

Photophysical, Dynamic and Redox Behavior of *tris*-(2,6-Diisopropylphenyl)phosphine

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Table S1. Interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°] for Dipp₃P and Dipp₃P⁺ from X-ray and Computation¹

Dimension	Experiment C ₃ Dipp ₃ P	C ₃ in B3LYP/6- 31G(d)	D ₃ in B3LYP/6- 31G(d)	C ₃ in HF6/6- 31G(d)	[Dipp ₃ P] ⁺ in UHF6/6- 31G(d)
P-C1	1.8507(16)	1.8781	1.8142	1.8777	1.8353
C1-C6	1.418(2)	1.4236	1.4272	1.4122	1.4164
C1-C2	1.425(2)	1.4310		1.4221	1.4187
C2-C3	1.388(3)	1.3988	1.3980	1.3877	1.3964
C2-C7	1.517(3)	1.5348	1.5236	1.5354	1.5301
C3-C4	1.395(3)	1.3901	1.3945	1.3793	1.3843
C4-C5	1.368(4)	1.3869		1.3748	1.3852
C5-C6	1.403(3)	1.4034		1.3936	1.3962
C6-C10	1.514(3)	1.5291		1.5288	1.5273
C7-C9	1.531(3)	1.5412	1.5362	1.5354	1.5373
C7-C8	1.531(3)	1.5410	1.5451	1.5373	1.5362
C10-C12	1.529(3)	1.5405		1.5352	1.5365
C10-C11	1.531(3)	1.5441		1.5396	1.5378
P oop of C1 × 3 ²	0.539	0.536	0	0.531	0.193
P oop C2-C3-C5-C6 ³	0.430	0.434	0	0.424	0.060
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C1#1-P-C1	111.88(5)	112.2	120.0	112.3	118.9
C6-C1-C2	118.90(16)	118.8	121.4	118.5	121.3
C6-C1-P	127.17(13)	126.8		127.2	122.5
C2-C1-P	113.10(12)	113.4	119.29	113.4	116.2
C3-C2-C1	119.67(17)	119.5	117.8	119.6	117.9
C3-C2-C7	117.58(17)	116.8	124.5	116.3	117.2
C1-C2-C7	122.75(15)	123.7	121.4	124.1	124.9
C2-C3-C4	121.0(2)	121.5	120.1	121.5	121.4
C5-C4-C3	119.51(19)	119.1		119.2	120.0
C4-C5-C6	122.0(2)	121.9		121.8	121.6
C5-C6-C1	118.8(2)	119.1		119.3	117.7
C5-C6-C10	117.42(19)	116.2		115.7	117.4
C1-C6-C10	123.75(17)	124.7		124.9	124.8
C2-C7-C9	110.48(18)	110.8	112.6	111.0	112.0
C2-C7-C8	111.87(19)	113.1	111.8	113.1	111.8
C9-C7-C8	110.9(2)	110.5	110.8	110.3	110.7
C6-C10-C12	112.4(2)	112.6		112.6	111.6
C6-C10-C11	111.2(2)	111.6		111.7	112.3
C12-C10-C11	109.9(2)	109.8		109.5	110.2

¹ Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+y-1,-x-1,z. Atom numbering scheme, see following page.² Plane of the three *isopropyl* C atoms of the aryl rings.³ Plane of the four *ortho* and *meta* C atoms of the aryl ring.

Table S2. Table of electronic spectra of Dipp₃P, Dipp₃P⁺⁺ and Ph₃P analogues^a

Compound	Conditions	λ_1	λ_2	λ_3	Luminescence	Stokes Shift kJ/mol
Dipp ₃ P	hexanes	205 (11.4)	254(8.7)	326(9.3)	503	129
Dipp ₃ P	ethanol ^b	212	252	325	516	136
Dipp ₃ P	CH ₂ Cl ₂		255(3.95)	327(4.01)	—	—
Ph ₃ P	cyclohexane			260	445	201
Ph ₃ P	ethanol			264	500	225
		λ_1	λ_2	λ_3	λ_4	λ_5
Dipp ₃ P ⁺⁺ PF ₆ ⁻	CH ₂ Cl ₂	251 (3.99)	281 (3.89) sh	285 (3.91)	296 (3.78)	341 (3.49) sh
		λ_6	λ_7	λ_8	λ_9	
		357 (3.84)	373 (4.04)	456 (3.29) sh	498 (3.31)	
		λ_1		λ_2	λ_3	
PPh ₃ ⁺⁺	flash photolysis on Vycor	330		345	438	
PPh ₃ ⁺⁺	50:50 EtOH/H ₂ O ^c	330		320		

^a Data reported as λ_{\max} (nm) with log| ϵ | in brackets.^b Saturated solution, log| ϵ | not determined.^c Joschek H. I.; Grossweiner, L. I. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, 88, 3261-3268.

