

Electronic Supplementary Information

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1 General Information

All experiments were performed under an atmosphere of dry argon using standard Schlenk techniques or an MBraun UniLab Glovebox.

Chemicals and Solvents: Solvents were dried and degassed with an *MBraun SPS800* solvent-purification system. THF, diethyl ether were stored over molecular sieves (3 Å). *n*-hexane was stored over a potassium mirror. 1,2-Dimethoxyethane was stirred over K/benzophenone, distilled and stored over molecular sieves (3 Å). All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received, if not stated otherwise.

Cyclic Voltammetry: Cyclic voltammetry experiments were performed in a single-compartment cell inside a nitrogen-filled glovebox using a CH Instruments CH1600E potentiostat. The cell was equipped with a platinum disc working electrode (2 mm diameter) polished with 0.05 µm alumina paste, a platinum wire counter electrode and an Ag/AgNO₃ reference electrode. The supporting electrolyte, tetra-*n*-butylammonium hexafluorophosphate, was dried *in vacuo* at 110 °C for three days. All redox potentials are reported vs. the ferrocenium/ferrocene (Fc⁺/Fc) couple.

Elemental Analyses: CHN analyses were recorded by the analytical department of the University of Regensburg with a Micro Vario Cube (Elementar).

ESI-MS: ESI mass spectra carried out by the analytical department of the University of Regensburg, *Agilent Q-TOF 6549 UHD*.

EPR spectroscopy: The experimental X-band EPR spectrum of **Int-A** was recorded on a Bruker EMX spectrometer (Bruker BioSpin Rheinstetten) equipped with a He temperature-control cryostat system (Oxford Instruments). The *g* values were calculated with the ORCA software package^{1,2} at the B3LYP³/def2-TZVP⁴ level of theory. The spectrum was analysed and simulated using the W95EPR program of Prof. Frank Neese.

NMR spectroscopy: ¹H, ¹³C{¹H}, ¹³C{¹H, ³¹P}, ¹¹B{¹H}, ¹¹B, ³¹P{¹H}, and ³¹P NMR spectra in solutions were recorded on *Bruker Avance 300* (300 MHz) and *Bruker Avance 400* (400 MHz) if not stated otherwise. These chemical shifts are given relative to solvents resonances on the tetramethylsilane scale. The following abbreviations have been used for multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, sept = septet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets.

Melting point: Melting points were measured on samples in sealed capillaries on a Stuart SMP10 melting point apparatus.

UV/vis spectra: UV/vis spectra were recorded on an Ocean Optics Flame spectrometer (Varian Cary 50 spectrometer) in a Quartz cuvette with a layer thickness of 1 cm at room temperature with a concentration of 10^{-4} to 10^{-6} M.

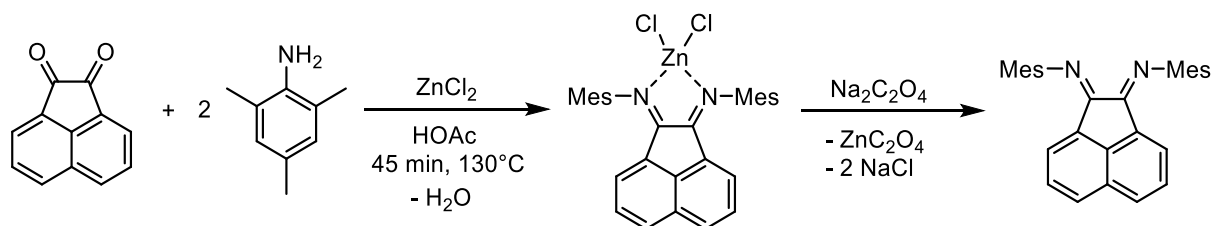
Single-crystal X-ray crystallography: The single crystal X-ray diffraction (XRD) data were recorded on an Agilent GV1000 with a Titan S2 CCD detector (for **2**) and an Agilent Super Nova diffractometer with an Atlas CCD detector (for **Int-A** and **3**). Microfocus Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54184$ Å) was used in each measurement. Empirical multi-scan⁵ and analytical absorption corrections⁶ were applied to the data. The structures were solved with SHELXT⁷ and least-square refinements on F^2 were carried out with SHELXL⁸.

CCDC 1943845 (**2**), 1943847 (**Int-A**), 1943848 (**3**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data are provided free of charge by The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (<https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/>).

2 Synthesis of Starting Materials

Synthesis of Bis[*N,N'*-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)imino]acenaphthene (^{Mes}BIAN)

^{Mes}BIAN was synthesised according to a procedure of *Gasparini* and co-workers.⁹



Acenaphthenquinone (5.5 g, 30.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and zinc(II) chloride (10.95 g, 80.3 mmol, 2.7 equiv.) were mixed in 85 mL acetonitrile and stirred for 10 minutes at 60 °C before 2,4,6-trimethylaniline (9.7 mL, 69.2 mmol, 2.3 equiv.) was added to the yellow suspension. The reaction mixture immediately turned orange and was heated to reflux for 45 min. The formed solid was filtered hot and washed with diethyl ether (3 x 50 mL). [(^{Mes}BIAN)ZnCl₂] was dried *in vacuo* and dissolved in 500 mL dichloromethane in a separating funnel. After addition of 150 mL saturated sodium oxalate solution, the mixture was shaken for five minutes until white zinc(II) oxalate was formed.

The organic phase was separated and dried over magnesium sulfate. After filtration, the solvent was evaporated and ^{Mes}BIAN was obtained as orange powder (9.1 g, 72.9%).

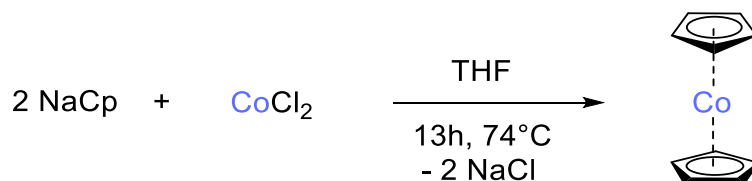
Yield: 9.1 g (21.8 mmol, 73%)

Chemical formula: C₃₀H₂₈N₂ (MW = 416.57 g mol⁻¹)

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, 300 K, CDCl₃) δ[ppm]: 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{BIAN}), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{BIAN}), 6.97 (s, 4H, CH_{Ar}), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{BIAN}), 2.38 (s, 6H, *p*-CH₃), 2.38 (s, 12H, *o*-CH₃)

Synthesis of Cobaltocene

Cobaltocene was synthesised according to a procedure of *King* and co-workers.¹⁰



Cobalt(II) chloride (3.0 g, 23.1 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in 70 mL THF and added dropwise to a solution of sodium cyclopentadienide (4.8 g, 46.2 mmol, 2 equiv.) in 50 mL THF. The

resulting mixture was stirred at reflux for 13 h. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was evaporated and the residue dried *in vacuo*. Sublimation (120 °C, 10⁻³ mbar) afforded cobaltocene as purple crystals.

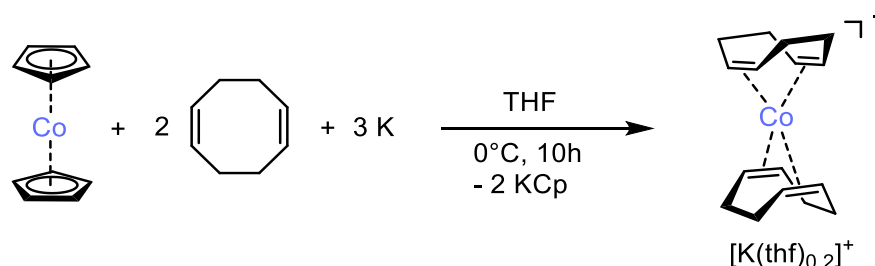
Yield: 1.83 g (9.7 mmol, 42%)

Chemical formula: C₁₀H₁₀Co (M = 189.12 g mol⁻¹)

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, 300 K, C₆D₆) δ[ppm]: -51.74 (s, 10H, Cp)

Synthesis of potassium bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)cobaltate

[K(thf)_{0.2}{Co(η⁴-cod)₂}] was synthesised according to Jonas and co-workers.¹¹



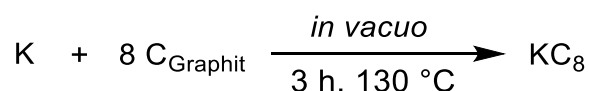
Cobaltocene (9.0 g, 47.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and distilled 1,5-cyclooctadiene (17.7 mL, 144 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) were transferred to elemental potassium (7.5 g, 191.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 h with exclusion of light. The reaction mixture turned yellow-brown while stirring. The mixture was stored at -80 °C overnight. Subsequently, the suspension was filtered at -80 °C, the filtrate was concentrated and layered with diethyl ether. Dark yellow crystals were isolated after four days at -30 °C and dried *in vacuo* (7.5 g, 48.0%). The isolated compound may contain a variable amount of THF. This sample contained 0.2 THF molecules per formula unit based on elemental analysis.

Yield: 7.5 g (22.8 mmol, 48%)

Chemical formula: C₆H₁₈BN (M = 115.03 g mol⁻¹)

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, 300 K, THF-d₈) δ[ppm]: 2.20 (s, 16H, cod-CH₂), 1.88 (s, 8H, cod-CH); elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₆H₂₄Co·(C₄H₈O)_{0.2} (328.82): C: 61.37 H: 7.85; found: C 61.44 H 7.77

Synthesis of potassium graphite (KC₈)



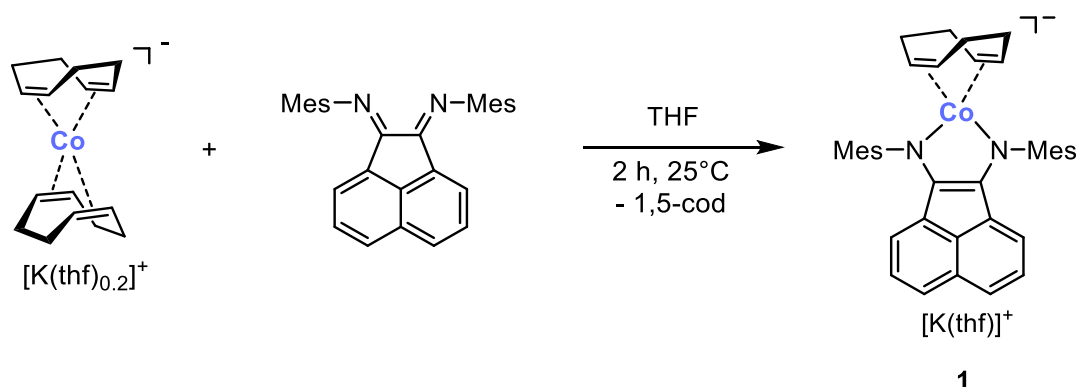
Freshly cut potassium chunks (6.55 g, 168 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and graphite (16.1 g, 1.34 mol, 8.0 equiv.) were mixed as solids and heated for three hours at 130 °C *in vacuo*. Potassium graphite was formed as gold-brown powder in quantitative yield and used without further analytics.

Yield: 22.5 g (166.5 mmol, >99%)

Chemical formula: KC₈ (M = 135.18 g mol⁻¹)

Synthesis of [K(thf){(^{Mes}BIAN)Co(η⁴-cod)}] (1)

[K(thf){(^{Mes}BIAN)Co(η⁴-cod)}] (1) was synthesised by a procedure of *Wolf* and co-workers.^{12,13}



A solution of ^{Mes}BIAN (1.15 g, 2.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in 200 mL THF was added to a solution of [K(thf)_{0.2}Co(η⁴-cod)₂] (0.9 g, 2.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in 100 mL THF. An immediate colour change to dark green was observed. After stirring the reaction mixture for two hours, the solvent was removed and the residue was washed with 100 mL *n*-hexane. The crude product was dissolved in 40 mL THF and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and layered with *n*-hexane. Dark green crystals were isolated after storage at room temperature upon storing for one week (0.85 g, 43%). The crystals still contained 0.1 equiv. of *n*-hexane after drying the crystalline solid *in vacuo* according to ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

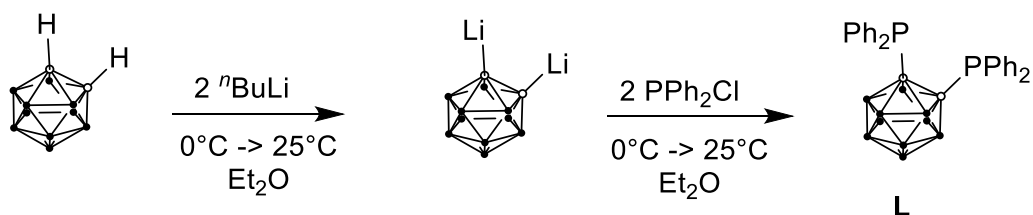
Yield: 0.85 g (1.2 mmol, 43%)

Chemical formula: C₃₈H₄₀N₂CoK (C₄H₈O) (C₆H₁₄)_{0.1} (M = 703.51 g mol⁻¹)

^1H NMR (300.13 MHz, 300 K, THF- d_8) δ [ppm]: 6.08 (m, 4H, CH_{Ar}), 6.28 (m, 2H, CH_{BIAN}), 6.37 (m, 4H, CH_{BIAN}), 5.21 (m, 2H, CH_{BIAN}), 2.65 (m, 4H, cod-CH), 2.45 (m, 12H, o - CH_3), 2.33 (m, 4H, cod- CH_2), 2.25 (m, 6H, p - CH_3), 1.02 (m, 4H, cod- CH_2)

Synthesis of 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)-*ortho*-carborane (L)

1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)-*ortho*-carborane (L) was synthesised by an adapted procedure of Schröder and co-workers.¹⁴



o-Carborane (2.54 g, 17.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in 100 mL Et_2O and cooled to 0°C . *n*-BuLi (15.0 mL, 37.5 mmol, 2.1 equiv., 2.5 M in *n*-hexane) was added dropwise within 5 minutes. A colourless precipitate was formed, and the solution was stirred at 0°C for 30 min and 2 h at room temperature. Freshly distilled PPh_2Cl (6.8 mL, 37.5 mmol, 2.1 equiv.) in 10 mL Et_2O was added dropwise again at 0°C . The resulting reaction mixture was stirred overnight and the bright yellow solution was filtered over a pad of silica. The solvent was removed from the clear filtrate and the raw material recrystallised from high-boiling petroleum ether (b.p. 130°C). 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)-*ortho*-carborane (L) was obtained as white crystalline solid.

