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Each chapter includes a list of authors. At the beginning of each chapter the individual contribution of each author is described. Additionally, if some of the presented results have already been partly discussed in other thesis, it is stated at the beginning of the respective chapters.

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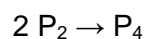
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1. Introduction

1.1. Phosphorus and Arsenic

The element phosphorus was discovered by the German alchemist Henning Brand in 1669 on his quest for the philosopher's stone.^[1] He evaporated urine and heated the residue in absence of air to obtain a luminescent material – phosphorus (Greek: phosphorus – light bearer). Phosphorus can be considered as an element of organic life. The human body contains phosphorus as components of the DNA, bones, teeth and as cellular energy carrier ATP in all organisms.^[1] The most important phosphorus sources in the environment are apatite [$\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{OH}, \text{F}, \text{Cl})$] and phosphorite [$\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$]. Phosphorus containing compounds has a wide range of applications in industry as e.g. detergents, insecticides, fertilizer, flame retardants or food products but also in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry as organophosphorus derivatives.^[2] There are numerous phosphorus allotropes known which can be divided into three main groups: white, black and red phosphorus (Scheme 1.1). The different structures lead to different chemical and physical properties of the allotropes. White phosphorus is the starting material for all of them – which makes it the most important allotrope. It is produced by an electrothermal process via the reduction of calcium phosphates with coke and silicone dioxide and subsequent distillation.



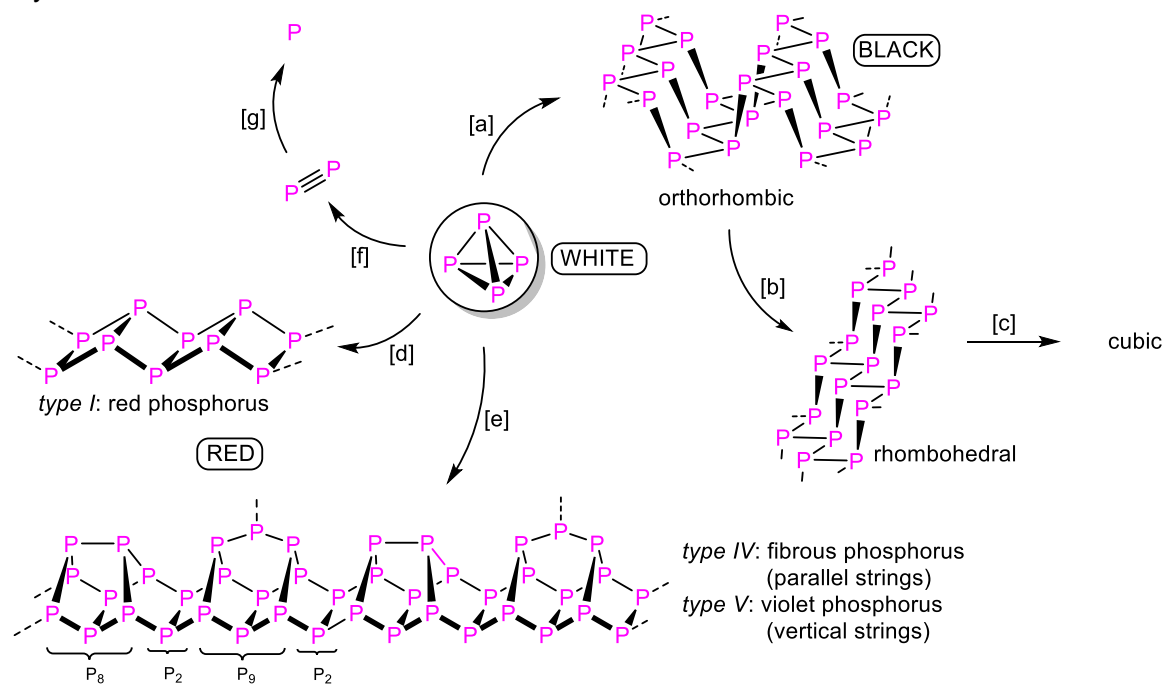
White phosphorus is obtained as a waxy, air sensitive white solid, which can be stored under water. It is the most reactive allotrope of phosphorus and there are three different crystalline modifications (α , β and γ - P_4) known.^[3] The phosphorus atoms in P_4 form a tetrahedron, with bond angles of 60° and P-P bond distances of approximately 2.21 Å (determined by electron diffraction: 2.1994(3) Å^[4], Raman spectroscopy: 2.2228(5) Å^[5] and DFT calculations: 2.1994(3) Å^[4]), which is generally known as a phosphorus-phosphorus single bond. Furthermore, the good solubility of P_4 in organic solvents makes it an excellent starting material for chemical industry.

Black phosphorus was discovered by *P. W. Bridgman* in 1914,^[6] when he investigated the effect of high pressure on the melting point of white phosphorus (Scheme 1.1, [a]). At ambient conditions black phosphorus is detected in an orthorhombic structure, which consist of corrugated bands of condensed P_6 rings in chair conformation.^[7] By increasing the pressure to 80 kbar the structure changed to rhombohedral (arsenic type structure, Scheme 1.1 [b]) and by even higher pressure (110 kbar, Scheme 1.1 [c]) to the cubic structure.^[8] Black phosphorus is the thermodynamically most stable modification of

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phosphorus at ambient conditions and due to its electric properties of a semiconductor it is also the most metallic modification.^[9]

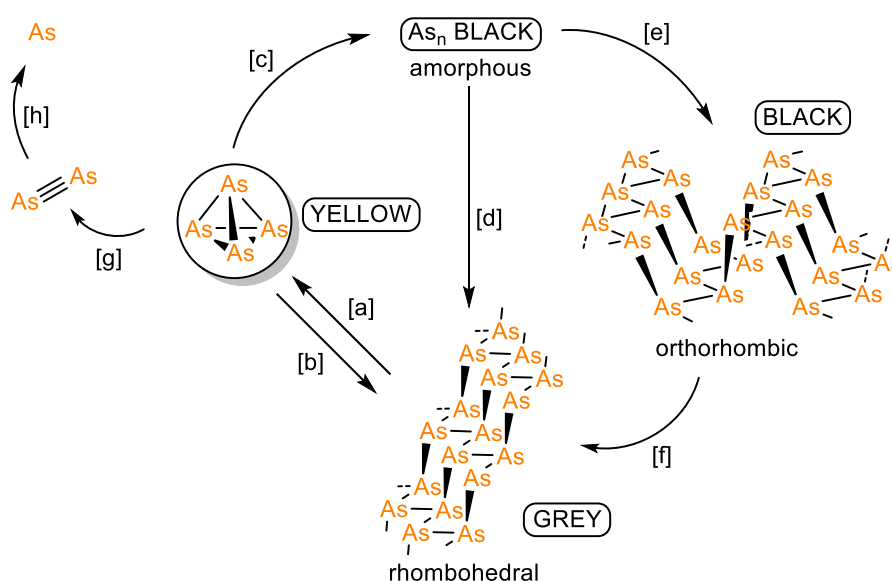
At temperatures over 200 °C and under exclusion of oxygen, white phosphorus transforms into *red phosphorus*. Roth *et al.* were able to classify five types of red phosphorus by successive annealing of P₄ based on X-ray powder diffraction, optical microscopy and differential thermal analysis (DTA).^[10] The commercially available red phosphorus (*type I*) is mainly described as an amorphous solid^[10] for which several structural proposals are available in the literature.^[11] Recent studies imply a linear polymer with a zig-zag ladder structure for red phosphorus (Scheme 1.1, [d]).^[12] Until now the molecular structures of *type II* and *type III* red phosphorus are unknown. Increasing the temperature to 500 °C leads to a reorganization of the phosphorus units and to more crystalline forms. The structure of *type IV* red phosphorus was clarified by X-ray diffraction in 2005 and is known as fibrous phosphorus.^[13] *Type V* red phosphorus was already discovered in 1865 by J. W. Hittorf.^[14] The temperature has to be increased to 550 °C for two weeks and due to its violet colour it is known as violet phosphorus or Hittorf's phosphorus. The structure of *type V* red phosphorus was clarified by Thurn and Krebs.^[15] *Type IV* and *type V* red phosphorus consist of alternating P₈ and P₉ units that are connected by P₂ units and can be described as $\infty\{[P_8]P_2[P_9]P_2\}$ strands (Scheme 1.1, [e]). In the case of *type IV* red phosphorus two strands are connected over the P₉ units to form parallel double tubes.^[13] In contrast to that the structure of *type V* red phosphorus is linked crosswise, which leads to a 2D double layer.^[15]



Scheme 1.1. Systematic summary of the main allotropes of phosphorus and selected formation conditions:^[16]

a) 12 kbar/200 °C or Hg(cat.)/380 °C, b) 80 kbar, c) 110 kbar, d) type I: 200 – 400 °C, e) type IV: fibrous phosphorus (parallel strings), slow vapor deposition, 500 – 600 °C; type V: violet phosphorus (vertical strings), two weeks/550 °C, f) above 800 °C, g) above 2000 °C.

The heavier analog of phosphorus is arsenic, which was already discovered around 1250 by Bishop *Albertus Magnus* in Regensburg who reduced arsenic trioxid (As_2O_3) with charcoal.^[17] In the nature arsenic often occurs in sulfidic ores (e.g. realgar As_4S_4 , orpiment As_2S_3) or metal arsenides (e.g. $\text{Fe}[\text{AsS}]$, $\text{Co}[\text{AsS}]$).^[17] Arsenic is a double-edged sword: On the one hand it has a very bad reputation due to the criminal poisoning over centuries,^[18] the use as herbicides, pesticides and against pests. On the other hand arsenic has several technical applications, for instance in metal alloys, as semi-conductor in the electronic industry (GaAs or InAs) or in the glass industry. The thermodynamically most stable modification at ambient conditions is grey arsenic which is produced by heating metal arsenides under exclusion of air to 650 – 700 °C and sublime the arsenic ($\text{FeAsS} \rightarrow \text{FeS} + \text{As}$).



Scheme 1.2. Systematic summary of the main allotropes of arsenic and selected formation conditions:^[19] a) sublimation at 616 °C and cool down, b) light or room temperature (slow), c) vapor deposition onto surfaces (100-200 °C), d) $T > 270$ °C, e) Hg/100-175 °C, f) 300 °C, g) $T > 800$ °C, h) $T > 1700$ °C.

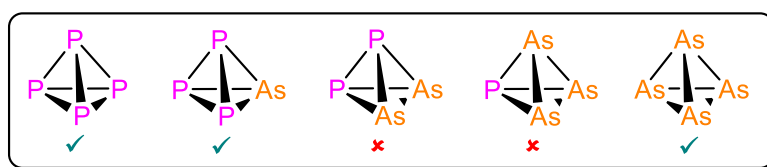
Grey arsenic crystallizes in a rhombohedral structure, which consists of condensed As_6 rings in chair conformation, building densely packed arsenic layers (Scheme 1.2, phosphorus analogous: black, rhombohedral phosphorus). Each arsenic atom is surrounded by three arsenic atoms of the same layer (As-As bond lengths: 2.517 Å) and three arsenic atoms of the next layer (As-As distances: 3.120 Å).^[20] This formation leads to a distorted octahedral environment which reminds a cubic packing and is in accordance with the metallic character of grey arsenic. The sublimation of grey arsenic occurs at 616 °C.^[21] By injecting the arsenic vapor into a solvent and allowing it cool down, yellow arsenic can be obtained as very air, moisture and light-sensitive solid, which transform auto-catalytically back to grey arsenic by time or light. It is the most reactive modification of arsenic and the only allotrope which can be handled in solution. The As-As bond length of the As_4 tetrahedron (Scheme 1.2, phosphorus analogous: white phosphorus) amount to

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2.435 Å (determined by gas electron diffraction on As₄ vapor: 2.435(4) Å^[22] and DFT calculations: 2.437 Å^[23]), which is generally known as an arsenic-arsenic single bond. The preparation of yellow arsenic in CS₂ was first described by *Bettendorff* in 1867.^[24]

Condensing the arsenic vapor onto heated surfaces (100 – 200 °C) amorphous *black arsenic* can be obtained.^[25] Heating amorphous black arsenic under presence of metallic mercury to 100 – 175 °C there is a formation to orthorhombic black arsenic which is isostructural to orthorhombic black phosphorus. Both modifications of black arsenic decompose to grey arsenic at temperatures above 300 K.

In 2009, *Cummins et al.* reported the synthesis of the interpnictogen compound AsP₃ (Scheme 1.3), which can be obtained from the reaction of [Na][(ODipp)₃Nb(η³-P₃)] with AsCl₃.^[26] In contrast to yellow arsenic, AsP₃ is stable and as easy to handle as P₄. This interpnictogen compound represent the first step to close the gap between white phosphorus and yellow arsenic. After this success, they were also interested in a synthesis of As₂P₂ and As₃P (Scheme 1.3). The reaction of AsP₃ with [(ODipp)₃NbCl₂] and a subsequent reduction with Na/Hg amalgam leads to the formation of a mixture of compounds of the formular [Na][(ODipp)₃Nb(η³-E₃)] (E₃ = P₃, AsP₂, As₂P, As₃).^[27,28] Treating the reaction solution with AsCl₃ under exclusion of light generates a mixture of AsP₃, As₂P₂, As₃P and As₄.^[29] The presence of these compounds were confirmed by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy and GC-MS,^[27] but up to now, there is no synthesis known for pure As₂P₂ or As₃P.



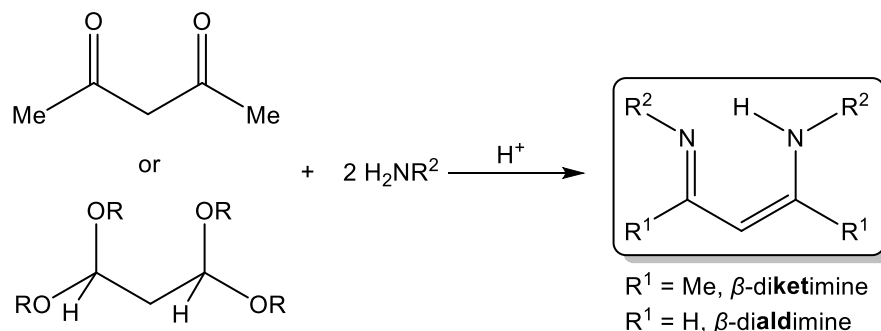
Scheme 1.3. Overview over the different E₄ tetrahedra (E = P, As). (Synthesis for pure E₄ compounds, known: ✓, unknown: ✗).

1.2. The β-diiminato ligand

While the chemistry of β-diketones was extensively studied over decades, the chemistry of β-diiminato ligands was quite unknown until easy synthesis were published in 1968 and their first application in coordination chemistry identify them as tunable and extensive steric spectator ligands with strong metal to ligand bonds.^[30] Increased attention was paid to the β-diiminato ligands after the preparation of [N(C₆H₃Pr₂-2,6)C(Me)₂CH]⁻ (L³, Scheme 1.5) and its application in an ethylene polymerization process.^[31] Up to now, the use of β-diiminato ligands reaches from the use as catalysis for polymerization,^[32] the stabilization

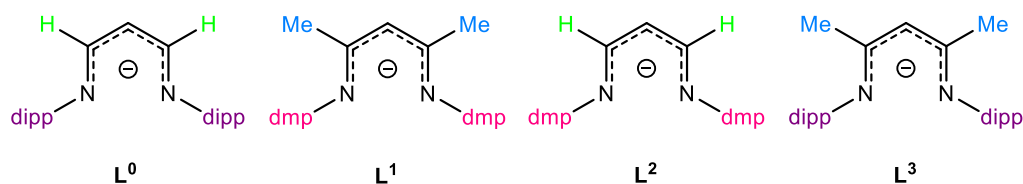
of metal(I) oxidation states^[33] towards the activation of small molecules like H₂, N₂ or O₂^[34] with such M(I) complexes.

There are various known routes for the synthesis of β -diiminato ligands.^[35] One of the simplest methods is a condensation reaction of acetylacetonone (acac) or 1,1,3,3-tetraalkoxypropane with two equivalents of a primary amine under acid conditions (Scheme 1.4). The family of β -diiminato ligands can be divided into two different classes depending on the substituent R¹. For R¹ = H the ligands are specified as β -dialdiminato ligands, for R¹ = Me as β -diketiminato ligands also known as “nacnac” (in analogy to acac).



Scheme 1.4. Synthetic route of β -diiminato ligands (β -diketiminato ligands= nacnac).

The use of β -diiminato ligands has various advantages: the simple synthetic route, cheap starting materials, good yields and the possibility to scale up. Further, the electrical and steric properties can be fine-tuned by varying the substituents R¹ and R². Various combinations of β -diiminato ligands are existing with different backbone substituents (R¹ = H, Me, CF₃, ^tBu) and imine substituents (R₂ = Et, various phenyl groups, fluorinated groups).^[34b,36] The most common β -diiminato ligands used in this work are depicted in Scheme 1.5.

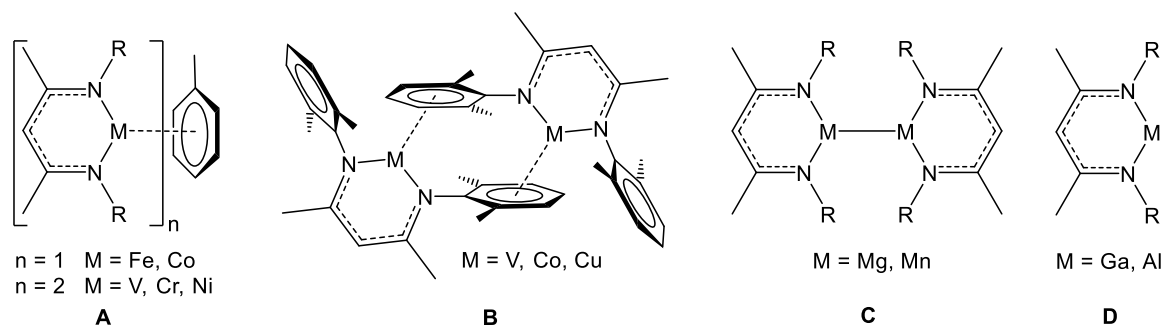


Scheme 1.5. Selected examples of β -diiminato ligands L⁰-L³ (dmp = 2,6-dimethylphenyl, dipp = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl).

By deprotonation (e.g. with ⁿBuLi) and subsequent salt metathesis, numerous low valent main group or transition metals have been stabilized.^[35] The metal center is stabilized by the sterically demanding aromatic flanking groups (e.g. dmp, dipp) and can attain additionally stabilization by various labile ligands (for selected examples see Scheme 1.6). There are complexes bearing solvent molecules as toluene or benzene as labile ligands. Such complexes are realized as mono- or dinuclear species (Scheme 1.6, **A**).^[34d,37] Another possibility is an intramolecular saturation of the metal center by coordination of the aromatic flanking groups (Scheme 1.6, **B**).^[38] Moreover, the metal center can also be

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saturated by a M-M bond (Scheme 1.6, **C**)^[34c,39] and with the group 13 metals aluminum and gallium no further saturation is observed (Scheme 1.6, **D**).^[33]

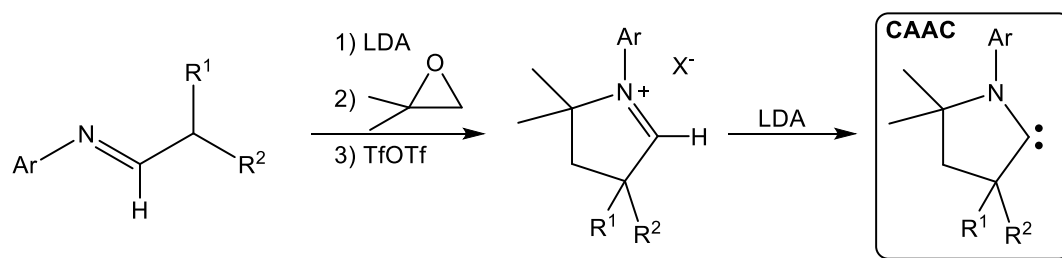


Scheme 1.6. Selected examples of low valent metal complexes stabilized by β -diiminato ligands (R = aromatic flanking group, e.g. dmp, dipp).

Due to the labile ligands of such low valent metal complexes, they are suitable precursors for the reductive activation of small molecules.

1.3. Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes – CAACs

Since their discovery in 2005,^[40] cyclic alkyl amino carbenes (CAACs) gained increased attention.^[41] Formally, one electronegative amino substituent of a N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC) is replaced by a strong σ -donor alkyl group,^[40] that make CAACs to the most nucleophilic and also electrophilic carbenes, that are still stable, up to now. This is due to the fact, that the HOMO (= highest occupied molecular orbital) of CAACs is energetically slightly higher than that of NHCs and the singlet-triplet gap is slightly smaller.^[42] Various ligand combinations were created displaying different R¹ and R² substituents (Scheme 1.7) and different (but urgently required) aryl groups on the nitrogen center (e.g. dipp). One possible synthetic route and the general structure of CAACs is depicted in Scheme 1.7.

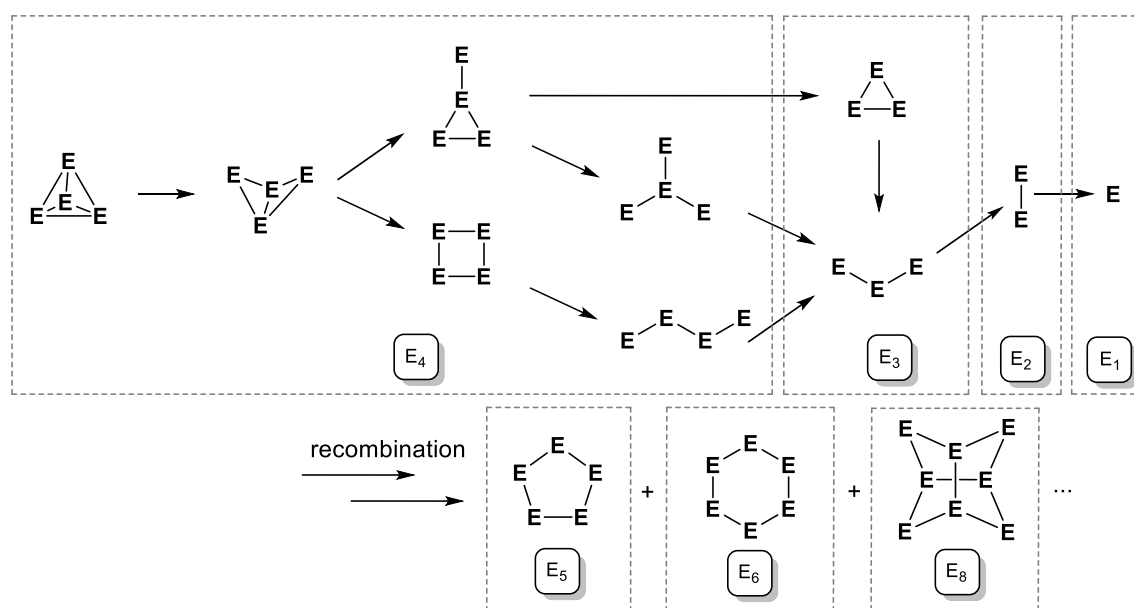


Scheme 1.7. Synthetic route of CAACs (LDA = lithiumdiisopropylamide, TfOTf = trifluoromethanesulfonic acid anhydride).

Its versatile applications in different research objectives range from the coordination chemistry, transition metal catalysis, stabilization of reactive intermediates to activation of small molecules like H₂ or N₂.^[41h]

1.4. Reactivity of E₄ (E = P₄, As₄, AsP₃)

White phosphorus is an important starting material in industry for the synthesis of organophosphorus compounds like R₃P, R₅P or (RO)₃P, which is based on chlorination of white phosphorus and a subsequent reaction with alcohols or Grignard/organolithium reagents. These processes lead to stoichiometric amounts of waste (HCl, LiCl, MgClX), which is neither environmentally friendly nor sustainable.^[2] Because of that a direct functionalization of white phosphorus is desirable, which can be feasible by the activation in the coordination sphere of transition metal or main group units. Such reactive fragments can be produced by thermolysis, photolysis or the release of labile ligands (e.g. toluol, acetonitrile). The activation of white phosphorus and also its heavier analogue yellow arsenic has become a central topic in the academic research over the last decades. Up to now, there are numerous research articles about the activation of E₄ with transition metal or main group compounds.^[43] This gives a deeper insight into the stepwise degeneration by successive E-E bond cleavage of the E₄ tetrahedra or the recombination to higher E_n units (Scheme 1.8).

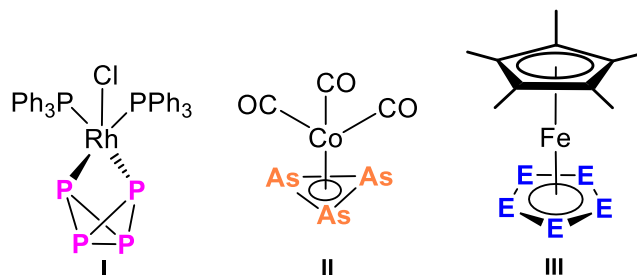


Scheme 1.8. Overview of the stepwise degeneration of an intact E₄ (E = P, As) tetrahedron in the coordination sphere of metal complexes and possible aggregation products. Bonding modes and charges are omitted for clarity.

The first polyphosphorus (P_n) ligand complexes were reported by *Ginsberg and Lindsell* in 1971.^[44] These complexes [L₂RhCl(η^{1:1}-P₄)] (**I**, L = PPh₃, P(*p*-CH₃C₆H₄)₃, P(*m*-CH₃C₆H₄)₃ or As(C₆H₅)₃, Scheme 1.9) contain a P₄ unit in an η^{1:1} side-on coordination mode, which is also known as butterfly unit.^[45] Already two years before *Dahl et al.* synthesized the first polyarsenide (As_n) compound [(CO)₃Co(η³-As₃)] (**II**, Scheme 1.9) by the reaction of [Co₂(CO)₈] with [AsCH₃]₅.^[46] Decades of extensive studies lead to a plethora of E_n ligand complexes with E_n units up to 24 phosphorus^[47] and 18 arsenic atoms^[48]. One of the most

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prominent derivatives is $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (**III**; $\text{E} = \text{P}, \text{As}$, Scheme 1.9) which was synthesized by *Scherer et al.*^[49] These compounds were the subject of numerous research topics: The reactivity of **III** towards electrophiles, nucleophiles and their redox behavior^[48,50] and further its use as a building block for coordination polymers and spherical aggregates^[51] was extensively studied.



Scheme 1.9. Selected examples of E_n ligand complexes ($\text{E} = \text{P}, \text{As}$).

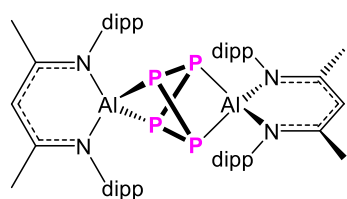
As already mentioned, low valent metal complexes stabilized by β -diiminato ligands are suitable precursors for the reductive activation of small molecules like P_4 and As_4 . As illustrated in Scheme 1.10 several main group and transition metal complexes were used for the activation of E_4 in the last two decades. Started in 2004, *Roesky et al.* reported the reaction of the main group compound $[\text{L}^3\text{Al}]$ ($\text{L}^3 = \{[\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{Pr}_{2-2,6})\text{C}(\text{Me})_2\text{CH}]\}$) with white phosphorus, this leads to the formation of the dinuclear aluminum complex $[(\text{L}^3\text{Al})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1}\text{-P}_4)]$ (**IV**) which contains a folded *cyclo*- $[\text{P}_4]^{4-}$ unit.^[52] In comparison to that, the reaction of white phosphorus with the Al(I) species $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Al}]_4$ leads to the formation of five Al_2P_2 rings which sharing the edges and form a P_4Al_6 framework.^[53] The reaction with the corresponding gallium complex leads to the formation of $[\text{L}^3\text{Ga}(\eta^{1:1}\text{-P}_4)]$ ^[54] (**V**) and other polyphosphanes stabilized by two $\{[\text{L}^3\text{Ga}]\}$ fragments^[55]. *Mahon et al.* synthesized the compound $[(\text{L}^{\text{Me,mes}}\text{Mg})_3(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1:1:1}\text{-P}_7)]$ (**VI**, $\text{L}^{\text{Me,mes}} = \{[\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{Me}_{3-2,4,6})\text{C}(\text{Me})_2\text{CH}]\}$) containing a nortricyclan like $[\text{P}_7]^{3-}$ unit.^[56] There are also some examples of P_4 activation with early transition metal complexes known. The neutral, dinuclear vanadium complex $[(\text{L}^3\text{V}(\text{N}(\text{tolyl})_2)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:2}\text{-P}_3)]$ ^[57] (**VII**, $\text{tolyl} = 4\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4$) containing a *cyclo*- $[\text{P}_3]^{3-}$ ligand was reported in 2015. With the heavier group 5 metals, the dinuclear complexes $[(\text{L}^3(\text{N}^i\text{Bu})\text{M})_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}\text{-P}_4)]$ ^[58] ($\text{M} = \text{Nb}$ (**VIII**), Ta (**IX**)) with a bridging *cyclo*- P_4 unit in an $\eta^{3:3}$ coordination mode and with niobium also the minor product of the reaction $[(\text{L}^3\text{NbN}^i\text{Bu})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{3:3:1:1}\text{-P}_{12})]$ ^[58] (**X**) could be isolated. Up to now, there are no known examples of the conversion of yellow arsenic with main group or early transition metals stabilized by β -diiminato ligands.

Quite different is the situation with late transition metal complexes stabilized by β -diiminato ligands. In the last few years there have been many efforts to activate E_4 . In the case of iron and cobalt complexes a systematic study with different β -diiminato ligands was performed.^[37d,37e,38c,59] The steric and electronic properties of the ligands can have a strong influence on the reactivity and the structure of the resulting E_n unit. *Driess et al.* reported

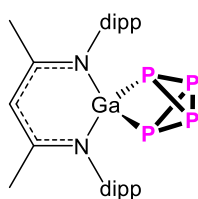
the synthesis of the dinuclear complex $[(L^0Fe)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-P_2)_2]$ (**XIa**, $L^0 = \{N(C_6H_3^iPr_2-2,6)C(H)_2CH\}^-$) containing two $[P_2]^{2-}$ units, an analogous arsenic derivative has also been reported.^[59a,59c] By replacing the aromatic flanking groups of the β -diiminato ligand from *dipp* (= 2,6-diisopropylphenyl) groups to the sterically less hindered *dmp* (= 2,6-dimethylphenyl) groups a realgar-type^[60] E_8 unit stabilized by four iron(II) centers could be obtained (**XIIa-XIId**).^[37d,59c] Further, using the bulkiest ligand in this line – L^3 – the same reaction conditions leads to the dinuclear iron complex $[(L^3Fe)_2(\mu,\eta^{4:4}-E_4)]$ ($E = P$ (**XIIIa**), As (**XIIIb**))^[37d,59c], which contains a planar *cyclo*- $[E_4]^{2-}$ unit. This study elucidates the effect of slightly different ligands on the structure of the obtained products. In the case of β -diiminato Co(I) complexes a similar study was performed, which indicates that the ligand system not always influence the E_n unit. While in the case of phosphorus with L^0 - L^3 a rectangular-shaped $[P_4]^0$ moiety stabilized by two $\{LCo\}$ fragments (**XIVa**) is formed,^[37e,38c] the reactions with yellow arsenic lead to four different compounds, all with slightly different $[Co_2As_4]$ cores.^[59b] Moreover, *Driess et al.* reported the nickel complex $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu-\eta^2,\kappa^1:\eta^2\kappa^1-P_4)]$ (**XV**) containing a prism-like structure motif, from which a $\{L^3Ni\}$ fragment can be released in solution.^[61] Recently, our group reported the first neutral and molecular complexes of copper containing an intact E_4 tetrahedra, which can be released in a controlled manner.^[62] In solution there is an equilibrium between the mono- and dinuclear compound $[(L^3Cu)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-P_4)]$ (**XVIa**) and $[L^3Cu(\eta^2-P_4)]$ (**XVII**).^[62] Furthermore, there are efforts to investigate the reactivity of β -diiminato M(I) complexes towards E_n ligand complexes. Recently, *Roesky et al.* reported the reaction of $[L^3Al]$ with $[Cp^*Fe(\eta^5-P_5)]$ which leads to $[(Cp^*Fe)(\mu,\eta^{5:3}-P_5)(L^3Al)]$ (**XVIII**) containing an envelope-shaped P_5 ring.^[63]

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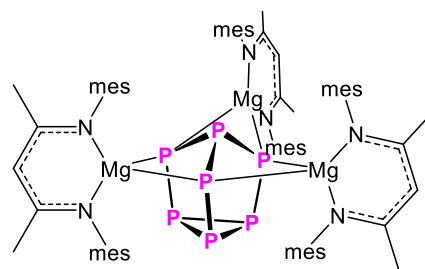
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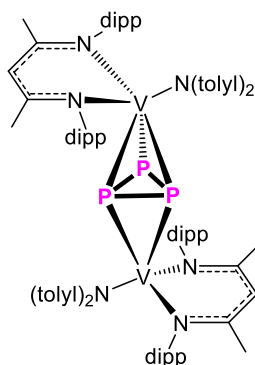


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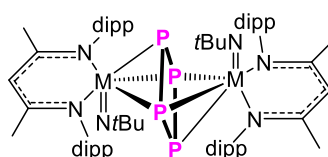


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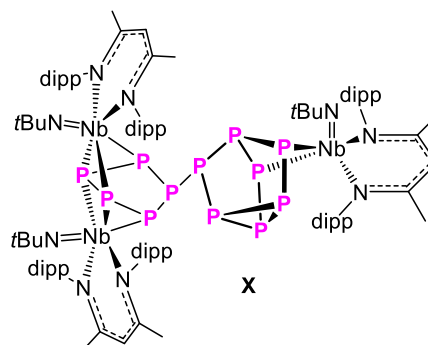
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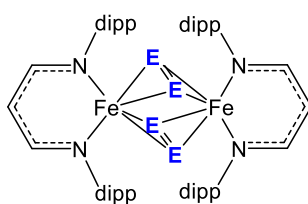


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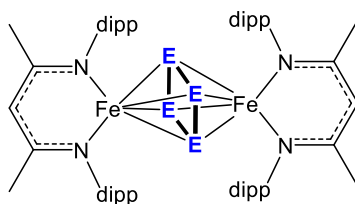


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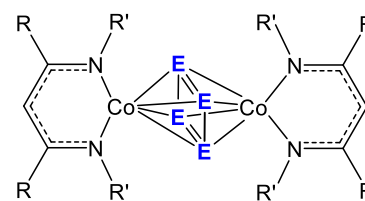
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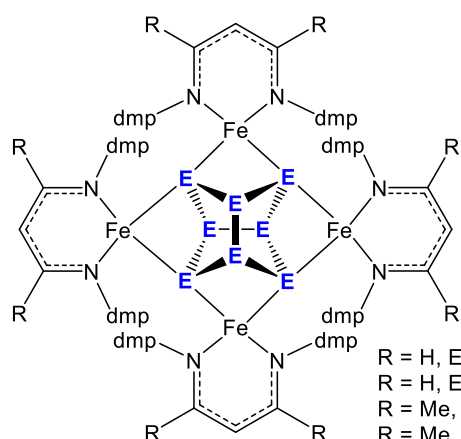
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E = As (XIb)



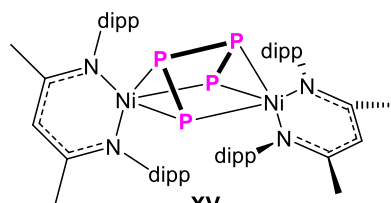
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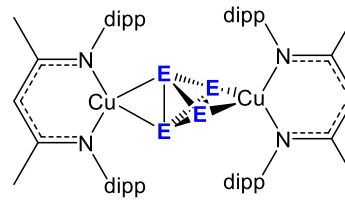
E = P, L⁻³ (XIVa)
E = As, L⁰ (XIVb)



R = H, E = P (XIIa)
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R = Me, E = As (XII d)



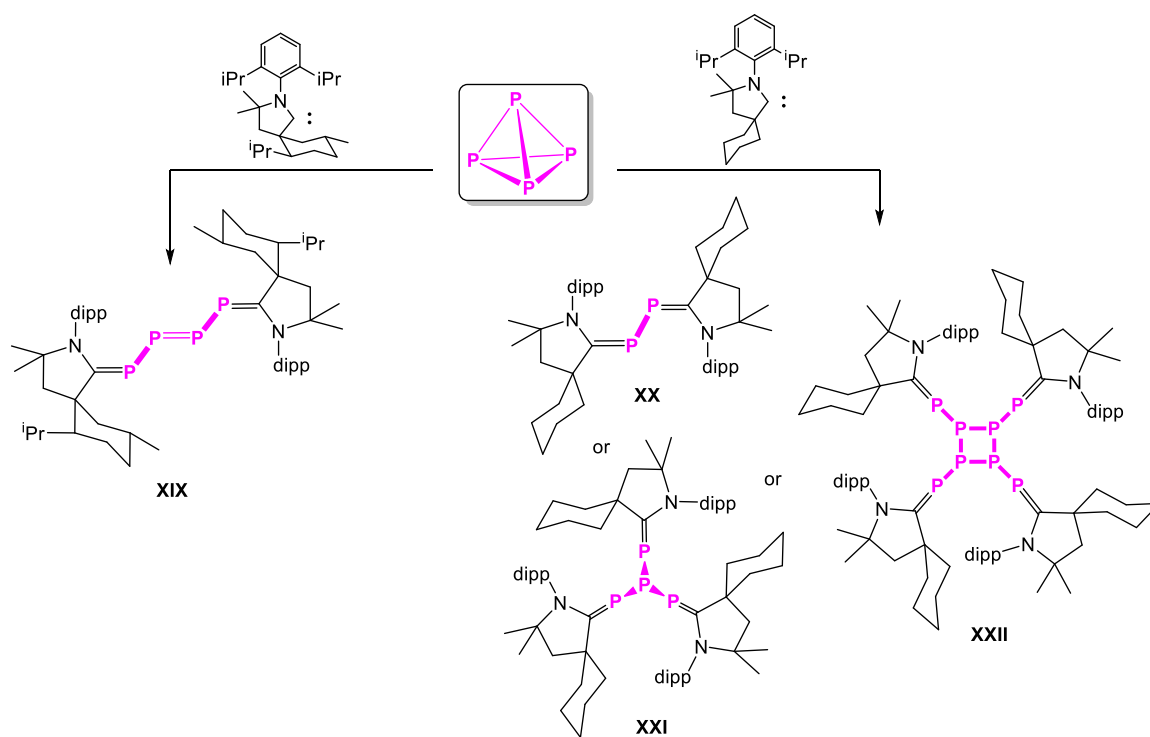
XV



E = P (XVIa)
E = As (XVIb)

Scheme 1.10. Selected examples of E_n ligand complexes containing β-diiminato ligands with main group, early and late transition metals (dmp = 2,6-dimethylphenyl, dipp = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl, mes = 2,4,6-methylphenyl, tolyl = 4-MeC₆H₄).

There are also some known examples of the conversion of white phosphorus with different CAACs, which are depicted in Scheme 1.11. *Bertrand et al.* reported a 2,3,4,5-tetraphosphatriene derivative which is stabilized by two menthyl substituted CAACs (**XIX**) in 2007.^[64] The reaction with a less hindered cyclohexyl-substituted CAAC leads in dependence of the stoichiometry to three different products: A 1:3 stoichiometry (P_4 :CAAC) leads to the formation of the P_2 -dicarbene adduct $[(CAAC)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-P_2)]$ ^[65] (**XX**) and an isotetraphosphan adduct stabilized by three CAAC molecules $[(CAAC)_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}-P_4)]$ (**XXI**).^[66] The same reaction in a 2:1 stoichiometry (P_4 :CAAC) leads to the formation of a P_8 tetracarbene (**XXII**).^[67] To the best of our knowledge there are no reactions of yellow arsenic with CAACs known. But in the last years there have been efforts to find another way to synthesized arsenic containing compounds stabilized by CAACs. The reaction of Et^t CAAC with $AsCl_3$ and further reduction leads to the formation of $[(Et^tCAAC)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-As_2)]$.^[68] An isostructural compound with antimony is also known.^[69]

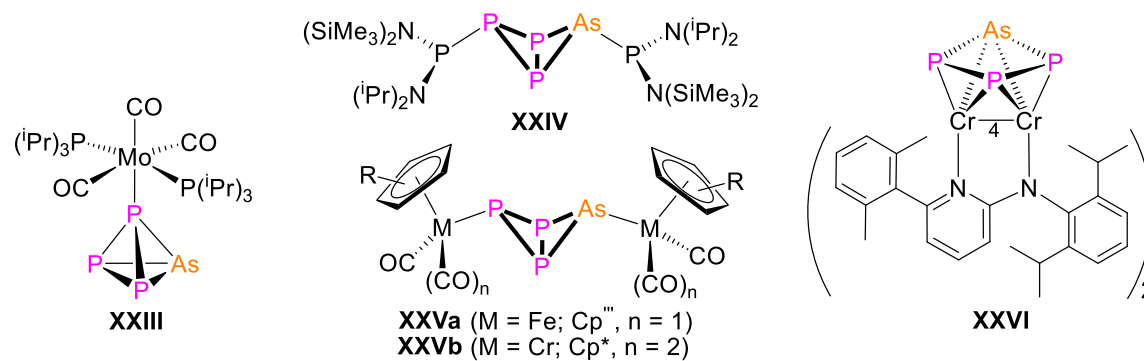


Scheme 1.11. Conversion of white phosphorus by different CAACs.

Due to the fact, that AsP_3 was first synthesized in its pure form in 2009,^[26] there are only a few complexes known which contain AsP_3 as a ligand. Selected examples are depicted in Scheme 1.12. The first compound synthesized by the activation of AsP_3 was $[(P^iPr_3)_2Mo(CO)_3(\eta^1-AsP_3)]$ (**XXIII**)^[26,27] which contains an intact η^1 -coordinated AsP_3 tetrahedron. The reaction of the diphosphine $[P\{N(SiMe_3)_2\}(N^iPr_2)]_2$ ^[70] (which reversibly dissociates in solution to the phosphinyl radical $[P\{N(SiMe_3)\}(N^iPr_2)]$) with AsP_3 leads to $[(^iPr_2N)(SiMe_3)P]_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-AsP_3)$ (**XXIV**)^[27] which contains an AsP_3 butterfly unit. Similar AsP_3 butterfly units could be obtained within the complexes $[(Cp^R M(CO)_n)(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-AsP_3)]$ ($M = Fe$, $Cp^R = Cp^*$, $n = 2$ (**XXVa**); $M = Cr$, $Cp^R = Cp^*$, $n = 3$ (**XXVb**)).^[71] Further, our group

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reported the reactivity of E_4 ($E_4 = P_4, As_4, AsP_3$) towards a chromium complex, which lead to bimetallic complexes containing *cyclo*- E_4^{2-} ligands as terminal *cyclo*- E_4 -enddecks (**XXVI**).^[72] The X-ray structure of these compounds show a disorder over more than one position for the arsenic atom in the AsP_3 ligand.



Scheme 1.12. Selected examples of complexes containing AsP_3 ligands.

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2. Research Objectives

The conversion of white phosphorus and yellow arsenic by transition metal and main group complexes was extensively studied and leads to a plethora of E_n ligand complexes ($E = P, As$). Most of them containing well established ligand systems as Cp^R (= cyclopentadienyl derivatives) or multidentate phosphines. In the last two decades two more ligand systems gained increasing attention by activating small molecules: the β -diiminato ligands and cyclic alkyl amino carbenes (CAACs). Only a few examples for the conversion of white phosphorus with main group and early transition metal complexes stabilized by β -diiminato ligands has been reported. Examples of the conversion with yellow arsenic are unknown. *Bertrand et al.* have already reported some reactions of white phosphorus with different CAACs but reactions of yellow arsenic are still missing, too. A different situation is obtained with late transition metal complexes stabilized by β -diiminato ligands. With iron and cobalt complexes, a comparative study of the conversion of E_4 was performed with different β -diiminato ligand systems. Furthermore, molecular and neutral copper complexes could be obtained with neutral and intact E_4 tetrahedra. Nevertheless, there are still some late transition metal complexes (e.g. $[(L^3Ni)_2tol]$, $L^3 = \{[N(C_6H_3Pr_{2-2,6})C(Me)]_2CH\}$) which were not reacted with yellow arsenic. Another interesting topic is the reactivity of such β -diiminato ligand complexes towards E_n ligand compounds. First investigations of the reactivity of $[L^3Al]$ towards $[Cp^*Fe(\eta^5-P_5)]$ ($Cp^* = C_5(CH_3)_5$) have already been performed by the group of *Roesky et al.* in 2020. These lead to the question if the E-E bonds in *cyclo- E_n* units can be activated, opened up, or be still intact by nacnac metal fragments.

Therefore, the following research objectives arise:

- ❖ Reactivity of white phosphorus, yellow arsenic and the interpnictogen compound AsP_3 towards low valent transition metal (Ni, Cu) or main group (Al, Ga) compounds stabilized by β -diiminato ligands.
- ❖ Reactivity of white phosphorus, yellow arsenic and the interpnictogen compound AsP_3 towards cyclic alkyl amino carbenes (CAACs).
- ❖ Investigations on the reactivity of $M(I)$ ($M = Cu, Ga$) nacnac complexes towards E_n ligand compounds.

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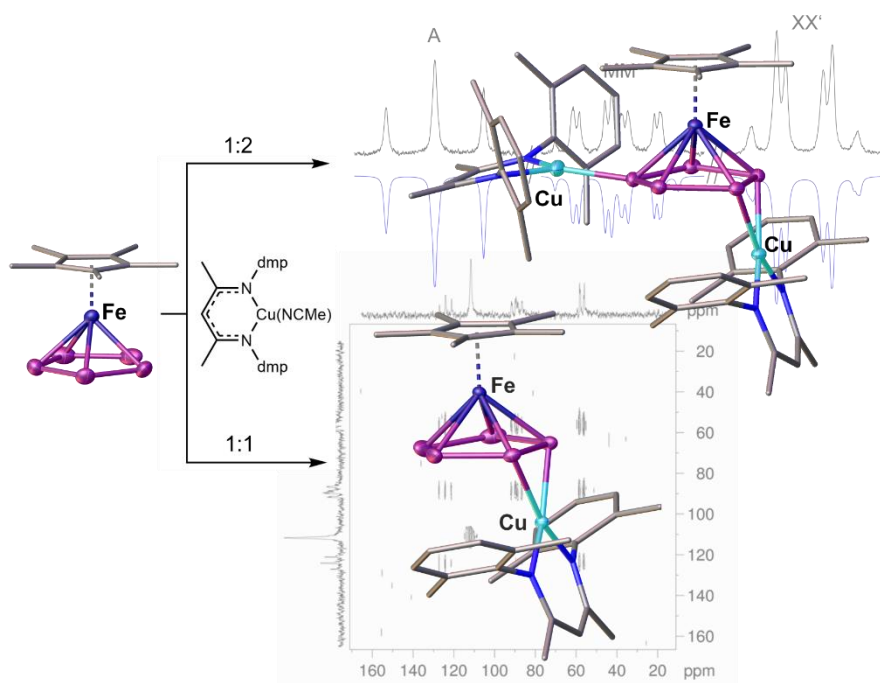
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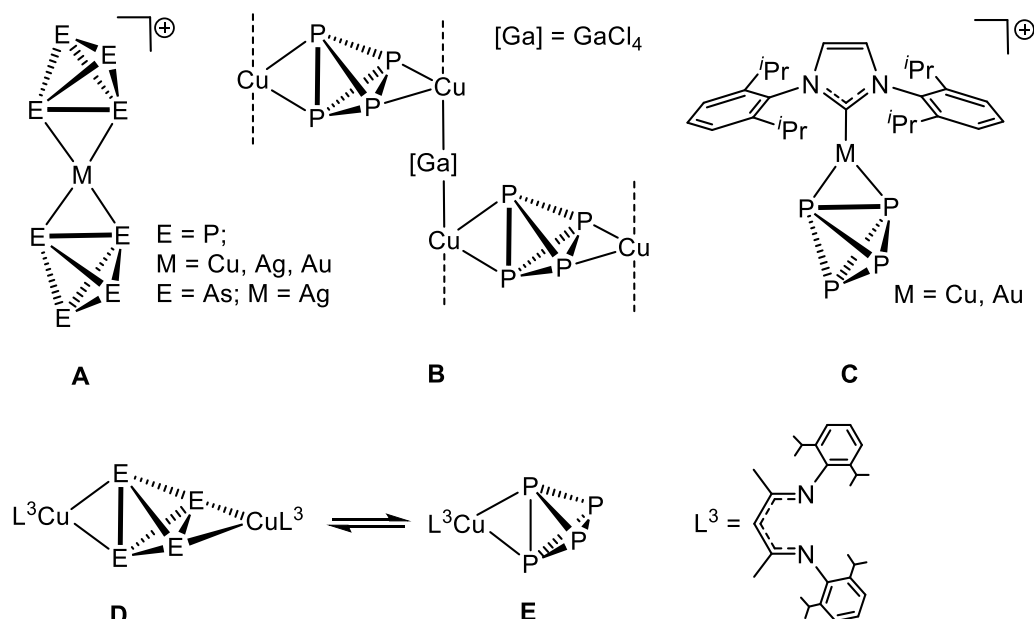
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Abstract: The nacnac Cu(I) compound $[L^1Cu(MeCN)]$ (**2**) ($L^1 = \{[N(C_6H_3Me_2-2,6)C(Me)]_2CH\}$) was reacted with complexes containing aromatic cyclo- E_5 ($[Cp^*Fe(\eta^5-E_5)]$, $E = P$ (**1a**), As (**1b**), $Cp^* = \eta^5-C_5Me_5$), cyclo- P_4 ($[Cp''Co(\eta^4-P_4)]$ (**3**), $Cp'' = \eta^5-C_5H_2^tBu_3$) and cyclo- E_3 ligands ($[Cp'''Ni(\eta^3-E_3)]$, $E = P$ (**4a**), As (**4b**)) yielding the heterometallic complexes $[(Cp^*Fe)(\mu, \eta^{5:2}-E_5)(L^1Cu)]$ ($E = P$ (**5a**), As (**5b**)), $[(Cp^*Fe)(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}-E_5)(L^1Cu)_2]$ ($E = P$ (**6a**), As (**6b**)), $[(Cp''Co)(\mu, \eta^{4:2}-P_4)(L^1Cu)]$ (**7**), $[(Cp''Co)(\mu_3, \eta^{4:2:1}-P_4)(L^1Cu)_2]$ (**8**) and $[(Cp'''Ni)(\mu, \eta^{3:2}-E_3)(L^1Cu)]$ ($E = P$ (**9a**), As (**9b**)). These complexes are rare examples for the coordination of a group 11 metal coordinating to aromatic cyclo- E_n ($E = P, As$; $n = 3-5$) ligand complexes. All products were comprehensively characterized by crystallographic and spectroscopic methods. The dynamic behavior in solution was studied by VT (variable temperature) NMR spectroscopy and their electronic structures were elucidated by DFT calculations.

3.1. Introduction

Element-Element bond cleavage, activation or preservation after coordination to Lewis acidic moieties is a central question in coordination chemistry and catalysis. The conversion of white phosphorus and yellow arsenic, respectively, was studied extensively in the last decades yielding a plethora of polypnictogen (E_n) ligand complexes ($E = P, As$).^[1] The first step of the E_4 transformation by transition metals moieties reveals complexes containing intact E_4 tetrahedra ($E = P, As$) as ligands.^[1c-e,2] By using weakly coordinating anions (WCAs), even complexes of such weak ligands as E_4 ($E = P, As$) could be stabilized in the coordination sphere of coinage metal ions.^[3] Selected examples are $[Cu(\eta^2-P_4)_2][pftb]$ ($pftb = [Al\{OC(CF_3)_3\}_4]$) (**A**),^[3b] the coordination polymer $[P_4CuGaCl_4]_n$ (**B**)^[3c] or $[IPrM(\eta^2-P_4)][Al(pftb)_4]$ (**C**; $M = Cu, Ag$) (Scheme 3.1).^[3e] They contain intact P_4 tetrahedra, although an elongation of the coordinated P-P bond has occurred. Beside WCAs, also organometallic copper complexes containing a permanent coordinating ligand as for instance β -diketiminato (nacnac) can coordinate P_4 and As_4 . Thus, it was possible to synthesize and characterize the complexes $[(L^3Cu)_2(\mu_2, \eta^{2:2}-E_4)]$ ($L^3 = nacnac = \{[N(C_6H_3^iPr_2-2,6)C(Me)]_2CH\}$, **D1**: $E = P$; **D2**: $E = As$) and $[L^3Cu(\eta^2-P_4)]$ (**E**) (Scheme 3.1).^[4a] These were the first neutral molecular complexes containing an intact E_4 tetrahedron in a bridging, side-on coordination mode. These complexes are neither sensitive to light nor flammable. They can be stored for a long time and serve as sources of E_4 by releasing it in a controlled manner. In addition to E_4 -containing complexes, there is a large number of polypnictogen ligand complexes that are formed by a stepwise degeneration of E_4 by successive E-E bond cleavages or the aggregation ($n > 4$) of E_4 units. The most prominent derivative is $[Cp^*Fe(\eta^5-E_5)]$ ($E = P$ (**1a**), As (**1b**), $Cp^* = \eta^5-C_5Me_5$) which contains a cyclo- E_5 ligand that is isolobal to the well-known Cp (cyclopentadienyl) ligand.^[5] Beside the investigation of the reactivity of **1** towards nucleophiles and its redox chemistry,^[6] **1** was used as building block for coordination polymers and for spherical aggregates in the supramolecular chemistry.^[7]

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Scheme 3.1. Selected examples of compounds containing intact E_4 ($E = P, As$) ligands.

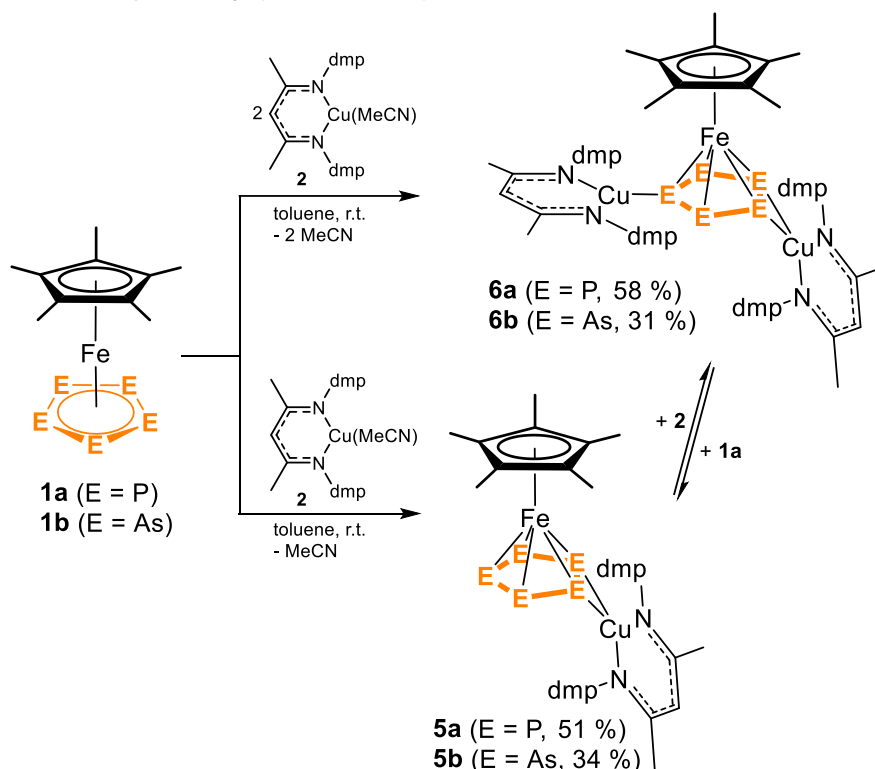
Based on the properties of $\{LCu\}$ moieties to coordinate and to activate E-E bonds, the question arose as to what extent the E-E bonds in E_n ligands can be activated, opened up or be still intact by $\{LCu\}$ fragments as well as what types of coordination modes are preferred. To increase the level of activation (from a simple single bond in E_4 to a more multiple bond), we focused especially on aromatic *cyclo*- E_n systems, which are known to be rather robust. Also the question of the reaction progress arose whether a mono or a disubstitution occurs. Herein, we report on the reactivity of $[L^1Cu(MeCN)]$ (**2**)^[8] ($L^1 = \{[N(C_6H_3Me-2,6)C(Me)_2CH]^- \}$) towards complexes containing aromatic *cyclo*- E_n ligands as end decks i.e. $[Cp^*Fe(\eta^5-E_5)]$ ($E = P$ (**1a**), As (**1b**)), $[Cp^{**}Co(\eta^4-P_4)]$ ($Cp^{**} = \eta^5-C_5H_2^tBu_3$) (**3**)^[9] and $[Cp^{***}Ni(\eta^3-E_3)]$ ($E = P$ (**4a**), As (**4b**)).^[10] This results in compounds in which, first, a side-on coordination occurs, revealing a closed E-E bond, whereas, afterwards, the second molecule $\{L^1Cu\}$ tends to be end-on coordinated. These products represent neutral molecular complexes of group 11 metals containing the rare η^2 -side-on coordination mode to the intact *cyclo*- E_n ligand complexes. All molecules show a highly dynamic behavior in solution, which could be clarified by detailed NMR studies.

3.2. Results and Discussion

The reaction of $[L^1Cu(MeCN)]$ (**2**) with one equivalent of $[Cp^*Fe(\eta^5-E_5)]$ ($E = P$ (**1a**), As (**1b**)) in toluene at room temperature leads to the quantitative formation of $[(Cp^*Fe)(\mu, \eta^{5:2}-E_5)(L^1Cu)]$ ($E = P$ (**5a**), As (**5b**)).^[11] Crystals of **5** were obtained as brown air-sensitive solids in isolated crystalline yields of 51% (**5a**) and 34% (**5b**), respectively (Scheme 3.2). Performing the reaction in a 2:1 stoichiometry of the reactants leads to the formation of the

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trinuclear heterobimetallic complex $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ ($\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**6a**), As (**6b**)), which is obtained as a brown (**6a**) or orange (**6b**) air-sensitive solid in crystalline yields of 58% and 31%, respectively (Scheme 3.2).



Scheme 3.2. Reaction of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ with $[\text{L}^1\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})]$. (dmp = 2,6-dimethylphenyl).

Compound **6a** shows a dynamic behavior in solution, which was studied by variable temperature (VT) NMR spectroscopy (Figure 3.1). At room temperature, the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **6a** in toluene- d_8 shows a broad signal at 86.1 ppm ($\omega_{1/2} = 1578$ Hz). Dissolving compound **6a** at -80 °C and recording its $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum at this temperature, the broad signal splits into three sharp multiplets centered at $\delta = 122.9$ ppm, 89.4 ppm and 54.8 ppm, respectively, with an integral ratio of 1:2:2 displaying an $\text{AMM}'\text{XX}'$ spin system. With increasing temperature, the signals broaden and, at 333 K, only a broad singlet at 89.0 ppm ($\omega_{1/2} = 213$ Hz) is observed. At this temperature, the dynamic process is fast on the NMR time scale and all phosphorus atoms become equivalent. The activation parameters, calculated by a line shape analysis, are: $\Delta\text{H}^\ddagger = 51.5 \pm 4$ kJ/mol; $\Delta\text{S}^\ddagger = 18 \pm 8$ J/mol·K; $\Delta\text{G}^\ddagger_{298} = 46 \pm 2$ kJ/mol. The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ VT NMR spectrum of **6a** in toluene- d_8 shows also a signal at $\delta = 116.1$ ppm, which is attributable to an impurity of **5a**, presumably formed by minimal thermal decomposition of **6a** during warming.^[12] The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **5a** in toluene- d_8 at room temperature shows a sharp singlet at 116.1 ppm and at 183 K a broad signal at 110.5 ppm ($\omega_{1/2} = 6050$ Hz). The temperature of 183 K is not low enough to reach the coalescence of the NMR signals of **5a**. The coupling pattern observed in the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **6a** at -80 °C indicates that the geometry of **6a**, determined by single crystal X-ray diffractions, is retained in solution at that temperature

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(vide infra). This is also confirmed by the solid state $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ MAS NMR spectrum of a crystalline sample of **6a** which exhibits also three multiplets at similar chemical shifts (Figure 3.2). Interestingly, only the coupling of the η^1 -coordinating phosphorus atom to the obviously terminal coordinated Cu atom is observed.

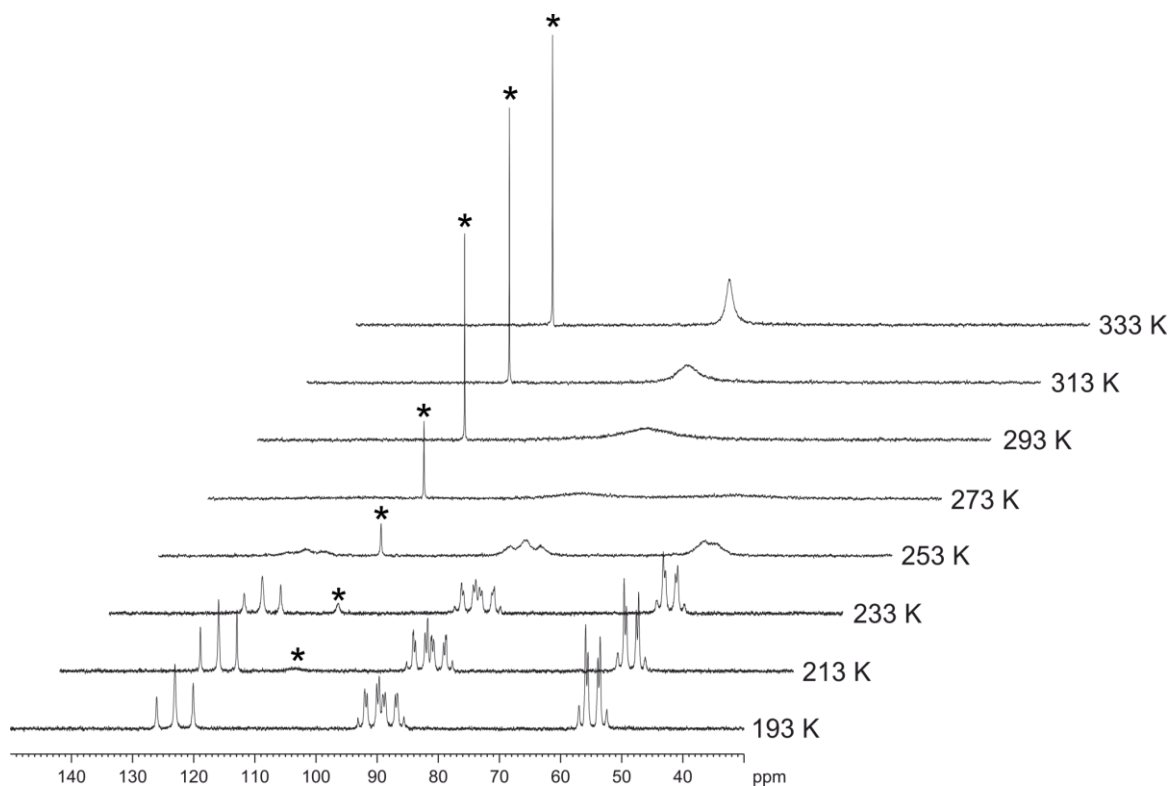


Figure 3.1. VT $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of **6a** in toluene- d_8 at different temperatures between 193 K and 333 K (* = **5a**).

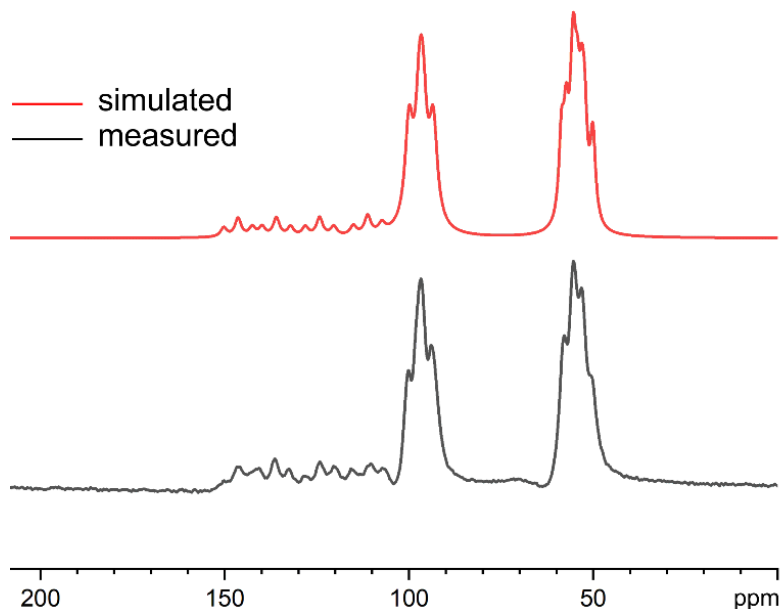
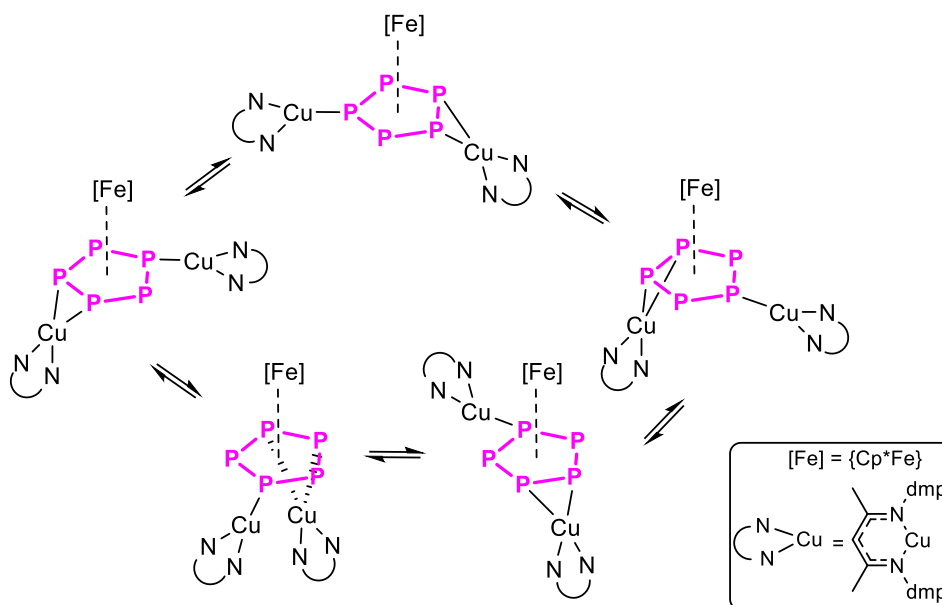


Figure 3.2. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ MAS NMR spectrum of dried crystals of **6a**. Recorded at 25000 Hz MAS frequency (measured: bottom (black), fitted: top (red)).

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Scheme 3.3. Molecular $\eta^1 \rightarrow \eta^2 \rightarrow \eta^1$ motion consisting of Cu(Nacnac) migration around the P_5 ring while remaining chemically connected to the P atoms.

The dynamic process responsible for the scrambling of the ^{31}P nuclei at temperatures higher than 273 K is either a fast dissociation-reassociation of the Cu(nacnac) moiety^[13] or an $\eta^1 \rightarrow \eta^2 \rightarrow \eta^1$ walk of the two Cu atoms along the pentaphosphacyclopentadiene ring, as shown in Scheme 3.3. In order to shed light on the dynamic process, we recorded a $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ EXSY spectrum of a toluene- d_8 solution of **6a** at 233 K. The result is shown in Figure 3.3 which reveals that while there are exchange cross peaks between each couple of P atoms of **6a**, no exchange between **6a** and **5a** is detected.^[12] The absence of cross peaks between the signal of **5a** ($\delta = 111$ ppm) and any of the ^{31}P nuclei belonging to **6a** indicates that the dissociative process does not occur and that the dynamic motion consists of an $\eta^1 \rightarrow \eta^2 \rightarrow \eta^1$ walk of the two Cu atoms along the P_5 ring, as shown in Scheme 3.3. To check whether the dissociative process (consisting in the dissociation-reassociation of the Cu(nacnac) moiety) does occur at higher temperatures,^[4a] we also carried out a $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ EXSY experiment on a toluene- d_8 solution of **6a** at 333 K. However, under these conditions, during the relatively long time needed to record the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ EXSY spectrum (some hours), an irreversible conversion of **6a** to **5a** and, eventually, to **1a** occurred, with no clear off-diagonal peaks detectable in the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ EXSY spectrum. The same behavior was observed when carrying out the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ EXSY experiment at 313 K. It should be noted that the small value found for the activation entropy is consistent with a non-dissociative dynamic process, like that depicted in Scheme 3.3.

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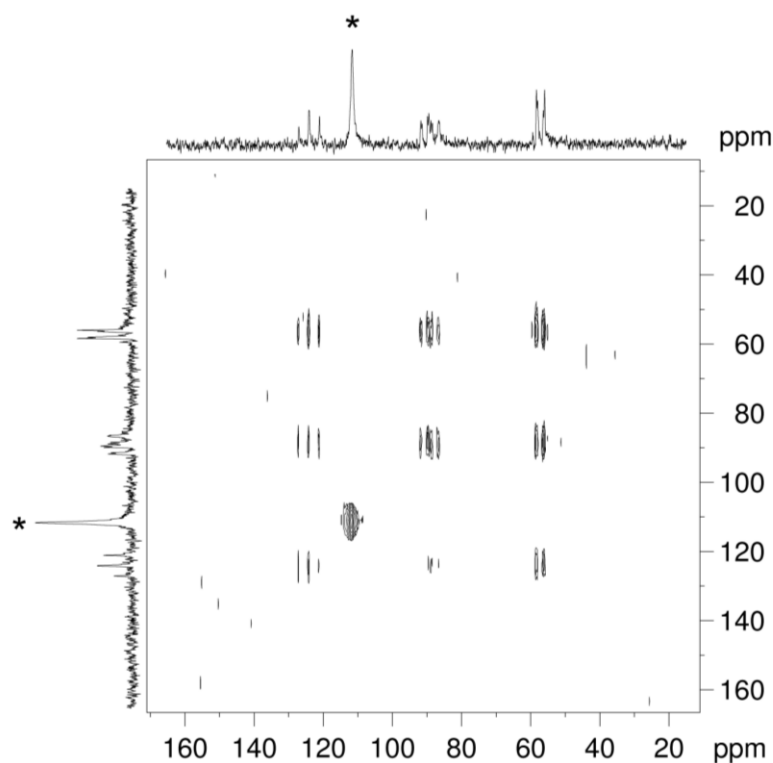


Figure 3.3. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ EXSY spectrum of **6a** ($T = 233\text{ K}$, toluene- d_8) (* = **5a**).

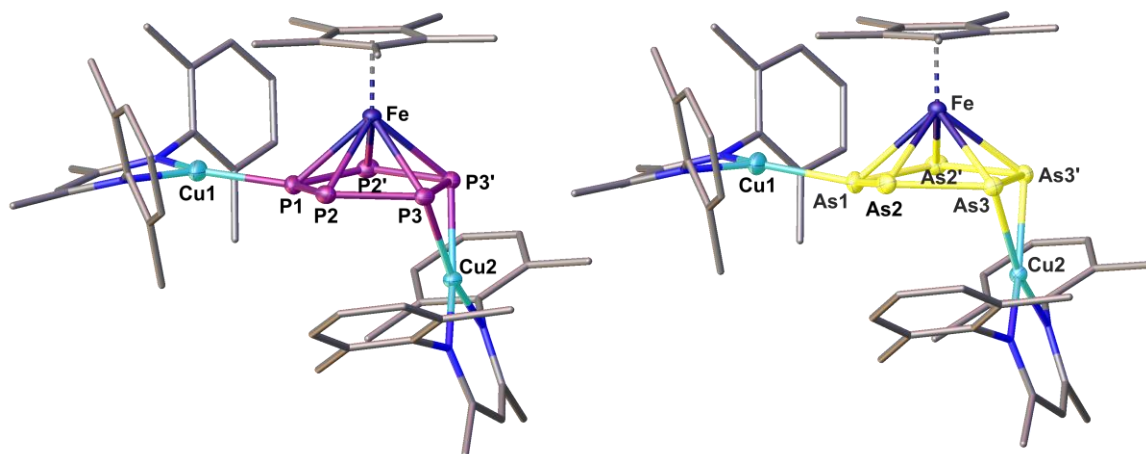


Figure 3.4. Molecular structure of **6a** (left) and **6b** (right) in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

The molecular structure of **6** reveals a trinuclear heterobimetallic complex in which the $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ ligand coordinates in an η^1 fashion end-on to one $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment and in an η^2 fashion side-on to the second $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment (Figure 3.4). The η^1 -coordinated $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment is nearly coplanar with the *cyclo-E*₅ ring, while the η^2 -coordinated $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment is almost perpendicular to the *cyclo-E*₅ plane (dihedral angle of $80.62(2)^\circ$ and $85.243(14)^\circ$ for **6a** and **6b**, respectively). The molecular structure of **5** reveals a $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ ligand coordinating in an η^2 fashion side-on to the $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment (Figure 3.5). The

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η^1 coordination is theoretically possible but is energetically less favored by 20 kJ·mol⁻¹ for **5a** and by 45 kJ·mol⁻¹ for **5b** (cf. SI). The {L¹Cu} fragment is also coordinated almost perpendicularly to the *cyclo*-E₅ plane, with a dihedral angle of 83.43(2)° (**5a**) and 94.29(2)° (**5b**), respectively.

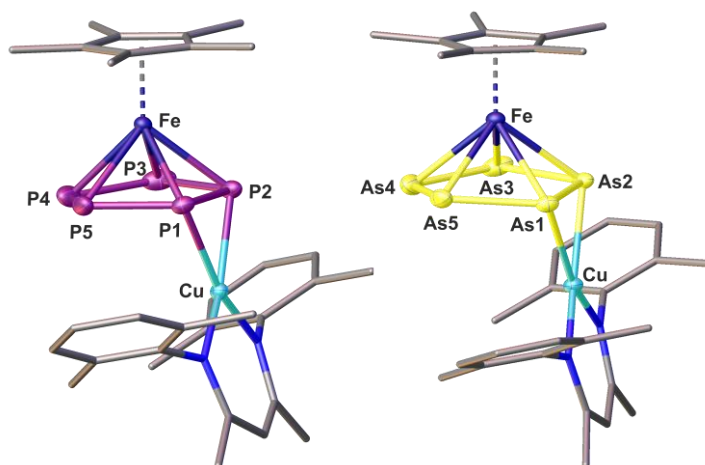


Figure 3.5. Molecular structure of **5a** (left) and **5b** (right) in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

Interestingly, the η^2 -coordinated Cu-P distances in **5a** and **6a** (**5a**: Cu-P1/Cu-P2 2.2859(7)/2.2820(7) Å, **6a**: Cu2-P3/Cu2-P3' 2.2888(5)/2.2889(5) Å) are between the Cu-P distances found in **A** (2.336(2) – 2.345(2) Å), **B** (2.342(2) Å), **D1** (2.2592(6) – 2.2707(6) Å) and **E** (2.280(3) Å). In the case of Cu-As, the bond distances are in the same range (**5b**: Cu-As1/Cu-As2 2.4255(7)/2.4002(7) Å, **6b**: Cu2-As3/Cu2-As3' 2.3987(4) Å) as for **D2** (Cu-As 2.3761(9)/2.3877(9) Å). Four E-E bond distances are in the range between an E-E single^[14] and double^[15] bond, while the Cu-coordinated E-E bond is elongated but still intact (**5a**: P1-P2 2.2100(10) Å, **5b**: As1-As2 2.4039(6) Å, **6a**: P3-P3' 2.2242(10) Å; **6b**: As3-As3' 2.4156(4) Å). The Wiberg Bond Indices underline this description (**5a**: P1-P2 1.04, **5b**: As1-As2 1.03; **6a**: P3-P3' 1.01, **6b**: As3-As3' 1.0). These values are slightly lower than the non-coordinated E-E bonds (between 1.06 and 1.22, more detailed information cf. SI). To the best of our knowledge, only few examples with an η^2 -side-on coordination to the *cyclo*-P₅ ring of the pentaphosphaferrocene are known.^[7e,16] Most akin to the compounds reported herein is [(Cp*Fe)($\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:2}$ -P₅)(Cu(3,5-(CF₃)₂Pz))₃] (**F**, Pz = pyrazolate).^[16a] Interestingly, a macrocycle such as copper pyrazolate Cu(3,5-(CF₃)₂Pz)₃ is able to coordinate two out of its three copper atoms in an η^2 side-on fashion at the *cyclo*-P₅ ring of **1a** because of the local proximity of the adjacent Cu atoms. In contrast, mononuclear Cu complexes such as **2** prefer first an η^2 coordination and, for the second molecule, an η^1 coordination that may be based on the steric bulk of the β -diketiminato ligand. The bond distances of the Cu-coordinated P-P bonds in the pyrazolate-containing complex are similarly elongated as in **6a** to 2.2085(14) and 2.2096(14) Å. The iridium complex [(Cp*Fe)($\mu, \eta^{5:2}$ -P₅)(Cp*Ir(CO))] (**G**)^[16b] was synthesized under rough conditions (4h, h ν) and shows also an AMM'XX' spin system in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum, which is

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already observed at room temperature. However, the respective P-P bond is elongated to a much higher extent (P-P: 2.359(2) Å, WBI: 0.72, as compared to **6a**: P-P: 2.2242(10), WBI: 1.01). In the case of arsenic, there is only one molecular compound known with an η^2 -side-on coordination to the *cyclo*-As₅ ligand of the pentaarsaferrocene. The rhodium complex [(Cp*Fe)($\mu,\eta^{5:2}$ -As₅)(Cp*Rh(CO))] (**H**),^[16b] synthesized by Scherer *et al.* exhibits an As-As bond distance of 2.502(2) Å (WBI: 0.78, compared to **6b**: 1.0), which is more widened. The η^2 -side-on coordination is more characteristic of **1b** than of **1a**.^[7c,17] Compound **5** and **6** are molecular and neutral examples of the rare η^2 -side-on coordination to the *cyclo*-E₅ ligand of **1** by group 11 complex moieties. Furthermore, it is possible to change the Cp^R ligand from Cp* to Cp^{Benz} (Cp^{Benz} = η^5 -C₅(CH₂Ph)₅) and obtain the same structural motif, which was verified by low temperature ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy (spectra and simulation see SI, **S1** and **S2**). Exchanging the ligand L¹ with L² (L² = [{N(C₆H₃Me-2,6)C(H)}₂CH]) leads also to very similar compounds (synthesis and structures see SI, **S3**, **S4** and **S5**).

According to DFT calculations at the B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory, all reactions shown in Scheme 3.2 are exothermic with -86 kJ·mol⁻¹ (**5a**) and -99 kJ·mol⁻¹ (**5b**) for the 1:1 ratio and -173 kJ·mol⁻¹ (**6a**) and -172 kJ·mol⁻¹ (**6b**) for the 1:2 ratio reaction. To obtain a deeper insight into the nature of the bonding of the **1b** to the {L¹Cu} fragment, we investigated the bonding situation in **5b** by means of the interaction of the fragment orbitals [Cp*Fe(As₅)] and {L¹Cu}. The orbital interaction diagram (Figure 3.6) shows that there is a rather low orbital overlap between the two fragments. The highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) in **5b** represents basically a set of π orbitals of the nacnac ligand of the {L¹Cu} fragment, while the HOMO-1 represents the interaction of the HOMO of the {L¹Cu} fragment (mainly Cu d orbital character) with the HOMO-1 and the lowest unoccupied orbital (LUMO) (both As p orbitals) of the {Cp*Fe(As₅)} fragment. The HOMO-2 and HOMO-3 orbitals are mainly located on the {Cp*Fe(As₅)} fragment with only minor contributions from the {L¹Cu} fragment orbitals HOMO and HOMO-7. This rather low mixing of the fragment orbitals in **5b** explains the highly dynamic behaviour of this type of complexes in solutions and indicates the importance of charge transfer in the bonding. Indeed, in **5b**, a net charge transfer of 0.196e⁻ occurs between the two fragments. The main part of the electron donation occurs via the As1 and As2 p orbitals (labelling according to Figure 3.5), while the copper s and p orbitals are the major acceptor orbitals. The bonding between the [Cp*FeAs₅] unit and the η^2 -coordinated L¹Cu unit **6b** is basically identical to that of **5b**. Additionally, the η^1 coordination is realized over the overlap of HOMO-3 orbital of the {(Cp*Fe)(As₅)(L¹Cu)} fragment with the LUMO of the {L¹Cu} fragment, leading to the HOMO-5 orbital in **6b**. This interaction is, however, weak and the HOMO-5 orbital exhibits mainly As₅ character (see Supporting Information). Nevertheless, the charge transfer over the η^1 coordination is more pronounced (net charge transfer 0.420e⁻) as compared to **5b** (η^2 coordination). We additionally investigated the topology of

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the electron density of **5** and **6** by means of the Atoms In Molecules (AIM) theory. We were able to locate Bond Critical Points (BCPs) along all Cu-E axis (see SI).

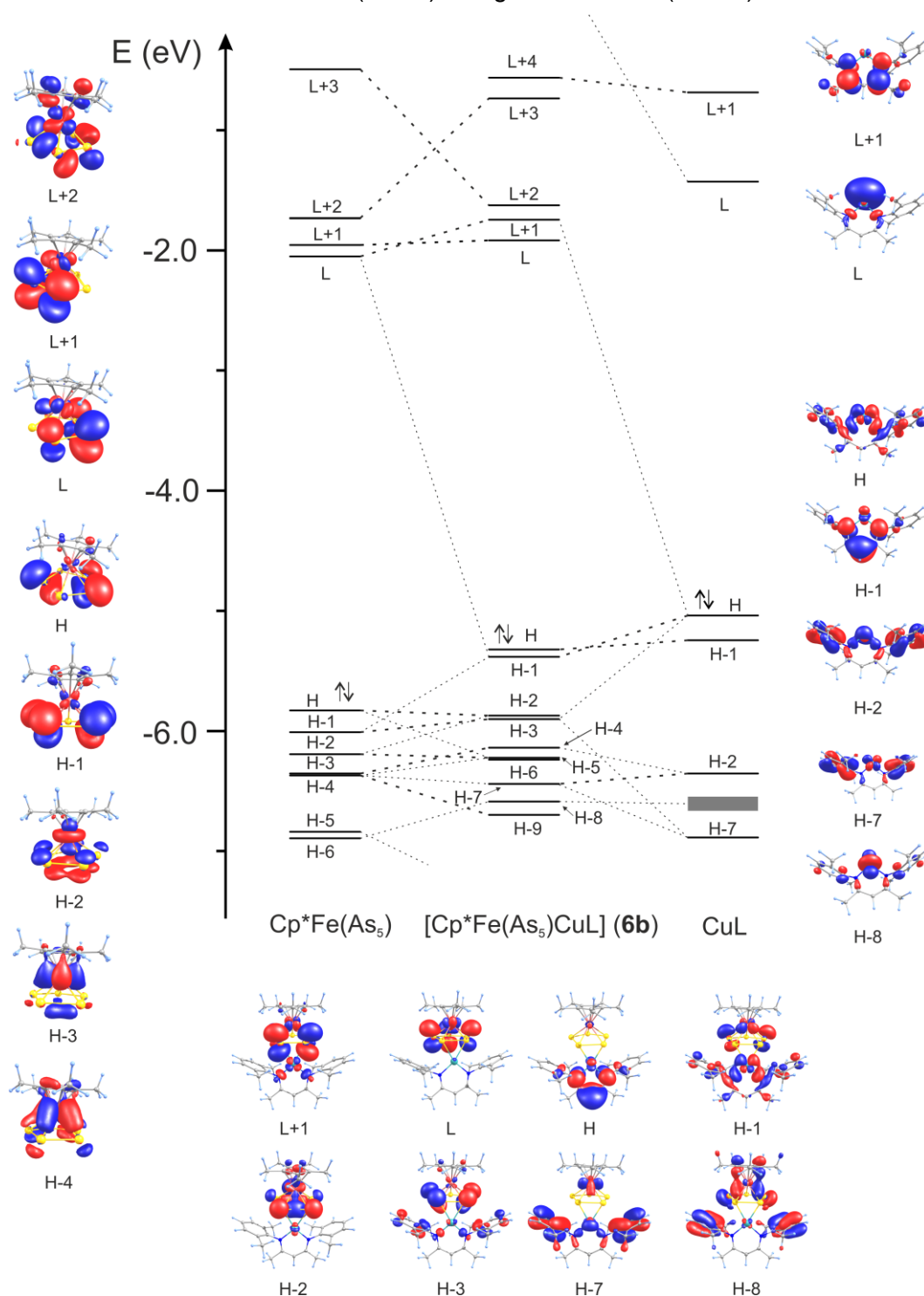
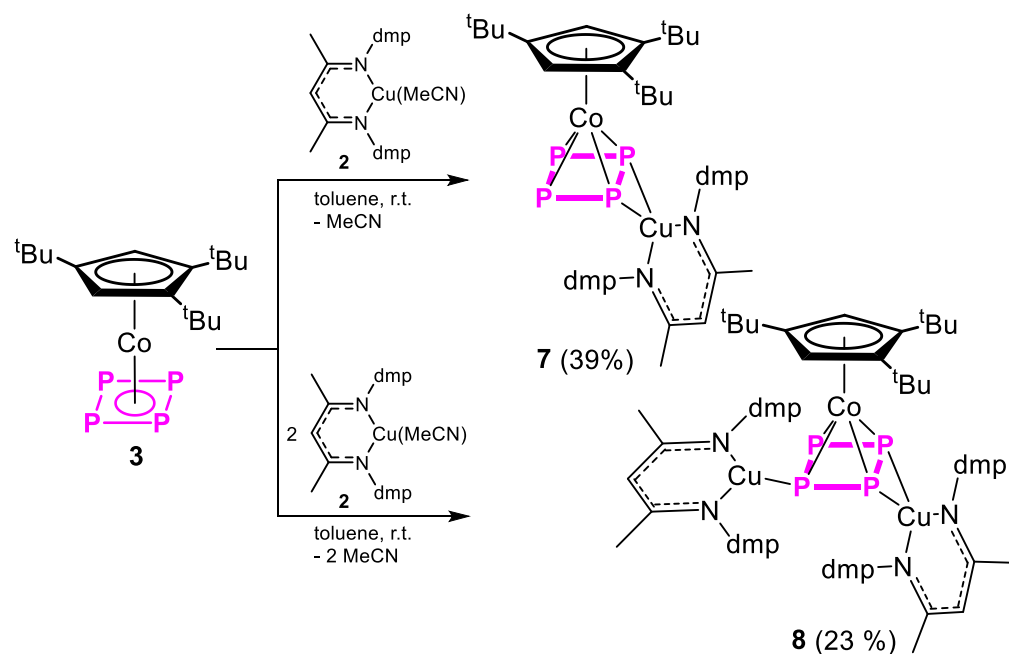


Figure 3.6. Molecular orbital interaction diagram of **5b**, calculated at the B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory. The MOs in grey are nonbonding. Only fragment contributions of more than 5% are depicted. The lines drawn in bold represent the main character of the corresponding molecular orbital.

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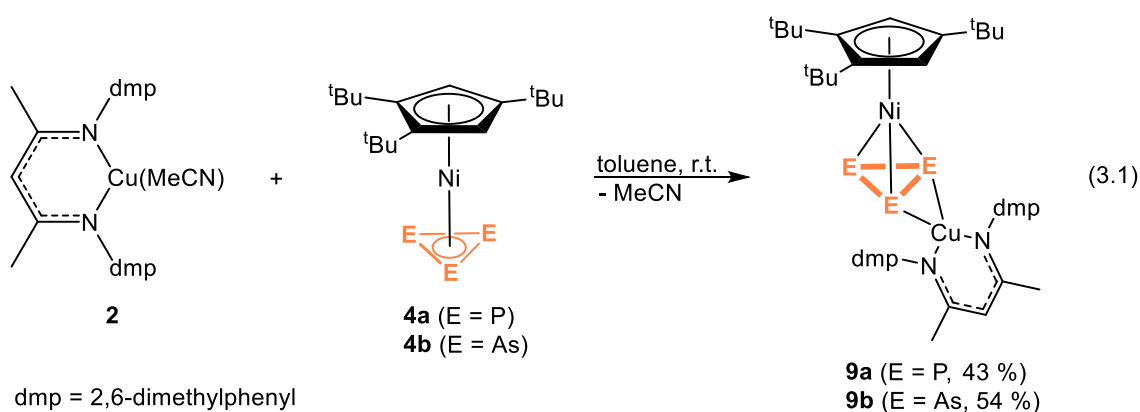
The electron density at the BCPs corresponding to the η^1 coordination is slightly higher than for the η^2 coordination and generally higher for E = P compared to E = As (i.e. $\rho = 0.076$ and 0.061 e \cdot bohr $^{-3}$, respectively, for **6b**; for details see SI). The positive sign of the Laplacian of the electron density and the ratio of the potential energy density ($|V|$) and the kinetic energy density (G) are indicative of an intermediate nature (between covalent and ionic) of the bonds. The eta index is characteristic of intermediate interactions between typical covalent and closed shell interactions. The properties of the BCPs corresponding to the η^2 -coordinating E-E bonds in **5** and **6** clearly show that these bonds are slightly weakened but still intact, hence the coordination to the $\{L^1Cu\}$ fragment does not critically affect the integrity of these bonds. A similar Cu-P bonding has been described for $[(Cp^*Fe)(\mu_3,\eta^{5:2:2}-P_5)(Cu(3,5-(CF_3)_2Pz))_3]$ (Pz = pyrazolate).^[16a]

In order to investigate if this reactivity of **2** can be extended to other *cyclo*-E_n ligand complexes possessing aromatic multiple bond character, **2** was reacted with $[Cp^mCo(\eta^4-P_4)]$ (**3**) and $[Cp^mNi(\eta^3-E_3)]$ (E = P (**4a**), As (**4b**)), respectively. The 1:1 reaction at room temperature in toluene leads to the quantitative formation of $[(Cp^mCo)(\mu,\eta^{4:2}-P_4)(L^1Cu)]$ (**7**, Scheme 3.4) and $[(Cp^mNi)(\mu,\eta^{3:2}-E_3)(L^1Cu)]$ (E = P (**9a**), As (**9b**), Eq. 3.1), which are isolated as air-sensitive red solids in crystalline yields of 39% (**7**), 43% (**9a**) and 54% (**9b**).^[11] The reaction of **3** with an excess of **2** leads to the formation of $[(Cp^mCo)(\mu_3,\eta^{4:2:1}-P_4)(L^1Cu)_2]$ (**8**, Scheme 3.4).



Scheme 3.4. Reaction of $[Cp^mCo(\eta^4-P_4)]$ with $[LCu(MeCN)]$. (dmp = 2,6-dimethylphenyl)

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The dynamic behavior of **7**, **8** and **9a** in solution was investigated by VT $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy. At room temperature, the NMR spectra in C_6D_6 show broad singlets at $\delta = 129.6$ ppm (**7**, $\omega_{1/2} = 7$ Hz), $\delta = 108.1$ ppm (**8**, $\omega_{1/2} = 234$ Hz) and $\delta = -163.1$ ppm (**9a**, $\omega_{1/2} = 8$ Hz), respectively. Even when crystals of **7** and **9a**, respectively, were dissolved and measured at -80°C (in toluene- d_8), it was not possible to freeze the dynamic process, and, hence, only one broad signal could be detected (**7**: 123.1 ppm ($\omega_{1/2} = 134$ Hz); **9a**: $\delta = -161.75$ ppm ($\omega_{1/2} = 44$ Hz)). The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of the reaction solution of **8** (-80°C , toluene- d_8) shows a splitting of the singlet into four broad signals at $\delta = 121.2$, 114.7, 99.4 and 75.6 ppm with the integral ratio of 1:1:1:1. Compound **8** shows a highly dynamic behavior, even at -80°C , there is no fine splitting visible. The MAS $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **9a** shows just one broad singlet at -161.1 ppm ($\omega_{1/2} = 1850$ Hz). This indicates that either the *cyclo*- P_3 ring is freely rotating in the solid state, too, so that, on the NMR time scale, all phosphorus atoms are equivalent, or that the difference in the magnetic shielding of the coordinating phosphorus atoms induced by the $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment is low and the two signals overlap. In the LIFDI-MS spectra of **7**, **8**, **9a** and **9b**, respectively, the corresponding molecular ion peaks are detected.

In **7** and **9**, the $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment is bonded in an η^2 fashion side-on to the $\{\text{Cp}^{\text{III}}\text{Co}(\eta^4\text{-P}_4)\}$ and $\{\text{Cp}^{\text{III}}\text{Ni}(\eta^3\text{-E}_3)\}$ ligands, respectively (Figure 3.7). A few complexes containing η^2 -side-on coordinated Cu atoms to *cyclo*- P_3 ligands has already been reported.^[18] The Cu coordinated P-P bonds of this ionic cobalt,^[18a] molybdenum,^[18b] or chromium^[18b] complexes are all elongated but still intact. The *cyclo*- E_n -Cu unit is folded by $72.058(17)^\circ$ (**7**), $59.90(2)^\circ$ (**9a**) and $59.871(12)^\circ$ (**9b**), respectively. The molecular structure of **8** reveals a trinuclear heterometallic complex in which the $\{\text{Cp}^{\text{III}}\text{Co}(\eta^4\text{-P}_4)\}$ ligand is coordinating in an η^2 fashion side-on to one $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment and in an η^1 fashion end-on to the second $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment. The η^2 -coordinated $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment is bent to the *cyclo*- P_4 plane (dihedral angle of $64.90(3)^\circ$), while the η^1 -coordinated $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment is twisted by 38° towards the P_4 ring.

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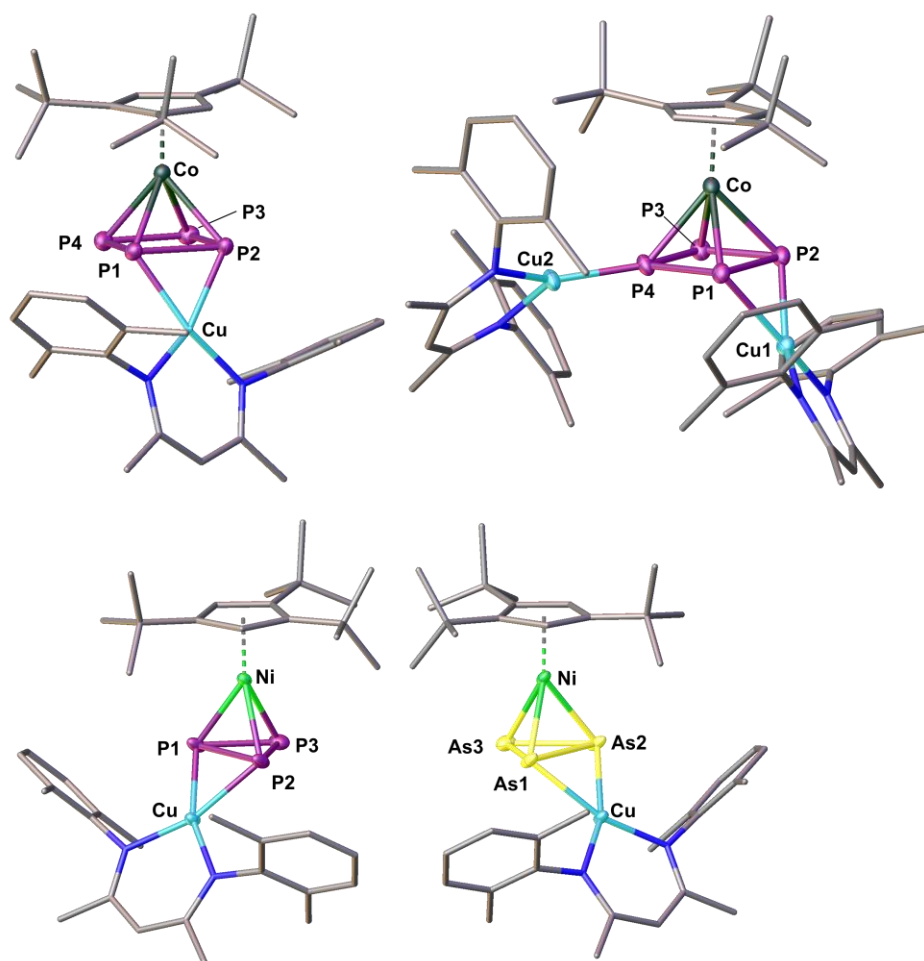


Figure 3.7. Molecular structure of **7** (top, left), **8** (top, right), **9a** (bottom, left) and **9b** (bottom, right) in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

The Cu-E bond lengths are similar to the distances in **5** and **6** (**7**: Cu-P1 2.2662(5), Cu-P2 2.2731(5), **8**: Cu1-P1 2.2995(7), Cu1-P2 2.2543(7), Cu2-P3 2.1382(7), **9a**: Cu-P1 2.2966(5), Cu-P2 2.2858(5), **9b**: Cu-As1 2.3857(4), Cu-As2 2.3980(4)). The Cu-coordinated E1-E2 bond is slightly elongated (**7**: 2.3278(6) Å, **8**: 2.3387(9), **9a**: 2.3143 Å, **9b**: 2.5625(3) Å) but the WBIs confirm the integrity of the bond (**7**: P1-P2 0.94, **8**: P1-P2 0.93, **9a**: P1-P2 0.91, **9b**: As1-As2 0.84, WBIs for other E-E bonds see SI). This is also confirmed by the AIM analysis which clearly shows that although the E1-E2 bonds are slightly elongated, they are still intact (c.f. SI). The other E-E bond lengths lie in the range between single^[14] and double^[15] bonds and are comparable to those in **3** and **4**. According to DFT calculations at the B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory, the reactions in Scheme 3.4 and Equation 3.1 are exothermic with $-84 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ (**7**), $-155 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ (**8**), $-72 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ (**9a**) and $-85 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ (**9b**). Compound **7**, **8** and **9** are rare molecular and neutral examples of group 11 element complexes coordinated to *cyclo*-P₄ and *cyclo*-E₃ ligands, respectively.

3.3. Conclusion

In summary, we reported the synthesis of the heterometallic complexes $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (E = P (**5a**), As (**5b**), Scheme 3.2) and $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ (E = P (**6a**), As (**6b**), Scheme 3.2) as neutral molecular complexes of group 11 metals containing the rare η^2 -side-on coordination mode to the intact *cyclo*-E₅ ligand of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (E = P (**1a**), As (**1b**)). We showed that the η^2 -side-on coordination is preferred to the η^1 -end-on coordination for phosphorus and arsenic by experimental proof and DFT calculations. Furthermore, the complexes $[(\text{Cp}'''\text{Co})(\mu, \eta^{4:2}\text{-P}_4)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**7**), $[(\text{Cp}'''\text{Co})(\mu_3, \eta^{4:2:1}\text{-P}_4)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ (**8**, Scheme 3.4) and $[(\text{Cp}'''\text{Ni})(\mu, \eta^{3:2}\text{-E}_3)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (E = P (**9a**), As (**9b**), Eq. 3.1) were synthesized, representing group 11 element complexes coordinated by the *cyclo*-E_n ligands (n = 3, 4). The dynamic behavior of **6a** was investigated by variable temperature $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ and $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ EXSY NMR spectroscopy, showing that the dynamic motion of **6a** consists of an $\eta^1 \rightarrow \eta^2 \rightarrow \eta^1$ walk of the two Cu atoms along the P₅ ring. Moreover, the WBIs as well as the AIMS of all copper-coordinated E-E (E = P, As) bond distances were calculated and show the integrity of the bonds.

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3.5. Supporting Information

3.5.1. Synthesis and Characterization

General Remarks

All manipulations were performed with rigorous exclusion of oxygen and moisture using standard Schlenk techniques on a dual manifold Schlenk line with Argon or N₂ inert gas or glove box filled with nitrogen containing a high-capacity recirculator (<0.1 ppm O₂). Traces of oxygen and moisture in the inert gas were removed by passing it through a drying column filled with Cu/MgSO₄ catalyst as well as, concentrated H₂SO₄ and orange gel, respectively. All solvents were degassed and purified by standard procedures. All NMR spectra have been recorded using deuterated benzene-*d*₆, toluene-*d*₈ or CD₂Cl₂ that were dried (over Na/K or CaH₂), refluxed for three hours and then distilled under inert atmosphere.

Characterization methods

Mass spectrometry was performed using a Jeol AccuTOF GCX LIFDI mass spectrometer by the MS department of the University of Regensburg. The compounds were dissolved in the corresponding solvent in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere. The observed fragments were assigned according to the mass/charge (*m/z*) ratio and the corresponding isotope pattern. Elemental analysis (CHN) were performed by the department of central analyses of the University of Regensburg on a Vario micro cube and a MT5 micro scale device. The compounds were filled in tin capsules in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere.

¹H and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 (¹H: 400.130 MHz, ³¹P: 161.976 MHz) spectrometer at the NMR department of the University of Regensburg. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to external TMS (¹H) or 85 % H₃PO₄ (³¹P). The chemical shifts δ are given in parts per million [ppm] and coupling constants *J* in [Hz]. ³¹P{¹H} MAS NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer at room temperature by Prof. Dr. Werner Kremer. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to external NaH₂PO₄ (³¹P). The spectra were taken from dried crystals and were recorded at 25000 Hz MAS frequency. ³¹P{¹H} EXSY spectra were recorded by using the library pulse program "noesyph" modified for ¹H decoupling by Prof. Dr. Piero Mastrolilli. Line shape analysis was performed by DNMR module of TopSpin BRUKER.

Starting Materials

The compounds [Cp*Fe(η^5 -E₅)]^[1] (E = P (**1a**), As (**1b**)), [LCu(MeCN)]^[2] (L¹ = [{N(C₆H₃Me₂-2,6)C(Me)}₂CH]⁻) (**2**); L² = [{N(C₆H₃Me₂-2,6)C(H)}₂CH]⁻) (**2a**), [Cp^{'''}Co(η^4 -P₄)]^[3] (**3**) and [Cp^{'''}Ni(η^3 -E₃)]^[4] (E = P (**4a**), As (**4b**)) were prepared according to literature procedures.

3.5.1.1. Synthesis of [(Cp*Fe)($\mu,\eta^{5:2}$ -P₅)(L¹Cu)] (**5a**)

[L¹Cu(MeCN)] (**2**) (50.0 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 eq) and [Cp*Fe(η^5 -P₅)] (**1a**) (42.3 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in 10 mL Et₂O and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The brown reaction mixture was filtered over diatomaceous earth and transferred into a double Schlenk (with 2 mL of toluene on the other side). The solvent was reduced by slow evaporation at -30 °C. Compound [(Cp*Fe)($\mu,\eta^{5:2}$ -P₅)(L¹Cu)] (**5a**) crystallized as brown needles, suitable for X-ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 45 mg (0.06 mmol, 51 %)

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.35 (d, 4H, *H*_{meta}, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz), 7.25 (t, 2H, *H*_{para}, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz), 4.67 (s, 1H, *H* _{β}), 2.02 (s, 12H, *C*_{orthoMe}), 1.50 (s, 6H, α -Me), 0.96 (s, 15H, Cp*).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.98 MHz, toluene-d₈, 300 K): δ [ppm] 116.0 (s, 5P), 152.8 ppm (s, **1a**).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.89 MHz, toluene-d₈, 183 K): δ [ppm] = 110.5 (b), 149.9 ppm (s, **1a**).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): *m/z* (%) = 1084.17 (100, [**6a**]⁺), 714.08 (97.44, [M]⁺).

3.5.1.2. Synthesis of [(Cp*Fe)($\mu,\eta^{5:2}$ -As₅)(L¹Cu)] (**5b**)

[L¹Cu(MeCN)] (**2**) (54.2 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1 eq) and [Cp*Fe(η^5 -As₅)] (**1b**) (75.0 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in 10 mL Et₂O and stirred for 2 h at room temperature. Work up see **5a**. Compound [(Cp*Fe)($\mu,\eta^{5:2}$ -As₅)(L¹Cu)] (**5b**) crystallized as brown blocks, suitable for X-ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 43 mg (0.04 mmol, 34 %)

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.37 (d, 4H, *H*_{meta}, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz), 7.25 (t, 2H, *H*_{para}, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz), 4.65 (s, 1H, *H* _{β}), 1.93 (s, 12H, *C*_{orthoMe}), 1.48 (s, 6H, α -Me), 0.96 (s, 15H, Cp*).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): *m/z* (%) = 933.81 (100, [M]⁺).

EA calculated for C₃₁H₄₀N₂As₅FeCu: C: 39.84, H: 4.31, N: 3.00; found [%]: C: 40.24, H: 4.20, N: 2.92.

3.5.1.3. Synthesis of [(Cp*Fe)($\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}$ -P₅)(L¹Cu)₂] (**6a**)

[L¹Cu(MeCN)] (**2**) (100.0 mg, 0.24 mmol, 2 eq) in 4 mL toluene was added to a stirred solution of [Cp*Fe(η^5 -P₅)] (**1a**) (42.3 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 eq) in 4 mL toluene at room temperature. The colour of the reaction mixtures turned immediately from green to brown. The reaction was stirred for 2 hours and then filtered over diatomaceous earth. The solvent was reduced to 3 mL. By storing the solution for four days at -30 °C, compound [(Cp*Fe)($\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}$ -P₅)(L¹Cu)₂] (**6a**) crystallized as dark brown blocks, suitable for X-ray structure analysis.

Crystalline yield: 83 mg (0.07 mmol, 58 %)

¹H NMR (400.13 Hz, tol-d₈, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.25 (d, 8H, H_{meta} , $^3J_{HH} = 8$ Hz), 7.13 (t, 4H, H_{para} , $^3J_{HH} = 8$ Hz), 4.86 (s, 2H, H_{β}), 2.16 (s, 24H, $C_{orthoMe}$), 1.67 (s, 12H, $\alpha-Me$), 0.79 (s, 15H, Cp*).

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, tol-d₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 7.44 - 7.25 (m, 12H, $H_{meta/para}$), 5.16 (s, 1H, H_{β}), 4.79 (s, 1H, H_{β}), 2.56 (br, 6H, $C_{orthoMe}$), 2.46 (s, 12H, $C_{orthoMe}$), 1.91 (s, 6H, $\alpha-Me$), 1.58 (s, 6H, $\alpha-Me$), 1.54 (br, 6H, $C_{orthoMe}$), 0.72 (s, 15H, Cp*).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.98 MHz, tol-d₈, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 116.1 (s, **5a**), 86.1 (br).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.98 MHz, tol-d₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 122.9 (m, 1P, P_A), 89.4 (m, 2P, P_M/P_{M'}), 54.8 (m, 2P, P_X/P_{X'}). Corresponding coupling constants are taken from the fitting of the experimental spectrum (Figure S3.7) and given in table S3.1.

³¹P{¹H} MAS NMR: δ [ppm] = 129.6 ($J_{63/65CuP} = 1424$ Hz, $J_{PP} = 469$ Hz, $D = 80$ Hz), 96.9 ($J_{PP} = 456$ Hz, $J_{PP} = 342$ Hz), 55.7 ($J_{PP} = 355$ Hz, $J_{PP} = 406$ Hz), 53.9 ($J_{PP} = 368$ Hz, $J_{PP} = 511$ Hz)^[5] (see Figure 3.2).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1084.19 (100, [M⁺]), 714.09 (19.43, [5a]⁺).

EA calculated for C₅₉H₇₃N₄P₅FeCu₂: C: 60.26, H: 6.26, N: 4.76; found [%]: C: 60.17, H:6.06, N: 4.89.

3.5.1.4. Synthesis of [(Cp*Fe)($\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}$ -As₅)(L¹Cu)₂] (**6b**)

[L¹Cu(MeCN)] (**2**) (75.0 mg, 0.18 mmol, 2 eq) in 4 mL toluene was added to a stirred solution of [Cp*Fe(η^5 -As₅)] (51.8 mg, 0.09 mmol, 1 eq) in 4 mL toluene at room temperature. Work up see **6a**. By storing the solution for three weeks at -30 °C, compound **6b** crystallized as dark orange blocks, suitable for X-ray structure analysis.

Crystalline yield: 40 mg (0.03 mmol, 31 %)

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^1H NMR (400.13 MHz, tol-d_8 , 193 K): δ [ppm] = 7.51-7.36 (m, 12H, $H_{\text{meta/para}}$), 4.99 (s, 2H, H_β) 2.51 (s, 18H, $C_{\text{ortho}}\text{Me}$), 1.78 (s, 12H, $\alpha\text{-Me}$), 0.76 (s, 15H, Cp^*), there is also a set of signals for compound **5b** visible at -80°C .

3.5.1.5. Synthesis of $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{Benz}}\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**S1**)

$[\text{L}^1\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})]$ (14.1 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 eq) and $[\text{Cp}^{\text{Benz}}\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-P}_5)]$ (25.0 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in 5 mL of toluene and stirred for 10 minutes. The solvent was removed by vacuum and the crude product was dissolved in C_6D_6 .

^1H NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.45 (d, 4H, H_d , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz), 7.33 (t, 2H, H_e , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz), 6.66 (t, 5H, $\text{C}_5(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_5$, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz), 6.55 (t, 10H, $\text{C}_5(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_5$, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz), 6.05 (d, 10H, $\text{C}_5(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_5$, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz), 4.74 (s, 1H, H_a), 3.49 (s, 10H, $\text{C}_5(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_5$), 2.12 (s, 12H, Me_c), 1.56 (s, 6H, Me_b).

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 121.7 (s, 5P).

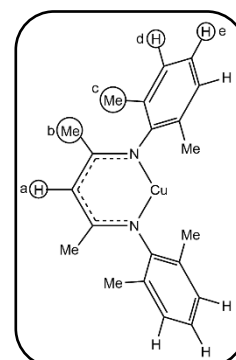


Figure S3.1. L^1Cu

3.5.1.6. Synthesis of $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{Benz}}\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ (**S2**)

$[\text{L}^1\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})]$ (28.2 mg, 0.06 mmol, 2 eq) and $[\text{Cp}^{\text{Benz}}\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-P}_5)]$ (25.0 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in 5 mL of toluene and stirred for 30 minutes, the solvent was removed by vacuum and the crude product was dissolved in deuterated solvent.

^1H NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.32 (d, 8H, H_d , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz), 7.21 (t, 4H, H_e , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz), 6.57 (t, 10 H, $\text{C}_5(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_5$, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz), 6.12 (d, 10H, $\text{C}_5(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_5$, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz), 4.95 (s, 1H, H_a), 3.28 (s, 10H, $\text{C}_5(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_5$), 2.24 (s, 24H, Me_c), 1.71 (s, 12H, Me_b), contaminated with **S1**.

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (toluene- d_8 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 121.7 (s, S1), 92.1 (br).

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (toluene- d_8 , 193 K): δ [ppm] = 131.9 (m, 1P, P_A), 91.1 (m, 2P, P_M/P_M'), 67.3 (m, 2P, P_X/P_X'). Corresponding coupling constants are taken from simulation (Figure S3.11) and given in table S3.2.

3.5.1.7. Synthesis of [(Cp*Fe)(μ,η^{5:2}-P₅)(L²Cu)] (**S3**)

[L²Cu(MeCN)] (**2a**) (55.0 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1 eq) in 5 mL Et₂O was added to a stirred solution of [Cp*Fe(η⁵-P₅)] (50.0 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1 eq) in 5 mL Et₂O at room temperature. The colour of the reaction mixtures turned immediately from green to redish-brown. The reaction was stirred overnight and the brown reaction mixture was filtered over diatomaceous earth and transferred into a double Schlenk (with 2 mL of toluene on the other side). The solvent was reduced by slow evaporation at -30 °C. Compound [(Cp*Fe)(μ,η^{5:2}-P₅)(L²Cu)] (**S3**) crystallized as brown plate, suitable for X-ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 24 mg (0.03 mmol, 24 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.29 (d, 4H, *H_d*, ³*J*_{HH} = 7 Hz), 7.20 (m, 2H, *H_e*), 6.89 (d, 2H, *H_b*, ³*J*_{HH} = 6 Hz), 4.56 (t, 1H, *H_a*, ³*J*_{HH} = 6 Hz), 2.10 (s, 12H, *Me_c*), 0.92 (s, 15H, *Cp**).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 115.3 (s).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): *m/z* (%) = 685.99 (34.05, [M⁺]), 1028.08 (100, [S5]⁺).

EA calculated for C₂₉H₃₆N₂P₅FeCu: C: 50.71, H: 5.28, N: 4.08; found [%]: C: 50.20, H: 5.28, N: 4.05.

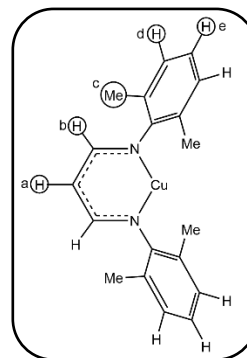


Figure S3.2. L²Cu

3.5.1.8. Synthesis of [(Cp*Fe)(μ,η^{5:2}-As₅)(L²Cu)] (**S4**)

[L²Cu(MeCN)] (**2a**) (54.0 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1 eq) in 5 mL Et₂O was added to a stirred solution of [Cp*Fe(η⁵-As₅)] (80.0 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1 eq) in 10 mL Et₂O at room temperature. The colour of the reaction mixtures turned immediately from green to redish-brown. The reaction was stirred for 2 h and the brown reaction mixture was filtered over diatomaceous earth and transferred into a double Schlenk (with 2 mL of toluene on the other side). The solvent was reduced by slow evaporation at -30 °C. Compound [(Cp*Fe)(μ,η^{5:2}-As₅)(L²Cu)] (**S4**) crystallized as brown plate, suitable for X-ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 26 mg (0.03 mmol, 20 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.30 (d, 4H, *H_d*, ³*J*_{HH} = 7 Hz), 7.21 (t, 2H, *H_e*, ³*J*_{HH} = 7 Hz), 6.78 (d, 2H, *H_b*, ³*J*_{HH} = 6 Hz), 4.53 (t, 1H, *H_a*, ³*J*_{HH} = 6 Hz), 3.25 (q, Et₂O), 2.00 (s, 12H, *Me_c*), 1.11 (t, Et₂O), 0.92 (s, 15H, *Cp**).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): *m/z* (%) = 905.70 (100, [M⁺]), 1247.79 (2.11, [(Cp*Fe)(As₅)(L²Cu)₂]⁺).

EA calculated for C₂₉H₃₆N₂As₅FeCu + 0.5 x C₄H₁₀O: C: 39.46, H: 4.38, N: 2.97; found [%]: C: 39.54, H: 4.25, N: 2.94.

3.5.1.9. Synthesis of [(Cp*Fe)($\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}$ -P₅)(L²Cu)₂] (**S5**)

[L²Cu(MeCN)] (**2a**) (110.4 mg, 0.29 mmol, 2 eq) and [Cp*Fe(η^5 -P₅)] (50.0 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in toluene at room temperature. The colour of the reaction mixtures turned to redish-brown. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and filtrated over diatomaceous earth.

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.21 (d, 8H, H_d , $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz), 7.12-7.15 (m, 8H, H_{b+e}), 4.78 (t, 2H, $^3J_{HH} = 6$ Hz, H_a), 2.24 (s, 24H, Me_c), 0.75 (s, 15H, Cp*), 0.59 (s, 6H, NCM_e).

