

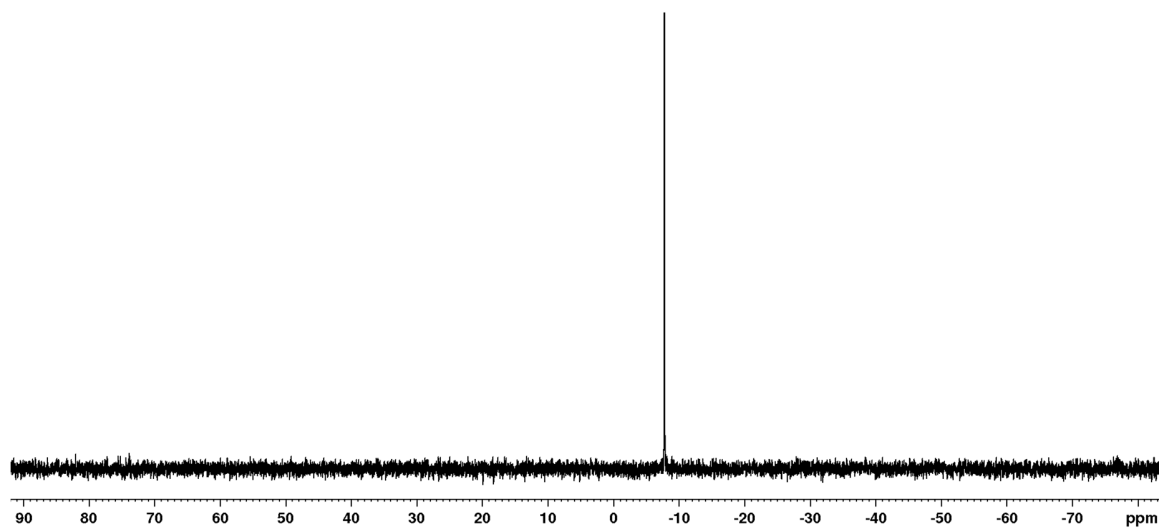
## Supporting Information

### **A SF<sub>5</sub> derivative of triphenylphosphine as an electron-poor ligand precursor for Rh and Ir complexes**

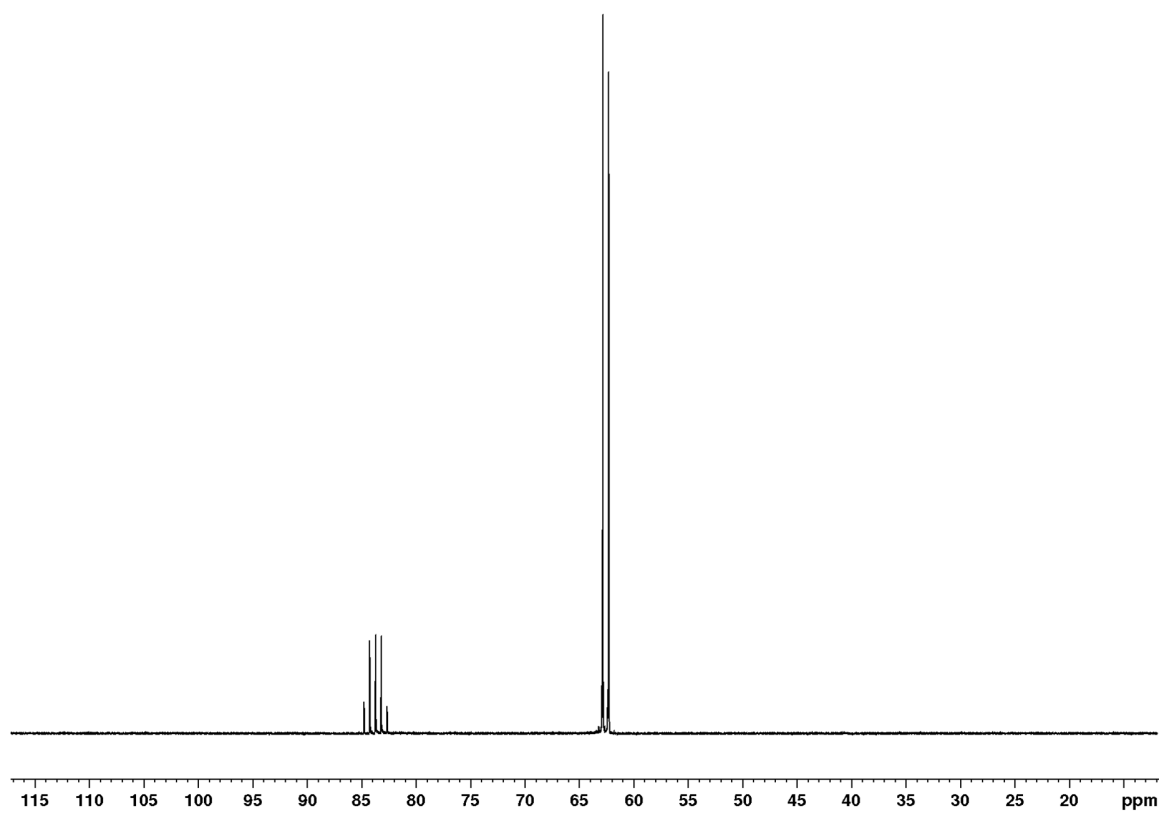
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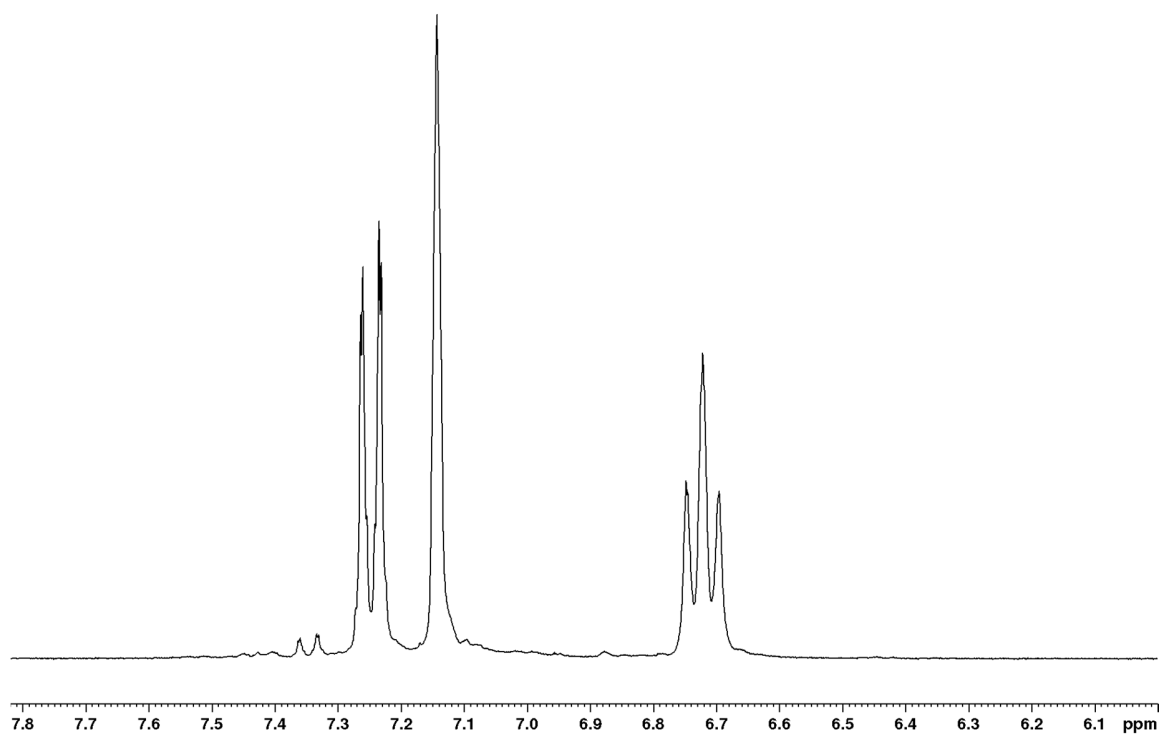
## NMR Spectra



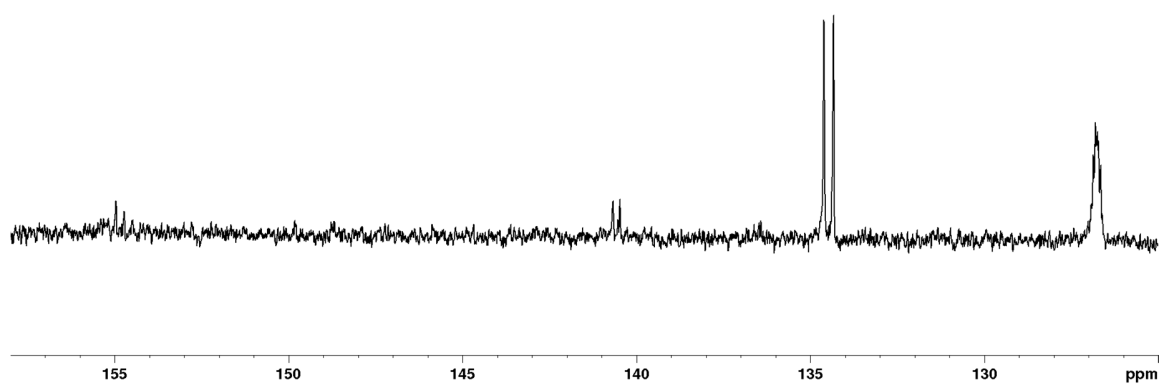
**Figure S1.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (121.5 MHz) of compound **1** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



**Figure S2.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum (282.4 MHz) of compound **1** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (300.1 MHz) of compound **1** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (75.4 MHz) of compound **1** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

