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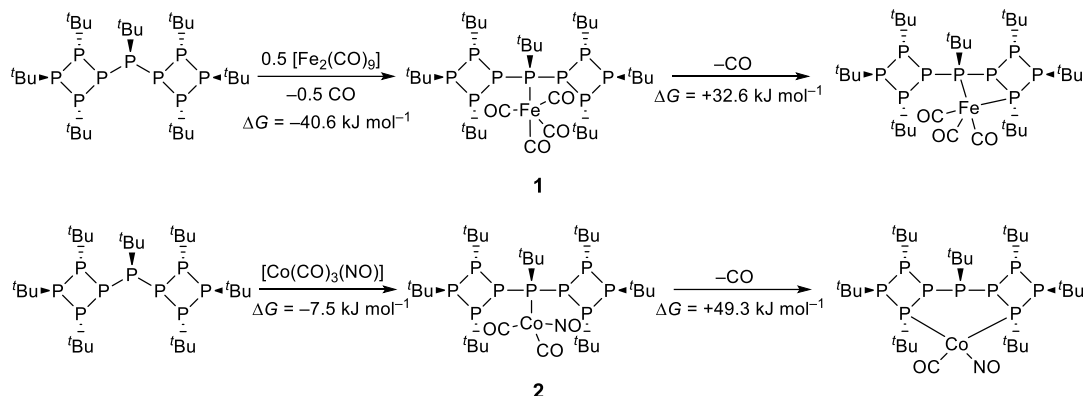
Coordination Chemistry of Hepta-tert-butylnonaphosphane

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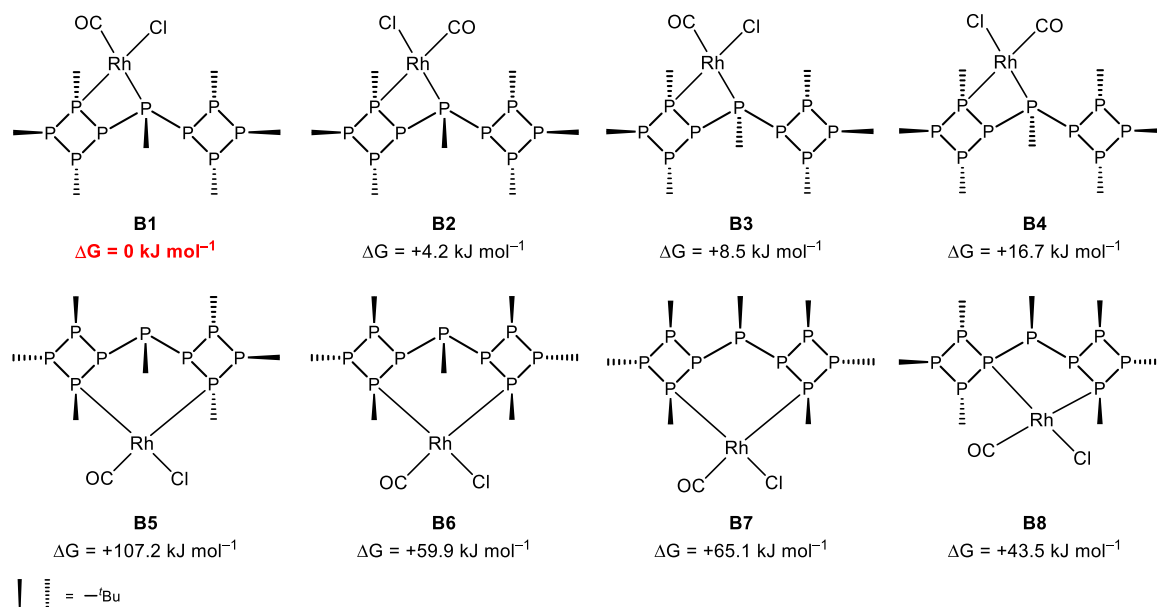
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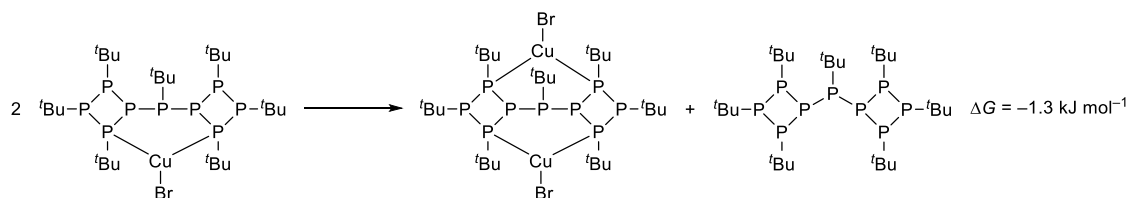
1. DFT Calculations



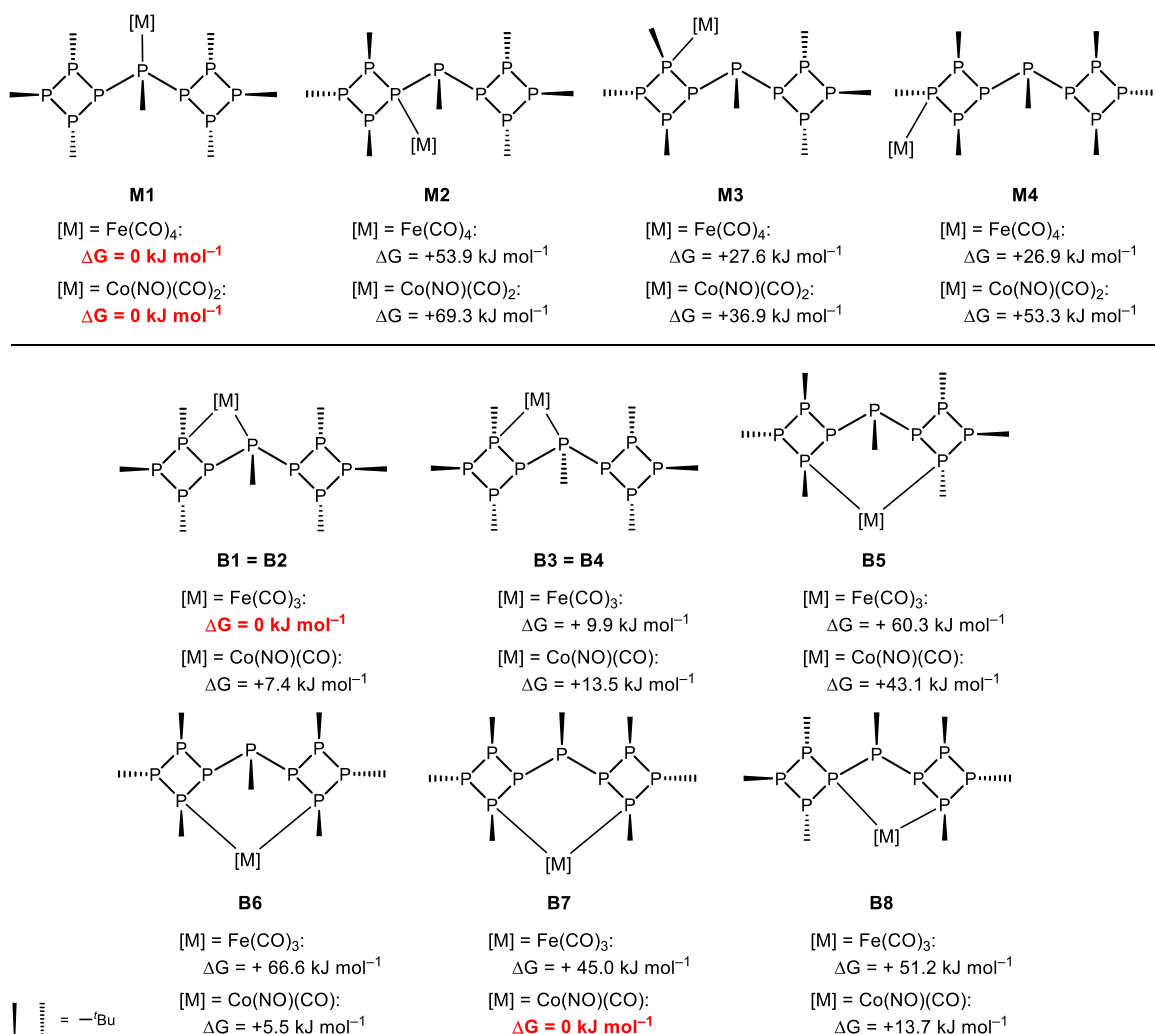
Scheme S1 Calculated energies for the formation of the hypothetical bidentate iron and cobalt complexes formed from complexes **1** and **2**. The energy of the most stable configuration of the respective hypothetical complexes with bidentate bonding mode was used (see below, Scheme S4).



