Supporting Information for

## Cu(I) complex bearing a PNP-pincer-type phosphaalkene ligand with a bulky fused-ring Eind group: Properties and applications to FLP-type bond activation and catalytic CO<sub>2</sub> reduction

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Complex	2	$3 \cdot \operatorname{OEt}_2$	5	6
Empirical formula	C <sub>70</sub> H <sub>103</sub> CuF <sub>6</sub> NP <sub>3</sub>	$C_{47}H_{73}CuF_6NOP_3\cdot CH_2Cl_2$	$C_{63}H_{97}CuF_6NP_3 \cdot C_6H_{14}$	$C_{71}H_{101}CuF_6NP_3 \cdot 1.5(C_4H_{10}O)$
Formula weight	1228.98	1023.44	1225.04	1350.16
<i>T</i> (K)	103(2)	103(2)	103(2)	103(2)
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	$P2_{1}/c$
<i>a</i> (Å)	11.873(3)	13.726(2)	10.4742(2)	20.6335(4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	17.868(5)	14.204(2)	17.0519(3)	18.0324(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	18.028(5)	14.966(3)	19.2242(4)	40.1676(7)
α (°)	113.263(3)	88.769(7)	87.4499(15)	90.00
$\beta(^{\circ})$	97.23	77.711(6)	85.4988(16)	100.0298(18)
γ(°)	105.296(3)	64.632(5)	76.9395(17)	90.00
$V(Å^3)$	3273.2(15)	2567.9(7)	3333.14(11)	14716.8(5)
Ζ	2	2	2	8
$d_{\rm calc}$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.247	1.324	1.221	1.219
$\mu$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ) (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.465	0.680	0.456	0.421
<i>F</i> (000)	1316	1080	1320	5800
Crystal size	0.11 x 0.05 x 0.04	0.46 x 0.16 x 0.11	0.12 x 0.08 x 0.03	0.11 x 0.08 x 0.02
$\theta$ range (°)	2.1899 to 30.6566	1.9315 to 31.2717	2.1510 to 31.4890	2.2690 to 31.3040
Reflections collected	27772	21536	44549	186189
Independent reflections $(R_{int})$	11498 (0.0384)	9022 (0.0277)	11676 (0.0334)	24422 (0.1264)
Absorption correction	Multi-scan	Multi-scan	Multi-scan	Multi-scan
Max. and min. transmission	1.0000 and 0.8087	0.9290 and 0.7451	0.9864 and 0.9473	1.00000 and 0.87508
Data / restraints / parameters	11498 / 0 / 771	9022 / 0 / 579	11676 / 10 / 698	24422 / 288 / 1725
GOF on $F^2$	1.102	1.067	1.047	1.028
<i>R</i> 1, <i>wR</i> 2 [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.0531, 0.1221	0.0471, 0.1334	0.0681, 0.1845	0.0655, 0.1499
R1, wR2 (all data)	0.0688, 0.1398	0.0544, 0.1397	0.0838, 0.2037	0.1164, 0.1796
Largest peak and hole (e Å <sup>3</sup> )	0.487 and -0.469	0.750 and -0.675	1.288 and -0.654	1.308 and -0.613

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**Table S2.** Cartesian coordinates of the optimized structure of model complex A (dihedral angle of Ph vs  $P=C = 90^{\circ}$ ).

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Cu	0.00005658	-0.48561607	0.00519248
Р	2.30821726	-0.24399200	0.00453302
Р	-2.30810542	-0.24420162	0.00431025
Ν	-0.00003374	1.59745416	-0.00455266
С	2.40405692	1.43458531	-0.00612689
Н	3.35283900	1.96380796	-0.01091295
С	-2.40411083	1.43436760	-0.00591405
Н	-3.35294350	1.96350114	-0.01054340
С	1.18472990	2.25648668	-0.00985756
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С	-4.64988733	-1.15872497	1.22095047
С	-4.62143170	-1.22548339	-1.20993098
С	-5.93383732	-1.70338209	1.21567224
Н	-4.16592087	-0.92983527	2.16384716
С	-5.90572711	-1.76910858	-1.20499283
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С	-6.56174264	-2.00724852	0.00527840
Η	-6.44081426	-1.89141961	2.15420554
Η	-6.39115394	-2.00769252	-2.14342302
Η	-7.55759580	-2.43327384	0.00528186

**Table S3.** Cartesian coordinates of the optimized structure of model complex **B** (dihedral angle of Ph vs  $P=C=0^{\circ}$ ).

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-1.18/13818	2.3/165322	-0.00002149
-1.20984019	3.77589038	0.00002153
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0.00000171	4.47169621	0.00001109
0.00000255	5.55458811	0.00006004
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2.15533090	4.30133621	0.00008251
1.18713839	2.37165140	-0.00001891
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Fig. S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2 (400.13 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ , 25 °C).



**Fig. S2.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2** (100.62 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C).



Fig. S3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2 (376.46 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ , 25 °C).



**Fig. S4.** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of **2** (161.98 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C).



**Fig. S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3** ·OEt<sub>2</sub> (400.13 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C).



**Fig. S6.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **3** ·OEt<sub>2</sub> (100.62 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C).



Fig. S7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of  $3 \cdot OEt_2$  (376.46 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ , 25 °C).



Fig. S8. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of  $3 \cdot OEt_2$  (161.98 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ , 25 °C).



**Fig. S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **5** (100.62 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C).



Fig. S11.  $^{19}\mathrm{F}$  NMR spectrum of 5 (376.46 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C).



Fig. S12.  ${}^{31}$ P NMR spectrum of 5 (161.98 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C).



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**Fig. S14.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **6** (100.62 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C).



Fig. S15.  $^{19}\mathrm{F}$  NMR spectrum of 6 (376.46 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C).



**Fig. S16.** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of **6** (161.98 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C).