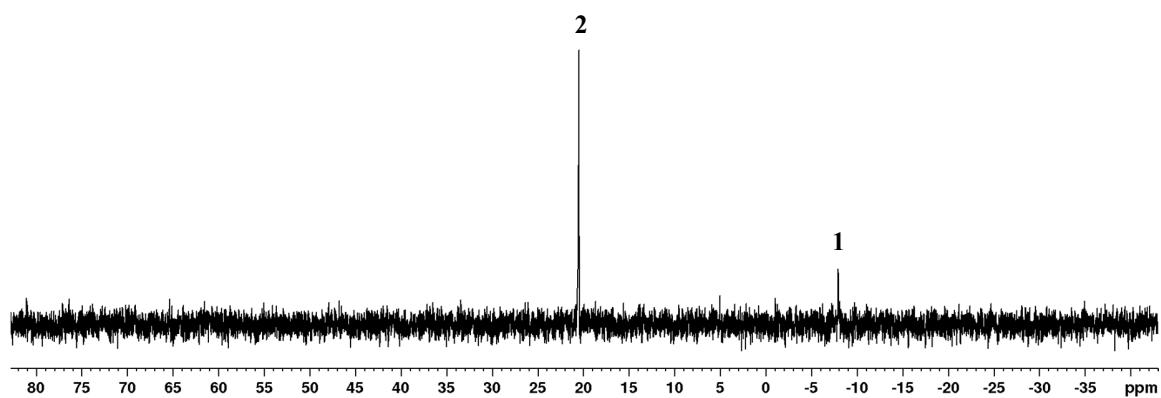


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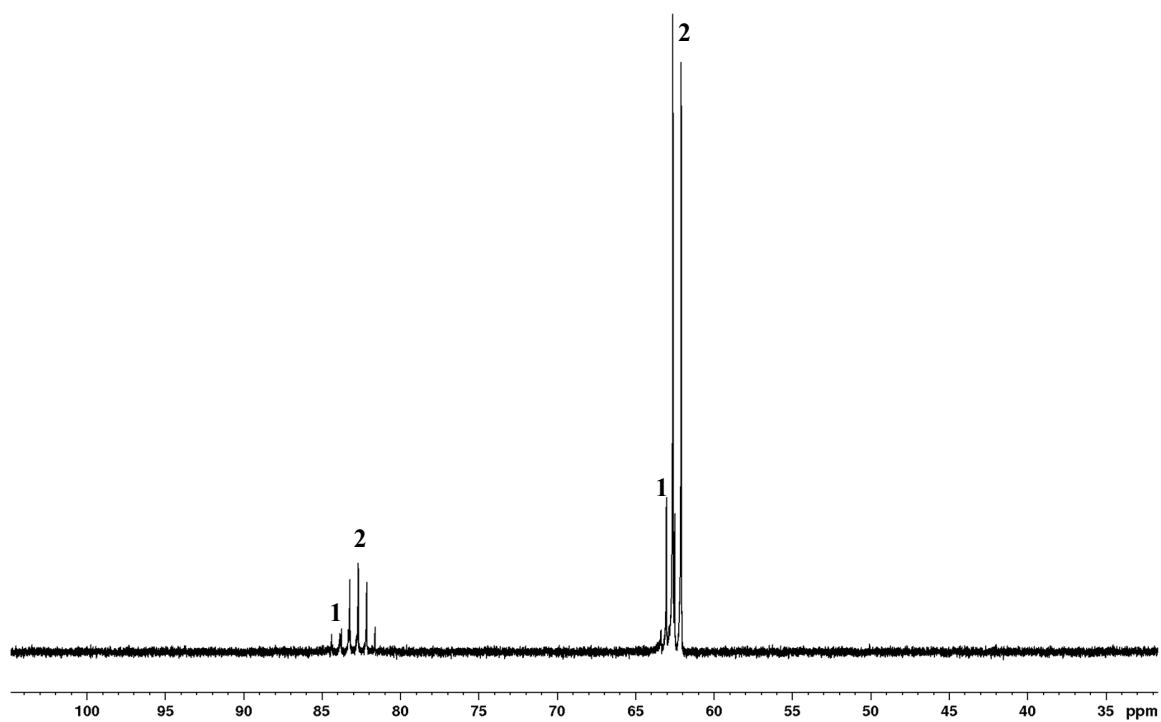
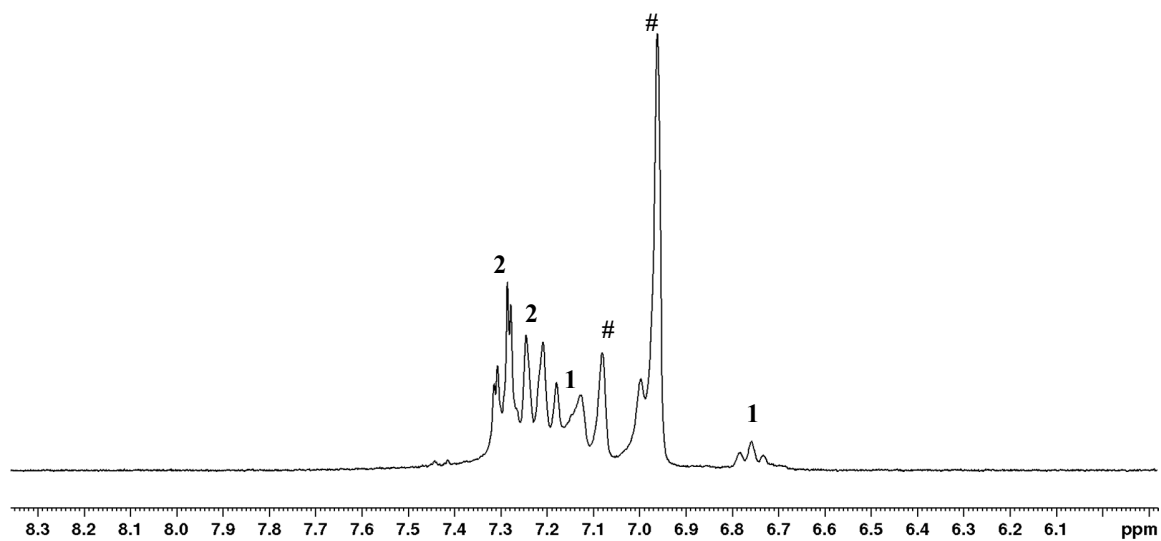
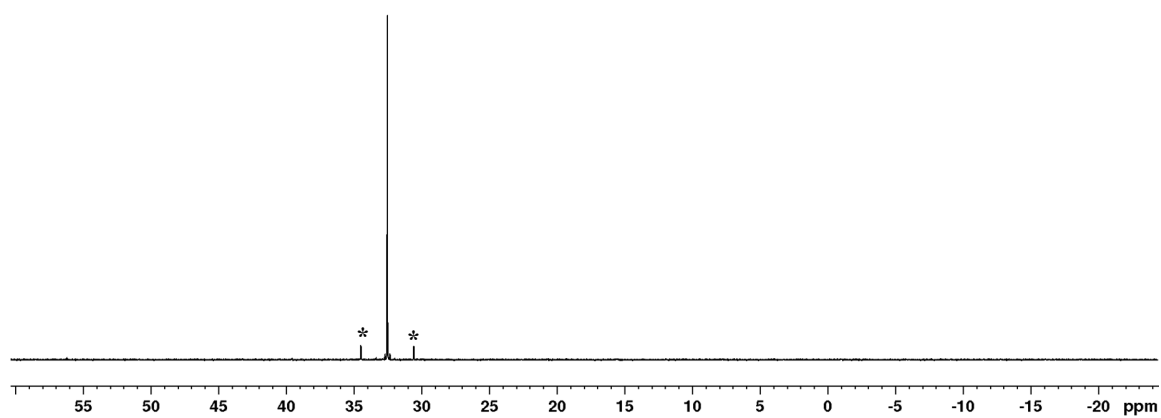


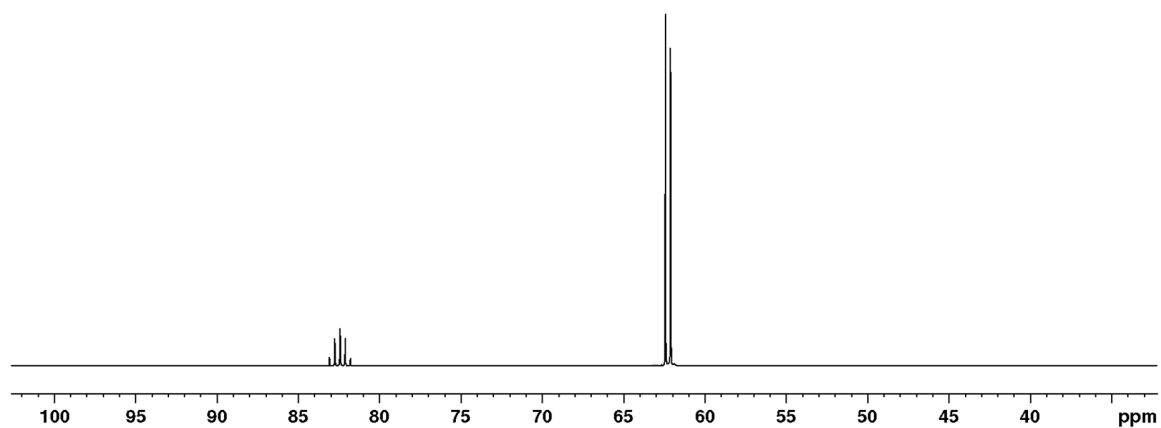
Figure S6.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum (282.4 MHz) of compound **2** in toluene- $d^8$ .



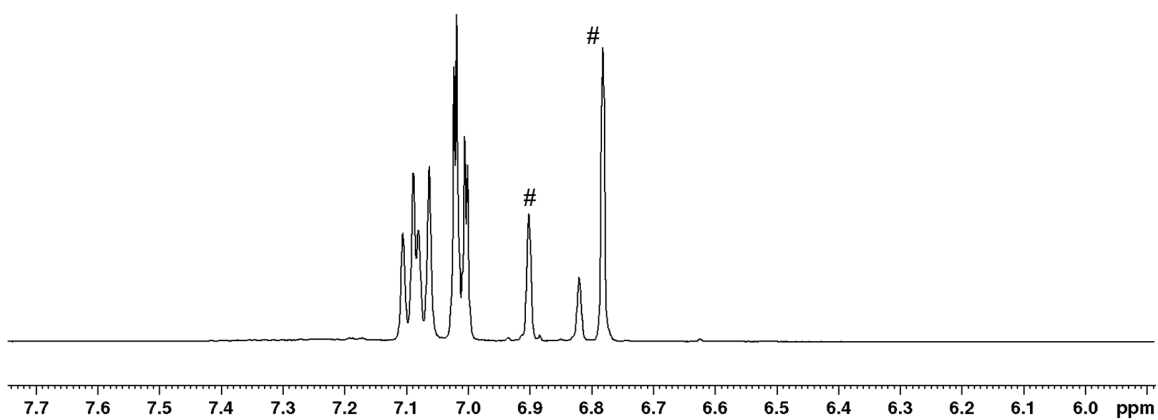
**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (300.1 MHz) of compound **2** in toluene- $d^8$  (#).



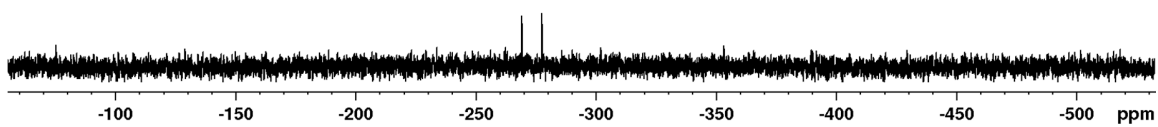
**Figure S8.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (202.4 MHz) of compound **3** in toluene- $d^8$ . \* $^{77}\text{Se}$  satellites.



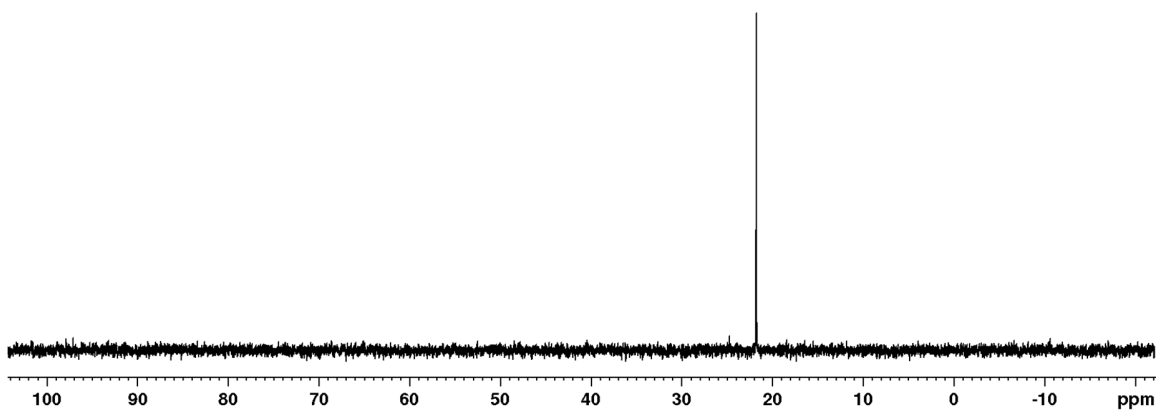
**Figure S9.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum (470.6 MHz) of compound **3** in toluene- $d^8$ .



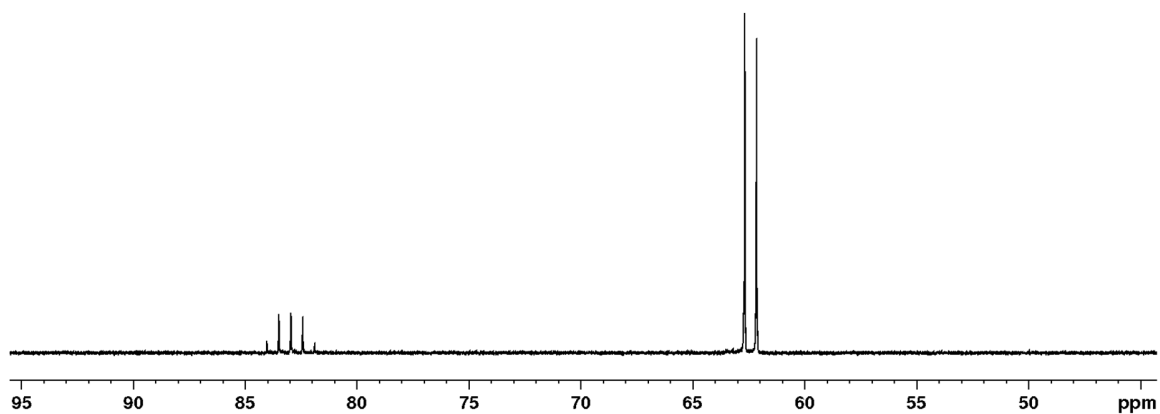
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500.1 MHz) of compound **3** in toluene- $d^8$  (#).



