

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Probing Halogen Bonds with Solid-State NMR Spectroscopy. Observation and
Interpretation of $J(^{77}\text{Se}, ^{31}\text{P})$ Coupling in Halogen-Bonded $\text{P}=\text{Se}\cdots\text{I}$ Motifs**

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Table S1. Experimental parameters used for the acquisition of ^{13}C , ^{31}P , and ^{77}Se NMR CP/MAS spectra.

compound	B_0 / T	nuclide	window / kHz	points	MAS / Hz	$\pi/2$ pulse / μs	scans	contact times/ μs	recycle delay / s	decoupling
1	9.4	^{13}C	340	3k	8k	3.25	4204	5000	35	Spinal64
	9.4	^{31}P	400	4k	3k	2.5	307	5000	6	TPPM
	11.75	^{31}P	494	4k	10k	4.5	2865	2000	20	CW
	9.4	^{77}Se	494	4k	6.5k	3.75	5568	20000	30	CW
	9.4	^{77}Se	1489	2k	8k	3.75	2512	20000	34	CW
2	9.4	^{13}C	338	3k	5k	3.25	1200	5000	10	Spinal64
	9.4	^{31}P	400	4k	2.1k	2.5	504	5000	6	TPPM
	11.75	^{31}P	494	4k	10k	4.5	1089	2000	30	CW
	9.4	^{77}Se	1489	4k	3.2k	3.70	6592	20000	20	CW
	9.4	^{77}Se	820	6k	5k	7.0	2392	5000	100	CW
	11.75	^{77}Se	1048	8k	3k	2.8	1024	20000	100	CW
21.1	^{77}Se	1533	8k	10k	4.0	2560	20000	30	CW	
3	9.4	^{13}C	354	3k	10k	3.50	6060	2000	15	Spinal64
	9.4	^{31}P	400	4k	3k	3.00	600	5000	5	TPPM
	11.75	^{31}P	494	4k	10k	4.50	2400	2000	30	CW
	9.4	^{77}Se	494	4k	5.5k	3.75	3280	20000	30	CW
	9.4	^{77}Se	1489	4k	8k	3.75	2744	20000	30	CW

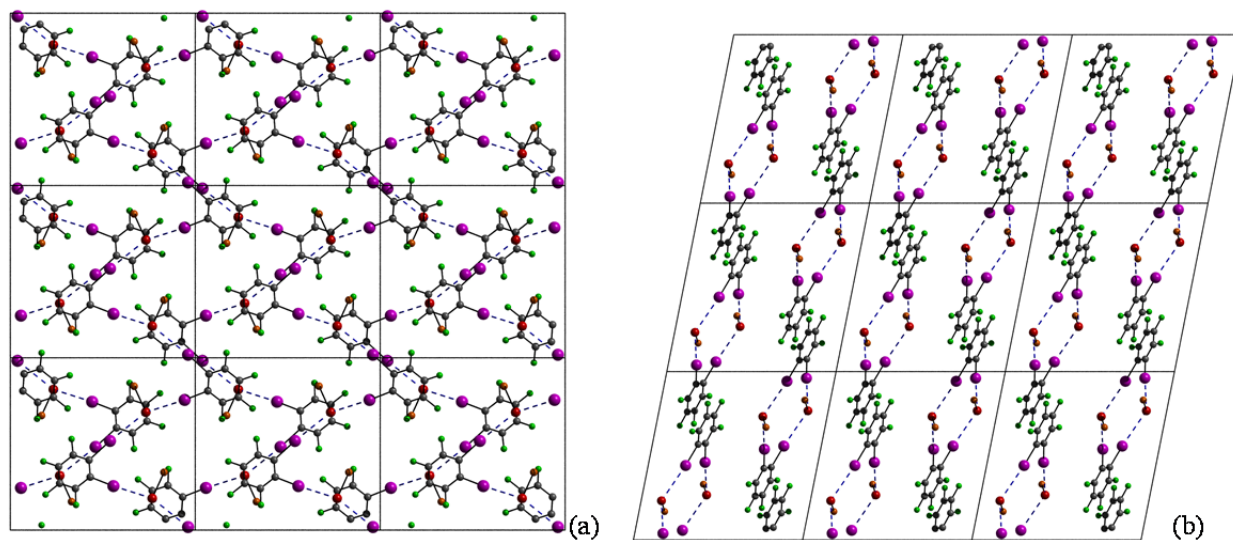


Figure S1. Crystal packing of **2** in a 3 x 3 x 3 unit cell viewed along the *a* axis (a) and *b* axis (b).

