# A novel access to phosphanylidene-phosphorane complexes via P-donor substitution and a detailed bonding analysis 

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## 1 General methods

All reactions were performed under dried and deoxygenated argon atmosphere using Schlenk or glovebox techniques. The used argon (>99.998\%) was purified by a system of three columns (deoxygenation by a BTS copper catalyst (BASF PuriStar ${ }^{\circledR}$ R3-15S) at ca. $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, removing moisture with silica gel, phosphorus pentoxide desiccant with indicator (Sicapent ${ }^{\circledR}$ ) and calcium chloride). Glassware, spatulae, cannulae as well as filter papers were dried in a compartment dryer at $110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for at least one hour. Additionally, the glassware was heated with a heat gun (up to $550^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) under active vacuum (<0.02 mbar) and filled with argon three times. Sterile syringes were purged with argon three times before use. The solvents were dried by standard procedures ${ }^{1}$ by refluxing over proper desiccants under an argon atmosphere ( $n$-pentane over sodium wire ( $\varnothing=2 \mathrm{~mm}$ ); benzene of potassium mirror; diethyl ether stabilized with 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxytoluene (BHT) and tetrahydrofuran over benzophenone and sodium wire; dichloromethane over calcium hydride) for several days and distilled before use. Alternatively, diethyl ether was dried using a MBraun SPS-800 solvent purification system. For filtration stainless steel cannulae ( $\varnothing=1 \mathrm{~mm}$ and 2 mm ) with Whatman ${ }^{\circledR}$ glass microfiber filters (grade GF/B) were used if not stated otherwise. After use, devices made of stainless steel were cleaned with acetone, water and diluted hydrochloric acid and glassware by storage in a concentrated solution of potassium hydroxide in isopropanol for at least two days and in diluted hydrochloric acid for one day. Afterwards, the glassware was washed with water and soap, acetone and petroleum ether 40/65. All joints were greased with OKS 1112 grease or with PTFE paste (Carl Roth). Vacuum was applied by a rotary vane pump (vacuubrand RZ6) enabling pressures of $<10^{-2} \mathrm{mbar}$.

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance I 300 MHz , Bruker Avance I 400 MHz or Bruker Avance III HD Ascend 500 MHz spectrometer at the NMR department of the University of Bonn and subsequently analysed by the program Mestrenova 14.2. The calibration of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra was done via the solvent residual signals relative to tetramethylsilane $\left(<1 \%\right.$ in $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}: \delta\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right)=\right.$ 7.16 ppm and $\delta\left({ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\right)=128.06 \mathrm{ppm}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}: \delta\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right)=5.32 \mathrm{ppm}$ and $\delta\left({ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\right)=53.84 \mathrm{ppm}$, and THF-d $: \delta\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right)$ $=1.72 \mathrm{ppm}$ or 3.58 ppm and $\delta\left({ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\right)=25.31 \mathrm{ppm}$ or 67.21 ppm$) .{ }^{2}{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectra were measured relative to $85 \% \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}(\mathrm{aq})$ as external reference by using the ${ }^{2} \mathrm{H}$ frequency of the deuterated solvent (lock frequency) and the frequency ratio value $\Xi\left({ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\right)=40.480742 \% .{ }^{3}$ All lock frequencies were calibrated internally against the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ signals of solutions of tetramethylsilane with a volume fraction of $\Phi \leq 1 \%$ in the corresponding deuterated solvent. The used deuterated solvents were purified by distillation over proper desiccants ( $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ and THF - $d_{8}$ over a potassium mirror and $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ over $\mathrm{CaH}_{2}$ ), trap-to-trap recondensation and degassing by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles. The purified solvent was stored over $3 \AA$ or $4 \AA$ molecular sieves. The chemical shift ( $\delta$ ) is given in parts per million (ppm) and the coupling constant $\left({ }^{n} J_{X, Y}\right)$ in Hertz (Hz) as absolute values neglecting the sign where $n$ is the number of bonds between the coupling nuclei $X$ and $Y$. For assigning the multiplicity following
abbreviations were used: $s=$ singlet, $d=$ doublet, $d d=$ doublet of doublets, $d m=$ doublet of multiplets, $\mathrm{t}=$ triplet, $\mathrm{q}=$ quartet $\mathrm{m}=$ multiplet, sat = satellites and $\mathrm{br}=$ broad. For ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra additionally the number of nuclei is given accordingly which is determined via integration. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} N M R$ signals of compounds were assigned by a combination of COSY, HSQC and HMBC experiments to unequivocally assign protons and carbon resonances if necessary. All measurements were performed at ambient temperature ( 298 K ) if not stated otherwise.

Mass spectra using liquid injection field desorption ionisation (LIFDI) were recorded on a Thermo Finnigan MAT 90 sector field instrument equipped with a LIFDI ion source (Linden CMS). The samples were dissolved in toluene or tetrahydrofuran. The solutions were prepared in a glovebox using dried, recondensed and degassed solvents. Only selected data are given for detected ions. The peaks are given in mass-to-charge ratio ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ) while only the isotopomer with the highest relative abundance is represented. Additionally, the relative intensities of the peaks are given in parentheses and the proposed molecule fragments in square brackets if not stated otherwise.

ATR-IR spectra of solids were recorded in the spectral range of $4000-400 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ on a Bruker Alpha FTIR spectrometer with a single-reflection ATR measurement attachment (Platinum-ATR Diamond) or a Shimadzu IRSpirit FTIR spectrometer with a single-reflection ATR measurement attachment (QATR-S) in a glovebox at ambient temperature. For apodization the Happ-Genzel function was used. All analyses were performed using the programs EZ OMNIC 7.3 of Fisher Scientific, OPUS of Bruker and LabSolutions IR 2.26 of Shimadzu. Only selected wavenumbers of the absorption bands are given using reciprocal centimetres $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$. The intensities of the bands are marked as strong ( s ), medium ( m ) or weak (w).

Elemental analyses were performed on a Elementar Vario Micro analysis device in quadruplicate or triplicate for each sample. All samples were prepared and weighed up in tin or silver sample containers using a micro-analytical balance in a glovebox. The mean C and H values are given for each compound.

Melting points were measured using an SRS DigiMelt device or a Büchi melting point determination device according to Dr. Tottoli. The samples were flame-sealed in a glass capillary ( $\varnothing=0.1 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) in vacuo (<0.02 mbar) and heated quickly (ca. $5 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{min}$ ) for a rough determination of the melting point or decomposition temperature. Afterwards, a heating rate of approximately $2 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{min}$ was used until the sample melted or decomposed. The thermally treated samples were cooled to ambient temperature and studied by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and/or ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectroscopy to confirm whether decomposition had occurred. No internal or external temperature corrections were performed.

Single crystal X-ray diffraction analyses were performed on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer, a STOE IPDS-2T diffractometer or a STOE STADIVARI diffractometer equipped with a low-temperature device
(Oxford Cryostream 700 series or 800 series) at $100(2) \mathrm{K}$ or $120(2) \mathrm{K}$ by using graphite monochromated Mo-K $\alpha_{\alpha}\left(\lambda=0.71073 \AA\right.$ ) or Cu-K $\alpha_{\alpha}$ radiation ( $\lambda=1.54186 \AA$ A $)$. Intensities were measured by fine-slicing $\Phi$ and $\omega$ scans and corrected background, polarization and Lorentz effects. A semi-empirical absorption correction was applied for the data sets following Blessing's method. ${ }^{4}$ The structure was solved by direct methods and refined anisotropically by the least-squares procedure implemented in ShelX program system. ${ }^{5}$ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The hydrogen atoms were included isotropically refined using a riding model at the bound carbon atoms. The program Olex2 $1.5^{6}$ of OlexSys was used for analyses and the ellipsoid representations of the molecular structures with the probability level set to 50\%. Crystallographic data for the structures reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC2282404 (3a), CCDC-2282405 (3a-Cr) and CCDC-2282406 (3b) which can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

## 2 Experimental procedures and characterisation

## Synthesis of complex 3a


0.08 mL ( $0.78 \mathrm{mmol}, 5.4 \mathrm{eq}$.) of trimethylphosphane was added dropwise to a solution of 0.098 g ( $0.14 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0 \mathrm{eq}$.) of complex $\mathbf{2}^{7}$ in 5.0 mL of benzene at ambient temperature. The solution was stirred for 17 hours. The supernatant of the obtained yellow suspension was filtered off using a filter cannula ( $\varnothing=1 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). The product was obtained as yellow solid after drying for 80 minutes in vacuo at ambient temperature. Yield: $0.079 \mathrm{~g}(0.12 \mathrm{mmol}, 81 \%) . \mathrm{Mp} 168^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (dec.). Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{~W}$ : C 48.10, H 3.59; found: C 48.16, H 3.80. IR (ATR Diamond): $v_{\max } / \mathrm{cm}^{-1}=1911$ (s) (CO), 1975 (m) (CO), 2059 (m) (CO). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500.04 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{THF}-\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta / \mathrm{ppm}=7.69-7.67\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right)$, $7.24-7.21\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right), 7.14-7.11\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right), 1.28\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{H}}=12.14 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{H}}=2.48 \mathrm{~Hz}, 9 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( 125.75 MHz, THF- $d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta / \mathrm{ppm}=200.8\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{C}}=15.5 \mathrm{~Hz} ;\right.$ trans-CO), 200.0 (dd $\mathrm{sat}_{\text {at }}$, $\left.{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=4.3 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=4.3 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{W}, \mathrm{C}}=125.4 \mathrm{~Hz} ; c i s-\mathrm{CO}\right), 148.5(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s} ; i p s o-C), 131.6\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=10.4 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{Ph}\right)$, 128.8 ( $\mathrm{s} ; \mathrm{Ph}$ ), $126.8\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=0.9 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{Ph}\right), 59.3\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=33.5 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right), 15.4\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=\right.$ $\left.42.6 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{C}}=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(202.44 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{THF}-\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta / \mathrm{ppm}=16.9\left(\mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{sat}},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=\right.$ $\left.456.3 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=42.6 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right),-20.9\left(\mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{sat}},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=456.3 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{W}, \mathrm{P}}=120.6 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{W}-\mathrm{PCPh}_{3}\right) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P} \mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(202.44 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{THF}-\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta / \mathrm{ppm}=16.9\left(\mathrm{dm}_{\text {sat, }}{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=456.3 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{C}}=42.6 \mathrm{~Hz} ; P \mathrm{Me}_{3}\right),-20.9\left(\mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{sat}}\right.$, $\left.{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=456.3 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{W}, \mathrm{P}}=120.6 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{W}-\mathrm{PCPh}_{3}\right) . \mathrm{MS}$ (LIFDI, selected data): $m / z(\%)=674.0(100)[M]^{+}, 243.1$ (91) $\left[\mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right]^{+}$.