Yield: 1.103 g (2.15 mmol, 12.2%)

Chemical formula: $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{30}\text{P}_2\text{B}_{10}$ ($M = 512.57 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$)

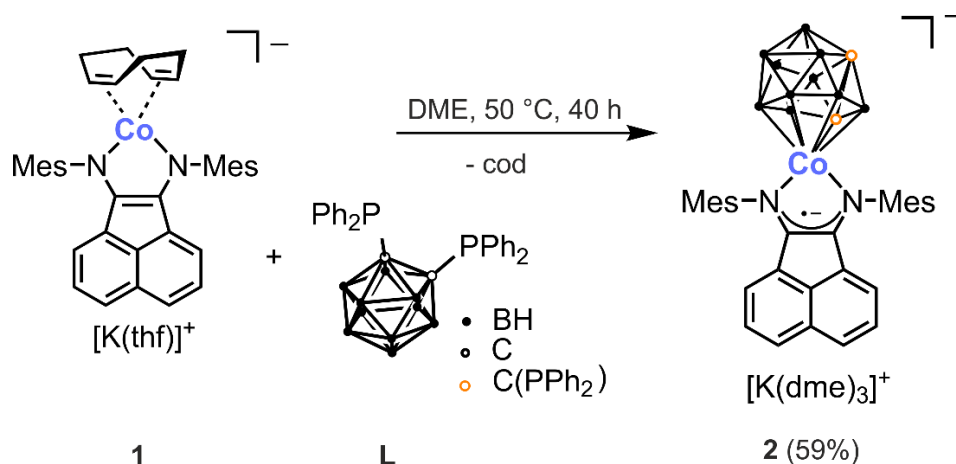
^1H NMR (400.13 MHz, 300 K, THF- d_8) δ [ppm]: 7.90 (m, 8H, CH_{Ar}), 7.46 (m, 10H, CH_{Ar}), 2.17 (br s, 10H, $\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{10}$)

$^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (128.4 MHz, 300 K, THF- d_8) δ [ppm]: 1.16 (br s), -5.72 (br s), -8.12 (br s), -10.33 (br s)

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (162 MHz, 300 K, THF- d_8) δ [ppm]: 10.1 ppm

3 Synthesis and Characterisation of 2

3.1 Synthesis



[K(thf)][^{Mes}BIANCo(η⁴-cod)] (274 mg, 0.39 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) (**1**) was dissolved in 10 mL THF and added dropwise to a solution of 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)-*ortho*-carborane (200 mg, 0.39 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) (**L**) in 10 mL THF. The solution immediately turned red-orange and was stirred for 40 h at 50 °C. During that time the colour of the reaction mixture became dark violet. After the reaction the solvent was removed and the residue dissolved in 15 mL DME. The solution was filtered, and the solid residue washed with 3 mL DME. The filtrate was layered with 30 mL *n*-hexane and stored at -35 °C. Dark violet microcrystals were obtained upon storing for one week and isolated by decanting the mother liquor. The crystals still contained three molecules of DME after drying the powder *in vacuo* according to ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Analytically pure, crystalline samples of **2**, suitable for single-crystal X-ray crystallography were obtained by diffusion of *n*-hexane into a concentrated DME solution.

Yield: 286 mg (0.23 mmol, 59%)

Chemical formula: C₅₆H₇₀KCoN₂P₂B₁₀·(C₄H₈O₂)₃ (M = 1244.5 g mol⁻¹)

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, 300 K, THF-d₈) δ[ppm]: 7.90 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}(Phosphine)), 7.69 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}(Phosphine)), 7.50 (m, 4H, CH_{Ar}(Phosphine)), 7.10 (m, 4H, CH_{Ar}(Phosphine)), 7.10 (m, 2H, CH_{BIAN}), 7.05 (m, 8H, CH_{Ar}(Phosphine)), 6.83 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}(BIAN)), 6.80 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}(Mes)), 6.75 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}(Mes)), 6.71 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}(Mes)), 6.65 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}(Mes)), 5.73 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{BIAN}), 5.64 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{BIAN}), 3.43 (DME, CH₂), 3.27 (DME, CH₃), 2.40 (two overlapping singlets, 6H, *o*-CH₃), 2.32 (s, 3H, *p*-CH₃), 2.19 (s, 3H, *p*-CH₃), 1.90 (s, 3H, *o*-CH₃), 1.88 (s, 3H, *o*-CH₃)

¹¹B NMR (128.4 MHz, 300 K, THF-d₈) δ[ppm]: 13.3 (br s), 0.4 (br s), -9.6 (br d), -20.9 (br d)

¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128.4 MHz, 300 K, THF-d₈) δ[ppm]: 13.3 (br s), 0.4 (br s), -9.6 (br s), -20.9 (br s)

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100.6 MHz, 300 K, THF- d_8) δ [ppm]: 153.5, 152.0, 151.4, 145.1 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 21.3$ Hz), 143.9 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 21.0$ Hz), 139.8 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 25.3$ Hz), 137.8 (dd, $J_{\text{CP}} = 7.0$ Hz, 7.8 Hz), 136.5 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 5.5$ Hz), 136.4 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 5.8$ Hz), 135.8 (dd, $J_{\text{CP}} = 3.8$ Hz, 25.3 Hz), 135.0 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 22.6$ Hz), 134.4, 134.2, 133.8, 133.6, 132.8, 132.3, 131.6, 130.8 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 2.6$ Hz), 130.5 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 2.5$ Hz), 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 8.0$ Hz), 127.6, 127.4 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 3.2$ Hz), 127.3 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 2.6$ Hz), 124.2, 124.0, 118.2, 118.0, 72.5 (DME), 58.7 (DME), 21.5 (CH_3), 21.1 (CH_3), 20.7 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 12.1$ Hz, CH_3), 20.2 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 9.4$ Hz, CH_3), 19.5 (CH_3), 19.2 (CH_3)

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}, ^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR (100.6 MHz, 300 K, THF- d_8) δ [ppm]: 153.5, 152.0, 151.4, 145.1, 143.9, 139.8, 137.8, 136.5, 136.4, 135.8, 135.0, 134.4, 134.2, 133.8, 133.6, 132.8, 132.3, 131.6, 130.8, 130.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 124.2, 124.0, 118.2, 118.0, 72.5 (DME), 58.7 (DME), 21.5 (CH_3), 21.1 (CH_3), 20.7 (CH_3), 20.2 (CH_3), 19.5 (CH_3), 19.2 (CH_3)

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (162 MHz, 300 K, THF- d_8) δ [ppm]: 28.9 (s, 1P), 24.2 (s, 1P)

CHN analysis: calcd. For $\text{C}_{68}\text{H}_{88}\text{B}_{10}\text{CoKN}_2\text{O}_6\text{P}_2$: found (calc.): C: 63.20 (62.95) H: 6.70 (6.84) N: 2.02 (2.16)

Melting point: $T > 285$ °C: decomposition to a black oil

UV-Vis-spectroscopy: measured in THF: λ_{max} (nm) / ϵ ($\text{L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$): 320 (34000), 504 (51000), 605 (11000)

Cyclic Voltammogram (CV): The CV of complex **2** (13.5 mg) was recorded in 10 mL THF and with the addition of 380 mg $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ as electrolyte.

3.2 NMR spectra

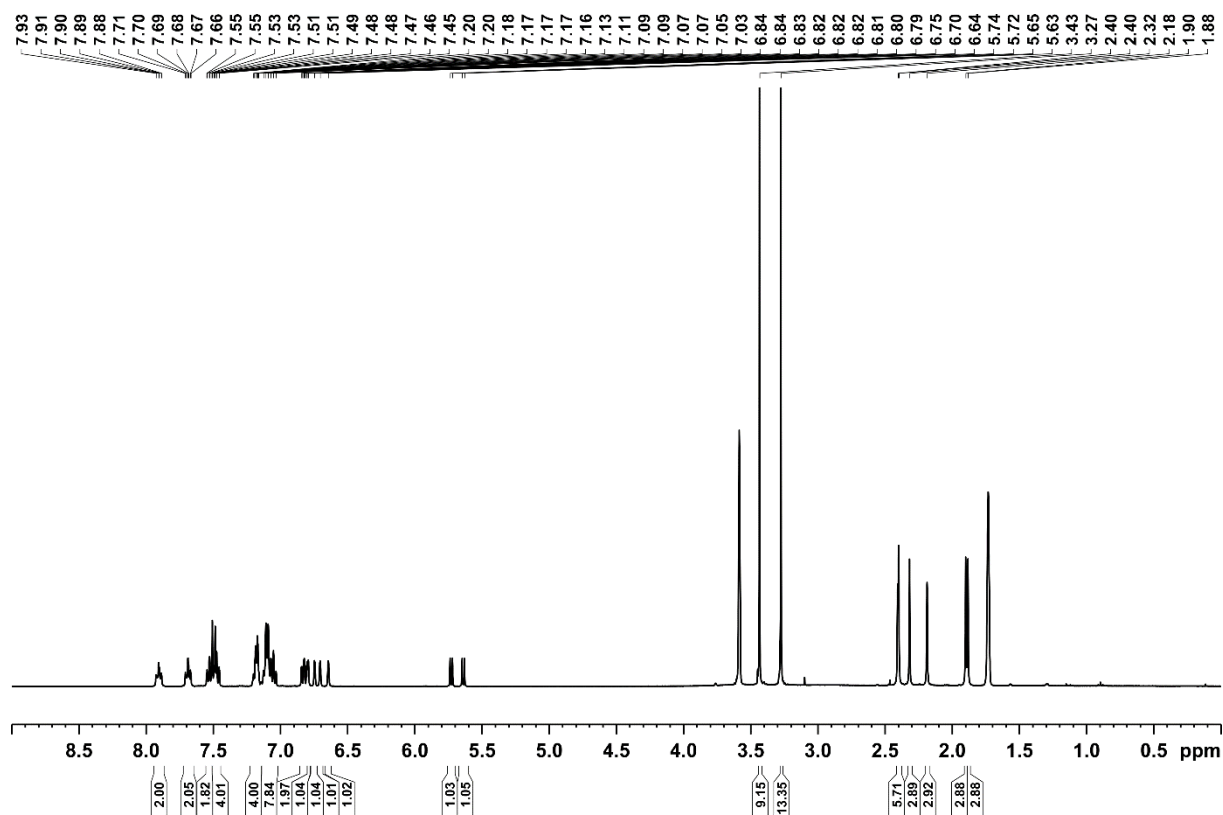
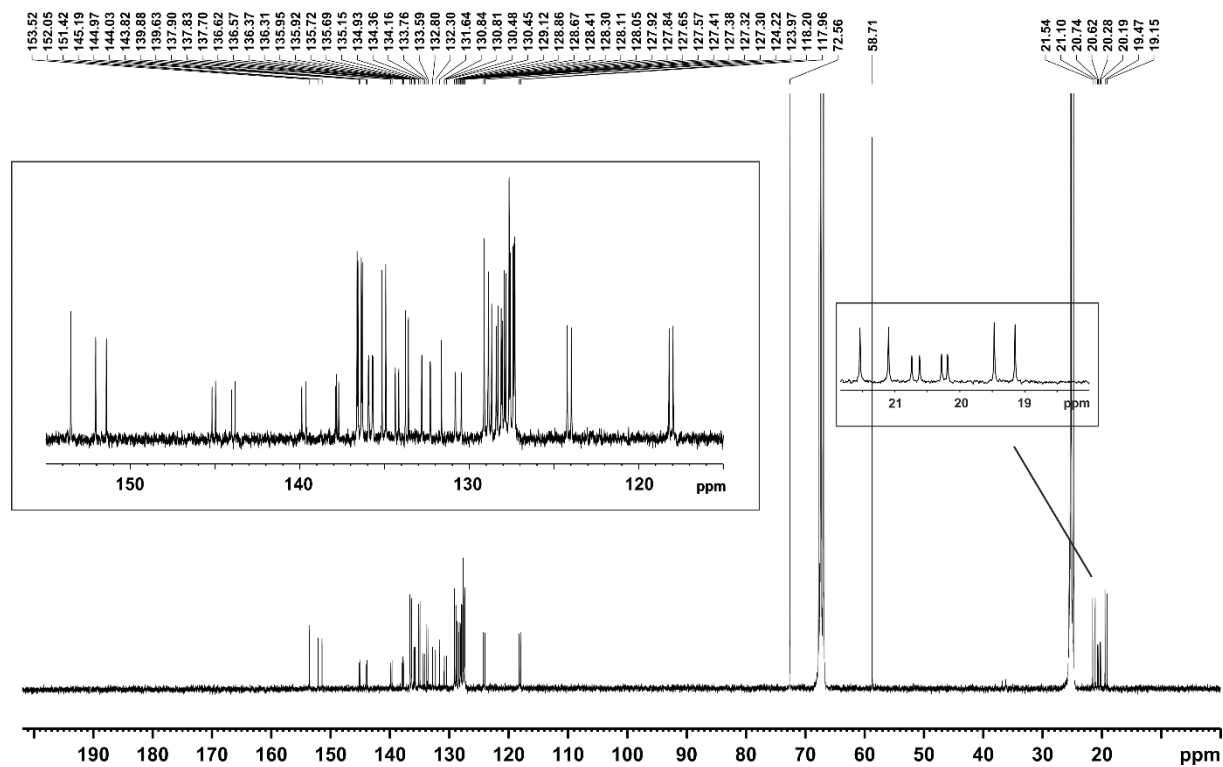


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (400.13 MHz, 300 K, THF-d₈) of **2**.



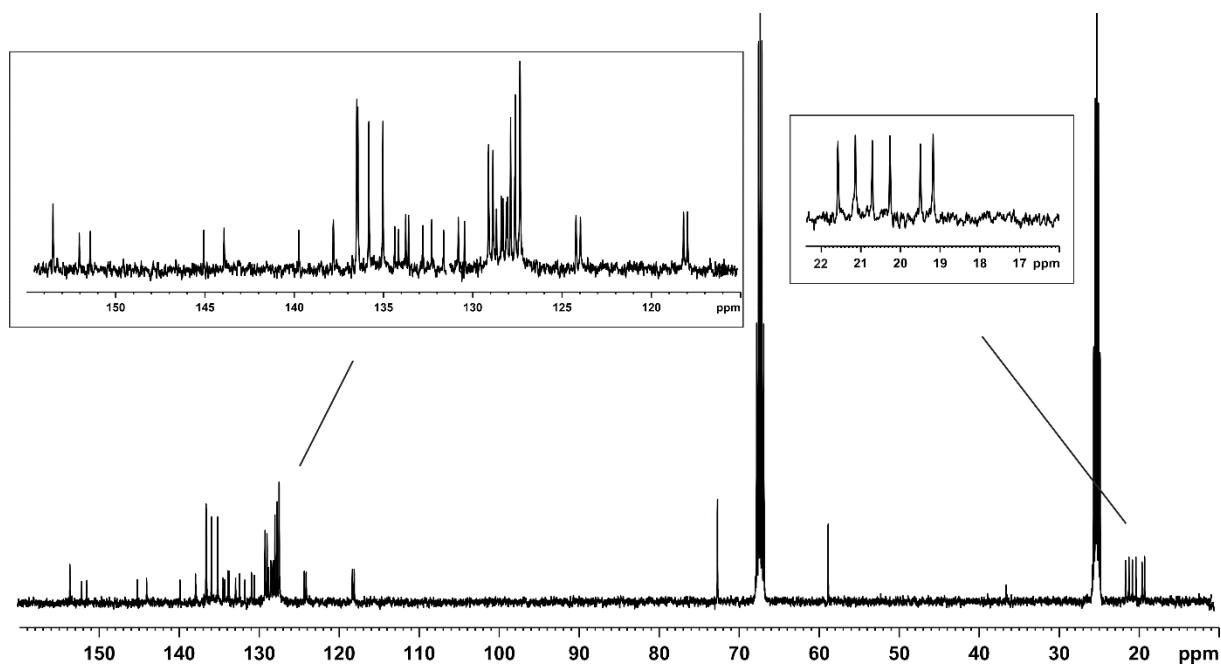


Figure S2. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}, ^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR spectra (100.6 MHz, 300 K, THF-d_8) of **2**.