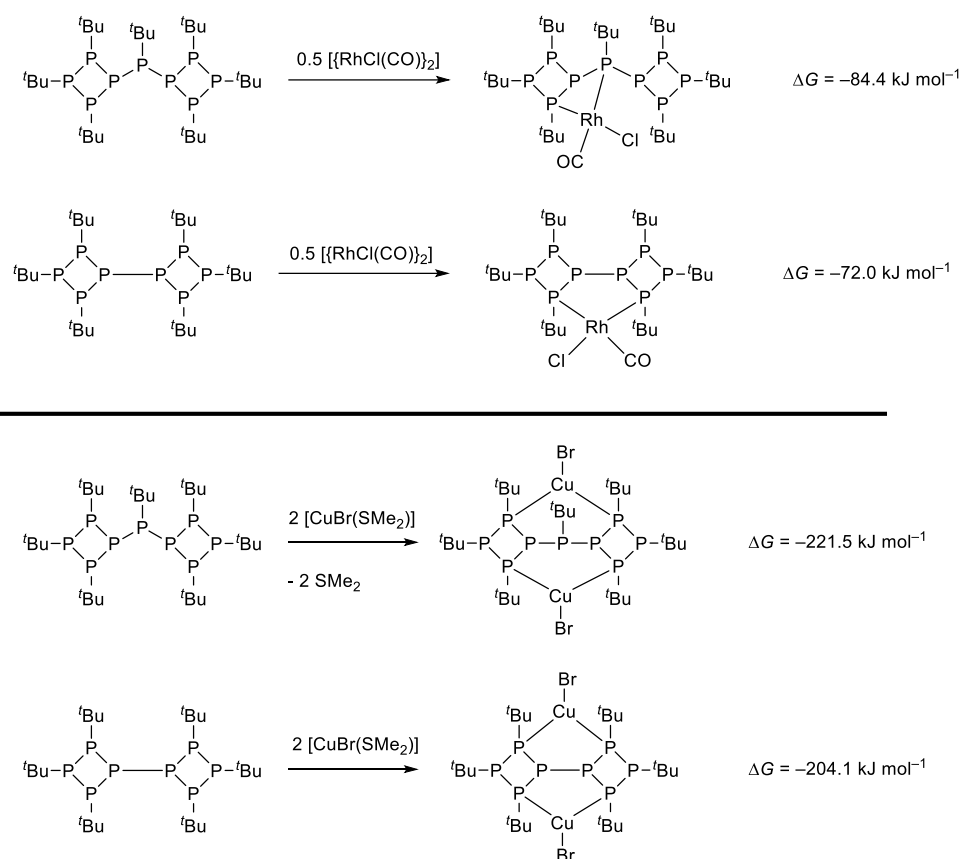
Scheme S2 Structural formulas and relative energies of all possible configurational isomers of the bidentate rhodium complex **4**. Configurations according to the different bidentate bonding modes are labelled **B1–B8**. Minimum energies are labelled in red.



Scheme S3 Two molecules of the mononuclear copper(I) complex react to give one molecule of **3** and one molecule of the ligand **L**. To find the most stable configuration of the mononuclear bidentate complex, the different configurations analogous to Scheme S2 were calculated. The most stable configuration corresponds to **B7**, which was used to calculate this reaction energy.



Scheme S4 Structural formulas and relative energies of all possible constitutional isomers of the monodentate iron and cobalt complexes **1** and **2** (top) as well as the configurational isomers of their hypothetical bidentate complexes (bottom). Minimum energies are labelled in red. Constitutions according to monodentate bonding modes are labelled **M1–M4**. Configurations of the bidentate bonding modes are labelled **B1–B8**, in analogy to the ones calculated for the rhodium complex **4**. It should be noted, that due to the different coordination environment in case of iron and cobalt, the configurations **B1** and **B2** as well as **B3** and **B4** are identical (different input structures yielded the same result).



Scheme S5 Calculated energies for the formation of complex **3** and **4** and their analogues with $\{cyclo-(P_4^tBu_3)\}_2$. For the latter two, the energies were already determined before¹ but were recalculated with the optimised benchmarked combination (Table S1) to allow an accurate comparison. The most stable configuration **B1** was used for complex **3**.

Table S1 Results from the benchmarking to find the best functional and basis set combination based on the CO stretching vibration of complex **4**.

| Method | CO stretching vibration (cm ⁻¹) |
|------------------------|---|
| Experiment | 1996.5 |
| BP86/def2-SVP | 1967.6 |
| B3LYP/def2-TZVP | 2028.7 |
| M06L/def2-TZVP | 1977.4 |
| TPPS/def2-TZVP | 1955.5 |
| TPPSh/def2-TZVP | 2004.0 |
| PBE0/def2-TZVP | 2065.8 |

¹ T. Grell and E. Hey-Hawkins, *Inorg. Chem.*, 2020, **59**, 7487.

2. TG-DTA Analysis

2.1. $[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4(\{\text{cyclo}-(\text{P}_4^t\text{Bu}_3)_2\text{P}^i\text{Bu}-\kappa\text{P}^o\})] (1)$

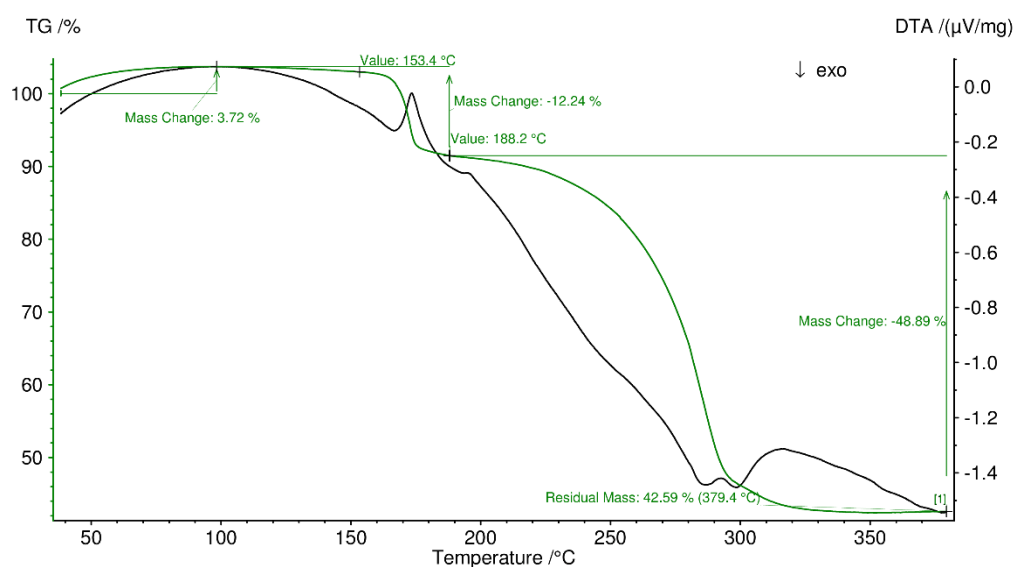


Fig. S1 TG-DTA of 1.

2.2. $[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2(\text{NO})(\{\text{cyclo}-(\text{P}_4^t\text{Bu}_3)_2\text{P}^i\text{Bu}-\kappa\text{P}^o\})] (2)$

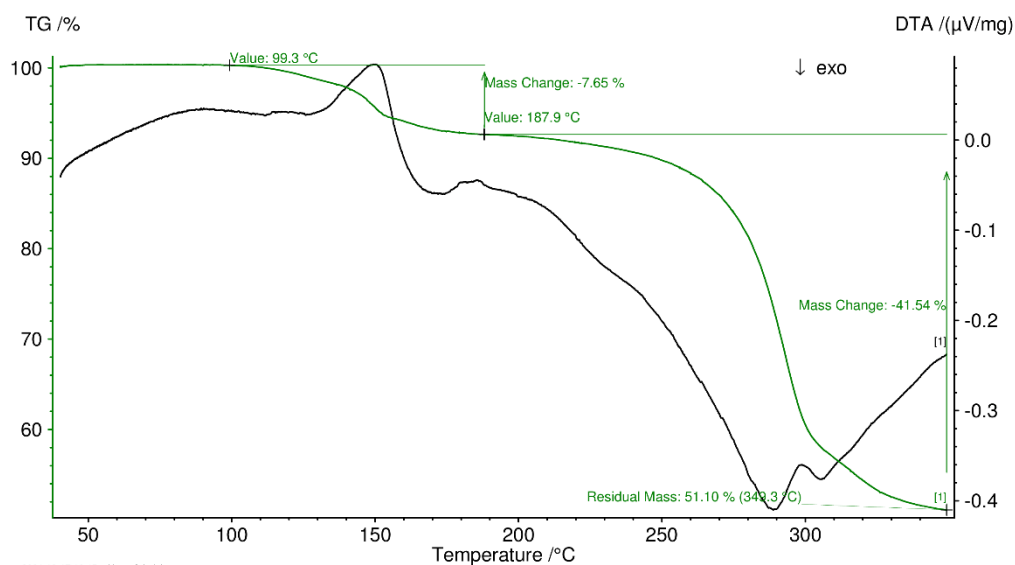


Fig. S2 TG-DTA of 2.

