

Electronic Supplementary Information

Insertion, Coupling and Elimination Processes in the Reactions of the Unsaturated Alkyl-Bridged Complexes $[\text{Mo}_2(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{R})(\mu\text{-PCy}_2)(\text{CO})_2]$ (R = H, Ph) with Isocyanides and Secondary Phosphines.

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Structural Characterization of [Mo₄Cp₄(μ-PCy₂)₂(μ-O)₄]

A few single black crystals of [Mo₄Cp₄(μ-PCy₂)₂(μ-O)₄] could be grown through the slow diffusion of a layer of petroleum ether into the toluene reaction mixture of compound **1a** with HPtEt₂. The crystallographic analysis was performed as described for compound **8b**. The molecule of the complex was found to be placed on the symmetry operation $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$. *Spectroscopic data*: ¹H NMR (toluene-*d*₈): δ 4.93 (s, 20H, Cp), 2.92-1.03 (m, 44H, Cy). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (toluene-*d*₈): δ 163.0 (s, μ-PCy₂).

Crystals of this compound display centrosymmetric molecules made up from cisoid MoCp fragments bridged by symmetric PCy₂ and oxo ligands, with the resulting Mo₂(μ-P)(μ-O) subunits being in turn connected to each other *via* almost linear (Mo–O–Mo = 168.6(1)°) and essentially symmetrical oxygen bridges (Figure SX and Table SX), these defining and almost planar Mo₄O₂ ring. The corresponding Mo–O lengths are all similar and quite short (ca. 1.90 Å), significantly shorter than the reference values for Mo–O single bonds (ca. 2.20 Å),¹ and therefore indicative of multiple bonding, but still longer than the values of ca. 1.70 Å typically found for organometallic complexes with terminal oxo ligands.² Interestingly, the same comment applies to the lengths involving the angular O1 bridge within each Mo₂ subunit (1.921(2) Å). We have recently shown that angular O bridges between Mo atoms can be involved in π interactions with the metal centres, which is translated into relatively short Mo–O lengths below 1.9 Å,³ whereby we might consider the angular O1 ligands in [Mo₄Cp₄(μ-PCy₂)₂(μ-O)₄] as contributing with four electrons to the dimetal centre. The multiplicity in the Mo–O bond of the almost linear O2 bridge is a more common finding, and it has been previously found in related molecules having a single linear O bridge such as the complexes [Mo₂Cp*₂(μ-O)(O)₄],⁴ and [Mo₂Cp₄(μ-CH₂PPh₂)(μ-OPPh₂)(μ-O)₃(CO)₂] (see ref. 30 in main text). Only two other organometallic complexes appear to have been characterized so far as having two O bridges defining an M₄O₂ ring: the carbyne cluster [W₃(μ-CEt)(μ-O)₂(O^{*t*}Bu)₅]₂ (W–O–W = 156.0(5)°), and the heterometallic hydride [ReWCp*(μ-H)(μ-C₂Ph)(CO)₂(μ-O)]₂ (W–O–Re = 173.0(4)°).⁵ The O bridge in the first complex displays W–O lengths of 1.755(8) and 2.119(8) Å, and its bonding has been described in terms of a W=O→W interaction,^{5a} and a similar asymmetry was found in the WRe complex (W–O = 1.728(6), Re–O = 2.162(6) Å).^{5b} The situation in [Mo₄Cp₄(μ-PCy₂)₂(μ-O)₄] is obviously different, since it displays symmetrical bridges with Mo–O distances of ca. 1.90 Å, midway between the above figures, thus denoting a fully delocalized π interaction along the Mo–O–Mo chain. In any case, this interaction allows for the antiferromagnetic coupling of both [Mo₂Cp₂(μ-PCy₂)(μ-O)(O)] subunits (which, if isolated, would have an odd number of electrons), thus yielding a diamagnetic molecule. By considering the bridging oxo ligands in this molecule as formal 4-electron donors, we then would have a total of 31 electrons per Mo₂ subunit, which leads in turn to a formal intermetallic bond order somewhere between 2 and 3. Indeed the intermetallic length of 2.6112(4) Å in [Mo₄Cp₄(μ-PCy₂)₂(μ-O)₄] is quite short,

only slightly shorter than the lengths determined for closely related molecules having double Mo=Mo bonds, such as $[\text{Mo}_2\text{Cp}_2(\mu\text{-N=CHPh})(\mu\text{-PCy}_2)(\text{CO})_2]$ (2.632(1) Å), and $[\text{Mo}_2\text{Cp}_2(\mu\text{-PCy}_2)(\mu\text{-CPh})(\text{CO})_2]$ (2.666(1) Å), (see refs. 15a and 12a in main text) but still longer than the intermetallic separations in related 30-electron complexes with only two bridging ligands connecting the metal centres, such as the cation $[\text{Mo}_2\text{Cp}_2(\mu\text{-PCy}_2)_2(\text{H})(\text{CO})]^+$ (2.534(2) Å),⁶ and the hydride $[\text{Mo}_2\text{Cp}_2(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-PCy}_2)(\text{CO})_2]$ (2.528(2) Å). All of this suggests that the actual intermetallic bond order in $[\text{Mo}_4\text{Cp}_4(\mu\text{-PCy}_2)_2(\mu\text{-O})_4]$ might be close to 2.

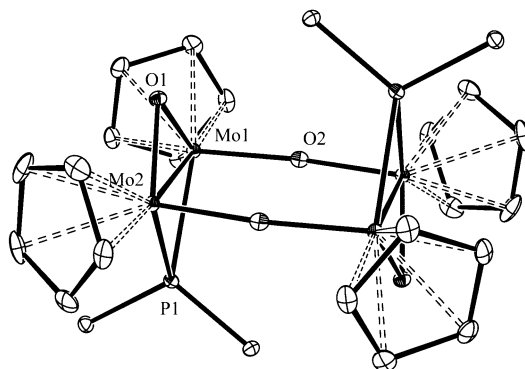


Figure SX. ORTEP drawing (30% probability) of the centrosymmetric molecule of $[\text{Mo}_4\text{Cp}_4(\mu\text{-PCy}_2)_2(\mu\text{-O})_4]$, with H atoms and cyclohexyl rings (except the C1 atoms) omitted for clarity.

Table SX. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for $[\text{Mo}_4\text{Cp}_4(\mu\text{-PCy}_2)_2(\mu\text{-O})_4]$.

