Selective borane reduction of phosphinoferrocene carbaldehydes to the corresponding phosphinoalcohol-borane adducts. The coordination behaviour of 1-(diphenylphosphino)-1'- (methoxymethyl)ferrocene, a new ferrocene O,P-hybrid donor prepared from such an adduct.

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The synthesis and crystal structures of 3 and 9

1'-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-1-bromoferrocene (9). *n*-Butyllithium (4 mL 2.5 M in hexanes, 10 mmol) was added drop-wise to a solution of 1,1'-dibromoferrocene¹ (3.44 g, 10 mmol) in dry THF (35 mL) with stirring and cooling in a dry ice/ethanol bath (ca. -75° C). Stirring was continued at -75° C for 15 min, whereupon the reaction mixture deposited an orange precipitate. Then, chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (2.4 mL, 11 mmol) was introduced, causing an immediate dissolution of the precipitate, and the resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 15 min and at room temperature for 90 min. The reaction was terminated by the addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and diethyl ether. The organic layer was separated, washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered through a silica gel pad, eluting with hexane-diethyl ether (1:1). The eluate was evaporated under vacuum and the residue was dissolved in hot heptane (ca. 60 mL). The solution was treated with charcoal, filtered off, washed with cold pentane and dried under vacuum. Yield of **9**: 3.25 g (70%), orange crystals. According to the NMR spectra, the phosphine contained some impurities (ca. 5%), most likely the corresponding phosphine oxide. Crystallisation of the residuum from the first crystallisation afforded another batch (ca. 0.3 g) of a less pure product.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 0.98-2.03 (m, 22 H, Cy), 4.07, 4.20, 4.33 and 4.37 (4× br s, 2 H, C₅H₄). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 26.40 (br s), 27.29 (br virtual t) and 30.31 (br virtual t) (3× CH₂ of Cy); 33.39 (br d, $J_{PC} \approx 11$ Hz, CH of Cy), 68.77 (br s), 71.11 (br s), 72.83 (br s) and 73.83 (br d, $J \approx 10$ Hz) (4× CH of C₅H₄); 78.06 (C_{ipso} of C₅H₄Br). Note: The signal due to C_{ipso} of C₅H₄PCy₂ was not identified. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ –7.4 (s). HR MS (EI) calc. for C₂₂H₃₀⁷⁹Br⁵⁶FeP (M⁺⁻) 460.0618; found 460.0629.

1'-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)ferrocene-1-carbaldehyde (3). *n*-Butyllithium (2.8 mL 2.5 M in hexanes, 7 mmol) was added to a solution of **9** (2.77 g, 6 mmol) in dry THF (30 mL) with stirring and cooling to ca. -75° C. The stirring was continued at this temperature for 15 min, during which time the reaction mixture turned from orange-brown to orange-red. Dry *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (1.5 ml, ca. 20 mmol) was introduced, causing the colour of the reaction mixture to return to the initial amber-orange, and stirring was continued at ca. -75° C for 15 min and then at room temperature for 90 min. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of water, saturated aqueous NaCl and 3 M HCl (5 mL each, in this order) and stirring for 15 min. The resulting mixture was diluted with THF and the red organic layer was separated, washed with brine and dried over MgSO₄. Then, it was passed through a

silica gel column and the column was washed with THF. The orange-red eluate was evaporated and the residue was dissolved in warm ethyl acetate (30 mL). The solution was filtered, diluted with hexane (30 mL) and allowed to crystallise at -18° C overnight. The separated crystalline solid was filtered off, washed with pentane and dried under vacuum. Yield of **3**: 1.31 g (53%), red crystals. The product typically contained ca. 5% of P=O impurities.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 0.99-2.03 (m, 22 H, Cy), 4.26, 4.43, 4.58 and 4.76 (4× br s, 2 H, C₅H₄); 9.97 (s, 1 H, CHO). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 26.33 (s), 27.25 (virtual t, *J*' ≈ 9 Hz) and 30.18 (virtual t, *J*' ≈ 11 Hz) (3× CH₂ of Cy); 33.34 (br d, *J*_{PC} ≈ 11 Hz, CH of Cy); 70.55 (s), 71.04 (br s), 72.75 (br d, *J*_{PC} ≈ 10 Hz) and 73.97 (s) (4× CH of C₅H₄); 79.54 (C_{ipso} of C₅H₄CHO), 193.69 (CHO). Note: The signal due to C_{ipso} of C₅H₄PCy₂ was not found. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ -7.5 (s). IR (Nujol): v/cm⁻¹ v_{C=0} 1685 vs, 16667 s. HR MS (EI) calc. for C₂₃H₃₁⁵⁶FeOP (M⁺⁻) 410.1465; found 410.1462. Anal. calc. for C₂₃H₃₁FeOP (410.3): C 67.32, H 7.62%. Found: C 67.45, H 7.67%.