2.3. [(CuBr)₂(cyclo-(P₄^tBu₃)₂P^tBu-κ²P²,P⁷,κ²P³,P⁶)] (3)

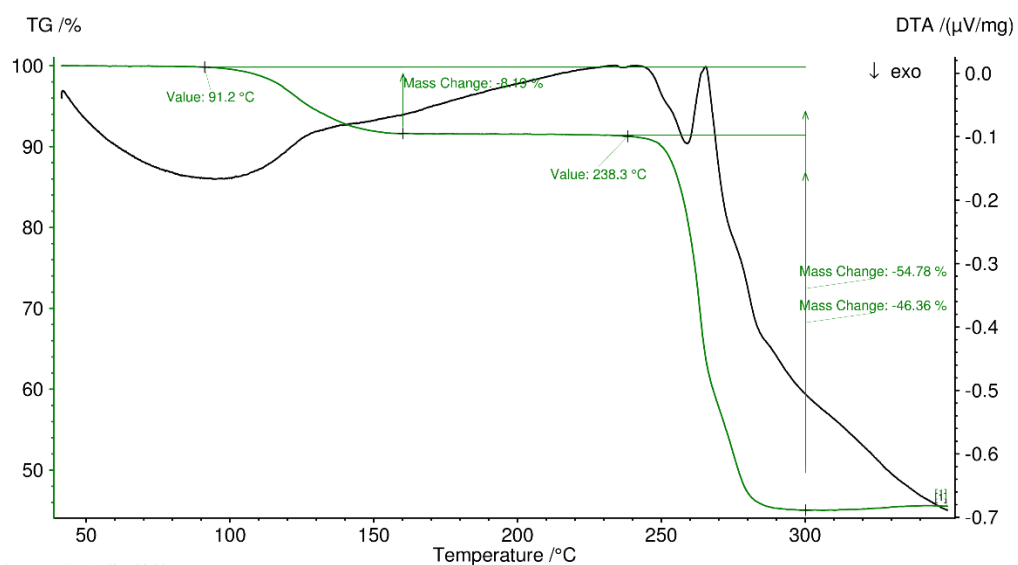


Fig. S3 TG-DTA of **3**.

2.4. [RhCl(CO)(cyclo-(P₄^tBu₃)₂P^tBu-κ²P⁶,P⁹)] (4)

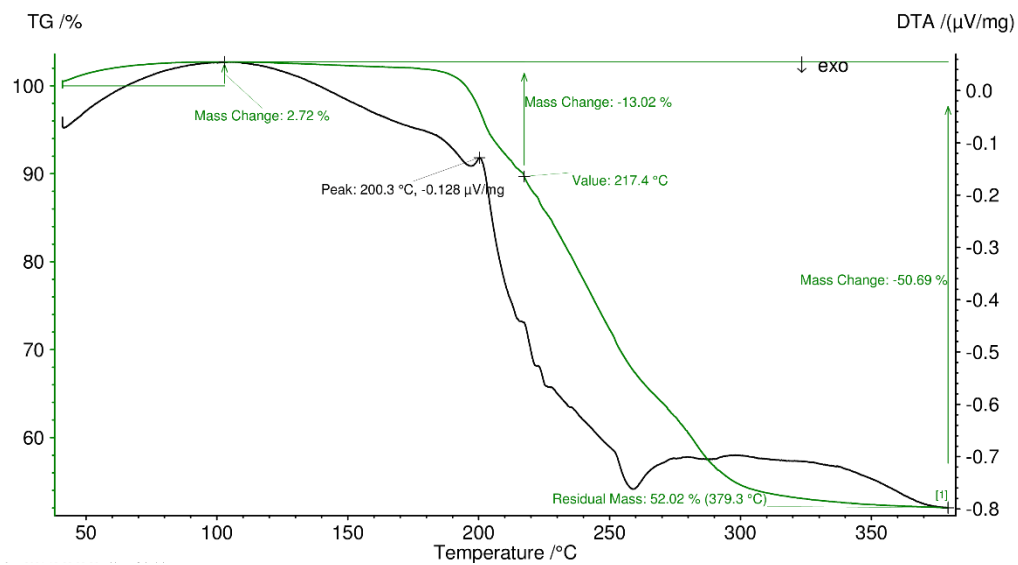


Fig. S4 TG-DTA of **4**.

3. Single Crystal X-Ray Diffraction

Table S2 Summary of Crystallographic Data Obtained from Single-Crystal X-Ray Diffraction.

| Compound | 1 | 2 | 3 · C ₄ H ₈ O | 4 | 5 |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| Empirical formula | C ₃₂ H ₆₃ FeO ₄ P ₉ | C ₃₀ H ₆₃ CoNO ₃ P ₉ | C ₃₂ H ₇₁ Br ₂ Cu ₂ OP ₉ | C ₂₉ H ₆₃ ClOP ₉ Rh | C ₂₈ H ₆₃ Cl ₂ P ₉ Pd |
| Formula weight | 846.40 | 823.47 | 1037.51 | 844.48 | 855.81 |
| Temperature [K] | 130(2) | 130(2) | 130(2) | 130(2) | 130(2) |
| Wavelength [pm] | 71.073 | 71.073 | 71.073 | 71.073 | 71.073 |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Triclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space group | <i>I</i> 2/ <i>a</i> | <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$ | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> |
| Unit cell | | | | | |
| <i>a</i> [pm] | 1846.95(3) | 1123.70(3) | 1154.77(1) | 2376.32(3) | 2398.98(8) |
| <i>b</i> [pm] | 1030.08(1) | 1992.94(5) | 1955.29(3) | 922.05(1) | 904.93(3) |
| <i>c</i> [pm] | 2385.12(4) | 2199.07(5) | 2087.09(3) | 1952.00(3) | 1954.63(8) |
| α [deg] | 90 | 110.379(2) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β [deg] | 103.481(2) | 96.610(2) | 99.633(1) | 99.045(1) | 99.562(3) |
| γ [deg] | 90 | 105.435(2) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| Volume [nm ³] | 4.4127(1) | 4.3307(2) | 4.6460(1) | 4.2279(1) | 4.1844(3) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| ρ (calc) [Mg/m ³] | 1.274 | 1.263 | 1.483 | 1.327 | 1.358 |
| μ mm ⁻¹ | 0.700 | 0.758 | 2.970 | 0.829 | 0.934 |
| <i>F</i> (000) | 1792 | 1744 | 2136 | 1768 | 1784 |
| Crystal size [mm ³] | 0.40 × 0.30 × 0.20 | 0.20 × 0.20 × 0.07 | 0.40 × 0.40 × 0.30 | 0.30 × 0.20 × 0.03 | 0.15 × 0.08 × 0.02 |
| Θ min / Θ max [deg] | 1.756 / 34.683 | 1.814 / 29.047 | 1.789 / 34.754 | 2.113 / 32.374 | 1.722 / 28.527 |
| Index ranges | -29 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 27 -16 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 16 -37 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 37 | -14 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14 -26 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 27 -29 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 28 | -18 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 17 -31 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 31 -33 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 32 | -35 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 35 -13 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 13 -28 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 28 | -28 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 31 -11 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12 -25 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 25 |
| Reflections collected | 42537 | 57339 | 112352 | 103742 | 31603 |
| Independent reflections [R(int)] | 9070 [0.0312] | 20272 [0.0562] | 19149 [0.0440] | 14390 [0.0629] | 9657 [0.0987] |
| Completeness [%] (Θ) [deg] | 100 (33.140) | 100 (26.375) | 100 (33.140) | 100 (30.510) | 100 (26.375) |
| <i>T</i> _{Max} / <i>T</i> _{Min} | 1.00000 / 0.84931 | 1.00000 / 0.92285 | 1.00000 / 0.67185 | 1.00000 / 0.92353 | 1.00000 / 0.68164 |
| Restraints / parameters | 10 / 256 | 0 / 835 | 51 / 469 | 0 / 391 | 0 / 382 |
| Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ² | 1.231 | 1.019 | 1.057 | 1.050 | 0.995 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] | 0.0666, 0.1484 | 0.0534, 0.1213 | 0.0365, 0.0791 | 0.0411, 0.0777 | 0.0511, 0.0867 |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data) | 0.0769, 0.1523 | 0.0994, 0.1442 | 0.0676, 0.0942 | 0.0577, 0.0831 | 0.1064, 0.1070 |
| Residual electron density [e · Å ⁻³] | 0.619 / -0.536 | 1.115 / -0.862 | 0.985 / -0.740 | 1.141 / -0.520 | 0.812 / -1.188 |
| CCDC number | 2144600 | 2144601 | 2144602 | 2144603 | 2144604 |