In (b) the two 1D zigzag chains are observed. The phenyl rings on P are omitted to more clearly show the network.

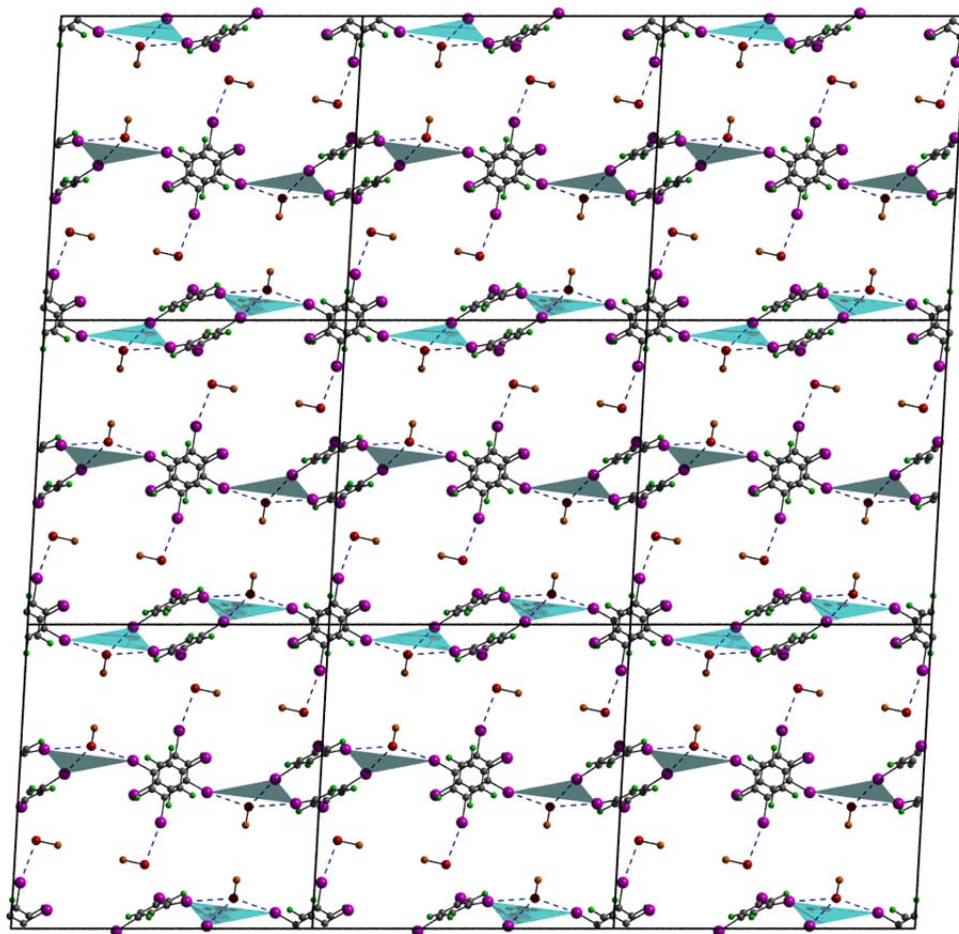


Figure S2. Crystal packing of a 3 x 3 x 3 unit cell for **3** along the *b* axis. There are two crystallographically unique selenium sites in **3**. One is highlighted by the blue surface of a polyhedron which forms a one dimensional zigzag chain along the *b* axis. The second site is within a discrete entity between the zigzag chains. The phenyl rings on P are omitted for clarity.

