-HOTf**).

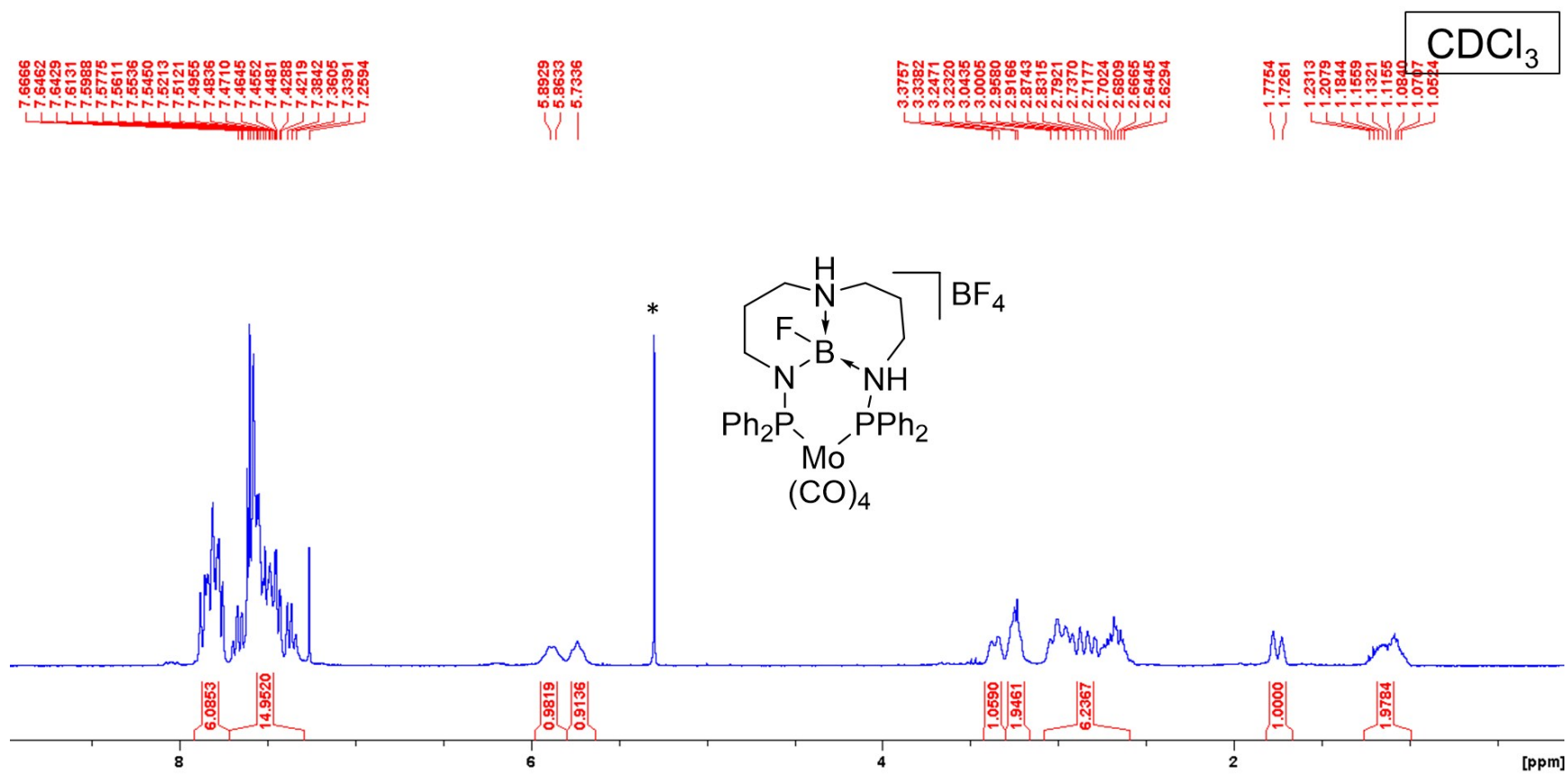


Figure S15. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[(\text{PhTBDPhos-H}_2\text{F})\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4]\text{BF}_4$ ($[\text{1-H}_2\text{F}][\text{BF}_4]$). The * symbol indicates resonances assigned to residual CH_2Cl_2 .