Mo1–Mo2	2.6112(4)	Mo1–P1–Mo2	67.02(2)
Mo1–P1	2.3654(9)	Mo1–O1–Mo2	85.7(1)
Mo2–P1	2.3642(8)	O1–Mo1–P1	102.8(1)
Mo1–O1	1.921(2)	O1–Mo2–P1	102.8(1)
Mo2–O1	1.921(2)	Mo1–O2–Mo2'	168.6(1)
Mo1–O2	1.904(2)	O2–Mo1–Mo2	95.2(1)
Mo2–O2'	1.894(2)	O2–Mo1–P1	93.2(1)
		O2–Mo1–O1	102.5(1)

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Computational Details

All the DFT computations were carried out using the GAUSSIAN03 package,¹ in which the hybrid method B3LYP was used with the Becke three-parameter exchange functional² and the Lee–Yang–Parr correlation functional.³ A accurate numerical integration grid (99,590) was used for all the calculations via the keyword Int=Ultrafine. Effective core potentials and their associated double- ζ LANL2DZ basis set were used for the metal atoms.⁴ The light elements (P, O, C, N and H) were described with the 6-31G* basis.⁵ Geometry optimizations were performed under no symmetry restrictions, using initial coordinates derived from the X-ray data of related compounds, and frequency analyses were performed for all the stationary points to ensure that a minimum structure with no imaginary frequencies was achieved.

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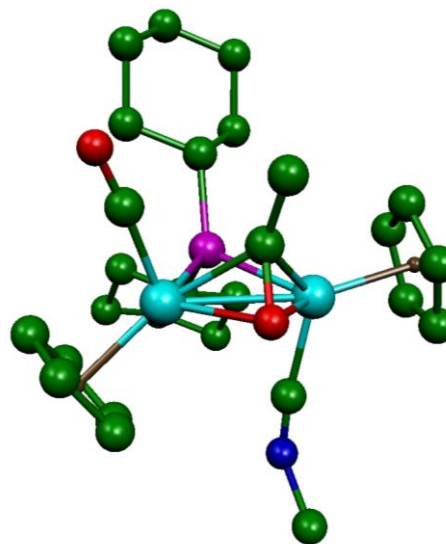
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Table S1. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of **2**.

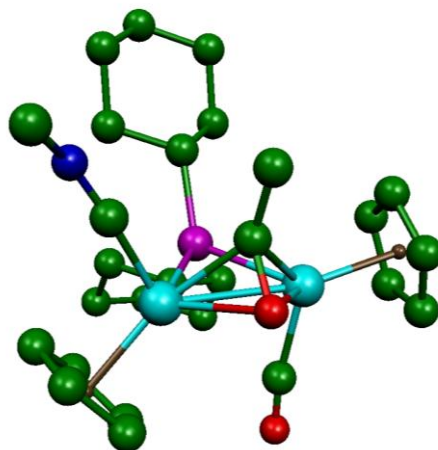
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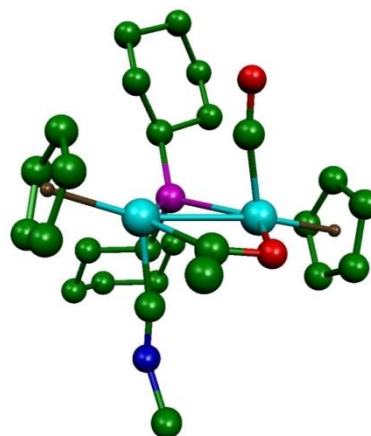
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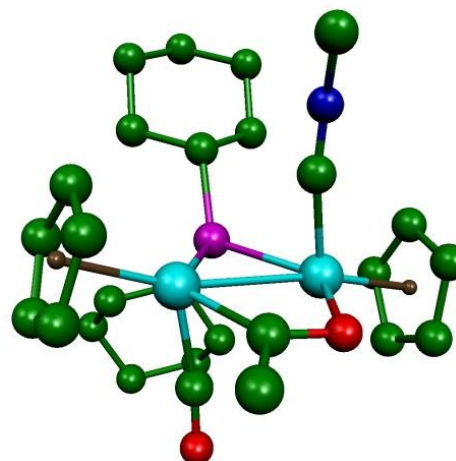
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Table S4. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of **3B**

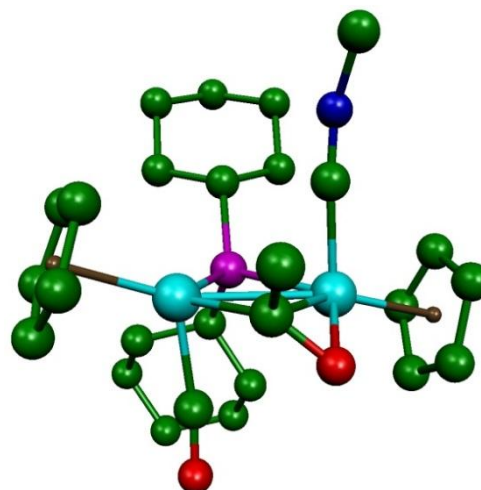
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Table S5. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of **3** (isomer *trans-syn*)

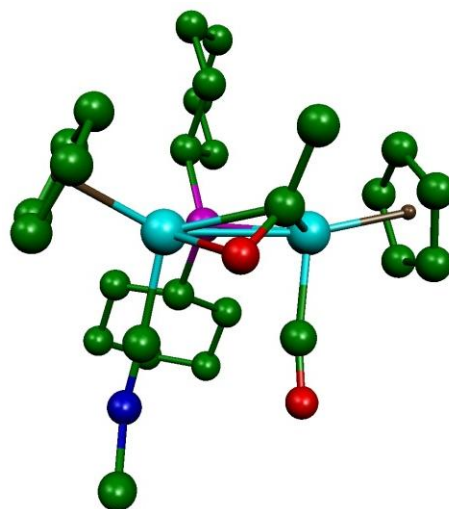
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Table S6. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of 3 (isomer *cis-anti*)

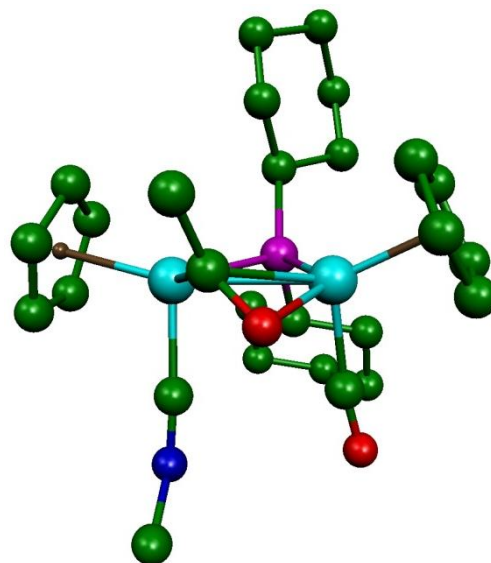
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H	3.35412	7.90397	13.54208	C	-0.85280	2.41338	15.91170
H	4.88143	7.08026	13.12576	C	-0.42322	0.95983	16.18231
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Table S7. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of 3 (isomer *cis-anti-L*)