4. NMR Spectra

4.1. $[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4(\text{cyclo}-(\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3)_2\text{P}^i\text{Bu}-\kappa\text{P}^o)]$ (**1**)

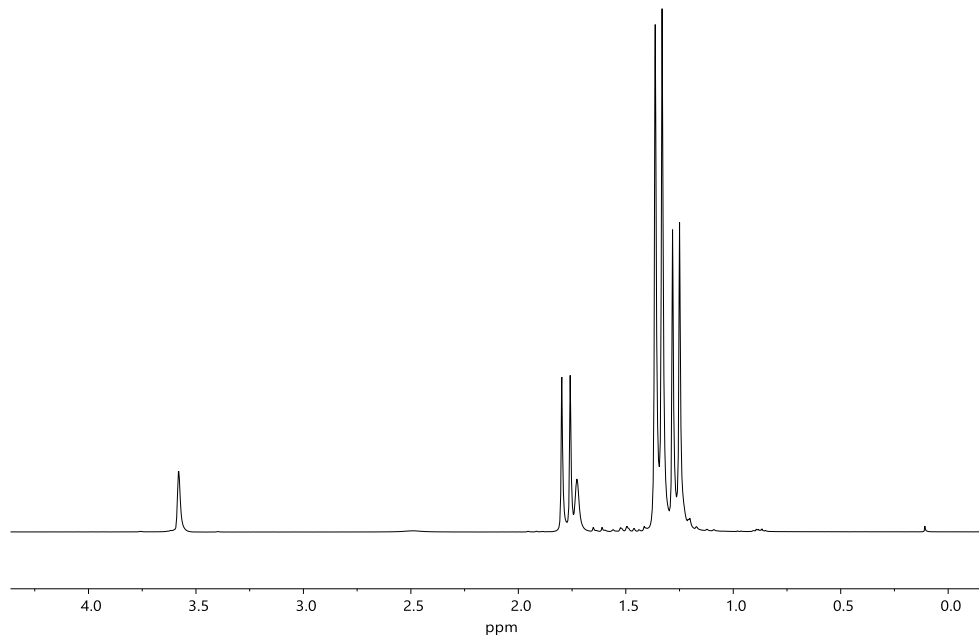


Fig. S5 ^1H NMR spectrum of **1** in $\text{THF}-d^8$ (400 MHz).

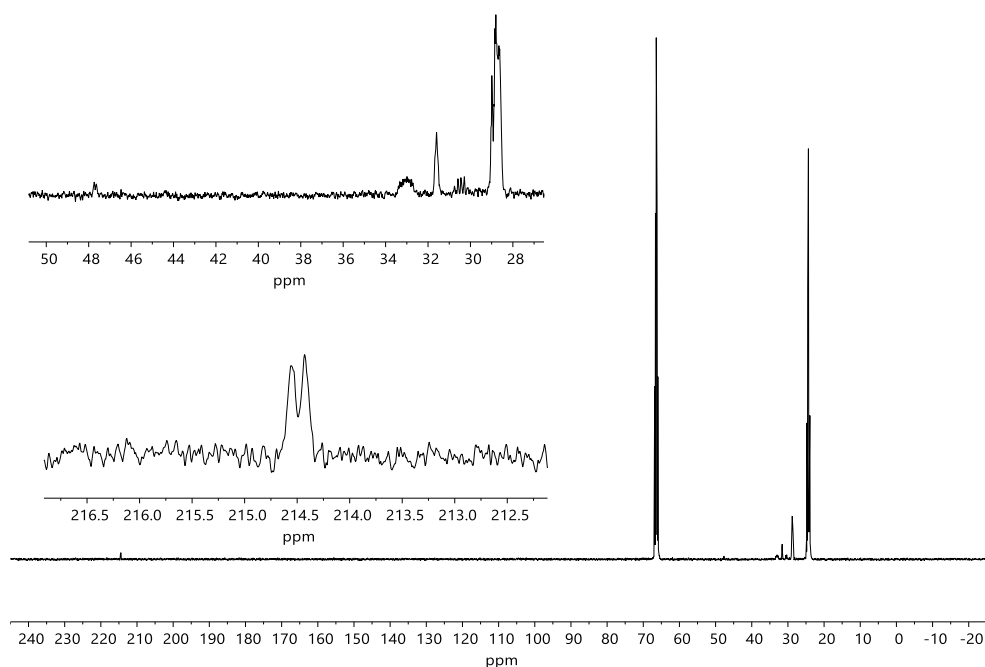


Fig. S6 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **1** in $\text{THF}-d^8$ (101 MHz).

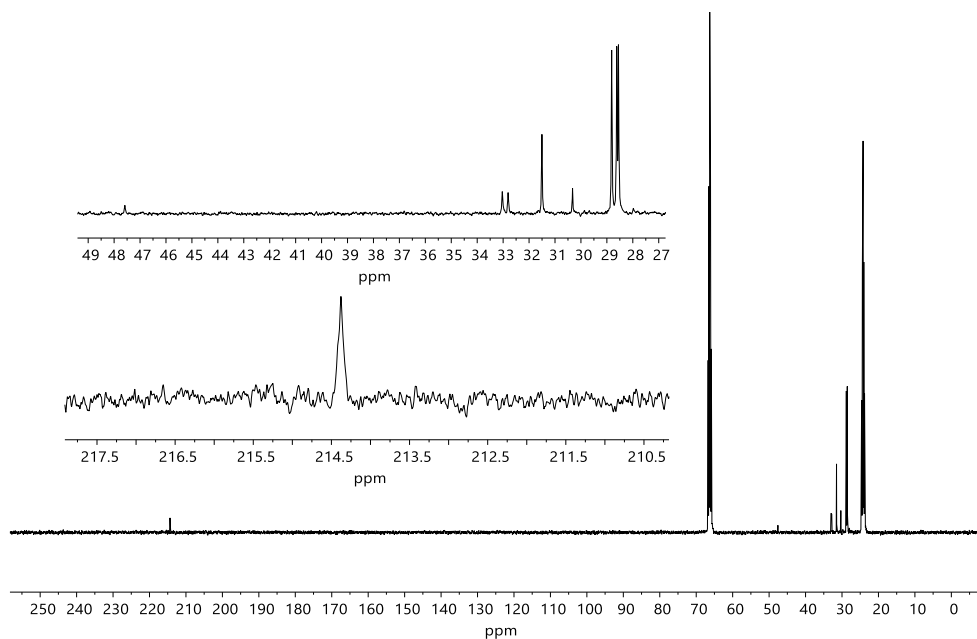


Fig. S7 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H},^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR spectrum of **1** in $\text{THF-}d^8$ (101 MHz) at 28°C .

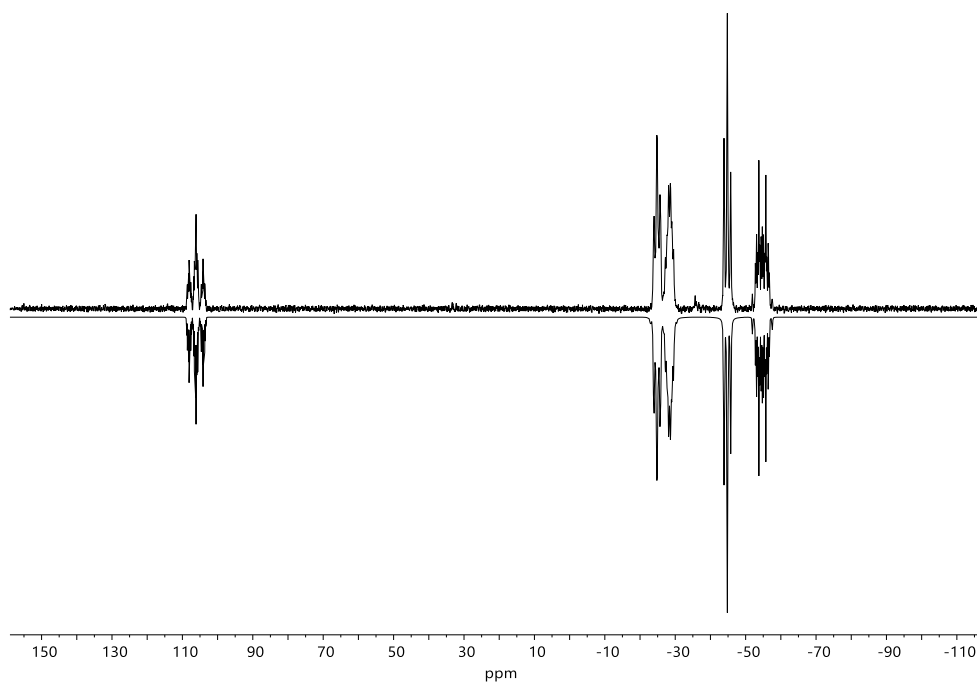


Fig. S8 Experimental (top) and simulated (bottom) $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **1** in $\text{THF-}d^8$ (162 MHz).