¹H NMR (tol-d₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 7.21-7.36 (m, 12H, H_{d+e}), 6.68 (m, 2H, H_b), 5.01 (m, 1H, H_a), 4.62 (m, 1H, H_a), 2.51 (s, 18H, Me_c), 1.54 (s, 6H, Me_c), 0.65 (s, 15H, Cp*), 0.29 (s, 6H, NCM_e).

³¹P{¹H}-NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 84.6 (br).

³¹P{¹H}-NMR (tol-d₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 118.4 (m, 1P, P_A), 94.5 (m, 2P, P_M/P_m), 49.0 (m, 2P, P_X/P_X). Corresponding coupling constants are taken from simulation (Figure S3.17) and given in table S3.3.

$\Delta G_{T_c}^\ddagger$ is 48 kJ · mol⁻¹ (calculation see chapter 3.5.2.3. and 3.5.2.9.).

3.5.1.10. Synthesis of [(Cp'''Co)($\mu, \eta^{4:2}$ -P₄)(L¹Cu)] (**7**)

[L¹Cu(MeCN)] (**2**) (20.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1 eq) and [Cp'''Co(η^4 -P₄)] (**3**) (20.3 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in toluene and stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered over diatomaceous earth and the solvent was reduced. Compound [(Cp'''Co)($\mu, \eta^{4:2}$ -P₄)(L¹Cu)] (**7**) crystallized as red blocks, suitable for X-ray structure analysis.

Crystalline yield: 15 mg (0.019 mmol, 39 %)

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, tol-d₈, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.02 (d, 4H, H_{meta}), 6.84 (t, 2H, H_{para} , $^3J_{HH} = 8$ Hz), 5.39 (s, 2H, C₅(^tBu₃H₂)), 5.09 (s, 1H, H_β), 2.33 (s, 12H, C_{ortho}Me), 1.79 (s, 6H, α -Me), 1.20 (s, 18H, C₅(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 1.02 (s, 9H, C₅(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 0.68 (s, 3H, free MeCN).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.98 MHz, tol-d₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 123.0 ppm (br).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.98 MHz, tol-d₈, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 130.8 ppm (s).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 784.19 (100, [M⁺]), 1154.36 (58.27, [8]⁺).

3.5.1.11. Synthesis of [(Cp^{'''}Co)(μ₃,η^{4:2:1}-P₄)(L¹Cu)₂] (**8**)

[L¹Cu(MeCN)] (**2**) (47.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 4 eq) and [Cp^{'''}Co(η⁴-P₄)] (**3**) (12.0 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in pentane and stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered and stripped almost to dryness. Compound [(Cp^{'''}Co)(μ₃,η^{4:2:1}-P₄)(L¹Cu)₂] (**8**) crystallized as brown plates, suitable for X-ray structure analysis.

Crystalline yield: 8 mg (0.007 mmol, 23 %)

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, tol-d₈, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.04-6.88 (m, 12H, *H*_{meta/para}), 5.03 (s, 2H, C₅(^tBu₃H₂)), 4.88 (br, *H*_β), 2.17 (br, 24H, C_{ortho}Me), 1.67 (br, 12, α-Me), 1.03 (s, 18H, C₅(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 0.86 (s, 9H, C₅(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 0.65 (s, free MeCN).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.98 MHz, C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 108.1 ppm (s).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.98 MHz, tol-d₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 121.2 ppm (br, ω_{1/2} = 1160 Hz), 114.7 ppm (br, ω_{1/2} = 1922 Hz), 99.4 ppm (br, ω_{1/2} = 2481 Hz), 75.6 ppm (br, ω_{1/2} = 4954 Hz).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1154.24 (100, [M]⁺), 784.12 (64.35, [7]⁺).

3.5.1.12. Synthesis of [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:2}-P₃)(L¹Cu)] (**9a**).

[L¹Cu(MeCN)] (**2**) (50.1 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 eq) in 5 mL toluene was added to a stirred solution of [Cp^{'''}Ni(η³-P₃)] (47.0 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 eq) in 3 mL toluene at room temperature. The colour of the reaction mixtures turned immediately from orange to redish-orange. The reaction was stirred for 2 hours and then filtered over diatomaceous earth. The solvent was reduced to 3 mL and layered with 6 mL of acetonitrile (both layers were separated with 1 mL of toluene). By storing the solution at -30 °C, compound [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:2}-P₃)(L¹Cu)] (**9a**) crystallized as red blocks, suitable for X-ray structure analysis.

Crystalline yield: 40 mg (0.05 mmol, 43 %)

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, tol-d₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 7.19 (d, 4H, *H*_{meta}, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz), 7.12 (t, 2H, *H*_{para}, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz), 5.12 (s, 2H, C₅(^tBu₃H₂)), 4.98 (s, 1H, *H*_β), 2.25 (s, 12H, C_{ortho}Me), 1.69 (s, 6H, α-Me), 1.13 (s, 18H, C₅(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 0.97 (s, 9H, C₅(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)).

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.08 (d, 4H, *H*_{meta}, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz), 6.91 (t, 2H, *H*_{para}, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz), 5.03 (s, 2H, C₅(^tBu₃H₂)), 4.80 (s, 1H, *H*_β), 2.04 (s, 12H, C_{ortho}Me), 1.62 (s, 6H, α-Me), 1.13 (s, 18H, C₅(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 0.95 (s, 9H, C₅(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.98 MHz, tol-d₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = -161.8 ppm (s).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (tol-d₈, 300 K): δ [ppm] = -163.1 ppm (br).

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$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ MAS NMR (solid state, r.t.): δ [ppm] = -161.1 ppm (s).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 752.21 (100, $[\text{M}^+]$), 1122.36 (21.81, $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Ni})(\text{P}_3)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]^+$).

EA calculated for: $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{54}\text{CuN}_2\text{NiP}_3$: C: 60.53, H: 7.22, N: 3.72; found [%]: C: 60.81, H: 7.07, N: 3.74.

3.5.1.13. Synthesis of $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Ni})(\mu, \eta^{3:2}\text{-As}_3)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**9b**)

$[\text{L}^1\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})]$ (**2**) (63.3 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 eq) in 5 mL toluene was added to a stirred solution of $[\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Ni}(\eta^3\text{-As}_3)]$ (80.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 eq) in 3 mL toluene at room temperature. Work up see **9a**. By storing the solution at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, compound $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Ni})(\mu, \eta^{3:2}\text{-As}_3)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**9b**) crystallized as red blocks, suitable for X-ray structure analysis.

Crystalline yield: 75 mg (0.08 mmol, 54 %)

^1H NMR (400.13 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.10 (d, 4H, H_{meta} , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz), 6.93 (t, 2H, H_{para} , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz), 5.15 (s, 2H, $\text{C}_5(^i\text{Bu}_3\text{H}_2)$), 4.81 (s, 1H, H_β), 2.04 (s, 12H, $\text{C}_{\text{ortho}}\text{Me}$), 1.63 (s, 6H, $\alpha\text{-Me}$), 1.12 (s, 18H, $\text{C}_5(^i\text{Bu}_2^i\text{BuH}_2)$), 0.93 (s, 9H, $\text{C}_5(^i\text{Bu}_2^i\text{BuH}_2)$).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 884.00 (100, $[\text{M}^+]$), 1254.12 (2.13, $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Ni})(\text{As}_3)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]^+$).

EA calculated for: $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{54}\text{CuN}_2\text{NiP}_3$: C: 51.52, H: 6.14, N: 3.16; found [%]: C: 52.01, H: 5.88, N: 2.99.

3.5.2. NMR studies

3.5.2.1. $[(Cp^*Fe)(\mu,\eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(L^1Cu)]$ (**5a**)

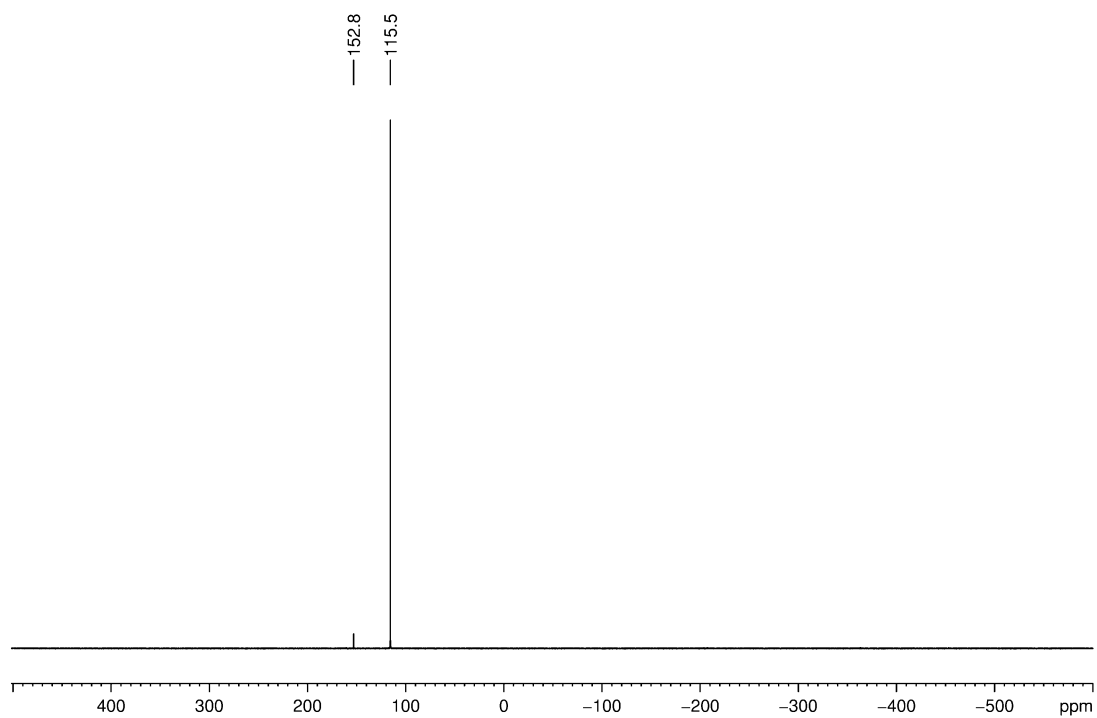


Figure S3.3. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **5a** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

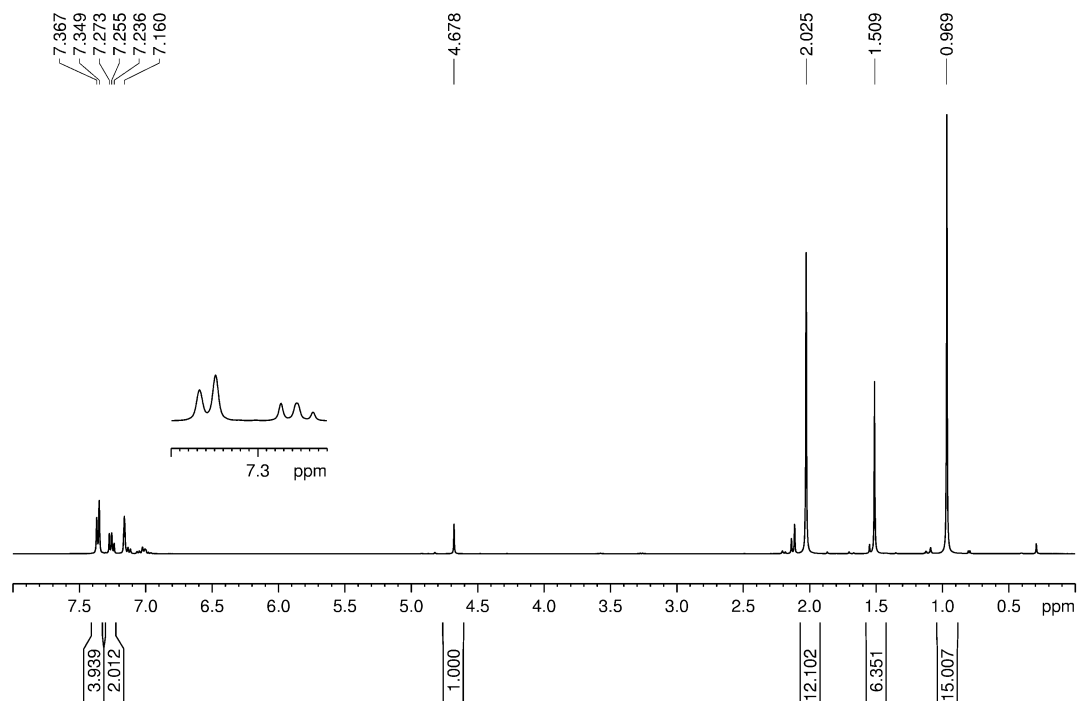


Figure S3.4. ^1H NMR spectrum of **5a** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

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3.5.2.2. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-As}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**5b**)

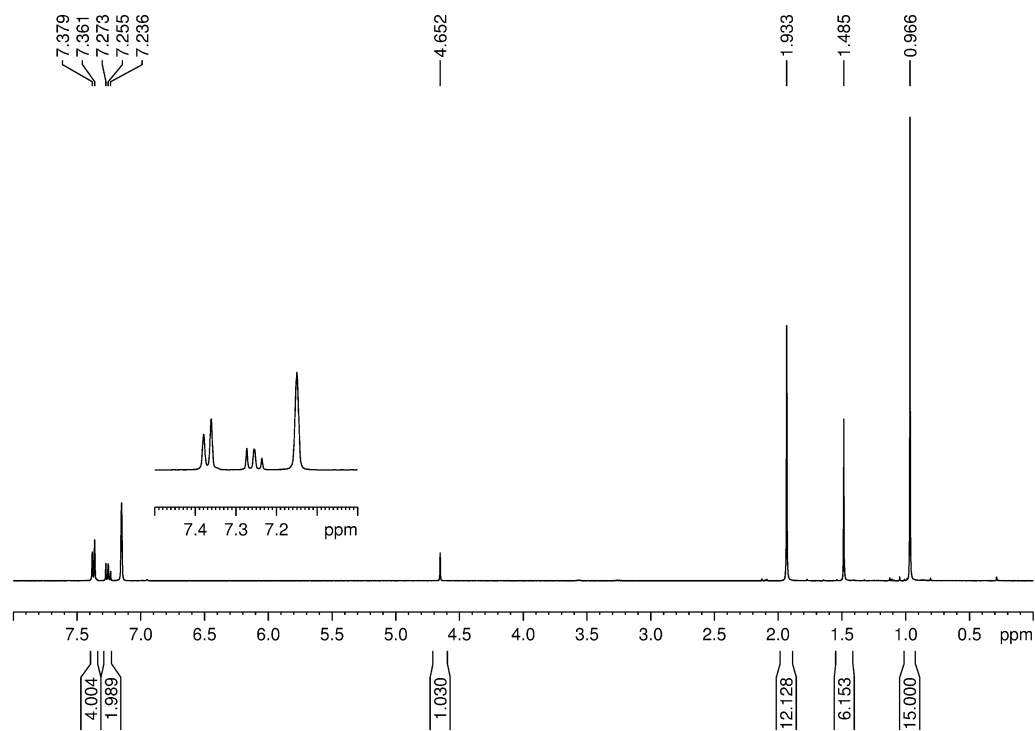


Figure S3.5. ^1H NMR spectrum of **5b** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

3.5.2.3. $[(Cp^*Fe)(\mu_3,\eta^{5:2:1}-P_5)(L^1Cu)_2]$ (**6a**)

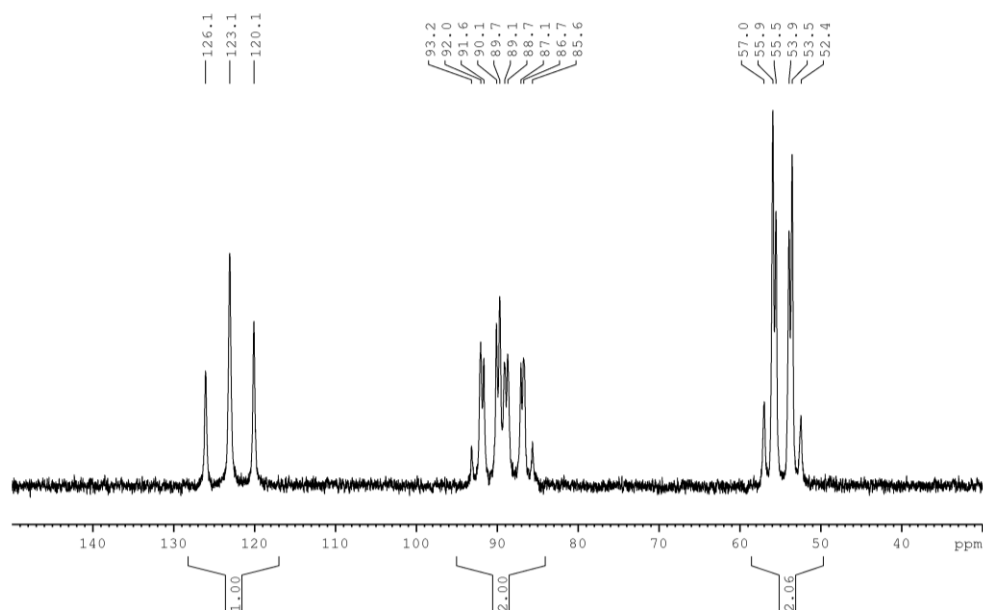


Figure S3.6. $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of **6a** in toluene- d_8 at 193 K.

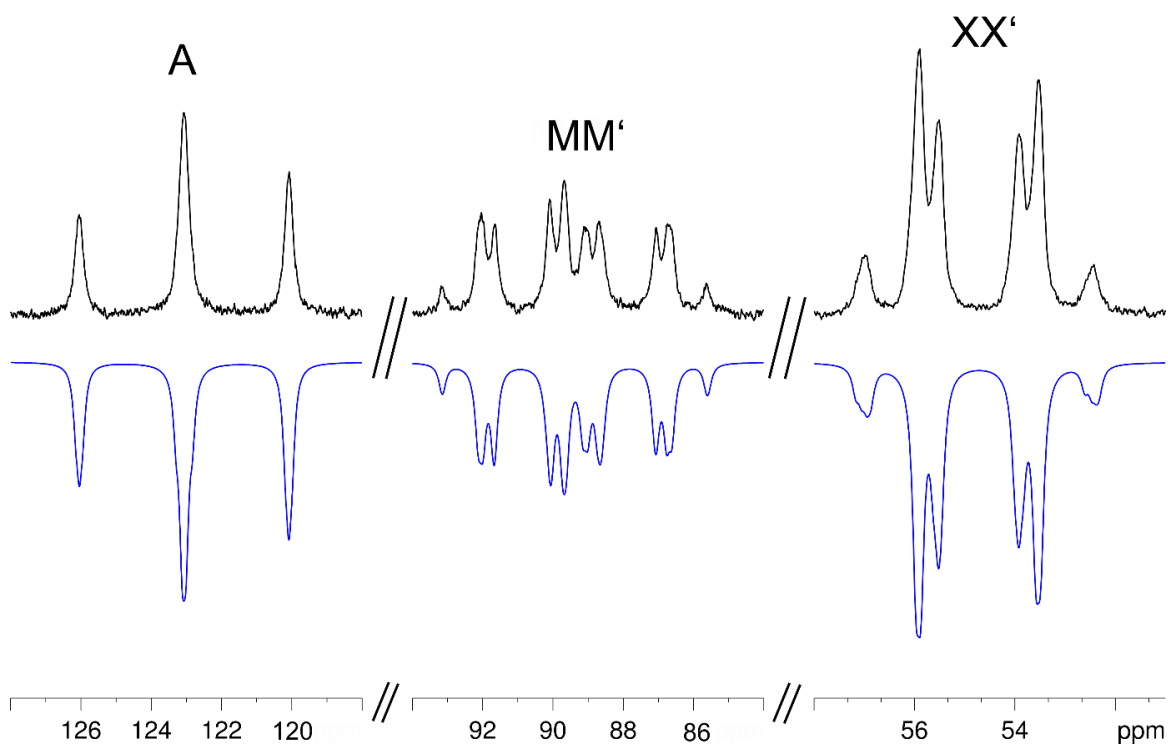


Figure S3.7. $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of **6a** in toluene- d_8 at 193 K (measured top (black) and simulated bottom (blue)).

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Table S3.1. Coupling constants obtained from the simulation in Figure S3.7.

| [(Cp*Fe)(μ ₃ ,η ⁵ :2:1-P ₅)(L ¹ Cu) ₂] | | |
|---|---|--|
| ¹ J _{PAPM} = ¹ J _{PAPM'} = 484 Hz | ¹ J _{PXPX'} = 240 Hz | ² J _{PMPX'} = ² J _{PM'PX} = -26 Hz |
| ¹ J _{PMPX} = ¹ J _{PM'PX'} = 414 Hz | ² J _{PAPX} = ² J _{PAPX'} = -17 Hz | ² J _{PMPM'} = -2 Hz |
| δ = A = 122.9 ppm | MM' = 89.4 ppm | XX' = 54.8 ppm |
| R-factor [%] = 0.63 | | |

Determination of activation barrier of the dynamic process (see Paper Figure 3.1)

The free activation enthalpy $\Delta G_{T_c}^\ddagger$ of this dynamic process can be determined with the Eyring equation. To calculate $\Delta G_{T_c}^\ddagger$ the coalescence temperature T_c ($T_c = 285$ K) and the rate constant k_c is needed. The rate constant k_c is determined from the distance $\Delta\nu$ of the signals at $\delta = 89.4$ and 54.8 ppm and their coupling constant J ($^1J_{PMPX} = 414$ Hz) at 193 K.^[6]

$$k_c = 2.22\sqrt{\Delta\nu^2 + 6J^2}$$

$$k = \chi \frac{k_B T}{h} e^{-\frac{\Delta G_{T_c}^\ddagger}{RT}}$$

$$\Delta G_{T_c}^\ddagger = -RT_c \ln \frac{hk_c}{\chi k_B T_c}$$

$$k_B = 1.3805 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ (Boltzmann constant)}$$

$$R = 8.3145 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ (universal gas constant)}$$

$$h = 6.6261 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

χ = transmission coefficient, generally equal to 1

$$\Delta\nu = 5604 \text{ Hz}$$

$$k_c = 12642.55 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

By entering all values into the Eyring equation the free activation enthalpy $\Delta G_{T_c}^\ddagger$ is 47 kJ mol^{-1} .

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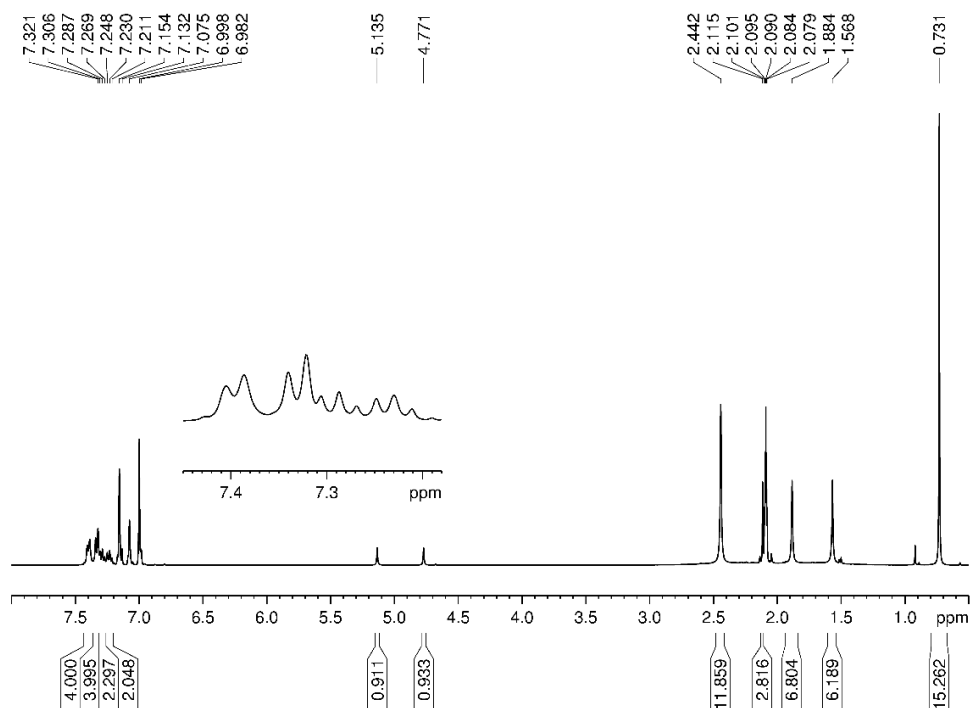


Figure S3.8. ^1H NMR spectrum of **6a** in toluene- d_8 at 213K.

3.5.2.4. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-As}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ (**6b**)

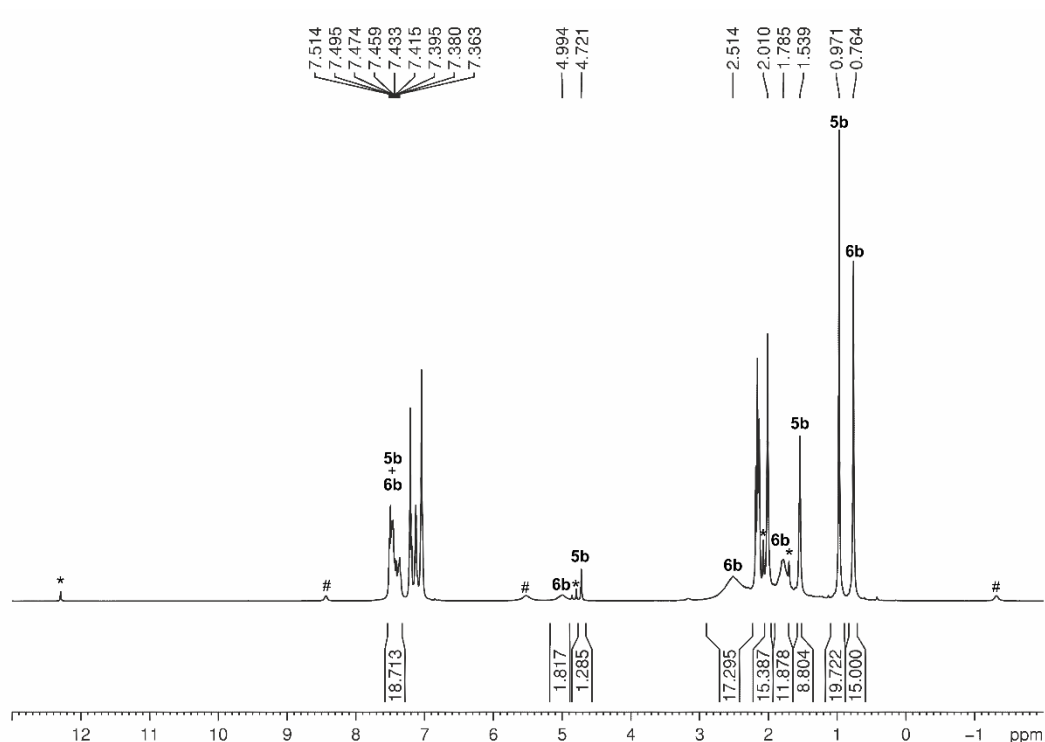


Figure S3.9. ^1H NMR spectrum of **1b** with 2 eq of **2** in toluene- d_8 at 193 K. Due to traces of moisture in the solvent, there is Nacnac* (*) and $[(\text{LCu})_2(\text{OH})_2]^{[2]}$ (#) visible. There is also a set of signals for compound **5b** visible.

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3.5.2.5. $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{Benz}}\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**S1**)

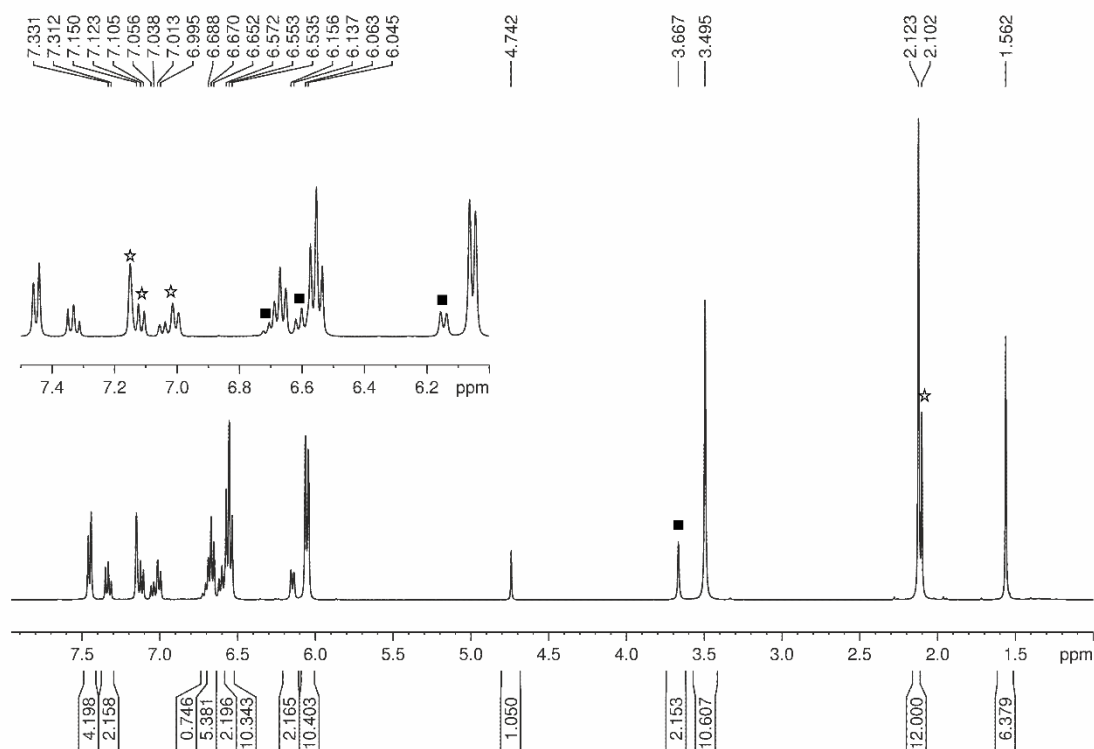


Figure S3.10. ^1H NMR spectrum of **S1** in C_6D_6 at room temperature. \star Solvent signals: toluene, \blacksquare starting material.

3.5.2.6. $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{Benz}}\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ (**S2**)

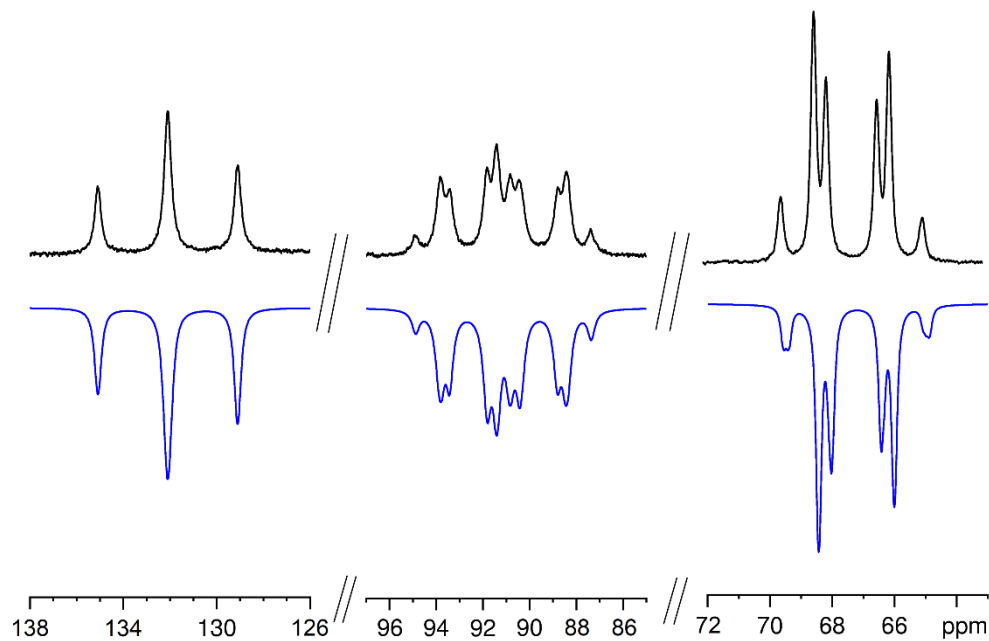


Figure S3.11. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **S2** in toluene- d_8 at 193 K (measured top (black) and simulated bottom (blue)).

Table S3.2. Coupling constants obtained from the simulation in Figure S3.11.

| $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{Benz}}\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ | | |
|---|---|--|
| $^1J_{\text{PAPM}} = ^1J_{\text{PAPM}'} = 487 \text{ Hz}$ | $^1J_{\text{PXPX}'} = 238 \text{ Hz}$ | $^2J_{\text{PMPX}'} = ^2J_{\text{PM'PX}} = -25 \text{ Hz}$ |
| $^1J_{\text{PMPX}} = ^1J_{\text{PM'PX}'} = 417 \text{ Hz}$ | $^2J_{\text{PAPX}} = ^2J_{\text{PAPX}'} = -11 \text{ Hz}$ | $^2J_{\text{PMPM}'} = 0 \text{ Hz}$ |
| $A = 131.9 \text{ ppm}$ | $MM' = 91.1 \text{ ppm}$ | $XX' = 67.3 \text{ ppm}$ |
| R-factor [%] = 0.62 | | |

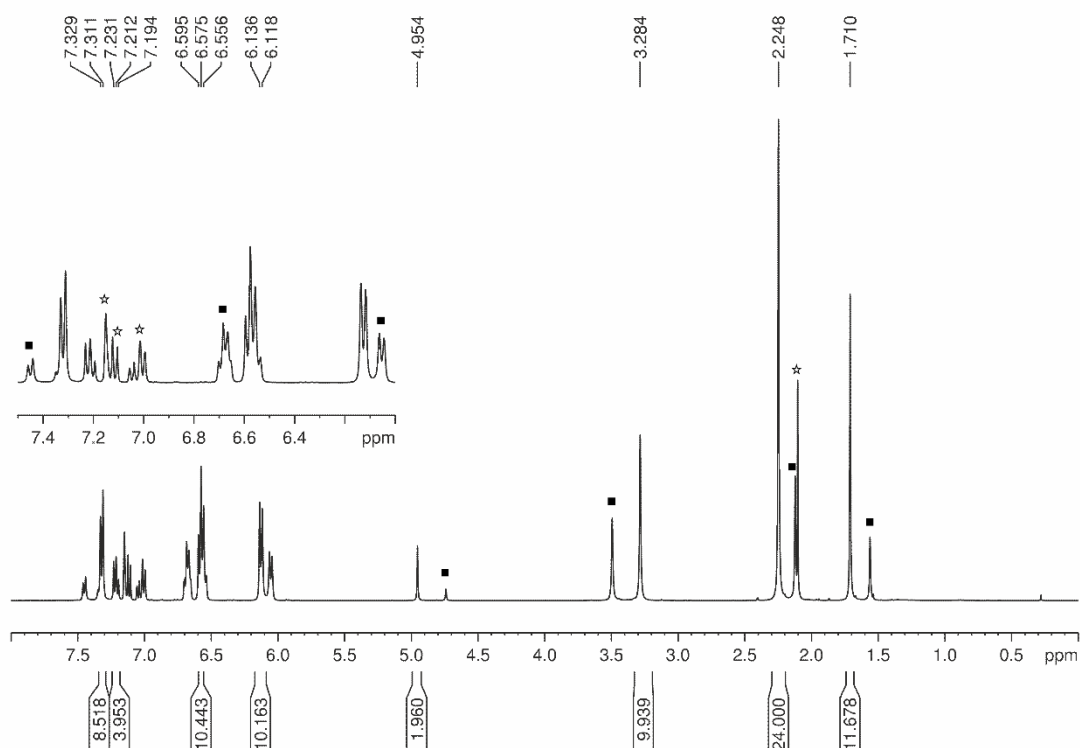


Figure S3.12. ^1H NMR spectrum of **S2** in C_6D_6 at room temperature. ☆ Solvent molecules • **S1**.

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3.5.2.7. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^2\text{Cu})]$ (**S3**)

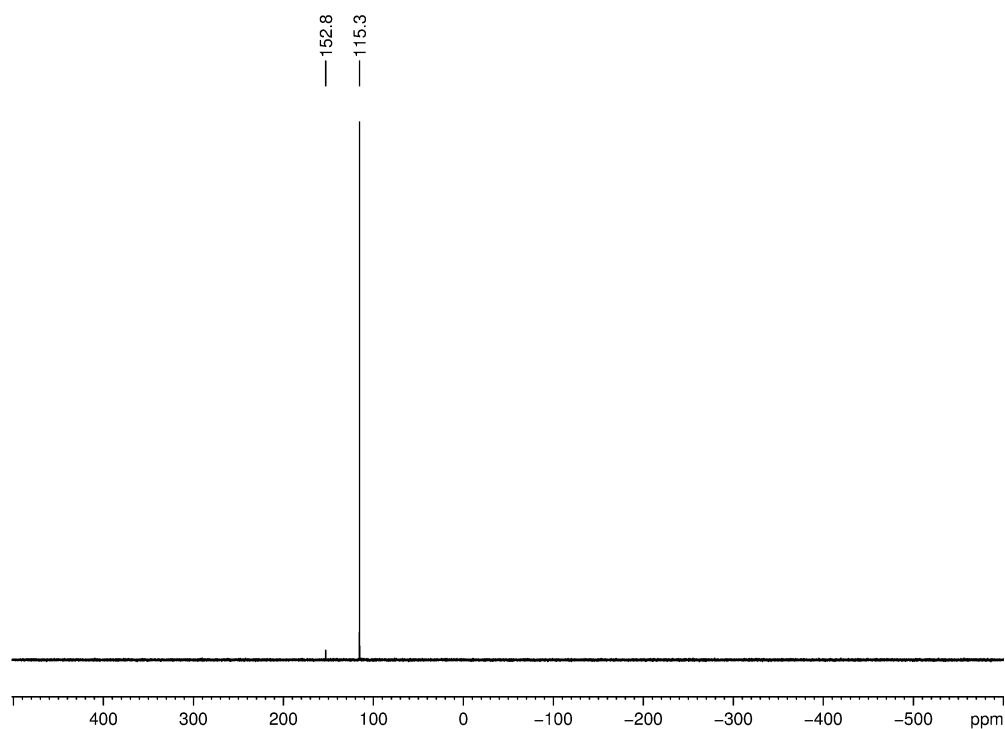


Figure S3.13. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **S3** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

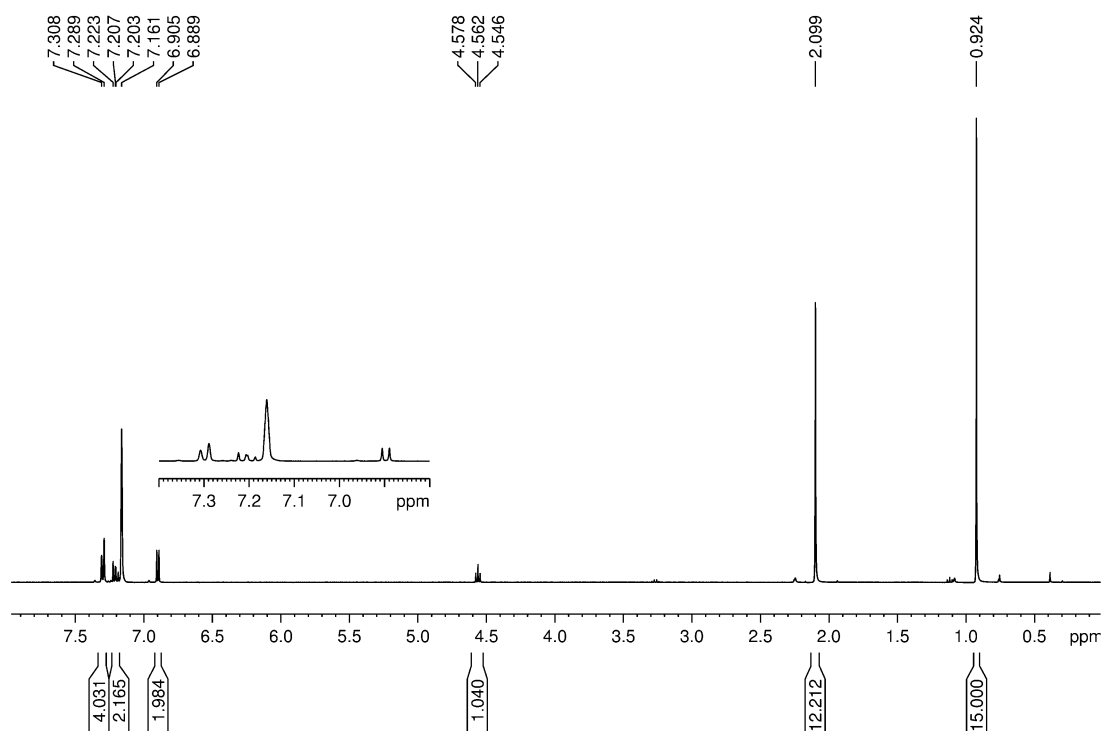


Figure S3.14. ^1H NMR spectrum of **S3** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

3.5.2.8. $[(Cp^*Fe)(\mu, \eta^{5:2}-As_5)(L^2Cu)]$ (**S4**)

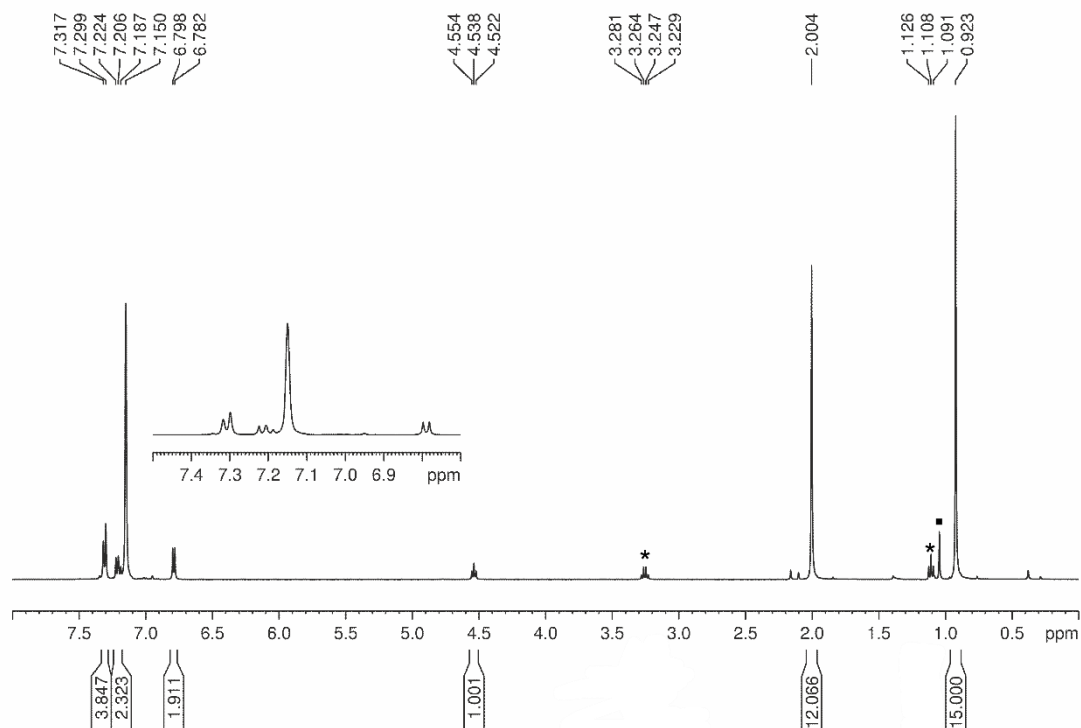


Figure S3.15. 1H NMR spectrum of **S4** in C_6D_6 at room temperature (* Et_2O , \blacksquare **1a**).

3.5.2.9. $[(Cp^*Fe)(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}-P_5)(L^2Cu)_2]$ (**S5**)

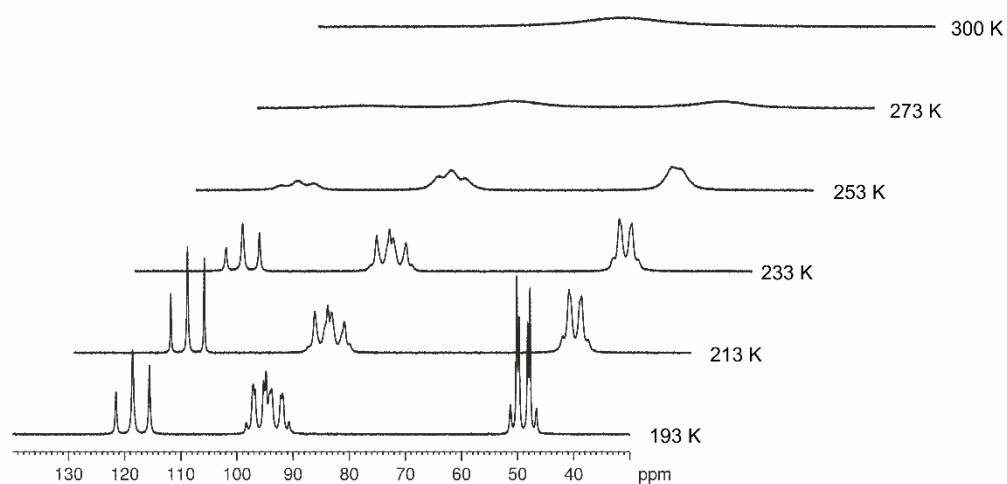


Figure S3.16. VT $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of **S5** in toluene- d_8 at different temperatures between 193 K and 300 K.

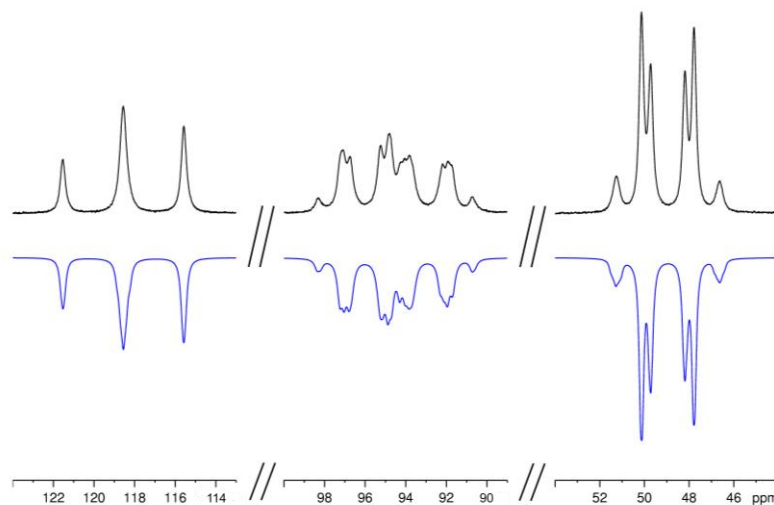


Figure S3.17. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **S5** in toluene- d_8 at 193 K (measured top (black) and simulated bottom (blue)).

Table S3.3. Coupling constants obtained from the simulation in Figure S3.17.

| $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^2\text{Cu})_2]$ | | |
|---|--|---|
| $^1\text{J}_{\text{PAPM}} = ^1\text{J}_{\text{PAPM}'} = 484 \text{ Hz}$ | $^1\text{J}_{\text{PXPX}'} = 253 \text{ Hz}$ | $^2\text{J}_{\text{PAPX}'} = ^2\text{J}_{\text{PAPX}} = -17 \text{ Hz}$ |
| $^1\text{J}_{\text{PMPX}} = ^1\text{J}_{\text{PMPX}'} = 409 \text{ Hz}$ | $^2\text{J}_{\text{PMPM}'} = 2 \text{ Hz}$ | $^2\text{J}_{\text{PMPX}'} = ^2\text{J}_{\text{PMPX}} = -27 \text{ Hz}$ |
| $\delta = \text{A} = 118.4 \text{ ppm}$ | $\text{MM}' = 94.5 \text{ ppm}$ | $\text{XX}' = 49.0 \text{ ppm}$ |
| R-factor [%] = 0.72 | | |

Determination of activation barrier of the dynamic process (Figure S3.16)

The free activation enthalpy $\Delta G_{T_c}^\ddagger$ of this dynamic process can be determined with the Eyring equation (see chapter 3.2.3.). To calculate $\Delta G_{T_c}^\ddagger$ the coalescence temperature T_c ($T_c = 290 \text{ K}$) and the rate constant k_c ($k_c = 16677.7 \text{ s}^{-1}$) is needed. The rate constant k_c is determined from the distance ($\Delta\nu = 7445 \text{ Hz}$) of the signals at $\delta = 94.5$ and 49.0 ppm and their coupling constant J ($^1\text{J}_{\text{PMPX}} = 409 \text{ Hz}$) at 193 K .^[6]

By entering all values into the Eyring equation the free activation enthalpy $\Delta G_{T_c}^\ddagger$ is 48 kJ mol^{-1} .

3.5.2.10. $[(Cp^{III}Co)(\mu,\eta^{4:2}\text{-P}_4)(L^I Cu)]$ (**7**)

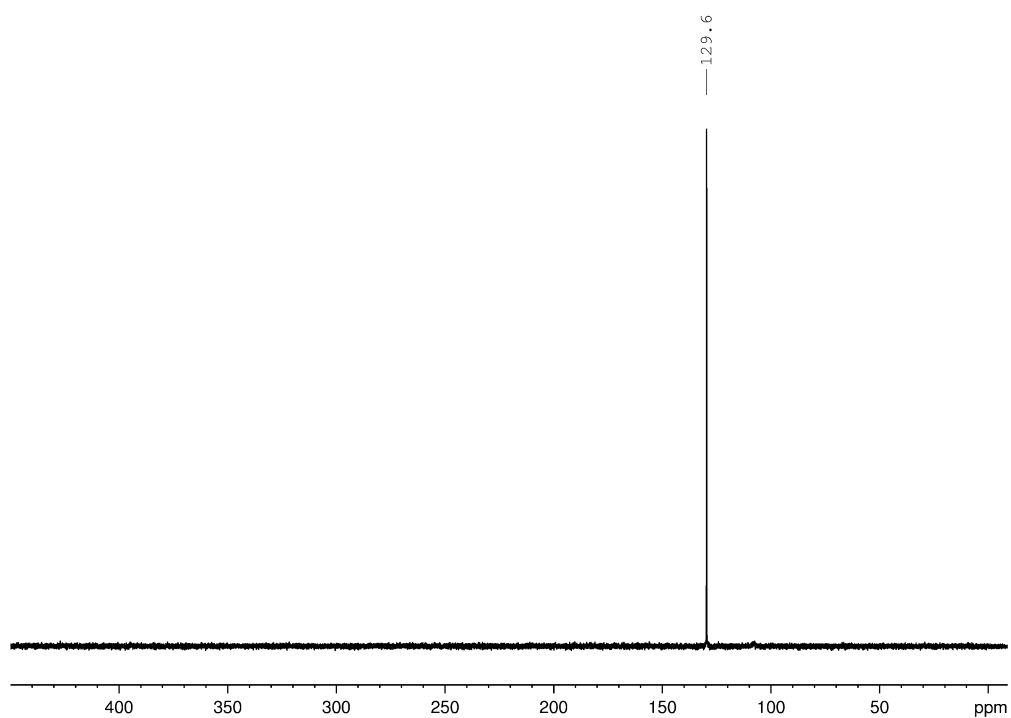


Figure S3.18. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of **7** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

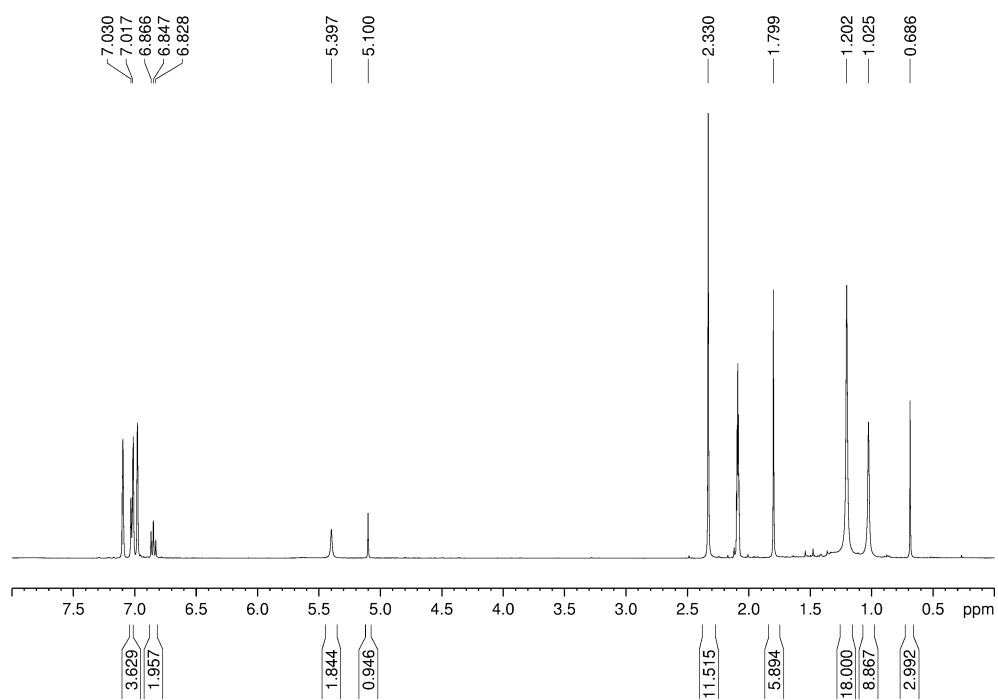


Figure S3.19. ^1H NMR spectrum of **7** in toluene- d_8 at room temperature.

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3.5.2.11. $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{III}}\text{Co})(\mu_3, \eta^{4:2:1}\text{-P}_4)(\text{L}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu})_2]$ (**8**)

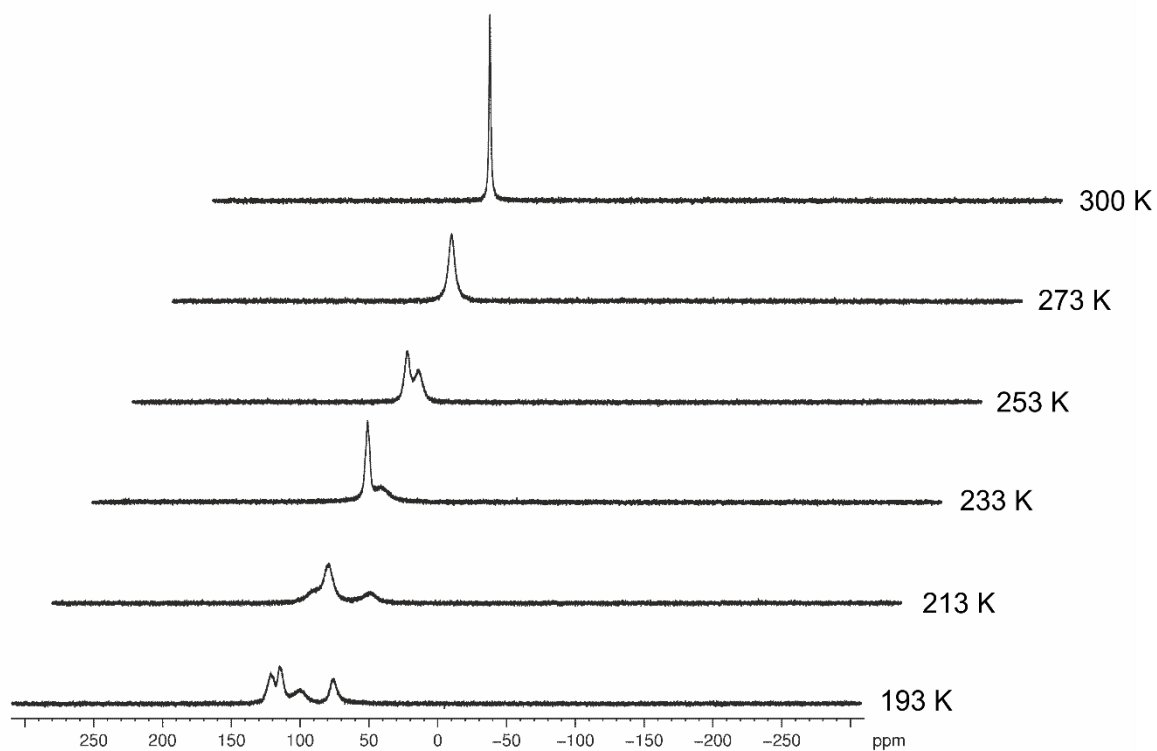


Figure S3.20. VT $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of **8** in toluene-d_8 at different temperature between 193 K and 300 K.

3.5.2.12. $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{III}}\text{Ni})(\mu, \eta^{3:2}\text{-P}_3)(\text{L}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu})]$ (**9a**)

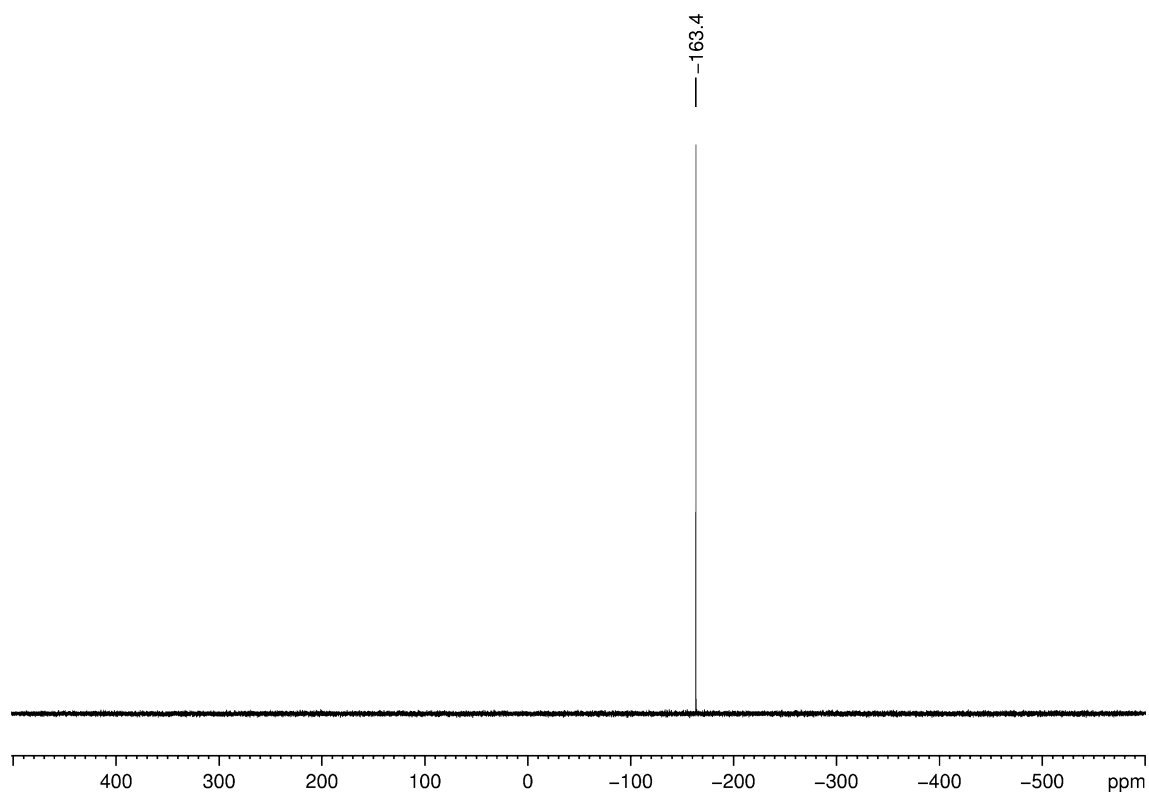


Figure S3.21. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **9a** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

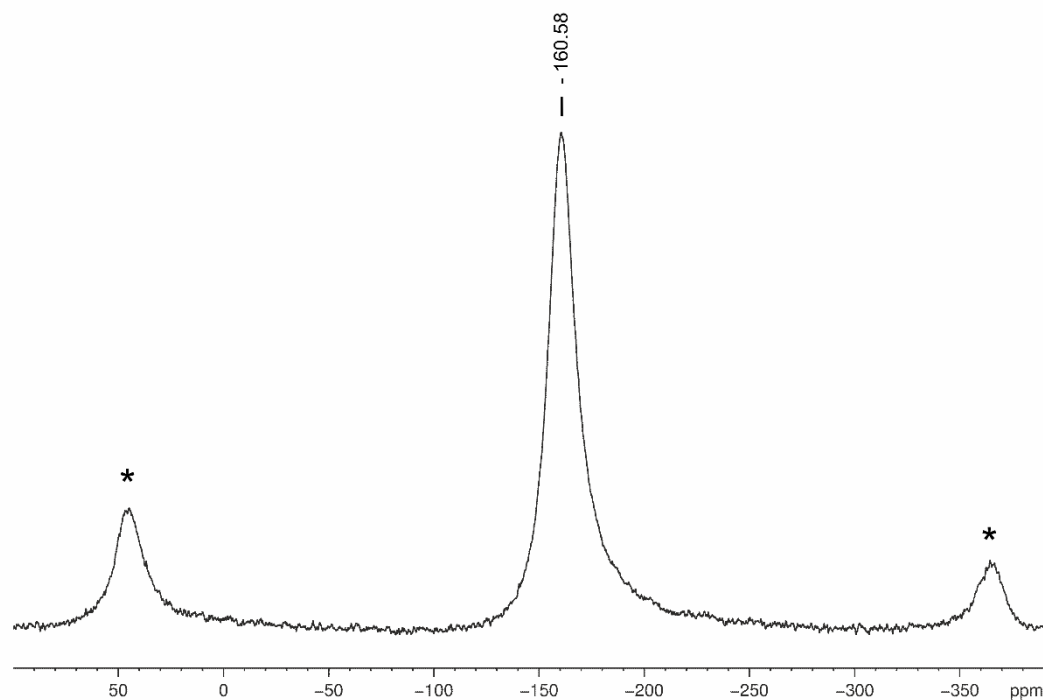


Figure S3.22. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ MAS NMR spectrum of dried crystals of **9a**. Recorded at 25000 Hz MAS frequency. Rotational sidebands are marked with *.

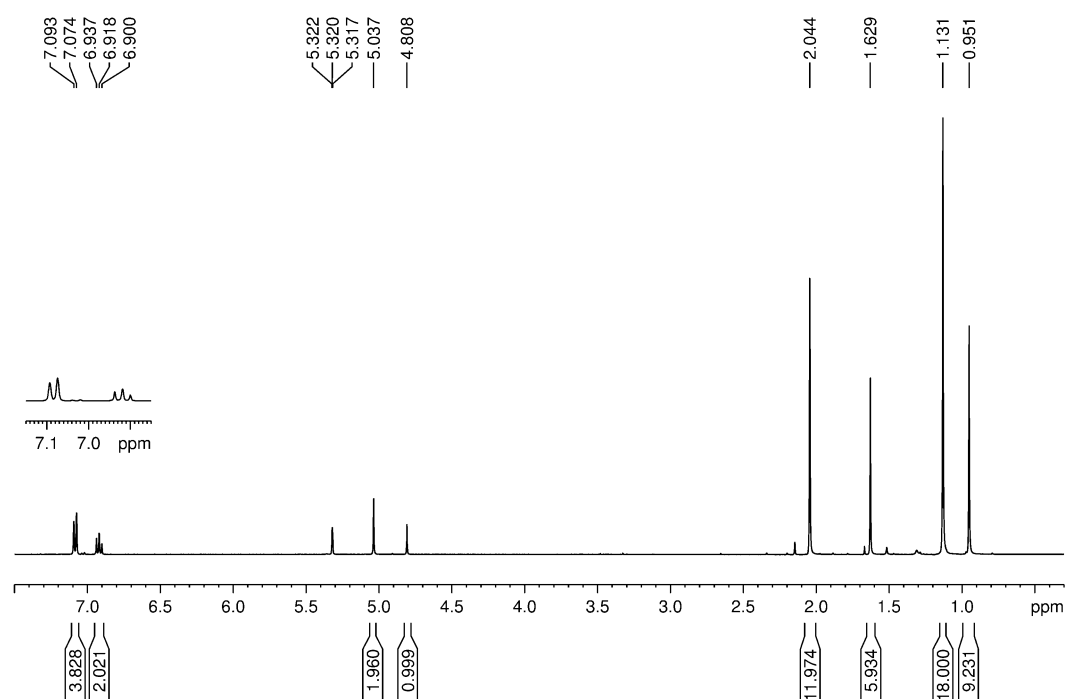


Figure S3.23. ^1H NMR spectrum of **9a** in CD_2Cl_2 at room temperature.

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3.5.2.13. $[(Cp''Ni)(\mu,\eta^{3:2}\text{-As}_3)(L^1Cu)]$ (**9b**)

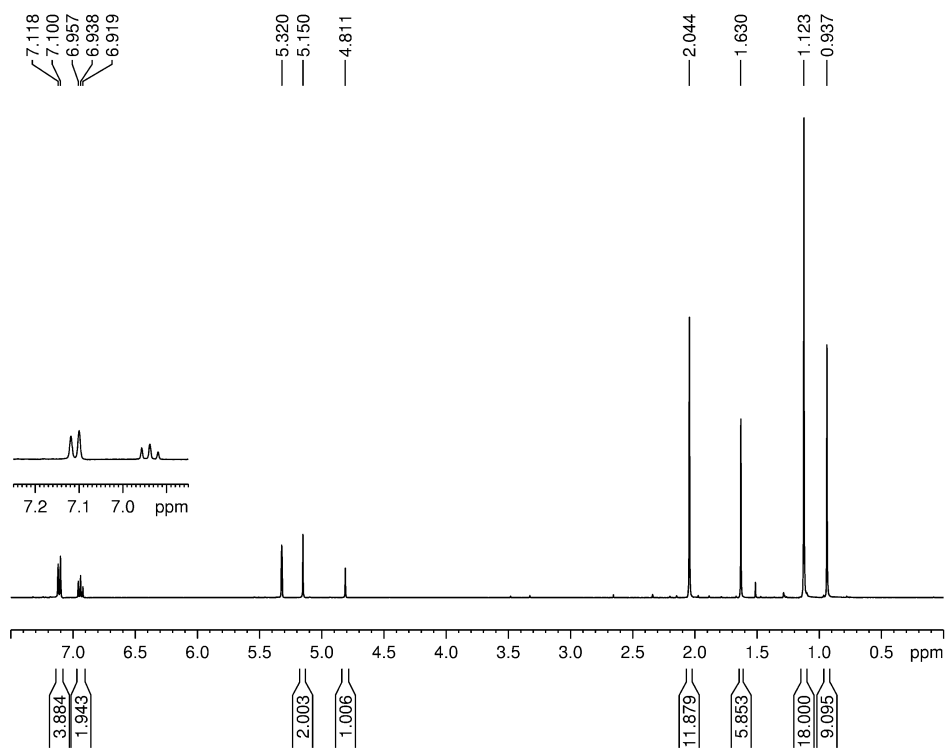


Figure S3.24. ^1H NMR spectrum of **9b** in CD_2Cl_2 at room temperature.

3.5.3. Details on single crystal X-ray structure analysis

The X-ray diffraction experiments were performed on either a Gemini Ultra diffractometer (Oxford diffraction) with an AtlasS2 detector Cu-K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) (**6a**, **6b**, **S3**) or on a GV 50 diffractometer (Rigaku, formerly Agilent Technologies) with TitanS2 detector from applying Cu-K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) (**5a**, **5b**, **8**, **9a**, **9b**, **S4**) or Cu-K β radiation ($\lambda = 1.39222 \text{ \AA}$) (**7**). All measurements were performed at 123 K. Data collection and reduction were performed with CrysAlisPro^[7] (Version 171.38.41, 2015 (**5a**, **5b**, **6a**, **6b**, **S3**, **7**, **9b**), 171.41.21a, 2019 (**8**, **9a**), 171.41.76a, 2020 (**S4**)). For the compounds (**6a**, **6b**, **S3**) an analytical numeric absorption correction using a multifaceted crystal model based on expressions derived by R.C. Clark & J.S. Reid was applied.^[8] For the compounds (**5a**, **5b**, **S4**, **7**, **8**, **9a**, **9b**) a gaussian absorption correction based on gaussian integration over a multifaceted crystal model was applied. All structures were solved by direct methods with ShelXT^[9] and Olex2^[10] and refined by full-matrix least-squares method against F^2 in anisotropic approximation using ShelXL^[11]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined in calculated positions using riding on pivot atom model.

CCDC-2046249 (**5a**), CCDC-2046250 (**5b**), CCDC-2046251 (**6a**), CCDC-2046252 (**6b**), CCDC-2046253 (**7**), CCDC-2046254 (**8**), CCDC-2046255 (**9a**), CCDC-2046256 (**9b**), CCDC-2046257 (**S3**) and CCDC-2046258 (**S4**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; Fax: + 44-1223-336-033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

3.5.3.1. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**5a**)

Compound **5a** crystallized from a solution of Et_2O at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the non-centrosymmetric orthorhombic space group $\text{P}2_12_12_1$. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **5a** and one molecule Et_2O . The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S3.25.

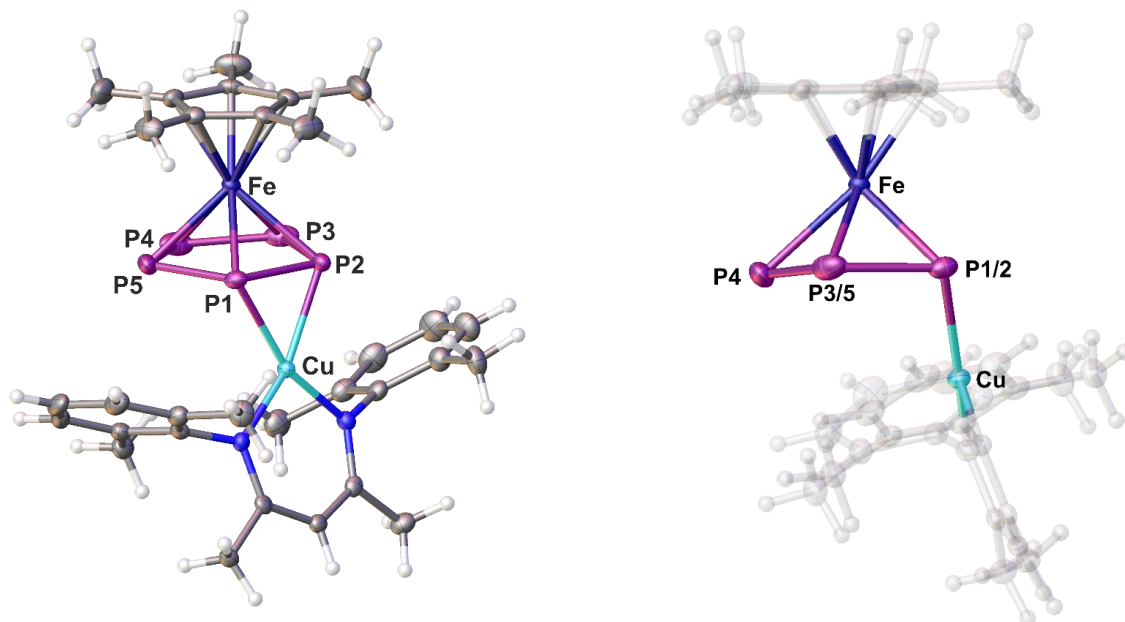


Figure S3.25. Molecular structure of **5a** in solid state (left: best view, right: side view). Solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Cu-P1 2.2859(7), Cu-P2 2.2820(7), Fe-P1 2.3778(7), 2.3732(7), Fe-P3 2.3323(9), Fe-P4 2.3685(9), Fe-P5 2.3376(8), P1-P2 2.200(10), P2-P3 2.1326(11), P3-P4 2.1184(13), P4-P5 2.1172(13), P5-P1 2.1252(11), P1-P2-P3 106.71(4), P2-P3-P4 107.87(5), P3-P4-P5 109.87(5), P4-P5-P1 107.51(5), P5-P1-P2 107.62(4).

3.5.3.2. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-As}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**5b**)

Compound **5b** crystallized from a solution of Et_2O at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the non-centrosymmetric orthorhombic space group $\text{P2}_1\text{2}_1\text{2}_1$. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **5b**. The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S3.26.

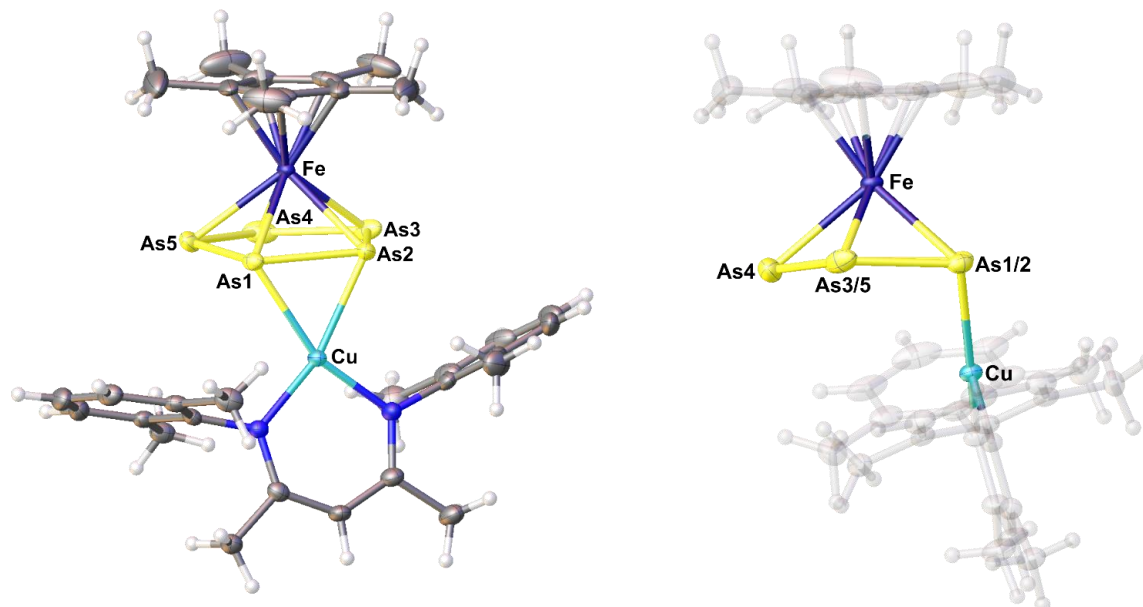


Figure S3.26. Molecular structure of **5b** in solid state (left: best view, right: side view). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu-As1 2.4255(7), Cu-As2 2.4002(7), Fe-As1 2.5581(8), Fe-As2 2.5182(8), Fe-As3 2.4682(7), Fe-As4 2.5262(8), Fe-As5 2.4697(7), As1-As2 2.4039(6), As2-As3 2.3425(8), As3-As4 2.3251(9), As4-As5 2.3278(8), As5-As1 2.3416(7), As1-As2-As3 107.42(3), As2-As3-As4 107.84(3), As3-As4-As5 109.08(3), As4-As5-As1 107.99(3), As5-As1-As2 106.98(3).

3.5.3.3. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ (**6a**)

Compound **6a** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in toluene at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $\text{P}2_1/m$ as brown plate. The asymmetric unit contains half a molecule of **6a** and a molecule of toluene. The structure in the solid state is given in Figure S3.27.

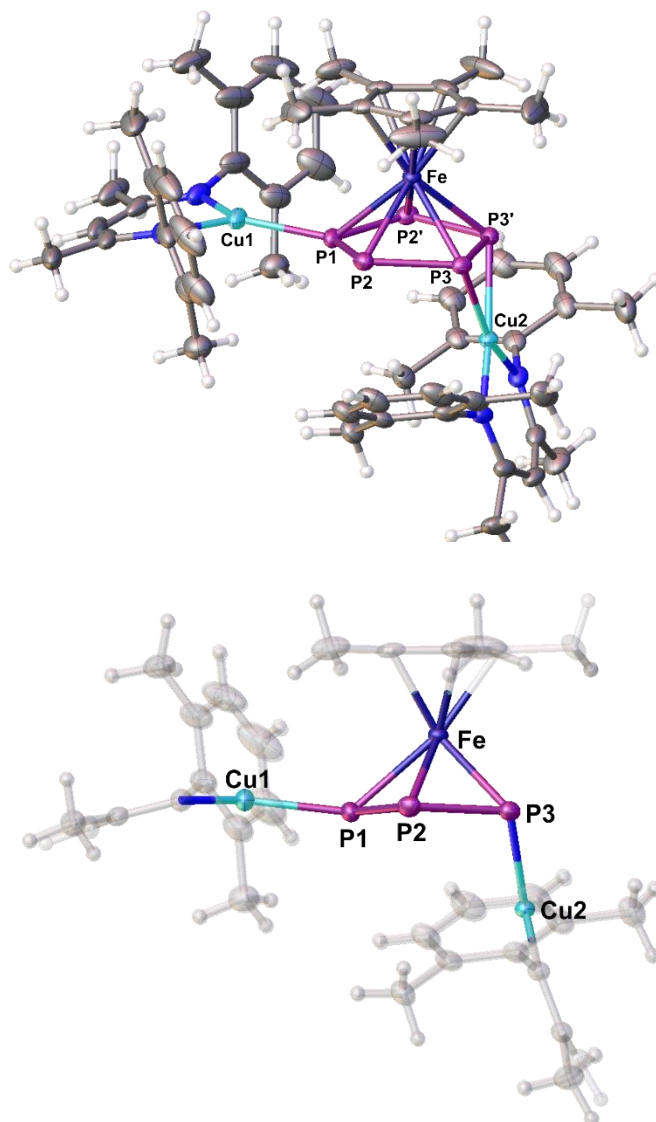


Figure S3.27: Molecular structure of **6a** in solid state (Top: best view, bottom side view). Solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu2-P3 2.2889(5), Cu2-P3' 2.2888(5), Fe-P1 2.3516(7), Fe-P2 2.3486(5), Fe-P3 2.3807(5), P1-P2 2.1248(6), P2-P3 2.1271(6), P3-P3' 2.2242(10), P3-Cu2-P3' 58.14(3), P1-P2-P3 106.02(3), P2-P3-P3' 107.740(1), P2-P1-P2' 111.87(4).

3.5.3.4. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-As}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ (**6b**)

Compound **6b** crystallized from a concentrated solution in toluene at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $\text{P}2_1/\text{m}$ as orange blocks. The asymmetric unit contains half a molecule of **6b** and a molecule of toluene. The structure in the solid state is given in Figure S3.28.

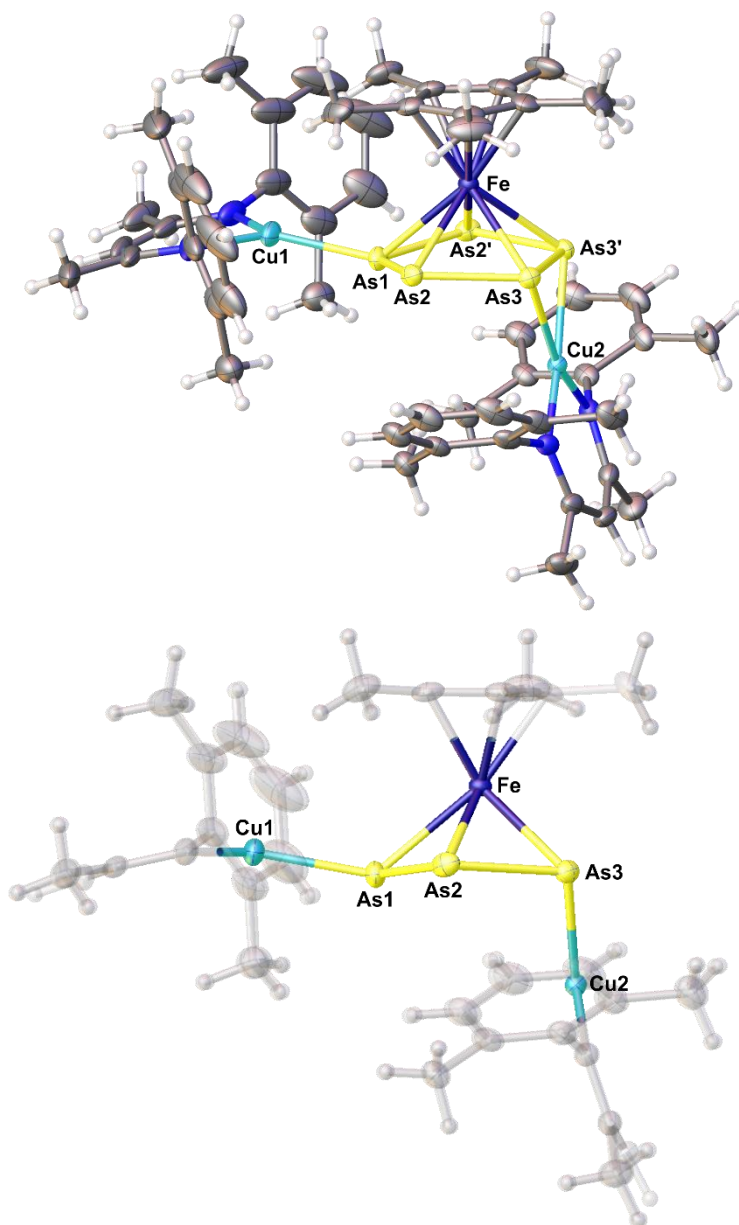


Figure S3.28. Molecular structure of **6b** in solid state (Top: best view, bottom side view). Solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu1-As1 2.2515(5), Cu2-As3 2.3987 (4), Fe-As1 2.5036(5), Fe-As2 2.4867(3), Fe-As3 2.5283(4), As1-As2 2.3260(3), As2-As3 2.3355(3), As3-As3' 2.4156(4), As3-Cu2-As3' 60.467(14), As1-As2-As3 105.207(1), As2-As1-As2' 112.290(1), As2-As3-As3' 108,054(8).

3.5.3.5. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^2\text{Cu})]$ (**S3**)

Compound **S3** crystallized from a solution of Et_2O at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $\text{P}2_1/c$. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **S3**. The P3, P4 and P5 atoms are disordered over two positions in an occupancy of 62:38. The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S3.29.

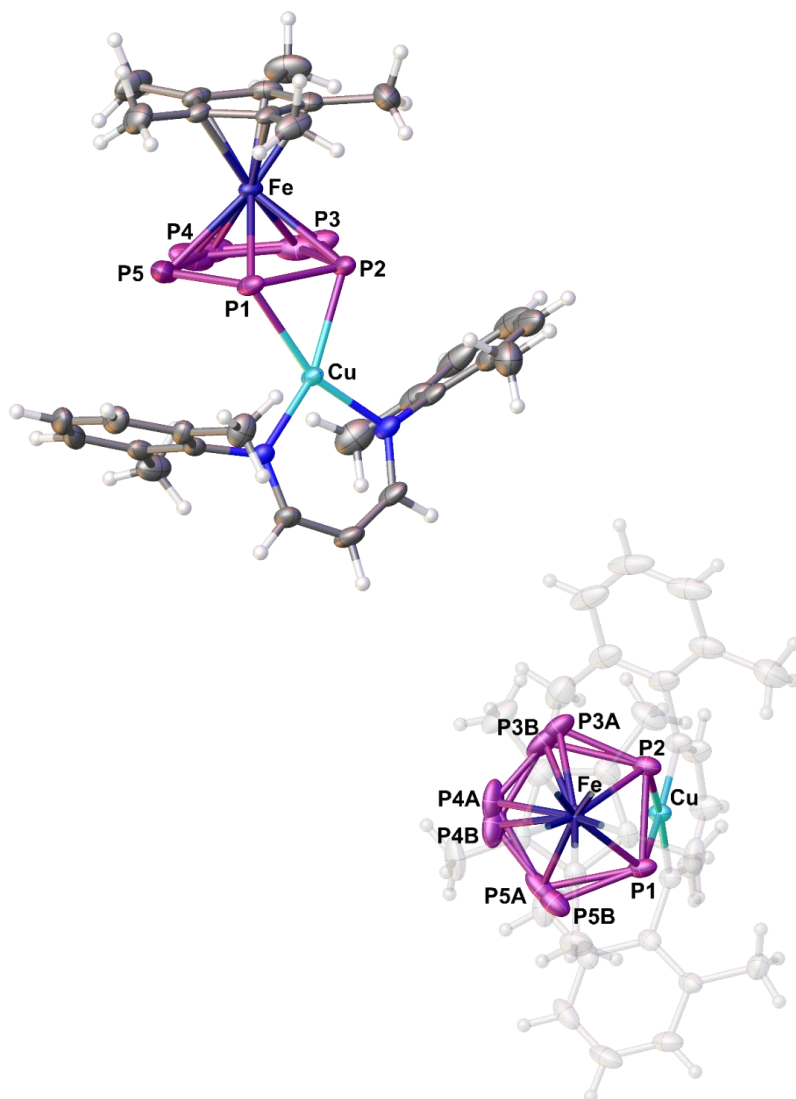


Figure S3.29. Molecular structure of **S3** in solid state (Top: best view, bottom: disorder of the P_5 ring). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu-P1 2.2899(5), Cu-P2 2.2775(5), Fe-P1 2.3767(5), Fe-P2 2.3694(5), Fe-P3A 2.290(9), Fe-P4A 2.365(7), Fe-P3B 2.375(5), Fe-P4B 2.357(4), Fe-P5B 2.295(6), P1-P2 2.1972(6), P2-P3A 2.254(13), P3A-P4A 2.098(10), P4A-P5A 2.092(10), P5A-P1 2.023(10), P2-P3B 2.062(5), P3B-P4B 2.119(6), P4B-P5B 2.127(5), P5B-P1 2.198(7), P2-Cu-P1 57.509(17), P5A-P1-P2 113.7(3), P1-P2-P3A 100.7(4), P2-P3A-P4A 107.6(4), P3A-P4A-P5A 110.8(5), P4A-P5A-P1 106.6(4), P1-P2-P3B 110.82(17), P2-P3B-P4B 107.9(2), P3B-P4B-P5B 109.3(3), P4B-P5B-P1 1107.9(2), P2-P1-P5B 103.9(3).

3.5.3.6. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-As}_5)(\text{L}^2\text{Cu})]$ (**S4**)

Compound **S4** crystallized from a solution of Et_2O at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the tetragonal space group $I4_1/a$. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **S4** and 0.5 molecules of Et_2O . The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S3.30.

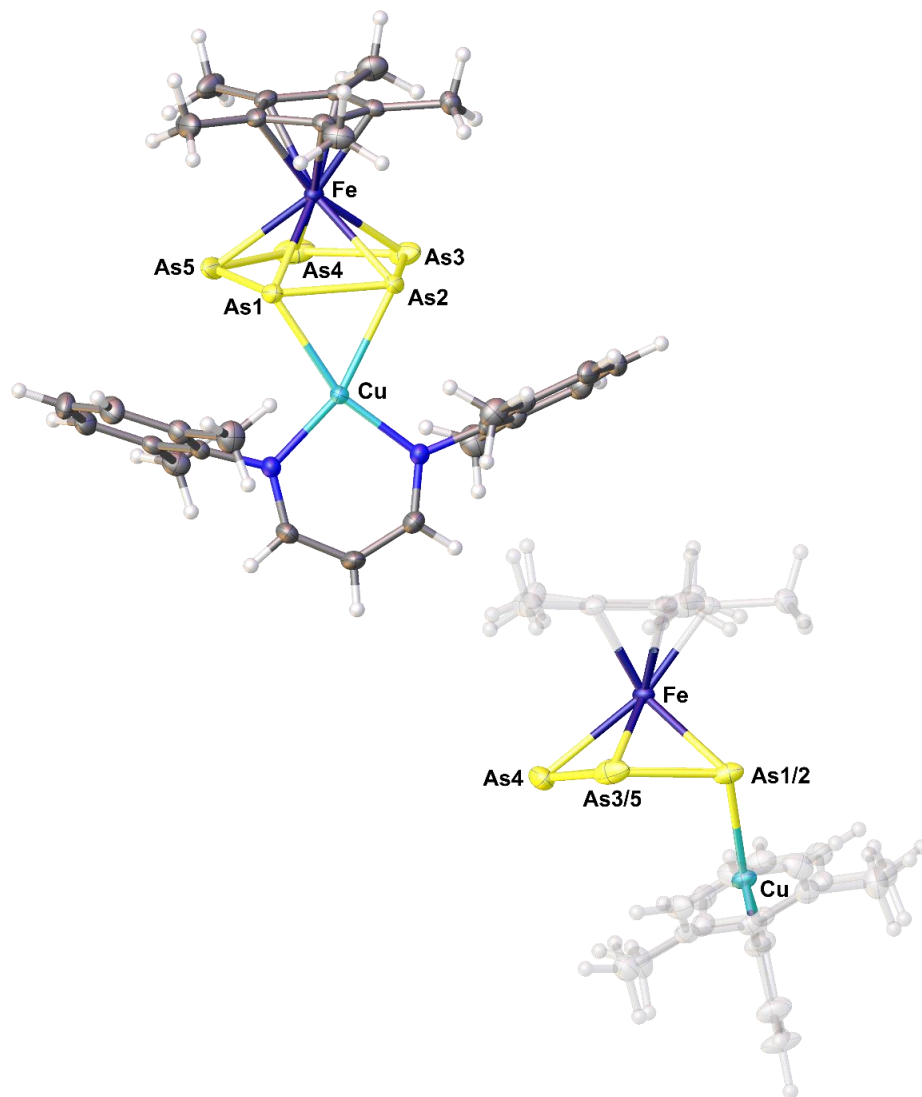


Figure S3.30. Molecular structure of structure of **S4** in solid state (Top: best view, bottom side view). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu-As1 2.3860(4), Cu-As2 2.3897(4), Fe-As1 2.5092(4), Fe-As2 2.5241(5), Fe-As3 2.4795(5), Fe-As4 2.5266(5), Fe-As5 2.4826(5), As1-As2 2.4171(4), As2-As3 2.3432(5), As3-As4 2.3251(6), As4-As5 2.3263(6), As5-As1 2.3408(5), As1-As2-As3 106.661(17), As2-As3-As4 108.325(17), As3-As4-As5 109.310(18), As4-As5-As1 107.824(18), As5-As1-As2 107.533(16).

3.5.3.7. $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{III}}\text{Co})(\mu, \eta^{4:2}\text{-P}_4)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**7**)

Compound **7** crystallized from a very concentrated toluene solution at room temperature in the triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **7**. The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S3.31.

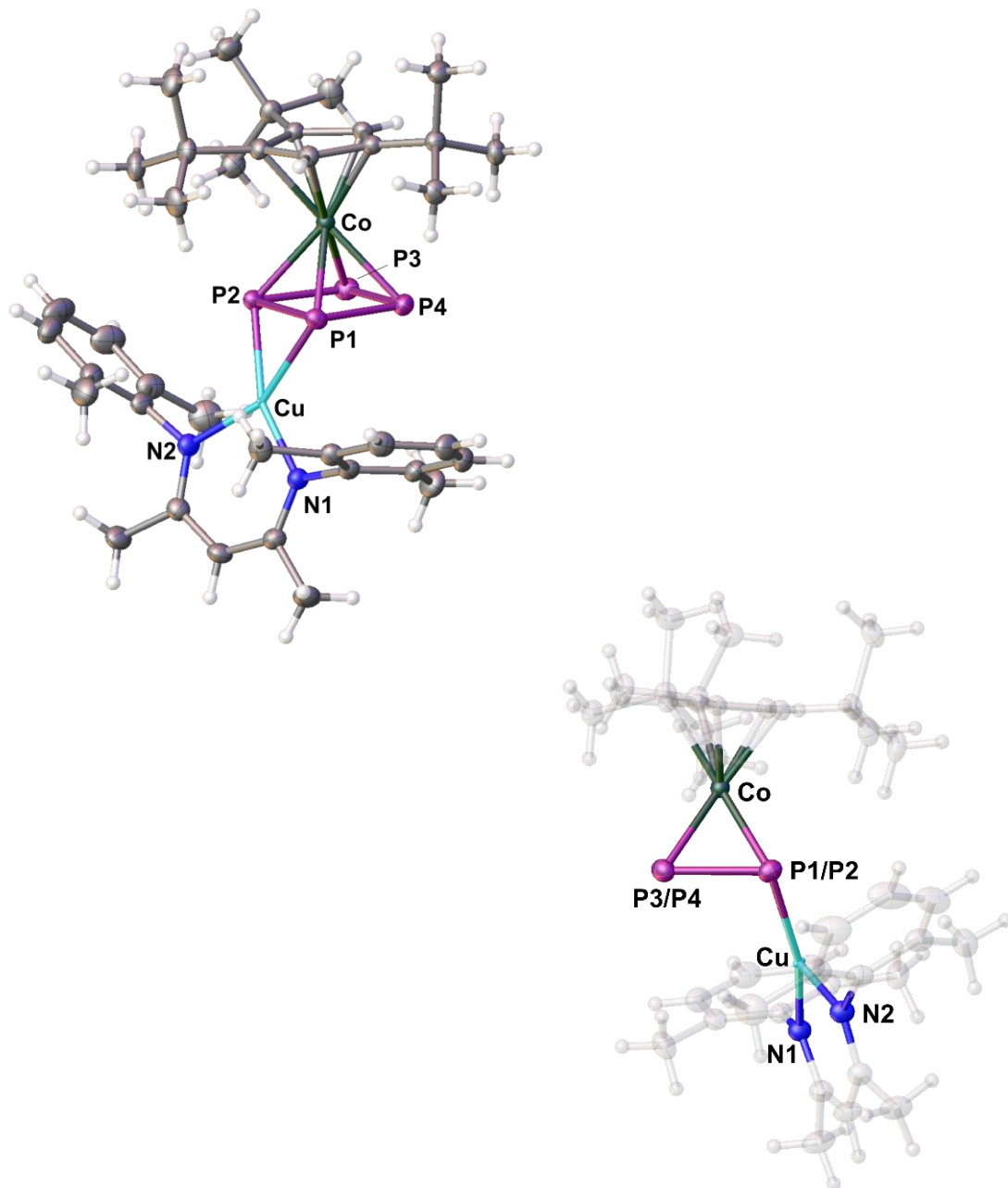


Figure S3.31. Molecular structure of **7** in solid state (Top: best view, bottom side view). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Cu-P1 2.2662(5), Cu-P2 2.2731(5), Co-P1 2.2814(5), Co-P2 2.3029(4), Co-P3 2.3140(5), Co-P4 2.3017(5), P1-P2 2.3278(6), P2-P3 2.1618(6), P3-P4 2.1594(6), P4-P1 2.1795(6), Cu-N1 1.9362(14), Cu-N2 1.9240(13), P1-Cu-P2 61.701(16), P1-P2-P3 88.41(2), P2-P3-P4 92.00(2), P3-P4-P1 92.43(2), P4-P1-P2 87.14(2).

3.5.3.8. $[(Cp''Co)(\mu_3, \eta^{4:2:1}\text{-P}_4)(L^1Cu)_2]$ (**8**)

Compound **8** crystallized from a pentane solution at room temperature in the triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **8**. The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S3.32.

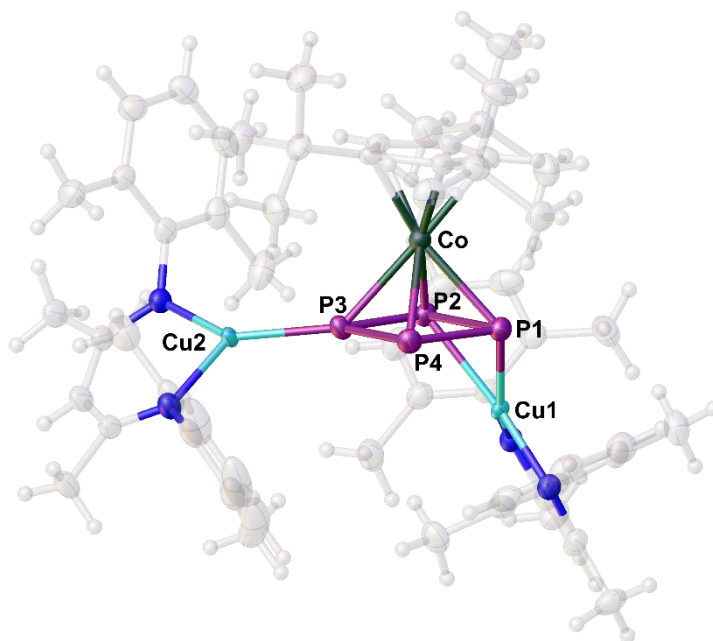


Figure S3.32. Molecular structure of **8** in solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Cu1-P1 2.2995(7), Cu1-P2 2.2543(7), Cu2-P3 2.1382(7), Co-P1 2.3113(7), Co-P2 2.2792(8), Co-P3 2.3279(8), Co-P4 2.2767(7), P1-P2 2.3387(9), P2-P3 2.1678(9), P3-P4 2.1536(9), P4-P1 2.1700(9), Cu1-N1 1.932(2), Cu1-N2 1.933(2), Cu2-N3 1.948(2), 1.942(2), P1-Cu1-P2 61.79(2), P1-P2-P3 85.51(3), P2-P3-P4 94.72(3), P3-P4-P1 90.17(3), P4-P1-P2 89.59(3).

3.5.3.9. $[(\text{Cp}'''\text{Ni})(\mu,\eta^{3:2}\text{-P}_3)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**9a**)

Compound **9a** crystallized from a concentrated solution in toluene layered with MeCN at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **9a**. The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S3.33.

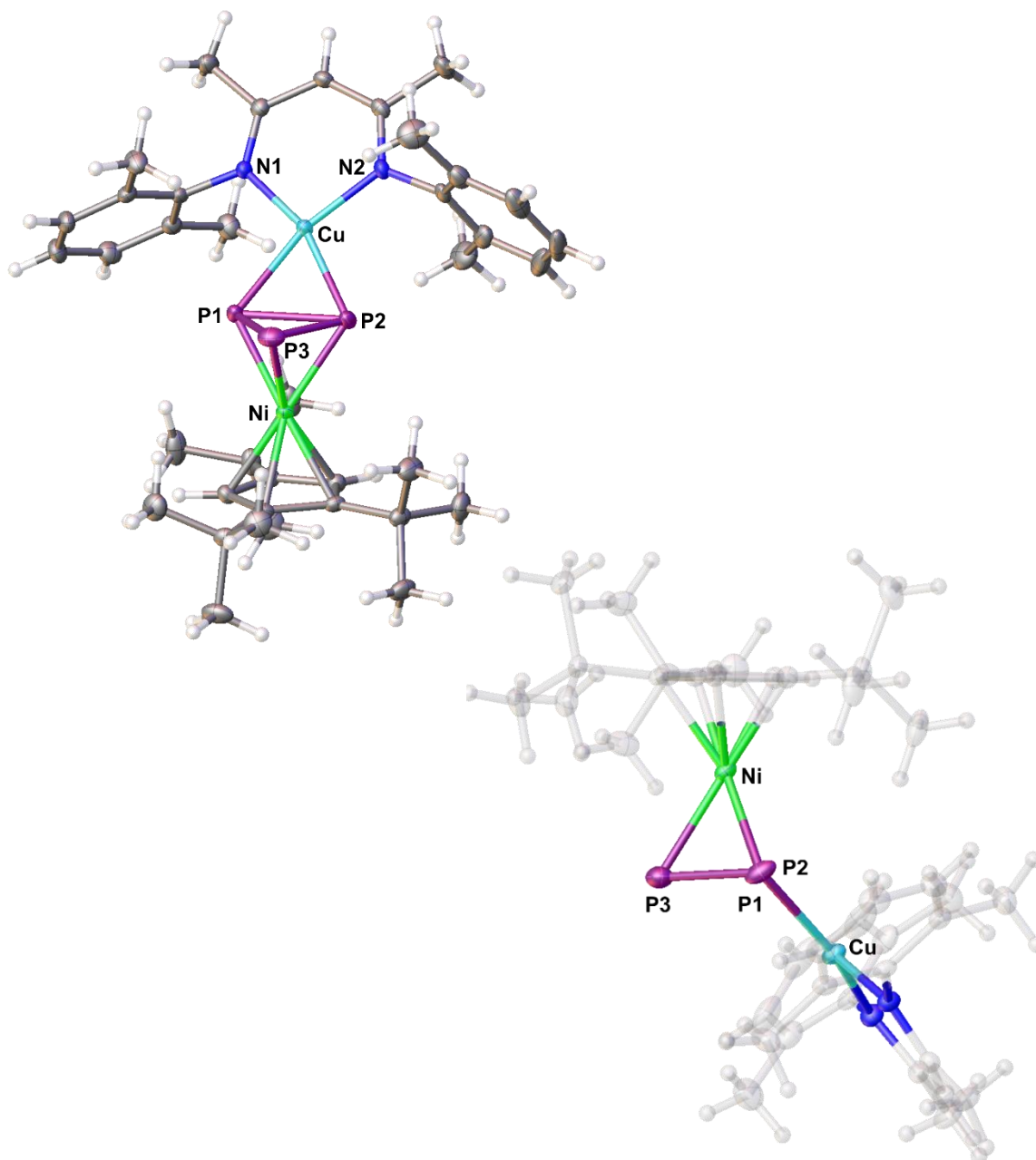


Figure S3.33: Molecular structure of **9a** in solid state (Top: best view, bottom: side view). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu-P1 2.2966(5), Cu-P2 2.2858(5), Ni-P1 2.2466(5), Ni-P2 2.2375(5), Ni-P3 2.2466(6), P1-P2 2.3143(6), P1-P3 2.1569(7), P2-P3 2.1616(7), P1-Cu-P2 60.667(17), Ni-P1-Cu 114.51(2), Ni-P2-Cu 115.30(2), P1-P2-P3 57.50(2), P2-P3-P1 64.81(2), P3-P1-P2 57.69(2).

3.5.3.10. $[(Cp''Ni)(\mu,\eta^{3:2}\text{-As}_3)(L^1Cu)]$ (**9b**)

Compound **9b** crystallized from a concentrated solution in toluene layered with MeCN at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **9b**. The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S3.34.

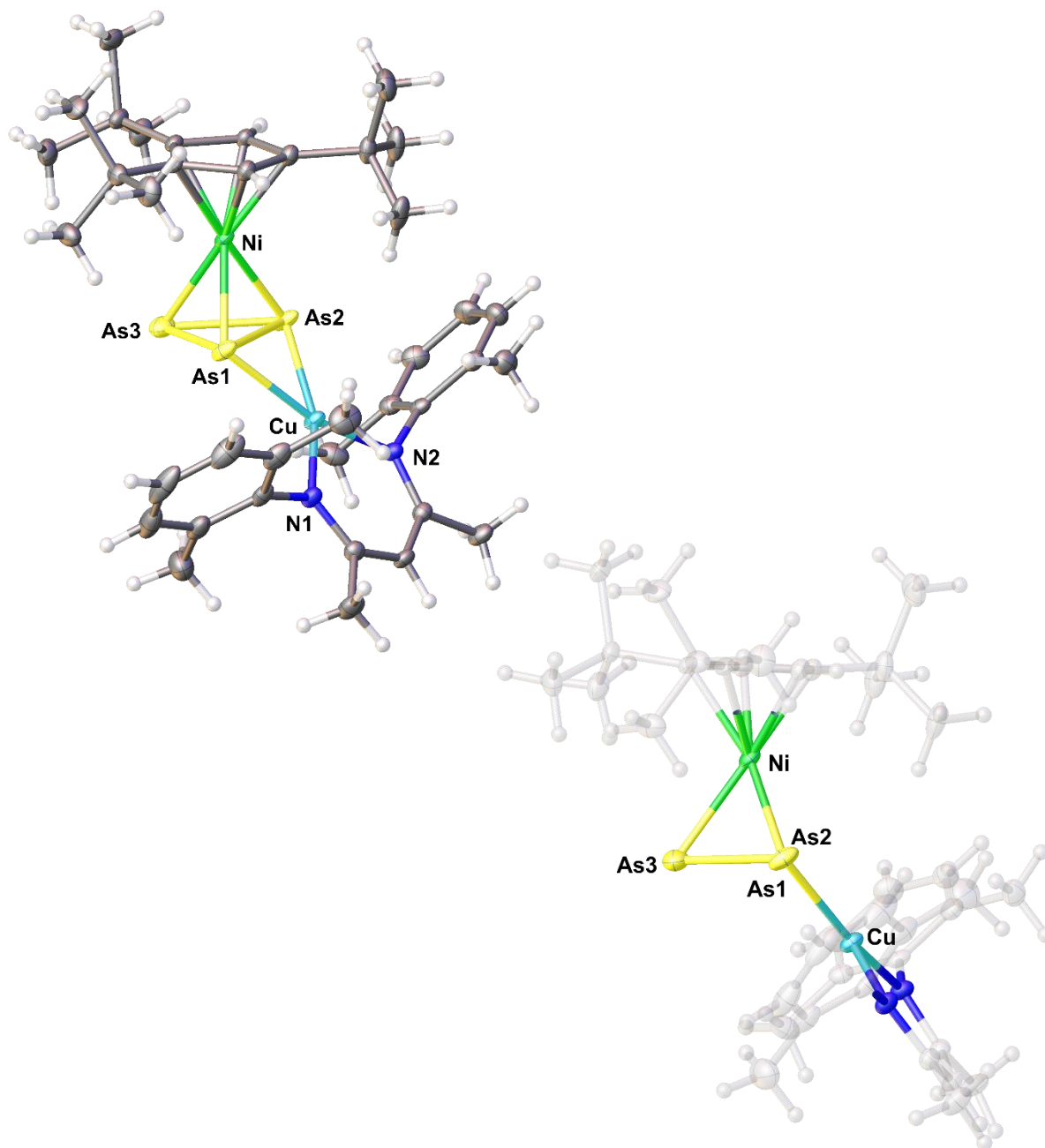


Figure S3.34: Molecular structure of **9b** in solid state (Top: best view, bottom: side view). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu-As1 2.3857(4), Cu-As2 2.3980(4), Ni-As1 2.3476(4), Ni-As2 2.3607(4), Ni-As3 2.3563(4), As1-As2 2.5625(3), As2-As3 2.3877(4), As3-As1 2.3920(4), As1-Cu-As2 64.779(10), Ni As1-Cu 112.320(14), Ni-As2-Cu 111.410(13), As1-As2-As3 57.661(10), As2-As3-As1 64.840(10), As3-As1-As2 57.499(10).

3.5.3.11. Crystallographic information

Table S3.4. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **5a**, **5b**, **6a** and **6b**.

| Compound | 5a · Et ₂ O | 5b | 6a · toluene | 6b · toluene |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| CCDC | 2046249 | 2046250 | 2046251 | 2046252 |
| Formula | C ₃₅ H ₅₀ CuFeN ₂ OP ₅ | C ₃₁ H ₄₀ As ₅ CuFeN ₂ | C ₅₉ H ₇₃ Cu ₂ FeN ₄ P ₅ | C ₅₉ H ₇₃ As ₅ Cu ₂ FeN ₄ |
| <i>D</i> _{calc.} / g cm ⁻³ | 1.375 | 1.793 | 1.365 | 1.580 |
| <i>μ</i> /mm ⁻¹ | 5.949 | 9.598 | 4.500 | 6.235 |
| Formula Weight | 789.01 | 934.64 | 1175.99 | 1395.74 |
| Colour | brown | brown | brown | dark orange |
| Shape | needle | block | plate | block |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.74×0.10×0.07 | 0.23×0.12×0.10 | 0.40×0.19×0.04 | 0.19×0.11×0.09 |
| <i>T</i> /K | 123.00(10) | 122.98(10) | 123(1) | 123(1) |
| Crystal System | orthorhombic | orthorhombic | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Flack Parameter | -0.008(2) | -0.003(4) | - | - |
| Hooft Parameter | -0.0074(19) | -0.001(3) | - | - |
| Space Group | <i>P</i> ₂ <i>1</i> <i>2</i> ₁ | <i>P</i> ₂ <i>1</i> <i>2</i> ₁ | <i>P</i> ₂ <i>1</i> / <i>m</i> | <i>P</i> ₂ <i>1</i> / <i>m</i> |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 8.7544(2) | 14.5039(4) | 11.1050(2) | 11.2264(2) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 13.5679(3) | 15.1604(3) | 18.0201(3) | 18.0999(3) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 32.0939(4) | 15.7460(3) | 14.7436(3) | 14.9184(2) |
| <i>α</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| <i>β</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 104.096(2) | 104.638(2) |
| <i>γ</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 3812.08(13) | 3462.31(13) | 2861.55(9) | 2932.98(9) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Z'</i> | 1 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K _α | Cu K _α | Cu K _α | CuK _α |
| <i>θ</i> _{min} /° | 3.537 | 4.048 | 3.946 | 3.917 |
| <i>θ</i> _{max} /° | 74.314 | 74.003 | 72.946 | 72.874 |
| Measured Refl's. | 12136 | 10988 | 16093 | 16672 |
| Ind't Refl's | 6756 | 6316 | 5707 | 5818 |
| Refl's with <i>I</i> > 2(<i>I</i>) | 6537 | 6055 | 5279 | 5331 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0235 | 0.0249 | 0.0290 | 0.0229 |
| Parameters | 419 | 372 | 352 | 352 |
| Restraints | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Largest Peak | 0.307 | 0.445 | 0.372 | 0.466 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.211 | -0.353 | -0.465 | -0.353 |
| GooF | 1.024 | 1.040 | 1.027 | 1.036 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.0608 | 0.0569 | 0.0815 | 0.0550 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ | 0.0600 | 0.0559 | 0.0792 | 0.0536 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ (all data) | 0.0254 | 0.0254 | 0.0347 | 0.0262 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ | 0.0242 | 0.0236 | 0.0318 | 0.0227 |

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Table S3.5. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **7**, **8**, **9a**, **9b**.

| Compound | 7 | 8 | 9a | 9b |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| CCDC | 2046253 | 2046254 | 2046255 | 2046256 |
| Formula | C ₃₈ H ₅₄ CoCuN ₂ P ₄ | C ₅₉ H ₇₉ CoCu ₂ N ₄ P ₄ | C ₃₈ H ₅₄ CuN ₂ NiP ₃ | C ₃₈ H ₅₄ As ₃ CuN ₂ Ni |
| <i>D</i> _{calc.} / g cm ⁻³ | 1.312 | 1.314 | 1.300 | 1.513 |
| <i>μ</i> /mm ⁻¹ | 4.275 | 4.380 | 2.665 | 4.309 |
| Formula Weight | 785.18 | 1154.15 | 753.99 | 885.84 |
| Colour | red | brown | red | red |
| Shape | block | plate | block | block |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.22×0.08×0.06 | 0.37×0.13×0.04 | 0.16×0.07×0.05 | 0.56×0.27×0.20 |
| <i>T</i> /K | 122.98(10) | 122.98(16) | 122.97(10) | 123.01(10) |
| Crystal System | triclinic | triclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Space Group | <i>P</i> -1 | <i>P</i> -1 | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 8.5866(3) | 12.5441(6) | 16.2542(2) | 16.3581(2) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 14.0745(6) | 13.0610(6) | 13.13990(10) | 13.14580(10) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 16.9601(7) | 19.7943(8) | 18.0352(2) | 18.0882(2) |
| <i>α</i> /° | 99.236(4) | 78.555(4) | 90 | 90 |
| <i>β</i> /° | 90.090(3) | 81.863(4) | 90.4230(10) | 90.5380(10) |
| <i>γ</i> /° | 100.671(3) | 66.970(4) | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 1987.07(14) | 2917.9(2) | 3851.83(7) | 3889.52(7) |
| <i>Z</i> | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| <i>Z</i> ' | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.39222 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K _β | Cu K _α | Cu K _α | Cu K _α |
| <i>θ</i> _{min} /° | 2.384 | 2.283 | 4.163 | 4.157 |
| <i>θ</i> _{max} /° | 68.062 | 73.926 | 73.920 | 74.040 |
| Measured Refl's. | 21238 | 23631 | 21437 | 21867 |
| Ind't Refl's | 9487 | 11313 | 7469 | 7650 |
| Refl's with <i>I</i> > 2(<i>I</i>) | 8591 | 9879 | 6624 | 7169 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0300 | 0.0553 | 0.0309 | 0.0259 |
| Parameters | 430 | 652 | 421 | 421 |
| Restraints | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Largest Peak | 0.537 | 1.379 | 0.371 | 0.379 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.335 | -0.603 | -0.462 | -0.537 |
| Goof | 1.034 | 1.014 | 1.020 | 1.069 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.0873 | 0.1154 | 0.0788 | 0.0669 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ | 0.0834 | 0.1096 | 0.0755 | 0.0656 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ (all data) | 0.0371 | 0.0523 | 0.0357 | 0.0290 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ | 0.0328 | 0.0453 | 0.0298 | 0.0267 |

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Table S3.6. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **S3** and **S4**.

| Compound | S3 | S4 · 0.5 Et ₂ O |
|--|---|---|
| CCDC | 2046257 | 2046258 |
| Formula | C ₂₉ H ₃₆ CuFeN ₂ P ₅ | C ₃₁ H ₄₁ As ₅ CuFeN ₂ O _{0.5} |
| <i>D</i> _{calc.} / g cm ⁻³ | 1.425 | 1.759 |
| μ /mm ⁻¹ | 6.976 | 9.343 |
| Formula Weight | 686.84 | 943.65 |
| Colour | brown | brown |
| Shape | plate | needle |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.56×0.22×0.07 | 0.17×0.03×0.02 |
| <i>T</i> /K | 123(1) | 122.96(11) |
| Crystal System | monoclinic | tetragonal |
| Space Group | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> | <i>I</i> 4 ₁ / <i>a</i> |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 18.5050(2) | 41.7083(6) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 8.74780(10) | 41.7083(6) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 20.0339(3) | 8.1936(2) |
| α /° | 90 | 90 |
| β /° | 99.0770(10) | 90 |
| γ /° | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 3202.44(7) | 14253.4(5) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 16 |
| <i>Z</i> ' | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K α | Cu K α |
| θ _{min} /° | 4.470 | 4.240 |
| θ _{max} /° | 71.633 | 73.424 |
| Measured Refl's. | 18130 | 15215 |
| Indep't Refl's | 6124 | 6880 |
| Refl's <i>I</i> ≥2 σ (<i>I</i>) | 5829 | 6328 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0322 | 0.0230 |
| Parameters | 380 | 446 |
| Restraints | 0 | 60 |
| Largest Peak | 0.586 | 0.785 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.409 | -0.687 |
| Goof | 1.039 | 1.029 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.0814 | 0.0698 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ | 0.0795 | 0.0681 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ (all data) | 0.0325 | 0.0305 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ | 0.0308 | 0.0272 |

3.5.4. DFT Calculations

The geometry of the molecules has been optimized with Gaussian 09,^[12] using the B3LYP functional^[13] together with the def2-TZVP basis set for all atoms.^[14] To account for long-range van der Waals forces the dispersion corrections proposed by Grimme et al. has been added (DFT-D3).^[15] Solvents effects were accounted by using continuous polarizable continuum model (CPM).^[16] The dielectric constant of thf ($\epsilon = 7.4257$) has been used in the calculations. The Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) analysis has been performed with the NBO6 program.^[17]

The topological analysis of the electron density obtained from the DFT calculations, according to the Atoms in Molecules theory^[18] has been performed with the MultiWFN program (version 3.6).^[19] The molecular orbital interaction diagram based on the interaction of fragment orbitals has been constructed using the results obtained from the AOMIX program.^[20] The figures for the supporting information concerning the DFT calculations were created with Chemcraft.^[21]

Table S3.7: Total energies for all optimized geometries (B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory).

| | total energy [Ha] |
|---|-------------------|
| 1a [Cp*Fe(η^5 -P ₅)] | -3361.14387431 |
| 1b [Cp*Fe(η^5 -As ₅)] | -12833.8894849 |
| 2 [L ¹ Cu(MeCN)] | -2698.73585730 |
| 3 [Cp'''Co(η^4 -P ₄)] | -3414.10100308 |
| 4a [Cp'''Ni(η^3 -P ₃)] | -3198.25221381 |
| 4b [Cp'''Ni(η^3 -As ₃)] | -8881.90571328 |
| 5a [(Cp*Fe)(μ , $\eta^{5:2}$ -P ₅)(L ¹ Cu)] | -5927.09036526 |
| I-5a [(Cp*Fe)(μ , $\eta^{5:1}$ -P ₅)(L ¹ Cu)] | -5927.08267667 |
| 5b [(Cp*Fe)(μ , $\eta^{5:2}$ -As ₅)(L ¹ Cu)] | -15399.8408647 |
| I-5b [(Cp*Fe)(μ , $\eta^{5:1}$ -As ₅)(L ¹ Cu)] | -15399.8235716 |
| 6a [(Cp*Fe)(μ_3 , $\eta^{5:2:1}$ -P ₅)(L ¹ Cu) ₂] | -8493.03719635 |
| 6b [(Cp*Fe)(μ_3 , $\eta^{5:2:1}$ -As ₅)(L ¹ Cu) ₂] | -17965.7824510 |
| 7 [(Cp'''Co)(μ , $\eta^{4:2}$ -P ₄)(L ¹ Cu)] | -5980.04685390 |
| 8 [(Cp'''Co)(μ_3 , $\eta^{4:2:1}$ -P ₄)(L ¹ Cu) ₂] | -8545.98746652 |
| 9a [(Cp'''Ni)(μ , $\eta^{3:2}$ -P ₃)(L ¹ Cu)] | -5764.19342365 |
| 9b [(Cp'''Ni)(μ , $\eta^{3:2}$ -As ₃)(L ¹ Cu)] | -11447.8517436 |
| MeCN | -132.822066436 |

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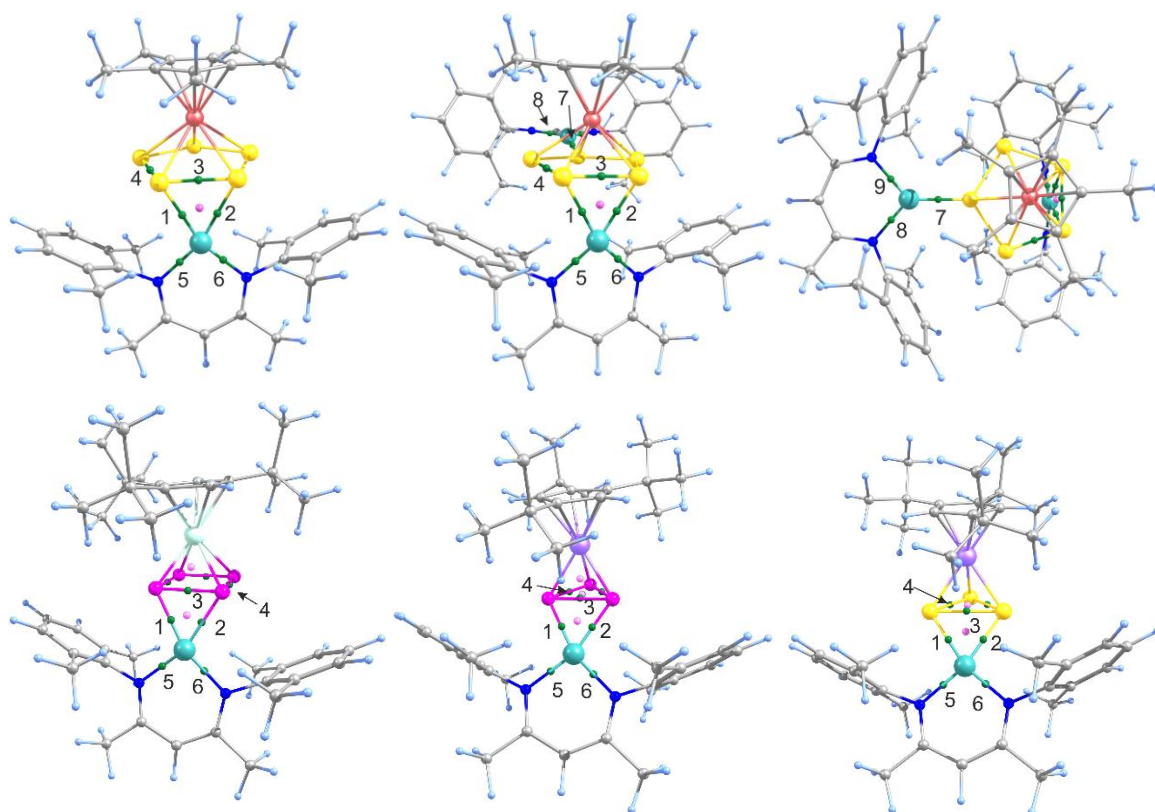


Figure S3.35. Locations and labelling of selected Bond Critical Points (BCP, green) and Ring Critical Points (RCP, violet) in the electron density of $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ ($\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**5a**), As (**5b**)), $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ ($\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**6a**), As (**6b**)), $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Co})(\mu, \eta^{4:2}\text{-P}_4)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**7**) and $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ni})(\mu, \eta^{3:2}\text{-E}_3)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ ($\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**9a**), As (**9b**)).

