

# Twinned *versus* Linked Organometallics - Bimetallic “Half-Baguette” Pentalenide Complexes of Rh(I)

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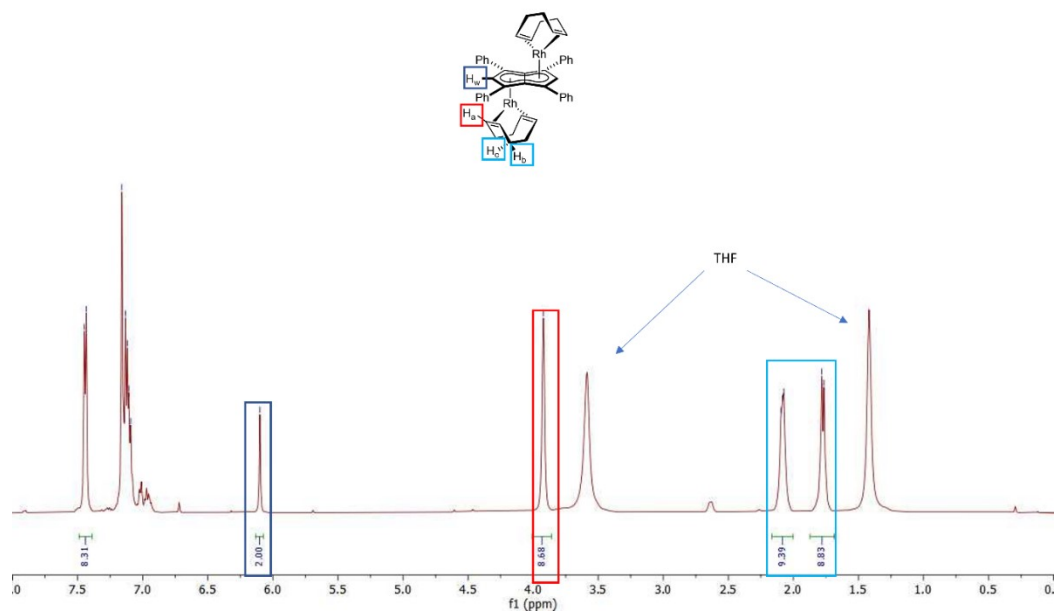
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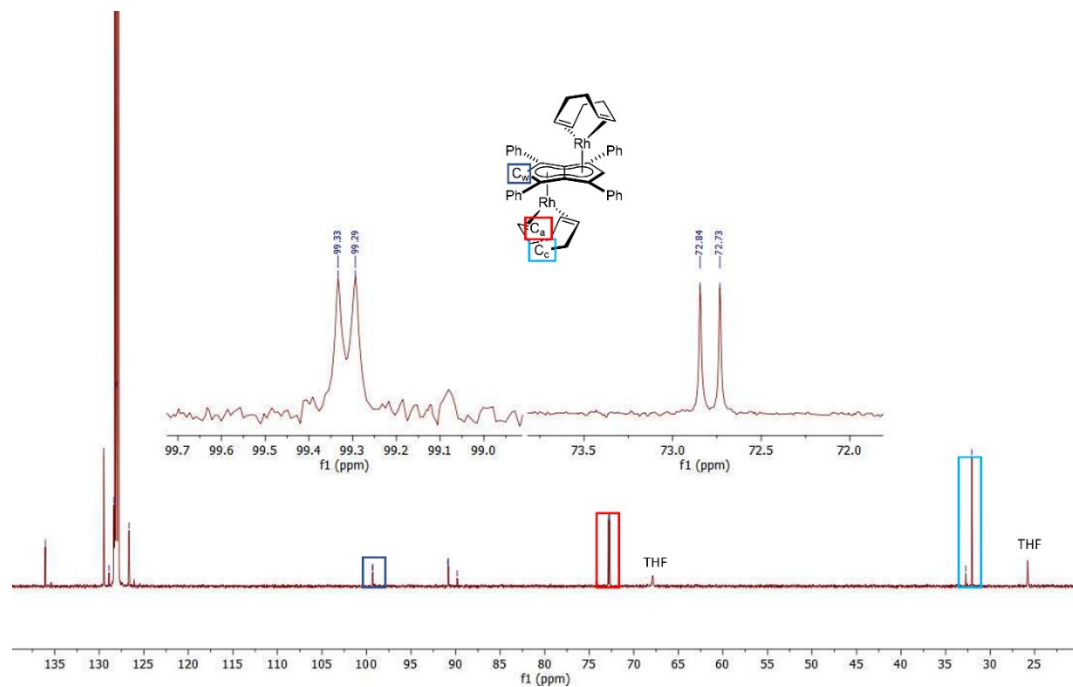
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## Spectroscopic Data

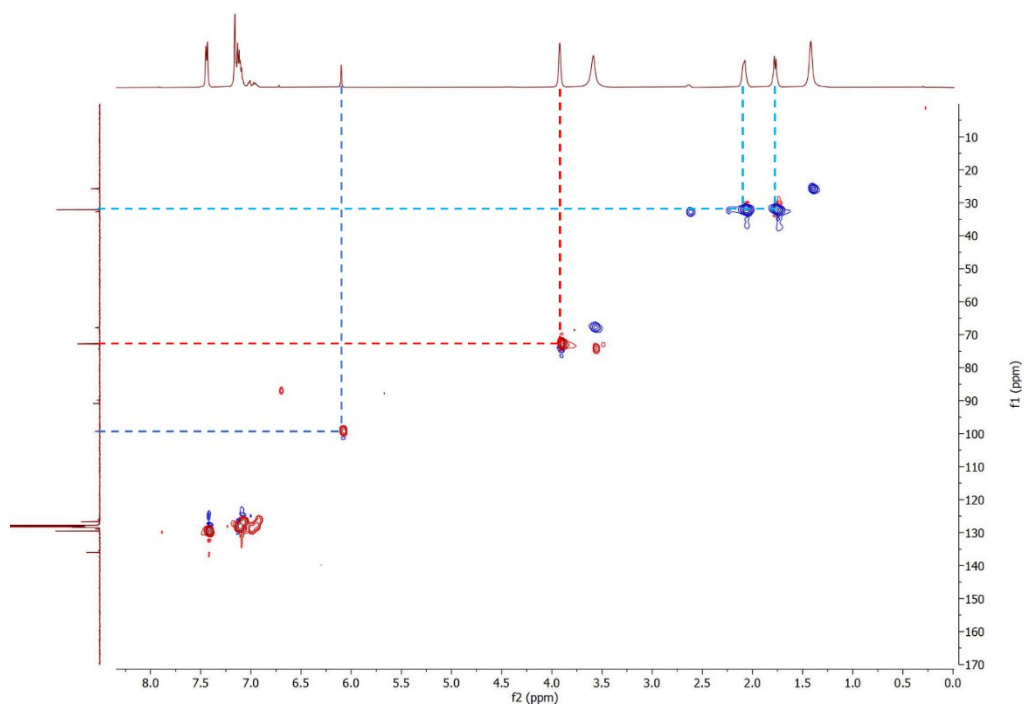
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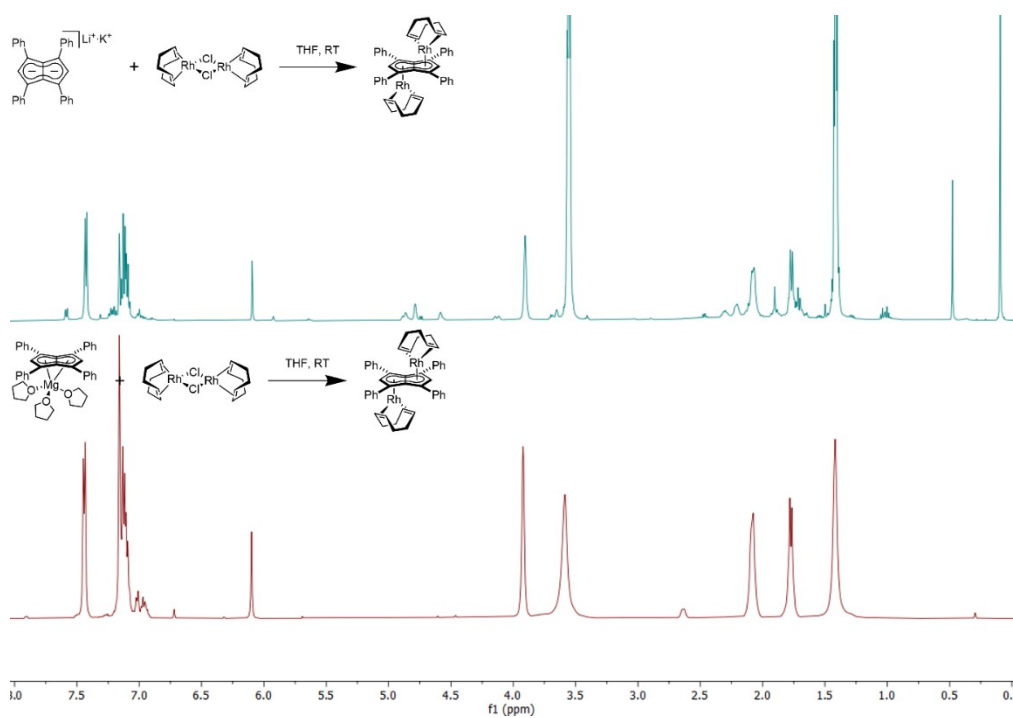
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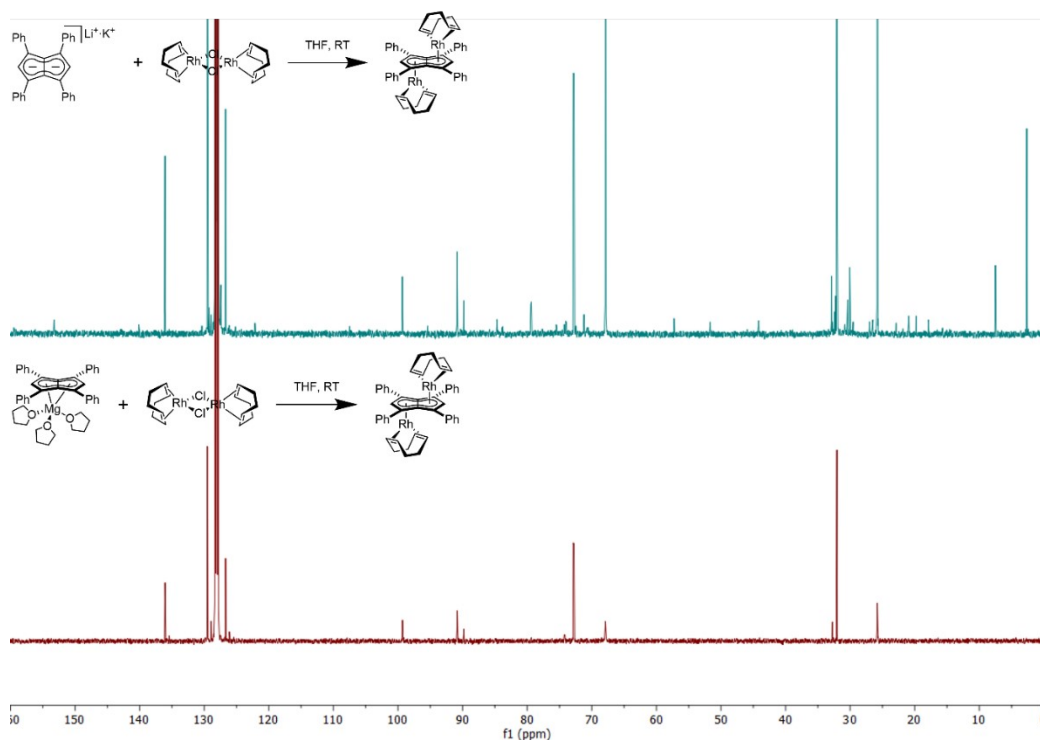
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**Figure S3:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  HSQC spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{COD})]_2[\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  (Blue =  $\text{H}_w$ , Red =  $\text{H}_a$ , Light blue =  $\text{H}_b$  and  $\text{H}_c$ )

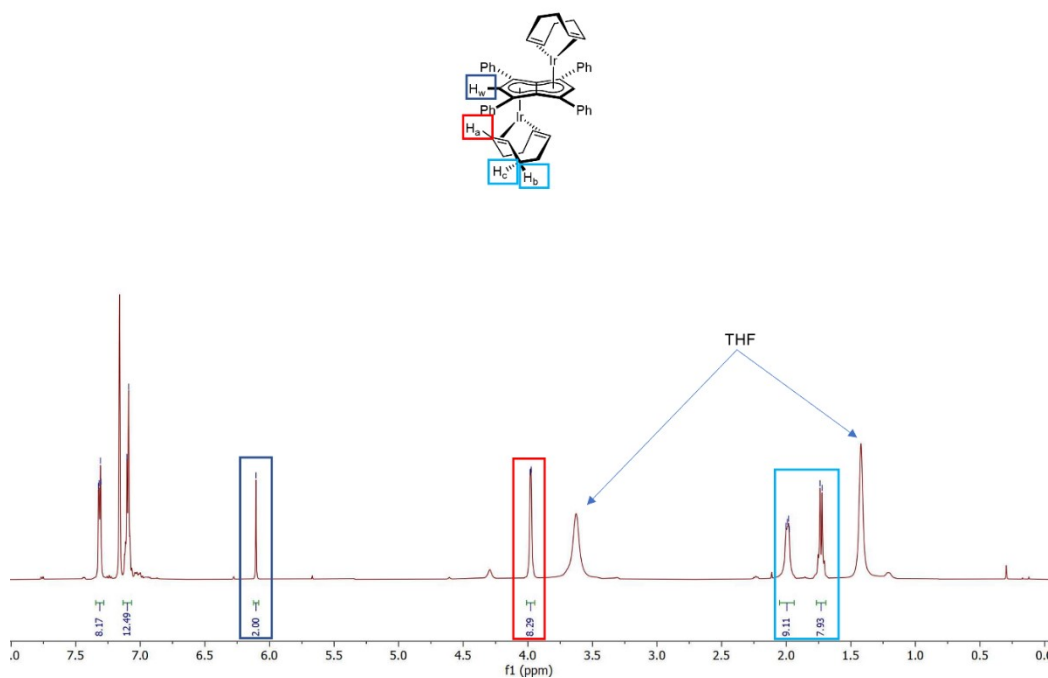


**Figure S4:** 500 MHz stacked  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{COD})]_2[\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$

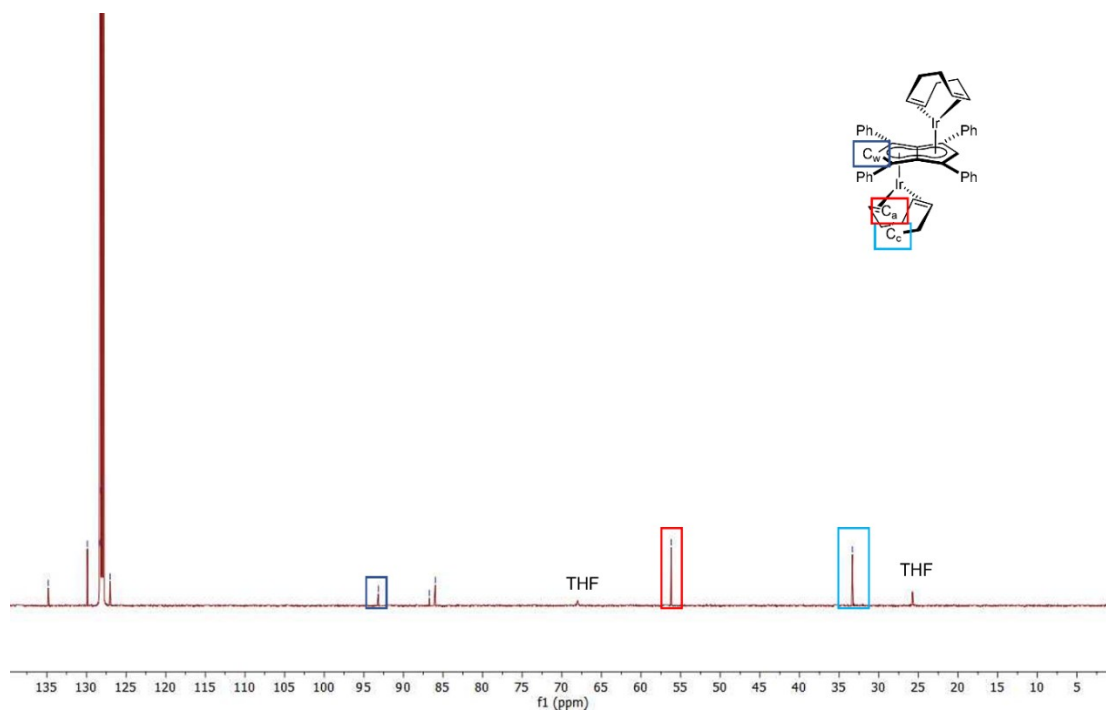


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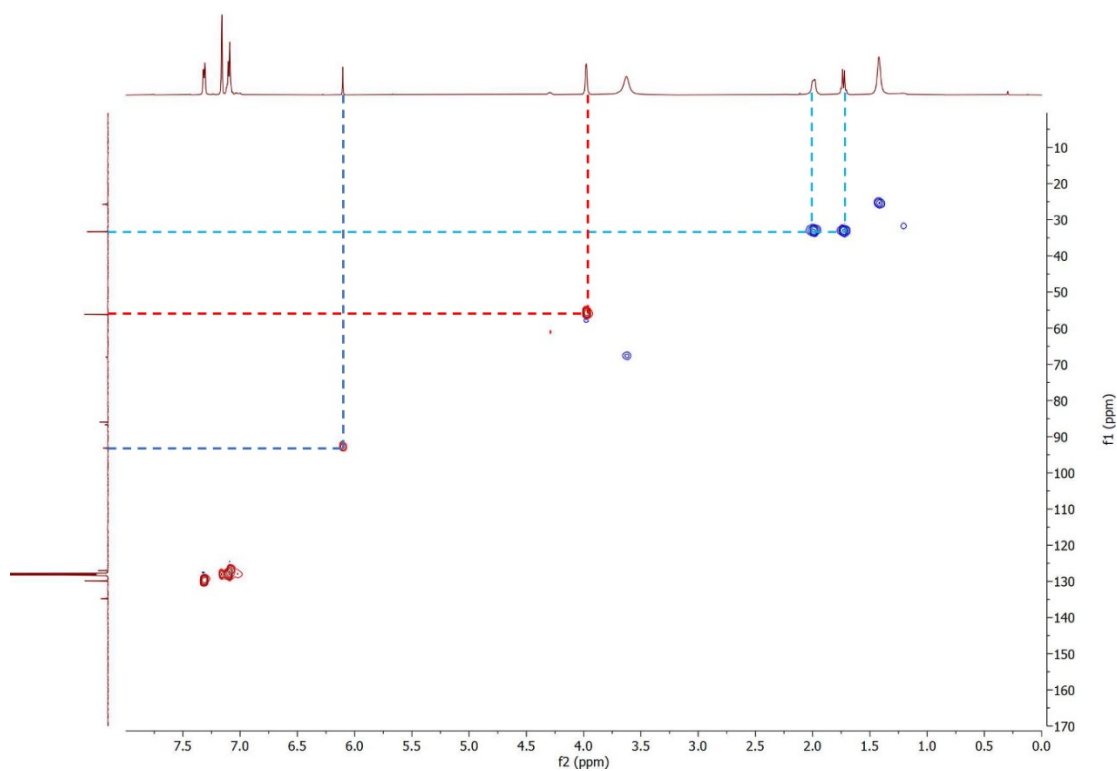
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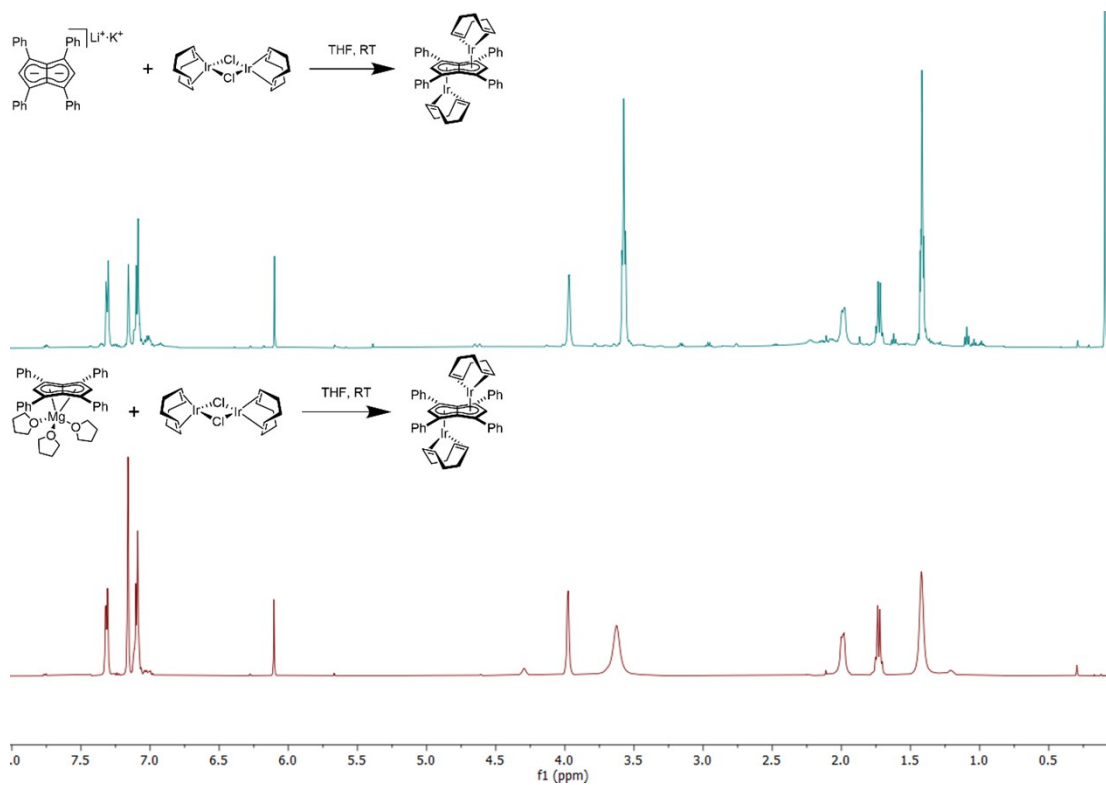
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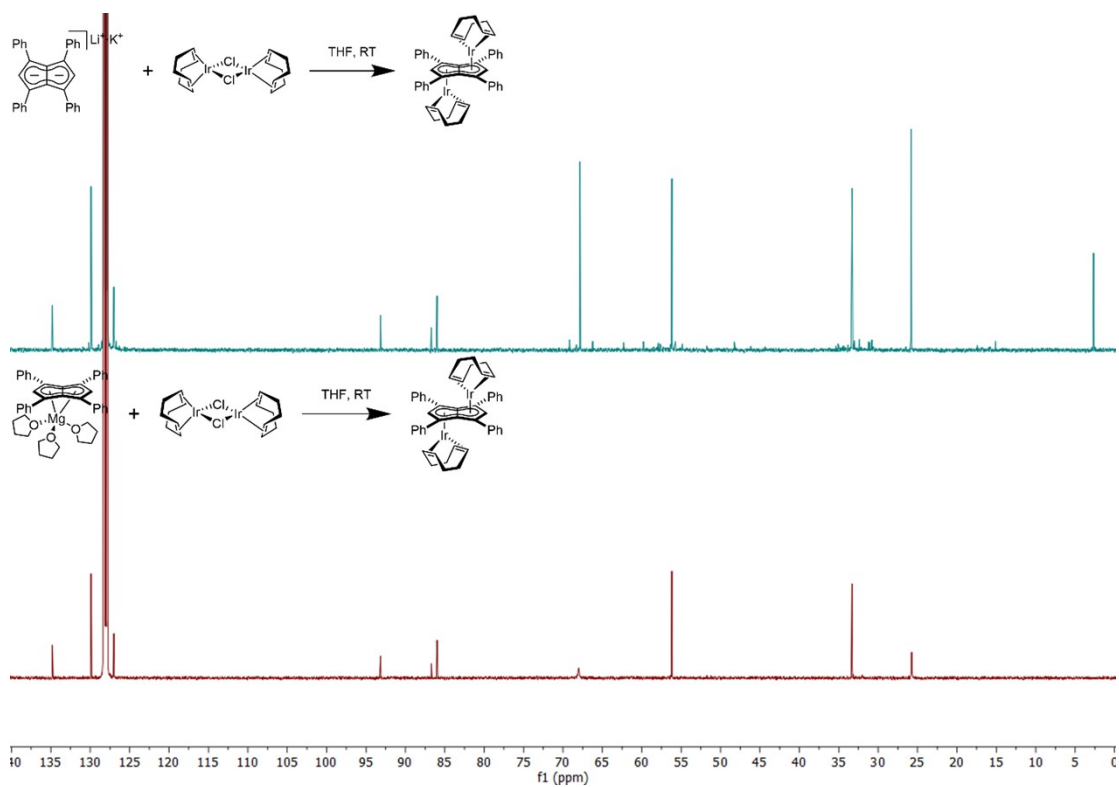
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**Figure S8:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}\text{-}^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC spectrum of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{COD})]_2[\mu\text{:}\eta^5\text{:}\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  (Blue =  $\text{H}_w$ , Red =  $\text{H}_a$ , Light blue =  $\text{H}_b$  and  $\text{H}_c$ )