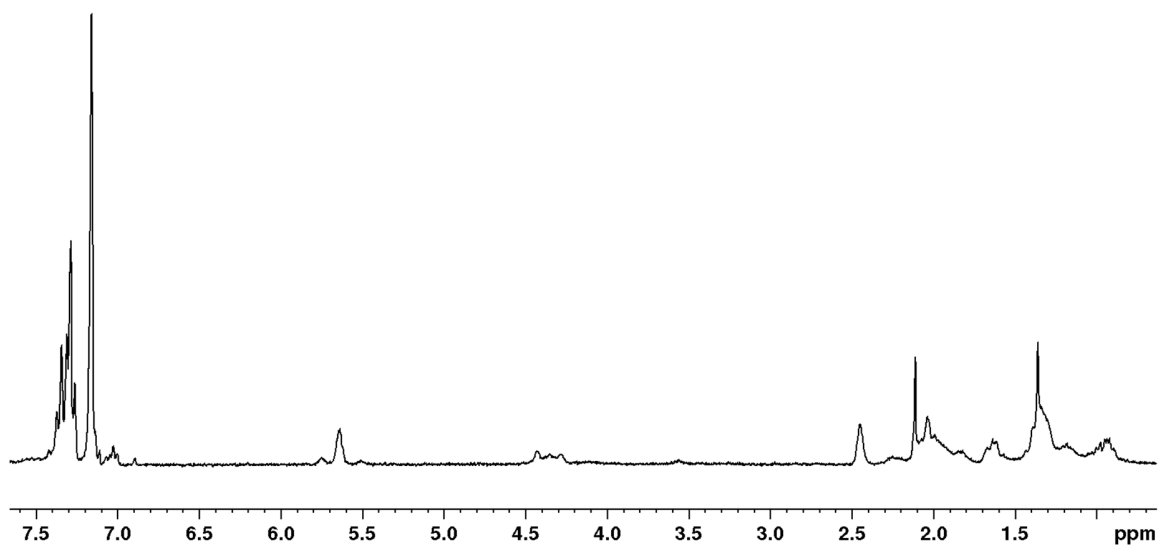
**Figure S11.**  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectrum (95.4 MHz) of compound **3** in toluene- $d^8$ .



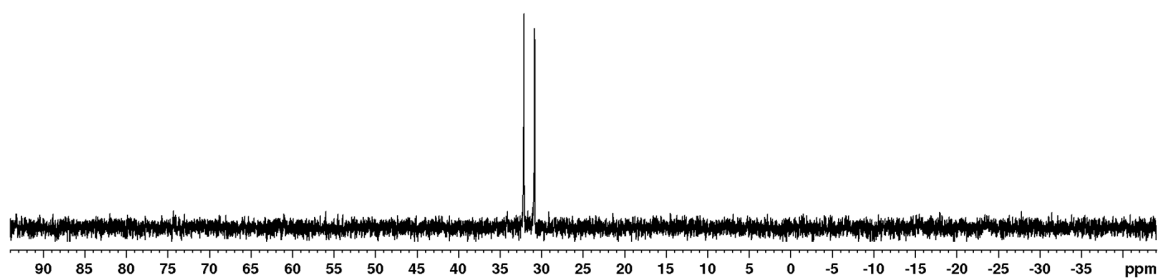
**Figure S12.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (121.5 MHz) of complex **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



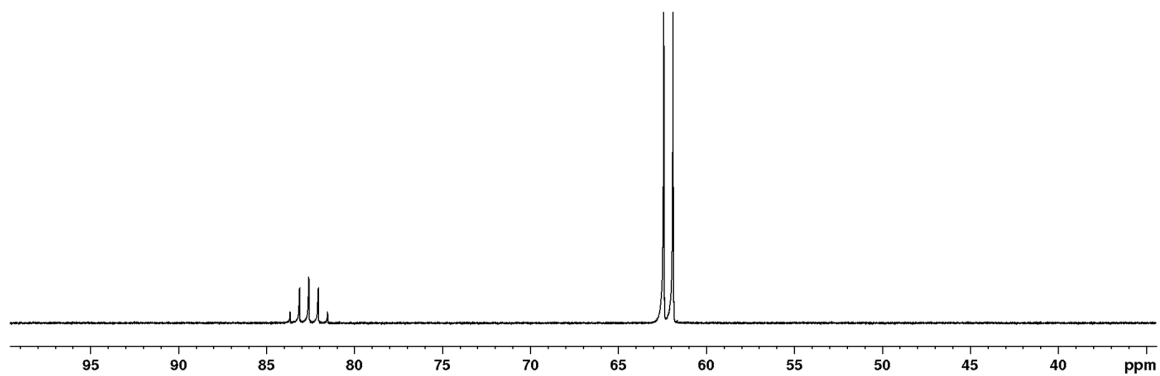
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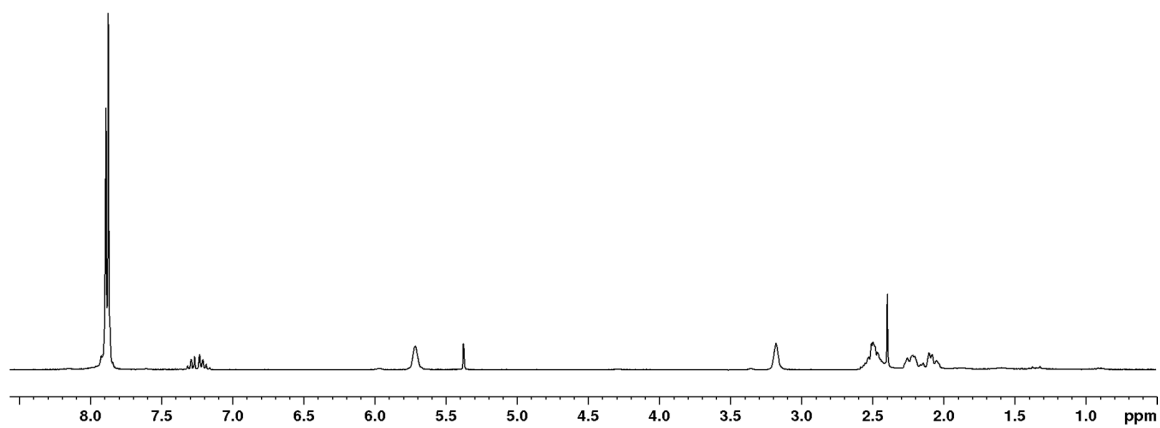
**Figure S14.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (300.1 MHz) of complex **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



**Figure S15.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (121.5 MHz) of compound **5** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

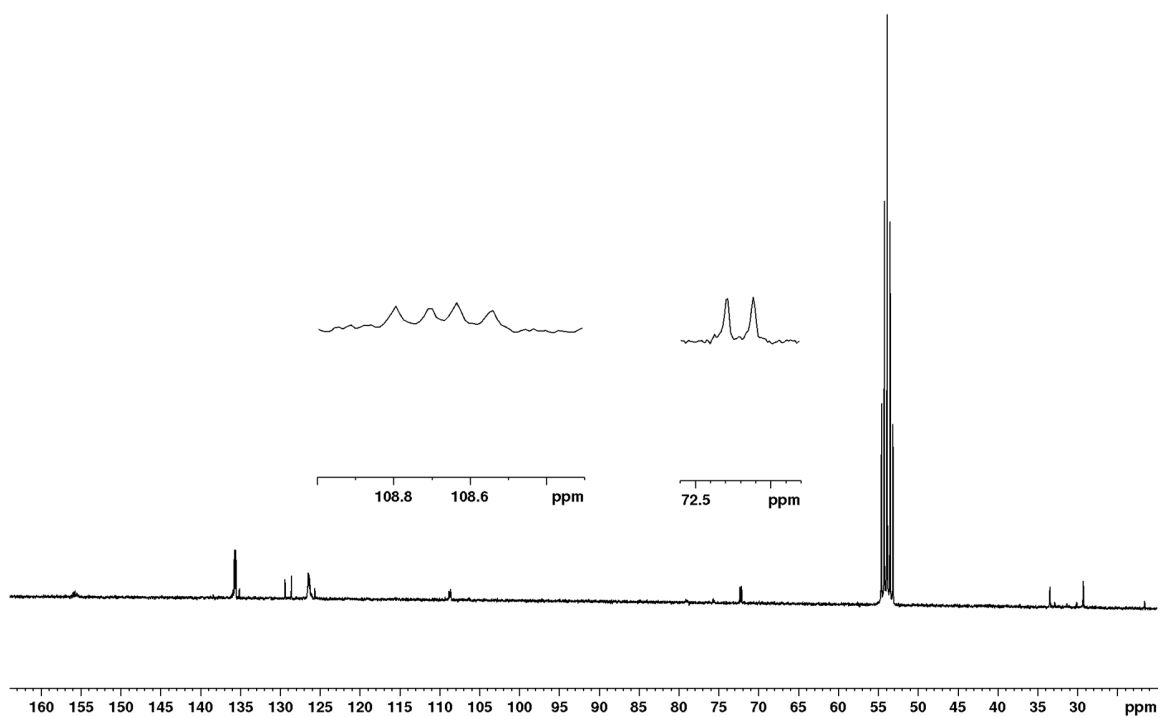


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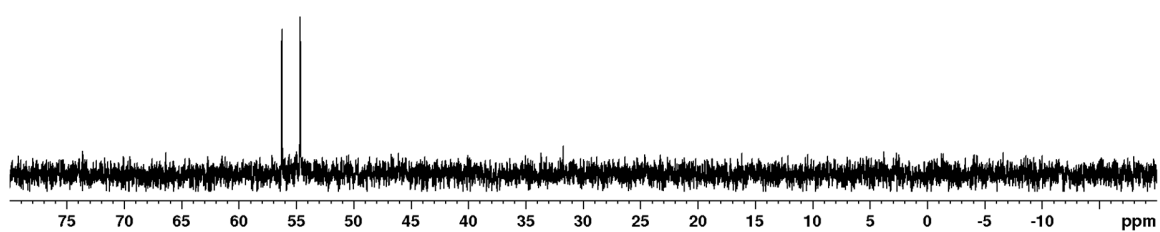


**Figure S17.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (300.1 MHz) of compound **5** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .





**Figure S18.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (75.4 MHz) of compound **6** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



**Figure S19.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (121.5 MHz) of compound **6** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

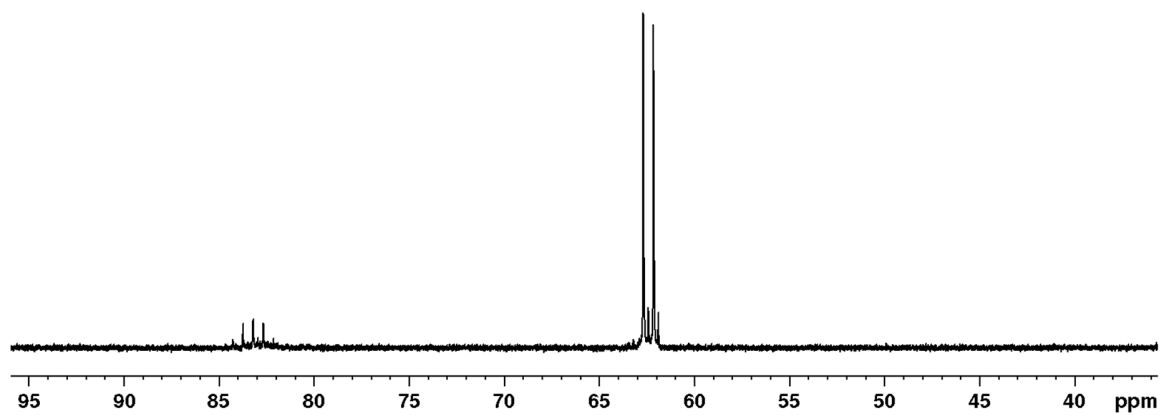


Figure S20.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum (282.4 MHz) of compound **6** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

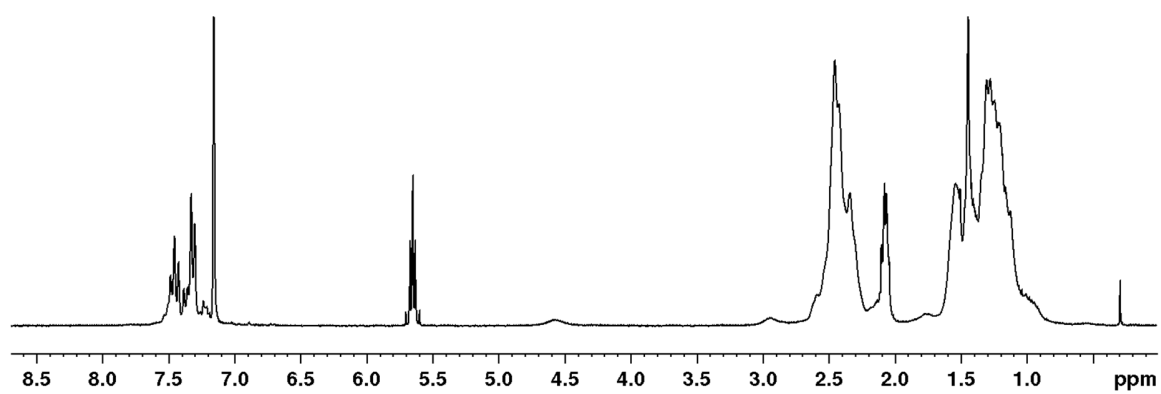


Figure S21.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (300.1 MHz) of compound **6** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

