

Electronic supplementary information

A Terminal Nickel(II) Anilide Complex Featuring an Unsymmetrically Substituted Amido Pincer Ligand: Synthesis and Reactivity

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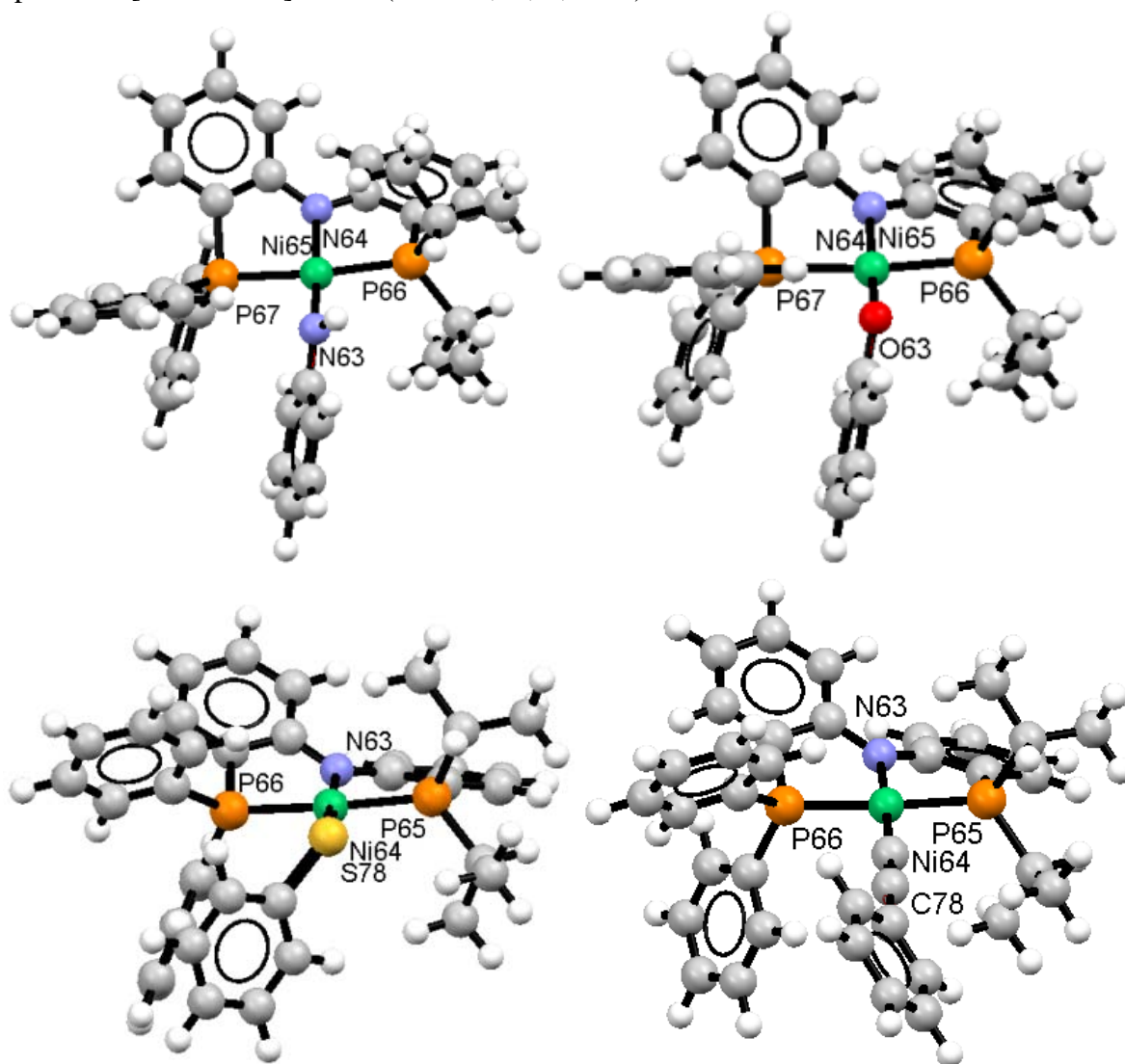
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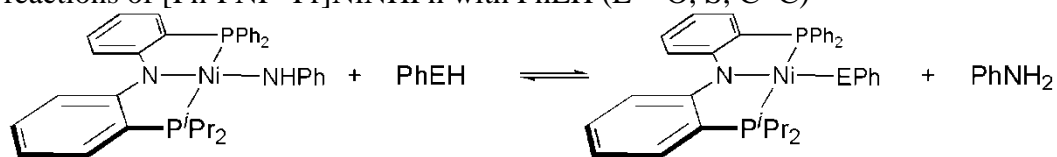
Table S1. Structures and selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) of DFT geometry optimized [Ph-PNP-ⁱPr]NiEPh (E = NH, O, S, C≡C)



E	NH	O	S	C≡C
Ni-X	1.880	1.850	2.295	1.865
N-Ni	1.942	1.931	1.952	1.946
Ph ₂ P-Ni	2.362	2.326	2.313	2.253
ⁱ Pr ₂ P-Ni	2.268	2.279	2.283	2.257
∠N-Ni-PPh ₂	82.71	83.98	84.26	85.28
∠N-Ni-P ⁱ Pr ₂	85.24	85.07	84.98	85.88
∠Ph ₂ P-Ni-P ⁱ Pr ₂	166.12	168.83	169.13	170.97
∠N-Ni-X	172.03	171.19	171.77	178.65
∠Ph ₂ P-Ni-X	98.00	97.81	99.30	93.41
∠ ⁱ Pr ₂ P-Ni-X	94.88	93.34	91.56	95.42

X represents the donor atom in E.