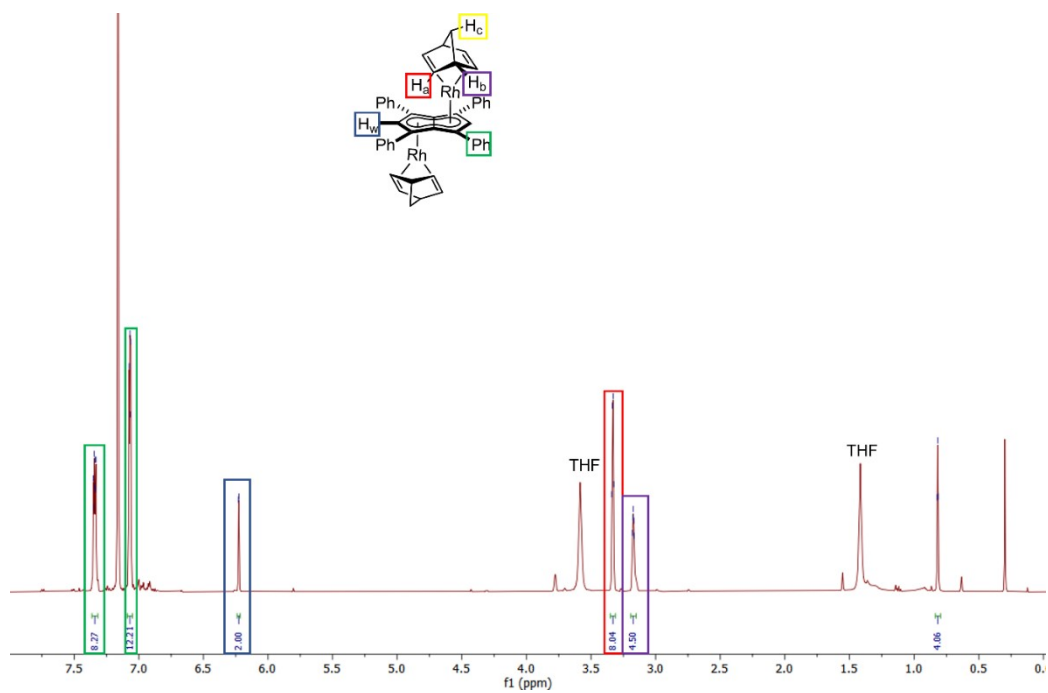


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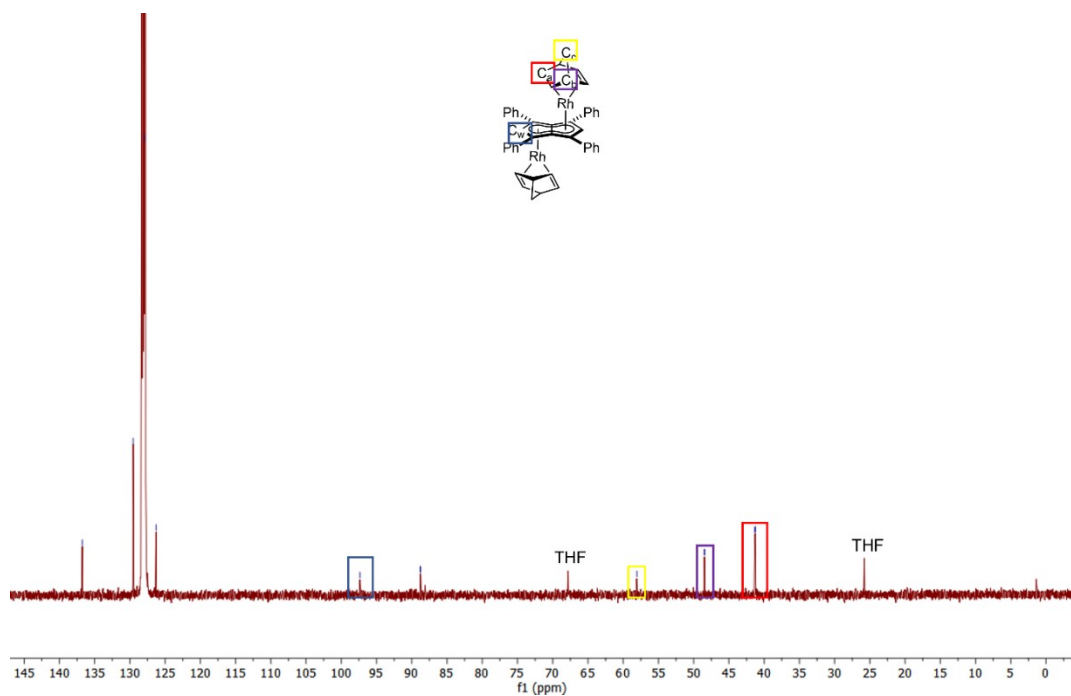


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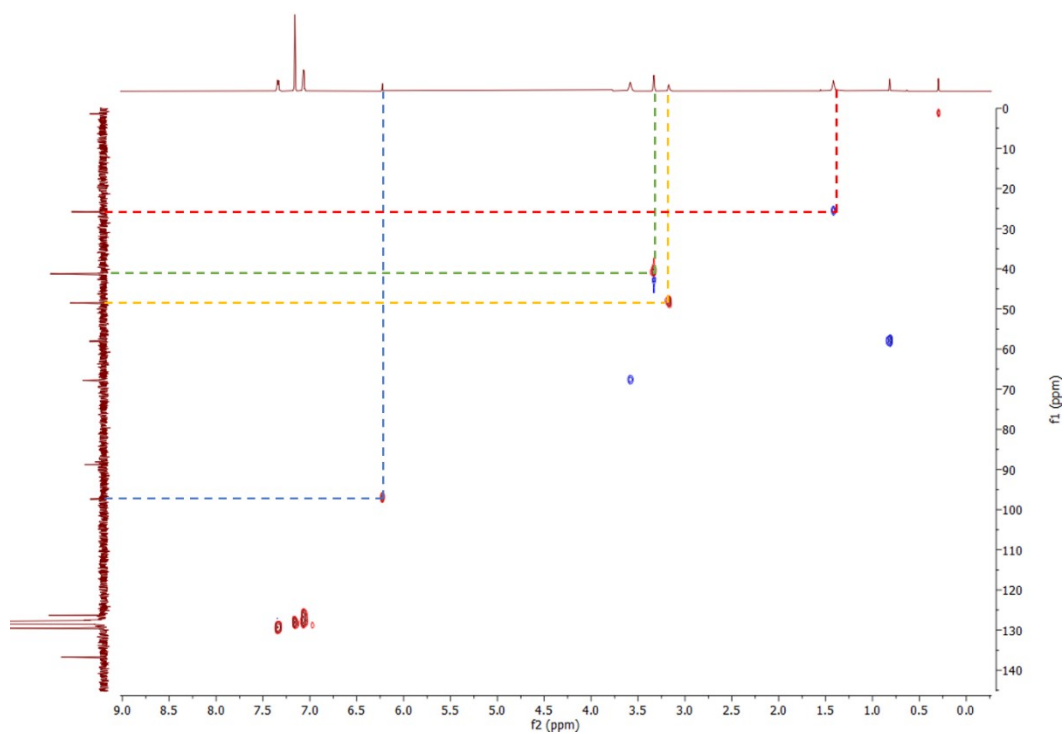


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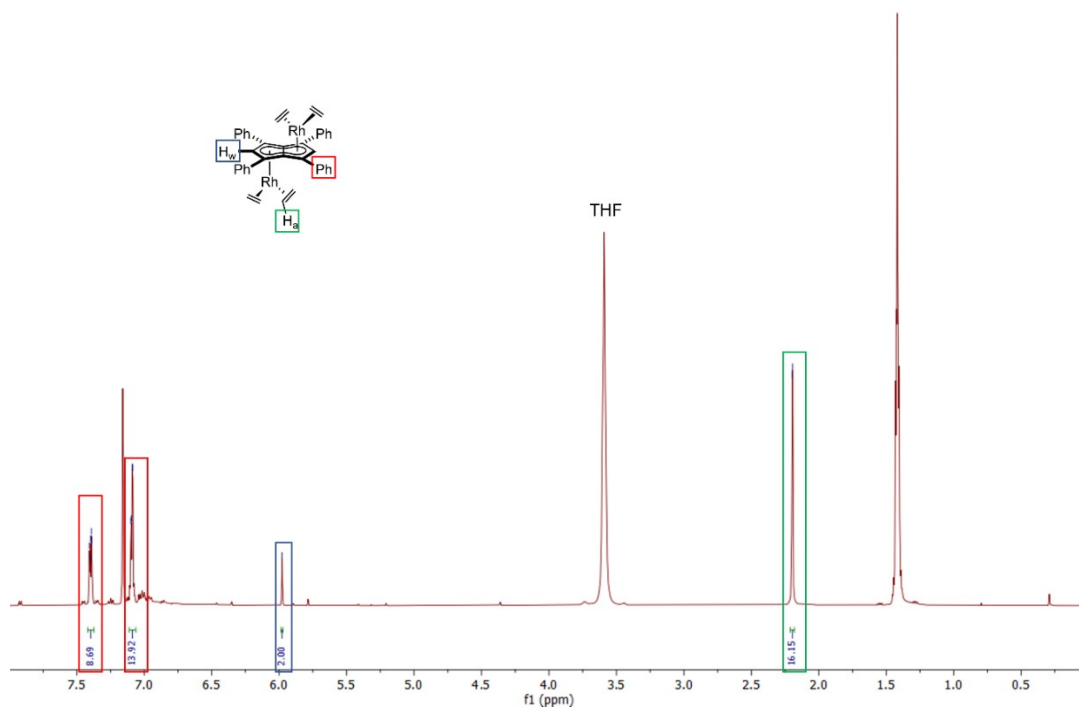
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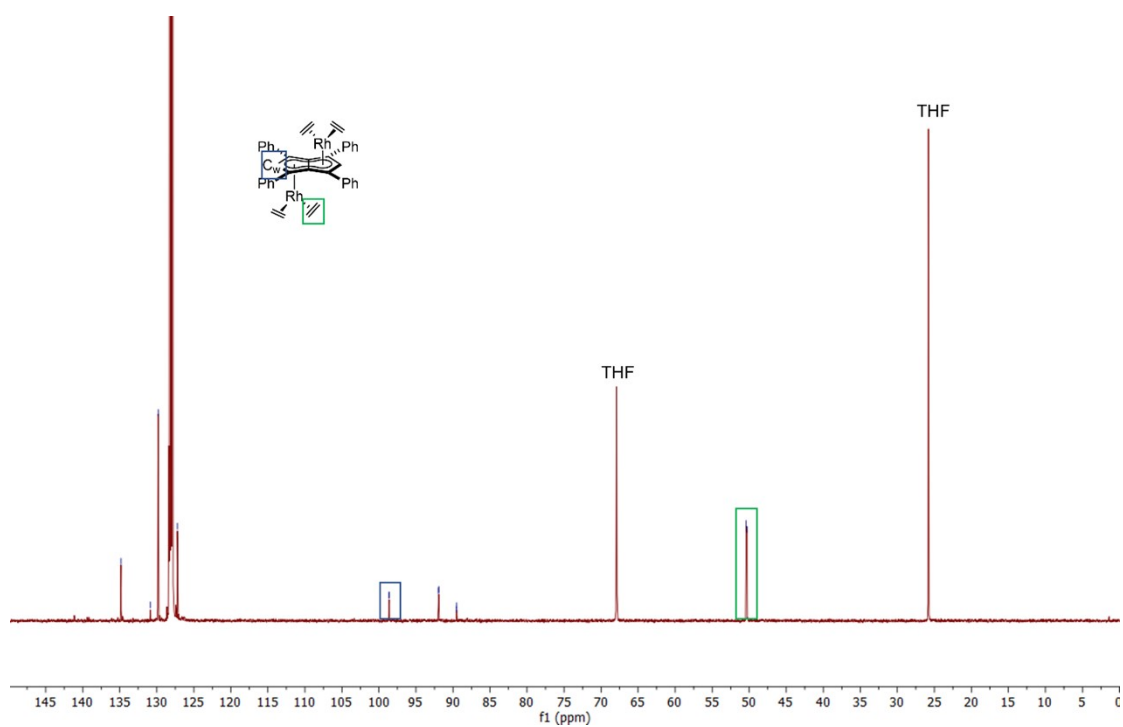


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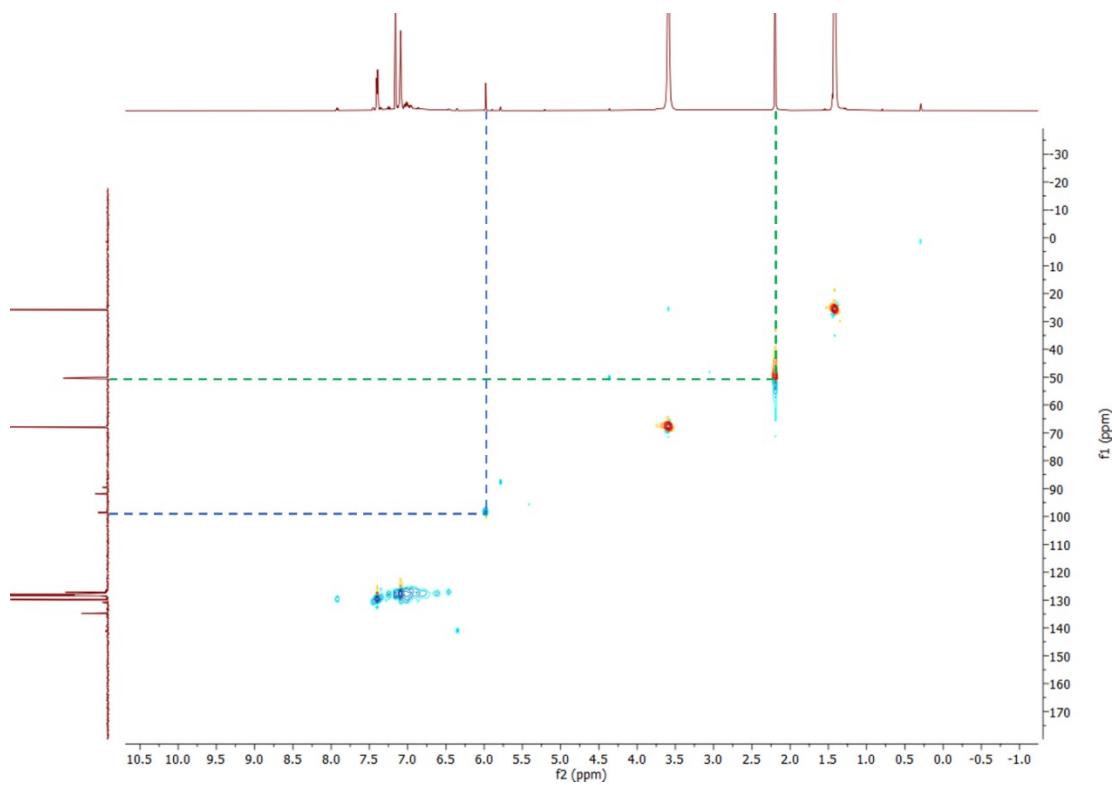
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**Figure S14:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}'(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2]_2[\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$

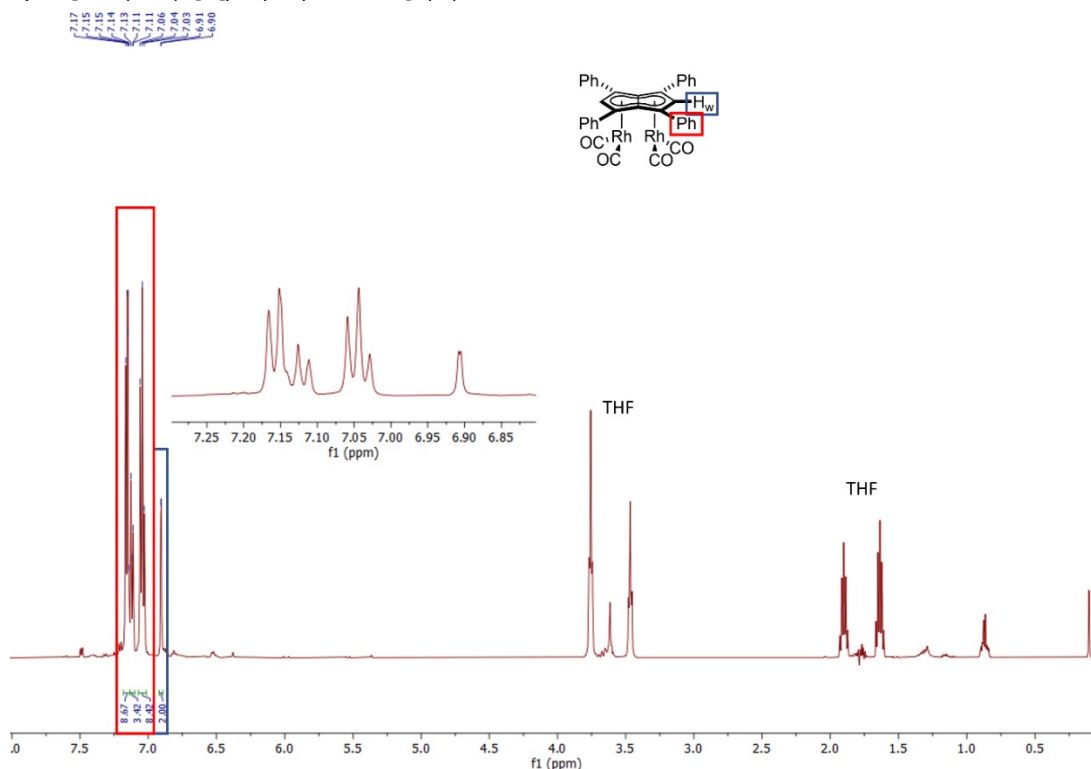


**Figure S15** 126 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}'(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2][\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$