Table S3. Table of hfc constants for [Dipp₃P]⁺ from UB3LYP/6-31G(d) calculations.¹

Atom/Group	Calc'd Spin Density	Calc'd B3LYP hfc (mT) ²
P	0.844	19.2
C1	-0.146	-0.22
C2	0.12	0.35
C3	-0.054	-0.33
HC3	0.002	0.03
C4	0.112	0.14
HC4	-0.005	-0.08
C5	-0.043	-0.03
HC5	0.005	0.29
C6	0.122	0.57
C7	0.041	0.19
HC7	-0.02	0.19
C8	-0.003	-0.01
H ₃ C8	0.008	0.07
C9	0.007	0.09
H ₃ C9	0.004	0.03
C10	0.003	0.04
HC10	-0.008	0.01
C11	0.005	0.06
H ₃ C11	0.001	0
C12	0.001	0.01
H ₃ C12	0.002	0.19

¹ Atom numbering scheme is that used in the crystallographic diagram, reproduced below (view is from above the C₃P pyramid).

² Boldface numbers indicate isotopes with high abundance (¹H and ³¹P).

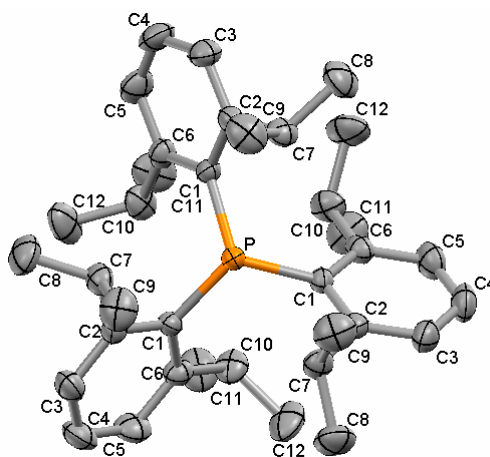


Table S4. Summary of Cyclic Voltammetry Data obtained for oxidation of Dipp₃P

Solvent	[M]	Electrode	$\nu / \text{mV s}^{-1}$	E_f° / V^a	$\Delta E_p / \text{mV}$	$I_p^{\text{ox}} / \mu\text{A}$	$I_p^{\text{red}} / \mu\text{A}$	$ I_p^{\text{red}}/I_p^{\text{ox}} $			
DCM ^b	0.558	Pt (1.6 mm)	50	0.08	100	2.11	-2.12	1.00			
			100	0.09	103	2.78	-2.79	1.00			
			400	0.07	158	4.79	-4.99	1.04			
			800	0.08	195	6.25	-6.36	1.02			
	0.558	GC (3 mm)	50	0.07	102	7.22	-7.04	0.98			
			100	0.07	120	9.90	-9.60	0.97			
			200	0.07	144	13.44	-12.60	0.94			
			400	0.08	179	16.78	-15.88	0.95			
			800	0.08	219	23.30	-21.60	0.93			
			ACN ^b	0.10	Pt (1.6 mm)	50	0.17	79	0.36	-0.35	0.96
						100	0.18	87	0.49	-0.49	1.00
						200	0.18	76	0.75	-0.73	0.98
400	0.18	73				1.04	-0.90	0.87			
800	0.18	86				1.31	-1.24	0.95			
1200	0.18	95				1.47	-1.47	1.00			
4000	0.18	138				2.93	-2.89	0.99			
0.10	GC (3 mm)	50		0.17	70	1.28	-1.05	0.82			
		100		0.17	68	2.03	-1.65	0.81			
		200		0.16	71	2.54	-2.27	0.89			
		400		0.16	74	3.56	-2.98	0.84			
		800		0.16	83	4.96	-4.30	0.87			
0.10	Pt (11 μm)	20	0.16 ^c	71 ^d	0.26 ^e						
		50	0.17 ^c	74 ^d	0.25 ^e						
		100	0.17 ^c	85 ^d	0.27 ^e						
	GC (11 μm)	50	0.22 ^c	116 ^d	0.21 ^e						

^a E_f° (V vs Fc⁺/Fc couple),

^b Containing 0.1 M ⁿBu₄PF₆ at 295 K.

^c Half-wave potentials

^d $|E_{3/4} - E_{1/4}|$

^e limiting current at microelectrodes in nA.