4.2. $[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2(\text{NO})(\{\text{cyclo}-(\text{P}_4^t\text{Bu}_3)\}_2\text{P}^t\text{Bu}-\kappa\text{P}^9)]$ (**2**)

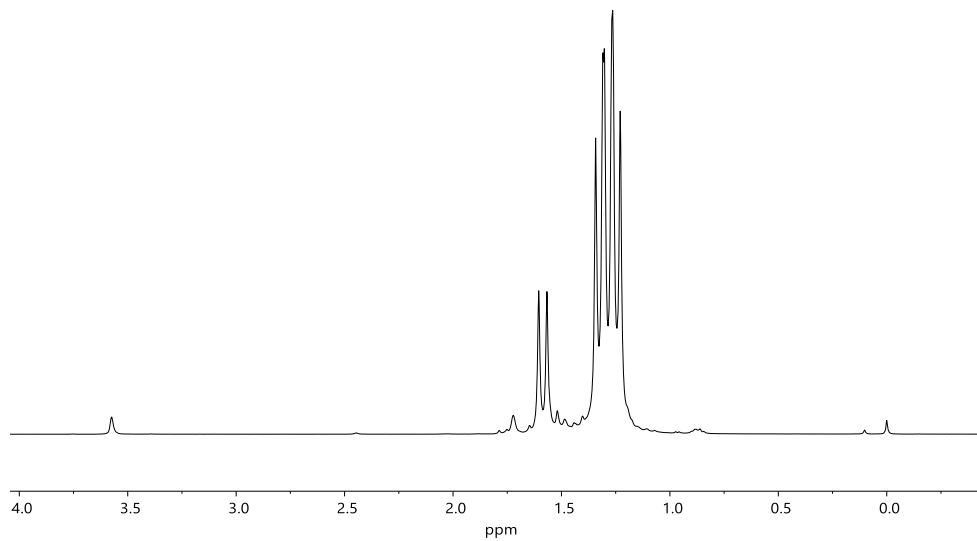


Fig. S9 ^1H NMR spectrum of **2** in $\text{THF}-d^8$ (400 MHz).

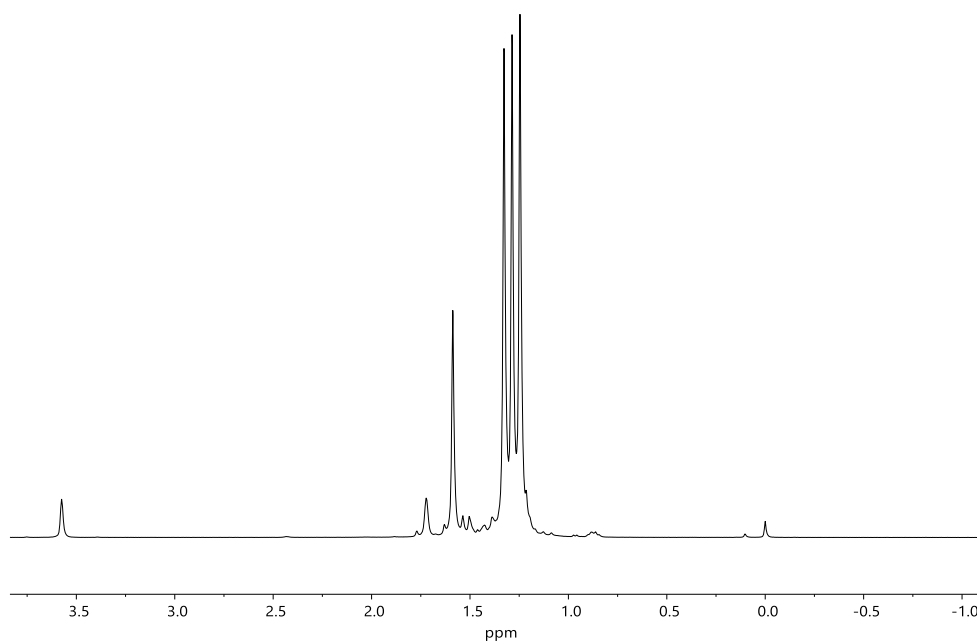


Fig. S10 $^1\text{H}\{^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR spectrum of **2** in $\text{THF}-d^8$ (400 MHz).

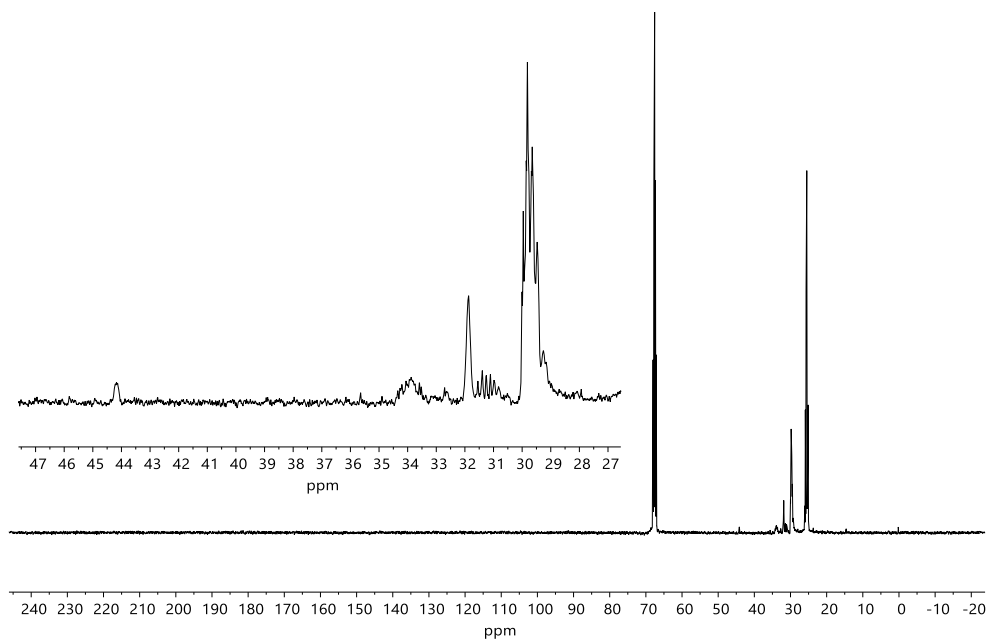


Fig. S11 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **2** in $\text{THF-}d^8$ (101 MHz).

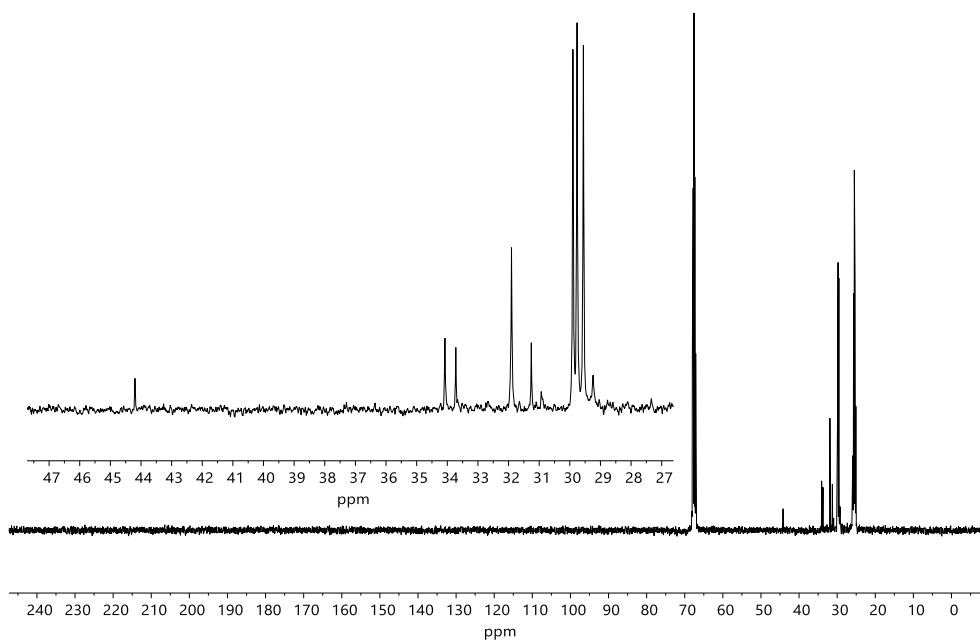


Fig. S12 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H},^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR spectrum of **2** in $\text{THF-}d^8$ (101 MHz) at 28 °C.

