

## Electronic Supporting Information

### Formation of a Dimeric Tungsten (I) Complex via C-H activation

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#### NMR spectra

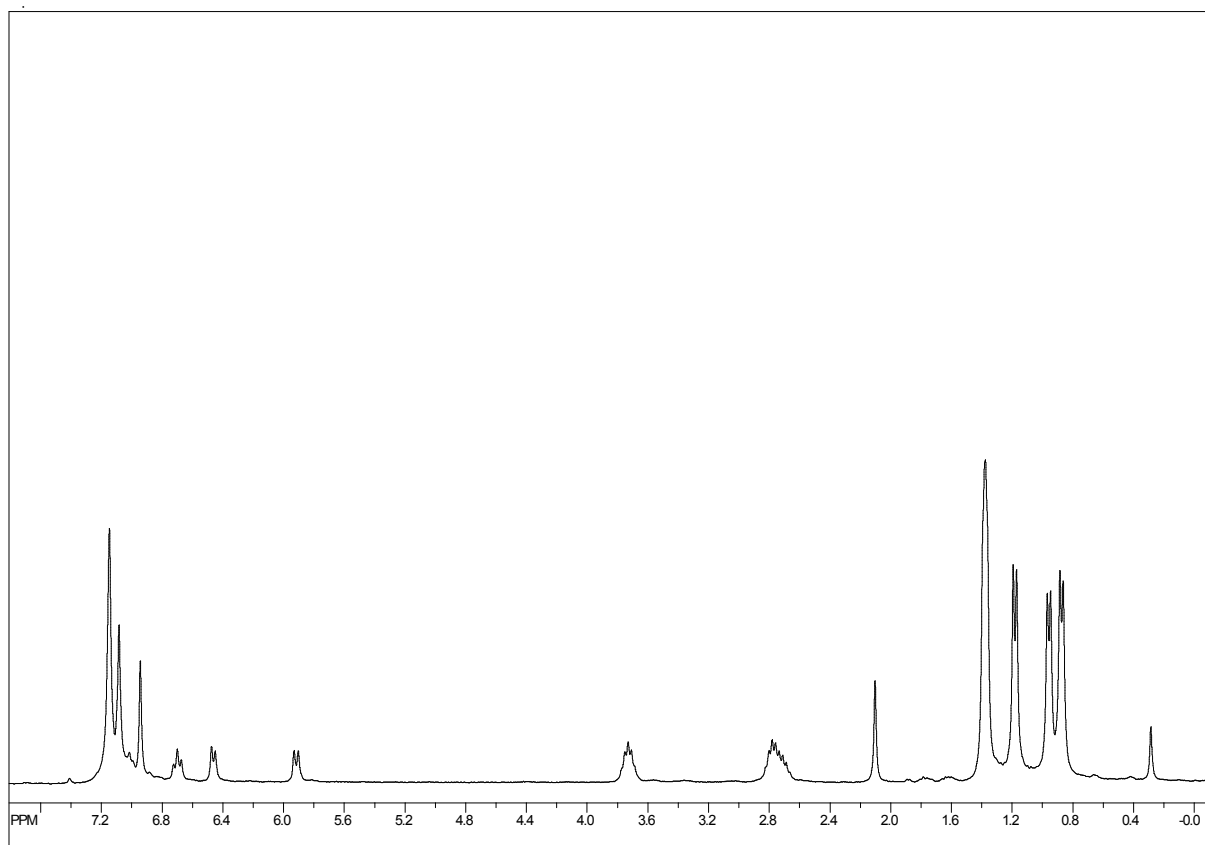


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2**.