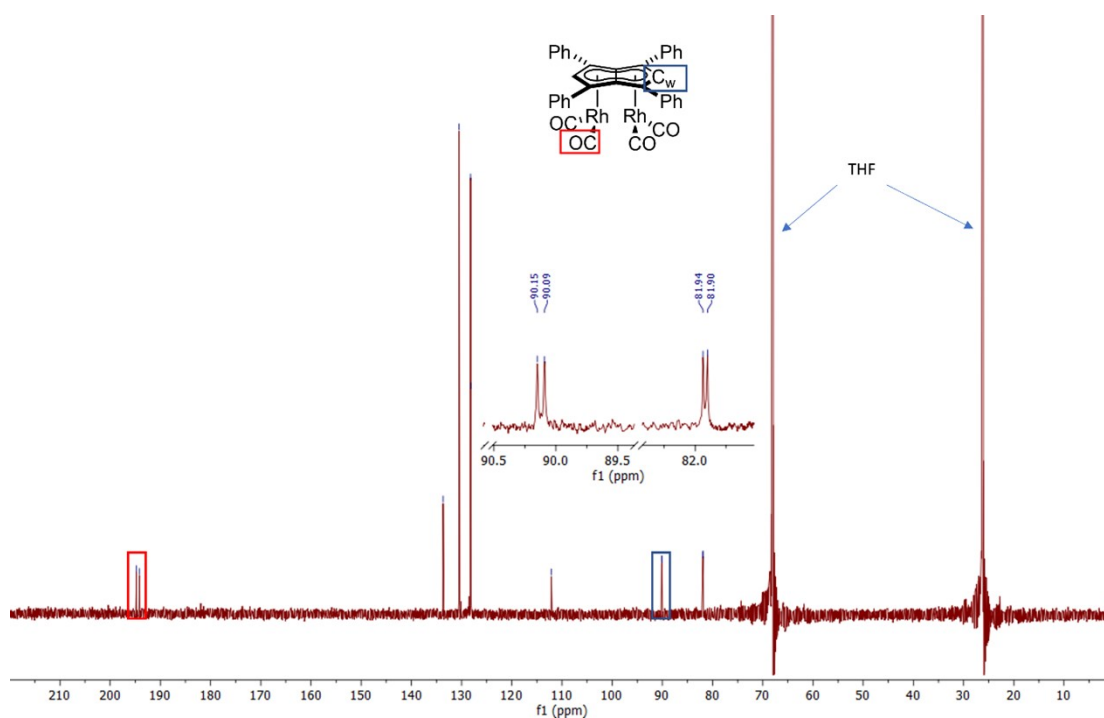


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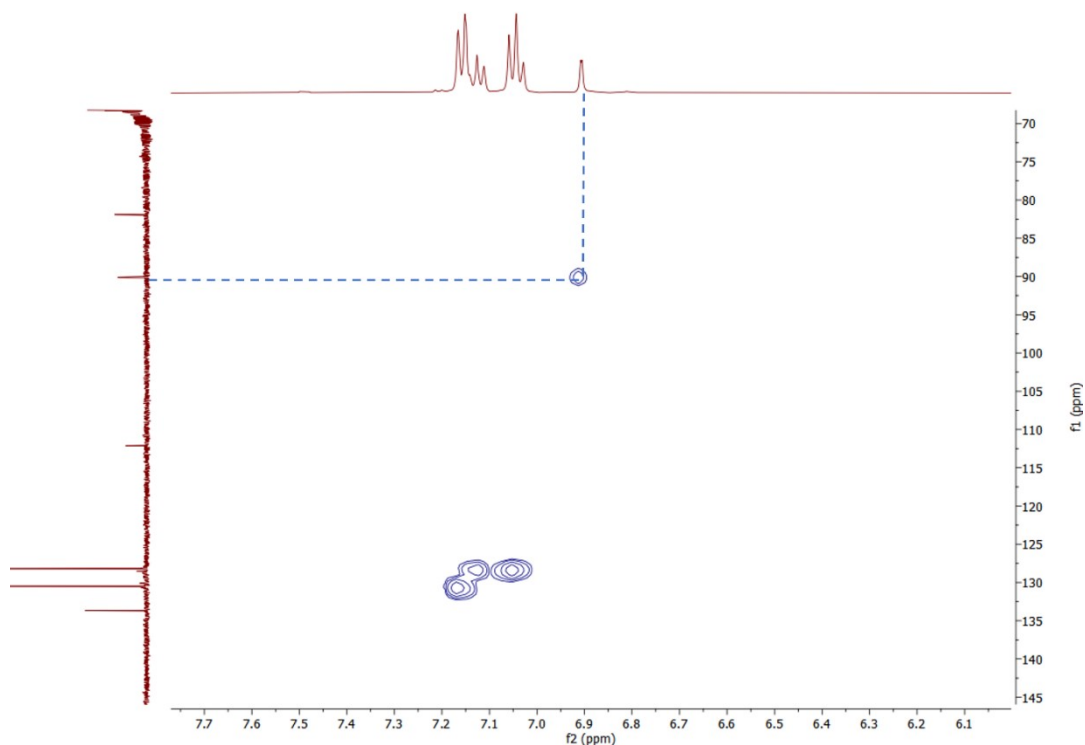
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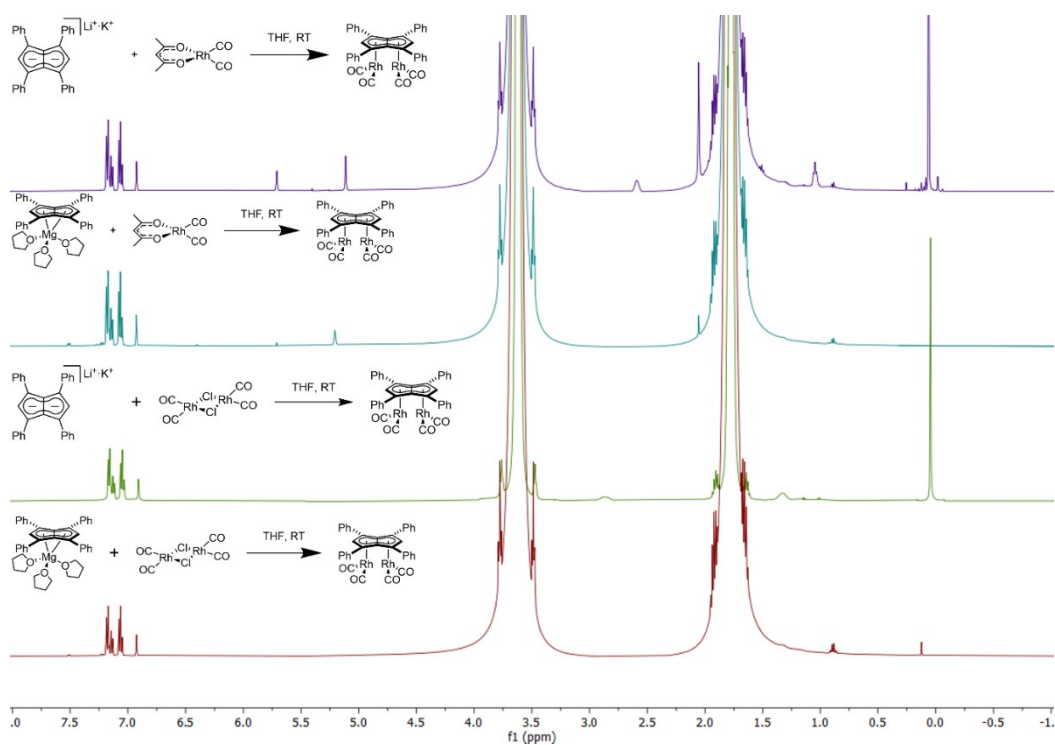
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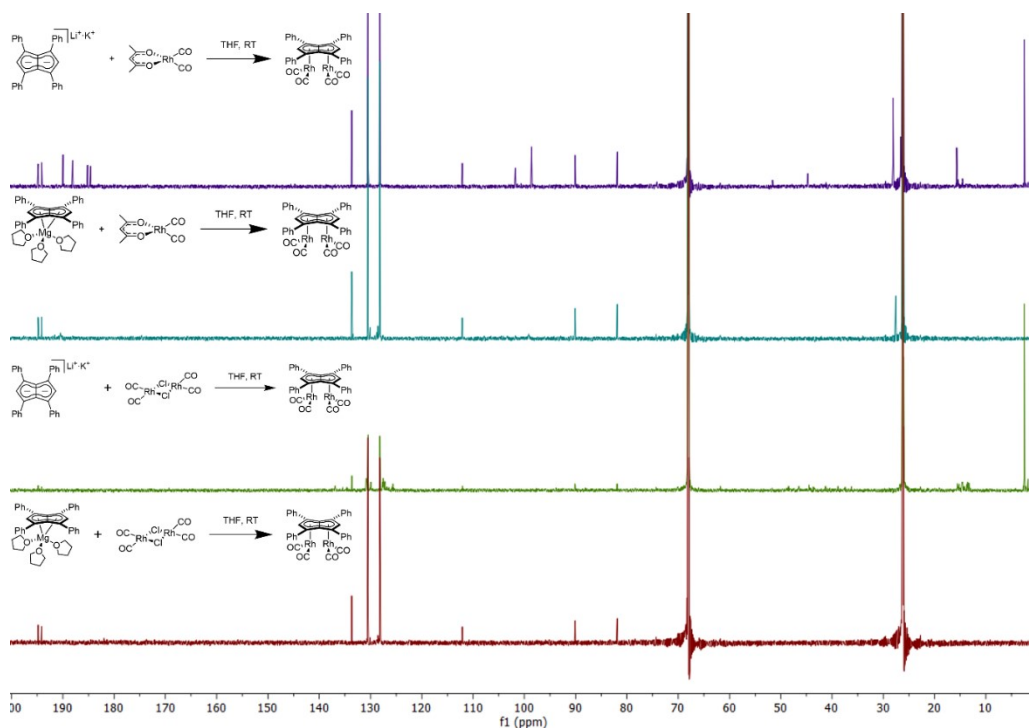
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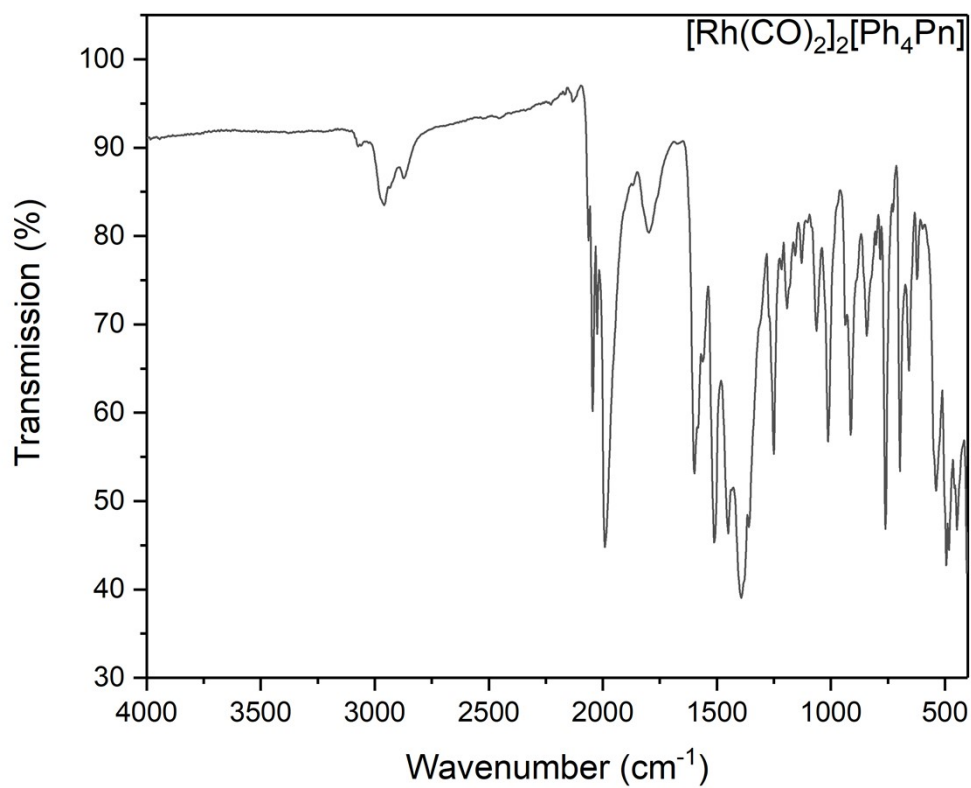
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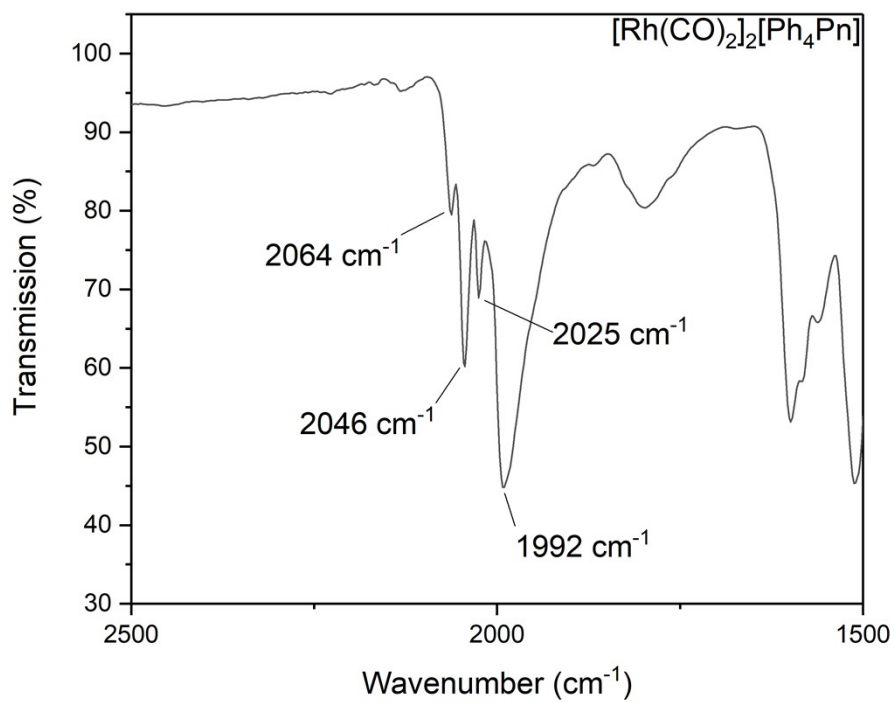
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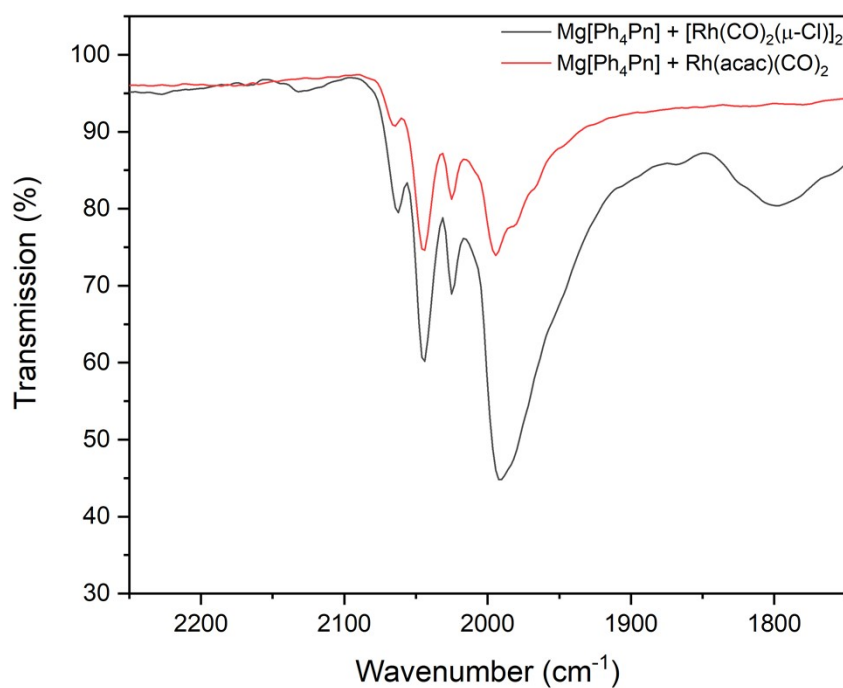
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**Figure S22:** ATR-IR spectrum of solid  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2]_2[\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$

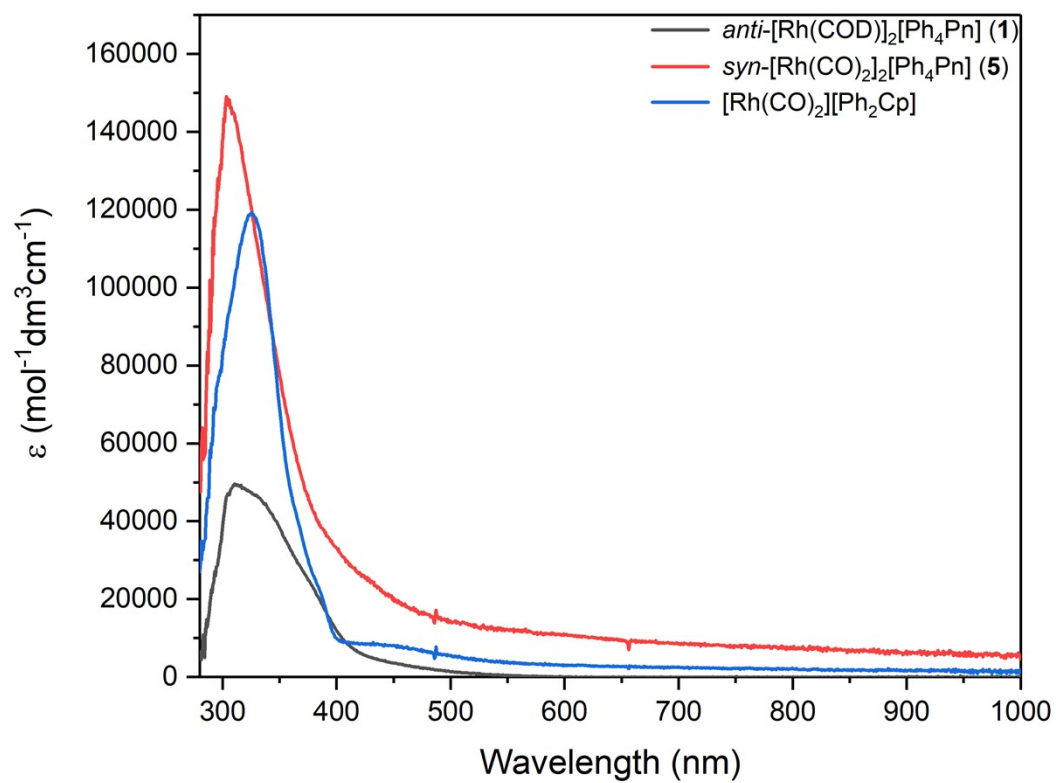


**Figure S23:** ATR-IR spectrum of solid  $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2]_2[\mu\text{:}\eta^5\text{:}\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  (expanded CO region)



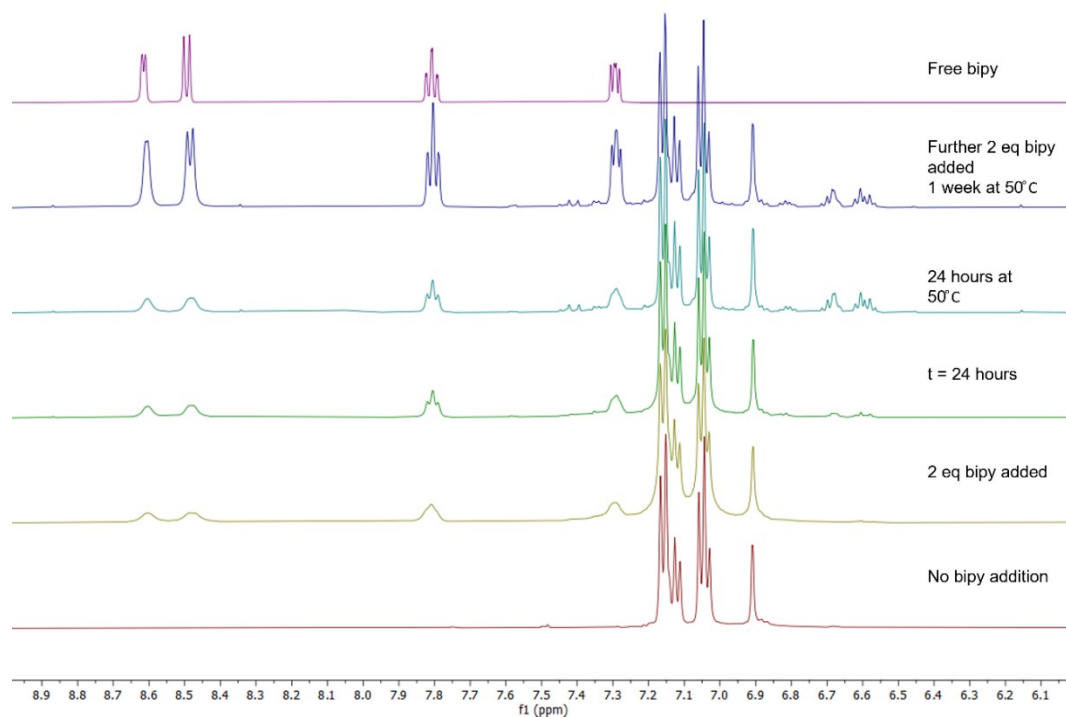
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UV-vis spectra of **1**, **5** and  $(\text{Ph}_2\text{Cp})\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2$