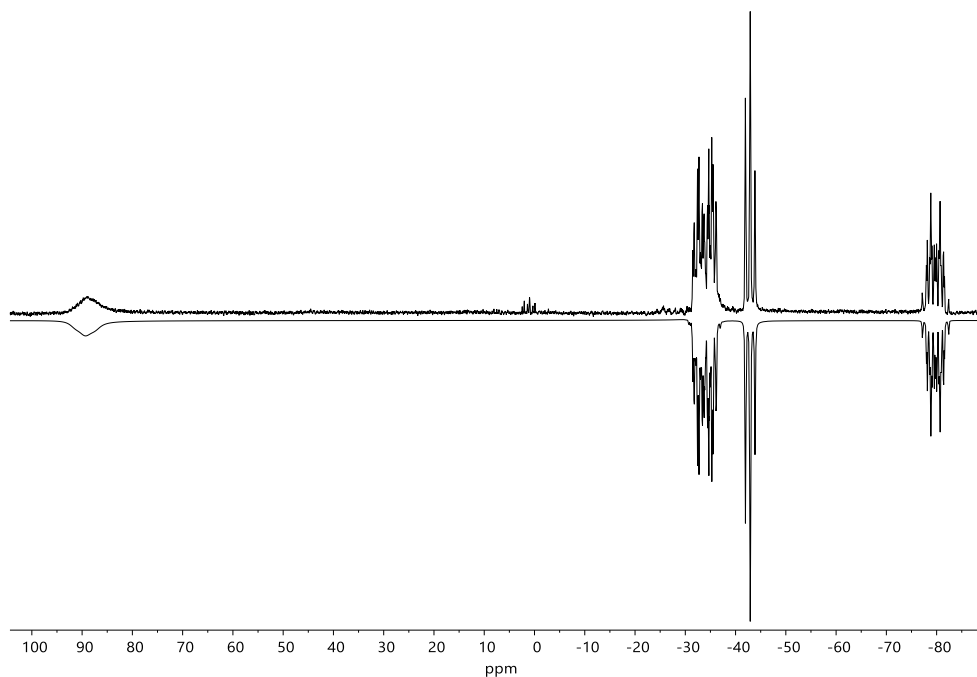


Fig. S13 Experimental (top) and simulated (bottom) $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **2** in $\text{THF-}d^8$ (162 MHz).

4.3. $[(\text{CuBr})_2(\text{cyclo-}(\text{P}_4^t\text{Bu}_3)_2\text{P}^t\text{Bu-}\kappa^2\text{P}^2,\text{P}^7,\kappa^2\text{P}^3,\text{P}^6)]$ (**3**)

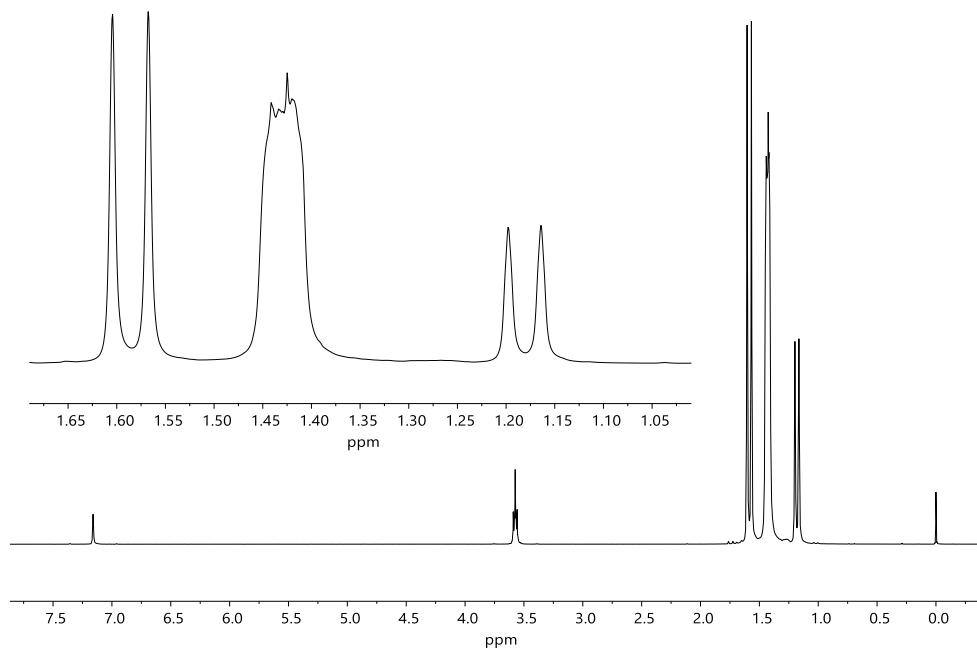


Fig. S14 ^1H NMR spectrum of **3** in $\text{benzene-}d^6$ (400 MHz).

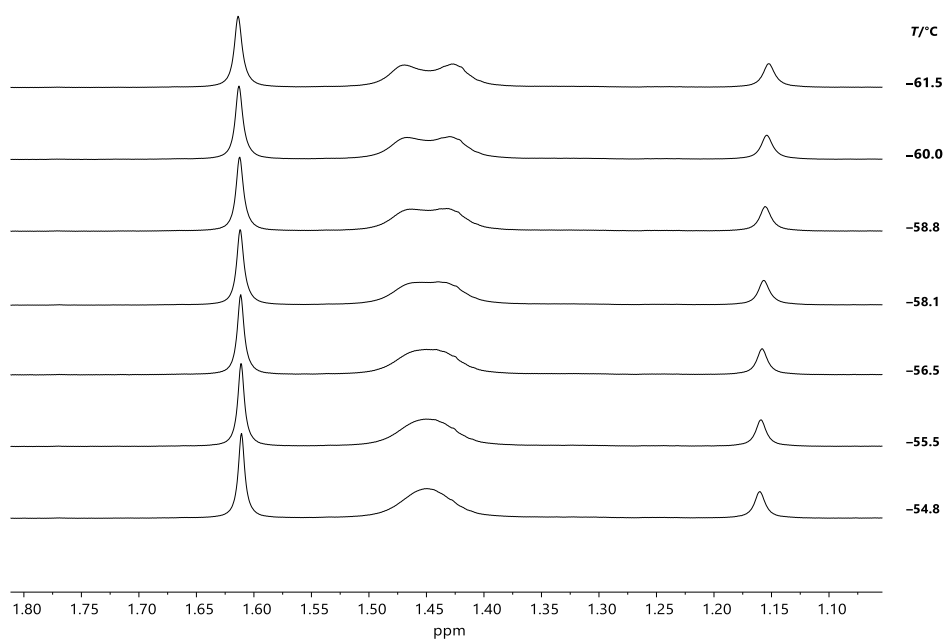


Fig. S15 Excerpt of the $^1\text{H}\{^{31}\text{P}\}$ VT NMR spectra of **3** in $\text{toluene-}d^6$, conducted with methanol (capillary) as internal standard for the temperature calibration. $\Delta\nu_{\text{AB}}$ of the resonances at 1.45 ppm is found to be 20.5 Hz at -66.8°C .

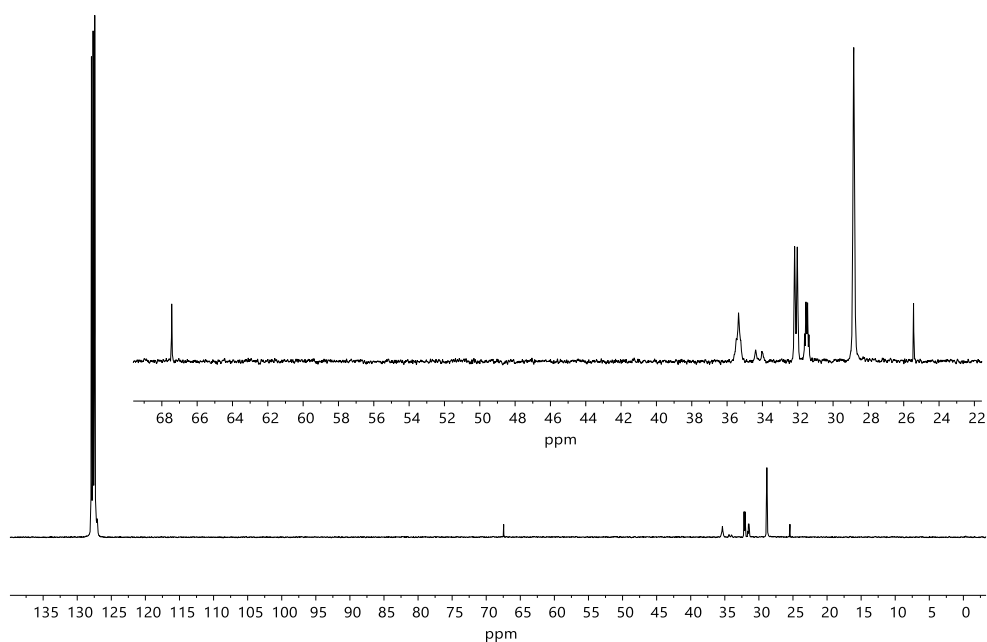


Fig. S16 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **3** in $\text{benzene-}d^6$ (101 MHz).