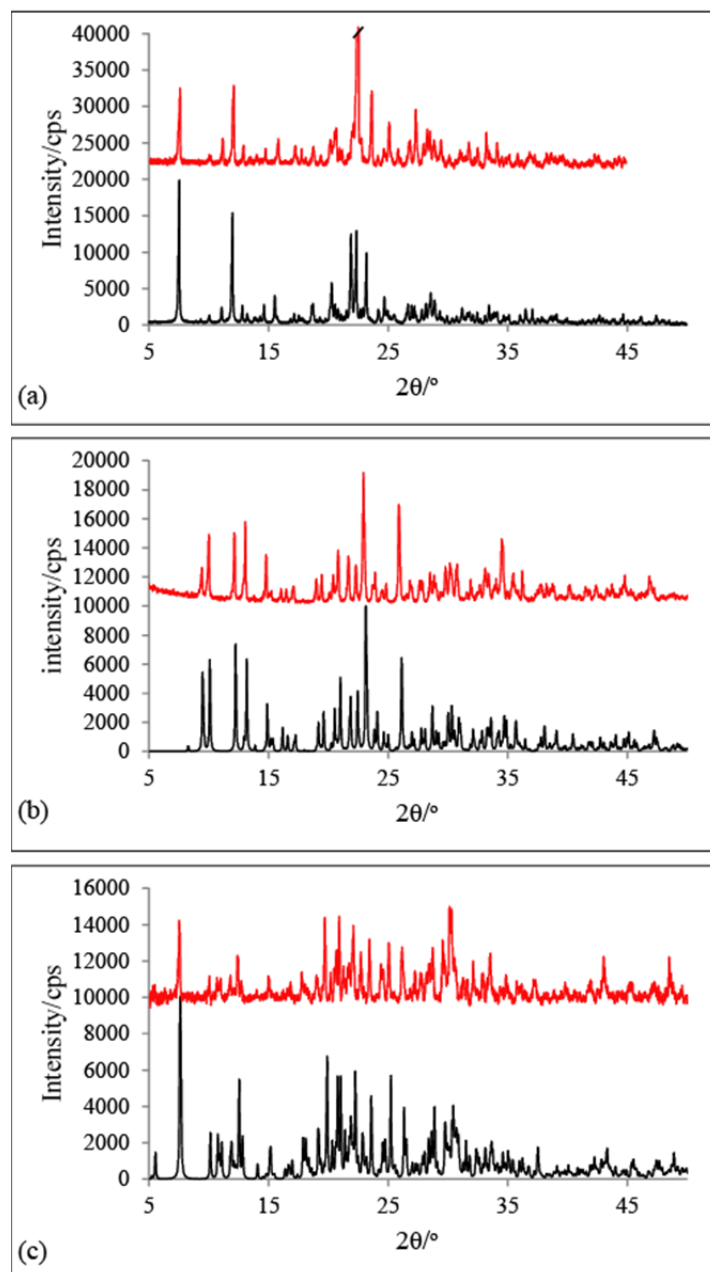


Figure S3. Experimental powder X-ray diffraction patterns (red trace) for (a) $(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(p\text{-DITFB})$, (b) $(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(o\text{-DITFB})$, (c) $(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(\text{sym-TITFB})$ along with simulations in black based on single crystal X-ray data. All experiments were carried out using a Rigaku Ultima IV instrument with 2θ ranging between 5 and 50° in increments of 0.02° at a rate of 0.6° per minute. Simulations were generated using Mercury software available from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