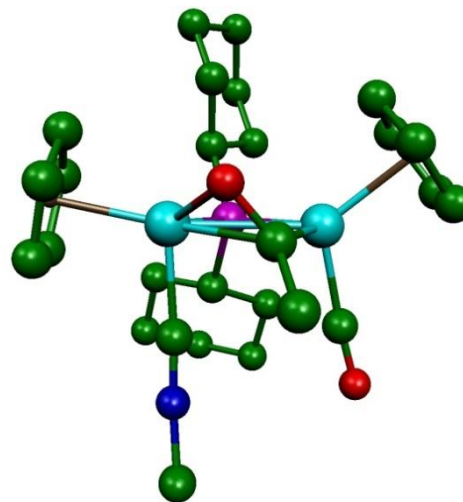
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C	2.61733	5.60144	14.19366	H	3.89084	1.26836	9.37502
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H	2.43712	7.67432	14.74743	C	-0.73693	2.86606	16.26160
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Table S8. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of 3 (isomer *cis-syn*)

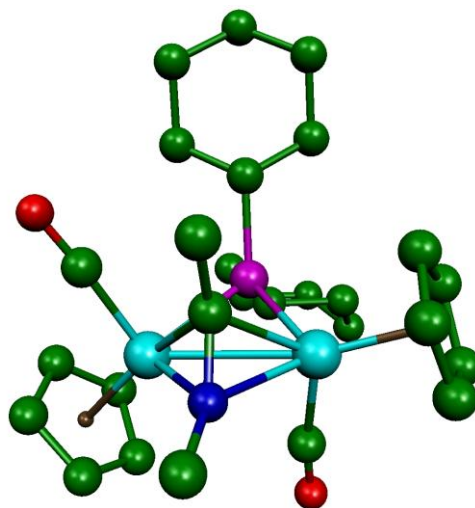
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C	0.96414	6.46842	11.42917	H	-1.94690	1.82146	17.10376
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H	6.04414	6.22005	14.70254				
C	6.51796	4.03266	14.72410				
H	6.64773	3.82047	15.77686				
C	6.68962	3.10311	13.64835				
H	6.94974	2.05741	13.74423				
C	2.06342	1.28410	11.98550				
H	1.50677	1.38838	12.92472				
C	1.03110	1.03985	10.86581				
H	1.54055	0.95036	9.89644				
H	0.34942	1.89635	10.78277				
C	0.22459	-0.24822	11.11331				
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C	2.99042	0.05928	12.15708				
H	3.67344	0.23278	12.99444				
H	3.61379	-0.07667	11.26387				
C	3.35976	3.17130	10.04128				
H	2.39032	3.07560	9.52814				
C	3.91131	4.57554	9.72900				
H	3.23905	5.34562	10.12258				
H	4.86581	4.71290	10.25077				
C	4.12679	4.78595	8.22021				
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Table S9. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of 4

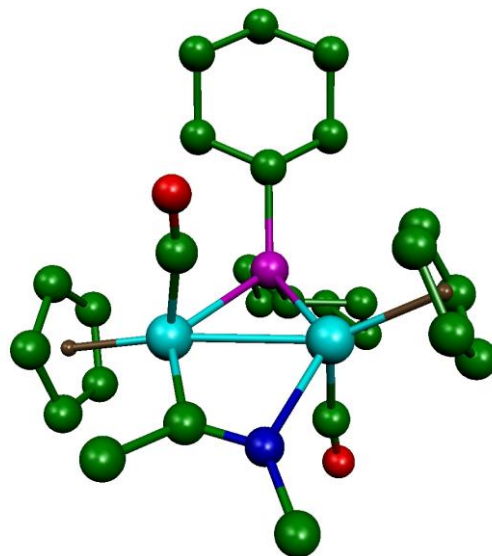
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C	1.6633750	-3.5673550	-0.5972790	H	-3.6502880	-2.2074500	3.9897710
H	2.3270180	-4.1021160	0.0683120	H	-2.4259560	-0.9958500	4.3498540
C	0.2297560	-3.6338270	-0.5939570	C	-2.7095690	-1.3454440	2.2327150
H	-0.3783320	-4.2263380	0.0761980	H	-3.5132970	-1.6968110	1.5735290
C	-0.2448390	-2.8362620	-1.6740810	H	-1.9144280	-2.0952310	2.1949060
H	-1.2800890	-2.7133500	-1.9546340	C	1.6654030	0.3985620	2.7729000
C	0.1258190	3.7076470	-0.9587150	H	2.0682720	1.3976960	2.9735630
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H	5.4970220	-1.1240380	0.8794140				
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H	3.9301130	1.1978410	-1.6354270				
C	-2.4664510	-0.1940990	-1.3403640				
H	-1.8096110	-0.5175050	-2.1594120				
C	-3.5757560	-1.2538960	-1.1722030				
H	-4.2599410	-0.9432880	-0.3718780				
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H	-3.2258670	0.7086320	-3.9010480				
C	-3.0833080	1.1504570	-1.7882840				
H	-3.7336020	1.5471440	-0.9967610				
H	-2.2865580	1.8846340	-1.9467340				
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Table S10. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of 4 (μ -C:N-isomer)