## Synthesis of complex 3a-Cr


0.24 mL ( $2.33 \mathrm{mmol}, 5.2 \mathrm{eq}$.) of trimethylphosphane was added to a solution of 0.246 g ( 0.45 mmol , 1.0 eq.) of complex $\mathbf{2 - C r}{ }^{7}$ in 10 mL of benzene at ambient temperature. The solution was stirred for 22 hours. The supernatant of the obtained yellow suspension was filtered off using a filter cannula ( $\varnothing$ $=1 \mathrm{~mm})$. The solid residue was redissolved in 15 mL of dichloromethane. After addition of 15 mL of $n$ pentane to form a yellow precipitate. The product was washed three times with 4 mL of $n$-pentane and obtained as yellow solid after drying for 1.5 hours in vacuo at ambient temperature. Yield: 0.191 g ( $0.35 \mathrm{mmol}, 79 \%$ ). $\mathrm{Mp} 150{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (dec.). Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Cr}$ : C 59.79, H 4.46; found: C 59.53, H 4.75. IR (ATR Diamond): $v_{\max } / \mathrm{cm}^{-1}=1875$ (s) (CO), 1918 (s) (CO), 1974 (w) (CO), $2048(\mathrm{~m})(\mathrm{CO}) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400.13 MHz, CD $\left.{ }_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta / \mathrm{ppm}=7.66-7.64\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right), 7.30-7.25(\mathrm{~m}$, $6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CPh}_{3}$ ), 7.19-7.14 (m, 3H; CPh $\mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), 1.25 (dd, $\left.{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{H}}=10.36 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{H}}=10.36 \mathrm{~Hz}, 9 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}$ ( $125.75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta / \mathrm{ppm}=224.0$ ( $\mathrm{s} ;$ trans-CO), 218.5 ( $\mathrm{d}^{2}{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}}=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz} ;$ cis-CO), 147.8 (br s; ipso-C), 130.8 (d, JP, $=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{Ph}$ ), 128.3 ( $\mathrm{s} ; \mathrm{Ph}$ ), 126.3 ( $\mathrm{s} ; \mathrm{Ph}$ ), $59.3\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=41.7 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right), 16.0(\mathrm{dd}$, $\left.{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=39.4 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=11.2 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(162.00 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta / \mathrm{ppm}=17.3\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}\right.$ $\left.=484.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right), 12.5\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=484.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{PCPh} 3\right.$ ). ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P} \mathrm{NMR}\left(162.00 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta / \mathrm{ppm}=$ 17.3 ( $\mathrm{dm},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=484.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ ), 12.5 ( $\mathrm{d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=484.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{Cr}-P \mathrm{CPh}_{3}$ ). MS (LIFDI, selected data): $m / z(\%)$ $=542.0(100)[M]^{+}, 243.1(85)\left[\mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right]^{+}$.

## Synthesis of complex 3b

(OC) $)_{5} \mathrm{~W}, \stackrel{\ominus}{\mathrm{P}}-\mathrm{CPh}_{3}$

0.13 mL ( $0.88 \mathrm{mmol}, 5.0 \mathrm{eq}$.) of triethylphosphane was added to a solution of $0.119 \mathrm{~g}(0.18 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.0 eq.) of complex $\mathbf{2}^{7}$ in 5.0 mL of benzene at ambient temperature. The solution was stirred for 16 hours. All volatiles were removed in vacuo at ambient temperature. The product was obtained as yellow-orange solid after drying for 3.5 hours in vacuo. Yield: 0.112 g ( $0.16 \mathrm{mmol}, 89 \%$ ). Mp $122^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (dec.). Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2}$ W: C 50.30, H 4.22; found: C 50.39, H 4.34. IR (ATR Diamond): $v_{\max } / \mathrm{cm}^{-1}=1905$ (s) (CO), 1978 (m) (CO), 2056 (m) (CO). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (300.13 MHz, C6 $\mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta / \mathrm{ppm}=7.84-7.80\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right), 7.10-7.04\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right), 6.95-6.90\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right), 1.26-1.15(\mathrm{~m}$, $\left.6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 0.56-0.46\left(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\left\{{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta / \mathrm{ppm}=7.84-7.80(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}$; $\mathrm{CPh}_{3}$ ), $7.10-7.04\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right), 6.95-6.90\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right), 1.21\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=7.63 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 0.51\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}\right.$
$\left.=7.63 \mathrm{~Hz}, 9 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(75.48 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta / \mathrm{ppm}=200.0$ ( $\mathrm{s} ;$ trans-CO), 199.5 (dd, $\left.{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=3.9 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=3.9 \mathrm{~Hz} ; c i s-C O\right), 148.2\left(\mathrm{dd}, J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ; i p s o-C\right), 130.8\left(\mathrm{dd}, J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=14.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $\left.J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{Ph}\right), 128.7(\mathrm{~s} ; \mathrm{Ph}), 126.1(\mathrm{~s} ; \mathrm{Ph}), 58.5\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=35.4 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=3.5 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{P}-C \mathrm{Ph}_{3}\right), 16.6(\mathrm{dd}$, $\left.{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=36.4 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)$, $7.6\left(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s} ; \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(121.51 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right)$ : $\left.\delta / \mathrm{ppm}=33.3\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=476.9 \mathrm{~Hz} ; P \mathrm{Et}_{3}\right),-28.6\left(\mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{sat}},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=476.9 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{W}, \mathrm{P}}=123.9 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{W}-\mathrm{PCPh}\right)_{3}\right) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P} \mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(121.51 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta / \mathrm{ppm}=33.3\left(\mathrm{dm},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=476.9 \mathrm{~Hz} ; P \mathrm{Et}_{3}\right),-28.6\left(\mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{sat}},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=476.9 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{w}, \mathrm{P}}\right.$ $\left.=123.9 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{W}-\mathrm{PCPh}_{3}\right) . \mathrm{MS}\left(\mathrm{LIFDI}\right.$, selected data): $m / z(\%)=716.3(56)[M]^{+}, 474.1$ (17) $\left[M-\mathrm{CPh}_{3}+\mathrm{H}\right]^{+}$, 243.2 (100) $\left[\mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right]^{+}$.

## Synthesis of complex 3c


0.20 mL ( $0.81 \mathrm{mmol}, 5.0 \mathrm{eq}$.) of tri- $n$-butylphosphane was added to a solution of $0.109 \mathrm{~g}(0.16 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.0 eq.) of complex $\mathbf{2}^{7}$ in 5.0 mL of benzene at ambient temperature. The solution was stirred for 20 hours. All volatiles were removed in vacuo at ambient temperature and the obtained yellow solid was dried under the same conditions for 2 hours. The product was recrystallized in 10 mL of a 7:1 npentane/diethyl ether mixture at $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The supernatant was filtered off using a filter cannula $(\varnothing=$ 1 mm ) at $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and the yellow needle-shaped crystals were washed three times with 1 mL of $n$ pentane at $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The product was obtained as yellow solid after drying for 1.5 hours in vacuo at ambient temperature. Yield: $0.076 \mathrm{~g}(0.09 \mathrm{mmol}, 59 \%) . \mathrm{Mp} 120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (dec.). Elemental analysis calcd (\%) for $\mathrm{C}_{36} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{~W}$ : C 54.01, H 5.29; found: C 53.97, H 5.47. IR (ATR Diamond): $v_{\max } / \mathrm{cm}^{-1}=1905$ (s) (CO), 1968 (m) (CO), 2056 (m) (CO). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500.04 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{THF}-\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta / \mathrm{ppm}=7.75-7.73\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right)$, 7.24-7.20 (m, 6H; CPh $)_{3}$, 7.13-7.10 (m, 3H; CPh 3 ) 1.62-1.56 (m, 6H; PCH $)_{2}$, 1.48-1.41 (m, 6H; PCH $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 1.29-1.22 (m, 6H; CH2CH3), $0.86\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}}=7.36 \mathrm{~Hz}, 9 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(125.75 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$, THF- $\left.d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right)$ : $\delta / \mathrm{ppm}=200.7\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=15.4 \mathrm{~Hz} ;\right.$ trans-CO$), 200.2\left(\mathrm{dd}_{\mathrm{sat}},^{2} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=3.9 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{C}}=3.9 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{w}, \mathrm{C}}=125.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$; cis-CO), 148.9 (dd, $\left.J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ; i p s o-C\right), 131.5\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=10.6 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{Ph}\right), 128.8(\mathrm{~s} ; \mathrm{Ph}), 126.7$ ( s ; Ph), $59.4\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=36.1 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=3.7 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right), 26.5\left(\mathrm{dd}, J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=3.5 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 25.0$ $\left(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=13.7 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 24.7\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=35.2 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C}}=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 13.8\left(\mathrm{~s} ; \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}$ (202.44 MHz, THF- $\left.d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta / \mathrm{ppm}=28.8\left(\mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{sat}},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{P}}=471.6 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{C}}=35.3 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{P}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{3}\right),-25.0\left(\mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{sat}},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}\right.$ $\left.=471.6 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{W}, \mathrm{P}}=122.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{W}-\mathrm{PCPh}_{3}\right) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR (202.44 MHz, THF- $\left.\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta / \mathrm{ppm}=28.8\left(\mathrm{dm},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}\right.$ $\left.=471.6 \mathrm{~Hz} ; P^{n} \mathrm{Bu}_{3}\right),-25.0\left(\mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{sat}},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}}=471.6 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{w}, \mathrm{P}}=122.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{W}-\mathrm{PCPh}_{3}\right) . \mathrm{MS}$ (LIFDI, selected data): $m / z(\%)=800(18)[M]^{+}, 243(100)\left[\mathrm{CPh}_{3}\right]^{+}$.

## Preparation of complexes $3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{c}$ via $\mathrm{Li} / \mathrm{Cl}$ phosphinidenoid complex 1



A solution of a $\mathrm{Li} / \mathrm{Cl}$ phosphinidenoid tungsten( 0 ) complex 1 was prepared using 1.0 eq . of
 Afterwards, 1.5 eq. of the phosphane was added to the solution of 1 in situ dropwise at $-50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed up to ambient temperature within circa 16 h . All volatiles were
removed in vacuo and the product was extracted three times using diethyl ether. The products were obtained after removing the solvent in vacuo at ambient temperature and drying under the same conditions.

## 3 NMR spectra

## Compound 3a



Fig. S1 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum ( 500.04 MHz, THF- $d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3a.


Fig. S2 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\left\{{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\right\}$ NMR spectrum ( 500.04 MHz , THF- $d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3a.


Fig. S3 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum ( 125.75 MHz , THF- $\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3a.


Fig. S4 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum ( 202.44 MHz , THF- $d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3a.


Fig. S5 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectrum ( 202.44 MHz, THF- $d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3a.


Fig. S6 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC NMR spectrum ( $500.04 \mathrm{MHz}, 125.75 \mathrm{MHz}$, THF- $d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3a.


Fig. $\mathbf{S 7}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HMBC NMR spectrum ( $500.04 \mathrm{MHz}, 125.75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{THF}-d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 a}$.


Fig. S8 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ HMBC NMR spectrum ( $500.04 \mathrm{MHz}, 202.44 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{THF}-d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3a.