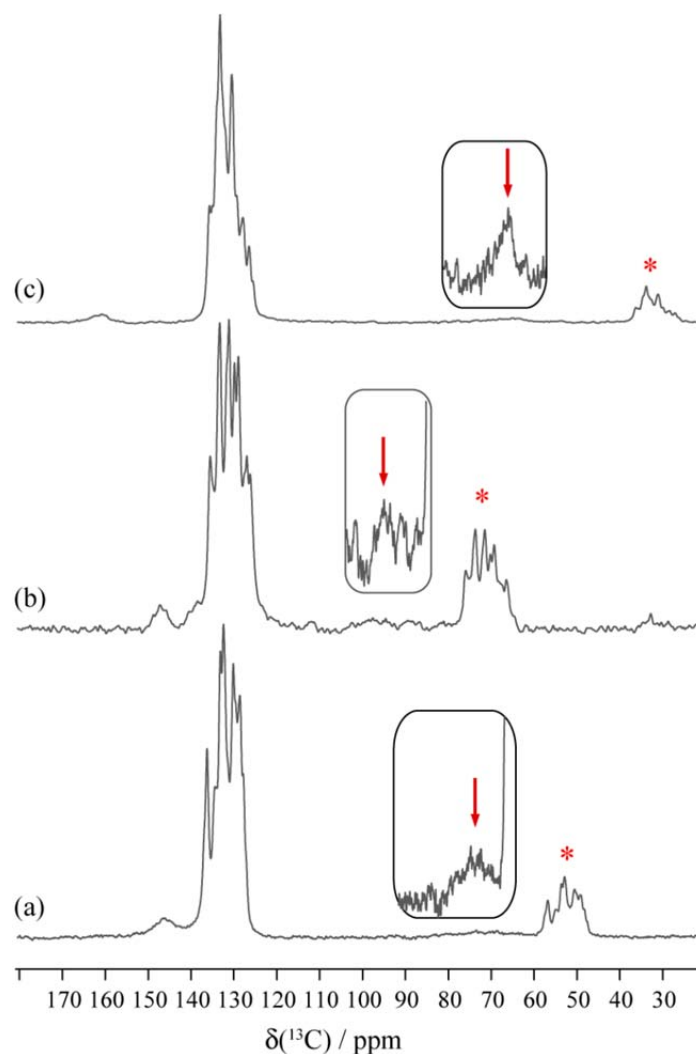


Figure S4. Experimental ^{13}C CP/MAS solid-state NMR spectra acquired at 9.4 T are presented for (a) $(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(p\text{-DITFB})$ with a MAS rate of 8 kHz, (b) $(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(o\text{-DITFB})$ with a MAS rate of 5 kHz, and (c) $(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(sym\text{-TITFB})$ with a MAS rate of 10 kHz. Red asterisks indicate spinning sidebands and the inset shows a vertical expansion of the C-I region. The peaks of interest, particularly in (b), were further identified by experiments at different MAS rates.

$(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(p\text{-DITFB})$ ^{13}C NMR: 146.0 (b, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{-F(DITFB)}$), 136.7-127.9 (m, $\underline{\text{P}}\text{h}_3\text{PSe}$), 73.4 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{-I}$, DITFB).

$(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(o\text{-DITFB})$ ^{13}C NMR: 147.0 (b, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{-F(DITFB)}$), 135.6-125.9 (m, $\underline{\text{P}}\text{h}_3\text{PSe}$), 97.6 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{-I}$, DITFB).

$(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(sym\text{-TITFB})$ ^{13}C NMR: 161.0 (b, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{-F(TITFB)}$), 135.4-126.5 (m, $\underline{\text{P}}\text{h}_3\text{PSe}$), 65.3 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{-I}$, TITFB).