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N	1.8866250	3.1478500	-2.4577910	C	-3.3932060	1.8749410	1.5254630
O	1.6754550	1.3139810	1.2369620	H	-3.4110520	2.9366570	1.2538100
O	-1.3650650	3.2222920	-4.1405650	H	-4.2552530	1.4177870	1.0232190
C	1.2037400	1.1543840	0.1715340	C	-3.5722630	1.7179870	3.0467620
C	-0.8688520	3.2014640	-3.0780850	H	-2.7632790	2.2549450	3.5643780
C	2.1681440	1.8988100	-2.2427120	H	-4.5120120	2.1904000	3.3613900
C	-0.0891190	-1.1904920	-3.0785480	C	-3.5492390	0.2410050	3.4659100
H	-0.7576330	-1.0362460	-3.9165580	H	-4.4300520	-0.2665900	3.0446790
C	1.3234980	-1.0178740	-3.0941000	H	-3.6307110	0.1533100	4.5568780
H	1.9145440	-0.7572400	-3.9611460	C	-2.2755780	-0.4566450	2.9671510
C	1.8160090	-1.3100070	-1.7832470	H	-2.2997480	-1.5236300	3.2250630
H	2.8506870	-1.3339780	-1.4743500	H	-1.4026060	-0.0303130	3.4827740
C	0.6956870	-1.6523210	-0.9646900	C	-2.0883720	-0.2915120	1.4478850
H	0.7382950	-1.9496240	0.0745280	H	-2.8941920	-0.8245100	0.9253320
C	-0.4717140	-1.5906040	-1.7704750	H	-1.1458260	-0.7531260	1.1373820
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C	0.6873170	5.5757530	-0.5166410	H	4.3635340	2.0322220	-2.4979640
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C	-0.5011050	5.7315020	-1.2827430	H	3.6168290	0.6153240	-3.2513060
H	-0.6054550	6.2941890	-2.1998400	Mo	0.5164880	0.6541510	-1.5795770
C	-1.5524750	5.0463780	-0.5963540	Mo	-0.1012280	3.3680670	-1.2944670
H	-2.5961480	5.0392950	-0.8756620				
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H	-2.6982270	1.1739360	-2.8575560				
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C	-5.0663890	-0.2035870	-2.6841570				
H	-4.5855070	-0.3639580	-3.6605170				
H	-5.6432740	-1.1121170	-2.4664930				
C	-5.9969890	1.0138900	-2.7727540				
H	-6.7348310	0.8717370	-3.5728120				
H	-6.5657890	1.1029300	-1.8348630				
C	-5.1964500	2.3027420	-3.0052010				
H	-5.8667400	3.1723460	-3.0130940				
H	-4.7226000	2.2643830	-3.9966930				
C	-4.1034210	2.4981220	-1.9391300				
H	-4.5773080	2.6630130	-0.9620420				
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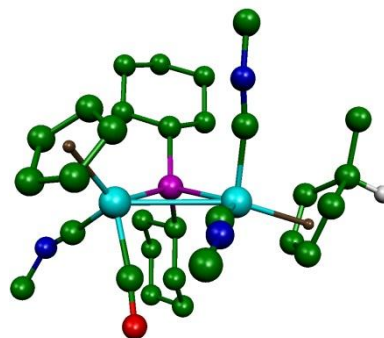
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Table S11. Relative Gibbs free energies (kcal/mol) at 298K of different isomers of the formimidoyl complex **4**.

	2	2B	3A	3B	3 (trans-syn)	3 (cis-anti)	3 (cis-anti-L)	3 (cis-syn)	4	4 (C:N isomer)
ΔG_{gas}	14.5	15.9	9.4	9.7	14.9	15.8	18.1	19.1	0.0	14.3

Table S12. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of **5** (isomer **T**).

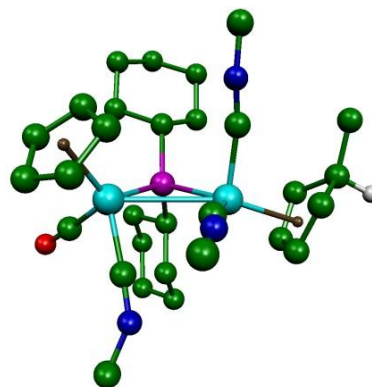
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C	-0.34444	7.34943	17.26990	C	5.12300	4.51412	9.47838
C	0.76427	8.11473	17.66476	H	5.99332	3.90059	9.21025
C	0.74744	8.80245	18.87836	H	4.46243	4.51916	8.59786
C	-0.37712	8.73211	19.71117	C	4.37907	3.86643	10.66212
C	-1.48705	7.96864	19.31335	H	4.05959	2.86225	10.36885
C	-1.47492	7.28712	18.10656	H	5.06670	3.74512	11.50780
H	1.63099	8.16801	17.01388	C	-2.29191	1.83855	14.13704
H	1.61564	9.38709	19.15989	C	-2.84095	1.38145	15.34269
O	-0.49398	9.36207	20.91493	C	-3.53764	0.17452	15.40018
H	-2.34983	7.92773	19.97049	C	-3.69821	-0.59570	14.24110
H	-2.33279	6.69904	17.79607	C	-3.15256	-0.14175	13.02942
C	0.59679	10.14515	21.37270	C	-2.45754	1.05669	12.97479
H	1.50318	9.53868	21.50100	H	-2.71694	1.98146	16.23864
H	0.29162	10.54654	22.34075	H	-3.94834	-0.15130	16.34878
H	0.81312	10.97576	20.68778	O	-4.35895	-1.78738	14.18342
Mo	0.19860	5.44795	13.15937	H	-3.28625	-0.75060	12.14075
Mo	2.54977	4.41214	14.87959	H	-2.03673	1.40224	12.03643
P	2.10993	4.00830	12.51877	C	-4.92890	-2.29847	15.37746
C	-0.99774	3.94760	13.61162	H	-4.16408	-2.48147	16.14399
C	2.86333	6.33660	14.93688	H	-5.39840	-3.24510	15.10398
N	-1.60966	3.03566	14.10369	H	-5.69108	-1.62019	15.78377
O	3.10810	7.48011	15.09124	C	-3.19631	4.60024	11.42291
C	4.45037	4.34236	14.32308	H	-2.77706	3.77788	12.00043
C	-0.84886	5.60359	10.81758	H	-3.41129	4.23210	10.41196
H	-0.60276	4.96051	9.97946	H	-4.15363	4.88196	11.87818
C	-0.06916	6.69251	11.21871	N	5.63305	4.24913	14.08690
H	0.86582	7.00943	10.77225	C	6.83692	4.94507	14.09953
C	-0.72057	7.32270	12.35306	C	6.89356	6.30256	14.45202
H	-0.40783	8.23663	12.84457	C	8.11026	6.98469	14.45018
C	-1.88006	6.54726	12.62905	C	9.28924	6.31446	14.09682
H	-2.59918	6.81248	13.39732	C	9.23442	4.95706	13.74369
C	-2.26414	5.80563	11.35115	C	8.02312	4.28105	13.74312
H	-2.77461	6.52921	10.67746	H	5.97905	6.82134	14.72385
C	1.89480	4.26296	17.20228	H	8.12436	8.03330	14.72472
H	1.65678	5.15672	17.76293	O	10.52846	6.88615	14.06357
C	0.96883	3.44668	16.49840	H	10.15738	4.45484	13.47170
H	-0.09501	3.61466	16.41508	H	7.97682	3.23160	13.46940
C	1.68373	2.35932	15.91300	C	10.64503	8.25643	14.40832
H	1.25049	1.55906	15.32840	H	10.06522	8.89534	13.72874
C	3.05325	2.50460	16.25695	H	11.70500	8.50009	14.31466
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C	3.19056	3.68913	17.05098				
H	4.10720	4.05468	17.49416				
C	1.67468	2.23275	12.01413				
H	0.81726	2.02568	12.66951				
C	1.18348	2.07870	10.55920				
H	1.98999	2.33562	9.85943				
H	0.36562	2.78391	10.36938				
C	0.71645	0.64080	10.26495				
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H	0.41863	0.55418	9.21143				
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H	2.66011	-0.25036	9.93009				
C	2.26700	-0.24520	12.05800				
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C	2.75823	1.18344	12.35177				
H	3.04537	1.27782	13.40467				
H	3.66705	1.37279	11.76795				
C	3.16739	4.71786	11.10414				
H	2.47803	4.78052	10.24718				
C	3.63760	6.15065	11.43134				
H	2.79431	6.77764	11.74449				
H	4.31717	6.11822	12.29012				
C	4.36235	6.80108	10.24088				
H	3.66085	6.91827	9.40040				
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Table S13. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of 5 (isomer C).