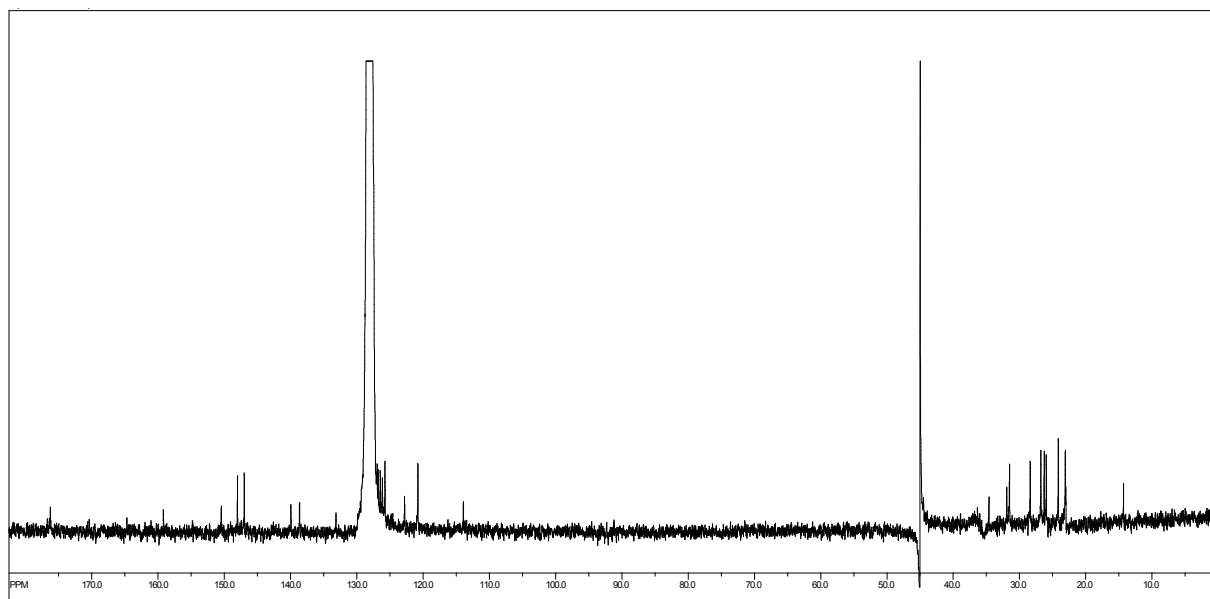


Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2** (peak at 45 ppm is a spike).