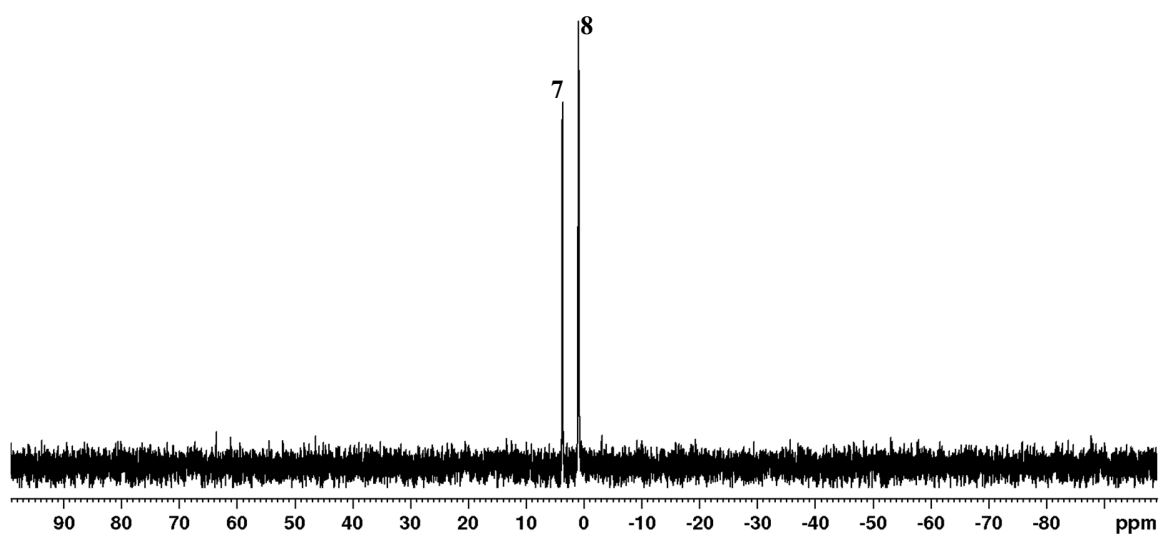
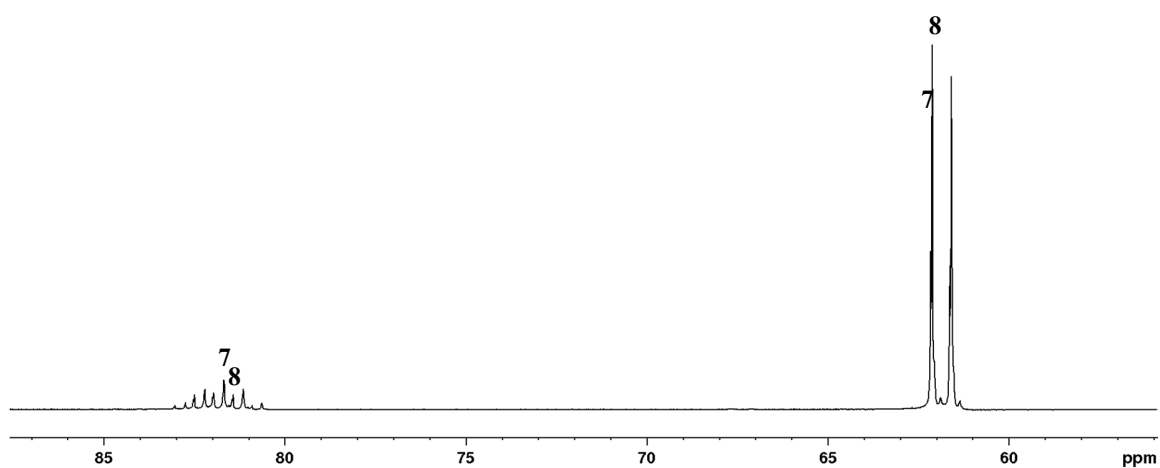
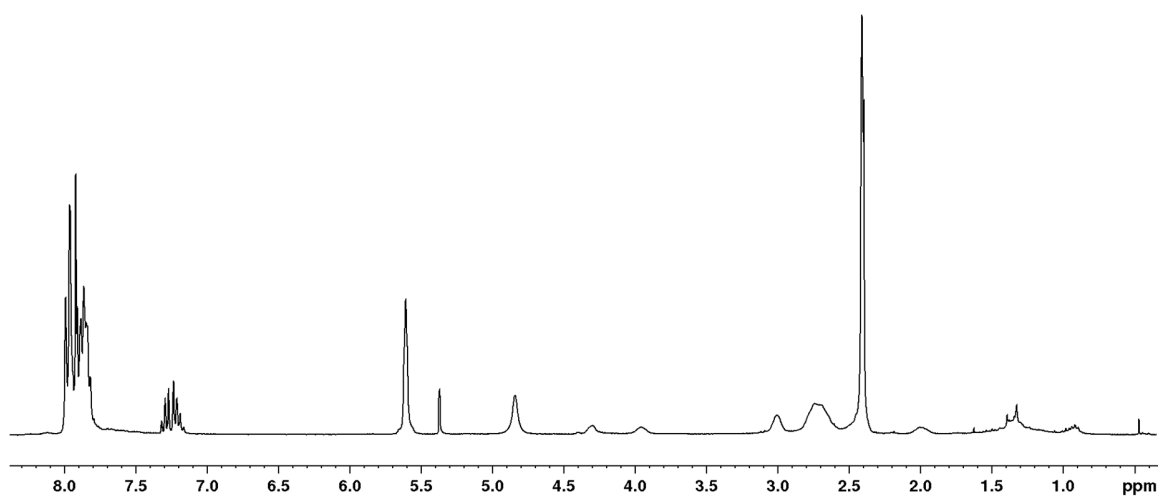


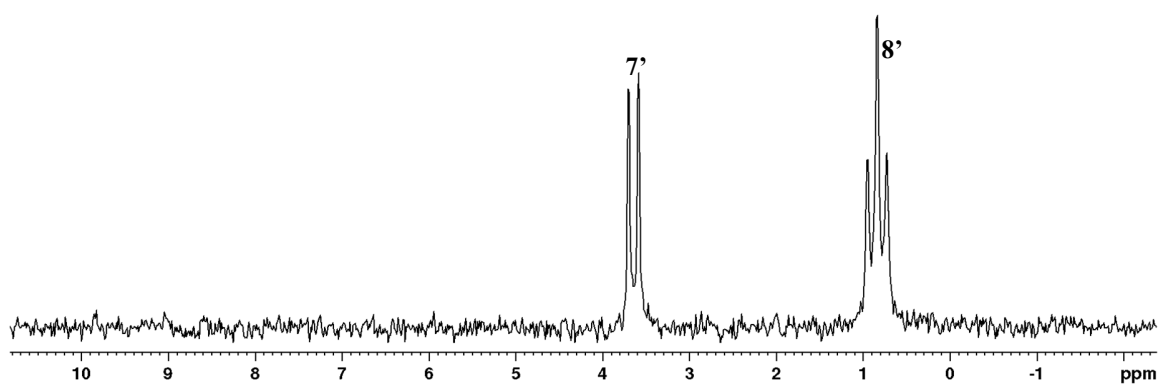
Figure S22.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (121.5 MHz) of the mixture of complexes **7** and **8** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



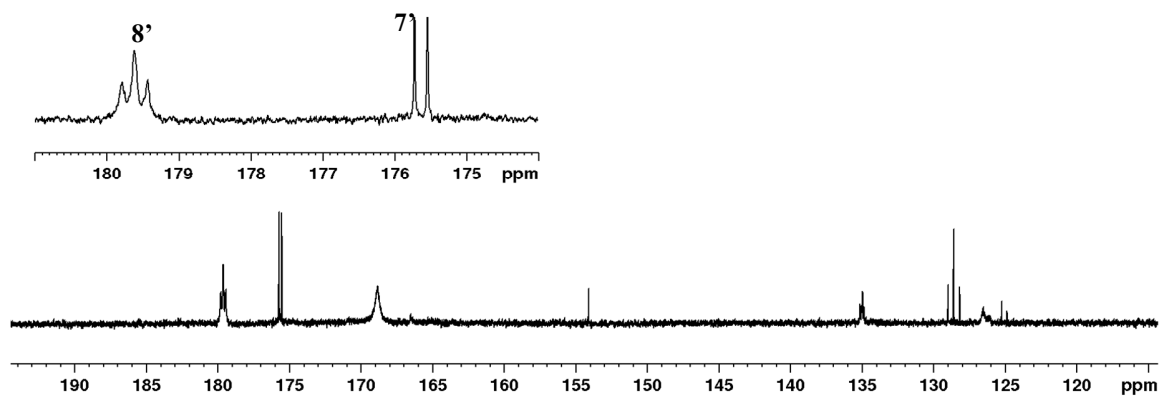
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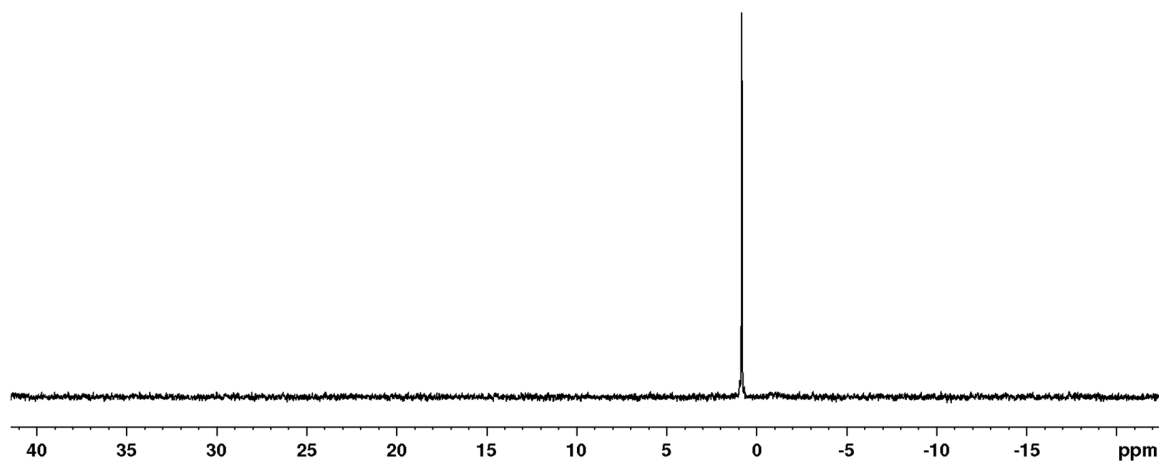
**Figure S24.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (300.1 MHz) of the mixture of complexes **7** and **8** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



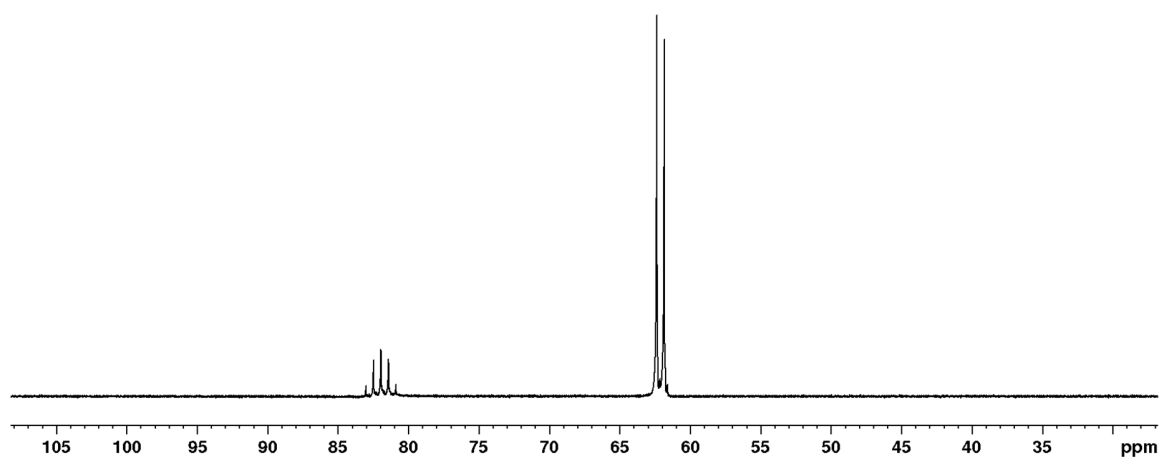
**Figure S25.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (121.5 MHz) of the mixture of complexes **7'** and **8'** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