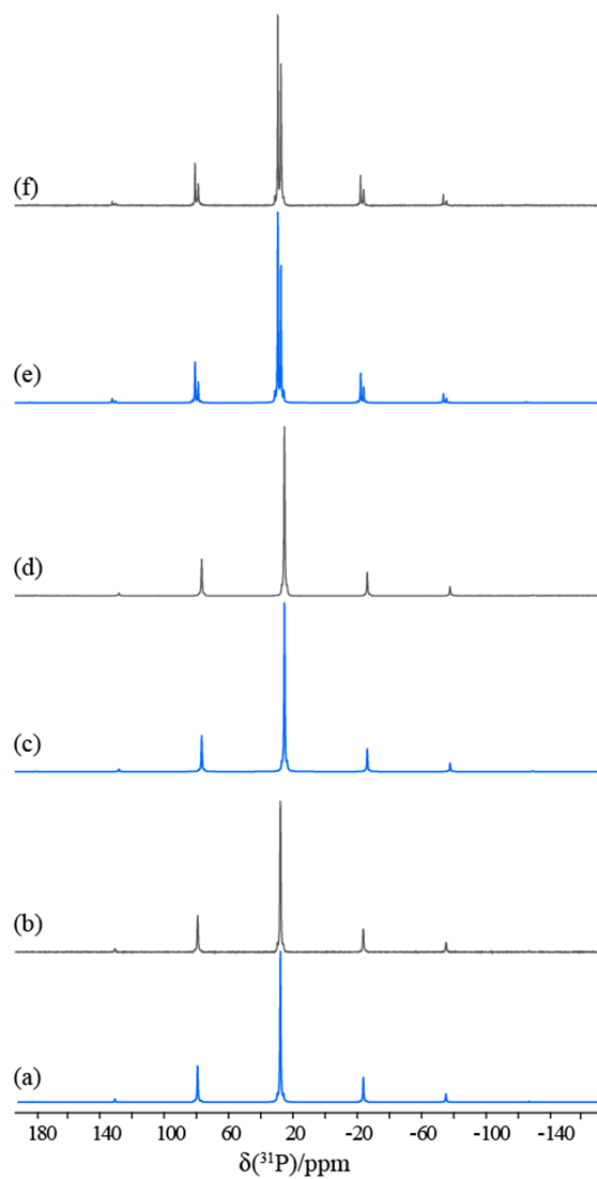


Figure S5. Experimental ^{31}P CP/MAS solid-state NMR spectra acquired at 11.75 T with a spinning frequency of 10 kHz are presented for (b) $(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(p\text{-DITFB})$, (d) $(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(o\text{-DITFB})$, (f) $(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(sym\text{-TITFB})$. Their respective simulated spectra are shown in blue ((a), (c) and (e)).

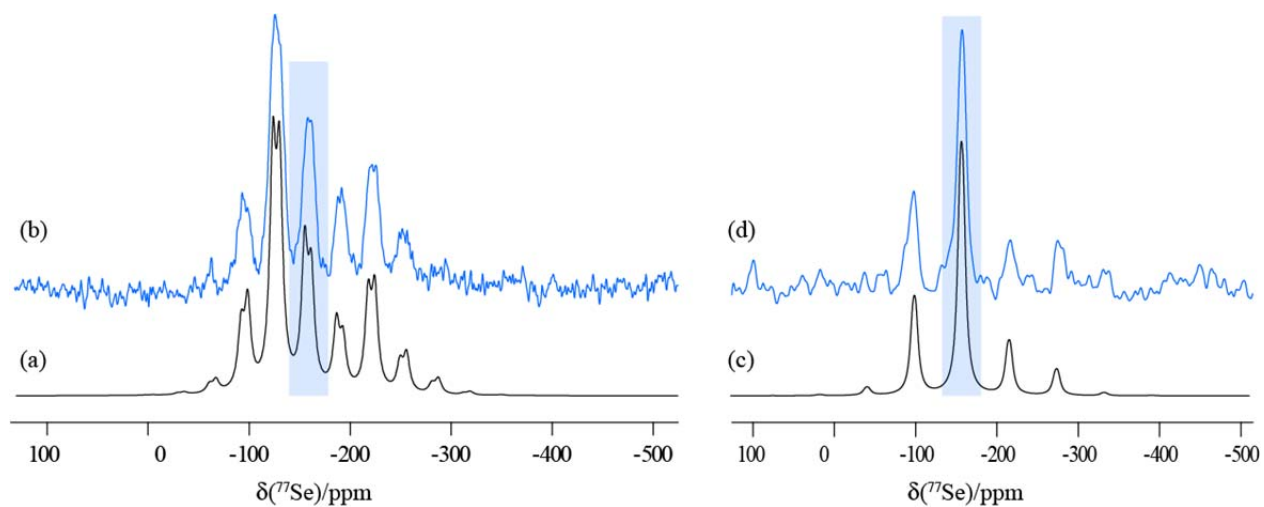


Figure S6. Experimental ^{77}Se CP/MAS solid-state NMR spectra of $(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})(o\text{-DITFB})$ acquired at 11.75 T with a spinning frequency of 3 kHz (b) and at 21.1 T with a spinning frequency of 10 kHz (d). Their respective simulated spectra are in black ((a) and (c)). A long relaxation time constant (T_1) hindered the acquisition of a spectrum with good signal-to-noise at 21.1 T in a reasonable time.

Table S2. Calculated ^{31}P Chemical Shift Tensors.