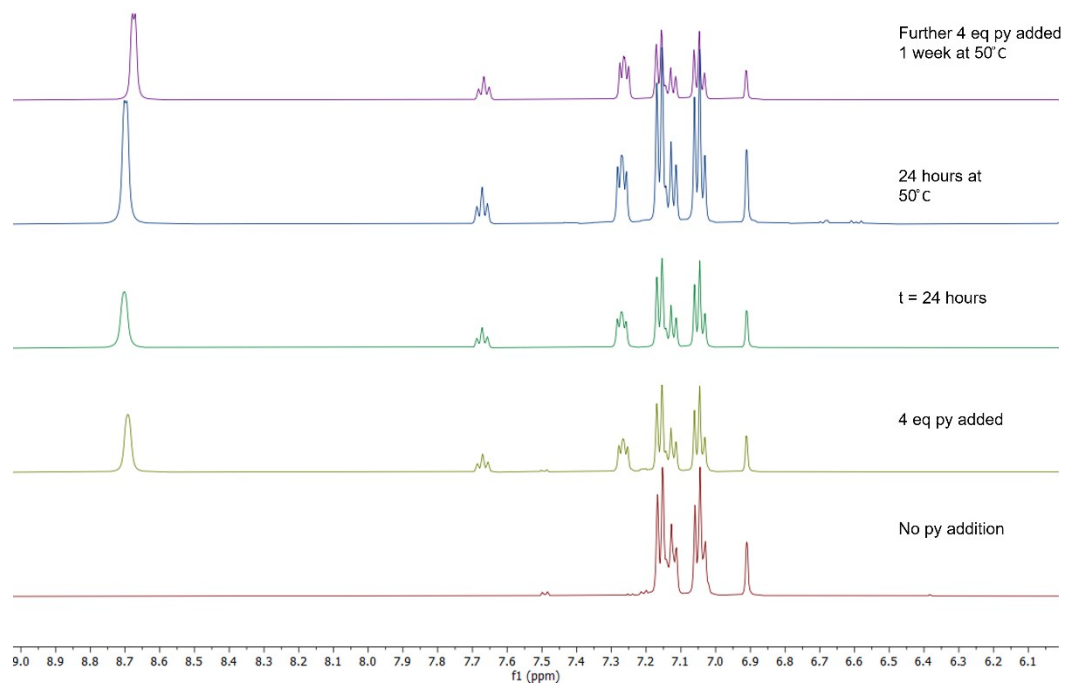
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Attempted reaction of **5** with 2,2'-bipyridine



**Figure S26:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of attempted substitution of  $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2]_2[\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  with 2,2'-bipyridine in  $\text{THF-H}_8$

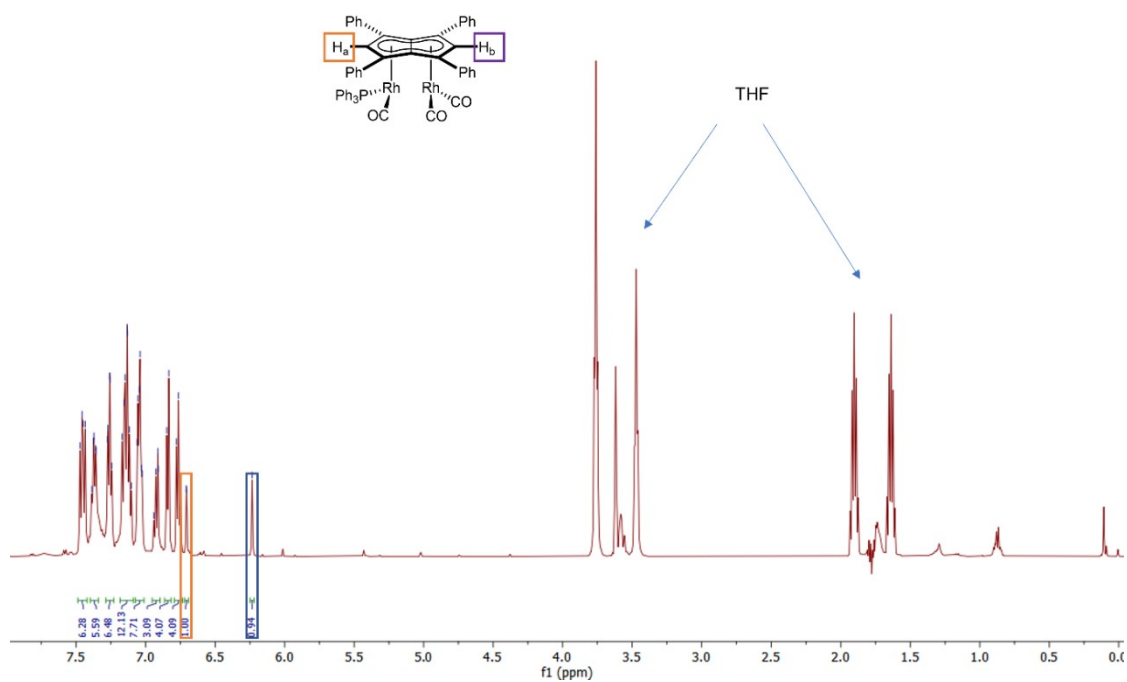
Attempted reaction of **5** with pyridine



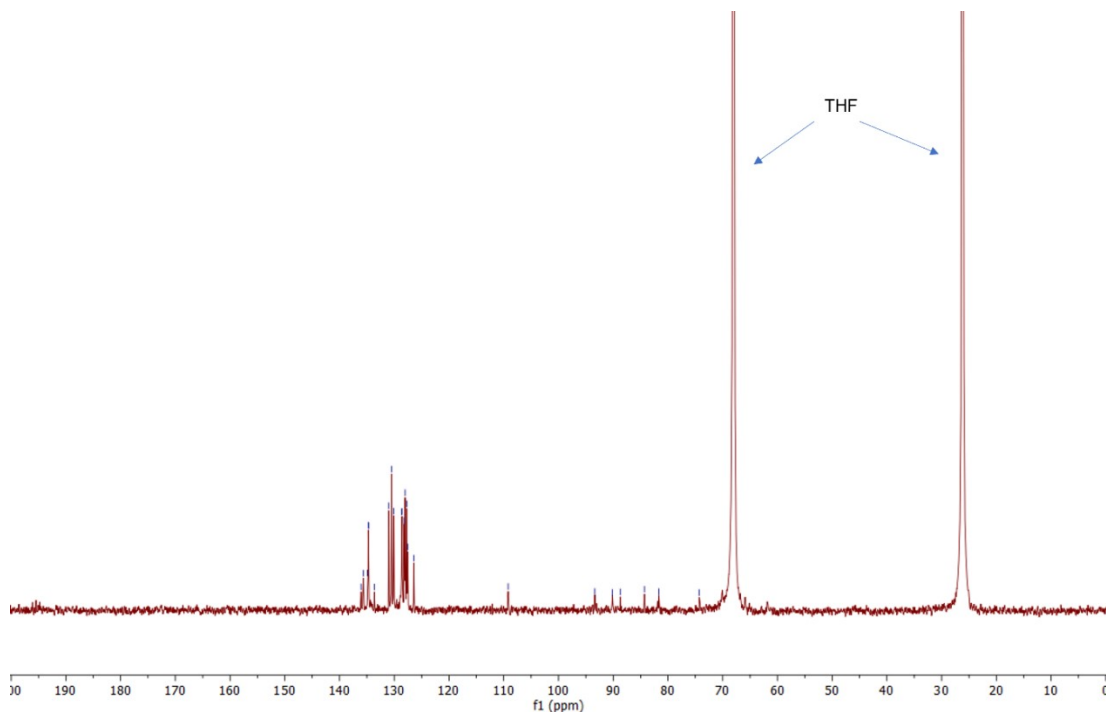
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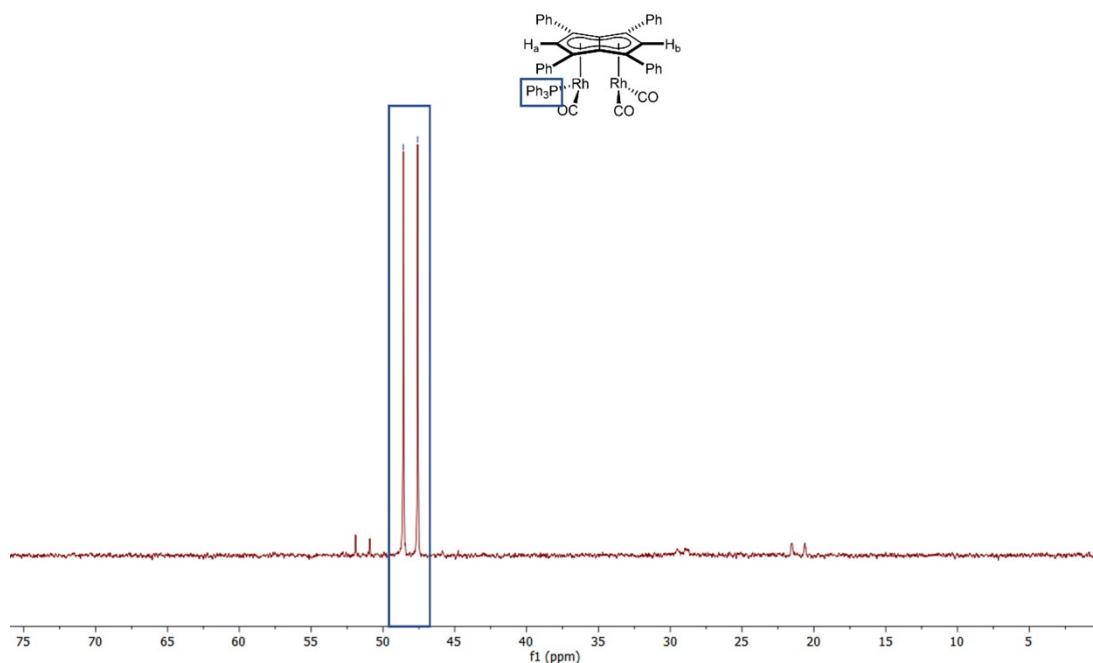
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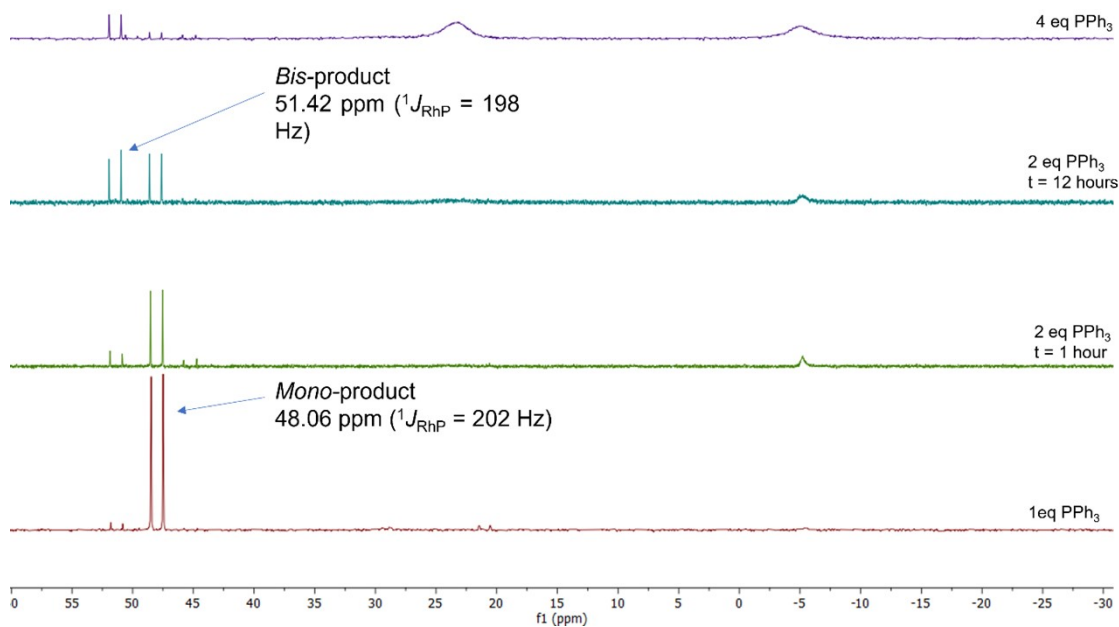
**Figure S28:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *in-situ* formed  $[\text{Rh}'(\text{CO})_2\text{Rh}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)][\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$ . Spectrum obtained using the  $\text{Ic1gppnf2}$  solvent suppression pulse sequence, a double presaturation experiment during relaxation and mixing time using two independent channels.



**Figure S29:** 126 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of *in-situ* formed  $[\text{Rh}'(\text{CO})_2\text{Rh}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)][\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$

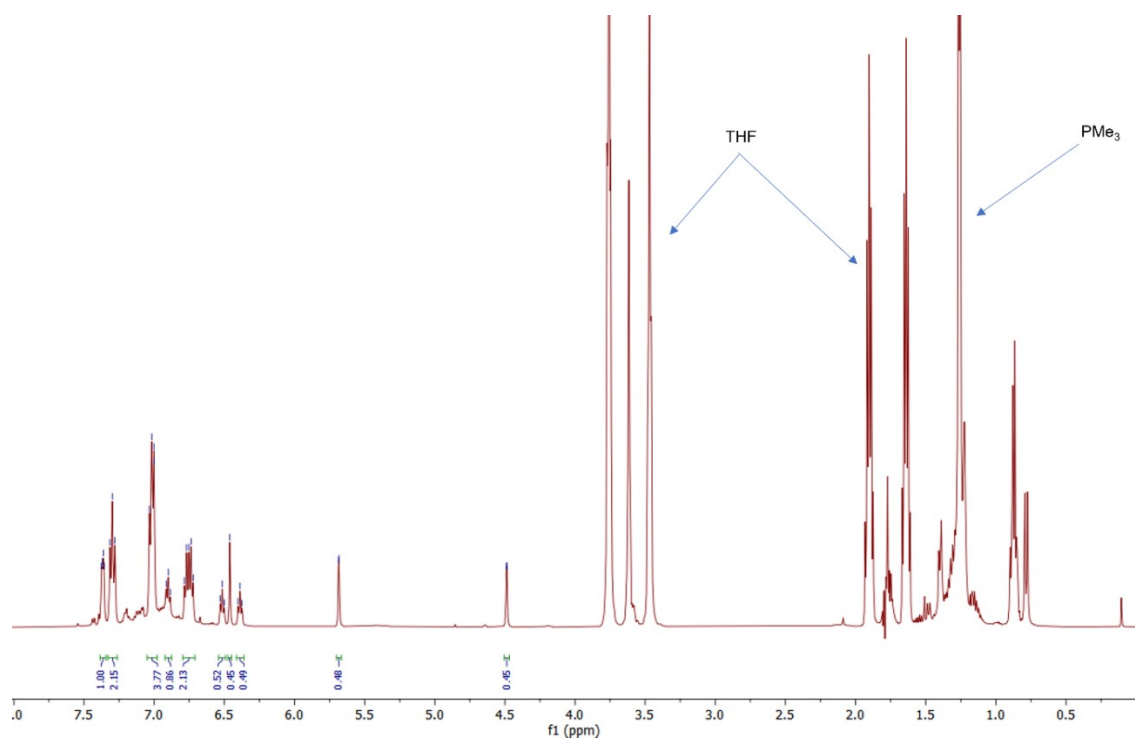


**Figure S30:** 202 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of *in-situ* formed  $[\text{Rh}'(\text{CO})_2;\text{Rh}'(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)][\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$

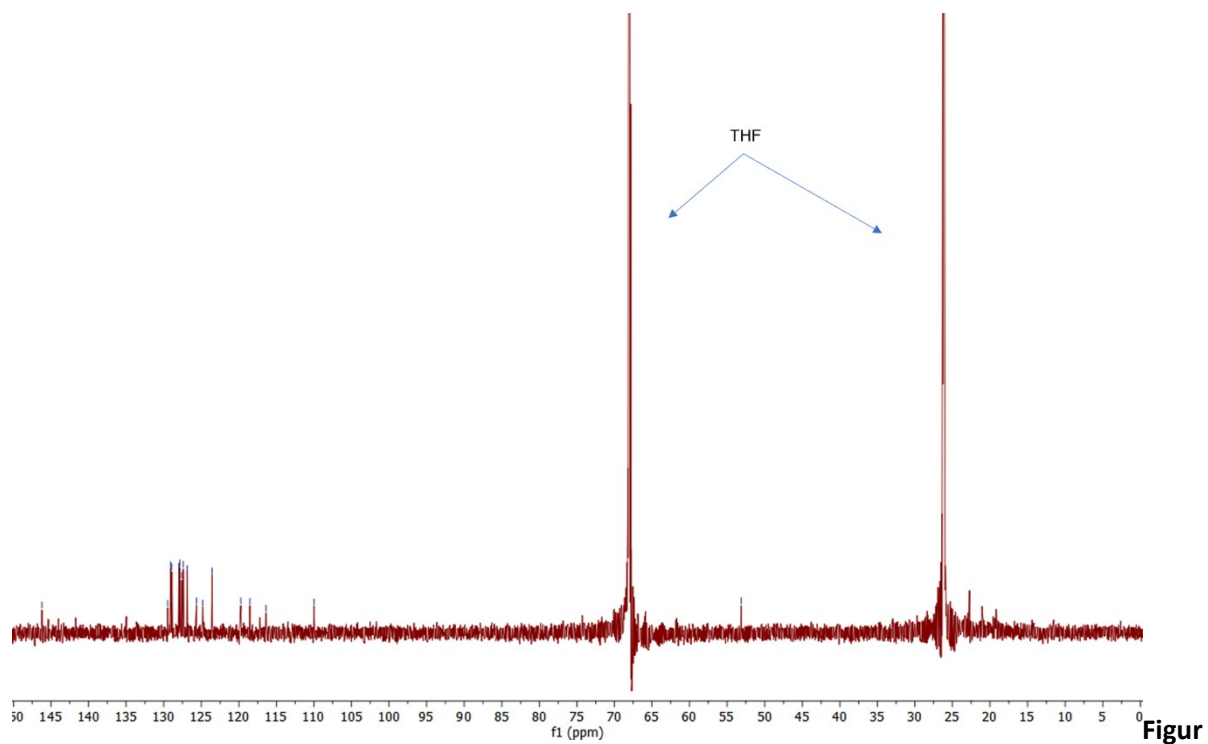


**Figure S31:** 202 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of varying equivalents of  $\text{PPh}_3$  added to  $[\text{Rh}'(\text{CO})_2]_2[\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$

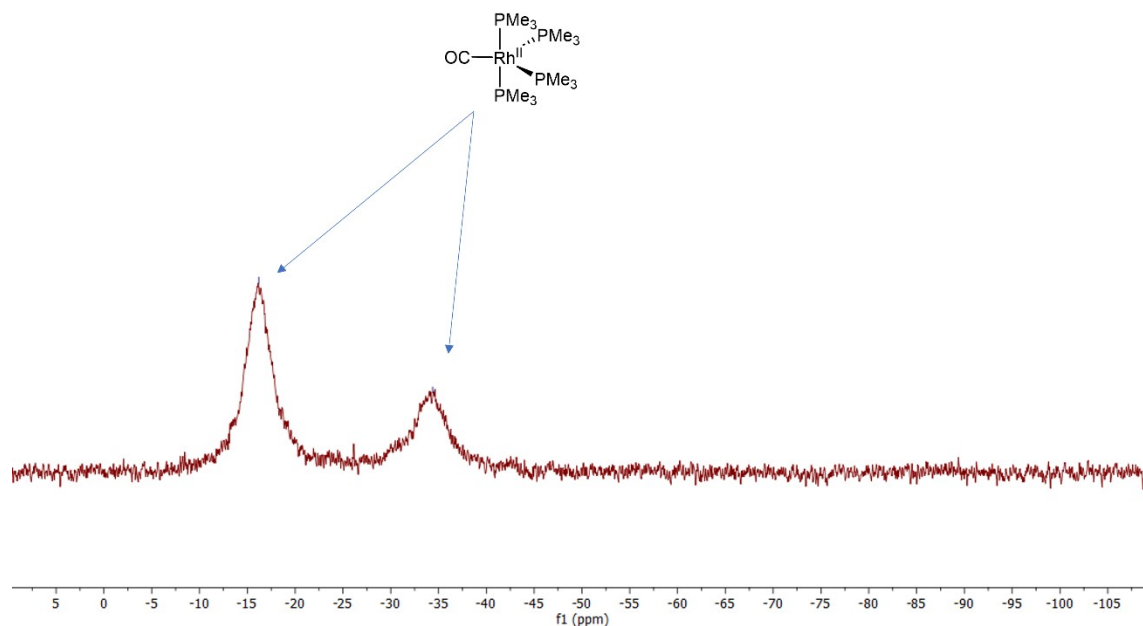
## Substitution of **5** with Trimethylphosphine



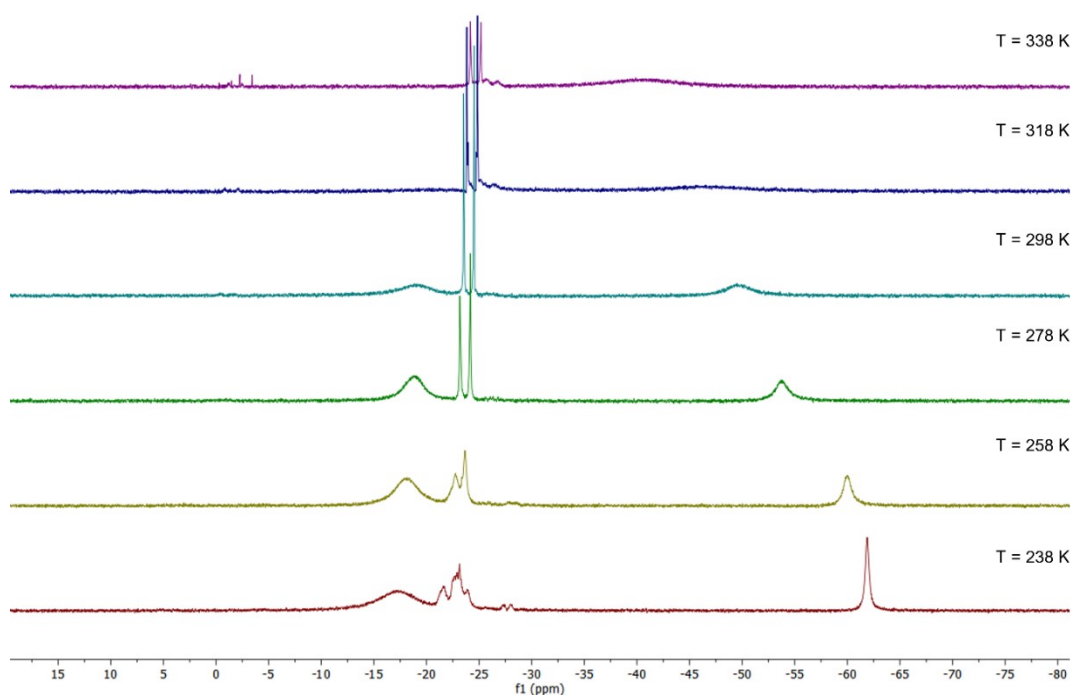
**Figure S32:** 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of four equivalents PMe<sub>3</sub> added to [Rh'(CO)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[μ:η<sup>5</sup>:η<sup>5</sup>Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] in THF-H<sub>8</sub>. Spectrum obtained using the lc1gppnf2 solvent suppression pulse sequence, a double presaturation experiment during relaxation and mixing time using two independent channels.