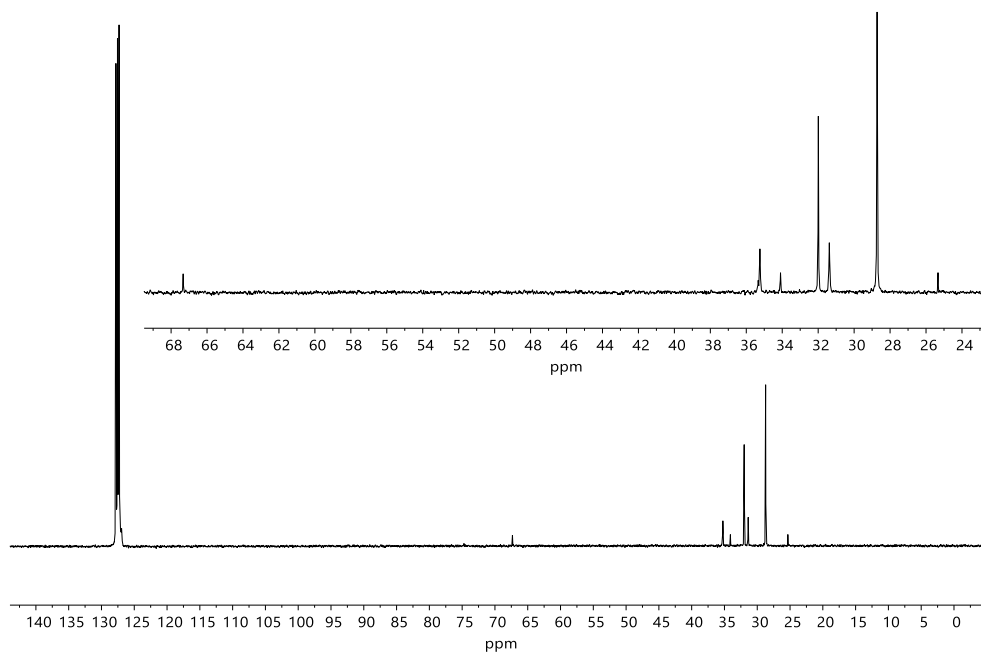


Fig. S17 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H},^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR spectrum of **3** in benzene- d^6 (101 MHz) at 28 °C.

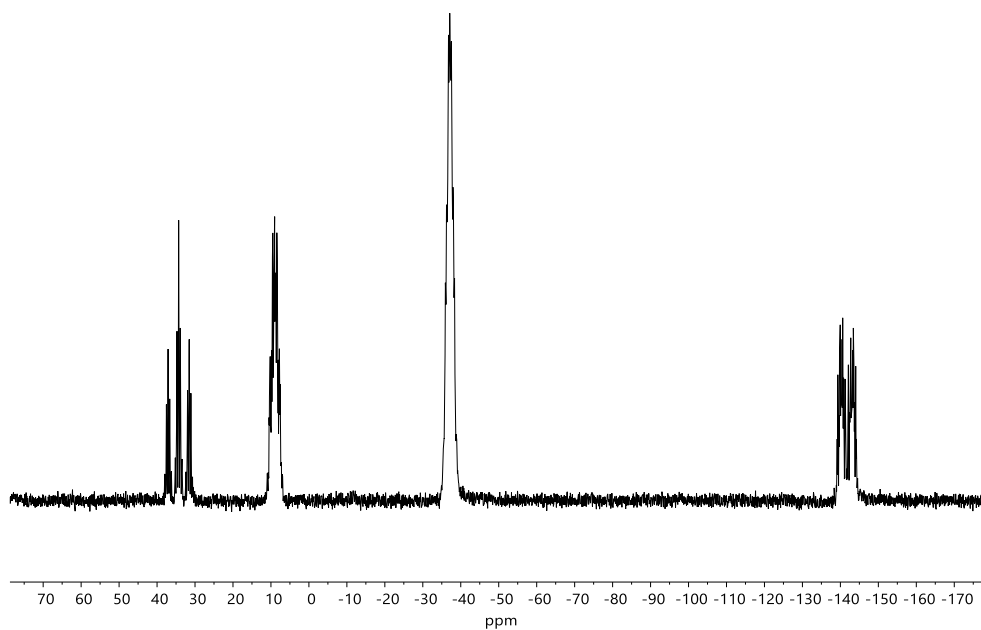


Fig. S18 $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **3** in benzene- d^6 (162 MHz).

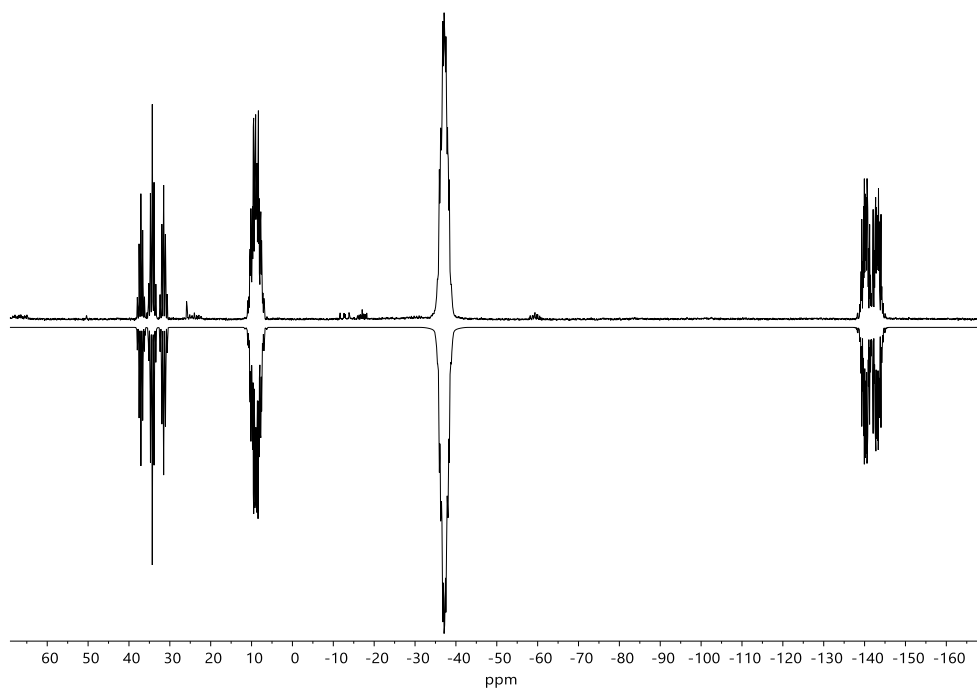


Fig. S19 Experimental (top) and simulated (bottom) $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **3** in benzene- d^6 (162 MHz).

4.4. $[\text{RhCl}(\text{CO})\{\text{cyclo}-(\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3)_2\text{P}^t\text{Bu}-\kappa^2\text{P}^6,\text{P}^9\}]$ (**4**)

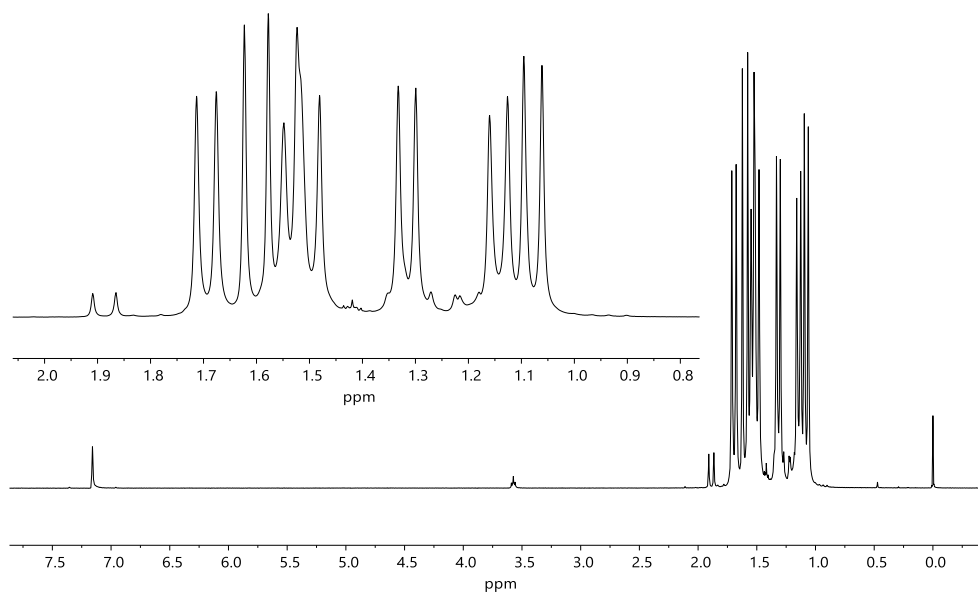


Fig. S20 ^1H NMR spectrum of **4** in benzene- d^6 (400 MHz).