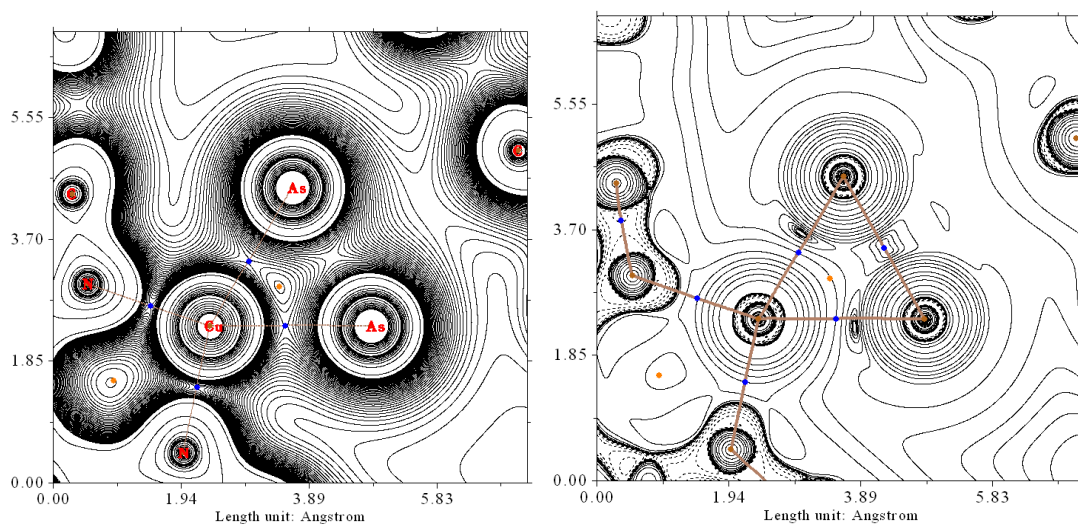


Figure S3.36. Electron density (left) and the Laplacian of the electron density in the CuAs_2 plane in $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-As}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ (**6b**).

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Table S3.8. Properties of selected critical points in the electron density of **5a**, **5b**, **6a**, **6b**, **7**, **9a** and **9b**. $\rho(r)$ = electron density at CP; $\nabla^2\rho(r)$ = Laplacian of electron density; $H(r)$ = energy density; $G(r)$ = Lagrangian kinetic energy; $V(r)$ = potential energy density; $\epsilon(r)$ = ellipticity of electron density at CP ($\epsilon(r) = [\lambda_1(r)/\lambda_2(r)]-1$; where λ_1 and λ_2 are the lowest and the second lowest eigenvalues of Hessian matrix of ρ , respectively); $\eta(r)$ = eta index ($\eta(r) = |\lambda_1(r)/\lambda_3(r)|$, where λ_1 and λ_3 are the lowest and the highest eigenvalues of Hessian matrix of ρ , respectively); Bond degree, $BD = H(r)/\rho(r)$.

| | $\rho(r)$ | $\nabla^2\rho(r)$ | $H(r)$ | $G(r)$ | $V(r)$ | $ V /G$ | $\epsilon(r)$ | $\eta(r)$ | BD |
|---|-----------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------------|-----------|--------|
| [(Cp*Fe)($\mu, \eta^{5:2}$-P₅)(L¹Cu)] (5a) | | | | | | | | | |
| BCP 1 | 0.070 | 0.096 | -0.021 | 0.045 | -0.065 | 1.461 | 0.393 | 0.312 | -0.294 |
| BCP 2 | 0.070 | 0.096 | -0.021 | 0.045 | -0.065 | 1.461 | 0.393 | 0.312 | -0.294 |
| BCP 3 | 0.104 | -0.066 | -0.051 | 0.035 | -0.086 | 2.471 | 0.655 | 1.048 | -0.493 |
| BCP 4 | 0.123 | -0.139 | -0.071 | 0.036 | -0.107 | 2.966 | 0.273 | 1.441 | -0.578 |
| BCP 5 | 0.096 | 0.383 | -0.031 | 0.126 | -0.157 | 1.243 | 0.032 | 0.200 | -0.320 |
| BCP 6 | 0.096 | 0.383 | -0.031 | 0.126 | -0.157 | 1.243 | 0.032 | 0.200 | -0.320 |
| RCP | 0.062 | 0.125 | -0.013 | 0.044 | -0.057 | 1.292 | -2.343 | 0.372 | -0.209 |
| [(Cp*Fe)($\mu, \eta^{5:2}$-As₅)(L¹Cu)] (5b) | | | | | | | | | |
| BCP 1 | 0.061 | 0.076 | -0.016 | 0.035 | -0.051 | 1.457 | 0.261 | 0.307 | -0.263 |
| BCP 2 | 0.061 | 0.076 | -0.016 | 0.035 | -0.051 | 1.457 | 0.261 | 0.307 | -0.263 |
| BCP 3 | 0.080 | 0.001 | -0.032 | 0.032 | -0.064 | 1.993 | 0.553 | 0.603 | -0.399 |
| BCP 4 | 0.092 | -0.031 | -0.042 | 0.034 | -0.076 | 2.229 | 0.280 | 0.703 | -0.456 |
| BCP 5 | 0.094 | 0.375 | -0.030 | 0.123 | -0.153 | 1.241 | 0.035 | 0.200 | -0.314 |
| BCP 6 | 0.094 | 0.375 | -0.030 | 0.123 | -0.153 | 1.241 | 0.035 | 0.200 | -0.314 |
| RCP | 0.051 | 0.087 | -0.009 | 0.031 | -0.040 | 1.296 | -2.113 | 0.429 | -0.177 |
| [(Cp*Fe)($\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}$-P₅)(L¹Cu)₂] (6a) | | | | | | | | | |
| BCP 1 | 0.071 | 0.094 | -0.022 | 0.045 | -0.067 | 1.478 | 0.352 | 0.317 | -0.302 |
| BCP 2 | 0.071 | 0.097 | -0.021 | 0.045 | -0.067 | 1.469 | 0.363 | 0.313 | -0.299 |
| BCP 3 | 0.102 | -0.057 | -0.049 | 0.034 | -0.083 | 2.418 | 0.707 | 1.000 | -0.479 |
| BCP 4 | 0.124 | -0.143 | -0.072 | 0.036 | -0.108 | 2.985 | 0.272 | 1.477 | -0.582 |
| BCP 5 | 0.097 | 0.385 | -0.031 | 0.127 | -0.158 | 1.244 | 0.030 | 0.200 | -0.321 |
| BCP 6 | 0.097 | 0.385 | -0.031 | 0.128 | -0.159 | 1.246 | 0.033 | 0.201 | -0.323 |
| BCP 7 | 0.091 | 0.167 | -0.037 | 0.079 | -0.116 | 1.473 | 0.070 | 0.260 | -0.410 |
| BCP 8 | 0.094 | 0.391 | -0.029 | 0.127 | -0.156 | 1.229 | 0.033 | 0.195 | -0.309 |
| BCP 9 | 0.125 | -0.149 | -0.075 | 0.037 | -0.112 | 2.992 | 0.374 | 1.601 | -0.595 |
| RCP | 0.062 | 0.124 | -0.013 | 0.044 | -0.057 | 1.298 | -2.271 | 0.383 | -0.211 |
| [(Cp*Fe)($\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}$-As₅)(L¹Cu)₂] (6b) | | | | | | | | | |
| BCP 1 | 0.061 | 0.074 | -0.016 | 0.035 | -0.051 | 1.468 | 0.235 | 0.309 | -0.267 |
| BCP 2 | 0.061 | 0.074 | -0.016 | 0.035 | -0.051 | 1.464 | 0.247 | 0.309 | -0.264 |
| BCP 3 | 0.079 | 0.004 | -0.030 | 0.031 | -0.062 | 1.970 | 0.570 | 0.590 | -0.388 |
| BCP 4 | 0.094 | -0.034 | -0.043 | 0.035 | -0.078 | 2.249 | 0.230 | 0.715 | -0.461 |
| BCP 5 | 0.094 | 0.372 | -0.030 | 0.123 | -0.152 | 1.242 | 0.038 | 0.202 | -0.314 |
| BCP 6 | 0.095 | 0.374 | -0.030 | 0.123 | -0.153 | 1.243 | 0.038 | 0.202 | -0.316 |
| BCP 7 | 0.076 | 0.147 | -0.027 | 0.063 | -0.090 | 1.422 | 0.077 | 0.244 | -0.351 |
| BCP 8 | 0.096 | 0.402 | -0.030 | 0.131 | -0.161 | 1.232 | 0.038 | 0.196 | -0.316 |
| BCP 9 | 0.096 | 0.401 | -0.030 | 0.131 | -0.161 | 1.232 | 0.038 | 0.196 | -0.316 |

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|---|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| RCP | 0.051 | 0.085 | -0.009 | 0.030 | -0.039 | 1.299 | -2.069 | 0.440 | -0.177 |
| [(Cp^{'''}Co)(μ,η^{4:2}-P₄)(L¹Cu)] (7) | | | | | | | | | |
| BCP 1 | 0.074 | 0.091 | -0.024 | 0.046 | -0.070 | 1.510 | 0.298 | 0.327 | -0.318 |
| BCP 2 | 0.072 | 0.093 | -0.022 | 0.046 | -0.068 | 1.487 | 0.346 | 0.320 | -0.307 |
| BCP 3 | 0.089 | -0.030 | -0.036 | 0.029 | -0.065 | 2.259 | 1.232 | 0.900 | -0.408 |
| BCP 4 | 0.121 | -0.140 | -0.067 | 0.032 | -0.099 | 3.096 | 0.312 | 1.436 | -0.557 |
| BCP 5 | 0.096 | 0.382 | -0.031 | 0.126 | -0.157 | 1.243 | 0.027 | 0.199 | -0.319 |
| BCP 6 | 0.098 | 0.389 | -0.032 | 0.129 | -0.161 | 1.245 | 0.026 | 0.200 | -0.324 |
| RCP | 0.062 | 0.112 | -0.013 | 0.041 | -0.055 | 1.325 | -2.181 | 0.435 | -0.216 |
| [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:2}-P₃)(L¹Cu)] (9a) | | | | | | | | | |
| BCP 1 | 0.072 | 0.094 | -0.021 | 0.045 | -0.066 | 1.477 | 0.294 | 0.315 | -0.300 |
| BCP 2 | 0.071 | 0.093 | -0.021 | 0.044 | -0.066 | 1.477 | 0.298 | 0.316 | -0.298 |
| BCP 3 | 0.083 | 0.023 | -0.032 | 0.038 | -0.070 | 1.846 | 0.928 | 0.493 | -0.383 |
| BCP 4 | 0.116 | -0.104 | -0.064 | 0.038 | -0.103 | 2.679 | 0.150 | 1.179 | -0.555 |
| BCP 5 | 0.094 | 0.372 | -0.029 | 0.122 | -0.152 | 1.239 | 0.030 | 0.199 | -0.312 |
| BCP 6 | 0.095 | 0.377 | -0.030 | 0.124 | -0.154 | 1.240 | 0.028 | 0.199 | -0.315 |
| RCP | 0.060 | 0.102 | -0.013 | 0.038 | -0.050 | 1.330 | -2.059 | 0.458 | -0.207 |
| [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:2}-As₃)(L¹Cu)] (9b) | | | | | | | | | |
| BCP 1 | 0.063 | 0.071 | -0.017 | 0.035 | -0.053 | 1.493 | 0.163 | 0.315 | -0.276 |
| BCP 2 | 0.063 | 0.072 | -0.018 | 0.036 | -0.053 | 1.495 | 0.158 | 0.314 | -0.278 |
| BCP 3 | 0.059 | 0.042 | -0.017 | 0.027 | -0.044 | 1.613 | 1.282 | 0.357 | -0.280 |
| BCP 4 | 0.086 | -0.017 | -0.037 | 0.033 | -0.069 | 2.127 | 0.200 | 0.631 | -0.430 |
| BCP 5 | 0.093 | 0.372 | -0.029 | 0.122 | -0.151 | 1.238 | 0.031 | 0.199 | -0.311 |
| BCP 6 | 0.093 | 0.367 | -0.029 | 0.120 | -0.149 | 1.237 | 0.032 | 0.199 | -0.308 |
| RCP | 0.049 | 0.061 | -0.009 | 0.024 | -0.033 | 1.370 | -1.798 | 0.667 | -0.181 |

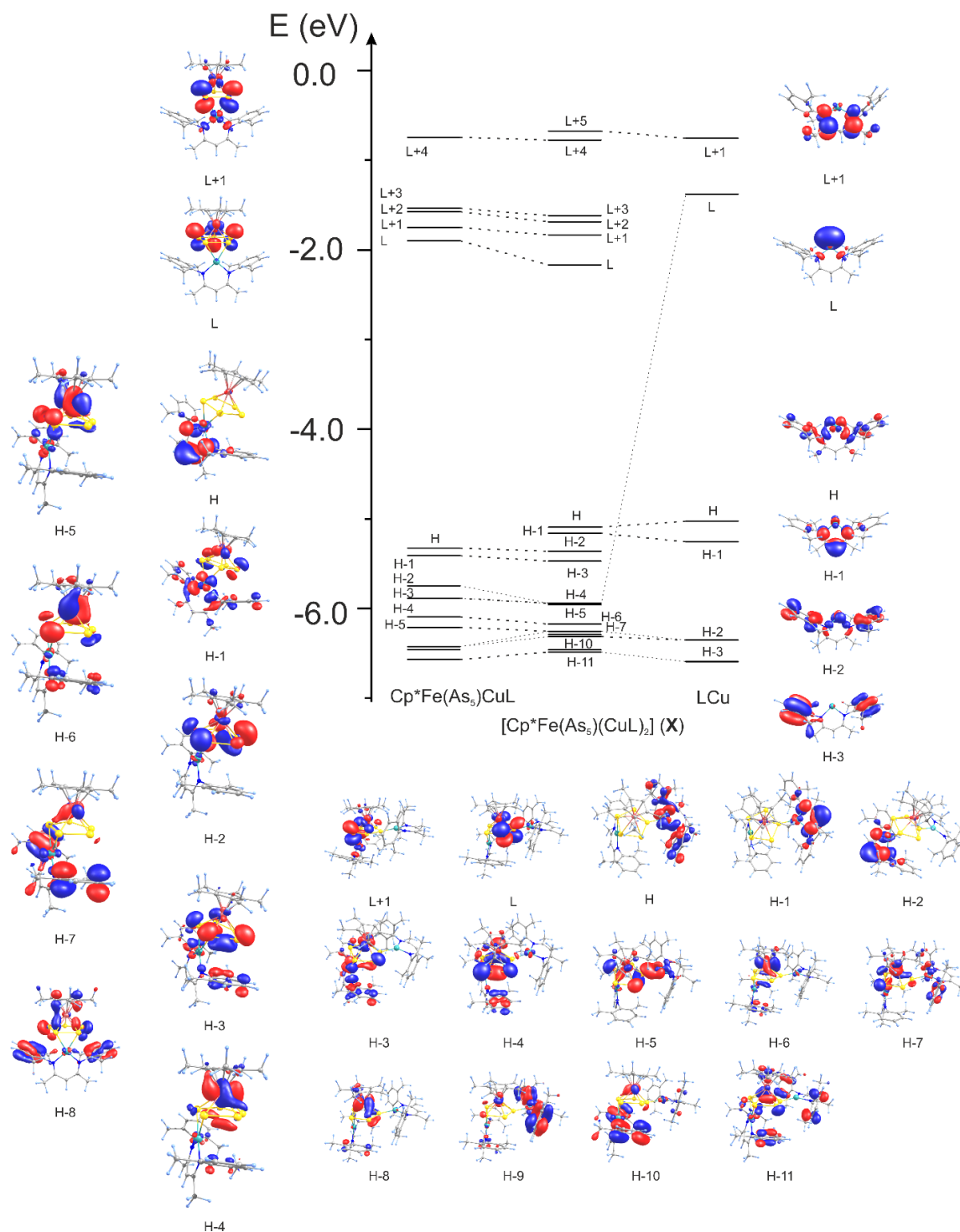


Figure S3.37. Molecular orbital interaction diagram of **6b**, calculated at the B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory. Only fragment contributions of more than 5% are depicted. The lines drawn in bold represent the main character of the corresponding molecular orbital.

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Table S3.9. Wiberg Bond Indices for the E-E bonds of **5a**, **5b**, **6a**, **6b**, **7**, **8**, **9a**, **9b**.

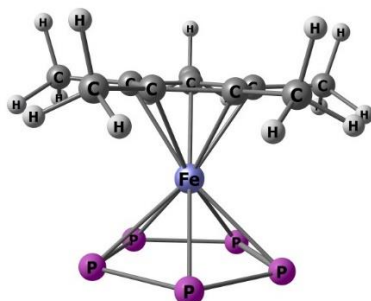
| | E1-E2 | E2-E3 | E3-E4 | E4-E5 | E5-E1 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 5a | 1.0380 | 1.0600 | 1.1097 | 1.1097 | 1.1236 |
| 5b | 1.0279 | 1.0960 | 1.2234 | 1.2234 | 1.0960 |

| | E3-E3' | E1-E2 | E2-E3 | E1-E2' | E2'-E3' |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 6a | 1.0084 | 1.1614 | 1.1501 | 1.1635 | 1.1484 |
| 6b | 0.9995 | 1.1430 | 1.1183 | 1.1428 | 1.1200 |

| | E1-E2 | E2-E3 | E3-E4 | E4-E1 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 7 | 0.9415 | 1.1256 | 1.1814 | 1.1168 |
| 8 | 0.9353 | 1.0841 | 1.0974 | 1.1106 |

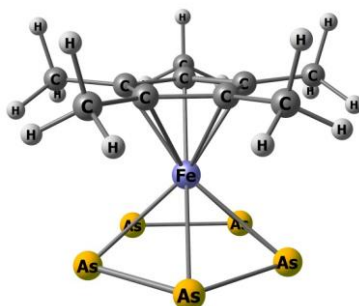
| | E1-E2 | E2-E3 | E3-E1 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| 9a | 0.9163 | 1.1276 | 1.1212 |
| 9b | 0.8444 | 1.1021 | 1.1083 |

Table S3.10. Optimized geometries of **1a**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory.



| | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------|-------------|-------------|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fe | 0.732426000 | 4.051805000 | 4.094817000 | H | 1.584077000 | 5.104255000 | 0.183258000 |
| P | 0.168422000 | 3.422946000 | 6.322538000 | H | 2.774978000 | 4.444900000 | 1.305178000 |
| P | 1.763504000 | 2.357178000 | 5.414240000 | H | 2.101729000 | 6.047976000 | 1.581205000 |
| P | 3.062413000 | 3.768861000 | 4.506488000 | H | 0.415811000 | 7.161628000 | 2.564155000 |
| P | 2.269464000 | 5.706945000 | 4.851992000 | H | -1.075193000 | 6.971588000 | 3.480501000 |
| P | 0.481507000 | 5.493158000 | 5.975500000 | H | -1.109470000 | 6.896411000 | 1.718470000 |
| C | 0.758496000 | 4.439021000 | 2.032102000 | H | -2.428937000 | 5.468889000 | 4.446431000 |
| C | -0.317153000 | 5.148444000 | 2.645654000 | H | -2.683139000 | 3.749060000 | 4.721727000 |
| C | -1.185265000 | 4.192897000 | 3.254285000 | H | -3.293714000 | 4.504385000 | 3.248878000 |
| C | -0.645625000 | 2.893120000 | 3.017365000 | H | -1.932905000 | 1.234931000 | 2.648982000 |
| C | 0.555577000 | 3.045276000 | 2.261753000 | H | -1.842792000 | 1.709940000 | 4.345366000 |
| C | 1.866723000 | 5.041816000 | 1.237874000 | H | -0.505652000 | 0.836231000 | 3.605896000 |
| C | -0.529857000 | 6.623512000 | 2.604750000 | H | 1.382735000 | 1.072987000 | 2.406755000 |
| C | -2.462968000 | 4.495326000 | 3.960042000 | H | 2.453337000 | 2.252419000 | 1.657034000 |
| C | -1.261587000 | 1.600088000 | 3.431242000 | H | 1.071022000 | 1.623765000 | 0.759808000 |
| C | 1.414334000 | 1.939939000 | 1.748812000 | | | | |

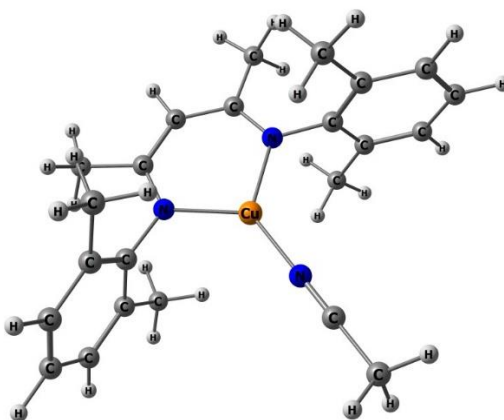
Table S3.11. Optimized geometries of **1b**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory.



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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| As | -1.152088000 | 9.144846000 | 4.006648000 | As | 1.911730000 | 10.710380000 | 2.417026000 |
| As | -1.878328000 | 10.723736000 | 2.436237000 | As | 0.015113000 | 11.691484000 | 1.454263000 |
| C | -1.157390000 | 7.698339000 | 0.807758000 | Fe | 0.007392000 | 9.170009000 | 1.748376000 |
| C | -0.717238000 | 8.656150000 | -0.153818000 | C | -0.002573000 | 7.100910000 | 1.395435000 |
| C | -2.573758000 | 7.323614000 | 1.085084000 | C | 1.151323000 | 7.689555000 | 0.796900000 |
| C | -1.593336000 | 9.457365000 | -1.056220000 | C | 0.709553000 | 8.650584000 | -0.160744000 |
| H | -0.007146000 | 5.026347000 | 1.883265000 | C | -0.001589000 | 5.993582000 | 2.394029000 |
| H | -0.878146000 | 6.036396000 | 3.038591000 | C | 2.567091000 | 7.303811000 | 1.061944000 |
| H | 0.881285000 | 6.030389000 | 3.030336000 | C | 1.582895000 | 9.444927000 | -1.071535000 |
| H | -2.886714000 | 6.515682000 | 0.417432000 | H | 2.866278000 | 6.489944000 | 0.395166000 |
| H | -3.247207000 | 8.165134000 | 0.930047000 | H | 3.246412000 | 8.138591000 | 0.896322000 |
| H | -2.702512000 | 6.979219000 | 2.110014000 | H | 2.702915000 | 6.962902000 | 2.087237000 |
| H | -1.132100000 | 10.407762000 | -1.320509000 | H | 1.127124000 | 10.399649000 | -1.329457000 |
| H | -2.555018000 | 9.671793000 | -0.592502000 | H | 2.551089000 | 9.649928000 | -0.617454000 |
| H | -1.782457000 | 8.907039000 | -1.982421000 | H | 1.757324000 | 8.894161000 | -2.000350000 |
| As | 1.190176000 | 9.136471000 | 3.994600000 | | | | |

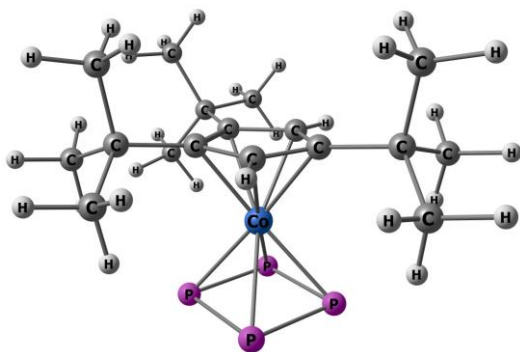
Table S3.12. Optimized geometries of **2**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory.



| | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cu | -0.000090000 | 0.474389000 | -0.000073000 | H | -5.171612000 | 0.820162000 | 2.141132000 |
| N | 1.480987000 | -0.821835000 | -0.000278000 | C | -5.323409000 | 0.873144000 | 0.000728000 |
| N | -1.481003000 | -0.821824000 | -0.000255000 | H | -6.308617000 | 1.321871000 | 0.000983000 |
| N | 0.000030000 | 2.356480000 | -0.000071000 | C | -4.684848000 | 0.588789000 | -1.200091000 |
| C | 2.465119000 | -3.057923000 | -0.000845000 | H | -5.172154000 | 0.821409000 | -2.139738000 |
| H | 3.092480000 | -2.881453000 | -0.876297000 | C | -3.418108000 | 0.009510000 | -1.219910000 |
| H | 2.151615000 | -4.099035000 | -0.001253000 | C | 0.000059000 | 3.505755000 | 0.000546000 |
| H | 3.092283000 | -2.882087000 | 0.874875000 | C | 0.000090000 | 4.953534000 | 0.000509000 |
| C | 1.272739000 | -2.126834000 | -0.000646000 | H | 0.001302000 | 5.319563000 | -1.026347000 |
| C | -0.000016000 | -2.726415000 | -0.000859000 | H | 0.888267000 | 5.325509000 | 0.511592000 |
| H | -0.000020000 | -3.806070000 | -0.001165000 | H | -0.889253000 | 5.325563000 | 0.509520000 |
| C | -1.272766000 | -2.126826000 | -0.000618000 | C | 2.713375000 | -0.268387000 | -2.517411000 |
| C | -2.465155000 | -3.057903000 | -0.000839000 | H | 3.310164000 | 0.070857000 | -3.363745000 |
| H | -3.092393000 | -2.881993000 | 0.874812000 | H | 2.508035000 | -1.333005000 | -2.649818000 |
| H | -2.151661000 | -4.099018000 | -0.001145000 | H | 1.744364000 | 0.236331000 | -2.547301000 |
| H | -3.092439000 | -2.881493000 | -0.876361000 | C | 2.712850000 | -0.270183000 | 2.517504000 |
| C | 2.791005000 | -0.294536000 | 0.000044000 | H | 2.507545000 | -1.334903000 | 2.649144000 |
| C | 3.417821000 | 0.008683000 | 1.220368000 | H | 3.309435000 | 0.068510000 | 3.364204000 |
| C | 4.684563000 | 0.587979000 | 1.201213000 | H | 1.743802000 | 0.234457000 | 2.547534000 |
| H | 5.171655000 | 0.819987000 | 2.141125000 | C | -2.713443000 | -0.268527000 | -2.517389000 |
| C | 5.323408000 | 0.873097000 | 0.000721000 | H | -1.744442000 | 0.236207000 | -2.547351000 |
| H | 6.308621000 | 1.321815000 | 0.000982000 | H | -2.508086000 | -1.333152000 | -2.649711000 |
| C | 4.684819000 | 0.588820000 | -1.200102000 | H | -3.310263000 | 0.070634000 | -3.363734000 |
| H | 5.172107000 | 0.821495000 | -2.139745000 | C | -2.712805000 | -0.269999000 | 2.517526000 |
| C | 3.418074000 | 0.009553000 | -1.219929000 | H | -2.507474000 | -1.334708000 | -2.649217000 |
| C | -2.791017000 | -0.294513000 | 0.000068000 | H | -1.743767000 | 0.234662000 | 2.547511000 |
| C | -3.417807000 | 0.008782000 | 1.220388000 | H | -3.309380000 | 0.068726000 | 3.364218000 |
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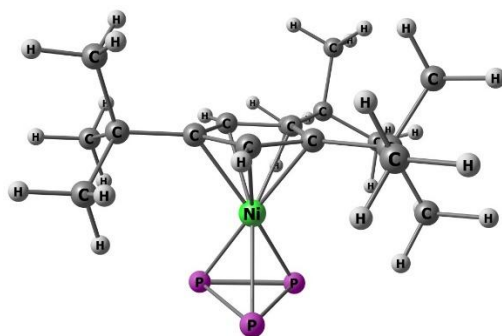
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Table S3.13. Optimized geometries of **3**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory.



| | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Co | -0.408168000 | -0.538548000 | -0.006352000 | H | -1.830569000 | 3.780240000 | -1.019023000 |
| P | -2.337378000 | -1.800349000 | 0.373220000 | H | -2.866631000 | 1.660819000 | -2.025729000 |
| P | -0.515159000 | -2.411411000 | 1.364220000 | H | -4.308546000 | 1.998926000 | -1.070805000 |
| P | 0.458583000 | -2.616150000 | -0.563909000 | H | -3.524589000 | 0.420281000 | -0.953829000 |
| P | -1.365611000 | -1.980855000 | -1.552650000 | H | -3.315380000 | 0.673196000 | 1.595764000 |
| C | -1.101612000 | 1.425694000 | 0.083090000 | H | -4.197913000 | 2.193414000 | 1.409184000 |
| C | -0.283569000 | 1.113922000 | 1.197778000 | H | -2.661426000 | 2.174353000 | 2.269712000 |
| C | 1.033189000 | 0.739625000 | 0.774553000 | H | 1.205984000 | 1.649677000 | 3.418163000 |
| C | 1.028261000 | 0.805613000 | -0.680732000 | H | 2.388615000 | 0.453640000 | 3.941663000 |
| C | -0.290189000 | 1.219185000 | -1.058320000 | H | 0.790053000 | -0.075578000 | 3.425336000 |
| C | -2.490899000 | 2.020083000 | 0.098715000 | H | 2.041630000 | -1.652962000 | 2.068765000 |
| C | -2.310612000 | 3.544403000 | -0.067908000 | H | 3.624138000 | -0.953965000 | 2.410182000 |
| C | -3.343569000 | 1.489434000 | -1.060441000 | H | 3.098375000 | -1.186949000 | 0.745907000 |
| C | -3.203836000 | 1.744158000 | 1.426576000 | H | 3.756257000 | 1.496310000 | 0.689519000 |
| C | 2.142547000 | 0.494511000 | 1.802036000 | H | 3.951722000 | 1.502161000 | 2.437385000 |
| C | 1.585083000 | 0.644578000 | 3.229595000 | H | 2.773680000 | 2.576464000 | 1.675369000 |
| C | 2.765783000 | -0.909093000 | 1.736643000 | H | 3.079863000 | 2.559768000 | -1.072831000 |
| C | 3.221190000 | 1.582000000 | 1.630552000 | H | 1.811174000 | 2.826232000 | -2.268773000 |
| C | 2.105387000 | 0.720238000 | -1.766013000 | H | 3.374778000 | 2.169084000 | -2.770360000 |
| C | 2.624371000 | 2.159883000 | -1.977602000 | H | 3.951067000 | -0.198253000 | -2.351826000 |
| C | 3.289605000 | -0.207269000 | -1.484116000 | H | 2.953229000 | -1.231731000 | -1.330312000 |
| C | 1.493289000 | 0.234508000 | -3.095075000 | H | 3.881020000 | 0.100563000 | -0.628319000 |
| H | -0.613701000 | 1.135784000 | 2.218566000 | H | 2.280255000 | 0.180624000 | -3.848039000 |
| H | -0.621335000 | 1.351208000 | -2.070833000 | H | 0.726619000 | 0.904719000 | -3.478844000 |
| H | -1.696149000 | 3.954248000 | 0.735441000 | H | 1.058223000 | -0.758702000 | -2.986451000 |
| H | -3.282951000 | 4.039851000 | -0.042681000 | | | | |

Table S3.14. Optimized geometries of **4a**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory.

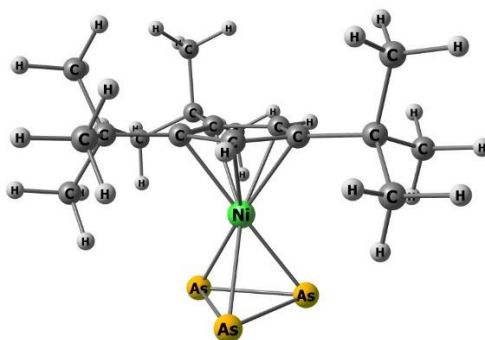


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|----|-------------|-------------|--------------|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Ni | 5.138888000 | 2.361795000 | 1.835133000 | H | 5.114653000 | 0.836688000 | 6.300875000 |
| P | 5.612827000 | 3.008615000 | -0.265542000 | H | 3.601071000 | 2.438279000 | 4.216915000 |
| P | 6.544410000 | 4.058153000 | 1.374032000 | H | 1.375680000 | 2.262996000 | 3.691401000 |
| P | 4.437662000 | 4.321360000 | 0.976980000 | H | 0.327459000 | 2.205067000 | 2.277070000 |
| C | 5.541156000 | 1.471951000 | 3.709032000 | H | 1.798400000 | 3.185741000 | 2.242925000 |
| C | 6.311543000 | 2.018529000 | 4.913146000 | H | 2.537573000 | 0.183645000 | 0.076553000 |
| C | 5.688000000 | 3.349453000 | 5.379920000 | H | 2.448024000 | 1.946805000 | 0.091917000 |
| C | 7.795386000 | 2.314473000 | 4.670595000 | H | 0.971016000 | 0.978595000 | 0.221433000 |
| C | 6.167234000 | 1.001098000 | 6.065116000 | H | 0.461034000 | -0.315848000 | 2.331557000 |
| C | 4.146861000 | 1.771285000 | 3.576948000 | H | 1.586337000 | -0.274006000 | 3.696765000 |
| C | 3.586211000 | 1.077864000 | 2.473043000 | H | 2.027066000 | -1.130424000 | 2.214619000 |
| C | 2.136312000 | 1.044383000 | 2.046071000 | H | 4.551508000 | -0.307489000 | 1.047772000 |

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|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| C | 1.368661000 | 2.249311000 | 2.600545000 | C | 7.141066000 | -0.221691000 | 2.261477000 |
| C | 2.020521000 | 1.037494000 | 0.515642000 | C | 8.244608000 | 0.704927000 | 1.721705000 |
| C | 1.515451000 | -0.250466000 | 2.607891000 | H | 8.505835000 | 1.498161000 | 2.411694000 |
| C | 4.646609000 | 0.324118000 | 1.910827000 | H | 9.145068000 | 0.122391000 | 1.514168000 |
| C | 5.863384000 | 0.537421000 | 2.635675000 | H | 7.917633000 | 1.169367000 | 0.791019000 |
| H | 4.671351000 | 3.227444000 | 5.750338000 | C | 6.845713000 | -1.234019000 | 1.138917000 |
| H | 5.676841000 | 4.080592000 | 4.570615000 | H | 7.763178000 | -1.772727000 | 0.899151000 |
| H | 6.283037000 | 3.754356000 | 6.199310000 | H | 6.095950000 | -1.966998000 | 1.439731000 |
| H | 8.376306000 | 1.430942000 | 4.429977000 | H | 6.506860000 | -0.739713000 | 0.228012000 |
| H | 8.221821000 | 2.743650000 | 5.578717000 | C | 7.650059000 | -1.041091000 | 3.460919000 |
| H | 7.918885000 | 3.039746000 | 3.866139000 | H | 6.863858000 | -1.698438000 | 3.836657000 |
| H | 6.662483000 | 1.380303000 | 6.961572000 | H | 8.491286000 | -1.663412000 | 3.149708000 |
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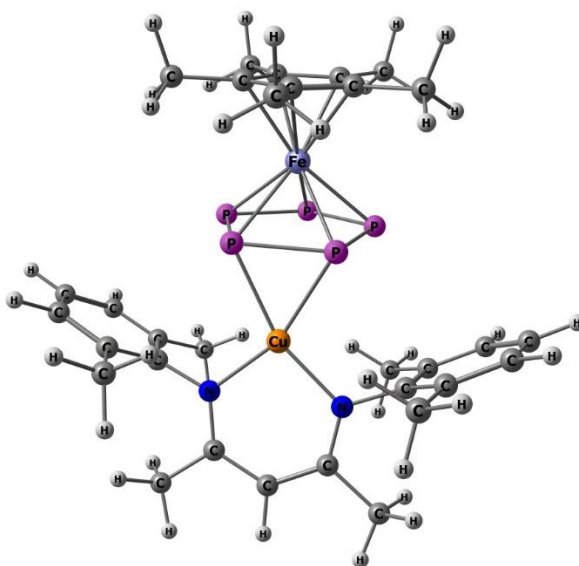
Table S3.15. Optimized geometries of **4b**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory.



| | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------|-------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| As | 2.391359000 | 5.917088000 | 11.022536000 | C | 3.351766000 | 9.844652000 | 12.087043000 |
| As | 4.458449000 | 5.347027000 | 12.104730000 | C | -0.581104000 | 7.001363000 | 14.460091000 |
| As | 2.382963000 | 4.470994000 | 12.942075000 | H | -0.852535000 | 7.944475000 | 13.988659000 |
| Ni | 2.899751000 | 6.769463000 | 13.171071000 | H | -1.470560000 | 6.626513000 | 14.968105000 |
| C | 1.739179000 | 8.444804000 | 13.622782000 | H | -0.308464000 | 6.290253000 | 13.679439000 |
| H | 0.819788000 | 8.697040000 | 13.129410000 | C | 3.512737000 | 7.443916000 | 17.619368000 |
| C | 1.839547000 | 7.618450000 | 14.788364000 | H | 2.494190000 | 7.134288000 | 17.830805000 |
| C | 3.023540000 | 8.875702000 | 13.200061000 | H | 3.543536000 | 8.534912000 | 17.631367000 |
| C | 0.557644000 | 7.159015000 | 15.487477000 | H | 4.144218000 | 7.078473000 | 18.431384000 |
| C | 3.260204000 | 7.537604000 | 15.113000000 | C | 5.520962000 | 7.296176000 | 16.195768000 |
| C | 3.942317000 | 8.316592000 | 14.123567000 | H | 6.049964000 | 6.847358000 | 17.037315000 |
| H | 5.006494000 | 8.449542000 | 14.077624000 | H | 5.660522000 | 8.376624000 | 16.251320000 |
| C | 4.033446000 | 6.903653000 | 16.275053000 | H | 5.985753000 | 6.929577000 | 15.279825000 |
| C | 0.145984000 | 8.266088000 | 16.482021000 | C | 2.211988000 | 9.927018000 | 11.066058000 |
| H | 0.898251000 | 8.416600000 | 17.254264000 | H | 2.028942000 | 8.956595000 | 10.603175000 |
| H | -0.794058000 | 7.999267000 | 16.969540000 | H | 2.471515000 | 10.637213000 | 10.279127000 |
| H | 0.003580000 | 9.214627000 | 15.961969000 | H | 1.283579000 | 10.268077000 | 11.526260000 |
| C | 0.648546000 | 5.818593000 | 16.222764000 | C | 3.551615000 | 11.233401000 | 12.728216000 |
| H | 0.933236000 | 5.019979000 | 15.537093000 | H | 2.647956000 | 11.554001000 | 13.249713000 |
| H | -0.331967000 | 5.574671000 | 16.635131000 | H | 3.785683000 | 11.974586000 | 11.961198000 |
| H | 1.350657000 | 5.830566000 | 17.049022000 | H | 4.371210000 | 11.215302000 | 13.448396000 |
| C | 4.001279000 | 5.365720000 | 16.253588000 | C | 4.641891000 | 9.432011000 | 11.365773000 |
| H | 4.538586000 | 4.976444000 | 17.121379000 | H | 5.486552000 | 9.374095000 | 12.053004000 |
| H | 4.494260000 | 4.996446000 | 15.354184000 | H | 4.888532000 | 10.165092000 | 10.595473000 |
| H | 2.997189000 | 4.959777000 | 16.269103000 | H | 4.524627000 | 8.457473000 | 10.890915000 |

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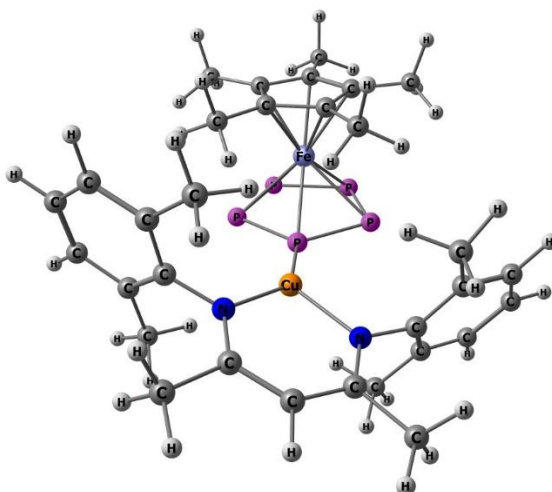
Table S3.16. Optimized geometries of **5a**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory.



| | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| P | 0.551508000 | 1.106224000 | 0.841219000 | P | 1.551579000 | 0.000086000 | -2.257530000 |
| P | 1.246035000 | 1.738069000 | -1.076687000 | P | 1.246398000 | -1.737891000 | -1.076587000 |
| N | -2.726019000 | -1.472454000 | 0.163947000 | N | -2.726387000 | 1.471830000 | 0.163942000 |
| C | 4.411762000 | 0.713351000 | -0.405645000 | C | 4.411903000 | -0.712501000 | -0.405579000 |
| C | -1.867480000 | -3.223691000 | -1.284719000 | C | -1.868417000 | 3.223363000 | -1.284716000 |
| C | -1.889059000 | -3.546822000 | 1.134678000 | C | -1.890086000 | 3.546463000 | 1.134687000 |
| C | -2.192680000 | -2.774204000 | 0.004271000 | C | -2.193416000 | 2.773733000 | 0.004276000 |
| C | -1.253916000 | -4.466034000 | -1.426056000 | C | -1.255345000 | 4.465949000 | -1.426049000 |
| H | -0.994790000 | -4.815679000 | -2.418105000 | H | -0.996371000 | 4.815705000 | -2.418099000 |
| C | -2.146850000 | -2.356391000 | -2.478797000 | C | -2.147472000 | 2.355973000 | -2.478803000 |
| H | -3.214292000 | -2.159948000 | -2.600173000 | H | -3.214838000 | 2.159105000 | -2.600153000 |
| H | -1.779164000 | -2.824758000 | -3.390945000 | H | -1.779999000 | 2.824508000 | -3.390951000 |
| H | -1.661643000 | -1.383800000 | -2.370855000 | H | -1.661870000 | 1.383575000 | -2.370896000 |
| C | -1.269871000 | -4.782378000 | 0.954378000 | C | -1.271388000 | 4.782265000 | 0.954390000 |
| H | -1.030641000 | -5.382688000 | 1.823970000 | H | -1.032391000 | 5.382666000 | 1.823983000 |
| C | -4.031037000 | -1.267153000 | 0.105091000 | C | -4.635806000 | -0.000554000 | 0.131584000 |
| C | 3.957127000 | 1.155515000 | 0.874341000 | H | -5.714532000 | -0.000688000 | 0.101170000 |
| C | -0.954497000 | -5.245147000 | -0.316259000 | C | -4.031352000 | 1.266196000 | 0.105095000 |
| H | -0.470014000 | -6.205132000 | -0.440670000 | C | 3.957354000 | -1.154637000 | 0.874447000 |
| C | -2.215213000 | -3.037510000 | 2.509128000 | C | -0.956210000 | 5.245167000 | -0.316248000 |
| H | -1.726642000 | -2.078335000 | 2.695306000 | H | -0.472100000 | 6.205339000 | -0.440658000 |
| H | -1.889310000 | -3.744354000 | 3.271433000 | C | -2.216060000 | 3.037027000 | 2.509133000 |
| H | -3.287101000 | -2.869450000 | 2.634300000 | H | -1.727103000 | 2.078050000 | 2.695324000 |
| C | -4.951352000 | -2.459537000 | -0.019800000 | H | -1.890457000 | 3.744005000 | 3.271442000 |
| H | -4.782078000 | -2.977477000 | -0.965659000 | H | -3.287882000 | 2.868532000 | 2.634284000 |
| H | -5.993863000 | -2.154576000 | 0.025125000 | C | 3.677299000 | 0.000447000 | 1.663680000 |
| H | -4.760319000 | -3.183252000 | 0.773518000 | C | -4.951963000 | 2.458356000 | -0.019747000 |
| C | 4.863406000 | 1.587942000 | -1.525315000 | H | -4.782838000 | 2.976360000 | -0.965597000 |
| H | 5.935206000 | 1.788249000 | -1.440014000 | H | -5.994398000 | 2.153139000 | 0.025195000 |
| H | 4.342613000 | 2.544098000 | -1.519242000 | H | -4.761088000 | 3.182098000 | 0.773585000 |
| H | 4.687772000 | 1.118667000 | -2.492094000 | C | 4.863726000 | -1.587109000 | -1.525163000 |
| C | 3.855823000 | 2.572166000 | 1.329074000 | H | 5.935559000 | -1.787220000 | -1.439818000 |
| H | 3.631316000 | 3.241449000 | 0.500209000 | H | 4.343101000 | -2.543356000 | -1.519018000 |
| H | 4.800376000 | 2.895300000 | 1.775760000 | H | 4.688034000 | -1.117952000 | -2.491988000 |
| H | 3.074355000 | 2.695352000 | 2.077439000 | C | 3.856323000 | -2.571268000 | 1.329306000 |
| H | 2.621085000 | 0.880287000 | 3.308538000 | H | 3.631942000 | -3.240666000 | 0.500500000 |
| H | 2.621266000 | -0.879452000 | 3.308623000 | H | 4.800937000 | -2.894181000 | 1.776019000 |
| Cu | -1.446729000 | -0.000158000 | 0.378620000 | H | 3.074878000 | -2.694535000 | 2.077681000 |
| Fe | 2.470196000 | 0.000249000 | -0.055156000 | C | 3.221755000 | 0.000468000 | 3.083341000 |
| P | 0.551744000 | -1.106073000 | 0.841280000 | H | 4.083161000 | 0.000590000 | 3.756948000 |

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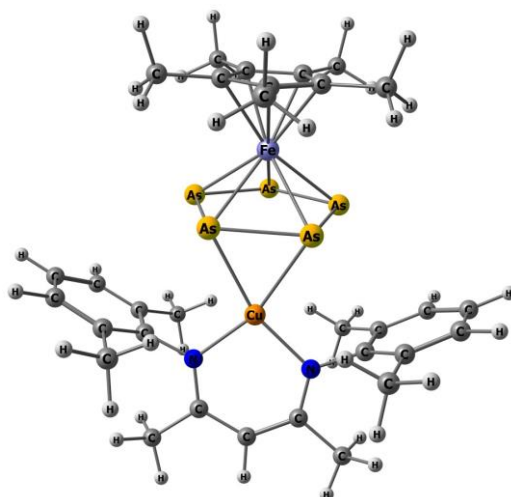
Table S3.17. Optimized geometries of **I-5a**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory.



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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| P | -3.584222000 | -0.403316000 | -2.231632000 | N | 2.659792000 | 1.660990000 | -0.002414000 |
| P | -1.660701000 | -1.250306000 | -1.967489000 | C | -2.063144000 | -0.222399000 | 1.943402000 |
| N | 2.910836000 | -1.298636000 | -0.066066000 | C | -3.345992000 | 0.390492000 | 1.812086000 |
| C | -2.144618000 | -1.539830000 | 1.400113000 | C | 1.999423000 | 2.988192000 | -2.446341000 |
| C | -3.477809000 | -1.740735000 | 0.931410000 | H | 3.078222000 | 2.845540000 | -2.533784000 |
| C | 2.323937000 | -2.585249000 | -2.549238000 | H | 1.671042000 | 3.640190000 | -3.255074000 |
| H | 3.346400000 | -2.233360000 | -2.700079000 | H | 1.545591000 | 2.004169000 | -2.593182000 |
| H | 2.056689000 | -3.237559000 | -3.379980000 | C | 1.989366000 | 2.901628000 | 0.072494000 |
| H | 1.684215000 | -1.699331000 | -2.587524000 | C | 1.617550000 | 3.560392000 | -1.111606000 |
| C | 2.498569000 | -2.650948000 | -0.036548000 | C | -4.220020000 | -0.547815000 | 1.185170000 |
| C | 2.169205000 | -3.299761000 | -1.237822000 | C | 3.971977000 | 1.566570000 | 0.099543000 |
| C | 4.191569000 | -0.971217000 | 0.024327000 | C | 4.675877000 | 0.347099000 | 0.085298000 |
| C | -1.037960000 | -2.535191000 | 1.370997000 | H | 5.750000000 | 0.437732000 | 0.142230000 |
| H | -0.998131000 | -3.089765000 | 2.312242000 | C | -0.863760000 | 0.385384000 | 2.585611000 |
| H | -1.159227000 | -3.254898000 | 0.564120000 | H | -0.855456000 | 0.168625000 | 3.657303000 |
| H | -0.073596000 | -2.054237000 | 1.231265000 | H | -0.848092000 | 1.466317000 | 2.461687000 |
| C | 2.320368000 | -3.297360000 | 1.197960000 | H | 0.057414000 | -0.009790000 | 2.159898000 |
| C | 5.224957000 | -2.075272000 | 0.043564000 | C | 1.599508000 | 3.407109000 | 1.324175000 |
| H | 5.116972000 | -2.712122000 | -0.836523000 | C | 4.791292000 | 2.830758000 | 0.223953000 |
| H | 6.232966000 | -1.668177000 | 0.059664000 | H | 4.578959000 | 3.506761000 | -0.606068000 |
| H | 5.096926000 | -2.719859000 | 0.914096000 | H | 5.856123000 | 2.610941000 | 0.233961000 |
| C | 1.679464000 | -4.602352000 | -1.185527000 | H | 4.539626000 | 3.367940000 | 1.139946000 |
| H | 1.422415000 | -5.105072000 | -2.110331000 | C | 0.874269000 | 4.734966000 | -1.023329000 |
| C | 1.835560000 | -4.603051000 | 1.209869000 | H | 0.586767000 | 5.244608000 | -1.935177000 |
| H | 1.692046000 | -5.102302000 | 2.160763000 | C | 0.850304000 | 4.580789000 | 1.371159000 |
| C | 2.596662000 | -2.568793000 | 2.483080000 | H | 0.544111000 | 4.970589000 | 2.334871000 |
| H | 2.037373000 | -1.631221000 | 2.526159000 | C | 1.986202000 | 2.691699000 | 2.588007000 |
| H | 2.315751000 | -3.179220000 | 3.340633000 | H | 1.815326000 | 1.618701000 | 2.501922000 |
| H | 3.649843000 | -2.300881000 | 2.588954000 | H | 1.418849000 | 3.071911000 | 3.437093000 |
| C | 1.516377000 | -5.258332000 | 0.028189000 | H | 3.048364000 | 2.818161000 | 2.813813000 |
| H | 1.134512000 | -6.270966000 | 0.052618000 | C | 0.490202000 | 5.248493000 | 0.208202000 |
| C | -4.016152000 | -2.997928000 | 0.337769000 | H | -0.095706000 | 6.157130000 | 0.260930000 |
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| H | -4.434218000 | -3.634757000 | 1.122391000 | H | -2.866430000 | 2.429618000 | 2.259766000 |
| H | -4.806518000 | -2.794115000 | -0.382760000 | H | -4.061602000 | 1.700276000 | 3.333123000 |
| Fe | -2.598027000 | -0.127175000 | -0.076670000 | H | -4.517043000 | 2.183220000 | 1.698583000 |
| Cu | 1.540199000 | 0.069577000 | -0.306159000 | C | -5.668994000 | -0.344109000 | 0.899714000 |
| P | -3.570063000 | 1.570964000 | -1.432571000 | H | -5.981402000 | -0.895342000 | 0.014064000 |
| P | -0.493484000 | 0.247063000 | -1.029694000 | H | -5.899344000 | 0.707376000 | 0.738436000 |
| P | -1.636062000 | 1.995023000 | -0.682266000 | H | -6.271966000 | -0.694401000 | 1.742136000 |

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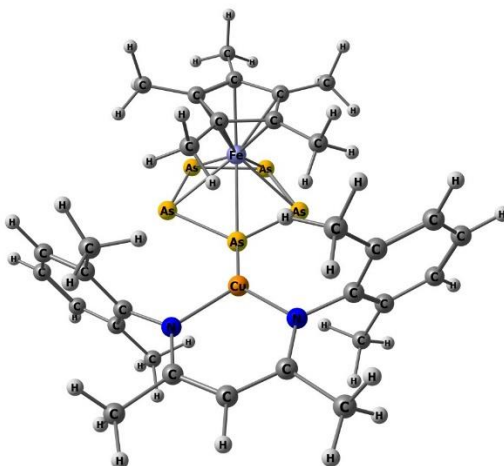
Table S3.18. Optimized geometries of **5b**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory.



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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| As | 0.285051000 | 1.211421000 | 1.084103000 | As | 1.573164000 | 0.000048000 | -2.268117000 |
| As | 1.167556000 | 1.915981000 | -0.985459000 | As | 1.167638000 | -1.915912000 | -0.985474000 |
| N | -3.006696000 | -1.476009000 | 0.110313000 | N | -3.006783000 | 1.475848000 | 0.110305000 |
| C | 4.286463000 | 0.712678000 | -0.084002000 | C | 4.286501000 | -0.712456000 | -0.084026000 |
| C | -2.062155000 | -3.256027000 | -1.247664000 | C | -2.062320000 | 3.255906000 | -1.247672000 |
| C | -2.266883000 | -3.544113000 | 1.167521000 | C | -2.267179000 | 3.544036000 | 1.167497000 |
| C | -2.476136000 | -2.784172000 | 0.007255000 | C | -2.476309000 | 2.784045000 | 0.007242000 |
| C | -1.448546000 | -4.504168000 | -1.325300000 | C | -1.448799000 | 4.504091000 | -1.325310000 |
| H | -1.119045000 | -4.869908000 | -2.290254000 | H | -1.119290000 | 4.869836000 | -2.290259000 |
| C | -2.247115000 | -2.404644000 | -2.470934000 | C | -2.247183000 | 2.404490000 | -2.470935000 |
| H | -3.301224000 | -2.199939000 | -2.670117000 | H | -3.301270000 | 2.199704000 | -2.670146000 |
| H | -1.821355000 | -2.890528000 | -3.348075000 | H | -1.821431000 | 2.890391000 | -3.348071000 |
| H | -1.759009000 | -1.436041000 | -2.342409000 | H | -1.759010000 | 1.435924000 | -2.342380000 |
| C | -1.644747000 | -4.786010000 | 1.051394000 | C | -1.645131000 | 4.785978000 | 1.051368000 |
| H | -1.476257000 | -5.375527000 | 1.944628000 | H | -1.476741000 | 5.375536000 | 1.944593000 |
| C | -4.302814000 | -1.267162000 | -0.048684000 | C | -4.905768000 | -0.000136000 | -0.074379000 |
| C | 3.763138000 | 1.154755000 | 1.169242000 | H | -5.979099000 | -0.000168000 | -0.185865000 |
| C | -1.237657000 | -5.268627000 | -0.185157000 | C | -4.302887000 | 1.266924000 | -0.048694000 |
| H | -0.751750000 | -6.233060000 | -0.259373000 | C | 3.763202000 | -1.154603000 | 1.169204000 |
| C | -2.695953000 | -3.014915000 | 2.505893000 | C | -1.238015000 | 5.268591000 | -0.185175000 |
| H | -2.234038000 | -2.045983000 | 2.709042000 | H | -0.752184000 | 6.233062000 | -0.259394000 |
| H | -2.418190000 | -3.704382000 | 3.302398000 | C | -2.696321000 | 3.014864000 | 2.505857000 |
| H | -3.775991000 | -2.858217000 | 2.550323000 | H | -2.234362000 | 2.045969000 | 2.709080000 |
| C | -5.217204000 | -2.456714000 | -0.234841000 | H | -2.418662000 | 3.704380000 | 3.302357000 |
| H | -4.982470000 | -2.980817000 | -1.163136000 | H | -3.776353000 | 2.858101000 | 2.550210000 |
| H | -6.258594000 | -2.146327000 | -0.268438000 | C | 3.442628000 | 0.000054000 | 1.942944000 |
| H | -5.090055000 | -3.177412000 | 0.573947000 | C | -5.217344000 | 2.456427000 | -0.234834000 |
| C | 4.820374000 | 1.585981000 | -1.168243000 | H | -4.982646000 | 2.980549000 | -1.163127000 |
| H | 5.888133000 | 1.767819000 | -1.014841000 | H | -6.258717000 | 2.145984000 | -0.268422000 |
| H | 4.315954000 | 2.550667000 | -1.188917000 | H | -5.090224000 | 3.177125000 | 0.573960000 |
| H | 4.697266000 | 1.125800000 | -2.147662000 | C | 4.820455000 | -1.585694000 | -1.168297000 |
| C | 3.660972000 | 2.570565000 | 1.627640000 | H | 5.888220000 | -1.767495000 | -1.014896000 |
| H | 3.483008000 | 3.248530000 | 0.794403000 | H | 4.316073000 | -2.550400000 | -1.189012000 |
| H | 4.589404000 | 2.877028000 | 2.118215000 | H | 4.697334000 | -1.125480000 | -2.147699000 |
| H | 2.848986000 | 2.702034000 | 2.341474000 | C | 3.661115000 | -2.570433000 | 1.627556000 |
| H | 2.328265000 | 0.879415000 | 3.551771000 | H | 3.483190000 | -3.248382000 | 0.794298000 |
| H | 2.328300000 | -0.879417000 | 3.551734000 | H | 4.589564000 | -2.876859000 | 2.118122000 |
| Cu | -1.737140000 | -0.000044000 | 0.410435000 | H | 2.849136000 | -2.701970000 | 2.341386000 |
| Fe | 2.328886000 | 0.000054000 | 0.161139000 | C | 2.936599000 | 0.000015000 | 3.345758000 |
| As | 0.285110000 | -1.211408000 | 1.084097000 | H | 3.774534000 | 0.000017000 | 4.048737000 |

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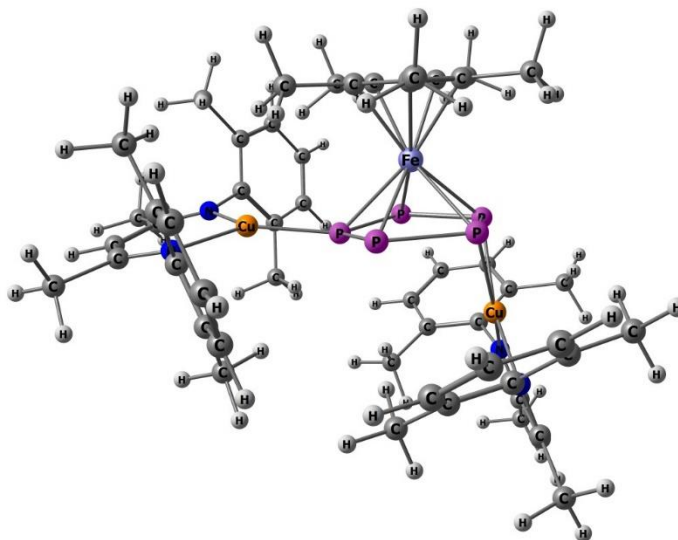
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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| As | 3.649509000 | 1.309428000 | -0.772837000 | Fe | 2.149689000 | -0.308586000 | 0.472443000 |
| As | 1.441293000 | 1.989691000 | -0.416947000 | Cu | -2.071745000 | 0.105096000 | -0.285901000 |
| C | 2.530924000 | 0.326569000 | 2.434173000 | C | 2.703288000 | -1.873199000 | 1.755282000 |
| N | -3.106544000 | 1.767115000 | -0.095590000 | N | -3.517365000 | -1.191528000 | -0.135472000 |
| C | 1.212422000 | -0.212091000 | 2.342111000 | C | 1.318572000 | -1.572038000 | 1.923768000 |
| C | 2.885783000 | 1.692870000 | 2.913907000 | C | 3.452591000 | -0.700627000 | -0.071622000 |
| H | 3.800948000 | 2.056157000 | 2.448497000 | C | 3.270582000 | -3.204011000 | 1.394211000 |
| H | 3.042663000 | 1.680657000 | 3.996303000 | H | 4.223950000 | -3.104619000 | 0.877686000 |
| H | 2.094501000 | 2.409475000 | 2.699337000 | H | 3.437295000 | -3.799050000 | 2.296646000 |
| C | -2.132447000 | 3.013621000 | -2.474191000 | H | 2.596459000 | -3.762766000 | 0.746587000 |
| H | -1.711632000 | 2.008966000 | -2.570504000 | C | -2.747446000 | -2.594253000 | -2.504577000 |
| H | -1.701640000 | 3.640293000 | -3.254347000 | H | -2.053630000 | -1.748957000 | -2.505186000 |
| H | -3.204003000 | 2.917063000 | -2.658147000 | H | -2.439607000 | -3.290912000 | -3.283687000 |
| C | -0.049162000 | 0.496687000 | 2.694670000 | H | -3.726141000 | -2.188797000 | -2.768377000 |
| H | -0.894760000 | 0.096763000 | 2.136176000 | C | 0.181984000 | -2.521127000 | 1.767235000 |
| H | 0.011749000 | 1.561035000 | 2.477016000 | H | -0.710110000 | -2.019990000 | 1.400600000 |
| H | -0.267868000 | 0.380657000 | 3.759807000 | H | 0.413303000 | -3.322710000 | 1.068672000 |
| C | -1.848987000 | 3.583674000 | -1.114662000 | H | -0.067285000 | -2.977382000 | 2.729063000 |
| C | -4.426058000 | 1.738219000 | -0.105828000 | C | -2.767015000 | -3.267536000 | -1.162854000 |
| H | 5.400012000 | -1.239310000 | 1.352844000 | C | -5.189783000 | 0.555979000 | -0.166915000 |
| H | 5.269864000 | 0.425787000 | 1.909409000 | H | -6.258256000 | 0.705284000 | -0.203979000 |
| C | -2.379511000 | 2.970208000 | 0.033625000 | C | -4.779111000 | -0.789477000 | -0.161300000 |
| C | -1.042574000 | 4.709079000 | -0.965324000 | C | 4.939436000 | -0.594062000 | -0.099487000 |
| H | -0.631068000 | 5.181786000 | -1.849092000 | H | 5.319432000 | -0.892551000 | 3.080767000 |
| C | -2.093770000 | 3.479977000 | 1.311815000 | C | -3.183131000 | -2.559778000 | -0.022990000 |
| C | -5.187942000 | 3.043754000 | -0.068892000 | C | -2.355449000 | -4.590319000 | -1.019989000 |
| H | -4.986631000 | 3.585919000 | 0.856405000 | H | -2.034641000 | -5.138934000 | -1.897611000 |
| H | -6.259669000 | 2.876398000 | -0.144394000 | C | -3.163618000 | -3.168629000 | 1.243142000 |
| H | -4.874997000 | 3.692925000 | -0.888781000 | C | -5.872814000 | -1.832966000 | -0.212827000 |
| C | -1.274447000 | 4.601878000 | 1.420497000 | H | -5.865898000 | -2.457831000 | 0.681169000 |
| H | -1.044919000 | 4.991014000 | 2.405570000 | H | -6.852422000 | -1.370028000 | -0.302809000 |
| C | -2.667177000 | 2.829028000 | 2.539214000 | H | -5.719726000 | -2.500103000 | -1.063320000 |
| H | -3.719194000 | 3.092961000 | 2.678256000 | C | -2.752004000 | -4.495412000 | 1.345353000 |
| H | -2.128119000 | 3.143206000 | 3.432623000 | H | -2.729819000 | -4.965442000 | 2.321434000 |
| H | -2.627301000 | 1.743008000 | 2.465693000 | C | -3.528433000 | -2.382149000 | 2.470826000 |
| C | -0.750602000 | 5.219330000 | 0.292839000 | H | -4.582978000 | -2.098265000 | 2.482876000 |
| H | -0.112229000 | 6.087622000 | 0.393701000 | H | -3.326026000 | -2.959532000 | 3.372358000 |
| As | 3.657331000 | -0.935202000 | -1.474088000 | H | -2.960294000 | -1.450559000 | 2.518646000 |
| As | 1.450070000 | -1.704450000 | -1.536759000 | C | -2.350821000 | -5.208817000 | 0.223968000 |
| As | 0.127390000 | 0.129271000 | -0.941090000 | H | -2.027485000 | -6.237499000 | 0.319533000 |

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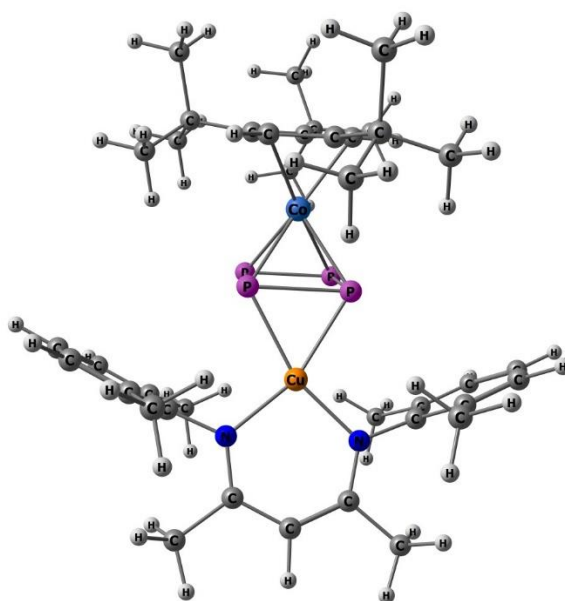


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| P | 0.049604000 | -1.865690000 | 0.654411000 | C | 1.521469000 | 0.765549000 | 3.271395000 |
| N | -4.342153000 | 0.788659000 | -1.029279000 | C | -1.528474000 | -3.181075000 | -2.060551000 |
| N | 4.322700000 | -0.749669000 | -1.156710000 | C | -2.991012000 | -4.186008000 | -0.384078000 |
| C | 1.573879000 | -0.655589000 | 3.372937000 | C | -2.707319000 | -3.161637000 | -1.299018000 |
| C | -3.297673000 | 2.966205000 | -1.294587000 | C | -0.653740000 | -4.254683000 | -1.912130000 |
| C | -4.890820000 | 2.592762000 | 0.516298000 | H | 0.257801000 | -4.273652000 | -2.493611000 |
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| C | -3.094172000 | 4.260712000 | -0.823217000 | H | -1.998974000 | -1.859485000 | -3.707985000 |
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| C | -2.537867000 | 2.443349000 | -2.479328000 | H | -1.082089000 | -1.112904000 | -2.416347000 |
| H | -3.203538000 | 2.094107000 | -3.270708000 | C | -2.083714000 | -5.236380000 | -0.253067000 |
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| H | -1.915850000 | 1.590474000 | -2.197938000 | C | -5.323211000 | -0.842303000 | -2.508338000 |
| C | -4.661207000 | 3.893956000 | 0.959515000 | H | -6.093508000 | -0.965349000 | -3.253929000 |
| H | -5.184513000 | 4.250433000 | 1.838625000 | C | -4.520393000 | -1.970832000 | -2.279659000 |
| C | -5.210419000 | 0.447819000 | -1.965974000 | C | 0.282192000 | 1.204323000 | 3.830402000 |
| C | 0.365301000 | -1.098924000 | 3.990717000 | C | -0.923226000 | -5.277778000 | -1.013597000 |
| C | -3.770292000 | 4.727288000 | 0.296633000 | H | -0.225457000 | -6.097184000 | -0.898406000 |
| H | -3.596741000 | 5.733714000 | 0.655447000 | C | 1.230300000 | 2.545707000 | -3.142018000 |
| C | 2.726881000 | -2.635818000 | -2.565269000 | H | 2.077234000 | 2.414999000 | -3.817231000 |
| H | 3.370564000 | -2.131367000 | -3.286726000 | H | 0.386978000 | 2.927961000 | -3.714548000 |
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| H | -5.571153000 | 2.273377000 | -3.049149000 | H | 6.279490000 | 1.187259000 | -3.033367000 |
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| C | 2.712342000 | -1.511015000 | 2.939070000 | H | -5.660653000 | -3.031274000 | -3.770011000 |
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| H | 2.407705000 | -2.543520000 | 2.785589000 | C | 2.590817000 | 1.641260000 | 2.718405000 |
| H | 3.135165000 | -1.156349000 | 2.003026000 | H | 3.264332000 | 1.974376000 | 3.512725000 |
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| C | 6.374931000 | -4.295998000 | -2.364637000 | H | 3.186773000 | 1.111692000 | 1.977153000 |
| H | 5.924062000 | -2.135305000 | -2.898085000 | C | 3.016968000 | 4.071391000 | -0.137021000 |
| H | 7.102327000 | -0.818480000 | -3.016584000 | C | 5.006211000 | 3.417841000 | -2.819988000 |
| H | 6.900187000 | -1.715711000 | -1.506202000 | H | 4.194097000 | 3.818776000 | -3.428922000 |
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| C | 4.846978000 | -3.705930000 | 1.009379000 | C | 0.742712000 | 4.543409000 | -1.687714000 |
| H | 5.369964000 | -3.968327000 | 1.921487000 | H | -0.134278000 | 4.729714000 | -2.294298000 |
| C | 5.834353000 | -1.397440000 | 1.204155000 | C | 2.157904000 | 5.128343000 | 0.158582000 |
| H | 5.307962000 | -0.446256000 | 1.298541000 | H | 2.384939000 | 5.768798000 | 1.002845000 |

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| H | 6.108588000 | -1.745985000 | 2.199371000 | C | 4.256568000 | 3.842916000 | 0.681685000 |
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| C | 4.038829000 | -4.643856000 | 0.381128000 | H | 4.176781000 | 4.330729000 | 1.652953000 |
| H | 3.934282000 | -5.637935000 | 0.796716000 | H | 5.142305000 | 4.246462000 | 0.183394000 |
| C | 0.027454000 | -2.509042000 | 4.338597000 | C | 1.026558000 | 5.370046000 | -0.608639000 |
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| H | 0.420378000 | -2.758023000 | 5.328312000 | C | -0.168697000 | 2.618772000 | 3.973191000 |
| H | -1.049083000 | -2.669125000 | 4.357183000 | H | 0.301844000 | 3.261784000 | 3.231530000 |
| Cu | -3.148449000 | -0.524058000 | -0.194457000 | H | 0.089298000 | 3.000980000 | 4.964713000 |
| Fe | -0.065704000 | -0.077969000 | 2.206786000 | H | -1.247952000 | 2.706146000 | 3.851836000 |
| Cu | 2.784786000 | 0.387501000 | -0.722644000 | C | -1.751115000 | 0.053873000 | 4.967157000 |
| P | -2.188063000 | 0.727572000 | 1.508322000 | H | -2.314023000 | -0.854845000 | 4.759132000 |
| P | 0.771746000 | 0.016322000 | 0.004133000 | H | -2.360099000 | 0.902562000 | 4.660335000 |
| P | -0.478951000 | 1.622157000 | 0.598453000 | H | -1.608129000 | 0.118018000 | 6.049475000 |
| N | -3.554160000 | -2.030344000 | -1.378329000 | | | | |

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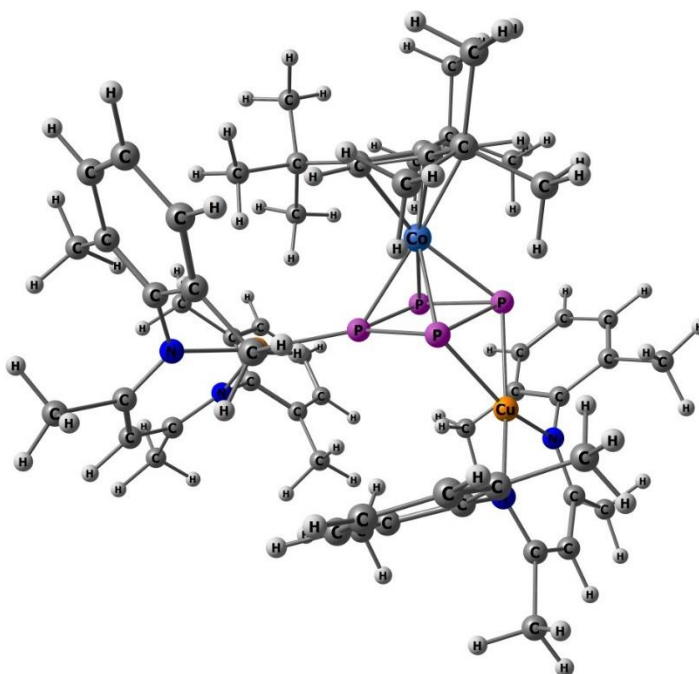


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| Cu | 1.949669000 | 0.135693000 | -0.193814000 | C | 3.172524000 | -2.337873000 | 2.300452000 |
| P | -0.165304000 | 1.013750000 | 0.052019000 | H | 2.525941000 | -1.457564000 | 2.339943000 |
| P | 0.105833000 | -1.243949000 | -0.455919000 | H | 4.199171000 | -1.971815000 | 2.367041000 |
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| P | -0.672771000 | 0.402774000 | 2.081834000 | C | 2.512262000 | -4.443282000 | 1.082274000 |
| N | 3.441141000 | -1.128291000 | -0.264255000 | H | 2.373397000 | -4.920024000 | 2.045083000 |
| N | 3.015235000 | 1.779451000 | -0.062994000 | C | -2.599770000 | 2.581703000 | -2.256706000 |
| C | -3.557819000 | -1.693936000 | 0.052114000 | H | -2.475032000 | 3.003032000 | -3.255591000 |
| C | -3.153732000 | -1.114336000 | -1.171226000 | H | -1.649076000 | 2.676159000 | -1.734096000 |
| H | -2.828495000 | -1.670836000 | -2.029775000 | H | -3.343530000 | 3.183664000 | -1.745830000 |
| C | -3.861599000 | -0.606067000 | 0.910602000 | C | 5.792265000 | -1.779201000 | -0.345367000 |
| H | -4.161772000 | -0.707292000 | 1.935842000 | H | 5.650676000 | -2.446198000 | -1.196869000 |
| C | -3.690551000 | 0.644231000 | 0.229475000 | H | 5.767547000 | -2.403174000 | 0.549937000 |
| C | 3.108246000 | -2.503926000 | -0.211750000 | H | 6.774063000 | -1.318153000 | -0.419626000 |
| C | -3.224766000 | 0.318719000 | -1.108012000 | C | -4.343212000 | 1.036710000 | -3.176093000 |
| C | -3.766081000 | -3.165865000 | 0.322223000 | H | -5.155494000 | 1.501272000 | -2.617880000 |
| C | -3.821811000 | -3.454772000 | 1.826021000 | H | -4.619302000 | 0.000118000 | -3.374463000 |
| H | -2.893268000 | -3.160539000 | 2.315344000 | H | -4.246867000 | 1.554246000 | -4.132532000 |
| H | -3.972993000 | -4.522955000 | 1.989504000 | C | 1.775848000 | 3.686180000 | -0.936888000 |
| H | -4.648019000 | -2.926674000 | 2.304310000 | C | -4.589890000 | 1.698703000 | 2.331691000 |
| C | -2.960625000 | 2.990099000 | 1.021223000 | H | -3.809753000 | 1.246494000 | 2.944726000 |
| H | -2.443598000 | 3.180780000 | 0.091217000 | H | -5.470683000 | 1.055703000 | 2.351015000 |
| H | -2.223174000 | 2.647890000 | 1.747202000 | H | -4.863110000 | 2.650024000 | 2.789623000 |
| H | -3.368876000 | 3.935933000 | 1.383541000 | C | 2.255619000 | -5.149595000 | -0.085806000 |
| C | 2.834515000 | -3.199396000 | -1.398641000 | H | 1.922679000 | -6.178509000 | -0.037253000 |
| C | 2.935680000 | -3.117141000 | 1.038535000 | C | -1.915002000 | 0.452897000 | -3.264752000 |
| C | 4.335060000 | 1.771257000 | -0.131518000 | H | -1.791984000 | 1.030077000 | -4.181863000 |
| C | 4.702565000 | -0.733408000 | -0.294207000 | H | -2.160612000 | -0.566523000 | -3.555201000 |

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| C | -2.664149000 | -4.017222000 | -0.321635000 | H | -0.958261000 | 0.439524000 | -2.743060000 |
| H | -2.574805000 | -3.824396000 | -1.391016000 | C | 2.413955000 | -4.525297000 | -1.315972000 |
| H | -2.894328000 | -5.076236000 | -0.192811000 | H | 2.199955000 | -5.067804000 | -2.229174000 |
| H | -1.696690000 | -3.822062000 | 0.140104000 | C | 2.034648000 | 3.206275000 | -2.335181000 |
| C | 2.298433000 | 2.981230000 | 0.157526000 | H | 1.600297000 | 2.213482000 | -2.485043000 |
| C | -4.097702000 | 1.961846000 | 0.896874000 | H | 3.101446000 | 3.111837000 | -2.545542000 |
| C | 5.112385000 | 0.609717000 | -0.269107000 | H | 1.596976000 | 3.885273000 | -3.066240000 |
| H | 6.178523000 | 0.769161000 | -0.319019000 | C | 1.177198000 | 4.477603000 | 1.673222000 |
| C | -5.123742000 | -3.536829000 | -0.311846000 | H | 0.931698000 | 4.773803000 | 2.685962000 |
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| H | -5.348265000 | -4.588988000 | -0.126704000 | H | 4.905096000 | 3.562805000 | 0.919069000 |
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| C | -3.008611000 | 1.112659000 | -2.401286000 | H | 6.146938000 | 2.939312000 | -0.175697000 |
| C | 2.962062000 | -2.507688000 | -2.724895000 | C | 0.969606000 | 4.796179000 | -0.697650000 |
| H | 3.973122000 | -2.131357000 | -2.893409000 | H | 0.559881000 | 5.340782000 | -1.539878000 |
| H | 2.296211000 | -1.642135000 | -2.772745000 | C | 0.669780000 | 5.195221000 | 0.598348000 |
| H | 2.707933000 | -3.183862000 | -3.540495000 | H | 0.033037000 | 6.053721000 | 0.769666000 |
| C | -5.291226000 | 2.553578000 | 0.121035000 | C | 2.506598000 | 2.562071000 | 2.632065000 |
| H | -5.668592000 | 3.433917000 | 0.644319000 | H | 2.174658000 | 1.523684000 | 2.559958000 |
| H | -6.101591000 | 1.825553000 | 0.052609000 | H | 2.149505000 | 2.972114000 | 3.575967000 |
| H | -5.027019000 | 2.854490000 | -0.888470000 | H | 3.598031000 | 2.537971000 | 2.659616000 |

Table S3.22. Optimized geometries of **8**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory.



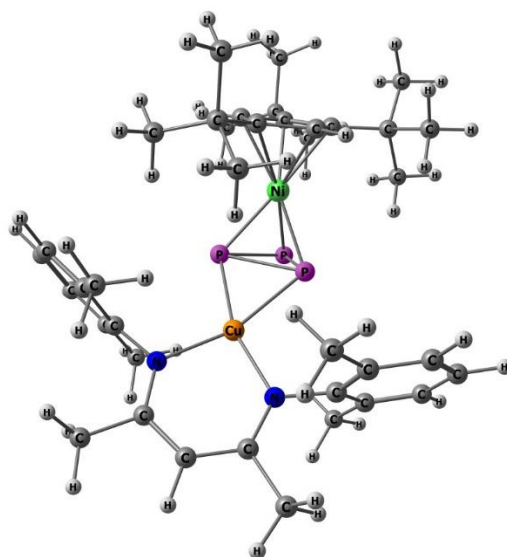
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| Co | 0.146445000 | 1.807846000 | 0.967606000 | H | 1.136909000 | -3.851099000 | 4.891164000 |
| P | 0.901486000 | -0.350391000 | 1.459131000 | C | -3.231853000 | 4.600861000 | 0.012220000 |
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| P | 2.326180000 | 1.271290000 | 0.522668000 | H | -4.162999000 | 4.646855000 | -0.573699000 |
| P | 0.958512000 | 1.456513000 | -1.189150000 | H | -2.552770000 | 5.366397000 | -0.380773000 |
| N | 4.478103000 | -0.822318000 | -0.755165000 | C | 4.932227000 | 2.998528000 | -2.464734000 |
| N | -3.819063000 | -1.787312000 | -0.025130000 | H | 5.016339000 | 4.001368000 | -2.890325000 |
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| N | -2.641518000 | -1.473153000 | -2.720077000 | H | -3.380854000 | 1.163938000 | 0.375410000 |
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| C | 5.272591000 | -1.860243000 | -0.990146000 | H | -4.127479000 | 2.425634000 | 1.382648000 |
| C | 2.009272000 | -3.441112000 | 1.621130000 | C | 0.756403000 | -3.994370000 | -0.497139000 |
| C | -1.505080000 | 2.257183000 | 2.075090000 | H | 0.930376000 | -2.974564000 | -0.871998000 |
| H | -2.293520000 | 1.546024000 | 2.294312000 | H | -0.243237000 | -4.317110000 | -0.820801000 |
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| C | 4.705345000 | 0.434396000 | -1.366920000 | C | 0.076152000 | 5.108279000 | -1.289581000 |
| C | 0.882235000 | -4.021717000 | 1.001228000 | H | 0.400089000 | 4.206983000 | -1.827882000 |

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| C | -0.192049000 | 3.845819000 | 0.985599000 | H | 0.608177000 | 5.968830000 | -1.722521000 |
| C | 5.078302000 | -3.147440000 | -0.446225000 | H | -0.991722000 | 5.264296000 | -1.471331000 |
| H | 5.829253000 | -3.888244000 | -0.717014000 | C | 6.065018000 | 1.102056000 | 0.651091000 |
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| C | -6.011789000 | 0.143872000 | 2.266548000 | H | 6.598275000 | 1.971191000 | 1.061480000 |
| H | -6.916745000 | 0.755663000 | 2.213958000 | H | 6.773647000 | 0.260796000 | 0.585748000 |
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| C | -2.636924000 | 3.177782000 | -0.065767000 | C | -6.234754000 | -0.251128000 | -0.218739000 |
| C | -0.063390000 | 1.890686000 | 4.258470000 | H | -5.506524000 | -0.023945000 | -1.010646000 |
| C | 0.446239000 | 3.420701000 | 2.197070000 | H | -6.957880000 | 0.574199000 | -0.152285000 |
| H | 1.409802000 | 3.776504000 | 2.543971000 | H | -6.781942000 | -1.147220000 | -0.555479000 |
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| C | 4.067964000 | 0.727386000 | -2.591626000 | H | 0.402327000 | 7.189030000 | 0.427092000 |
| C | 5.446813000 | 1.421526000 | -0.682311000 | H | 0.280647000 | 6.305650000 | 1.971748000 |
| C | 2.096335000 | -3.351249000 | 3.026454000 | C | -5.402210000 | -3.649277000 | 0.140996000 |
| C | -4.159237000 | -3.198002000 | -1.975915000 | H | -4.971570000 | -3.954087000 | 1.107480000 |
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| C | -4.170383000 | -0.764200000 | 3.532352000 | H | -6.309220000 | -3.071103000 | 0.372103000 |
| H | -3.640651000 | -0.889505000 | 4.479870000 | C | -0.016272000 | -4.546086000 | 3.200371000 |
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| H | -0.982863000 | -5.046412000 | 1.333130000 | C | -0.475744000 | 2.993869000 | 5.260903000 |
| C | -2.077630000 | -0.672270000 | -3.736482000 | H | 0.116890000 | 3.909570000 | 5.110794000 |
| C | -5.339898000 | -0.002824000 | 3.481753000 | H | -0.317926000 | 2.646974000 | 6.294358000 |
| H | -5.722735000 | 0.478962000 | 4.384699000 | H | -1.539475000 | 3.252611000 | 5.143183000 |
| C | 1.971152000 | 4.950582000 | 0.269139000 | C | 3.234823000 | -0.325608000 | -3.266589000 |
| H | 2.358823000 | 5.009997000 | 1.294678000 | H | 3.834766000 | -1.201289000 | -3.563936000 |
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| H | 3.198701000 | -5.611480000 | 0.450440000 | H | -2.014433000 | -2.295946000 | 3.455113000 |
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| H | 2.065663000 | 2.451040000 | 4.248471000 | H | -4.197915000 | -3.875908000 | -4.474621000 |
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| H | 3.688274000 | 2.250820000 | -4.067521000 | C | -0.186133000 | -0.032041000 | -5.106479000 |
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| H | -1.429234000 | 3.323369000 | -1.919641000 | C | -2.203948000 | 1.292619000 | -5.150071000 |
| H | -3.158523000 | 3.013564000 | -2.168291000 | H | -2.765580000 | 2.153640000 | -5.522998000 |
| H | -2.095122000 | 1.720301000 | -1.592009000 | C | 0.015363000 | -2.072004000 | -3.616261000 |
| C | -3.440194000 | -2.496520000 | -2.975998000 | H | 0.158350000 | -1.948235000 | -2.531468000 |
| C | 3.255761000 | -2.629346000 | 3.657411000 | H | 1.003140000 | -2.163156000 | -4.087327000 |
| H | 4.222378000 | -3.083255000 | 3.385670000 | H | -0.522104000 | -3.024661000 | -3.744748000 |
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| C | 6.467472000 | -1.667455000 | -1.900501000 | H | 7.054446000 | -2.589518000 | -1.994484000 |
| H | 6.141687000 | -1.353061000 | -2.904092000 | | | | |

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Table S3.23. Optimized geometries of **9a**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory.

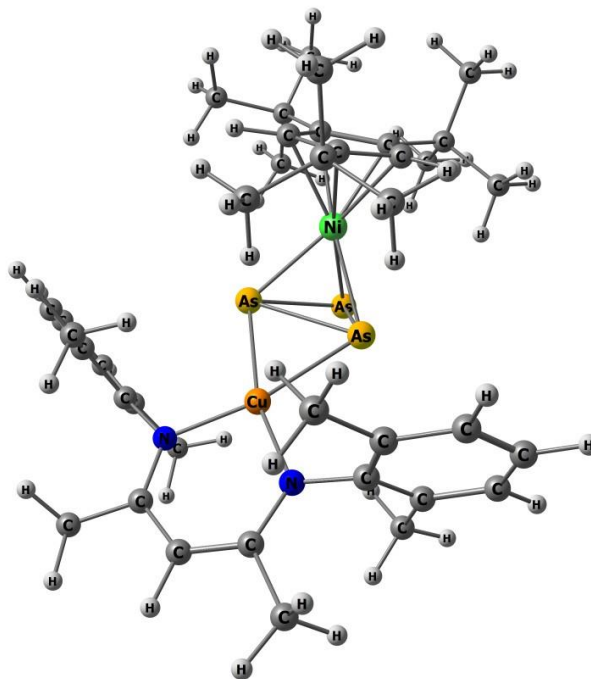


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| P | 0.021080000 | -1.037835000 | 0.899783000 | H | -2.172541000 | -3.266329000 | -3.019922000 |
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| N | -3.253636000 | -1.322700000 | 0.214062000 | C | -1.654577000 | -5.196975000 | 0.442292000 |
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| C | 2.956515000 | 0.488319000 | -1.560676000 | C | 4.136545000 | -2.482397000 | 1.908485000 |
| H | 2.643476000 | 1.274350000 | -2.221610000 | H | 3.112139000 | -2.298984000 | 2.234922000 |
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| C | 3.189762000 | -1.555884000 | -0.613893000 | H | 4.127595000 | -3.292910000 | 1.181494000 |
| H | 3.084080000 | -2.606471000 | -0.420270000 | C | -5.338580000 | 2.659232000 | -0.306548000 |
| C | -2.774244000 | -2.652795000 | 0.290727000 | H | -5.203487000 | 3.372730000 | 0.507867000 |
| C | -2.567410000 | -3.244740000 | 1.545622000 | H | -6.387834000 | 2.378829000 | -0.355327000 |
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| C | -4.459775000 | 1.445560000 | -0.108141000 | C | 4.940439000 | -0.255151000 | 2.550873000 |
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| H | -6.178444000 | 0.228867000 | -0.155782000 | H | 5.495992000 | -0.772065000 | 3.335171000 |
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| C | 3.942558000 | -0.647832000 | 0.195514000 | H | 6.305624000 | 1.353849000 | 0.755496000 |
| C | 2.560951000 | -0.869187000 | -1.684275000 | H | 6.359519000 | 2.959457000 | 0.044715000 |
| C | 4.403039000 | 2.043798000 | -0.107834000 | H | 6.322635000 | 1.531340000 | -0.996100000 |
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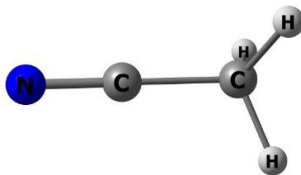


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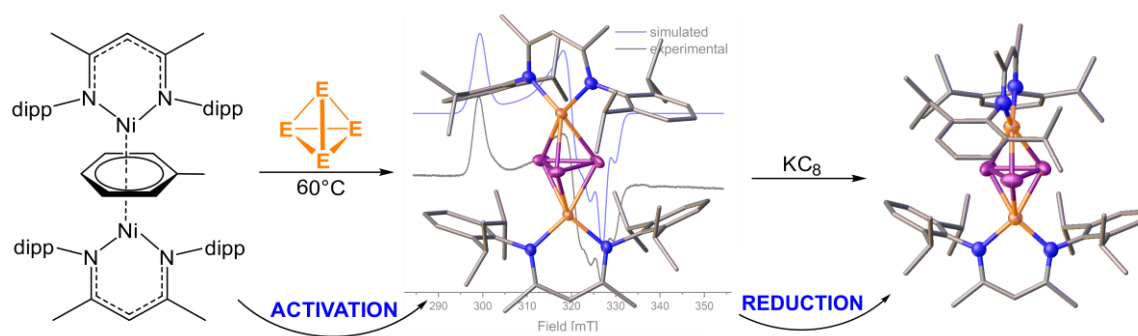
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The main part of the manuscript was done by the first author (M. Haimerl). C. Graßl described the synthesis and partly characterization of compound **2b**, **3a**, **3b**, **4**, **5a**, **5b**, **6** and **7a** already in his PhD thesis. The synthesis and characterization of compound **2c** and **7b** were done by M. Haimerl also the main parts of the characterization of the other compounds were done by M. Haimerl. D. Preitschaft (research student) helped by the reproduction of compound **1**, **3a** and **3b**. The single crystal X-ray diffraction measurements of compound **3a**, **3b**, **4** and **6** were done by C. Graßl, of compound **2b**, **2c**, **5a**, **5b**, **7a** and **7b** were done by M. Haimerl. The refinement of the structures **2c**, **3a**, **3b**, **4**, **6** and **7b** were done by M. Seidl, he also checked all crystallographic files and data. M. Piesch performed the DFT calculations and contributed the corresponding part in the Supporting Information. The EPR samples were prepared by the first author and measured with help of S. Dinauer. Samples for CV were prepared by the first author and measured with help of M. Weber. M. Scheer supervised the research and revised the manuscript.

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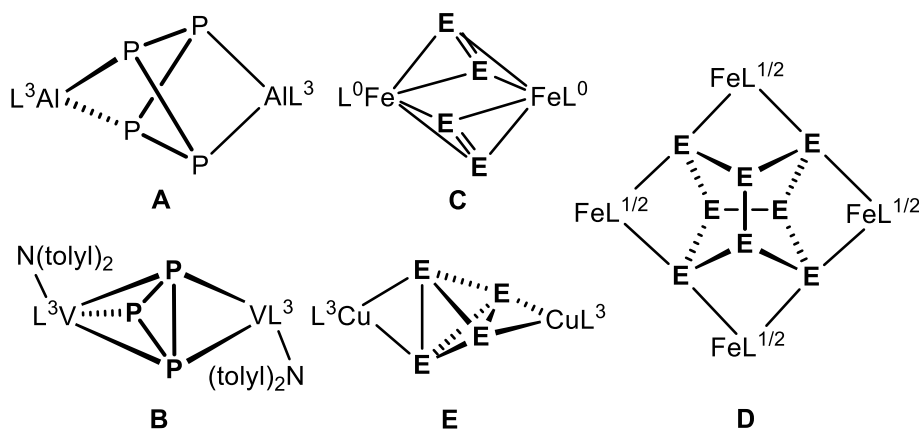
Abstract: The reactivity of white phosphorus and yellow arsenic towards two different nickel nacnac complexes is investigated. The nickel complexes [(L³Ni)₂tol] (**1**, L³ = [{N(C₆H₃ⁱPr₂-2,6)C(Me)}₂CH]⁻) and [K₂][(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{1:1}-N₂)] (**6**) were reacted with P₄, As₄ and the interpnictogen compound AsP₃, respectively, yielding the homobimetallic complexes [(L³Ni)₂(μ-η²,κ¹:η²,κ¹-E₄)] (E = P (**2a**), As (**2b**), AsP₃ (**2c**)), [(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{3:3}-E₃)] (E = P (**3a**), As (**3b**)) and [K@18-c-6(thf)₂][(L³Ni)(η^{1:1}-E₄)] (E = P (**7a**), As (**7b**)), respectively. Heating of **2a**, **2b** or **2c** also leads to the formation of **3a** or **3b**. Furthermore, the reactivity of these compounds towards reduction agents was investigated, leading to [K₂][(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-P₄)] (**4**) and [K@18-c-6(thf)₃][(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{3:3}-E₃)] (E = P (**5a**), As (**5b**)), respectively. Compound **4** shows an unusual planarization of the initial Ni₂P₄-prism. All products were comprehensively characterized by crystallographic and spectroscopic methods.

4.1. Introduction

The activation of small molecules under mild conditions is an important topic in current research, because it can contribute to future energy conversions.^[1] Besides Cp^R coordinating transition metal complexes, also low valent metal complexes stabilized by β-diiminato ligands^[2] are adequate precursors for the reductive activation of small molecules such as N₂, O₂ or S₈^[3], but also for P₄ and As₄.^[4] For the latter, by different reaction conditions such as photolysis or thermolysis, a broad variety of metal complexes with different polypnictogen moieties could be synthesized. With main group metal complexes of group 13, Roesky *et al.* reported the dinuclear aluminum complex [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-P₄)] (**A**, L³ = [{N(C₆H₃ⁱPr₂-2,6)C(Me)}₂CH]⁻, Scheme 4.1) which contains a P₄⁴⁻ unit.^[4a] The reaction of the corresponding Ga(I) complex [L³Ga] with P₄ leads to [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-P₄)] and other polyphosphine-containing complexes.^[4b,4k] In the area of transition metal complexes, only few examples of the early transition metals of Group 5 are known, e.g. the neutral vanadium complex [(L³V(Ntoly)₂)₂(μ,η^{3:2}-P₃)] (**B**, Scheme 4.1)^[4d] containing a *cyclo*-[P₃]³⁻ ligand or the dinuclear complexes [(L³(NⁱBu)M)₂(μ,η^{3:3}-P₄)] (M = Nb, Ta)^[4e] with a bridging *cyclo*-P₄ unit in an η^{3:3} coordination mode. In contrast, during the last decade, for late Group 8-11 transition metals, numerous examples were reported. For cobalt and iron complexes, systematic studies with different nacnac ligands were performed leading to various E_n units (n = 3, 4 and 8) depending on the steric and electronic influence of the nacnac ligand.^[4j,4l-n] Driess *et al.* first synthesized the dinuclear iron complex [(L⁰Fe)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-P₂)₂] (**C**; L⁰ = [{N(C₆H₃ⁱPr₂-2,6)C(H)}₂CH]⁻), which contains two anionic P₂ ligands. An analogous arsenic derivative has also been reported.^[4n] By using nacnac systems with less steric flanking groups, the tetranuclear complexes [(L^{1/2}Fe)₄(μ,η^{2:2:2:2}-E₃)] (**D1-D4**; E = P, As; L¹ = [{N(C₆H₃Me-2,6)C(Me)}₂CH]⁻ or L² = [{N(C₆H₃Me-2,6)C(H)}₂CH]⁻)^[4j,4n] could be synthesized. These E₃ units display a realgar-type geometry.^[5] Interestingly, the activation of white phosphorus by [LCo(tol)] (L = L⁰, L¹, L², L³) leads to the sole formation of [(LCo)₂(μ,η^{4:4}-P₄)]^[4l,6] however, the reaction with yellow arsenic yields complexes containing different {Co₂As₄} cores.^[4m] Recently, we were able to synthesize and

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characterize the first neutral and molecular complex containing an intact E₄ tetrahedron i.e. [(L³Cu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-E₄)]^[4h] (E = P (**E1**), As (**E2**)) (Scheme 4.1), which is easy to handle (neither flammable nor light-sensitive) and can release E₄ in a controlled manner.



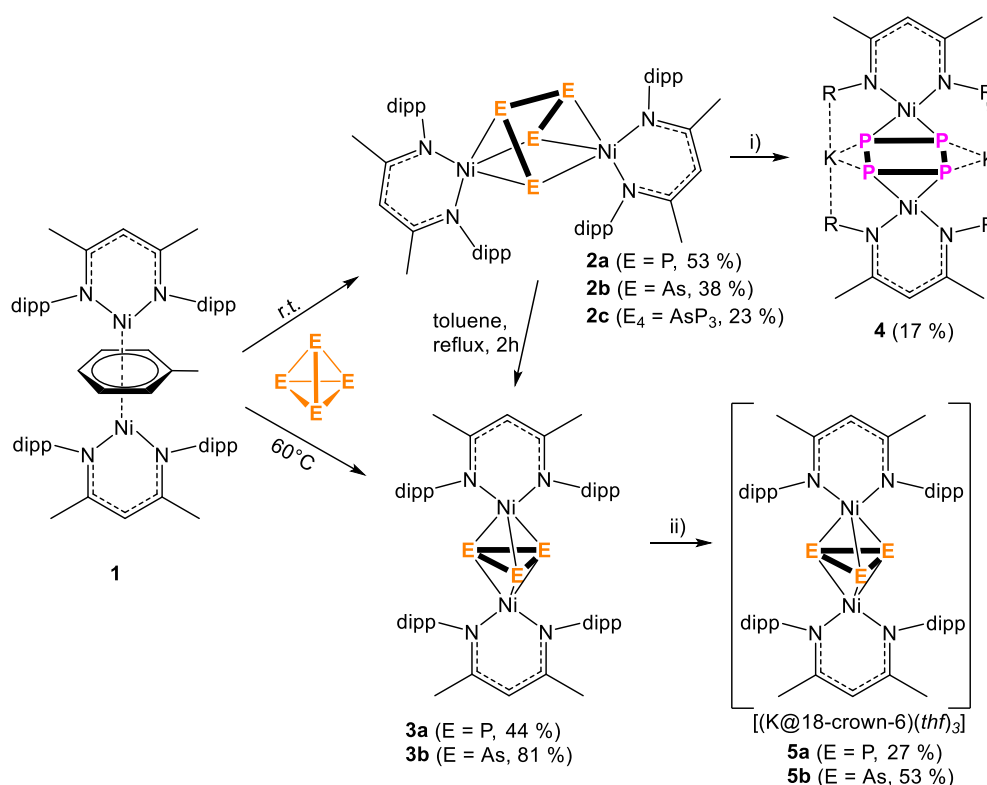
Scheme 4.1. Examples of known motifs of E_n ligand complexes stabilized by β-diiminato ligands (L⁰ = [(N(C₆H₃Pr₂-2,6)C(H))₂CH]⁻, L¹ = [(N(C₆H₃Me-2,6)C(Me))₂CH]⁻, L² = [(N(C₆H₃Me-2,6)C(H))₂CH]⁻ and L³ = [(N(C₆H₃Pr₂-2,6)C(Me))₂CH]⁻; D1 = L¹, P; D2 = L¹, As; D3 = L², P; D4 = L², As)

For β-diiminato complexes of Ni, the *Driess* group used the Ni(I) synthon [(L³Ni)₂tol] (**1**) to activate small molecules such as H₂, N₂^[7] and chalcogens (O₂, S₈, Se and Te).^[3e,8] The reaction of **1** with white phosphorus leads only to [(L³Ni)₂(μ-η²,κ¹:η²,κ¹-P₄)] containing a Ni₂P₄ prism, from which an {L³Ni} fragment can be released in solution.^[4c] Inspired by the different reaction outcome, in the case of Fe(I) and Co(I) nacnac complexes and the coordination of the intact E₄ moiety in the case of Cu(I) nacnac complexes, the question arose as to what would happen in the case of nickel nacnac compounds. Would a different reaction behavior occur between phosphorus and arsenic? Moreover, the reactivity of an already reduced nickel species as a formal Ni(0) synthon towards white phosphorus and yellow arsenic was of interest to explore if there are similarities or differences towards the reaction of the respective Ni(I) nacnac species with E₄. Furthermore, since only a few reactions of the interpnictogen compound AsP₃ are reported, we targeted to include this species in this research.

Herein we report on the reactivity of [(L³Ni)₂tol] (L³ = [(N(C₆H₃Pr₂-2,6)C(Me))₂CH]⁻) towards white phosphorus, yellow arsenic and AsP₃. The reaction of **1** with E₄ leads to two different species depending on the used temperature, [(L³Ni)₂(μ-η²,κ¹:η²,κ¹-E₄)] and [(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{3:3}-E₃)]. Further reduction of these products leads to novel anionic dinuclear species with an η^{2:2} *cyclo*-P₄ unit or η^{3:3} *cyclo*-E₃ units. Moreover, reactions of the formally Ni(0) species [K₂][(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{1:1}-N₂)] with white phosphorus and yellow arsenic give unique anionic mononuclear compounds bearing an E₄ butterfly ligand.

4.2. Result and Discussion

The reaction of $[(L^3Ni)_2tol]$ (**1**) with P_4 at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ leads to the sole formation of the already reported $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu-\eta^2, \kappa^1:\eta^2, \kappa^1-P_4)]$ (**2a**).^[4c] Performing the reaction of **1** with E_4 in toluene at room temperature (to allow a high content of As_4) leads to the formation of $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu-\eta^2, \kappa^1:\eta^2, \kappa^1-E_4)]$ ($E_4 = As_4$ (**2b**), AsP_3 (**2c**); Scheme 4.2). In contrast, the reaction of **1** with E_4 at $+60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ yields $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-E_3)]$ ($E = P$ (**3a**), $E = As$ (**3b**)) (Scheme 4.2).



Scheme 4.2. Reaction of **1** with E_4 ($E = P, As$) and further reduction ($R = dipp = 2,6$ -diisopropylphenyl). i) KC_8 , toluene; ii) $KC_8 + 18$ -crown-6, thf.

2b, **2c**, **3a** and **3b** are obtained as greenish-brown (**2b**, **3b**) or green (**2c**, **3a**) air-sensitive solids in isolated yields of 38 % (**2b**), 23 % (**2c**), 44 % (**3a**) and 81 % (**3b**). Obviously, the slightly higher temperature triggers a release of an E atom of the otherwise formed prismane-like structure. This can also be observed by refluxing a toluene solution of **2a**, **2b** or **2c** for 2h leading to the complete conversion to **3a** (for **2a** and **2c**) and **3b**, which was monitored by $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ and 1H NMR spectroscopy. By further reduction of **2a**, **2b**,^[9] **3a** and **3b** with KC_8 , the compounds $[K_2][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-P_4)]$ (**4**) and $[(K@18-c-6)thf)_3][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-E_3)]$ ($E = P$ (**5a**), As (**5b**)), respectively, were obtained in crystalline yields of 17 % (**4**), 27 % (**5a**) and 53 % (**5b**) (Scheme 4.2). **4** shows an interesting planarization to a *cyclo*- P_4^{2-} moiety, whereas the pseudo-triple decker compounds **3a** and **3b** retain their structures.

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The 1H NMR spectrum of **2a** shows a paramagnetic behavior in solution but is diamagnetic in the solid state and, accordingly, the $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum is silent.^[4c] In contrast, the 1H NMR spectra of **2b** and **2c** at room temperature display one set of signals for the equivalent nacnac ligands. The $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of the reaction solution of **2c** in toluene- d_8 exhibits two broad signals at $\delta = 226.2$ and 125.0 ppm, with an integral ratio of 1:2. Compounds **3a** and **3b** are paramagnetic. Their 1H NMR spectra show broad and very shifted signals between 12.67 and -25.13 ppm for **3a** and between 12.01 and -23.31 ppm for **3b**. The $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of **3a** is silent because of an excessive line broadening. The effective magnetic moment (μ_{eff}) was determined by the Evans method to be 2.12 μ_B (**3a**) and 2.13 μ_B (**3b**), respectively, roughly corresponding to one unpaired electron. The X-band EPR spectra confirm the paramagnetic nature of **3a** and **3b** (frozen toluene solution, 77K: **3a**: $g_1 = 2.254$, $g_2 = 2.108$ and $g_3 = 2.063$; **3b**: $g_1 = 2.2705$, $g_2 = 2.135$, $g_3 = 2.055$). At 77 K, the EPR spectrum of **3a** displays a hyperfine coupling to two phosphorus nuclei (Figure 4.1). DFT calculations (B3LYP/def2-SVP level) show that the spin density is delocalized over both nickel atoms and two phosphorus atoms (Figure 4.1) being in agreement with the observed hyperfine coupling. The $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 shows one singlet at $\delta = 80.3$ ppm. Due to a dynamic behavior, **5a** reveals no signal at room temperature but a singlet at $\delta = -268.9$ ppm in $thf-d_8$ at 193 K. In the LIFDI-MS spectra of **2b**, **2c**, **3a** and **3b** and in the ESI spectrum of **5a**, corresponding molecular ion peaks are detected.

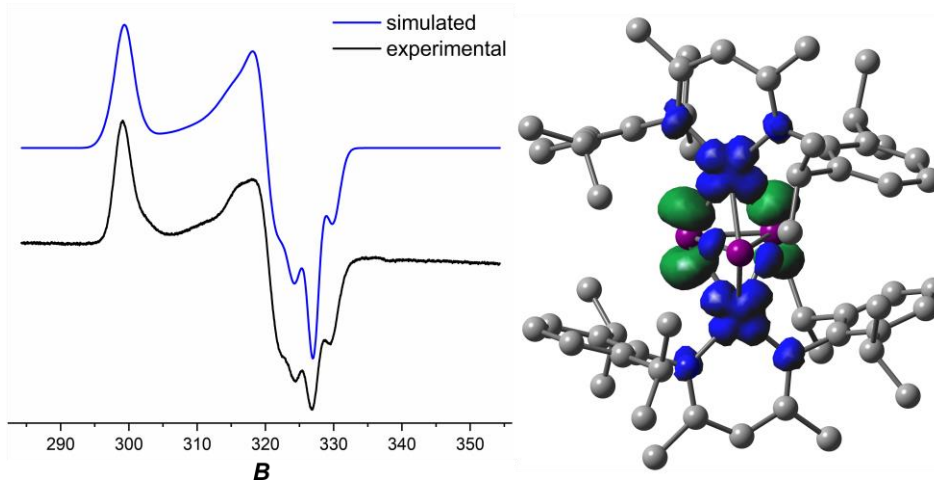


Figure 4.1. left: X-band EPR spectrum of **3a** (B in [mT], frozen toluene solution; 77K (black), simulation (blue)); right: Spin density distribution in **3a**, calculated at the B3LYP/def2-SVP level.

The molecular structures of **2b** and **2c**^[10] (Figure 4.2) reveal dinuclear complexes bearing an E_4 unit, coordinating in an η^2, κ^1 fashion to both $\{L^3Ni\}$ fragments, which are twisted by $37.46(12)^\circ$ (**2b**) and $37.9882(6)^\circ$ (**2c**) to each other. In the case of **2c** (use of AsP_3), the arsenic atom is disordered over all four positions, the major isomer, with the arsenic atom at the end of the E_4 chain and the minor isomer with the arsenic atom in the middle of the E_4 chain, is in a ratio of 68:12 (20 % are **2a**)^[11] in the solid state. The minor isomer is

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energetically less favored by $13 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ to the major isomer (calculated at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory, see SI). For **2b**, the As1-As2 and As3-As4 bond distances are 2.4115(5) and 2.4141(5) Å. The As1-As4 distance is slightly shortened (2.3917(5) Å) compared to As1-As2 and As3-As4, while the As2...As3 distance amounts to 2.7192(5) Å and is therefore in a non-bonding area. Compound **2c** shows E-E bond distances between 2.153(8) and 2.422(2) Å. Interestingly, compound $[(\text{Cp}^4\text{Ni})_2(\mu\text{-}\eta^2, \kappa^1:\eta^2, \kappa^1\text{-As}_4)]$ (**F**, $\text{Cp}^4 = \text{C}_5\text{H}^i\text{Pr}_4$)^[12] contains a similar As_4 core and shows longer As-As bond distances between 2.374(3) and 2.435(3) Å. The Ni-E bonds are in the range between 2.3111(7) and 2.4606(6) Å for **2b** and 2.21(3) and 2.378(3) Å for **2c**, which is comparable to **F** (Ni- As_{av} 2.34 Å).

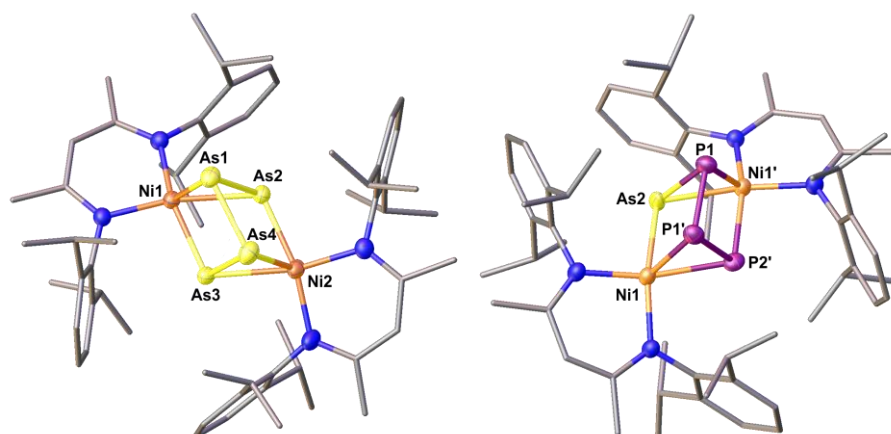


Figure 4.2. Molecular structures of **2b** (left) and one of the major products of **2c** (right) in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

The crystal structure analysis of **3a** and **3b** (Figure 4.3) reveals dinuclear complexes bearing a *cyclo*- E_3 ($E = P, As$) ligand as ‘middle deck’, which is disordered over two positions for **3a** (59:41) and three positions for **3b** (50:25:25) (cf. supporting information). The E-E bond distances (Table 4.1) are in the range between 2.158(10) and 2.206(14) Å (**3a**) or 2.373(7) and 2.599(14) Å (**3b**), respectively. The E-E-E bond angles are in the range of 60° . Both $\{\text{L}^3\text{Ni}\}$ fragments are twisted to each other by 39.8° (**3a**) and 39.4° (**3b**), respectively. The Ni-E bond lengths are between 2.220(8) and 2.347(8) Å for **3a** and 2.277(8) and 2.521(9) Å for **3b**. The bond distances are comparable to the 33 valence electron complexes $[\{(\text{triphos})\text{Ni}\}_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}\text{-E}_3)][\text{BPh}_4]_2$ ^[13] (P-P 2.151(8) to 2.171(7) Å) or $[(\text{L}^3\text{Co})_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}\text{-E}_3)]$ ^[4l,4m] (As-As 2.349(3) to 2.563(3) Å). Also, a few other metal complexes are known containing a *cyclo*- E_3 unit which is η^3 -coordinated.^[4g,14]

In order to evaluate the redox reactivity of **3a** and **3b**, we performed cyclic voltammetry measurements of **3a** (Figure 4.4) and **3b** (cf. supporting information). In thf, a reversible reduction at -1.77 V (**3a**) and -1.91 V (**3b**) and also an irreversible oxidation at 0.61 V (**3a**) and -0.42 V (**3b**), respectively, take place (against $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}]/[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}]^+$). The chemical reduction of **3a** and **3b** was performed with potassium graphite, which was chosen as a

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suitable reduction agent (redox potential: -2.93 V vs. the standard hydrogen electrode), which leads to the formation of $[(K@18-c-6)(thf)_3][[L^3Ni]_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-E_3)]$ ($E = P$ (**5a**), As (**5b**)).