Compounds **3** and **9** crystallise both with the symmetry of the space group $P2_12_12_1$ as racemic twins. The compounds are practically isostructural, which in turn indicates that their crystal structures are determined mainly by solid-state packing of the bulky phosphinoferrocenyl groups when strong and directional intermolecular contacts (e.g., classical hydrogen bonds) are absent.

Views of the molecular structures of **3** and **9** are shown in Figures S1 and S2. The structural data are unexceptional when compared with those reported earlier for Ph₂PfcBr, Ph₂P(S)fcCHO,² Ph₂PfcCHO,³ and fc(CHO)₂⁴ (fc = ferrocene-1,1'-diyl). Ferrocene moieties in both molecules assume eclipsed anticlinal conformations with the angles of the bond vectors C1-P/C6-C11 for **3** and C1-P/C6-Br for **9** being 152.7(3) and 133.2(3)°, respectively. The formyl group in **3** is slightly rotated from the plane of its bonding cyclopentadienyl ring. The angle subtended by the C11-O bond and the C(6-10) plane is 7.1(3)°.



Figure S1. PLATON⁵ plot of the molecular structure of **3** showing the atom labelling scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 30 % probability level. Selected distances and angles (in Å and deg): Fe-Cg^P 1.651(2), Fe-Cg^{Br} 1.648(2), \angle Cp^P,Cp^{Br} 4.3(2); P-C1 1.831(3), P-C12 1.875(3), P-C18 1.861(3), C11-C6 1.448(5), C11-O 1.228(5); C6-C11-O 123.1(4). The ring planes are defined as follows: Cp^P = C(1-5), Cp^C = C(6-10); Cg^{P/C} are the respective centroids.



Figuew S2. PLATON⁵ plot of the molecular structure of **9** showing the atom labelling scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 30 % probability level. Selected distances and angles (in Å and deg): Fe-Cg^P 1.651(2), Fe-Cg^{Br} 1.647(2), \angle Cp^P,Cp^{Br} 3.4(3); P-C1 1.834(5), P-C11 1.876(5), P-C17 1.853(5), Br-C6 1.890(5). The ring planes are defined as follows: Cp^P = C(1-5), Cp^{Br} = C(6-10); Cg^{P/Br} are the respective centroids

Crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters for 3: C₂₃H₃₁FeOP, M = 410.3, red prism from ethyl acetate, $0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}^3$; orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (no. 19), T = 150(2) K, a = 6.4488(3), b = 7.7891(4), c = 39.978(2) Å; V = 2008.1(2) Å³, Z = 4, $D_{calc} = 1.357$ g mL⁻¹. Full-set diffraction data ($\pm h \pm k \pm l$, $\theta_{max} = 27.5^\circ$, completeness 99.2%) were recorded with a Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer (Mo K α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å); absorption was neglected ($\mu = 0.840$ mm⁻¹). A total of 12140 was measured, from which 4545 were unique ($R_{int} = 6.5\%$), and 3362 observed ($I > 2\sigma(I)$ criterion).

The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR97⁶) and refined by full-matrix least squares on F^2 (SHELXL97⁷). Non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. The hydrogen atoms were placed in their calculated positions and refined as riding atoms with $U_{iso}(H)$ assigned to a multiple of U_{eq} of their bonding atom. The refinement converged ($\Delta/\sigma_{max} = 0.000, 236$ parameters) to R = 4.46% for the observed, and R = 7.88%, wR = 10.52%, GOF = 1.005 for all diffractions. The final difference map displayed no peaks of chemical significance ($\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.36$, $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.67$ e Å⁻³). CCDC deposition no. 906417.

Crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters for **9**: C₂₂H₃₁BrFeP, M = 461.2, orange-yellow prism from heptane, $0.25 \times 0.28 \times 0.35 \text{ mm}^3$; orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (no. 19), T = 150(2) K, a = 6.3769(1), b = 7.9364(2), c = 39.9711(8) Å; V = 2022.92(7) Å³, Z = 4, $D_{calc} =$ 1.514 g mL⁻¹. Full-set diffraction data ($\pm h \pm k \pm l$, $\theta_{max} = 27.5^\circ$, completeness 99.7%) were recorded with a Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer (graphite-monochromatised Mo K α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å); an absorption correction was applied ($\mu = 2.802 \text{ mm}^{-1}$; transmission factors: 0.376-0.535). A total of 16709 was measured, from which 4616 were unique ($R_{int} = 6.4\%$), and 4070 observed according to the $I > 2\sigma(I)$ criterion.

The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR97⁶) and refined by full-matrix least squares based on F^2 (SHELXL97⁷). Non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. The hydrogen atoms were placed in their calculated positions and refined as riding atoms with U_{iso} (H) assigned to a multiple of U_{eq} of their bonding atom. The refinement converged ($\Delta/\sigma_{max} =$ 0.001, 228 parameters) to R = 4.40% for the observed, and R = 5.30%, wR = 11.60%, GOF = 1.116 for all diffractions. The final difference map displayed no peaks of chemical significance ($\Delta\rho_{max} = 1.56$, $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.60$ e Å⁻³). CCDC deposition no. 906418.

Description of the crystal packing of adduct 5

The crystal packing of **5** is difficult to interpret in full because of the high number of structurally independent molecules and the disorder of the CH₂OH moieties. Nonetheless, even in this case, a fine interplay of C–H···O and dihydrogen interactions (O–H···HB and C–H···HB) and π - π stacking seem to determine the crystal assembly. No O–H···O interactions were not detected in the structure.

Molecules 1 in the structure of adduct 5 associate into helical arrays via C120-H120...O1 contacts between a molecule and its image related by the crystallographic screw axis (A: C120...O1 = 3.343(4) Å, angle at $H120 = 143^{\circ}$). Each molecule 1 further forms a dihydrogen bond towards one BH hydrogen, H10B located in a proximal molecule 4 (B: $O1-H91\cdots H10B^{i}$: H91 \cdots H10B = 2.03 Å, O1 - H10B = 2.95 Å, angle at H91 = 150°; *i*. 2-x, $-\frac{1}{2}+y$, $\frac{1}{2}-z$). Molecule 4 further acts as a dihydrogen bond acceptor for H8B in a neighbouring molecule 3 (C: O4–H94···H8B^{*ii*}: H94...H8B = 1.93 Å, O4...H8B = 2.85 Å, angle at H94 = 145°; *ii.* x, $\frac{1}{2}$ -y, $-\frac{1}{2}$ +z) and forms an additional O4…H222ⁱⁱⁱ-C222ⁱⁱⁱ contact with molecule 2 (D: C222...O4 =3.396(4) Å, angle at H222 = 146°; *iii*. 1–x, 1– y, −z).



In addition, there are a number of other intermolecular C–H…O (some with unfavourably acute angles at the H atoms) and C–H…HB contacts detectable in the crystal structure with no clear cut-off. These interactions and interactions of the π -systems further complicate the crystal assembly.



Figure S3. PLATON⁵ plot of the molecular structure of *trans*-**17** showing full atom labelling scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 30% probability level.



Figure S4. A detailed view of the coordination environment of Cu(I) in complex **18** showing the intramolecular O–H…O hydrogen bond (a projection perpendicular to the Cu-O1W bond is shown).



Figure S5. Partial packing diagram for **18** showing O···H–O hydrogen bonds as dashed lines. Hydrogen bond parameters: O5···H2W–O1W; O5···O1W = 2.807(1) Å, angle at H2W = 162° ; O1_a···H1W–O1W; O1_a···O1W = 2.802(3) Å, angle at H1W = 162° (a = 2-x, 2-y, 2-z).