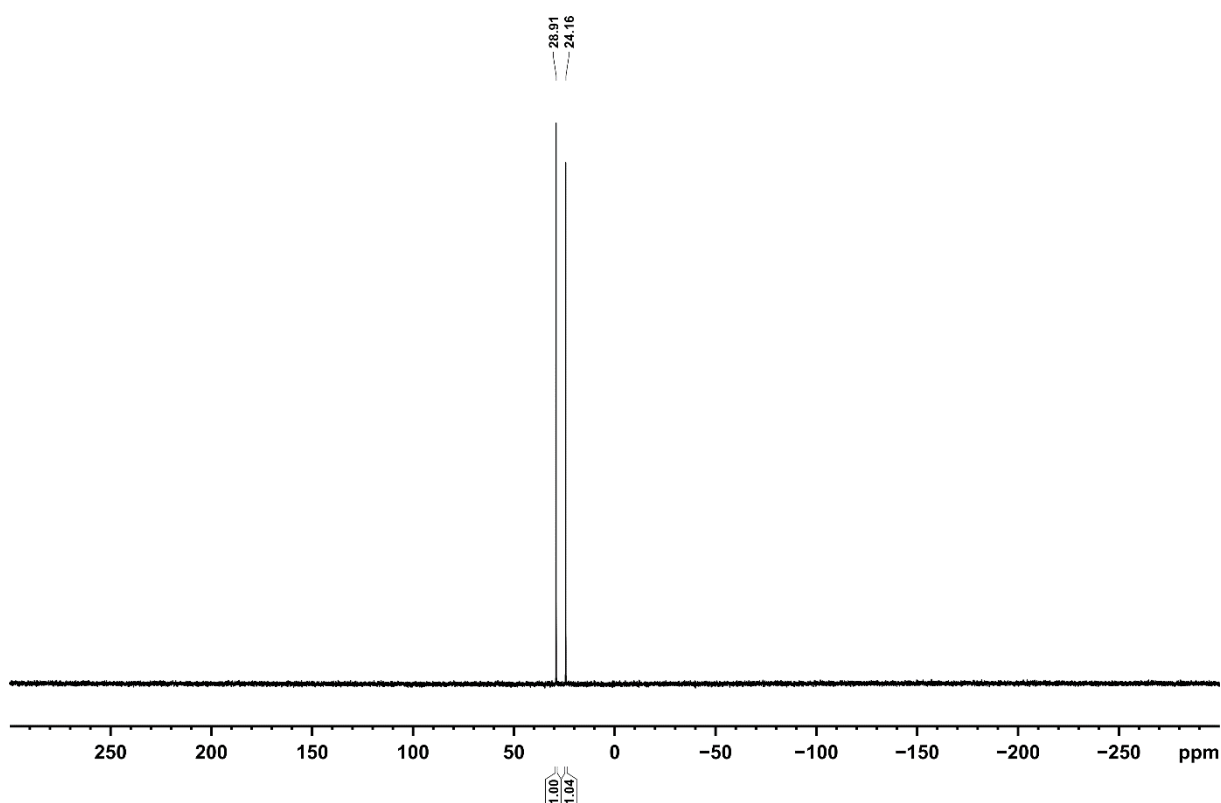


Figure S3. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (161 MHz, 300 K, THF-d_8) of **2**.

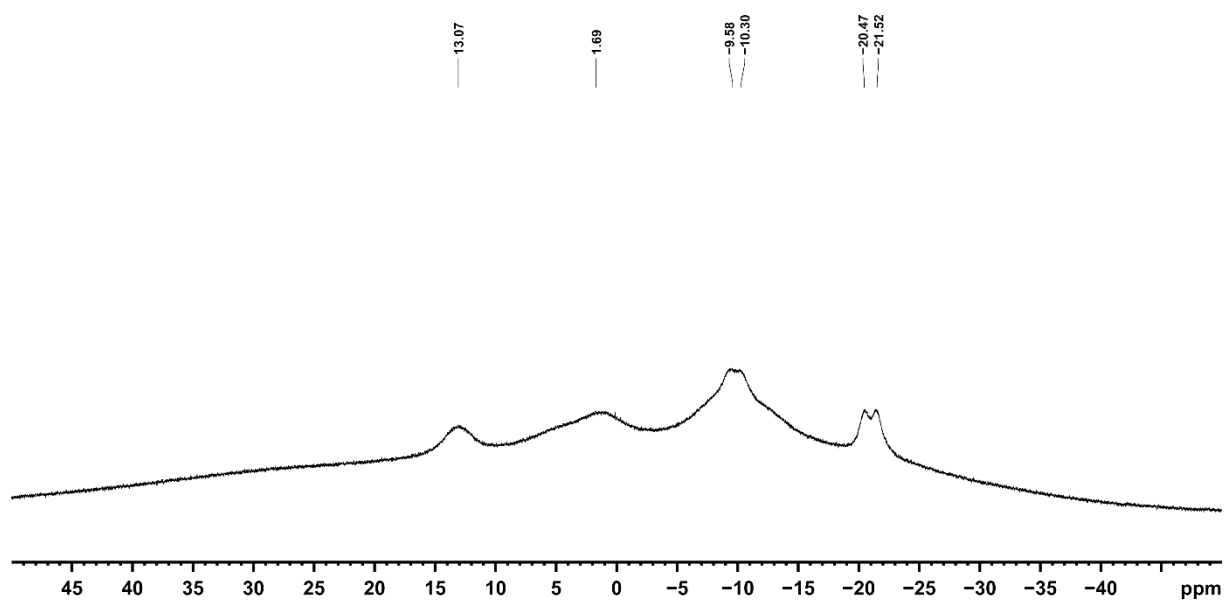


Figure S4. ^{11}B NMR spectrum (128.4 MHz, 300 K, THF-d_8) of **2**.

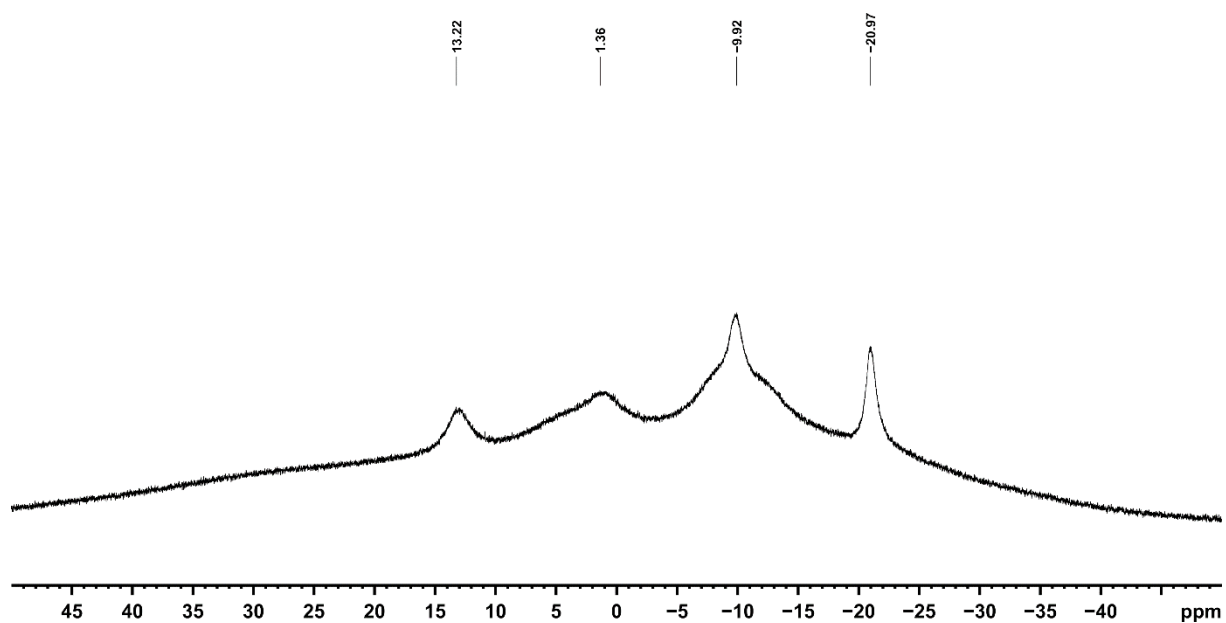


Figure S5. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (128.4 MHz, 300 K, THF-d_8) of **2**.

3.3 Cyclic Voltammetry

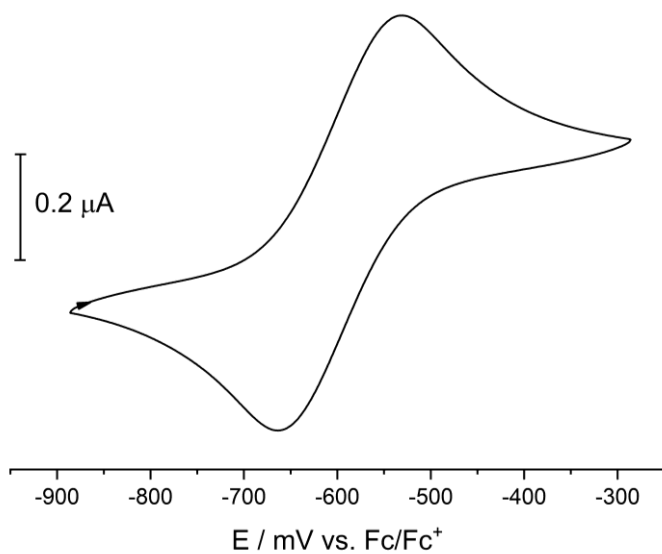


Figure S6. Cyclic voltammogram of **2** in THF/ $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$; scan rate: 50 mV/s.

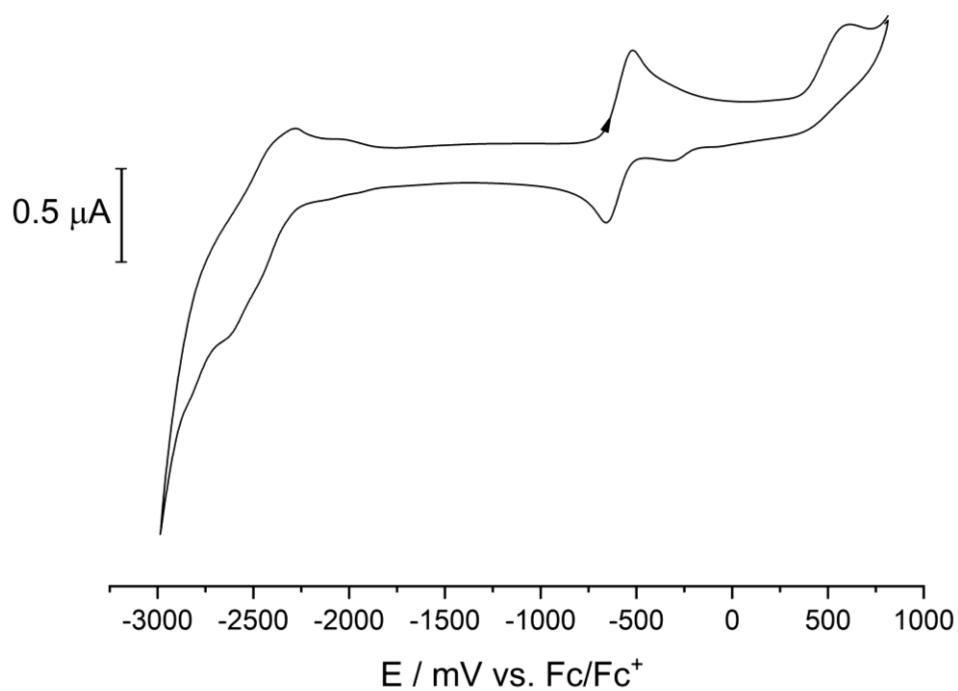


Figure S7. Cyclic voltammogram of **2** in THF/ $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$; scan rate: 50 mV/s.

3.4 UV/vis spectrum

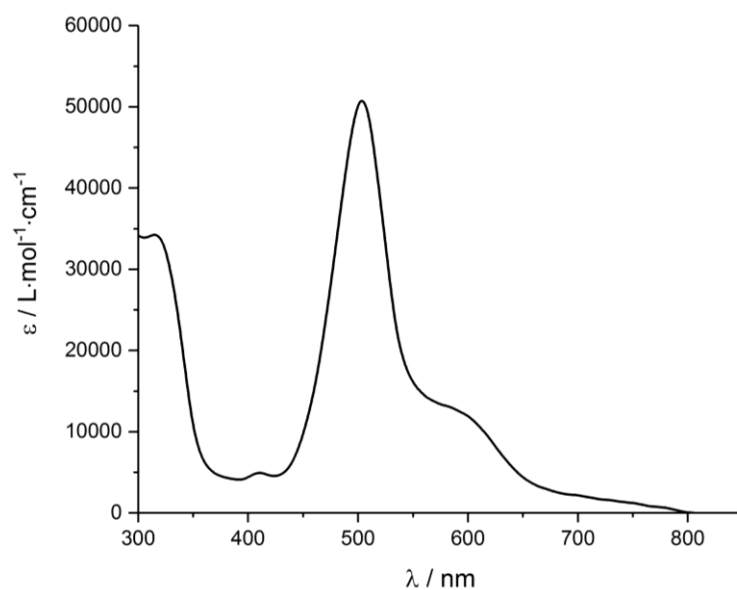


Figure S8. UV/Vis spectrum of **2** in THF.