Table S5. Diffusion Coefficient Values for Dipp₃P obtained by different techniques

RDE ^a	Electrode	D / 10 ⁻⁵ cm ² s ⁻¹	RPM
CH ₃ CN	Pt	1.18	1000
CH ₃ CN	Pt	1.16	2000
CH ₃ CN	Pt	1.09	3000
CH ₃ CN	GC	1.15	2000
CH ₃ CN	GC	1.14	3000
CH ₂ Cl ₂	GC	1.03	500
CH ₂ Cl ₂	GC	1.05	1000
CH ₂ Cl ₂	GC	1.05	2000
CH ₂ Cl ₂	GC	1.04	3000
CV ^b	Electrode	D / 10 ⁻⁵ cm ² s ⁻¹	
CH ₃ CN	Pt	0.82	
CH ₃ CN	GCE	0.87	
CH ₂ Cl ₂	Pt	0.93	
CH ₂ Cl ₂	GCE	1.19	
CH ₂ Cl ₂	Au	0.98	
I _{ss} ^c	Electrode	D / 10 ⁻⁵ cm ² s ⁻¹	v/ mV s ⁻¹
CH ₃ CN	Pt (11 μm)	1.22	20
		1.18	50
CH ₃ CN	GC(11 μm)	1.10	50

^a RDE = rotating disk electrode 0.1 M ⁿBu₄NPF₆ electrolyte present; D values calculated from Levich equation.⁴¹

^b By fitting to the Randles-Sevcik equation 0.1 M ⁿBu₄NPF₆ electrolyte present.⁴¹

^c Using limiting current with microelectrodes of indicated diameter, 0.1 M ⁿBu₄NPF₆ electrolyte present, assuming steady-state conditions and equations.

Table S6. Dependence of E_f for the $[\text{Dipp}_3\text{P}]^{+}/0$ process in CH_2Cl_2 on concentration and ${}^n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ electrolyte concentration. ^a

$[\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6] / \text{M}$	$R_{\text{mes}} / \text{ohm}$	$[\text{Dipp}_3\text{P}] / \text{mM}$	E_f / V (vs. Fc^+/Fc)
0.511	2150	0.497	0.09
0.051	3160	0.519	0.07
0.511	1950	7.000	0.08
0.051	3160	2.756	0.07

^a Data obtained at a GC electrode at a scan rate of 100 mV s^{-1} **Table S7.** Dependence of cyclic voltammetric data for oxidation of Dipp_3P on concentration. ^a

$[\text{Dipp}_3\text{P}] / \text{mM}$ ^b	ΔE_p	$i_p / \mu\text{A}$
0.497	64	0.825
2.02	71	3.72
4.26	81	9.25
9.23	96	16.5

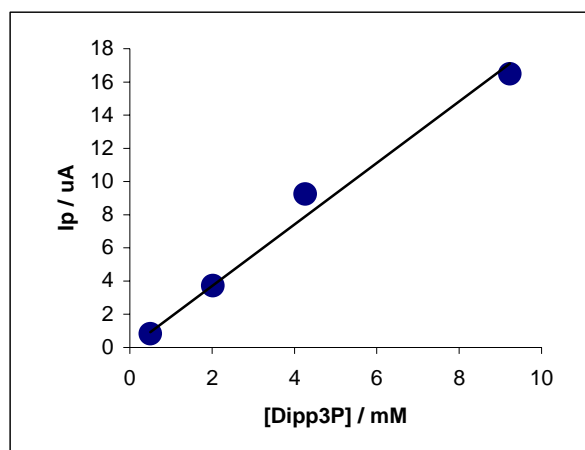
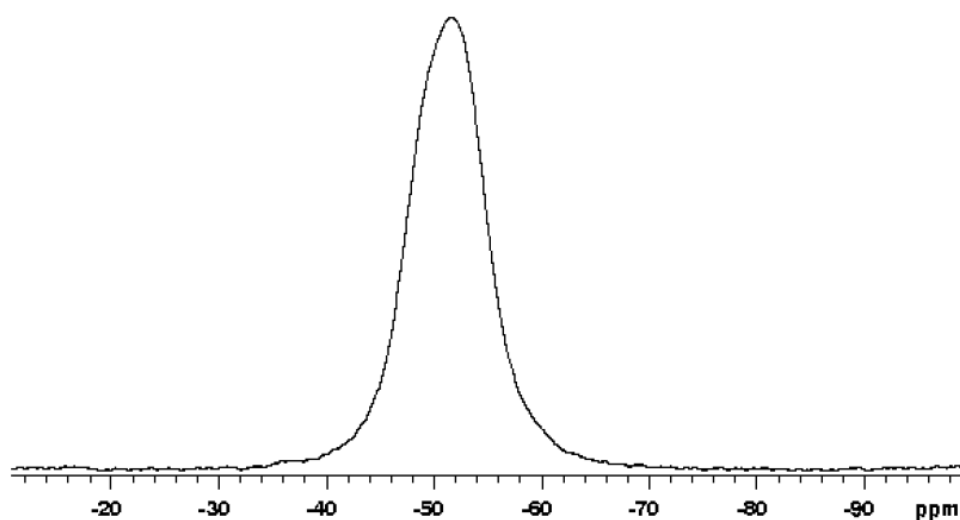
^a Data obtained at a GC electrode at a scan rate of 95 mVs^{-1} .^b In CH_2Cl_2 ($0.5 \text{ M } {}^n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$).**Figure S1.** $\text{SS } {}^{31}\text{P}$ NMR spectrum in a MAS probe of Dipp_3P without spinning and with cross polarization and ${}^1\text{H}$ decoupling. The $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$ is 4.4 kHz.