## Compound 3a-Cr



Fig. $\mathbf{S 9}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum ( $400.13 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 a - C r}$.


Fig. S10 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum ( $125.75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 a} \mathbf{- C r}$.


Fig. S11 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ DEPT90 NMR spectrum ( $125.75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3a-Cr.


Fig. S12 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ DEPT135 NMR spectrum ( $125.75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 a} \mathbf{- C r}$.


Fig. S13 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum ( $162.00 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 a - C r}$.



Fig. S14 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectrum ( $162.00 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 a - C r}$.


Fig. S15 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC NMR spectrum ( $400.13 \mathrm{MHz}, 100.62 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 a - C r}$.


Fig. S16 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HMBC NMR spectrum ( $400.13 \mathrm{MHz}, 100.62 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3a-Cr.


Fig. $\mathbf{S 1 7}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ HMBC NMR spectrum ( $400.13 \mathrm{MHz}, 162.00 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3a-Cr.

## Compound 3b



Fig. S18 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum ( $300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 b}$.


Fig. S19 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\left\{{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\right\}$ NMR spectrum ( $300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 b}$.


Fig. S2O ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum ( $75.48 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 b}$.


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| 260 | 240 | 220 | 200 | 180 | 160 | 140 | 120 | 100 | 80 | 60 | 40 | 20 | 0 |
| ठ / ppm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Fig. S21 ${ }^{13}$ C DEPT135 NMR spectrum ( $75.48 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 b}$.


Fig. S22 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum ( $121.51 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 b}$.


Fig. S23 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectrum ( $121.51 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3b.


Fig. S24 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR spectrum ( $300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, 300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 b}$.


Fig. S25 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC NMR spectrum ( $300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, 75.47 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 b}$.


Fig. S26 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HMBC NMR spectrum ( $300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, 75.47 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 b}$.


Fig. S27 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{31}$ P HMBC NMR spectrum ( $300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, 121.51 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 b}$.

## Compound 3c






Fig. S28 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum ( 500.04 , THF- $\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3c.

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Fig. S29 ${ }^{1} H\left\{{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\right\}$ NMR spectrum ( 500.04 MHz , THF- $d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3c.


Fig. S30 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum ( 125.75 MHz , THF- $\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 c}$.


Fig. S31 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ DEPT90 NMR spectrum ( 125.75 MHz , THF- $\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3c.


Fig. S32 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ DEPT135 NMR spectrum ( 125.75 MHz , THF- $\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 c}$.


Fig. S33 ${ }^{31}$ P $\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum ( 202.44 MHz , THF- $d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound 3c.


Fig. S34 ${ }^{31}$ P NMR spectrum ( 202.44 MHz , THF- $d_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 c}$.


Fig. S35 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC NMR spectrum ( $500.04 \mathrm{MHz}, 125.75 \mathrm{MHz}$, THF-d8, 298 K ) of compound $\mathbf{3 c}$.


Fig. S36 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HMBC NMR spectrum ( $500.04 \mathrm{MHz}, 125.75 \mathrm{MHz}$, THF- $\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 c}$.


Fig. S37 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ HMBC NMR spectrum ( $500.04 \mathrm{MHz}, 202.44 \mathrm{MHz}$, THF- $\mathrm{d}_{8}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 c}$.

## 4 Electrochemical experiments

The measurements of cyclic voltammograms were performed using the potentiostat and galvanostat system WaveNowXV ${ }^{\circledR}$ of Pine Research with scan rates of $20-10000 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$. For all CV measurements Pine research ceramic screen-printed platinum electrodes containing an $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}$ reference electrode were used. These electrodes combine working, counter and reference electrodes on one ceramic plate. A low volume glass cell with a special PTFE insert at the bottom that features a narrow slit for the ceramic screen-printed electrodes was used. The internal volume of the slit is approximately 1 mL . For the experiments a 0.2 M electrolyte solution of [ ${ }^{1} \mathrm{Bu}_{4}{\mathrm{~N}] P F_{6}}$ in tetrahydrofuran was freshly prepared and used. The electrolyte was dried in vacuo (<0.02 mbar) at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . Tetrahydrofuran was freshly purified by drying over a potassium mirror, trap-to-trap recondensation and degassing by three freeze-pumpthaw cycles. The used analyte was prepared with a concentration of 1 mM if not stated otherwise. All sample preparations and measurements were performed in a glovebox under argon atmosphere at ambient temperature. After background scans on the electrolyte solution were measured, the analyte was added. Background scans established an electrochemical window from -3.2 V to 0.6 V ( 3.8 V wide; potentials referenced to $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$ ) and identified the anodic and cathodic limits with respect to the nominal voltage of the solid silver reference. Next, open circuit potential measurements were performed to establish the starting potential of the cyclic voltammetry experiments. Careful cyclic voltammetry scans were then measured in the anodic and cathodic directions to encounter the most accessible processes, and only after these were investigated thoroughly, further scans to higher positive and negative potentials were measured. After all measurements were completed, cobaltocenium hexafluorophosphate $\left[\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Co}^{2}\right] \mathrm{PF}_{6}$ was added to a concentration of 1 mM and served as internal reference using the cobaltocenium/cobaltocene ( $\mathrm{Cc}^{+10}$ ) redox couple, set to -1.35 V . ${ }^{8}$ See Figs. S38, S44, S50, S56 for examples of referencing; sometimes showing both Cc waves. Thus, the cyclic voltammograms could be indirectly referenced to the ferrocene/ferrocenium $\left(\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}\right)$ redox couple, set to 0 V , according to IUPAC recommendations. ${ }^{9}$ A thorough investigation was undertaken for each sample, and scan rate dependences were measured, which show increased chemical reversibility with scan rates for the first anodic processes. Plots of the peak currents against the square root of the scan rate $v^{1 / 2}$ for these are linear, indicative of diffusion-based voltammetric behavior (i.e. occurring in solution at the interface between the solid electrode and the bulk solutions). For measurement and data processing the program Aftermath of Pine Research was used. All plots of the cyclic voltammograms were obtained using the program OriginPro $8 G$ of OrginLab.

Table S1 Cyclic voltammetry measurement details for complexes 3a-c.

| Compound | $\boldsymbol{m} / \mathbf{m g}$ | $\boldsymbol{M} / \mathbf{g} / \mathbf{m o l}$ | $\boldsymbol{n} / \boldsymbol{\mu \mathrm { mol }}$ | $\boldsymbol{c} / \mathbf{m m o l} / \mathbf{L}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3a | 5.4 | 674.272 | 8 | 2.0 |
| 3a-Cr | 1.6 | 542.428 | 3 | 1.0 |
| 3b | 2.1 | 716.353 | 3 | 1.0 |
| 3c | 2.4 | 800.515 | 3 | 1.0 |

## Compound 3a



Fig. S38 Cyclic voltammogram of complex 3a ( 2 mM ) at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution with cobaltocenium hexafluorophosphate as internal reference; measurement with cathodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow); scan rate: $200 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. S39 Overlay of cyclic voltammograms of complex $\mathbf{3 a}(2 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution; oxidation parts with anodic initial scan direction and reduction parts with cathodic initial scan direction as denoted with arrows; scan rate: $200 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. S40 Cyclic voltammogram of complex $3 \mathrm{a}\left(2 \mathrm{mM}\right.$ ) at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with anodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the first redox process; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.

Table S2 Selected results of the cyclic voltametric studies of $\mathbf{3 a}$ in $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{NPF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at ambient temperature. Potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.

| $\boldsymbol{v} / \mathbf{m V} / \mathbf{s}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{I} \boldsymbol{a}} / \mathbf{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{I} \mathbf{a}} / \boldsymbol{\mu A}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{I} \boldsymbol{c}} / \mathrm{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{I c}} / \boldsymbol{\mu A}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\mathbf{1} / \mathbf{2}}^{\boldsymbol{I}} / \mathrm{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{\Delta} \boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{I}} / \mathbf{m V}$ | $\left\|\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{c}} / \boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{a}}\right\|$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 0.13 | 4.22 | 0.02 | -1.01 | 0.08 | 105 | 0.24 |
| 50 | 0.15 | 6.69 | 0.03 | -4.88 | 0.09 | 125 | 0.73 |
| 100 | 0.17 | 8.98 | 0.03 | -7.83 | 0.10 | 140 | 0.87 |
| 200 | 0.19 | 11.0 | 0.02 | -11.7 | 0.10 | 170 | 1.07 |
| 400 | 0.22 | 16.1 | 0.01 | -17.2 | 0.11 | 206 | 1.07 |
| 800 | 0.26 | 22.1 | 0.01 | -24.5 | 0.14 | 256 | 1.11 |
| 1600 | 0.34 | 30.6 | 0.01 | -34.8 | 0.17 | 327 | 1.14 |
| 3200 | 0.48 | 44.8 | 0.04 | -49.2 | 0.26 | 432 | 1.10 |
| 7000 | 0.60 | 66.8 | 0.00 | -73.9 | 0.30 | 593 | 1.11 |



Fig. S41 Cyclic voltammogram of complex $3 \mathrm{a}\left(2 \mathrm{mM}\right.$ ) at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with anodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the first and second redox process; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. S42 Cyclic voltammogram of complex $3 \mathrm{a}\left(2 \mathrm{mM}\right.$ ) at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with cathodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the third redox process; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. S43 Plot of the peak currents against the square root of the scan rate $v^{1 / 2}$ for the first redox process of complex 3a.

## Compound 3a-Cr



Fig. S44 Cyclic voltammogram of complex $3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{Cr}(1 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution with cobaltocenium hexafluorophosphate as internal reference; measurement with anodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow); scan rate: $200 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. S45 Overlay of cyclic voltammograms of complex $\mathbf{3 a - C r}(1 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}}$ solution; oxidation parts with anodic initial scan direction and reduction parts with cathodic initial scan direction as denoted with arrows; scan rate: $200 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. S46 Cyclic voltammogram of complex $3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{Cr}(1 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with anodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the first redox process; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.