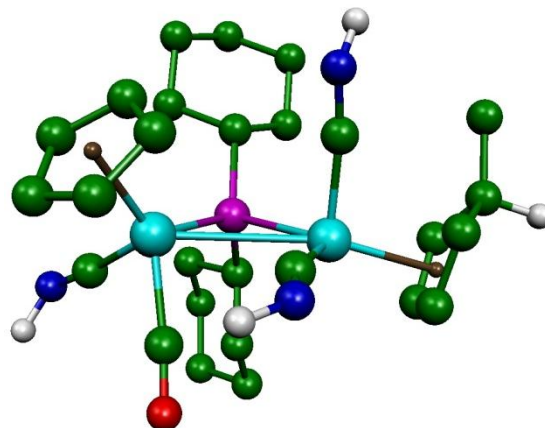
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C	-0.24283	7.34382	17.17433	H	4.18440	4.32617	8.27672
C	0.88273	8.06545	17.60149	C	4.23483	3.74995	10.36485
C	0.86332	8.74613	18.81895	H	3.89739	2.73649	10.12953
C	-0.28249	8.71094	19.62472	H	4.97722	3.65977	11.16668
C	-1.40939	7.98993	19.19570	C	-2.25042	1.85579	14.18854
C	-1.39373	7.31612	17.98474	C	-2.68763	1.39865	15.43909
H	1.76472	8.08948	16.97009	C	-3.38772	0.19816	15.55752
H	1.74546	9.29673	19.12463	C	-3.66546	-0.56475	14.41584
O	-0.40509	9.33672	20.82934	C	-3.23255	-0.11021	13.15958
H	-2.28814	7.97594	19.83246	C	-2.53343	1.08145	13.04398
H	-2.26476	6.76145	17.65029	H	-2.47354	1.99302	16.32169
C	0.70119	10.07940	21.31761	H	-3.70989	-0.12832	16.53950
H	1.58265	9.44112	21.46325	O	-4.34089	-1.74925	14.41634
H	0.38695	10.48571	22.28062	H	-3.45645	-0.71315	12.28518
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Mo	0.20493	5.44412	13.04516	C	-4.80096	-2.26058	15.65693
Mo	2.63905	4.43570	14.66021	H	-3.96910	-2.45518	16.34691
P	2.06377	3.96761	12.33905	H	-5.30415	-3.20096	15.42512
C	-0.98013	3.95546	13.56497	H	-5.51410	-1.57655	16.13601
C	4.45591	4.36523	13.92735	C	-3.31532	4.63136	11.52720
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O	5.57534	4.31144	13.58497	H	-3.58171	4.22964	10.54160
C	2.96634	6.37800	14.68088	H	-4.24511	4.95977	12.00757
C	-0.97463	5.55167	10.76978	N	3.18743	7.57058	14.79242
H	-0.78919	4.87878	9.93953	C	4.20121	8.51175	14.89747
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C	-1.88714	6.57644	12.60126	C	3.87747	9.85731	15.15146
H	-2.55574	6.87843	13.40083	H	5.81269	7.12613	14.53793
C	-2.35490	5.80577	11.36924	H	7.58917	8.81979	14.72287
H	-2.88033	6.52276	10.70020	O	7.12603	11.47978	15.22765
C	2.11610	4.33056	17.02270	H	4.63261	11.85673	15.45300
H	1.90777	5.23380	17.57983	H	2.83344	10.13498	15.26219
C	1.15265	3.49758	16.39120	C	8.50132	11.17558	15.07524
H	0.08451	3.65845	16.37328	H	8.84470	10.45845	15.83332
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C	1.57827	2.18677	11.90139				
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H	3.54437	1.29433	11.57016				
C	3.05395	4.62168	10.84961				
H	2.31602	4.65878	10.03247				
C	3.54743	6.06286	11.09791				
H	2.72798	6.70346	11.44376				
H	4.28288	6.05760	11.90949				
C	4.19372	6.66832	9.84024				
H	3.43867	6.75921	9.04405				
H	4.54351	7.68584	10.05782				
C	5.35622	5.79928	9.34019				
H	5.77836	6.21686	8.41673				
H	6.16144	5.81133	10.08901				



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Table S14. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of **5** (model isomer **T-H**).