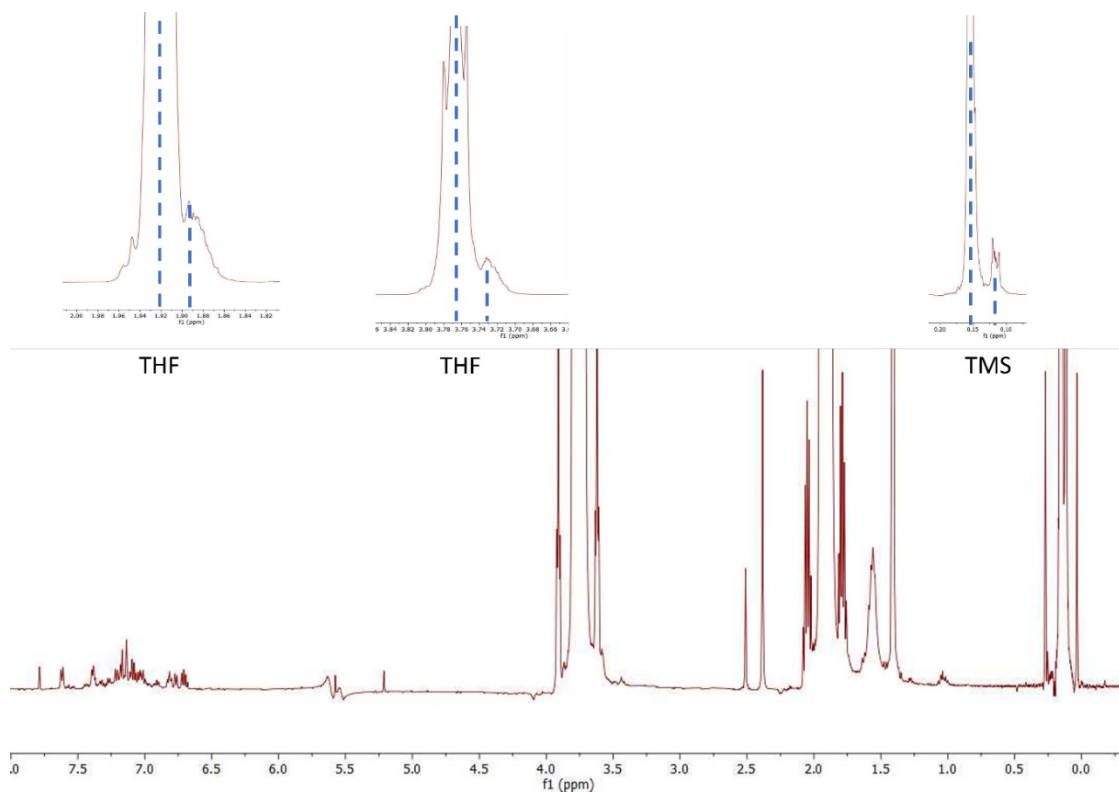
**e S33:** 126 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of four equivalents  $\text{PMe}_3$  added to  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2]_2[\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$



**Figure S34:** 202 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of four equivalents  $\text{PMe}_3$  added to  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2]_2[\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$

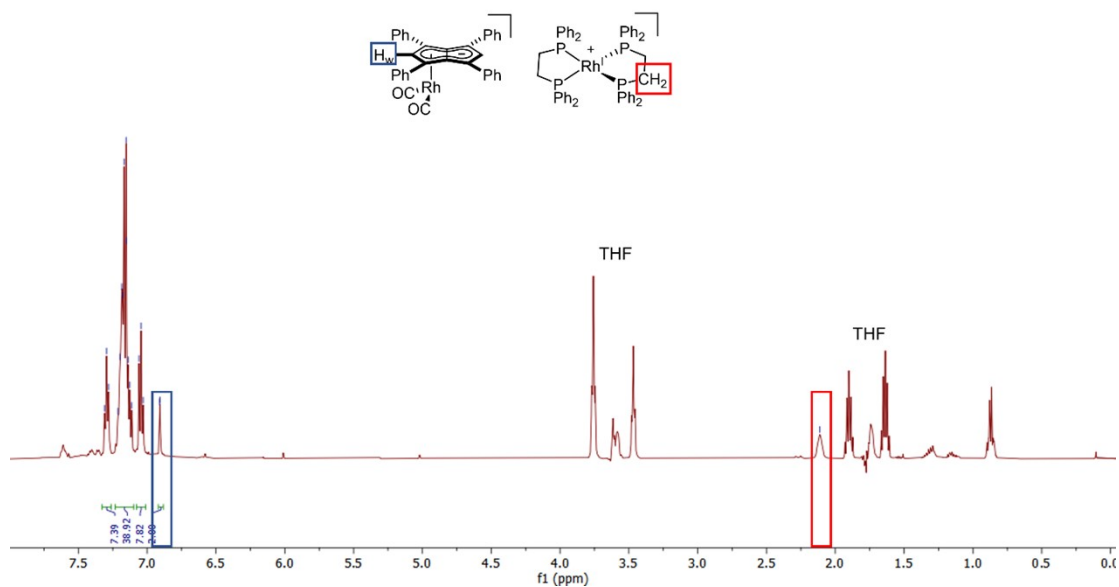


**Figure S35:** 162 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  variable temperature NMR spectra of four equivalents  $\text{PMe}_3$  added to  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2]_2[\mu\text{:}\eta^5\text{:}\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$

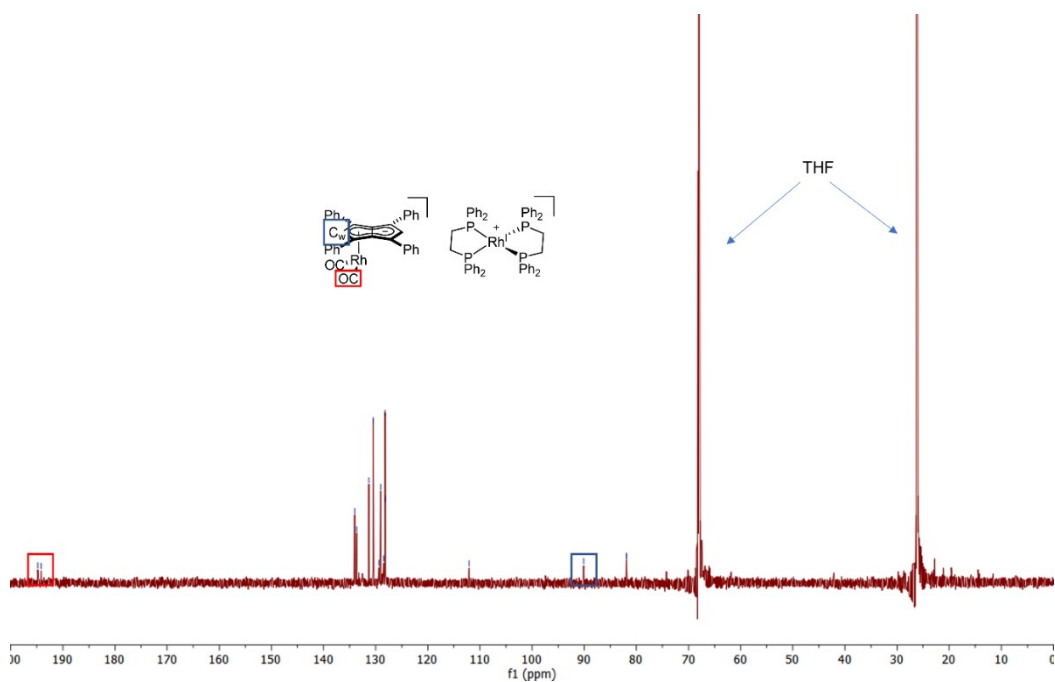


**Figure S36:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of four equivalents  $\text{PMe}_3$  added to  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2]_2[\mu\text{:}\eta^5\text{:}\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$  with capillary insert of TMS in THF.

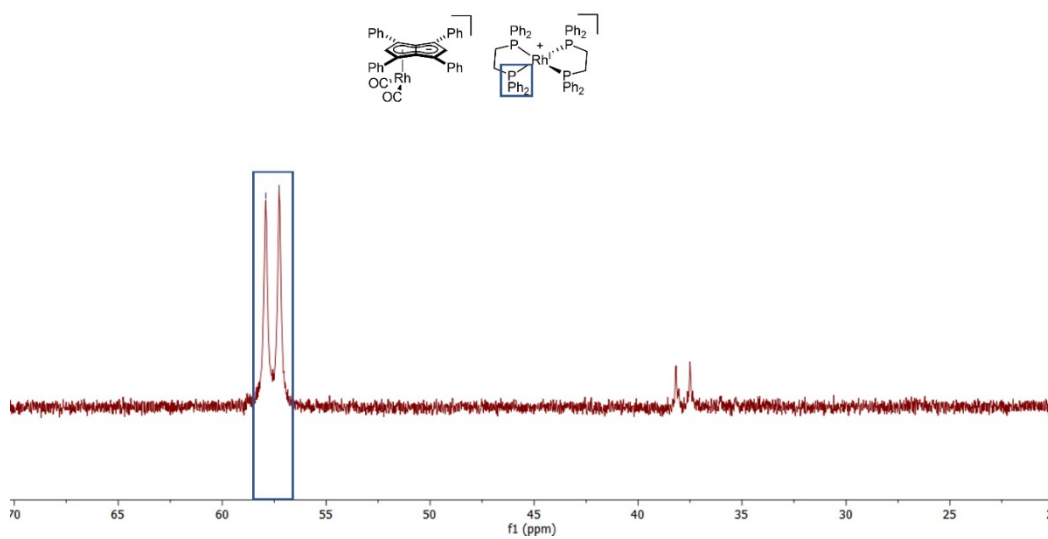
Substitution of **5** with bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane



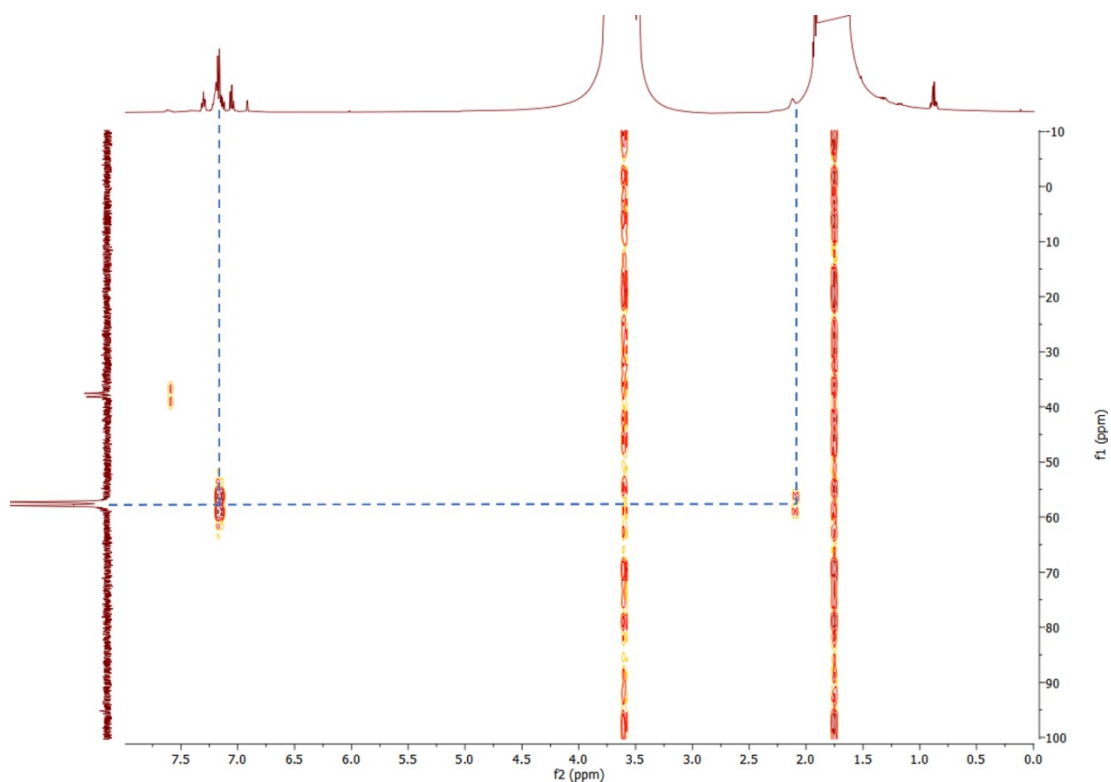
**Figure S37:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *in-situ* formed  $[\text{Rh}'(\text{dppe})_2][\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2(\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn})]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$ . Spectrum obtained using the  $\text{lc1gppnf2}$  solvent suppression pulse sequence, a double presaturation experiment during relaxation and mixing time using two independent channels.



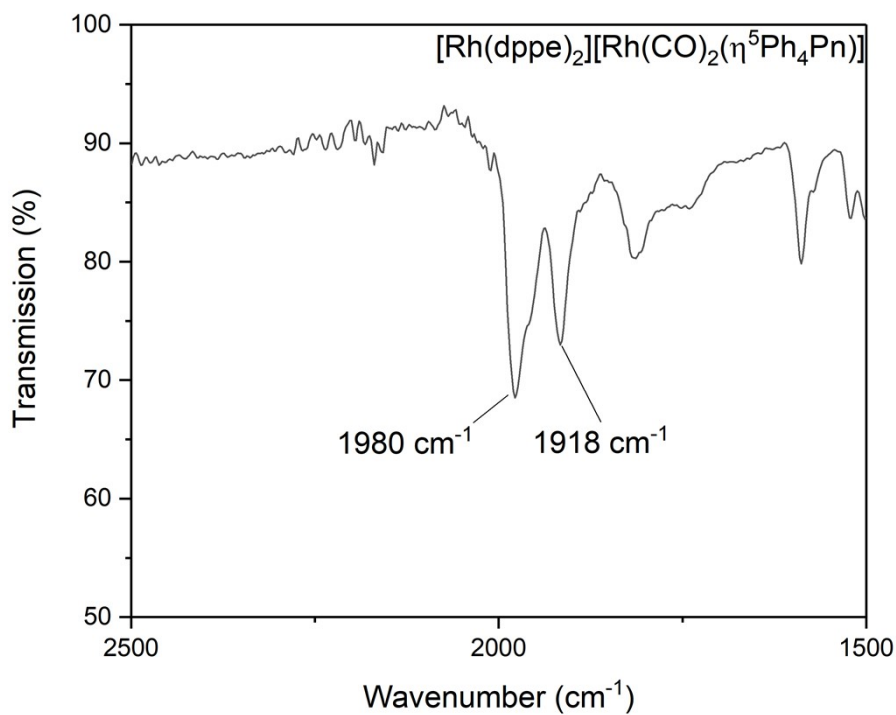
**Figure S38:** 126 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of *in-situ* formed  $[\text{Rh}'(\text{dppe})_2][\text{Rh}'(\text{CO})_2(\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn})]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$ .



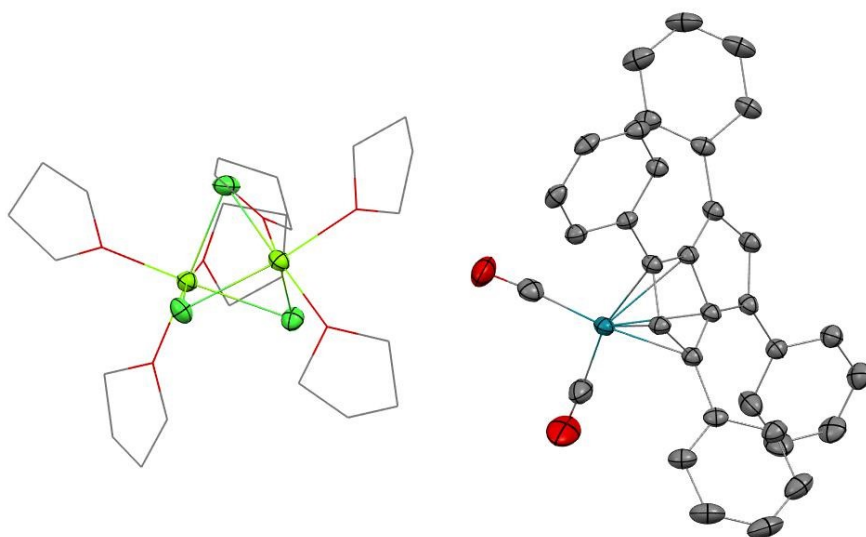
**Figure S39:** 202 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of *in-situ* formed  $[\text{Rh}(\text{dppe})_2][\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2(\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn})]$  in THF- $\text{H}_8$



**Figure S40:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{31}\text{P}$  HMBC spectrum of *in-situ* formed  $[\text{Rh}(\text{dppe})_2][\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2(\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn})]$  in THF- $\text{H}_8$  (Blue =  $\text{Rh}(\text{dppe})_2^+$ )



**Figure S41:** ATR-IR spectrum of solid  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{dppe})_2][\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2(\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn})]$  (expanded CO region)

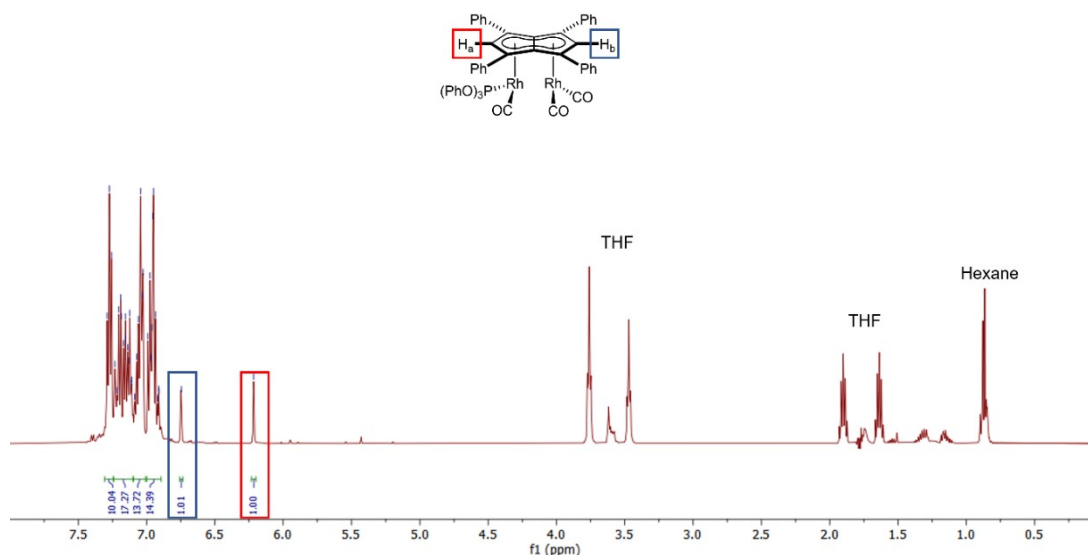


**Figure S42:** XRD structure of  $[\text{Mg}_2(\mu\text{-Cl})_3(\text{THF})_6][\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2(\eta^5\text{-Ph}_4\text{Pn})]$  with thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level (hydrogens omitted for clarity)