Table S3 Selected results of the cyclic voltametric studies of $3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{Cr}$ in $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{NPF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at ambient temperature. Potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.

| $\boldsymbol{v} / \mathbf{m V} / \mathbf{s}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{I} \boldsymbol{a}} / \mathrm{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{I a}} / \boldsymbol{\mu \mathrm { A }}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{I} \boldsymbol{c}} / \mathrm{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{I c}} / \boldsymbol{\mu A}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\mathbf{1} / \mathbf{2}}^{\boldsymbol{I}} / \mathrm{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{\Delta} \boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{I}} / \mathbf{m V}$ | $\left\|\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{c}} / \boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathrm{a}}\right\|$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 0.09 | 2.29 | -0.01 | -1.94 | 0.04 | 95 | 0.85 |
| 50 | 0.10 | 3.53 | -0.01 | -3.02 | 0.05 | 105 | 0.86 |
| 100 | 0.11 | 4.77 | -0.01 | -4.19 | 0.05 | 119 | 0.88 |
| 200 | 0.12 | 5.72 | -0.01 | -5.55 | 0.05 | 131 | 0.97 |
| 400 | 0.13 | 7.70 | -0.02 | -7.49 | 0.06 | 151 | 0.97 |
| 800 | 0.14 | 10.1 | -0.02 | -10.3 | 0.06 | 163 | 1.02 |
| 1600 | 0.17 | 14.5 | -0.03 | -14.8 | 0.07 | 202 | 1.02 |
| 3200 | 0.20 | 21.3 | -0.06 | -22.3 | 0.07 | 257 | 1.04 |
| 5000 | 0.22 | 30.0 | -0.08 | -29.1 | 0.07 | 306 | 0.97 |
| 7500 | 0.25 | 36.0 | -0.12 | -38.1 | 0.07 | 373 | 1.06 |
| 10000 | 0.29 | 39.6 | -0.14 | -45.8 | 0.07 | 430 | 1.16 |



Fig. S47 Cyclic voltammogram of complex $3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{Cr}(1 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with anodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the first and second redox process; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. S48 Cyclic voltammogram of complex $\mathbf{3 a - C r}\left(1 \mathrm{mM}\right.$ ) at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with cathodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the first, second and third redox process; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. S49 Plot of the peak currents against the square root of the scan rate $v^{1 / 2}$ for the first redox process of complex 3a-Cr.

## Compound 3b



Fig. S50 Cyclic voltammogram of complex 3b (1 mM) at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution with cobaltocenium hexafluorophosphate as internal reference; measurement with anodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow); scan rate: $200 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. $\mathbf{S 5 1}$ Overlay of cyclic voltammograms of complex $\mathbf{3 b}(1 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution; oxidation part with anodic initial scan direction and reduction part with cathodic initial scan direction as denoted with arrows; scan rate: $200 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. $\mathbf{S 5 2}$ Cyclic voltammogram of complex $\mathbf{3 b}(1 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with anodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the first redox process; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.

Table S4 Selected results of the cyclic voltametric studies of $\mathbf{3 b}$ in $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{n} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{NPF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at ambient temperature. Potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.

| $\boldsymbol{\nu} / \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{I a}} / \mathrm{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\text {Ia }} / \boldsymbol{\mu A}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{c}} / \mathrm{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{I c}} / \boldsymbol{\mu A}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\mathbf{1} / \mathbf{2}}^{\boldsymbol{I}} / \mathrm{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{\Delta} \boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{I}} / \mathrm{mV}$ | $\left\|\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{c}} / \boldsymbol{i}_{\mathrm{p}}^{\mathrm{a}}\right\|$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 0.12 | 1.74 | 0.02 | -1.18 | 0.07 | 105 | 0.68 |
| 50 | 0.14 | 2.41 | 0.03 | -2.47 | 0.08 | 105 | 1.03 |
| 100 | 0.15 | 3.60 | 0.03 | -3.84 | 0.09 | 115 | 1.07 |
| 200 | 0.16 | 4.76 | 0.03 | -5.48 | 0.10 | 121 | 1.15 |
| 400 | 0.17 | 6.66 | 0.02 | -7.77 | 0.10 | 146 | 1.17 |
| 800 | 0.19 | 9.60 | 0.02 | -11.4 | 0.11 | 163 | 1.19 |
| 1600 | 0.20 | 14.2 | 0.01 | -16.9 | 0.11 | 197 | 1.19 |
| 3200 | 0.24 | 21.5 | -0.02 | -25.8 | 0.11 | 258 | 1.20 |
| 5000 | 0.28 | 30.1 | -0.03 | -34.7 | 0.12 | 310 | 1.15 |
| 7500 | 0.31 | 36.1 | -0.07 | -46.0 | 0.12 | 378 | 1.27 |
| 10000 | 0.35 | 40.6 | -0.09 | -56.4 | 0.13 | 440 | 1.39 |



Fig. S53 Cyclic voltammogram of complex 3b (1 mM) at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with anodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the first and second redox process; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. $\mathbf{S 5 4}$ Cyclic voltammogram of complex $\mathbf{3 b}(1 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with cathodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the first, second and third redox process; potentials are referenced against Fc ${ }^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. S55 Plot of the peak currents against the square root of the scan rate $v^{1 / 2}$ for the first redox process of complex 3b.

## Compound 3c



Fig. S56 Cyclic voltammogram of complex 3c ( 1 mM ) at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution with cobaltocenium hexafluorophosphate as internal reference; measurement with cathodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow); scan rate: $200 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. $\mathbf{S 5 7}$ Overlay of cyclic voltammograms of complex $\mathbf{3 c}(1 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution; oxidation part with anodic initial scan direction and reduction part with cathodic initial scan direction as denoted with arrows; scan rate: $200 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. $\mathbf{S 5 8}$ Cyclic voltammogram of complex $\mathbf{3 c}(1 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with anodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the first redox process; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.

Table S5 Selected results of the cyclic voltametric studies of $\mathbf{3 c}$ in $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{NPF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at ambient temperature. Potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.

| $\boldsymbol{v} / \mathbf{m V} / \mathbf{s}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{I} \boldsymbol{a}} / \mathrm{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{I a}} / \boldsymbol{\mu A}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{I c}} / \mathrm{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{I c}} / \boldsymbol{\mu A}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}_{\mathbf{1} / \mathbf{2}}^{\boldsymbol{I}} / \mathrm{V}$ | $\boldsymbol{\Delta} \boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{I}} / \mathbf{m V}$ | $\left\|\boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{c}} / \boldsymbol{i}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathrm{a}}\right\|$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 0.16 | 1.97 | 0.05 | -0.71 | 0.10 | 115 | 0.36 |
| 50 | 0.17 | 2.36 | 0.05 | -1.59 | 0.11 | 121 | 0.68 |
| 100 | 0.18 | 3.17 | 0.06 | -3.16 | 0.12 | 120 | 1.00 |
| 200 | 0.18 | 4.19 | 0.06 | -4.72 | 0.12 | 125 | 1.13 |
| 400 | 0.19 | 6.44 | 0.05 | -7.11 | 0.12 | 136 | 1.11 |
| 800 | 0.20 | 9.25 | 0.04 | -10.6 | 0.12 | 162 | 1.14 |
| 1600 | 0.22 | 14.4 | 0.03 | -15.8 | 0.12 | 192 | 1.10 |
| 3200 | 0.25 | 23.0 | 0.00 | -24.0 | 0.13 | 248 | 1.04 |
| 5000 | 0.28 | 28.7 | -0.02 | -32.7 | 0.13 | 305 | 1.14 |
| 7500 | 0.32 | 35.0 | -0.06 | -43.4 | 0.13 | 373 | 1.24 |
| 10000 | 0.35 | 40.4 | -0.08 | -52.2 | 0.13 | 430 | 1.29 |



Fig. S59 Cyclic voltammogram of complex $\mathbf{3 c}(1 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF} \mathrm{F}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with anodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the first and second redox process; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. S60 Cyclic voltammogram of complex $\mathbf{3 c}(1 \mathrm{mM})$ at a Pt electrode in a $0.2 \mathrm{M}{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6} / \mathrm{THF}$ solution at various scan rates; measurement with cathodic initial scan direction (denoted with an arrow) of the first, second and third redox process; potentials are referenced against $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$.


Fig. $\mathbf{S 6 1}$ Plot of the peak currents against the square root of the scan rate $v^{1 / 2}$ for the first redox process of $\mathbf{3 c}$.

## 5 X-ray diffraction studies

## Compound 3a



Fig. S62 Molecular structures of 3a in the single crystal lattice at 123(2) K. Thermal ellipsoids are set at 50\% probability level. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity. Suitable single crystals were obtained as clear yellow plates by slowly evaporating a solution of 2.4 mg of 3 a in 3 mL of a $2: 1$ diethyl ether/THF mixture at ambient temperature in a glovebox. CCDC-2282404.

Table S6 Crystal data and structure refinements for 3a.

| Identification code | GSTR758, DB-491 // GXray6857 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Crystal habitus | clear yellow plate |
| Device type | STOE IPDS-2T |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{~W}$ |
| Moiety formula | $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{~W}$ |
| Formula weight $/ \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{mol}$ | 674.25 |
| $T / \mathrm{K}$ | $123(2)$ |
| Crystal system | Triclinic |
| Space group | $P \overline{1}$ |
| $a / \AA$ | $9.1192(4)$ |
| $b / \AA$ | $9.4046(5)$ |
| $c / \AA$ | $16.0948(8)$ |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | $88.489(4)$ |
| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | $76.363(4)$ |
| $\gamma /{ }^{\circ}$ | $70.182(4)$ |
| $V / \AA^{3}$ | $1259.80(11)$ |
| $Z$ | 2 |
| $\rho_{\text {calc }} / \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ | 1.777 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 4.748 |
| $\mathrm{~F}(000)$ | 666.0 |
| $C r y s t a l$ |  |
|  | $0.21 \times 0.15 \times 0.1$ |


| Absorption correction | integration |
| :--- | :--- |
| Min. and max. transmission | 0.2582 and 0.5544 |
| Radiation | Mo- $K_{\alpha}(\lambda=0.71073 \AA)$ |
| $2 \Theta$ range for data collection $/^{\circ}$ | 4.892 to 56 |
| Completeness to $\Theta$ | 0.993 |
| Index ranges | $-12 \leq h \leq 12,-12 \leq k \leq 10,-21 \leq I \leq 21$ |
| Reflections collected | 11644 |
| Independent reflections | $6004\left(R_{\text {int }}=0.0455, R_{\sigma}=0.0648\right)$ |
| Data / restraints / parameters | $6004 / 0 / 319$ |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^{2}$ | 0.955 |
| Final $R$ indexes ( $I \geq 2 \sigma(I))$ | $R_{1}=0.0316, \omega R_{2}=0.0689$ |
| Final $R$ indexes (all data) | $R_{1}=0.0432, \omega R_{2}=0.0709$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole /e/ $\AA^{3}$ | 1.62 and -1.83 |

Table S7 Bond lengths for 3a.

| Atom | Atom | Length / Å | Atom | Atom | Length / Å |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| W | P1 | 2.6151(11) | C5 | C6 | 1.384(6) |
| W | C23 | 1.978(5) | C5 | C10 | 1.384(6) |
| W | C24 | 2.052(5) | C6 | C7 | 1.394(6) |
| W | C25 | 2.047(4) | C7 | C8 | 1.383(7) |
| W | C26 | 2.054(5) | C8 | C9 | 1.390(7) |
| W | C27 | 2.031(4) | C9 | C10 | 1.379(6) |
| P1 | P2 | 2.1584(14) | C11 | C12 | 1.402(6) |
| P1 | C4 | 1.958(4) | C11 | C16 | 1.395(6) |
| P2 | C1 | 1.804(5) | C12 | C13 | 1.384(6) |
| P2 | C2 | 1.807(5) | C13 | C14 | 1.377(7) |
| P2 | C3 | 1.811(5) | C14 | C15 | 1.394(7) |
| 01 | C23 | 1.161(5) | C15 | C16 | 1.393(6) |
| 02 | C24 | 1.139(5) | C17 | C18 | 1.399(6) |
| 03 | C25 | 1.147(5) | C17 | C22 | 1.404(6) |
| 04 | C26 | 1.132(5) | C18 | C19 | 1.382(6) |
| 05 | C27 | 1.138(5) | C19 | C20 | 1.376(7) |
| C4 | C5 | 1.560(6) | C20 | C21 | 1.399(6) |
| C4 | C11 | 1.545(6) | C21 | C22 | 1.381(6) |
| C4 | C17 | 1.536(6) |  |  |  |