compound		method ^a	δ_{iso} / ppm	Ω / ppm	κ	
	Ph ₃ PSe	site 1	ZORA	48.1	203	0.57
		site 1	TPSS	19.7	208	0.68
		site 2	ZORA	43.8	200	0.51
		site 2	TPSS	20.6	207	0.63
1	(Ph ₃ PSe)(<i>p</i> -C ₆ F ₄ I ₂)	site 1	ZORA	51.6	177	0.32
		site 1	TPSS	55.9	189	0.79
		site 2	ZORA	37.3	157	0.79
		site 2	TPSS	60.0	177	0.48
2	(Ph ₃ PSe)(<i>o</i> -C ₆ F ₄ I ₂)	site 1	ZORA	46.5	143	0.82
		site 1	TPSS	57.5	161	0.87
3	(Ph ₃ PSe)(<i>sym</i> -C ₆ F ₃ I ₃)	site 1	ZORA	61.7	179	0.68
		site 1	TPSS	62.3	176	0.71
		site 2	ZORA	57.0	159	0.65
		site 2	TPSS	55.5	149	0.74

a. ZORA indicates a GGA revPBE calculation including scalar relativistic effects carried out in ADF with the ZORATZP basis set. TPSS indicates a calculation carried out with the TPSS functional in Gaussian 09 with the 6-311G** basis set.

Table S3. Calculated ^{77}Se Chemical Shift Tensors and $J(^{77}\text{Se}, ^{31}\text{P})$ Coupling Constants

compound		method ^a	δ_{iso} / ppm	Ω / ppm	κ	$J(^{77}\text{Se}, ^{31}\text{P})$ / Hz	
	Ph ₃ PSe	site 1	ZORA	29.1	420	0.17	-689
		site 1	TPSS	-19.4	371	0.11	-645
		site 2	ZORA	37.5	436	0.28	-689
		site 2	TPSS	-21.6	383	0.26	-645
1	(Ph ₃ PSe)(<i>p</i> -C ₆ F ₄ I ₂)	site 1	ZORA	27.0	224	-0.19	-678
		site 1	TPSS	93.4	189	0.22	-635
		site 2	ZORA	162.1	428	0.02	-628
		site 2	TPSS	238.0	405	0.06	-587
2	(Ph ₃ PSe)(<i>o</i> -C ₆ F ₄ I ₂)	site 1	ZORA	166.2	365	0.14	-619
		site 1	TPSS	234.0	335	0.09	-579
3	(Ph ₃ PSe)(<i>sym</i> -C ₆ F ₃ I ₃)	site 1	ZORA	108.8	428	0.14	-678
		site 1	TPSS	191.2	409	0.12	-616
		site 2	ZORA	219.9	326	0.85	-616
		site 2	TPSS	272.1	317	0.88	-573

a. ZORA indicates a GGA revPBE calculation including scalar relativistic effects carried out in ADF with the ZORATZP basis set. For chemical shifts, TPSS indicates a calculation carried out with the TPSS functional in Gaussian 09 with the 6-311G** basis set. For J couplings, TPSS indicates a calculation carried out in ADF with the TPSS functional and ZORATZP basis set, with scalar relativity.