3.5 Single-crystal X-ray crystallography

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 2

Empirical formula	C ₆₈ H ₈₈ B ₁₀ CoKN ₂ O ₆ P ₂
Formula weight	1297.47
Temperature/K	123(1)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	13.9629(1)
<i>b</i> /Å	13.7270(2)
<i>c</i> /Å	36.1365(4)
α /°	90
β /°	95.597(1)
γ /°	90
Volume/Å ³	6893.2(1)
<i>Z</i>	4
ρ_{calc} /g/cm ³	1.250
μ /mm ⁻¹	3.326
<i>F</i> (000)	2736.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.526 × 0.294 × 0.161

Radiation	CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2 θ range for data collection/ $^{\circ}$	6.892 to 147.778
Index ranges	$-17 \leq h \leq 13$, $-16 \leq k \leq 16$, $-44 \leq l \leq 39$
Reflections collected	32794
Independent reflections	13569 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0282$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0332$]
Data/restraints/parameters	13569/49/858
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.031
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0365$, $wR_2 = 0.0892$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0423$, $wR_2 = 0.0926$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	0.28/-0.30

Table 2. Crystal data and structure refinement for [(^{Mes}BIAN)Co(η^4 -cod)] (Int-A)

Empirical formula	C ₄₁ H ₄₇ CoN ₂
Formula weight	626.73
Temperature/K	123(1)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	$P\bar{1}$
$a/\text{\AA}$	8.1878(9)
$b/\text{\AA}$	10.6068(9)
$c/\text{\AA}$	19.841(1)
$\alpha/^\circ$	102.644(6)
$\beta/^\circ$	95.457(7)
$\gamma/^\circ$	97.860(8)
Volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	1651.5(3)
Z	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.260
μ/mm^{-1}	4.294
F(000)	668.0
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.423 \times 0.216 \times 0.135$
Radiation	CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2 θ range for data collection/ $^{\circ}$	8.658 to 148.162
Index ranges	$-10 \leq h \leq 9$, $-12 \leq k \leq 12$, $-18 \leq l \leq 24$
Reflections collected	9999

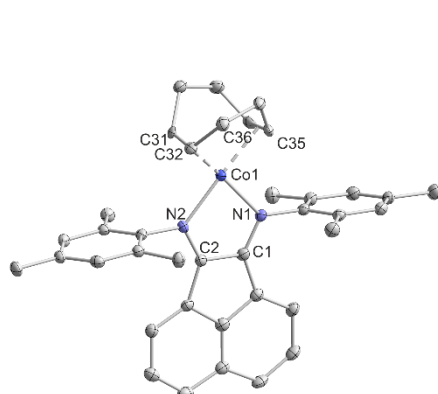
Independent reflections	6275 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0618$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0826$]
Data/restraints/parameters	6275/0/404
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.098
Final R indexes [$ I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0683$, $wR_2 = 0.1661$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0790$, $wR_2 = 0.1728$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	0.98/-0.85

Table 3. Crystal data and structure refinement for $[(^{\text{Mes}}\text{BIAN})\text{Co}(\text{L})]$ (3)

Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{58}\text{B}_{10}\text{CoN}_2\text{P}_2$
Formula weight	988.01
Temperature/K	123(1)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$
$a/\text{\AA}$	11.2578(2)
$b/\text{\AA}$	24.1038(4)
$c/\text{\AA}$	19.6169(3)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	96.950(2)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	5284.0(2)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.242
μ/mm^{-1}	3.406
$F(000)$	2060.0
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.292 \times 0.259 \times 0.176$
Radiation	$\text{CuK}\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	7.336 to 147.688
Index ranges	$-13 \leq h \leq 13$, $-29 \leq k \leq 28$, $-24 \leq l \leq 24$
Reflections collected	20536
Independent reflections	10282 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0325$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0418$]
Data/restraints/parameters	10282/0/646
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.060
Final R indexes [$ I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0459$, $wR_2 = 0.1189$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0524$, $wR_2 = 0.1230$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	0.58/-0.54

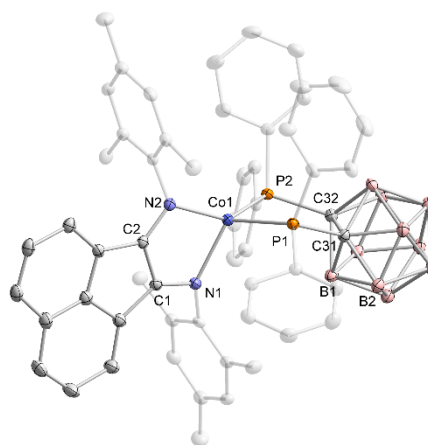
4 Characterisation of Intermediate Species

4.1 [^{Mes}BIAN)Co(η^4 -cod)] (**Int-A**) and [^{Mes}BIAN)Co(**L**)] (**3**)



Int-A

- paramagnetic
- ligand centered radical
- monoanionic BIAN ligand
- cobalt(I) species
- fully characterised



3

- paramagnetic
- monoanionic BIAN ligand
- presumably cobalt(I)
- only characterised by XRD

[K(thf)][^{Mes}BIAN)Co(η^4 -cod)] (**1**) (126 mg, 0.179 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in 3 mL THF and added to a solution of 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)-*ortho*-carborane (**L**) (93 mg, 0.181 mmol, 1.01 equiv.) in 3 mL THF. The solution turned orange immediately upon addition and was stirred for 30 min. After solvent evaporation, the dark orange residue was dried *in vacuo* and was subsequently extracted with *n*-hexane (8 mL). Storage of the solution at room temperature afforded dark orange crystals of [^{Mes}BIAN)Co(η^4 -cod)] (**Int-A**) as the major component and a minor amount of dark orange, almost black crystals of [^{Mes}BIAN)Co(**L**)] (**3**), which were both characterised by single-crystal X-ray crystallography. **3** could not be further characterised due to the small amount of isolated compound, which is formed as a mixture with **Int-A** and **L**. **3** is presumably formed by reaction of ligand **L** and **Int-A**.

Characterisation data for **Int-A**:

Yield: 20.3 mg (0.031 mmol, 17%)

Chemical formula: C₃₈H₄₀N₂Co (M = 583.69 g mol⁻¹)

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, 300 K, THF-*d*₈) δ [ppm]: Paramagnetic compound with broad signals at 10.5, 7.8, 0.7 and -2 ppm (see Figure S9). An assignment of these signals was not possible and no other resonances were observed from -100 to +100 ppm.

EPR: The sample was prepared in a nitrogen-filled glovebox in degassed, dry toluene and measured in a glass at 20 K. The signal shows very slightly axial symmetry (nearly isotropic) with calculated g values: $g_x = 1.998$, $g_y = 1.994$, $g_z = 2.003$ and simulated g values: $g_{\parallel} = 2.011$, $g_{\perp} = 1.996$ (see Figure S10)

CHN analysis: calcd. For $C_{38}H_{40}N_2Co$: found (calc.): C: 76.26 (78.20) H: 6.95 (6.91) N: 4.09 (4.80). The found CHN values are not consistent with the calculated CHN values. This is likely due to contamination of the major species **3** with complex **6** and ligand **L** as shown by single-crystal X-ray crystallography.

Magnetic moment (Evans' method): $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1.8(1) \mu_B$

Melting point: > 210 °C: decomposition to a black oil

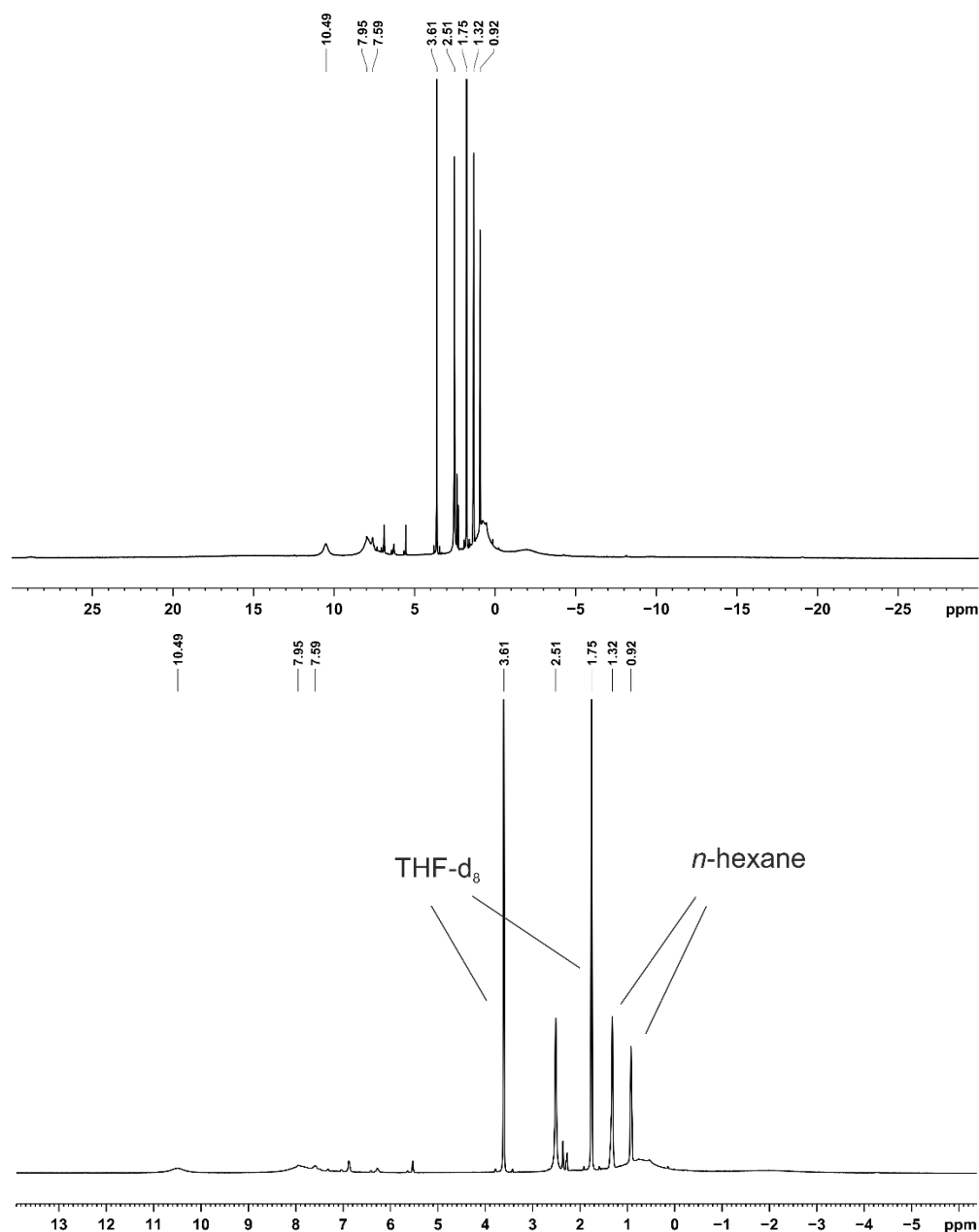


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum (400.13 MHz, 300 K, THF- d_8) of Int-A; top: complete, bottom: zoom.

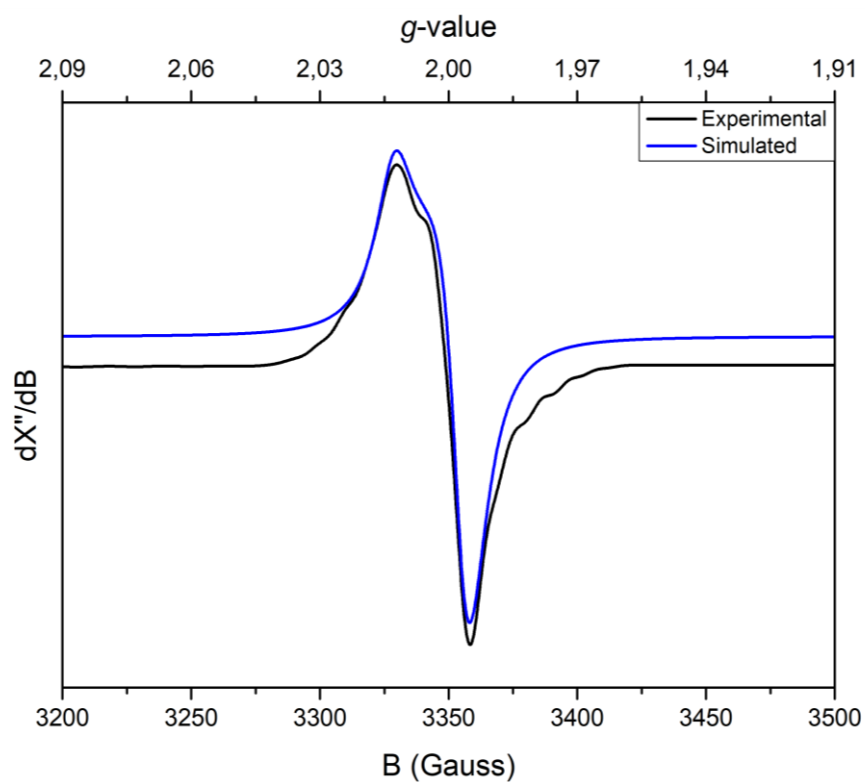


Figure S10. Experimental (black) and simulated (blue) X-band EPR spectrum of **Int-A** at 20 K (Microwave (frequency: 9.370555 GHz, Power: 0.6325 mW, Modulation amplitude: 1.000 G).

Spin density plot: M06-D3(0)-def2-TZVP CPCM(THF); isosurface value: 0.05: Ligand-centred radical

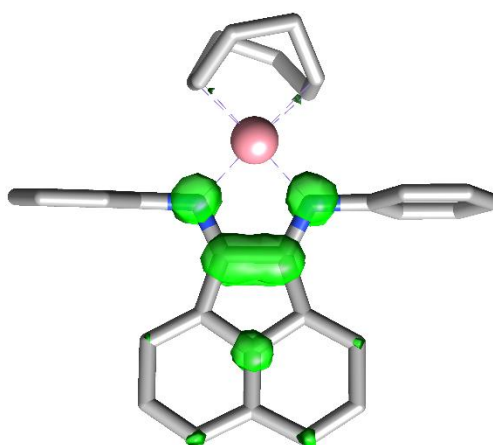


Figure S11. Spin density plot of **Int-A**.

5 Mechanistic Studies

5.1 $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR monitoring

$[\text{K}(\text{thf})\{\text{MesBIAN}\}\text{Co}(\eta^4\text{-cod})]$ (15 mg, 0.021 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) (**1**) and 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)-*ortho*-carborane (10.8 mg, 0.021 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) (**L**) were dissolved in THF (0.7 mL) in a J. Young NMR tube and a few drops of C_6D_6 were added.