Table S8 Bond angles for 3a.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle ${ }^{\circ}$ | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle / ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C23 | W | P1 | 171.70(14) | C6 | C5 | C4 | 123.3(4) |
| C23 | W | C24 | 90.88(17) | C6 | C5 | C10 | 118.5(4) |
| C23 | W | C25 | 87.66(17) | C10 | C5 | C4 | 118.1(4) |
| C23 | W | C26 | 91.99(17) | C5 | C6 | C7 | 120.8(4) |
| C23 | W | C27 | 83.17(17) | C8 | C7 | C6 | 120.3(4) |
| C24 | W | P1 | 95.87(12) | C7 | C8 | C9 | 118.8(4) |
| C24 | W | C26 | 176.59(18) | C10 | C9 | C8 | 120.5(4) |
| C25 | W | P1 | 97.38(12) | C9 | C10 | C5 | 121.1(4) |
| C25 | W | C24 | 88.07(17) | C12 | C11 | C4 | 120.2(4) |
| C25 | W | C26 | 90.21(17) | C16 | C11 | C4 | 122.0(4) |
| C26 | W | P1 | 81.43(12) | C16 | C11 | C12 | 117.6(4) |
| C27 | W | P1 | 91.45(12) | C13 | C12 | C11 | 121.2(4) |
| C27 | W | C24 | 94.52(17) | C14 | C13 | C12 | 120.5(4) |
| C27 | W | C25 | 170.51(16) | C13 | C14 | C15 | 119.3(4) |
| C27 | W | C26 | 87.65(17) | C16 | C15 | C14 | 120.1(4) |
| P2 | P1 | W | 109.87(5) | C15 | C16 | C11 | 121.1(4) |
| C4 | P1 | W | 119.36(13) | C18 | C17 | C4 | 123.4(4) |
| C4 | P1 | P2 | 102.93(13) | C18 | C17 | C22 | 117.2(4) |
| C1 | P2 | P1 | 112.21(15) | C22 | C17 | C4 | 119.4(4) |
| C1 | P2 | C2 | 103.8(2) | C19 | C18 | C17 | 121.2(4) |
| C1 | P2 | C3 | 106.5(2) | C20 | C19 | C18 | 120.8(4) |
| C2 | P2 | P1 | 107.49(15) | C19 | C20 | C21 | 119.3(4) |
| C2 | P2 | C3 | 103.2(2) | C22 | C21 | C20 | 119.8(4) |
| C3 | P2 | P1 | 121.89(16) | C21 | C22 | C17 | 121.6(4) |
| C5 | C4 | P1 | 111.1(3) | 01 | C23 | W | 179.1(4) |
| C11 | C4 | P1 | 106.3(3) | 02 | C24 | W | 177.1(4) |
| C11 | C4 | C5 | 105.1(3) | O3 | C25 | W | 173.4(4) |
| C17 | C4 | P1 | 108.7(3) | 04 | C26 | W | 177.8(4) |
| C17 | C4 | C5 | 112.8(3) | O5 | C27 | W | 173.5(4) |
| C17 | C4 | C11 | 112.7(3) |  |  |  |  |

Table S9 Torsion angles for 3a.

| A | B | C | D | Angle / ${ }^{\circ}$ | A | B | C | D | Angle / ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| P1 | C4 | C5 | C6 | -9.1(5) | C10 | C5 | C6 | C7 | -1.5(6) |
| P1 | C4 | C5 | C10 | 174.9(3) | C11 | C4 | C5 | C6 | 105.4(4) |
| P1 | C4 | C11 | C12 | 44.2(4) | C11 | C4 | C5 | C10 | -70.6(4) |
| P1 | C4 | C11 | C16 | -140.9(4) | C11 | C4 | C17 | C18 | 133.7(4) |
| P1 | C4 | C17 | C18 | -108.8(4) | C11 | C4 | C17 | C22 | -48.9(5) |
| P1 | C4 | C17 | C22 | 68.6(4) | C11 | C12 | C13 | C14 | -2.9(7) |
| C4 | C5 | C6 | C7 | -177.5(4) | C12 | C11 | C16 | C15 | -1.7(6) |
| C4 | C5 | C10 | C9 | 178.4(4) | C12 | C13 | C14 | C15 | -0.5(7) |
| C4 | C11 | C12 | C13 | 179.1(4) | C13 | C14 | C15 | C16 | 2.8(7) |
| C4 | C11 | C16 | C15 | -176.8(4) | C14 | C15 | C16 | C11 | -1.7(7) |
| C4 | C17 | C18 | C19 | 174.9(4) | C16 | C11 | C12 | C13 | 4.0(6) |
| C4 | C17 | C22 | C21 | -175.8(4) | C17 | C4 | C5 | C6 | -131.4(4) |
| C5 | C4 | C11 | C12 | -73.7(5) | C17 | C4 | C5 | C10 | 52.6(5) |
| C5 | C4 | C11 | C16 | 101.3(4) | C17 | C4 | C11 | C12 | 163.1(4) |
| C5 | C4 | C17 | C18 | 14.9(5) | C17 | C4 | C11 | C16 | -21.9(6) |
| C5 | C4 | C17 | C22 | -167.7(4) | C17 | C18 | C19 | C20 | 0.9(7) |
| C5 | C6 | C7 | C8 | -0.7(6) | C18 | C17 | C22 | C21 | 1.8(6) |
| C6 | C5 | C10 | C9 | 2.2(6) | C18 | C19 | C20 | C21 | 1.6(7) |
| C6 | C7 | C8 | C9 | 2.3(7) | C19 | C20 | C21 | C22 | -2.3(7) |
| C7 | C8 | C9 | C10 | -1.7(6) | C20 | C21 | C22 | C17 | 0.6(7) |
| C8 | C9 | C10 | C5 | -0.6(6) | C22 | C17 | C18 | C19 | -2.6(6) |

## Compound $3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{Cr}$



Fig. S63 Molecular structures of 3a-Cr in the single crystal lattice at 100(2) K. Thermal ellipsoids are set at 50\% probability level. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity. Suitable single crystals were obtained as clear light yellow prisms by slowly evaporating a solution of $3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{Cr}$ in diethyl ether at ambient temperature in a glovebox. CCDC-2282405.

Table S10 Crystal data and structure refinements for 3a-Cr.

| Identification code | GSTR771, DB-565 // GXray6923 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Crystal habitus | clear light yellow prisms |
| Device type | STOE STADIVARI |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Cr}$ |
| Moiety formula | $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Cr}$ |
| Formula weight $/ \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{mol}$ | 542.42 |
| $T / \mathrm{K}^{2}$ | 100 |
| Crystal system | triclinic |
| Space group | $P \overline{1}$ |
| $a / \AA$ | $9.06234(20)$ |
| $b / \AA$ | $9.31754(23)$ |
| $c / \AA$ | $15.9532(3)$ |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | $88.1908(19)$ |
| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | $76.3409(17)$ |
| $\gamma /{ }^{\circ}$ | $70.2330(18)$ |
| $V / \AA^{3}$ | $1230.12(5)$ |
| $Z$ | 2 |
| $\rho_{\text {call }} / \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ | 1.464 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 5.38 |
| $F(000)$ | 560.0 |
| Crystal size $/ \mathrm{mm}^{3}$ | $0.3 \times 0.177 \times 0.08$ |
| Absorption correction | multi-scan |
| Min. and max. transmission | 0.1558 and 0.2633 |


| Radiation | $C u-K_{\alpha}(\lambda=1.54186 \AA)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $2 \Theta$ range for data collection $/{ }^{\circ}$ | 10.102 to 141.05 |
| Completeness to $\Theta$ | 0.988 |
| Index ranges | $-11 \leq h \leq 9,-11 \leq k \leq 5,-19 \leq I \leq 18$ |
| Reflections collected | 24426 |
| Independent reflections | $24037\left(R_{\text {int }}=0.0176, R_{\sigma}=0.0122\right)$ |
| Data / restraints / parameters | $24037 / 0 / 319$ |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^{2}$ | 1.038 |
| Final $R$ indexes $(I \geq 2 \sigma(I))$ | $R_{1}=0.0290, \omega R_{2}=0.0784$ |
| Final $R$ indexes (all data) | $R_{1}=0.0297, \omega R_{2}=0.0789$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole / e/ $\AA^{3}$ | 0.56 and -0.47 |

Table S11 Bond lengths for 3a-Cr.

| Atom | Atom | Length / A | Atom | Atom | Length / A |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cr | P 1 | $2.5025(5)$ | C 5 | C 6 | $1.405(2)$ |
| Cr | C 23 | $1.8332(18)$ | C 5 | C 10 | $1.398(2)$ |
| Cr | C 24 | $1.9105(18)$ | C 6 | C 7 | $1.388(2)$ |
| Cr | C 25 | $1.9047(17)$ | C 7 | C 8 | $1.384(3)$ |
| Cr | C 26 | $1.9080(18)$ | C 8 | C 9 | $1.386(3)$ |
| Cr | C 27 | $1.8895(18)$ | C 9 | C 10 | $1.390(3)$ |
| P 1 | P 2 | $2.1621(6)$ | C 11 | C 12 | $1.401(2)$ |
| P 1 | C 4 | $1.9586(16)$ | C 11 | C 16 | $1.390(2)$ |
| P 2 | C 1 | $1.8095(17)$ | C 12 | C 13 | $1.387(2)$ |
| P 2 | C 2 | $1.8116(17)$ | C 13 | C 14 | $1.381(3)$ |
| P 2 | C 3 | $1.8058(18)$ | C 14 | C 15 | $1.383(3)$ |
| O 1 | C 23 | $1.165(2)$ | C 16 | $1.395(2)$ |  |
| O 2 | C 24 | $1.143(2)$ | C 17 | C 18 | $1.398(2)$ |
| O 3 | C 25 | $1.148(2)$ | C 22 | $1.401(2)$ |  |
| O 4 | C 26 | $1.139(2)$ | C 18 | C 19 | $1.389(3)$ |
| O 5 | C 27 | $1.146(2)$ | C 19 | C 20 | $1.390(3)$ |
| C 4 | C 5 | $1.535(2)$ | C 20 | C 21 | $1.389(3)$ |
| C 4 | C 11 | $1.549(2)$ | C 21 | $1.395(3)$ |  |
| C 4 | C 17 | $1.542(2)$ |  |  |  |