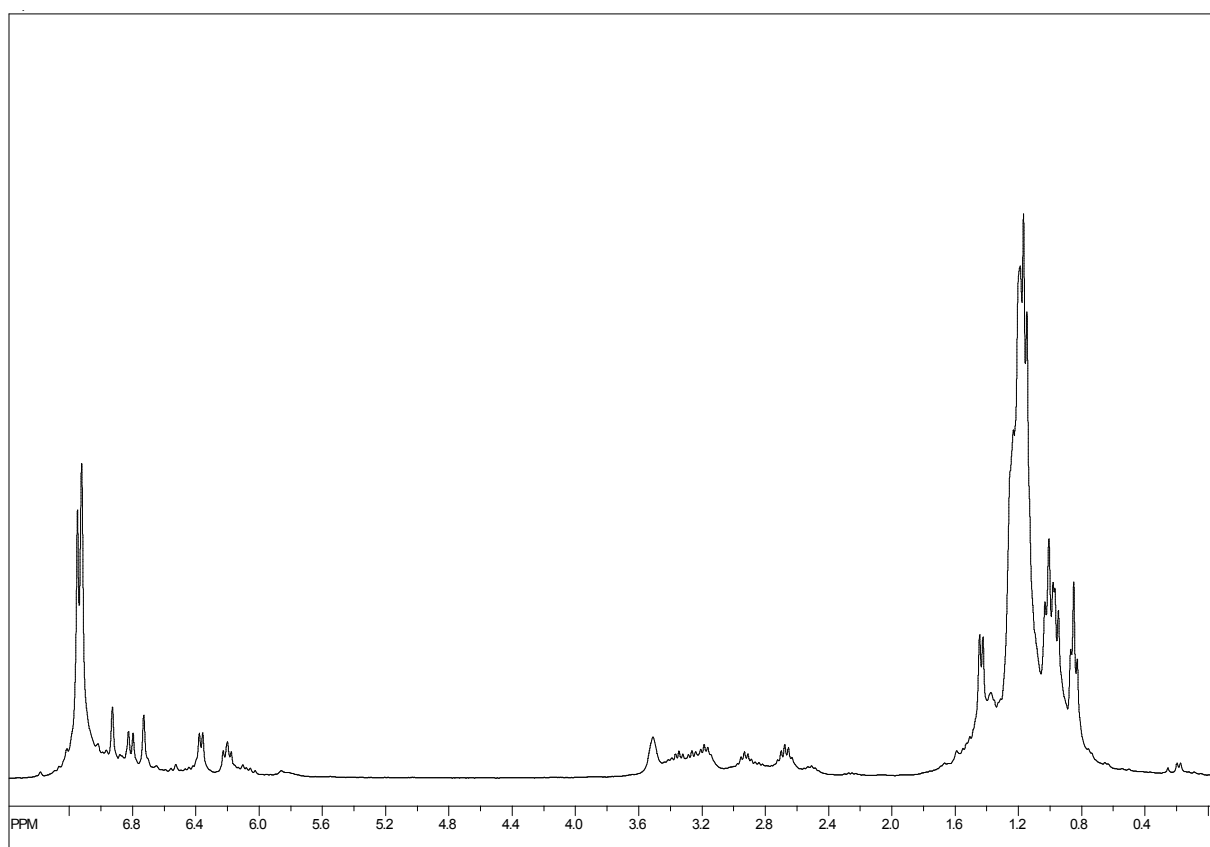


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3**.

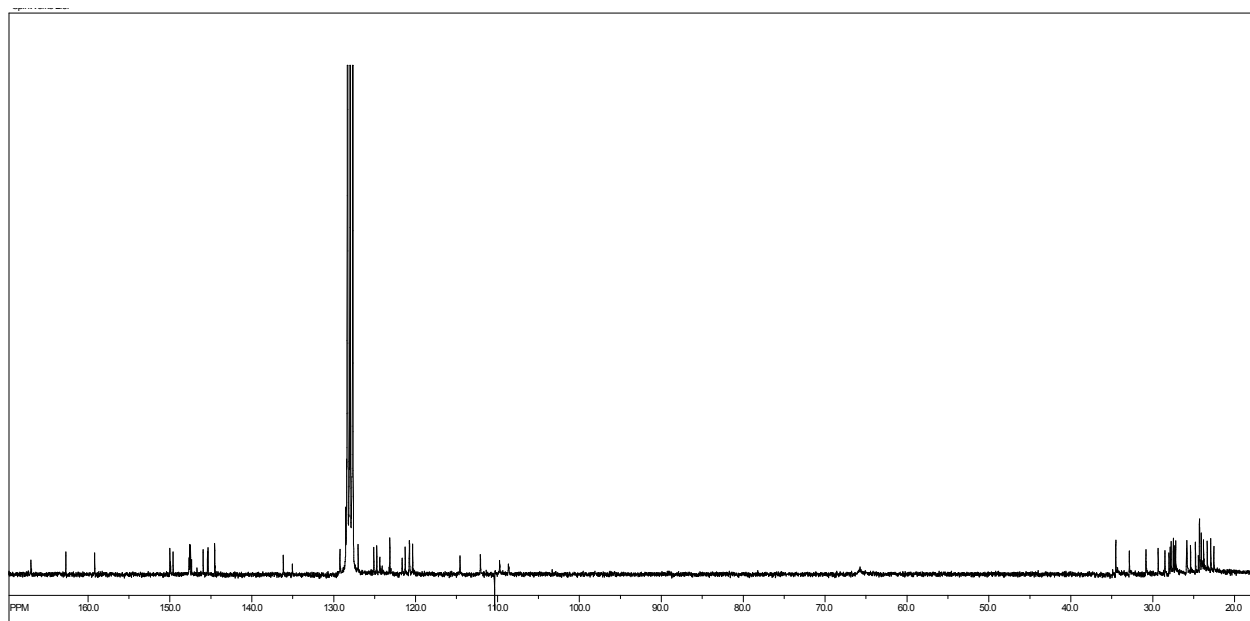


Figure S4.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3**.