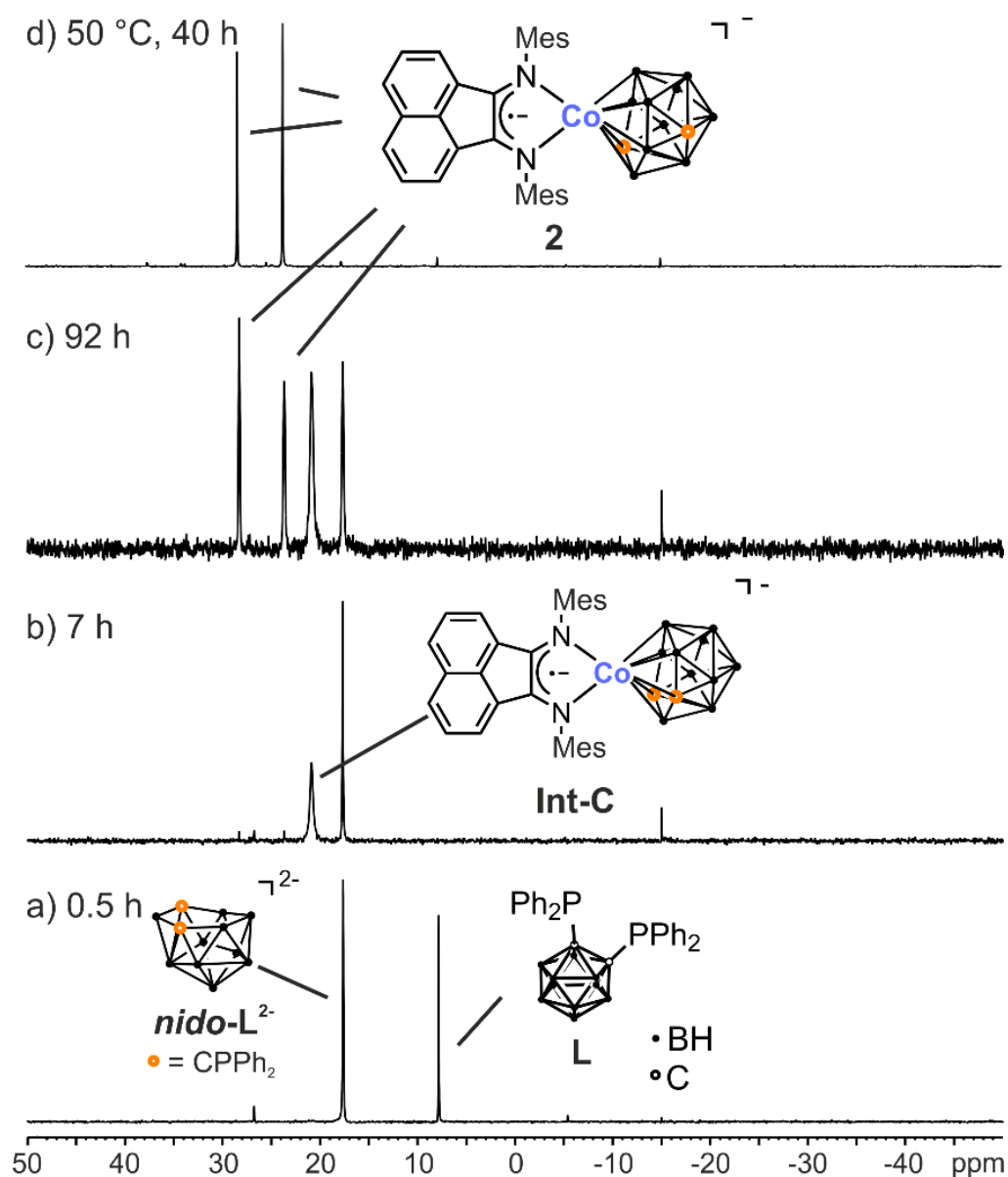
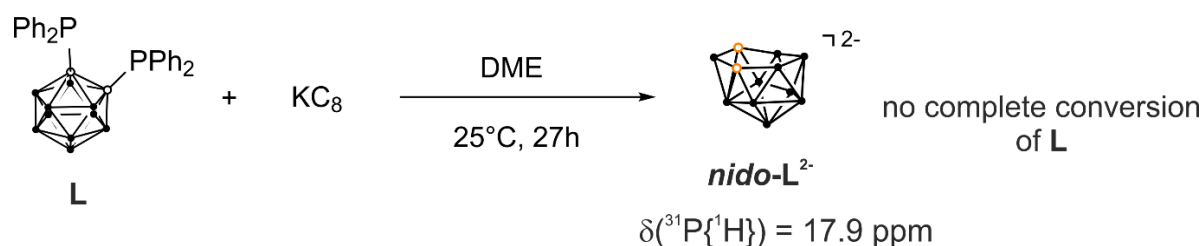


Figure S12. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra (161 MHz, 300K, C_6D_6) of a 1:1 reaction of **1** and **L** in THF at 25 °C; reaction NMR at 50 °C in THF (top).

5.2 Stoichiometric reductions with potassium graphite

a) 1:1 reaction



Potassium graphite (KC_8 , 5.3 mg, 0.039 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added to a solution of 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphinocarborane) (**L**) (19.2 mg, 0.037 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in 1.0 mL DME at ambient temperature. The solution turned light yellow and was stirred for 27 h. After addition of a few drops C_6D_6 the reaction mixture was analysed by ^{11}B and ^{31}P NMR spectroscopy.

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (162 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6 in DME) $\delta[\text{ppm}]$: main signals at: 17.8 (nido-L^{2-} , integral: 1), 8.0 (**L**, integral 0.94), -15.1 (P_2Ph_4)

^{11}B NMR (128.4 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6 in DME) $\delta[\text{ppm}]$: 20.8 (br s), -1.5 (m), -9.4 (m), -18.5 (m), -22.0 (m)

$^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (128.4 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6 in DME) $\delta[\text{ppm}]$: 20.1 (br s), -0.9 (s), -2.2 (s), -7.7 (s), -9.9 (s), -18.4 (s), -21.9 (s)

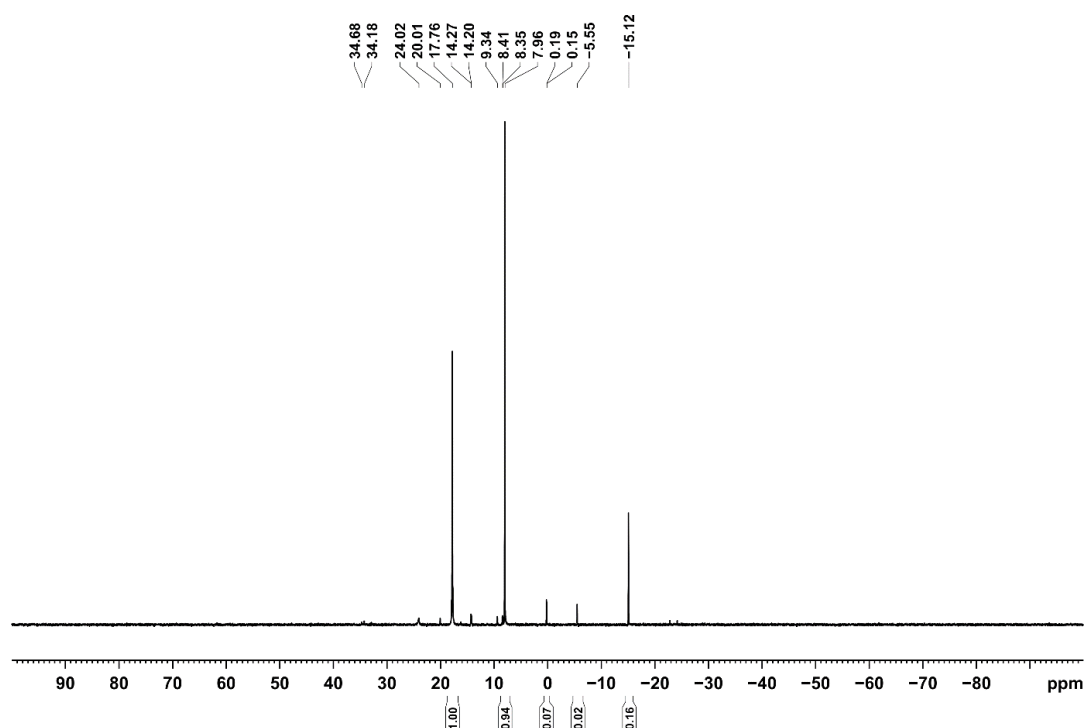


Figure S13. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (161 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6) of **L** and 1.0 equiv. KC_8 in DME.

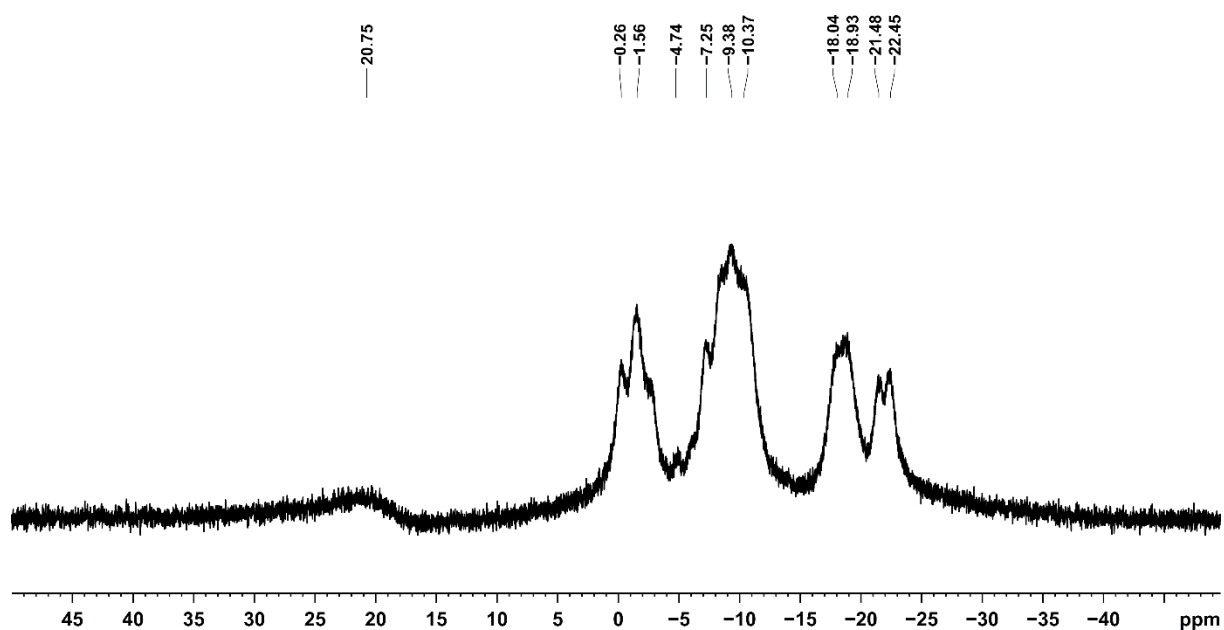


Figure S14. ^{11}B NMR spectrum (128.4 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6) of **L** and 1.0 equiv. KC_8 in DME.

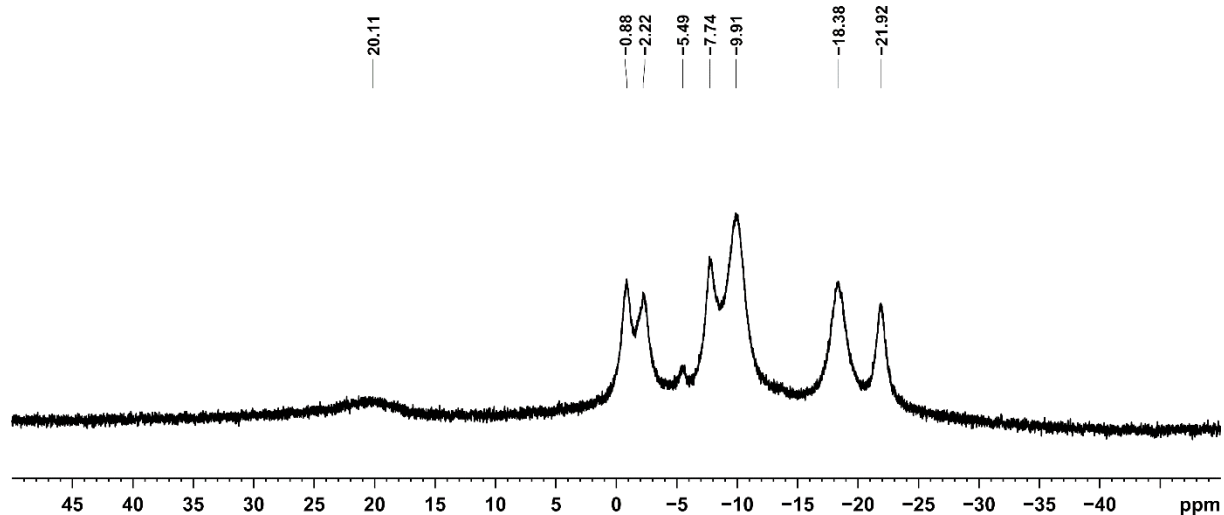
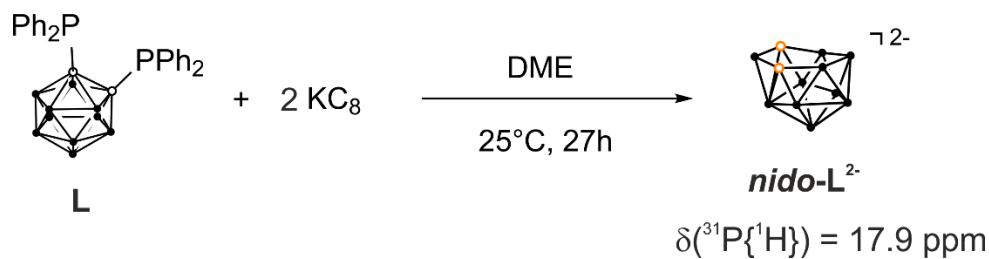


Figure S15. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (128.4 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6) of **L** and 1.0 equiv. KC_8 in DME.

b) 2:1 reaction



Potassium graphite (KC_8 , 10.7 mg, 0.079 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added to a solution of 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)-*ortho*-carborane (**L**) (20.2 mg, 0.04 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in 1.5 mL DME at ambient temperature. The solution turned yellowish and was stirred for 16 h. After addition of a few drops C_6D_6 the reaction mixture was analysed by ^{11}B and ^{31}P NMR spectroscopy.