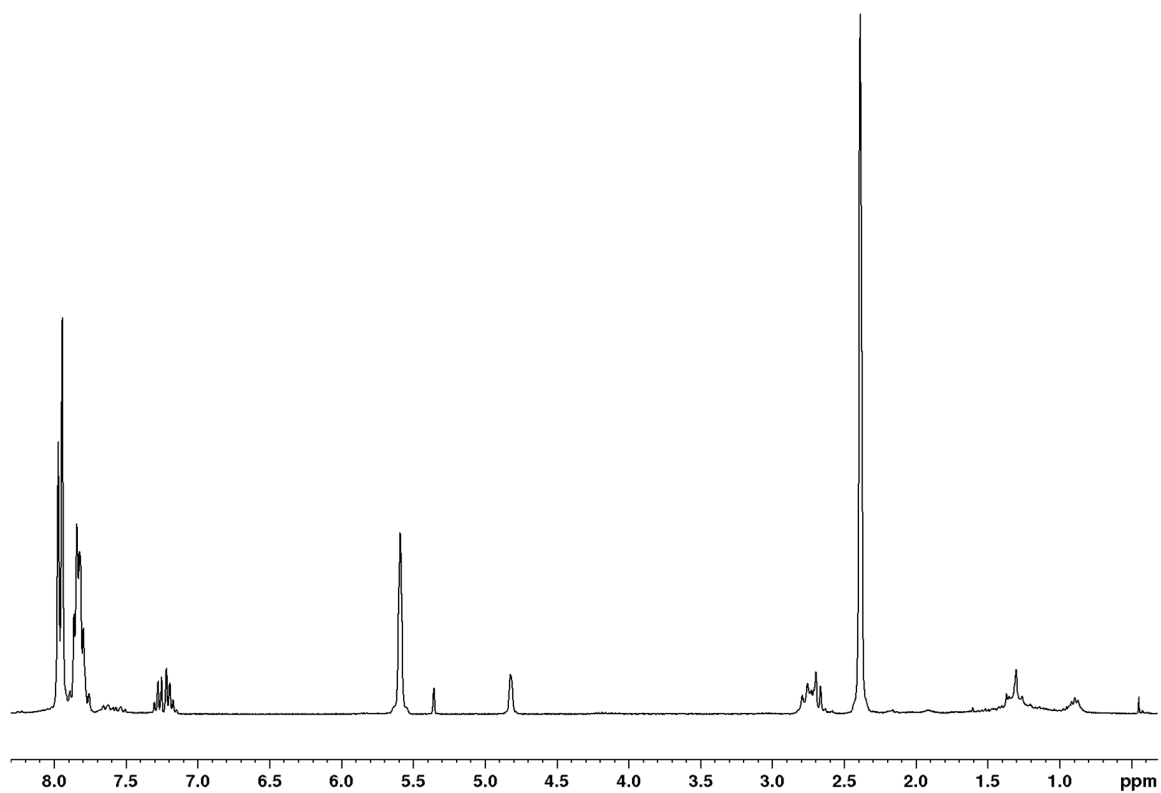
**Figure S26.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (75.4 MHz) of the mixture of complexes **7'** and **8'** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



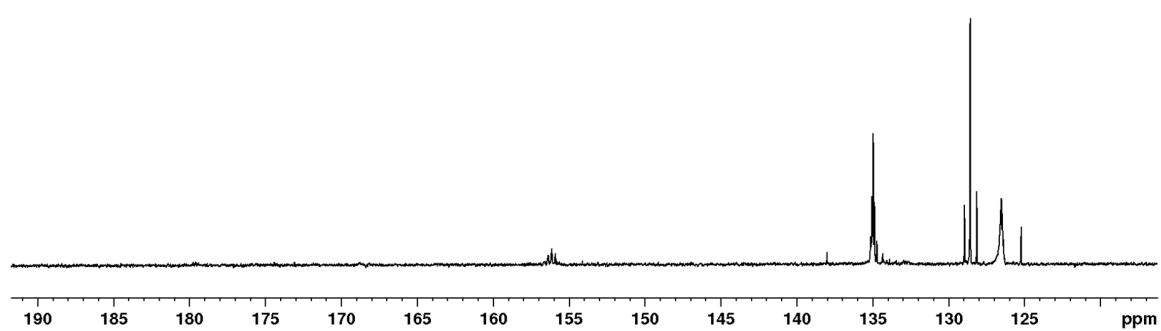
**Figure S27.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (121.5 MHz) of complex **8** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



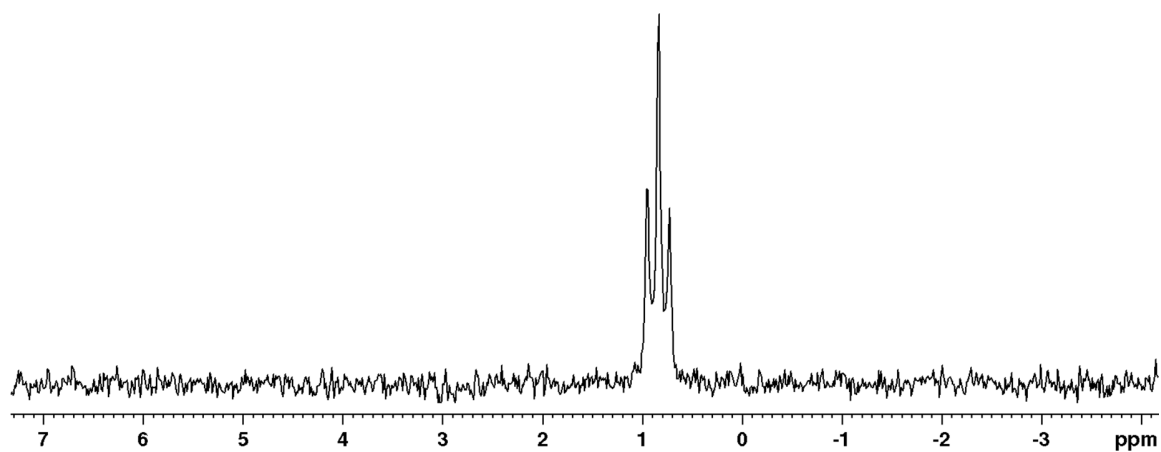
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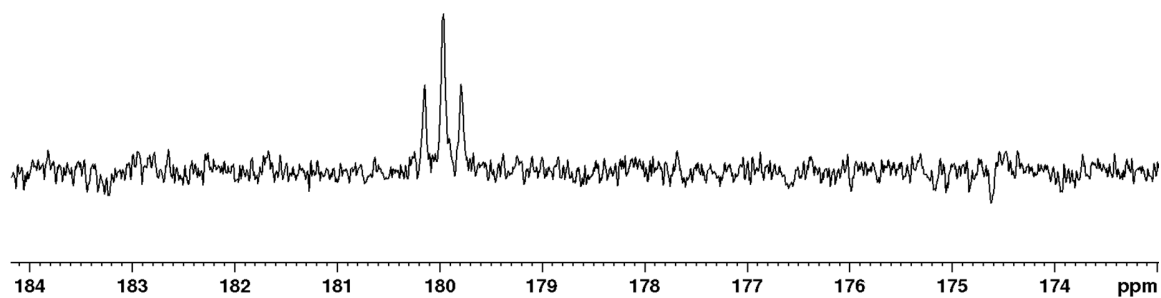
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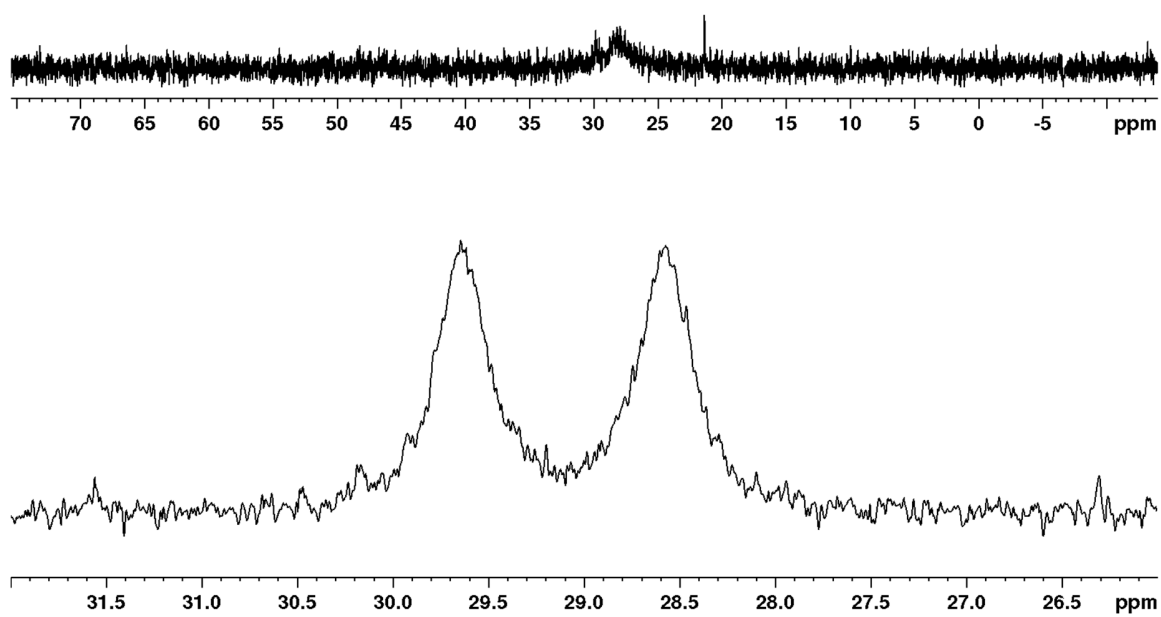
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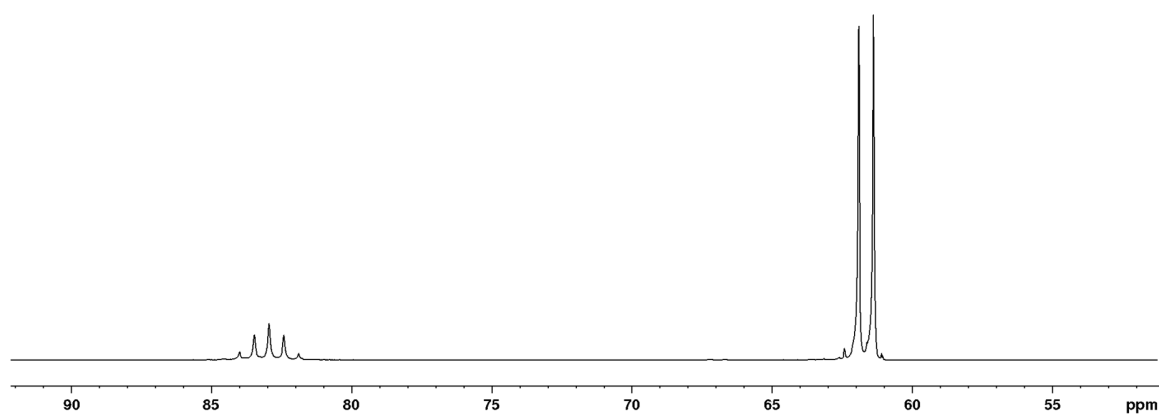
**Figure S31.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (121.5 MHz) of complex **8'** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