Figure S2 Solution ^1H NMR of Dipp_3P in CD_2Cl_2 at -80°C (bottom) and 25°C (top)

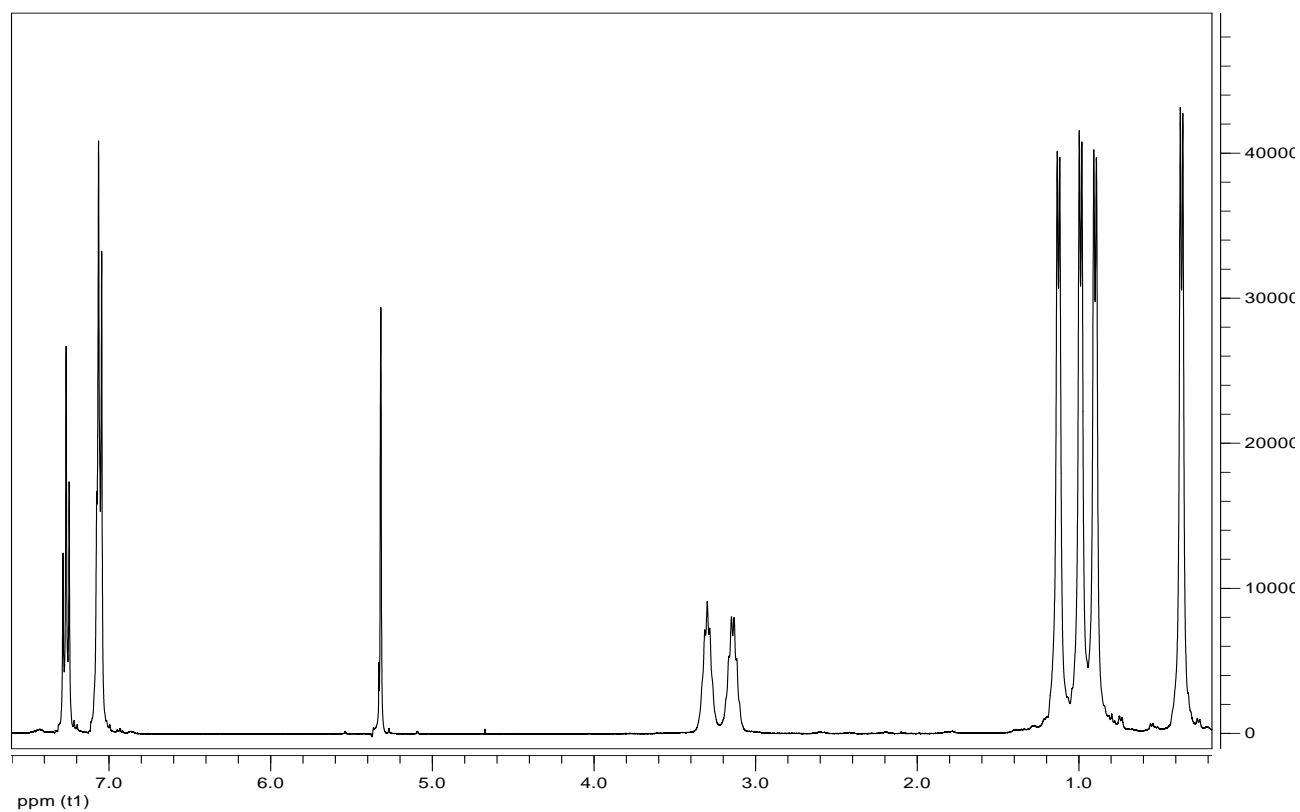
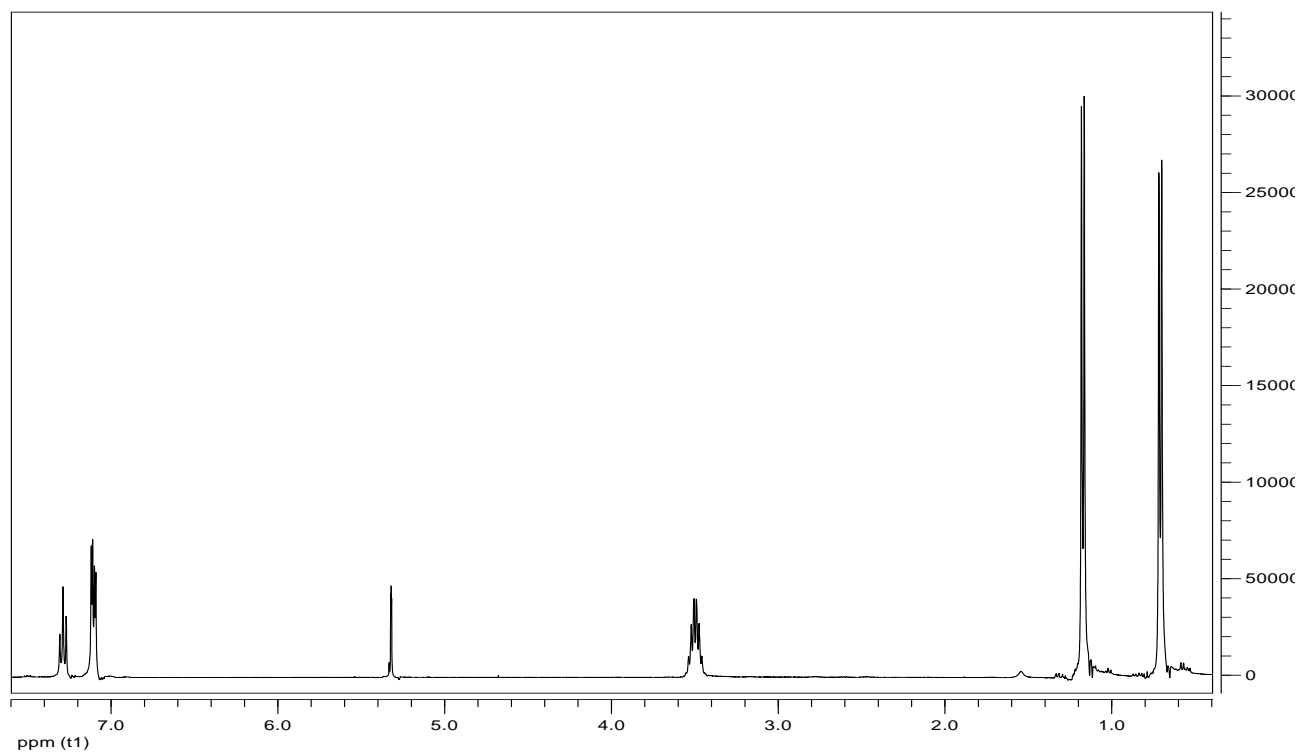