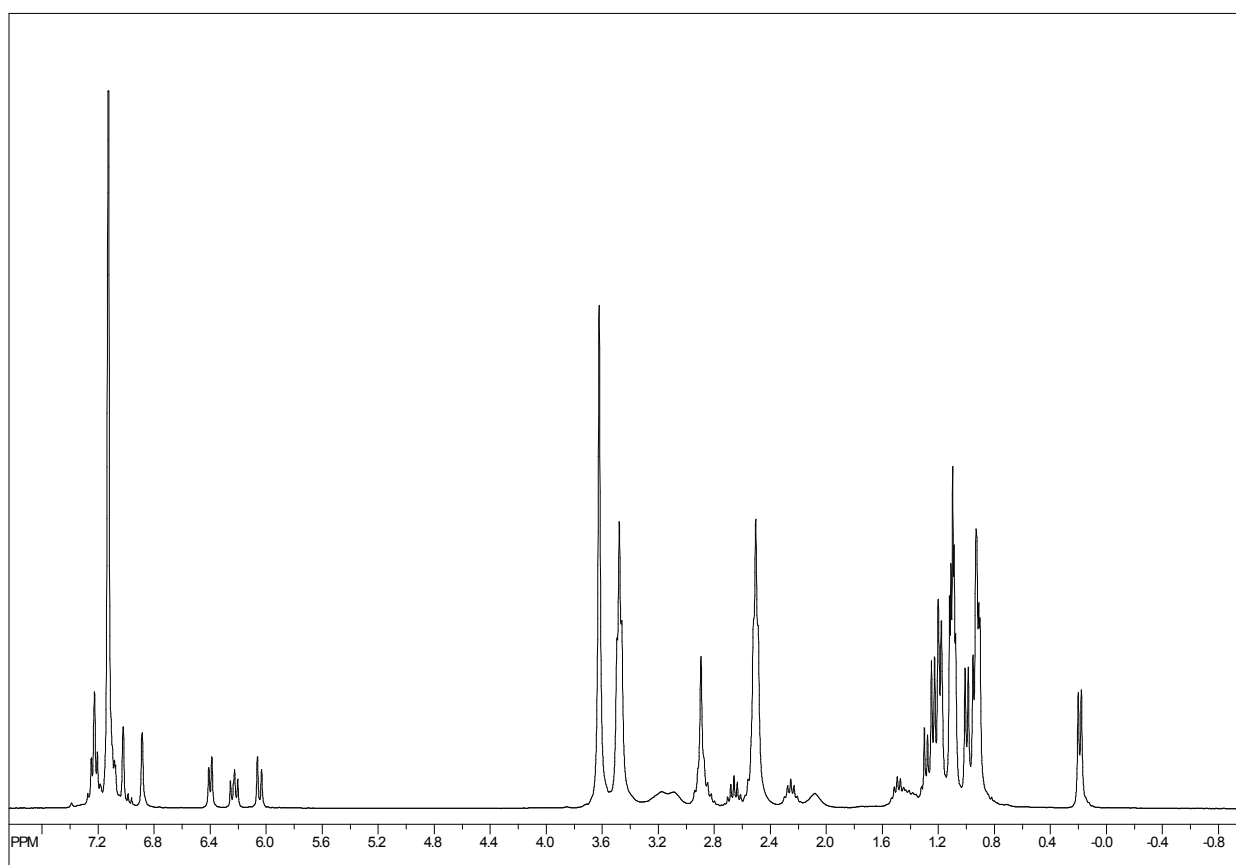


Figure S5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4**.