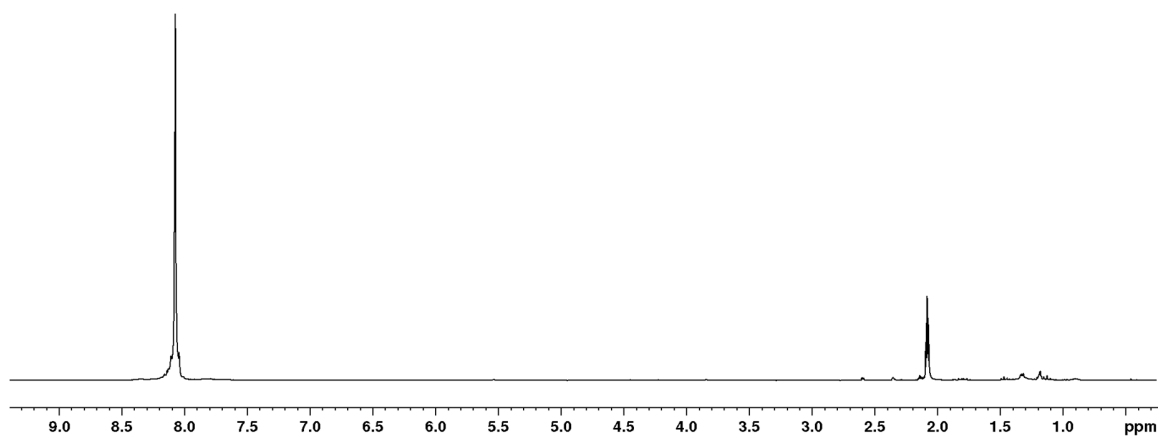
**Figure S32.** Section of the  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (75.4 MHz) of complex **8'** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



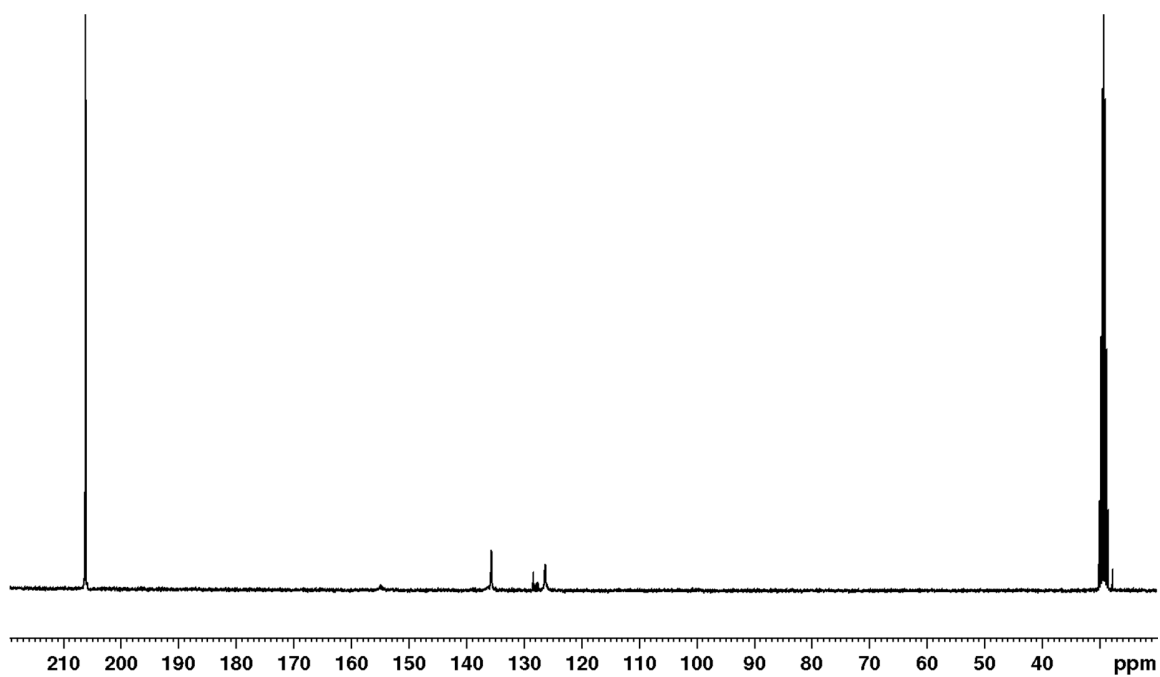
**Figure S33.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (121.5 MHz) of complex **9** in acetone- $d^6$  at 243 K (bottom) and rt (top).



**Figure S34.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum (282.4 MHz) of complex **9** in acetone- $d^6$ .

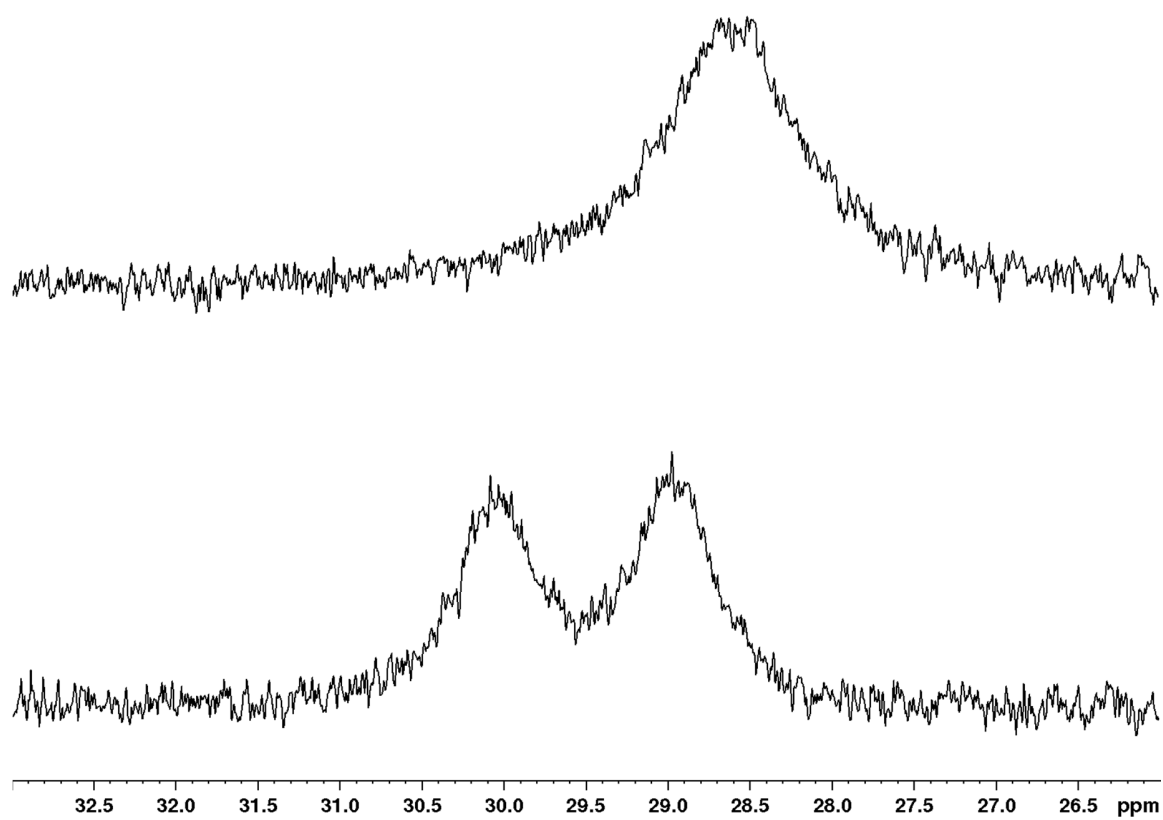


**Figure S35.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300.1 MHz) of complex **9** in acetone-*d*<sup>6</sup>.

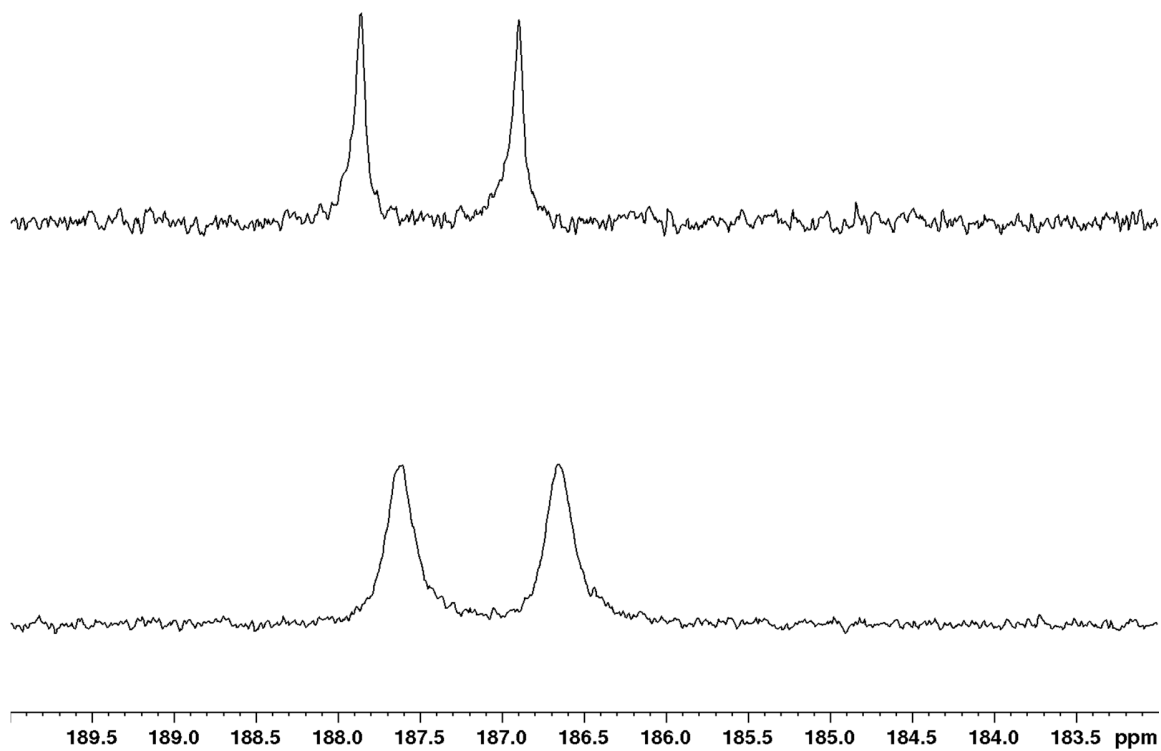


**Figure S36.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (75.4 MHz) of complex **9** in acetone-*d*<sup>6</sup>.



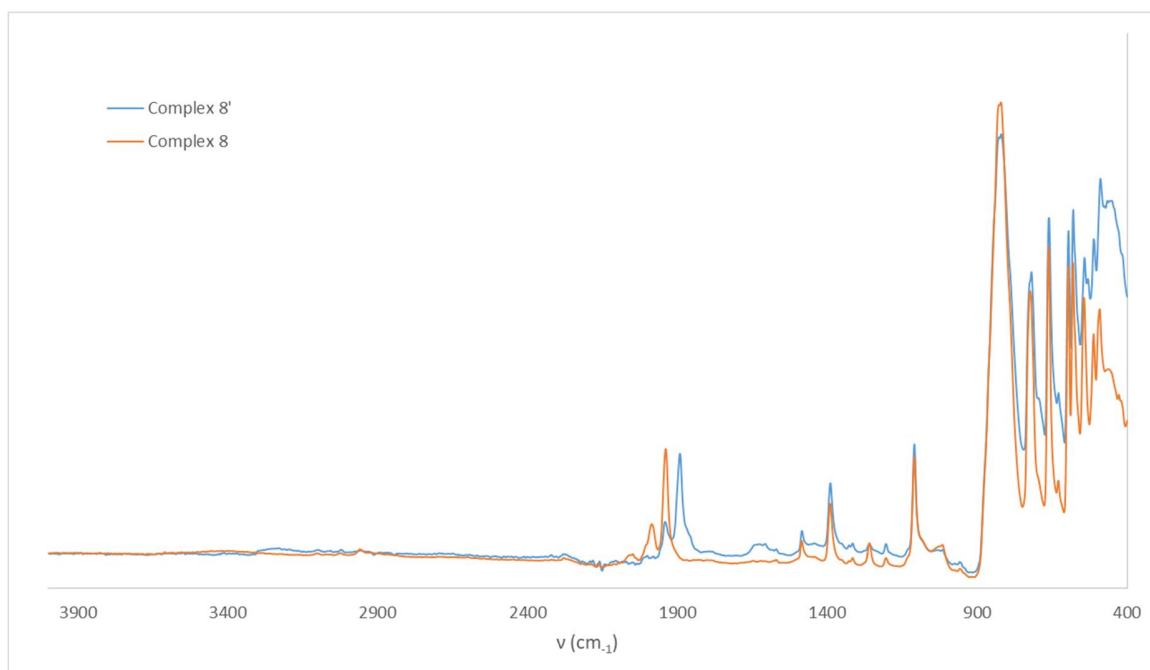


**Figure S37.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (121.5 MHz) of complex **9'** in acetone- $d_6$  at 203 K (bottom) and rt (top).