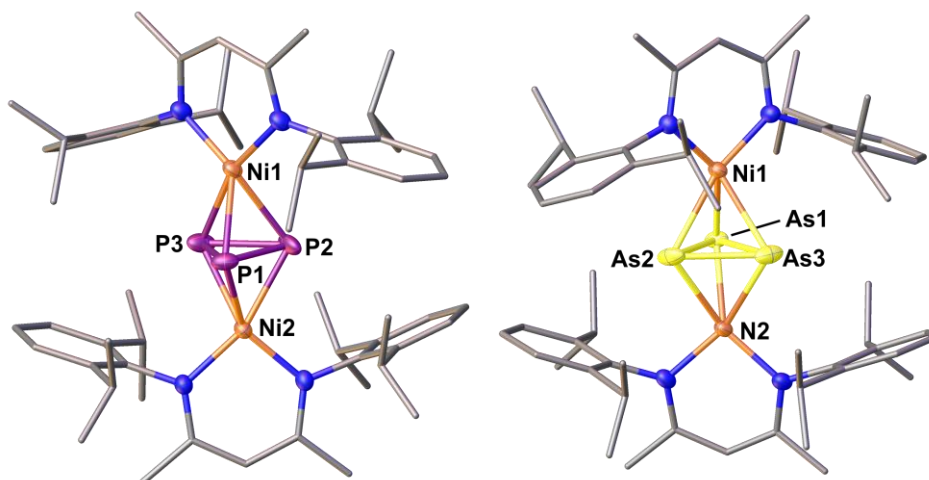


Figure 4.3. Molecular structures of **3a** (left) and **3b** (right) in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

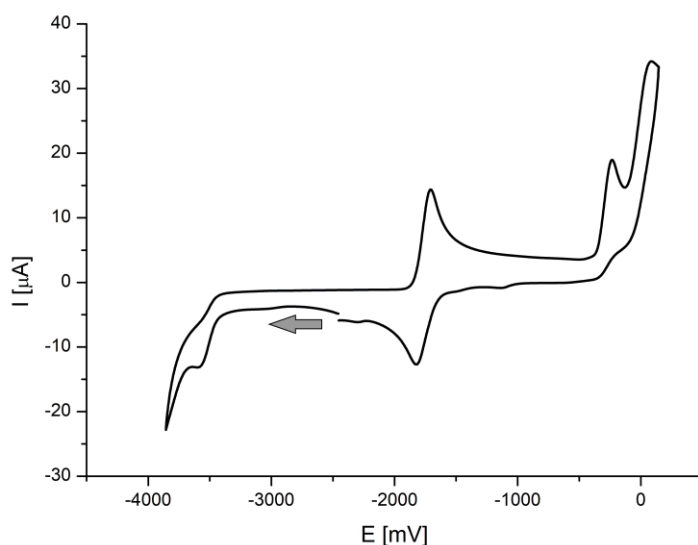


Figure 4.4. Cyclic voltammogram of **3a** in thf vs. $[Cp_2Fe]/[Cp_2Fe]^+$ (electrolyte: $[nBu_4N][PF_6]$, scan rate: 100 mVs^{-1} , room temperature).

The solid-state structures of **5a** and **5b** (Figure 4.5) are very similar to that of **3a** and **3b** possessing a *cyclo*- E_3 ring which is η^3 -coordinated by two $\{L^3Ni\}$ fragments (Table 4.1). The *cyclo*- E_3 units are disordered over two positions (ratio 90:10 (**5a**), 61:39 (**5b**)). The E-E bond distances are between 2.130(9) and 2.2065(10) Å (**5a**) and 2.397(5) to 2.423(3) Å (**5b**), respectively, and still intact. The Wiberg Bond Indices (WBIs) underlie this description (WBIs for E-E: **5a** between 0.87 to 1.03; **5b** between 0.93 and 0.98). The E-E-E bond angles are around 60° as also found in compound **3a** and **3b**. However, the structural difference lie in the orientation of the ligands in **3a**, **3b**, **5a** and **5b**. In **3a** and **3b**, the two

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{L³Ni} fragments are twisted by 39.8° (**3a**) and 39.4° (**3b**) to each other, respectively, in a kind of eclipsed orientation, whereas in **5a** and **5b**, the twist is, with 80.11(5)° (**5a**) and 73.6132(11)° (**5b**), much larger and a more staggered arrangement is present.

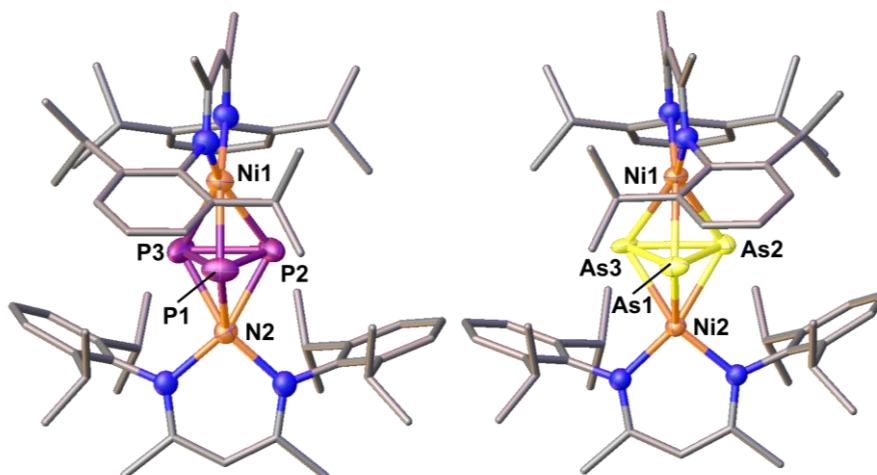


Figure 4.5. Molecular structures of the anions of **5a** (left) and **5b** (right) in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms, counter ions and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

Table 4.1. Comparison of selected atomic distances and angles in **3a**, **3b**, **5a** and **5b** (E = P, As).

| Compound | 3a | 3b | 5a | 5b |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| d (E-E) [Å] | 2.158(10) | 2.365(6) | 2.1760(10) | 2.397(5) |
| | 2.202(11) | 2.373(7) | 2.1848(10) | 2.417(4) |
| | 2.206(14) | 2.385(6) | 2.2065(10) | 2.423(3) |
| ∠ (E-E-E) [°] | 58.7(4) | 59.6(2) | 59.14(4) | 59.37(12) |
| | 60.6(4) | 59.9(2) | 59.80(3) | 60.19(11) |
| | 60.8(4) | 60.4(2) | 60.79(4) | 60.44(13) |
| d (Ni ... Ni) | 3.8456(6) | 3.9398(6) | 3.8169(4) | 3.93112(4) |
| ∠ [°] | 39.8 | 39.4 | 80.11(5) | 73.6132(11) |

The chemical reduction of **2a** was also performed with potassium graphite. By using two equivalents of KC₈, the dinuclear complex [(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-P₄)] [K₂] (**4**) could be obtained as brown blocks (Scheme 4.2). Thus, a conversion and rearrangement to a novel planar *cyclo*-P₄ unit occur. The molecular structure of **4** reveals an anionic dinuclear complex bearing a *cyclo*-P₄ unit, coordinating in an η^{2:2} fashion to two {L³Ni} fragments (Figure 4.6). The two {L³Ni} fragments are coplanar to each other and two potassium atoms are stabilized by two opposite dipp groups by C_{aryl}...K interactions. The Ni-P-P angle (cf. Figure 4.6, angle α) is 101.78(4)°. In the *cyclo*-P₄ unit, there are two different P-P bond lengths. The η²-coordinated P-P bond length amounts to 2.1360(10) Å (WBI: 1.21), the other P-P bond length is 2.2611(10) Å (WBI: 0.90). In the literature, a few complexes

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containing a planar *cyclo*- P_4 unit are known which are $\eta^{2:2}$ coordinated.^[15] The bonding situation can be considered as being similar to the valence isomer derivative of a tetraphosphabenzene $[\{(iPr)_2NCP_2\}_2]$ (**G**)^[15a] with two single and two P-P double bonds, which was synthesized by *Bertrand et al.* *Driess et al.* reported the reaction of **1** with sulfur, which leads to a complex containing a related core of sulfur, $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-S_4)]$.^[8b]

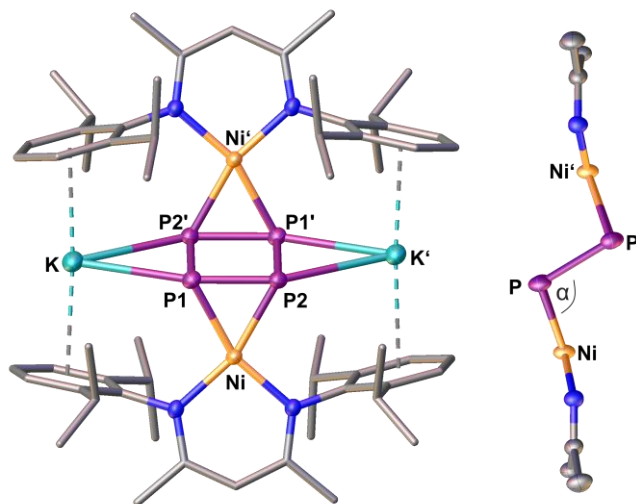


Figure 4.6. Molecular structure of **4** (left) in the solid state and side view (right) Isopropyl groups (for right), solvent molecules and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level.

Furthermore, the question arose whether the same reactivity could also be observed starting from a reduced Ni_2N_2 naccnac compound. In order to investigate the reactivity of an Ni(0) synthon towards E_4 , the formally Ni(0) precursor $[K_2][[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-N_2)]]$ (**6**) was synthesized and crystallized as purple needles in crystalline yields of 47 %.

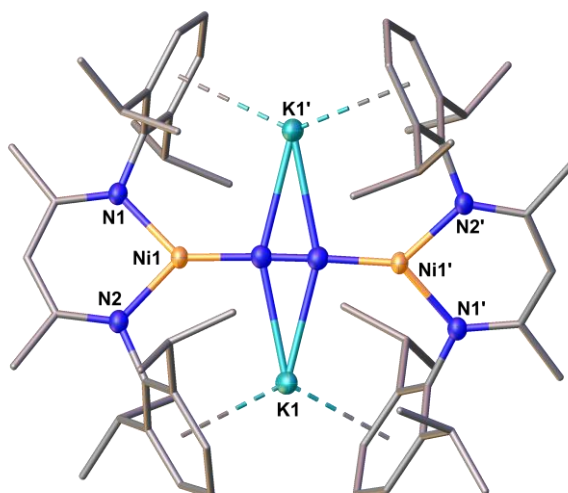
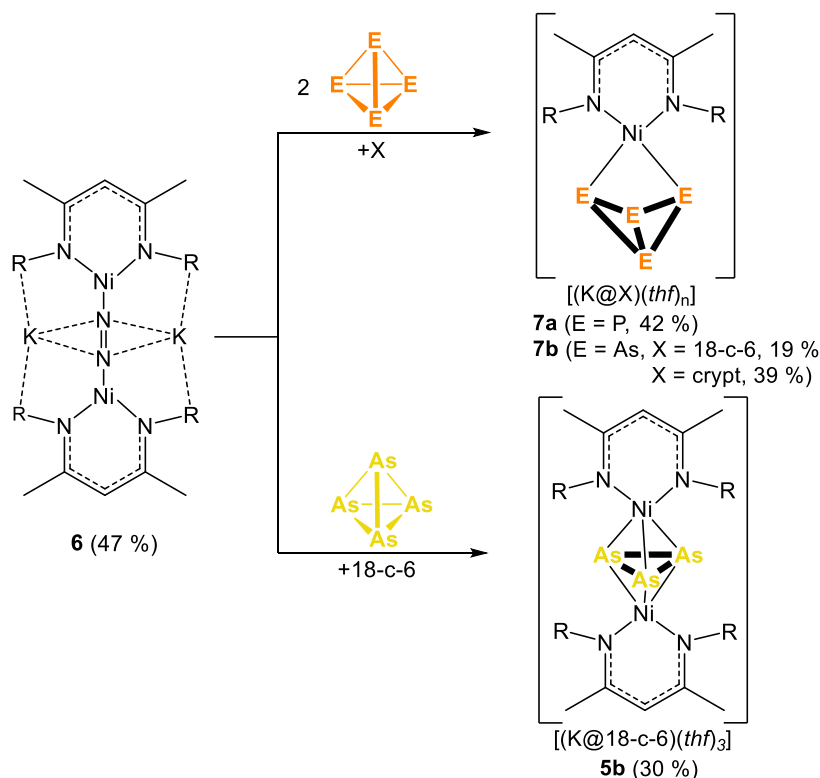


Figure 4.7. Molecular structure of **6** in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown in 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

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In the ¹H-NMR spectrum of **6**, the typical signals for the β-diketiminato ligand can be observed. The X-ray structure of **6** (Figure 4.7) consists of two {L³Ni} fragments bridged by a N₂ unit, which additionally coordinate to two potassium ions. The potassium ions are coordinated by the aromatic π system of the dipp substituent. The N-N bond distance with 1.195(5) Å corresponds to an N-N double bond (N₂H₂: 1.230 Å^[16]) and the N-N stretching band in the Raman spectrum is detected at 1572 cm⁻¹. Complexes similar to **6** are known in the literature and the N-N bond distances and stretching bands show that the N₂ unit in **6** can be regarded as a N₂²⁻ unit.^[3a,3b,17]

In order to investigate if this formally Ni(0) synthon leads in reactions with E₄ (E = P, As) to similar products or not as its Ni(I) derivative, **6** was reacted with white phosphorus and yellow arsenic at room temperature in the presence of 18-crown-6 (18-c-6) or cryptant (crypt). Adding 18-c-6 or crypt to **6** before E₄ leads to the formation of [(K@X)(thf)₂][L³Ni(η^{1:1}-E₄)] (E = P, X = 18-c-6 (**7a**), E = As, X = 18-c-6 or crypt (**7b**)), which are isolated as air-sensitive orange (**7a**) or reddish-brown (**7b**) needles in crystalline yields of 42 % (**7a**) and 39 % (**7b**, X = crypt), respectively (Scheme 4.3). If **6** is reacted with yellow arsenic and 18-c-6 is added afterwards, the formation of [(K@18-c-6)(thf)₃][(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{3:3}-As₃)] (**5b**) in crystalline yields of 30 % occurs (Scheme 4.3), which, for phosphorus, could not be observed (formation of **7a**). Thus, the formation of **7a** and **7b** shows the difference between the use of a Ni(0) or Ni(I) synthon.



Scheme 4.3. Reaction of **6** with E₄ (E = P, As). R = dipp = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl, X = 18-c-6, crypt.

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The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **7a** in thf-*d*₈ shows two triplets at -378.3 and -212.9 ppm (¹J_{PP} = 133 Hz). The ¹H NMR spectrum of **7b** in thf-*d*₈ is very similar to the one of **7a**.

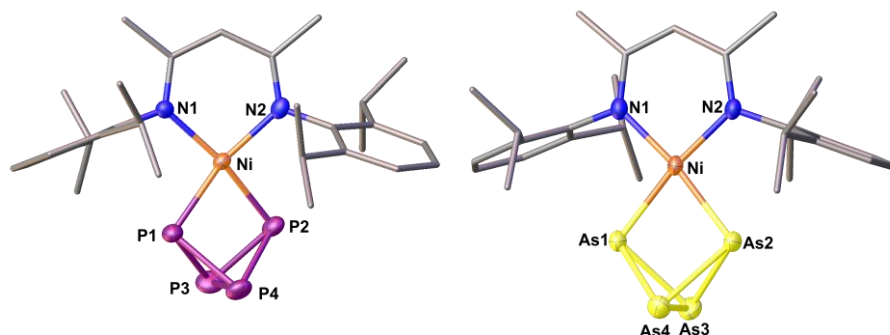


Figure 4.8. Molecular structure of the anions of **7a** (left) and **7b** (right) in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown in 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms and counter ions are omitted for clarity.

The molecular structures of **7a** and **7b** (Figure 4.8) reveal anionic mononuclear complexes bearing an E₄ butterfly ligand, coordinating in an η^{1:1} fashion to the {L³Ni} fragment. The six-membered NiN₂C₃ ring is twisted by 14.88470(5)° for **7a** and 0.78(4)° for **7b** to the E1-Ni-E2 plane. With 2.6759(15) (**7a**) and 2.8963(3) Å (**7b**), the E1...E2 distances lie in a non-bonding area. The E-E bond lengths are between 2.2115(16) and 2.2282(17) Å for **7a** and 2.4506(4) and 2.4687(3) Å for **7b**, except for the E3-E4 bond length which is shortened to 2.1567(18) (**7a**) and 2.3908(4) Å (**7b**). This is in accordance with other butterfly complexes. Interestingly, the *Driess* group proposed the occurrence of a neutral compound [L³Ni(η²-P₄)] with an η² side on coordinated P₄ tetrahedra by high-resolution ESI MS data.^[4c] With compounds **7a** and **7b**, anionic species are formed and completely characterized.

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In summary, we have shown the different reactivities of β-diketiminato Ni(I) and Ni(0) complexes towards white phosphorus, yellow arsenic and the interpnictogen compound AsP₃. The reactions of [(L³Ni)₂tol] (**1**) with white phosphorus and yellow arsenic as well as AsP₃ are temperature-dependent. Thus, the homobimetallic complexes [(L³Ni)₂(μ-η^{2,κ}1:η^{2,κ}1-E₄)] (E = As (**2b**), AsP₃ (**2c**)) and [(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{3:3}-E₃)] (E = P (**3a**), As (**3b**)) are formed, of which **3a** and **3b** are paramagnetic. DFT calculations exhibit that the spin density is delocalized over both nickel atoms and two pnictogen atoms. To investigate the redox reactivity of **3a** and **3b**, cyclic voltammetry measurements were performed and [(K@18-c-6)(thf)₃][(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{3:3}-E₃)] (E = P (**5a**), As (**5b**)) was isolated after experimental reduction. In contrast, the chemical reduction of **2a** leads to an unusual planarization of the initial Ni₂P₄-prism. Furthermore, the reaction of E₄ (E = P, As) with a formally Ni(0) synthon leads to the formation of the novel monoanionic compounds [(K@X)thf]₂[(L³Ni(η^{1:1}-E₄)] (E = P, X = 18-c-6 (**7a**), As, X = crypt (**7b**)), which shows the differences between the use of an Ni(I) or Ni(0) synthon. Additionally, an alternative

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synthetic approach for **5b** was found, using **6** as starting material, but by adding 18-c-6 after the reaction with As_4 . The results show the broad variety of different E_n -structural motifs formed with nickel nacnac complexes in the conversion of E_4 and underline the great potential of the use of Ni(0) synthons in synthesis.

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4.5. Supporting Information

4.5.1. Synthesis and Characterization

General Remarks

All manipulations were performed with rigorous exclusion of oxygen and moisture using standard Schlenk techniques on a dual manifold Schlenk line with Argon or N_2 inert gas or glove box filled with nitrogen containing a high-capacity recirculator (<0.1 ppm O_2). Traces of oxygen and moisture in the inert gas were removed by passing it through a drying column filled with Cu/MgSO₄ catalyst as well as, concentrated H₂SO₄ and orange gel, respectively. All solvents were degassed and purified by standard procedures. All NMR spectra have been recorded using deuterated d_6 -benzene, d_3 -acetonitrile, toluene- d_8 and thf- d_8 that were dried (over Na/K or CaH₂), refluxed for three hours and then distilled under inert atmosphere.

Characterization methods

Mass spectrometry was performed using a Jeol AccuTOF GCX LIFDI mass spectrometer or an Agilent Q-TOF 6540 UHD ES mass spectrometer by the MS department of the University of Regensburg. The compounds were dissolved in the corresponding solvent in a glove box under N_2 atmosphere. The observed fragments were assigned according to the mass/charge (m/z) ratio and the corresponding isotope pattern. Elemental analysis (CHN) were performed by the department of central analyses of the University of Regensburg on a Vario micro cube and a MT5 micro scale device. The compounds were filled in tin capsules in a glove box under N_2 atmosphere. The X-band EPR measurements were carried out with a MiniScope MS400 device equipped with a Magnostech GmbH rectangular TE102 resonator at a frequency of 9.5 GHz. The compounds were dissolved in a glovebox under N_2 inert gas atmosphere, placed in tip-sealed pasteur pipettes, and were rubber plugged. The measurements were conducted at room temperature and 77 K, respectively (see chapter 4.5.3.2). ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 (¹H: 400.130 MHz, ³¹P: 161.976 MHz) spectrometer at the NMR department of the University of Regensburg. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to external TMS (¹H) or 85 % H₃PO₄ (³¹P). The chemical shifts δ are given in parts per million [ppm] and coupling constants J in [Hz].

Starting materials

The compounds [(L³Ni)₂tol] (**1**)^[1], potassium graphite^[2], P₄, AsP₃^[3] and As₄^[4] were prepared according to literature procedures (L³ = [{N(C₆H₃Pr_{2-2,6})C(Me)}₂CH]⁻) or bought from chemical supplies and used as delivered or purified by sublimation (18-crown-6, cryptand).

4.5.1.1. Synthesis of [(L³Ni)₂(μ-η²,κ¹:η²,κ¹-As₄)] (**2b**)

All preparations were performed under exclusion of light. 520 mg [(L³Ni)₂tol] (0.5 mmol) were dissolved in 50 mL of toluene and added to a freshly prepared toluene solution saturated with As₄. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours and the colour changed from red to greenish-brown. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the brown solid was extracted with Et₂O and filtered over diatomaceous earth to remove the insoluble As_{grey}. By storing the greenish-brown solution at -30 °C, compound [(L³Ni)₂(μ-η²,κ¹:η²,κ¹-As₄)] (**2b**) crystallized as dark greenish-brown blocks, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 240 mg (0.19 mmol, 38 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.49 (d, 8H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, *m*-C₆H₃), 6.10 (t, 4H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, *p*-C₆H₃), 3.94 (s, 2H, C(CH₃)CHC(CH₃)), 3.45 (sept, 8H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.30 (d, 24H, ³J_{HH} = 6 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.16 (d, 24H, ³J_{HH} = 6 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.92 (s, 12H, C(CH₃)CHC(CH₃)).

LIFDI MS (toluene): *m/z* (%) = 1252.30 (68.33, [M]⁺), 1177.38 (100, [(L³Ni)₂(As₃)]⁺).

EA: calculated for: C₅₈H₈₂N₄Ni₂As₄: C: 55.63, H: 6.6, N: 4.47, found [%]: C: 56.01, H: 6.10, N: 4.49.

4.5.1.2. Synthesis of [(L³Ni)₂(μ-η²,κ¹:η²,κ¹-AsP₃)] (**2c**)

All preparations were performed under exclusion of light. 50 mg [(L³Ni)₂tol] (0.05 mmol, 1 eq) and 8 mg AsP₃ (0.05 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in 5 mL of toluene. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours and the colour changed from red to green. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the green solid was extracted with Et₂O and filtered over diatomaceous earth. By storing the green solution in a double Schlenk (with 1 mL of toluene at the other side) at -30 °C, compound [(L³Ni)₂(μ-η²,κ¹:η²,κ¹-AsP₃)] (**2c**) crystallized as dark green needles, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Yield: 30 mg (0.03 mmol, 23 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.21 (d, 8H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, *m*-C₆H₃), 6.72 (t, 4H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, *p*-C₆H₃), 4.52 (s, 2H, C(CH₃)CHC(CH₃)), 3.24 (sept, 8H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.36 (s, 12H, C(CH₃)CHC(CH₃)), 1.26 (d, 24H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.12 (d, 24H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), contaminated with NacnacH.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (tol-*d*₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 226.2 (br, 1P), 125.0 (br, 2P).

LIFDI MS (toluene): *m/z* (%) = 1120.3 ([M]⁺, 16.28).

4.5.1.3. Synthesis of $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-P_3)]$ (**3a**)

Route 1: 0.34 g (0.3 mmol) $[(L^3Ni)_2tol]$ (**1**) were dissolved in 100 mL hexane. To this boiling solution a solution of 50 mL hexane with P_4 (40 mg, 0.3 mmol) were added. The mixture was refluxed for three hours and the colour changed from red to green. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the compound was purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 18 cm, \varnothing 4 cm, $T = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$). Using a mixture of hexan/toluene (4:1) as an eluent **3a** can be obtained as a green fraction. After removing the solvent in vacuum, the residue was dissolved in hexane and concentrated. After storage at $+8\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, **3a** can be obtained as green chopsticks.

Route 2: 15 mg $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-P_4)]$ (**2a**) were refluxed in toluene for 2 hours. The conversion of **2a** to **3a** was tracked by NMR spectroscopy. (Stirring the solution at $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for one hour do not lead to a conversion of **2a** to **3a**.)

Crystalline Yield: 150 mg (0.14 mmol, 44 %)

1H NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 12.67 (b, 8H, *m*- C_6H_3), 7.97 (b, 4H, *p*- C_6H_3), 2.31 (b, 24H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.79 (b, 24H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), -3.17 (b, 4H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), -13.32 (b, 12H, $C(CH_3)CHC(CH_3)$), -25.13 (b, C(CH_3) $CHC(CH_3)$).

1H NMR (Evans-method, C_6D_6 , 300 K): $\Delta\nu = 18.9\text{ Hz}$, $\mu_{eff} = 2.12\text{ } \mu_B$, $n = 1.35$.

$^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 K): no signal detected in the range of: 600 ppm to -600 ppm.

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1043.4 (100, $[M]^+$).

4.5.1.4. Synthesis of $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-As_3)]$ (**3b**)

Route 1: All preparations were performed under exclusion of light. 490 mg $[(L^3Ni)_2tol]$ (0.47 mmol) were dissolved in 50 mL of toluene and added to a freshly prepared toluene solution saturated with As_4 at $+60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and the colour changed from red to brown. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the brown compound was purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , hexane, 17 cm, \varnothing 4 cm). Using a mixture of hexane:toluene (4:1) as an eluent **3b** can be obtained as brown fraction. By storing the concentrated brown solution at $+8\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, compound $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-As_3)]$ (**3b**) crystallized as brown blocks, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Route 2: 10 mg $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-As_4)]$ (**2b**) were refluxed in toluene for 2 hours. The conversion of **2b** to **3b** was tracked by NMR spectroscopy. (Stirring the solution at $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for one hour do not lead to a conversion of **2b** to **3b**.)

Crystalline Yield: 0.45 g (0.38 mmol, 81 %)

SI: 4. Conversion of E_4 ($E_4 = P_4, As_4, AsP_3$) by Ni(0) and Ni(I)
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1H NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 12.01 (b, 8H, *m*- C_6H_3), 8-6 (b, 4H, *p*- C_6H_3), 2.19 (b, 24H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.77 (b, 24H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), -2.18 (b, 4H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), -12.46 (b, 12H, $C(CH_3)CHC(CH_3)$), -23.31 (b, 2H, $C(CH_3)CHC(CH_3)$).

1H NMR (Evans-method, C_6D_6 , 300 K): $\Delta\nu = 18.8$ Hz, $\mu_{eff} = 2.13 \mu_B$, $n = 1.35$.

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1175.2 (100, $[M]^+$).

EA: calculated for: $C_{58}H_{82}N_4Ni_2As_3$ (+ 7 % L^3H see NMR): C: 59.72, H: 7.09, N: 4.80, found [%]: C: 59.92, H: 7.08, N: 4.49.

4.5.1.5. Synthesis of $[K_2][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-P_4)]$ (**4**)

100 mg of **1** (0.1 mmol) and 12.4 mg P_4 (0.1 mmol) were dissolved in 10 mL toluene. To this green solution was added 28.4 mg (0.21 mmol) potassium graphite. The colour changed within minutes to red and the solution was stirred for three hours. The solution was filtrated over diatomaceous earth and concentrated to 5 mL volume. By storing the solution at -30 °C, compound $[K_2][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-P_4)]$ (**4**) crystallized as brown blocks, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline Yield: 20 mg (17 %)

1H NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 6.9 (d, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, *m*- C_6H_3), 6.67 (d, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, *m*- C_6H_3), 6.43 (t, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 7.5$ Hz, *p*- C_6H_3), 5.31 (sept, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 5.07 (s, 2H, $C(CH_3)CHC(CH_3)$), 3.84 (sept, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.97 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.46 (s, 12H, $C(CH_3)CHC(CH_3)$), 1.43 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.05 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.01 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$).

$^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 80.3 (s).

EA calculated for: $C_{58}H_{82}N_4Ni_2K_2P_4 \cdot C_7H_8$: C: 62.61, H: 7.28; N: 4.49, found [%]: C: 62.34, H: 7.27, N: 4.22.

4.5.1.6. Synthesis of $[(K@18\text{-crown-6})(thf)_3][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-P_3)]$ (**5a**)

50 mg of $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-P_3)]$ (**3a**, 0.05 mmol, 1 eq) and 7 mg (0.05 mmol, 1.1 eq) potassium graphite were dissolved in 5 mL of toluene, the solution turned greenish-brown. The solution was stirred for 3 hours and then filtered over diatomaceous earth and 13 mg (0.05 mmol, 1 eq) 18-crown-6 were added. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the brown residue was taken up in 3 mL thf. The solution was layered under 10 mL hexane and stored at -30 °C. Compound $[(K@18\text{-crown-6})(thf)_3][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-P_3)]$ (**5a**) crystallized as brown plates, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline Yield: 20 mg (0.01 mmol, 27 %)

¹H NMR (thf-d₈, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.12 (br, 7H), 6.24 (br, 3H), 3.60 (br, thf-coordinated (8H) + 18-c-6 (24H)), 1.77 (thf-coordinated, 8H), 1.22 (br, 24H, CHMeMe), 0.98 (br, 24H, CHMeMe), 0.59 (br, 8H, CHMeMe).

Compound **5a** show broad signals in the ¹H NMR spectrum at room temperature and also at 193 K, this is due to dynamic behavior of **5a**, a paramagnetic nature was excluded by Evans-NMR and EPR spectroscopy.

¹H NMR (Evans-method, thf-d₈, 300 K): no signal shift detected.

EPR: silent at room temperature and 77 K.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (thf-d₈, 300 K): no signal detected in the range of: 500 ppm to -600 ppm.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (thf-d₈, 193 K): -268.4 ppm (s).

ESI-MS (CH₃CN): m/z = 1045.6 (88, [M]⁺), 555.2 (100, [C₃₃H₄₇N₄Ni]⁺), 535.2 (46, [C₂₉H₄₁N₂NiP₂]⁺), 507.2 (16, [C₂₉H₄₁N₂NiP]⁺), 303.0 (100, [K@18-crown-6]⁺).

4.5.1.7. Synthesis of [(K@18-crown-6)(thf)₃][(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{3:3}-As₃)] (**5b**)

All manipulations were performed under exclusion of light.

Route 1: 50 mg [(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{3:3}-As₃)] (**3b**, 0.04 mmol, 1 eq) and 6 mg (0.04 mmol, 1 eq) potassium graphite were dissolved in 5 mL of toluene. The brown solution was stirred for 3 hours and then filtered over diatomaceous earth and 11.3 mg (0.04 mmol, 1 eq) 18-crown-6 were added. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the brown residue was taken up in thf. The solution was layered under 10 mL hexane and stored at -30 °C. Compound [(K@18-crown-6)(thf)₃][(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{3:3}-As₃)] (**5b**) crystallized as brown needles, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline Yields: 53 mg (0.02 mmol, 53 %)

Route 2: 350 mg [K₂][(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{1:1}-N₂)] (**6**, 0.3 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL of toluene and added to a freshly prepared solution of yellow arsenic in toluene. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the brown residue was taken up in thf. The solution was filtered over diatomaceous earth to remove the insoluble As_{grey}. 180 mg (0.6 mmol) 18-crown-6 were added. By storing the brown solution at -30 °C, compound [(K@18-crown-6)(thf)₃][(L³Ni)₂(μ,η^{3:3}-As₃)] (**5b**) crystallized as brown blocks, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline Yields: 150 mg (0.09 mmol, 30 %)

¹H NMR (thf-d₈, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 6.84 (d, 8H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, *m*-C₆H₃), 6.73 (t, 4H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, *p*-C₆H₃), 4.31 (s, 2H, C(CH₃)CHC(CH₃)), 3.63 (s, 18-crown-6), 3.47 (sept, 8H,

SI: 4. Conversion of E₄ (E₄ = P₄, As₄, AsP₃) by Ni(0) and Ni(I)
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$\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, 1.77 (thf), 1.28 (s, 12H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CHC}(\text{CH}_3)$), 1.25 (d, 24H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 0.94 (d, 24H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$).

EA calculated for: $[\text{C}_{58}\text{H}_{82}\text{N}_4\text{Ni}_2\text{As}_3][\text{K}@\text{(C}_{12}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_6)(\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})_{3.5}]$: C: 58.21, H: 7.79; N: 3.23, found [%]: C: 58.24, H: 7.68, N: 3.38.

4.5.1.8. Synthesis of $[\text{K}_2][(\text{L}^3\text{Ni})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-N}_2)]$ (**6**)

All preparations were performed under N₂ gas atmosphere. In a 250 mL round flask 3.0 g L³H (7.2 mmol, 1 eq) in toluene (30 mL) were cooled to 0 °C and 4.5 mL ⁿBuLi (7.17 mmol, 1 eq, 1.6 M in ⁿhexane) were added. The solution was stirred at r.t. over night. The solution was added to a suspension of NiBr₂ · DME (2.21 g, 7.17 mmol, 1 eq.) in toluene (20 mL) under stirring and heated to reflux for 24 h. This solution was added to a suspension of KC₈ (4.36 g, 32.3 mmol, 4.5 eq.) in toluene. At room temperature gaseous N₂ was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 20 minutes. The colour changed to deep purple and the reaction mixture was stirred over night. After filtration over diatomaceous earth the solvent was removed in vacuum and redissolved in hexane for crystallization. By storing the solution at -30 °C, compound $[\text{K}_2][(\text{L}^3\text{Ni})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-N}_2)]$ (**6**) crystallized as dark purple needles, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline Yield: 1.8 g (3.6 mmol, 47 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ = 6.83 (m, 12H, C₆H₃), 4.69 (s, 2H, C(CH₃)CHC(CH₃)), 3.67 (sept, 8H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.51 (s, 12H, C(CH₃)CHC(CH₃)), 1.33 (d, 24H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.15 (d, 24H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂).

EA calculated for: C₅₈H₈₂N₆Ni₂K₂: C: 65.79, H: 7.81, N: 7.94, found [%]: C: 65.48, H: 8.19, N: 7.53.

Raman: ν(NN) = 1572 cm⁻¹.

4.5.1.9. Synthesis of $[(\text{K}@\text{18-crown-6})(\text{thf})_2][\text{L}^3\text{Ni}(\eta^{1:1}\text{-P}_4)]$ (**7a**)

A solution of 25 mg (0.09 mmol) 18-crown-6 in thf was added to a stirred solution of **6** (50 mg, 0.05 mmol). To the red solution was added 12 mg (0.09 mmol) white phosphorus and the colour changed from red to yellow-red. The solution was filtrated over diatomaceous earth and was reduced in vacuum. The concentrated solution was layered under hexane. Compound $[(\text{K}@\text{18-crown-6})(\text{thf})_2][\text{L}^3\text{Ni}(\eta^{1:1}\text{-P}_4)]$ (**7a**) crystallized as orange blocks, suitable for X-Ray analysis at -30 °C.

Crystalline Yield: 42 mg (0.04 mmol, 42 %)

1H NMR (thf- d_8 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 6.93 (d, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 8$ Hz, p - C_6H_3), 6.70 (t, 2H, $^3J_{HH} = 8$ Hz, m - C_6H_3), 4.44 (s, 1H, $C(CH_3)CHC(CH_3)$), 3.82 (sept, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 3.62 (thf), 3.56 (s, 24H, 18-crown-6), 1.78 (thf), 1.55 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.39 (s, 6H, $C(CH_3)CHC(CH_3)$), 1.12 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$).

$^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (thf- d_8 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = -212.9 (t, 2P, $^1J_{PP} = 132$ Hz), -378.3 (t, 2P, $^1J_{PP} = 132$ Hz).

EA calculated for: $C_{49}H_{81}N_2NiKO_8P_4$: C: 56.16, H: 7.79, N: 2.67; found [%]: C: 55.75, H: 7.65, N: 2.47.

4.5.1.10. Synthesis of $[(K@X)(thf)_2][L^3Ni(\eta^{1:1}-As_4)]$ (**7b**) (X = 18-crown-6, cryptand)

All manipulations were performed under exclusion of light. A solution of 200 mg (0.2 mmol) **6** and 71.1 mg cryptand/ 100 mg 18-crown-6 in toluene were added to a freshly prepared solution of As_4 in toluene. The solution was stirred for 2 hours at room temperature and the colour changed to reddish-brown. The solvent was evaporated by vacuum and the crude product was taken up in thf, filtrated over diatomaceous earth and concentrated to 7 mL. The concentrated solution was layered under hexane. Compound $[(K@X)(thf)_2][L^3Ni(\eta^{1:1}-As_4)]$ (**7b**) crystallized as red-brownish plates/ needles, suitable for X-Ray analysis at -30 °C.

Crystallin yield: 185 mg (X = cryptand, 0.16 mmol, 39 %)

1H NMR (thf- d_8 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 6.95 (d, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 8$ Hz, p - C_6H_3), 6.67 (t, 2H, $^3J_{HH} = 8$ Hz, m - C_6H_3), 4.43 (s, 1H, $C(CH_3)CHC(CH_3)$), 3.94 (sept, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 3.61 (thf, 3H), 3.55 (s, 12H, cryptand), 3.50 (m, 12H, cryptand), 2.51 (m, 12H, cryptand), 1.77 (thf, 3H), 1.58 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.35 (s, 6H, $C(CH_3)CHC(CH_3)$), 1.11 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$).

EA calculated for: $C_{51}H_{85}N_4NiKO_7As_4$ (X = cryptand): C: 48.47, H: 6.78, N: 4.43; found [%]: C: 48.57, H: 6.72, N: 4.30.

Crystallin yield: 90 mg (X = 18-crown-6, 0.08 mmol, 19 %)

1H NMR (thf- d_8 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 6.96 (d, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 8$ Hz, p - C_6H_3), 6.66 (t, 2H, $^3J_{HH} = 8$ Hz, m - C_6H_3), 4.43 (s, 1H, $C(CH_3)CHC(CH_3)$), 3.94 (sept, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 3.62 (thf), 3.58 (s, 24H, 18-crown-6 + thf), 1.78 (thf), 1.55 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.39 (s, 6H, $C(CH_3)CHC(CH_3)$), 1.12 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$).

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4.5.2. NMR studies

4.5.2.1. [(L³Ni)₂(μ-η²,κ¹:η²,κ¹-As₄)] (**2b**)

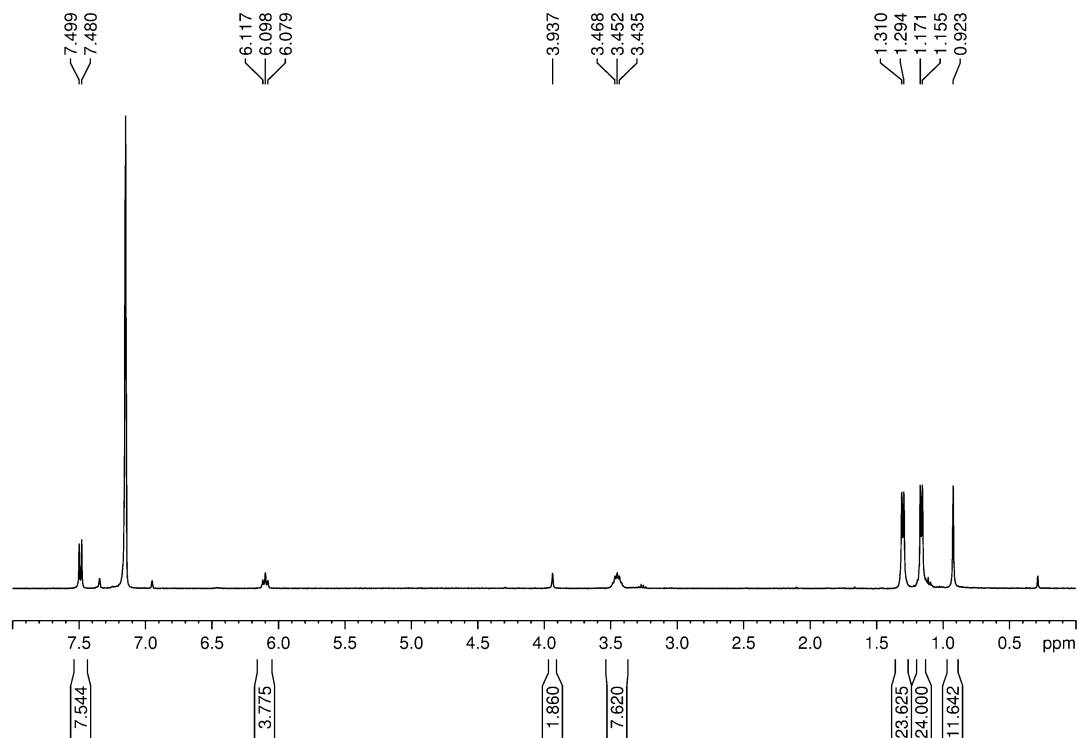


Figure S4.1. ¹H NMR spectrum of **2b** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

4.5.2.2. [(L³Ni)₂(μ-η²,κ¹:η²,κ¹-AsP₃)] (**2c**)

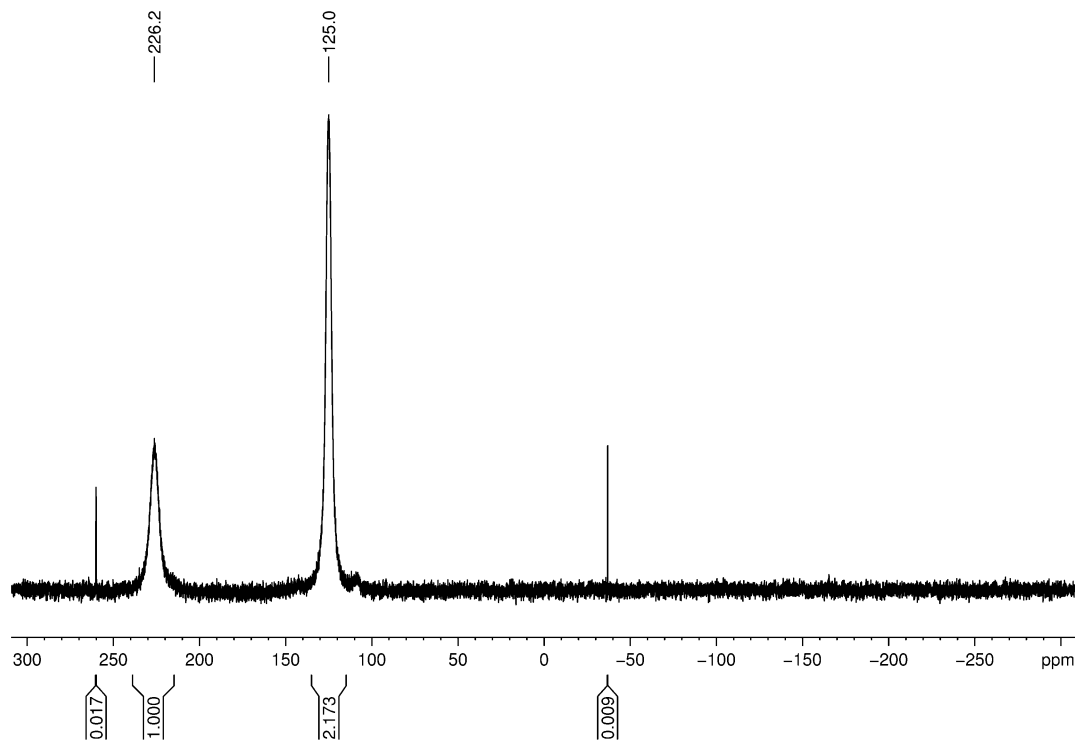


Figure S4.2. ³¹P{¹H} NMR of the reaction solution of **2c** in toluene-d₈ at room temperature.

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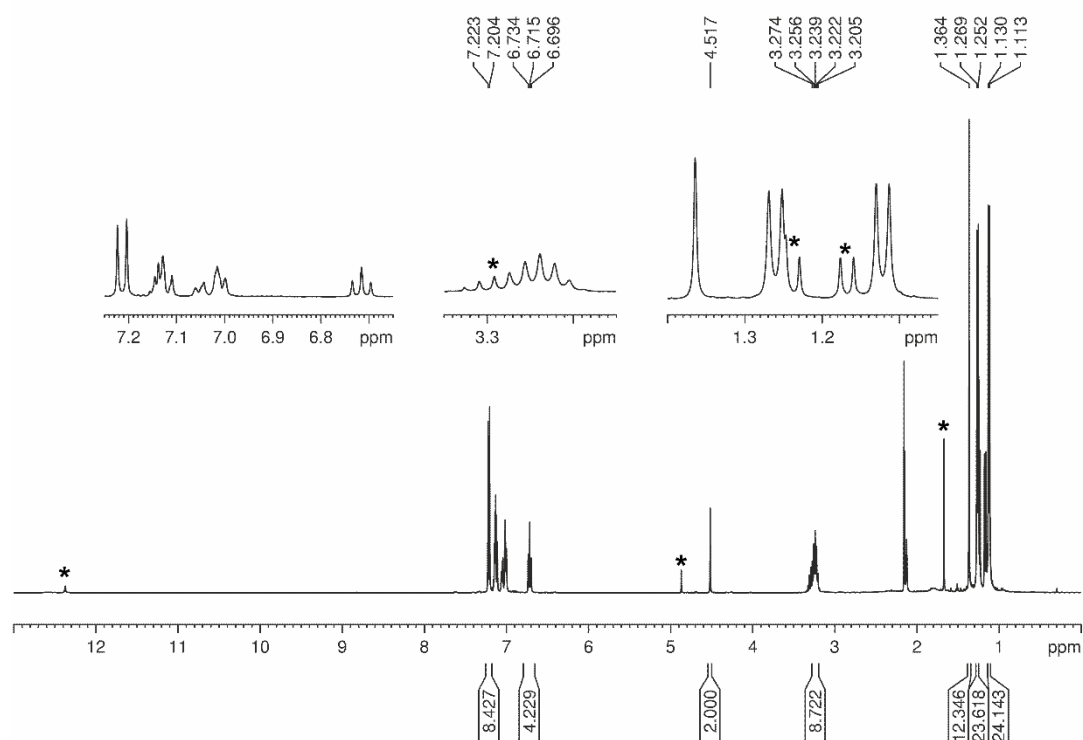


Figure S4.3. 1H NMR of the reaction solution of **2c** in toluene- d_8 at room temperature (* = L^3H).

4.5.2.3. $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3,3}-P_3)]$ (**3a**)

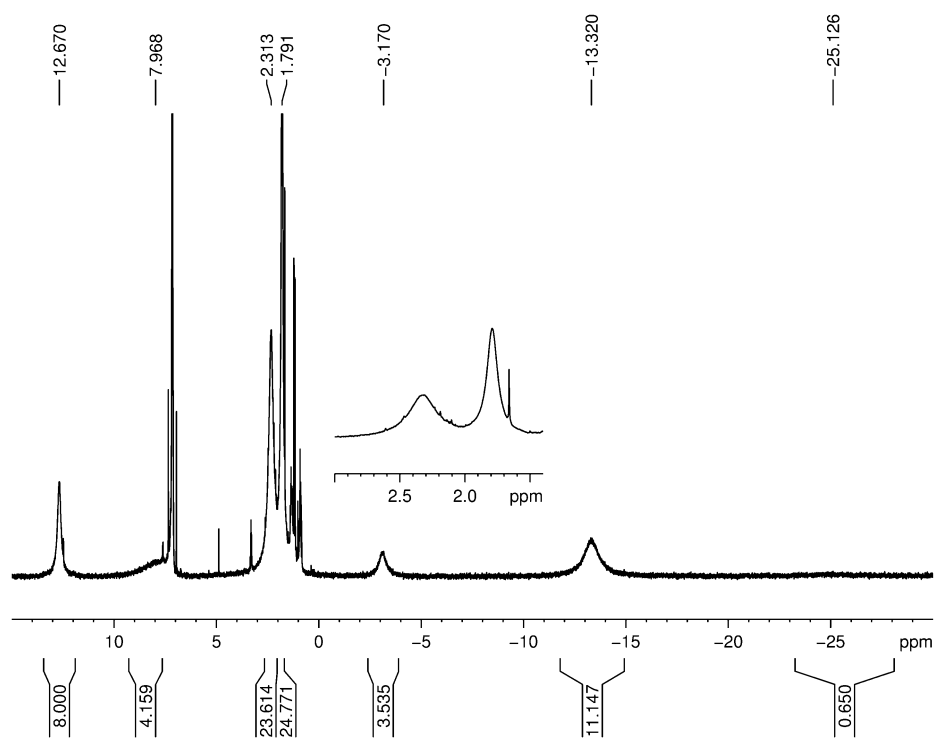


Figure S4.4. 1H NMR spectrum of **3a** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

SI: 4. Conversion of E_4 ($E_4 = P_4, As_4, AsP_3$) by Ni(0) and Ni(I) Synthons – A Comparative Study

4.5.2.4. $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu,\eta^{3:3}-As_3)]$ (**3b**)

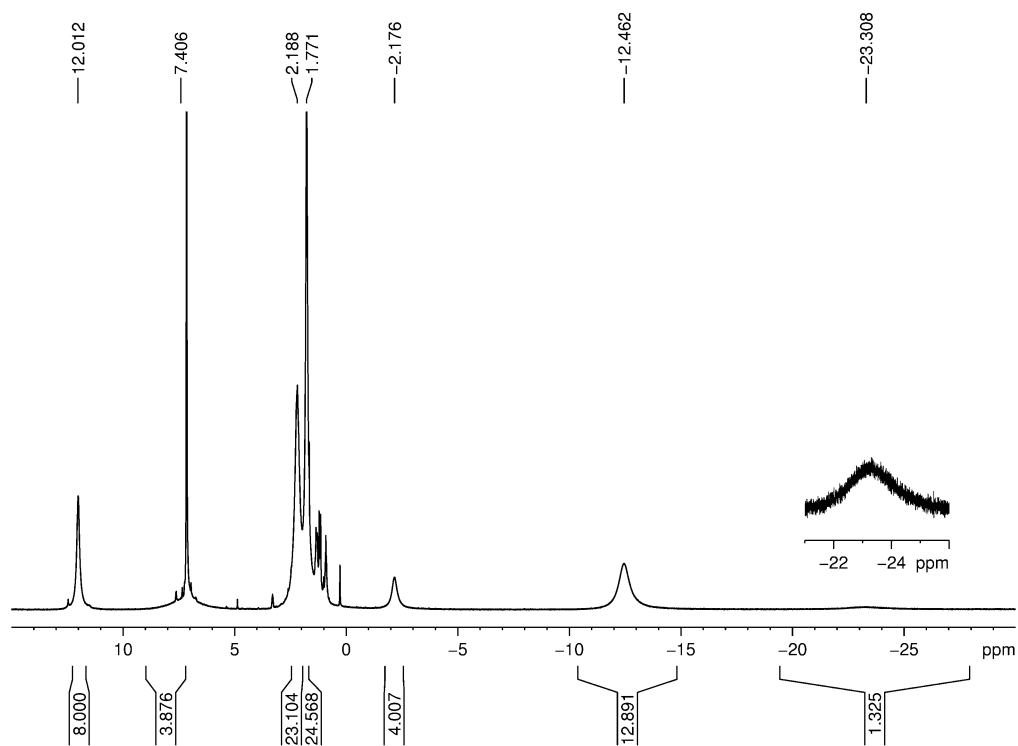


Figure S4.5. 1H NMR spectrum of **3b** in C_6D_6 at room temperature (* = L^3H).

4.5.2.5. $[K_2][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-P_4)]$ (**4**)

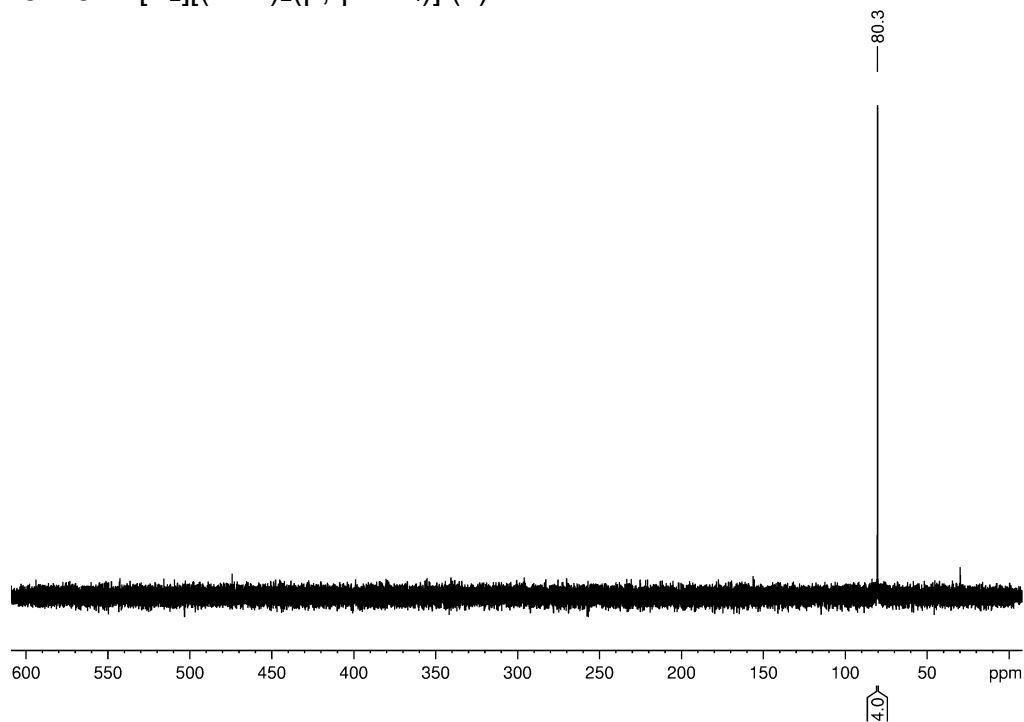


Figure S4.6. $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

4.5.2.6. $[K@18\text{-crown-}6(\text{thf})_3][(\text{L}^{3\text{Ni}})_2(\eta^{3:3}\text{-P}_3)]$ (**5a**)

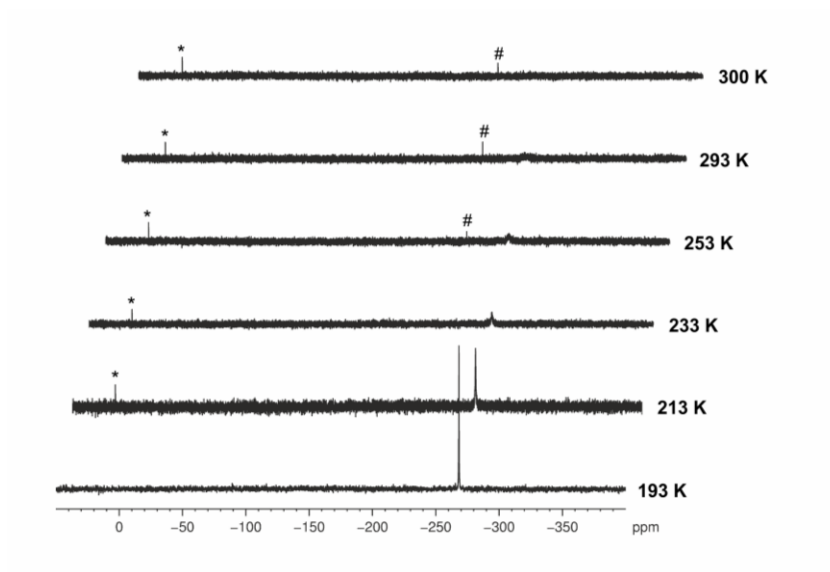


Figure S4.7. VT $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of crystals of **5a** at different temperatures in thf-d_8 . Crystals were dissolved at $-80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and the NMR spectra are measured from 193 K to room temperature. Afterwards also another spectrum at 193 K was recorded. * decomposition of **5a** during warming.

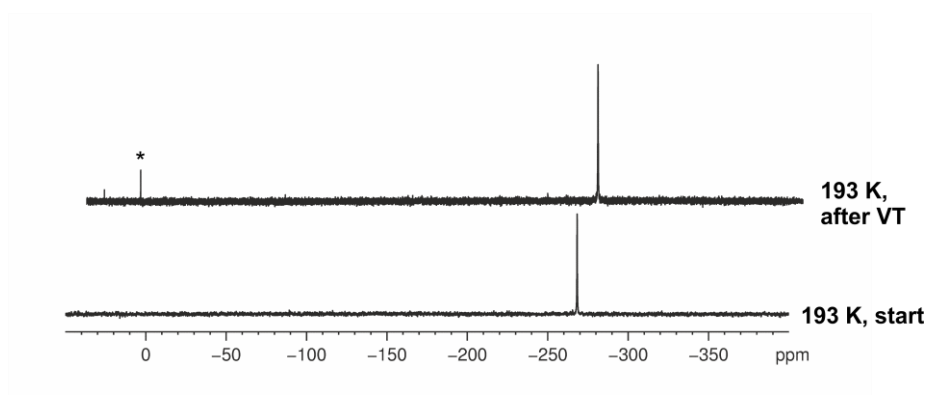


Figure S4.8. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of **5a** in thf-d_8 at 193 K before and after the VT NMR measurement.
* irreversible decomposition of **5a** during warming.

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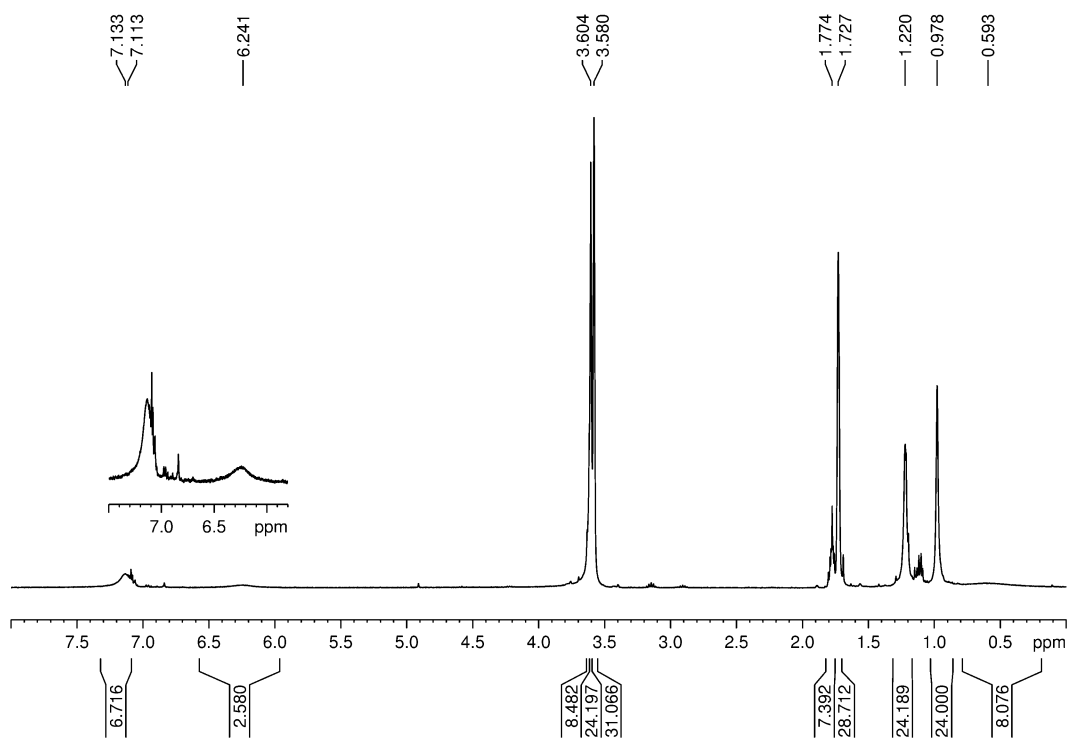


Figure S4.9. ¹H NMR spectrum of **5a** in thf-d₈ at room temperature.

4.5.2.7. [K@18-crown-6(thf)₃][(L³Ni)₂(η^{3:3}-As₃)] (**5b**)

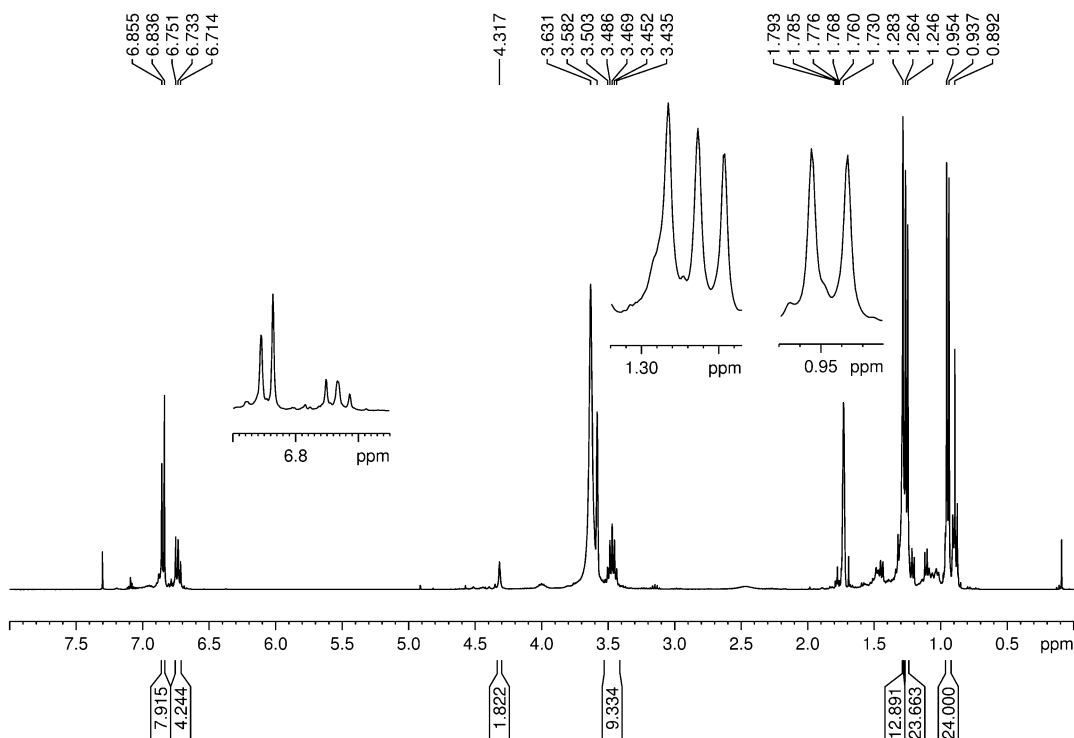


Figure S4.10. ¹H NMR spectrum of **5b** in thf-d₈ at room temperature.

4.5.2.8. $[K_2][L^3Ni_2(\mu,\eta^{1:1}-N_2)]$ (**6**)

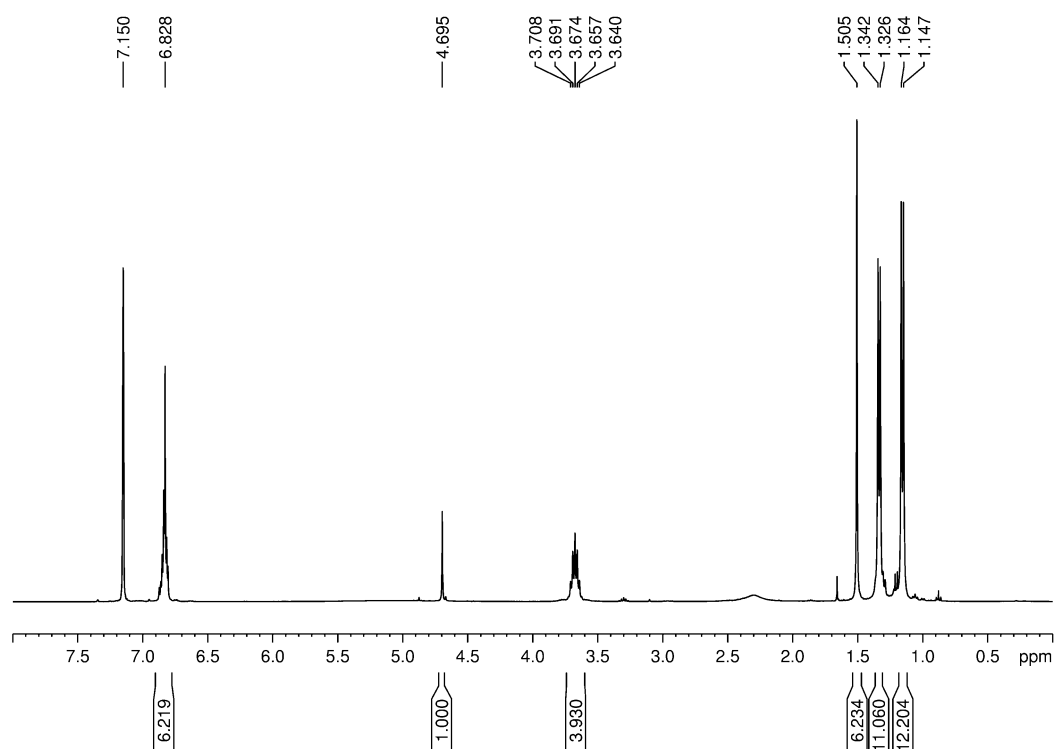


Figure S4.11. 1H NMR spectrum of **6** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

4.5.2.9. $[(K@18-crown-6)(thf)_2][L^3Ni(\eta^{1:1}-P_4)]$ (**7a**)

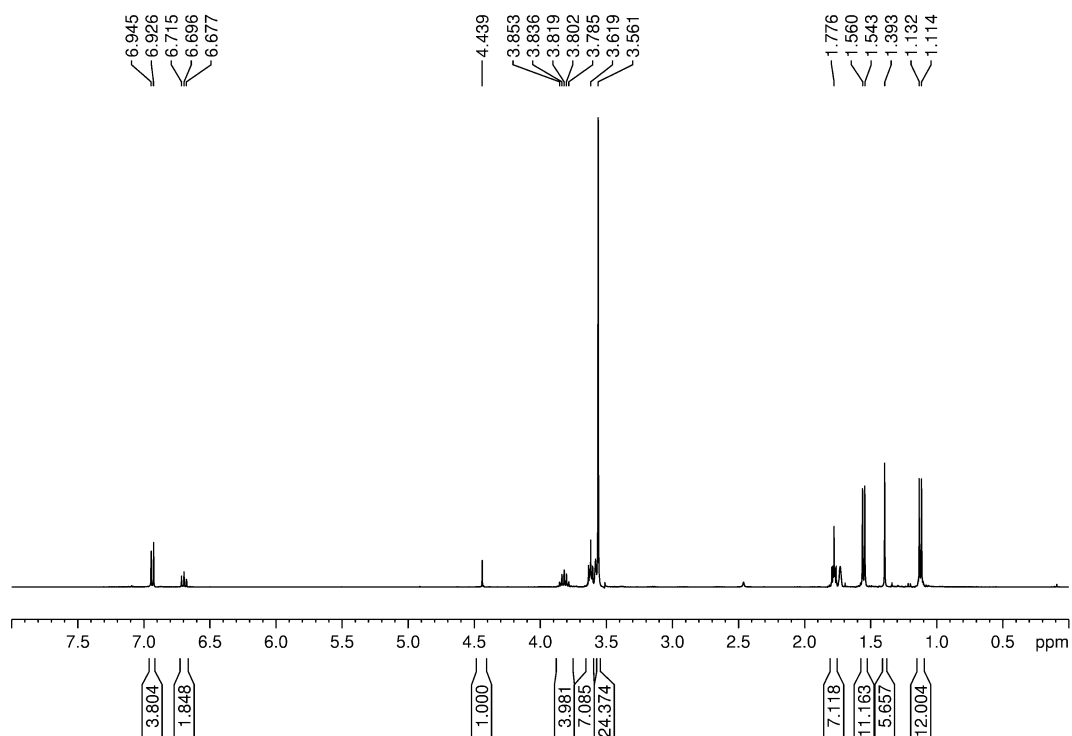


Figure S4.12. 1H NMR spectrum of **7a** in $thf-d_8$ at room temperature.

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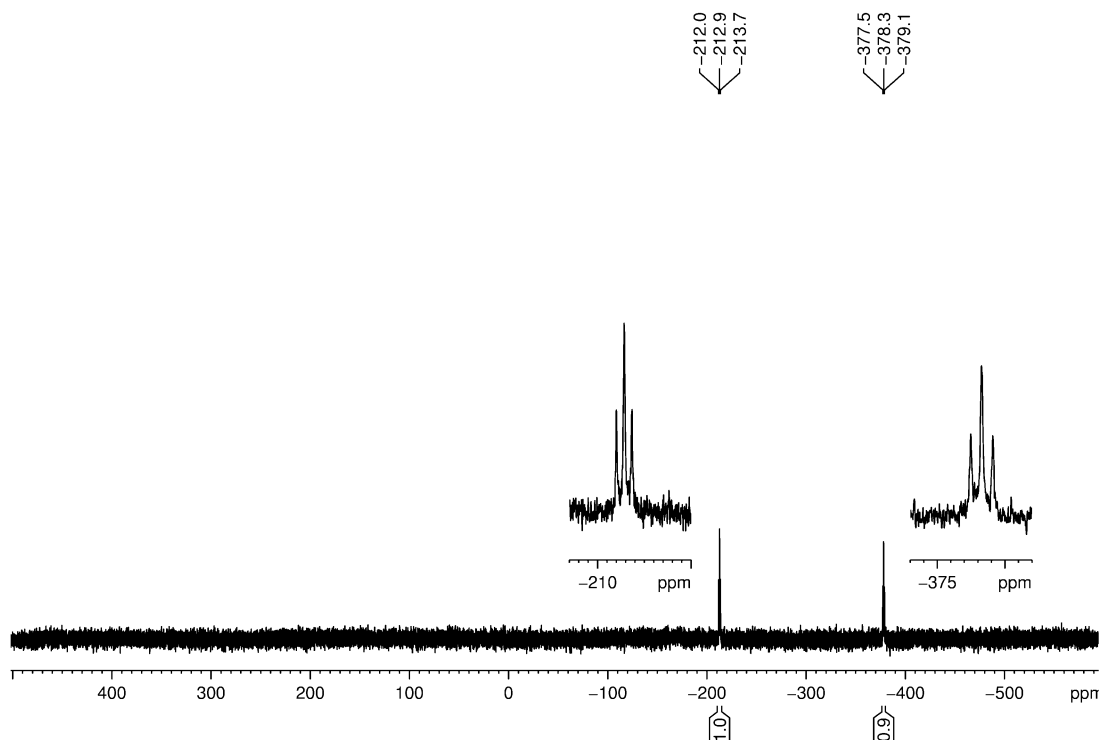


Figure S4.13. $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of **7a** in thf- d_8 at room temperature.

4.5.2.10. $[(K@cryptand)(thf)][L^3Ni(\eta^{1:1}-As_4)]$ (**7b**)

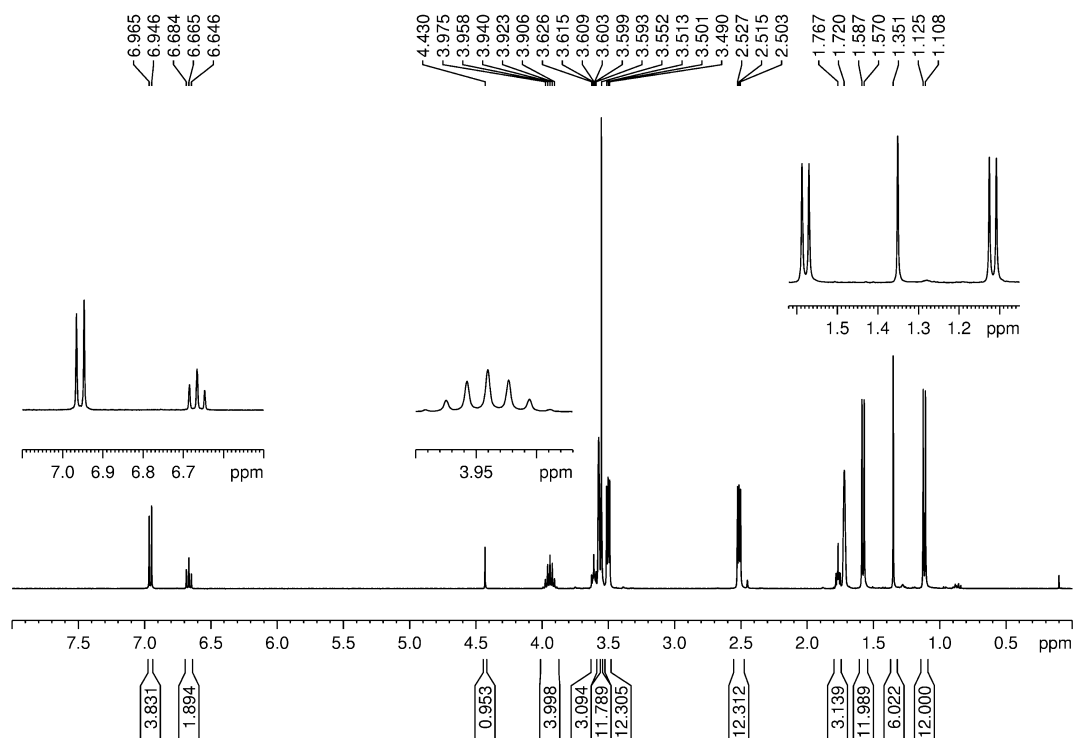


Figure S4.14. 1H NMR spectrum of **7b** (cryptand) in thf- d_8 at room temperature.

4.5.2.11. $[(K@18\text{-crown-6})(thf)_2][L^3Ni(\eta^{1:1}\text{-As}_4)]$ (**7b**)

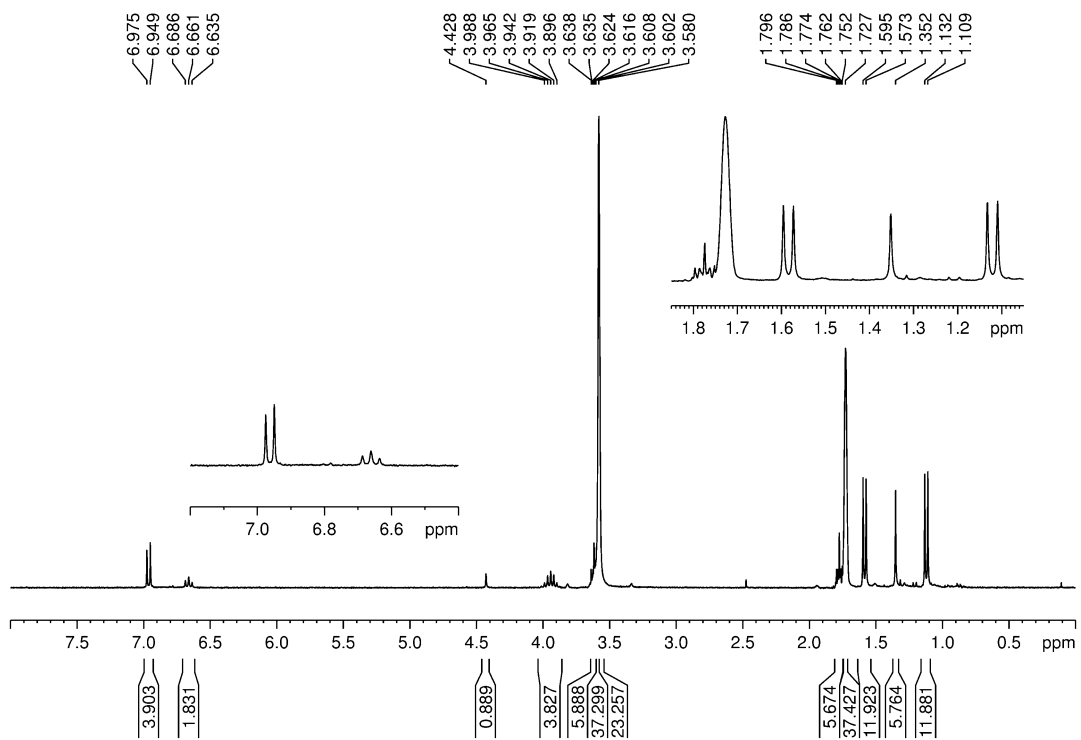


Figure S4.15. 1H NMR spectrum of **7b** (18-crown-6) in $thf-d_8$ at room temperature.

4.5.3. Magnetic Measurements in Solution

4.5.3.1. Evans Methode

The effective magnetic moment (μ_{eff}) of paramagnetic compounds were determined by the Evans method.^[5] The Evans method is based on the chemical shift difference of the residual solvent peak between the inner tube containing a solution of the paramagnetic species and the outer tube, which contains the pure deuterated solvent. The ¹H NMR spectra are recorded at room temperature^[6] on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 (¹H: 400.13 MHz) spectrometer.

The molar paramagnetic susceptibility χ_P was obtained from the measured molar magnetic susceptibility χ_M after the correction for diamagnetic contribution χ_D according to equation (1).^[7] The magnetic susceptibility χ_M and the effective magnetic moment μ_{eff} of the paramagnetic compounds was determined according, to equation (2)^[6] and (3)^[7].

$$\chi_P = \chi_M - \chi_D \quad (1)$$

$$\chi_M = \frac{3000 * \Delta\nu}{4\pi * \nu_0 * c} \quad (2)$$

$$\mu_{eff} = \sqrt{8 \cdot T \cdot \chi_P} \quad (3)$$

Finally, the number of unpaired electrons is calculated by the 'spin-only' formula^[8] (equation 4):

$$n = -1 + \sqrt{\mu_{eff}^2 + 1} \quad (4)$$

Where

χ_M is the measured susceptibility of the sample in emu · mol⁻¹,

χ_P is the molar paramagnetic susceptibility of the sample in emu · mol⁻¹,

χ_D is the molar diamagnetic susceptibility of the sample in emu · mol⁻¹,

$\Delta\nu$ is the chemical shift difference between the solvent in presence of paramagnetic solute and pure solvent in [Hz],

ν_0 is the measuring frequency of the NMR spectrometer [Hz],

c is the concentration of paramagnetic sample in mol · L⁻¹,

T is the absolute temperature in K,

μ_{eff} is the effective magnetic moment in μ_B , and

n is the number of unpaired electrons.

4.5.3.2. EPR (Electrone Paramagnetic Resonance) measurements

The X-band EPR measurements were carried out with a MiniScope MS400 device equipped with a Magnettech GmbH rectangular TE102 resonator at a frequency of 9.5 GHz. The compounds were dissolved in a glovebox under N_2 inert gas atmosphere, placed in tip-sealed pasteur pipettes, and were rubber plugged. The measurements were conducted at room temperature and 77 K, respectively. With EPR, a magnetic field is applied to the sample, which interacts with the unpaired electrons. The simulation has been performed using the EasySpin^[9] program.

Table S4.1. Experimental and fitted parameters used for the simulation of the X-band EPR spectrum of **3a**, see Figure 4.1 (Paper).

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| $SysP.g = [2.254\ 2.108\ 2.063]$ | $Exp.Range = [284.2615\ 354.3425]$ |
| $SysP.lw = [0.5]$ | $Exp.nPoints\ 4096$ |
| $SysP.A = [27\ 88\ 80; 59.8\ 55\ 80]$ | $Exp.mwFreq = 9.440920$ |
| $SysP.HStrain = [70\ 80\ 55]$ | $Exp.Temperature = 77$ |
| $SysP.Astrain [150\ 250\ 78]$ | $Exp.ModAmp = 0.05$ |

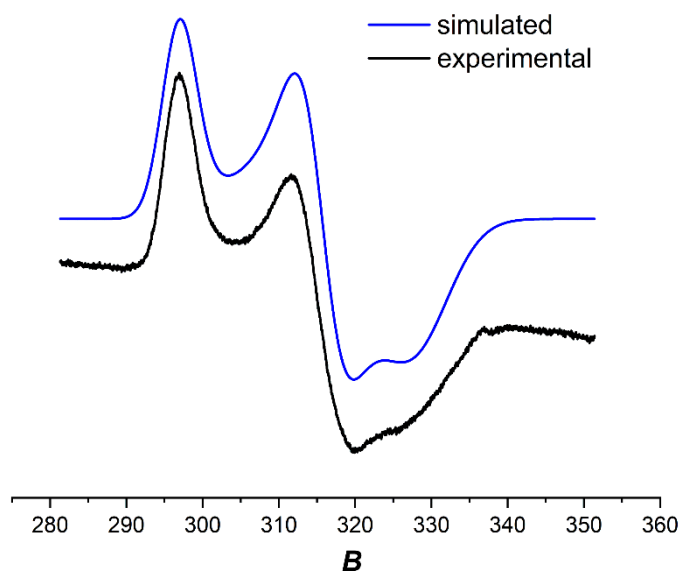


Figure S4.16. EPR spectrum of **3b** in toluol solution (liquid nitrogen (black), simulation (blue)).

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Table S4.2. Experimental and fitted parameters used for the simulation of the X-band EPR spectrum of **3b**.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Sys.g</i> = [2.2705 2.135 2.055] | <i>Exp.Range</i> = [281.3095 351.3905] |
| <i>Sys.lw</i> = [2.5] | <i>Exp.nPoints</i> 4096 |
| <i>Sys.HStrain</i> = [150 180 300] | <i>Exp.mwFreq</i> = 9.440920 |
| | <i>Exp.Temperature</i> = 77 |
| | <i>Exp.ModAmp</i> = 0.05 |

4.5.4. Cyclic voltammetry (CV)

All cyclic voltammetry measurements were performed in thf at 300 K in a three electrode setup, with a glassy carbon electrode (working electrode), an Ag-wire (pseudo-reference electrode) and a Pt (auxiliary electrode), in combination with a Methrom Autolab PGSTAT101 potentiostat. Bu₄NPF₆ was used as supporting electrolyte and all cyclic voltammograms are referenced against Cp₂Fe/Cp₂Fe⁺ redox couple.

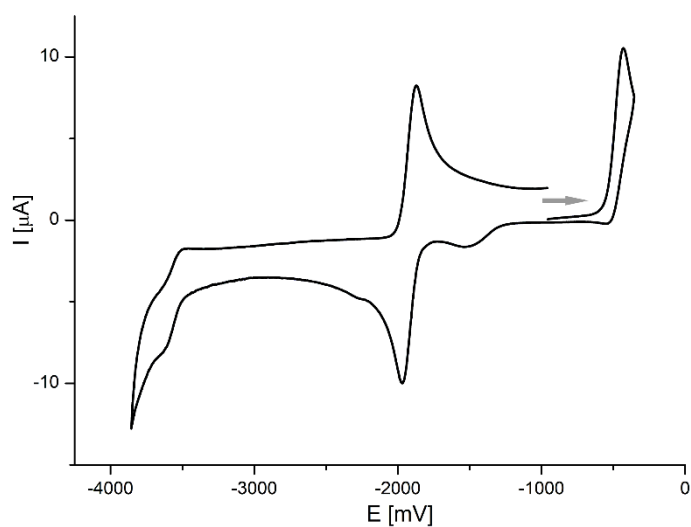


Figure S4.17. Cyclic voltammogram of **3b** in THF at 100 mV/s scan rate.

4.5.5. Details on single crystal X-ray structure analysis

The X-ray diffraction experiments were performed on either a Gemini Ultra diffractometer (Oxford diffraction) equipped with a Ruby CCD detector (**4**), on a SuperNova diffractometer (Agilent Technologies) equipped with an Atlas CCD detector (**3a**, **3b**, **6**), on a SuperNova Dualflex diffractometer (Rigaku) equipped with a TitanS2 CCD detector (**2b**, **7a**), or a XtaLAB Synergy R, DW system (Rigaku) equipped with a HyPix Arc 150° detector (**2c**, **5a**, **5b**, **7b**). All measurements were performed at 123 K or 100 K, respectively. Data collection and reduction were performed with CrysAlisPro^[10] (Version 171.37.33, 2014 (**3a**, **3b**, **4**, **6**), 171.41.88a, 2020 (**2b**, **5a**, **5b**, **7a**, **7b**), 171.41.90a, 2020 (**2c**)). For all compounds a gaussian absorption correction based on gaussian integration over a multifaceted crystal model was applied. Using Olex2,^[11] were the structures solved by direct methods with ShelXT^[12] and refined by full-matrix least-squares method against F^2 in anisotropic approximation using ShelXL^[13]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined in calculated positions using riding on pivot atom model.

Figures were created with Olex2.^[11]

CCDC-2109927 (**2b**), CCDC-2109928 (**2c**), CCDC-2109929 (**3a**), CCDC-2109930 (**3b**), CCDC-2109931 (**4**), CCDC-2109932 (**5a**), CCDC-2109933 (**5b**), CCDC-2109934(**6**), CCDC-2109935 (**7a**), CCDC-2109936 (**7b**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; Fax: + 44-1223-336-033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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4.5.5.1. $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu-\eta^2,\kappa^1:\eta^2,\kappa^1-As_4)]$ (**2b**)

Compound **2b** crystallized from a concentrated solution in Et_2O at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **2b** and 0.5 molecules of Et_2O . The structure in the solid state is given in Figure S4.18.

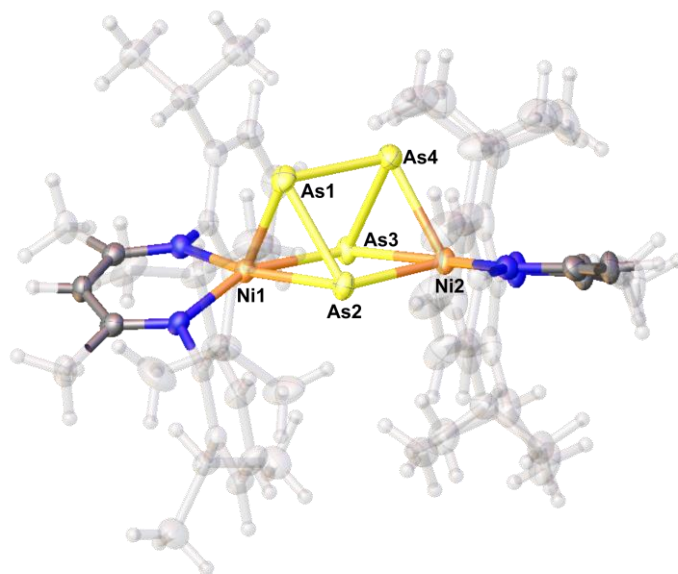


Figure S4.18. Molecular structure of **2b** in solid state. Solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Ni1-As1 2.3111(7), Ni1-As2 2.4606(6), Ni1-As3 2.3244(6), Ni2-As2 2.3308(6), Ni2-As3 2.4565(6), Ni2-As4 2.3169(6), As1-As2 2.4115(5), As1-As4 2.3917(5), As3-As4 2.4141(5), As2...As3 2.7192(5), Ni1...Ni2 3.93952(3), Ni1-As2-Ni2 110.58(2), Ni1-As3-Ni2 110.95(2), As2-Ni2-As3 69.166(18), As2-Ni1-As3 69.193(18), Ni1-As1-As4 101.90(2), As1-As4-As3 76.930(17), As4-As3-Ni1 100.83(2), As3-Ni1-As1 80.32(2), As1-As2-Ni2 56.622(17), As2-Ni2-As4 81.73(2), Ni2-As4-As1 100.33(2), As4-As1-As2 78.554(16).

4.5.5.2. $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu-\eta^2, \kappa^1:\eta^2, \kappa^1-AsP_3)]$ (**2c**)

Compound **2c** crystallized from a concentrated solution in Et_2O at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $C2/c$. The asymmetric unit contains three times 0.5 molecule of **2c** and two molecules of Et_2O . All three independent half molecules of **2c** show a disorder of the AsP_3 unit where the As atom is distributed over all positions (molecule 1: 35:5; molecule 2: 34:6; molecule 3: 33:0). Further, co-crystallizes **2c** with the compound $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu-\eta^2, \kappa^1:\eta^2, \kappa^1-P_4)]$ (molecule 1+2: 80:20; molecule 3: 66:34). Additionally, is one Et_2O solvent molecule disordered over two positions (68:32). The second Et_2O molecule was heavily disordered. Therefore, was a solvent mask calculated. 352 electrons were detected in a volume of 2104 \AA^3 in 4 voids per unit cell. This is consistent with the presence of one Et_2O molecule per asymmetric unit, which accounts for 336 electrons per unit cell. The structure in the solid state is given in Figure S4.19-S4.21.

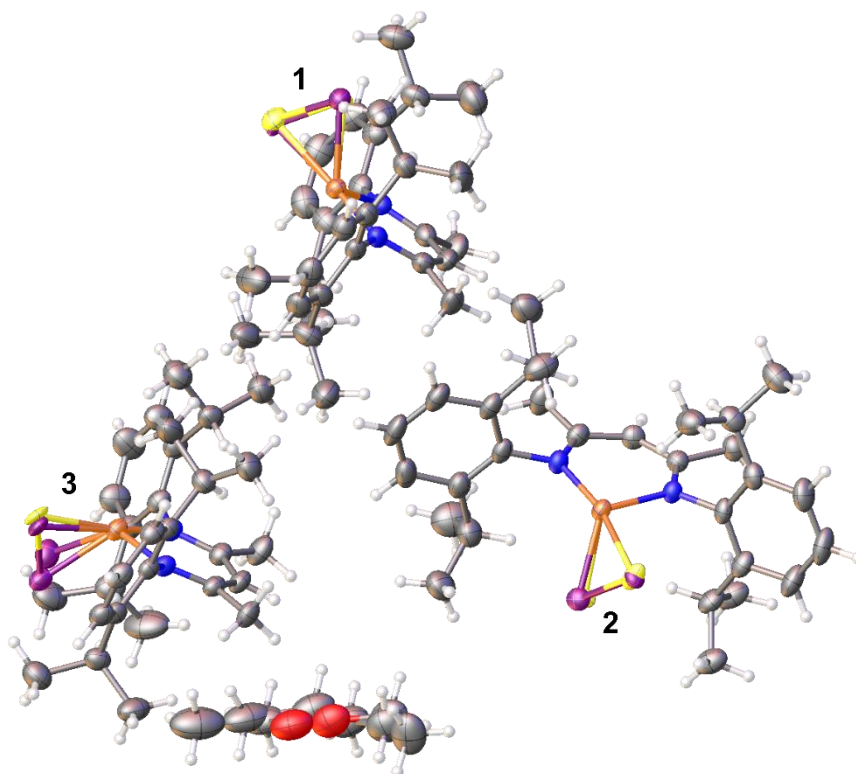


Figure S4.19. Asymmetric unit of **2c** in solid state.

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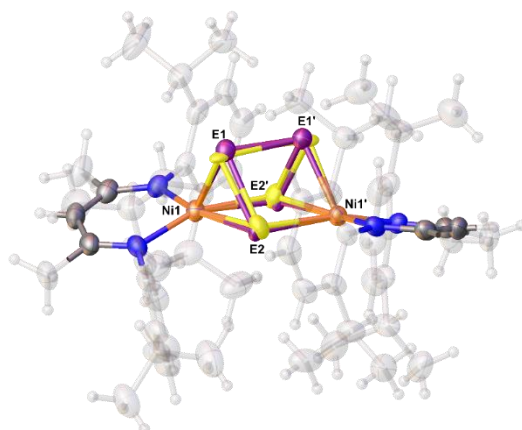


Figure S4.20. Molecular structure of **2c** in solid state. Molecule 1: **2c** (ratio of the arsenic atom: As1 0.35, As2 0.05). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Ni1-N1 1.965(2), Ni1-N2 1.938(2), Ni1⋯Ni1' 3.8407(9), Ni1-P1 2.238(4), Ni1-P2 2.385(6), Ni1-P2' 2.330(8), Ni1-As1 2.16(3), Ni1-As2 2.445(6), Ni1-As2' 2.251(7), P1-P1' 2.157(7), P1-P2 2.316(9), P1-As2 2.215(5), P1-As1' 2.37(3), As1-P2 2.198(15), P1-Ni1-As2 56.25(17), P1-Ni1-As2' 77.02(17), P1-Ni1-P2' 79.7(2), P2'-Ni1-P2 70.7(3), As1-Ni1-P2 57.6(5), Ni1'-As2-Ni1 109.7(3), P1-As2-Ni1' 100.6(3), P1-As2-Ni1 57.17(16), P1'-P1-As2' 51.16(13), P1'-P1-As2 79.5(2), Ni1'-P2-Ni1 109.1(3), As1-P2-Ni1 56.1(8), Ni1-As1-P2 66.3(6), Ni1-P2-As1' 51.70(12), As1-P2-Ni1 66.6(2), P2'-P2-Ni1 102.81(12).

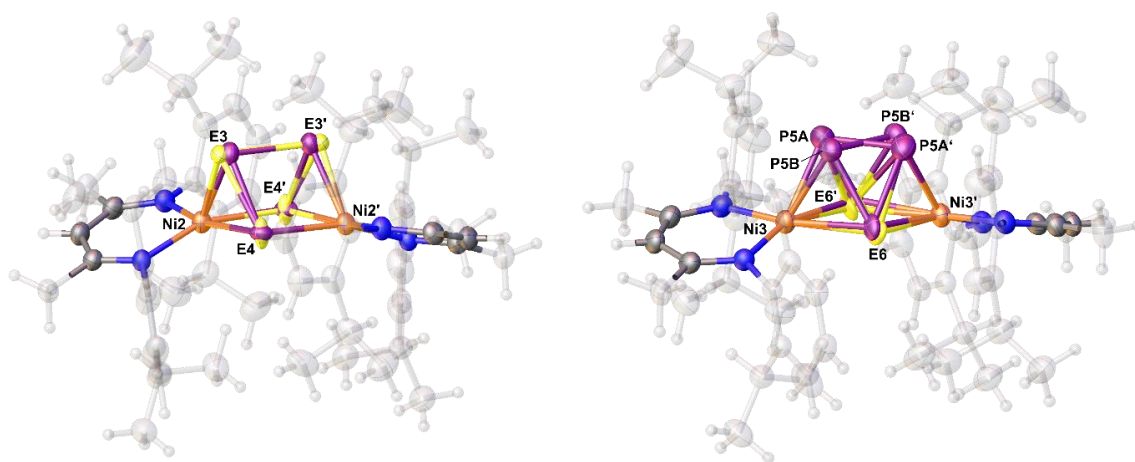


Figure S4.21. Molecular structure of **2c** in solid state. Molecule 2 (left, ratio of the arsenic atom: As3 0.34, As4 0.06) and molecule 3 (right, ratio of the arsenic atom: As6 0.33) of **2c**. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Molecule 2: N3-Ni2 1.942(2), N4-Ni2 1.966(2), Ni2⋯Ni2' 3.7918(9), Ni2-P3 2.252(5), Ni2-P4 2.393(5), Ni2-As3 2.21(3), Ni2-As4 2.378(3), Ni2-As4' 2.275(4), Ni2-P4' 2.29646(3), As3-P4 2.32(3), P3-As4 2.245(6), P3-As3' 2.41963(3), P3-P4 2.24190(2), P3-P3' 2.153(8), As4'-Ni2-As4 70.82(16), P3-Ni2-As4 57.93(15), P3-Ni1-As4' 77.58(14), As3-Ni1-P4 60.5(8), Ni2'-As4-Ni2 109.14(16), P3-As4-Ni2' 99.23(17), P3-As4-Ni2 58.22(15), As4-P3-Ni2 63.85(18), P3'-P3-Ni2 102.8(2), P3'-P3-As4 80.28(16), Ni2'-P4-Ni2 107.89(19), Ni2'-P4-As3 105.0(7), As3-P4-Ni1 55.8(8); Molecule 3: N5-Ni3 1.940(2), N6-Ni3 1.965(2), Ni3⋯Ni3' 3.8345(9), Ni3-P5A 2.2383(10), Ni3-P5B 2.248(16), Ni3-P6 2.374(7), Ni3-P6' 2.421(7), Ni3-As6 2.437(7), Ni3-As6' 2.220(6), P5A-P5A' 2.1968(15), P5A-P6 2.322(7), P5B-P5B' 2.172(17), P5B-P6 2.155(13), P5B-As6 2.208(17), As6'-Ni3-P5A 79.70(17), P5A-Ni3-As6 59.39(16), P5A-Ni3-

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P6' 75.8(2), P5B-Ni3-P6 75.9(3), Ni3'-As1-P5A 99.3(2), P5A-As6-Ni3 56.05(15), Ni3-P5A-As6 64.56(16), P5A'-P5A-Ni3 102.63(3), P5A'-P5A-As6 78.37(15), Ni3-P6-Ni3' 106.2(3), P5B'-P6-Ni3 99.1(4), P6'-P5B-Ni3 66.7(5), P5B'-P5B-Ni3 102.6(5).

4.5.5.3. $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu,\eta^{3:3}-P_3)]$ (**3a**)

Compound **3a** crystallized from a concentrated solution of hexane at + 8 °C in the orthorhombic space group *Pbca*. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **3a**. The *cyclo*- P_3 ring is disordered over two positions in a ratio of 59:41. The structure in solid state is shown in Figure S4.22.

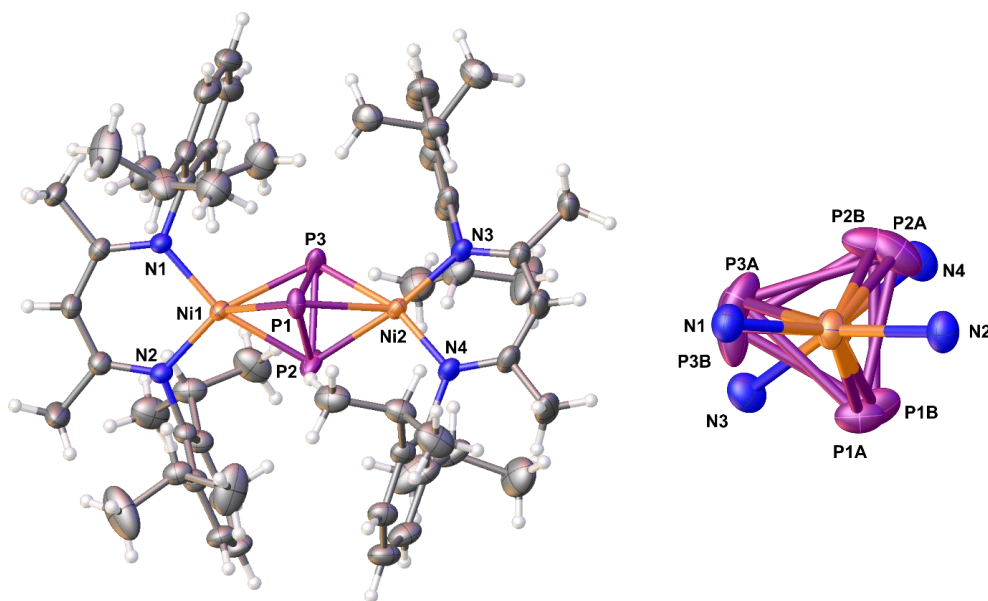


Figure S4.22. Molecular structure of **3a** in solid state (Left: best view; right: disorder of the P_3 ring). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Ni1-P1A 2.312(9), Ni1-P2A 2.356(6), Ni1-P3A 2.300(11), Ni2-P1A 2.220(8), Ni2-P2A 2.279(6), Ni2-P3A 2.344(11), Ni1-P1B 2.190(13), Ni1-P2B 2.347(8), Ni1-P3B 2.252(15), Ni2-P1B 2.317(13), Ni2-P2B 2.330(9), Ni2-P3B 2.326(15), P1A-P2A 2.202(11), P2A-P3A 2.158(10), P3A-P1A 2.206(14), P1B-P2B 2.164(17), P2B-P3B 2.168(16), P3B-P1B 2.16(2), Ni1-N1 1.9173(16), Ni1-N2 1.9175(16), Ni2-N3 1.9131(15), Ni2-N4 1.9157(15), P1A-P2A-P3A 60.8(4), P2A-P3A-P1A 60.6(4), P3A-P1A-P2A 58.7(4), P1B-P2B-P3B 59.7(6), P2B-P3B-P1B 60.0(6), P3B-P1B-P2B 60.2(5).

4.5.5.4. $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-As_3)]$ (**3b**)

Compound **3b** crystallized from a concentrated solution of hexane at + 8 °C in the orthorhombic space group *Pbca*. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **3b**. The *cyclo*- As_3 ring is disordered over three positions in a ratio of 50:25:25. The structure in solid state is shown in Figure S4.23.

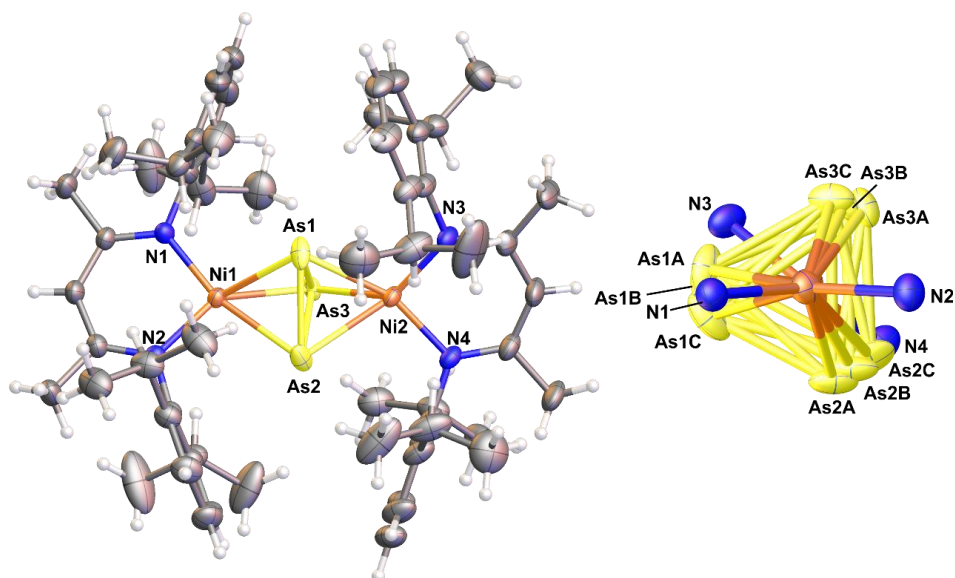


Figure S4.23. Molecular structure of **3b** in solid state (left: best view, right: disorder of the As_3 ring). Solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Ni1-As1A 2.353(5), Ni1-As2A 2.381(4), Ni1-As3A 2.460(4), Ni2-As1A 2.385(6), Ni2-As2A 2.418(4), Ni2-As3A 2.421(4), As1A-As2A 2.390(7), As2A-As3A 2.376(6), As3A-As1A 2.375(7), Ni1-As1B 2.469(8), Ni1-As2B 2.327(6), Ni1-As3B 2.476(9), Ni2-As1B 2.277(9), Ni2-As2B 2.508(8), Ni2-As3B 2.443(9), As1B-As2B 2.389(13), As2B-As3B 2.429(12), As3B-As1B 2.458(14), Ni1-As1C 2.387(11), Ni1-As2C 2.440(10), Ni1-As3C 2.519(9), Ni2-As1C 2.478(11), Ni2-As2C 2.453(11), Ni2-As3C 2.397(6), As1C-As2C 2.574(14), As2C-As3C 2.480(13), As3C-As1C 2.474(12), As1A-As2A-As3A 59.8(2), As2A-As3A-As1A 60.4(2), As3A-As1A-As2A 59.8(2), As1B-As2B-As3B 61.3(4), As2B-As3B-As1B 58.5(4), As3B-As1B-As2B 60.1(4), As1C-As2C-As3C 58.6(4), As2C-As3C-As1C 62.6(4), As3C-As1C-As2C 58.8(4).

4.5.5.5. $[K_2][L^3Ni)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-P_4)]$ (**4**)

Compound **4** crystallized from a concentrated solution of toluene at - 30 °C in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$. The asymmetric unit contains half a molecule of **4** and two toluene molecules. The P_4 unit is disordered over two positions (93:7). Further, is one of the toluene molecules disordered over two positions (75:25). The structure in solid state is shown in Figure S4.24.

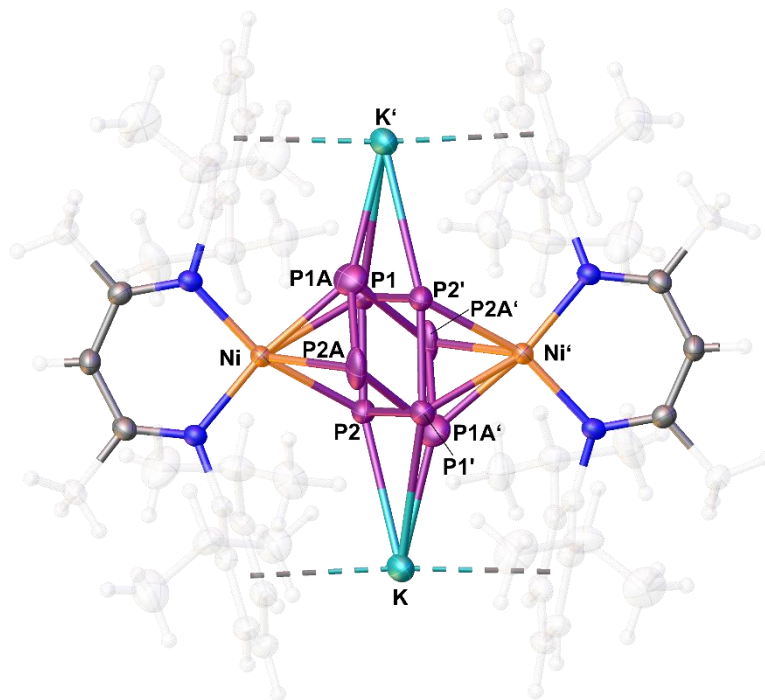


Figure S4.24. Molecular structure of **4** in solid state. Solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Ni-P1 2.2467(7), Ni-P2 2.2471(8), Ni-P1A 2.232(12), Ni-P2A 2.405(11), P1-P2 2.2611(10), P1-P2' 2.1360(10), P1A-P2A 2.053(17), P1A-P2A' 2.213(15). P1-P2-P1' 89.80(3), P2'-P1-P2 90.21(3), P1A-P2A-P1A' 82.2(6).

4.5.5.6. $[K@18\text{-crown-6}(\text{thf})_2][(\text{L}^3\text{Ni})_2(\eta^{3:3}\text{-P}_3)]$ (**5a**)

Compound **5a** crystallized from a concentrated solution in thf layered with hexane at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$ as brown plates. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **5a**, two times half the unit $[\text{K}(18\text{-c-6})(\text{thf})_2]$ and a further thf molecule. The P_3 ring is disordered over two positions (ratio: 90:10). Additionally, are the thf molecules disordered over two positions (65:35; 54:46). The structure in solid state is shown in Figure S4.25.

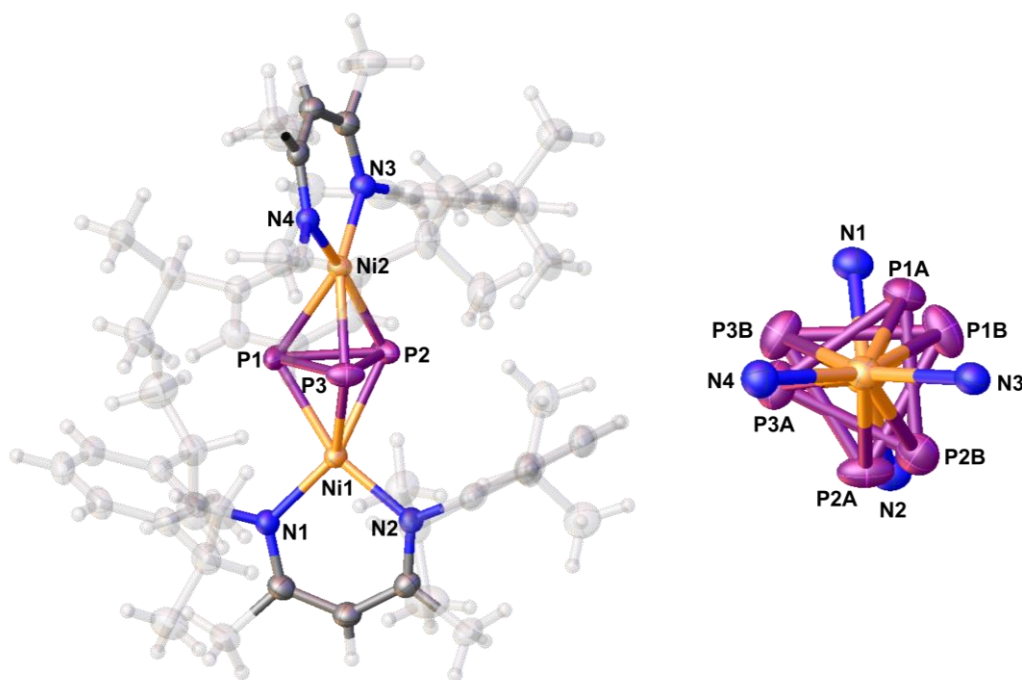


Figure S4.25. Molecular structure of **5a** in solid state (left: best view, right: disorder of the P_3 ring). Counterion and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Ni1-P1A 2.2490(7), Ni1-P2A 2.2694(7), Ni1-P3A 2.3574(6), Ni2-P1A 2.2872(6), Ni2-P2A 2.3051(7), Ni2-P3A 2.2683(6), Ni1-P1B 2.207(5), Ni1-P2B 2.237(7), Ni1-P3B 2.335(6), Ni2-P1B 2.328(5), Ni2-P2B 2.275(7), Ni2-P3B 2.267(6), P1A-P2A 2.2065(10), P2A-P3A 2.1848(10), P3A-P1A 2.1760(10), P1B-P2B 2.130(9), P2B-P3B 2.133(9), P3B-P1B 2.171(8), P1A-P2A-P3A 59.41(4), P2A-P3A-P1A 60.79(4), P3A-P1A-P2A 59.80(3), P1B-P2B-P3B 61.2(3), P2B-P3B-P1B 59.3(3), P3B-P1B-P2B 59.4(3).

4.5.5.7. $[K@18\text{-crown-6}(\text{thf})_2][(\text{L}^3\text{Ni})_2(\eta^{3:3}\text{-As}_3)]$ (**5b**)

Compound **5b** crystallized from a concentrated solution in thf layered with hexane at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $I2/a$ as brown needle. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **5b**, one potassium ion chelated by one molecule of 18-crown-6 with 2 molecules of thf and a further 1.5 thf molecules. The As_3 ring is disordered over two positions (ratio: 61:39). Additionally, is one of the thf molecules disordered over two positions (58:42). The other half occupied thf molecule was heavily disordered and therefore, a solvent mask was calculated. In its volume of 1060 \AA^3 were 168 electrons found in two voids per unit cell. This is consistent with the presence of half a thf molecule per asymmetric unit, which accounts for 160 electrons per unit cell. The structure in solid state is shown in Figure S4.26.

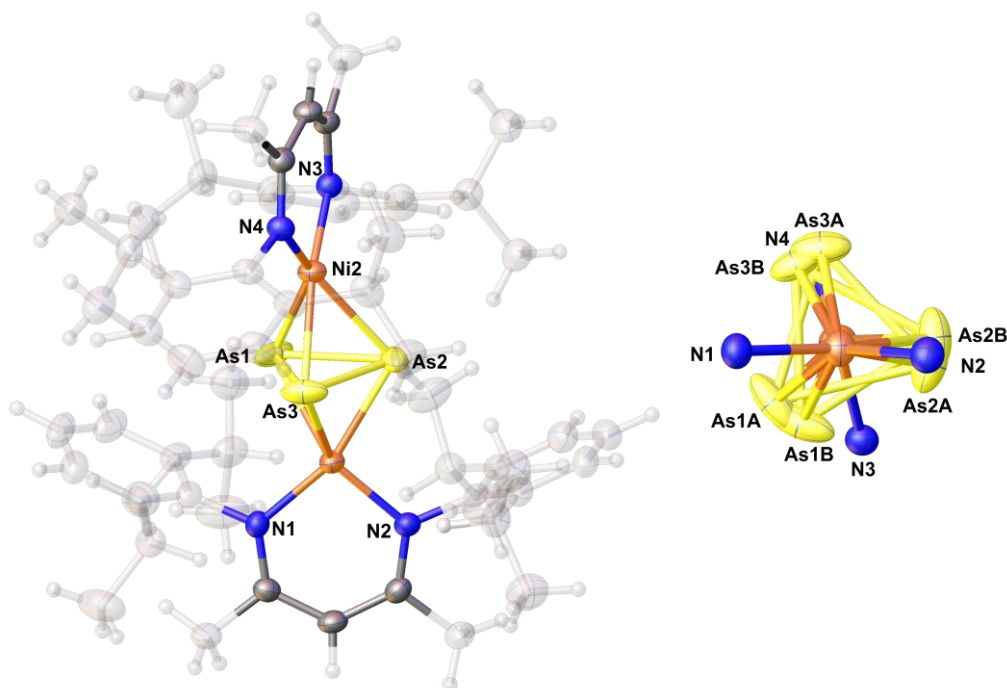


Figure S4.26. Molecular structure of **5b** in solid state (left: best view, right: disorder of the As_3 ring). Counterion and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Ni1-As1A 2.516(3), Ni1-As2A 2.357(4), Ni1-As3A 2.362(2), Ni2-As1A 2.404(3), Ni2-As2A 2.472(4), Ni2-As3A 2.353(3), Ni1-As1B 2.437(4), Ni1-As2B 2.408(7), Ni1-As3B 2.370(4), Ni2-As1B 2.354(4), Ni2-As2B 2.470(7), Ni2-As3B 2.351(4), As1A-As2A-As3A 60.44(13), As2A-As3A-As1A 59.37(12), As3A-As1A-As2A 60.19(11), As1B-As2B-As3B 60.5(2), As2B-As3B-As1B 59.5(2), As3B-As1B-As2B 60.05(17).

4.5.5.8. $[K_2][L^3Ni)_2(\mu,\eta^{1:1}-N_2)]$ (**6**)

Compound **6** crystallized from a concentrated solution of hexane at + 8 °C in the orthorhombic space group *Pbcn*. The asymmetric unit contains half a molecule of **6**. The structure in solid state is shown in Figure S4.27.