Table S12 Bond angles for 3a-Cr.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle / ${ }^{\circ}$ | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle / ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C23 | Cr | P1 | 172.36(5) | C6 | C5 | C4 | 119.30(15) |
| C23 | Cr | C24 | 91.10(7) | C10 | C5 | C4 | 123.34(15) |
| C23 | Cr | C25 | 87.52(7) | C10 | C5 | C6 | 117.27(16) |
| C23 | Cr | C26 | 92.30(7) | C7 | C6 | C5 | 121.29(17) |
| C23 | Cr | C27 | 83.68(7) | C8 | C7 | C6 | 120.46(17) |
| C24 | Cr | P1 | 94.64(5) | C7 | C8 | C9 | 119.09(16) |
| C25 | Cr | P1 | 97.67(5) | C8 | C9 | C10 | 120.65(17) |
| C25 | Cr | C24 | 88.32(7) | C9 | C10 | C5 | 121.17(16) |
| C25 | Cr | C26 | 90.76(7) | C12 | C11 | C4 | 118.05(14) |
| C26 | Cr | P1 | 82.06(5) | C16 | C11 | C4 | 124.28(14) |
| C26 | Cr | C24 | 176.43(7) | C16 | C11 | C12 | 117.56(15) |
| C27 | Cr | P1 | 90.85(5) | C13 | C12 | C11 | 121.30(15) |
| C27 | Cr | C24 | 94.36(7) | C14 | C13 | C12 | 120.31(16) |
| C27 | Cr | C 25 | 170.84(7) | C13 | C14 | C15 | 119.35(16) |
| C27 | Cr | C26 | 87.08(7) | C14 | C15 | C16 | 120.37(16) |
| P2 | P1 | Cr | 110.72(2) | C11 | C16 | C15 | 121.06(16) |
| C4 | P1 | Cr | 119.91(5) | C18 | C17 | C4 | 122.53(15) |
| C4 | P1 | P2 | 102.45(5) | C18 | C17 | C22 | 117.65(16) |
| C1 | P2 | P1 | 107.38(6) | C22 | C17 | C4 | 119.67(14) |
| C1 | P2 | C2 | 103.32(8) | C19 | C18 | C17 | 121.11(17) |
| C2 | P2 | P1 | 122.58(6) | C18 | C19 | C20 | 120.62(17) |
| C3 | P2 | P1 | 111.93(6) | C21 | C20 | C19 | 119.14(17) |
| C3 | P2 | C1 | 103.80(8) | C20 | C21 | C22 | 120.15(17) |
| C3 | P2 | C2 | 106.01(9) | C21 | C22 | C17 | 121.21(16) |
| C5 | C4 | P1 | 109.07(10) | 01 | C23 | Cr | 178.96(16) |
| C5 | C4 | C11 | 112.63(13) | 02 | C24 | Cr | 176.18(15) |
| C5 | C4 | C17 | 112.52(13) | 03 | C25 | Cr | 172.33(14) |
| C11 | C4 | P1 | 111.30(10) | 04 | C26 | Cr | 178.60(16) |
| C17 | C4 | P1 | 106.53(11) | 05 | C27 | Cr | 172.35(15) |
| C17 | C4 | C11 | 104.58(13) |  |  |  |  |

Table S13 Torsion angles for 3a-Cr.

| A | B | C | D | Angle $/{ }^{\circ}$ | A | B | C | D | Angle / ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| P1 | C4 | C5 | C6 | -67.98(16) | C10 | C5 | C6 | C7 | -0.9(2) |
| P1 | C4 | C5 | C10 | 108.38(15) | C11 | C4 | C5 | C6 | 167.92(14) |
| P1 | C4 | C11 | C12 | -175.56(12) | C11 | C4 | C5 | C10 | -15.7(2) |
| P1 | C4 | C11 | C16 | 8.3(2) | C11 | C4 | C17 | C18 | -102.42(17) |
| P1 | C4 | C17 | C18 | 139.63(14) | C11 | C4 | C17 | C22 | 72.96(17) |
| P1 | C4 | C17 | C22 | -44.99(17) | C11 | C12 | C13 | C14 | 1.2(3) |
| C4 | C5 | C6 | C7 | 175.63(15) | C12 | C11 | C16 | C15 | 2.1(3) |
| C4 | C5 | C10 | C9 | -174.34(15) | C12 | C13 | C14 | C15 | 0.9(3) |
| C4 | C11 | C12 | C13 | -179.03(16) | C13 | C14 | C15 | C16 | -1.4(3) |
| C4 | C11 | C16 | C15 | 178.22(16) | C14 | C15 | C16 | C11 | -0.1(3) |
| C4 | C17 | C18 | C19 | 178.23(15) | C16 | C11 | C12 | C13 | -2.6(3) |
| C4 | C17 | C22 | C21 | -179.78(15) | C17 | C4 | C5 | C6 | 50.01(19) |
| C5 | C4 | C11 | C12 | -52.7(2) | C17 | C4 | C5 | C10 | -133.63(16) |
| C5 | C4 | C11 | C16 | 131.17(17) | C17 | C4 | C11 | C12 | 69.79(18) |
| C5 | C4 | C17 | C18 | 20.1(2) | C17 | C4 | C11 | C16 | -106.33(18) |
| C5 | C4 | C17 | C22 | -164.47(14) | C17 | C18 | C19 | C20 | 0.1(3) |
| C5 | C6 | C7 | C8 | -1.3(3) | C18 | C17 | C22 | C21 | -4.2(2) |
| C6 | C5 | C10 | C9 | 2.1(2) | C18 | C19 | C20 | C21 | -1.6(3) |
| C6 | C7 | C8 | C9 | 2.5(3) | C19 | C20 | C21 | C22 | 0.2(3) |
| C7 | C8 | C9 | C10 | -1.3(3) | C20 | C21 | C22 | C17 | 2.8(3) |
| C8 | C9 | C10 | C5 | -1.0(3) | C22 | C17 | C18 | C19 | 2.8(2) |

## Compound 3b



Fig. S64 Molecular structures of 3b in the single crystal lattice at 100(2) K. Thermal ellipsoids are set at 50\% probability level. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity. Suitable single crystals were obtained as clear yellow blocks by slowly evaporating a solution of 3.3 mg of $\mathbf{3 b}$ in 4 mL of diethyl ether at ambient temperature in a glovebox. CCDC-2282406.

Table S14 Crystal data and structure refinements for 3b.

| Identification code | GSTR759, DB-495 // GXraymo_6858f |
| :---: | :---: |
| Crystal habitus | clear yellow block |
| Device type | Bruker D8 Venture |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{~W}$ |
| Moiety formula | $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{~W}$ |
| Formula weight / g/mol | 716.33 |
| T / K | 100.0 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P 2_{1} / \mathrm{c}$ |
| $a / \AA$ | 9.5507(4) |
| b / Å | 14.6045(5) |
| c / Å | 20.9543(7) |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| $\beta{ }^{\circ}$ | 101.0820(10) |
| $\gamma 1^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| $V / \AA^{3}$ | 2868.27(18) |
| $Z$ | 4 |
| $\rho_{\text {calc }} / \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ | 1.659 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 4.176 |
| F(000) | 1416.0 |
| Crystal size / mm ${ }^{3}$ | $0.28 \times 0.25 \times 0.24$ |
| Absorption correction | empirical |
| Min. and max. transmission | 0.5165 and 0.7461 |


| Radiation | Mo- $K_{\alpha}(\lambda=0.71073 \AA)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $2 \Theta$ range for data collection / ${ }^{\circ}$ | 4.346 to 51.998 |
| Completeness to $\Theta$ | 0.939 |
| Index ranges | $-11 \leq h \leq 11,-18 \leq k \leq 18,-25 \leq I \leq 25$ |
| Reflections collected | 30521 |
| Independent reflections | $5325\left(R_{\text {int }}=0.0421, R_{\sigma}=0.0242\right)$ |
| Data / restraints / parameters | $5325 / 18 / 346$ |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^{2}$ | 1.209 |
| Final $R$ indexes ( $\geq 2 \sigma(I))$ | $R_{1}=0.0204, \omega R_{2}=0.0476$ |
| Final $R$ indexes (all data) | $R_{1}=0.0206, \omega R_{2}=0.0477$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole /e/ $\AA^{3}$ | 0.61 and -0.82 |

Table S15 Bond lengths for 3b.

| Atom | Atom | Length / Å | Atom | Atom | Length / Å |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| W | P1 | 2.6373(6) | C7 | C14 | 1.545(3) |
| W | C26 | 1.984(2) | C7 | C20 | 1.545(3) |
| W | C27 | 2.022(3) | C8 | C9 | 1.403(3) |
| W | C28 | 2.037(3) | C8 | C13 | 1.403(3) |
| W | C29 | 2.062(3) | C9 | C10 | 1.386(3) |
| W | C30 | 2.051(3) | C10 | C11 | 1.394(4) |
| P1 | P2 | 2.1747(8) | C11 | C12 | 1.387(4) |
| P1 | C7 | 1.945(2) | C12 | C13 | 1.391(3) |
| P2 | C1 | 1.815(2) | C14 | C15 | 1.390(4) |
| P2 | C3 | 1.824(2) | C14 | C19 | 1.405(3) |
| P2 | C5 | 1.833(2) | C15 | C16 | 1.389(4) |
| 01 | C26 | 1.150(3) | C16 | C17 | $1.388(4)$ |
| 02 | C27 | 1.146(4) | C17 | C18 | 1.386(4) |
| 03 | C28 | 1.147(3) | C18 | C19 | 1.391(4) |
| 04 | C29 | 1.138(3) | C20 | C21 | 1.398(3) |
| 05 | C30 | 1.135(4) | C20 | C25 | 1.396(3) |
| C1 | C2 | 1.527(4) | C21 | C22 | 1.390(4) |
| C3 | C4 | 1.531(3) | C22 | C23 | 1.387(4) |
| C5 | C6 | 1.534(3) | C23 | C24 | 1.388(4) |
| C7 | C8 | 1.533(3) | C24 | C25 | 1.391(4) |