Figure S3 Eyring Plots for the DNMR measurements of Dipp₃P from the $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$ analysis for ¹³C and ¹H data, respectively, for the isopropyl methyl groups. Experimental data are from the downfield (solid circles) and upfield (open circles) methyl carbon resonances. Lines are linear regression fits.

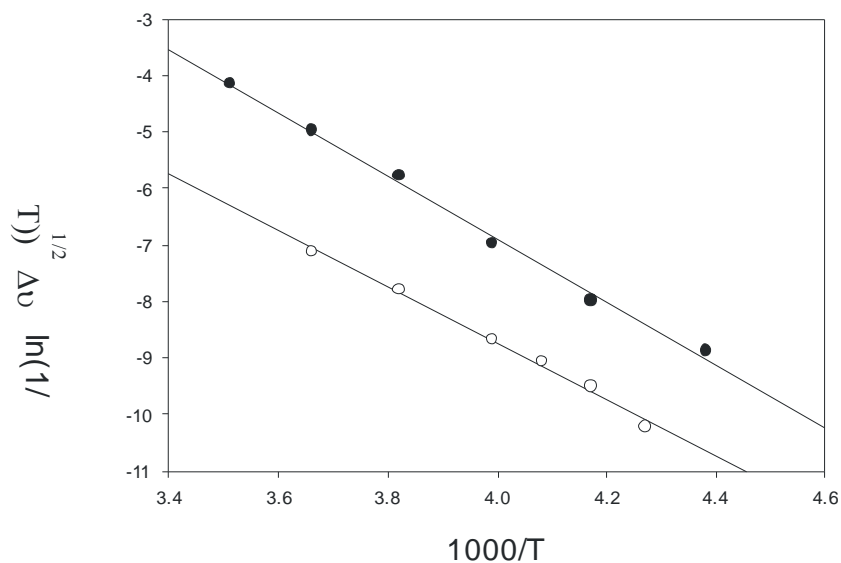


Figure S4 Eyring Plots for the DNMR measurements of Dipp₃P from the LSA analysis for ¹³C and ¹H data, respectively, for the isopropyl methyl groups. Experimental data are from the downfield (solid circles) and upfield (open circles) methyl carbon resonances. Lines are linear regression fits.

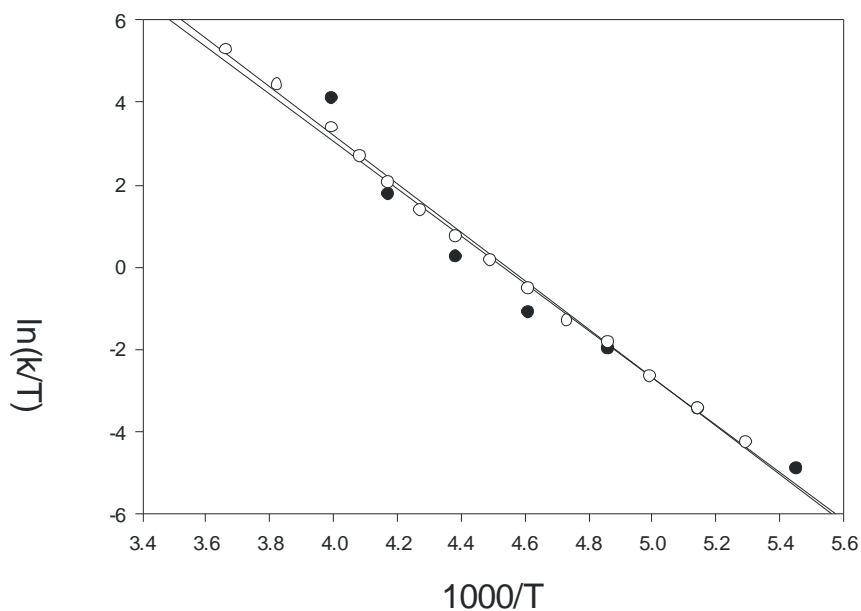


Figure S5 Summary of the Eyring Plots for the DNMR measurements of Dipp₃P for ¹³C and ¹H data, respectively, for the isopropyl methyl groups. Experimental data are all from the downfield methyl carbon resonances, as follows: (solid circles) LSA in ¹³C; (solid triangles) LSA in ¹H; (open circles) $\Delta v_{1/2}$ analysis in ¹³C; (open triangles) $\Delta v_{1/2}$ analysis in ¹H.