C	0.23431	6.17603	14.96945	H	6.29413	5.98983	10.62137
N	-0.01445	6.82998	15.97056	C	5.14408	4.53215	9.51228
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Mo	2.56926	4.42320	14.91162	H	4.49085	4.51675	8.62652
P	2.12889	4.02620	12.54360	C	4.40464	3.88486	10.69871
C	-0.92903	4.03751	13.68313	H	4.09920	2.87280	10.41543
C	3.04917	6.32756	14.99218	H	5.08837	3.78238	11.54917
N	-1.55887	3.15774	14.25850	C	-2.90742	4.24963	11.26467
O	3.38968	7.43800	15.14222	H	-2.22567	3.48586	11.64320
C	4.45482	4.24897	14.35296	H	-3.17831	3.98000	10.23666
C	-0.90652	5.79052	10.63078	H	-3.82415	4.22811	11.86522
H	-0.60907	5.28434	9.71855	N	5.62290	4.05095	14.07782
C	-0.25827	6.87874	11.17615	H	-2.03128	2.37774	13.81608
H	0.63886	7.34354	10.77872	H	0.57953	6.93507	16.78514
C	-0.92624	7.27324	12.40907	H	6.41281	4.64926	14.29237
H	-0.74300	8.18155	12.97039				
C	-1.96030	6.31784	12.62362				
H	-2.69901	6.41497	13.41167				
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H	-2.97401	6.30111	10.73472				
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H	1.79434	5.10684	17.85690				
C	0.96818	3.50054	16.53617				
H	-0.08645	3.73024	16.48234				
C	1.60144	2.40016	15.88754				
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C	2.98732	2.45085	16.19493				
H	3.74087	1.74521	15.87090				
C	3.21681	3.59284	17.03076				
H	4.16347	3.88472	17.46534				
C	1.63550	2.27011	12.03864				
H	0.77886	2.08839	12.70263				
C	1.12232	2.14823	10.58864				
H	1.93810	2.35796	9.88327				
H	0.34401	2.89882	10.40499				
C	0.57291	0.73822	10.30515				
H	-0.32434	0.57112	10.92011				
H	0.25014	0.66691	9.25809				
C	1.60979	-0.34994	10.62040				
H	1.17969	-1.34567	10.45213				
H	2.45717	-0.25391	9.92515				
C	2.12398	-0.22600	12.06236				
H	2.89514	-0.98227	12.25875				
H	1.29772	-0.43480	12.75903				
C	2.68461	1.17898	12.34732				
H	3.00299	1.25530	13.39260				
H	3.58452	1.33430	11.73981				
C	3.17617	4.72145	11.12060				
H	2.48558	4.75196	10.26341				
C	3.60229	6.17226	11.42532				
H	2.73027	6.78202	11.69812				
H	4.25884	6.17936	12.30329				
C	4.33412	6.81637	10.23579				
H	3.64219	6.90707	9.38457				
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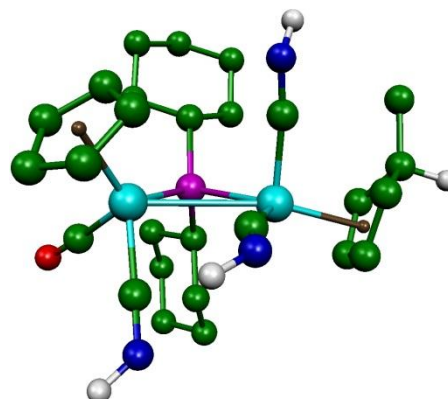


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Table S15. Cartesian Coordinates for the Optimized Structure of **5** (model isomer C-H).

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N	0.14868	6.96550	15.77133
Mo	0.19918	5.49339	12.97089
Mo	2.63169	4.48436	14.69785
P	2.07475	4.00373	12.35509
C	-0.91720	4.07005	13.64036
C	4.43439	4.33248	13.93445
N	-1.52365	3.21354	14.27310
O	5.54112	4.22631	13.57335
C	3.15503	6.37868	14.85586
C	-1.04670	5.70498	10.55601
H	-0.80270	5.15806	9.65149
C	-0.35907	6.80789	11.01999
H	0.52052	7.24496	10.55743
C	-0.95956	7.26206	12.26687
H	-0.73205	8.18602	12.78474
C	-1.99057	6.33072	12.57383
H	-2.68193	6.46489	13.39847
C	-2.38143	5.60557	11.28544
H	-3.09843	6.25766	10.74138
C	2.10577	4.33474	17.04895
H	1.95617	5.22346	17.64773
C	1.08896	3.58084	16.40463
H	0.03168	3.80413	16.39061
C	1.70243	2.47346	15.75201
H	1.18307	1.71318	15.18553
C	3.10111	2.53769	15.99663
H	3.84280	1.82289	15.66479
C	3.35729	3.69759	16.79859
H	4.31974	4.00100	17.18901
C	1.55480	2.23146	11.94032
H	0.73704	2.07502	12.65755
C	0.96004	2.06341	10.52665
H	1.73434	2.24827	9.76955
H	0.17278	2.80946	10.36418
C	0.39491	0.64598	10.32175
H	-0.46599	0.50133	10.99186
H	0.01320	0.54096	9.29766
C	1.44763	-0.43350	10.61341
H	1.00843	-1.43327	10.50269
H	2.25439	-0.36224	9.86865
C	2.04251	-0.26359	12.01917
H	2.82333	-1.01457	12.19655
H	1.25702	-0.44732	12.76802
C	2.61905	1.14875	12.22537
H	2.99596	1.25819	13.24812
H	3.48285	1.28118	11.56252
C	3.05794	4.64043	10.85955
H	2.31887	4.64440	10.04322
C	3.50348	6.09996	11.08864
H	2.65036	6.72109	11.39295
H	4.21243	6.13750	11.92361
C	4.16231	6.69901	9.83448
H	3.41959	6.76355	9.02449
H	4.48826	7.72619	10.04312