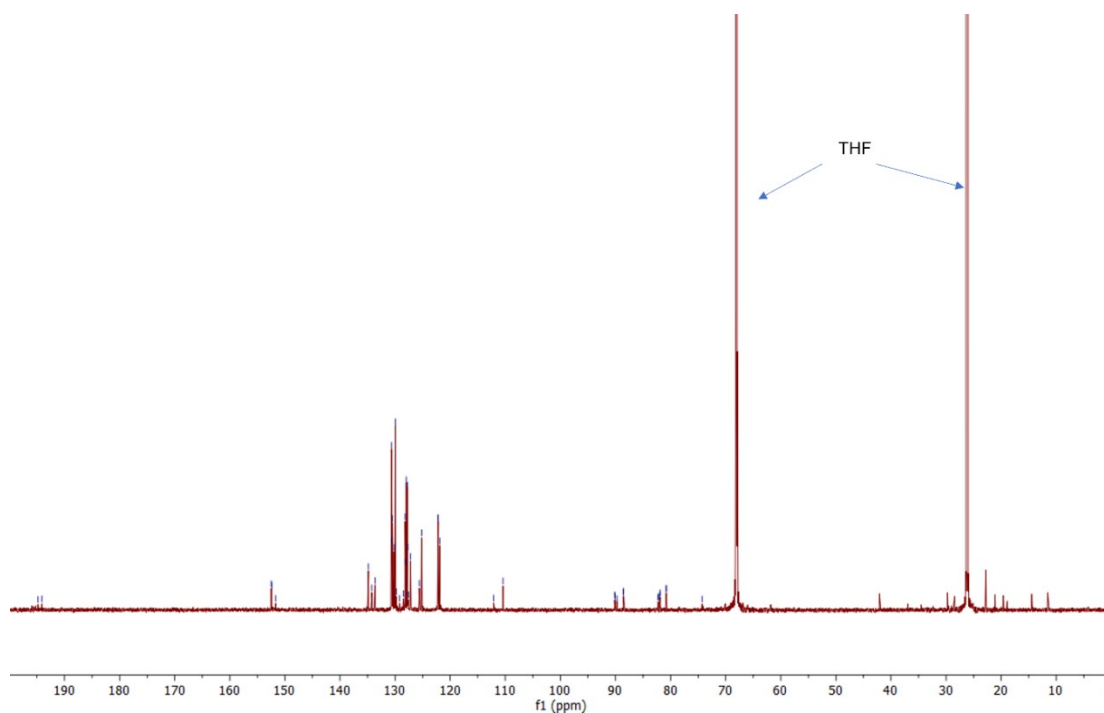


Reaction of **5** with Triphenylphosphite

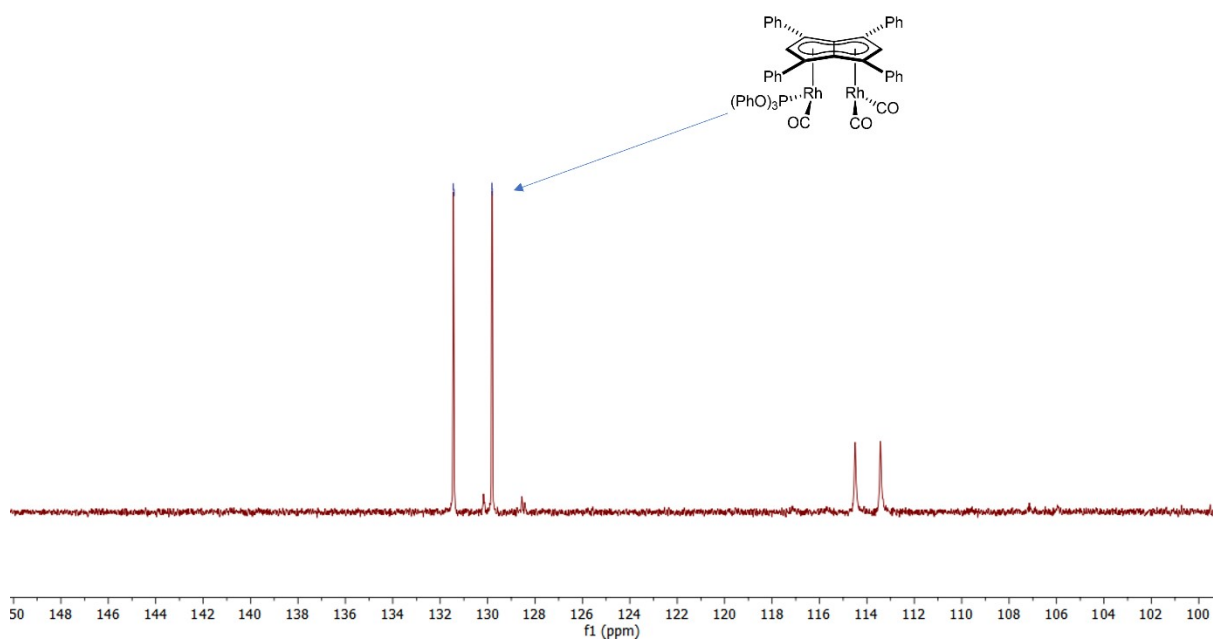
1eq  $P(O\text{Ph})_3$



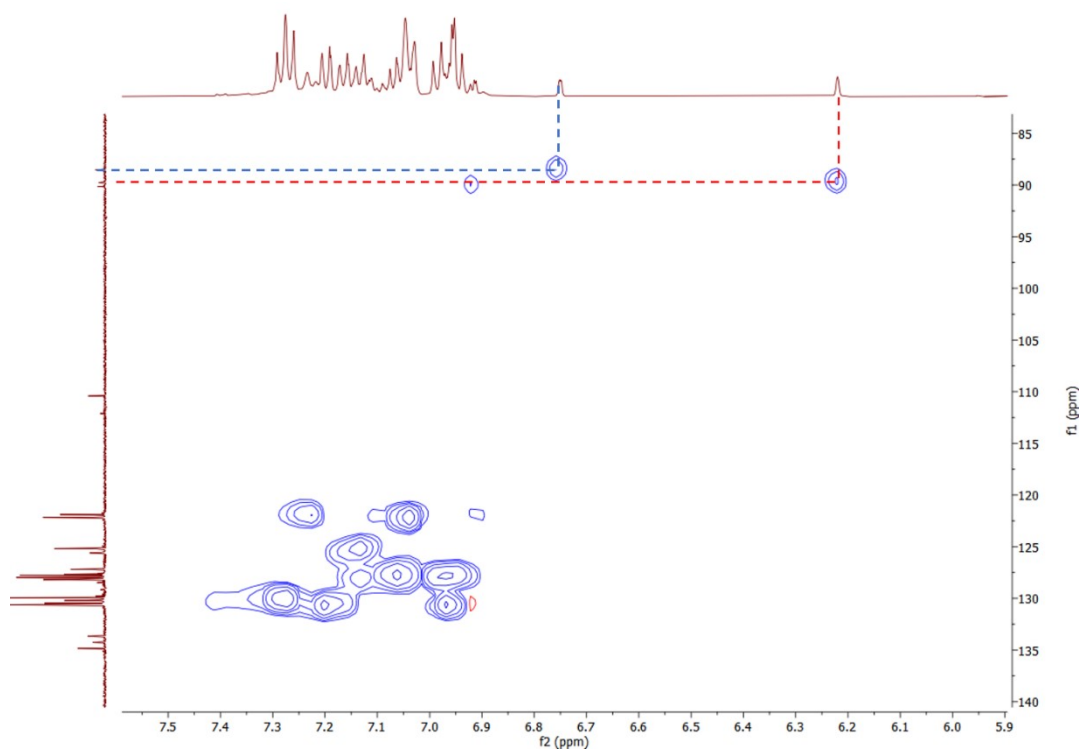
**Figure S43:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *in-situ*  $[\text{Rh}^I(\text{CO})_2;\text{Rh}^I(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{O}\text{Ph})_3)][\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in THF- $\text{H}_8$ . Spectrum obtained using the lc1gppnf2 solvent suppression pulse sequence, a double presaturation experiment during relaxation and mixing time using two independent channels.



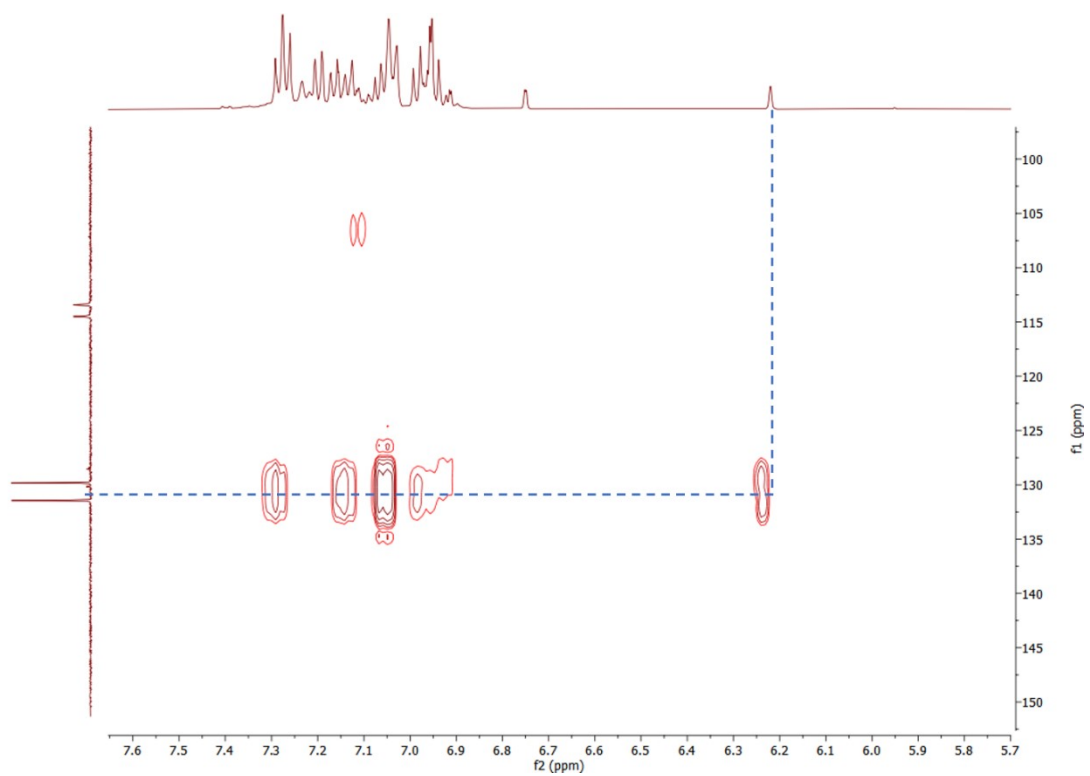
**Figure S44:** 126 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of *in-situ*  $[\text{Rh}^I(\text{CO})_2;\text{Rh}^I(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{O}\text{Ph})_3)][\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in THF- $\text{H}_8$



**Figure S45:** 202 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of *in-situ*  $[\text{Rh}'(\text{CO})_2;\text{Rh}'(\text{CO})(\text{P}\{\text{OPh}\}_3)][\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$



**Figure S46:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}-^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC spectrum of *in-situ*  $[\text{Rh}'(\text{CO})_2;\text{Rh}'(\text{CO})(\text{P}\{\text{OPh}\}_3)][\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$  (Blue =  $\text{H}_b$ , Red =  $\text{H}_a$ )



**Figure S47:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{31}\text{P}$  HMBC spectrum of *in-situ*  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2;\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})(\text{P}\{\text{OPh}\}_3)][\mu\text{:}\eta^5\text{:}\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in THF- $\text{H}_8$  (Blue =  $\text{H}_a$ )

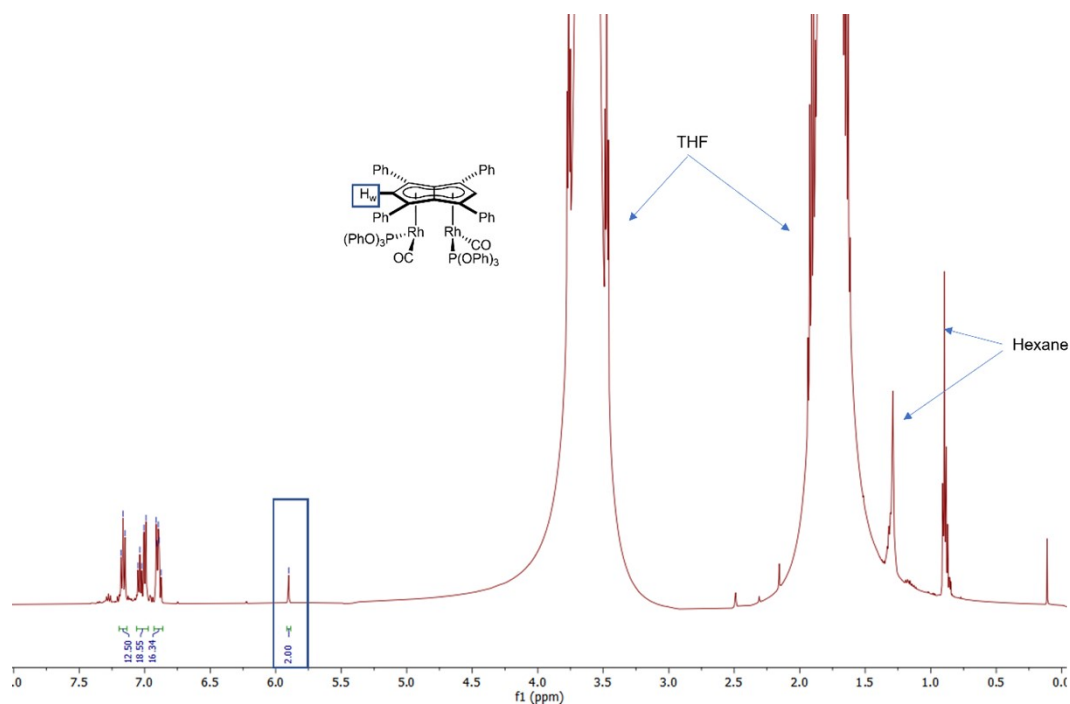
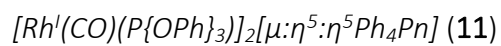


Figure S48: 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3)_2][\mu\text{:}\eta^5\text{:}\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in THF- $\text{H}_8$

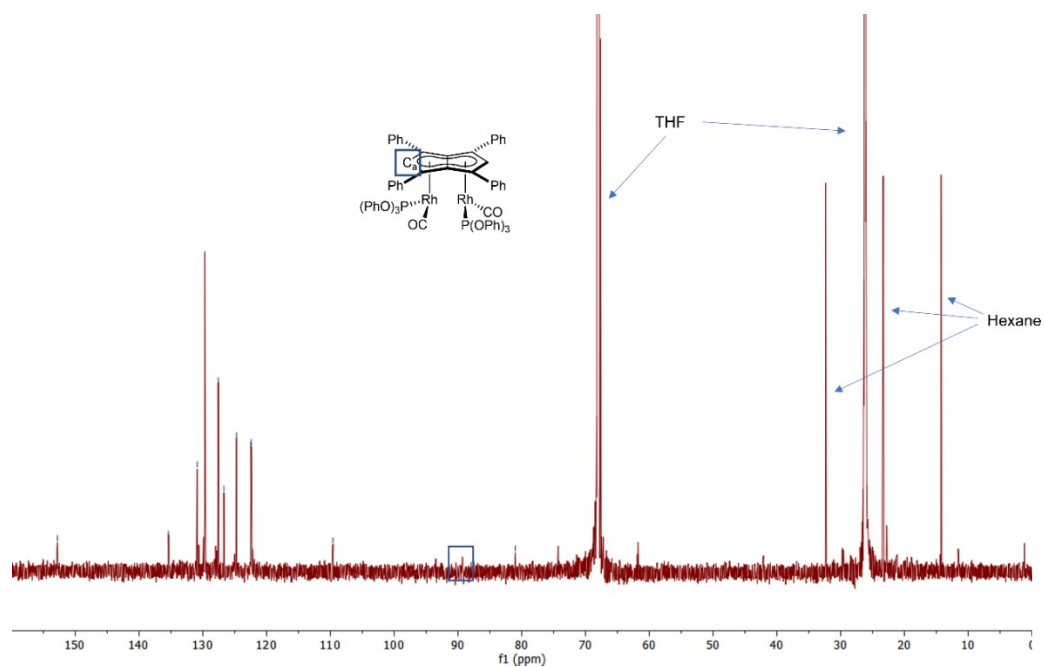
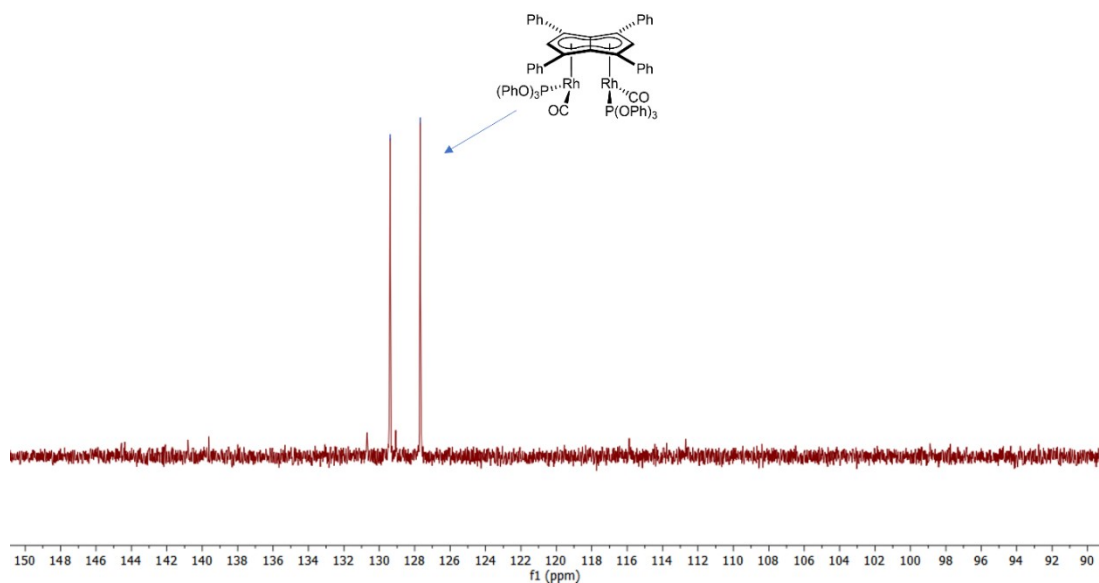
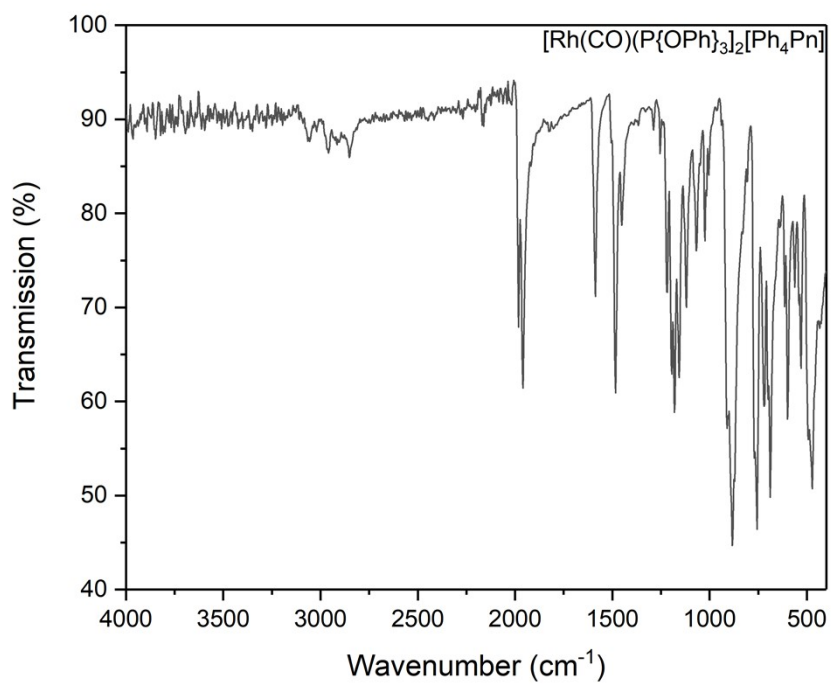