Note: Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction measurements were obtained from hot heptane (5: yellow plate, $0.10 \times 0.15 \times 0.53 \text{ mm}^3$; (*S*_p)-7: orange bar, $0.03 \times 0.05 \times 0.23 \text{ mm}^3$; 8: orange prism, $0.11 \times 0.24 \times 0.27 \text{ mm}^3$; 9: yellow-orange prism, $0.25 \times 0.28 \times 0.35 \text{ mm}^3$; 10: orange prism, $0.25 \times 0.40 \times 0.45 \text{ mm}^3$; 11: orange block, $0.25 \times 0.30 \times 0.53 \text{ mm}^3$) and ethyl acetate (3: red prism, $0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}^3$). Crystals of the complexes were grown by liquid-phase diffusion from CHCl₃/hexane (12: red plate, $0.06 \times 0.14 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}^3$), CH₂Cl₂/ethanol (16·CH₂Cl₂: red bar, $0.15 \times 0.30 \times 0.55 \text{ mm}^3$), CH₂Cl₂/THF+pentane (*trans*-15: red prism, $0.08 \times 0.10 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}^3$) and CDCl₃/diethyl ether (18: orange prism, $0.31 \times 0.31 \times 0.57 \text{ mm}^3$).

Compound	5	(<i>S</i> _p)- 7	8	10	11
Formula	C ₂₃ H ₂₄ BFeOP	C ₂₃ H ₂₄ BFeOP	C ₂₃ H ₂₄ BFeP	C24H26BFeOP	C ₂₄ H ₂₃ FeOP
Μ	414.05	414.05	398.05	428.08	414.24
Crystal system	monoclinic	orthorhombic	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$ (no. 14)	$P2_12_12_1$ (no. 19) ^g	$P2_1/c$ (no. 14)	<i>P</i> –1 (no. 2)	$P2_1/n$ (no. 14)
a/Å	13.4231(2)	8.7423(2)	13.3300(8)	9.4573(2)	10.8960(2)
<i>b</i> /Å	17.6047(2)	9.3366(3)	17.528(1)	13.4113(3)	17.2531(3)
$c/\text{\AA}$	34.0211(4)	24.9336(8)	34.422(2)	17.4666(4)	10.9826(2)
α/°				88.596(1)	
β/°	99.6903(6)		100.118(2)	81.764(1)	106.343(1)
γ/°				75.498(1)	
$V/Å^3$	7924.8(2)	2035.2(1)	7917.7(8)	2122.52(8)	1981.19(6)
Ζ	16	4	16	4	4
$D_{\rm c}/{ m g}~{ m mL}^{-1}$	1.388	1.351	1.336	1.340	1.389
μ (Mo K α)/mm ⁻¹	0.852	0.829	0.846	0.797	0.853
Diffractions collected	118977	19003	49847	40793	31152
Independent/obsd ^b diffrns	17472/11375	4010/3619	17266/10336	9711/8219	4529/3926
$R_{\text{int}}^{c}/\%$	6.6	2.6	3.8	3.5	1.3
<i>R^c</i> observed diffrns/%	5.06	3.44	4.22	4.16	2.80
<i>R</i> , wR^c all data/%	8.85, 14.1	4.29, 7.29	8.74, 10.4	5.20, 10.9	3.50, 7.26
$\Delta \rho / e \text{ Å}^{-3}$	$1.71, -0.48^{f}$	0.40, -0.20	0.43, -0.32	0.46, -0.50	-0.27, 0.38
CCDC reference no.	906406	906407	906408	906409	906410

Table S1 Summary of crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters for compounds 5, (S_p)-7, 8, 10 and 11.^a

^{*a*} Common details: T = 150(2) K. ^{*b*} $I > 2\sigma(I)$. ^{*c*} Definitions: $R_{int} = \Sigma |F_o^2 - F_o^2(mean)|/\Sigma F_o^2$, where $F_o^2(mean)$ is the average intensity of symmetry-equivalent diffractions. $R = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c||/\Sigma |F_o|$, w $R = [\Sigma \{w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2\}/\Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$. ^{*e*} Not corrected. ^{*f*} Residual electron density in the space accommodating the disordered hydromethyl moieties. ^{*s*} Flack's enantiomorph parameter was determined to be -0.01(2).