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (162 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6 in DME) $\delta[\text{ppm}]$: main signals at: 17.8 (*nido*- L^{2-} , integral: 1), -15.2 (P_2Ph_4 , integral 0.05)

^{11}B NMR (128.4 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6 in DME) $\delta[\text{ppm}]$: 20.9 (br s), -2.4 (m), -18.5 (m), -22.0 (m)

$^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (128.4 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6 in DME) $\delta[\text{ppm}]$: 20.9 (br s), -2.4 (s), -18.5 (s), -22.0 (s)

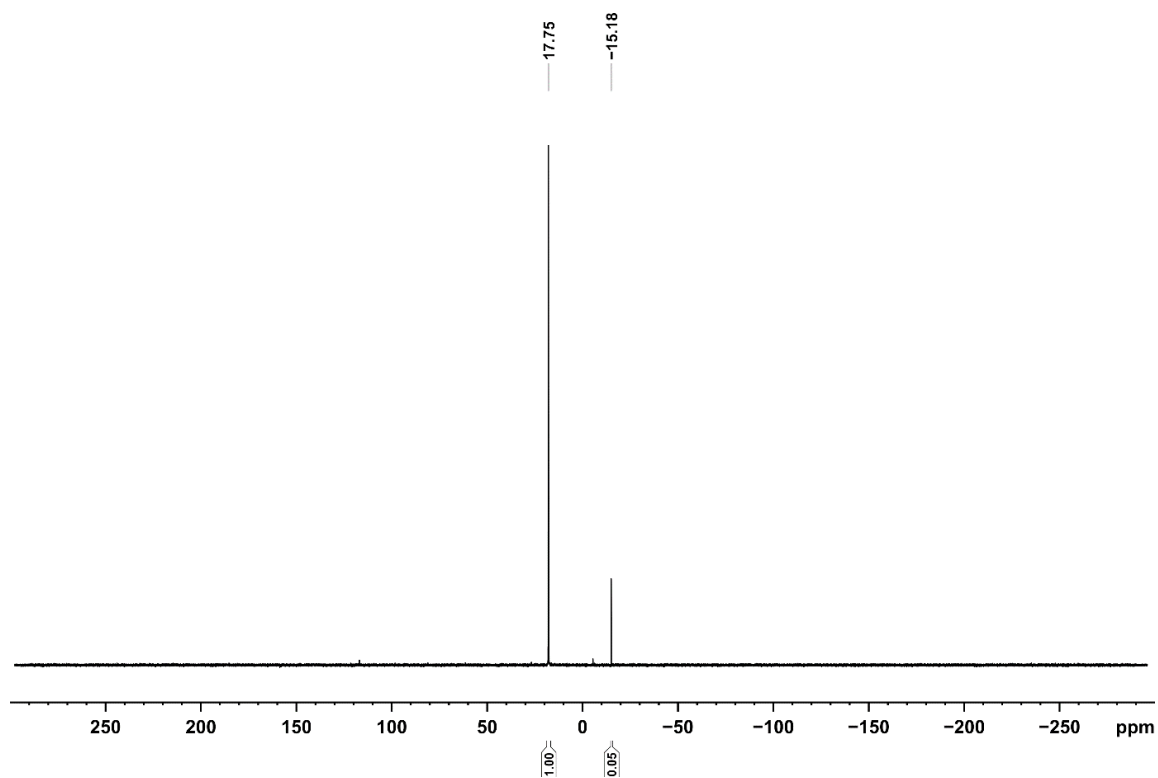


Figure S16 $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (161 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6) of **L** and 2 equiv. KC_8 in DME.

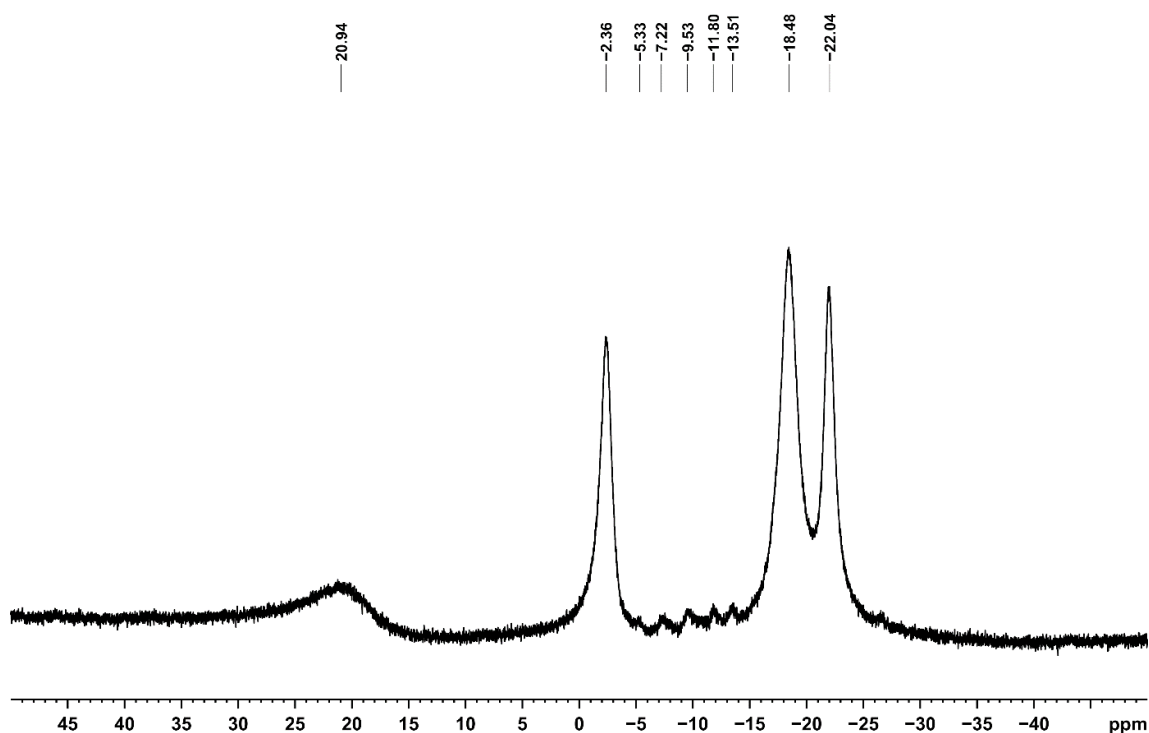


Figure S17. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (128.4 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6) of **L** and 2 equiv. KC_8 in DME.

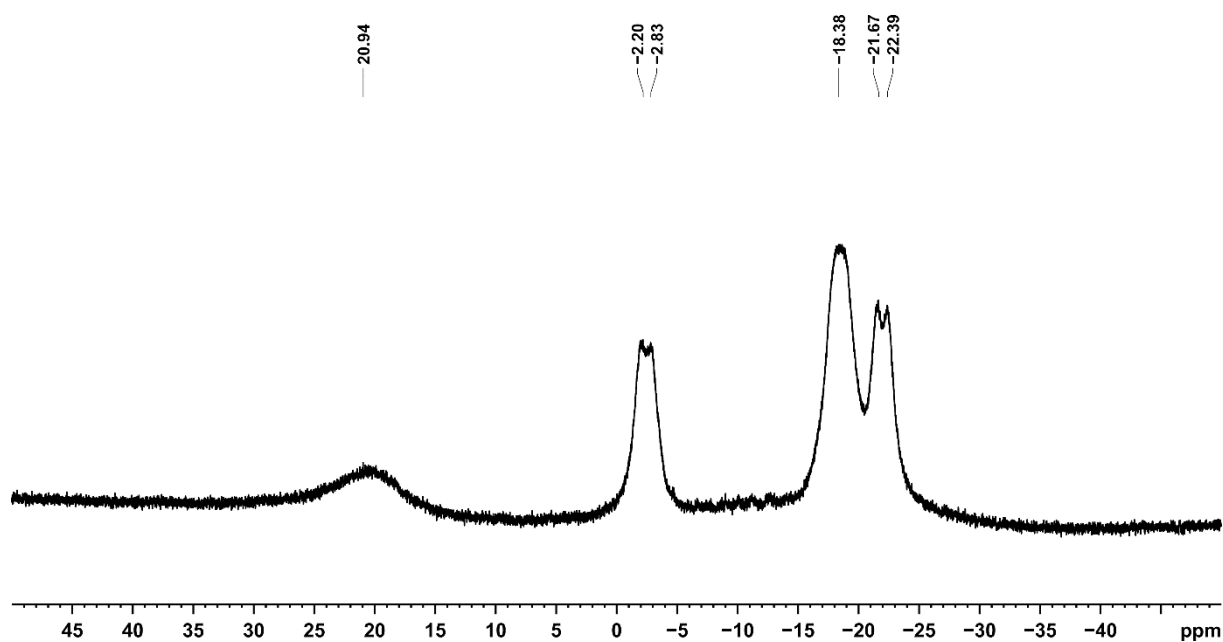
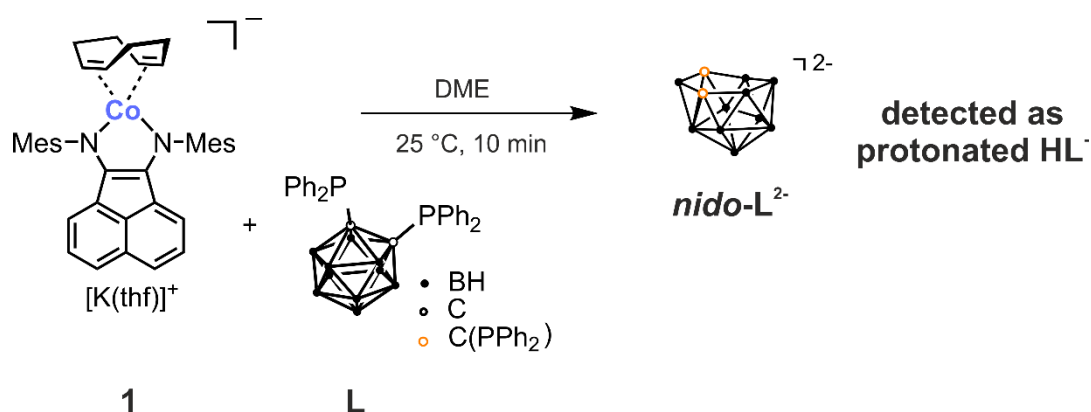


Figure S18. ^{11}B NMR spectrum (128.4 MHz, 300 K, C_6D_6) of **L** and 2 equiv. KC_8 in DME.

5.3 ESI-MS Analysis



In an inert atmosphere, $[\text{K}(\text{thf})]\{(\text{MesBIAN})\text{Co}(\eta^4\text{-cod})\}$ (**1**) (5 mg, 0.0071 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)-*ortho*-carborane (**L**) (3.6 mg, 0.0071 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were dissolved in DME (1 mL). The solution was added dropwise to the cobaltate solution. The solution immediately turned orange and was diluted to a concentration of around $10^{-4} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$. The solution was injected into the ESI-MS spectrometer with a Hamilton syringe. The sample was analysed using a negative fragmentator potential (-120 V). The simulation suggests that the observed species has the molecular formula $\text{B}_{10}\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{P}_2$ (**nido-HL** $^-$). This means that ligand **L** was reduced by two electrons and subsequently protonated, which underlines the hypothesis that a dianionic *nido*-carborane (**nido-L** $^{2-}$) is initially formed.

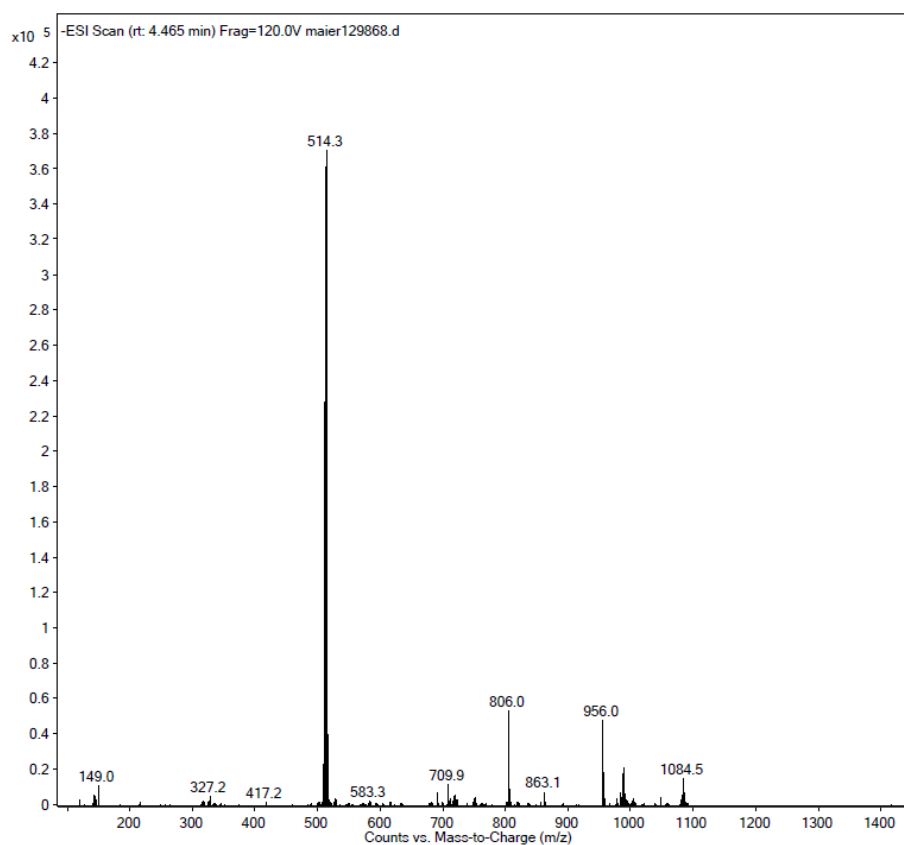


Figure S19. ESI Scan (4.465 min) Frag = 120.0 V.

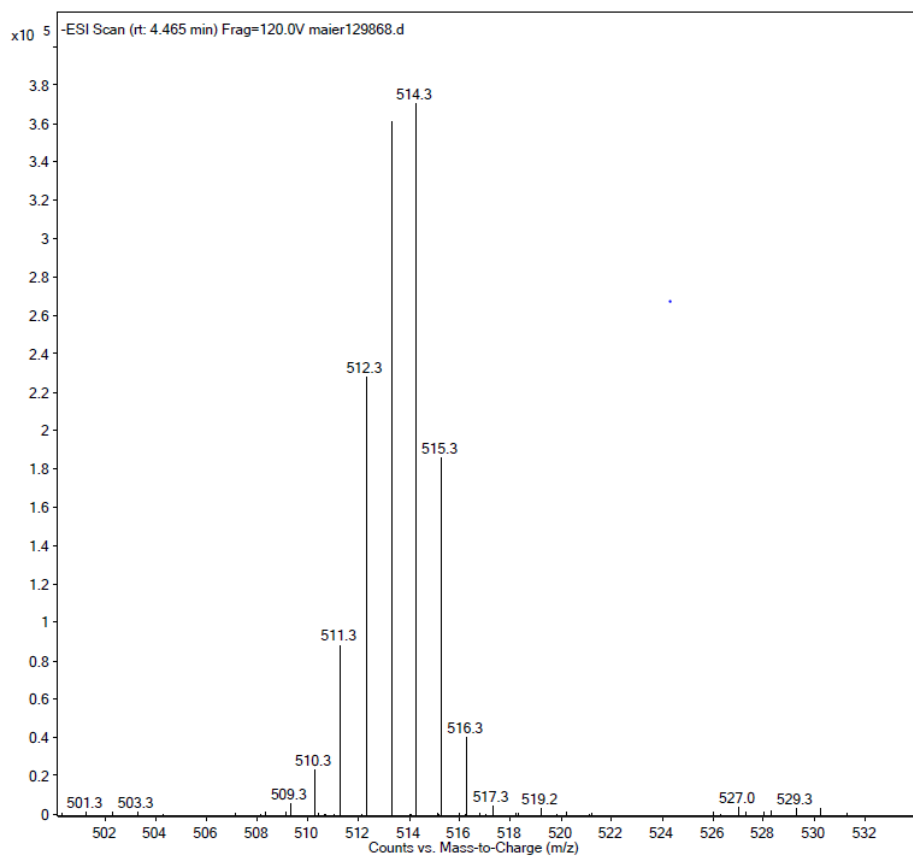


Figure S20. ESI Scan (4.465 min) Frag=120.0 V (zoom).