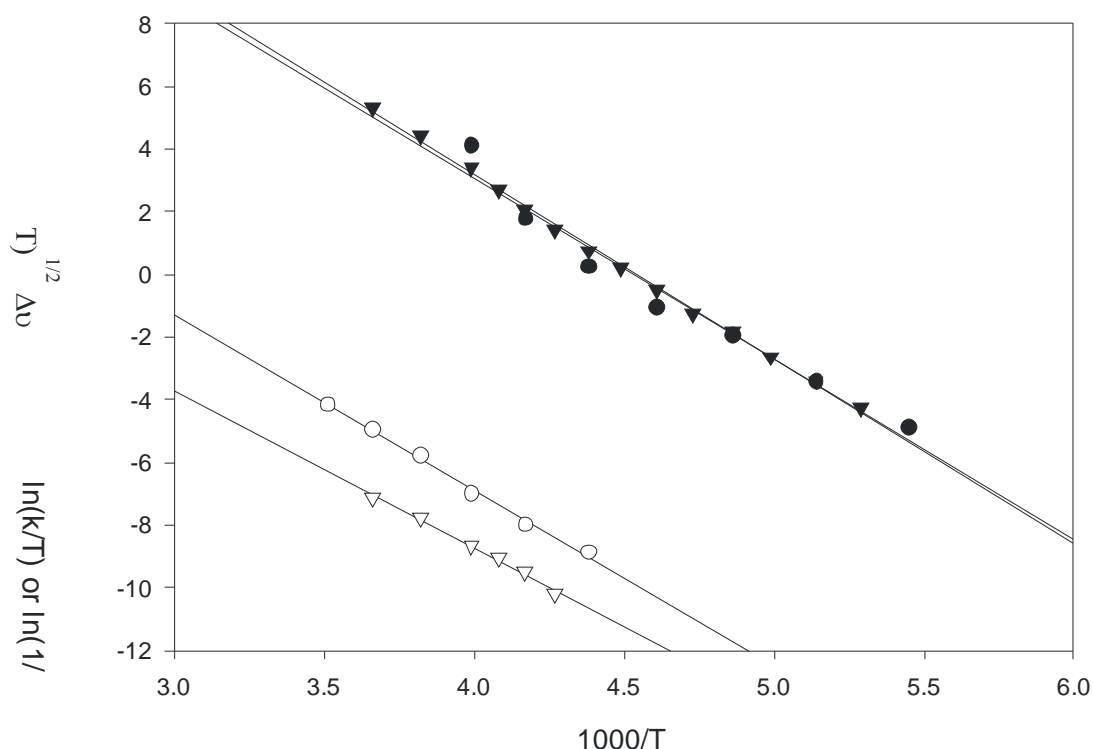


Figure S6 RDE simulated and experimental voltammograms for Dipp₃P (8.85 mM) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5M ⁿBu₄NPF₆) at a GC electrode. (a) RDE of Dipp₃P before bulk electrolysis and best fit simulation $E_f^\circ = 0.08$ V; $\alpha = 0.5$; $k_s = 0.01$ cm² s⁻¹; $D_R = D_O = 1.06 \times 10^{-5}$ cm² s⁻¹; [Dipp₃P] = 8.85 mM; kinetic viscosity of CH₂Cl₂ = 0.0033 cm² s⁻¹; electrode radius = 0.15 cm; $R_u = 1000$ ohm). (b) [Dipp₃P]⁺ generated in bulk electrolysis, experimental and best fit parameters: $R_u = 700$ ohm (all other parameters as in a). R_u has decreased from 1000 ohm to 700 ohm because Dipp₃P⁺ provides additional electrolyte. Potentials vs. Fc⁺⁰.

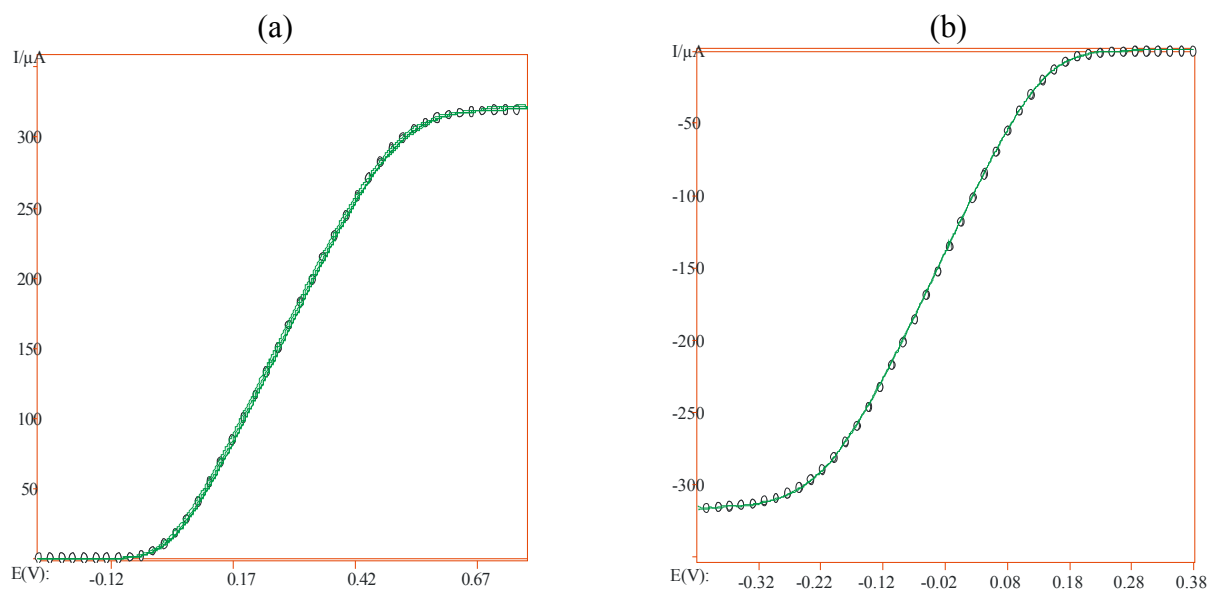


Figure S7 Kohn-Sham total spin density surface plot of $[\text{Dipp}_3\text{P}]^{+\bullet}$ from a UB3LYP/6-31G(d) calculation. The view is down the 3-fold axis with the P atom in the centre, where most of the spin density is concentrated.