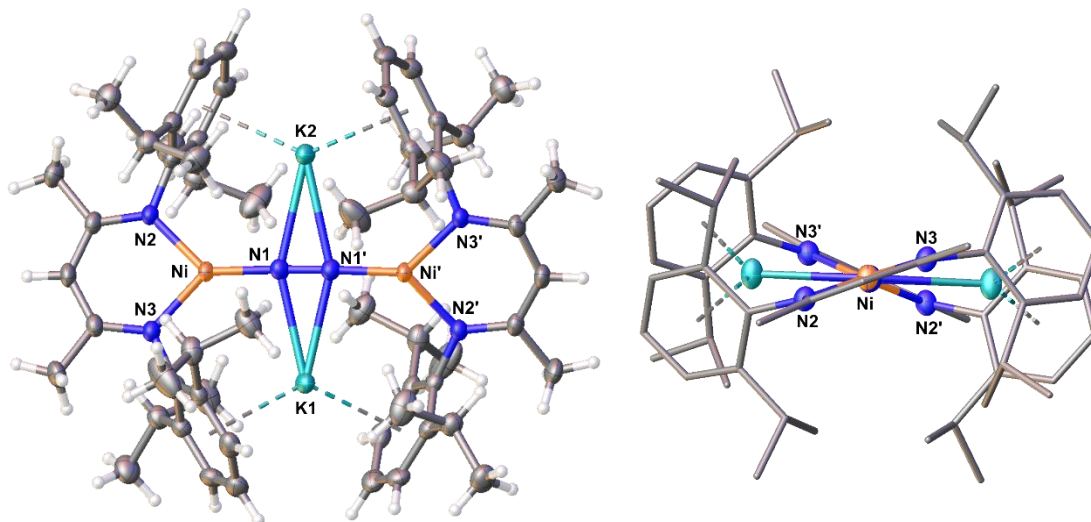


Figure S4.27. Molecular structure of **6** in solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Ni...K1 3.4757(9), Ni...K2 3.5923(9), Ni-N2 1.928(2), Ni-N3 1.919(2), Ni-N1 1.725(3), N1-N1' 1.195(5), N1-K1 2.709(3), N1-K2 2.751(3), Ni-N1-N1' 177.4(2).

4.5.5.9. $[(K@18\text{-crown-6})(\text{thf})_2][L^3Ni(\eta^{1:1}\text{-}P_4)]$ (**7a**)

Compound **7a** crystallized from a concentrated solution in thf layered with hexane at - 30 °C in the non-centrosymmetric orthorhombic space group $P2_12_12_1$ as orange needle. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **7a**, one potassium ions chelated by one molecule of 18-crown-6 and 2 molecules of thf (both disordered over two positions: 84:16 and 58:42). The structure in solid state is shown in Figure S4.28.

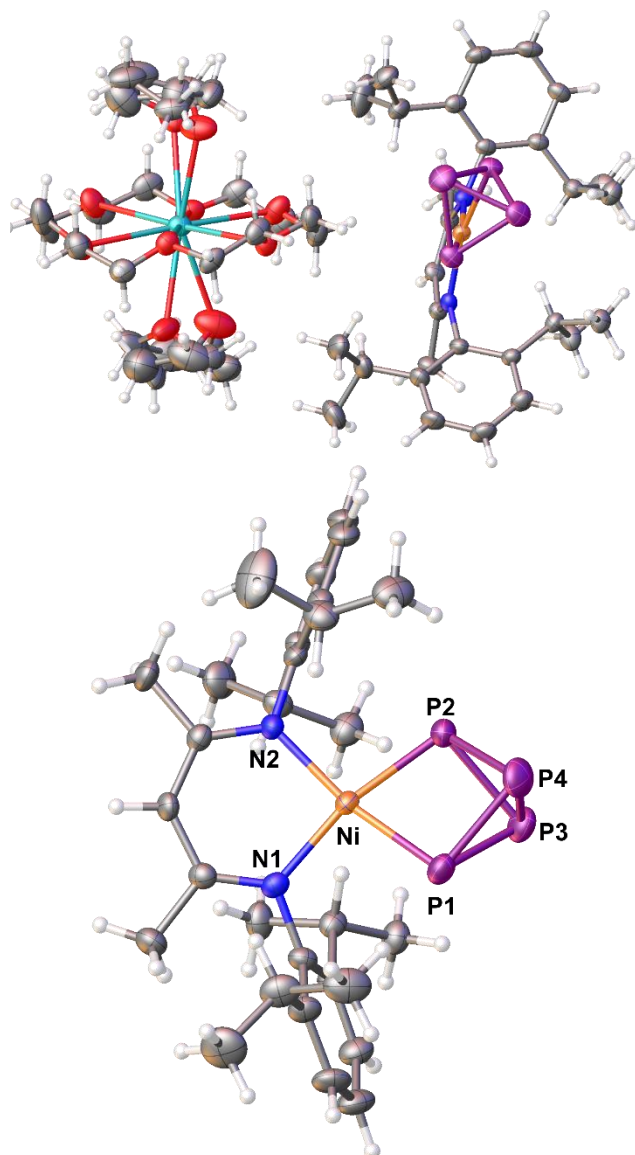


Figure S4.28. Molecular structure of **7a** in solid state. Top: view of the asymmetric unit. Bottom: best view. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Ni-P1 2.1935(12), Ni-P2 2.1886(12), P1...P2 2.6759(15), P1-P3 2.2255(15), P1-P4 2.2209(16), P2-P3 2.2115(16), P2-P4 2.2282(17), P3-P4 2.1567(18), Ni-N1 1.972(3), Ni-N2 1.982(3), P1-Ni-P2 75.27(4), N1-Ni-N2 94.50(13), P3-P1-P2 52.67(5), P4-P1-P2 53.15(5), P4-P1-P3 58.03(6), P3-P2-P1 53.15(4), P3-P2-P4 58.13(6), P4-P2-P1 52.90(5), P2-P3-P1 74.18(5), P4-P3-P1 60.88(5), P4-P3-P2 61.32(6), P1-P4-P2 73.95(5), P3-P4-P1 61.09(5), P3-P4-P2 60.55(6).

4.5.5.10. $[K@cryptand][thf][L^3Ni(\eta^{1:1}-As_4)]$ (**7b**)

Compound **7b** crystallized from a concentrated solution in thf layered with hexane at -30 °C in the triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$ as brown needles. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **7b**, one potassium ions chelated by one molecule of cryptand and one molecule of thf. The structure in solid state is shown in Figure S4.29.

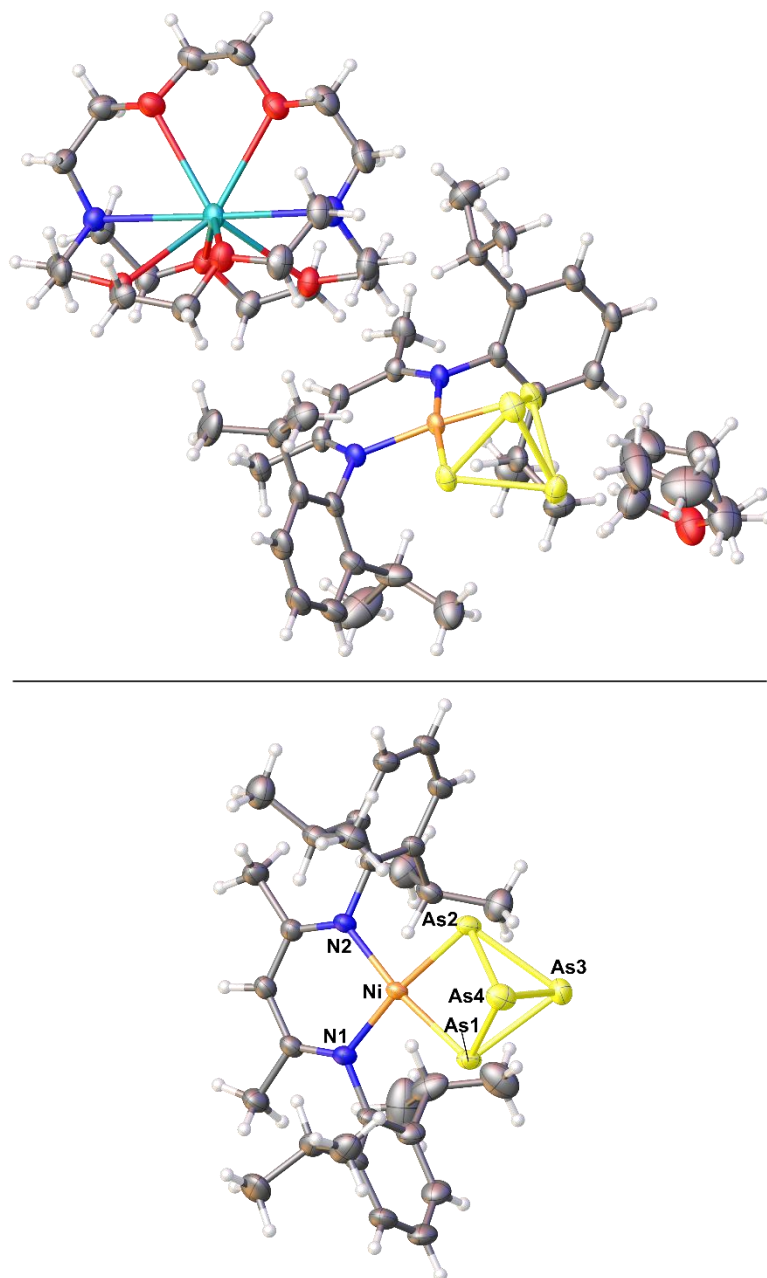


Figure S4.29. Molecular structure of **7b** in solid state. Top: view of the asymmetric unit. Bottom: best view. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Ni-As1 2.3246(4), Ni-As2 2.3205(4), As1...As2 2.8963(3), As1-As3 2.4687(3), As1-As4 2.4506(4), As2-As3 2.4596(3), As2-As3 2.4666(4), N1-Ni 1.9669(17), N2-Ni 1.9705(18), As1-Ni-As2 77.144(13), As4-As2-As3 58.066(11), As4-As1-As3 58.155(11), As2-As3-As1 71.866(10), As4-As3-As2 60.819(11), As4-As3-As1 60.544(11), As1-As4-As2 72.292(11), As3-As4-As2 61.115(11), As3-As4-As1 61.302(11).

4.5.5.11. Crystallographic information

Table S4.3. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **2b**, **2c**, **3a** and **3b**.

| Compound | 2b | 2c | 3a | 3b |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| CCDC | 2109927 | 2109928 | 2109929 | 2109930 |
| Formula | C ₁₁₈ H ₁₆₉ As ₈ N ₈ Ni ₄ O _{0.5} | As _{2.26} C ₁₉₀ H ₂₈₆ N ₁₂ Ni ₆ O ₄ P _{9.74} | C ₅₈ H ₈₂ N ₄ Ni ₂ P ₃ | C ₅₈ H ₈₂ As ₃ N ₄ Ni ₂ |
| <i>D</i> _{calc.} / g cm ⁻³ | 1.433 | 1.254 | 1.231 | 1.377 |
| μ /mm ⁻¹ | 3.586 | 2.247 | 1.923 | 3.053 |
| Formula Weight | 2541.80 | 3625.52 | 1045.60 | 1177.45 |
| Colour | dark green | green | green | brown |
| Shape | block-shaped | block-shaped | rod | rod |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.34×0.29×0.14 | 0.09×0.08×0.06 | 0.30×0.07×0.02 | 0.36×0.06×0.06 |
| <i>T</i> /K | 123.00(10) | 100.01(10) | 123.01(10) | 123.00(10) |
| Crystal System | monoclinic | monoclinic | orthorhombic | orthorhombic |
| Space Group | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> | <i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> | <i>Pbca</i> | <i>Pbca</i> |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 13.97930(10) | 24.0518(2) | 19.08692(18) | 18.9860(2) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 15.8852(2) | 35.9443(4) | 23.0111(2) | 23.1897(3) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 26.7832(2) | 23.2698(3) | 25.6877(3) | 25.7976(3) |
| α /° | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β /° | 97.9450(10) | 107.3190(10) | 90 | 90 |
| γ /° | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 5890.49(10) | 19205.2(4) | 11282.35(19) | 11358.2(2) |
| <i>Z</i> | 2 | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| <i>Z</i> ' | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K α | Cu K α | Cu K α | Cu K α |
| θ _{min} /° | 4.236 | 2.283 | 3.466 | 3.462 |
| θ _{max} /° | 67.023 | 73.341 | 70.654 | 76.541 |
| Measured Refl's. | 111628 | 80701 | 77497 | 31637 |
| Indep't Refl's | 10449 | 18572 | 10687 | 11622 |
| Refl's I \geq 2 σ (I) | 9997 | 14666 | 8685 | 9969 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0572 | 0.0562 | 0.0473 | 0.0273 |
| Parameters | 677 | 1098 | 651 | 678 |
| Restraints | 26 | 139 | 0 | 12 |
| Largest Peak | 0.589 | 0.972 | 0.494 | 0.526 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.980 | -0.516 | -0.289 | -0.767 |
| Goof | 1.159 | 1.111 | 1.016 | 1.027 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.1041 | 0.1665 | 0.0931 | 0.0947 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ | 0.1028 | 0.1599 | 0.0852 | 0.0892 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ (all data) | 0.0422 | 0.0657 | 0.0474 | 0.0428 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ | 0.0407 | 0.0545 | 0.0347 | 0.0344 |

SI: 4. Conversion of E₄ (E₄ = P₄, As₄, AsP₃) by Ni(0) and Ni(I) Synthons – A Comparative Study

Table S4.4. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **4**, **5a**, **5b**.

| Compound | 4 | 5a | 5b |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| CCDC | 2109931 | 2109932 | 2109933 |
| Formula | C ₈₆ H ₁₁₄ K ₂ N ₄ Ni ₂ P ₄ | C ₈₂ H ₁₃₀ KN ₄ Ni ₂ O ₉ P ₃ | As ₃ C ₈₄ H ₁₃₄ KN ₄ Ni ₂ O _{9.5} |
| Dcalc | 1.251 | 1.226 | 1.315 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 2.588 | 1.955 | 2.650 |
| Formula Weight | 1523.31 | 1565.32 | 1733.22 |
| Colour | brown | clear brown | clear brown |
| Shape | block-shaped | plate-shaped | needle-shaped |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.21×0.16×0.06 | 0.36×0.30×0.10 | 0.21×0.04×0.03 |
| T/K | 123(1) | 123.00(10) | 123.01(10) |
| Crystal System | monoclinic | triclinic | monoclinic |
| Space Group | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> | <i>P</i> -1 | <i>I</i> 2/ <i>a</i> |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 14.29612(14) | 12.98450(10) | 35.6437(4) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 14.53816(13) | 13.60660(10) | 13.2844(2) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 19.69075(16) | 24.7335(2) | 37.2813(5) |
| α /° | 90 | 103.0540(10) | 90 |
| β /° | 98.7928(8) | 94.0260(10) | 97.1640(10) |
| γ /° | 90 | 92.2980(10) | 90 |
| V/Å ³ | 4044.42(6) | 4239.31(6) | 17515.1(4) |
| Z | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Z' | 0.5 | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | CuK α | Cu K α | Cu K α |
| $\theta_{\text{min}}/^\circ$ | 3.795 | 3.340 | 2.389 |
| $\theta_{\text{max}}/^\circ$ | 66.611 | 73.254 | 73.180 |
| Measured Refl's. | 16391 | 65154 | 60090 |
| Indep't Refl's | 6974 | 16397 | 16692 |
| Refl's I \geq 2 σ (I) | 6519 | 15036 | 12366 |
| R _{int} | 0.0238 | 0.0237 | 0.0581 |
| Parameters | 536 | 1052 | 1011 |
| Restraints | 210 | 138 | 219 |
| Largest Peak | 1.577 | 0.534 | 0.517 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.415 | -0.437 | -0.574 |
| Goof | 1.041 | 1.057 | 1.114 |
| wR ₂ (all data) | 0.1378 | 0.1050 | 0.1490 |
| wR ₂ | 0.1353 | 0.1032 | 0.1406 |
| R ₁ (all data) | 0.0517 | 0.0419 | 0.0691 |
| R ₁ | 0.0495 | 0.0390 | 0.0511 |

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Table S4.5. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **6**, **7a** and **7b**.

| Compound | 6 | 7a | 7b |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| CCDC | 2109934 | 2109935 | 2109936 |
| Formula | C ₅₈ H ₈₂ K ₂ N ₆ Ni ₂ | C ₄₉ H ₈₁ KN ₂ NiO ₈ P ₄ | C ₅₁ H ₈₅ As ₄ KN ₄ NiO ₇ |
| Dcalc | 1.235 | 1.269 | 1.451 |
| μ /mm ⁻¹ | 2.431 | 2.692 | 4.064 |
| Formula Weight | 1058.91 | 1047.84 | 1263.71 |
| Colour | dark violet | clear orange | clear dark brown |
| Shape | needle | needle-shaped | needle-shaped |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.35×0.03×0.02 | 0.17×0.14×0.05 | 0.66×0.08×0.06 |
| T/K | 123(1) | 123.00(10) | 100.00(10) |
| Crystal System | orthorhombic | orthorhombic | triclinic |
| Flack Parameter | - | -0.012(8) | - |
| Hooft Parameter | - | 0.003(5) | - |
| Space Group | <i>Pbcn</i> | <i>P2₁2₁2₁</i> | <i>P-1</i> |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 10.6599(2) | 11.55370(10) | 13.2378(2) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 23.0876(5) | 19.6743(2) | 14.9245(3) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 23.1458(4) | 24.1351(3) | 15.9101(3) |
| α /° | 90 | 90 | 70.277(2) |
| β /° | 90 | 90 | 78.6870(10) |
| γ /° | 90 | 90 | 82.1540(10) |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 5696.4(2) | 5486.17(10) | 2893.00(10) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| <i>Z'</i> | 0.5 | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K α | Cu K α | Cu K α |
| θ_{min} /° | 3.820 | 4.242 | 2.990 |
| θ_{max} /° | 70.690 | 66.714 | 74.488 |
| Measured Refl's. | 15295 | 40235 | 117106 |
| Indep't Refl's | 5287 | 9591 | 11379 |
| Refl's I \geq 2 σ (I) | 4019 | 8495 | 10524 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0504 | 0.0641 | 0.0496 |
| Parameters | 318 | 687 | 641 |
| Restraints | 0 | 134 | 75 |
| Largest Peak | 0.624 | 0.368 | 1.121 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.434 | -0.272 | -0.777 |
| GooF | 1.029 | 0.975 | 1.079 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.1632 | 0.0999 | 0.0844 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ | 0.1421 | 0.0980 | 0.0826 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ (all data) | 0.0711 | 0.0443 | 0.0340 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ | 0.0529 | 0.0394 | 0.0312 |

4.5.6. DFT calculations

Gaussian 09 program^[14] was used throughout. Density functional theory (DFT) in form of Becke's three-parameter hybrid functional B3LYP^[15] or BP86^[16] (Becke's exchange and Perdew 86 correlation functional) with def2-SVP all electron basis set was employed. The figures for the supporting information concerning the DFT calculations were created with Chemcraft.^[17] For solvents effects has been accounted by using continuous polarizable continuum model (CPM).^[18] The dielectric constant of thf ($\epsilon = 7.4257$) has been used in the calculations of the anions (**4**, **5a**, **5b**). The Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) analysis has been performed with the NBO6 program.^[19] The long range dispersion correction GD3BJ was applied.^[20]

Table S4.6. Total energies for all optimized geometries of **2c-I** and **2c-II** (BP86/def2-SVP level of theory).

| | total energy [Ha] |
|---|-------------------|
| 2c-I [(L ³ Ni) ₂ (AsP ₃)] | -8753.97439277 |
| 2c-II [(L ³ Ni) ₂ (AsP ₃)] | -8753.96934262 |

Table S4.7. Total energies for all optimized geometries of **3a** and **3b** (B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory).

| | total energy [Ha] |
|---|-------------------|
| 3a [(L ³ Ni) ₂ ($\mu, \eta^{3:3}$ -P ₃)] | -6517.57987010 |
| 3b [(L ³ Ni) ₂ ($\mu, \eta^{3:3}$ -As ₃)] | -12201.3925306 |

Table S4.8. Total energies for optimized geometries of **4**, **5a**, **5b** (BP86/def2-SVP level of theory).

| | total energy [Ha] |
|--|-------------------|
| 4 [(L ³ Ni) ₂ ($\mu, \eta^{2:2}$ -P ₄)] ²⁻ singlet state | -6859.54186686 |
| 5a [(L ³ Ni) ₂ ($\mu, \eta^{3:3}$ -P ₃)] ⁻ singlet state | -6518.17456214 |
| 5b [(L ³ Ni) ₂ ($\mu, \eta^{3:3}$ -As ₃)] ⁻ singlet state | -12201.9939337 |

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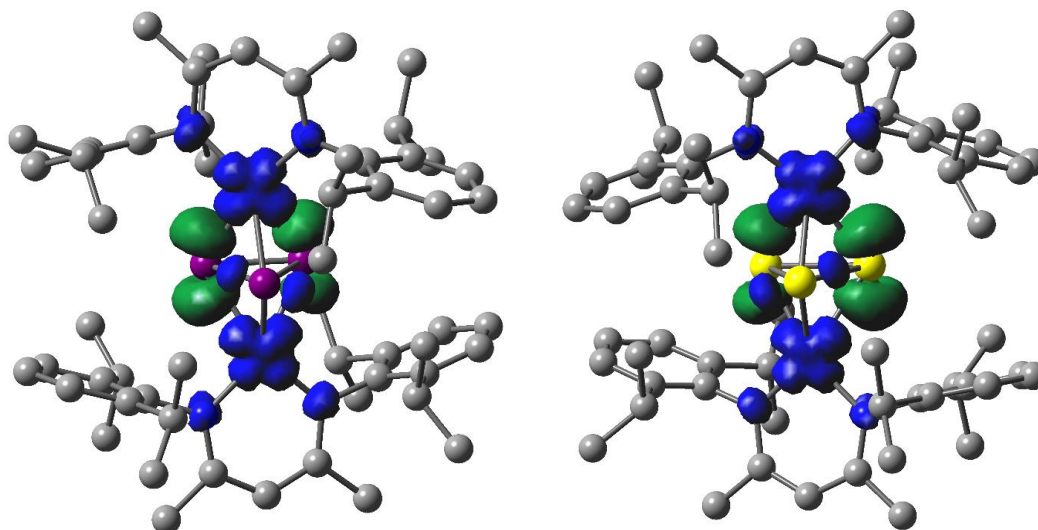
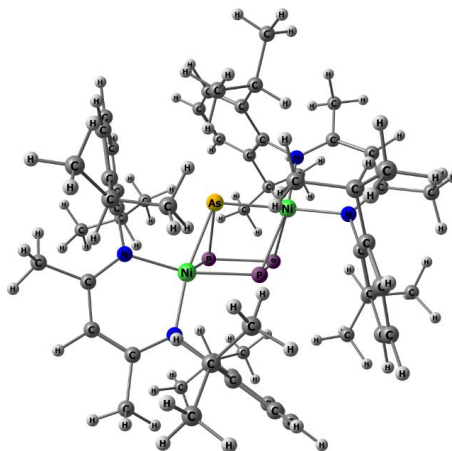


Figure S4.30. Isosurfaces of the calculated spin density in **3a** (left) and **3b** (right) B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory.

Table S4.9. Optimized geometry of **2c-I**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

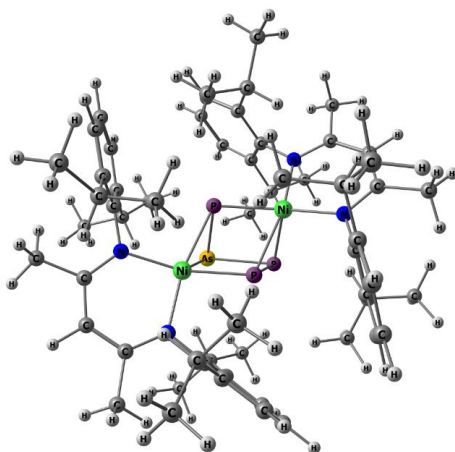


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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ni | -1.162682000 | 1.466706000 | -0.187840000 | Ni | 1.234293000 | -1.430385000 | -0.160842000 |
| P | 1.109642000 | 0.798956000 | -0.147456000 | As | -1.153549000 | -0.854001000 | -0.148315000 |
| P | 0.033501000 | 1.116094000 | -2.036876000 | P | 0.133057000 | -1.098790000 | -2.066735000 |
| N | -0.897478000 | 3.335535000 | 0.343158000 | N | 0.993406000 | -3.294364000 | 0.404995000 |
| N | -3.085302000 | 1.620029000 | -0.360091000 | N | 3.154957000 | -1.558684000 | -0.314453000 |
| C | 0.403845000 | 3.701357000 | 0.802207000 | C | -0.313560000 | -3.669458000 | 0.839386000 |
| C | 1.399793000 | 4.103975000 | -0.128736000 | C | -1.285105000 | -4.090106000 | -0.112336000 |
| C | -3.785914000 | 2.764921000 | -0.262262000 | C | 3.875495000 | -2.685598000 | -0.176482000 |
| C | -3.203618000 | 4.010552000 | 0.043465000 | C | 3.312954000 | -3.935660000 | 0.153916000 |
| H | -3.890717000 | 4.866307000 | 0.090662000 | H | 4.016084000 | -4.775923000 | 0.233119000 |
| C | -1.861200000 | 4.269359000 | 0.394922000 | C | 1.972053000 | -4.210760000 | 0.493238000 |
| C | 0.675083000 | 3.658334000 | 2.200221000 | C | -0.632329000 | -3.578457000 | 2.225137000 |
| C | 2.962711000 | 4.388040000 | 1.731894000 | C | -2.911759000 | -4.300125000 | 1.703540000 |
| H | 3.967672000 | 4.652145000 | 2.096881000 | H | -3.931700000 | -4.539973000 | 2.042361000 |
| C | 2.681853000 | 4.425595000 | 0.361409000 | C | -2.584678000 | -4.389543000 | 0.345637000 |
| H | 3.470457000 | 4.717982000 | -0.347953000 | H | -3.353019000 | -4.696410000 | -0.379468000 |
| C | -3.809188000 | 0.411627000 | -0.598720000 | C | 3.857252000 | -0.338994000 | -0.555841000 |
| C | 1.960581000 | 4.015426000 | 2.641784000 | C | -1.937685000 | -3.903456000 | 2.633267000 |
| H | 2.189331000 | 3.992752000 | 3.717630000 | H | -2.203685000 | -3.836757000 | 3.698724000 |
| C | -3.890038000 | -0.104382000 | -1.926488000 | C | 3.986059000 | 0.146748000 | -1.888946000 |
| C | 1.073141000 | 4.261010000 | -1.610014000 | C | -0.919889000 | -4.255805000 | -1.583431000 |

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|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| H | 0.168868000 | 3.645164000 | -1.805315000 | H | -0.039144000 | -3.602530000 | -1.765686000 |
| C | -1.552512000 | 5.660638000 | 0.920422000 | C | 1.676019000 | -5.593200000 | 1.048138000 |
| H | -1.596376000 | 5.665158000 | 2.031142000 | H | 1.681388000 | -5.565885000 | 2.159362000 |
| H | -2.296874000 | 6.392570000 | 0.553207000 | H | 2.447227000 | -6.319085000 | 0.727406000 |
| H | -0.536768000 | 6.000725000 | 0.646487000 | H | 0.677703000 | -5.963877000 | 0.749926000 |
| C | -5.296712000 | 2.740712000 | -0.414076000 | C | 5.388528000 | -2.636718000 | -0.298035000 |
| H | -5.634195000 | 2.008425000 | -1.171242000 | H | 5.730875000 | -1.891090000 | -1.039299000 |
| H | -5.678384000 | 3.744393000 | -0.681395000 | H | 5.790119000 | -3.632289000 | -0.567207000 |
| H | -5.770349000 | 2.444999000 | 0.545423000 | H | 5.836859000 | -2.346660000 | 0.675457000 |
| C | -0.411436000 | 3.200303000 | 3.170732000 | C | 0.419532000 | -3.086672000 | 3.215996000 |
| H | -1.383051000 | 3.569840000 | 2.780864000 | H | 1.406810000 | -3.447283000 | 2.859525000 |
| C | -4.364626000 | -0.302813000 | 0.499976000 | C | 4.369212000 | 0.398427000 | 0.574389000 |
| C | -4.578554000 | -1.314900000 | -2.131208000 | C | 4.682204000 | 1.352518000 | -2.094199000 |
| H | -4.659926000 | -1.722982000 | -3.149690000 | H | 4.803529000 | 1.736963000 | -3.118043000 |
| C | -3.225357000 | 0.642111000 | -3.076628000 | C | 3.379091000 | -0.630812000 | -3.050508000 |
| H | -2.353291000 | 1.158135000 | -2.617258000 | H | 2.507266000 | -1.168556000 | -2.616594000 |
| C | -4.218965000 | 0.201740000 | 1.933570000 | C | 4.183097000 | -0.085723000 | 1.982832000 |
| H | -3.673026000 | 1.167125000 | 1.890157000 | H | 3.655551000 | -1.060860000 | 1.937311000 |
| C | 2.198591000 | 3.751437000 | -2.520062000 | C | -2.045657000 | -3.808574000 | -2.526742000 |
| H | 1.855077000 | 3.704996000 | -3.574122000 | H | -1.673334000 | -3.743401000 | -3.569802000 |
| H | 2.530861000 | 2.741232000 | -2.214093000 | H | -2.443234000 | -2.817019000 | -2.234724000 |
| H | 3.087911000 | 4.416863000 | -2.491857000 | H | -2.896373000 | -4.523276000 | -2.524629000 |
| C | -5.029107000 | -1.518132000 | 0.243108000 | C | 5.036828000 | 1.611211000 | 0.290851000 |
| H | -5.455099000 | -2.086065000 | 1.085355000 | H | 5.425747000 | 2.199921000 | 1.136684000 |
| C | -5.150687000 | -2.017359000 | -1.059547000 | C | 5.210138000 | 2.080408000 | -1.017232000 |
| H | -5.678055000 | -2.966670000 | -1.241471000 | H | 5.743194000 | 3.026515000 | -1.199832000 |
| C | -0.499523000 | 1.665045000 | 3.182503000 | C | 0.482365000 | -1.550454000 | 3.201443000 |
| H | 0.422349000 | 1.222682000 | 3.607980000 | H | -0.467208000 | -1.115225000 | 3.570313000 |
| H | -0.611902000 | 1.269322000 | 2.149590000 | H | 0.645418000 | -1.169292000 | 2.169462000 |
| H | -1.365723000 | 1.313151000 | 3.779561000 | H | 1.310151000 | -1.173064000 | 3.835734000 |
| C | 0.709850000 | 5.718305000 | -1.961193000 | C | -0.482271000 | -5.698976000 | -1.905700000 |
| H | 1.550326000 | 6.403840000 | -1.719956000 | H | -1.292605000 | -6.420199000 | -1.665454000 |
| H | -0.183243000 | 6.068035000 | -1.408784000 | H | 0.418846000 | -5.995819000 | -1.335696000 |
| H | 0.492141000 | 5.813113000 | -3.045918000 | H | -0.243672000 | -5.799688000 | -2.985410000 |
| C | -5.584554000 | 0.450805000 | 2.603260000 | C | 5.528347000 | -0.301460000 | 2.702783000 |
| H | -6.219346000 | 1.139194000 | 2.009301000 | H | 6.194605000 | -0.987386000 | 2.141285000 |
| H | -5.451310000 | 0.893925000 | 3.612405000 | H | 5.367378000 | -0.731970000 | 3.713441000 |
| H | -6.151131000 | -0.496480000 | 2.727725000 | H | 6.074577000 | 0.656977000 | 2.832629000 |
| C | -0.247656000 | 3.752850000 | 4.593497000 | C | 0.222188000 | -3.616394000 | 4.643419000 |
| H | -1.124526000 | 3.477880000 | 5.215388000 | H | 1.078044000 | -3.320409000 | 5.284527000 |
| H | -0.155658000 | 4.858804000 | 4.597563000 | H | 0.142169000 | -4.723068000 | 4.664207000 |
| H | 0.649939000 | 3.335468000 | 5.096977000 | H | -0.693678000 | -3.200857000 | 5.114537000 |
| C | -3.378970000 | -0.770614000 | 2.780649000 | C | 3.296739000 | 0.885313000 | 2.780489000 |
| H | -3.884106000 | -1.752278000 | 2.884655000 | H | 3.780944000 | 1.877181000 | 2.882024000 |
| H | -3.208823000 | -0.364345000 | 3.799856000 | H | 3.098102000 | 0.495845000 | 3.801290000 |
| H | -2.393380000 | -0.969952000 | 2.316276000 | H | 2.327941000 | 1.055264000 | 2.272398000 |
| C | -2.687530000 | -0.283096000 | -4.176339000 | C | 2.850247000 | 0.267461000 | -4.177162000 |
| H | -2.061719000 | -1.095335000 | -3.752875000 | H | 2.188666000 | 1.065722000 | -3.782963000 |
| H | -2.058635000 | 0.293689000 | -4.885245000 | H | 2.261699000 | -0.334817000 | -4.899549000 |
| H | -3.501902000 | -0.754870000 | -4.766631000 | H | 3.669461000 | 0.757052000 | -4.745758000 |
| C | -4.127104000 | 1.738726000 | -3.673938000 | C | 4.331534000 | -1.705345000 | -3.608818000 |
| H | -5.069223000 | 1.304832000 | -4.072261000 | H | 5.273479000 | -1.246884000 | -3.979222000 |
| H | -3.607272000 | 2.254384000 | -4.508504000 | H | 3.855054000 | -2.241766000 | -4.456107000 |
| H | -4.391929000 | 2.507105000 | -2.923367000 | H | 4.594839000 | -2.460066000 | -2.843856000 |

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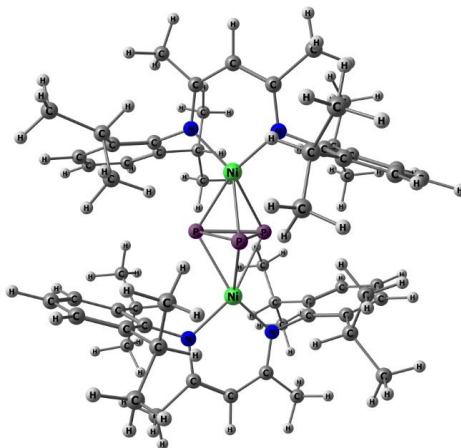


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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ni | 0.933103000 | -1.568059000 | -0.057236000 | Ni | -0.924331000 | 1.635331000 | -0.129225000 |
| P | -1.194998000 | -0.573028000 | -0.050240000 | P | 1.205251000 | 0.638289000 | -0.092629000 |
| As | -0.176051000 | -1.136365000 | -2.060598000 | P | 0.211599000 | 1.163795000 | -1.986048000 |
| N | 0.388873000 | -3.366522000 | 0.503739000 | N | -0.383182000 | 3.451477000 | 0.384037000 |
| N | 2.803600000 | -2.023224000 | -0.251475000 | N | -2.797965000 | 2.077767000 | -0.312820000 |
| C | -0.953310000 | -3.528435000 | 0.962606000 | C | 0.959484000 | 3.624211000 | 0.837592000 |
| C | -1.997716000 | -3.813851000 | 0.041335000 | C | 2.005515000 | 3.879723000 | -0.090221000 |
| C | 3.328500000 | -3.253586000 | -0.114337000 | C | -3.325682000 | 3.310446000 | -0.204129000 |
| C | 2.566493000 | -4.389833000 | 0.226148000 | C | -2.566493000 | 4.458316000 | 0.099622000 |
| H | 3.118816000 | -5.336491000 | 0.301601000 | H | -3.121896000 | 5.404579000 | 0.153057000 |
| C | 1.201842000 | -4.434511000 | 0.579795000 | C | -1.197680000 | 4.518292000 | 0.437080000 |
| C | -1.217219000 | -3.403675000 | 2.357407000 | C | 1.220472000 | 3.540225000 | 2.236363000 |
| C | -3.585658000 | -3.813018000 | 1.902968000 | C | 3.590373000 | 3.930443000 | 1.773834000 |
| H | -4.618076000 | -3.919252000 | 2.271392000 | H | 4.622369000 | 4.045663000 | 2.140833000 |
| C | -3.312678000 | -3.930857000 | 0.535496000 | C | 3.319781000 | 4.008690000 | 4.003137000 |
| H | -4.134559000 | -4.131609000 | -0.168147000 | H | 4.142900000 | 4.187715000 | -0.304808000 |
| C | 3.695521000 | -0.940213000 | -0.520102000 | C | -3.687505000 | 0.989395000 | -0.562973000 |
| C | -2.539763000 | -3.560750000 | 2.805002000 | C | 2.542613000 | 3.707344000 | 2.681354000 |
| H | -2.761739000 | -3.475073000 | 3.879118000 | H | 2.763099000 | 3.653099000 | 3.757763000 |
| C | 3.897824000 | -0.509913000 | -1.863374000 | C | -3.865163000 | 0.526472000 | -1.899514000 |
| C | -1.703689000 | -4.072147000 | -1.433141000 | C | 1.714318000 | 4.092414000 | -1.572659000 |
| H | -0.703082000 | -3.634303000 | -1.640669000 | H | 0.717893000 | 3.642088000 | -1.771945000 |
| C | 0.684964000 | -5.748934000 | 1.137826000 | C | -0.679159000 | 5.850864000 | 0.948840000 |
| H | 0.685447000 | -5.716838000 | 2.248905000 | H | -0.660145000 | 5.851687000 | 2.060093000 |
| H | 1.332151000 | -6.590120000 | 0.824952000 | H | -1.336183000 | 6.679058000 | 0.622206000 |
| H | -0.357777000 | -5.954927000 | 0.833756000 | H | 0.356878000 | 6.053078000 | 0.620370000 |
| C | 4.827457000 | -3.455412000 | -0.244085000 | C | -4.825838000 | 3.502284000 | -0.336851000 |
| H | 5.281791000 | -2.778837000 | -0.991322000 | H | -5.272402000 | 2.822561000 | -1.086336000 |
| H | 5.060482000 | -4.504795000 | -0.507089000 | H | -5.065232000 | 4.549814000 | -0.601112000 |
| H | 5.320557000 | -3.233452000 | 0.725690000 | H | -5.320948000 | 3.276364000 | 0.630863000 |
| C | -0.075877000 | -3.073543000 | 3.315777000 | C | 0.075750000 | 3.241248000 | 3.201201000 |
| H | 0.838591000 | -3.566330000 | 2.924563000 | H | -0.830644000 | 3.746038000 | 2.806331000 |
| C | 4.317918000 | -0.265736000 | 0.567062000 | C | -4.331947000 | 0.345445000 | 0.528779000 |
| C | 4.773681000 | 0.567215000 | -2.094577000 | C | -4.742752000 | -0.551243000 | -2.120008000 |
| H | 4.950411000 | 0.904060000 | -3.127215000 | H | -4.901598000 | -0.914224000 | -3.146379000 |
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| H | 0.355398000 | -1.194843000 | 2.264475000 | H | -0.386959000 | 1.357683000 | 2.172910000 |
| H | 1.112109000 | -1.312391000 | 3.888535000 | H | -1.143998000 | 1.508129000 | 3.794266000 |
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| H | -1.405874000 | -5.745825000 | -2.818925000 | H | 1.419601000 | 5.722846000 | -3.008980000 |
| C | 5.369397000 | -1.130838000 | 2.714797000 | C | -5.423403000 | 1.228140000 | 2.650369000 |
| H | 5.891542000 | -1.936291000 | 2.159429000 | H | -5.963827000 | 2.003991000 | 2.070680000 |
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| H | 2.084950000 | -0.755254000 | -4.851134000 | H | -2.035349000 | 0.660364000 | -4.880435000 |
| H | 3.618866000 | 0.151085000 | -4.700640000 | H | -3.669217000 | -0.060587000 | -4.780432000 |
| C | 3.977096000 | -2.386407000 | -3.588846000 | C | -3.772837000 | 2.445068000 | -3.590097000 |
| H | 4.960115000 | -2.046575000 | -3.979531000 | H | -4.791180000 | 2.217735000 | -3.971955000 |
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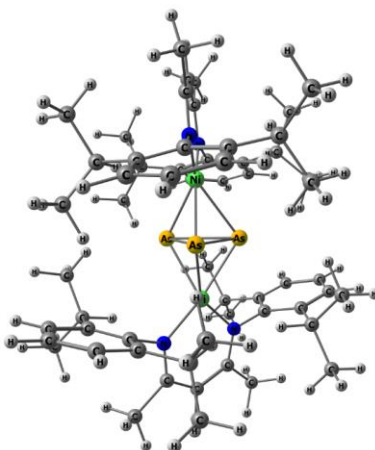


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| C | 4.726761000 | 0.572289000 | -0.119157000 | H | 6.829276000 | 1.114455000 | -0.230519000 |
| C | 2.264087000 | -2.917244000 | 1.157225000 | H | 5.718465000 | 2.517209000 | -0.042022000 |
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| C | -1.679447000 | 4.480113000 | 2.681109000 | H | -3.183196000 | 3.688022000 | 5.021892000 |
| H | -1.523760000 | 4.737976000 | 3.741368000 | H | -3.864268000 | 2.047226000 | 5.230343000 |
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| C | -4.384413000 | 1.643225000 | 0.557650000 | C | -1.185018000 | 4.064348000 | -2.444997000 |
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| C | -1.536238000 | 5.089320000 | 0.341578000 | H | 0.068451000 | -1.288838000 | 3.438445000 |
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| C | -2.545340000 | -1.008719000 | -3.425222000 | H | 0.875976000 | 3.033813000 | 1.662145000 |
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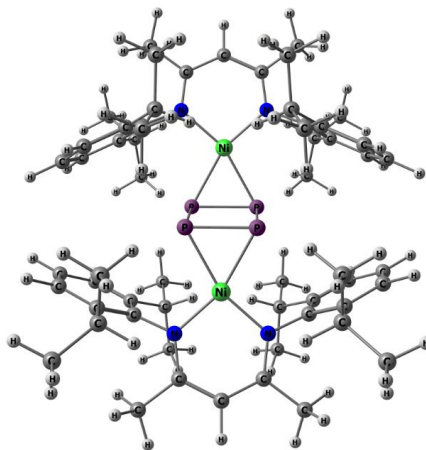


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| H | 5.361252000 | -3.021516000 | -0.946226000 | C | -2.383669000 | -4.042228000 | 2.961824000 |
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| C | 2.795645000 | 2.617610000 | 1.183137000 | H | -1.740483000 | -6.075973000 | 2.537692000 |
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| C | 2.094035000 | 3.752887000 | 3.224493000 | C | -1.864990000 | -1.169961000 | 4.161723000 |
| H | 1.896827000 | 3.739223000 | 4.308006000 | H | -1.438180000 | -1.973037000 | 4.800100000 |
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| C | 1.514213000 | 3.902129000 | -1.847573000 | H | -5.156664000 | -2.386310000 | 3.924482000 |
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| C | 1.638214000 | 1.046172000 | 4.437928000 | H | -3.811731000 | -3.800522000 | -3.107694000 |
| H | 1.661970000 | 1.792039000 | 5.260947000 | H | -4.709316000 | -3.372982000 | -1.622133000 |
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|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| C | 4.136532000 | 1.260465000 | 4.075374000 | C | -2.439429000 | 2.878252000 | -2.461049000 |
| H | 4.254295000 | 2.109808000 | 4.782359000 | C | -2.055603000 | 4.198558000 | -2.777949000 |
| H | 4.960456000 | 1.317893000 | 3.336650000 | H | -1.825415000 | 4.453154000 | -3.825168000 |
| H | 4.270036000 | 0.319897000 | 4.651072000 | C | -1.973154000 | 5.194804000 | -1.796586000 |
| C | 2.857509000 | -2.538095000 | -1.081256000 | H | -1.684883000 | 6.221991000 | -2.071722000 |
| C | 2.782282000 | -3.537721000 | -0.058864000 | C | -2.248274000 | 4.872238000 | -0.460319000 |
| C | 2.504746000 | -4.866331000 | -0.439014000 | H | -2.166218000 | 5.652623000 | 0.312270000 |
| H | 2.453671000 | -5.647525000 | 0.335237000 | C | -2.637708000 | 3.571051000 | -0.083749000 |
| C | 2.300531000 | -5.215541000 | -1.781744000 | C | -2.548009000 | 1.847114000 | -3.590593000 |
| H | 2.099808000 | -6.262891000 | -2.058024000 | H | -2.706892000 | 0.854819000 | -3.117242000 |
| C | 2.331107000 | -4.219320000 | -2.765688000 | C | -1.260037000 | 1.769282000 | -4.437575000 |
| H | 2.144158000 | -4.493322000 | -3.816781000 | H | -1.089224000 | 2.705206000 | -5.011100000 |
| C | 2.597306000 | -2.871341000 | -2.444887000 | H | -1.330306000 | 0.941407000 | -5.174284000 |
| C | 3.021979000 | -3.197999000 | 1.417611000 | H | -0.364162000 | 1.591343000 | -3.808916000 |
| H | 2.799596000 | -2.113192000 | 1.525885000 | C | -3.753606000 | 2.127312000 | -4.516956000 |
| C | 4.492939000 | -3.406698000 | 1.844189000 | H | -4.710594000 | 2.159256000 | -3.961887000 |
| H | 4.809962000 | -4.458988000 | 1.678217000 | H | -3.838777000 | 1.341119000 | -5.297087000 |
| H | 4.616545000 | -3.184174000 | 2.925419000 | H | -3.637478000 | 3.102814000 | -5.036346000 |
| H | 5.188691000 | -2.746963000 | 1.290481000 | C | -2.971260000 | 3.267749000 | 1.380733000 |
| C | 2.085510000 | -3.968324000 | 2.369172000 | H | -2.883911000 | 2.165506000 | 1.498263000 |
| H | 1.022046000 | -3.883053000 | 2.065619000 | C | -1.993568000 | 3.928970000 | 2.371057000 |
| H | 2.179429000 | -3.570051000 | 3.401161000 | H | -0.936353000 | 3.700619000 | 2.126835000 |
| H | 2.339519000 | -5.049156000 | 2.417382000 | H | -2.192368000 | 3.568387000 | 3.402199000 |
| C | 2.587745000 | -1.828140000 | -3.568559000 | H | -2.105161000 | 5.034394000 | 2.389564000 |
| H | 2.781485000 | -0.839466000 | -3.101075000 | C | -4.423337000 | 3.660702000 | 1.735365000 |
| C | 1.207170000 | -1.762962000 | -4.258446000 | H | -4.582490000 | 4.752037000 | 1.597444000 |
| H | 0.981704000 | -2.703640000 | -4.804950000 | H | -4.644430000 | 3.418083000 | 2.796561000 |
| H | 1.177023000 | -0.933301000 | -4.996016000 | H | -5.165368000 | 3.130379000 | 1.108572000 |
| H | 0.392178000 | -1.596691000 | -3.524998000 | N | 3.262249000 | 1.428591000 | 0.523370000 |
| C | 3.675777000 | -2.076045000 | -4.637207000 | N | 3.272526000 | -1.209084000 | -0.712751000 |
| H | 4.698419000 | -2.090575000 | -4.209963000 | N | -3.306406000 | -1.391847000 | 0.459053000 |
| H | 3.648404000 | -1.278923000 | -5.409831000 | N | -3.249078000 | 1.270757000 | -0.735904000 |
| H | 3.519036000 | -3.046214000 | -5.155396000 | Ni | 1.989254000 | 0.086587000 | -0.047130000 |
| C | -5.602799000 | -2.301849000 | 0.783587000 | Ni | -2.005127000 | -0.075267000 | -0.099844000 |
| H | -5.270185000 | -3.328024000 | 0.535000000 | | | | |

Table S4.13. Optimized geometries of **4** singlet state. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.



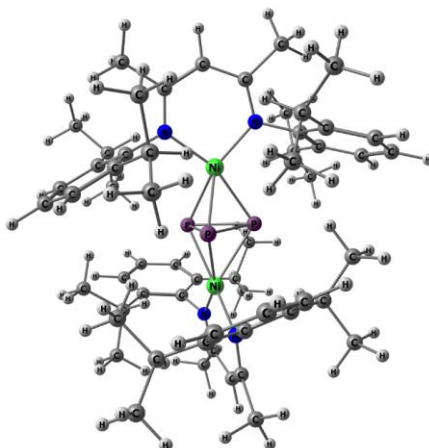
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|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| C | 4.210666000 | -3.312457000 | 3.540938000 | C | -4.210666000 | 3.312457000 | -3.540938000 |
| H | 4.357905000 | -4.351207000 | 3.895210000 | H | -4.357905000 | 4.351207000 | -3.895210000 |
| H | 5.203125000 | -2.909743000 | 3.246552000 | H | -5.203125000 | 2.909743000 | -3.246552000 |
| H | 3.859328000 | -2.690796000 | 4.389152000 | H | -3.859328000 | 2.690796000 | -4.389152000 |
| C | 3.235554000 | -3.264448000 | 2.376924000 | C | -3.235554000 | 3.264448000 | -2.376924000 |
| C | 2.938013000 | -4.486083000 | 1.725172000 | C | -2.938013000 | 4.486083000 | -1.725172000 |
| H | 3.457135000 | -5.379295000 | 2.103179000 | H | -3.457135000 | 5.379295000 | -2.103179000 |
| C | 1.971935000 | -4.704171000 | 0.711383000 | C | -1.971935000 | 4.704171000 | -0.711383000 |
| C | 1.747385000 | -6.139716000 | 0.265647000 | C | -1.747385000 | 6.139716000 | -0.265647000 |
| H | 2.029745000 | -6.854241000 | 1.063721000 | H | -2.029745000 | 6.854241000 | -1.063721000 |
| H | 0.691909000 | -6.317651000 | -0.02006000 | H | -0.691909000 | 6.317651000 | 0.02006000 |
| H | 2.365408000 | -6.375419000 | -0.627546000 | H | -2.365408000 | 6.375419000 | 0.627546000 |
| C | 2.882204000 | -0.929261000 | 2.805965000 | C | -2.882204000 | 0.929261000 | -2.805965000 |
| C | 4.042078000 | -0.117544000 | 2.654578000 | C | -4.042078000 | 0.117544000 | -2.654578000 |
| C | 4.143591000 | 1.070484000 | 3.406155000 | C | -4.143591000 | -1.070484000 | -3.406155000 |
| C | 3.131274000 | 1.456254000 | 4.296175000 | C | -3.131274000 | -1.456254000 | -4.296175000 |
| C | 1.989113000 | 0.648387000 | 4.438526000 | C | -1.989113000 | -0.648387000 | -4.438526000 |
| C | 1.842614000 | -0.546605000 | 3.711760000 | C | -1.842614000 | 0.546605000 | -3.711760000 |

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| C | 5.135367000 | -0.481848000 | 1.653006000 | C | -5.135367000 | 0.481848000 | -1.653006000 |
| H | 4.870490000 | -1.475740000 | 1.235901000 | H | -4.870490000 | 1.475740000 | -1.235901000 |
| C | 6.523908000 | -0.584027000 | 2.313043000 | C | -6.523908000 | 0.584027000 | -2.313043000 |
| H | 6.525275000 | -1.291022000 | 3.168800000 | H | -6.525275000 | 1.291022000 | -3.168800000 |
| H | 7.285194000 | -0.929863000 | 1.581239000 | H | -7.285194000 | 0.929863000 | -1.581239000 |
| H | 6.860383000 | 0.402779000 | 2.698071000 | H | -6.860383000 | -0.402779000 | -2.698071000 |
| C | 5.162674000 | 0.510859000 | 0.475245000 | C | -5.162674000 | -0.510859000 | -0.475245000 |
| H | 5.468278000 | 1.523853000 | 0.815655000 | H | -5.468278000 | -1.523853000 | -0.815655000 |
| H | 5.878850000 | 0.182337000 | -0.308596000 | H | -5.878850000 | -0.182337000 | -0.308596000 |
| H | 4.147042000 | 0.598556000 | 0.034660000 | H | -4.147042000 | -0.598556000 | -0.034660000 |
| C | 0.587102000 | -1.407679000 | 3.822659000 | C | -0.587102000 | 1.407679000 | -3.822659000 |
| H | 0.338507000 | -1.670072000 | 2.765237000 | H | -0.338507000 | 1.670072000 | -2.765237000 |
| C | 0.832541000 | -2.727606000 | 4.582089000 | C | -0.832541000 | 2.727606000 | -4.582089000 |
| H | 1.213020000 | -2.529440000 | 5.608196000 | H | -1.213020000 | 2.529440000 | -5.608196000 |
| H | -0.116981000 | -3.295552000 | 4.679575000 | H | 0.116981000 | 3.295552000 | -4.679575000 |
| H | 1.555381000 | -3.381300000 | 4.059308000 | H | -1.555381000 | 3.381300000 | -4.059308000 |
| C | -0.617201000 | -0.677379000 | 4.426509000 | C | 0.617201000 | 0.677379000 | -4.426509000 |
| H | -0.813198000 | 0.266415000 | 3.879970000 | H | 0.813198000 | -0.266415000 | -3.879970000 |
| H | -1.523720000 | -1.312041000 | 4.336433000 | H | 1.523720000 | 1.312041000 | -4.336433000 |
| H | -0.472996000 | -0.457195000 | 5.507777000 | H | 0.472996000 | 0.457195000 | -5.507777000 |
| C | 0.209070000 | -3.979147000 | -0.758558000 | C | -0.209070000 | 3.979147000 | -0.758558000 |
| C | 0.457699000 | -4.189743000 | -2.144400000 | C | -0.457699000 | 4.189743000 | -2.144400000 |
| C | -0.638844000 | -4.363224000 | -3.011661000 | C | 0.638844000 | 4.363224000 | -3.011661000 |
| H | -0.451977000 | -4.507020000 | -4.089162000 | H | 0.451977000 | 4.507020000 | -4.089162000 |
| C | -1.956895000 | -4.338500000 | -2.535831000 | C | 1.956895000 | 4.338500000 | -2.535831000 |
| H | -2.801375000 | -4.462592000 | -3.231560000 | H | 2.801375000 | 4.462592000 | -3.231560000 |
| C | -2.193795000 | -4.127659000 | -1.166949000 | C | 2.193795000 | 4.127659000 | -1.166949000 |
| H | -3.229481000 | -4.080217000 | -0.798834000 | H | 3.229481000 | 4.080217000 | -0.798834000 |
| C | -1.132424000 | -3.946847000 | -0.261163000 | C | 1.132424000 | 3.946847000 | -0.261163000 |
| C | 1.877210000 | -4.199131000 | -2.705142000 | C | -1.877210000 | 4.199131000 | -2.705142000 |
| H | 2.562279000 | -4.046895000 | -1.845270000 | H | -2.562279000 | 4.046895000 | -1.845270000 |
| C | 2.217977000 | -5.543411000 | -3.378044000 | C | -2.217977000 | 5.543411000 | -3.378044000 |
| H | 1.591623000 | -5.706559000 | -4.281684000 | H | 1.591623000 | 5.706559000 | -4.281684000 |
| H | 3.280743000 | -5.567928000 | -3.701743000 | H | -3.280743000 | 5.567928000 | -3.701743000 |
| H | 2.046807000 | -6.402274000 | -2.697102000 | H | -2.046807000 | 6.402274000 | -2.697102000 |
| C | 2.110042000 | -3.029784000 | -3.680497000 | C | -2.110042000 | 3.029784000 | -3.680497000 |
| H | 1.868799000 | -2.069636000 | -3.178540000 | H | -1.868799000 | 2.069636000 | -3.178540000 |
| H | 3.164917000 | -3.007620000 | -4.030041000 | H | -3.164917000 | 3.007620000 | -4.030041000 |
| H | 1.456651000 | -3.117824000 | -4.575886000 | H | -1.456651000 | 3.117824000 | -4.575886000 |
| C | -1.375698000 | -3.670765000 | 1.220053000 | C | 1.375698000 | 3.670765000 | -1.220053000 |
| H | -0.653010000 | -2.856940000 | 1.470094000 | H | 0.653010000 | 2.856940000 | -1.470094000 |
| C | -1.041682000 | -4.884416000 | 2.110798000 | C | 1.041682000 | 4.884416000 | -2.110798000 |
| H | 0.021804000 | -5.177511000 | 2.037145000 | H | -0.021804000 | 5.177511000 | -2.037145000 |
| H | -1.247431000 | -4.647396000 | 3.176213000 | H | 1.247431000 | 4.647396000 | -3.176213000 |
| H | -1.666489000 | -5.761434000 | 1.832690000 | H | 1.666489000 | 5.761434000 | -1.832690000 |
| C | -2.788097000 | -3.166249000 | 1.537790000 | C | 2.788097000 | 3.166249000 | -1.537790000 |
| H | -3.557654000 | -3.954581000 | 1.381265000 | H | 3.557654000 | 3.954581000 | -1.381265000 |
| H | -2.845728000 | -2.857194000 | 2.603012000 | H | 2.845728000 | 2.857194000 | -2.603012000 |
| H | -3.031250000 | -2.284266000 | 0.911395000 | H | 3.031250000 | 2.284266000 | -0.911395000 |
| N | 2.689291000 | -2.091653000 | 2.010254000 | N | -2.689291000 | 2.091653000 | -2.010254000 |
| N | 1.275873000 | -3.705521000 | 0.143069000 | N | -1.275873000 | 3.705521000 | -0.143069000 |
| P | -0.514957000 | 0.875734000 | 1.217201000 | P | 0.514957000 | -0.875734000 | -1.217201000 |
| P | 1.514131000 | 0.377037000 | 0.261371000 | P | -1.514131000 | -0.377037000 | -0.261371000 |
| Ni | 1.532906000 | -1.863579000 | 0.523980000 | Ni | -1.532906000 | 1.863579000 | -0.523980000 |
| H | 1.184817000 | 0.967259000 | 5.118059000 | H | -1.184817000 | -0.967259000 | -5.118059000 |
| H | 3.219800000 | 2.393965000 | 4.867041000 | H | -3.219800000 | -2.393965000 | -4.867041000 |
| H | 5.030054000 | 1.713569000 | 3.276171000 | H | -5.030054000 | -1.713569000 | -3.276171000 |

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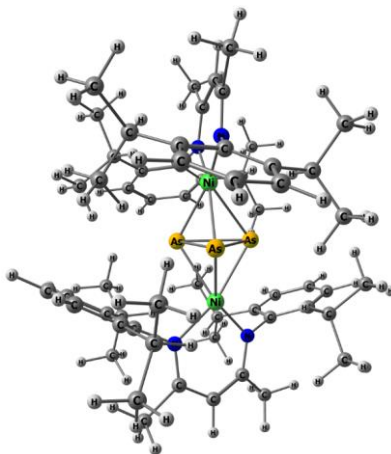


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| Ni | 1.795214000 | 0.692075000 | -0.272480000 | C | -5.900562000 | -0.564173000 | -1.419376000 |
| Ni | -1.760749000 | -0.744108000 | -0.276882000 | H | -5.783483000 | -0.101620000 | -2.418371000 |
| P | 0.504081000 | -1.177298000 | -0.512630000 | H | -6.343920000 | 0.214056000 | -0.762595000 |
| P | -0.370736000 | 0.745466000 | -1.304299000 | H | -6.624139000 | -1.399341000 | -1.487512000 |
| P | -0.140864000 | 0.460852000 | 0.895014000 | C | -3.278521000 | 2.467724000 | 1.531541000 |
| N | 2.475606000 | 2.302456000 | 0.496178000 | H | -2.294035000 | 2.016275000 | 1.290013000 |
| N | -2.353043000 | -2.228943000 | 0.789998000 | H | -3.472162000 | 2.304101000 | 2.612171000 |
| N | 3.405981000 | 0.203805000 | -1.182625000 | H | -3.199253000 | 3.561432000 | 1.361388000 |
| N | -3.462173000 | -0.309094000 | -1.025790000 | C | -1.016405000 | 4.223293000 | -0.886629000 |
| C | 3.682957000 | 2.831053000 | 0.247230000 | H | -1.616003000 | 3.343183000 | -0.588568000 |
| C | -1.441568000 | -2.669021000 | 1.790830000 | H | -1.082567000 | 4.304391000 | -1.990905000 |
| C | 1.636410000 | 2.899926000 | 1.474514000 | H | -1.498435000 | 5.130609000 | -0.461097000 |
| C | -3.611896000 | 0.980535000 | -1.604349000 | C | 3.906331000 | -3.482724000 | -1.031457000 |
| C | 4.596549000 | 2.255784000 | -0.668213000 | H | 4.115001000 | -4.262416000 | -0.283393000 |
| H | 5.538814000 | 2.800378000 | -0.822826000 | C | 5.713657000 | 0.478544000 | -2.034825000 |
| C | -0.615673000 | -3.812009000 | 1.594154000 | H | 6.057710000 | -0.495811000 | -1.629949000 |
| C | 3.506632000 | -1.149536000 | -1.608838000 | H | 6.548933000 | 1.201542000 | -1.974518000 |
| C | 4.498049000 | 0.985415000 | -1.279024000 | H | 5.478287000 | 0.301518000 | -3.104223000 |
| C | -3.578505000 | -2.769241000 | 0.716074000 | C | 2.916682000 | -0.468196000 | -4.006499000 |
| C | 0.594797000 | 3.769359000 | 1.039968000 | H | 3.050007000 | 4.527391000 | -3.534765000 |
| C | -3.251759000 | 1.191460000 | -2.967192000 | C | 0.611388000 | -4.732264000 | -0.442849000 |
| C | -4.575908000 | -1.048057000 | -0.852851000 | H | 0.489480000 | -5.314791000 | -1.380568000 |
| C | 4.150800000 | 4.050298000 | 1.021486000 | H | 1.412535000 | -5.221715000 | 0.150869000 |
| H | 4.964553000 | 4.572777000 | 0.482131000 | H | 0.963083000 | -3.716218000 | -0.708161000 |
| H | 4.547355000 | 3.745965000 | 2.014100000 | C | -1.662669000 | 0.379882000 | 4.109701000 |
| H | 3.327366000 | 4.764223000 | 1.216576000 | H | -1.512645000 | 0.025768000 | 5.152590000 |
| C | -4.603347000 | -2.246144000 | -0.109582000 | H | -2.338574000 | 1.257686000 | 4.158338000 |
| H | -5.563282000 | -2.781641000 | -0.087287000 | H | -0.690257000 | 0.728780000 | 3.709725000 |
| C | -4.118073000 | 2.048330000 | -0.808876000 | H | -1.169843000 | -6.114528000 | 0.686912000 |
| C | 1.783671000 | 2.558170000 | 2.847610000 | H | -1.341681000 | -6.705781000 | -0.237616000 |
| C | -0.268272000 | 4.316406000 | 2.007581000 | H | -2.105309000 | -6.124001000 | 1.280158000 |
| H | -1.076969000 | 4.990973000 | 1.687260000 | H | -0.394126000 | -6.644437000 | 1.280417000 |
| C | 2.840640000 | 1.551398000 | 3.294942000 | C | 3.747096000 | -3.848304000 | -2.379292000 |
| H | 3.463526000 | 1.315863000 | 2.407509000 | H | 3.845887000 | -4.903229000 | -2.681476000 |
| C | -2.666172000 | 0.041968000 | -3.781018000 | C | -5.776592000 | 2.411007000 | 1.101487000 |
| H | -1.995406000 | -0.499442000 | -3.073535000 | H | -6.598900000 | 1.994129000 | 0.483193000 |
| C | 3.779174000 | -2.144345000 | -0.620165000 | H | -5.818046000 | 3.517593000 | 1.010721000 |
| C | -1.347260000 | -1.899868000 | 2.991864000 | H | -5.986395000 | 2.160529000 | 2.162633000 |
| C | 0.288830000 | -4.170521000 | 2.614468000 | C | -3.734121000 | -0.966572000 | -4.250309000 |
| H | 0.924154000 | -5.060413000 | 2.476775000 | H | -3.262472000 | -1.774519000 | -4.849310000 |
| C | 0.442538000 | 4.070212000 | -0.446813000 | H | -4.498241000 | -0.472137000 | -4.888621000 |
| H | 0.851534000 | 3.172822000 | -0.960690000 | H | -4.250147000 | -1.444297000 | -3.396370000 |
| C | -3.436155000 | 2.474720000 | -3.517374000 | C | 1.426116000 | -0.602431000 | -4.367314000 |
| H | -3.162078000 | 2.657788000 | -4.567133000 | H | 0.786715000 | -0.487621000 | -3.468179000 |
| C | 0.889493000 | 3.123020000 | 3.777875000 | H | 1.212327000 | -1.597322000 | -4.814357000 |
| H | 0.984264000 | 2.860839000 | 4.844458000 | H | 1.129822000 | 0.173796000 | -5.102521000 |
| C | 0.396343000 | -3.421983000 | 3.794076000 | C | 3.764363000 | 2.117128000 | 4.389121000 |
| H | 1.118132000 | -3.714374000 | 4.573211000 | H | 4.572518000 | 1.394954000 | 4.631589000 |
| C | -0.713507000 | -4.680934000 | 0.341490000 | H | 3.206408000 | 2.318439000 | 5.328770000 |
| H | -1.478752000 | -4.219068000 | -0.316747000 | H | 4.239540000 | 3.068782000 | 4.072673000 |
| C | 3.308869000 | -1.510899000 | -2.967381000 | C | -1.825872000 | 0.520907000 | -4.970383000 |
| C | -0.417132000 | -2.292167000 | 3.971999000 | H | -2.452431000 | 1.000378000 | -5.753424000 |
| H | -0.328564000 | -1.701754000 | 4.896065000 | H | -1.307378000 | -0.336739000 | -5.444275000 |
| C | -0.124666000 | 4.003851000 | 3.369350000 | H | -1.057509000 | 1.251102000 | -4.646787000 |
| H | -0.814926000 | 4.435585000 | 4.111649000 | C | 2.193187000 | 0.229973000 | 3.749553000 |
| C | -3.939546000 | -3.996954000 | 1.535603000 | H | 2.970801000 | -0.518106000 | 4.012000000 |
| H | -3.791262000 | -4.915963000 | 0.929765000 | H | 1.554892000 | -0.199599000 | 2.951289000 |
| H | -5.005863000 | -3.972641000 | 1.834363000 | H | 1.554093000 | 0.382353000 | 4.644777000 |

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| H | -3.312063000 | -4.093225000 | 2.441334000 | C | -3.655997000 | -1.131672000 | 3.732604000 |
| C | -3.967719000 | 3.527231000 | -2.753858000 | H | -3.572959000 | -1.634740000 | 4.720426000 |
| H | -4.108983000 | 4.521905000 | -3.205999000 | H | -4.161679000 | -1.825588000 | 3.034650000 |
| C | -2.270510000 | -0.702806000 | 3.210337000 | H | -4.313087000 | -0.244051000 | 3.854981000 |
| H | -2.422206000 | -0.261603000 | 2.200303000 | C | 3.419927000 | -2.863271000 | 1.798211000 |
| C | -4.292601000 | 3.310995000 | -1.407196000 | H | 2.424594000 | -3.258927000 | 1.520483000 |
| H | -4.678727000 | 4.146038000 | -0.800546000 | H | 3.343005000 | -2.479811000 | 2.835792000 |
| C | -4.404992000 | 1.854881000 | 0.678685000 | H | 4.144310000 | -3.706644000 | 1.809836000 |
| H | -4.404632000 | 0.764542000 | 0.881374000 | C | 3.794828000 | -0.523440000 | -5.270190000 |
| C | 3.847104000 | -1.740669000 | 0.849425000 | H | 3.643582000 | -1.469784000 | -5.832148000 |
| H | 3.095868000 | -0.919773000 | 0.944553000 | H | 4.875212000 | -0.449706000 | -5.025644000 |
| C | 1.283414000 | 5.285759000 | -0.883624000 | H | 3.542165000 | 0.311114000 | -5.957558000 |
| H | 2.362504000 | 5.134073000 | -0.687897000 | C | 5.211522000 | -1.155083000 | 1.259177000 |
| H | 0.964127000 | 6.204820000 | -0.345282000 | H | 6.025724000 | -1.898361000 | 1.115071000 |
| H | 1.162825000 | 5.470229000 | -1.972457000 | H | 5.199207000 | -0.868801000 | 2.332699000 |
| C | 3.430432000 | -2.868185000 | -3.330018000 | H | 5.461884000 | -0.246564000 | 0.678085000 |
| H | 3.274245000 | -3.161500000 | -4.381160000 | | | | |

Table S4.15. Optimized geometries of **5b** singlet. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.



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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ni | -1.785945000 | 0.817613000 | 0.261120000 | H | 3.599150000 | 2.660447000 | 4.333679000 |
| Ni | 1.745243000 | -0.850210000 | 0.266288000 | C | -0.628361000 | 2.815387000 | -3.879537000 |
| N | 3.490276000 | -0.536220000 | 0.983239000 | H | -0.732563000 | 2.404813000 | -4.896147000 |
| N | -3.464943000 | 0.477127000 | 1.110487000 | C | 1.842859000 | -0.072369000 | -4.255034000 |
| N | 2.170476000 | -2.456268000 | -0.716634000 | H | 2.604688000 | 0.728473000 | -4.345914000 |
| N | -2.271724000 | 2.494443000 | -0.547272000 | H | 0.902617000 | 0.398695000 | -3.905806000 |
| C | 4.527239000 | -1.383651000 | 0.830597000 | H | 1.674420000 | -0.478589000 | -5.275636000 |
| C | 4.422592000 | -2.624603000 | 0.169657000 | C | -0.111599000 | 4.379497000 | 0.153753000 |
| H | 5.329521000 | -3.247049000 | 0.162679000 | H | -0.688486000 | 3.711953000 | 0.829918000 |
| C | -3.435417000 | 3.125953000 | -0.332544000 | C | 0.718383000 | -5.925586000 | -0.111155000 |
| C | 3.769571000 | 0.770942000 | 1.468974000 | H | 0.686278000 | -6.409422000 | 0.888388000 |
| C | -4.507368000 | 1.328112000 | 1.101967000 | H | 1.768330000 | -5.921714000 | -0.455612000 |
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| H | -5.359607000 | 3.223105000 | 0.598903000 | C | 3.646227000 | -1.769552000 | -3.765982000 |
| C | 3.345146000 | -3.095923000 | -0.621678000 | H | 3.494107000 | -2.339218000 | -4.708333000 |
| C | 1.218472000 | -2.854752000 | -1.700077000 | H | 4.084194000 | -2.455105000 | -3.017964000 |
| C | 0.194177000 | -3.799309000 | -1.399767000 | H | 4.393253000 | -0.971906000 | -3.966244000 |
| C | 5.908464000 | -0.982403000 | 1.321477000 | C | 5.914704000 | 1.769155000 | -1.400593000 |
| H | 6.389509000 | -0.288704000 | 0.599837000 | H | 6.128911000 | 2.858106000 | -1.348465000 |
| H | 6.561996000 | -1.870212000 | 1.422920000 | H | 6.036690000 | 1.459124000 | -2.459961000 |
| H | 5.870676000 | -0.447434000 | 2.289834000 | H | 6.690313000 | 1.246971000 | -0.802205000 |
| C | -4.262187000 | -1.834521000 | 0.809079000 | C | -2.487809000 | -0.069299000 | 3.748852000 |
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| C | 4.303130000 | 1.748651000 | 0.580776000 | H | -2.961530000 | -0.506688000 | -4.203722000 |
| C | 4.493639000 | 1.446686000 | -0.904257000 | H | -1.280860000 | -0.284669000 | -3.629014000 |
| H | 4.320361000 | 0.360350000 | -1.045866000 | H | -1.866346000 | 0.596141000 | -5.085442000 |
| C | -3.661366000 | -0.833286000 | 1.623938000 | C | 0.565949000 | 4.210079000 | -2.296001000 |
| C | -1.526826000 | 2.407768000 | -2.876859000 | H | 1.398654000 | 4.894845000 | -2.071000000 |
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| C | 2.322857000 | -1.151366000 | -3.274261000 | C | 2.064714000 | 0.671498000 | 4.900167000 |
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| C | 3.496368000 | 1.095772000 | 2.831036000 | H | 1.519071000 | -0.117464000 | 5.455648000 |
| C | -3.196657000 | -1.144275000 | 2.934549000 | H | 1.321302000 | 1.409188000 | 4.534283000 |
| C | -0.752348000 | -4.103736000 | -2.398941000 | C | 1.359935000 | 4.335589000 | 0.595649000 |
| H | -1.548486000 | -4.830838000 | -2.175409000 | H | 1.798027000 | 3.332028000 | 0.437842000 |
| C | -3.7411013000 | 4.458854000 | -0.999778000 | H | 1.449929000 | 4.572703000 | 1.676121000 |
| H | -2.990411000 | 4.726578000 | -1.765497000 | H | 1.983562000 | 5.071083000 | 0.043205000 |
| H | -3.764741000 | 5.268170000 | -0.239340000 | C | -3.593581000 | -2.221708000 | -1.585118000 |
| H | -4.743289000 | 4.442559000 | -1.474379000 | H | -3.621110000 | -3.326201000 | -1.478558000 |
| C | -0.708377000 | -3.497276000 | -3.660931000 | H | -2.559834000 | -1.891012000 | -1.358905000 |
| H | -1.462894000 | -3.746200000 | -4.423947000 | H | -3.806583000 | -1.976305000 | -2.646821000 |
| C | 0.292151000 | -2.552857000 | -3.938101000 | C | 3.865633000 | -0.981547000 | 4.276101000 |
| H | 0.313724000 | -2.060876000 | -4.921944000 | H | 4.340772000 | -1.552757000 | 3.456626000 |
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| H | 2.140404000 | -0.498718000 | 3.086062000 | C | -3.470650000 | 0.726063000 | 4.629407000 |
| C | -2.622586000 | 1.382878000 | -3.162202000 | H | -4.263590000 | 1.206484000 | 4.023105000 |
| H | -2.874463000 | 0.938062000 | -2.174095000 | H | -2.939361000 | 1.527123000 | 5.186411000 |
| C | 4.365602000 | 3.353423000 | 2.429014000 | H | -3.964344000 | 0.062894000 | 5.372764000 |
| H | 4.601750000 | 4.360981000 | 2.806919000 | C | -0.666432000 | 5.811110000 | 0.302345000 |
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| C | -1.319009000 | -4.588342000 | 0.501874000 | H | -1.739370000 | 5.871784000 | 0.039565000 |
| H | -1.944535000 | -5.295280000 | -0.084680000 | As | 0.532226000 | 0.979829000 | 1.212993000 |
| H | -1.821770000 | -3.602927000 | 0.494195000 | As | -0.613998000 | -1.173792000 | 0.837732000 |
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| C | 3.805010000 | 2.391754000 | 3.286433000 | | | | |

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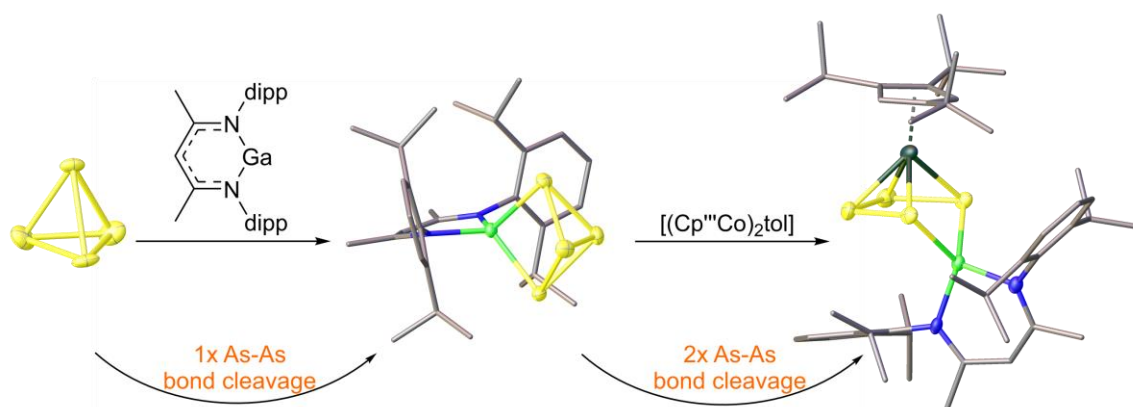
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5. Reactivity of E_4 ($E = P, As$) towards low valent $Al(I)$ and $Ga(I)$ compounds



5. Reactivity of E₄ (E₄ = P₄, As₄, AsP₃) towards low valent Al(I) and Ga(I) compounds

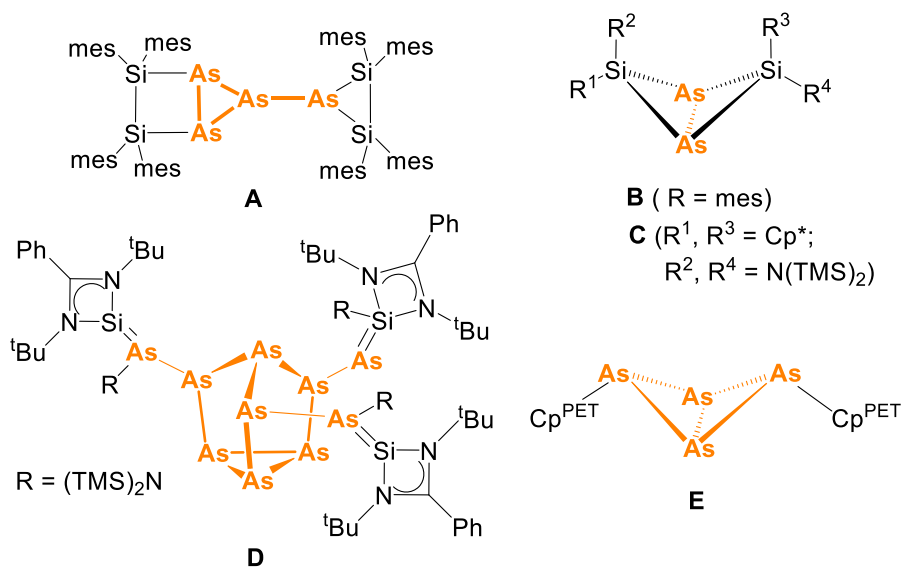
Abstract: The reactivity of yellow arsenic and the interpnictogen compound AsP₃ towards low valent group 13 compounds was investigated. The reactions of [L³Al] (**1**, L³ = [{N(C₆H₃ⁱPr₂-2,6)C(Me)}₂CH]⁺) with As₄ and AsP₃ leads to [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-E₄)] (E₄ = As₄ (**3b**), AsP₃ (**3c**)) by insertion of two fragments into two of the six E-E edges of the E₄ tetrahedra. Furthermore, the reaction of [L³Ga] (**2**) with E₄ afforded [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-E₄)] (E₄ = As₄ (**4b**), AsP₃ (**4c**)). In this compound only one E-E bond of the E₄ tetrahedra is cleaved. These compounds represent the first examples of the conversion of yellow arsenic and AsP₃ with group 13 compounds. Furthermore, the reactivity of the gallium complexes towards unsaturated transition metal units or polypnictogen (E_n) ligand complexes were investigated. This leads to the heterobimetallic compounds [(L³Ga)(μ,η^{2:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ni)] (**5a**), [(Cp^{'''}Co)(μ,η^{4:1:1}-E₄)(L³Ga)] (E = P (**6a**), As (**6b**), Cp^{'''} = η⁵-C₅H₂ⁱBu₃) and [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(η^{3:1:1}-E₃)(L³Ga)] (E = P (**7a**), As (**7b**)), which combines two different ligand systems in one compound (nacnac and Cp) as well as two different types of metals (main group and transition metals). The compounds were characterized by crystallographic and spectroscopic methods.

5.1. Introduction

Yellow arsenic (As₄) is the isostructural higher homolog of white phosphorus, both of them represent at room temperature stable but the most reactive group 15 allotropes. While the reactivity of white phosphorus towards transition metal and main group compounds was extensively investigated,^[1] there are just a few examples of the conversion of As₄ with main group compounds.^[2] The reason for this lies in the instability, the light- and air sensitivity and the lack of storage possibilities of yellow arsenic.^[2d] Another problem is the lack of characterization of product mixtures, since the ⁷⁵As NMR method only works for very symmetric compounds such as As₄. West *et al.* reported the reactivity of yellow arsenic with silicon compounds.^[2a] The reaction of [Mes₂Si=SiMes₂] with As₄ leads to 1-arsa-2,3-disilacyclopropyl-1,4,5-triarsa-2,3,-disilabicyclo [2.1.0] pentane (**A**, Scheme 5.1) and 1,3-diarsa-2,4-disilabicyclobutane products (**B**, Scheme 5.1). By heating this mixture at 95 °C, there is a conversion to the Si₂As₂ butterfly compound **B**. The reaction of P₄ with different disilenes leads to products similar to **B**. A totally different outcome was observed by the reaction of yellow arsenic with silylene [PhC(N^tBu)₂SiN(SiMe₃)₂] as well as the disilene [(Me₃Si)₂N(η¹-Me₅C₅)Si=Si(η¹-Me₅C₅)N(SiMe₃)₂]^[2c] in comparison to the reaction with white phosphorus. Thus, the reaction with As₄ leads to an As₁₀ cage with a nortricyclane core stabilized by three arsilene fragments (**D**, Scheme 5.1) and [Cp*{(SiMe₃)₂N}SiAs]₂ (**C**, Cp* = η⁵-C₅Me₅, Scheme 5.1) with a butterfly-like central core. By using a main group radical (Cp^{PET}, Cp^{PET} = η⁵-C₅(4-EtC₆H₄)₅) the first organo-substituted As₄ butterfly compound [Cp^{PET}₂As₄]^[2b] (**E**, Scheme 5.1) was synthesized. This compound was able to release yellow arsenic under thermal or photochemical conditions. All known examples of the activation of yellow arsenic with main group compounds are examples of group 14 reactives. In contrast to yellow arsenic, the binary interpnictogen compound AsP₃^[3] is

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stable, isolobal and as easy to handle as P₄. Within the last decade, a few examples of the activation of AsP₃ with main group and transition metal compounds were reported.^[4]



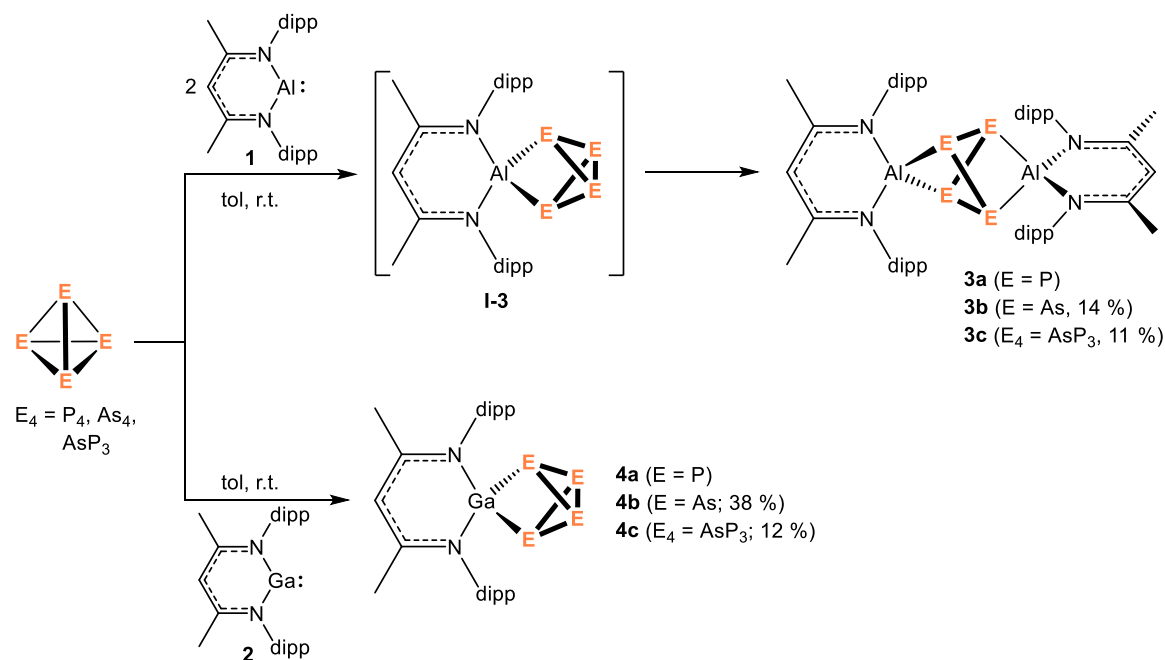
Scheme 5.1. Examples of the conversion of yellow arsenic with main group compounds.

Moreover the groups of *H. W. Roesky*, *R. A. Fischer* and *J. J. Weigand* reported the reaction of the main group metal compounds [L³Al] (**1**, L³ = [{N(C₆H₃ⁱPr₂-2,6)C(Me)₂CH}]⁻)^[5] and [L³Ga] (**2**)^[6] with white phosphorus. Here the formation of [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-P₄)] (**3a**)^[7], [L³Ga(η^{1:1:1}-P₄)] (**4a**)^[8] and other polyphosphanes stabilized by two {L³Ga} fragments are obtained.^[9] Moreover, **2** was reacted with the antimony reagent [Cp*⁺Sb]₄ to form [(L³Ga)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-Sb₄)]^[10].

Motivated by the results of the reactivity of white phosphorus towards group 13 metal complexes, the question arose if there are similarities or differences in their reactivity towards yellow arsenic. Furthermore, the reactivity of such products towards unsaturated metal fragments were of interest. On the basis of our results about the reactivity of Cu(I) nacnac complexes towards E_n ligand complexes,^[11] the question arose as to what extent the E-E bonds in E_n ligand complexes can be activated or cleaved by {L³Ga} fragments. Herein, we present the conversion of yellow arsenic and AsP₃, respectively, with the Al(I) and Ga(I) nacnac compounds **1** and **2**. Thereby result the first examples of the conversion of yellow arsenic and AsP₃ with group 13 metal compounds [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-E₄)] (E₄ = As₄ (**3b**), AsP₃ (**3c**)) and [L³Ga(η^{1:1:1}-E₄)] (E₄ = As₄ (**4b**), AsP₃ (**4c**)). Furthermore, the reactivity of gallium compounds towards unsaturated metal compounds and E_n ligand complexes were investigated.

5.2. Results and Discussion

The reaction of [L³Al] (**1**) and [L³Ga] (**2**) with an excess of yellow arsenic in toluene at room temperature leads to [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-As₄)] (**3b**) and [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-As₄)] (**4b**), which are isolated as orange (**3b**) or yellow (**4b**) air-sensitive solids in crystalline yields of 14 % and 38 %, respectively (Scheme 5.2). Reacting **1** and **2** with AsP₃, yields [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-AsP₃)] (**3c**) and [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-AsP₃)] (**4c**), respectively, as orange or yellow air-sensitive solids in isolated crystalline yields of 11 % (**3c**) and 12 % (**4c**) (Scheme 5.2).



Scheme 5.2. Reaction of As₄ and AsP₃ with **1** and **2** (dipp = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl).

The reaction of **1** with an excess of P₄ also leads to **3a**, the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum show only traces of a monomeric species (**I-3a**, see Supporting Information). According to DFT calculations at the B3LYP/def2-SVE level of theory, the formation of the dimeric species are in the case of aluminum by 112 kJ · mol⁻¹ (**3a**), 95 kJ · mol⁻¹ (**3b**) and 116 kJ · mol⁻¹ (**3c**) more likely than the formation of the monomeric species. A similar behavior is calculated for the gallium compounds, the dimeric species should be favored by 25 kJ · mol⁻¹ (**4a**), 31 kJ · mol⁻¹ (**4b**) and 29 kJ · mol⁻¹ (**4c**). Even by changing the reaction conditions (e.g. temperature, stoichiometry), the reaction of **2** with As₄ leads to the monomeric species **4b**.^[12] In comparison with the lighter homolog phosphorus the reaction of **2** with white phosphorus in a 1:0.75 ratio at 180 °C^[13] leads to the formation of **4a** and [(L³Ga)₂(P_n)] (n = 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16).^[9] Freshly dissolved **3b** in C₆D₆ was characterized by ¹H NMR spectroscopy at room temperature, which shows one set of signals for the two equivalent nacnac ligands. Similarly, the ¹H NMR spectrum of **4b** (C₆D₆, r.t.) reveals a full set of signals for the nacnac ligand. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of the crude reaction mixture of **3c** and **4c** show the formation of various compounds (see Supporting Information) but only **3c** and **4c**, respectively, could be isolated (vide infra). The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of

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crystals of **4c** dissolved in C₆D₆ show two sets of signals corresponding to two isomers, indicating different chemical and magnetic environments, which can be explained by the different position of the arsenic atom in the AsP₃ unit (Figure 5.1). The formation of the isomers of **4c** depend on the successive bond cleavage of the AsP₃ tetrahedron. According to DFT calculations, the cleavage of an As-P bond is preferred by 6 kcal·mol⁻¹ vs a P-P bond.^[4d] If the P-As bond is broken than the major isomer **4c1** is formed, with the gallium coordinated arsenic atom (Figure 5.3). A P-P bond cleavage leads to the formation of the minor isomer **4c2**, with the arsenic atom in the bridgehead position of the ligand (Figure 5.3). In the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **4c**, both isomers are visible. For the major isomer **4c1**, a triplet at δ = 179.1 ppm and a doublet at δ = -319.8 ppm (¹J_{PP} = 155 Hz) in an integral ratio of 1:2 can be detected. The signals for the isomer **4c2** revealing a doublet at δ = 227.6 ppm and a triplet at -279.4 ppm (¹J_{PP} = 164 Hz) in an integral ratio of 2:1. The ratio between compounds **4c1** to **4c2** in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of the crystals is 1:0.1. There are also traces of **4a** visible (³¹P{¹H}: δ = -328.7 (t) and 212.7 ppm (t)), due to P₄ impurities in AsP₃.

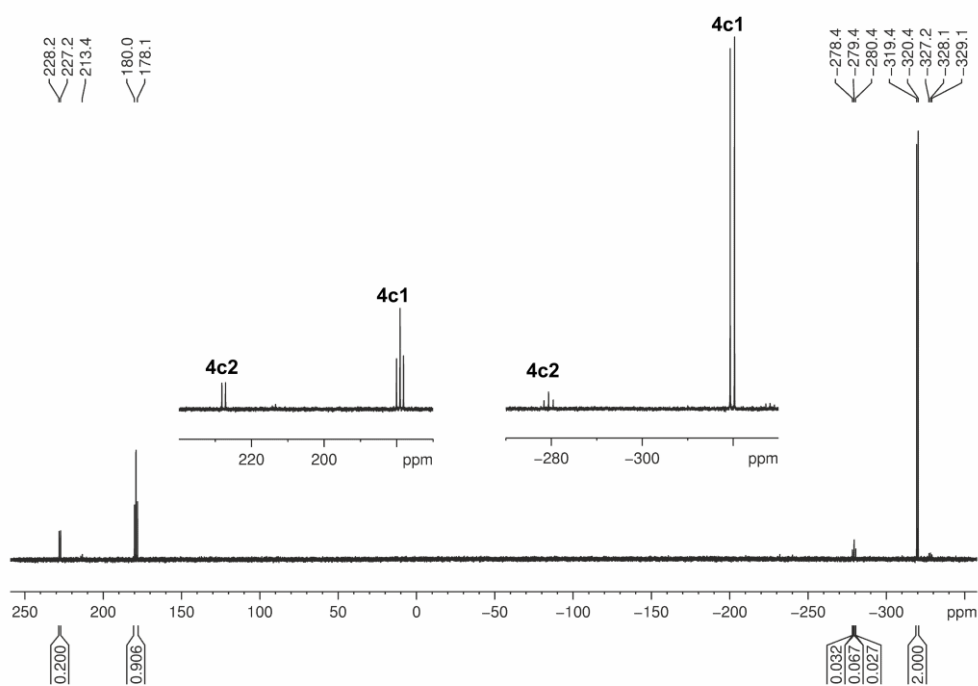


Figure 5.1. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of compound **4c** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of the crude reaction solution of [L³Al] with AsP₃ show two set of signals corresponding to two monomeric isomers (**I-3c**, Scheme 5.2) of a compound analogous to **4c**. For one isomer a doublet at δ = 117.7 ppm (¹J_{PP} = 162 Hz, 2P) and a triplet at δ = -284.8 ppm (¹J_{PP} = 162 Hz, 1P) can be detected, while for the other isomer there is a triplet at δ = 67.4 ppm (¹J_{PP} = 151 Hz, 1P) and a doublet at δ = -324.9 ppm (¹J_{PP} = 151 Hz, 2P). Both isomers are in an integral ratio of 3:2. Based on the striking similarity of the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopic date of the two isomers and **4c** (vide supra) the two

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isomers represent the analogs of **3c** in which the As atom possessing wingtip as well as in bridgehead position. Furthermore, there are signals for **3c** visible, which was the only product that was obtained by crystallization regardless of numerous attempts. The ¹H NMR spectrum of a sample prepared by dissolved crystals of **3c** in C₆D₆ at room temperature show two sets of signals for the Me-groups and the α-H atoms, due to the magnetically non equivalent ligands. This is caused by the position of the arsenic atom within the AsP₃ unit. In the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of the same sample of **3c** a doublet at δ = 62.1 ppm (¹J_{PP} = 24 Hz) and a triplet at δ = 50.0 ppm (¹J_{PP} = 24 Hz) in an integral ratio of 2:1 can be detected. In the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **3c** also a signal for **3a** is visible (**3a**: ³¹P{¹H}: δ = 78.6 ppm^[7]). The small ¹J_{PP} coupling constants could be explained by the pronounced 3p character of the P-P bond and the mainly 3s character of the phosphorus lone-pairs, which lead to a small s-overlap integral for the P-P bond and was reported also for diphosphines.^[14] NBO analysis nicely show the high p character of the E-E bonds of **3c** (P1-P2: sp^{9.2}, P2-As3: sp¹⁰, As3-P4: sp¹⁰, P1-P4: sp^{9.2}). In the LIFDI-MS spectra of **3b**, **4b** and **4c**, respectively, the corresponding molecular ion peak are detected.

The molecular structures of **3b** and **3c** reveal dinuclear compounds bearing a strongly folded As₄ or AsP₃ ring, coordinating in a η^{1:1} fashion to both {L³Al} fragments, which are twisted (**3b**: 97.70(11)°; **3c**: 81.99(11)°) to each other (Figure 5.2). The arsenic atom in **3c** is disordered over all four pnictogen positions (occupation of the phosphorus and arsenic positions see Table 5.1). The As-As distances in **3b** are between 2.5096(6) and 2.5220(6) Å, which is elongated in comparison to an As-As single bond.^[15] The Wiberg Bond Indices show the integrity of the As-As bonds (WBIs all-around 0.93). A similar M₂As₄ core has been observed in [(Cp*Co(CO))₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-As₄)] (**F**).^[16] The As1...As3 and As2...As4 distances (3.329 and 3.341 Å) of **3b** are clearly longer than those in **F** (2.838(2) and 2.881(2) Å), which indicates a complete bond cleavage of two As-As edges of the As₄ tetrahedra. The P-As distances in **3c** are in the range of 2.280(18) and 2.561(14) Å, the P-P distances are within 2.301(7) and 2.407(8) Å (WBIs between 0.93 and 0.96). The average Al-As distance in **3b** is 2.4513 Å, which is comparable to the recently reported compound [L³Al(AsH₂)₂] (L³ = [{N(C₆H₃ⁱPr_{2-2,6})C(Me)}₂CH]-) of our group (Al-As_(av.) 2.474(3) Å).^[17]

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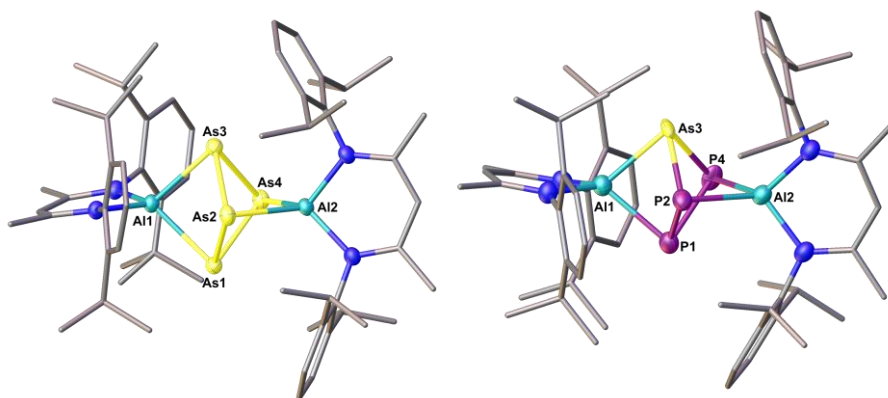


Figure 5.2. Molecular structure of **3b** (left) and **3c** (right, one of the four isomers) in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

The molecular structures of **4b** and **4c** reveal mononuclear compounds bearing an As₄ or AsP₃ butterfly ligand, coordinating in a η^{1:1} fashion to the {L³Ga} fragment (Figure 5.3). The arsenic atom in **4c** is disordered over all four pnictogen positions. The major isomer **4c1**, with the gallium coordinated arsenic atom and the minor isomer **4c2**, with the arsenic atom in the bridgehead position of the ligand, were determined to be in a ratio of 85:6 (9 % are **4a**) in the solid state (occupation of the phosphorus and arsenic positions see Table 5.1). According to DFT calculations at the B3LYP/def2-SVE level of theory, **4c1** is just by 0.3 kJ·mol⁻¹ more stable than **4c2**.

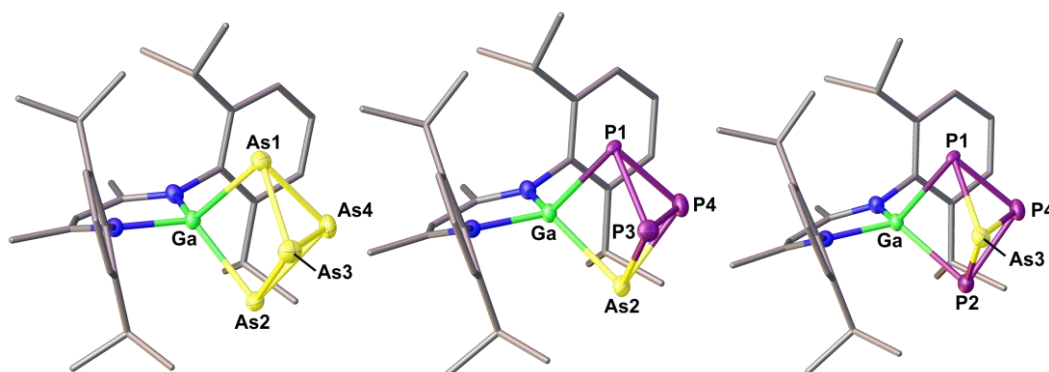


Figure 5.3. Molecular structure of **4b** (left), one of the major isomers **4c1** (middle) and one of the minor isomers **4c2** (right) in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

Table 5.1. Occupation of the phosphorus and arsenic positions in compound **3c** and **4c**.

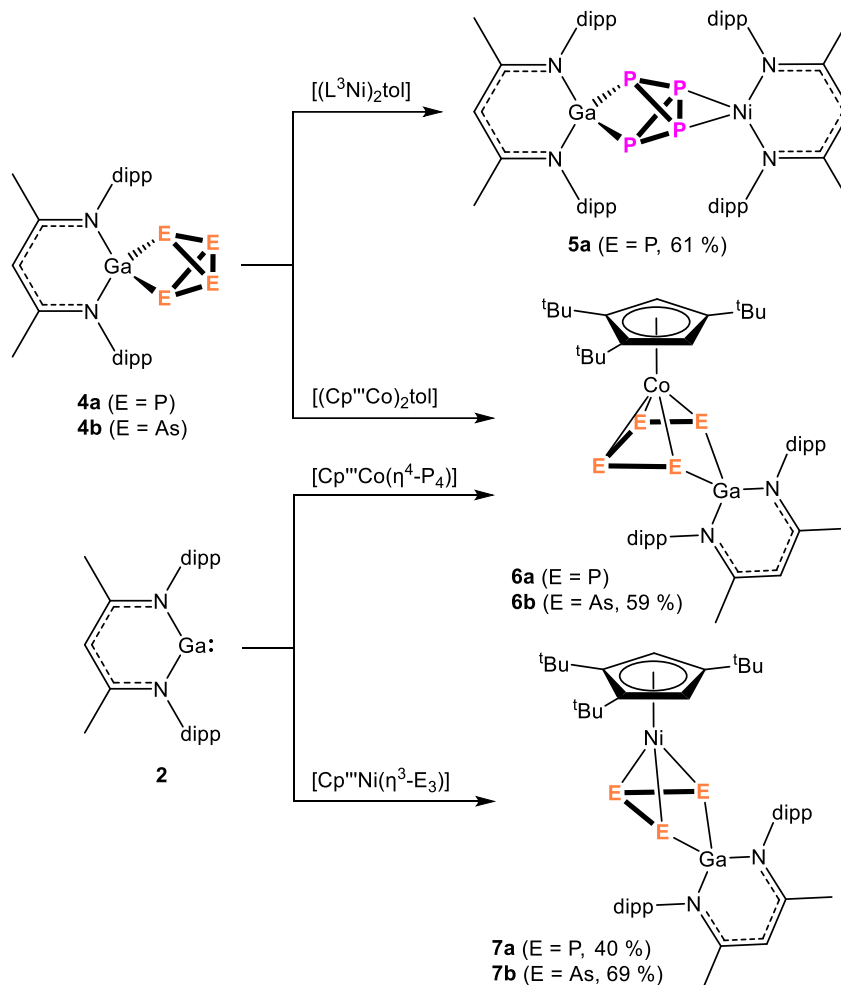
| | Atom | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 3c | P | 0.91 | 0.90 | 0.69 | 0.67 |
| | As | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.31 | 0.33 |
| 4c | P | 0.49 | 0.65 | 0.98 | 0.97 |
| | As | 0.51 | 0.35 | 0.02 | 0.03 |

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The six-membered GaN₂C₃ ring is nearly perpendicular oriented (**4b**: 91.8°; **4c**: 87.9°) to the E1-Ga-E2 plane. The As1...As2 distance with 3.452 Å lies in a non-bonding area for **4b** (WBI: 0.1). The E1...E2 distances of **4c** are 3.291(13), 3.365(10) and 3.295(13) Å and in a non-bonding area, respectively. The As-As distances of **4b** are all between 2.4608(5) and 2.4693(6) Å, except of the As3-As4 length, which is shortened to 2.3830(6) Å. A similar trend of the As-As distances within the As₄ butterfly moiety was also found in [Cp*Co(CO)(η^{1:1}-As₄)]^[16] and [(Cp^RM(CO)_n)₂(μ,η^{1:1}-As₄)]^[18] (Cp^R, M = Fe, n = 2; Cp*, M = Cr, n = 3). The P-As distances in **4c** are in the range between 2.315(4) and 2.52(4) Å, the P-P distances are within 2.155(4) and 2.301(5) Å which fits well to the values of **4a**.^[8] Moreover, the WBIs of all E-E bonds distances were calculated and show the integrity of the bonds. The Ga-As distances are 2.4259(5)/2.4415(5) Å for **4b** and 2.412(3)/2.421(8) Å for compound **4c**. This is comparable to the Ga-As distances found in [(η¹-L³Ga(Cp*))](η²-L³Ga)(μ-As₃), which exhibit Ga-As bond lengths of the η² coordinated Ga of 2.4183(3) and 2.4224(3) Å.^[19]

The E-E bond in the bridgehead of the butterfly unit of **4a** can be further activated in the case of phosphorus with another molecule of **2**.^[9] Such a reactivity could not be observed for the arsenic compound **4b**. Thus, the question arose if such gallium complexes are able to react further with unsaturated transition metal fragments and this also in case of the As₄ derivative **4b**. We focus especially on the synthesis of heterometallic mixed main group (group 13 metals) and transition metal complexes, which are little explored.^[20] In order to investigate the reactivity of **4a** and **4b** towards unsaturated transition metal fragments, they were reacted with 0.5 equivalent of [(L³Ni)₂tol]^[21] and [(Cp^RCo)₂(μ,η^{4:4}-C₇H₈)]^[22] to deliver just one metal fragment. This leads to the quantitative formation of [(L³Ga)(μ,η^{2:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ni)] (**5a**) and [(Cp^RCo)(μ,η^{4:1:1}-E₄)(L³Ga)] (E = P (**6a**), As (**6b**)), which are isolated as orange (**5a**) or green (**6a**, **6b**) air-sensitive solids in crystalline yields of 61 % (**5a**, Scheme 5.3) and 59 % (**6b**, Scheme 5.3), respectively. The reaction of **4a** with [(Cp^RCo)₂tol] is not as selective as in the case of **4b**. In addition to [(Cp^RCo)(μ,η^{4:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ga)] (**6a**), [(Cp^RCo)(μ,η^{2:2}-P₂)₂] (**G**) is also formed in this reaction showing that **4a** can deliver P₄ units to {Cp^RCo} fragments.^[23] To examine if [L³Ga] is also able to open an E-E bond of a *cyclo*-E_n complex, we react [Cp^RCo(η⁴-P₄)] (**H**) and [Cp^RNi(η³-E₃)] (**I**) with **2** (Scheme 5.3). The reaction of **H** with **2** leads to the selective formation of **6a**. By the reaction of **I** with **2** compound [(Cp^RNi)(η^{3:1:1}-E₃)(L³Ga)] (E = P (**7a**), As (**7b**)) is formed as orange air sensitive solid in crystalline yields of 40 % (**7a**) and 69 % (**7b**) (Scheme 5.3). These compounds are novel neutral, heterometallic compounds containing mixed main group and transition metals.

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Scheme 5.3. Reaction of **4a** and **4b** with unsaturated transition metal complexes and reaction of **2** with E_n ligand complexes (dipp = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl, Cp''' = C₅H₂tBu₃).

Whereas the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **5a** in C₆D₆ at room temperature is silent, the ¹H NMR spectrum displays broad and shifted signals revealing a paramagnetic compound. The effective magnetic moment (μ_{eff}) was determined by the Evans method to be 2.29 μ_B corresponding approximately to one unpaired electron. The paramagnetic nature of **5a** was confirmed by X-band EPR spectroscopy at room temperature and at 77 K (r.t.: g = 2.156, 77K: g₁ = 2.236, g₂ = 2.121 and g₃ = 2.038, Figure 5.4). DFT calculations (B3LYP/def2-SVE level) show that the spin density is delocalized over the nickel atom and all four phosphorus atoms (Figure 5.4), which is in agreement with the observed hyperfine coupling. The ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction of **4b** with [(L³Ni)₂tol] exhibit similar broad and shifted signals to **5a** but regardless of numerous attempts crystallization was not possible.

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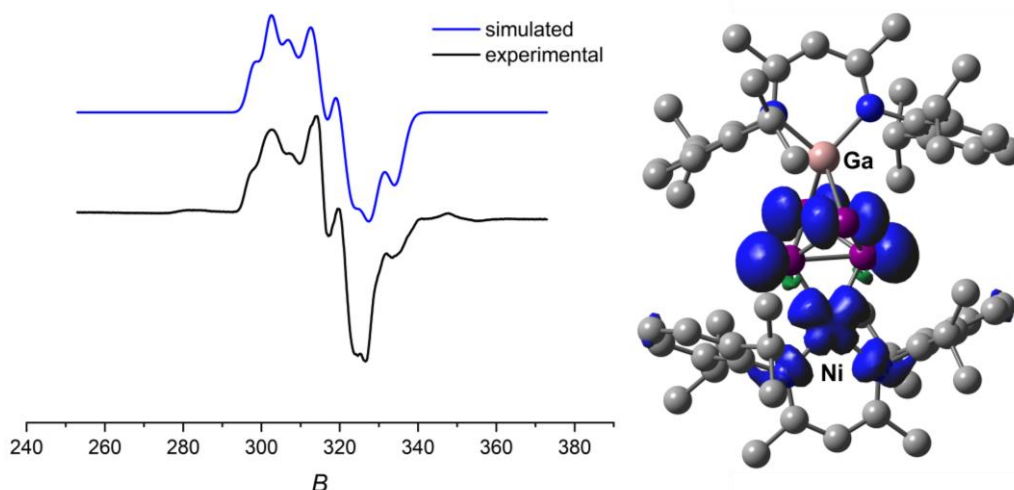


Figure 5.4. left: X-band EPR spectrum of **5a** (B in [mT], frozen toluene solution 77 K (black), simulation (blue)); right: Spin density distribution in **5a**, calculated at the B3LYP/def2-SVE level.

The ¹H NMR spectra of the reaction solutions of **6b** and **7b**, respectively, in C₆D₆ indicate that the reactions are very selective, they exhibit four doublets centered at δ = 1.90, 1.63, 1.19 and 0.82 ppm (**6b**); δ = 1.67, 1.60, 1.14 and 1.04 ppm (**7b**) and two septets centered at δ = 3.95 and 2.58 (**6b**) or δ = 1.56 and 1.48 (**7b**) for the isopropyl groups, respectively. This indicates that the chemical environment of all isopropyl groups is different. Similar signals could be obtained for **6a** and **7a** in the ¹H NMR spectrum. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **6a** in C₆D₆ reveals two multiplets centered at δ = 94.0 and -54.0 ppm, respectively, with an integral ratio of 1:1 displaying an AA'XX' spin system (see Supporting Information). This shows high similarities to the anionic heterobimetallic complex [K(dme)₂]{(Mes)BIAN}Co(μ,η^{4:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ga) (MesBIAN = 1,2-bis(2,4,6-dimethylphenylimino)acenaphthene).^[20b] The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **7a** in C₆D₆ reveals a doublet at δ = 163.8 ppm (2P, ¹J_{PP} = 325 Hz) and a triplet at δ = 109.1 ppm (1P, ¹J_{PP} = 325 Hz).

The molecular structure of **5a** displays a heterobimetallic complex bearing a P₄ butterfly unit, coordinating in a η^{1:1} fashion to the {L³Ga} fragment and in a η² fashion to the {L³Ni} fragment (Figure 5.5). The P1...P2 distances of compound **5a** is 3.1784(17) Å, which is in the same range than for **4a** (3.173(3) Å^[8]) and in a non-bonding area (WBI: P1...P2 0.12). The P-P bond distances of **5a** are all between 2.2366(18) and 2.2391(17) Å (WBIs all around 0.9), except of the P3-P4 bond distance, which is elongated to 2.2566(15) Å (WBI: 0.78). Compound **5a** is a rare example of a mixed main group-transition metal nacnac complex. To the best of our knowledge, only one example of a similar compound with mixed metal nacnac ligands is known, the nickel silicon compound [(L³Si)(μ,η^{2:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ni)].^[20c]

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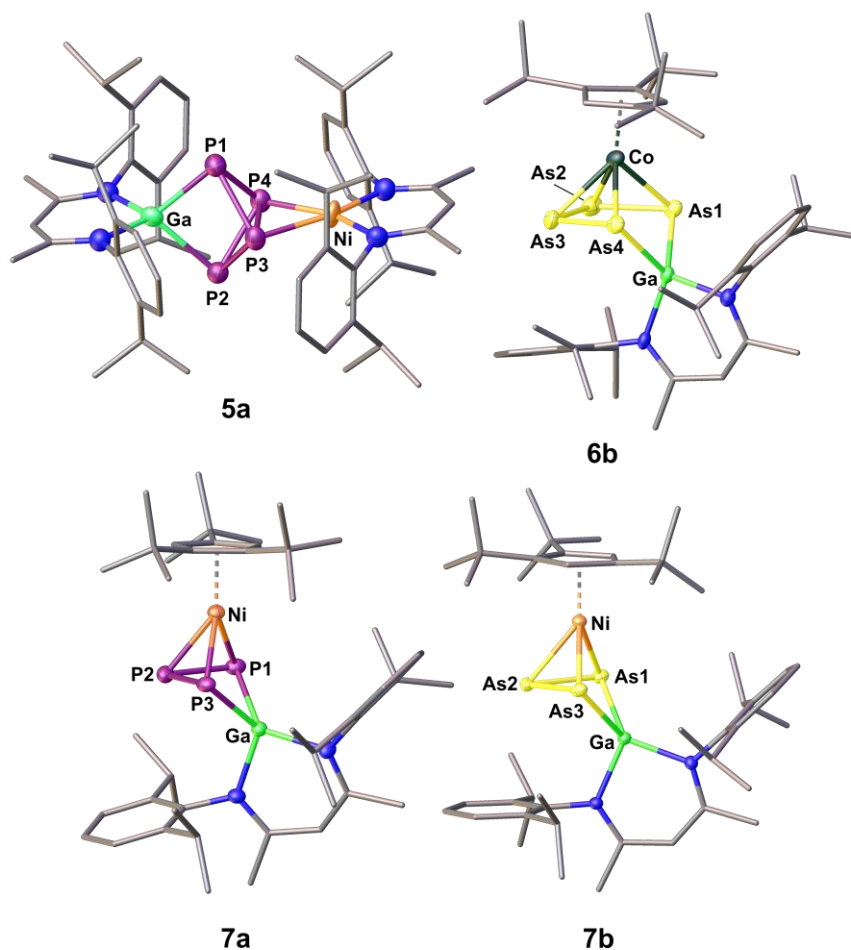


Figure 5.5. Molecular structures of **5a**, **6b**, **7a** and **7b** in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

Compound **6b**, **7a** and **7b** are heterodinuclear sandwich complexes with a {Cp^{'''}M} fragment η^4 - or η^3 -coordinated to the As₄ or E₃ chain and a {L³Ga} fragment in a $\eta^{1:1}$ coordination mode (Figure 5.5). In comparison to **4b**, in **6b** two more As-As bonds are broken. Compound **7a** and **7b** shows an insertion of the {L³Ga} fragment into the *cyclo*-E₃ unit. The butadiene-like As₄ unit of **6b** is nearly planar (deviation 2.8 °). The As1-As2 and As3-As4 distances in **6b** are 2.3227(6) and 2.3270(6) Å, the As2-As3 bond distance is slightly longer (2.4018(6) Å). The E-E bond distances are 2.1586(11) and 2.1818(11) Å for **7a** and 2.4059(4) and 2.4095(4) Å for **7b**, respectively. The As1...As4 (**6b**), P1...P3 (**7a**) and As1...As3 (**7b**) distances are with 3.4434(6) Å (**6b**), 3.0939(9) Å (**7a**) and 3.2753(6) Å (**7b**) in the non-bonding area and slightly shorter than the comparable distance in **4b** (3.452 Å). Compound **6b** reveals a similar Ga-As distance (2.4271(5) and 2.4481(5) Å) as **4b**. The six-membered GaN₂C₃ ring is nearly perpendicular (**6b**: 92.4 °, **7a**: 95.9 ° **7b**: 89.6 °) to the E1-Ga-E4/E3 plane and this plane is folded by 113.7 ° (**6b**), 126.0 ° (**7a**) or 120.5° (**7b**) to the E_{4/3} unit. Compound **6b** contains a similar core as the homodinuclear compound [(Cp^{*}Co)($\mu,\eta^{4:1:1}$ -As₄)(Co(CO)Cp^{*})].^[16]

5.3. Conclusion

In conclusion, we reported the synthesis of novel homobimetallic compounds [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-E₄)] (E = As (**3b**), AsP₃ (**3c**)) and the mononuclear compounds [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-E₄)] (E = As (**4b**), AsP₃ (**4c**)), the first examples of the conversion of yellow arsenic and AsP₃ with low valent group 13 compounds. We have shown that in the case of AsP₃ an As-P bond activation occurs more likely than a P-P- bond activation. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR of **4c** show two isomers in dependence of the position of the arsenic atom. The crude reaction solution of **3c** also indicates the formation of a mononuclear compound in solution, which represent the first step on the reaction pathway to the double substitution. Furthermore, in the case of the gallium complexes a further reactivity towards unsaturated metal complexes or E_n (n = 3, 4) ligand complexes could be investigated. Thus, the heterometallic compounds [(L³Ga)(μ,η^{2:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ni)] (**5a**), [(Cp^{'''}Co)(μ,η^{4:1:1}-E₄)(L³Ga)] (E = P (**6a**), As (**6b**)) and [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:1:1}-E₃)(L³Ga)] (E = P (**7a**), As (**7b**)) were synthesized, these complexes unite different ligand systems (Cp and nacnac) and also different merge metal moieties, main group as well as transition metals.