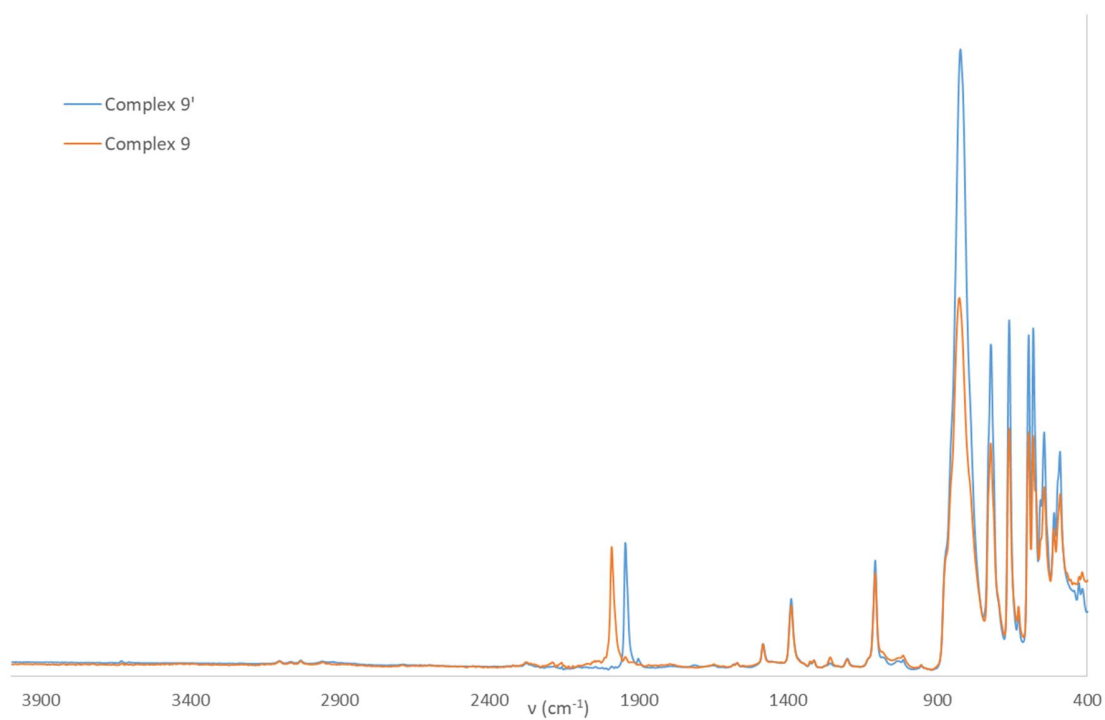


**Figure S38.** Section of the  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (75.4 MHz) of complex **9'** in acetone- $d_6$  at 203 K (bottom) and rt (top).

## IR spectra



**Figure S39.** IR spectra of complexes **8** (orange) and **8'** (blue).



**Figure S40.** IR spectra of complexes **9** (orange) and **9'** (blue).

## Computational details and xyz coordinates of the compounds under study

Calculations were run using the Gaussian 09 (Revision D.01) program package.[74] In the case of phosphines and phosphine radical cations the CAM-B3LYP functional was used and 6-311G(d,p) basis set were employed for all atoms. For the nickel complexes, the B3LYP functional was chosen. Nickel was described with RECPs and the associated LANL2DZ basis sets[75] while the ligands were described with 6-31G(d,p). All calculated structures were identified as minima (no negative eigenvalues).

**Table S1:** Cartesian Coordinates of optimized structures of PAr<sub>3</sub>.

Compound 1	P(p-CF <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	P(p-F-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	P(p-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>		
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C -0.86575	1.40879	1.24985	C 0.20509	1.64022	0.62373
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C -0.38810	2.08703	0.13131	C 0.98372	1.87255	-0.50956
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C 4.20088	0.21817	0.17670	C 3.45415	-2.47758	-0.47938
H 2.37020	1.45248	2.71219	H 2.74903	-0.39854	2.10859
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C -2.82268	-3.31568	0.72973	C -3.50118	1.95745	-0.45609
C -2.98551	-3.00697	-0.43008	C -4.01204	1.33534	0.67481
H -0.87687	-2.62697	2.18059	H -1.91737	2.00473	-1.89683
H -2.41465	-4.26577	1.22808	H -0.04288	2.77318	-0.92005
H -3.36180	-1.54282	-1.93368	H -3.71184	-0.20874	2.13414
O -3.87237	-3.83522	-1.03614	H -4.95550	1.66408	1.09853
C -1.35719	2.40739	1.26818	C -0.17799	-2.75497	-0.99887
C 0.21978	2.08477	-0.49562	C 1.18040	-1.75779	0.70878
C -1.73086	3.63314	0.73111	C 0.04807	-4.00900	-0.45291
C -0.13166	3.30580	-1.03615	H -0.78962	-2.65986	-1.88980
C -1.11383	4.08763	-0.42956	C 1.41749	-3.01515	1.24845
C -2.48815	4.22165	1.22960	C 0.84936	-4.14189	0.67306

O	-1.39044	5.26876	-1.03643	H	-4.97315	1.62947	0.63625	F	-3.52859	4.14096	0.90173	H	-0.39288	-4.88494	-0.91367	
H	0.98755	1.49523	-0.98156	H	-1.55851	-0.93562	0.75831	H	-1.81550	0.00784	0.93934	H	1.03543	-5.12195	1.09602	
H	0.34187	3.68282	-1.93397	C	-3.83024	-0.40539	2.03584	F	-3.37825	1.71501	2.06653	H	1.62986	-0.88601	1.16736	
H	-1.83398	2.07199	2.18302	H	-1.94732	1.97897	-2.36577	H	-0.65030	2.71936	-2.21685	H	2.04923	-3.11258	2.12359	
C	6.47542	-0.99344	-0.46612	F	2.59217	4.27201	2.45126									
C	-2.37762	6.10196	-0.46546	F	1.20726	2.72062	3.04592									
C	-4.10388	-5.10564	-0.46414	F	0.52962	4.34790	1.80512									
H	7.26476	-1.38058	-1.10651	F	4.89683	1.45263	-2.65646									
H	6.60898	-1.38579	0.54700	F	5.74931	1.84390	-0.70767									
H	6.53491	0.09925	-0.44168	F	5.03181	3.47962	-1.91448									
H	-2.43869	6.97827	-1.10684	F	2.40638	-4.37809	2.45089									
H	-2.10226	6.41512	0.54667	F	1.75693	-2.40216	3.04457									
H	-3.35361	5.60696	-0.43798	F	3.50321	-2.63104	1.80167									
H	-4.83430	-5.59487	-1.10468	F	-1.19113	-4.96751	-2.65344									
H	-4.51184	-5.02173	0.54828	F	-1.27879	-5.89890	-0.70364									
H	-3.18915	-5.70631	-0.43692	F	0.49609	-6.09809	-1.91027									
				F	-4.99232	0.10871	2.45614									
				F	-2.95504	-0.31090	3.04944									
				F	-4.02444	-1.71472	1.81150									
				F	-3.71409	3.50847	-2.65796									
				F	-4.47663	4.05346	-0.70886									
				F	-5.53470	2.61102	-1.91139									

**Table S2:** Cartesian Coordinates of optimized structures of radical cations of PAR<sub>3</sub>.

RC_Compound 1	RC_P(p-CF <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	RC_P(p-F-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	RC_P(p-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
P	0.00004	0.00080	1.12449
C	-0.04493	-1.72583	0.69082
C	-1.47288	0.90287	0.69090
C	1.51784	0.82499	0.69059
C	1.76765	2.09145	1.23567
C	2.46636	0.21460	-0.13700
C	2.94340	2.75158	0.93355
H	1.05338	2.56220	1.90041
C	3.86439	2.13541	0.10025
C	3.64224	0.87826	-0.43777
H	2.28644	-0.76313	-0.56385
H	4.37301	0.41993	-1.08829
H	3.14252	3.72816	1.35037
S	5.41620	3.00505	-0.29718
C	-1.04719	-2.24231	-0.13735
C	0.92672	-2.57521	1.23659
C	-1.05992	-3.59250	-0.43807
C	-1.80383	-1.59783	-0.56474
C	0.91098	-3.92355	0.93458
C	-0.08246	-4.41327	0.10059
H	1.69105	-2.19181	1.90178
H	1.65703	-4.58408	1.35197
S	-0.10455	-6.19198	-0.29707
C	-2.69435	0.48806	1.23578
C	-1.41919	2.02987	-0.13626
C	-3.85436	1.17248	0.93370
C	-2.58232	2.71565	-0.43699
C	-3.78190	2.27838	0.10063
H	-4.79950	0.85587	1.35029
S	-5.31167	3.18609	-0.29717
H	-2.74438	-0.36913	1.90025
F	5.61648	3.42557	1.25050
F	1.49031	-6.18458	-0.56526
F	-5.77677	3.14820	1.25025
F	-6.64926	3.97811	-0.64601
F	-6.10114	1.80083	-0.56809
F	-4.57778	4.60348	-0.04187
F	6.27530	1.65974	-0.04280
F	4.61271	4.38239	-0.56718
F	0.15777	-6.57582	1.25084
F	-0.12248	-7.74641	-0.64569
H	-1.82175	-3.99636	-1.08905
F	-0.36684	-5.87276	-1.86041
F	-1.69952	-6.26371	-0.04453
F	5.27192	2.61683	-1.86025
F	6.77172	3.76620	-0.64558
F	-4.90259	3.25620	-1.86000
H	-0.48268	2.36375	-0.56289
H	-2.55128	3.57791	-1.08724
P	-0.00093	-0.00622	0.82548
C	-0.07091	1.70547	0.36230
C	1.52009	-0.79646	0.36129
C	-1.44307	-0.92254	0.35322
C	-1.63088	-2.21018	0.87329
C	-2.43839	-0.37320	-0.47573
C	-2.75522	-2.94693	0.56093
H	-0.88931	-2.64342	1.53474
C	-3.73317	-2.39432	-0.27374
C	-3.55880	-1.10039	-0.78764
H	-2.31647	0.62016	-0.88765
H	-4.32748	-0.70206	-1.43631
H	-2.87185	-3.98580	0.97327
H	-4.85645	-3.01182	-0.63459
C	0.88257	2.28971	-0.49149
C	-1.07811	2.51374	0.90555
C	0.80551	3.62279	-0.80649
C	-1.67157	1.68587	-0.92068
C	-1.16175	3.85497	0.59029
C	-0.21646	4.42199	-0.27218
H	-1.80682	2.09071	1.58738
H	-1.95070	4.45357	1.02157
H	1.51885	4.08726	-1.47491
C	-0.20135	5.70130	-0.64285
C	2.72403	-0.31618	0.89420
C	1.55105	-1.92449	-0.47894
C	3.92854	-0.91341	0.58195
C	2.74529	-2.52269	-0.79076
C	3.94839	-2.02586	-0.26722
H	4.84159	-0.51974	1.00439
O	5.05017	-2.67729	-0.63499
H	0.63392	-2.31415	-0.90090
P	-0.00042	-0.01766	1.02157
C	1.47688	-0.90929	0.58605
C	-1.51754	-0.83962	0.58245
C	0.04115	1.70930	0.58796
C	-0.91231	2.56162	1.15977
C	1.01993	2.22256	-0.27239
C	-0.90219	3.90868	0.85001
H	-1.65434	2.17805	1.84991
C	0.06116	4.40702	-0.01686
C	1.02111	3.57034	-0.57484
H	1.76335	1.57301	-0.71580
H	1.76879	3.97674	-1.24380
H	-1.63037	4.57653	1.29008
C	0.05947	5.86810	-0.39695
C	1.43177	-2.05543	-0.21764
C	2.69854	-0.46069	1.10693
C	2.60420	-2.72306	-0.51806
H	0.49355	-2.41322	-0.62033
C	3.86496	-1.13449	0.79803
C	3.81406	-2.25964	-0.01475
H	2.73881	0.40603	1.75568
H	4.81242	-0.79888	1.19748
H	2.58221	-3.66629	-1.14283
C	5.08867	-0.97322	-0.59600
C	-1.76733	-2.11324	1.11161
C	-2.47170	-0.21502	-0.23086
C	-2.94582	-2.76537	0.80189
C	-3.64718	-0.87538	-0.53203
C	-3.87920	-2.14624	-0.01930
H	-3.15110	-3.74649	1.20871
H	-5.14838	-2.86916	-0.40153
H	-2.29093	0.77061	-0.63912
H	-4.38868	-0.40464	-1.16384
H	-1.04999	-2.59024	1.76889
F	6.07022	-2.72111	0.47143
F	5.49690	-2.57399	-1.60670
F	4.90182	-4.29504	-0.44654
F	5.44416	-3.83582	0.70796
F	-5.01410	-3.43091	-1.60885
F	-6.18279	-2.02485	-0.45842
F	-0.65372	6.59833	0.46305
F	-0.47064	6.02941	-1.61518
F	1.30436	6.35367	-0.42800
P	-0.00070	0.00155	-0.84084
C	-1.11385	1.31169	-0.38682
C	-0.57801	-1.61855	-0.38753
C	1.69140	0.30965	-0.38842
C	2.68162	-0.51907	-0.93464
C	2.03634	1.38312	0.44009
C	4.00010	-0.27973	-0.62134
H	2.45329	-1.33836	-1.60490
C	4.35721	0.77684	0.20978
C	3.36509	1.59785	0.73258
H	1.29972	2.04094	0.88030
F	3.72365	2.59180	1.52651
F	4.95819	-1.04469	-1.11401
F	5.61835	0.99666	0.49587
C	-2.22818	1.06648	0.42326
C	-0.88189	2.58934	-0.91563
C	-3.08064	2.10802	0.71580
H	-2.43728	0.09523	0.84996
C	-1.75064	3.60953	-0.60264
C	-2.85629	3.38315	0.21033
H	-0.04864	2.80730	-1.57153
F	-1.55776	4.82702	-1.07814
F	-4.13158	1.91468	1.49363
F	-3.67923	4.36373	0.49629
C	-1.78849	-2.06628	-0.93488
C	0.18012	-2.45002	0.44411
C	-2.23796	-3.32800	-0.61887
C	-0.29578	-3.70842	0.73945
C	-1.50078	-4.16153	0.21559
F	-3.77765	-3.77922	-1.11226
F	-1.93858	-5.36387	0.50416
H	1.11674	-2.13744	0.88477
P	-0.00001	-0.00007	-0.66293
C	1.72430	-0.03663	-0.22674
C	-0.83048	1.51153	-0.22684
C	-0.89387	-1.47502	-0.22673
C	-2.17600	-1.66203	-0.76424
C	-0.32612	-2.45628	0.59556
C	-2.88653	-2.80713	-0.45751
H	-2.61017	-0.91821	-1.42190
C	-2.32412	-3.77368	0.36890
C	-1.04936	-3.59774	0.89289
H	0.66301	-2.31899	1.01254
H	-0.61892	-4.35174	1.53932
H	-3.87638	-2.95291	-0.87030
H	-2.88234	-4.67159	-0.60290
C	2.28982	0.94485	0.59682
C	2.52771	-1.05254	-0.76543
C	3.63996	0.88930	0.89423
H	1.67609	1.73215	1.01466
C	3.87465	-1.09525	-0.45865
C	4.43010	-0.12579	0.36904
H	2.10095	-1.79976	-1.42410
H	4.49613	-1.87886	-0.87238
H	4.07742	1.63842	1.54162
H	5.48682	-0.16020	0.60308
C	-0.35164	2.71529	-0.76482
C	-1.96385	1.51063	0.59585
C	-0.98799	3.90323	-0.45812
H	0.50940	2.71928	-1.42277
C	-2.59068	2.70775	0.89317
C	-2.10590	3.89960	0.36874
H	-0.61951	4.83327	-0.87128
H	-2.60436	4.83203	0.60271