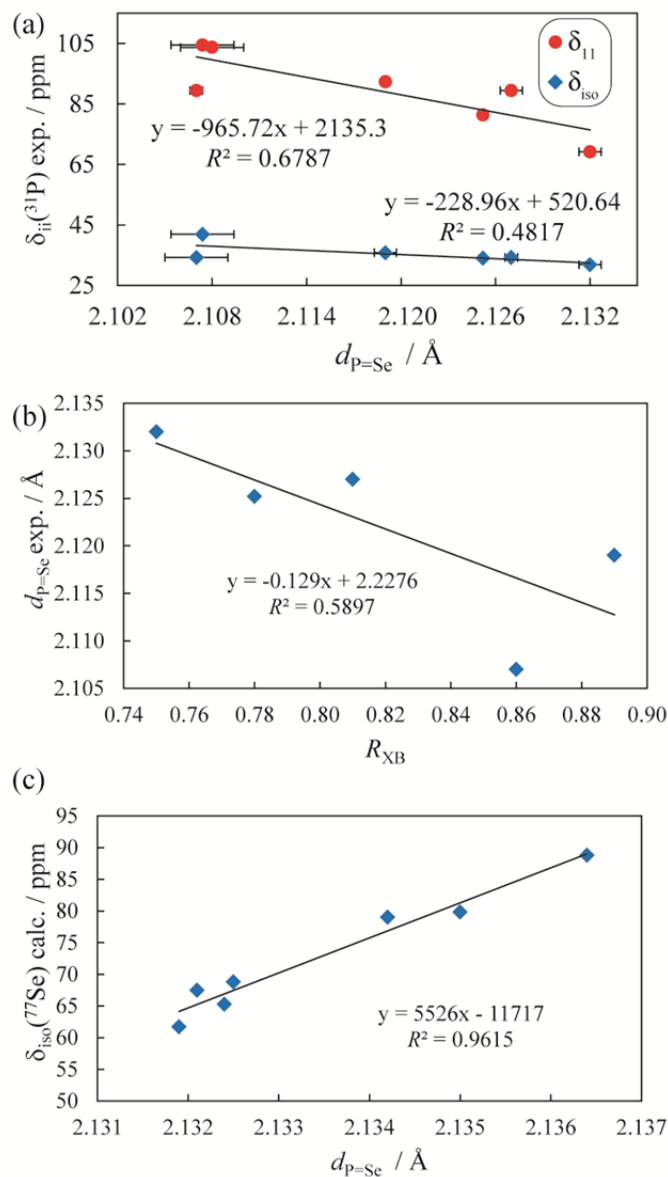


Figure S7. (a) Experimental ^{31}P chemical shifts as a function of the selenium-phosphorus distances, $d_{\text{P=Se}}$. (b) Selenium-phosphorus distances as a function of the cumulative halogen bond reduced distance parameter, R_{XB} . (c) ZORA calculated ^{77}Se isotropic chemical shifts as a function of $d_{\text{P=Se}}$. For (c), computations (ZORA revPBE) were performed on a cluster model $((\text{CH}_3)_3\text{PSe}\cdots\text{ICF}_3)$ where the $\text{I}\cdots\text{Se}$ distance was increased by increments of 0.04 \AA between 3.40 ($R_{\text{XB}} = 0.85$) and 3.66 \AA ($R_{\text{XB}} = 0.92$) and kept fixed while the model was geometry optimized.

Table S4. Hybridization/polarization analysis of NLMOs.^{a,b}

compound		NLMO #	Orbital type/%	Percent from parent NBO/%	Atomic hybrid contribution	
1 (Ph ₃ PSe)(<i>p</i> -C ₆ F ₄ I ₂)	Site 1	161	LP Se	0.14 I	1s(10.28%)p8.56(87.94%)d0.17(1.78%)	
				98.72 Se	27s(87.52%)p0.14(12.47%)d0.00(0.01%)	
		61	BD P-Se	0.06 I	1s(9.83%)p9.01(88.51%)d0.17(1.66%)	
				46.26 Se	27s(12.61%)p6.86(86.56%)d0.07(0.82%)	
	Site 2	238	LP Se	52.14 P	28s(32.63%)p2.05(66.79%)d0.02(0.57%)	
				0.11 I	1s(10.43%)p8.43(87.91%)d0.16(1.67%)	
		76	BD P-Se	98.74 Se	35s(87.83%)p0.14(12.16%)d0.00(0.01%)	
				0.06 I	1s(12.08%)p7.15(86.35%)d0.13(1.57%)	
2 (Ph ₃ PSe)(<i>o</i> -C ₆ F ₄ I ₂)		238	LP Se	46.48 Se	35s(12.19%)p7.13(86.97%)d0.07(0.83%)	
				51.78 P	36s(31.32%)p2.17(68.09%)d0.02(0.58%)	
		201	Cr Se	0.14 I	1s(9.37%)p9.51(89.05%)d0.17(1.58%)	
				98.66 Se	35s(87.94%)p0.14(12.04%)d0.00(0.01%)	
	3 (Ph ₃ PSe)(<i>sym</i> -C ₆ F ₃ I ₃)	Site 1	195	LP Se	98.98 Se	1s(9.37%)p9.51(89.05%)d0.17(1.58%)
					0.01 P	36s(20.40%)p2.80(57.16%)d1.10(22.45%)
		Site 2	61	BD P-Se	0.07 I	1s(8.92%)p10.04(89.65%)d0.16(1.43%)
					98.85 Se	31s(87.59%)p0.14(12.40%)d0.00(0.01%)
186	LP Se		0.04 I	1s(6.90%)p13.28(91.65%)d0.21(1.45%)		
			46.13 Se	31s(12.51%)p6.93(86.66%)d0.07(0.83%)		
	BD P-Se	52.17 P	32s(32.16%)p2.09(67.28%)d0.02(0.57%)			
		0.09 I	1s(8.64%)p10.27(88.75%)d0.30(2.61%)			
	BD P-Se	98.72 Se	4s(87.76%)p0.14(12.22%)d0.00(0.01%)			
		0.05 I	1s(11.26%)p7.70(86.65%)d0.19(2.09%)			
			46.71 Se	4s(12.36%)p7.02(86.78%)d0.07(0.86%)		
			51.56	5s(31.24%)p2.18(68.16%)d0.02(0.60%)		

^a Selected largest NLMO contributions.^b See J. Autschbach, *J. Chem. Phys.*, 2007, **127**, 124106 for further information on the output.