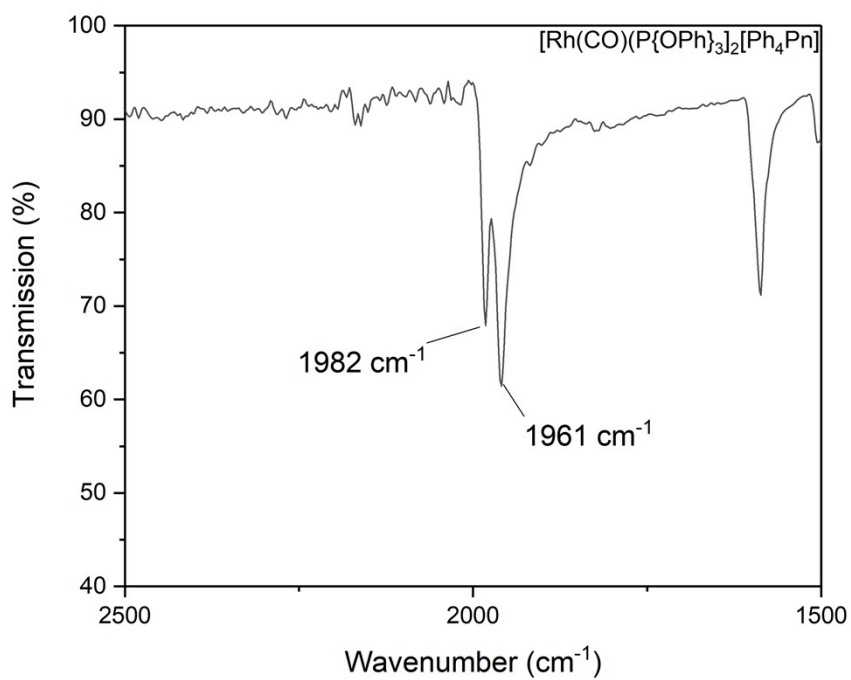
Figure S49: 126 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3)_2][\mu\text{:}\eta^5\text{:}\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in THF- $\text{H}_8$



**Figure S50:** 202 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)_2][\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF-H}_8$

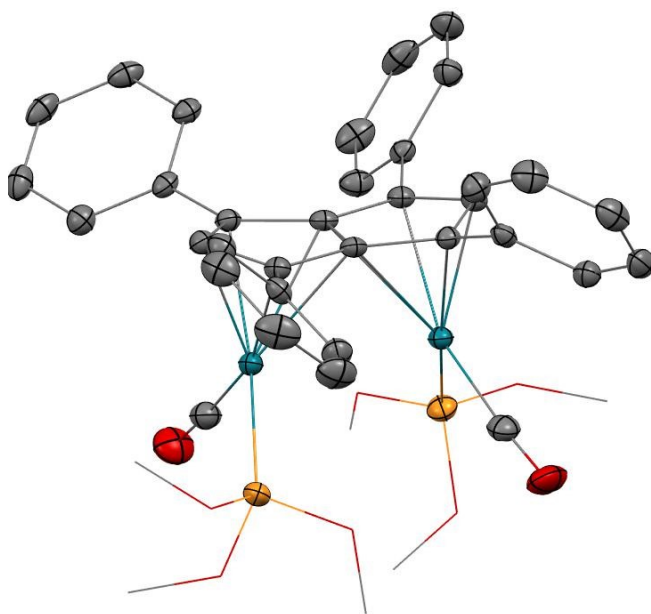


**Figure S51:** ATR-IR spectrum of solid  $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)_2][\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$

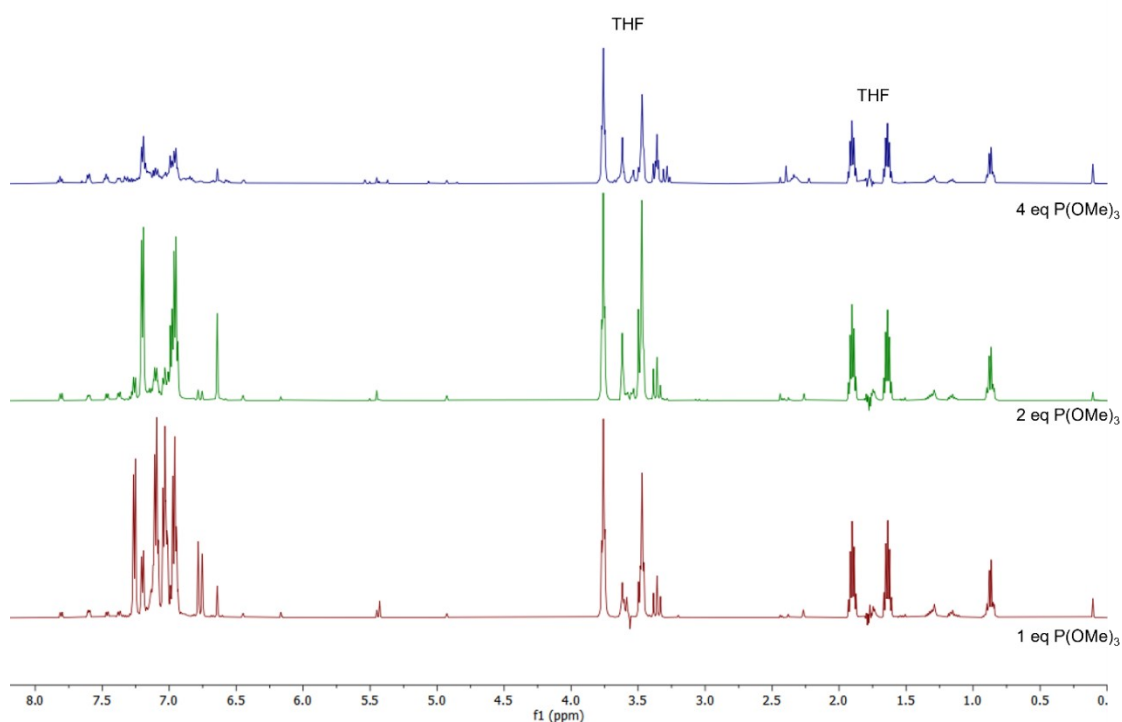


**Figure S52:** ATR-IR spectrum of solid [Rh<sup>I</sup>(CO)(P{OPh}<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>][μ-η<sup>5</sup>:η<sup>5</sup>Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn], expansion of CO region.

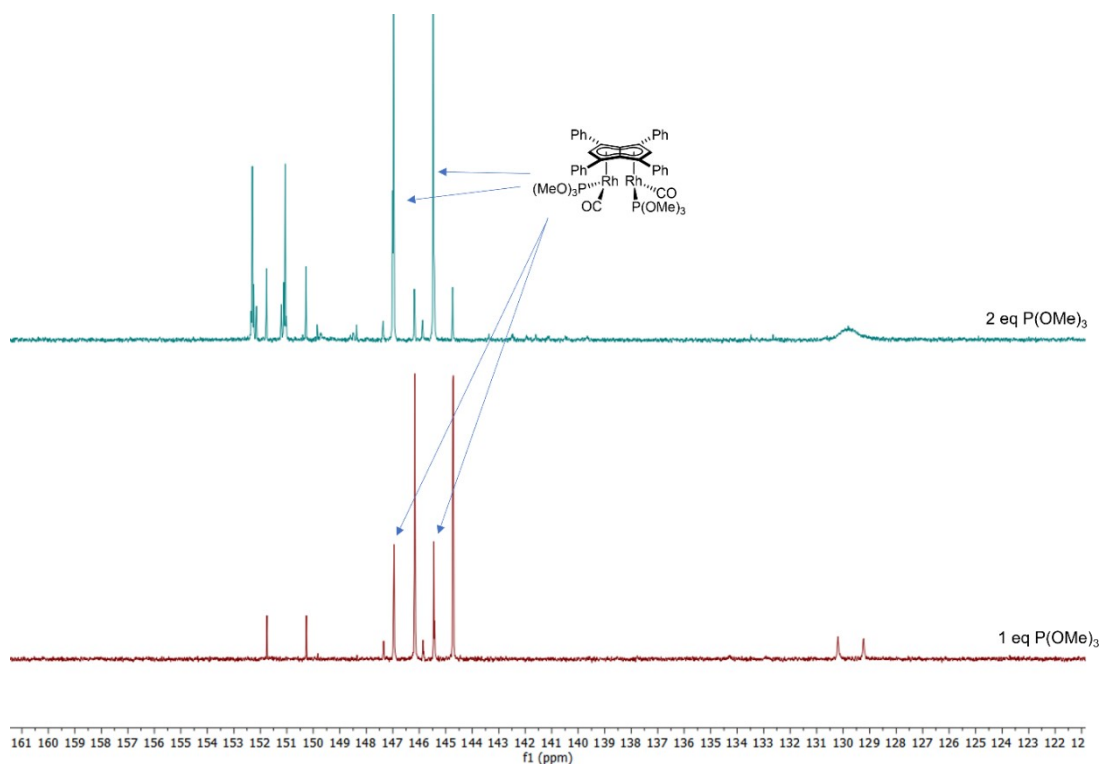
Reaction of **5** with Trimethylphosphite



**Figure S53:** XRD structure of *E-syn*-[Rh<sup>I</sup>(CO)(P{OMe}<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>][Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] with thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level (hydrogens omitted for clarity)

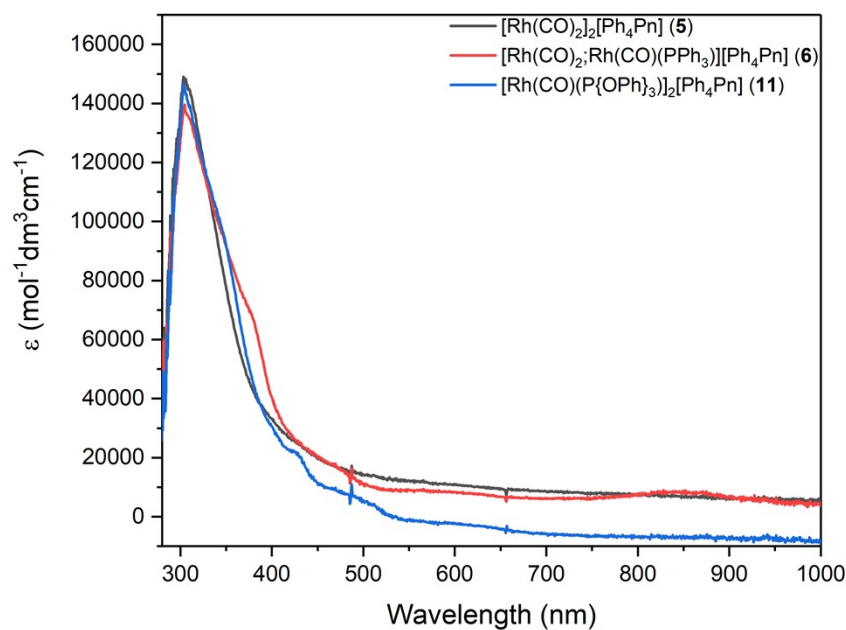


**Figure S54:** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of addition of  $\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3$  to  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2]_2[\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF}-\text{H}_8$ . Spectra obtained using the  $\text{Ic1gppnf2}$  solvent suppression pulse sequence, a double presaturation experiment during relaxation and mixing time using two independent channels.



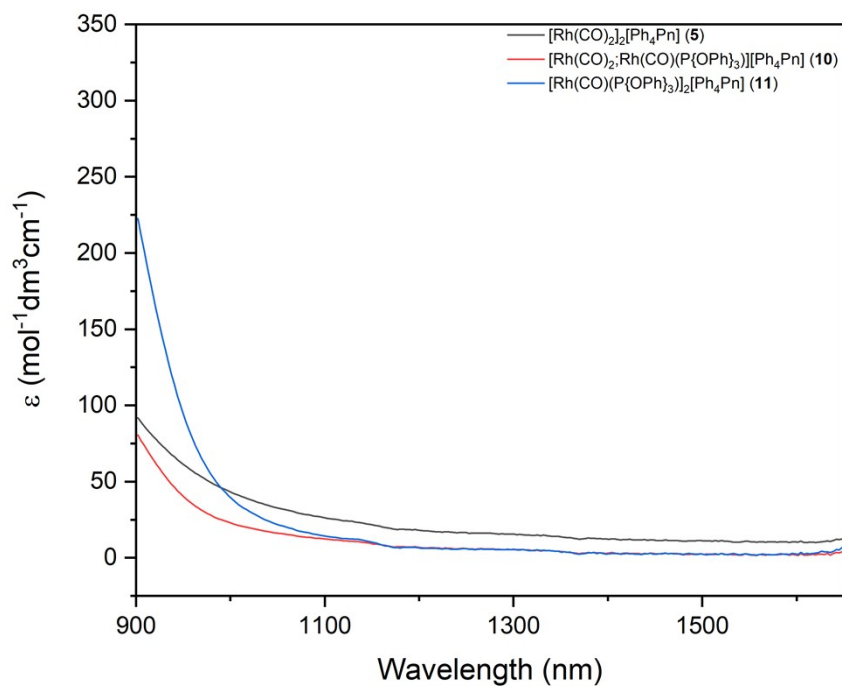
**Figure S55:** 202 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of addition of  $\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3$  to  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2]_2[\mu:\eta^5:\eta^5\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  in  $\text{THF}-\text{H}_8$

### UV-vis Spectra of 5, 6 and 11



**Figure S56:** UV-vis spectra of  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2]_2[\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$ ,  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2;\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)][\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  and  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{O}^{\text{Ph}})_3)_2][\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  recorded at  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  M in THF at 298K

### Near-IR Spectra of 5, 10 and 11



**Figure S57:** NIR spectra of  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2]_2[\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$ ,  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})_2;\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{O}^{\text{Ph}})_3)][\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  and  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{O}^{\text{Ph}})_3)_2][\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}]$  recorded at  $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M in THF at 298K



## Computational Data

### Methodology

DFT calculations were run with Gaussian 16 (C.01).<sup>1</sup> The Rh centres were described with the Stuttgart RECPs and associated basis sets,<sup>2</sup> and the 6-31G\*\* basis sets were used for all other atoms (BS1).<sup>3,4</sup> Initial BP86<sup>5,6</sup> optimizations were performed using the 'grid = ultrafine' option, with all stationary points being fully characterized via analytical frequency calculations as minima (all positive eigenvalues). All energies were recomputed with a larger basis set featuring 6-311++G\*\* on all atoms, with the exception of Rh (aug-cc-pVTZ-PP). Natural Bonding Orbital (NBO7)<sup>7</sup> analyses were performed on the BP86/BS1-optimised geometries with a larger basis set featuring 6-311++G\*\* on all atoms, with the exception of Rh (aug-cc-pVTZ-PP) within Gaussian 16 (C.01).

### Breakdown of Energy Contributions

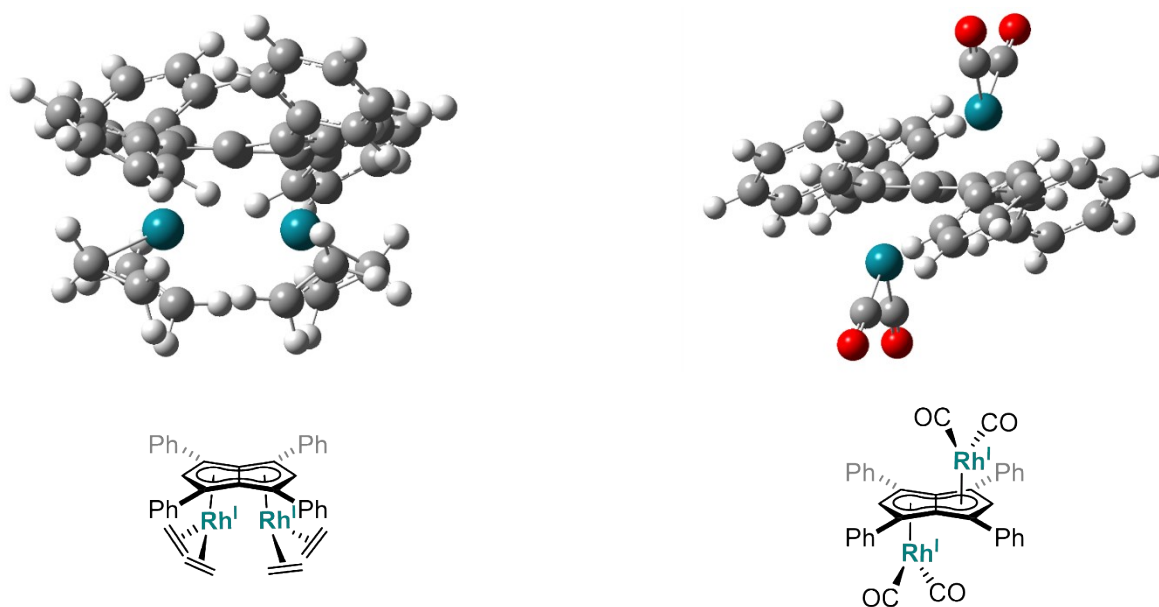
The following tables detail the evolution of the relative energies as the successive corrections to the initial SCF energy are included. Terms used are:

$\Delta E_{BS1}$	SCF energy computed with the BP86 functional with BS1
$\Delta H_{BS1}$	Enthalpy at 0 K with BS1
$\Delta G_{BS1}$	Free energy at 298.15 K and 1 atm with BS1
$\Delta G_{BS1/THF}$	Free energy corrected for THF solvent with BS1
$\Delta G_{BS1/THF + D3BJ}$	Free energy corrected for THF and dispersion effects with BS1
$\Delta E_{BS2}$	SCF energy computed with the BP86 functional with BS2
$\Delta G_{THF}$	Free energy corrected for basis set (BS2), dispersion effects and THF solvent

In each case the final data used in the main article are highlighted in bold

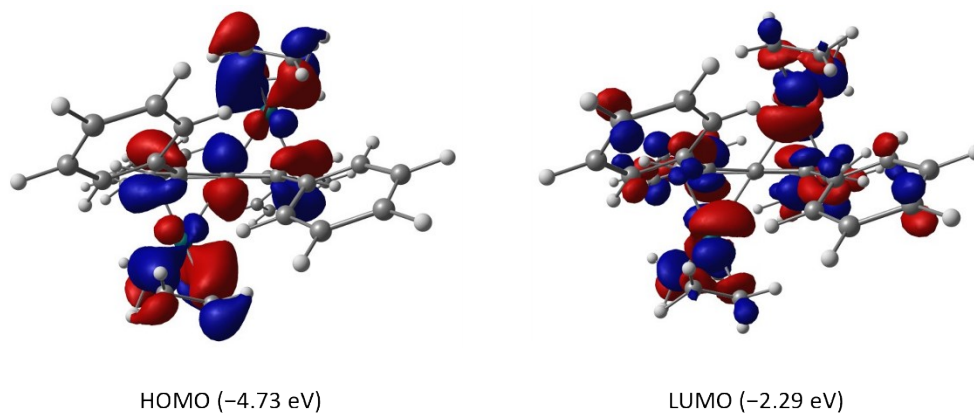
**Table S1.** Relative energies for computed structures. Data in bold are those used in the main text. Free energies are quoted relative to synthesised complexes, **4** and **5**, at 0.0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

	$\Delta E_{BS1}$	$\Delta H_{BS1}$	$\Delta G_{BS1}$	$\Delta G_{BS1/THF}$	$\Delta G_{BS1/THF + D3BJ}$	$\Delta E_{BS2}$	$\Delta G_{THF}$
<b>4</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
<b>4-syn</b>	1.9	2.6	3.6	3.8	0.6	2.4	<b>1.2</b>
<b>5</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
<b>5-anti</b>	1.6	1.5	1.4	2.3	5.0	1.2	<b>4.6</b>

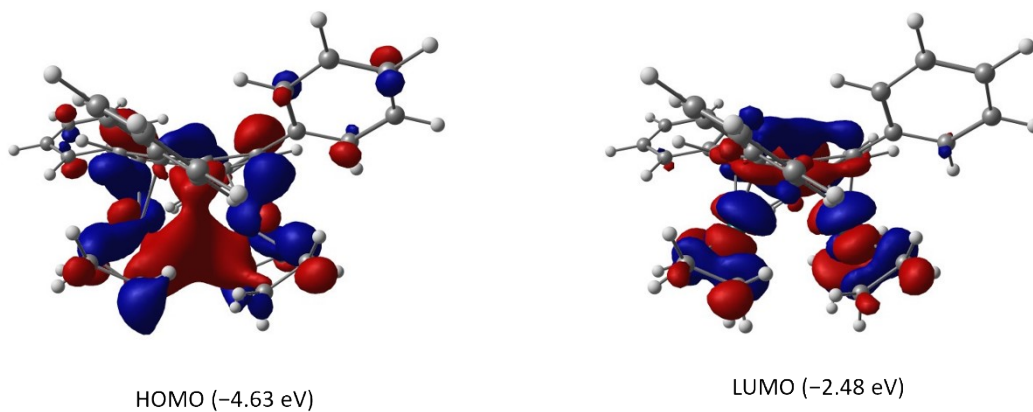


**Figure S58** – DFT optimised geometries of theoretical species, *syn*-[Rh(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (*syn*-4, left) and *anti*-[Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (*anti*-5, right) using BP86-D3BJ(THF)/BS2//BP86/BS1