CDCl₃

M 3.6338
-1.0438

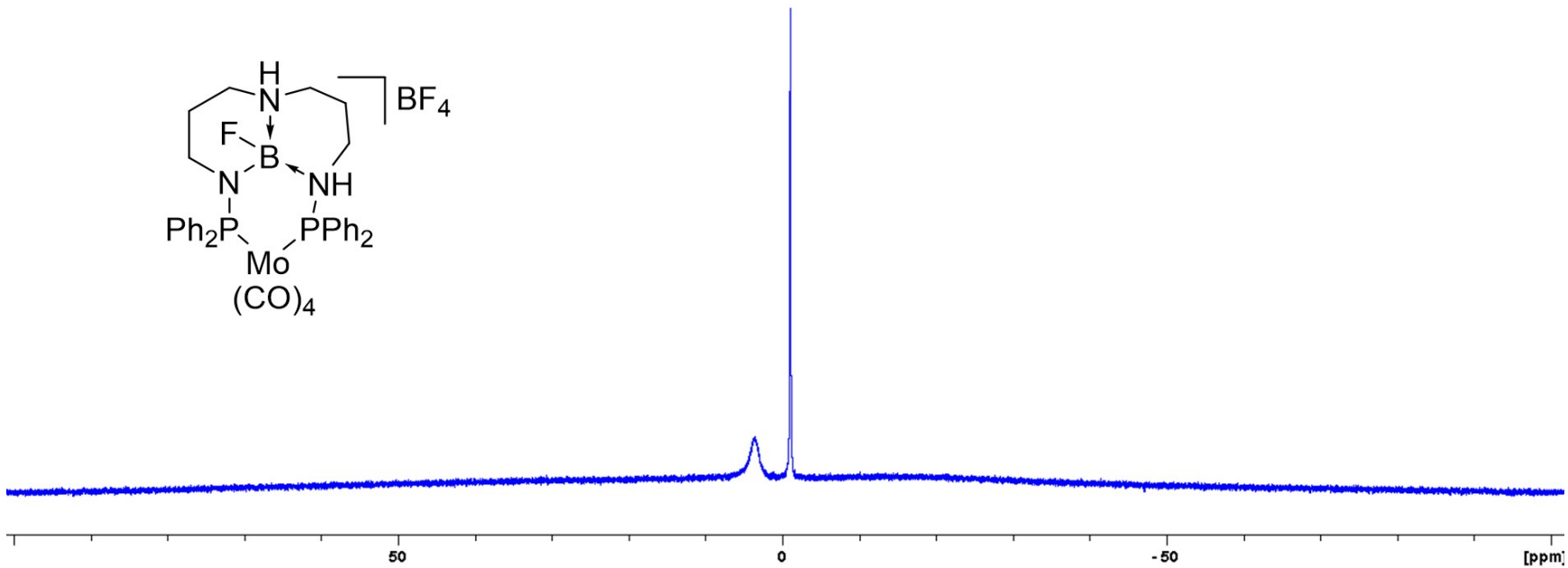
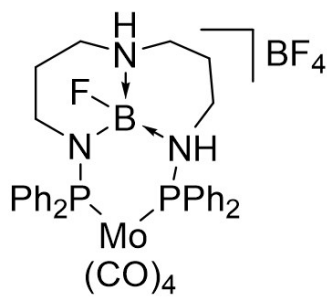


Figure S16. ¹¹B NMR spectrum of [(^{Ph}TBDPhos-H₂F)Mo(CO)₄][BF₄] ([1-H₂F][BF₄]).

CDCl₃

-147.2541

M -160.1807

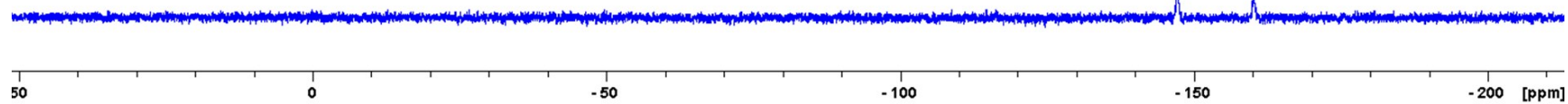
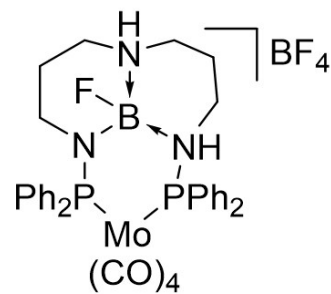


Figure S17. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of [(^{Ph}TBDPhos-H₂F)Mo(CO)₄]BF₄ ([1-H₂F][BF₄]).