Table S2. DFT computed energy, enthalpy, and Gibbs free energy changes of exchange reactions of [Ph-PNP-ⁱPr]NiNHPH with PhEH (E = O, S, C≡C)



E	ΔE (kcal/mol)	ΔH (kcal/mol)	ΔG (kcal/mol)
O	-10.16	-10.16	-10.30
S	-17.94	-17.94	-18.19
C≡C	-6.11	-6.11	-7.23

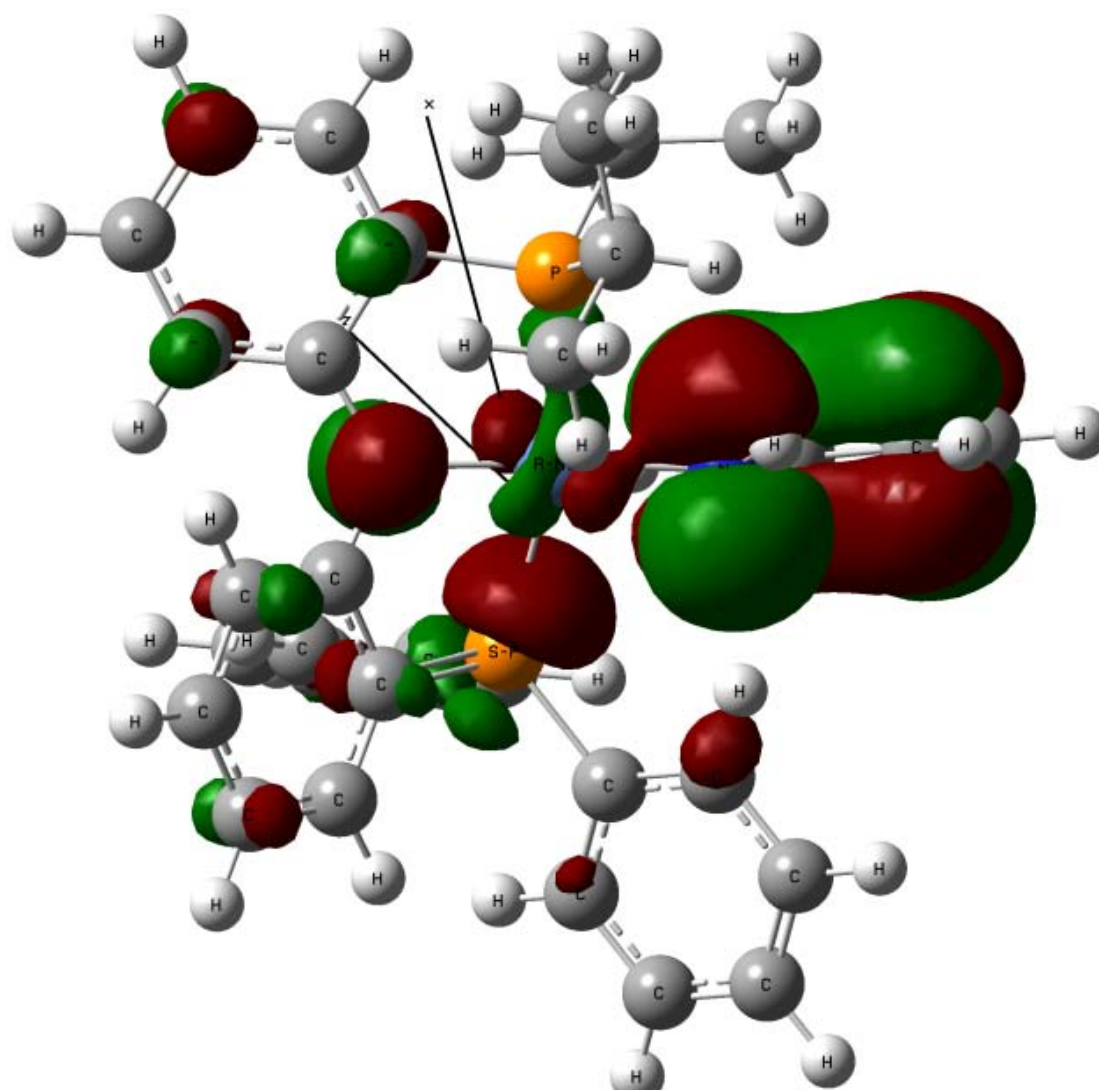


Figure S1. Contour plot of HOMO of [Ph-PNP-ⁱPr]NiHPh

Table S3. Optimized coordinates of [Ph-PNP-^{*i*}Pr]NiNHPH

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Table S4. Optimized coordinates of [Ph-PNP-ⁱPr]NiO₂Ph

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Table S5. Optimized coordinates of [Ph-PNP-ⁱPr]NiSPh

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Table S6. Optimized coordinates of [Ph-PNP-ⁱPr]NiC≡CPh

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