Compound	12	13 ·1/ ₂ CHCl ₃	trans-15
Formula	C34H37Cl2FeOPRu	C _{36.5} H _{40.5} Cl _{2.5} F ₆ FeNOPRuSb	$C_{48}H_{46}Cl_2Fe_2O_2P_2Pd$
Μ	722.27	1021.46	1005.79
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$ (no. 14)	<i>P</i> –1 (no. 2)	$P2_1/n$ (no. 14)
a/Å	9.7055(8)	10.5750(7)	13.4772(3)
b/Å	10.241(1)	13.9675(8)	9.1167(2)
$c/\text{\AA}$	30.665(2)	14.6000(8)	17.3793(4)
α/°		96.764(4)	
β/°	98.795(8)	97.044(5)	98.485(1)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$		111.478(6)	
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	3012.2(5)	1960.5(2)	2111.98(8)
Ζ	4	2	2
$D_{\rm c}/{ m g}~{ m mL}^{-1}$	1.593	1.730	1.582
μ (Mo K α)/mm ⁻¹	1.287	1.700	1.341
T^b	0.861-0.938	0.553-0.669	0.756-0.905
Diffractions collected	33228	43999	29903
Independent/obsd ^c diffrns	5871/4416	8948/7819	4854/3943
$R_{\text{int}}^{d/0}$	9.5	3.1	4.6
<i>R^d</i> observed diffrns/%	5.67	2.74	3.06
R, wR^d all data/%	8.57, 11.2	3.71, 6.98	4.46, 7.72
$\Delta \rho / e \ \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.91, -0.90	$1.43, -1.62^{e}$	1.02, -0.75
CCDC reference no.	906411	906412	906413

Table S2 Summary of crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters for complexes **12**, **13**· $\frac{1}{2}$ CHCl₃, *trans*-**15**, **16**·CH₂Cl₂, *trans*-**17** and **18**.^{*a*}

^{*a*} Common details: T = 150(2) K. ^{*b*} The range of transmission factors. ^{*c*} $I > 2\sigma(I)$. ^{*d*} $R_{int} = \Sigma |F_o^2 - F_o^2(mean)|/\Sigma F_o^2$, where $F_o^2(mean)$ is the average intensity of symmetry-equivalent diffractions. $R = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c||/\Sigma |F_o|$, $wR = [\Sigma \{w(F_o^2 - 5 F_c^2)^2\}/\Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$. ^{*e*} Residual electron density in areas accommodating disordered moieties or close to metal atoms.

Table S2 (continued)

Compound	$16 \cdot CH_2Cl_2$	trans-17	18			
Formula	$C_{49}H_{48}Cl_6Fe_2O_2P_2Pd_2$	$C_{48}H_{46}Cl_2Fe_2O_2P_2Pt$	$C_{49}H_{48}CuF_3Fe_2O_6P_2S$			
M	1268.01	1094.48	1057.10			
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic			
Space group	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> (no. 15)	$P2_1/n$ (no. 14)	$P2_1/n$ (no. 14)			
$a/\text{\AA}$	22.7193(3)	13.4348(4)	13.1234(3)			
$b/\text{\AA}$	18.7832(3)	9.1071(3)	26.0560(6)			
c/Å	15.3334(2)	17.4178(7)	13.6517(3)			
α/°						
β/°	131.4336(6)	98.860(1)	102.489(1)			
γ/°						
V/Å ³	4905.7(1)	2105.7(1)	4557.7(2)			
Ζ	4	2	4			
$D_{\rm c}/{ m g~mL^{-1}}$	1.717	1.726	1.544			
μ (Mo K α)/mm ⁻¹	1.732	4.236	1.270			
T^b	0.600-0.810	0.236-0.756	0.502-0.697			
Diffractions collected	53794	32707	67700			
Independent/obsd ^c diffrns	5622/5069	4846/4301	10455/9231			
$R_{\text{int}}^{d/9}$	4.8	3.1	1.9			
R^d observed diffrns/%	4.27	1.68	5.83			
R, wR^d all data/%	4.65, 11.1	2.18, 3.82	6.58, 16.0			
$\Delta \rho/e \ \text{\AA}^{-3}$	$1.59, -1.58^{e}$	0.56, -0.58	$2.97, -2.00^{e}$			
CCDC reference no.	906414	906415	906416			
((for footnotes see the first part of this Table))						

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