C	5.34922	5.84550	9.36582
H	5.78081	6.26279	8.44686
H	6.14017	5.87784	10.12901
C	4.92249	4.38865	9.14151
H	5.78754	3.77692	8.85422
H	4.21567	4.34487	8.29886
C	4.25645	3.78446	10.39256
H	3.93257	2.76445	10.16335
H	4.99462	3.71010	11.19884
C	-3.03989	4.22720	11.34523
H	-2.34990	3.46173	11.70438
H	-3.37831	3.93181	10.34468
H	-3.91804	4.24127	12.00105
N	3.45706	7.54485	15.04165
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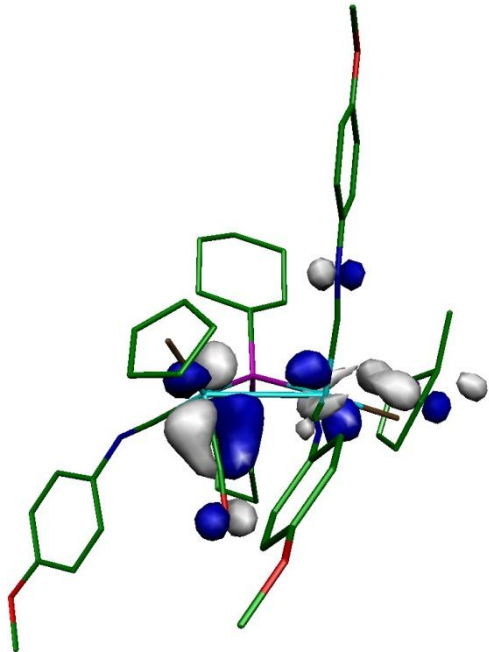
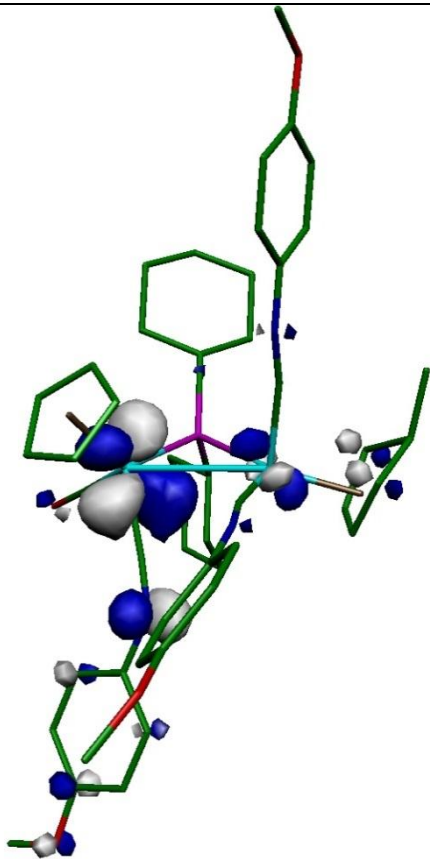
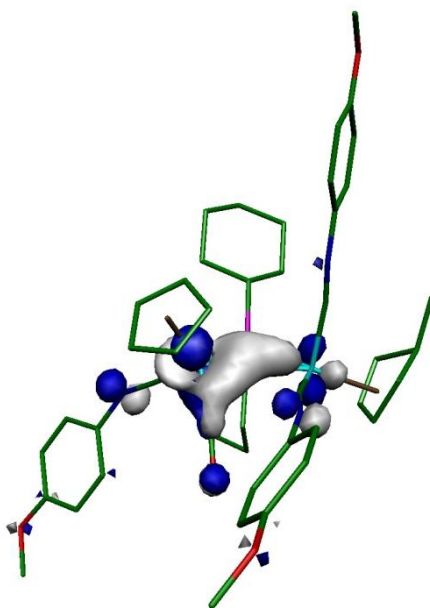
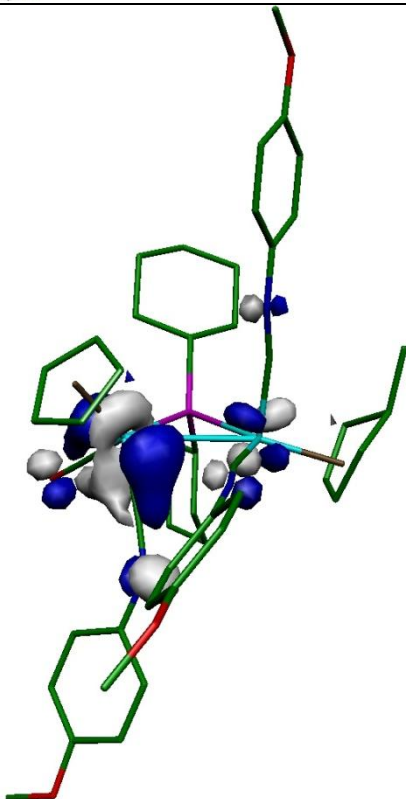