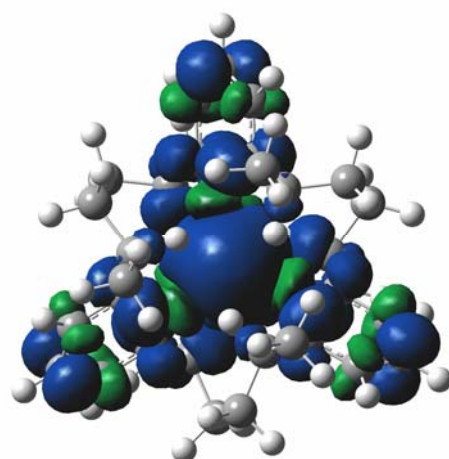
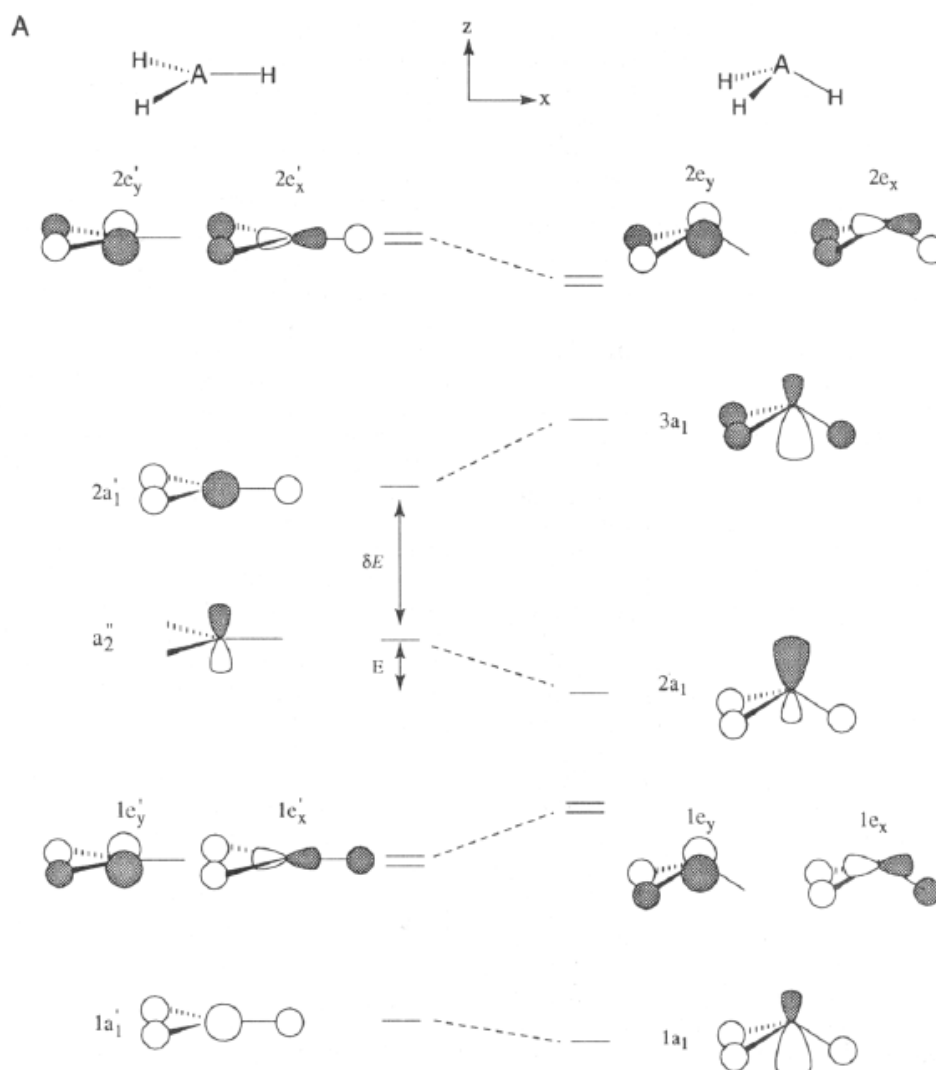


Figure S8 Walsh diagram connecting pyramidal (left) and planar (right) EH_3 frontier orbitals



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