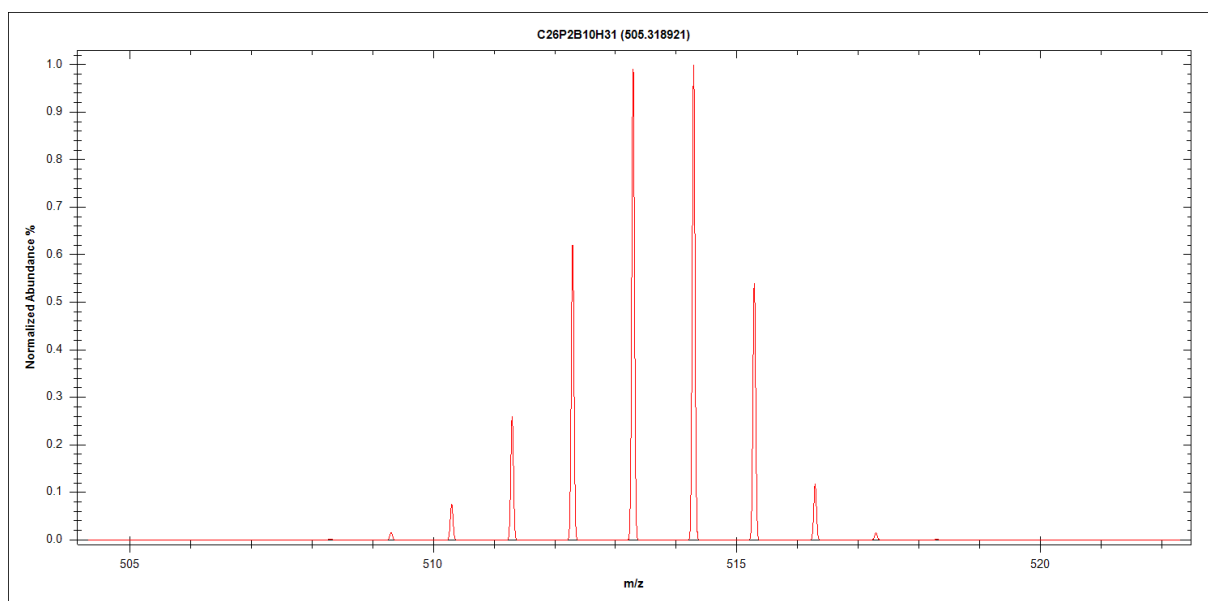


Figure S21. Simulation of mass spectrum of C₂₆P₂B₁₀H₃₁.

6 Computational details

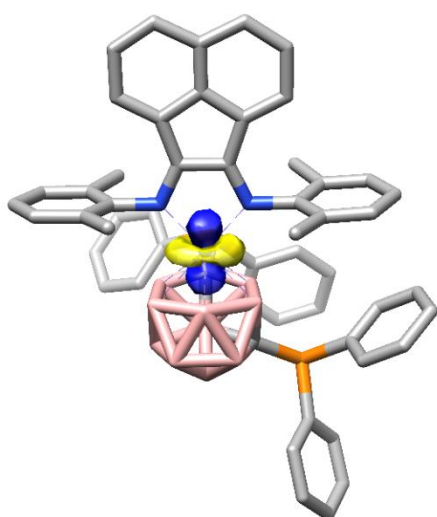
General Methods

All calculations were carried out with the ORCA program package.^{1,2} All geometry optimisations were performed at the BP86-D3BJ/def2-TZVP^{4,15-18} level of theory in the gas phase. Frequency calculations were carried out to confirm the nature of stationary points found by geometry optimisations. Density fitting techniques, also called resolution-of-identity approximation (RI),¹⁹ were used for GGA calculations, whereas the RIJCOSX²⁰ approximation was used for all other calculations. To save computational cost, all mesityl groups on the BIAN ligand were replaced by phenyl groups, except for the calculations presented in the CASSCF and TD-DFT sections where only the methyl groups in the *para*-position were replaced by hydrogen atoms. Final-single point energies for the mechanistic investigations have been obtained at the M06-D3(0)/def2-TZVP^{4,16,21,22} CPCM(THF)^{23,24} level of theory.

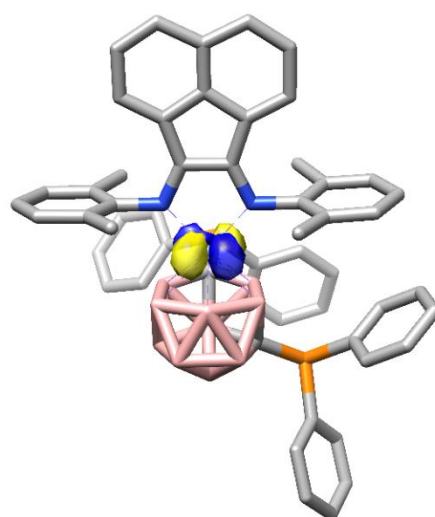
CASSCF calculations

α -Diimine complexes potentially exhibit open-shell singlet character (or broken-symmetry character in the framework of density functional theory) due to the non-innocent ligand system.²⁵ This behaviour imposes challenges to single-reference methods. Therefore, we conducted CASSCF-DLPNO-NEVPT2/cc-pVTZ²⁶⁻²⁸ calculations to get an insight into the electronic structure of **2**. The initial guess orbitals were chosen from a PBE/def2-SVP calculation. Thereby, the active-space was constructed to contain the 3d orbitals on cobalt as well as the bonding-interaction between cobalt and the ligands. Additionally, three orbitals of the second d-shell (containing the 4d orbital on cobalt) were included to aid convergence. In total, this led to an active space of 10 electrons in 10 orbitals. Analysis of the natural orbitals of the active space reveals six 3d electrons on cobalt (245, 246, 248), two metal–ligand bonding orbitals (247, 249) and their correlating antibonding orbitals (251, 250) and finally three 4d orbitals on cobalt (252, 253, 254), which present the above-mentioned double-shell of the occupied 3d orbitals on Co. The orbitals 247 and 250 are almost equally distributed over the metal atom and the BIAN ligand framework, which indicates a strong covalent interaction between the metal atom and the ligand. For this reason, an assignment of an oxidation state to Co remains ambiguous (see the main text). As discussed in the main text, partial reduction of the BIAN ligand can be deduced from the orbitals 249 and 250, which resemble the Co-BIAN

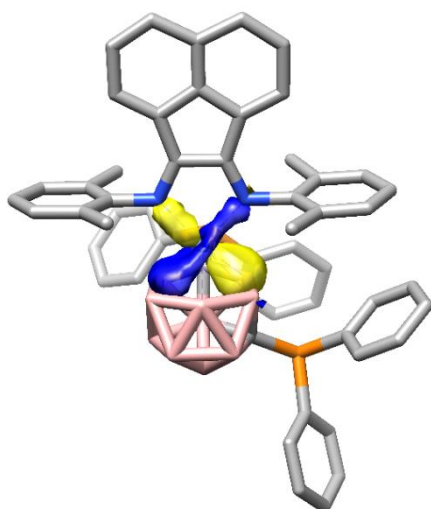
π -bonding and π -antibonding orbitals. Their respective occupations, 1.776 and 0.231, indicate dominant closed-shell character of **2** (occupations of 2.00 and 0.00 would account for an ideal closed-shell compound, whilst equal occupations of 1.000 would account for an ideal open-shell singlet species). This can also be deduced by looking at the composition of the CASSCF wavefunction: The contribution of the ground state configuration state function is 80%, whilst higher configuration state functions (corresponding to excited states in a single-reference framework) contribute the remaining 20%, indicating some multi-reference character of **2**. The configuration state function where 250 is doubly occupied and 249 is empty shows the most significant contribution of all higher configuration state functions to the overall wavefunction (8%, a contribution of 50% would indicate an ideal open-shell singlet species).



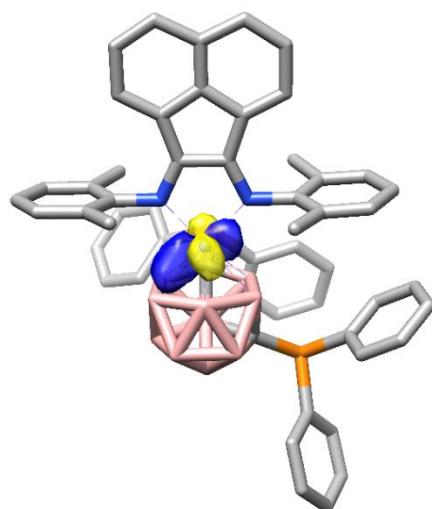
245 (occ.: 1.971, 69% $3d_{x^2-y^2}$, 12% $3d_{yz}$)



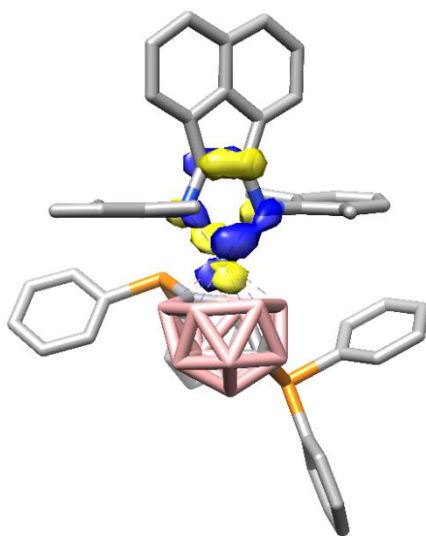
246 (occ.: 1.954, 58% $3d_{xz}$, 16% $3d_{z^2}$)



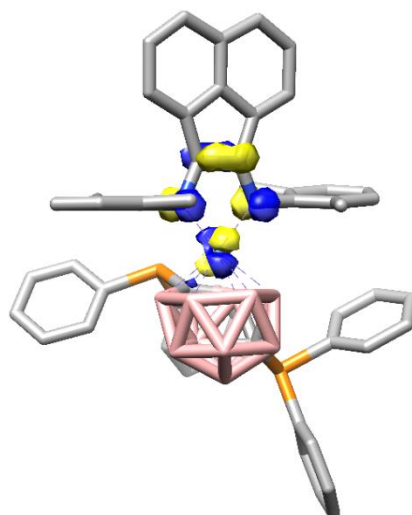
247 (occ.: 1.930, 41% 3d)



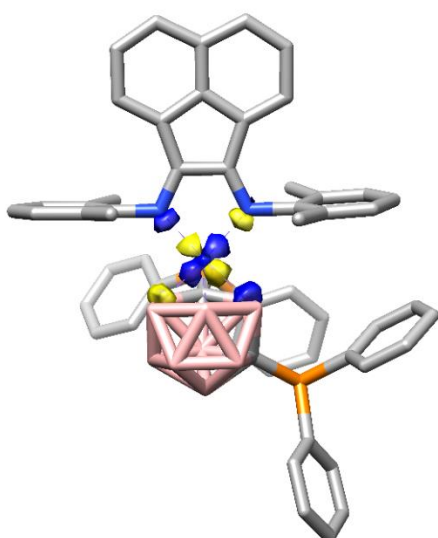
248 (occ.: 1.928, 47% $3d_{z^2}$, 13% d_{xz} , 10% d_{xy})



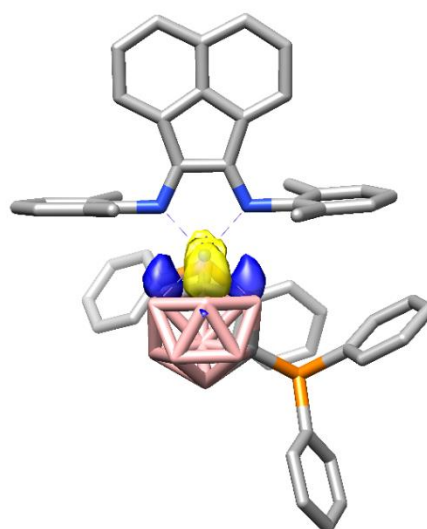
249 (occ.: 1.776, 42% $3d_{yz}$)



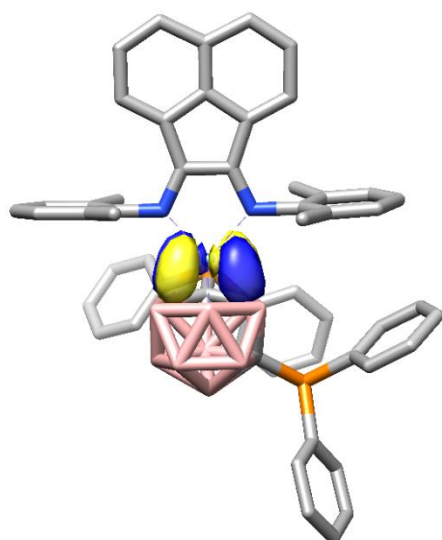
250 (occ.: 0.231, 37% $3d_{yz}$)



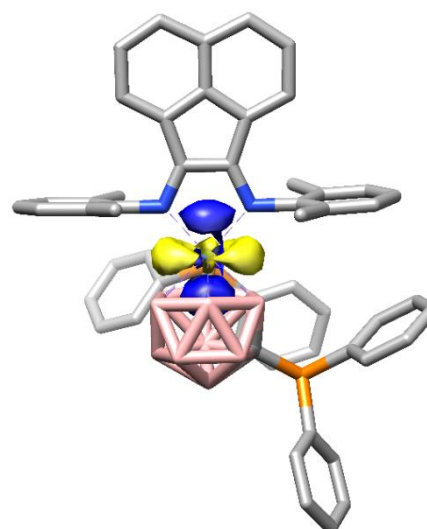
251 (occ.: 0.087, 59% $3d_{xy}$)



252 (occ.: 0.063, 30% $4d_{z^2}$, 12% $4d_{xz}$)



253 (occ.: 0.035, 10% $4d_{z^2}$, 37% $4d_{xz}$)



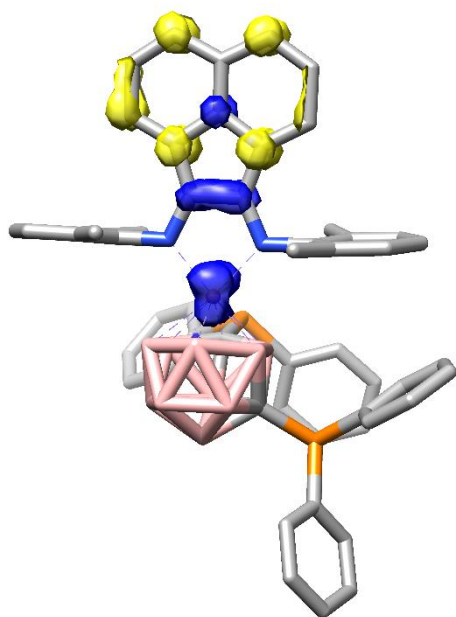
254 (occ.: 0.025, 47% $4d_{x^2-y^2}$)

Figure S22. CASSCF natural orbitals of **2**. For each orbital, the occupation (occ.) and the highest contribution of d orbitals on cobalt as derived from Löwdin population analysis are given. For orbital 247, the sum of all contributions is given, since all 3d orbitals atomic orbitals of Co contribute significantly to this orbital. Surface isovalue = 0.06.