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5.5. Supporting Information

5.5.1. Synthesis and Characterization

General Remarks

All manipulations were performed with rigorous exclusion of oxygen and moisture using standard Schlenk techniques on a dual manifold Schlenk line with Argon or N₂ inert gas or glove box filled with nitrogen containing a high-capacity recirculator (<0.1 ppm O₂). Traces of oxygen and moisture in the inert gas were removed by passing it through a drying column filled with Cu/MgSO₄ catalyst as well as, concentrated H₂SO₄ and orange gel, respectively. All solvents were degassed and purified by standard procedures. All NMR spectra have been recorded using deuterated d₆-benzene or toluene-d₈ that were dried (over Na/K or CaH₂), refluxed for three hours and then distilled under inert atmosphere.

Characterization methods

Mass spectrometry was performed using a Jeol AccuTOF GCX LIFDI mass spectrometer by the MS department of the University of Regensburg. The compounds were dissolved in the corresponding solvent in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere. The observed fragments were assigned according to the mass/charge (m/z) ratio and the corresponding isotope pattern. Elemental analysis (CHN) were performed by the department of central analyses of the University of Regensburg on a Vario micro cube and a MT5 micro scale device. The compounds were filled in tin capsules in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere.

¹H and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 (¹H: 400.130 MHz, ³¹P: 161.976 MHz) spectrometer at the NMR department of the University of Regensburg. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to external TMS (¹H) or 85 % H₃PO₄ (³¹P). The chemical shifts δ are given in parts per million [ppm] and coupling constants J in [Hz].

Starting materials

The compounds [L³Al]^[1] (**1**), [L³Ga]^[2] (**2**), As₄^[3], AsP₃^[4], [(Cp^{'''}Co)₂(μ,η^{4:4}-C₇H₈)]^[5a], [(L³Ni)₂tol]^[5b], [(L³Al)₂(η^{1:1:1:1}-P₄)]^[6] (**3a**), [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-P₄)]^[7] (**4a**), [Cp^{'''}Co(η⁴-P₄)]^[8a] (**H**) and [Cp^{'''}Ni(η³-E₃)]^[8b,8c] (**I**) were prepared according to literature procedures. (L³ = [{N(C₆H₃ⁱPr_{2-2,6})C(Me)}₂CH]⁻, Cp^{'''} = η⁵-C₅H₂^tBu₃)

5.5.1.1. Synthesis of [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-As₄)] (**3b**)

All preparations were performed under exclusion of light. 60 mg [L³Al] (**1**) (0.13 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in 5 mL of toluene and added to an excess of freshly precipitated As₄. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours and the colour changed from yellow to orange. The reaction mixture was filtered, and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The orange residue was stored at least over night to ensure the degradation of the excess of unreacted As₄ into As_{grey}. After dissolving the orange residue in 2 mL of Et₂O, the solution was filtered again over diatomaceous earth to remove the insoluble As_{grey}. By storing the orange solution for two days at -30 °C, compound [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-As₄)] (**3b**) crystallized as orange plates, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 11 mg (0.01 mmol, 14 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.11-7.03 (m, 12H, *H_{aryl}*), 4.97 (s, 2H, *H_β*), 3.70 (sept, 8H, *CHMe₂*), 1.67 (s, 12H, α-*Me*), 1.25 (d, 24H, *CHMeMe'*), 1.12 (d, 24H, *CHMeMe''*).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1188.30 (100, [M]⁺).

EA calculated for C₅₈H₈₂N₂Al₂As₄: C: 58.59, H: 6.95, N: 4.71, found [%]: C: 58.35, H: 7.11, N: 4.54.

5.5.1.2. Synthesis of [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-AsP₃)] (**3c**)

10 mg AsP₃ (0.06 mmol, 0.5 eq) were dissolved in toluene and added to a solution of 53 mg [L³Al] (**1**) (0.12 mmol, 1 eq) in 5 mL of toluene. The red solution was stirred at room temperature for one week. The reaction mixture was filtered, and the solvent was removed in vacuum. After dissolving the orange residue in 2 mL of Et₂O, the solution was stored for two days at -30 °C, compound [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-AsP₃)] (**3c**) crystallized as orange plates, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline Yield: 7 mg (0.006 mmol, 11 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K) δ [ppm] = 7.11 – 7.00 (m, 12H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.64 (m, 8H), 1.70 (s, 6H), 1.68 (s, 6H), 1.22 – 1.12 (m, 48H).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 79.3 (s, 0.1P, [(L³Al)₂P₄] (**3a**)), 62.3 (d, 2P, ¹J_{PP} = 24 Hz), 50.1 ppm (t, ¹J_{PP} = 24 Hz).

5.5.1.3. Synthesis of [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-As₄)] (**4b**)

All manipulations were performed under exclusion of light. 200 mg [L³Ga] (0.4 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in 20 mL of toluene and added to an excess of freshly precipitated As₄. The mixture was stirred for 1 day, during this time the colour change from yellow to orange. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the orange residue was dissolved in a toluene/n-hexane (2:1) mixture at 55 °C. The orange solution was filtered warm over diatomaceous earth. By storing the orange solution for ten days at -30 °C, compound [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-As₄)] (**4b**) crystallized as yellow blocks, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 124 mg (0.15 mmol, 38 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.26-7.33 (m, 6H, H_{aryl}), 4.63 (s, 1H, H_β), 3.35 (sept, 4H, CHMe₂), 1.65 (d, 12H, CHMeMe'), 1.54 (s, 6H, α-Me), 1.16 (d, 12H, CHMeMe').

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 785.94 (100, [M]⁺).

EA calculated for C₂₉H₄₁N₂GaAs₄: C: 44.26, H: 5.25, N: 3.56, found [%]: C: 44.10, H: 4.98, N: 3.41.

5.5.1.4. Synthesis of [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-AsP₃)] (**4c**)

All manipulations were performed under exclusion of light. 30 mg [L³Ga] (0.06 mmol, 1 eq) and 10.3 mg AsP₃ (0.06 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in 3 mL of toluene and stirred for 1 day. During this time the colour change from yellow to orange. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the orange residue was dissolved in toluene/n-hexane (2:1) mixture at 55 °C. The orange solution was filtered warm. By storing the orange solution for 2 weeks at -30 °C, compound [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-AsP₃)] (**4c**) crystallized as yellow blocks, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 5 mg (0.007 mmol, 12 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.3 - 7.15 (m, 6H, H_{aryl}), 4.66 (s, 1H, H_β), 3.33 (sept, 2H, CHMe₂), 3.27 (sept, 2H, CHMe₂), 1.65 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.59 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.52 (d, 6H, α-Me), 1.06 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.04 (d, 6H, CHMeMe').

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 227.6 (d, 2P, ¹J_{PP} = 164 Hz), 213 (t, traces of [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-P₄)]), 179.1 (t, 1P, ¹J_{PP} = 155.07 Hz), -279.4 (t, 1P, ¹J_{PP} = 164 Hz), -319.8 (d, 2P, ¹J_{PP} = 155.1 Hz), -328 (t, traces of [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-P₄)]).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 654.10 (100, [M]⁺).

5.5.1.5. Synthesis of [(L³Ga)(μ,η^{2:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ni)] (**5a**)

[(L³Ni)₂tol] (42.7 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.5 eq) was dissolved in toluene and cooled to -70 °C. A solution of [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-P₄)] (**4a**, 50 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1 eq) in toluene was added drop by drop and stirred for 1h at -70 °C. After stirring for a further hour at room temperature the reaction solution was filtrated over diatomaceous earth and concentrated to approximately 1 mL. By storing the orange solution at -30 °C, compound [(L³Ga)(η^{2:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ni)] (**5a**) crystallized as orange plates, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 54 mg (0.05 mmol, 61 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 16.71 (b, 4H, H_{aryl}), 7.52 (b, 2H, H_{aryl}), 4.38 (b, 12H, CHMeMe), 3.67 (b, 2H, H_β), 3.18 (b, 12H, CHMeMe'), 2.92 (b, 6H, α-Me), 1.35 (b, 6H, α-Me), 1.21 (b, 12H, CHMeMe'), 1.12 (b, 12H, CHMeMe'), -16.35 (b, 4H, CHMeMe), some signals are missing due to line broadening caused by the paramagnetic nature of **5a** (measured range: 170 ppm to -140 ppm).

¹H NMR (Evans-method, C₆D₆, 300 K): Δν = 21.7 Hz, μ_{eff} = 2.29 μ_B, n = 1.5.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): silent, measured range: +600 to -600 ppm.

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1087.32 (100, [M]⁺).

EA calculated for C₅₈H₈₂N₄GaNiP₄: C: 64.05, H: 7.60, N: 5.15, found [%]: C: 64.26, H: 7.1, N: 5.14.

5.5.1.6. Synthesis of [(Cp^{'''}Co)(μ,η^{4:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ga)] (**6a**)

[Cp^{'''}Co(η⁴-P₄)] (50 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in toluene and cooled to -80 °C. A toluene solution of [L³Ga] (**2**) (58 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq) were added drop by drop and the reaction solution was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The green reaction mixture was filtered over diatomaceous earth. The solution was layered under acetonitrile (1:2).

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.31 – 7.19 (m, 4H, H_{aryl,meta} + toluene), 7.11-7.00 (m, 2H, H_{aryl,para} + toluene), 4.69 (s, 1H, H_β), 4.48 (s, 2H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 3.89 (sept. 2H, CHMeMe), 2.59 (sept, 2H, CHMeMe), 2.11 (toluene), 1.89 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.66 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.54 (s, 3H, α-Me), 1.35 (s, 3H, α-Me'), 1.27 (s, 18H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 1.20 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.01 (s, 9H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 0.84 (d, 6H, CHMeMe).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 94.05 ppm (m, 2P), -54.0 ppm (m, 2P). Corresponding coupling constants are taken from simulation (Figure S5.12) and given in table S5.1.

5.5.1.7. Synthesis of [(Cp^{'''}Co)(μ,η^{4:1:1}-As₄)(L³Ga)] (**6b**)

[(Cp^{'''}Co)₂tol] (12.1 mg, 0.02 mmol, 1 eq) and [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-As₄)] (**4**) (31 mg, 0.04 mmol, 2 eq) were dissolved in 5 mL ortho-difluorobenzene or toluene. The green reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours and then filtered over diatomaceous earth. The solution was layered with acetonitrile (1:2). By storing the layering by -30 °C, compound [(Cp^{'''}Co)(μ,η^{4:1:1}-As₄)(L³Ga)] (**6b**) crystallized as green plates, suitable for X-ray analysis.

Crystalline Yield: 35 mg (0.03 mmol, 83 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.33 – 7.17 (m, 4H, *H*_{aryl,meta}), 7.11-6.99 (m, 2H, *H*_{aryl,para}), 4.65 (s, 1H, *H*_β), 4.13 (s, 2H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 3.95 (sept. 2H, CHMe₂), 2.58 (sept, 2H, CHMe₂), 1.90 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.63 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.55 (s, 3H, α-Me), 1.33 (s, 3H, α-Me'), 1.22 (s, 18H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 1.19 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.02 (s, 9H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 0.82 (d, 6H, CHMeMe').

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1078.07 (100, [M]⁺).

EA calculated for C₄₆H₇₀N₂GaAs₄Co + 1x toluene (visible in the ¹H NMR): C: 54.35, H: 6.71, N: 2.39, found [%]: C: 54.06, H: 6.64, N: 2.27.

5.5.1.8. Synthesis of [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:1:1}-P₃)(L³Ga)] (**7a**)

[(Cp^{'''}Ni)(η³-P₃)] (50 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1 eq) and [L³Ga] (**2**) (128 mg, 0,26 mmol, 2 eq) were dissolved in 5 mL toluene. The green reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 hours and then filtered over diatomaceous earth. The solution was layered with acetonitrile (1:2). The layering was stored at -30 °C. By storing the orange solution at -30 °C, compound [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(η^{3:1:1}-P₃)(L³Ga)] (**7a**) crystallized as orange-brown plates, suitable for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline Yield: 45 mg (0.05 mmol, 40 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 6H), 5.48 (s, 2H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 4.71 (s, 1H, *H*_β), 3.46 (sept, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, CHMe₂), 3.41 (sept, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, CHMe₂), 1.67 (d, 6H, CHMeMe', ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz), 1.59 (d, 6H, CHMeMe', ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz), 1.54 (s, 3H, α-Me), 1.44 (s, 3H, α-Me'), 1.26 (s, 18H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 1.13 (d, 6H, CHMeMe', ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz), 1.11 (s, 9H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 1.04 (d, 6H, CHMeMe', ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 163.8 ppm (d, 2P, ¹J_{PP} = 325 Hz), 109.1 ppm (t, 1P, ¹J_{PP} = 324 Hz).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 904.26 (100, [M+O₂]⁺).

SI: 5. Reactivity of E₄ (E = P, As) towards low valent Al(I) and Ga(I) compounds

EA calculated for C₄₆H₇₀N₂GaP₃Ni: C: 63.33, H: 8.09, N: 3.21, found [%]: C: 63.21, H: 7.97, N: 3.20.

5.5.1.9. Synthesis of [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:1:1}-As₃)(L³Ga)] (**7b**)

[(Cp^{'''}Ni)(η³-As₃)] (21 mg, 0.04mmol, 1 eq) and [L³Ga] (**2**) (40 mg, 0.08 mmol, 2 eq) were dissolved in 5 mL toluene. The green reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 hours and then filtered over diatomaceous earth. The solution was layered with acetonitrile (1:2). By storing the layering by -30 °C, compound [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:1:1}-As₃)(L³Ga)] (**7b**) crystallized as orange plates, suitable for X-ray analysis.

Crystalline Yield: 31 mg (0.003 mmol, 76 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.19 (t, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, H_{aryl,para}), 7.14 (d, 4H, H_{aryl,meta}), 5.32 (s, 2H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 4.71 (s, 1H, H_β), 3.54 (sept, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, CHMe₂), 3.45 (sept, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, CHMe₂), 2.11 (toluene, 3H), 1.67 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.60 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.56 (s, 3H, α-Me), 1.48 (s, 3H, α-Me'), 1.28 (s, 18H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 1.14 (d, 6H, CHMeMe'), 1.11 (s, 9H, Cp(^tBu₂^tBuH₂)), 1.04 (d, 6H, CHMeMe').

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1036.08 (100, [M+O₂]⁺).

EA calculated for C₄₆H₇₀N₂GaAs₃Ni + 1x toluene: C: 58.06, H: 7.17, N: 2.56, found [%]: C: 58.38, H: 6.65, N: 2.59.

5.5.2. NMR studies

5.5.2.1. [L³Al] (1) with an excess of P₄

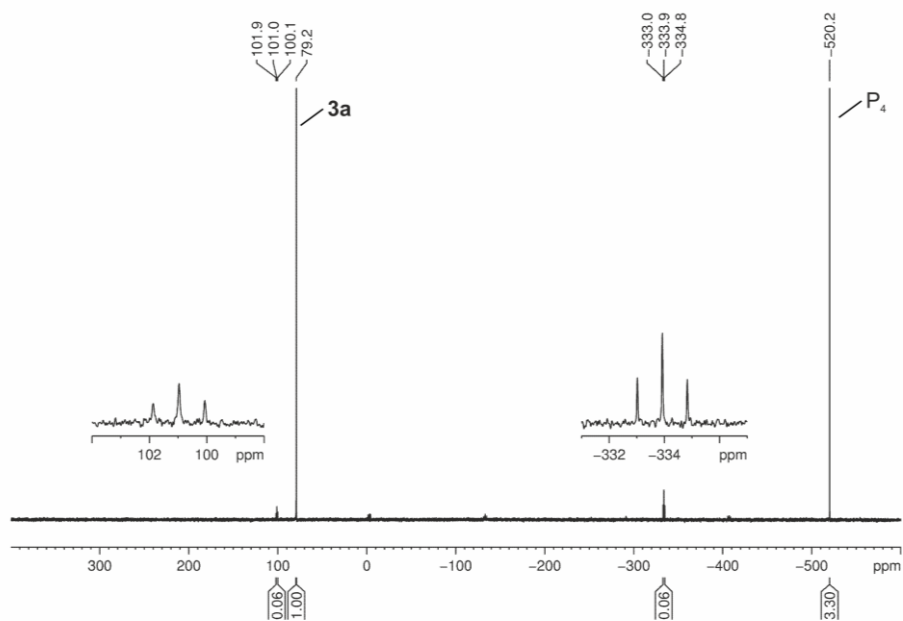


Figure S5.1. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction of [LAl] with an excess of P₄.

5.5.2.2. [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-As₄)] (3b)

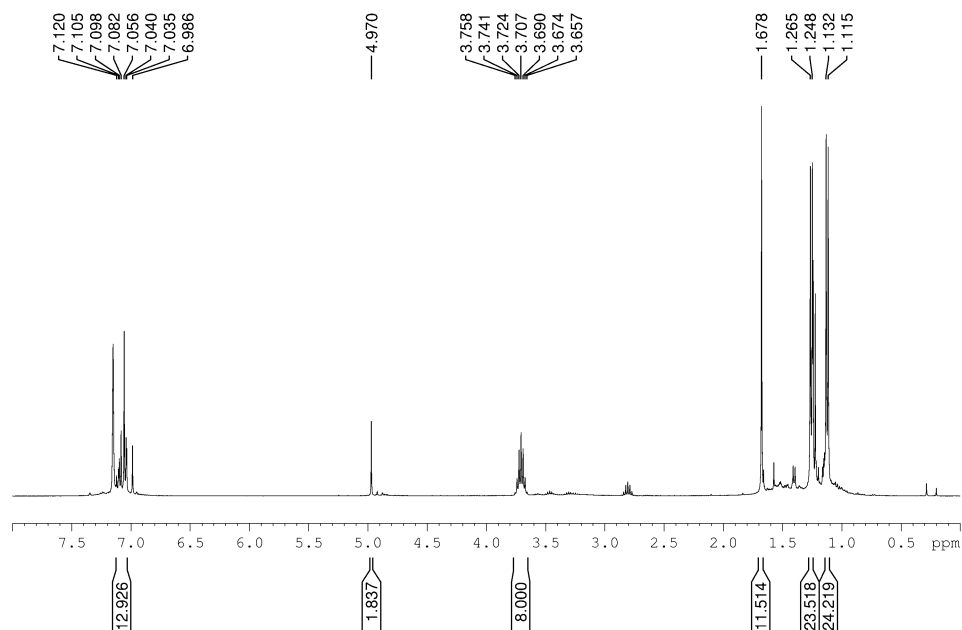


Figure S5.2. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3b** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

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5.5.2.3. [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-AsP₃)] (**3c**)

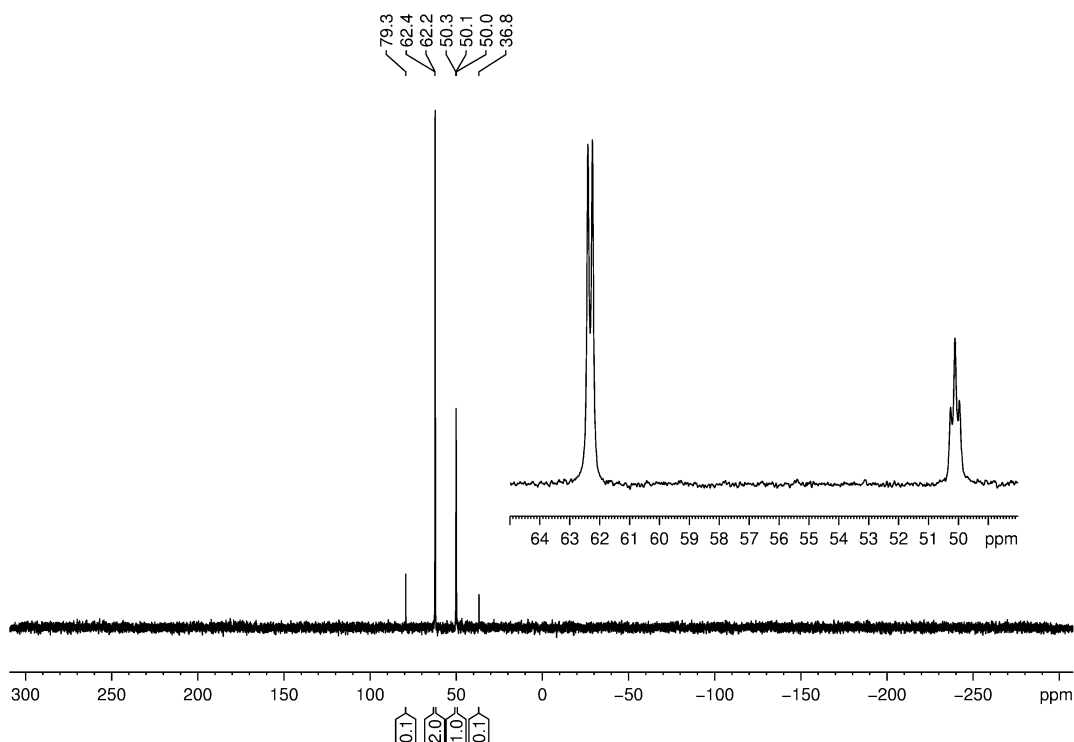


Figure S5.3. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **3c** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

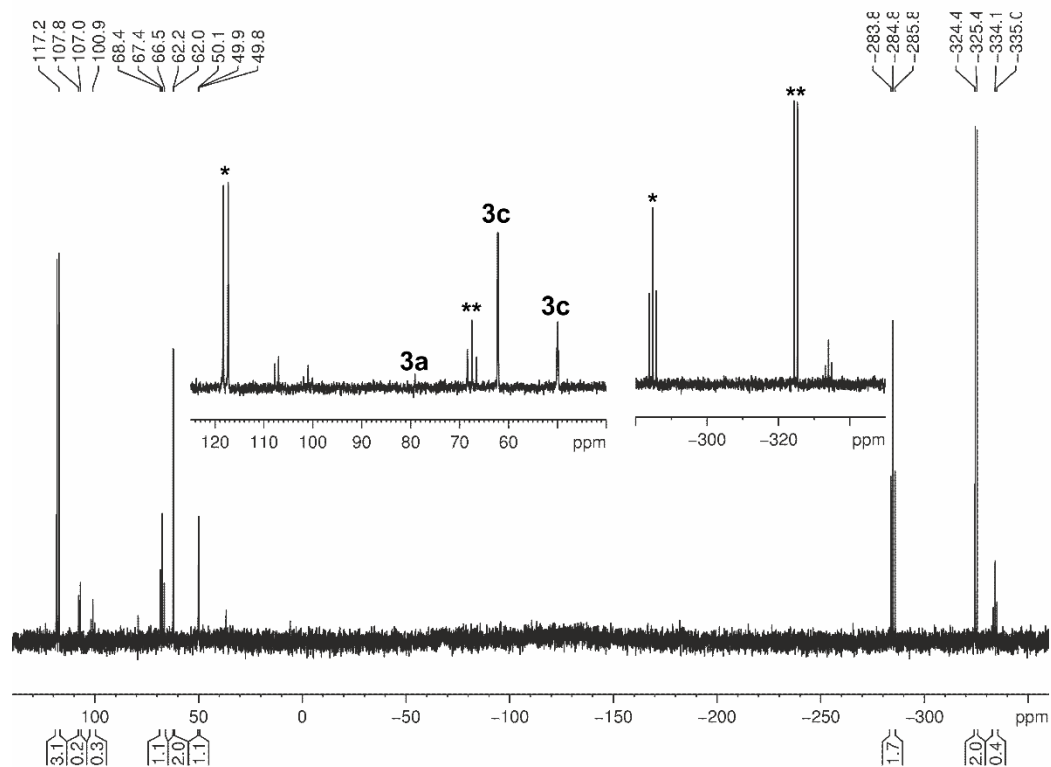


Figure S5.4. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction solution of [L³Al] with AsP₃ in C₆D₆ at room temperature. (* = I-**3c**1 and ** = I-**3c**2)

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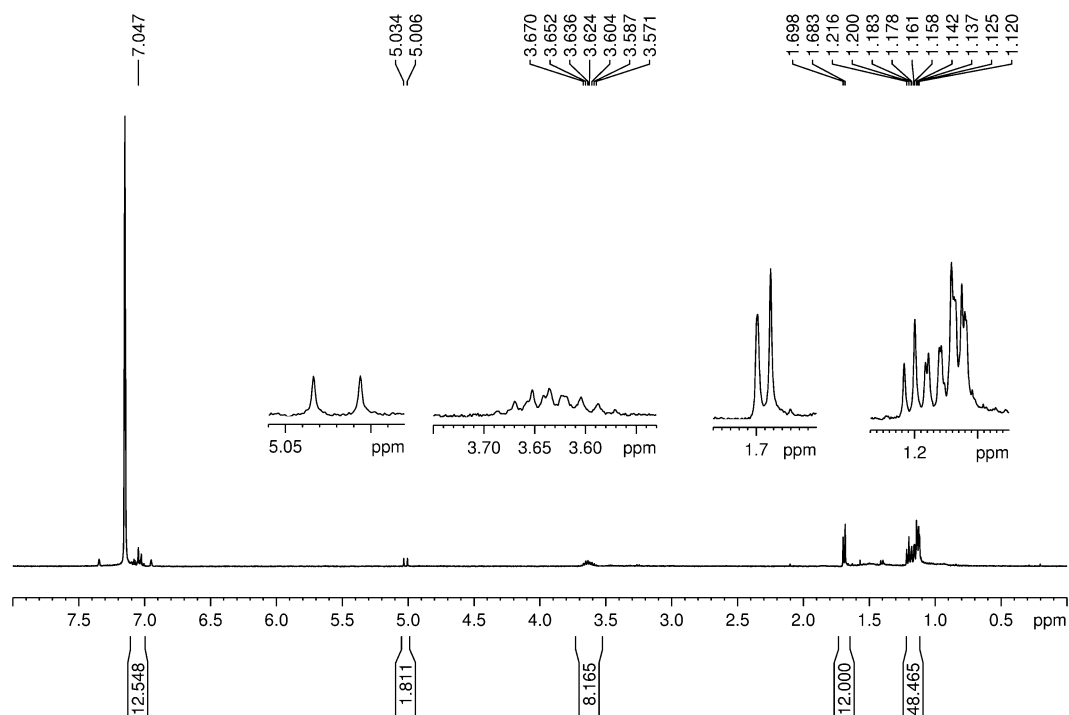


Figure S5.5. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3c** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

5.5.2.4. [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-As₄)] (**4b**)

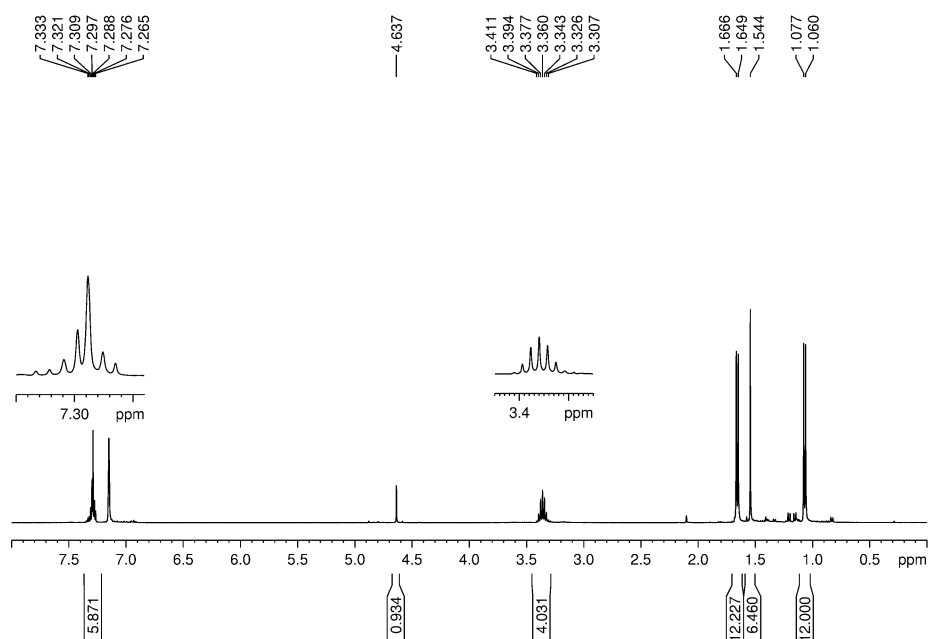


Figure S5.6. ¹H NMR spectrum of **4b** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

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5.5.2.5. [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-AsP₃)] (4c)

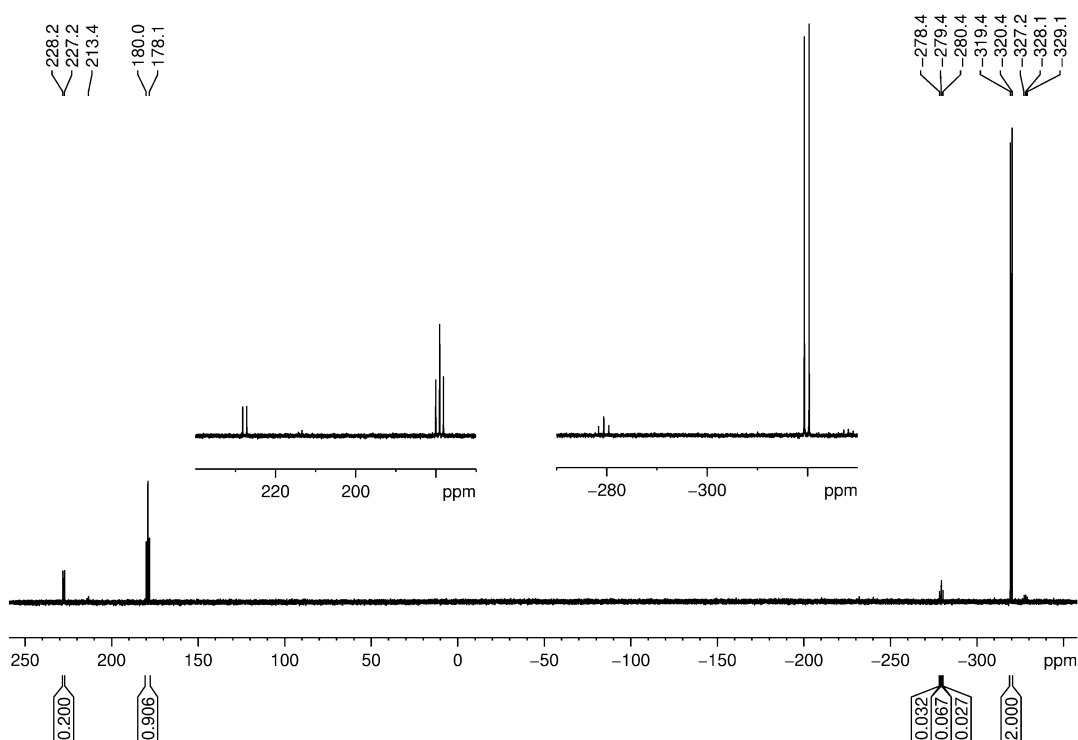


Figure S5.7. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of crystals of **4c** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

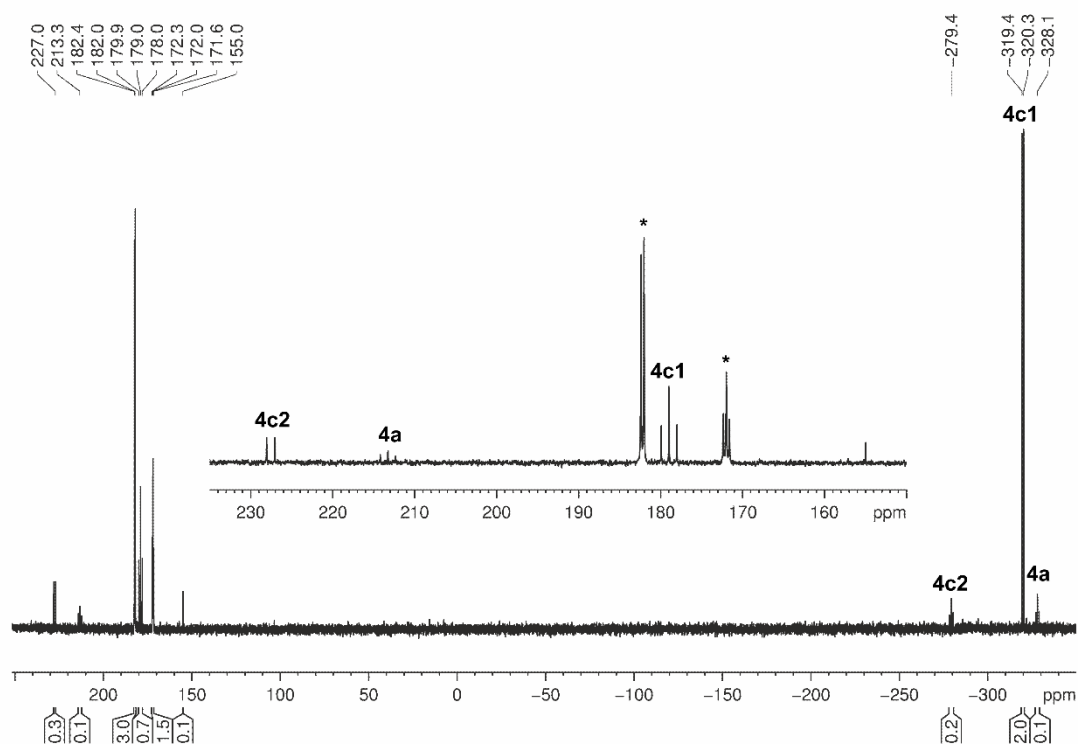


Figure S5.8. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction solution of [L³Ga] with AsP₃ in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

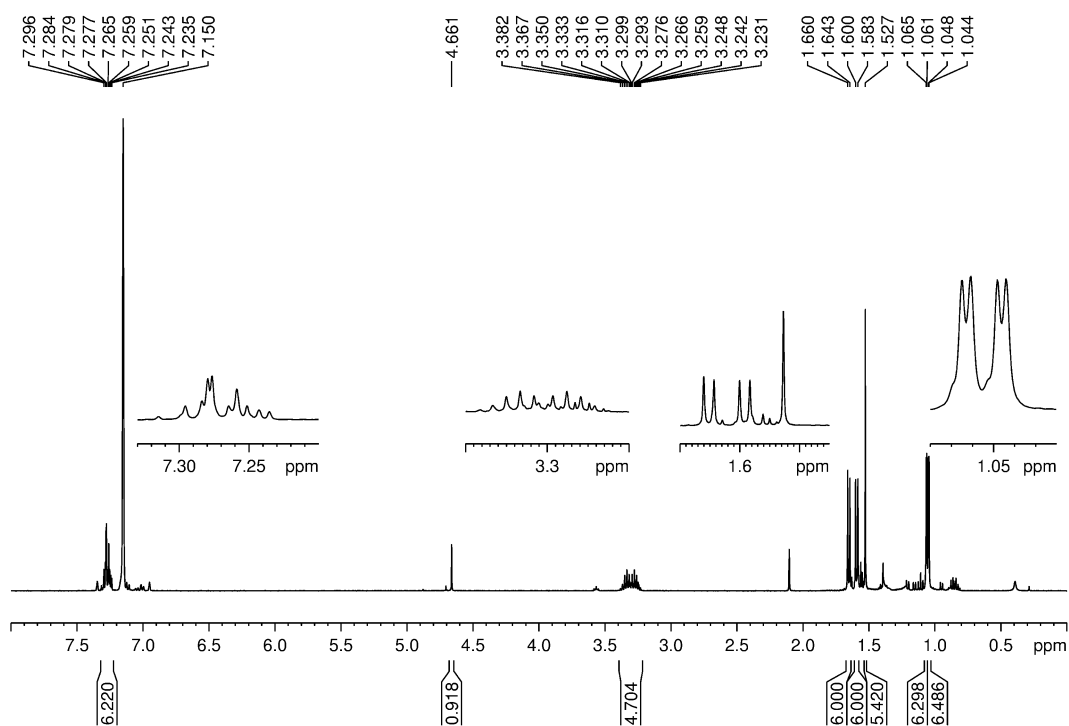


Figure S5.9. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **4c** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

5.5.2.6. [(L³Ga)(μ,η^{2:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ni)] (**5a**)

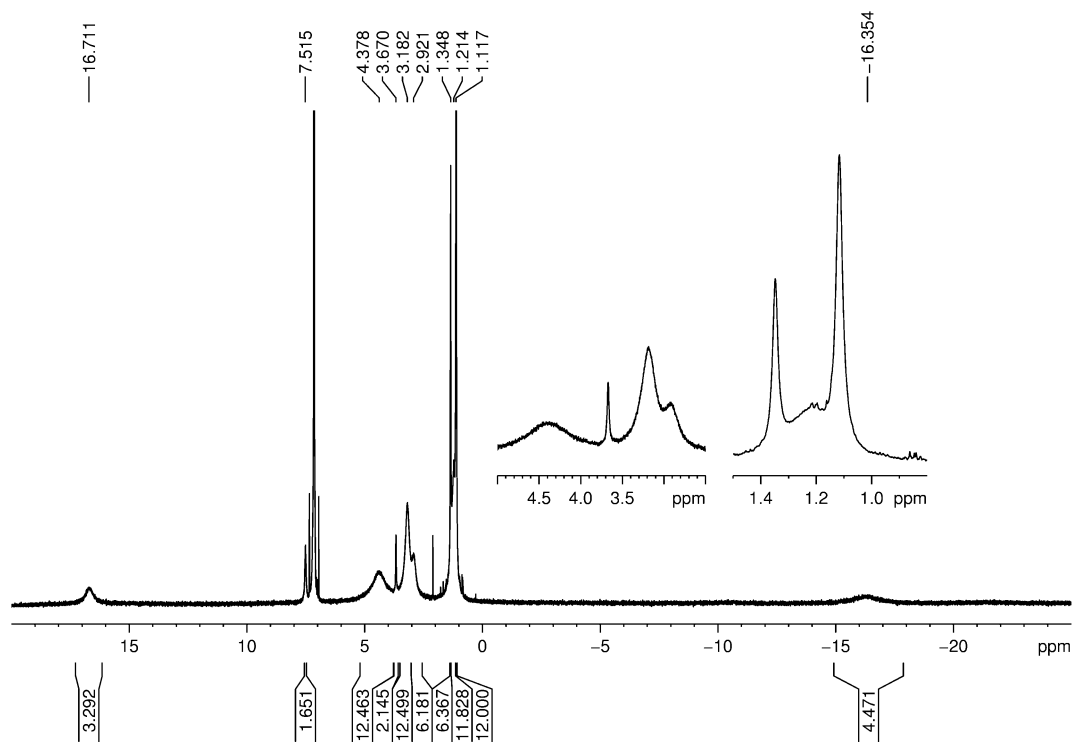


Figure S5.10. ¹H NMR spectrum of **5a** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

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5.5.2.7. [(Cp^{'''}Co)(μ,η^{4:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ga)] (**6a**)

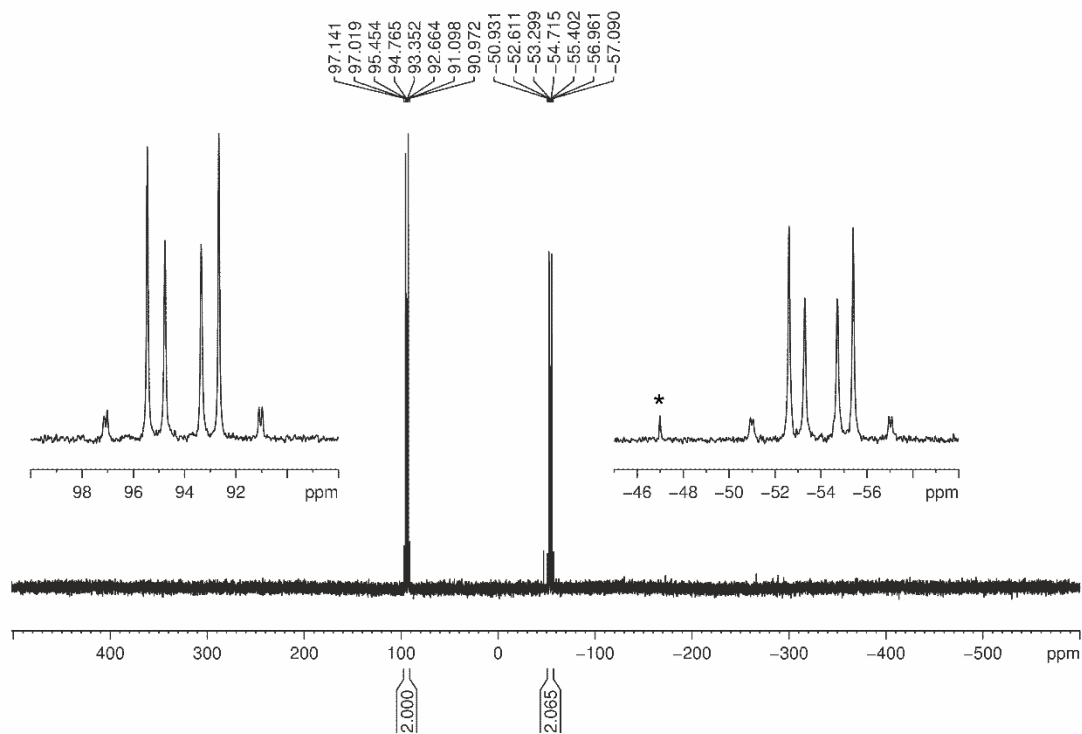


Figure S5.11. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **6a** in C₆D₆ at room temperature. * = traces of [(Cp^{'''}Co)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-P₂)₂]

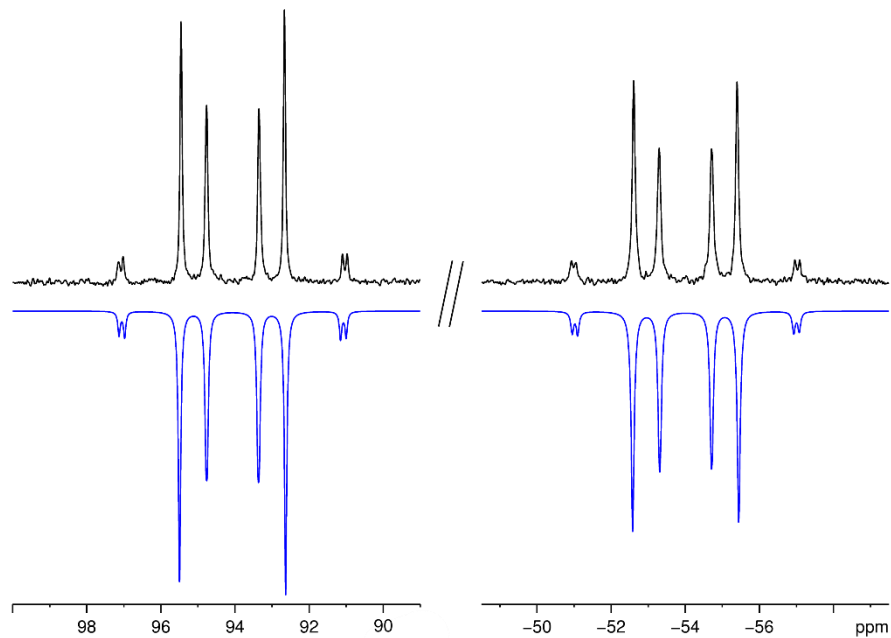


Figure S5.12. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **6a** in C₆D₆ at room temperature (measured top (black) and simulated bottom (blue)).

Table S5.1. Coupling constants obtained from the simulation in Figure S5.12.

| [(Cp^{'''}Co)(μ,η^{4:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ga)] | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| $^1J_{\text{PAPA}'} = 371 \text{ Hz}$ | $^1J_{\text{PAPX}} = ^1J_{\text{PA'PX}'} = 466 \text{ Hz}$ | $^2J_{\text{PA'PX}} = -8 \text{ Hz}$ |
| $^2J_{\text{PAPX}'} = 3 \text{ Hz}$ | $^3J_{\text{PXPX}'} = ^3J_{\text{PX'PX}} = -15 \text{ Hz}$ | |
| $\delta = \text{AA}' = 94.05 \text{ ppm}$ $\text{XX}' = -54.0 \text{ ppm}$ | | |

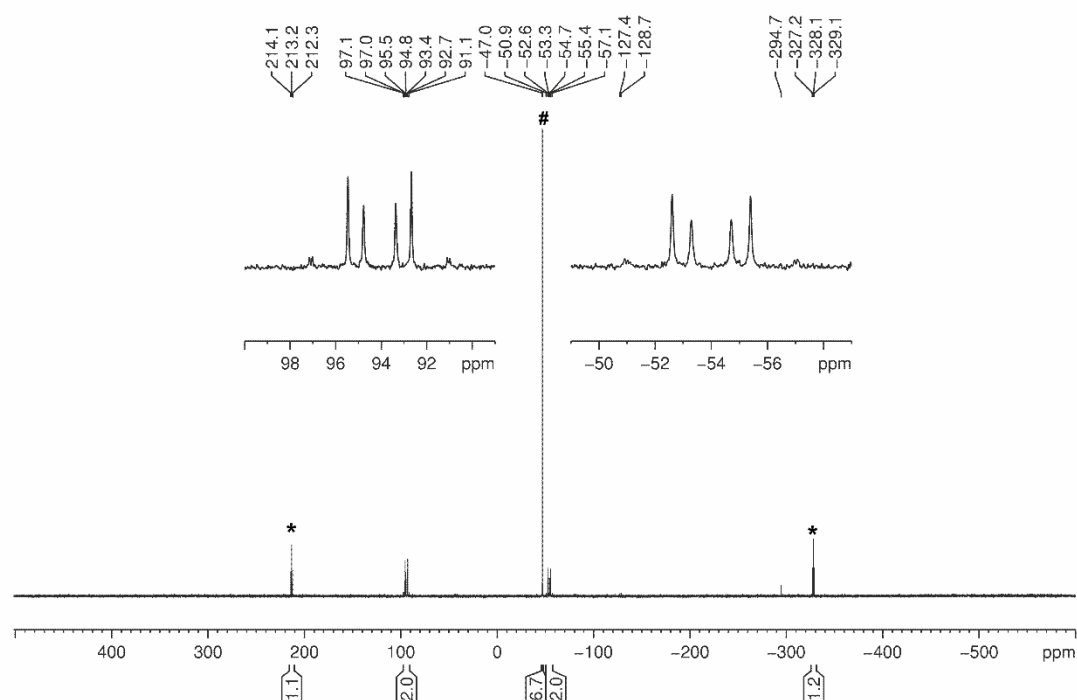


Figure S5.13. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction solution of [(Cp^{'''}Co)₂tol] with [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-P₄)] (**4a**) in C₆D₆ at room temperature (* = **4a**, # = [(Cp^{'''}Co)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-P₂)₂]).

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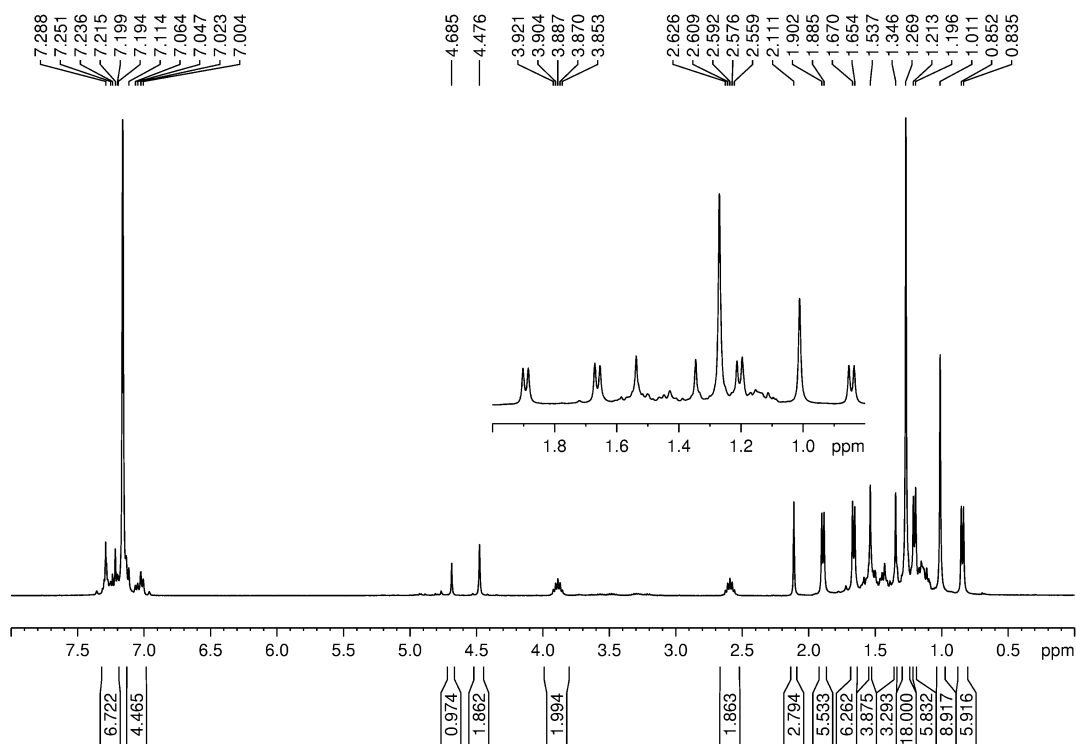


Figure S5.14. ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction solution of [Cp'''Co(η⁴-P₄)] with [L³Ga] in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

5.5.2.8. [(Cp'''Co)(μ,η^{4:1:1}-As₄)(L³Ga)] (**6b**)

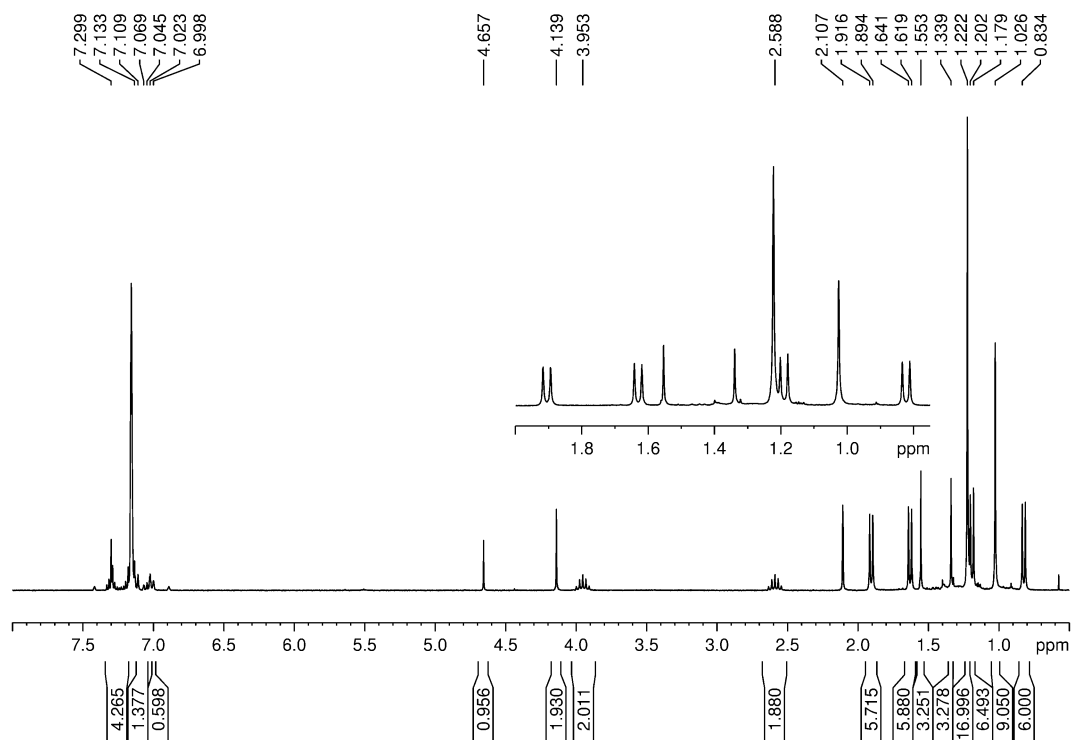


Figure S5.15. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **6b** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

5.5.2.9. [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:1:1}-P₃)(L³Ga)] (**7a**)

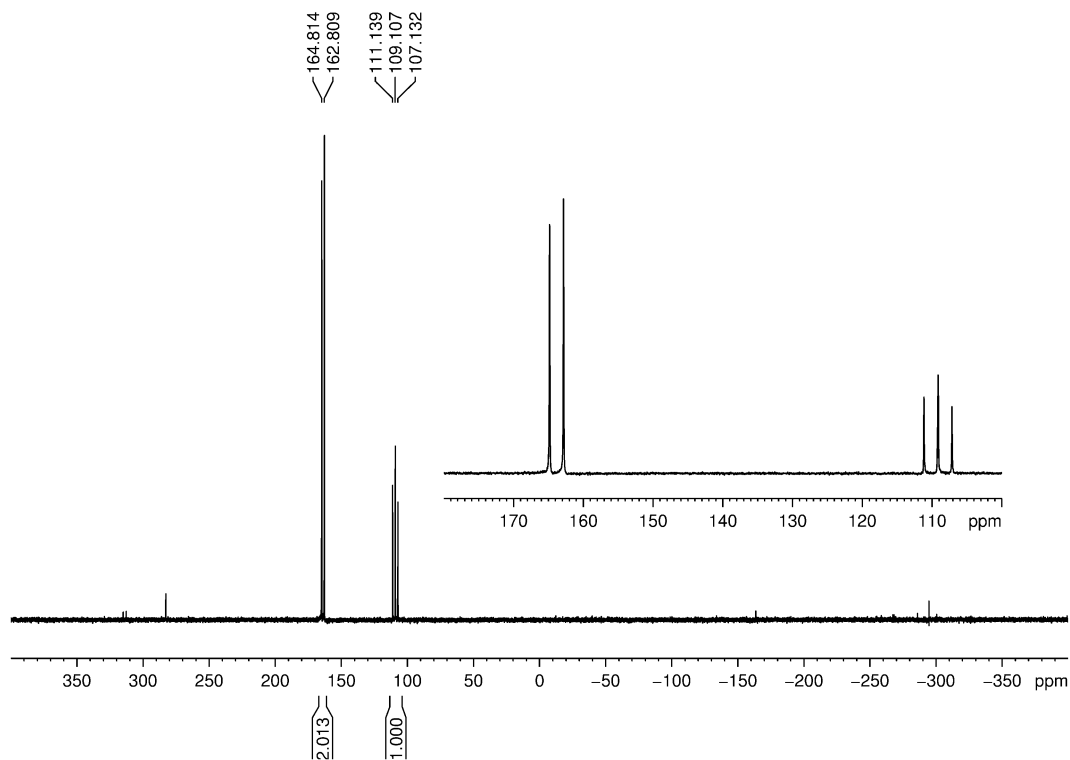


Figure S5.16. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **7a** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

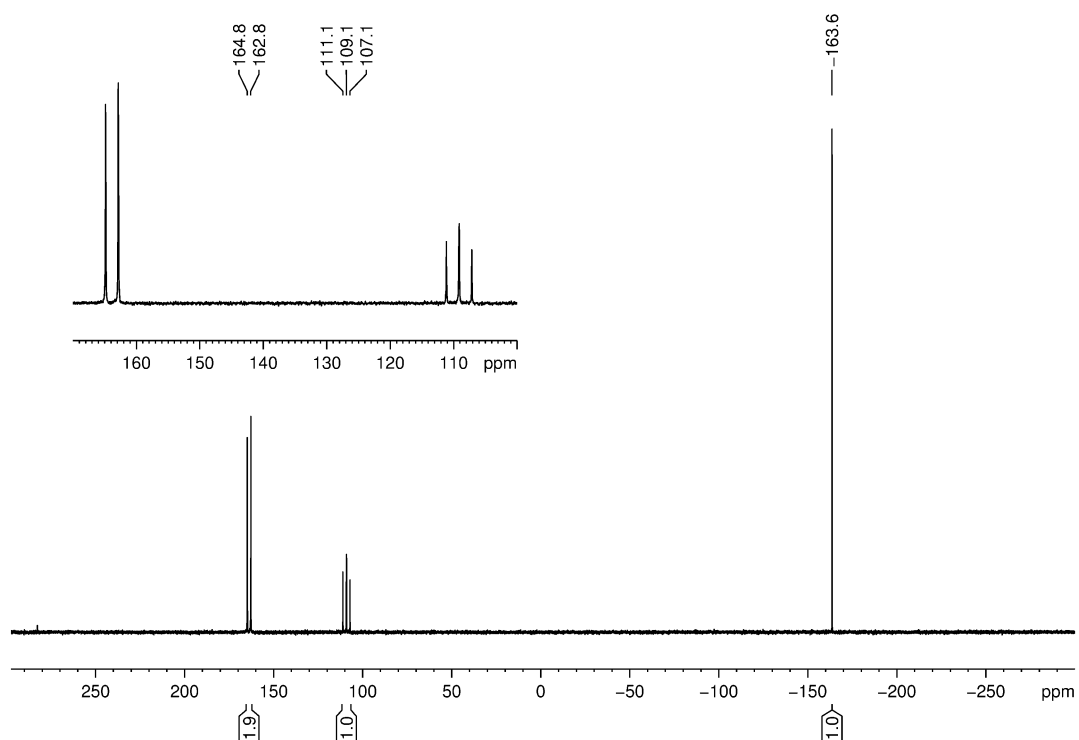


Figure S5.17. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of 1 equivalent [L³Ga] and 1 equivalent [Cp^{'''}Ni(η³-P₃)] after refluxing for 2 hours in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

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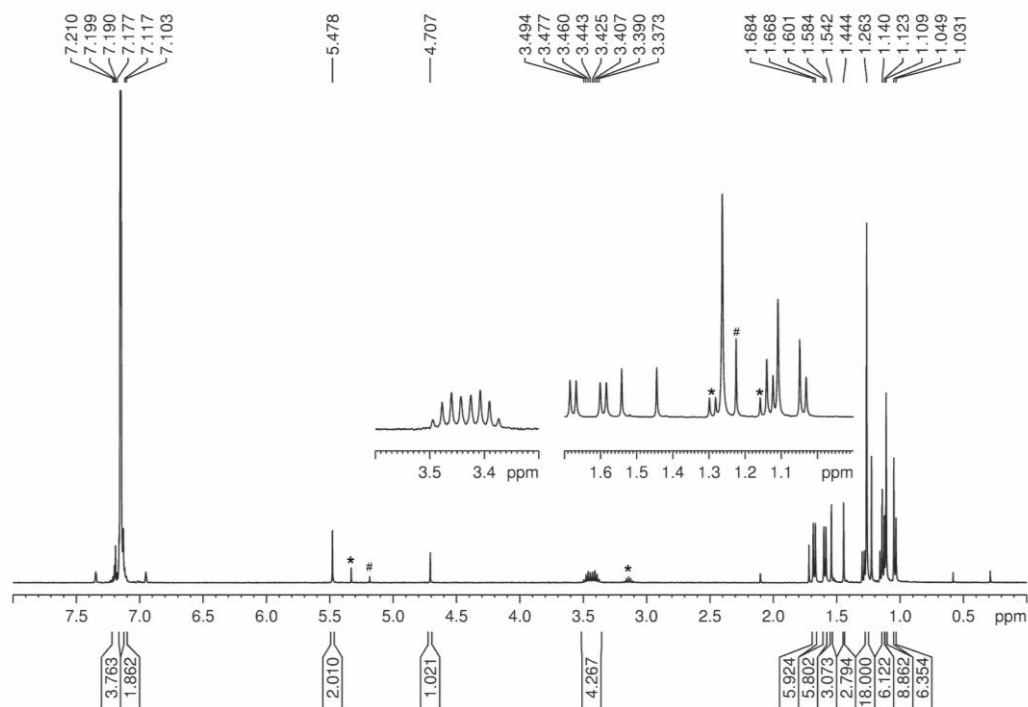


Figure S5.18. ¹H NMR spectrum of **7a** in C₆D₆ at room temperature. Contaminated with * = [L³Ga] and # = [Cp^{'''}Ni(η³-P₃)].

5.5.2.10. [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:1:1}-As₃)(L³Ga)] (**7b**)

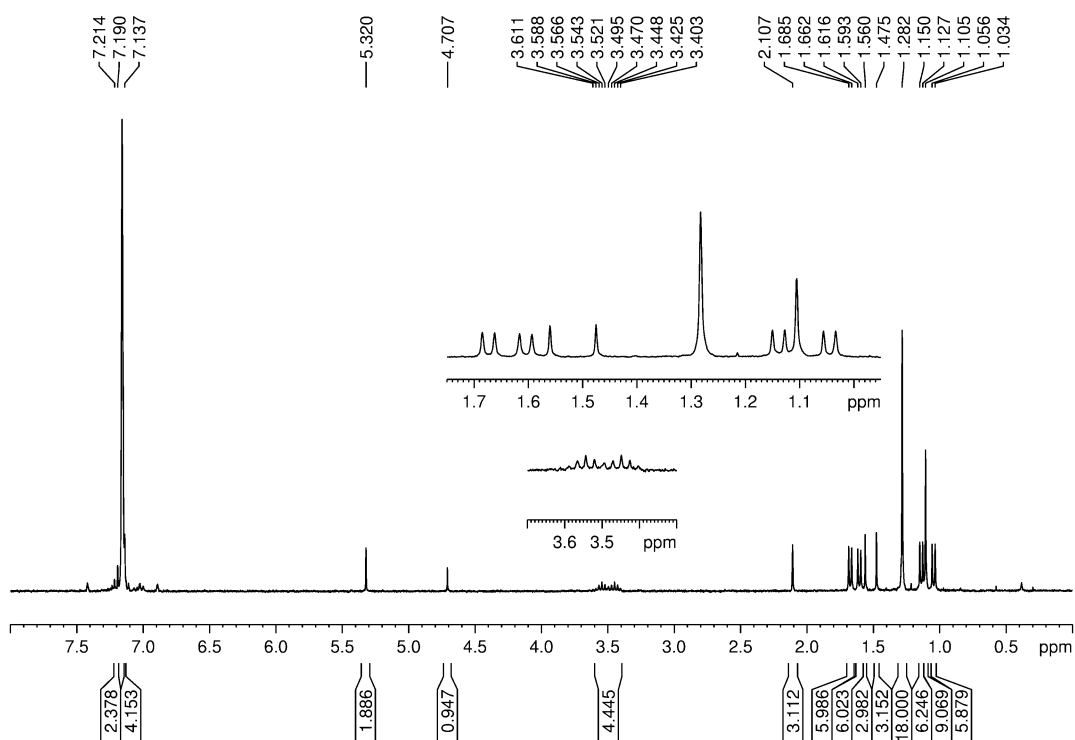


Figure S5.19. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **7b** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

5.5.3. Magnetic Measurements in Solution

5.5.3.1. Evans Method

The effective magnetic moment (μ_{eff}) of paramagnetic compounds were determined by the Evans method.^[9] The Evans method is based on the chemical shift difference of the residual solvent peak between the inner tube containing a solution of the paramagnetic species and the outer tube, which contains the pure deuterated solvent. The ¹H NMR spectra are recorded at room temperature^[10] on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 (¹H: 400.13 MHz) spectrometer.

The molar paramagnetic susceptibility χ_P was obtained from the measured molar magnetic susceptibility χ_M after the correction for diamagnetic contribution χ_D according to equation (1).^[11] The magnetic susceptibility χ_M and the effective magnetic moment μ_{eff} of the paramagnetic compounds was determined according, to equation (2)^[10] and (3)^[11].

$$\chi_P = \chi_M - \chi_D \quad (1)$$

$$\chi_M = \frac{3000 * \Delta\nu}{4\pi * \nu_0 * c} \quad (2)$$

$$\mu_{eff} = \sqrt{8 \cdot T \cdot \chi_P} \quad (3)$$

Finally, the number of unpaired electrons is calculated by the 'spin-only' formula^[12] (equation 4):

$$n = -1 + \sqrt{\mu_{eff}^2 + 1} \quad (4)$$

Where

χ_M is the measured susceptibility of the sample in emu · mol⁻¹,

χ_P is the molar paramagnetic susceptibility of the sample in emu · mol⁻¹,

χ_D is the molar diamagnetic susceptibility of the sample in emu · mol⁻¹,

$\Delta\nu$ is the chemical shift difference between the solvent in presence of paramagnetic solute and pure solvent in [Hz],

ν_0 is the measuring frequency of the NMR spectrometer [Hz],

c is the concentration of paramagnetic sample in mol · L⁻¹,

T is the absolute temperature in K,

μ_{eff} is the effective magnetic moment in μ_B , and

n is the number of unpaired electrons.

5.5.3.2. EPR (Electrone Paramagnetic Resonance) measurements

The X-band EPR measurements were carried out with a MiniScope MS400 device equipped with a Magnettech GmbH rectangular TE102 resonator at a frequency of 9.5 GHz. The compounds were dissolved in a glovebox under N₂ inert gas atmosphere, placed in tip-sealed pasteur pipettes, and were rubber plugged. The measurements were conducted at room temperature and 77 K, respectively. With EPR, a magnetic field is applied to the sample, which interacts with the unpaired electrons. The simulation has been performed using the EasySpin^[13] program.

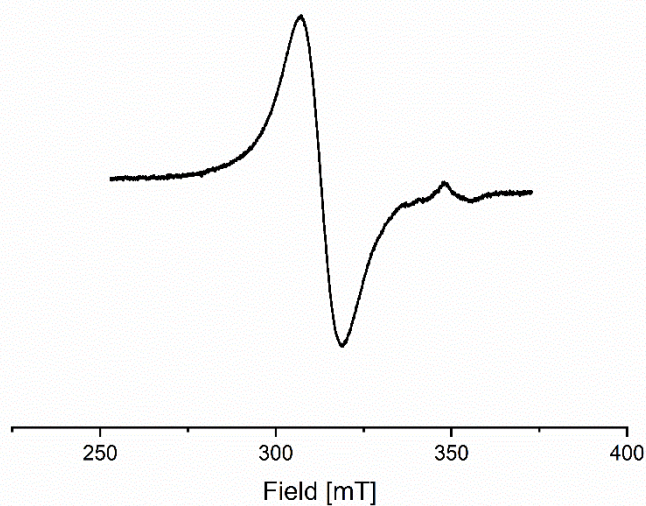


Figure S5.20. EPR spectrum of **5a** in toluene solution, room temperature ($g = 2.156$, $B = 312.89$ mT)

Table S5.2. Experimental parameters for the X-band EPR measurement of **5a** at 77 K, see Figure 5.4 (Paper).

| | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| $Sys.g = [2.2364 \ 2.1212 \ 2.038]$ | $Exp.Range = [252.87 - 372.90]$ |
| $Sys.lw = [3.5]$ | $Exp.nPoints \ 4096$ |
| $Sys.A = [120 \ 178 \ 20; \ 150 \ 60 \ 180]$ | $Exp.mwFreq = 9.440920$ |
| $Sys.HStrain = [40 \ 20 \ 100]$ | $Exp.Temperature = 77$ |
| $Sys.Astrain [6 \ 20 \ 20]$ | $Exp.ModAmp = 0.2$ |

5.5.4. Details on single crystal X-ray structure analysis

The X-ray diffraction experiments were performed on either a Gemini Ultra diffractometer (Oxford diffraction) with an AtlasS2 detector ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) (**3b**), on a SuperNova Dualflex diffractometer (Rigaku, formerly Agilent Technologies) equipped with a TitanS2 detector ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) (**4b**, **4c**) or XtaLAB Synergy R, DW system (Rigaku) equipped with a HyPix Arc 150° detector (**3c**, **5a**, **6b**, **7a**, **7b**). All measurements were performed at 123 K. Data collection and reduction were performed with CrysAlisPro^[14] (Version 171.38.41, 2015 (**3b**), 171.41.21a, 2019 (**4b**), 171.41.54a, 2020 (**4c**), 171.41.76a, 2020 (**6b**), 171.41.88a, 2020 (**5a**, **7b**), 171.41.90a, 2020 (**3c**), 171.41.118a, 2021 (**7a**)). For the compound (**3b**) an analytical numeric absorption correction using a multifaceted crystal model based on expressions derived by R.C. Clark & J.S. Reid was applied.^[15] For the compounds (**3c**, **4b**, **4c**, **5a**, **6b**, **7a**, **7b**) a gaussian absorption correction based on gaussian integration over a multifaceted crystal model was applied. Using Olex2,^[16] were the structures solved by direct methods with ShelXT^[17] and refined by full-matrix least-squares method against F^2 in anisotropic approximation using ShelXL^[18]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined in calculated positions using riding on pivot atom model.

Figures were created with Olex2.^[16]

SI: 5. Reactivity of E₄ (E = P, As) towards low valent Al(I) and Ga(I) compounds

5.5.4.1. [(L³Al)₂(η^{1:1:1:1}-As₄)] (**3b**)

Compound **3b** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in Et₂O at -30 °C in the non-centrosymmetric orthorhombic space group *P*2₁2₁2₁ as orange plate. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **3b** and a molecule of Et₂O, which is 0.65 occupied. The structure in the solid state is given in Figure S5.21.

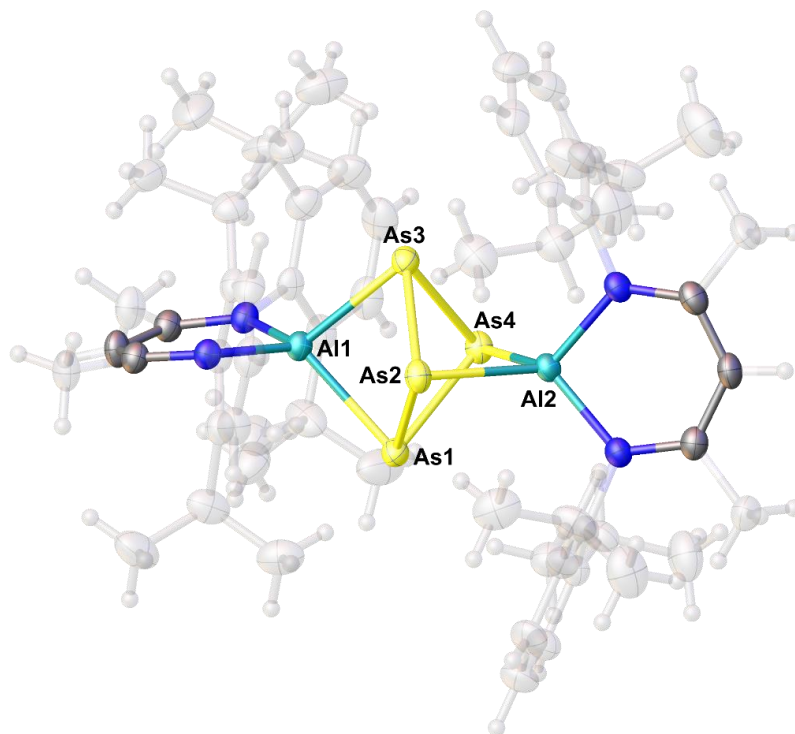


Figure S5.21. Molecular structure of **3b** in solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Al1-As1 2.4412(11), Al1-As3 2.4649(11), Al2-As2 2.4582(11), Al2-As4 2.4408(11), As1-As2 2.5220(6), As2-As3 2.5097(6), As3-As4 2.5096(6), As1-As4 2.5200(6), N1-Al1 1.920(3), N2-Al1 1.917(3), N3-Al2 1.922(3), N4-Al2 1.919(3), As4-As3-As2 83.456(18), As3-As2-As1 82.844(17), As4-As1-As2 82.996(18), As3-As4-As1 82.887(18), Al1-As3-As2 80.22(3), Al1-As3-As4 77.21(3), Al1-As1-As2 80.43(3), Al1-As1-As4 77.44(3), Al2-As2-As3 80.18(3), Al2-As2-As1 76.51(3), Al2-As4-As3 80.52(3), Al2-As4-As1 76.86(3).

5.5.4.2. [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-AsP₃)] (**3c**)

Compound **3c** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in Et₂O at -30 °C in the non-centrosymmetric orthorhombic space group *P2₁2₁2₁* as orange plate. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **3c** and a molecule of Et₂O, which is 0.8 occupied. The structure in the solid state is given in Figure S5.22.

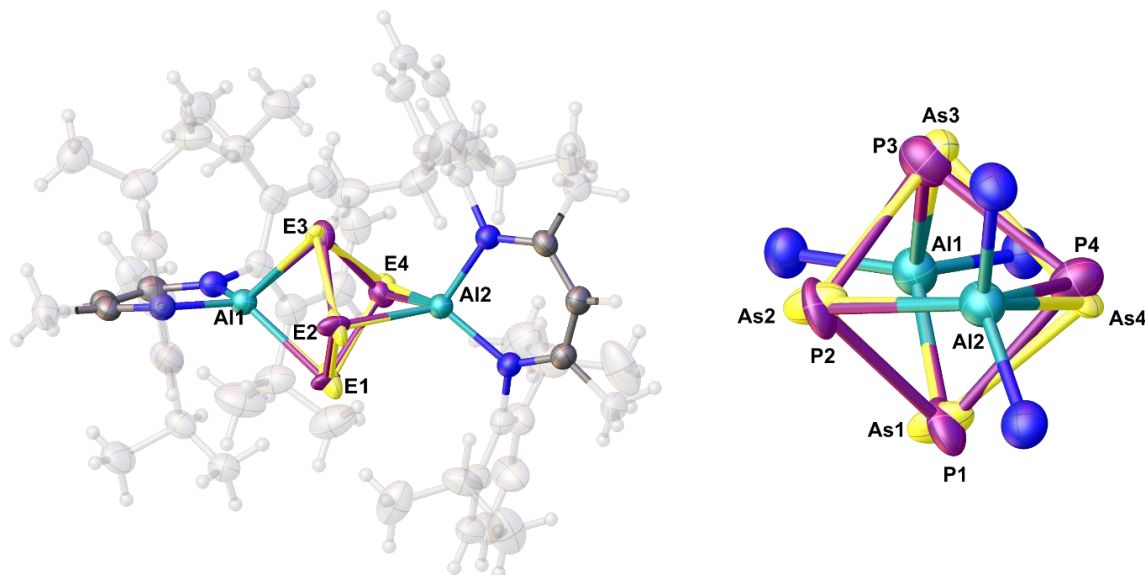


Figure S5.22. Molecular structure of **3c** in solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Al1-As1 2.398(16), Al1-As3 2.492(5), Al2-As2 2.43(2), Al2-As4 2.404(4), Al1-P1 2.380(4), Al1-P3 2.418(4), Al2-P2 2.370(6), Al2-P4 2.482(5), P1-P2 2.301(7), P2-P3 2.332(7), P3-P4 2.407(8), P4-P1 2.393(6), As1-P2 2.561(14), As1-P4 2.306(13), As2-P3 2.557(18), P1-As2 2.280(17), P2-As3 2.287(7), As3-P4 2.435(7), P3-As4 2.366(7), P1-As4 2.411(6), N1-Al1 1.909(4), N2-Al1 1.918(3), N3-Al2 1.915(3), N4-Al2 1.907(3), P1-P2-P3 85.2(2), P2-P3-P4 83.9(2), P3-P4-P1 81.5(2), P4-P1-P2 84.9(2), As1-P2-P3 82.4(4), P4-As1-P2 81.1(4), P3-P4-As1 86.5(4), P1-As2-P3 80.6(5), As2-P3-P4 83.5(5), P4-P1-As2 90.1(5), P1-P2-As3 87.0(2), P2-As3-P4 84.3(3), As3-P4-P1 81.7(2), P2-P3-As4 83.2(2), P3-As4-P1 82.03(18), As4-P1-P2 82.9(2).

SI: 5. Reactivity of E_4 ($E = P, As$) towards low valent $Al(I)$ and $Ga(I)$ compounds

5.5.4.3. $[L^3Ga(\eta^{1:1}-As_4)]$ (**4b**)

Compound **4b** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in a toluene:n-hexane (1:2) mixture at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the tetragonal space group $P4_32_12$ as yellow blocks. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **4b**. The structure in the solid state is given in Figure S5.23.

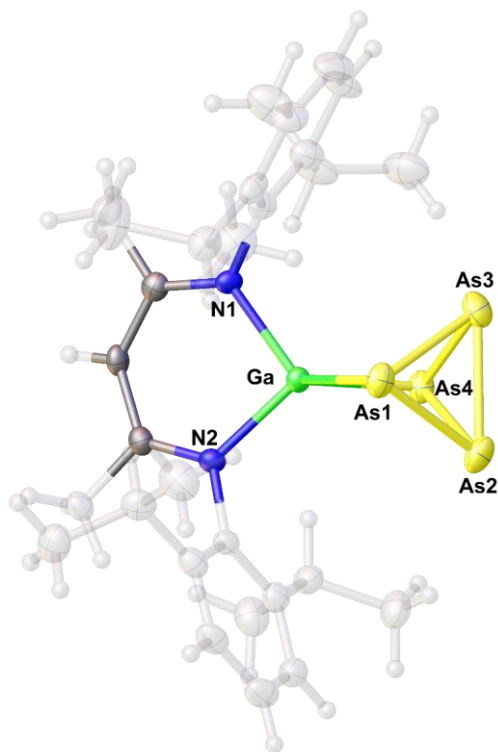


Figure S5.23. Molecular structure of **4b** in solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Ga-As1 2.4259(5), Ga-As4 2.4415(5), As1-As2 2.4693(6), As2-As3 2.3830(6), As3-As4 2.4612(6), As1-As3 2.4678(5), As2-As4 2.4608(5), Ga-N1 1.973 (3), Ga-N2 1.960(2), As3-As1-As2 57.720(17), As4-As3-As1 88.927(16), As2-As3-As1 61.172(16), As2-As3-As4 61.033(17), As4-As2-As1 88.902(18), As3-As2-As1 61.108(16), As3-As2-As4 61.050(17), Ga-As1-As2 83.876(17), Ga-As1-As3 81.665(16), Ga-As4-As3 81.489(17), Ga-As4-As2 83.732(17), As1-Ga-As4 90.359(17).

5.5.4.4. [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-AsP₃)] (**4c**)

Compound **4c** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in a toluene:*n*-hexane (2:1) mixture -30 °C in the tetragonal space group *P*4₃2₁2 as yellow blocks. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **4c**. The structure in the solid state is given in Figure S5.24.

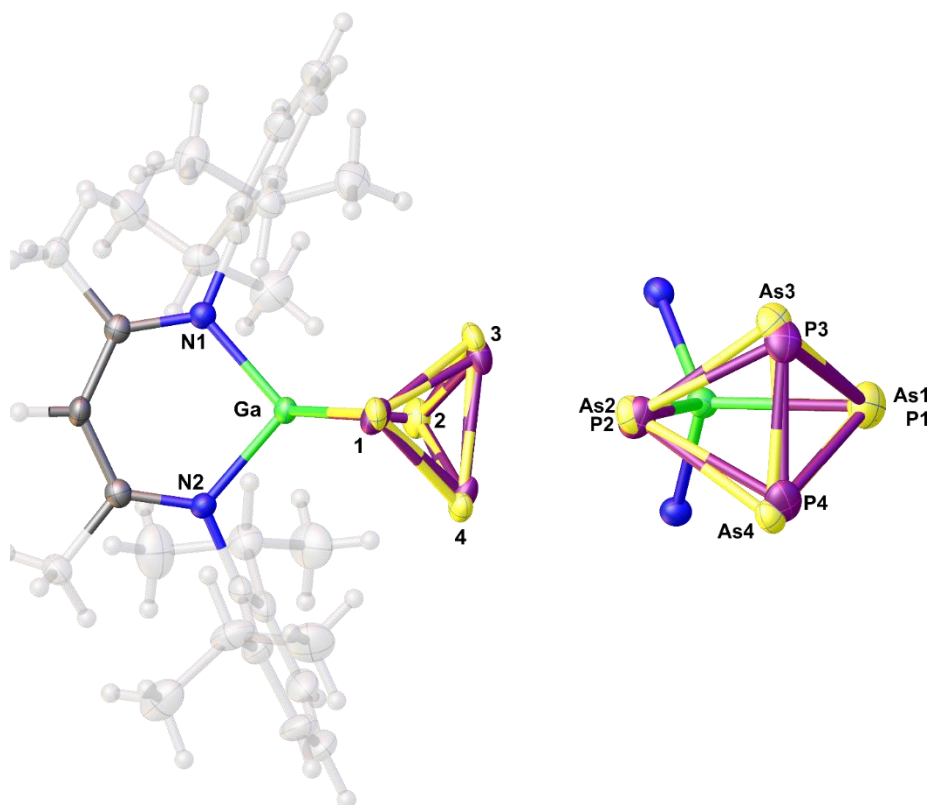


Figure S5.24. Molecular structure of **4c** in solid state (left: best view, right: disordered AsP₃ ligand). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å]: Ga-P1 2.451(6), Ga-P2 2.365(11), Ga-As1 2.412(3), Ga-As2 2.421(8), As1-P3 2.321(3), As1-P4 2.315(4), P2-P3 2.296(9), P2-P4 2.277(12), P3-P4 2.155(4), P1-P3 2.301(5), P1-P4 2.290(6), As2-P3 2.323(6), As2-P4 2.340(9), P1-As3 2.47(4), P2-As3 2.30(4), As3-P4 2.41(3), P1-As4 2.52(4), P2-As4 2.25(4), P3-As4 2.34(4).

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5.5.4.5. [(L³Ga)(μ,η^{2:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ni)] (**5a**)

Compound **5a** crystallizes from a concentrated toluene solution at -30 °C in the monoclinic space group *C2/c*. The asymmetric unit contains half a molecule of **5a** as an inversion twin. One dipp group of the ligand is disordered over two positions (0.67:0.33). The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S5.25 and S5.26.

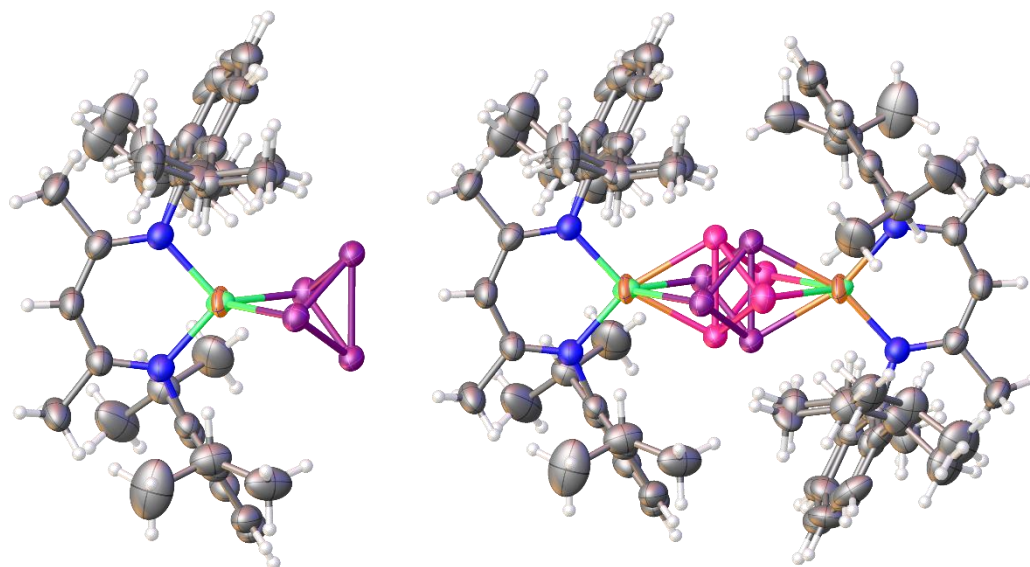


Figure S5.25. Molecular structure of **5a** in solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Left: Asymmetric unit of **5a**. Right: grown structure of the inversion twin of **5a**.

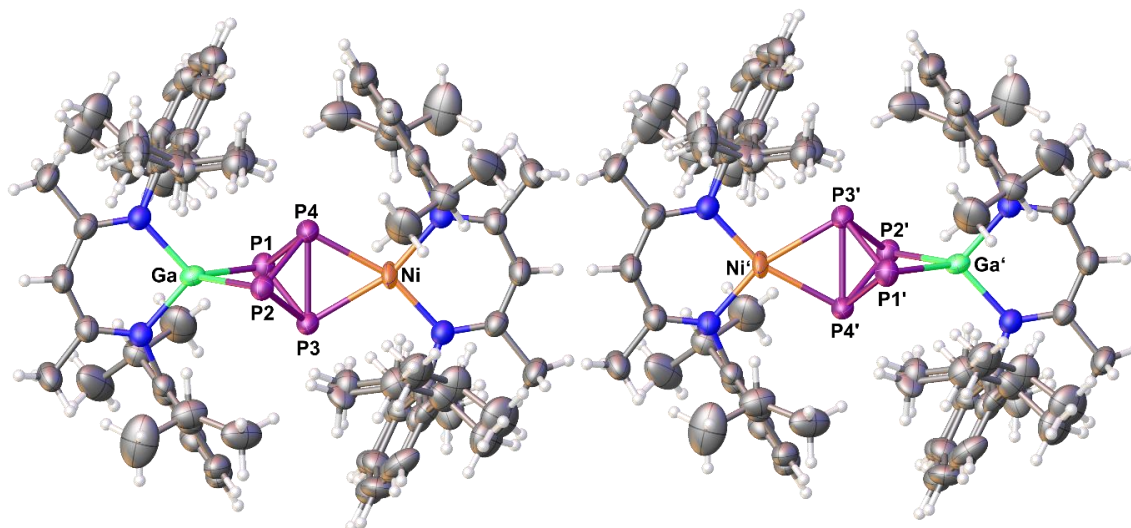


Figure S5.26. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: N1-Ni 1.926(3), N2-Ni 1.923(4), N1-Ga 1.920(3), N2-Ga 1.928(3), Ga-P1 2.298(2), Ga-P2 2.386(2), Ni-P3 2.317(3), Ni-P4 2.297(3), P1...P2 3.1784(17), P1-P3 2.2366(18), P1-P4 2.2386(17), P3-P2 2.2372(16), P3-P4 2.2566(15), P2-P4 2.2391(17), P3-P1-P4 60.56(5), P1-P3-P2 90.54(6), P1-P3-P4 59.76(6), P2-P3-P4 59.77(5), P3-P2-P4 60.55(5), P1-P4-P3 59.68(6), P1-P4-P2 90.44(6), P2-P4-P3 59.68(5).

5.5.4.6. [(Cp^{'''}Co)(μ,η^{4:1:1}-As₄)(L³Ga)] (**6b**)

Compound **6b** crystallizes from a concentrated orthodifluorobenzene solution layered with acetonitril at -30 °C in the monoclinic space group *P2₁/n*. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **6b**. The Cp^{'''} ring is disordered over two positions with an occupancy of 50:50. The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S5.27.

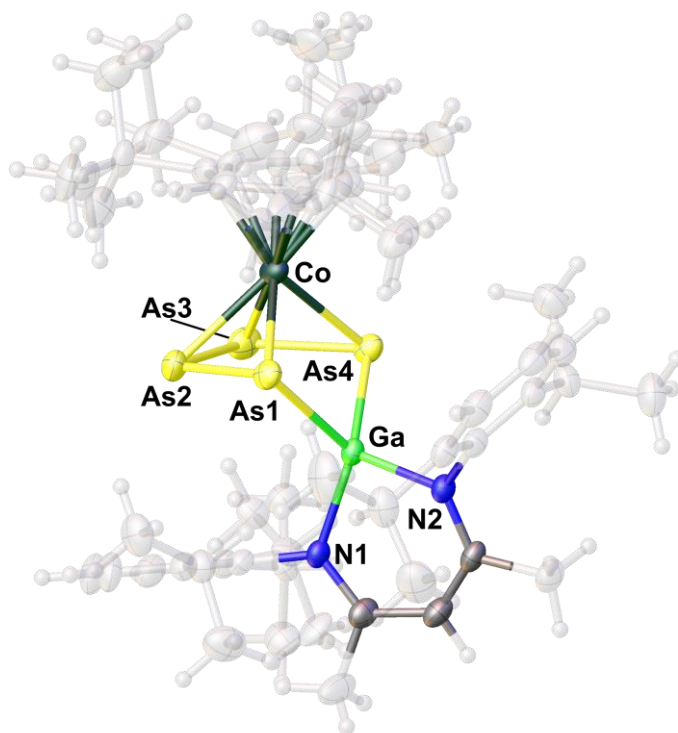


Figure S5.27. Molecular structure of **6b** in solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å]: Ga-As1 2.4271(5), Ga-As2 2.4481(5), As1-As2 2.3270(6), As2-As3 2.4018(6), As3-As4 2.3227(6), Co-As1 2.5002(7), Co-As2 2.4093(8), Co-As3 2.4431(8), Co-As4 2.4817(7), Ga-N1 1.978(3), Ga-N2 1.983(3), As1-As2-As3 102.77(2), As2-As3-As4 103.07(2), As1-Ga-As4 89.870(19).

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5.5.4.7. [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:1:1}-P₃)(L³Ga)] (**7a**)

Compound **7a** crystallizes from a concentrated toluene solution layered with acetonitrile at -30 °C in the monoclinic space group *P2₁/n*. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **7a**. The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S5.28.

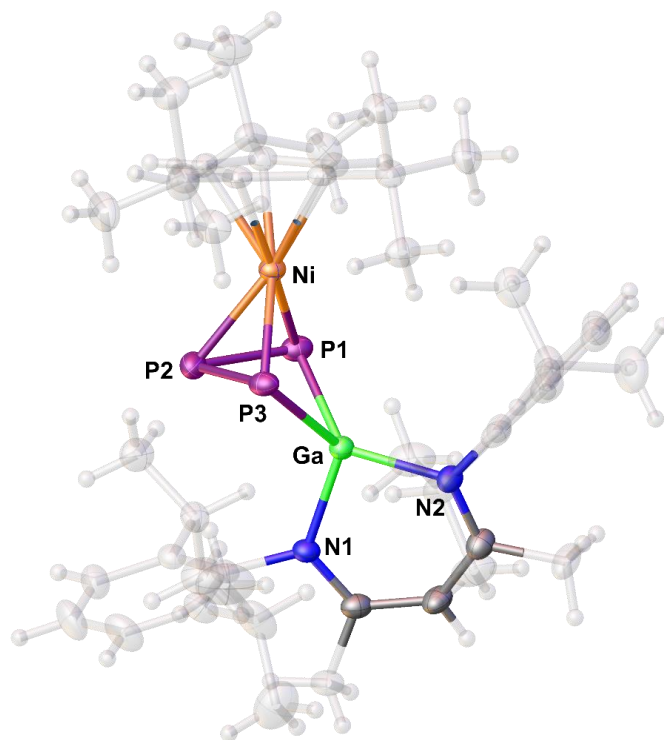


Figure S5.28. Molecular structure of **7a** in solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [Å]: P1-P2 2.1818(11), P2-P3 2.1586(11), P1 ... P3 3.0939(9), P1-Ga 2.3295(7), P3-Ga 2.3474(8), P1-Ni 2.2911(8), P2-Ni 2.2134(8), P3-Ni 2.3062(8), Ga-N1 1.987(2), Ga-N2 1.961(2), P1-P2-P3 90.93(4).

5.5.4.8. [(Cp^{'''}Ni)(μ,η^{3:1:1}-As₃)(L³Ga)] (**7b**)

Compound **7b** crystallizes from a concentrated toluene solution layered with acetonitrile at -30 °C in the orthorhombic space group *Pbca*. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **7b** and toluene. The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S5.29.

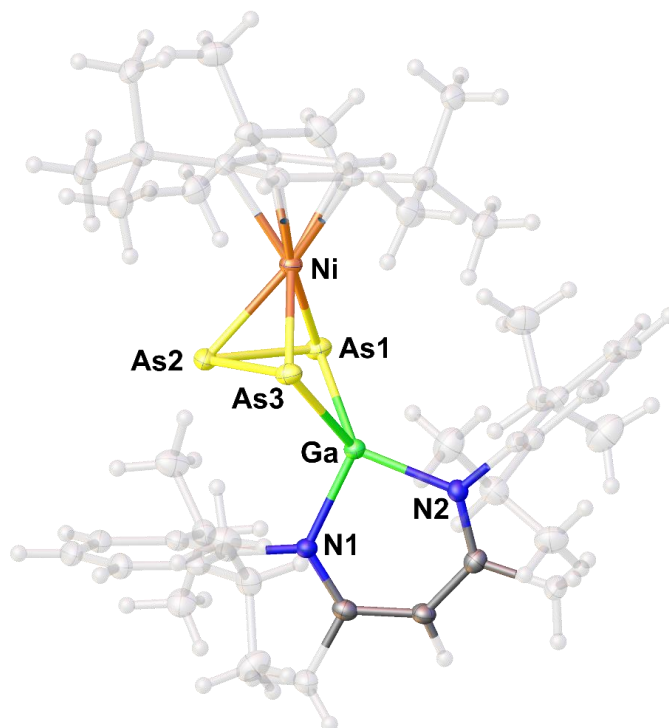


Figure S5.29. Molecular structure of **7b** in solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Solvent molecule is omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [Å]: As1-As2 2.4163(5), As2-As3 2.4059 (4), As1 ... As3 3.2753(6), As1-Ga 2.4311(4), As3-Ga 2.4480(4), As1-Ni 2.3989(5), As2-Ni 2.3241(5), As3-Ni 2.3928(5), Ga-N1 2.000(2), Ga-N2 1.979(2), As1-As2-As3 85.562(14).

5.5.4.9. Crystallographic information

Table S5.3. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **3b**, **3c**, **4b** and **4c**.

| Compound | 3b · 0.65 Et ₂ O | 3c · 0.8 Et ₂ O | 4b | 4c |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Formula | C _{60.6} H _{88.5} Al ₂ As ₄ N ₄ O _{0.65} | C _{61.2} H ₉₀ Al ₂ As _{0.83} N ₄ O _{0.8} P _{3.17} | As ₄ C ₂₉ GaH ₄₁ N ₂ | As _{0.92} C ₃₉ GaH ₅₆ N ₂ P _{3.08} |
| <i>D</i> _{calc.} / g cm ⁻³ | 1.290 | 1.166 | 1.522 | 1.404 |
| <i>μ</i> /mm ⁻¹ | 3.013 | 1.959 | 5.048 | 3.393 |
| Formula Weight | 1237.09 | 1108.89 | 869.96 | 786.89 |
| Colour | orange | clear orange | yellow | yellow |
| Shape | plate | plate | block | block |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.35×0.18×0.07 | 0.09×0.08×0.04 | 0.49×0.32×0.24 | 0.25×0.20×0.17 |
| <i>T</i> /K | 123(1) | 123.00(10) | 122.9(2) | 123.00(10) |
| Crystal System | orthorhombic | orthorhombic | tetragonal | tetragonal |
| Flack Parameter | -0.029(9) | -0.040(8) | -0.009(9) | -0.003(8) |
| Hoof Parameter | -0.002(9) | -0.026(7) | 0.002(9) | 0.003(7) |
| Space Group | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ | <i>P</i> 4 ₃ 2 ₁ 2 | <i>P</i> 4 ₃ 2 ₁ 2 |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 13.89960(10) | 13.89988(12) | 20.14280(10) | 19.99220(10) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 14.26410(10) | 14.24724(14) | 20.14280(10) | 19.99220(10) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 32.1342(3) | 31.8996(3) | 18.7094(2) | 18.62610(10) |
| <i>α</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| <i>β</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| <i>γ</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 6371.10(9) | 6317.23(10) | 7591.01(11) | 7444.63(8) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| <i>Z'</i> | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K _α | Cu K _α | Cu K _α | Cu K _α |
| <i>θ</i> _{min} /° | 3.390 | 2.770 | 3.901 | 3.926 |
| <i>θ</i> _{max} /° | 71.862 | 73.579 | 75.421 | 73.482 |
| Measured Refl's. | 22680 | 37292 | 37319 | 32622 |
| Ind't Refl's | 12051 | 12049 | 7675 | 7414 |
| Refl's with <i>I</i> > 2(<i>I</i>) | 11496 | 10601 | 7634 | 7273 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0261 | 0.0389 | 0.0428 | 0.0324 |
| Parameters | 690 | 716 | 335 | 375 |
| Restraints | 0 | 49 | 0 | 12 |
| Largest Peak | 0.526 | 0.543 | 0.532 | 0.173 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.271 | -0.301 | -0.544 | -0.158 |
| Goof | 1.040 | 1.061 | 1.050 | 1.019 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.0736 | 0.1189 | 0.0635 | 0.0454 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ | 0.0719 | 0.1152 | 0.0634 | 0.0451 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ (all data) | 0.0312 | 0.0505 | 0.0246 | 0.0196 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ | 0.0290 | 0.0436 | 0.0244 | 0.0190 |

Table S5.4. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **5a**, **6b**, **7a** and **7b**.

| Compound | 5a | 6b | 7a | 7b · 1 tol |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| Formula | C ₅₈ H ₈₂ GaN ₄ NiP ₄ | C ₄₆ H ₇₀ As ₄ CoGaN ₂ | C ₄₆ H ₇₀ GaN ₂ NiP ₃ | C ₅₃ H ₇₈ As ₃ GaN ₂ Ni |
| <i>D</i> _{calc.} / g cm ⁻³ | 1.247 | 1.502 | 1.249 | 1.413 |
| <i>μ</i> /mm ⁻¹ | 2.308 | 6.730 | 2.425 | 3.491 |
| Formula Weight | 1087.58 | 1079.37 | 872.38 | 1096.36 |
| Colour | clear orange | green | brown | clear orange |
| Shape | plate-shaped | plate | plate-shaped | plate |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.14×0.12×0.04 | 0.19×0.11×0.03 | 0.15×0.11×0.04 | 0.46×0.18×0.06 |
| <i>T</i> /K | 123.01(10) | 100.01(10) | 122.99(10) | 100.00(10) |
| Crystal System | monoclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic | orthorhombic |
| Space Group | <i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> | <i>Pbca</i> |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 25.1414(5) | 12.2766(3) | 13.6409(2) | 22.4679(4) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 13.2693(2) | 26.9810(7) | 24.3945(4) | 18.7909(3) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 17.4724(3) | 14.8138(4) | 14.3521(2) | 24.4157(4) |
| <i>α</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| <i>β</i> /° | 96.234(2) | 103.482(2) | 103.775(2) | 90 |
| <i>γ</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 5794.48(18) | 4771.6(2) | 4638.48(13) | 10308.1(3) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| <i>Z</i> ' | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K _α | Cu K _α | Cu K _α | Cu K _α |
| <i>θ</i> _{min} /° | 3.537 | 3.276 | 3.624 | 3.561 |
| <i>θ</i> _{max} /° | 73.288 | 73.461 | 73.899 | 75.384 |
| Measured Refl's. | 21770 | 38782 | 9680 | 62074 |
| Indep't Refl's | 5580 | 9043 | 9680 | 10433 |
| Refl's I ≥ 2 σ(I) | 4759 | 7117 | 8557 | 9053 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0230 | 0.0425 | . | 0.0497 |
| Parameters | 456 | 688 | 498 | 561 |
| Restraints | 102 | 202 | 0 | 0 |
| Largest Peak | 0.296 | 0.505 | 0.893 | 0.654 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.419 | -0.631 | -0.402 | -0.597 |
| GooF | 1.072 | 1.056 | 1.047 | 1.070 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.1040 | 0.0961 | 0.1214 | 0.0882 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ | 0.1000 | 0.0903 | 0.1186 | 0.0844 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ (all data) | 0.0493 | 0.0542 | 0.0475 | 0.0472 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ | 0.0407 | 0.0382 | 0.0422 | 0.0380 |

5.5.5. DFT calculations

The geometry of the molecules has been optimized with Gaussian 09,^[19] using the B3LYP functional^[20] together with the def2-SVP basis set for all atoms.^[21] The Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) analysis has been performed with the NBO6 program.^[22] The figures for the supporting information concerning the DFT calculations were created with Chemcraft.^[23]

Table S5.5. Total energies for all optimized geometries (B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory).

| | total energy [Ha] B3LYP-def2SVP |
|---|------------------------------------|
| P ₄ | -1365,087187 |
| As ₄ | -8942,661612 |
| AsP ₃ | -3259,478111 |
| [L ³ Ga] (2) | -3163,117881 |
| [L ³ Ga(η ^{1:1} -P ₄)] (4a) | -4528,227746 |
| [L ³ Ga(η ^{1:1} -As ₄)] (4b) | -12105,80203 |
| [L ³ Ga(η ^{1:1} -AsP ₃)] (4c1, Isomer 1) | -6422,619313 |
| [L ³ Ga(η ^{1:1} -AsP ₃)] (4c2, Isomer 2) | -6422,619195 |
| [(L ³ Ga) ₂ (P ₄)] | -7.691,355143 |
| [(L ³ Ga) ₂ (As ₄)] | -15268,93152 |
| [(L ³ Ga) ₂ (AsP ₃)] | -9585,748073 |
| [L ³ Al] (1) | -1480,828028 |
| [L ³ Al(P ₄)] (I-3a) | -2845,978289 |
| [L ³ Al(As ₄)] (I-3b) | -10423,54925 |
| [L ³ Al(AsP ₃)] (I-3c1, Isomer 1) | -4740,368153 |
| [L ³ Al(AsP ₃)] (I-3c2, Isomer 2) | -4740,369903 |
| [(L ³ Al) ₂ (μ,η ^{1:1:1:1} -P ₄)] (3a) | -4326,849138 |
| [(L ³ Al) ₂ (μ,η ^{1:1:1:1} -As ₄)] (3b) | -11904,41336 |
| [(L ³ Al) ₂ (μ,η ^{1:1:1:1} -AsP ₃)] (3c) | -6221,240485 |
| [(L ³ Ga)(η ^{2:1:1} -P ₄)(L ³ Ni)] (5a) | -727533923258 |

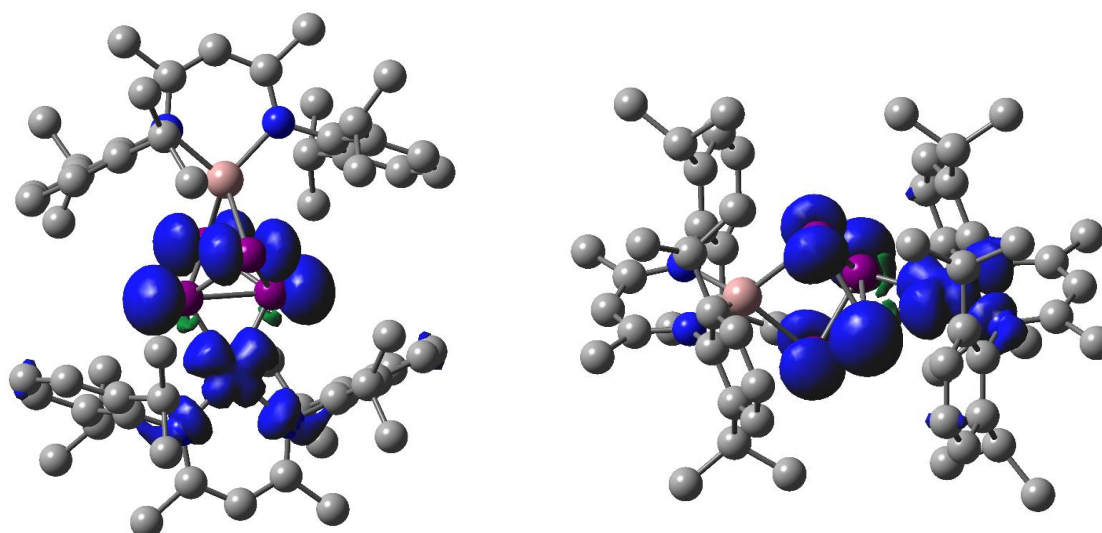
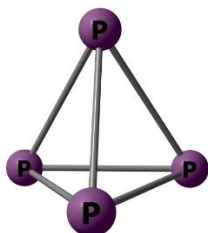


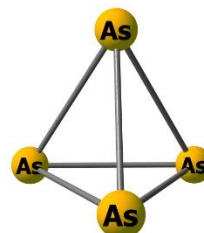
Figure S5.30. Isosurfaces of the calculated spin density in 5a (two different views) B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory.

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Table S5.6. Optimized geometries of P₄ (left) and As₄ (right). XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

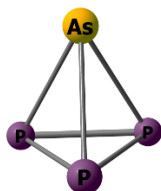


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|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | 1.774510000 | 3.039595000 | 4.823887000 |
| P | -0.256548000 | 3.323675000 | 3.963479000 |
| P | 0.364366000 | 4.479935000 | 5.757796000 |
| P | 1.263272000 | 4.932895000 | 3.777338000 |



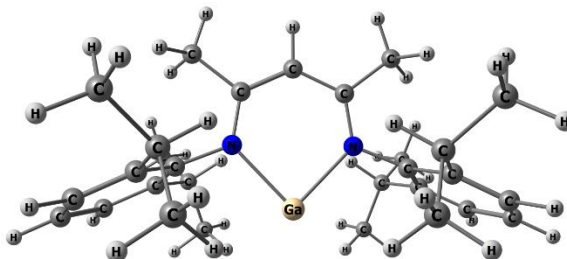
| | | | |
|----|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| As | 1.882073000 | 2.946629000 | 4.859868000 |
| As | -0.360804000 | 3.250359000 | 3.889766000 |
| As | 0.305682000 | 4.538626000 | 5.879164000 |
| As | 1.318648000 | 5.040486000 | 3.693701000 |

Table S5.7. Optimized geometries of AsP₃. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| As | 1.848412000 | 2.963746000 | 4.841668000 |
| P | -0.287009000 | 3.348462000 | 3.956520000 |
| P | 0.339628000 | 4.506261000 | 5.755142000 |
| P | 1.244569000 | 4.957631000 | 3.769170000 |

Table S5.8. Optimized geometries of **2**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

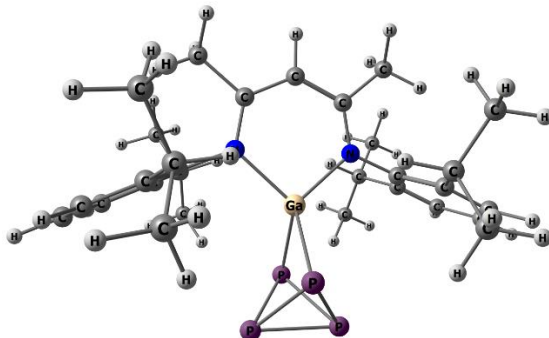


| | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ga | 0.000046000 | -0.000672000 | -0.992426000 | C | 2.767908000 | 2.580705000 | -0.026890000 |
| N | -1.466621000 | 0.000046000 | 0.536401000 | H | 1.849841000 | 2.387854000 | 0.546999000 |
| N | 1.466614000 | 0.000029000 | 0.536408000 | C | -2.768024000 | 2.580683000 | -0.026612000 |
| C | 1.271869000 | 0.000389000 | 1.857240000 | H | -1.850053000 | 2.387836000 | 0.547423000 |
| C | 2.798649000 | 0.000036000 | 0.003790000 | C | -2.347101000 | -3.268031000 | -1.339134000 |
| C | -1.271891000 | 0.000226000 | 1.857227000 | H | -3.222126000 | -3.493551000 | -1.970772000 |
| C | -2.469605000 | 0.000193000 | 2.786747000 | H | -1.826690000 | -4.218290000 | -1.133751000 |
| H | -3.104939000 | 0.880373000 | 2.605510000 | H | -1.670068000 | -2.627585000 | -1.926117000 |
| H | -2.159716000 | 0.000281000 | 3.839506000 | C | 3.646560000 | -3.513878000 | 0.825244000 |
| H | -3.104815000 | -0.880086000 | 2.605600000 | H | 3.096615000 | -4.435133000 | 1.078088000 |
| C | 3.434474000 | -1.232487000 | -0.299168000 | H | 3.954290000 | -3.035511000 | 1.768656000 |
| C | 3.434433000 | 1.232572000 | -0.299303000 | H | 4.562784000 | -3.816429000 | 0.292551000 |
| C | 4.705578000 | -1.203740000 | -0.890811000 | C | 2.346136000 | 3.267353000 | -1.339361000 |
| H | 5.205896000 | -2.145168000 | -1.131371000 | H | 1.825576000 | 4.217573000 | -1.134170000 |
| C | -3.434385000 | -1.232494000 | -0.299353000 | H | 1.668962000 | 2.626441000 | -1.925672000 |
| C | -3.434517000 | 1.232566000 | -0.299124000 | H | 3.220766000 | 3.492770000 | -1.971583000 |
| C | 2.768082000 | -2.580626000 | -0.026447000 | C | 2.346874000 | -3.267989000 | -1.338714000 |
| H | 1.849794000 | -2.387671000 | 0.547049000 | H | 3.221735000 | -3.493628000 | -1.970537000 |
| C | -0.000009000 | 0.000441000 | 2.464453000 | H | 1.669787000 | -2.627486000 | -1.925569000 |
| H | -0.000015000 | 0.000582000 | 3.553582000 | H | 1.826404000 | -4.218189000 | -1.133201000 |
| C | -2.767955000 | -2.580633000 | -0.026773000 | C | -4.705507000 | -1.203738000 | -0.890965000 |
| H | -1.849525000 | -2.387704000 | 0.546512000 | H | -5.205777000 | -2.145159000 | -1.131660000 |
| C | -2.798651000 | 0.000031000 | 0.003792000 | C | -5.342772000 | 0.000021000 | -1.184025000 |
| C | 2.469586000 | 0.000829000 | 2.786750000 | H | -6.333361000 | 0.000012000 | -1.646031000 |
| H | 2.159708000 | 0.000245000 | 3.839513000 | C | -2.346064000 | 3.267274000 | -1.339060000 |

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|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| H | 3.104209000 | 0.881604000 | 2.605888000 | H | -1.668735000 | 2.626385000 | -1.925220000 |
| H | 3.105486000 | -0.878861000 | 2.605215000 | H | -1.825627000 | 4.217557000 | -1.133857000 |
| C | 4.705544000 | 1.203803000 | -0.890901000 | H | -3.220613000 | 3.492546000 | -1.971446000 |
| H | 5.205863000 | 2.145210000 | -1.131540000 | C | 3.646461000 | 3.514535000 | 0.824068000 |
| C | 5.342751000 | 0.000021000 | -1.184075000 | H | 4.562382000 | 3.817177000 | 0.290910000 |
| H | 6.333326000 | 0.000026000 | -1.646108000 | H | 3.954700000 | 3.036620000 | 1.767543000 |
| C | -4.705639000 | 1.203806000 | -0.890692000 | H | 3.096334000 | 4.435721000 | 1.076763000 |
| H | -5.206019000 | 2.145224000 | -1.131166000 | C | -3.646691000 | 3.514583000 | 0.824150000 |
| C | -3.646251000 | -3.513824000 | 0.825178000 | H | -4.562534000 | 3.817198000 | 0.290833000 |
| H | -3.953693000 | -3.035385000 | 1.768646000 | H | -3.096595000 | 4.435792000 | 1.076828000 |
| H | -3.096264000 | -4.435081000 | 1.077925000 | H | -3.955075000 | 3.036767000 | 1.767628000 |
| H | -4.562636000 | -3.816360000 | 0.292756000 | | | | |

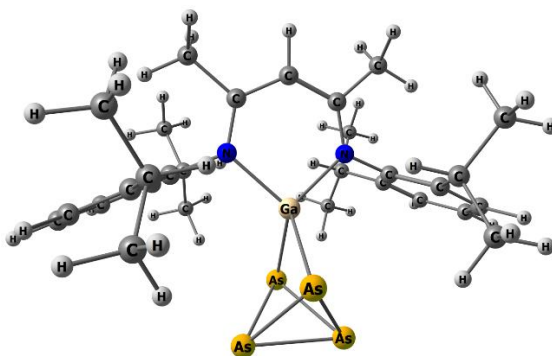
Table S5.9. Optimized geometries of 4a. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.



| | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ga | 0.000052000 | -0.170791000 | -0.281874000 | H | 1.714233000 | 2.578947000 | 0.330638000 |
| P | 0.000012000 | -2.258499000 | -1.455844000 | C | 2.597898000 | 3.339923000 | -1.464850000 |
| P | 1.094427000 | -1.115496000 | -3.089450000 | H | 3.582510000 | 3.559918000 | -1.908551000 |
| P | -1.094978000 | -1.115715000 | -3.089165000 | H | 2.043197000 | 4.290989000 | -1.410800000 |
| P | -0.000428000 | 0.782235000 | -2.475291000 | H | 2.057092000 | 2.674865000 | -2.154769000 |
| N | 1.493139000 | 0.239239000 | 0.996210000 | C | 3.458739000 | 3.697862000 | 0.883127000 |
| N | -1.493069000 | 0.239402000 | 0.996282000 | H | 3.559187000 | 3.291032000 | 1.900443000 |
| C | 1.276147000 | 0.559534000 | 2.275540000 | H | 2.909822000 | 4.651445000 | 0.950905000 |
| C | 0.000097000 | 0.669603000 | 2.860266000 | H | 4.473684000 | 3.925177000 | 0.517978000 |
| H | 0.000109000 | 0.928049000 | 3.919659000 | C | -2.830745000 | 0.183069000 | 0.455754000 |
| C | -1.276020000 | 0.559528000 | 2.275604000 | C | -3.524339000 | -1.056204000 | 0.438186000 |
| C | 2.434758000 | 0.869165000 | 3.203587000 | C | -4.807185000 | -1.090857000 | -0.127386000 |
| H | 3.407586000 | 0.590589000 | 2.785626000 | H | -5.358061000 | -2.033533000 | -0.145244000 |
| H | 2.293214000 | 0.351508000 | 4.163549000 | C | -5.394822000 | 0.050708000 | -0.667676000 |
| H | 2.451091000 | 1.949344000 | 3.420105000 | H | -6.394276000 | -0.001337000 | -1.106864000 |
| C | -2.434502000 | 0.868671000 | 3.203991000 | C | -4.702174000 | 1.258032000 | -0.644246000 |
| H | -2.448861000 | 1.948213000 | 3.423746000 | H | -5.169600000 | 2.150721000 | -1.066323000 |
| H | -2.294286000 | 0.347905000 | 4.162487000 | C | -3.417822000 | 1.354893000 | -0.088574000 |
| H | -3.407652000 | 0.593002000 | 2.784875000 | C | -2.949878000 | -2.331832000 | 1.056325000 |
| C | 2.830863000 | 0.182824000 | 0.455784000 | H | -1.872372000 | -2.170545000 | 1.208658000 |
| C | 3.524252000 | -1.056574000 | 0.438198000 | C | -3.102925000 | -3.561951000 | 0.145916000 |
| C | 4.807172000 | -1.091407000 | -0.127186000 | H | -4.157587000 | -3.860835000 | 0.032595000 |
| H | 5.357883000 | -2.034177000 | -0.145053000 | H | -2.566942000 | -4.421722000 | 0.578836000 |
| C | 5.395073000 | 0.050100000 | -0.667317000 | H | -2.688955000 | -3.380154000 | -0.856365000 |
| H | 6.394573000 | -0.002081000 | -1.106384000 | C | -3.571993000 | -2.616187000 | 2.437990000 |
| C | 4.702625000 | 1.257534000 | -0.643890000 | H | -3.425764000 | -1.782417000 | 3.139989000 |
| H | 5.170236000 | 2.150160000 | -1.065904000 | H | -3.122095000 | -3.517026000 | 2.886683000 |
| C | 3.418226000 | 1.354590000 | -0.088348000 | H | -4.657281000 | -2.791406000 | 2.352244000 |
| C | 2.949423000 | -2.332173000 | 1.056062000 | C | -2.731329000 | 2.721062000 | -0.062229000 |
| H | 1.871862000 | -2.170796000 | 1.207904000 | H | -1.713495000 | 2.578835000 | 0.330212000 |
| C | 3.102807000 | -3.562253000 | 0.145657000 | C | -2.597747000 | 3.340777000 | -1.464542000 |
| H | 2.689413000 | -3.380329000 | -0.856840000 | H | -2.057355000 | 2.675913000 | -2.154974000 |
| H | 2.566458000 | -4.421972000 | 0.578219000 | H | -2.042800000 | 4.291685000 | -1.410240000 |
| H | 4.157490000 | -3.861282000 | 0.032900000 | H | -3.582467000 | 3.561248000 | -1.907762000 |
| C | 3.570835000 | -2.616640000 | 2.438010000 | C | -3.457621000 | 3.697655000 | 0.884002000 |
| H | 4.656204000 | -2.791657000 | 2.352847000 | H | -4.472783000 | 3.925072000 | 0.519518000 |
| H | 3.120846000 | -3.517632000 | 2.886303000 | H | -2.908691000 | 4.651226000 | 0.951887000 |
| H | 3.424033000 | -1.783038000 | 3.140091000 | H | -3.557454000 | 3.290364000 | 1.901191000 |
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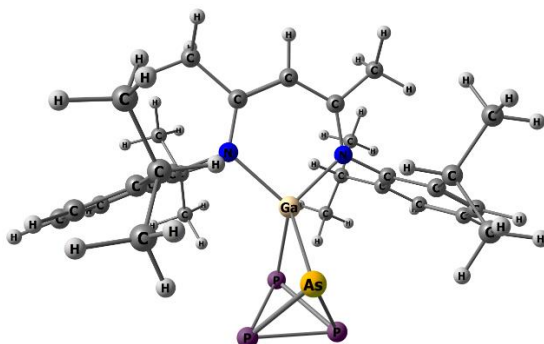
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Table S5.10. Optimized geometries of **4b**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.