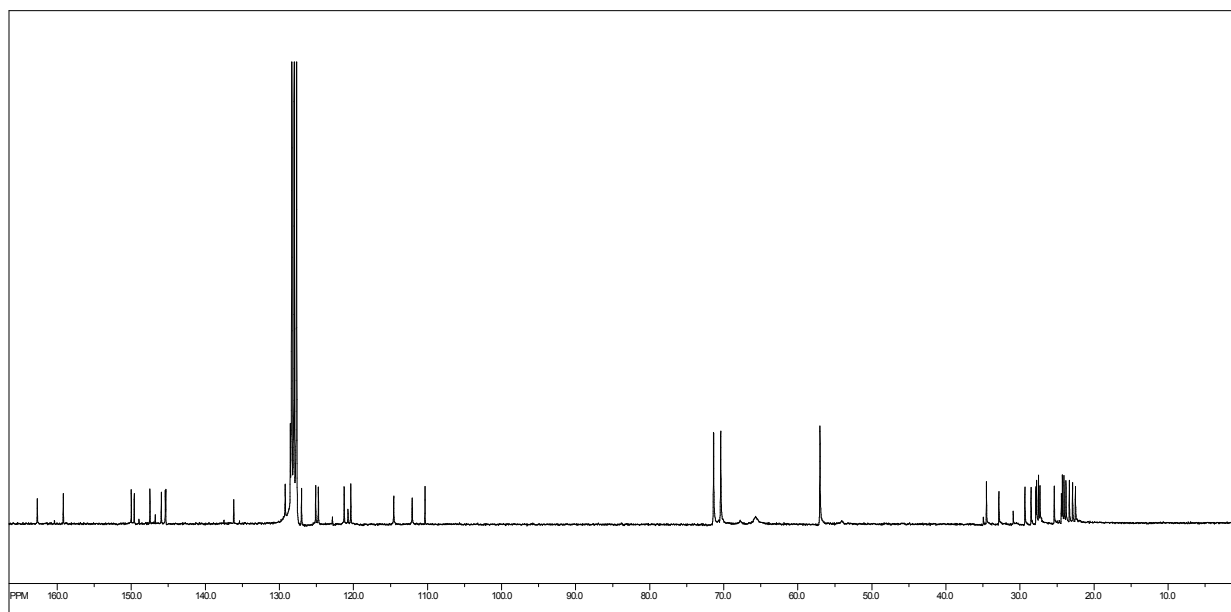


Figure S6.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **4**.

### Computational methods

Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were performed with the *TURBOMOLE*<sup>1</sup> program package. The RI-DFT method<sup>2</sup> applying the BP86 functional<sup>3</sup> with the m5 grid and *Grimme's*<sup>4</sup> dispersion correction (DFT-D3) was used for all calculations. The geometry was optimized applying the triple zeta basis set def2-TZVP<sup>5</sup> for all atoms and the def2-ecp effective core potential for W<sup>6</sup>.

Table S1: Comparison of calculated geometries of **3** and **4** and results of X-Ray diffraction.

Compound	W(1)-W(2) [Å]	W(1)-N(1) [Å]	W(2)-N(2) [Å]	W(1)-C(8) [Å]	W(2)-H [Å]
<b>3</b> (calculated)	2.198	2.136	2.101	-	-
<b>3</b> (X-ray)	2.207	2.104	2.081	-	-
<b>4</b> (calculated)	2.234	2.110	2.137	2.217	1.734
<b>4</b> (X-ray)	2.228	2.175	2.087	2.314	-

Table 2: Energies (in  $E_h$ ) of the LUMO and first six HOMOs of **3** and **4**.

Orbital	Energy ( <b>3</b> )	Energy ( <b>4</b> )
LUMO	0.133679	0.148171
HOMO	0.104161	0.103682
HOMO-1	0.073048	0.063816
HOMO-2	0.043558	0.007508
HOMO-3	0.013376	0.001554
HOMO-4	0.009525	-0.008771
HOMO-5	-0.002148	-0.011761

**DFT geometry of 3**

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