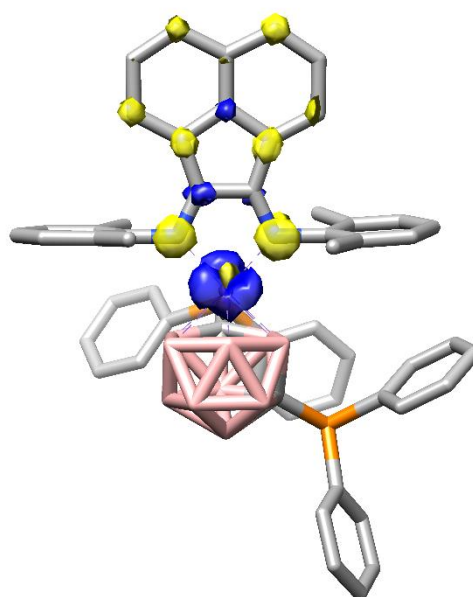
TD-DFT calculations on **2**

TD-DFT calculations on **2** have been conducted at the M06/def2-TZVP level in the gas phase. Compared to the experimental absorption spectrum, the calculated absorption spectrum is blue-shifted, however, the overall shape agrees reasonably well (Figure S24). Looking at the difference densities of the most intense transitions (as judged by the calculated oscillator

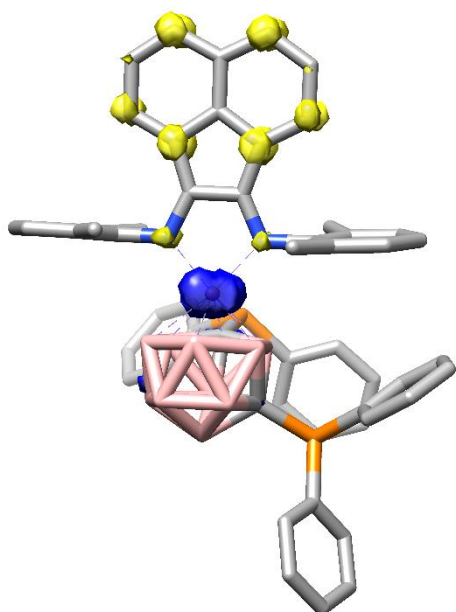
strengths f_{osc}) in the visible region of the spectrum allowed for the assignment of these transitions as MLCT ($d-\pi^*$) bands (Figure S23).



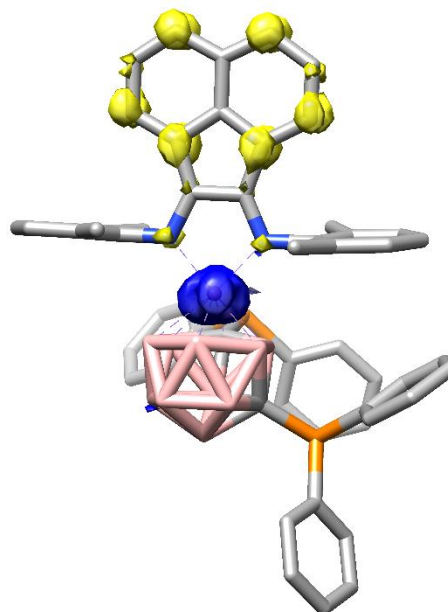
3 (652 nm, $f_{osc} = 0.016355562$)



6 (502 nm, $f_{osc} = 0.314564984$)



10 (428 nm, $f_{osc} = 0.412937032$)



12 (417 nm, $f_{osc} = 0.173695227$)

Figure S23. Difference densities for selected excited states of **2** (transitions proceed from blue to yellow). Surface isovalue = 0.004 (0.002 for state 6) together with calculated wavelengths of the transitions and oscillator strengths.

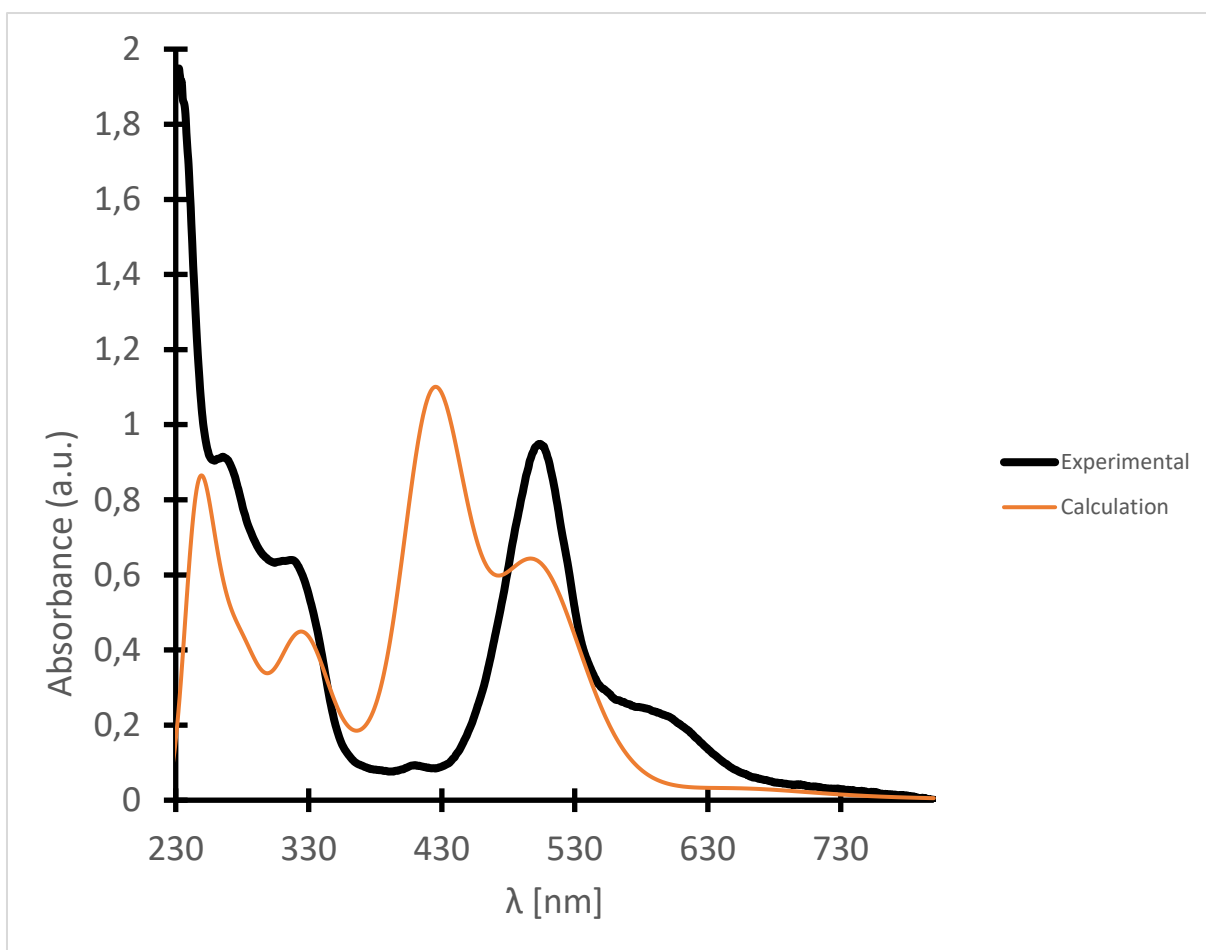


Figure S24. Calculated (orange) and measured UV-vis spectrum of **2**.

Cartesian Coordinates of optimised structures

1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)-*ortho*-carborane (**L**)

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P	3.53792233623493	6.82168171269276	5.86861568339196
C	1.62794338499846	5.86772146188883	0.71383297497796
H	1.25145405334320	5.25661069314031	1.53582479807679
C	3.50482871751196	4.61880010358639	7.52445185444037
H	2.70869167948196	4.30149714390811	6.84747205798437
C	4.13646668442575	5.85537221217030	7.31088996442934
C	5.13979060170252	6.27190645772864	8.19565343200451
H	5.61755173831239	7.24188826194006	8.06470385563254
C	3.94880568920122	8.55409006036635	6.30887974614204
C	2.37880505817515	7.02004766272085	1.00021236831990
C	4.00710841794903	9.91173258793522	2.30532494622536
H	4.83969251743492	9.39001749138482	1.83831269554040
C	2.58791468138369	7.44249763635032	-1.37852499764891
H	2.95878805797633	8.06389929989575	-2.19472720134997
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C	2.91601762544916	9.18936839332278	2.81569832749948
C	4.04293104474799	11.30253597161177	2.40761516506161
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C	5.22464466757606	9.12802423405939	6.43473060839706
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H	1.66468616083083	5.99380525530339	-2.68993712095068
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C	1.37814948207683	5.49526586872721	-0.60699283661161
H	0.80369593543358	4.59222046437131	-0.81739878087299
C	2.98490643040274	11.99476386967591	3.00384974921794
H	3.01969810588065	13.08241006627796	3.08443822067002
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C	2.96257344054461	10.69690899655798	6.91655775239368
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H	5.65089244946001	2.98915377401615	2.84332318938023
B	4.25283926862194	5.00124948977591	3.61715176051994
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Dianionic ligand L^{2-} (*ortho*- L^{2-})

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C	2.219112	8.611326	-0.566111
H	1.806299	9.402490	0.062950
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H	3.003511	7.996503	-3.835999
B	5.641750	4.176388	2.361604
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H	3.709464	5.825305	-2.812732
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H	2.898112	11.909217	4.686001
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Dianionic *nido*-ligand (*nido*-L²⁻)

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C	10.640150	6.081787	25.068976
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H	8.725556	4.485290	25.869907
C	6.578477	4.293368	25.863488
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C	5.355834	6.106727	24.848278
H	4.412916	6.555822	24.527010
C	6.551742	6.773230	24.593851
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B	10.464582	8.562324	22.550155
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1,5-Cyclooctadiene

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H	0.47594259093813	4.69954435897611	8.81218153347965
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$[(^{\text{Ph}}\text{BIAN})\text{Co}(\eta^4\text{-cod})]^-$ (phenyl substituted **1**)

Co	0.176648	4.284464	12.571629
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C	0.113474	2.720427	14.858617
C	0.089903	1.806819	16.003703
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C	0.156273	0.750595	18.653271
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C	0.288363	2.163747	18.477181
C	0.441250	3.143723	19.507577
H	0.461410	2.833975	20.555055
C	0.557137	4.482390	19.167054
H	0.665753	5.224044	19.962377
C	0.548470	4.940773	17.819364
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C	0.413005	4.014627	16.789991
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H	-0.309617	2.776172	9.103566
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H	1.242146	1.270161	11.580933
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H	2.059435	9.931084	15.444463

[(^{Ph}BIAN)Co(η^4 -cod)] (phenyl-substituted **Int-A**)

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C	-0.15000947745287	0.86008286309496	18.56624503599226
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H	0.75069209854887	2.82187492207879	20.41049001287893
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C	2.17163280154443	8.71701231294791	15.49200655754089
C	0.79285172405264	8.53221839249395	15.35398173509995
H	0.10681974966379	9.35222293564822	15.57113302665510
C	0.28637780816273	7.29886138468740	14.94104103460431
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C	2.05500436842108	4.89829695394555	10.30891705997910
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Int-B (with phenyl groups)

Co	8.271950	5.415248	22.056285
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C	7.092792	1.513545	23.431272
C	6.075995	1.016476	24.242473
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C	5.948711	-0.391132	24.405146
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H	6.659219	-2.376524	23.941132
C	7.839400	-0.829088	22.934225
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H	10.417150	-1.625646	20.825390
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C	8.911703	1.211521	21.948719
C	7.948911	0.558381	22.787539
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B	9.824273	8.860642	21.632255
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C	13.584333	5.851334	16.834880
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B	8.233126	8.718170	22.580122
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H	5.974276	7.085318	23.077642
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H	5.859714	9.014097	21.227658
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Int-C (with phenyl groups)

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C	8.707186	2.748011	21.936575
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C	7.111074	1.701096	23.300884
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C	6.534030	-1.073338	23.508762
H	6.291542	-2.133633	23.607343
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H	8.226686	-2.582737	21.803808
C	9.338530	-0.938518	20.965077
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C	6.955971	7.681739	26.027832
C	5.943782	8.402828	25.378230
H	6.019693	8.609522	24.314360
C	4.829153	8.857880	26.088980
H	4.048286	9.408221	25.560441
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H	10.227581	11.549840	26.146861
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H	12.504565	10.735341	26.749392

C	11.990863	8.652852	26.471688
H	12.983377	8.285899	26.740970
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H	6.111031	6.921931	23.175552
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B	8.445474	9.155414	21.006198
H	8.422467	10.334734	20.799360
B	9.622989	8.098440	20.199830
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B	7.219391	6.567374	20.834461
H	6.334354	5.909185	20.355341
B	8.880486	6.454547	20.246711
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2 (isolated product, phenyl groups)

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C	7.63911339715784	4.11369704097667	23.69504677038575
C	7.12685515957183	2.89030993496038	24.31824206184539
C	5.94992737840818	2.48678562171859	24.93021365911822
H	5.10754838640964	3.16857268480313	25.04487769381391
C	5.85874622875903	1.15295078348454	25.41685501314555
H	4.92935989118421	0.84193401149513	25.89829057287804
C	6.89659081855407	0.23940812906813	25.30610904716688
H	6.78084659591039	-0.77431099828163	25.69571650422868
C	8.12207239517547	0.62349514828185	24.68368768889464
C	9.28400016824333	-0.18272098572330	24.49210812208554
H	9.28930226167054	-1.21806176428840	24.83967259978656
C	10.40181007153299	0.35047528162902	23.86753358129354
H	11.28208103588895	-0.28075885061724	23.72966211684260
C	10.45727795220694	1.69222578561349	23.39769222720893
H	11.36315827380147	2.06407917680258	22.91948908857892
C	9.34461553033313	2.50244840997865	23.56847278655664
C	8.19360937981659	1.94178127131310	24.21037694703269
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H	13.91534708555460	4.62123134781744	24.14277532369106
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2 (isolated product, xylyl groups)

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C	3.53006909063182	5.46997340743974	23.51797469419192
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