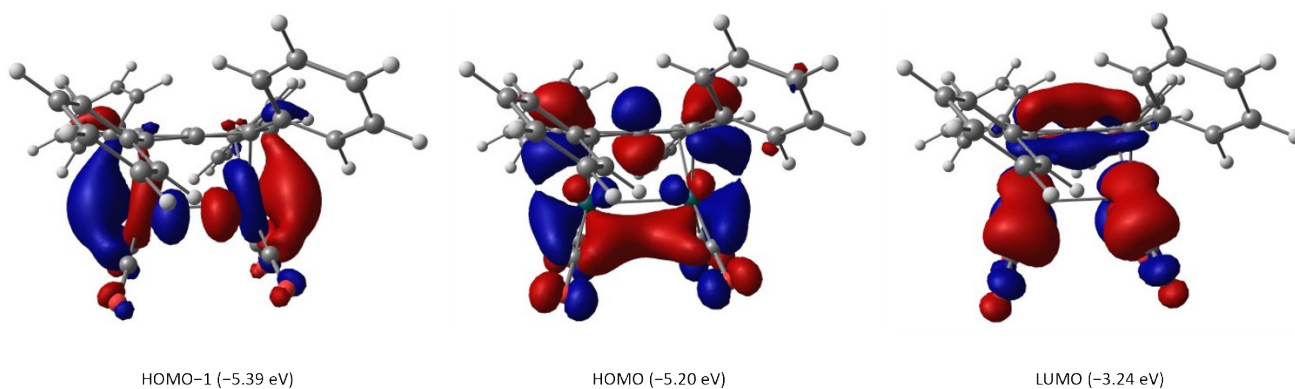
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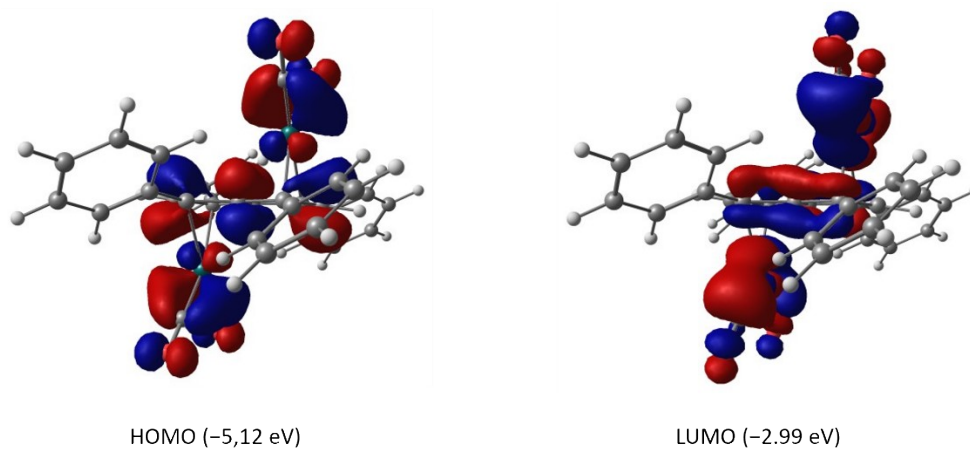
**Figure S59** - HOMO (left) and LUMO (right) of *anti*-[Rh(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (4)



**Figure S60** - HOMO (left) and LUMO (right) of *syn*-[Rh(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>][Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (*syn*-4)



**Figure S61** - HOMO-1, HOMO and LUMO of *syn*-[Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>][Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (**5**)



**Figure S62** - HOMO (left) and LUMO (right) of *anti*-[Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>][Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (*anti*-5)

**Table S2.** Wiberg Bond Indices (WBI) data for the DFT-optimised structures **4-syn** and **5**

	<i>syn</i> -[Rh(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ][Ph <sub>4</sub> Pn]	<i>syn</i> -[Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> ][Ph <sub>4</sub> Pn]
Rh – Rh	0.0587	0.0448

## Cartesian Coordinates and Computed Energies (in Hartrees) for Calculated Structures

### ***anti*-[Rh(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (4)**

SCF (BP86) Energy = -1768.49137296  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1767.856404  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1767.814975  
 Free Energy 298K = -1767.929667  
 Lowest Frequency = 16.0002 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 19.9555 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
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H   2.57136 -2.74340 -1.46031
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H   1.62717 -1.02521 -3.07751
H   0.59047 -2.34048 -3.84756
C  -1.20130 -3.66212 -1.86074
H  -1.72999 -4.14537 -1.03122
H  -0.61983 -4.35402 -2.48376
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SCF (BP86) Energy = -1768.48842457  
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 Enthalpy 298K = -1767.811293  
 Free Energy 298K = -1767.923952  
 Lowest Frequency = 22.5270 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 36.2811 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (BP86-D3BJ) Energy =  
 -1768.73032093  
 SCF (THF) Energy = -1768.49648406  
 SCF (BS2) Energy = -1768.19309736

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C   0.72900 -0.00708 -0.70860
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C  -0.72903  0.00758 -0.70872
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C  -3.33575  1.10691 -2.20099
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C  -4.52753  1.63203 -2.72250
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C  -4.91091  2.95059 -2.43282
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C	4.92879	1.70522	-0.05018
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C	3.33562	-1.10588	-2.20140
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H	4.36904	-4.77705	-1.39156
C	2.89671	-3.22062	-1.09516
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H	-6.25255	-3.30035	-0.70561
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H	-5.71759	-1.14833	0.46469
C	-3.61883	-1.20641	-0.05203
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Rh	-0.11851	1.63127	1.15747
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H	1.20118	1.70488	3.60356
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H	2.72351	-2.37466	1.36760
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H	-1.60588	-3.70897	1.23964
H	-1.20389	-1.70526	3.60208
H	-2.38847	-1.53874	2.19607

**syn-[Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (5)**

SCF (BP86) Energy = -1907.48671547

Enthalpy 0K = -1907.031402

Enthalpy 298K = -1906.991886

Free Energy 298K = -1907.106987

Lowest Frequency = 19.7728 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Second Frequency = 30.1757 cm<sup>-1</sup>

SCF (BP86-D3BJ) Energy =

-1907.68722449

SCF (THF) Energy = -1907.49678106

SCF (BS2) Energy = -1907.26206118

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C	-1.21833	1.36858	-0.91299
C	-0.04651	2.21779	-0.99331
H	-0.07126	3.28901	-1.19083
C	1.15197	1.41995	-0.80722
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C	2.59068	-1.85390	-1.21535
C	3.39847	-1.17510	-2.15411
H	3.03432	-0.25138	-2.61325
C	4.65670	-1.68294	-2.51173
H	5.26908	-1.14149	-3.24015
C	5.12685	-2.87652	-1.94278
H	6.11043	-3.26940	-2.22028
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C	-2.53660	-1.95313	-0.87796
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C	1.54570	-1.69182	2.29961
C	-1.54547	1.69015	2.30020
C	1.11902	1.98881	2.38694
O	-1.88807	-2.34822	3.19116
O	2.43172	-1.85028	3.04708
O	-2.43137	1.84761	3.04802
O	1.88793	2.34907	3.19096
Rh	0.13322	-1.48427	1.09147
Rh	-0.13317	1.48407	1.09155

***anti*-[Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (*anti*-5)**

SCF (BP86) Energy = -1907.48422317

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Enthalpy 298K = -1906.989346

Free Energy 298K = -1907.104728

Lowest Frequency = 24.9880 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Second Frequency = 31.5320 cm<sup>-1</sup>

SCF (BP86-D3BJ) Energy =  
-1907.68055560

SCF (THF) Energy = -1907.49283916

SCF (BS2) Energy = -1907.26007984

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C	3.45884	-0.44893	1.59031
H	3.16637	0.59453	1.44441
C	4.72044	-0.75293	2.12447
H	5.40742	0.06059	2.37908
C	5.09875	-2.08811	2.33210
H	6.08530	-2.32345	2.74442
C	4.20544	-3.12264	2.00332
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H	-2.25577	-3.62959	1.19395
C	-4.20472	-3.12393	2.00263
H	-4.49425	-4.16930	2.15226
C	-5.09796	-2.08963	2.33230
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H	-5.40668	0.05902	2.38082
C	-3.45825	-0.44990	1.59129
H	-3.16581	0.59366	1.44602
C	-0.72468	-0.00069	-0.00022
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C	-2.55464	1.48042	-1.25654
C	-3.45894	0.44850	-1.58948
H	-3.16665	-0.59495	-1.44321
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H	-5.40760	-0.06105	-2.37801
C	-5.09863	2.08761	-2.33194
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H	-2.25603	3.62846	-1.19588
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H	-0.00028	2.58134	-2.06241
C	1.18584	1.16220	-0.77975
C	2.55425	1.48124	-1.25673
C	2.94448	2.82310	-1.47044
H	2.25578	3.62921	-1.19396
C	4.20465	3.12350	-2.00277
H	4.49412	4.16885	-2.15262
C	5.09793	2.08919	-2.33233
H	6.08435	2.32480	-2.74482
C	4.71978	0.75389	-2.12526
H	5.40673	-0.05946	-2.38047
C	3.45835	0.44953	-1.59089
H	3.16596	-0.59403	-1.44547
Rh	-0.00043	2.19065	0.89950
C	-1.34180	3.01268	1.90339
C	1.34040	3.01173	1.90496
O	2.16944	3.55896	2.52362
O	-2.17127	3.56058	2.52090
C	-1.34038	-3.01093	-1.90519
C	1.34145	-3.01230	-1.90378
O	-2.16947	-3.55817	-2.52379
O	2.17058	-3.56067	-2.52134

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## Crystallographic Data

*Anti*-[Rh<sup>I</sup>(COD)]<sub>2</sub>[μ:η<sup>5</sup>:η<sup>5</sup>Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (1)

<b>CCDC</b>	<b>2309145</b>	
Identification code	s21uh9	
Empirical formula	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>46</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub>	
Formula weight	828.67	
Temperature	150.00(10) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.0316(2) Å	α = 90°
	b = 20.0004(3) Å	β = 96.9761(19)°
	c = 16.3232(3) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	3574.83(11) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.540 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.958 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1696	
Crystal size	0.430 x 0.302 x 0.179 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.236 to 27.485°	
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -25 ≤ k ≤ 25, -21 ≤ l ≤ 20	
Reflections collected	32896	
Independent reflections	8194 [R(int) = 0.0275]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.82879	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	8194 / 0 / 451	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.055	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0308, wR2 = 0.0768	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0363, wR2 = 0.0801	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	2.385 and -0.392 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	



*Anti*-[Ir<sup>I</sup>(COD)]<sub>2</sub>[μ:η<sup>5</sup>:η<sup>5</sup>Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (2)

<b>CCDC</b>	<b>2309146</b>	
Identification code	s21uh8	
Empirical formula	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>46</sub> Ir <sub>2</sub>	
Formula weight	1007.25	
Temperature	150.00(10) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.4071(2) Å	α = 90°
	b = 18.5544(5) Å	β = 103.209(2)°
	c = 19.0926(4) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	3589.19(14) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.864 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	7.442 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1952	
Crystal size	0.606 x 0.211 x 0.087 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.328 to 27.482°	
Index ranges	-13 ≤ h ≤ 13, -24 ≤ k ≤ 22, -24 ≤ l ≤ 24	
Reflections collected	39304	
Independent reflections	8218 [R(int) = 0.0504]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.35394	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	8218 / 0 / 451	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.075	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0320, wR2 = 0.0636	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0414, wR2 = 0.0676	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.484 and -2.054 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

*Anti*-[Rh<sup>I</sup>(NBD)]<sub>2</sub>[μ:η<sup>5</sup>:η<sup>5</sup>Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (3)

<b>CCDC</b>	<b>2309147</b>	
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Empirical formula	C <sub>54</sub> H <sub>54</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub>	
Formula weight	940.79	
Temperature	150.00(10) K	
Wavelength	1.54184 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	I2/a	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.72484(18) Å	α = 90°
	b = 15.12621(19) Å	β = 96.9831(15)°
	c = 26.3385(4) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	4241.10(11) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.473 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	6.611 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1936	
Crystal size	0.132 x 0.099 x 0.042 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	5.080 to 68.248°	
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 10, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -31 ≤ l ≤ 31	
Reflections collected	47478	
Independent reflections	3876 [R(int) = 0.0478]	
Completeness to theta = 67.684°	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.68951	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	3876 / 72 / 307	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.147	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0893, wR2 = 0.2285	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0897, wR2 = 0.2288	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	5.393 and -1.756 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

*Anti*-[Rh<sup>I</sup>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[μ:η<sup>5</sup>:η<sup>5</sup>Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (4)

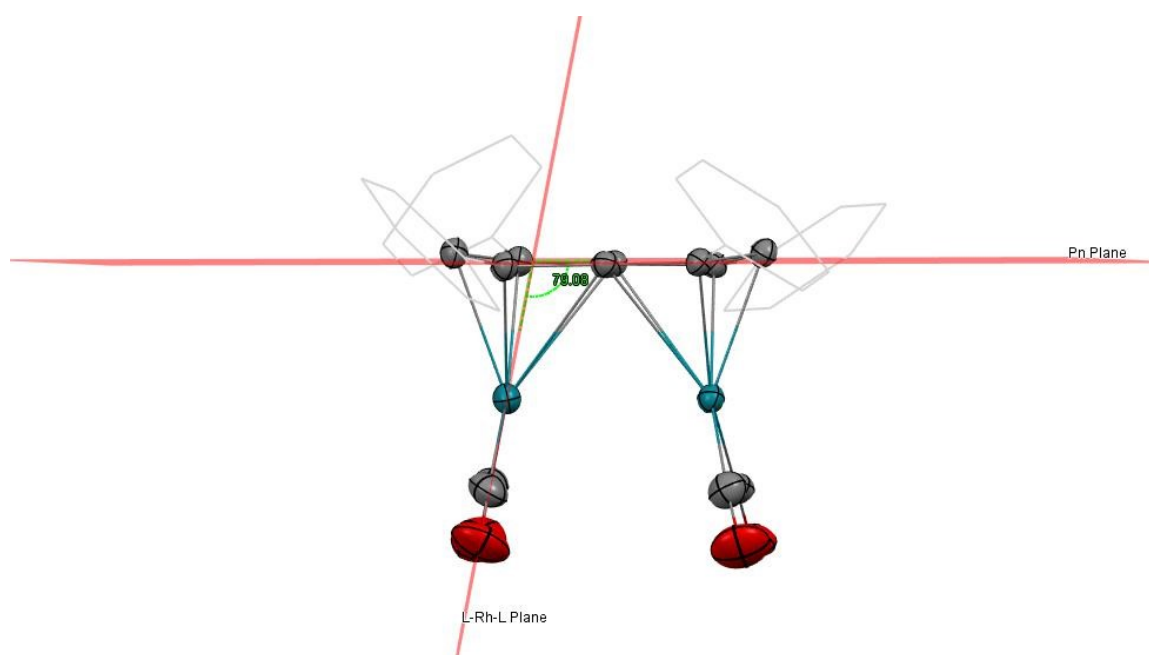
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Wavelength	1.54184 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.45331(12) Å	α = 70.0281(12)°
	b = 11.67087(14) Å	β = 85.1666(10)°
	c = 16.3454(2) Å	γ = 76.5215(10)°
Volume	1996.91(4) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.498 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	7.028 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	928	
Crystal size	0.200 x 0.180 x 0.120 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.969 to 72.932°	
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 13, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20	
Reflections collected	44268	
Independent reflections	7923 [R(int) = 0.0221]	
Completeness to theta = 67.684°	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.62331	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	7923 / 0 / 487	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.071	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0218, wR2 = 0.0573	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0222, wR2 = 0.0575	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.550 and -0.589 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

*Syn*-[Rh<sup>I</sup>(CO)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[μ:η<sup>5</sup>:η<sup>5</sup>Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (5)

**CCDC**

**2309149**

Identification code	s22uh4
Empirical formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	724.35
Temperature	150.01(10) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.7037(2) Å      α = 90° b = 10.34448(16) Å      β = 103.7600(16)° c = 22.6879(4) Å      γ = 90°
Volume	2895.92(8) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.661 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	1.179 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1440
Crystal size	0.472 x 0.421 x 0.090 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	3.302 to 27.497°
Index ranges	-16 ≤ h ≤ 16, -13 ≤ k ≤ 13, -29 ≤ l ≤ 29
Reflections collected	44989
Independent reflections	6633 [R(int) = 0.0305]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Gaussian
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.264
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	6633 / 0 / 379
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.111
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0231, wR2 = 0.0509
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0266, wR2 = 0.0525
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.436 and -0.299 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>



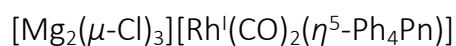
**Figure S63:** Definition of the dihedral between L-Rh-L plane and the plane of  $\text{Ph}_4\text{Pn}^2$ . Value given in main text is the average of each L-Rh-L plane ( $79.08^\circ$  and  $76.60^\circ$ )

[Rh<sup>II</sup>(CO)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>][Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (**8**)

<b>CCDC</b>	<b>2309150</b>	
Identification code	s22uh24	
Empirical formula	C <sub>102</sub> H <sub>140</sub> O <sub>5</sub> P <sub>8</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub>	
Formula weight	1899.71	
Temperature	150.00(10) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.6981(2) Å	α = 76.340(2)°
	b = 13.2480(3) Å	β = 69.8125(19)°
	c = 17.4462(4) Å	γ = 63.790(2)°
Volume	2459.11(10) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	1	
Density (calculated)	1.283 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.516 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1002	
Crystal size	0.320 x 0.200 x 0.120 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.374 to 30.550°	
Index ranges	-17 ≤ h ≤ 17, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -23 ≤ l ≤ 23	
Reflections collected	44004	
Independent reflections	13180 [R(int) = 0.0292]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.97819	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	13180 / 15 / 608	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.039	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0291, wR2 = 0.0673	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0346, wR2 = 0.0699	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.850 and -0.456 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

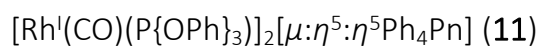
[Rh<sup>I</sup>(dppe)<sub>2</sub>][Rh<sup>I</sup>(CO)<sub>2</sub>(η<sup>5</sup>-Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn)] (9)

<b>CCDC</b>	<b>2309151</b>	
Identification code	s22uh32	
Empirical formula	C <sub>102</sub> H <sub>102</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P <sub>4</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub>	
Formula weight	1753.53	
Temperature	150.00(10) K	
Wavelength	1.54184 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 13.9687(3) Å	α = 75.3403(16)°
	b = 14.9315(3) Å	β = 87.2098(15)°
	c = 22.8545(4) Å	γ = 79.4900(15)°
Volume	4534.28(16) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.284 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	4.022 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1824	
Crystal size	0.153 x 0.128 x 0.035 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.784 to 72.980°	
Index ranges	-17 ≤ h ≤ 16, -18 ≤ k ≤ 17, -28 ≤ l ≤ 18	
Reflections collected	47619	
Independent reflections	17878 [R(int) = 0.0430]	
Completeness to theta = 67.684°	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.82514	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	17878 / 10 / 1082	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.115	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0555, wR2 = 0.1492	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0636, wR2 = 0.1549	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.496 and -1.079 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	



<b>CCDC</b>	<b>2309152</b>	
Identification code	s22uh22	
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{58} \text{H}_{70} \text{Cl}_3 \text{Mg}_2 \text{O}_8 \text{Rh}$	
Formula weight	1153.02	
Temperature	150.00(10) K	
Wavelength	1.54184 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	$P2_1/c$	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 18.23888(15) \text{ \AA}$	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 14.65593(8) \text{ \AA}$	$\beta = 103.8749(9)^\circ$
	$c = 21.64988(19) \text{ \AA}$	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	$5618.32(8) \text{ \AA}^3$	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	$1.363 \text{ Mg/m}^3$	
Absorption coefficient	$4.409 \text{ mm}^{-1}$	
F(000)	2408	
Crystal size	$0.241 \times 0.055 \times 0.030 \text{ mm}^3$	
Theta range for data collection	$3.677 \text{ to } 72.955^\circ$	
Index ranges	$-22 \leq h \leq 22, -18 \leq k \leq 11, -26 \leq l \leq 26$	
Reflections collected	65504	
Independent reflections	11168 [R(int) = 0.0473]	
Completeness to theta = $67.684^\circ$	100.0 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.76675	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	11168 / 36 / 677	
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.023	
Final R indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R1 = 0.0316, wR2 = 0.0756$	
R indices (all data)	$R1 = 0.0376, wR2 = 0.0787$	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	$0.555 \text{ and } -0.536 \text{ e.\AA}^{-3}$	





<b>CCDC</b>	<b>2309153</b>	
Identification code	s23uh3	
Empirical formula	C <sub>152</sub> H <sub>128</sub> O <sub>19</sub> P <sub>4</sub> Rh <sub>4</sub>	
Formula weight	2794.06	
Temperature	150.01(10) K	
Wavelength	1.54184 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 14.00549(11) Å	α = 90°
	b = 19.39104(14) Å	β = 106.3340(8)°
	c = 23.86254(18) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	6219.04(8) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.492 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	5.282 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	2864	
Crystal size	0.150 x 0.080 x 0.030 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.861 to 73.007°	
Index ranges	-17 ≤ h ≤ 16, -23 ≤ k ≤ 23, -29 ≤ l ≤ 27	
Reflections collected	61512	
Independent reflections	12365 [R(int) = 0.0571]	
Completeness to theta = 67.684°	100.0 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.87710	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	12365 / 216 / 961	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.052	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0316, wR2 = 0.0746	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0360, wR2 = 0.0773	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.528 and -0.499 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

[Rh<sup>I</sup>(CO)(P{OMe}<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[μ:η<sup>5</sup>:η<sup>5</sup>Ph<sub>4</sub>Pn] (12)

<b>CCDC</b>	<b>2309154</b>	
Identification code	s23uh12	
Empirical formula	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>8</sub> P <sub>2</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub>	
Formula weight	916.48	
Temperature	150.00(10) K	
Wavelength	1.54184 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.87390(5) Å	α = 90°
	b = 21.78333(8) Å	β = 102.6820(5)°
	c = 17.76504(7) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	3727.80(3) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.633 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	8.414 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1856	
Crystal size	0.296 x 0.113 x 0.084 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	4.059 to 72.910°	
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 12, -26 ≤ k ≤ 27, -22 ≤ l ≤ 21	
Reflections collected	77133	
Independent reflections	7423 [R(int) = 0.0237]	
Completeness to theta = 67.684°	100.0 %	
Absorption correction	Gaussian	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.554	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	7423 / 0 / 475	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.127	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0201, wR2 = 0.0492	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0202, wR2 = 0.0493	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.435 and -0.365 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	