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| As | 0.000162000 | -0.664887000 | -2.165120000 | H | -5.069504000 | -0.155986000 | 3.533690000 |
| Ga | 0.000216000 | 0.053487000 | 0.218084000 | C | 2.413285000 | 2.606993000 | -1.555443000 |
| As | -1.213549000 | -2.677079000 | -1.287828000 | H | 1.395436000 | 2.566150000 | -1.139810000 |
| As | 1.212497000 | -2.677869000 | -1.287717000 | C | -2.412981000 | 2.607202000 | -1.555432000 |
| N | -1.497229000 | 1.238957000 | 0.888420000 | H | -1.395171000 | 2.566543000 | -1.139688000 |
| N | 1.497627000 | 1.238801000 | 0.888356000 | C | -3.484667000 | -2.150421000 | 2.383715000 |
| C | 1.276106000 | 2.250802000 | 1.732174000 | H | -4.557668000 | -2.401312000 | 2.360090000 |
| C | 2.824413000 | 0.957414000 | 0.395672000 | H | -3.063467000 | -2.607832000 | 3.293309000 |
| C | -1.275562000 | 2.251055000 | 1.732042000 | H | -3.005494000 | -2.625664000 | 1.515993000 |
| C | -2.424759000 | 3.075488000 | 2.282890000 | C | 3.981097000 | -0.004355000 | 3.605853000 |
| H | -3.404199000 | 2.751400000 | 1.917108000 | H | 3.641030000 | -0.471063000 | 4.544871000 |
| H | -2.282617000 | 4.134441000 | 2.018803000 | H | 3.804833000 | 1.077776000 | 3.684271000 |
| H | -2.420546000 | 3.018092000 | 3.382515000 | H | 5.070526000 | -0.157729000 | 3.533020000 |
| C | 3.661727000 | 0.041728000 | 1.086196000 | C | 2.303654000 | 2.307528000 | -3.060247000 |
| C | 3.262179000 | 1.581693000 | -0.802291000 | H | 1.607828000 | 3.016056000 | -3.538546000 |
| C | 4.934746000 | -0.221597000 | 0.558473000 | H | 1.929308000 | 1.289802000 | -3.248743000 |
| H | 5.594398000 | -0.918673000 | 1.079966000 | H | 3.274035000 | 2.410784000 | -3.572389000 |
| C | -3.661422000 | 0.042127000 | 1.086416000 | C | 3.484213000 | -2.151006000 | 2.382985000 |
| C | -3.261897000 | 1.582057000 | -0.802099000 | H | 4.557067000 | -2.402469000 | 2.358673000 |
| C | 3.254309000 | -0.629815000 | 2.398413000 | H | 3.004296000 | -2.625766000 | 1.515411000 |
| H | 2.175779000 | -0.461252000 | 2.536830000 | H | 3.063276000 | -2.608420000 | 3.292701000 |
| C | 0.000306000 | 2.659827000 | 2.165262000 | C | -4.934505000 | -0.221075000 | 0.558820000 |
| H | 0.000355000 | 3.488149000 | 2.875138000 | H | -5.594177000 | -0.918090000 | 1.080363000 |
| C | -3.253927000 | -0.629351000 | 2.398648000 | C | -5.377330000 | 0.386456000 | -0.613459000 |
| H | -2.175260000 | -0.461328000 | 2.536638000 | H | -6.372969000 | 0.163911000 | -1.005574000 |
| C | -2.824071000 | 0.957739000 | 0.395797000 | C | -2.303222000 | 2.307266000 | -3.060138000 |
| C | 2.425477000 | 3.074782000 | 2.283336000 | H | -1.928636000 | 1.289564000 | -3.248304000 |
| H | 2.421440000 | 3.016701000 | 3.382926000 | H | -1.607552000 | 3.015797000 | -3.538663000 |
| H | 2.283444000 | 4.133917000 | 2.019921000 | H | -3.273627000 | 2.410111000 | -3.572322000 |
| H | 3.404814000 | 2.750802000 | 1.917187000 | C | 2.941919000 | 4.038072000 | -1.334413000 |
| C | 4.544037000 | 1.278389000 | -1.283158000 | H | 3.955538000 | 4.154313000 | -1.752564000 |
| H | 4.897251000 | 1.754826000 | -2.200449000 | H | 2.994413000 | 4.297390000 | -0.266824000 |
| C | 5.377503000 | 0.385870000 | -0.613850000 | H | 2.289360000 | 4.774981000 | -1.830957000 |
| H | 6.373076000 | 0.163218000 | -1.006076000 | C | -2.941731000 | 4.038313000 | -1.334894000 |
| C | -4.543850000 | 1.278893000 | -1.282834000 | H | -3.955263000 | 4.154426000 | -1.753290000 |
| H | -4.897104000 | 1.755390000 | -2.200081000 | H | -2.289094000 | 4.775116000 | -1.831491000 |
| C | -3.979967000 | -0.003209000 | 3.606184000 | H | -2.994460000 | 4.297891000 | -0.267378000 |
| H | -3.803079000 | 1.078837000 | 3.684331000 | | | | |

Table S5.11. Optimized geometries of **4c1**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

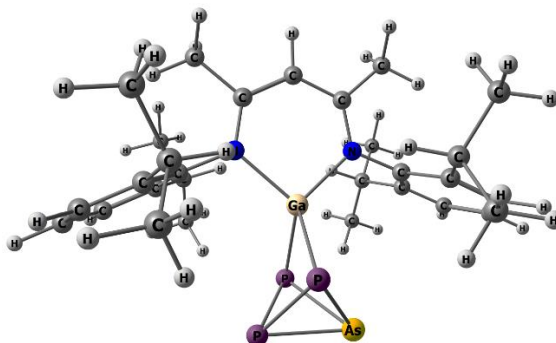


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| P | 0.001695000 | 0.082429000 | -2.493397000 | C | 2.277258000 | 3.122221000 | -2.140629000 |
| As | -0.000886000 | -2.661544000 | -0.648252000 | H | 3.233820000 | 3.343916000 | -2.640926000 |
| P | 1.099533000 | -1.898374000 | -2.637736000 | H | 1.622737000 | 3.997853000 | -2.282476000 |

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| N | -1.494404000 | 0.562957000 | 0.974155000 | H | 1.814313000 | 2.268471000 | -2.658297000 |
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| C | 2.822195000 | 0.499387000 | 0.411952000 | C | -4.905214000 | -0.685085000 | 0.056569000 |
| C | -1.275434000 | 1.142785000 | 2.158290000 | H | -5.541296000 | -1.557004000 | 0.222613000 |
| C | 4.904407000 | -0.686560000 | 0.056569000 | C | 3.445187000 | -3.187741000 | 0.860387000 |
| H | 5.539989000 | -1.558927000 | 0.222141000 | H | 3.040669000 | -3.243202000 | -0.160494000 |
| C | 1.275105000 | 1.142535000 | 2.158594000 | H | 2.975350000 | -3.988216000 | 1.453925000 |
| C | 2.427039000 | 1.685655000 | 2.982984000 | H | 4.523386000 | -3.410711000 | 0.811835000 |
| H | 3.409395000 | 1.407116000 | 2.588424000 | C | -2.471257000 | 2.839537000 | -0.642363000 |
| H | 2.341145000 | 1.327724000 | 4.019914000 | H | -1.473101000 | 2.684267000 | -0.207222000 |
| H | 2.368538000 | 2.785026000 | 3.018374000 | C | 3.095428000 | 4.064065000 | 0.058721000 |
| C | 3.172077000 | -1.819130000 | 1.507584000 | H | 3.225956000 | 3.899907000 | 1.138914000 |
| H | 2.083223000 | -1.729319000 | 1.637817000 | H | 2.457919000 | 4.953351000 | -0.075340000 |
| C | 4.576409000 | 1.479118000 | -0.942533000 | H | 4.086995000 | 4.300256000 | -0.360910000 |
| H | 4.954384000 | 2.299112000 | -1.557812000 | C | -5.380712000 | 0.365010000 | -0.725512000 |
| C | -2.427427000 | 1.686232000 | 2.982395000 | H | -6.378962000 | 0.312497000 | -1.167410000 |
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| H | -2.368651000 | 2.785596000 | 3.017694000 | H | -4.524736000 | -3.409430000 | 0.811598000 |
| H | -2.341799000 | 1.328407000 | 4.019387000 | H | -2.977085000 | -3.987197000 | 1.454404000 |
| C | 3.626907000 | -0.649222000 | 0.634362000 | H | -3.041565000 | -3.242203000 | -0.160055000 |
| C | -0.000227000 | 1.337526000 | 2.723067000 | C | -3.812551000 | -1.763541000 | 2.909884000 |
| H | -0.000302000 | 1.802379000 | 3.709770000 | H | -3.580136000 | -0.827722000 | 3.438085000 |
| C | -3.627685000 | -0.648189000 | 0.634338000 | H | -3.451349000 | -2.599227000 | 3.531480000 |
| C | -3.173511000 | -1.818051000 | 1.507958000 | H | -4.910308000 | -1.844921000 | 2.845121000 |
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| C | -2.822341000 | 0.499863000 | 0.411394000 | H | -1.813575000 | 2.266965000 | -2.659947000 |
| C | 2.472534000 | 2.839876000 | -0.640540000 | H | -1.620921000 | 3.996355000 | -2.284824000 |
| H | 1.474334000 | 2.685069000 | -0.205314000 | C | -3.232440000 | 3.343298000 | -2.642875000 |
| C | -3.291300000 | 1.574410000 | -0.388523000 | H | -3.093290000 | 4.064348000 | 0.056575000 |
| C | 5.380521000 | 0.363686000 | -0.724944000 | H | -4.084783000 | 4.300984000 | -0.362982000 |
| H | 6.378731000 | 0.310814000 | -1.166891000 | H | -2.455260000 | 4.953204000 | -0.077856000 |
| C | 3.810335000 | -1.764759000 | 2.909873000 | H | -3.223751000 | 3.900601000 | 1.136840000 |
| H | 4.908121000 | -1.846233000 | 2.845720000 | P | -1.097913000 | -1.897394000 | -2.639230000 |
| H | 3.448696000 | -2.600431000 | 3.531237000 | | | | |

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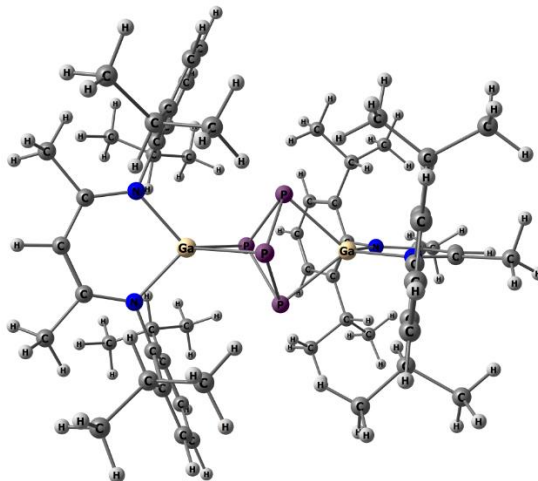


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| C | 2.726980000 | 0.528774000 | 0.607336000 | C | -4.872464000 | -1.107344000 | 0.186545000 |
| C | -1.470096000 | 1.309997000 | 2.064705000 | H | -5.413296000 | -2.018366000 | 0.451416000 |
| C | 4.774334000 | -0.765732000 | 0.580225000 | C | 3.104644000 | -3.069666000 | 1.610356000 |
| H | 5.358642000 | -1.625298000 | 0.915803000 | H | 2.693547000 | -3.248149000 | 0.606322000 |
| C | 1.079510000 | 1.415209000 | 2.146489000 | H | 2.592105000 | -3.751742000 | 2.307608000 |
| C | 2.184202000 | 2.048132000 | 2.971783000 | H | 4.169472000 | -3.353720000 | 1.601393000 |
| H | 3.188171000 | 1.773737000 | 2.632635000 | C | -2.829020000 | 2.564361000 | -0.903079000 |
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| H | 2.090113000 | 3.144655000 | 2.930315000 | C | 3.141691000 | 3.986404000 | -0.136157000 |
| C | 2.904822000 | -1.610827000 | 2.055536000 | H | 3.138465000 | 3.936341000 | 0.962748000 |
| H | 1.820949000 | -1.438724000 | 2.132197000 | H | 2.559939000 | 4.872979000 | -0.437517000 |
| C | 4.611751000 | 1.243536000 | -0.736638000 | H | 4.184342000 | 4.147817000 | -0.455934000 |
| H | 5.068219000 | 1.953775000 | -1.429914000 | C | -5.448763000 | -0.210418000 | -0.709717000 |
| C | -2.673528000 | 1.837085000 | 2.823505000 | H | -6.430010000 | -0.420623000 | -1.142749000 |
| H | -3.628123000 | 1.500764000 | 2.406470000 | C | -3.140024000 | -3.324501000 | 1.273611000 |
| H | -2.658543000 | 2.938097000 | 2.819277000 | H | -4.183356000 | -3.673794000 | 1.209609000 |
| H | -2.612836000 | 1.521238000 | 3.876050000 | H | -2.615755000 | -3.993118000 | 1.975015000 |
| C | 3.463774000 | -0.600987000 | 1.051906000 | H | -2.675959000 | -3.448371000 | 0.284447000 |
| C | -0.223511000 | 1.655167000 | 2.621466000 | C | -3.739359000 | -1.731999000 | 3.137756000 |
| H | -0.277046000 | 2.239100000 | 3.541201000 | H | -3.645611000 | -0.716675000 | 3.549484000 |
| C | -3.613696000 | -0.866613000 | 0.756345000 | H | -3.296626000 | -2.433064000 | 3.864210000 |
| C | -3.051794000 | -1.869532000 | 1.764800000 | H | -4.815313000 | -1.961595000 | 3.064086000 |
| H | -1.985700000 | -1.637056000 | 1.905613000 | C | -2.710396000 | 2.741138000 | -2.426892000 |

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| C | -2.933437000 | 0.328540000 | 0.402525000 | H | -2.180159000 | 1.897909000 | -2.894094000 |
| C | 2.557269000 | 2.711193000 | -0.775457000 | H | -2.150142000 | 3.661208000 | -2.660473000 |
| H | 1.511298000 | 2.626607000 | -0.445100000 | H | -3.698683000 | 2.830447000 | -2.906290000 |
| C | -3.506116000 | 1.249600000 | -0.513554000 | C | -3.554538000 | 3.774799000 | -0.282568000 |
| C | 5.348087000 | 0.142885000 | -0.306075000 | H | -4.578638000 | 3.869076000 | -0.679728000 |
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| H | 4.595453000 | -1.573259000 | 3.451515000 | P | -0.988816000 | -2.006581000 | -2.456121000 |
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| H | 3.336202000 | -0.381943000 | 3.836634000 | As | 1.314598000 | -1.910185000 | -2.419022000 |
| C | 2.542237000 | 2.843581000 | -2.308113000 | | | | |

Table S5.13. Optimized geometries of [(L³Ga)₂(P₄)]. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory

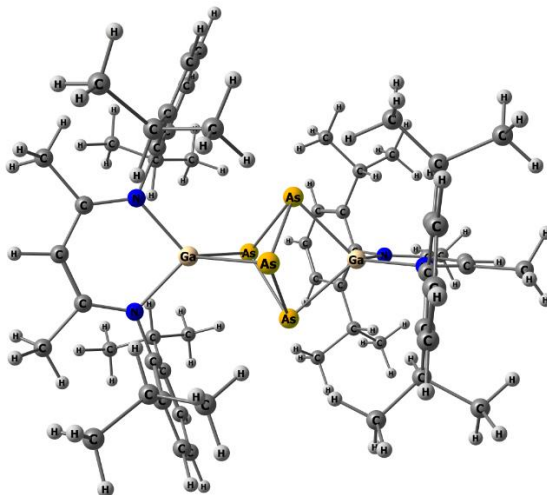


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| P | 0.390694000 | 1.087267000 | 1.089333000 | H | -5.358857000 | -3.983166000 | -0.440963000 |
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| N | -3.642795000 | 1.098431000 | 1.015603000 | C | 5.560923000 | -0.033541000 | 0.013051000 |
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| N | 3.659166000 | 1.078879000 | -1.008182000 | C | 4.951724000 | -0.952557000 | 0.888861000 |
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| C | -4.959368000 | 0.994406000 | 0.815375000 | H | 6.098764000 | 1.173451000 | -2.677354000 |
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| H | -6.227543000 | -0.935180000 | -2.721241000 | C | 2.365041000 | 4.348484000 | -2.276592000 |
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| C | -2.871141000 | 3.361569000 | 1.661863000 | C | 2.440161000 | 2.789838000 | -4.110200000 |
| C | -2.304185000 | 4.198104000 | 2.634401000 | H | 2.268310000 | 2.570596000 | -5.166921000 |
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| H | -1.079300000 | -0.592333000 | 3.940523000 | H | 4.653879000 | -0.456845000 | -5.352865000 |

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| H | -2.282830000 | -1.653166000 | 4.700663000 | H | 5.254918000 | 1.070142000 | -4.658143000 |
| H | -1.843663000 | -0.123104000 | 5.482523000 | C | 3.099165000 | -2.105352000 | 1.916902000 |
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| H | -1.606640000 | -4.696667000 | -4.366735000 | H | 3.654776000 | 0.198191000 | 3.081753000 |
| C | -2.314429000 | -4.260312000 | -2.372994000 | C | 2.013092000 | 0.323839000 | 4.445368000 |
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| C | -3.200340000 | -3.725368000 | -0.062380000 | H | 1.009208000 | -3.910386000 | -0.704478000 |
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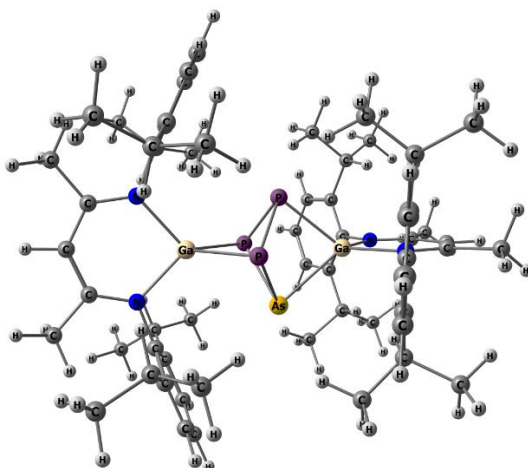


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| C | -5.033149000 | -1.002661000 | -0.812030000 | H | 6.613591000 | -0.972144000 | 2.331723000 |
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| C | -6.018234000 | -1.860607000 | -1.586522000 | H | 5.488121000 | 2.552368000 | -2.368198000 |
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| H | -2.225114000 | -5.274165000 | -2.400189000 | C | 3.041031000 | -1.664009000 | 3.308147000 |

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| C | -3.260122000 | -3.961303000 | -0.281068000 | H | 1.174345000 | -4.053075000 | -0.492106000 |
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| H | -1.793496000 | 4.730889000 | 4.410668000 | H | 3.565154000 | -0.310896000 | -3.054103000 |
| C | -2.454419000 | 4.278276000 | 2.404361000 | C | 2.057388000 | -0.365923000 | -4.570091000 |
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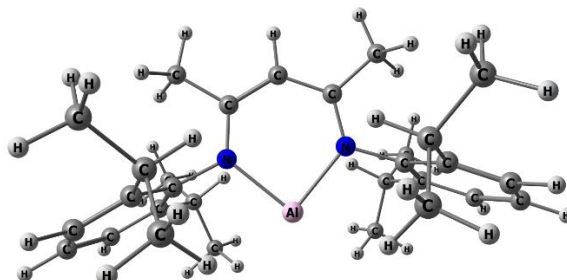
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| Ga | 2.282083000 | -0.041591000 | -0.005345000 | C | -4.215680000 | 3.948569000 | -3.226538000 |
| As | 0.345195000 | -1.665543000 | -0.014560000 | H | -5.101528000 | 4.067204000 | -2.584796000 |
| P | -0.448382000 | 0.018639000 | 1.558297000 | H | -4.541304000 | 3.490472000 | -4.175031000 |
| P | -0.437752000 | 0.033982000 | -1.576601000 | H | -3.840516000 | 4.958775000 | -3.459055000 |
| P | 0.406795000 | 1.498110000 | 0.000722000 | C | 4.972315000 | -0.010430000 | 1.266211000 |
| N | -3.731373000 | -1.346513000 | -0.029236000 | C | 5.566307000 | -0.015335000 | -0.009534000 |

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| N | -3.603435000 | 1.637054000 | -0.010105000 | H | 6.656459000 | -0.007624000 | -0.010912000 |
| N | 3.654983000 | -0.025174000 | 1.486869000 | C | 4.969020000 | 0.001855000 | -1.283805000 |
| N | 3.651233000 | -0.010624000 | -1.501318000 | C | 5.948994000 | 0.052486000 | 2.425483000 |
| C | -5.038611000 | -1.071091000 | -0.058976000 | H | 6.326282000 | 1.083001000 | 2.527370000 |
| C | -5.578628000 | 0.227411000 | -0.062221000 | H | 6.817047000 | -0.591117000 | 2.223976000 |
| H | -6.667681000 | 0.274821000 | -0.086844000 | H | 5.499944000 | -0.235919000 | 3.381786000 |
| C | -4.928362000 | 1.475640000 | -0.042432000 | C | 5.943288000 | 0.075386000 | -2.444522000 |
| C | -6.063253000 | -2.188593000 | -0.121179000 | H | 5.491174000 | -0.199603000 | -3.403302000 |
| H | -6.468281000 | -2.254080000 | -1.144078000 | H | 6.809325000 | -0.573927000 | -2.252763000 |
| H | -6.907317000 | -1.963990000 | 0.546491000 | H | 6.324419000 | 1.105593000 | -2.534291000 |
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| C | -5.856107000 | 2.675787000 | -0.085292000 | C | 2.814837000 | -1.258500000 | 3.451444000 |
| H | -6.689836000 | 2.530985000 | 0.616977000 | C | 2.270802000 | -1.233312000 | 4.742821000 |
| H | -6.294204000 | 2.760695000 | -1.092849000 | C | 2.020718000 | -2.174558000 | 5.236979000 |
| H | -5.351207000 | 3.619213000 | 0.146452000 | C | 2.040508000 | -0.032111000 | 5.409999000 |
| C | -3.270721000 | -2.712544000 | -0.000163000 | H | 1.608553000 | -0.035788000 | 6.414085000 |
| C | -3.019724000 | -3.329998000 | 1.253320000 | C | 2.366494000 | 1.172209000 | 4.792752000 |
| C | -2.522956000 | -4.640782000 | 1.260090000 | H | 2.189993000 | 2.110424000 | 5.324465000 |
| H | -2.327478000 | -5.133869000 | 2.215112000 | C | 2.920189000 | 1.208358000 | 3.504484000 |
| C | -2.274127000 | -5.328834000 | 0.074600000 | C | 3.095307000 | -2.604581000 | 2.781301000 |
| H | -1.880141000 | -6.348023000 | 0.103400000 | H | 3.247288000 | -2.414435000 | 1.708657000 |
| C | -2.536328000 | -4.714081000 | -1.146803000 | C | 1.928180000 | -3.597212000 | 2.902881000 |
| H | -2.349254000 | -5.263447000 | -2.072744000 | H | 1.769340000 | -3.922731000 | 3.943901000 |
| C | -3.039298000 | -3.406626000 | -1.215193000 | H | 2.137067000 | -4.500955000 | 2.308181000 |
| C | -3.331383000 | -2.642475000 | 2.583854000 | H | 0.986652000 | -3.165721000 | 2.533737000 |
| H | -3.523762000 | -1.580505000 | 2.373022000 | C | 4.390402000 | -3.241929000 | 3.323257000 |
| C | -2.163975000 | -2.698666000 | 3.582239000 | H | 5.264520000 | -2.589457000 | 3.182883000 |
| H | -2.422286000 | -2.141862000 | 4.497562000 | H | 4.597343000 | -4.195500000 | 2.809953000 |
| H | -1.253096000 | -2.244184000 | 3.166347000 | C | 4.303459000 | -3.453425000 | 4.402104000 |
| H | -1.927841000 | -3.732078000 | 3.883998000 | H | 3.301141000 | 2.563110000 | 2.905541000 |
| C | -4.609078000 | -3.223247000 | 3.222483000 | H | 3.698628000 | 2.384713000 | 1.895586000 |
| H | -5.478183000 | -3.146596000 | 2.552162000 | C | 2.093849000 | 3.504932000 | 2.757886000 |
| H | -4.854225000 | -2.687932000 | 4.154602000 | H | 1.314942000 | 3.073284000 | 2.112760000 |
| H | -4.477173000 | -4.288877000 | 3.473517000 | H | 2.408082000 | 4.459855000 | 2.305312000 |
| C | -3.360929000 | -2.810712000 | -2.586540000 | H | 1.638325000 | 3.735486000 | 3.734698000 |
| H | -3.700553000 | -1.776134000 | -2.431574000 | C | 4.411232000 | 3.249647000 | 3.726314000 |
| C | -2.134738000 | -2.751040000 | -3.513198000 | H | 4.053574000 | 3.524424000 | 4.732144000 |
| H | -1.326255000 | -2.143120000 | -3.081840000 | H | 4.741725000 | 4.176628000 | 3.229430000 |
| H | -2.409531000 | -2.297859000 | -4.479797000 | H | 5.290945000 | 2.601599000 | 3.856975000 |
| H | -1.733358000 | -3.756127000 | -3.721710000 | C | 3.129875000 | 0.005090000 | -2.846082000 |
| C | -4.508034000 | -3.577664000 | -3.274668000 | C | 2.808913000 | -1.226254000 | -3.476016000 |
| H | -4.208169000 | -4.609883000 | -3.519350000 | C | 2.263775000 | -1.189718000 | -4.766616000 |
| H | -4.792115000 | -3.083527000 | -4.218360000 | H | 2.014185000 | -2.126620000 | -5.269178000 |
| H | -5.404421000 | -3.638276000 | -2.639444000 | C | 2.031211000 | 0.017368000 | -5.422238000 |
| C | -3.025609000 | 2.958336000 | 0.028159000 | H | 1.598454000 | 0.022551000 | -6.425982000 |
| C | -2.711052000 | 3.538119000 | 1.284936000 | C | 2.355294000 | 1.216267000 | -4.793631000 |
| C | -2.105334000 | 4.802025000 | 1.299475000 | H | 2.176211000 | 2.159235000 | -5.315970000 |
| H | -1.858773000 | 5.266102000 | 2.257030000 | C | 2.909981000 | 1.241124000 | -3.505546000 |
| C | -1.811144000 | 5.479498000 | 0.118313000 | C | 3.089443000 | -2.578184000 | -2.817862000 |
| H | -1.332713000 | 6.461716000 | 0.153158000 | H | 3.239223000 | -2.397719000 | -1.743220000 |
| C | -2.135141000 | 4.901968000 | -1.106308000 | C | 1.922959000 | -3.570245000 | -2.950739000 |
| H | -1.910724000 | 5.443171000 | -2.028701000 | H | 0.979581000 | -3.141063000 | -2.583784000 |
| C | -2.746592000 | 3.642143000 | -1.182399000 | H | 2.129527000 | -4.477633000 | -2.360769000 |
| C | -3.064717000 | 2.862715000 | 2.610937000 | H | 1.769273000 | -3.889412000 | -3.994538000 |
| H | -3.315534000 | 1.814305000 | 2.393106000 | C | 4.385851000 | -3.209982000 | -3.363040000 |
| C | -1.899175000 | 2.847409000 | 3.612754000 | H | 4.591870000 | -4.168434000 | -2.858517000 |
| H | -1.620672000 | 3.863352000 | 3.937312000 | H | 5.259548000 | -2.558781000 | -3.214526000 |
| H | -1.007425000 | 2.363454000 | 3.189241000 | H | 4.301235000 | -3.411082000 | -4.444065000 |
| H | -2.185192000 | 2.283639000 | 4.515496000 | C | 3.287722000 | 2.590940000 | -2.893619000 |
| C | -4.309029000 | 3.511105000 | 3.250219000 | C | 3.681108000 | 2.404189000 | -1.883551000 |
| H | -4.117612000 | 4.567104000 | 3.503903000 | C | 2.079457000 | 3.531196000 | -2.743376000 |
| H | -4.584175000 | 2.987838000 | 4.180875000 | H | 1.630256000 | 3.772248000 | -3.720623000 |
| H | -5.180692000 | 3.485283000 | 2.579610000 | H | 2.391248000 | 4.481229000 | -2.278951000 |
| C | -3.125020000 | 3.088532000 | -2.556921000 | H | 1.296171000 | 3.093106000 | -2.108033000 |
| H | -3.541513000 | 2.081029000 | -2.410672000 | C | 4.400802000 | 3.284884000 | -3.704082000 |
| C | -1.913758000 | 2.946447000 | -3.494084000 | H | 5.281856000 | 2.638912000 | -3.835718000 |
| H | -1.443518000 | 3.921671000 | -3.700808000 | H | 4.727991000 | 4.208497000 | -3.198798000 |
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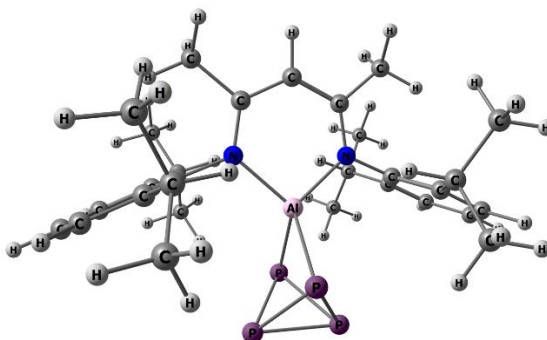
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Table S5.16. Optimized geometries of **1**. XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.



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| Al | -0.000025000 | -0.000734000 | -0.965994000 | C | 2.733010000 | 2.583854000 | -0.114325000 |
| N | -1.425662000 | -0.000188000 | 0.462125000 | H | 1.803341000 | 2.394454000 | 0.441984000 |
| N | 1.425618000 | -0.000026000 | 0.462057000 | C | -2.733458000 | 2.583702000 | -0.113484000 |
| C | 1.262857000 | 0.000023000 | 1.791566000 | H | -1.803890000 | 2.394324000 | 0.442994000 |
| C | 2.761459000 | 0.000100000 | -0.083467000 | C | -2.341463000 | -3.281845000 | -1.430149000 |
| C | -1.262850000 | -0.000228000 | 1.791624000 | H | -3.229863000 | -3.508333000 | -2.042397000 |
| C | -2.474099000 | -0.000295000 | 2.698936000 | H | -1.821921000 | -4.233077000 | -1.227046000 |
| H | -3.106250000 | 0.879786000 | 2.507732000 | H | -1.672270000 | -2.647033000 | -2.031910000 |
| H | -2.179806000 | -0.000569000 | 3.756179000 | C | 3.604300000 | -3.504359000 | 0.760052000 |
| H | -3.106412000 | -0.880176000 | 2.507350000 | H | 3.057557000 | -4.429002000 | 1.007222000 |
| C | 3.396276000 | -1.232721000 | -0.383166000 | H | 3.890918000 | -3.019410000 | 1.706826000 |
| C | 3.395893000 | 1.233062000 | -0.383515000 | H | 4.532659000 | -3.801425000 | 0.245699000 |
| C | 4.669673000 | -1.203443000 | -0.970124000 | C | 2.340079000 | 3.281356000 | -1.429918000 |
| H | 5.170731000 | -2.144693000 | -1.209333000 | H | 1.820624000 | 4.232630000 | -1.226818000 |
| C | -3.396066000 | -1.232923000 | -0.383606000 | H | 1.670564000 | 2.646256000 | -2.031035000 |
| C | -3.396198000 | 1.232863000 | -0.382913000 | H | 3.228055000 | 3.507595000 | -2.042882000 |
| C | 2.733844000 | -2.583668000 | -0.113601000 | C | 2.341482000 | -3.281812000 | -1.429019000 |
| H | 1.803989000 | -2.394389000 | 0.442444000 | H | 3.229686000 | -3.507981000 | -2.041676000 |
| C | 0.000026000 | -0.000142000 | 2.411973000 | H | 1.671899000 | -2.647170000 | -2.030540000 |
| H | 0.000056000 | -0.000206000 | 3.500934000 | H | 1.822301000 | -4.233178000 | -1.225673000 |
| C | -2.733381000 | -2.583836000 | -0.114523000 | C | -4.669421000 | -1.203658000 | -0.970637000 |
| H | -1.803309000 | -2.394517000 | 0.441139000 | H | -5.170231000 | -2.144908000 | -1.210375000 |
| C | -2.761541000 | -0.000078000 | -0.083322000 | C | -5.307295000 | 0.000114000 | -1.260801000 |
| C | 2.474176000 | 0.000436000 | 2.698787000 | H | -6.299398000 | 0.000189000 | -1.719563000 |
| H | 2.179973000 | -0.000449000 | 3.756059000 | C | -2.340318000 | 3.281163000 | -1.429055000 |
| H | 3.105444000 | 0.881251000 | 2.507906000 | H | -1.670772000 | 2.645997000 | -2.030063000 |
| H | 3.107307000 | -0.878739000 | 2.506792000 | H | -1.820821000 | 4.232410000 | -1.225932000 |
| C | 4.669273000 | 1.204011000 | -0.970499000 | H | -3.228221000 | 3.507419000 | -2.042109000 |
| H | 5.170026000 | 2.145335000 | -1.210046000 | C | 3.603309000 | 3.505238000 | 0.758767000 |
| C | 5.307266000 | 0.000337000 | -1.260839000 | H | 4.531367000 | 3.802562000 | 0.244030000 |
| H | 6.299379000 | 0.000439000 | -1.719578000 | H | 3.890470000 | 3.020712000 | 1.705597000 |
| C | -4.669581000 | 1.203793000 | -0.969910000 | H | 3.056216000 | 4.429701000 | 1.005828000 |
| H | -5.170523000 | 2.145121000 | -1.209060000 | C | -3.603906000 | 3.505041000 | 0.759453000 |
| C | -3.603388000 | -3.504666000 | 0.759434000 | H | -4.532036000 | 3.802158000 | 0.244731000 |
| H | -3.889381000 | -3.019915000 | 1.706505000 | H | -3.056956000 | 4.429630000 | 1.006373000 |
| H | -3.056597000 | -4.429418000 | 1.006096000 | H | -3.890932000 | 3.020621000 | 1.706379000 |
| H | -4.532107000 | -3.801468000 | 0.245592000 | | | | |

Table S5.17. Optimized geometries of [L³Al(P₄)] (**I-3a**). XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

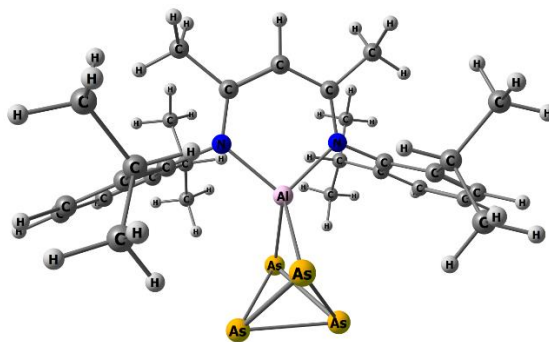


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| P | -0.000223000 | -2.335789000 | -1.329254000 | H | 1.592177000 | 2.547869000 | 0.273483000 |
| P | 1.090799000 | -1.221676000 | -2.991611000 | C | 2.466693000 | 3.354334000 | -1.506033000 |
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| P | -0.000222000 | 0.699515000 | -2.429904000 | H | 1.878104000 | 4.284400000 | -1.445515000 |
| N | 1.457297000 | 0.203743000 | 0.962189000 | H | 1.955481000 | 2.678700000 | -2.208177000 |
| N | -1.457182000 | 0.203865000 | 0.962244000 | C | 3.297395000 | 3.711951000 | 0.852943000 |
| C | 1.268482000 | 0.513330000 | 2.253100000 | H | 3.396254000 | 3.300312000 | 1.868433000 |

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| C | 0.000109000 | 0.608922000 | 2.852872000 | H | 2.722442000 | 4.650019000 | 0.921099000 |
| H | 0.000113000 | 0.855249000 | 3.915133000 | H | 4.310308000 | 3.968554000 | 0.501845000 |
| C | -1.268320000 | 0.513354000 | 2.253133000 | C | -2.795177000 | 0.187865000 | 0.404618000 |
| C | 2.437352000 | 0.823857000 | 3.165277000 | C | -3.531793000 | -1.026072000 | 0.384364000 |
| H | 3.408910000 | 0.595484000 | 2.715934000 | C | -4.810756000 | -1.015375000 | -0.191456000 |
| H | 2.334160000 | 0.262640000 | 4.105746000 | H | -5.394265000 | -1.938109000 | -0.213029000 |
| H | 2.422108000 | 1.893658000 | 3.427957000 | C | -5.353635000 | 0.145441000 | -0.736624000 |
| C | -2.437094000 | 0.823282000 | 3.165668000 | H | -6.350841000 | 0.128163000 | -1.183581000 |
| H | -2.419327000 | 1.891942000 | 3.432721000 | C | -4.619430000 | 1.327733000 | -0.708165000 |
| H | -2.335868000 | 0.258030000 | 4.103966000 | H | -5.052194000 | 2.235872000 | -1.133876000 |
| H | -3.408886000 | 0.598909000 | 2.714838000 | C | -3.336716000 | 1.379997000 | -0.143068000 |
| C | 2.795328000 | 0.187409000 | 4.046640000 | C | -3.013930000 | -2.323213000 | 1.008738000 |
| C | 3.531489000 | -1.026817000 | 0.384294000 | H | -1.934869000 | -2.201246000 | 1.184844000 |
| C | 4.810494000 | -1.016539000 | -0.191434000 | C | -3.189162000 | -3.543094000 | 0.088259000 |
| H | 5.393653000 | -1.939490000 | -0.213085000 | H | -4.250793000 | -3.805820000 | -0.047339000 |
| C | 5.353850000 | 0.144133000 | -0.736441000 | H | -2.690443000 | -4.421845000 | 0.527339000 |
| H | 6.351071000 | 0.126524000 | -1.183349000 | H | -2.748422000 | -3.370086000 | -0.903738000 |
| C | 4.620100000 | 1.326700000 | -0.707868000 | C | -3.676512000 | -2.594793000 | 2.374173000 |
| H | 5.053233000 | 2.234726000 | -1.133451000 | H | -3.519525000 | -1.771580000 | 3.086042000 |
| C | 3.337380000 | 1.379397000 | -0.142815000 | H | -3.266599000 | -3.513102000 | 2.825585000 |
| C | 3.013052000 | -2.323825000 | 1.008483000 | H | -4.764654000 | -2.734081000 | 2.262973000 |
| H | 1.933937000 | -2.201604000 | 1.184059000 | C | -2.607331000 | 2.724087000 | -0.109554000 |
| C | 3.188431000 | -3.543786000 | 0.088139000 | H | -1.590733000 | 2.547606000 | 0.272314000 |
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| H | 2.689162000 | -4.422354000 | 0.526955000 | H | -1.956121000 | 2.679821000 | -2.208945000 |
| H | 4.250053000 | -3.806881000 | -0.046830000 | H | -1.877252000 | 4.285064000 | -1.445468000 |
| C | 3.674837000 | -2.595527000 | 2.374282000 | H | -3.446779000 | 3.617132000 | -1.936081000 |
| H | 4.763065000 | -2.734665000 | 2.263734000 | C | -3.295017000 | 3.711938000 | 0.853900000 |
| H | 3.264748000 | -3.513954000 | 2.825293000 | H | -4.308287000 | 3.968794000 | 0.504007000 |
| H | 3.517270000 | -1.772471000 | 3.086212000 | H | -2.719872000 | 4.649903000 | 0.921855000 |
| | | | | H | -3.392787000 | 3.299843000 | 1.869305000 |

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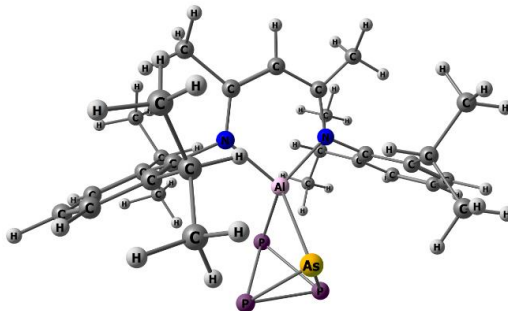


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| As | 0.000101000 | -0.498229000 | -2.169113000 | C | 2.347004000 | 2.443808000 | -2.993769000 |
| As | -0.000456000 | -2.345626000 | 0.813212000 | H | 3.325397000 | 2.682076000 | -3.441371000 |
| As | 1.209579000 | -2.551447000 | -1.380084000 | H | 1.612009000 | 3.131852000 | -3.441919000 |
| N | -1.463588000 | 1.162716000 | 0.935269000 | H | 2.075189000 | 1.420230000 | -3.291298000 |
| N | 1.463938000 | 1.162482000 | 0.935190000 | C | -4.501320000 | 1.288298000 | -1.250691000 |
| C | 3.220823000 | 1.564429000 | -0.752918000 | H | -4.843772000 | 1.792594000 | -2.156519000 |
| C | 2.797059000 | 0.900419000 | 0.429248000 | C | -4.920915000 | -0.257021000 | 0.545843000 |
| C | -1.268912000 | 2.135226000 | 1.837512000 | H | -5.591527000 | -0.960927000 | 1.043812000 |
| C | 4.920964000 | -0.258029000 | 0.546083000 | C | 3.444240000 | -2.259953000 | 2.299328000 |
| H | 5.591383000 | -0.962055000 | 1.044148000 | H | 2.901334000 | -2.679351000 | 1.440967000 |
| C | 1.269431000 | 2.135041000 | 1.837479000 | H | 3.057006000 | -2.742549000 | 3.211039000 |
| C | 2.433440000 | 2.890397000 | 2.447119000 | H | 4.505149000 | -2.543215000 | 2.204554000 |
| H | 3.388630000 | 2.684077000 | 1.954002000 | C | -2.357454000 | 2.608530000 | -1.464909000 |
| H | 2.525101000 | 2.615126000 | 3.509972000 | H | -1.322094000 | 2.476546000 | -1.116862000 |
| H | 2.238786000 | 3.972175000 | 2.413993000 | C | 2.790843000 | 4.039422000 | -1.089231000 |
| C | 3.271046000 | -0.733550000 | 2.391205000 | H | 2.746628000 | 4.214909000 | -0.004655000 |
| H | 2.206550000 | -0.534192000 | 2.585716000 | H | 2.140039000 | 4.782869000 | -1.578219000 |
| C | 4.501890000 | 1.287314000 | -1.250551000 | H | 3.826177000 | 4.234030000 | -1.414591000 |
| H | 4.844529000 | 1.791529000 | -2.156358000 | C | -5.348048000 | 0.385044000 | -0.612729000 |
| C | -2.432821000 | 2.890716000 | 2.447186000 | H | -6.342202000 | 0.182313000 | -1.019065000 |
| H | -3.387959000 | 2.684864000 | 1.953780000 | C | -3.444990000 | -2.259350000 | 2.299200000 |
| H | -2.237834000 | 3.972449000 | 2.414528000 | H | -4.506016000 | -2.542278000 | 2.204716000 |
| H | -2.524787000 | 2.615043000 | 3.509912000 | H | -3.057668000 | -2.742086000 | 3.210797000 |
| C | 3.649518000 | -0.021347000 | 1.091524000 | H | -2.902452000 | -2.678918000 | 1.440690000 |
| C | 0.000308000 | 2.537023000 | 2.290367000 | C | -4.076169000 | -0.192541000 | 3.590351000 |
| H | 0.000378000 | 3.327795000 | 3.041222000 | H | -3.967718000 | 0.894409000 | 3.712453000 |
| C | -3.649473000 | -0.020625000 | 1.091435000 | H | -3.744092000 | -0.673960000 | 4.524756000 |
| C | -3.271291000 | -0.732999000 | 2.391104000 | H | -5.151488000 | -0.405081000 | 3.472322000 |
| H | -2.206736000 | -0.533995000 | 2.585672000 | C | -2.346213000 | 2.444364000 | -2.993738000 |
| C | -2.796743000 | 0.900953000 | 0.429261000 | H | -2.075047000 | 1.420646000 | -3.291372000 |
| C | 2.358413000 | 2.608121000 | -1.464959000 | H | -1.610823000 | 3.132001000 | -3.441859000 |

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| H | 1.32302000 | 2.476587000 | -1.116837000 | H | -3.324482000 | 2.683271000 | -3.441275000 |
| C | -3.220234000 | 1.565093000 | -0.752942000 | C | -2.789242000 | 4.039989000 | -1.089010000 |
| C | 5.348355000 | 0.383897000 | -0.612480000 | H | -3.824622000 | 4.234976000 | -1.413978000 |
| H | 6.342509000 | 0.180930000 | -1.018695000 | H | -2.138334000 | 4.783183000 | -1.578242000 |
| C | 4.076021000 | -0.193275000 | 3.590465000 | H | -2.744514000 | 4.215458000 | -0.004459000 |
| H | 5.151277000 | -0.406197000 | 3.472555000 | As | -1.210611000 | -2.550733000 | -1.380071000 |
| H | 3.743705000 | -0.674486000 | 4.524892000 | | | | |

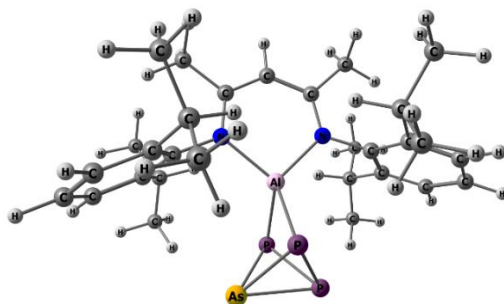
Table S5.19. Optimized geometries of [L³Al(AsP₃)] (**I-3c1**, Isomer 1). XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.



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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Al | 0.000073000 | -0.070139000 | -0.177466000 | H | 3.457598000 | -1.416602000 | 3.354555000 |
| P | -0.000545000 | 0.815000000 | -2.374792000 | C | 2.646626000 | 3.326970000 | -1.733481000 |
| As | 0.000588000 | -2.306097000 | -1.232127000 | H | 3.659414000 | 3.561476000 | -2.098893000 |
| P | 1.096012000 | -1.079822000 | -2.982317000 | H | 2.059113000 | 4.258177000 | -1.781888000 |
| N | -1.460344000 | 0.418663000 | 1.017344000 | H | 2.188637000 | 2.607493000 | -2.428153000 |
| N | 1.460327000 | 0.418763000 | 1.017337000 | C | -4.676815000 | 1.314411000 | -0.689416000 |
| C | 3.379485000 | 1.441996000 | -0.170534000 | H | -5.136987000 | 2.168349000 | -1.191436000 |
| C | 2.804644000 | 0.320730000 | 0.483108000 | C | -4.812662000 | -0.967593000 | 0.063595000 |
| C | -1.269077000 | 0.831575000 | 2.278924000 | H | -5.379518000 | -1.897066000 | 0.149418000 |
| C | 4.812999000 | -0.966770000 | 0.063748000 | C | 3.118303000 | -3.421986000 | 0.509511000 |
| H | 5.380110000 | -1.896070000 | 0.149750000 | H | 2.700797000 | -3.320092000 | -0.502831000 |
| C | 1.269038000 | 0.831788000 | 2.278913000 | H | 2.592409000 | -4.251509000 | 1.008962000 |
| C | 2.436105000 | 1.186067000 | 3.178609000 | H | 4.175400000 | -3.718538000 | 0.413833000 |
| H | 3.410813000 | 0.981832000 | 2.724939000 | C | -2.670074000 | 2.791399000 | -0.290647000 |
| H | 2.356803000 | 0.627300000 | 4.123310000 | H | -1.624435000 | 2.649122000 | 0.020606000 |
| H | 2.388124000 | 2.255544000 | 3.436670000 | C | 3.292415000 | 3.838543000 | 0.653327000 |
| C | 2.959936000 | -2.126891000 | 1.325119000 | H | 3.294046000 | 3.502916000 | 1.700686000 |
| H | 1.881866000 | -1.964099000 | 1.474162000 | H | 2.733673000 | 4.787393000 | 0.601943000 |
| C | 4.676498000 | 1.315055000 | -0.689695000 | H | 4.337233000 | 4.051817000 | 0.373561000 |
| H | 5.136426000 | 2.169019000 | -1.191891000 | C | -5.391890000 | 0.125422000 | -0.575710000 |
| C | -2.436156000 | 1.185512000 | 3.178750000 | H | -6.401428000 | 0.049501000 | -0.987513000 |
| H | -3.410860000 | 0.981139000 | 2.725138000 | C | -3.117432000 | -3.422428000 | 0.509034000 |
| H | -2.388329000 | 2.254954000 | 3.436960000 | H | -4.174473000 | -3.719088000 | 0.413134000 |
| H | -2.356672000 | 0.626624000 | 4.123373000 | H | -2.591521000 | -4.251952000 | 1.008471000 |
| C | 3.518766000 | -0.900924000 | 0.600439000 | H | -2.699784000 | -3.320354000 | -0.503233000 |
| C | -0.000013000 | 0.990897000 | 2.862613000 | C | -3.597566000 | -2.302345000 | 2.717138000 |
| H | -0.000042000 | 1.326081000 | 3.900424000 | H | -3.457130000 | -1.417516000 | 3.354356000 |
| C | -3.518462000 | -0.901478000 | 0.600323000 | H | -3.155913000 | -3.167413000 | 3.238417000 |
| C | -2.959330000 | -2.127414000 | 1.324812000 | H | -4.682268000 | -2.481123000 | 2.633139000 |
| H | -1.881287000 | -1.964423000 | 1.473840000 | C | -2.647417000 | 3.327123000 | -1.732746000 |
| C | -2.804667000 | 0.320391000 | 0.483181000 | H | -2.189032000 | 2.607934000 | -2.427456000 |
| C | 2.669265000 | 2.791494000 | -0.291283000 | H | -2.060270000 | 4.258573000 | -1.780905000 |
| H | 1.623624000 | 2.648876000 | 0.019818000 | H | -3.660238000 | 3.561287000 | -2.098286000 |
| C | -3.379838000 | 1.441628000 | -0.170224000 | C | -3.293798000 | 3.838049000 | 0.654039000 |
| C | 5.391922000 | 0.126295000 | -0.575744000 | H | -4.338663000 | 4.050932000 | 0.374153000 |
| H | 6.401491000 | 0.050602000 | -0.987513000 | H | -2.735446000 | 4.787143000 | 0.602889000 |
| C | 3.598269000 | -2.301473000 | 2.717447000 | H | -3.295449000 | 3.502252000 | 1.701342000 |
| H | 4.683017000 | -2.479949000 | 2.633429000 | P | -1.096295000 | -1.080456000 | -2.981863000 |
| H | 3.156878000 | -3.166599000 | 3.238853000 | | | | |

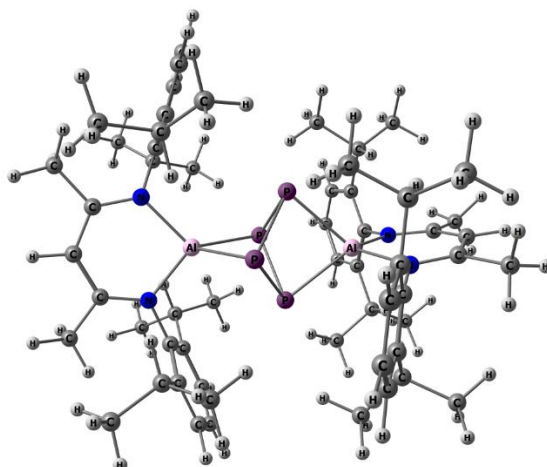
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Table S5.20. Optimized geometries of [L³Al(AsP₃)] (**I-3c2**, Isomer 2). XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.



| | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Al | -0.061687000 | -0.224676000 | -0.014771000 | C | 2.234798000 | 2.924272000 | -2.346313000 |
| P | -0.070247000 | -0.041274000 | -2.372911000 | H | 3.221657000 | 3.165409000 | -2.773448000 |
| N | -1.587840000 | 0.502999000 | 0.955361000 | H | 1.556408000 | 3.753255000 | -2.605740000 |
| N | 1.324429000 | 0.659682000 | 1.028696000 | H | 1.858972000 | 2.016973000 | -2.842688000 |
| C | 3.143364000 | 1.550625000 | -0.391075000 | C | -4.694223000 | 1.085953000 | -1.061985000 |
| C | 2.680849000 | 0.571193000 | 0.525972000 | H | -5.121627000 | 1.843522000 | -1.723153000 |
| C | -1.463468000 | 1.182901000 | 2.104393000 | C | -4.874846000 | -1.049644000 | 0.033541000 |
| C | 4.812403000 | -0.570451000 | 0.397208000 | H | -5.445347000 | -1.959818000 | 0.228873000 |
| H | 5.470788000 | -1.388456000 | 0.697696000 | C | 3.330726000 | -2.998450000 | 1.453765000 |
| C | 1.068412000 | 1.326308000 | 2.163472000 | H | 2.853708000 | -3.180687000 | 0.480689000 |
| C | 2.180615000 | 1.965640000 | 2.970104000 | H | 2.912402000 | -3.722088000 | 2.171622000 |
| H | 3.174386000 | 1.805145000 | 2.540638000 | H | 4.406200000 | -3.218941000 | 1.356988000 |
| H | 2.167462000 | 1.566514000 | 3.995977000 | C | -2.723658000 | 2.631572000 | -0.782024000 |
| H | 2.002165000 | 3.049216000 | 3.047890000 | H | -1.738399000 | 2.602450000 | -0.293617000 |
| C | 3.084987000 | -1.561851000 | 1.947063000 | C | 2.797981000 | 4.048891000 | -0.152922000 |
| H | 2.001878000 | -1.452673000 | 2.106618000 | H | 2.813160000 | 3.970497000 | 0.944432000 |
| C | 4.449490000 | 1.432292000 | -0.888132000 | H | 2.149789000 | 4.898641000 | -0.423168000 |
| H | 4.823270000 | 2.179962000 | -1.591273000 | H | 3.822044000 | 4.292835000 | -0.480372000 |
| C | -2.679562000 | 1.701870000 | 2.843425000 | C | -5.411757000 | -0.079461000 | -0.809206000 |
| H | -3.616651000 | 1.246979000 | 2.506513000 | H | -6.390908000 | -0.233310000 | -1.269805000 |
| H | -2.758999000 | 2.791199000 | 2.698408000 | C | -3.292596000 | -3.390727000 | 1.030261000 |
| H | -2.561037000 | 1.530124000 | 3.923145000 | H | -4.355113000 | -3.681909000 | 0.999273000 |
| C | 3.515507000 | -0.504705000 | 0.928258000 | H | -2.774729000 | -4.117887000 | 1.675372000 |
| C | -0.224934000 | 1.509338000 | 2.685232000 | H | -2.879413000 | -3.490321000 | 0.016510000 |
| H | -0.277201000 | 2.052993000 | 3.629115000 | C | -3.751958000 | -1.857289000 | 2.978440000 |
| C | -3.618526000 | -0.884760000 | 0.635087000 | H | -3.562952000 | -0.882817000 | 3.451372000 |
| C | -3.103446000 | -1.968285000 | 1.584104000 | H | -3.356685000 | -2.637233000 | 3.649630000 |
| H | -2.022164000 | -1.811707000 | 1.710856000 | H | -4.844723000 | -1.991182000 | 2.915857000 |
| C | -2.899410000 | 0.310973000 | 0.368747000 | C | -2.481621000 | 2.841742000 | -2.287442000 |
| C | 2.298173000 | 2.751509000 | -0.818983000 | H | -1.906056000 | 2.013105000 | -2.726715000 |
| H | 1.269452000 | 2.578875000 | -0.469117000 | H | -1.916867000 | 3.773251000 | -2.456991000 |
| C | -3.435215000 | 1.310338000 | -0.485202000 | H | -3.429993000 | 2.927334000 | -2.842064000 |
| C | 5.280496000 | 0.383590000 | -0.502617000 | C | -3.492565000 | 3.832079000 | -0.195478000 |
| H | 6.294620000 | 0.309918000 | -0.903495000 | H | -4.471455000 | 3.957865000 | -0.686246000 |
| C | 3.780490000 | -1.349989000 | 3.306826000 | H | -2.925272000 | 4.765150000 | -0.346033000 |
| H | 4.871865000 | -1.476521000 | 3.214993000 | H | -3.678951000 | 3.718304000 | 0.882899000 |
| H | 3.420627000 | -2.087207000 | 4.043058000 | P | -0.975114000 | -2.138640000 | -2.286235000 |
| H | 3.598300000 | -0.346602000 | 3.717469000 | P | 0.071764000 | -2.573511000 | -0.298979000 |
| | | | | As | 1.319155000 | -1.997564000 | -2.269805000 |

Table S5.21. Optimized geometries of [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-P₄)] (**3a**). XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

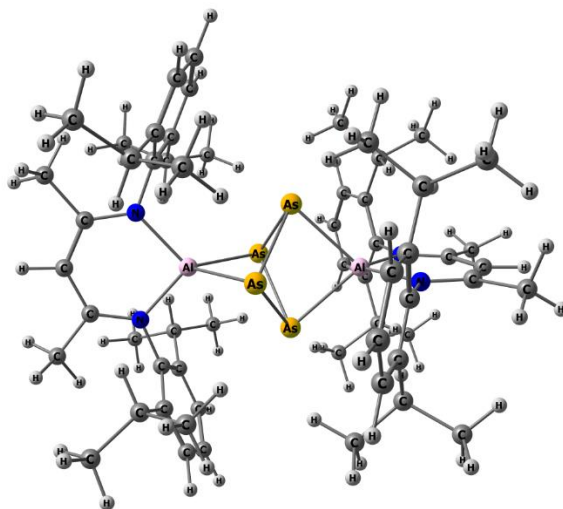


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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Al | -2.167004000 | -0.508042000 | 0.254895000 | H | -2.526511000 | 3.002363000 | -1.227885000 |
| Al | 2.178430000 | 0.512611000 | 0.219611000 | C | -5.913921000 | 3.310870000 | -0.426391000 |
| P | 0.618478000 | -0.949727000 | -0.842798000 | H | -6.641333000 | 2.813577000 | 0.233397000 |
| P | -0.135799000 | -1.180871000 | 1.353758000 | H | -6.282160000 | 3.224083000 | -1.461700000 |
| P | -0.635325000 | 1.010828000 | -0.768513000 | H | -5.915889000 | 4.381970000 | -0.166993000 |
| P | 0.183286000 | 1.121912000 | 1.416535000 | C | 4.977623000 | 0.369175000 | 1.029882000 |
| N | -3.128514000 | -1.870809000 | -0.781220000 | C | 5.238157000 | 1.546456000 | 0.312867000 |
| N | -3.745196000 | 0.219625000 | 1.154506000 | H | 6.251820000 | 1.937301000 | 0.394524000 |
| N | 3.780898000 | -0.242515000 | 1.050668000 | C | 4.399609000 | 2.224280000 | -0.593114000 |
| N | 3.114642000 | 1.909948000 | -0.797577000 | C | 6.139894000 | -0.203230000 | 1.811512000 |
| C | -4.411591000 | -2.186339000 | -0.561793000 | H | 6.030129000 | 0.045030000 | 2.878429000 |
| C | -5.226938000 | -1.536646000 | 0.383278000 | H | 7.090150000 | 0.219946000 | 1.462111000 |
| H | -6.242797000 | -1.921393000 | 0.470394000 | H | 6.185823000 | -1.297445000 | 1.744916000 |
| C | -4.948774000 | -0.376534000 | 1.123147000 | C | 5.080680000 | 3.322748000 | -1.385290000 |
| C | -5.113842000 | -3.252900000 | -1.378916000 | H | 4.382692000 | 3.964981000 | -1.930794000 |
| H | -5.801529000 | -2.766284000 | -2.089587000 | H | 5.766915000 | 2.866602000 | -2.117139000 |
| H | -5.727410000 | -3.884652000 | -0.720340000 | H | 5.693687000 | 3.941110000 | -0.713399000 |
| H | -4.429277000 | -3.885686000 | -1.951778000 | C | 3.679279000 | -1.543898000 | 1.680909000 |
| C | -6.131160000 | 0.232868000 | 1.847731000 | C | 3.812515000 | -2.702871000 | 0.870215000 |
| H | -6.858449000 | -0.547078000 | 2.110911000 | C | 3.693654000 | -3.958569000 | 1.482353000 |
| H | -6.640633000 | 0.948489000 | 1.183406000 | H | 3.795046000 | -4.860809000 | 0.875613000 |
| H | -5.843273000 | 0.781022000 | 2.751330000 | C | 3.454048000 | -4.080391000 | 2.849292000 |
| C | -2.402078000 | -2.579572000 | -1.816351000 | H | 3.361350000 | -5.069722000 | 3.304811000 |
| C | -1.740029000 | -3.794244000 | -1.500947000 | C | 3.337585000 | -2.935625000 | 3.631950000 |
| C | -1.052996000 | -4.457789000 | -2.526956000 | H | 3.151962000 | -3.037858000 | 4.703879000 |
| H | -0.542104000 | -5.397661000 | -2.305674000 | C | 3.448248000 | -1.652890000 | 3.075385000 |
| C | -1.001564000 | -3.942695000 | -3.820007000 | C | 4.145118000 | -2.632523000 | -0.622028000 |
| H | -0.454896000 | -4.475581000 | -4.602367000 | H | 3.932765000 | -1.608384000 | -0.961450000 |
| C | -1.649622000 | -2.745211000 | -4.110217000 | C | 3.287304000 | -3.575812000 | -1.480412000 |
| H | -1.607313000 | -2.346229000 | -5.126491000 | H | 3.494901000 | -4.636495000 | -1.263599000 |
| C | -2.361028000 | -2.042630000 | -3.126930000 | H | 3.506068000 | -3.414692000 | -2.548501000 |
| C | -1.768523000 | -4.422533000 | -0.105854000 | H | 2.213517000 | -3.391861000 | -1.330900000 |
| H | -2.204133000 | -3.686011000 | 0.584957000 | C | 5.643513000 | -2.896162000 | -0.872807000 |
| C | -0.361287000 | -4.754106000 | 0.419364000 | H | 6.286602000 | -2.175443000 | -0.345941000 |
| H | -0.419804000 | -5.115114000 | 1.458675000 | H | 5.874430000 | -2.824736000 | -1.948536000 |
| H | 0.292810000 | -3.871277000 | 0.412667000 | H | 5.928715000 | -3.906424000 | -0.534964000 |
| H | 0.121868000 | -5.545186000 | -0.177279000 | C | 3.319084000 | -0.442596000 | 4.000718000 |
| C | -2.656093000 | -5.682422000 | -0.063256000 | H | 3.488553000 | 0.462616000 | 3.398741000 |
| H | -3.691305000 | -5.476650000 | -0.372210000 | C | 1.906503000 | -0.332904000 | 4.597428000 |
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| C | -2.154189000 | 0.280205000 | -4.165911000 | H | 4.188328000 | -1.287938000 | 5.833636000 |
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| H | -2.709750000 | 1.206066000 | -4.387807000 | H | 5.393930000 | -0.561938000 | 4.755477000 |
| H | -1.732588000 | -0.085951000 | -5.116200000 | C | 2.369253000 | 2.637199000 | -1.806668000 |
| C | -4.286786000 | -1.049744000 | -4.444314000 | C | 2.329044000 | 2.139205000 | -3.132797000 |
| H | -3.953940000 | -1.471582000 | -5.407090000 | C | 1.596401000 | 2.857311000 | -4.089160000 |
| H | -4.844865000 | -0.124267000 | -4.662359000 | H | 1.553773000 | 2.488176000 | -5.116656000 |
| H | -4.987477000 | -1.769800000 | -3.995153000 | C | 0.928989000 | 4.033479000 | -3.758555000 |
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| C | -3.181642000 | 1.540440000 | 3.170937000 | C | 0.981770000 | 4.510994000 | -2.451375000 |
| C | -3.125295000 | 2.786191000 | 3.810873000 | H | 0.455104000 | 5.433756000 | -2.197912000 |
| H | -2.782095000 | 2.842604000 | 4.844646000 | C | 1.687689000 | 3.829209000 | -1.450640000 |
| C | -3.484789000 | 3.960090000 | 3.151771000 | C | 3.078116000 | 0.880405000 | -3.571632000 |
| H | -3.426459000 | 4.920438000 | 3.670642000 | H | 3.505651000 | 0.413801000 | -2.671817000 |
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| H | -1.244654000 | -0.423497000 | 5.313134000 | C | 1.712836000 | 4.412644000 | -0.036669000 |
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| H | -4.441418000 | 0.278160000 | 5.347175000 | C | 0.303230000 | 4.712637000 | 0.501321000 |
| H | -3.594857000 | -1.282541000 | 5.211946000 | H | -0.182043000 | 5.530037000 | -0.057022000 |
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| C | -4.501587000 | 2.704484000 | -0.306718000 | H | -0.346061000 | 3.828092000 | 0.446125000 |
| H | -4.559090000 | 1.664957000 | -0.661514000 | C | 2.589781000 | 5.677894000 | 0.044756000 |
| C | -3.530881000 | 3.450550000 | -1.240535000 | H | 3.626280000 | 5.490226000 | -0.272050000 |
| H | -3.435458000 | 4.510790000 | -0.954017000 | H | 2.618543000 | 6.060347000 | 1.078296000 |
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Table S5.22. Optimized geometries of [(L³Al)₂(μ,η^{1:1:1:1}-As₄)] (**3b**). XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

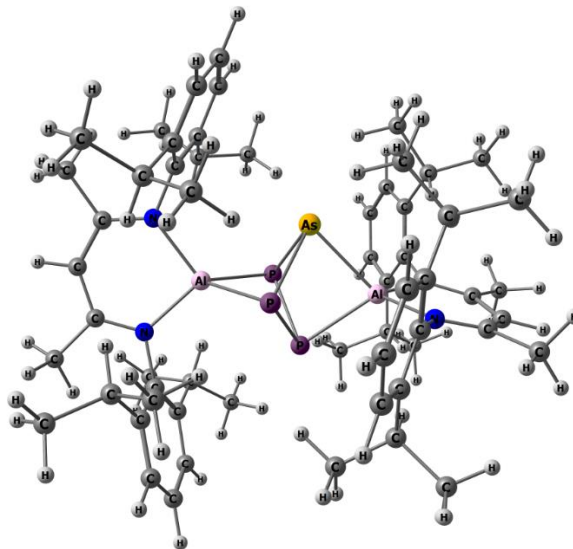


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| As | 0.454127000 | 1.232710000 | 1.166123000 | H | -5.179134000 | -4.795537000 | -0.703953000 |
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| N | 3.655869000 | -0.983155000 | 1.032691000 | C | 5.866903000 | 1.671916000 | -1.909807000 |
| C | -4.957064000 | 0.815866000 | 1.002962000 | H | 6.156414000 | 1.023109000 | -2.764085000 |
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| H | -6.661264000 | -0.215564000 | 0.246386000 | H | 5.398833000 | 2.580239000 | -2.330077000 |
| C | -4.959701000 | -1.074017000 | -0.706878000 | C | 5.960300000 | -1.567745000 | 1.785687000 |
| C | -5.897273000 | 1.625856000 | 1.875696000 | H | 5.529018000 | -2.490331000 | 2.214262000 |
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| H | -6.863904000 | -1.501763000 | -1.652312000 | C | 2.176111000 | 4.184999000 | -2.550434000 |
| H | -6.142935000 | -2.879908000 | -0.778515000 | H | 1.928133000 | 5.209943000 | -2.232999000 |
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| C | -2.860830000 | 3.370020000 | 1.281665000 | C | 2.249830000 | 2.498330000 | -4.286129000 |
| C | -2.322837000 | 4.392741000 | 2.088668000 | H | 2.058522000 | 2.199741000 | -5.329512000 |
| H | -2.126737000 | 5.381035000 | 1.644289000 | C | 2.821459000 | 1.563084000 | -3.398168000 |
| C | -2.032646000 | 4.178664000 | 3.442714000 | C | 3.046986000 | 3.782865000 | -0.196229000 |
| H | -1.605241000 | 4.990733000 | 4.052318000 | H | 3.194133000 | 2.883962000 | 0.439405000 |
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| C | -2.837237000 | 1.869278000 | 3.262281000 | H | 2.135879000 | 4.844666000 | 1.484162000 |
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| H | -1.153426000 | 3.965975000 | -0.878002000 | H | 4.275281000 | 5.511686000 | -0.790871000 |
| H | -2.021694000 | 5.498604000 | -0.510948000 | C | 3.201610000 | 0.177498000 | -3.931018000 |
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| H | -4.849925000 | 4.586807000 | -1.338428000 | H | 1.205685000 | -0.739340000 | -3.703469000 |
| H | -4.549059000 | 5.377752000 | 0.243944000 | H | 2.294619000 | -1.603939000 | -4.831732000 |
| C | -3.140692000 | 0.543051000 | 3.967674000 | H | 1.521410000 | -0.069972000 | -5.339628000 |
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| C | -1.872463000 | -0.117079000 | 4.545406000 | H | 3.920728000 | 0.784505000 | -5.926641000 |
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| H | -2.123183000 | -1.087331000 | 5.024002000 | H | 5.188578000 | 0.833650000 | -4.668845000 |
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| C | -4.194211000 | 0.722563000 | 5.085449000 | C | 2.960635000 | -1.532788000 | 3.362251000 |
| H | -3.798569000 | 1.347138000 | 5.914549000 | C | 2.438292000 | -2.480532000 | 4.267152000 |
| H | -4.475530000 | -0.260944000 | 5.518030000 | H | 2.270843000 | -2.185357000 | 5.315603000 |
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| C | -3.112118000 | -2.105330000 | -1.869497000 | H | 1.723011000 | -4.507682000 | 4.588670000 |
| C | -2.836486000 | -1.659612000 | -3.197964000 | C | 2.352982000 | -4.170325000 | 2.535001000 |
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| C | -2.036030000 | -3.911274000 | -3.742793000 | C | 3.322890000 | -0.137901000 | 3.883216000 |
| H | -1.608964000 | -4.616517000 | -4.473551000 | H | 3.696017000 | 0.456458000 | 3.022784000 |

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| C | -2.321993000 | -4.335022000 | -2.439697000 | C | 2.104902000 | 0.608506000 | 4.464012000 |
| H | -2.120389000 | -5.380368000 | -2.155020000 | H | 1.299916000 | 0.731393000 | 3.710298000 |
| C | -2.866417000 | -3.455383000 | -1.480578000 | H | 2.399553000 | 1.622615000 | 4.807770000 |
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| H | -3.261326000 | 0.393906000 | -2.756666000 | C | 4.450966000 | -0.204301000 | 4.939056000 |
| C | -2.061263000 | 0.387551000 | -4.537983000 | H | 4.769064000 | 0.817668000 | 5.235724000 |
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| H | -2.305607000 | 1.446877000 | -4.761864000 | C | 3.142893000 | -3.749027000 | 0.155496000 |
| C | -4.522064000 | -0.193740000 | -4.406980000 | H | 3.245851000 | -2.846950000 | -0.484237000 |
| H | -4.493246000 | -0.823120000 | -5.322525000 | C | 1.997161000 | -4.593869000 | -0.432970000 |
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| H | -5.357009000 | -0.559565000 | -3.776814000 | H | 2.206268000 | -4.832451000 | -1.496647000 |
| C | -3.200514000 | -4.001158000 | -0.087892000 | H | 1.030536000 | -4.052307000 | -0.395953000 |
| H | -3.618403000 | -3.165207000 | 0.511288000 | C | 4.474677000 | -4.530991000 | 0.077558000 |
| C | -1.952444000 | -4.518057000 | 0.655914000 | H | 5.338533000 | -3.925746000 | 0.417034000 |
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Table S5.23. Optimized geometries of [(L³Al)₂(μ_η^{1:1:1:1}-AsP₃)] (**3c**). XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

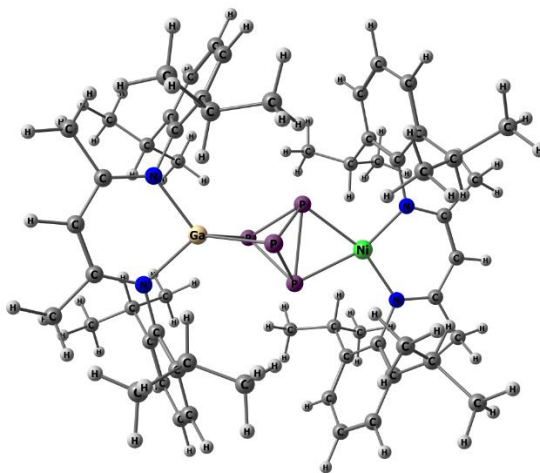


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| Al | 2.207990000 | 0.496803000 | 0.130608000 | C | -5.911808000 | 3.308568000 | -0.617978000 |
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| N | -3.232495000 | -1.872012000 | -0.490594000 | C | 5.274044000 | 1.524540000 | 0.120396000 |
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| N | 3.820707000 | -0.204748000 | 0.995239000 | C | 4.419336000 | 2.166092000 | -0.796304000 |
| N | 3.127931000 | 1.852991000 | -0.956931000 | C | 6.192306000 | -0.113777000 | 1.725028000 |
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| C | -5.258643000 | -1.365390000 | 0.741548000 | H | 7.141375000 | 0.168112000 | 1.250602000 |
| H | -6.275080000 | -1.711792000 | 0.923562000 | H | 6.167145000 | -1.200457000 | 1.866516000 |
| C | -4.918396000 | -0.138348000 | 1.336151000 | C | 5.087928000 | 3.231057000 | -1.643542000 |
| C | -5.273237000 | -3.236523000 | -0.866427000 | H | 4.385557000 | 3.809936000 | -2.250591000 |
| H | -5.727401000 | -2.842703000 | -1.790459000 | H | 5.814704000 | 2.751560000 | -2.318550000 |
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| C | -6.052351000 | 0.572710000 | 2.046362000 | C | 3.821840000 | -2.672791000 | 0.995964000 |
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| H | -6.579666000 | 1.226680000 | 1.334427000 | H | 3.766474000 | -4.824277000 | 1.161933000 |
| H | -5.711130000 | 1.205540000 | 2.872991000 | C | 3.444997000 | -3.893848000 | 3.072301000 |
| C | -2.600330000 | -2.709286000 | -1.491911000 | H | 3.335569000 | -4.845333000 | 3.599089000 |
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| H | -0.825533000 | -5.608683000 | -1.796021000 | C | 3.484536000 | -1.457149000 | 3.118956000 |
| C | -1.376447000 | -4.322870000 | -3.427824000 | C | 4.157975000 | -2.712335000 | -0.496536000 |
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| C | -1.866477000 | -4.370603000 | 0.363035000 | H | 2.264042000 | -3.622010000 | -1.133752000 |
| H | -2.214040000 | -3.545013000 | 1.000669000 | C | 5.666699000 | -2.937536000 | -0.721850000 |
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| H | -0.415257000 | -4.941626000 | 1.883387000 | H | 5.900800000 | -2.944894000 | -1.799243000 |

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| H | 0.251981000 | -3.865370000 | 0.640485000 | H | 5.986171000 | -3.905805000 | -0.301685000 |
| H | -0.034771000 | -5.586917000 | 0.273073000 | C | 3.396594000 | -0.179592000 | 3.953585000 |
| C | -2.789714000 | -5.578387000 | 0.621124000 | H | 3.560196000 | 0.674449000 | 3.279467000 |
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| H | -1.611203000 | 0.225028000 | -3.381417000 | H | 4.458006000 | 0.847644000 | 5.563556000 |
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| C | -4.562356000 | -1.425932000 | -4.273790000 | C | 2.265807000 | 2.002734000 | -3.271307000 |
| H | -4.213078000 | -1.893296000 | -5.208973000 | C | 1.505319000 | 2.688937000 | -4.228936000 |
| H | -5.121522000 | -0.516489000 | -4.548420000 | H | 1.426380000 | 2.282353000 | -5.239918000 |
| H | -5.267747000 | -2.126522000 | -3.800828000 | C | 0.855779000 | 3.881070000 | -3.920634000 |
| C | -3.554060000 | 1.776158000 | 1.749829000 | H | 0.270188000 | 4.401164000 | -4.683146000 |
| C | -3.036315000 | 1.972390000 | 3.057545000 | C | 0.956224000 | 4.407132000 | -2.635363000 |
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| C | -3.335838000 | 4.375493000 | 2.764779000 | C | 2.998909000 | 0.727087000 | -3.688276000 |
| H | -3.253961000 | 5.389658000 | 3.164491000 | H | 3.417161000 | 0.268536000 | -2.779851000 |
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| H | -2.199272000 | 0.022910000 | 3.271998000 | C | 4.178238000 | 1.041047000 | -4.630188000 |
| C | -1.445621000 | 1.182357000 | 4.895003000 | H | 4.739109000 | 0.122740000 | -4.870406000 |
| H | -1.786830000 | 1.843477000 | 5.708918000 | H | 4.881550000 | 1.760390000 | -4.184894000 |
| H | -0.628946000 | 1.683071000 | 4.355670000 | H | 3.823510000 | 1.472956000 | -5.580598000 |
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| C | -3.746724000 | 0.181356000 | 4.747229000 | H | 2.234333000 | 3.672974000 | 0.434617000 |
| H | -4.233781000 | 0.934612000 | 5.389410000 | C | 0.389464000 | 4.745828000 | 0.326188000 |
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| C | -4.489213000 | 2.730670000 | -0.480035000 | H | -0.271490000 | 3.868326000 | 0.341289000 |
| H | -4.543989000 | 1.657243000 | -0.714119000 | C | 2.668307000 | 5.659066000 | -0.255612000 |
| C | -3.560701000 | 3.378780000 | -1.523533000 | H | 3.689024000 | 5.444720000 | -0.604290000 |
| H | -3.474496000 | 4.465879000 | -1.361733000 | H | 2.741679000 | 6.085474000 | 0.758317000 |
| H | -3.961732000 | 3.226378000 | -2.539543000 | H | 2.250018000 | 6.437878000 | -0.914812000 |

Table S5.24. Optimized geometries of [(L³Ga)(μ,η^{2:1:1}-P₄)(L³Ni)] (**5a**). XYZ coordinated in angstroms. BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.



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|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| P | -0.776735000 | 0.002816000 | 1.446504000 | H | -0.812817000 | 2.873152000 | -4.150792000 |
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| C | -3.253005000 | -2.825645000 | -0.199505000 | N | 3.791959000 | -1.429192000 | 0.422714000 |
| C | -4.985583000 | 1.281781000 | -0.869495000 | N | 3.792791000 | 1.425328000 | 0.426387000 |
| C | -3.443872000 | -3.340264000 | 1.118031000 | C | 3.303996000 | 2.760723000 | 0.251585000 |
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| C | -4.987614000 | -1.277336000 | -0.866536000 | C | 2.949152000 | 4.721392000 | -1.152702000 |
| C | -4.124926000 | -2.542134000 | 2.234817000 | H | 3.047241000 | 5.234155000 | -2.123441000 |
| H | -4.450007000 | -1.571291000 | 1.805590000 | C | 5.105481000 | 1.262514000 | 0.687206000 |
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| H | -1.991325000 | -6.433130000 | 0.663172000 | H | 1.702242000 | 5.262160000 | 1.984989000 |

SI: 5. Reactivity of E₄ (E = P, As) towards low valent Al(I) and Ga(I) compounds

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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| C | -5.546823000 | 0.002413000 | -1.092930000 | C | 2.341711000 | 5.390167000 | -0.080551000 |
| H | -6.600358000 | 0.002879000 | -1.403770000 | H | 1.972812000 | 6.420595000 | -0.208187000 |
| C | -5.932483000 | 2.460906000 | -0.982375000 | C | 5.712033000 | -0.003035000 | 0.834469000 |
| H | -5.432334000 | 3.365279000 | -1.376609000 | H | 6.787521000 | -0.003645000 | 1.058744000 |
| H | -6.797175000 | 2.207889000 | -1.624724000 | C | 6.019049000 | -2.479815000 | 0.779978000 |
| H | -6.326592000 | 2.727438000 | 0.021239000 | H | 5.577535000 | -3.292363000 | 1.389775000 |
| C | -5.936448000 | -2.455198000 | -0.976694000 | H | 6.997058000 | -2.196795000 | 1.214001000 |
| H | -6.329962000 | -2.719677000 | 0.027694000 | H | 6.206581000 | -2.913601000 | -0.225419000 |
| H | -6.801359000 | -2.201881000 | -1.618614000 | C | 6.020167000 | 2.473770000 | 0.787980000 |
| H | -5.438037000 | -3.360934000 | -1.370031000 | H | 6.206764000 | 2.912078000 | -0.215590000 |
| C | -2.385075000 | -3.083288000 | -2.631300000 | H | 6.998490000 | 2.188634000 | 1.219894000 |
| H | -2.488617000 | -1.977319000 | -2.599794000 | H | 5.579379000 | 3.283700000 | 1.401806000 |
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Preface

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6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E_4 , E_4S_3
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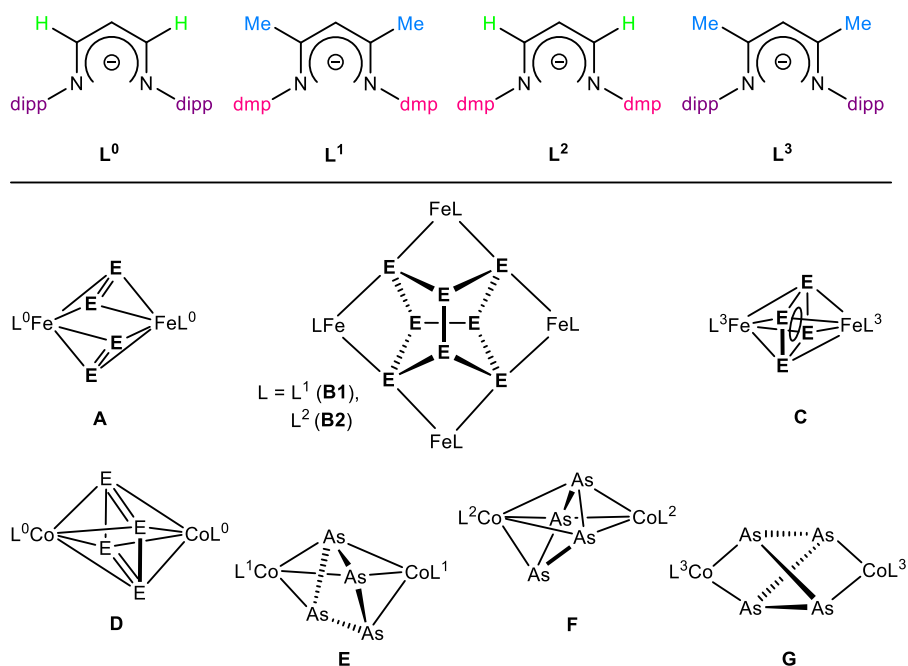
6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E_4 , E_4S_3 ($E = P, As$) and red selenium

Abstract: The nacnac Cu(I) compound $[L^1Cu(MeCN)]$ ($L^1 = \{[N(C_6H_3Me-2,6)C(Me)_2CH]^- \}$) was reacted with E_4 ($E_4 = P_4, As_4$ and AsP_3) yielding the homobimetallic complexes $[(L^1Cu)_2(\eta^{2,2}-E_4)]$ ($E_4 = P_4$ (**1a**), As_4 (**1b**), AsP_3 (**1c**)) and the mononuclear complexes $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-E_4)]$ ($E_4 = P_4$ (**2a**), As_4 (**2b**), AsP_3 (**2c**)), revealing neutral and intact side-on coordinated E_4 units. Furthermore, the reaction of $[L^1Cu(MeCN)]$ with Se_{red} and E_4S_3 ($E = P, As$) afforded $[(LCu)_2(\mu, \eta^{2,2}-Se_2)]$ ($L^1 = \mathbf{3a}$, $L^3 = \mathbf{3b}$) and $[(L^3Cu)_2(E_4S_3)]$ ($E = P$ (**4**), As (**5**)). These complexes are examples of the coordination of group 11 metals with polypnictogen, chalcogen and mixed E15/Q16 compounds

6.1. Introduction

The conversion of white phosphorus and yellow arsenic in the coordination sphere of transition metal or main group complexes is an active topic in current research.^[1] In dependence of the ligand, the metal and the preparation conditions different E_n ($E = P, As$) ligand complexes are formed. Numerous research articles give insight into the stepwise degeneration of E_4 by successive bond cleavage or aggregation ($n > 4$) of E_4 units.^[1-2] In the case of β -diiminato ligands (nacnac) the aromatic flanking groups and backbone substituents play an important role to tune the properties of the resulting product. Recently, a systematic investigation of the β -diiminato ligand design of iron(I)^[3] and cobalt(I)^[4] complexes was reported which influences the reaction outcome towards white phosphorus and yellow arsenic. The steric and electronic properties of the ligand have a strong impact on the reactivity and the resulting structure of the complexes. Using the ligand L^0 (Scheme 6.1) *Driess et al.* synthesized the dinuclear iron complex $[(L^0Fe)_2(\mu, \eta^{2,2}-P_2)_2]$ (**A**, $[\{N(C_6H_3^iPr_2-2,6)C(H)_2CH\}^-]$), which contains two anionic P_2^{2-} units.^[3a] An analogous arsenic derivative has also been reported.^[3c] By changing the aromatic flanking groups from *dipp* (2,6-diisopropylphenyl) to *dmp* (2,6-dimethylphenyl) groups, compound $[(LFe)_4(\mu, \eta^{2,2:2:2}-E_8)]$ ($L = L^1 = [\{N(C_6H_3Me_2-2,6)C(Me)_2CH\}^-]$ (**B1**); $L^2 = [\{N(C_6H_3Me_2-2,6)C(H)_2CH\}^-]$ (**B2**))^[3b, 3c] could be obtained. These complexes show an E_8 unit which is coordinated by four iron(II) centers. Furthermore, by using the sterically most demanding ligand in this series - L^3 ($L^3 = [\{N(C_6H_3^iPr_2-2,6)C(Me)_2CH\}^-]$) – under the same reaction conditions lead to the formation of $[(L^3Fe)_2(\mu, \eta^{4,4}-E_4)]$ (**C**)^[3b, 3c] which contains an $[E_4]^{2-}$ unit. All in all, this demonstrate the impact of the ligand substitution pattern. A similar study with Co(I) nacnac complexes demonstrate for the phosphorus conversion that ligand design does not automatically influence the experimental outcome.^[4] With all four ligands $L^0 - L^3$ a rectangular-shaped $[P_4]^0$ moiety (**D**) is stabilized by two $\{LCo\}$ fragments.^[4a, 4b] Interestingly, a different outcome is realized by the reaction with yellow arsenic. Under ambient conditions, the dinuclear compounds **E**, **F** and **G** could be obtained. Each of them has a $[Co_2As_4]$ core, which is distinct octahedral (**E**), prismatic (**F**) or asterane-like (**G**) shaped.^[4c, 4d]

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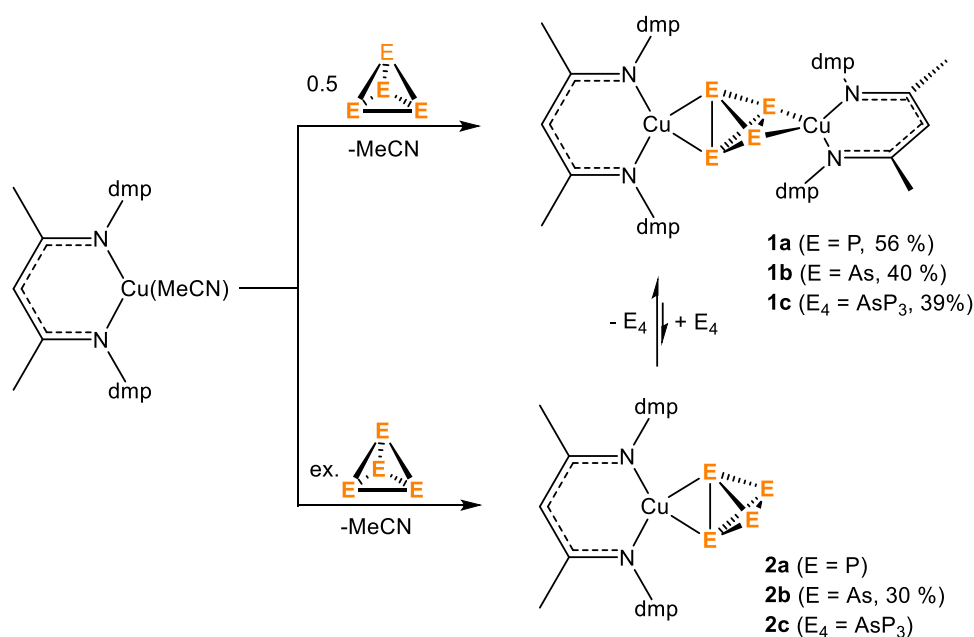
Scheme 6.1. Top: Set of β -diiminato ligands ($L^0 - L^3$) with different backbone substituents and flanking groups. Bottom: Selected E_n ligand complexes obtained by iron(I) and cobalt(I) complexes with E_4 ($E = P, As$).

Recently, we reported the synthesis and characterization of the first neutral and molecular complexes containing an intact E_4 tetrahedron, $[(L^3Cu)_2(\mu_2, \eta^{2:2}-E_4)]$ and $[L^3Cu(\eta^2-P_4)]$. Motivated by these studies about the impact of the ligand design towards the reaction outcome, the question arose if the E_4 structural motif in the case of Cu(I) nacnac could be affected in the same manner. Furthermore, we intend to investigate the reactivity of the interpnictogen compound AsP_3 ^[5] towards Cu(I) nacnac complexes. This compound is closing the gap between white phosphorus and yellow arsenic, the coordination behavior of phosphorus and arsenic could be investigated at the same time. Besides the conversion of E_4 , we were also interested in the activation of chalcogens and mixed group E15/Q16 ($E = P, As$; $Q = S, Se$) cage compounds with Cu(I) nacnac complexes. The reaction of chalcogens with some M(I) nacnac complexes were already reported.^[6] Especially the activation of O_2 with Cu(I) nacnac complexes, in which the ligand design is responsibly for diverse peroxo and/or bis(μ -oxo)dicopper compounds.^[7] To the best of our knowledge, there are no examples of the reaction of M(I) nacnac complexes with E_4Q_3 . But in general, a different coordination behavior for E_4Q_3 is reported: There are compounds known in which one basal E-E bond is cleaved,^[8] one basal E-atom is replaced by a metal fragment,^[9] $\{LM\}$ is coordinated to an intact E_4Q_3 ^[10] cage or a fragmentation of the cage compound^[11] take place. The question arose at what extend the E-E and E-Q bonds here are activated, opened up or still be intact. In the following we report the room temperature reactions of P_4 , As_4 , AsP_3 , Se_{red} , P_4S_3 and As_4S_3 with $[LCu(NCMe)]$ ($L = L^1, L^3$). These results in the formation of a series of dicopper compounds $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-E_4)]$ ($E = P$ (**1a**), As (**1b**), AsP_3 (**1c**)) and mononuclear compounds $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-E_4)]$ ($E = P$ (**2a**), As (**2b**), AsP_3

(**2c**)), and further the diselenium compounds $[(LCu)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-Se_2)]$ ($L = L^1$ (**3a**), L^3 (**3b**)) and the cage compounds $[(L^3Cu)_2(E_4S_3)]$ ($E = P$ (**4**), As (**5**)).

6.2. Results and Discussion

The reaction of $[L^1Cu(MeCN)]$ with 0.5 eq of E_4 ($E_4 = P_4, As_4, AsP_3$) in toluene at room temperature leads to the quantitative formation of $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-E_4)]$ ($E = P$ (**1a**), As (**1b**), AsP_3 (**1c**)), in crystalline yields of 56 % (**1a**), 40 % (**1b**) and 39% (**1c**) (Scheme 6.2). Performing the reaction with an excess of E_4 leads to the formation of the neutral mononuclear compounds $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-E_4)]$ ($E = P$ (**2a**), As (**2b**), AsP_3 (**2c**)). **2b** is obtained as yellow air-sensitive solid in crystalline yields of 30 %, **2a** and **2c** were only synthesized in solution.^[12]



Scheme 6.2. Reaction of E_4 with $[L^1Cu(MeCN)]$. (dmp = 2,6-dimethylphenyl)

The $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra at room temperature show a singlet at $\delta = -430$ ppm for **1a** (C_6D_6) and broad singlets for **1c** ($\delta = -406$ ppm, $\omega_{1/2} = 954$ Hz, toluene- d_8), **2a** ($\delta = -479$ ppm, $\omega_{1/2} = 2152$ Hz, CD_2Cl_2) and **2c** ($\delta = -452$ ppm, $\omega_{1/2} = 954$ Hz, toluene- d_8). Dissolving compound **1c** at -80 °C and recording the $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum at this temperature, a triplet ($\delta = -401$ ppm, 1P, $^1J_{PP} = 183$ Hz) and a doublet ($\delta = -410$ ppm, 2P, $^1J_{PP} = 183$ Hz) can be detected indicating a dynamic behavior of **1c** in solution at room temperature. Preparing a fresh solution of **2a** (CD_2Cl_2) and **2c** (toluene- d_8) at room temperature and cool it stepwise to 193 K (VT NMR spectra see Supporting Information) the broad signal splits for **2a** into two triplets centered at $\delta = -450$ ppm ($P_{\text{coordinated}}$, 2P, $^1J_{PP} = 178$ Hz) and -500 ppm ($P_{\text{non-coordinated}}$, 2P, $^1J_{PP} = 178$ Hz), for **2c** the broad signal splits into a triplet at $\delta = -421$ ppm ($P_{\text{coordinated}}$, $^1J_{PP} = 184$ Hz) and a doublet at $\delta = -466$ ppm ($P_{\text{non-coordinated}}$, $^1J_{PP} = 184$ Hz) with an integral ratio of 1:2, respectively. This indicating that the dynamic

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process is frozen at low temperature. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **1b** displays one set of signals for the ligand. Freshly dissolved **2b** was investigated by ¹H NMR spectroscopy (r.t., C₆D₆), which shows an equilibrium between the dinuclear (**1b**) and the mononuclear (**2b**) compound (Scheme 6.2). Dissolution at -70 °C (CD₂Cl₂) also leads to an equilibrium of **1b** and **2b** monitored by NMR spectroscopy. This shows that the partly disproportionation occurs even at low temperature. In the LIFDI-MS spectra of **1a**, **1b**, **1c** and **2b** the corresponding molecular ion peaks are detected. Computational studies indicate, that the gas phase reaction **1b** + As₄ = 2 **2b** is slightly endothermic at M06/def2-TZVPP level of theory but is exergonic due to the entropy increase. Values of equilibrium constants at 25 °C and -70 °C are 26 and 6, respectively, in agreement with the experimental observations.

The molecular structure of **1a**, **1b** and **1c** reveals a dinuclear copper complex, bridging an intact E₄ tetrahedron in a η^{2:2} coordination mode (Figure 6.1). The arsenic atom in **1c** is disordered over all four pnictogen positions (ratio: 35:35:20:10). In **2b** the {L¹Cu} fragment is bonded in a η² fashion side-on to the As₄ tetrahedra (Figure 6.1), this complex is a rare example for a neutral, intact side-on coordinated As₄ unit. Some cationic complexes with one or two intact As₄ ligands are known which are used as transfer reagent for As₄ units.^[13] In comparison to the previously reported compounds [(L³Cu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-E₄)] (E = P (**1a-L³**), As (**1b-L³**)) and [L³Cu(μ,η²-P₄)] (**2a-L³**), no significant deviations are found in the bond distances.^[14] The structural parameter of the L¹Cu compounds are summarized in table 6.1. To mention are the copper coordinated E-E bond lengths (**1a**: 2.3649(6) and 2.4566(6) Å, **1b**: 2.6575(3) and 2.6885(3) Å, **2b**: 2.6754(13) Å), which deviate from the ones in **1a-L³** (2.4121(8) and 2.4286(9) Å) and **1b-L³** (2.6491(8) Å), this is attributed to the different coordination geometry of the Cu centers (Cu_{twist-angle} = N-Cu-N to E-Cu-E twist angle: **1a**: 16.27(4) and 41.87(4)°, **1a-L³**: 10.15(6) and 17.40(6)°, **1b**: 29.63(5) and 5.16(5)°, **1b-L³**: 2.69(15)°). Which is an effect of the different twisting angles of the {LCu} fragments (φ = plane to plane (CuNCCCN) twist angle = **1a**: 61.40(4)°, **1a-L³**: 82.98(6)°, **1b**: 61.09(6)°, **1b-L³**: 83.8(2)°). Wiberg Bond Indices (WBI) of the copper coordinated E-E bonds in **1a-2b** are 0.60-0.69 and non-coordinated E-E bonds are 0.93-1.00. These values are in agreement with a weakening of the bonds through coordination. Recently we investigated the reactivity of [L¹Cu(NCMe)] towards polypnictogen complexes, which show also an elongation of the coordinated E-E bonds (P: between 2.2100(10) and 2.3387(9) Å; As: between 2.4039(6) and 2.5625(3) Å) but no bond cleavage.^[15]

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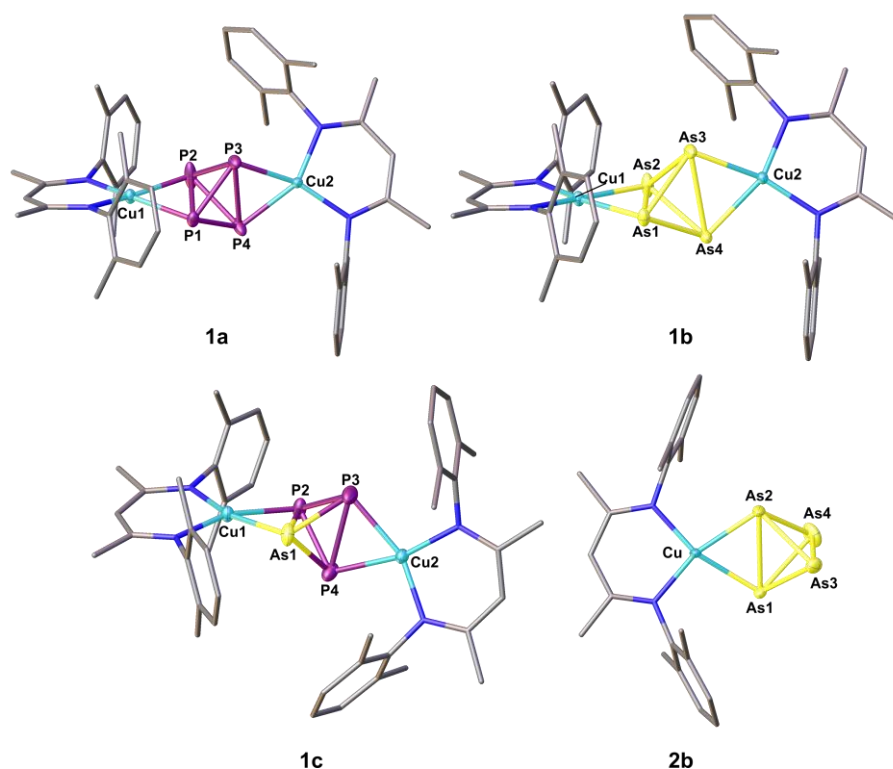


Figure 6.1. Molecular structure of **1a**, **1b**, **1c** and **2b** in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

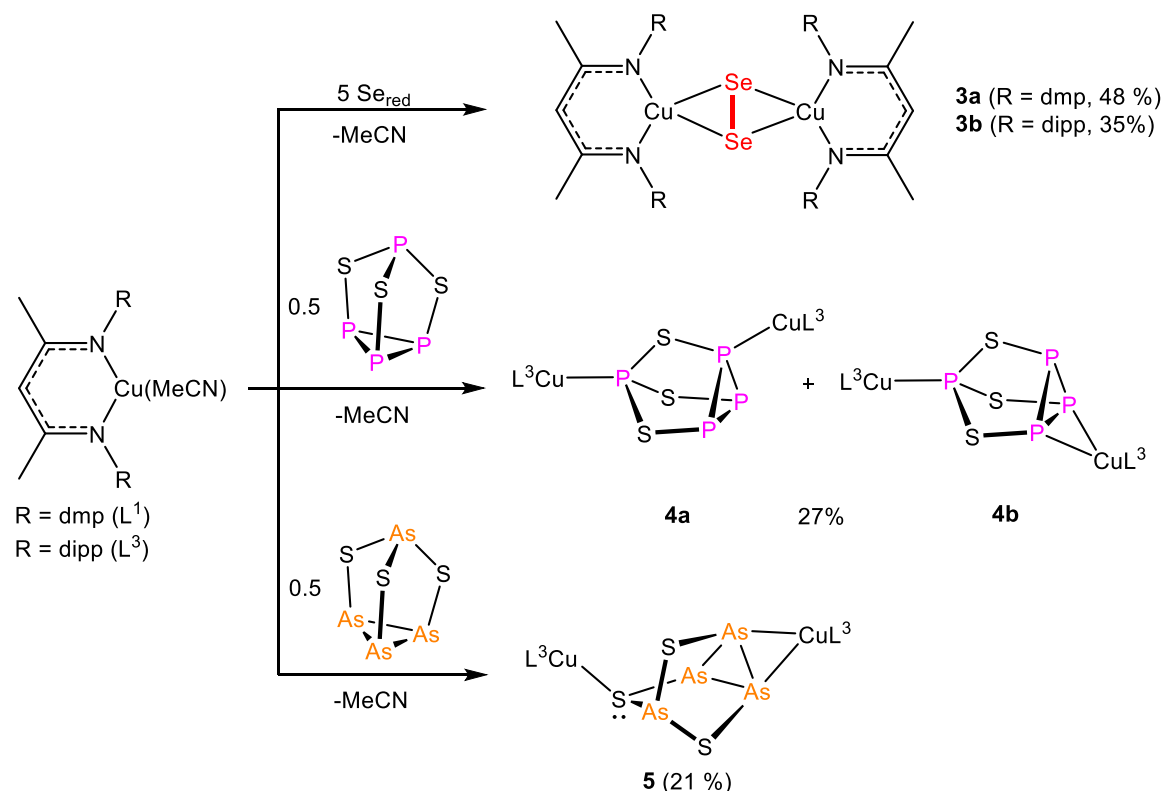
Table 6.1. Comparison of the structural parameters of **1a**, **1b**, **1c** and **2b**. Cu $_{twist_angle}$ = N-Cu-N to E-Cu-E twist angle, ϕ = plane to plane (CuNCCCN) twist angle.

| Compound | 1a | 1b | 1c | 2b ^[14] |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| $d(\text{Cu}\cdots\text{Cu})$ / [Å] | 5.1646(4) | 5.3835(4) | 5.2244(4) | - |
| $d(\text{E-E})$ / [Å] | 2.1917(7) – 2.2091(8) | 2.4321(4) – 2.4510(4) | 2.146(12) – 2.466(10) | 2.3946(16)– 2.4322(14) |
| $d(\text{E-E})$ / [Å] coordinated | 2.3649(6) 2.4566(6) | 2.6575(3) 2.6885(3) | 2.429(11)– 2.625(10) | 2.6754(13) |
| $d(\text{Cu-E})$ / [Å] | 2.2408(5)– 2.2750(5) | 2.3551(4)– 2.3899(4) | 2.288(2)– 2.333(6) | 2.3645(14) 2.3769(14) |
| Cu $_{twist_angle}$ / [°] | 16.27(4) 41.87(4) | 29.63(5) 174.84(5) | 3.3(3) – 14.87(19) | 24.91(14) |
| Φ [°] | 61.40(4) | 61.09(6) | 116.12(5) | - |

In order to investigate if the reactivity of [LCu(MeCN)] (L = L¹, L³) can be extended to chalcogens and mixed cage compounds, [LCu(NCMe)] was reacted with red selenium and E₄S₃ (E = P, As). The reaction of [LCu(NCMe)] with an excess of red selenium in toluene at room temperature leads to the selective formation of compound [(LCu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-Se₂)]

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($L^1 = \mathbf{3a}$, $L^3 = \mathbf{3b}$, Scheme 6.3), which are isolated as green air-sensitive solids in crystalline yields of 48 % ($\mathbf{3a}$) and 35 % ($\mathbf{3b}$). Compound $\mathbf{3}$ was formed by fragmentation of the Se_8 rings into Se_2 units. Performing the reaction of $[L^3Cu(NCMe)]$ with 0.5 equivalent of E_4S_3 at room temperature in toluene leads to the formation of $[(L^3Cu)_2(E_4S_3)]$ ($E = P$ ($\mathbf{4}$), As ($\mathbf{5}$), Scheme 6.3), which are isolated as air sensitive yellow ($\mathbf{4}$) or red ($\mathbf{5}$) solids in crystalline yields of 27 % ($\mathbf{4}$) and 21 % ($\mathbf{5}$).



Scheme 6.3. Reaction of $[LCu(MeCN)]$ with red selenium and E_4S_3 .

The formation of $\mathbf{3a}$ and $\mathbf{3b}$ are quantitative, which was proven by 1H NMR spectroscopy, for which one set of signals for the nacnac ligand is found. The ^{77}Se NMR spectrum displays a single, sharp peak at $\delta = 1132$ ppm ($\mathbf{3a}$) and 1246 ppm ($\mathbf{3b}$), respectively, which indicates that the two selenium atoms are chemically and magnetically equivalent. At room temperature, the $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{4}$ in toluene- d_8 shows two broad signals at $\delta = 71$ ppm ($\omega_{1/2} = 166$ Hz) and -125 ppm ($\omega_{1/2} = 244$ Hz) with an integral ratio of 1:3 for the apical and basal phosphorus atoms of the intact P_4S_3 unit ($^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR of P_4S_3 in toluene- d_8 : $\delta = 66$ ppm (q, $^2J_{PP} = 70$ Hz), -125 ppm (d, $^2J_{PP} = 71$ Hz)). Furthermore, the composition of $\mathbf{3a}$, $\mathbf{3b}$ and $\mathbf{4}$ were proofed by elemental analysis and the LIFDI mass spectrometer shows the molecular ion peak of $\mathbf{3a}$, $\mathbf{3b}$, $\mathbf{4}$ and $\mathbf{5}$.

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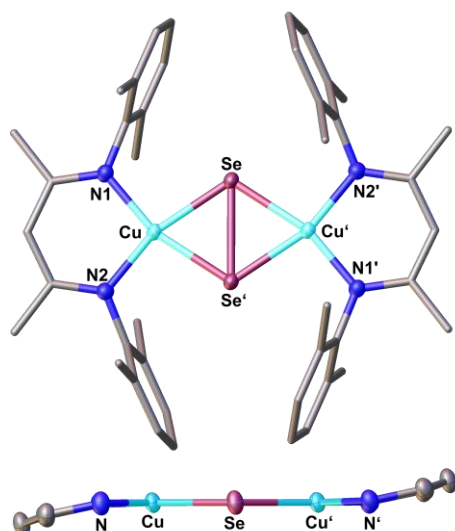


Figure 6.2. Top: Molecular structure of **3a** in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Bottom: side view presentation of **3a**, dipp groups are omitted for clarity.

The molecular structure of **3a** (Figure 6.2) and **3b** reveals a dinuclear centrosymmetric complex in which a Se_2 ligand is η^2 coordinated by two {LCu} fragments (Figure 6.2, just **3a** is depicted). The Cu...Cu distance is 3.8848(7) Å for **3a** and 3.9849(7) Å for **3b**, respectively, which is in a non-bonding area (covalent radius of Cu: 1.12 Å^[17]; van der Waal radius of Cu: 1.40 Å^[18]). The Cu-Se distances are 2.3075(3) and 2.3070(3) Å for **3a** and 2.3350(3) and 2.3441(3) Å for **3b**. The central $[Cu_2Se_2]$ core is planar for both compounds and the copper atoms are coordinated in a square-planar coordination mode. The overall complex is folded by 12.62(17)° (**3a**) and 10.04(10)° (**3b**) (Figure 6.2, bottom). Interestingly, the Se-Se bond distance is 2.4910(4) Å for **3a** and 2.4527(4) Å for **3b**, respectively, which is longer than the values for a Se-Se single bond (e.g. α - Se_8 : 2.33 Å^[18] or H_2Se_2 : 2.346 Å^[17]) or a Se=Se double bond (2.166 Å^[19]). The selenide compound $[(CpNiSePh)_2]$ ^[20] possess a Se...Se distance of 3.292(1) Å, this excludes any bonding interaction and is elongated in comparison to the bond distances found in **3** (2.4910(4) Å (**3a**) and 2.4527(4) Å (**3b**)). A Se-Se distance which is also longer than those found in **3** was reported for the $[Se_2]^{3-}$ unit in $[(^iPr_4C_5H)Ni]_2(\mu-Se_2)$ (2.915(2) Å).^[21] The structural related compound $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu,\eta^{2,2}-Se_2)]$ (**H**),^[6c] is described as a $[Se_2]^{2-}$ unit with a Se-Se bond distance of 2.3304(6) Å which is shorter than those found in **3**. The different bond distances could be explained by the geometry of **H**, which is bend by approximately 134° along the Se-Se edge. A Se-Se distance which is comparable to **3** is found in $[K(18-crown-6)]_2(Se_2)\cdot en$ ^[22] ($en = ethylenediamine$), this compound contain a $[Se_2]^{2-}$ unit (2.4063(4) Å) and is $\mu,\eta^{2,2}$ coordinated. Optimized Se-Se distances in **3a** and **3b** are 2.45 and 2.43 Å with WBI of 0.93 and 0.96, respectively which is close to single bond in gaseous Se_2^{2-} (2.54 Å, WBI 1.01), although Mulliken partial charges on Se atoms are only slightly negative.

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The molecular structure of **4** and **5** are displaying a dinuclear copper complex coordinating an intact E_4S_3 unit. In **4** the P_4S_3 ligand is disordered over two positions in a ratio of 93:7, the major isomer (**4a**) is η^1 -coordinated to one basal and the apical phosphorus atom, each, the minor isomer (**4b**) shows a η^1 -coordination to the apical phosphorus atom and a η^2 -coordination to two basal phosphorus atoms (Figure 6.3).

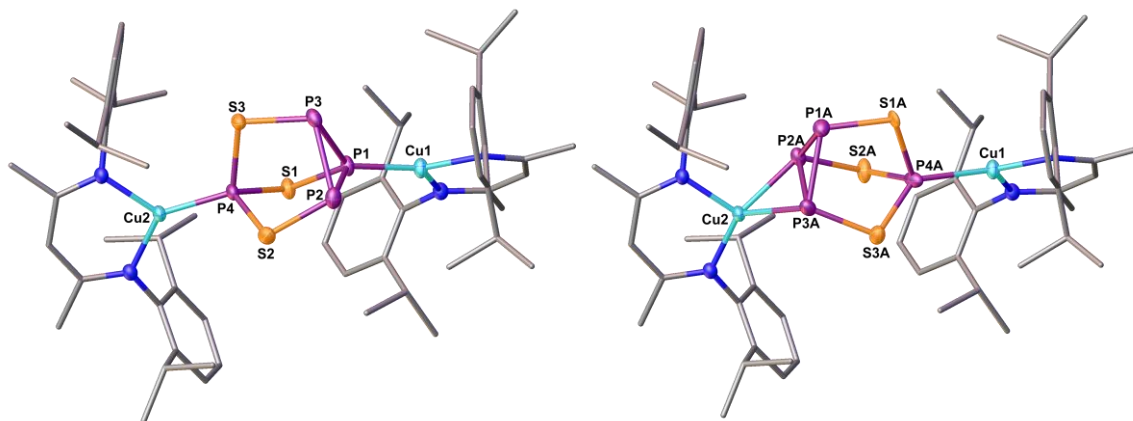


Figure 6.3. Molecular structure of **4** in the solid state. Right: $\mu, \eta^{1:1}$ -coordination mode, major isomer (93%), left: $\mu, \eta^{2:1}$ -coordination mode, minor isomer (7%). Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

The As_4S_3 ligand in **5**^[23] (Figure 6.4) exhibit a disorder over two positions in a ratio of 65:35. The As_4S_3 unit is η^2 -coordinated to two basal arsenic atoms and η^1 -coordinated to the sulfur atom whose basal arsenic atom is not coordinated by a $\{L^3Cu\}$ fragment. This is due to the fact that sulfur is more electronegative than arsenic ($S: \chi_P = 2.64$; $As: \chi_P = 2.25$).^[24]

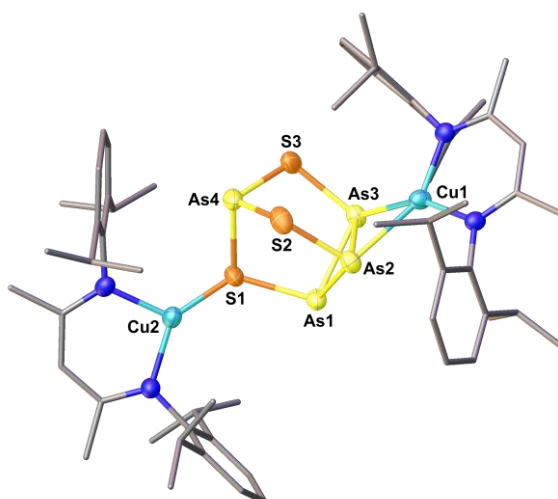


Figure 6.4. Molecular structure of **5** in the solid state.

The $Cu \cdots Cu$ distances are 7.1974(4) Å for **4** and 7.2197(6) Å for **5**, respectively. The E-E and E-Q bond distances are in the range of an E_4S_3 ^[25] molecule (Table 6.2), except from the basal η^2 -coordinated E-E bond distance which are elongated to 2.404(9) Å (**4b**), 2.7273(7) Å (**5a**) and 2.7801(13) Å (**5b**), respectively. This bond elongation is reflected in

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the smaller WBI values for these bonds (0.74 and 0.60 in optimized **4b** and **5**), but the overall structure of the E₄S₃ moiety is only slightly affected by the complexation.