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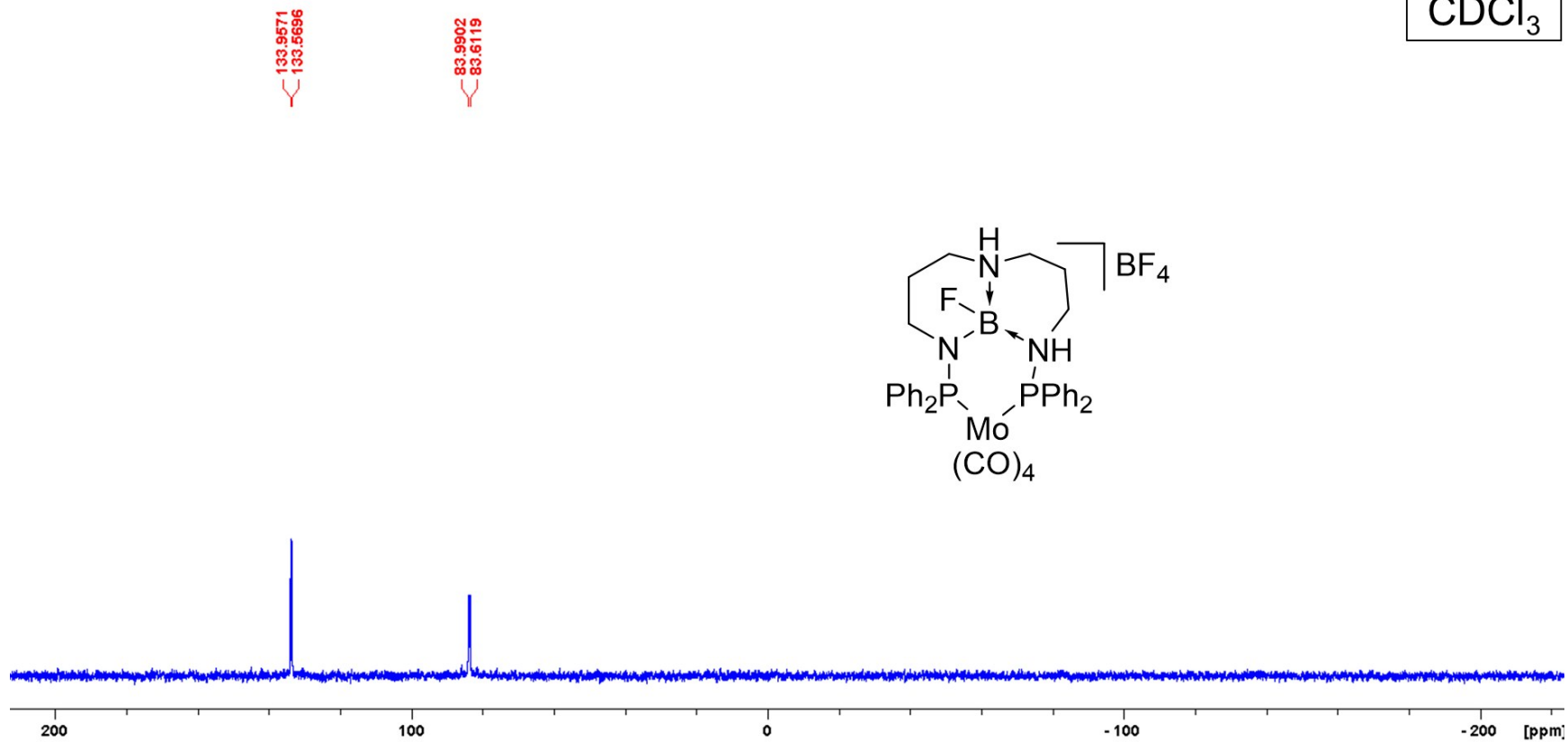


Figure S18. ³¹P NMR spectrum of [(^{Ph}TBDPhos-H₂F)Mo(CO)₄]BF₄ ([**1-H₂F**][BF₄]).