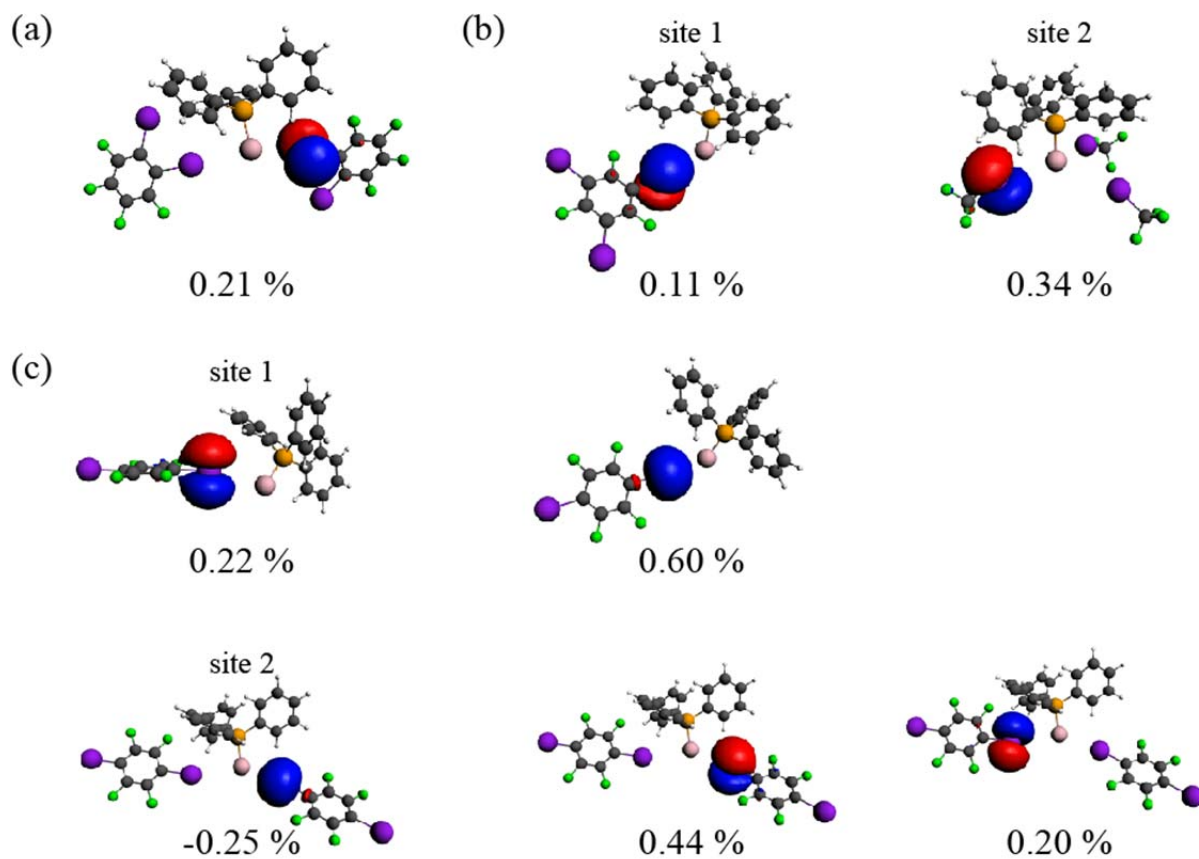


Figure S8. Iodine lone pair NLMOs having the next-largest contributions to the isotropic nuclear spin-spin $J(^{77}\text{Se}, ^{31}\text{P})$ coupling values in **2** (a), **3** (b), and **1** (c). The percentages underneath the orbitals represent the minor contributions to the $J(^{77}\text{Se}, ^{31}\text{P})$ coupling values for the XB systems.