Table S16 Bond angles for 3b.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle / ${ }^{\circ}$ | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle / ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C26 | W | P1 | 175.02(7) | C14 | C7 | C20 | 104.01(18) |
| C26 | w | C27 | 85.30(11) | C20 | C7 | P1 | 105.75(15) |
| C26 | w | C28 | 89.55(10) | C9 | C8 | C7 | 120.4(2) |
| C26 | w | C29 | 83.38(10) | C13 | C8 | C7 | 122.2(2) |
| C26 | w | C30 | 89.90(10) | C13 | C8 | C9 | 117.3(2) |
| C27 | w | P1 | 94.17(8) | C10 | C9 | C8 | 121.3(2) |
| C27 | w | C28 | 92.19(11) | C9 | C10 | C11 | 120.6(2) |
| C27 | w | C29 | 167.67(10) | C12 | C11 | C10 | 119.0(2) |
| C27 | w | C30 | 87.30(12) | C11 | C12 | C13 | 120.4(2) |
| C28 | w | P1 | 95.42(7) | C12 | C13 | C8 | 121.4(2) |
| C28 | w | C29 | 92.61(10) | C15 | C14 | C7 | 123.8(2) |
| C28 | w | C30 | 179.28(10) | C15 | C14 | C19 | 117.4(2) |
| C29 | w | P1 | 96.68(7) | C19 | C14 | C7 | 118.6(2) |
| C30 | w | P1 | 85.12(7) | C16 | C15 | C14 | 121.4(2) |
| C30 | w | C29 | 87.80(11) | C17 | C16 | C15 | 120.4(3) |
| P2 | P1 | W | 109.25(3) | C18 | C17 | C16 | 119.2(2) |
| C7 | P1 | W | 116.69(7) | C17 | C18 | C19 | 120.2(2) |
| C7 | P1 | P2 | 103.45(8) | C18 | C19 | C14 | 121.2(2) |
| C1 | P2 | P1 | 105.15(8) | C21 | C20 | C7 | 122.1(2) |
| C1 | P2 | C3 | 105.08(12) | C25 | C20 | C7 | 119.8(2) |
| C1 | P2 | C5 | 104.72(12) | C25 | C20 | C21 | 117.8(2) |
| C3 | P2 | P1 | 117.60(8) | C22 | C21 | C20 | 121.0(2) |
| C3 | P2 | C5 | 108.88(12) | C23 | C22 | C21 | 120.5(2) |
| C5 | P2 | P1 | 114.11(8) | C22 | C23 | C24 | 119.2(2) |
| C2 | C1 | P2 | 113.97(18) | C23 | C24 | C25 | 120.2(2) |
| C4 | C3 | P2 | 116.32(18) | C24 | C25 | C20 | 121.2(2) |
| C6 | C5 | P2 | 116.62(18) | 01 | C26 | W | 179.2(2) |
| C8 | C7 | P1 | 109.17(15) | 02 | C27 | W | 172.1(3) |
| C8 | C7 | C14 | 112.09(19) | 03 | C28 | W | 176.2(2) |
| C8 | C7 | C20 | 113.69(19) | 04 | C29 | W | 171.3(2) |
| C14 | C7 | P1 | 111.93(16) | 05 | C30 | w | 177.3(2) |

Quantum chemical calculations were performed with the ORCA electronic structure program package. ${ }^{10}$ All geometry optimizations were run in redundant internal coordinates with tight convergence criteria, using the B3LYP ${ }^{12}$ functional together with the powerful speeding up RIJCOSX algorithm ${ }^{13}$ and the Ahlrichs' segmented def2-TZVP basis set. ${ }^{14}$ For $W$ atoms the [SD(60,MWB)] effective core potential (ECP) was used, as obtained from Turbomole basis set library (ftp://ftp.chemie.uni-karlsruhe.de/pub/basen/). ${ }^{15}$ In all optimizations and energy evaluations, the 2010 Grimme's semiempirical atom-pair-wise correction (DFT-D3 methods), taking into account the major part of the contribution of dispersion forces to the energy, was included. ${ }^{16}$ Harmonic frequency calculations verified the nature of the computed species as minima structures, featuring none negative eigenvalues. From these geometries, all reported electronic data were obtained by means of singlepoint (SP) calculations using (unless otherwise indicated) the same functional as well as the more polarized def2-TZVPP basis set. Basis sets may be obtained from the Basis Set Exchange (BSE) software and the EMSL Basis Set Library (https://bse.pnl.gov/bse/portal). ${ }^{17}$ Reported energies were corrected for the Gibbs energy term at the optimization level and obtained by means of the double-hybrid-metaGGA functional PWPB95 ${ }^{18}$ with Grimme's D3 correction (PWPB95-D3) and the def2-QZVPP ${ }^{19}$ basis set. Solvent effects (toluene) were included using the Conductor-like Polarizable Continuum Model (CPCM). ${ }^{20}$ Isotropic values ( $\sigma_{\text {Iso }}$ ) for the ${ }^{31}$ P NMR magnetic shielding tensor were computed using the Gauge Including Atomic Orbital (GIAO) method, ${ }^{21}$ using the PBEO ${ }^{22}$ functional and the def2-TZVP(ecp) basis set. The expected chemical shifts $\delta^{p}$ were estimated through a linear equation $\delta^{p}=237.68-$ $0.8628 \cdot \sigma_{\text {Iso }}$, which in turn was obtained from a linear regression $\left(R^{2}=0.997\right)$ of nine reference compounds spanning a wide range of chemical shifts, as reported elsewhere. ${ }^{7,23}$ Diamagnetic and paramagnetic contributions were scaled using the same linear equation. Data of the Laplacian of the electron density along the P-P bond path were obtained using Multiwfn. ${ }^{24}$

Table S17 Computed diamagnetic and paramagnetic contributions (ppm) to the chemical shift from the isotropic value of the magnetic shielding tensor for 3a-c.

|  | 3a | 3b | 3c |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diamagnetic | -608.8 | -611.9 | -616.3 |
| Paramagnetic | 828.1 | 843.0 | 814.0 |



Fig. S65 Computed [B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVPP(ecp)//B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP(ecp)] variation of the Laplacian of the electron density $\nabla^{2} \rho$ for complex 3b (left) and 3c (right) along the P-P bond path.

## 7 Calculated structures

Cartesian coordinates (in $\AA$ ) and energies (in hartrees) for all computed species. Geometries, zero-point energy correction (ZPE) and Gibbs energy correction ( $\mathrm{G}_{\text {corr }}$ ) at the optimization level (vide supra), whereas electronic energies are computed at the CPCM(toluene)/PWPB95-D3/def2-QZVPP(ecp) level.
$\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$

| P | -0.803610 | -1.099068 | -0.916435 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | -0.779107 | -2.292124 | -0.61656 |
| H | -1.179137 | -3.130381 | 0.382105 |
| H | -1.369085 | -3.466778 | -1.353751 |
| H | 0.250550 | -3.282398 | -0.643115 |
| C | -0.338120 | -1.078588 | -2.705217 |
| H | -0.958629 | -1.758701 | -3.294991 |



| P | -1.126047 | -0.996549 | -1.025433 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | -1.388348 | -2.832000 | -0.901998 |
| H | -2.134552 | -2.991817 | -0.119974 |
| H | -1.821613 | -3.199083 | -1.838361 |
| C | -0.112937 | -3.602058 | -0.558817 |
| H | 0.643150 | -3.495354 | -1.338967 |
| H | 0.322705 | -3.242963 | 0.376009 |
| H | -0.319876 | -4.668511 | -0.445716 |
| C | -0.274861 | -0.907510 | -2.674564 |
| H | -0.885409 | -1.420361 | -3.425217 |



| $\mathrm{PBu}_{3}$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| P | 0.011644 | 0.076242 | 0.021528 |
| C | 0.076297 | -0.127723 | 1.871409 |
| C | 1.800397 | -0.129997 | -0.437794 |
| C | -0.673596 | -1.574122 | -0.495048 |
| H | 0.919149 | -0.769082 | 2.139161 |
| H | -0.833281 | -0.662058 | 2.163550 |
| C | 0.134701 | 1.202523 | 2.627145 |
| H | 2.201030 | -1.031055 | 0.030574 |
| C | 2.665432 | 1.082689 | -0.088816 |
| H | 1.822257 | -0.292549 | -1.520910 |
| C | -0.020975 | -2.848401 | 0.040722 |
| H | -0.658092 | -1.579198 | -1.589865 |
| H | -1.731233 | -1.554120 | -0.212149 |
| H | -0.009876 | -2.829498 | 1.134379 |
| H | 1.024513 | -2.894203 | -0.276342 |
| C | -0.734927 | -4.117704 | -0.427777 |
| H | -1.782690 | -4.076241 | -0.109889 |
| C | -0.088750 | -5.393615 | 0.108637 |
| H | -0.746469 | -4.141529 | -1.520582 |
| H | -0.093228 | -5.406574 | 1.201768 |

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| P | 0.283935 | -0.462649 | 0.269493 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | -1.066190 | -0.045938 | 1.530263 |
| C | -0.682311 | -1.357274 | 2.200146 |
| C | 0.193001 | -1.425561 | 3.301309 |
| C | 0.581259 | -2.644262 | 3.820578 |
| C | 0.137309 | -3.834534 | 3.240291 |
| C | -0.698325 | -3.792850 | 2.135077 |
| C | -1.106385 | -2.568938 | 1.616530 |
| H | 0.562980 | -0.517014 | 3.747402 |
| H | 1.246306 | -2.673252 | 4.673553 |
| H | 0.452817 | -4.785847 | 3.648729 |
| H | -1.039021 | -4.709105 | 1.671399 |
| H | -1.778119 | -2.540772 | 0.771496 |
| C | -2.461477 | -0.056682 | 0.911772 |
| C | -3.552385 | -0.501702 | 1.659840 |
| C | -4.840129 | -0.438896 | 1.143674 |
| C | -5.059166 | 0.079975 | -0.129373 |
| C | -3.979722 | 0.532313 | -0.879052 |
| C | -2.691382 | 0.462004 | -0.359435 |
| H | -3.392981 | -0.903008 | 2.652675 |
| H | -5.673769 | -0.793511 | 1.736693 |
| H | -6.062499 | 0.129880 | -0.532550 |
| H | -4.136761 | 0.937789 | -1.870491 |

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| P | 0.202542 | 0.358029 | 0.092111 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| W | 2.807581 | -0.168542 | 0.013139 |
| C | 2.982072 | 1.887201 | -0.125761 |
| O | 3.095633 | 3.023339 | -0.207059 |
| C | 3.187207 | -0.036203 | 2.042784 |
| O | 3.542663 | 0.009291 | 3.129677 |
| C | 2.631488 | -2.204881 | 0.192732 |

$\mathrm{E}=-814.704532370161 \mathrm{au}\left[\mathrm{CPCM}_{\mathrm{Ho}} / P W P B 95-\mathrm{D} 3 /\right.$ def2-QZVPP]
ZPE $=0.36829327$ au [CPCM ${ }_{\text {io }} /$ B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP]
$\mathrm{G}_{\text {corr }}=0.32312945 \mathrm{au}\left[\mathrm{CPCM}_{\text {to }} /\right.$ B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP]

| H | 0.951275 | -5.473195 | -0.218584 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H | -0.616584 | -6.284684 | -0.237726 |
| H | -0.749505 | 1.790591 | 2.366189 |
| H | 0.995705 | 1.787901 | 2.290829 |
| C | 0.207490 | 1.045050 | 4.148993 |
| H | -0.636302 | 0.434135 | 4.488052 |
| H | 0.078265 | 2.029537 | 4.608706 |
| C | 1.516469 | 0.432863 | 4.646303 |
| H | 1.656795 | -0.583362 | 4.273047 |
| H | 1.541246 | 0.388714 | 5.737125 |
| H | 2.372529 | 1.028089 | 4.316649 |
| H | 2.191412 | 1.986772 | -0.482373 |
| C | 4.098238 | 0.994208 | -0.623533 |
| H | 2.704206 | 1.204546 | 0.997978 |
| H | 4.067435 | 0.881886 | -1.712637 |
| C | 4.919987 | -0.140938 | -0.014588 |
| H | 4.602323 | 1.945251 | -0.426612 |
| H | 4.502278 | -1.119272 | -0.259456 |
| H | 4.950854 | -0.056949 | 1.075370 |
| H | 5.948842 | -0.121247 | -0.379943 |