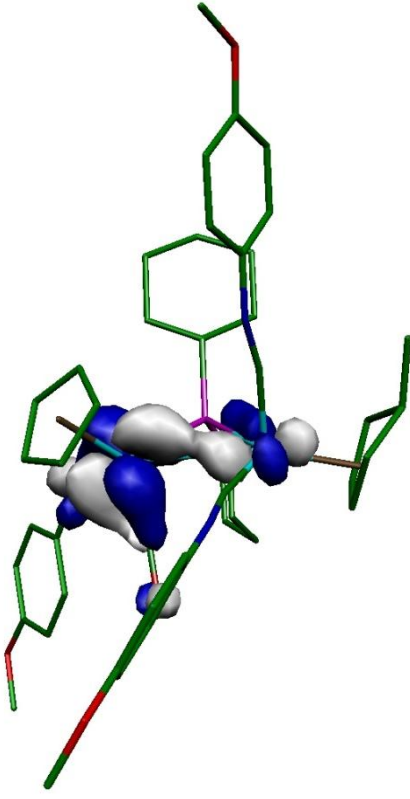
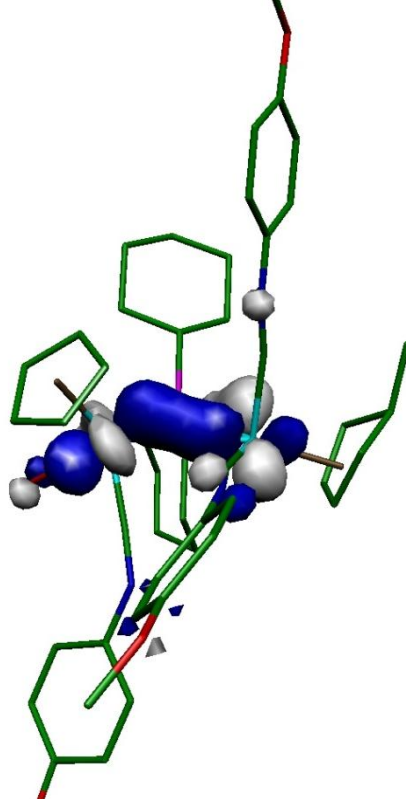
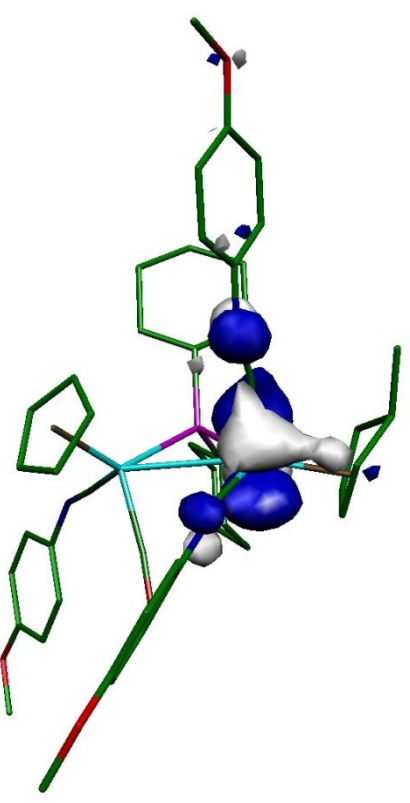
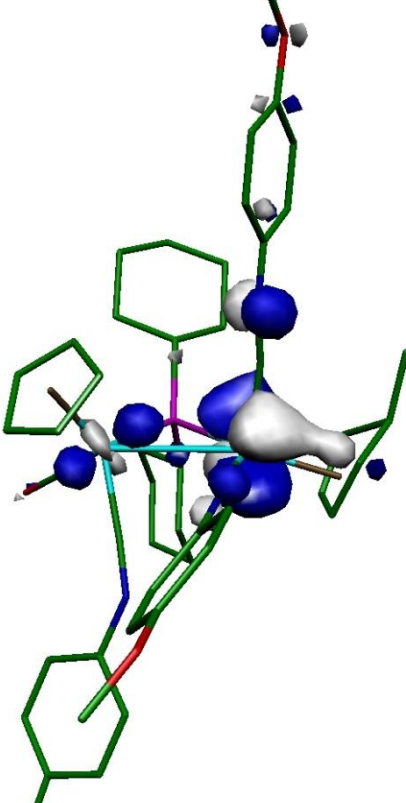
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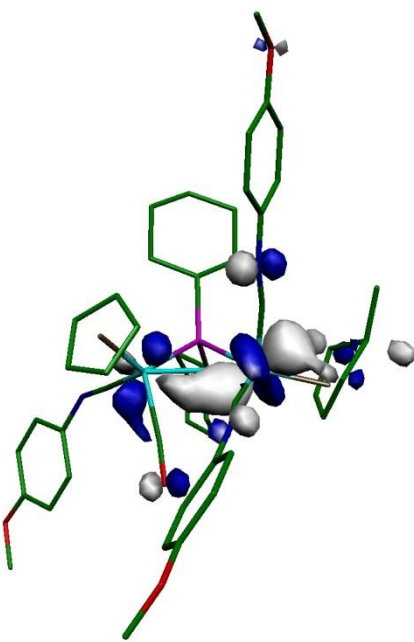
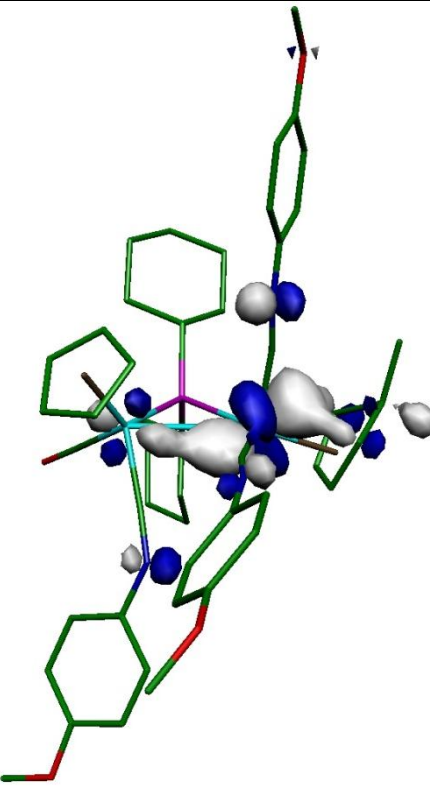
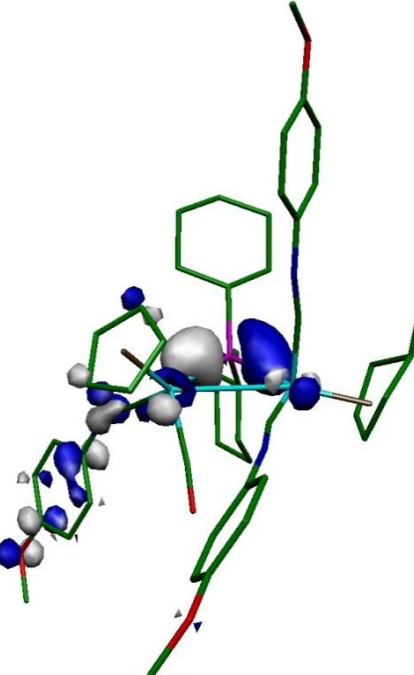
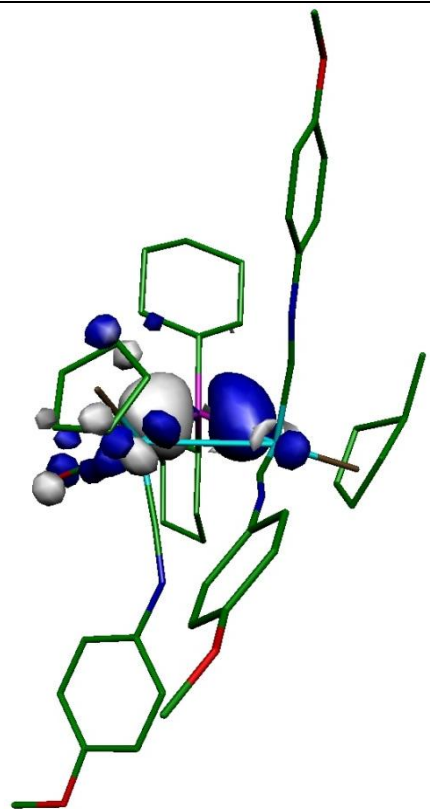
Table S16. Gibbs free energies (kcal/mol) at 298K of different models of the methylcyclopentadiene complex **5**, relative to the most stable one in each case.

	5-C	5-T	5-C-H	5-T-H
ΔG_{gas}	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.0

Table S17. Selected Molecular Orbitals for isomers 5-T and 5-C, with their energies (in eV) and main bonding character indicated in each case

MO	5-T	5-C	MO
HOMO 220 -4.27 $\pi_{\text{M-CO}} + \pi_{\text{M-C5H5Me}}$			HOMO 220 -4.13 $\pi_{\text{M-CNAr}}$
MO 219 -4.37 $\sigma_{\text{M-M}} + \pi_{\text{M-CO}} + \pi_{\text{M-CNAr}}$			MO 219 -4.52 $\pi_{\text{M-CNAr}} + \pi_{\text{M-CO}}$

MO 218 -4.58 $\sigma_{M-M} + \pi_{M-CO}$			MO 218 -4.74 $\sigma_{M-M} + \pi_{M-CO}$
MO 217 -4.73 π_{M-CNAr}			MO 217 -4.83 π_{M-CNAr}

MO 216 -5.11 $\pi_{M-M} + \pi_{M-C5H5Me}$			MO 216 -5.06 $\pi_{M-M} + \pi_{M-C5H5Me}$
MO 215 -5.55 σ_{M-P}			MO 215 -5.78 σ_{M-P}