Density Functional Theory Calculations

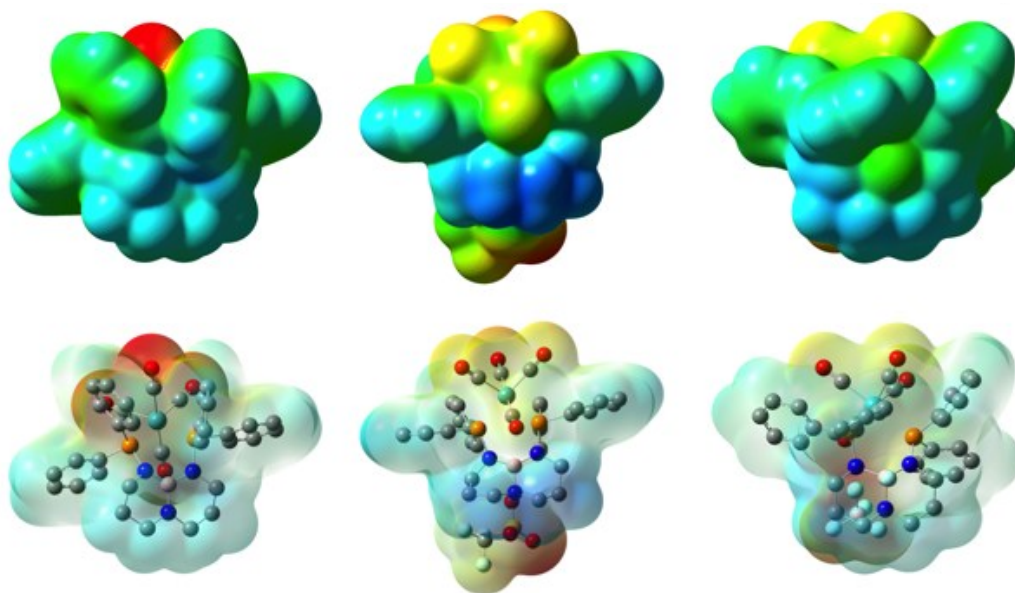


Figure S19. Electrostatic potential for species **1** (left), **1-HOTf** (center), and **[1-H₂F][BF₄]** (right). The electron density is plotted at an isovalue of Density = 0.0008. Top is the solid surface and bottom is the transparent surface. Hydrogen atoms are omitted in the ball and stick representations for clarity. Red coloring of the surface corresponds to a negative potential while blue indicates a positive region.

Table S2. Total calculated energies in Hartrees on the optimized DFT geometries.

Structure	M06, def2-TZVP/def2-SV(P)	M06, def2-TZVP
1	-2553.691413	-3624.52360352
1-HOTf	-3515.543961	-4586.67716660
[1-H₂F][BF₄]	-3079.306731	-4150.34655267
2	--	-1044.22947294
2-HOTf	--	-1044.66397500

Table S3. Select bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) from the M06 optimized geometries of **1**, **1-HOTf**, and **[1-H₂F][BF₄]**.

Structure	Mo-P	Mo-CO _{ax}	Mo-CO _{eq}	B-N	B-N(P)	P-N	X---HN	P-Mo-P	OC-Mo-CO	Σ NBN
1	2.520	2.036	1.995	1.422	1.459	1.686	-	83.3	178.1	359.6
	2.535	2.054	1.999		1.471	1.695			91.8	
1-HOTf	2.510	2.033	1.999	1.554	1.416	1.710	1.754	82.3	177.1	360.0
	2.523	2.056	2.002		1.428	1.739			90.5	
[1-H₂F][BF₄]	2.485	2.048	1.997	1.638	1.496	1.681	1.908	86.7	169.0	329.2
	2.542	2.052	2.003		1.634	1.836	1.988		92.5	

Table S4. Calculated Mo-CO stretching frequencies in cm⁻¹. Calculated intensities are shown in parentheses.

Structure	CO stretches
1	1972 (2381), 1975 (3488), 2008 (1825), 2109 (652)
1-HOTf	1976 (3517), 1988 (2263), 2019 (1627), 2114 (811)
[1-H₂F][BF₄]	1991 (2363), 2003 (3611), 2021 (1091), 2121 (845)