$\mathrm{E}=-1707.928486428092 \mathrm{au}\left[\mathrm{CPCM}_{\star} /\right.$ /PWPB95-D3/def2-QZVPP]
ZPE $=0.32127084 \mathrm{au}\left[\mathrm{CPCM}_{\mathrm{id}} / B 3 L Y P-D 3 /\right.$ def2-TZVP]
$\mathrm{G}_{\text {corr }}=0.26404347$ au [CPCM ${ }_{\text {io }}$ B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP]

| H | -1.857192 | 0.812139 | -0.955394 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | -0.941162 | 1.221097 | 2.352244 |
| C | -1.259944 | 1.258783 | 3.709369 |
| C | -1.201111 | 2.451480 | 4.421069 |
| C | -0.839489 | 3.632259 | 3.782982 |
| C | -0.560036 | 3.613804 | 2.420790 |
| C | -0.618927 | 2.419781 | 1.716438 |
| H | -1.556939 | 0.353680 | 4.220987 |
| H | -1.439803 | 2.4555556 | 5.477143 |
| H | -0.785241 | 4.559066 | 4.339415 |
| H | -0.293464 | 4.527602 | 1.905240 |
| H | -0.420238 | 2.420682 | 0.654334 |
| W | 2.579879 | 0.343652 | 0.634423 |
| C | 2.099619 | 2.171175 | -0.211775 |
| O | 1.850356 | 3.188494 | -0.670504 |
| C | 2.291155 | 1.182842 | 2.503930 |
| O | 2.200891 | 1.644071 | 3.546232 |
| C | 3.118178 | -1.451420 | 1.539783 |
| O | 3.424590 | -2.433157 | 2.033525 |
| C | 2.890532 | -0.504732 | -1.221004 |
| O | 3.076212 | -0.978740 | -2.245345 |
| C | 4.553991 | 0.925603 | 0.619100 |
| O | 5.653617 | 1.246960 | 0.601398 |

$\mathrm{E}=-2169.025294905502 \mathrm{au}\left[\mathrm{CPCM}_{w} / P W P B 95-\mathrm{D} 3 /\right.$ def2-QZVPP]
ZPE $=0.43819108$ au [CPCM ${ }_{d d}$ B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP]
$\mathrm{G}_{\text {corr }}=0.37495598$ au [CPCM/B/B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP]

| O | 2.588067 | -3.347912 | 0.305497 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 2.782160 | -0.270595 | -2.033293 |
| O | 2.887618 | -0.31823 | -3.177615 |
| C | 4.790445 | -0.368314 | -0.167160 |
| O | 5.932979 | -0.492011 | -0.277130 |
| C | -0.679136 | 0.357807 | 1.840594 |
| C | -0.924822 | -1.084005 | 2.278615 |

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| C | 0.158910 | -1.918912 | 2.580979 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | -0.022791 | -3.244443 | 2.938484 |
| C | -1.304796 | -3.786267 | 3.003009 |
| C | -2.392020 | -2.96300 | 2.706879 |
| C | -2.202826 | -1.642100 | 2.352471 |
| H | 1.159252 | -1.521930 | 2.528010 |
| H | 0.840595 | -3.858641 | 3.160025 |
| H | -1.449799 | -4.822577 | 3.279487 |
| H | -3.397479 | -3.375811 | 2.750783 |
| H | -3.070369 | -1.035748 | 2.141225 |
| C | -1.975653 | 1.200311 | 1.832493 |
| C | -2.703661 | 1.301404 | 3.025530 |
| C | -3.846376 | 2.081085 | 3.109415 |
| C | -4.288340 | 2.799457 | 2.000320 |
| C | -3.564932 | 2.728065 | 0.819421 |
| C | -2.419221 | 1.938080 | 0.740421 |
| H | -2.367160 | 0.765722 | 3.902736 |
| H | -4.388948 | 2.135730 | 4.044940 |
| H | -5.177637 | 3.413481 | 2.064356 |
| H | -3.882838 | 3.291619 | -0.049078 |
| H | -1.853768 | 1.912631 | -0.17933 |
| C | 0.258890 | 1.122808 | 2.789824 |
| C | 0.479496 | 0.720411 | 4.105614 |


| C | 1.254530 | 1.490108 | 4.966914 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 1.828475 | 2.675424 | 4.527482 |
| C | 1.601775 | 3.997079 | 3.221045 |
| C | 0.814856 | 2.334577 | 2.370885 |
| H | 0.049233 | -0.200515 | 4.470748 |
| H | 1.414987 | 1.152215 | 5.982977 |
| H | 2.442541 | 3.266890 | 5.194327 |
| H | 2.035084 | 4.021910 | 2.862187 |
| H | 0.621651 | 2.692694 | 1.368052 |
| P | -0.883757 | -1.164744 | -0.988495 |
| C | -0.742647 | -2.932255 | -0.596777 |
| H | -1.164567 | -3.143222 | 0.381051 |
| H | -1.288323 | -3.492623 | -1.358270 |
| H | 0.301224 | -3.230812 | -0.608947 |
| C | -0.330166 | -1.049672 | -2.711261 |
| H | -1.070468 | -1.543719 | -3.341612 |
| H | 0.625887 | -1.550604 | -2.832445 |
| H | -0.234674 | -0.007466 | -3.008611 |
| C | -2.689858 | -0.847577 | -1.065722 |
| H | -2.845769 | 0.127616 | -1.514532 |
| H | -3.132488 | -1.622972 | -1.677976 |
| H | -3.106278 | -0.864085 | -0.071709 |
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$\mathrm{E}=-2286.913779754087 \mathrm{au}\left[\mathrm{CPCM}_{\mathrm{w}} /\right.$ PWPB95-D3/def2-QZVPP(ecp)] ZPE $=0.52515392$ au [CPCM $/$ /B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP(ecp)] $\mathrm{G}_{\text {corr }}=0.45902181$ au [CPCM ${ }_{01} /$ B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP(ecp)]

| H | -1.553387 | 2.171072 | 0.213909 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 0.316400 | 1.177386 | 2.818066 |
| C | 0.442116 | 0.962910 | 4.191025 |
| C | 1.151528 | 1.849995 | 4.991573 |
| C | 1.745784 | 2.977417 | 4.437241 |
| C | 1.604085 | 3.218169 | 3.076043 |
| C | 0.888841 | 2.332591 | 2.281300 |
| H | -0.015370 | 0.096987 | 4.646924 |
| H | 1.239669 | 1.655003 | 6.053008 |
| H | 2.306886 | 3.662678 | 5.059495 |
| H | 2.050653 | 4.096223 | 2.626958 |
| H | 0.771270 | 2.549705 | 1.228438 |
| P | -1.062694 | -0.974719 | -1.053706 |
| C | -1.356661 | -2.768669 | -0.810728 |
| H | -2.098304 | -2.883394 | -0.024886 |
| H | -1.816757 | -3.106800 | -1.744676 |
| C | -0.108995 | -3.574182 | -0.474232 |
| H | 0.681867 | -3.435135 | -1.211455 |
| H | 0.276698 | -3.288199 | 0.499389 |
| H | -0.352681 | -4.636716 | -0.440913 |
| C | -0.303335 | -0.914106 | -2.71562 |
| H | -1.032415 | -1.404981 | -3.367328 |
| H | 0.573771 | -1.554651 | -2.697956 |
| C | 0.041261 | 0.473818 | -3.249758 |
| H | 0.444182 | 0.386006 | -4.259674 |
| H | -0.837958 | 1.117688 | -3.290781 |
| H | 0.786763 | 0.964603 | -2.627859 |
| C | -2.738759 | -0.274841 | -1.366400 |
| H | -2.622821 | 0.807195 | -1.401775 |
| H | -2.972157 | -0.605074 | -2.382336 |
| C | -3.881028 | -0.663921 | -0.432499 |
| H | -4.015341 | -1.744349 | -0.383231 |
| H | -3.732338 | -0.281554 | 0.573112 |
| H | -4.809168 | -0.233492 | -0.811441 |

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| P | -0.400588 | 1.952363 | 0.042880 | H | -4.587220 | -4.061932 | -3.919676 |
| C | -2.117222 | -0.752935 | -0.392937 | C | -2.818389 | -2.922992 | -3.470184 |
| W | -2.394860 | 1.896315 | -3.331990 | H | -2.288295 | -3.230694 | -4.362601 |
| C | -3.934541 | 0.527071 | -3.550804 | C | 0.865340 | 3.020929 | -0.734472 |
| C | -3.210373 | 2.779749 | -4.929889 | C | 0.403872 | 1.162687 | 1.487830 |
| C | -3.599064 | 3.039962 | -2.120611 | C | -1.631020 | 3.142280 | 0.684615 |
| C | -1.054993 | 3.438603 | -3.400056 | H | 1.444089 | 3.426601 | 0.097543 |
| C | -1.182097 | 0.739287 | -4.542705 | H | 0.334315 | 3.862395 | -1.178495 |
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| O | -3.679988 | 3.294365 | -5.850978 | H | 0.315556 | 1.873335 | 2.309466 |
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| H | 0.934705 | -4.546928 | 2.037256 | H | -2.498710 | 2.579962 | 1.019196 |
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| H | -1.482836 | -4.319106 | 2.564790 | H | -0.911970 | 3.536739 | 2.685305 |
| C | -1.771990 | -2.661276 | 1.243769 | C | -2.236787 | 5.128388 | 2.117361 |
| H | -2.826353 | -2.592251 | 1.472729 | H | -2.480961 | 5.697983 | 1.215614 |
| C | -1.200745 | -1.766167 | 0.330362 | C | -1.813083 | 6.079550 | 3.232569 |
| C | 0.146384 | -1.930106 | 0.022030 | H | -3.151584 | 4.601338 | 2.404836 |
| H | 0.599508 | -1.279937 | -0.711498 | H | -0.913882 | 6.635288 | 2.954510 |
| C | 0.912390 | -2.920081 | 0.631667 | H | -1.594468 | 5.532304 | 4.153176 |
| H | 1.959948 | -3.015298 | 0.374262 | H | -2.598408 | 6.804747 | 3.453697 |
| H | -1.981860 | -0.432278 | 2.375429 | H | 1.173262 | 1.998629 | -2.598400 |
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| C | -3.050228 | -0.006051 | 0.556266 | C | 2.390497 | -0.048929 | 2.504388 |
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| C | -4.759591 | -2.988929 | -2.064648 | H | 2.991083 | 1.664833 | 3.700248 |
| H | -5.757470 | -3.351120 | -1.851340 | H | 2.873337 | 0.156925 | 4.610443 |

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