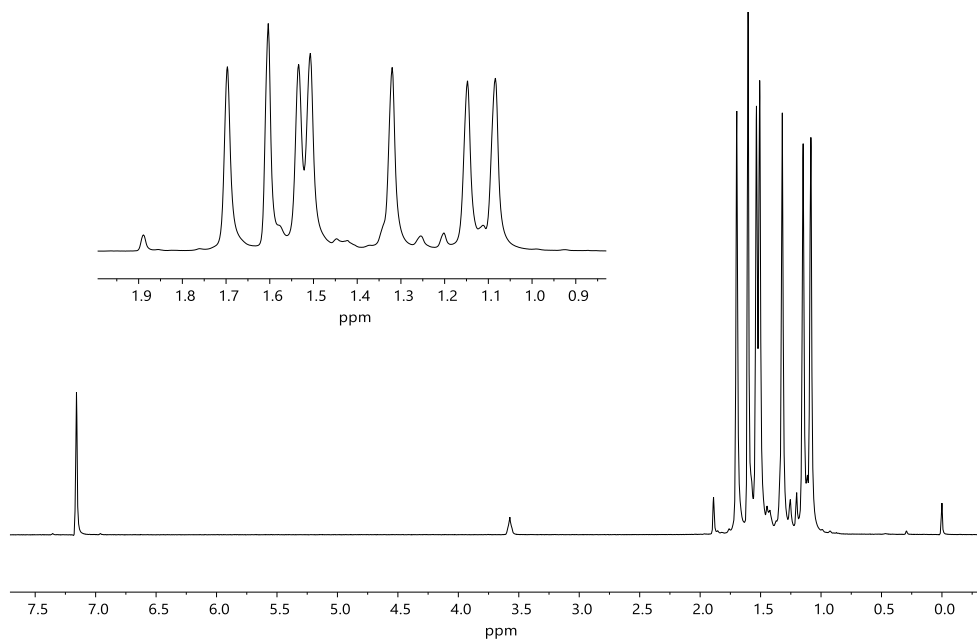


Fig. S21 $^1\text{H}\{^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4** in benzene- d_6 (400 MHz).

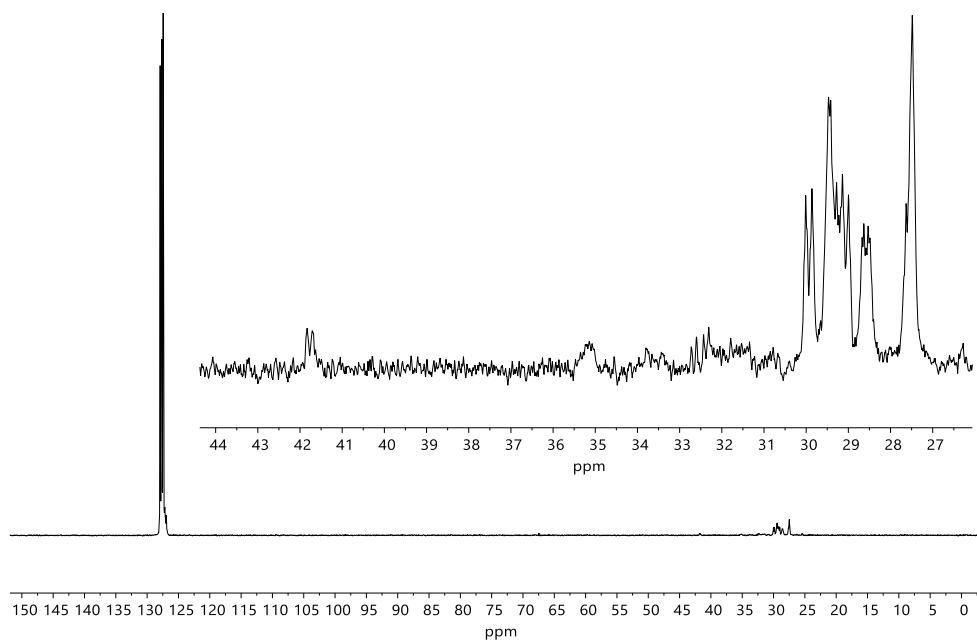


Fig. S22 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4** in benzene- d_6 (101 MHz).

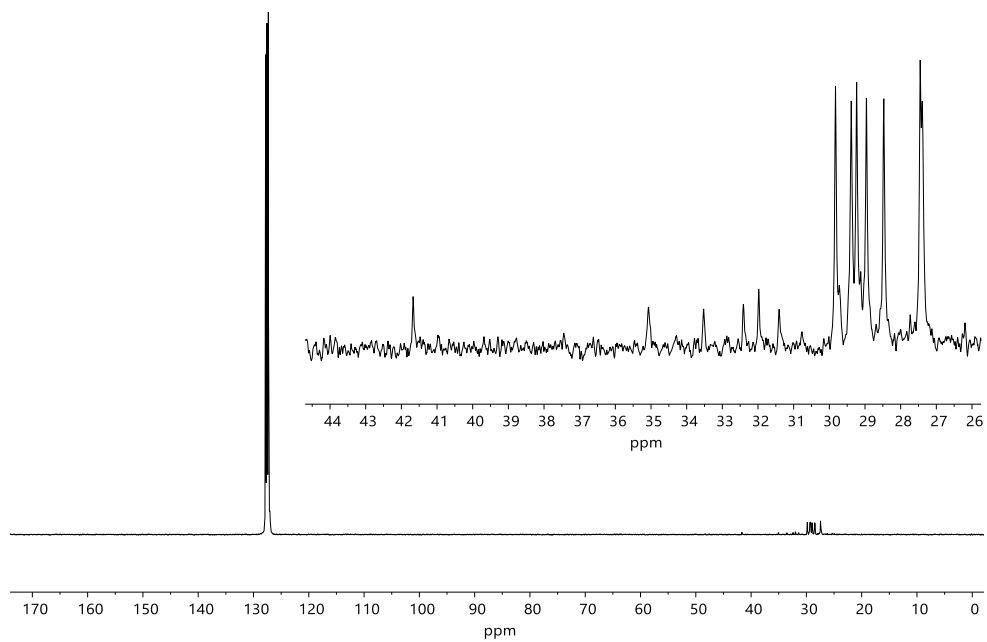


Fig. S23 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H},^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4** in benzene- d^6 (101 MHz).

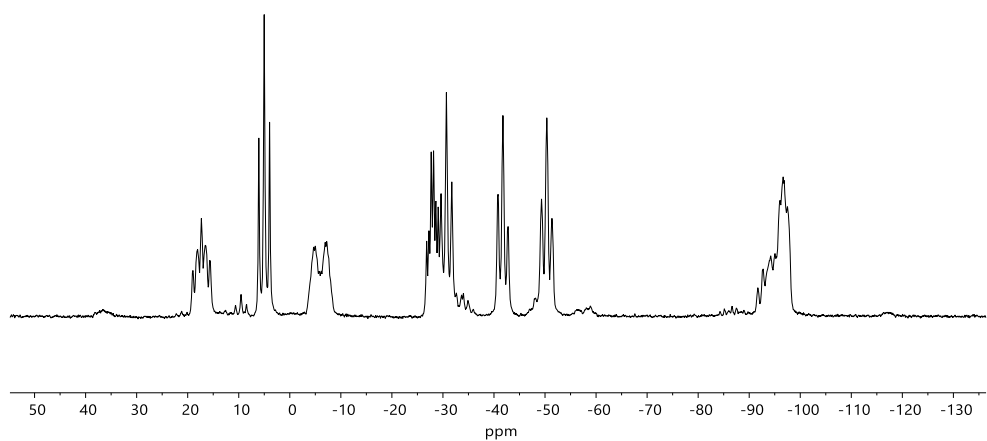


Fig. S24 $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4** in benzene- d^6 (162 MHz).