H 2.79189	-3.37870	-1.44962	C 4.59223	-0.66602	1.53223	F 0.38620	-4.51203	1.53689	H -2.33942	0.58545	1.01311
C 2.72107	0.53664	1.56489	H 0.78705	-2.67344	-1.68771	H -2.38404	-1.46218	-1.60776	H -3.45865	2.71210	1.53992
C -5.13829	-4.11623	-0.13407	F -4.10683	-4.11851	1.68379						
C 6.31937	-2.25300	-0.14449	F -2.41741	-3.30286	2.76304						
C -1.18992	6.59528	-0.13822	F -2.08580	-4.60290	1.07394						
H -6.09570	-4.59330	-0.56564	F -4.99197	0.74398	-2.17320						
H -5.21821	-4.30555	0.95583	F -5.96145	0.32377	-0.28562						
H -4.37420	-5.03089	-0.44974	F -5.96427	-1.16351	-1.84886						
H 7.04405	-2.92974	-0.58813	F -1.52497	5.62035	1.66186						
H 6.36303	-2.33353	0.94452	F -1.69459	3.74817	2.73443						
H 6.53669	-1.22852	-0.45666	F -2.95497	4.12395	1.02483						
H -0.96756	7.55896	-0.58745	F 3.13585	3.95364	-2.17831						
H -1.12370	6.67517	0.94963	F 3.29152	4.94680	-0.26320						
H -2.19273	6.27720	-0.43363	F 2.00610	5.76081	-1.79329						
			F 5.64255	-1.47600	1.63976						
			F 4.09350	-0.45730	2.75598						
			F 5.01375	0.51548	1.06506						
			F 1.84458	-4.69926	-2.16519						
			F 2.69955	-5.32492	-0.27938						
			F 3.98370	-4.58592	-1.84796						

**Table S3:** Cartesian Coordinates of optimized structures of Ni(CO)<sub>3</sub>PAR<sub>3</sub>.

Ni(CO) <sub>3</sub> P(p-SF <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Ni(CO) <sub>3</sub> P(p-CF <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Ni(CO) <sub>3</sub> P(p-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Ni(CO) <sub>3</sub> P(m-CF <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>		
P -0.00050	0.00013	1.18394	P 0.00065	-0.00056	0.86947
C -1.66161	0.19878	0.39376	C -0.96307	-1.36815	0.07862
C 1.00307	1.33932	0.39493	C -0.70290	1.51841	0.08062
C 0.65835	-1.53828	0.39509	C 1.66748	-0.15081	0.07971
C 1.75297	-2.16854	1.00731	C 2.74541	0.47804	0.71904
C 0.11444	-2.10469	-0.76655	C 1.90429	-0.86844	-1.09959
C 2.30749	-3.32714	0.46740	C 4.02926	0.40428	0.17895
H 2.17362	-1.75737	1.91973	H 2.58732	1.01332	1.64932
C 1.74638	-3.85177	-0.68886	C 4.26182	-0.31271	-0.99508
C 0.65263	-3.27082	-1.31210	C 3.19531	-0.94983	-1.62765
H -0.73733	-1.64403	-1.25502	H 1.09180	-1.36755	-1.61513
H 0.22318	-3.70270	-2.20698	C 3.44381	-1.78626	-2.85893
H 3.15345	-3.80282	0.94661	C 5.16261	1.14359	0.84728
S 2.45896	-5.38799	-1.40069	H 5.26163	-0.37901	-1.40731
C -1.88040	0.95662	-0.76548	C -1.70412	-1.21296	-1.09974
C -2.75437	-0.43743	1.00319	C -0.95651	-2.61694	0.71625
C -3.15927	1.07400	-1.31129	C -2.42059	-2.28971	-1.62849
H -1.05953	1.46654	-1.25183	H -1.73061	-0.25903	-1.61398
C -4.03481	-0.33806	0.46292	C -1.66268	-3.69127	0.17540
C -4.22046	0.42068	-0.69081	C -2.40125	-3.53273	-0.99760
H -2.60847	-1.01015	1.91380	H -0.41281	-2.74881	1.64574
H -4.86943	-0.83537	0.94005	C -1.58825	-5.04313	0.84220
S -5.89551	0.56608	-1.40253	C -3.27047	-2.08493	-2.85860
C 1.00321	2.60212	1.00774	H -2.95884	-4.36501	-1.41029
C 1.76464	1.15131	-0.76730	H -1.79035	2.13317	0.71766
C 1.73001	3.66121	0.46789	C -0.19674	-2.08679	-1.09505
C 2.50614	2.19999	-1.31277	C -2.36894	3.28208	0.17874
C 2.47562	3.44411	-0.68888	C -0.77236	3.24593	-1.62189
H 1.72021	4.63147	0.94760	C -1.86103	3.84672	-0.99170
S 3.43952	4.82184	-1.40045	C -3.57964	3.88974	0.84407
H 0.43755	2.76082	1.92062	H -2.30398	4.74595	-1.40291
F 2.55517	-6.10013	0.06111	H 0.64439	1.63582	-1.60901
F -6.17039	-1.03133	-1.23182	C -0.16883	3.88348	-2.84935
F 4.00855	5.26042	0.06144	H -2.17752	1.72494	1.64525
F 4.29202	6.04427	-2.03338	F -3.41404	-3.22776	-3.55944
F 2.19628	5.86072	-1.22305	F -2.73321	-1.15920	-3.68143
F 4.74509	3.87364	-1.62633	F -4.50829	-1.65630	-2.53127
F 0.98564	-6.04603	-1.62645	F -1.45576	-4.92792	2.17986
F 3.97973	-4.82918	-1.22346	F -0.52685	-5.74868	0.39526
F -6.56096	0.83321	0.06023	F -2.69085	-5.77947	0.59680
F -7.38044	0.69273	-2.03552	F 4.50337	-1.33551	-3.56040
H -3.31874	1.66474	-2.20423	F 3.27263	-1.78594	-3.68064
F -5.33977	0.30854	-2.91351	F 3.69551	-3.07220	-2.53326
F -5.73034	2.17209	-1.62173	F 4.99429	1.20178	2.18459
F 2.41021	-4.77510	-2.91072	F 5.24556	2.41517	0.39970
F 3.09267	-6.73678	-2.03384	F 6.35120	0.55504	0.60427
F 2.93283	4.47400	-2.91058	F -1.08571	4.58239	-3.54840
H 1.79037	0.18353	-1.25624	F 0.36406	2.95777	-3.67507
H 3.09420	2.04386	-2.20806	F 0.82185	4.73911	-2.51842
Ni -0.00252	0.00020	3.49828	F -3.55344	3.70707	2.18050
C -1.24966	1.22576	4.03697	F -4.71969	3.32841	0.38657
C -0.44132	-1.69195	4.03805	F -3.66299	5.21477	0.60835
C 1.68150	0.46676	4.04034	Ni 0.00014	-0.00132	3.17731
O -0.71587	-2.74481	4.40521	C 1.26786	-1.20353	3.72566
O -2.02490	1.98951	4.40350	C 0.40688	1.69775	3.72584
O 2.73001	0.75565	4.40892	C -1.67500	-0.49842	3.72515
			O 2.05474	-1.95033	4.10081
			O 0.65982	2.75271	4.10096
			O -2.71529	-0.80649	4.10000

Ni(CO) <sub>3</sub> PPh <sub>3</sub>	Ni(CO) <sub>3</sub> P(p-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	
P 0.13304	0.00058	0.00045
C 0.91088	1.64627	0.31788
C 0.90920	-1.09832	1.26699
C 0.90930	-0.54838	-1.58395
C 0.29108	-1.59064	-2.29403
C 2.07759	0.02704	-2.10652
C 0.83649	-2.05699	-3.48975
H -0.62432	-2.03198	-1.91082
C 1.99997	-1.47821	-4.00135
C 2.61663	-0.43505	-3.30919
H 2.56509	0.83991	-1.57822
H 3.51862	0.02340	-3.70475
H 0.34703	-2.86486	-4.02603
H 2.41973	-1.83436	-4.93773
C 2.08166	1.80921	1.07407
C 0.29108	2.78360	-0.22526
C 2.62161	3.08123	1.27620
H 2.57021	0.94417	1.51063
C 0.83733	4.05179	-0.03024
C 2.00330	4.20356	0.72332
H -0.62617	2.67357	-0.79635
H 0.34664	4.92120	-0.45823
H 3.52553	3.19314	1.86836
H 2.42376	5.19214	0.88387

C	0.28782	-1.19837	2.52256			
C	2.08074	-1.83371	1.03073			
C	0.83312	-2.00236	3.52307			
H	-0.62997	-0.64950	2.71231			
C	2.61980	-2.64570	2.03097			
C	1.99979	-2.72995	3.27843			
H	0.34114	-2.06787	4.48923			
H	2.41951	-3.36402	4.05408			
H	2.57044	-1.77769	0.06398			
H	3.52432	-3.21371	1.83236			
Ni	-2.19503	0.00120	-0.00014			
C	-2.71839	-1.71832	0.31727			
C	-2.71791	1.13667	1.32993			
C	-2.71665	0.58592	-1.64868			
O	-3.06597	-2.79683	0.51325			
O	-3.06502	1.84649	2.16540			
O	-3.06313	0.95512	-2.68116			

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