Table 6.2. Comparison of structural parameters in **4**, **5** and E₄S₃ (E = P, As). ϕ = plane to plane (CuNCCCN) twist angle.

| Compound | 4a (93%) | 4b (7%) | 5 (65%) | 5 (35%) | P ₄ S ₃ ^[23a] | As ₄ S ₃ ^[23b] |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| $d(E_{\text{basal}}-E_{\text{basal}})/$ [Å] | 2.2296(16) 2.230(3) 2.257(2) | 2.24(3) 2.26(3) 2.404(9) | 2.4573(7) 2.4637(8) 2.7273(7) | 2.4608(14) 2.4538(13) 2.7801(13) | 2.240 2.246 | 2.460(7) 2.480(7) |
| $d(E_{\text{apical}}-S)/$ [Å] | 2.0950(9) 2.0965(7) 2.101(2) | 2.077(19) 2.104(11) 2.14(4) | 2.2147(15) 2.2298(13) 2.2579(13) | 2.223(3) 2.223(3) 2.260(2) | 2.091 2.096 | 2.230(8) 2.234(16) |
| $d(E_{\text{basal}}-S)/$ [Å] | 2.0927(7) 2.091(3) 2.0975(16) | 2.04(4) 2.090(9) 2.104(11) | 2.2099(13) 2.2322(16) 2.2379(13) | 2.221(3) 2.235(2) 2.209(3) | 2.089 2.097 | 2.218(10) 2.221(12) |
| $d(\text{Cu}-E_{\text{apical}})/$ [Å] | 2.1048(5) | 2.34(2) | - | - | - | - |
| $d(\text{Cu}-E_{\text{basal}})/$ [Å] | 2.0977(17) | 2.336(6) 2.428(7) | 2.3700(6) 2.5208(7) | 2.3933(10) 2.5820(10) | - | - |
| $d(\text{Cu}-S_{\text{coord}})/$ [Å] | - | - | 2.0812(12) | 2.023(2) | - | - |
| $d(\text{Cu}\cdots\text{Cu})/$ [Å] | 7.1974(4) | | 7.2197(6) | | - | - |
| $\phi/$ [°] | 48.59(5) | | 42.78(8) | | - | - |

6.3. Conclusion

In summary, we report the synthesis of the dinuclear and mononuclear complexes [(L¹Cu)₂(μ , $\eta^{2:2}$ -E₄)] (E = P (**1a**), As (**1b**), AsP₃ (**1c**)) and [L¹Cu(η^2 -E₄)] (E = P (**2a**), As (**2b**), AsP₃ (**2c**)). These complexes contain rare examples of intact, neutral η^2 coordinated E₄ tetrahedra. Their dynamic behavior in solution was investigated by variable-temperature NMR spectroscopy. The integrity of the copper coordinated E-E bonds was elucidated by DFT calculations. Furthermore, the homodinuclear copper compounds [(LCu)₂(μ , $\eta^{2:2}$ -Se₂)] (L¹ = **3a**, L³ = **3b**) and [(L³Cu)₂(E₄S₃)] (E = P (**4**), As (**5**)) were synthesized, representing rare examples of group 11 complexes coordinating to chalcogens and mixed cage compounds. The latter show a coordination of copper compounds towards intact E₄S₃ cage units.

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6.5. Supporting Information

6.5.1. Synthesis and Characterization

General Remarks

All manipulations were performed with rigorous exclusion of oxygen and moisture using standard Schlenk techniques on a dual manifold Schlenk line with Argon or N₂ inert gas or glove box filled with nitrogen containing a high-capacity recirculator (<0.1 ppm O₂). Traces of oxygen and moisture in the inert gas were removed by passing it through a drying column filled with Cu/MgSO₄ catalyst as well as, concentrated H₂SO₄ and orange gel, respectively.

All solvents were degassed and purified by standard procedures. All NMR spectra have been recorded using deuterated d₆-benzene, CD₂Cl₂ or toluene-d₈ that were dried (over Na/K or CaH₂), refluxed for three hours and then distilled under inert atmosphere.

Characterization methods

Mass spectrometry was performed using a Jeol AccuTOF GCX LIFDI mass spectrometer by the MS department of the University of Regensburg. The compounds were dissolved in the corresponding solvent in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere. The observed fragments were assigned according to the mass/charge (m/z) ratio and the corresponding isotope pattern. Elemental analysis (CHN) were performed by the department of central analyses of the University of Regensburg on a Vario micro cube and a MT5 micro scale device. The compounds were filled in tin capsules in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere.

¹H and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 (¹H: 400.130 MHz, ³¹P: 161.976 MHz) spectrometer at the NMR department of the University of Regensburg. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to external TMS (¹H) or 85 % H₃PO₄ (³¹P). The chemical shifts δ are given in parts per million [ppm] and coupling constants J in [Hz].

Starting Material

The compounds [LCu(MeCN)] (L = L¹, L³)^[1], P₄, As₄^[2], AsP₃^[3], P₄S₃^[4], As₄S₃^[5] were prepared according to literature procedures.

6.5.1.1. Synthesis of [(L¹Cu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-P₄)] (**1a**)

30 mg (0.24 mmol, 0.5 eq) P₄ were dissolved in 10 mL toluene. The colourless solution was transferred into a yellow solution of 213 mg (0.52 mmol, 1 eq, 10 mL toluene) [L¹Cu(MeCN)]. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 35 minutes and the colour change from yellow to red was observed. The solvent was removed in vacuum, the orange solid was dissolved in 5 mL ⁿhexane and filtered over diatomaceous earth. The intense reddish-orange filtrate was stored at + 8 °C for 2 days to yield crystalline orange blocks.

Crystalline Yield: 125.0 mg (0.14 mmol, 56 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.10 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 8H, *d*), 6.96 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 4H, *e*), 4.79 (s, 2H, *a*), 1.94 (s, 24H, *c*), 1.60 (s, 12H, *b*).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 7.11 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 8H, *d*), 6.97 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 4H, *e*), 4.79 (s, 2H, *a*), 1.83 (s, 24H, *c*), 1.53 (s, 12H, *b*). Assignment according to Figure S6.1.

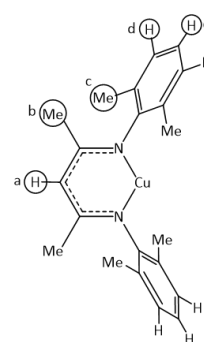


Figure S6.1. [L¹Cu]

³¹P{¹H} NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 300 K): δ [ppm] = -430.3 (s, P).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 193 K): δ [ppm] = -431.4 (s, P). Measured range: 600 to -600 ppm.

Elemental analysis for C₄₂H₅₀Cu₂N₄P₄: C 58.53, H 5.85, N 6.50; found [%]: C 58.81, H 6.02, N 6.39.

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%): 860.2 (78%, [M]⁺), 770.3 (5, [(L¹Cu)₂(OH)₂]⁺), 736.3 (100, [L¹Cu]₂⁺), 492.0 (9, [(L¹Cu)P₄]⁺).

6.5.1.2. Synthesis of [(L¹Cu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-As₄)] (**1b**)

All preparations were performed under exclusion of light. 220 mg (0.5 mmol) [L¹Cu(MeCN)] were dissolved in 10 mL toluene. The yellow solution was transferred into a freshly prepared solution of As₄ in toluene. The mixture was stirred at room temperature over night. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the orange residue was stored at least over night to ensure the degradation of the excess of unreacted As₄ into As_{grey}. After dissolving the orange solid in 20 mL ⁿhexane, the solution was filtered over diatomaceous earth to remove the insoluble As_{grey} and stored at + 4 °C for 4 days to yield yellow needle-shaped crystals of **1b**.

Crystalline yield: 110 mg (0.1 mmol, 40 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.03 ppm (d, 8H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, *d*), 6.89 ppm (t, 4H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, *e*), 4.85 ppm (s, 2H, *a*), 1.97 (s, 24H, *c*), 1.59 (s, 12H, *b*). Assignment according to Figure S6.1.

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1037.87 (65.94, [M⁺]), 736.1 (100, [L¹Cu]₂⁺).

6.5.1.3. Synthesis of [(L¹Cu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-AsP₃)] (**1c**)

40 mg (0.1 mmol, 1 eq) [L¹Cu(MeCN)] and 8.2 mg (0.05 mmol, 0.5 eq) AsP₃ were dissolved in 1 mL toluene. The red solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours under exclusion of light. The mixture was filtrated and was stored at -30 °C for 4 days to yield crystalline orange blocks, suited for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline Yield: 17 mg (0.02 mmol, 39 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.04 ppm (d, 8H, ³J_{HH} = 7Hz, *d*), 6.92 ppm (t, 4H, ³J_{HH} = 7Hz *e*), 4.85 ppm (s, 2H, *a*), 1.99 ppm (s, 24H, *c*), 1.59 (s, 12H, *b*).

¹H NMR (tol-*d*₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 6.93 (m, 6H, *d+e*), 4.83 (s, 2H, *a*), 1.95 (d, 24H, ³J_{HH} = 46 Hz, *c*), 1.56 (d, 12H, ³J_{HH} = 17 Hz, *b*). Assignment according to Figure S6.1.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = -406.2 ppm (*b*, 3P). Measured range: 500 ppm to -600 ppm.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (tol-*d*₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = -400.5 ppm (t, 1P, ¹J_{PP} = 183 Hz), -410.3 ppm (d, 2P, ¹J_{PP} = 183 Hz).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (tol-*d*₈, 300 K): δ [ppm] = -406.0 ppm (*b*, 3P).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 904.11 (41.41, [M]⁺), 736.30 (100, [LCu]₂).

6.5.1.4. Synthesis of [L¹Cu(η²-P₄)] (**2a**)

18 mg (0.021 mmol, 1 eq) of **1a** and 9 mg (0.073 mmol, 3.5 eq) P₄ were stirred in 1 mL CD₂Cl₂. The colour of the reaction mixtures turned bright yellow. The reaction was monitored by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy and shows a total conversion from **1a** to **2a**.

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 300 K): δ [ppm] = δ [ppm] = 7.15 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 4H, *d*), 6.96 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 2H, *e*), 4.89 (s, 1H, *a*), 2.07 (s, 12H, *c*), 1.69 (s, 6H, *b*).

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 7.13 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 4H, *d*), 6.94 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 2H, *e*), 4.88 (s, 1H, *a*), 1.95 (s, 12H, *c*), 1.61 (s, 6H, *b*). Assignment according to Figure S6.1.

³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 300 K). δ [ppm] = -479.19 (s, ω_{1/2} = 2152 Hz).

^{31}P NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = -478.97 (s, $\omega_{1/2} = 2153$ Hz).

$^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 193 K): δ [ppm] = -449.63 (t, 2P, $^1J_{PP} = 178$ Hz, η^2-P_2), -499.62 (t, 2P, $^1J_{PP} = 178$ Hz, P_2). Contamination with $P_{4,solv}$ and precipitation of $P_{4,solid}$ (vide Figure S6.9).

6.5.1.5. Synthesis of $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-As_4)]$ (**2b**)

All preparations were performed under exclusion of light. This synthesis was very challenging. 190 mg (0.46 mmol) $[L^1Cu(NCMe)]$ were dissolved in 10 mL toluene. The yellow solution was transferred into a freshly prepared solution of As_4 in toluene, with great excess of As_4 . The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 40 minutes. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the orange residue was stored at least over night to ensure the degradation of the excess of unreacted As_4 into As_{grey} . After dissolving the orange solid in 20 mL η hexane, the solution was filtered over diatomaceous earth to remove the insoluble As_{grey} and concentrated to a volume of 15 mL. The orange solution was stored at -30 °C for 11 days to yield yellow needle-shaped crystals of **2b**.

Crystalline yield: 72 mg (0.07 mmol, 30 %)

1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 203 K) δ [ppm] = 7.16 (d, 4H, $^3J_{HH} = 8$ Hz, *d*), 6.94 (m, *e*), 4.88 (s, 1H, *a*), 1.97 (s, 12H, *c*), 1.63 (s, 6H, *b*), δ [ppm] (**1b**) = 7.11 (d, 8H, $^3J_{HH} = 8$ Hz, *d*), 6.94 (m, *e*), 4.77 (s, 2H, *a*), 1.83 (s, 24H, *c*), 1.54 (s, 12H, *b*). Assignment according to Figure S6.1.

EPR silent for r.t. and 77 K.

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1035.89(100, $[(LCu)_2As_4]^+$), 736.24 (40.3, $[(LCu)_2]^+$), 667.77 (4.8, $[(LCu)As_4]^+$).

6.5.1.6. $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-AsP_3)]$ (**2c**)

15 mg of $[L^1Cu(MeCN)]$ (0.04 mmol, 1 eq) and 6.5 mg of AsP_3 (0.04 mmol, 1.1 eq) were dissolved 0.7 mL toluene- d_8 . The colour of the reaction mixture turned orange. The reaction was monitored by $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectroscopy at different temperatures.

$^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (toluene- d_8 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = -452.3 ppm (br).

$^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (toluene- d_8 , 197 K): δ [ppm] = -420.6 ppm (t, 1P, $^1J_{PP} = 184$ Hz), -465.9 ppm (d, 2P, $^1J_{PP} = 184$ Hz).

6.5.1.7. [(L¹Cu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-Se₂)] (**3a**)

A solution of 150 mg (0.37 mmol) [L¹Cu(MeCN)] in 7 mL toluene was added to a slurry of 147 mg (1.8 mmol, 5 eq) Se_{red} in 5 mL toluene. The reaction mixture was stirred for one hour at room temperature and filtered over diatomaceous earth. The solvent was reduced to 7 mL. Storing the solution for one day at 4 °C, leads to the formation of crystalline green blocks, suited for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline Yields: 78 mg (0.09 mmol, 48 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 6.92 – 6.98 (m, 12H, *d* + *e*), 4.82 (s, 2H, *a*), 2.05 (s, 24H, *c*), 1.42 (s, 12H, *b*). Assignment according to Figure S6.1.

⁷⁷Se NMR (162 MHz, C₆D₆, 300K): δ [ppm] = 1132 (s)

Measured range: 3000 to -600 ppm.

¹H NMR (Evans-method, C₆D₆, 300K): No solvent shift was detected.

EPR: silent at r.t. and 77K.

Elemental analysis for C₄₂H₅₀N₄Cu₂Se₂: C56.31, H 5.63, N 6.25; found [%]: C56.71, H 5.47, N 6.32.

LIFDI-MS (toluene): *m/z* (%) = 896.1 (100, [M]⁺).

6.5.1.8. [(L³Cu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-Se₂)] (**3b**)

A solution of 100 mg (0.192 mmol) [L³Cu(MeCN)] in 5 mL toluene was added to a slurry of 76 mg (0.962 mmol, 5 eq) Se_{red} in 5 mL toluene. The reaction mixture was stirred for 20 hours at room temperature and filtered over diatomaceous earth. The solvent was reduced to 7 mL. Storing the solution for one day at -30 °C, leads to the formation of crystalline green blocks, suited for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline yields: 38 mg (0.034 mmol, 35 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 300K): δ [ppm] = 7.13 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 4H, *e*), 7.01 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 8H, *d*), 4.90 (s, 2H, *a*), 3.11 (sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 8H, *f*), 1.58 (s, 12H, *b*), 1.23 (d, ³J_{HH} = 6.7 Hz, 24H, *c*), 1.11 (d, ³J_{HH} = 6.7 Hz, 24H, *c*). Assignment according to Figure S6.2.

⁷⁷Se{¹H} NMR (76 MHz, C₆D₆, 300K): δ [ppm] = 1246 (s)

Measured range: 3000 to -600 ppm.

EPR: silent at r.t. and 77K.

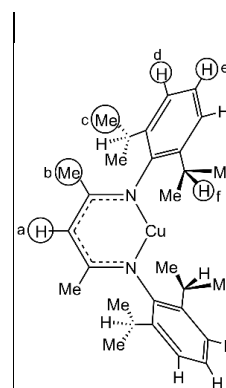


Figure S6.2. [L³Cu]

Elemental analysis for $C_{58}H_{82}N_4Cu_2Se_2$: C 62.18, H 7.38, N 5.00; found [%]: C 62.58, H 7.20, N 4.86.

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1120.6 (100, $[M]^+$).

6.5.1.9. $[(L^3Cu)_2(P_4S_3)]$ (**4**)

A solution of 150 mg (0.29 mmol) $[L^3Cu(NCMe)]$ in 5 mL toluene was added to a slurry of 33 mg (0.15 mmol) P_4S_3 in 4 mL toluene. The colour of the reaction solution turned from yellow to orange. The reaction solution was stirred for approximately 16 hours, filtered over diatomaceous earth and the solvent was removed. The solid was redissolved in n-hexane and stored at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to yield crystalline yellow blocks, suited for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline yields: 45 mg (0.038 mmol, 27 %)

$^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (162 MHz, d_8 -toluene, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 71.0 (s, $\omega_{1/2} = 166$ Hz, 1P, P_{apical}), -124.9 (s, $\omega_{1/2} = 244$ Hz, 3P, P_{basal}).

Elemental analysis for $C_{58}H_{82}N_4Cu_2P_4S_3$: C 58.91, H 6.99, N 4.74, S 8.14; found [%]: C 58.71, H 7.00, N 4.55, S 7.97.

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1182.4 (100, $[M]^+$), 700.2 (6.95, $[(L^3Cu)(P_4S_3)]^+$).

6.5.1.10. $[(L^3Cu)_2(As_4S_3)]$ (**5**)

A solution of 150 mg (0.29 mmol) $[L^3Cu(NCMe)]$ in 8 mL toluene was added to a slurry of 56.5 mg (0.14 mmol) As_4S_3 in 8 mL toluene. The colour of the reaction solution turned from yellow to intense blood-red. The reaction solution was stirred for approximately 20 hours and the solvent was removed. The residue was dissolved in 25 mL n-hexane and filtered over diatomaceous earth. The solution was reduced to a volume of 4 mL and stored at room temperature to yield crystalline dark red blocks, suited for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline yields: 40.5 mg (0.03 mmol, 21 %)

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1357.9 (100, $[M]^+$).

6.5.2. NMR studies

6.5.2.1. [(L¹Cu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-P₄)] (1a)

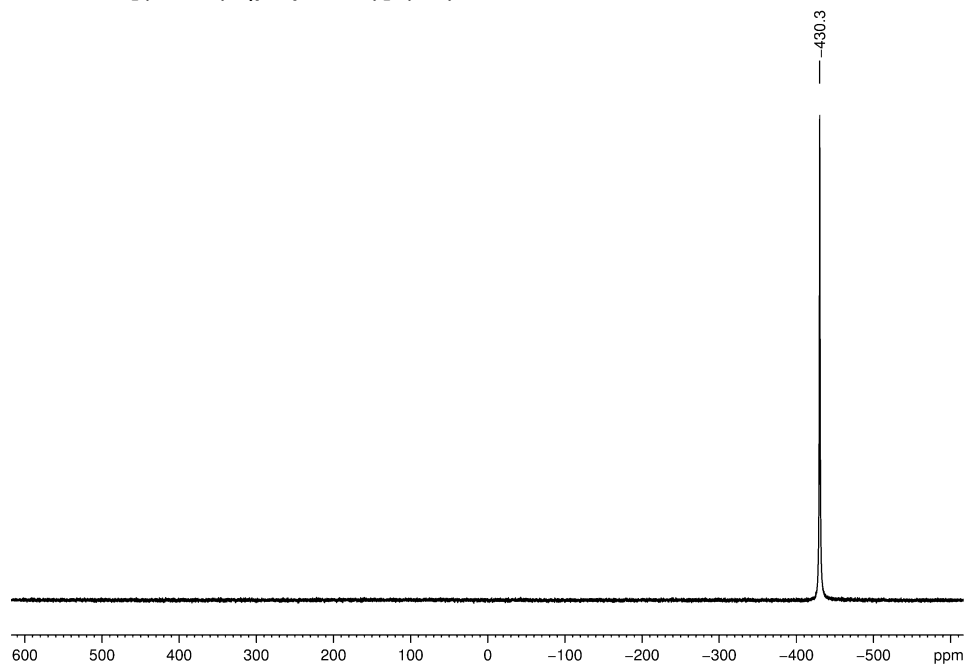


Figure S6.3. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **1a** in CD₂Cl₂ at room temperature.

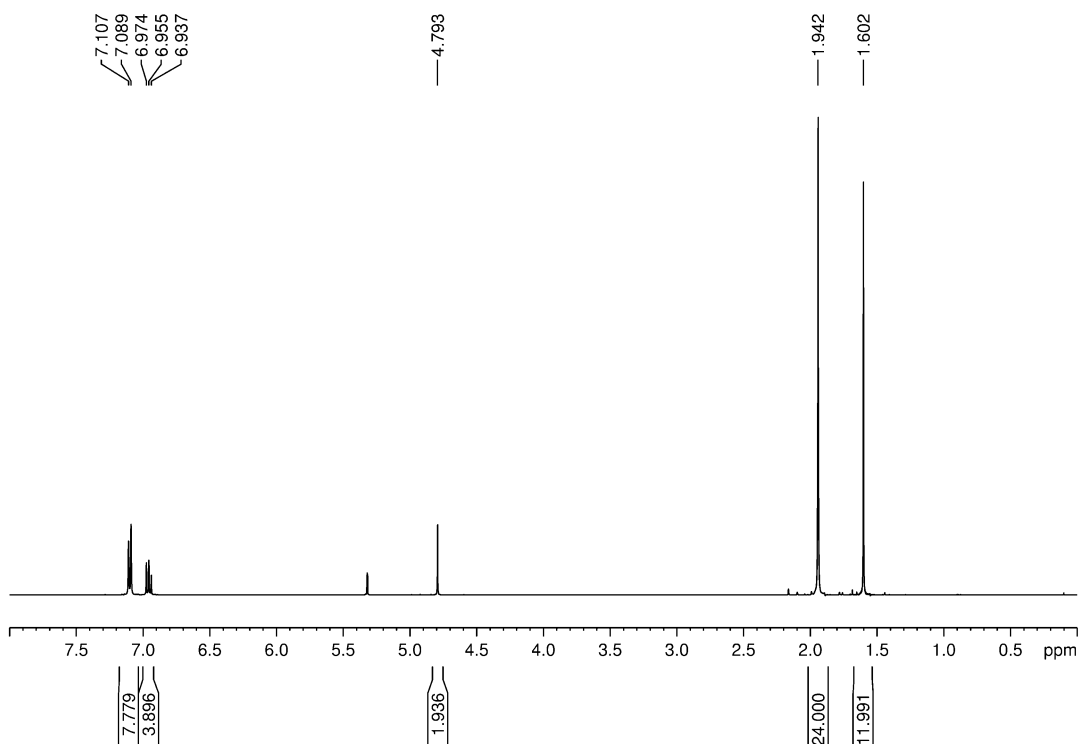


Figure S6.4. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1a** in CD₂Cl₂ at room temperature.

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6.5.2.2. [(L¹Cu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-As₄)] (**1b**)

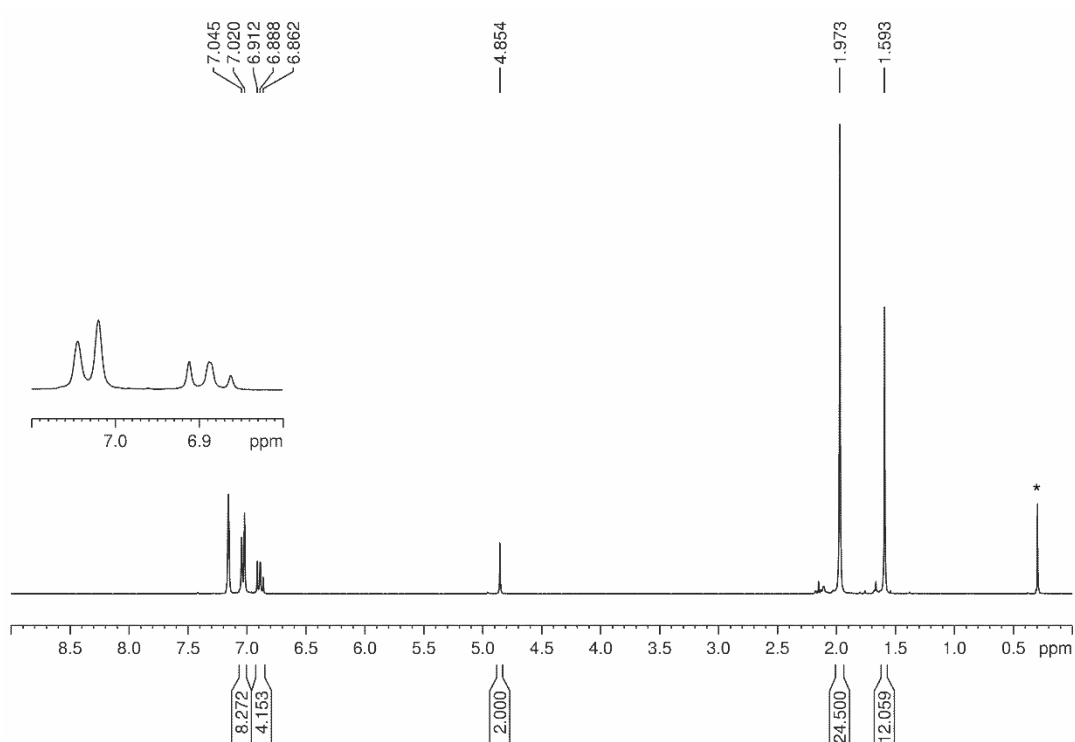


Figure S6.5. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1b** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

6.5.2.3. [(L¹Cu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-AsP₃)] (**1c**)

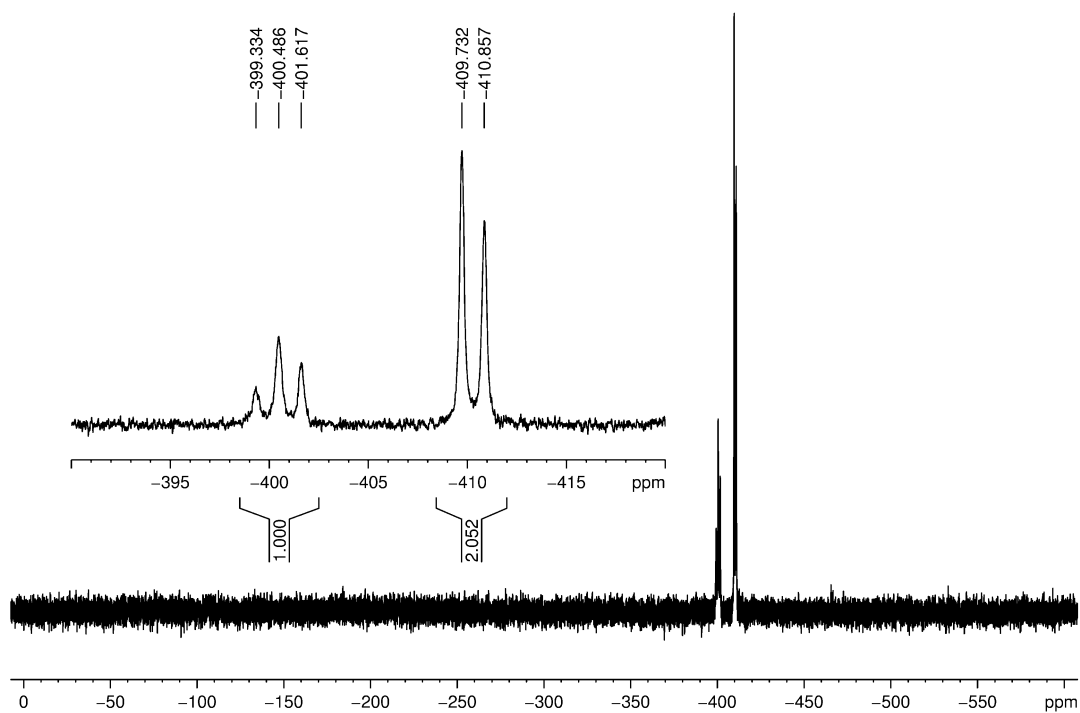


Figure S6.6. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of compound **1c** in tol-d₈ at 193 K.

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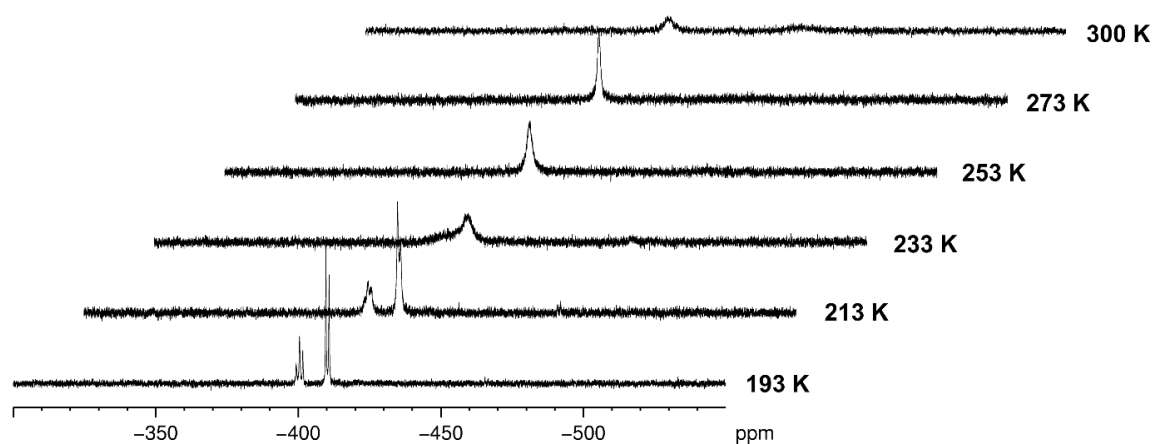


Figure S6.7. VT $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **1c** in toluene-d_8 at different temperatures between 193 K and 300 K.

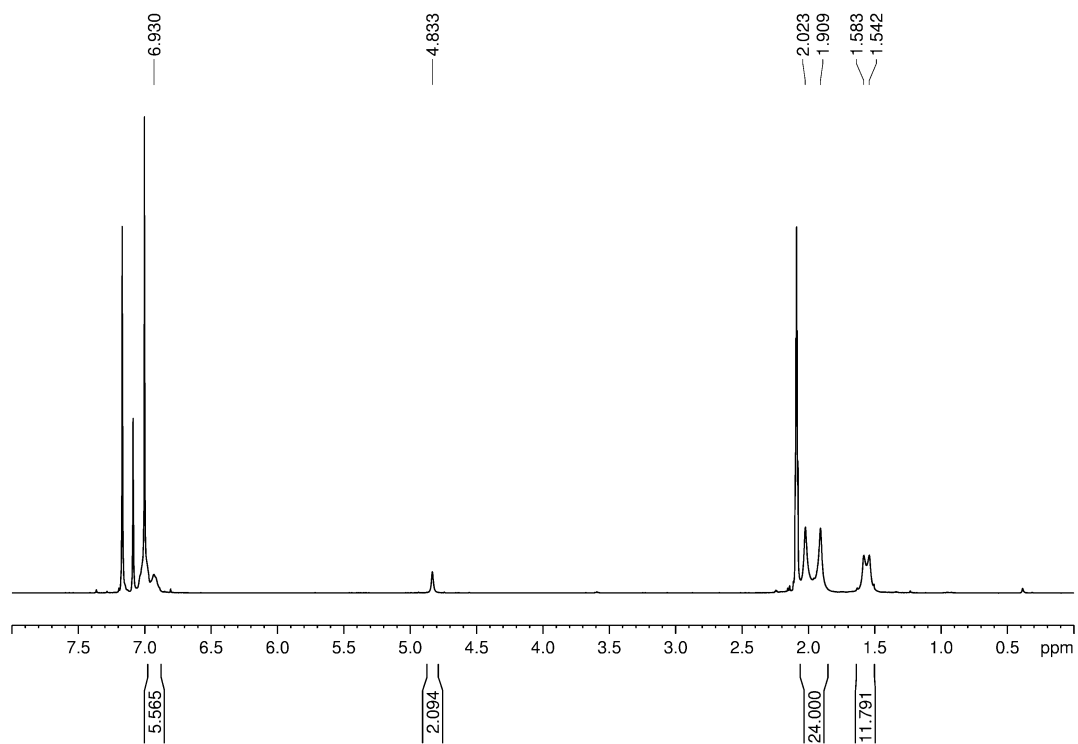


Figure S6.8. ^1H NMR spectrum of **1c** in toluene-d_8 at 193K.

6.5.2.4. $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-P_4)]$ (**2a**)

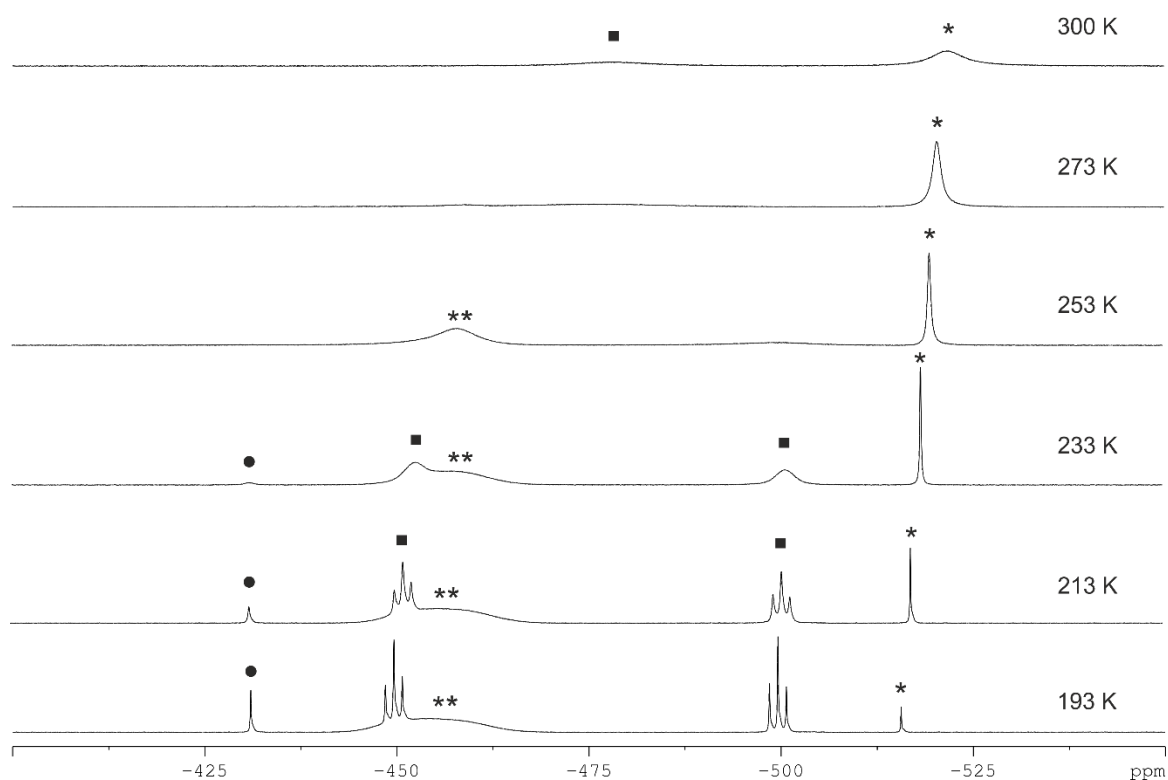


Figure S6.9. $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of a freshly prepared solution of complex **2a** in CD_2Cl_2 in the temperature range of 300 K to 193 K. The signal at $\delta = -522$ ppm is assigned to $P_{4,solv}$ (*) and the one at $\delta = -431$ ppm is assigned to **1a** (●). At $\delta = -455$ ppm $P_{4,solid}$ (**) is detected, which precipitates from solution with successively decreasing the temperature. At 300 K compound **2a** (■) is assigned to the broad signal at $\delta = -479.2$ ppm. Successive decrease of the temperature leads to the breakdown of the coalescence signal and a final signal splitting at $\delta = -449.6$ ppm (P^A) and -499.6 ppm (P^B) at 193 K.

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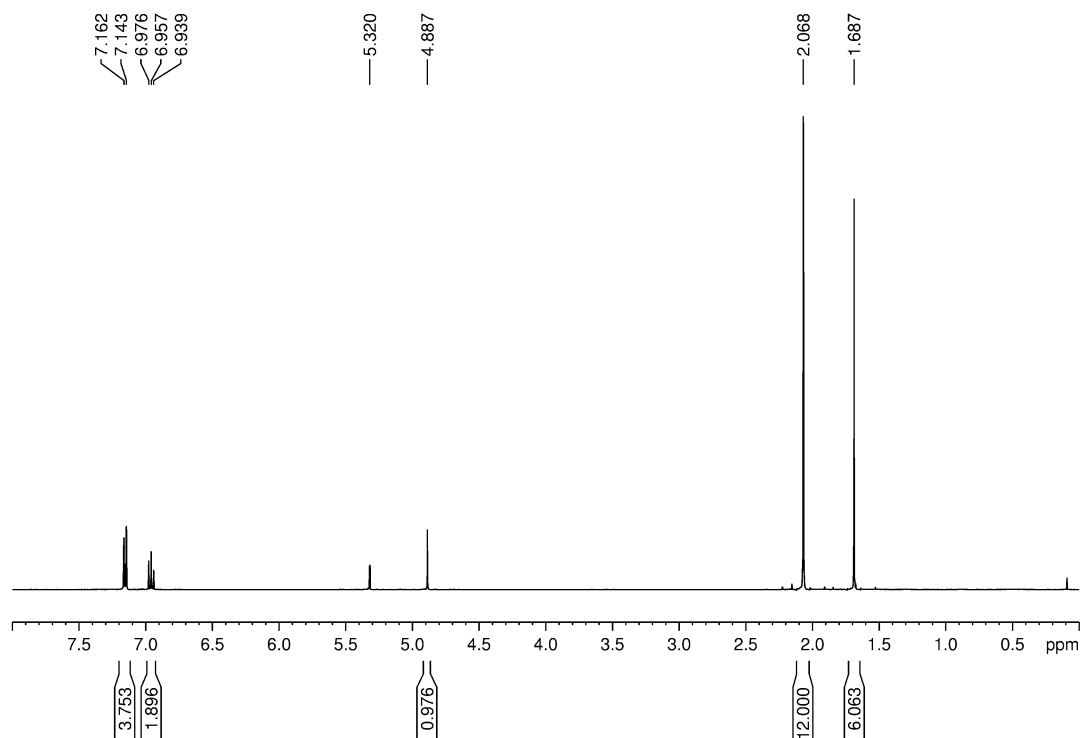


Figure S6.10. ¹H NMR of **2a** in CD₂Cl₂ at room temperature.

6.5.2.5. [L¹Cu(η²-As₄)] (**2b**)

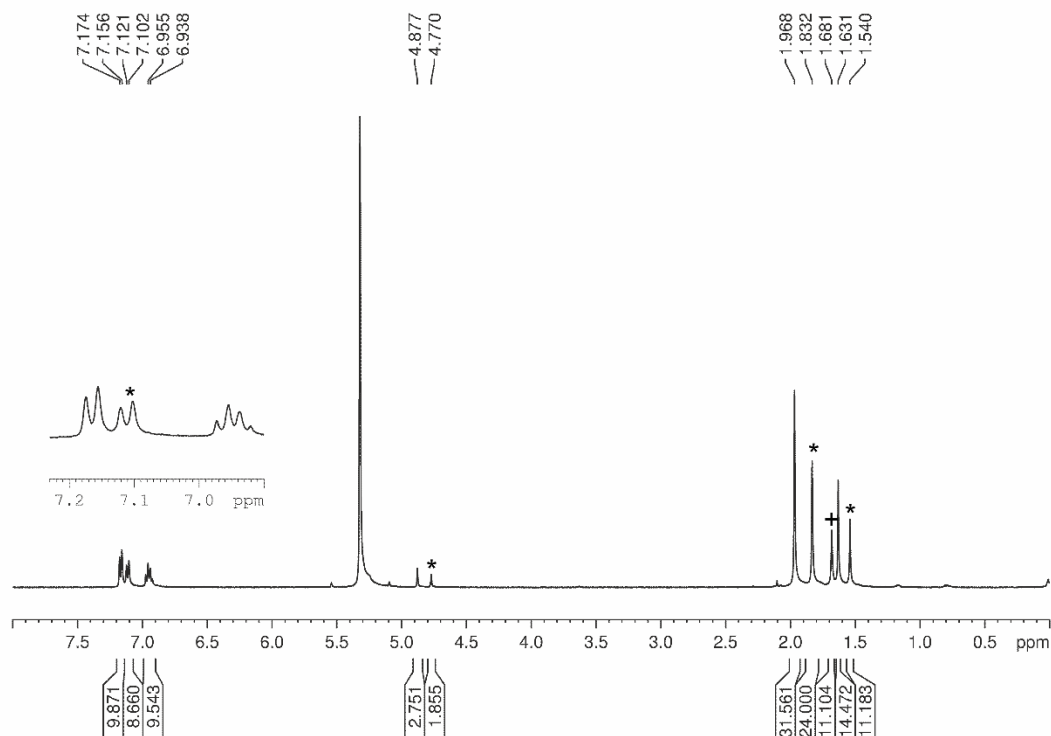


Figure S6.11. ¹H NMR spectrum of **2b** in CD₂Cl₂ at 203 K (signal assignment: * = **2b**, + = impurity).

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6.5.2.6. $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-AsP_3)]$ (**2c**)

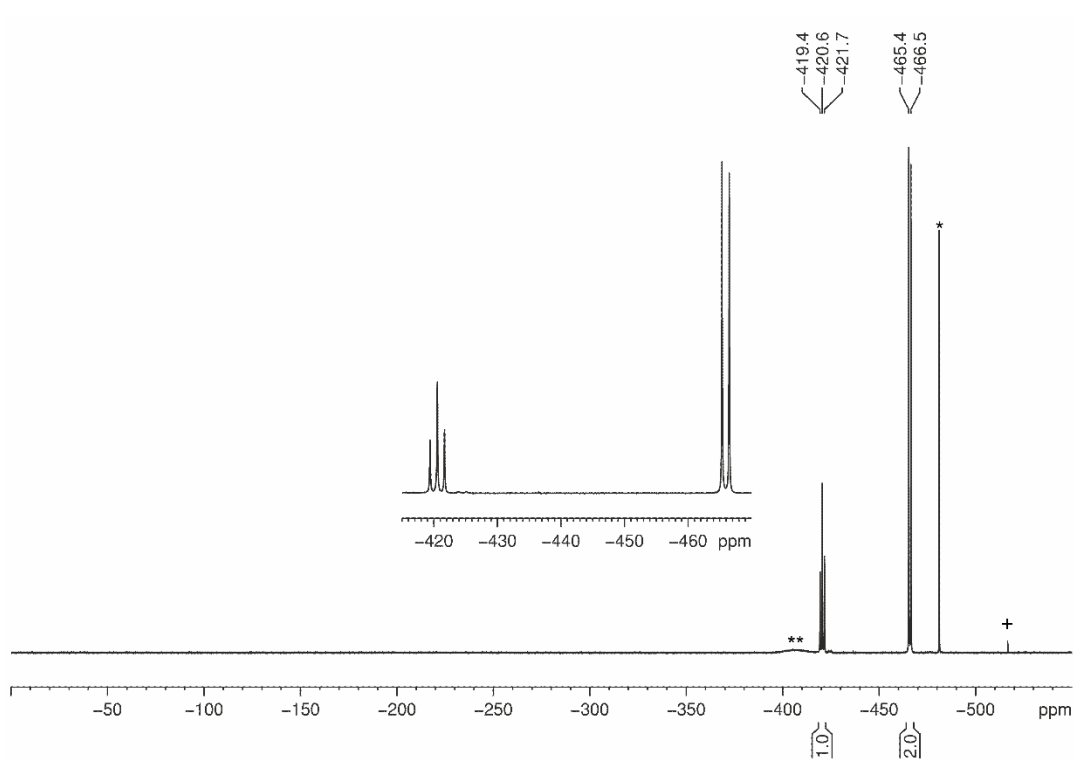


Figure S6.12. $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of **2c** in $toluene-d_8$ at 193 K. * = AsP_3 ; ** = AsP_3 , solid; + P_4 .

6.5.2.7. $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-Se_2)]$ (**3a**)

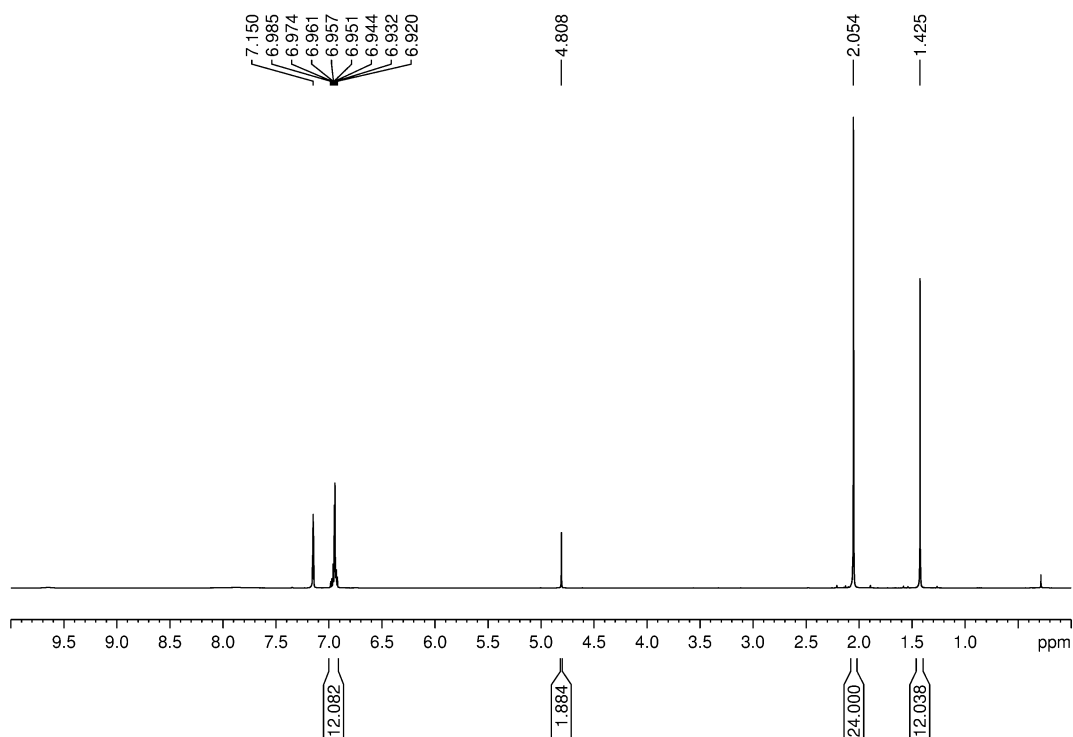


Figure S6.13. 1H NMR spectrum of **3a** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

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($E = P, As$), and red selenium

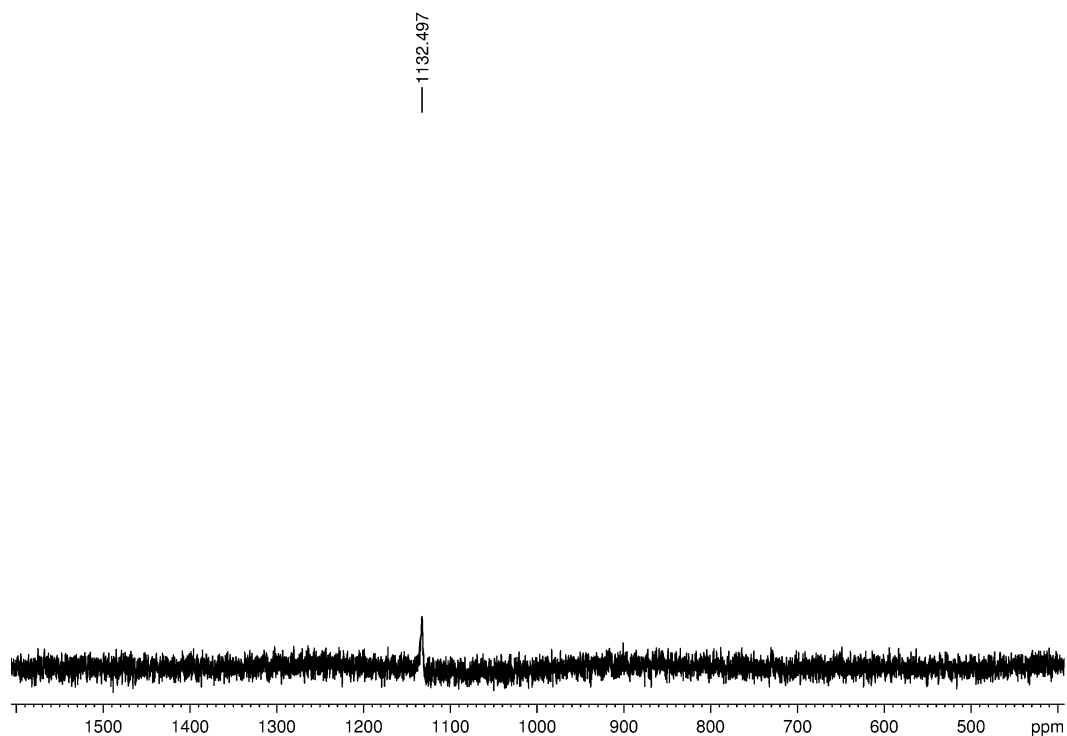


Figure S6.14. ^{77}Se NMR spectrum of **3a** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

6.5.2.8. $[(\text{L}^3\text{Cu})_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}\text{-Se}_2)]$ (**3b**)

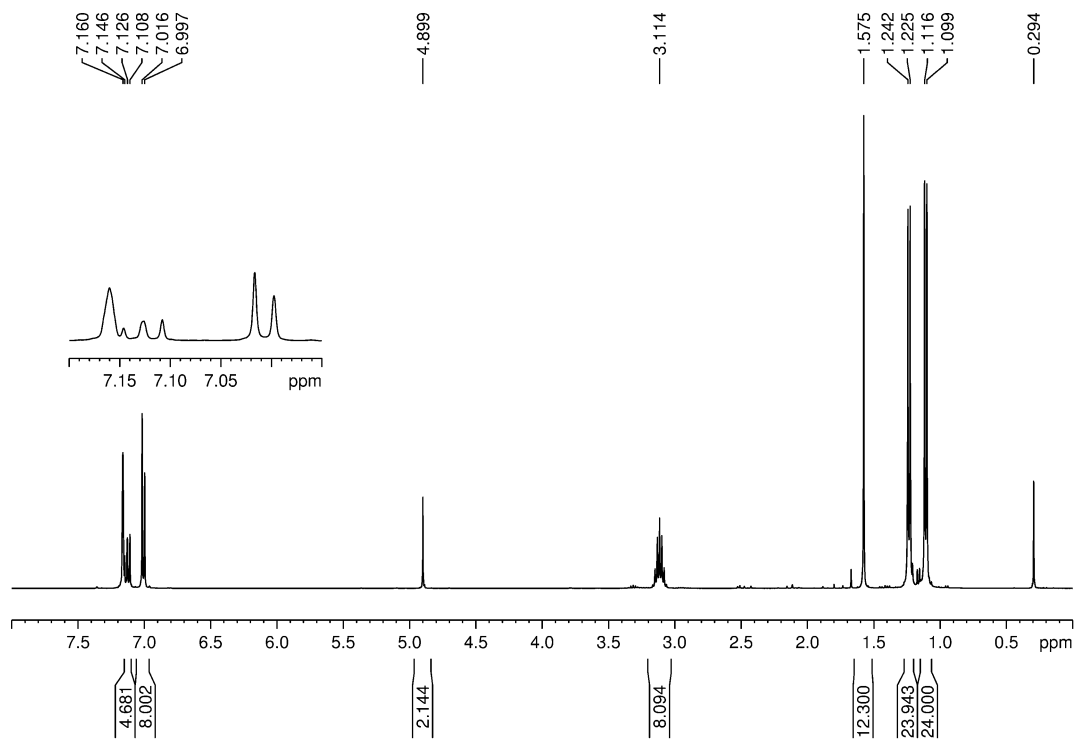


Figure S6.15. ^1H NMR spectrum of **3b** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

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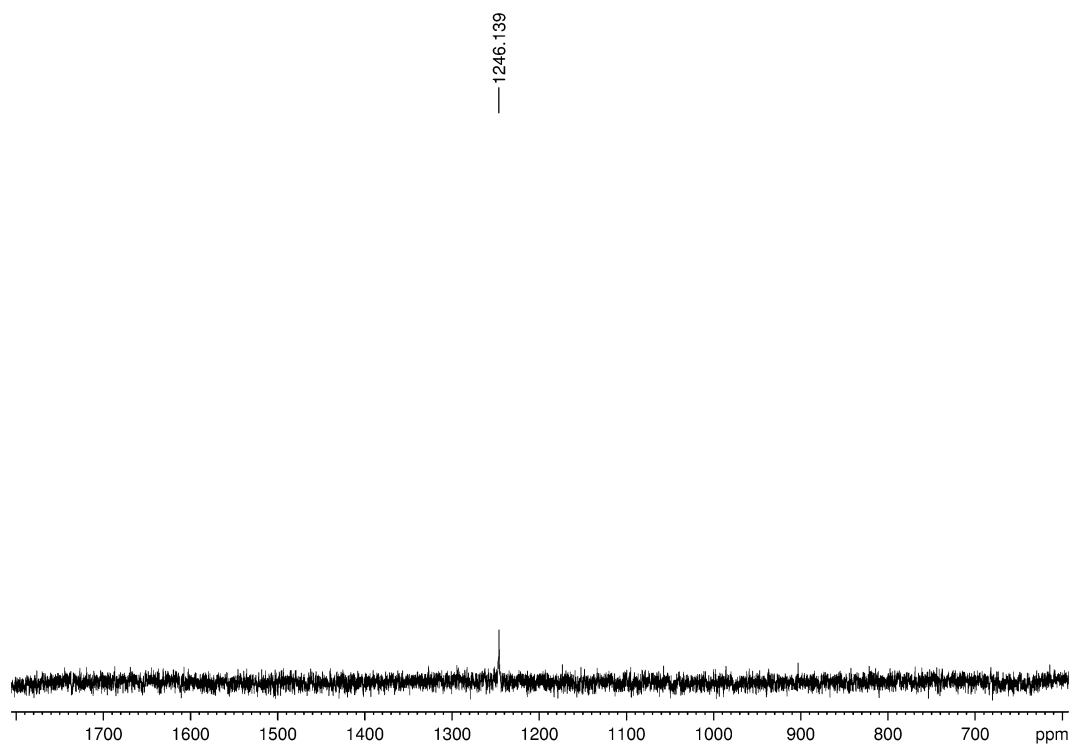


Figure S6.16. ^{77}Se NMR spectrum of **3b** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

6.5.2.9. $[(\text{L}^3\text{Cu})_2(\text{P}_4\text{S}_3)]$ (**4**)

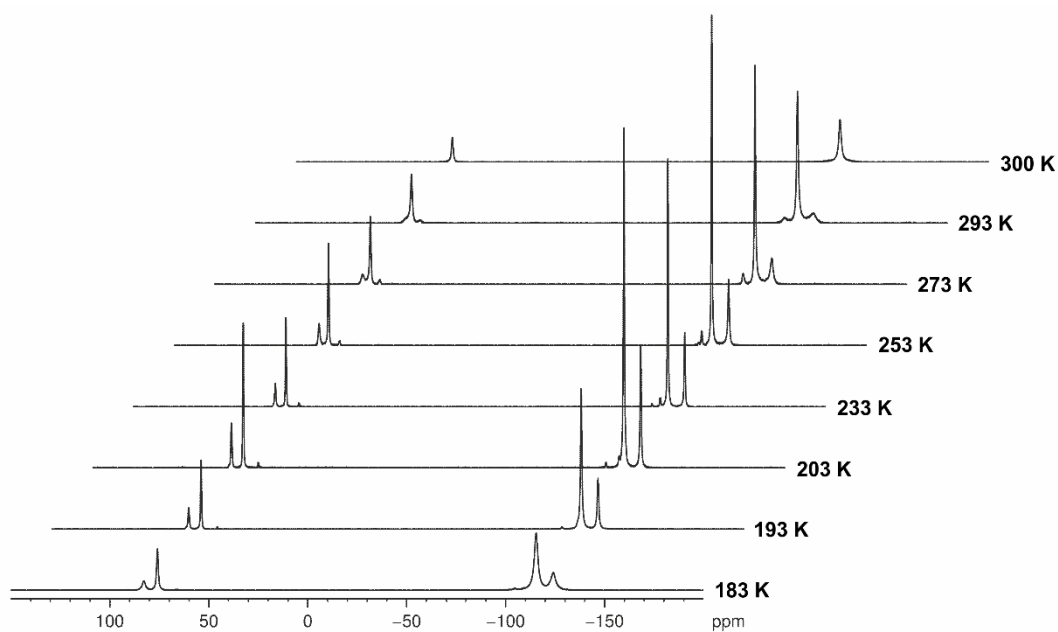


Figure S6.17. VT $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of **4** in toluene- d_8 at different temperature between 183 K and 300 K.

6.5.3. Details on single crystal X-ray structure analysis

The X-ray diffraction experiments were performed on either a Gemini Ultra diffractometer (Oxford diffraction) with an AtlasS2 detector Cu-K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) (**2b**, **4**, **5**), on a GV 50 diffractometer (Rigaku, formerly Agilent Technologies) with TitanS2 detector from applying Cu-K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) (**1a**, **1b**, **1c**, **3a**, **3b**). All measurements were performed at 123 K. Data collection and reduction were performed with CrysAlisPro^[7] (Version 171.38.41, 2015 (**1c**), 171.38.43, 2015 (**1a**, **3b**, **4**), 171.38.46, 2015 (**3a**), 171.39.37b, 2017 (**1b**), 171.40.14a, 2018 (**2b**), 171.41.90a, 2020 (**5**)). For the compounds (**2b**, **5**) an analytical numeric absorption correction using a multifaceted crystal model based on expressions derived by R.C. Clark & J.S. Reid was applied.^[8] For the compounds (**1a**, **1b**, **1c**, **3a**, **3b**, **4**) a gaussian absorption correction based on gaussian integration over a multifaceted crystal model was applied. All structures were solved by direct methods with ShelXT^[9] and Olex2^[10] and refined by full-matrix least-squares method against F^2 in anisotropic approximation using ShelXL^[11]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined in calculated positions using riding on pivot atom model.

6.5.3.1. $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}\text{-}P_4)]$ (**1a**)

Compound **1a** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in n-hexane at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$ as orange block. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **1a**. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S6.18.

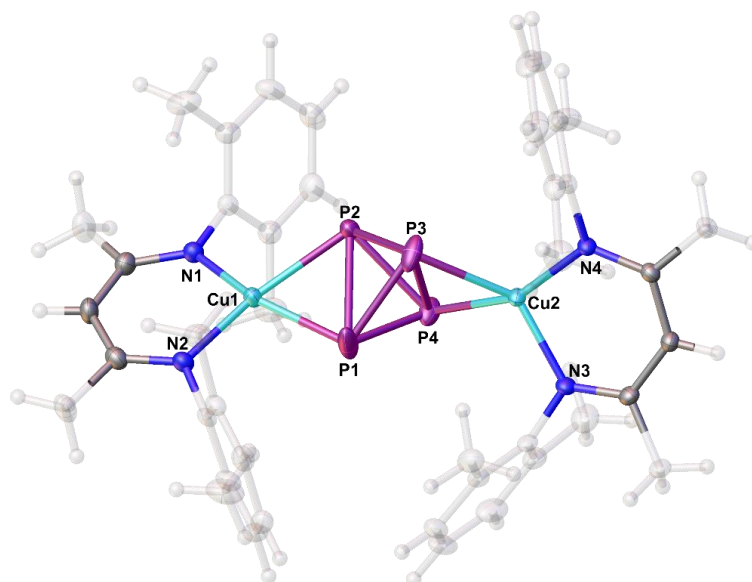


Figure S6.18. Molecular structure of **1a** in solid state. Solvent molecules and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu1-P1 2.2501(5), Cu1-P2 2.2540(5), Cu2-P3 2.2750(5), Cu2-P4 2.2408(5), P1-P2 2.3649(6), P1-P3 2.2047(6), P2-P3 2.1992(6), P3-P4 2.4566(6), P1-P4 2.1917(7), P2-P4 2.2091(8), P1-Cu1-P2 63.344(17), P3-Cu2-P4 65.909(17), P1-P3-P4 55.78(2), P2-P3-P1 64.96(2), P2-P3-P4 56.33(2), P3-P1-P2 57.409(19), P4-P1-P3 67.94(2), P4-P1-P2 57.85(3), P3-P2-P1 57.631(19), P3-P2-P4 67.73(2), P4-P2-P1 57.14(2), P1-P4-P3 56.279(19), P1-P4-P2 65.01(2), P2-P4-P3 55.94(2).

6.5.3.2. $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-As_4)]$ (**1b**)

Compound **1b** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in n-hexane at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$ as orange plate. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **1b**. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S6.19.

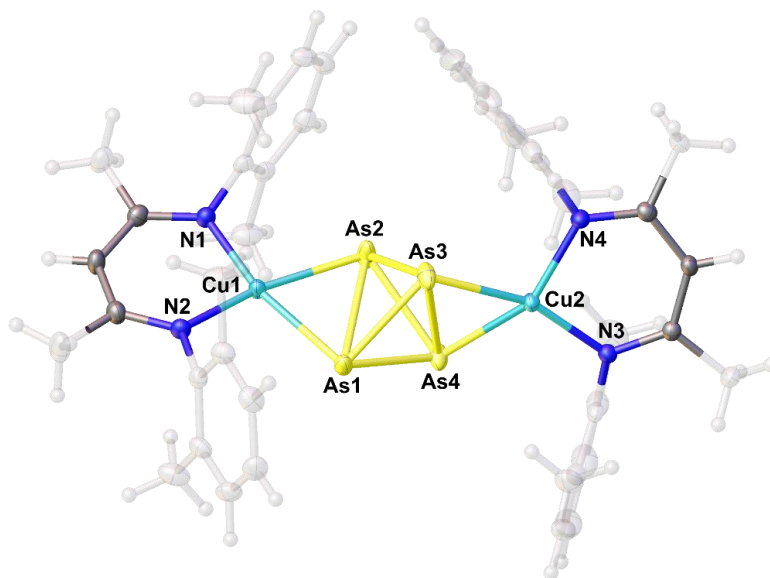


Figure S6.19. Molecular structure of **1b** in solid state. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu1-As1 2.3899(4), Cu1-As2 2.3551(4), Cu2-As3 2.3592(4), Cu2-As4 2.3684(4), As1-As2 2.6885(3), As1-As3 2.4480(3), As1-As4 2.4411(3), As2-As3 2.4321(4), As2-As4 2.4510(4), As3-As4 2.6575(3), As3-As1-As2 56.286(10), As4-As1-As3 65.851(10), As4-As1-As2 56.840(10), As1-As3-As4 56.948(9), As2-As3-As1 66.858(10), As2-As3-As4 57.372(10), As1-As4-As3 57.200(9), As1-As4-As2 66.674(10), As2-As4-As3 56.686(10), As3-As2-As1 56.855(9), As3-As2-As4 65.942(10), As4-As2-As1 56.486(9).

6.5.3.3. $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-AsP_3)]$ (**1c**)

Compound **1c** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in toluene at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$ as orange plate. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **1c**. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S6.20.

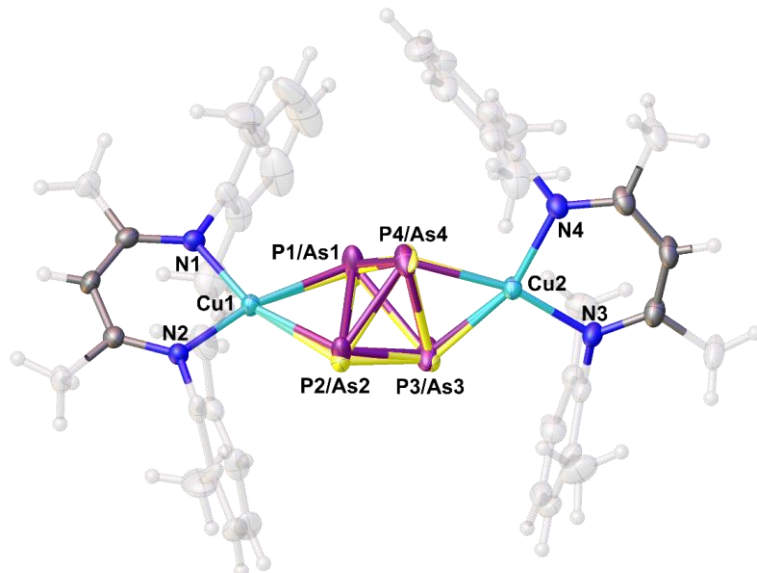


Figure S6.20. Molecular structure of **1c** in solid state. Solvent molecules and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu1-P1 2.311(7), Cu1-P2 2.302(4), Cu1-As1 2.333(6), Cu1-As2 2.332(8), Cu2-P3 2.315(6), Cu2-P4 2.288(2), Cu2-As3 2.317(4), Cu2-As4 2.230(10), P1-P2 2.546(8), P1-P3 2.199(8), P1-P4 2.329(11), P2-P3 2.272(8), P2-P4 2.182(6), P3-P4 2.456(7), As1-P2 2.546(7), As1-P3 2.231(10), As1-P4 2.286(6), As2-P1 2.625(10), As2-P3 2.219(10), As2-P4 2.382(8), As3-P1 2.466(10), As3-P2 2.319(6), As3-P4 2.540(5), As4-P1 2.146(12), As4-P2 2.250(12), As4-P3 2.429(11).

6.5.3.4. $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-As_4)]$ (**2b**)

Yellow needle-like twinned crystals of **2b** were obtained by crystallization from *n*-hexane at -30 °C in the triclinic space group $P1$ as light yellow block. The asymmetric unit contains two molecules of **2b**. The crystal structure of **2b** was refined as a two-component twin. The As_4 ligand in **2b** is disordered over two positions with chemical occupancy of 96.5:3.5. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S6.21.

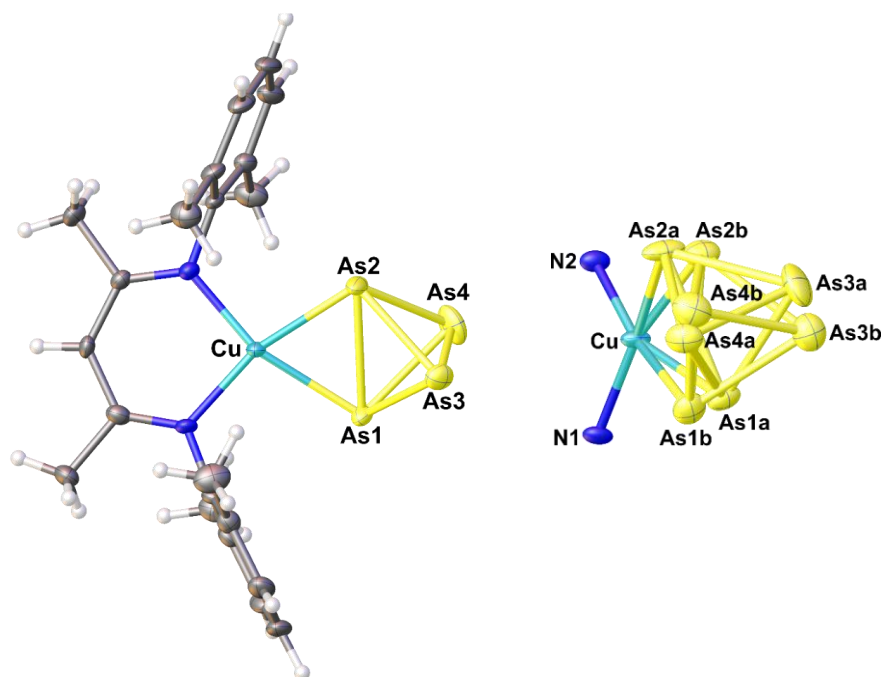


Figure S6.21. Molecular structure of **2b** in the solid state. From the two molecules of the asymmetric unit only molecule 1 is depicted. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]:

Molecule 1: As1a-As2a 2.6754(13), As1a-As3a 2.4265(15), As1a-As4a 2.4322(14), As2a-As3a 2.4271(13), As2a-As4a 2.4218(18), As3a-As4a 2.3946(16), As1b-As2b 2.64(2), As1b-As3b 2.42(2), As1b-As4b 2.43(2), As2b-As3b 2.42(2), As2b-As4b 2.44(2), As3b-As4b 2.38(3), Cu1-As1a 2.3769(14), Cu1-As2a 2.3645(14), Cu1-As1b 2.39(3), Cu1-As2b 2.31(3), Cu1-N1 1.957(6), Cu1-N2 1.947(6),

Molecule 2: As5a-As6a 2.6569(11), As5a-As7a 2.4193(15), As5a-As8a 2.4321(15), As6a-As7a 2.4285(15), As6a-As8a 2.4162(15), As7a-As8a 2.3992(19), As5b-As6b 2.60(3), As5b-As7b 2.37(3), As5b-As8b 2.38(4), As6b-As7b 2.38(4), As6b-As8b 2.37(3), As7b-As8b 3.32(3), Cu2-As5a 2.3721(13), Cu2-As6a 2.3837(13), Cu2-As5b 2.34(3), Cu2-As6b 2.228(2), Cu2-N3 1.956(6), Cu2-N4 1.931(6).

6.5.3.5. $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-Se_2)]$ (**3a**)

Compound **3a** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in toluene at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $C2/c$ as green blocks. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **3a**. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S6.22.

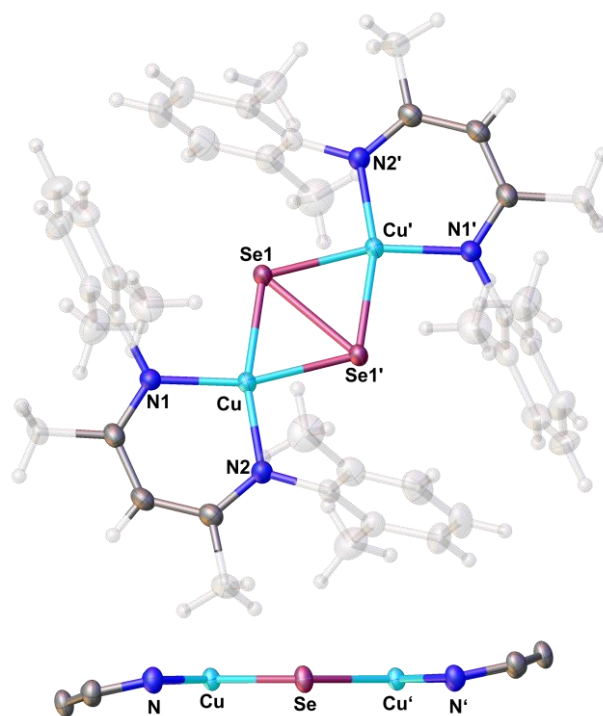


Figure S6.22. Molecular structure of **3a** in solid state. Solvent molecules and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Se-Se' 2.4910(4), Cu-Se 2.3075(3), Cu-Se' 2.3070(3), Cu-N1 1.9080(17), Cu-N2 1.9074(16), Se-Cu-Se' 65.342(11), Cu-Se-Cu' 114.656(11).

6.5.3.6. $[(L^3Cu)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-Se_2)]$ (**3b**)

Compound **3b** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in toluene at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$ as green blocks. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **3b**. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S6.23.

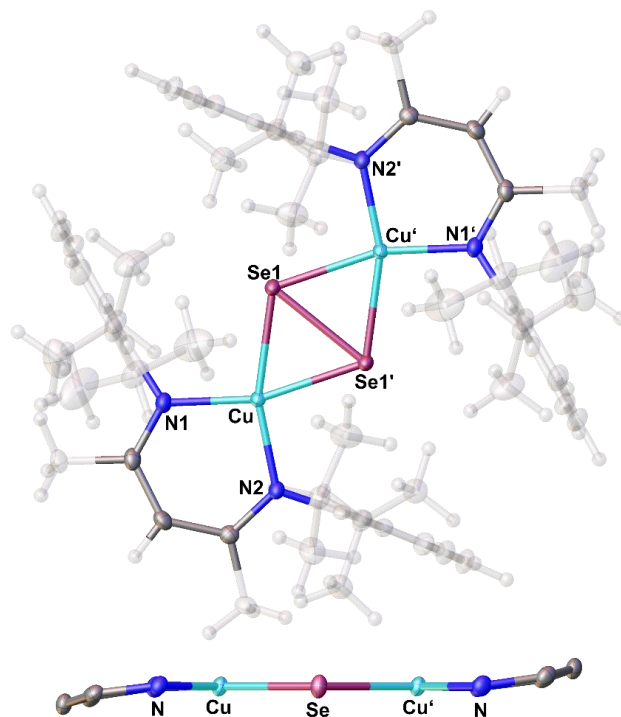


Figure S6.23. Molecular structure of **3b** in solid state. Solvent molecules and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Se-Se' 2.4527(4), Cu-Se 2.3350(3), Cu-Se' 2.3441(3), Cu-N1 1.9246(15), Cu-N2 1.9373(16), Se-Cu-Se' 63.225(10), Cu-Se-Cu' 116.773(10).

6.5.3.7. $[(L^3Cu)_2(P_4S_3)]$ (**4**)

Compound **4** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in toluene at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$ as yellow blocks. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **4**. The P_4S_3 unit is disordered over two positions: 93:7 (**4a:4b**). The structure in solid state is given in Figure S6.24.

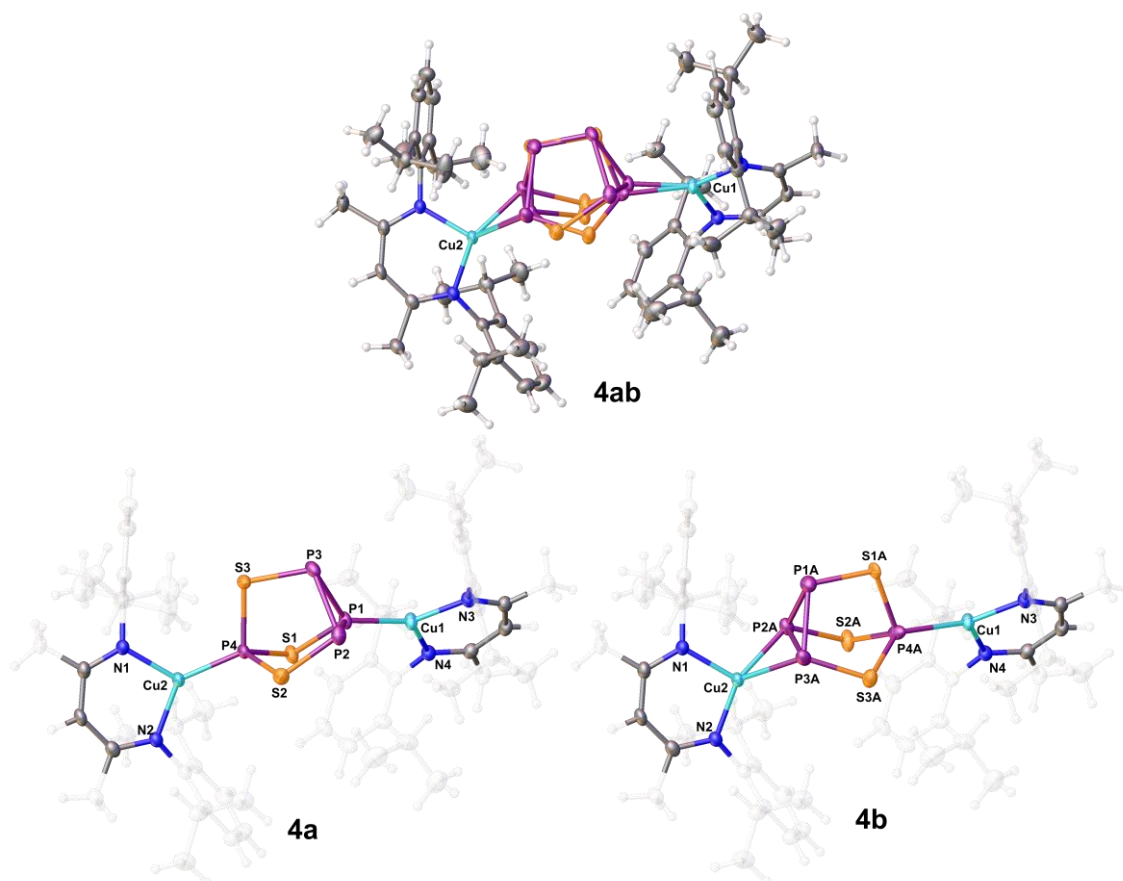


Figure S6.24. Molecular structure of **4** in solid state (left: major isomer **4a**, right: minor isomer **4b**). Solvent molecules and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu1-N1 1.9149(14), Cu1-N2 1.9090(14), Cu2-N3 1.9313(14), Cu2-N4 1.9236(14); **4a**: Cu1-P1 2.0977(17), Cu2-P4 2.1048(5), S3-P3 2.091(3), S3-P4 2.101(2), P1-S1 2.0975(16), P1-P3 2.230(3), P1-P2 2.2296(16), S1-P4 2.0950(9), P3-P2 2.257(2), P4-S2 2.0965(7), S2-P2 2.0927(7), P3-S3-P4 102.02(11), S1-P1-P3 105.39(9), S1-P1-P2 105.86(6), P2-P1-P3 60.81(7), P4-S1-P1 99.56(6), S3-P3-P1 102.56(11), S3-P3-P2 103.04(11), P1-P3-P2 59.58(7), S1-P4-S3 101.21(6), S1-P4-S2 101.15(3), S2-P4-S3 100.18(4), P2-S2-P4 102.04(3), P1-P2-P3 59.61(6), S2-P2-P1 101.99(4), S2-P2-P3 103.56(6); **4b**: Cu1-P4A 2.34(2), Cu2-P2A 2.336(6), Cu2-P3A 2.428(7), P2A-P3A 2.404(9), P2A-P1A 2.26(3), P2A-S2A 2.104(11), P3A-P1A 2.24(3), P3A-S3A 2.090(9), S1A-P1A 2.04(4), S1A-P4A 2.14(4), S3A-P4A 2.077(19), P1A-P2A-P3A 57.4(8), S2A-P2A-P3A 99.5(4), S2A-P2A-P1A 103.0(9), P1A-P3A-P2A 58.0(7), S3A-P3A-P2A 102.1(4), S3A-P3A-P1A 101.9(8), P1A-S1A-P4A 100.9(17), P3A-P1A-P2A 64.7(9), S1A-P1A-P2A 106.1(17), S1A-P1A-P3A 106.4(16), P4A-S3A-P3A 104.1(8), S1A-P4A-S2A 100.4(13), S3A-P4A-S1A 100.9(12), P2A-S2A-P4A 103.0(8).

6.5.3.8. $[(L^3Cu)_2(As_4S_3)]$ (**5**)

Compound **5** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in toluene at room temperature in the triclinic space group $P1$ as yellow blocks. The asymmetric unit contains two molecules of **5**. The As_4S_3 unit is disordered over two positions: 65:35 (**5a:5b**) for one molecule and over three positions for the other molecule 88:4:8 (**5c:5d:5e**). The structure in solid state is given in Figure S25-S27.

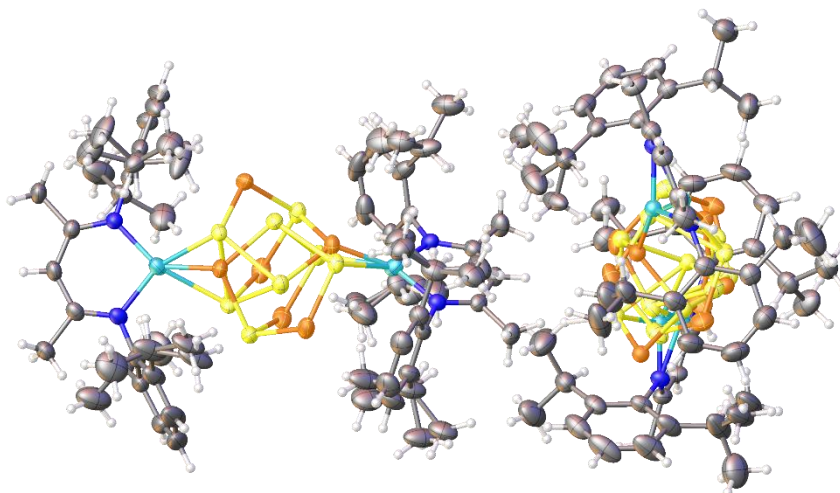


Figure S6.25. Asymmetric unit of **5**. Left: **5ab**, right: **5cde**.

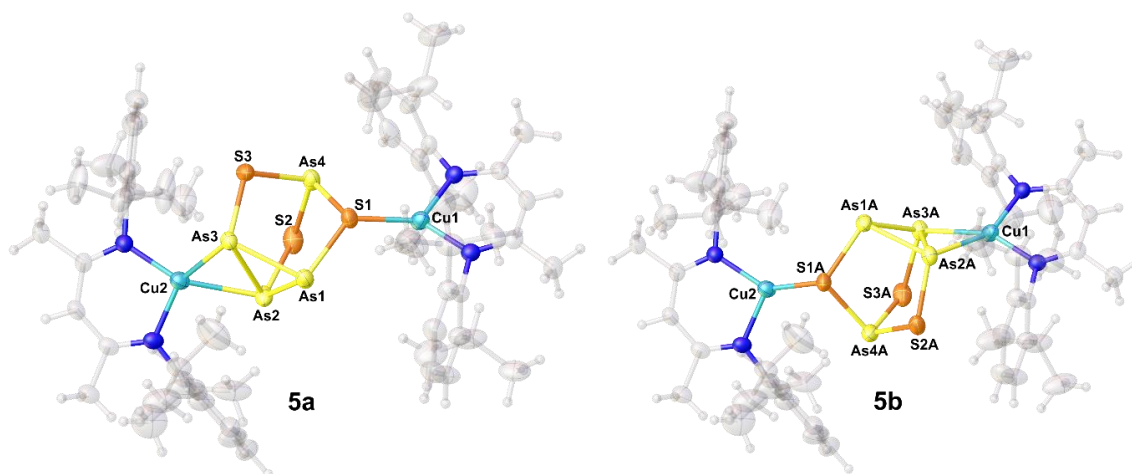


Figure S6.26. Molecular structure of **5a** and **5b** in solid state. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu2-N1 1.933(2), Cu2-N2 1.924(3), Cu1-N3 1.945(3), Cu1-N4 1.945(3), **5a**: Cu2-As3 2.3700(6), Cu2-As2 2.5208(7), Cu1-S1 2.0812(12), As3-As1 2.4573(7), As3-As2 2.7273(7), As3-S3 2.2099(13), As1-As2 2.4637(8), As1-S1 2.2379(13), As4-S1 2.2579(13), As4-S3 2.2298(13), As4-S2 2.2147(15), As2-S2 2.2322(16), As1-As3-As2 56.237(15), S3-As3-As1 103.63(3), S3-As3-As2 99.95(3), As3-As1-As2 67.848(16), S1-As1-As3 98.89(3), S1-As1-As2 104.79(3), As1-As2-As3 55.915(16), S2-As2-As3 96.94(5), S2-As2-As1 99.03(3), S3-As4-S1 96.35(4), S3-As4-S2 99.58(5), S2-As4-S1 97.90(5), As1-S1-As4 104.76(4), As3-S3-As4 106.55(4), As2-S2-As4 109.65(7), **5b**: Cu2-S1A 2.023(2), Cu1-As2A 2.3933(10), Cu1-As3A 2.5820(10), S3A-As4A 2.223(3), S3A-As3A 2.221(3), As4A-S1A 2.260(2), As4A-S2A 2.223(3), S1A-As1A 2.235(2), As1A-As2A 2.4608(14), As1A-As3A 2.4538(13), As2A-S2A 2.209(3), As2A-As3A 2.7801(13), As2A-As3A-As1A 55.56(17), S3A-As3A-As1A 96.2(4), S3A-As3A-As2A 99.2(4), As2A-As1A-As3A 55.68(17), S1A-As1A-As3A 99.8(4), S1A-As1A-As2A 102.8(4), As1A-As2A-As3A 68.76(18), S2A-As2A-As3A 104.5(4),

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S2A-As2A-As1A 99.5(4), S1A-As4A-S3A 99.4(5), S1A-As4A-S2A 96.2(5), S3A-As4A-S2A 97.3(5), As4A-S1A-As1A 107.3(6), As3A-S3A-As4A 109.8(5), As2A-S2A-As4A 105.3(4).

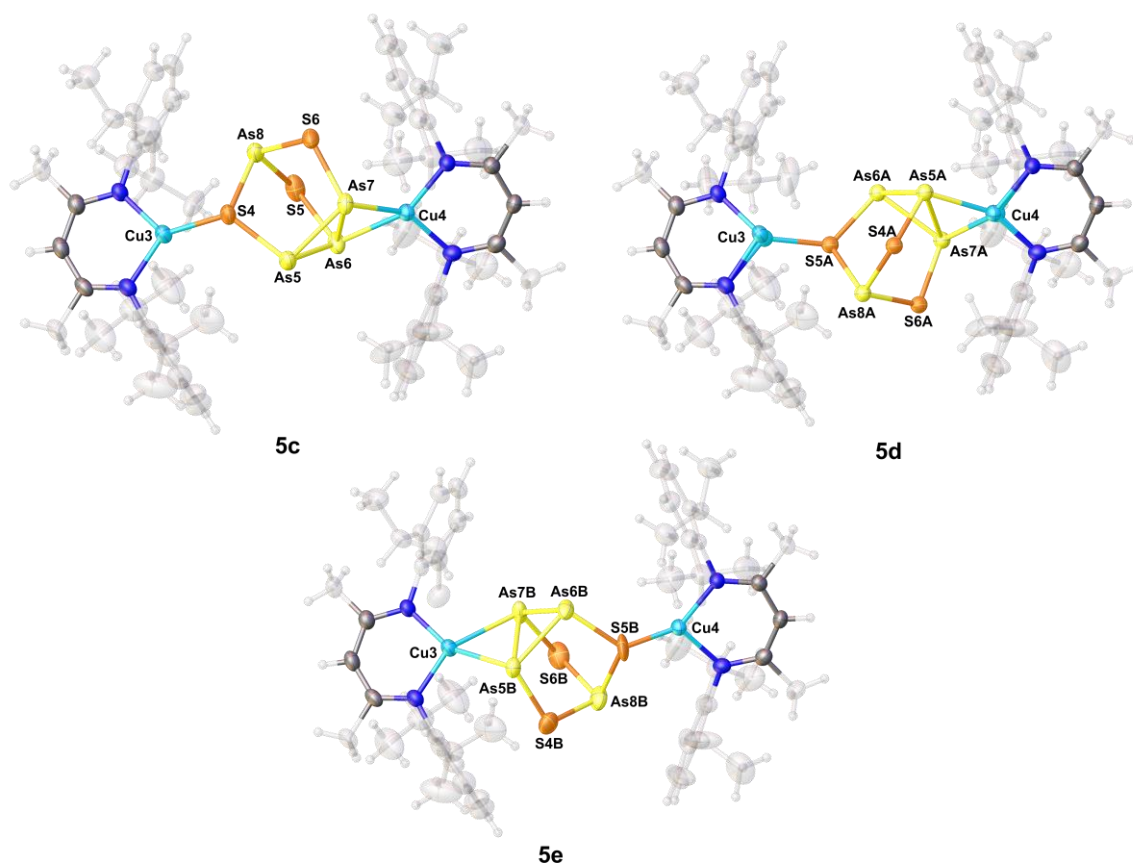


Figure S6.27. Molecular structure of **5** in the solid state. Second molecule of the asymmetric unit. Molecular structure of **5c**, **5d** and **5e** in solid state. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Cu4-N7 1.956(2), Cu4-N8 1.954(3), Cu3-N5 1.909(3), Cu3-N6 1.924(3); **5c**: Cu3-S4 2.1127(9), Cu4-As7 2.3651(6), Cu4-As6 2.4522(6), As7-As5 2.4527(6), As7-As6 2.7429(5), As7-S6 2.2126(10), As5-As6 2.4620(6), As5-S4 2.2345(9), As6-S5 2.226(2), As8-S4 2.2587(10), As8-S6 2.2221(10), As8-S5 2.2263(16), **5d**: Cu3A-S5A 2.10(2), Cu4A-As7A 2.316(15), Cu4A-As5A 2.488(15), As5A-As6A 2.480(19), As5A-As7A 2.769(11), As5A-S4A 2.176(16), As6A-As7A 2.469(18), As6A-S5A 2.204(18), As7A-S6A 2.198(16), S4A-As8A 2.233(17), S5A-As8A 2.227(16), As8A-S6A 2.219(17), **5e**: Cu4-S5B 1.935(10), Cu3-As7B 2.621(4), Cu3-As5B 2.455(4), As7B-As5B 2.767(6), As7B-As6B 2.452(6), As7B-S6B 2.229(13), As5B-As6B 2.449(6), As5B-S4B 2.213(13), As6B-S5B 2.215(12), As8B-S4B 2.208(15), As8B-S6B 2.230(15), As8B-S5B 2.255(13)

6.5.3.9. Crystallographic information

Table S6.1. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **1a**, **1b**, **1c** and **2b**.

| Compound | 1a | 1b | 1c | 2b |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Formula | C ₄₂ H ₅₀ Cu ₂ N ₄ P ₄ | C ₄₂ H ₅₀ As ₄ Cu ₂ N ₄ | C ₆₃ H ₇₄ AsCu ₂ N ₄ P ₃ | C ₄₂ H ₅₀ As ₈ Cu ₂ N ₄ |
| <i>D</i> _{calc} / g cm ⁻³ | 1.373 | 1.633 | 1.335 | 1.897 |
| <i>μ</i> /mm ⁻¹ | 2.971 | 4.985 | 2.604 | 7.668 |
| Formula Weight | 861.82 | 1037.62 | 1182.17 | 1337.30 |
| Colour | clear orange | clear orange | clear yellow | light yellow |
| Shape | block-shaped | plate | block | block |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.40x0.22x0.09 | 0.13x0.07x0.04 | 0.47x0.31x0.21 | 0.34x0.15x0.06 |
| <i>T</i> /K | 122.97(11) | 122.9(2) | 122.96(13) | 123(1) |
| Crystal System | monoclinic | monoclinic | triclinic | triclinic |
| Space Group | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> | <i>P</i> -1 | <i>P</i> -1 |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 13.50049(6) | 13.70410(10) | 13.0852(3) | 13.0657(5) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 14.42791(5) | 14.26150(10) | 13.9315(2) | 13.8591(3) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 21.44106(10) | 21.6146(2) | 16.6663(3) | 13.9850(3) |
| <i>α</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 99.300(2) | 67.600(2) |
| <i>β</i> /° | 93.6512(4) | 92.4720(10) | 94.585(2) | 89.757(3) |
| <i>γ</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 99.426(2) | 89.251(3) |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 4167.90(3) | 4220.45(6) | 2940.07(10) | 2341.11(12) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Z</i> ' | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K _α | Cu K _α | Cu K _α | Cu K _α |
| <i>θ</i> _{min} /° | 3.695 | 3.714 | 3.445 | 3.383 |
| <i>θ</i> _{max} /° | 74.441 | 75.245 | 74.278 | 66.155 |
| Measured Refl's. | 132557 | 18204 | 33331 | 15213 |
| Indep't Refl's | 8426 | 8288 | 11614 | 15213 |
| Refl's I ≥ 2 σ(I) | 8169 | 7399 | 10980 | 13524 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0849 | 0.0263 | 0.0277 | . |
| Parameters | 481 | 481 | 879 | 591 |
| Restraints | 0 | 0 | 18 | 211 |
| Largest Peak | 0.437 | 0.804 | 0.513 | 1.687 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.584 | -0.812 | -0.396 | -1.763 |
| Goof | 1.028 | 1.036 | 1.056 | 1.174 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.0907 | 0.0630 | 0.0778 | 0.2560 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ | 0.0898 | 0.0606 | 0.0766 | 0.2242 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ (all data) | 0.0335 | 0.0296 | 0.0320 | 0.0749 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ | 0.0327 | 0.0249 | 0.0301 | 0.0648 |

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Table S6.2. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **3a**, **3b**, **4** and **5**.

| Compound | 3a | 3b | 4 | 5 |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Formula | C ₄₂ H ₅₀ Cu ₂ N ₄ Se ₂ | C ₅₈ H ₈₂ Cu ₂ N ₄ Se ₂ | C ₅₈ H ₈₂ Cu ₂ N ₄ P ₄ S ₃ | C ₁₁₆ H ₁₆₃ As ₈ Cu ₄ N ₈ S ₆ |
| <i>D</i> _{calc.} /g cm ⁻³ | 1.479 | 1.357 | 1.281 | 1.458 |
| <i>μ</i> /mm ⁻¹ | 3.624 | 2.764 | 3.089 | 4.460 |
| Formula Weight | 895.86 | 1120.27 | 1182.41 | 2715.41 |
| Colour | dark black | brownish green | yellow | dark red |
| Shape | block-shaped | block-shaped | block-shaped | block-shaped |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.20×0.13×0.09 | 0.12×0.09×0.07 | 0.57×0.21×0.16 | 0.27×0.26×0.24 |
| <i>T</i> /K | 133.7(4) | 123.0(2) | 123(1) | 123.3(8) |
| Crystal System | monoclinic | monoclinic | triclinic | triclinic |
| Space Group | <i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> | <i>P</i> -1 | <i>P</i> -1 |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 23.7168(6) | 9.07280(10) | 12.3168(3) | 16.91500(12) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 10.7136(3) | 14.2744(2) | 16.3685(4) | 17.09987(11) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 15.9081(4) | 21.1898(2) | 16.9091(5) | 22.02781(14) |
| <i>α</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 104.138(2) | 97.8005(5) |
| <i>β</i> /° | 95.677(2) | 92.2040(10) | 93.023(2) | 101.3538(6) |
| <i>γ</i> /° | 90 | 90 | 110.306(2) | 90.1207(5) |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 4022.30(18) | 2742.23(6) | 3064.66(15) | 6186.20(7) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Z</i> ' | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K _α | CuK _α | CuK _α | Cu K _α |
| <i>θ</i> _{min} /° | 3.746 | 3.735 | 3.442 | 3.547 |
| <i>θ</i> _{max} /° | 74.056 | 74.256 | 66.707 | 67.023 |
| Measured Refl's. | 11111 | 23846 | 30599 | 24918 |
| Indep't Refl's | 3961 | 5499 | 10714 | 24918 |
| Refl's I ≥ 2 σ(I) | 3759 | 5123 | 10072 | 23673 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0401 | 0.0499 | 0.0285 | . |
| Parameters | 232 | 308 | 724 | 1602 |
| Restraints | 0 | 0 | 36 | 237 |
| Largest Peak | 0.594 | 0.655 | 0.717 | 0.919 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.779 | -0.511 | -0.723 | -0.539 |
| GooF | 1.045 | 1.044 | 1.033 | 1.079 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.0829 | 0.0861 | 0.0858 | 0.1081 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ | 0.0815 | 0.0839 | 0.0839 | 0.1059 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ (all data) | 0.0328 | 0.0338 | 0.0337 | 0.0432 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ | 0.0315 | 0.0318 | 0.0316 | 0.0407 |

6.5.4. DFT calculations

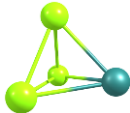


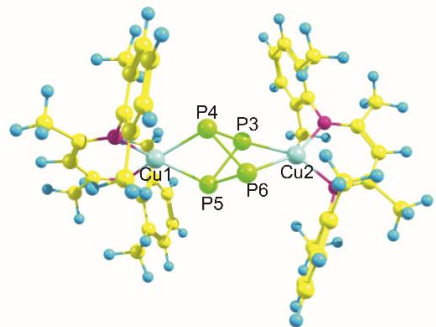
The geometries of compounds have been optimized using DFT in the form of Becke's three-parameter hybrid functional B3LYP^[12] with def2-SVP basis set^[13]. All structures have been fully optimized and verified to be minima on respective potential energy surfaces by subsequent vibrational analysis. Geometry was re-optimized at M06^[14]/def2-TZVPP^[13] level of theory, but due to large computational demands, vibrational analysis at this level of theory was not possible for the complexes. Therefore, ZPVE and thermal contributions to the standard enthalpies and standard entropies were taken from the B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory. The Gaussian 16 suite of programs^[15] was used throughout.

Table S6.3. Total Energies E₀, Standard enthalpies H^o₂₉₈ (all in Hartree), Standard entropies S^o₂₉₈ (in cal mol⁻¹ K⁻¹) for studied compounds. B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory if not otherwise indicated.

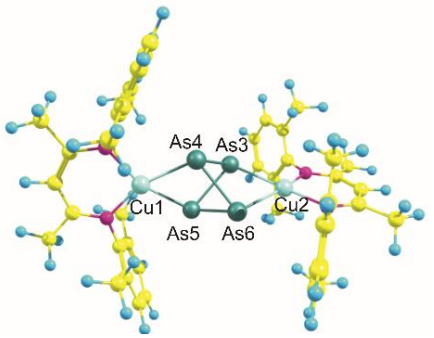
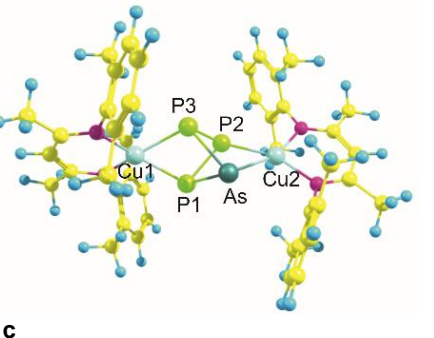
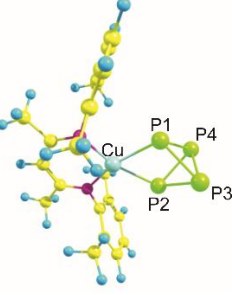
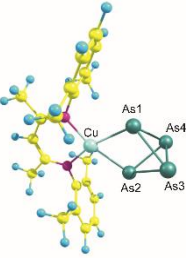
| Compound | E ₀ | H ^o ₂₉₈ | S ^o ₂₉₈ | E ₀ (M06/def2-TZVPP) |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| P ₄ | -1365.087187 | -1365.075594 | 66.904 | -1365.4738757 |
| As ₄ | -8942.661644 | -8942.651479 | 78.259 | -8943.3896554 |
| AsP ₃ | -3259.4781213 | -3259.466939 | 72.535 | -3259.9493964 |
| P ₄ S ₃ | -2559.4129108 | -2559.391543 | 88.837 | -2560.1241645 |
| As ₄ S ₃ | -10136.9891716 | -10136.9693 | 101.08 | -10138.0544248 |
| MeCN | -132.6548635 | -132.605239 | 57.993 | -132.7108660 |
| [Se ₂] ²⁻ | -4802.4713388 | -4802.467012 | 59.806 | -4802.8768939 |
| Se ₂ singlet state | -4802.5614244 | -4802.556925 | 58.206 | -4802.9365759 |
| Se ₂ triplet state | -4802.5947975 | -4802.590294 | 60.369 | -4802.9671808 |
| Se ₈ | -19210.5031502 | -19210.481341 | 129.865 | -19212.0147561 |
| [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] | -2697.2079968 | -2696.723104 | 203.088 | -2697.7088202 |
| [nacnac ³ Cu·MeCN] | -3011.4769644 | -3010.755343 | 258.428 | -3012.0748290 |
| 1a | -6494.1813563 | -6493.298541 | 329.231 | -6495.4819156 |
| 1b | -14071.7619194 | -14070.88089 | 347.892 | -14073.4116034 |
| 1c | -8388.5744513 | -8387.692514 | 341.331 | -8389.9640673 |
| 2a | -3929.6343144 | -3929.187321 | 206.574 | -3930.4776884 |
| 2b | -11507.2122745 | -11506.76666 | 217.658 | -11508.3999881 |
| 3a | -9931.7200269 | -9930.845072 | 312.706 | -9933.0090799 |
| 3b | -10560.2424175 | -10558.8924 | 416.504 | -10561.7422951 |
| 4a | -8317.0393438 | -8315.673337 | 462.258 | -8318.8663056 |
| 4b | -8317.0315998 | -8315.665603 | 460.37 | -8318.8668072 |
| 5_1 | -15894.6051182 | -15893.24107 | 470.662 | -15896.7991560 |
| 5_5 | -15894.6058900 | -15893.24174 | 467.967 | -15896.7999974 |

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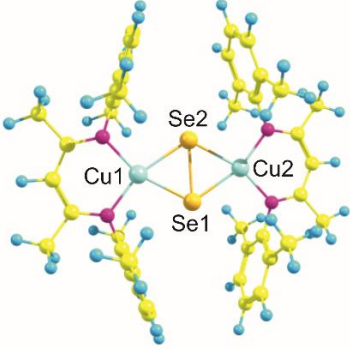
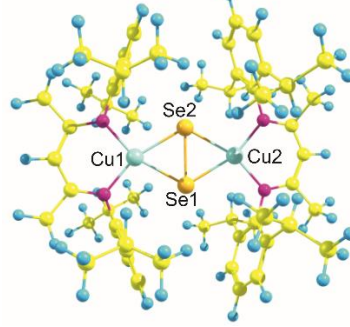
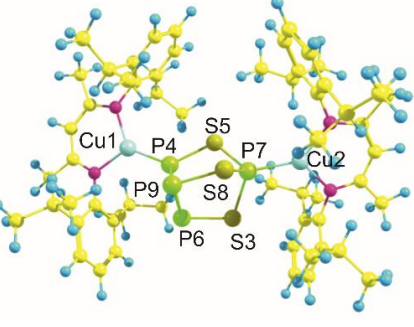
Table S6.4. Selected interatomic distances R, Wiberg Bond Indices (WBI) and Mulliken partial charges q for studied compounds. B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory.

| Compound | WBI | q, \bar{e} | R, Å |
|--|---|---|--|
| P ₄ | P-P 1.008 | | P-P 2.222 |
| As ₄ | As-As 1.000 | | As-As 2.462 |
|  AsP ₃ | As-P 0.997 P-P 1.013 | q _P +0.006 q _{As} -0.018 | As-P 2.343 P-P 2.228 |
|  P ₄ S ₃ | P1-S 0.972 P3-S 1.032 P-P 0.929 | q _{P1} 0.202 q _{P3} 0.084 q _S -0.151 | S-P1 2.148 P3-S 2.134 P-P 2.285 |
|  As ₄ S ₃ | As1-S 0.944 As3-S 1.014 As-As 0.913 | q _{As1} 0.329 q _{As3} 0.120 q _S -0.229 | S-As1 2.273 As3-S 2.246 As-As 2.521 |
| Se ₂ singlet | Se-Se 2.023 | | Se-Se 2.196 |
| Se ₂ triplet | Se-Se 2.024 | | Se-Se 2.192 |
| Se ₂ ²⁻ | Se-Se 1.011 | | Se-Se 2.543 |
| [nacnac ¹ Cu-MeCN] | Cu-N 0.409 | q _{Cu} +0.325 q _{N-Cu} -0.317 q _{N(AN)} +0.118 | Cu-N 1.895 |
| [nacnac ³ Cu-MeCN] | Cu-N 0.396 | q _{Cu} +0.327 q _{N-Cu} -0.332 q _{N(AN)} +0.118 | Cu-N 1.903 |
|  1a | Cu1-P(4,5) 0.478 Cu2-P(3,6) 0.477 P3-P(4,5) 0.947 P3-P6 0.652 P4-P5 0.651 | q _{Cu} +0.188 q _P +0.050 q _N -0.314 | Cu1-P(4,5) 2.355 Cu2-P(3,6) 2.355 P3-P(4,5) 2.239 P3-P6 2.466 P4-P5 2.467 |

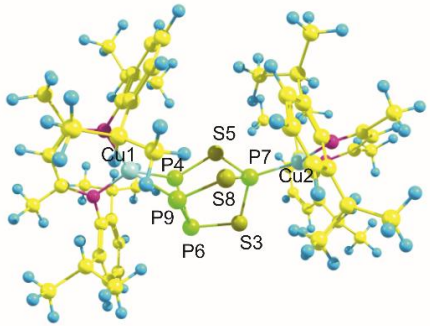
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|  <p>1b</p> | <p>Cu1-As(4,5) 0.469 Cu2-As(3,6) 0.469 As3-As(4,5) 0.933 As3-As6 0.628 As4-As5 0.628</p> | <p>$q_{Cu} +0.151$ $q_{As} +0.074$ $q_N -0.308$</p> | <p>Cu1-As(4,5) 2.469 Cu2-As(3,6) 2.469 As3-As(4,5) 2.479 As3-As6 2.701 As4-As5 2.701</p> |
|  <p>1c</p> | <p>Cu1-P1 0.461 Cu1-P3 0.464 Cu2-As 0.488 Cu2-P2 0.500 As-P1 0.929 As-P3 0.929 As-P2 0.601 P1-P3 0.686 P3-P2 0.954 P1-P2 0.954</p> | <p>$q_{Cu1} +0.187$ $q_{N(Cu1)} -0.314$ $q_{N(Cu2)} -0.314$ $q_{Cu2} +0.171$ $q_{N(Cu2)} -0.310$ $q_{N(Cu2)} -0.312$ $q_{P1} +0.034$ $q_{P2} +0.060$ $q_{P3} +0.036$ $q_{As} +0.097$</p> | <p>Cu1-P1 2.360 Cu1-P3 2.357 Cu2-As 2.451 Cu2-P2 2.359 As-P1 2.363 As-P3 2.361 As-P2 2.608 P1-P3 2.452 P3-P2 2.244 P1-P2 2.242</p> |
|  <p>2a</p> | <p>Cu-P(1,2) 0.480 P1-P2 0.635 P1-P(3,4) 0.975 P3-P4 1.001</p> | <p>$q_{Cu} +0.181$ $q_N -0.314$ $q_{P1,2} +0.026$ $q_{P3,4} +0.023$</p> | <p>Cu-P(1,2) 2.366 P1-P2 2.486 P1-P(3,4) 2.232 P3-P4 2.216</p> |
|  <p>2b</p> | <p>Cu-As(1,2) 0.473 As1-As2 0.616 As1-As(3,4) 0.963 As3-As4 0.999</p> | <p>$q_{Cu} +0.150$ $q_N -0.308$ $q_{As1,2} +0.081$ $q_{As3,4} -0.010$</p> | <p>Cu-As(1,2) 2.474 As1-As2 2.720 As1-As(3,4) 2.472 As3-As4 2.450</p> |

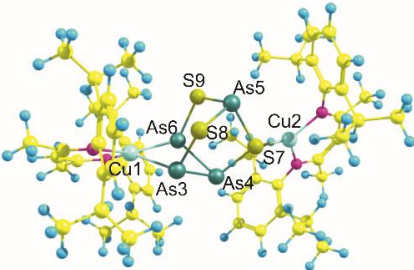
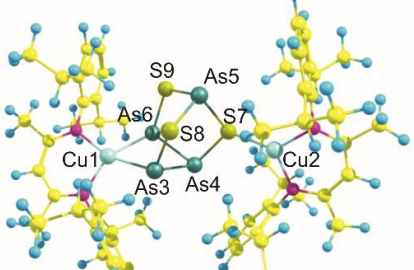
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|--|--|---|--|
|  <p>3a</p> | <p>Cu1-Se1 0.506 Cu1-Se2 0.506 Cu2-Se1 0.506 Cu2-Se2 0.506 Se1-Se2 0.933 Cu-Cu 0.078</p> | <p>$q_{Cu} +0.246$ $q_{Se} -0.045$ $q_N -0.318$</p> | <p>Cu1-Se1 2.410 Cu1-Se2 2.411 Cu2-Se1 2.411 Cu2-Se2 2.410 Se1-Se2 2.455 Cu-Cu 4.149</p> |
|  <p>3b</p> | <p>Cu1-Se1 0.481 Cu1-Se2 0.481 Cu2-Se1 0.481 Cu2-Se2 0.481 Se1-Se2 0.966 Cu-Cu 0.080</p> | <p>$q_{Cu} +0.275$ $q_{Se} -0.057$ $q_N -0.328$</p> | <p>Cu1-Se1 2.438 Cu1-Se2 2.438 Cu2-Se1 2.438 Cu2-Se2 2.438 Se1-Se2 2.429 Cu-Cu 4.229</p> |
|  <p>4a</p> | <p>Cu1-P4 0.514 Cu2-P7 0.537 P4-S5 0.972 P4-P9 0.876 P4-P6 0.857 P4-S8 0.052 P4-S3 0.049 P7-S5 0.939 P7-S8 0.915 P7-S3 0.907 P6-P9 0.903 P6-S3 1.057 P6-S8 0.060 P6-S5 0.067 P9-S8 1.045 P9-S3 0.060 P9-S5 0.064</p> | <p>$q_{Cu1} +0.316$ $q_{NCu1} -0.339$ $q_{NCu1} -0.342$ $q_{Cu2} +0.299$ $q_{NCu2} -0.336$ $q_{NCu2} -0.340$ $q_{S3} -0.096$ $q_{P4} +0.006$ $q_{S5} -0.081$ $q_{P6} +0.141$ $q_{P7} +0.155$ $q_{S8} -0.120$ $q_{P9} +0.107$</p> | <p>Cu1-P4 2.209 Cu2-P7 2.200 P4-S5 2.137 P4-P9 2.282 P4-P6 2.281 P4-S8 3.444 P4-S3 3.447 P7-S5 2.143 P7-S8 2.153 P7-S3 2.158 P6-P9 2.308 P6-S3 2.121 P6-S8 3.489 P6-S5 3.498 P9-S8 2.126 P9-S3 3.474 P9-S5 3.491</p> |

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|  <p>4b</p> | Cu1-P4 0.383 | $q_{Cu1} +0.250$ | Cu1-P4 2.380 |
| | Cu1-P9 0.394 | $q_{NCu1} -0.345$ | Cu1-P9 2.360 |
| | Cu2-P7 0.530 | $q_{NCu2} -0.318$ | Cu2-P7 2.210 |
| | P4-S5 0.994 | $q_{Cu2} +0.305$ | P4-S5 2.143 |
| | P4-P9 0.741 | $q_{NCu2} -0.337$ | P4-P9 2.441 |
| | P4-P6 0.897 | $q_{NCu2} -0.342$ | P4-P6 2.274 |
| | P4-S8 0.057 | $q_{S3} -0.132$ | P4-S8 3.549 |
| | P4-S3 0.054 | $q_{P4} +0.083$ | P4-S3 3.457 |
| | P7-S5 0.931 | $q_{S5} -0.116$ | P7-S5 2.143 |
| | P7-S8 0.908 | $q_{P6} +0.163$ | P7-S8 2.156 |
| | P7-S3 0.908 | $q_{P7} +0.158$ | P7-S3 2.159 |
| | P6-P9 0.886 | $q_{S8} -0.086$ | P6-P9 2.266 |
| | P6-S3 1.049 | $q_{P9} +0.072$ | P6-S3 2.119 |
| | P6-S8 0.062 | | P6-S8 3.477 |
| | P6-S5 0.060 | | P6-S5 3.472 |
| | P9-S8 1.022 | | P9-S8 2.128 |
| | P9-S3 0.053 | | P9-S3 3.461 |
| | P9-S5 0.056 | | P9-S5 3.532 |

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| Compound | WBI | q, e | R, Å |
|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|  <p>5_1</p> | Cu1-As3 0.435 | q _{Cu1} +0.196 | Cu1-As3 2.473 |
| | Cu1-As6 0.420 | q _{NCu1} -0.326 | Cu1-As6 2.505 |
| | Cu2-S7 0.422 | q _{NCu1} -0.314 | Cu2-S7 2.227 |
| | As3-As4 0.904 | q _{Cu2} +0.324 | As3-As4 2.502 |
| | As3-S8 0.976 | q _{NCu2} -0.334 | As3-S8 2.261 |
| | As6-As4 0.906 | q _{NCu2} -0.335 | As6-As4 2.498 |
| | As6-S9 0.955 | q _{As3} +0.153 | As6-S9 2.276 |
| | S7-As4 0.885 | q _{As4} +0.183 | S7-As4 2.292 |
| | S7-As5 0.804 | q _{As5} +0.385 | S7-As5 2.323 |
| | As5-S8 0.967 | q _{As6} +0.187 | As5-S8 2.262 |
| | As5-S9 0.966 | q _{S7} -0.258 | As5-S9 2.260 |
| | As3-As6 0.599 | q _{S8} -0.215 | As3-As6 2.790 |
| | | q _{S9} -0.234 | |
| |  <p>5_5</p> | Cu1-As3 0.421 | q _{Cu1} +0.209 |
| Cu1-As6 0.430 | | q _{NCu1} -0.323 | Cu1-As6 2.478 |
| Cu2-S7 0.419 | | q _{NCu1} -0.325 | Cu2-S7 2.228 |
| As3-As4 0.907 | | q _{Cu2} +0.324 | As3-As4 2.498 |
| As3-S8 0.956 | | q _{NCu2} -0.334 | As3-S8 2.275 |
| As6-As4 0.905 | | q _{NCu2} -0.335 | As6-As4 2.501 |
| As6-S9 0.974 | | q _{As3} +0.179 | As6-S9 2.261 |
| S7-As4 0.886 | | q _{As4} +0.184 | S7-As4 2.289 |
| S7-As5 0.803 | | q _{As5} +0.384 | S7-As5 2.325 |
| As5-S8 0.964 | | q _{As6} +0.151 | As5-S8 2.261 |
| As5-S9 0.968 | | q _{S7} -0.259 | As5-S9 2.262 |
| As3-As6 0.597 | | q _{S8} -0.231 | As3-As6 2.793 |
| | | q _{S9} -0.214 | |

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Table S6.5. Reaction energies (ΔE°_0 , kJ mol⁻¹), standard enthalpies (ΔH°_{298} , kJ mol⁻¹), entropies (ΔS°_{298} , J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹) and Gibbs energies (ΔG°_{298} , kJ mol⁻¹) for the gas phase processes. B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory.

| Process | ΔE°_0 | ΔH°_{298} | ΔS°_{298} | ΔG°_{298} |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + P ₄ = 1a + 2 MeCN | 31.8 | 33.6 | -116.6 | 68.3 |
| 2 [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + As ₄ = 1b + 2 MeCN | 15.7 | 16.6 | -86.0 | 42.2 |
| 2 [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + AsP ₃ = 1c + 2 MeCN | 26.1 | 26.7 | -89.5 | 53.4 |
| [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + P ₄ = 2a + MeCN | 15.8 | 16.1 | -22.7 | 22.9 |
| [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + As ₄ = 2b + MeCN | 6.6 | 7.1 | -23.8 | 14.2 |
| 1a + P ₄ = 2 2a | -0.2 | -1.3 | 71.2 | -22.6 |
| 1b + As ₄ = 2 2b | -2.6 | -2.5 | 38.3 | -13.9 |
| 2 [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + ¼ Se ₈ = 3a + 2 MeCN | 31.6 | 28.9 | -10.3 | 31.9 |
| 2 [nacnac ³ Cu·MeCN] + ¼ Se ₈ = 3b + 2 MeCN | 72.4 | 73.9 | -70.4 | 94.9 |
| 2 [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + Se ₂ = 3a + 2 MeCN | -49.8 | -50.0 | -127.1 | -12.1 |
| 2 [nacnac ³ Cu·MeCN] + Se ₂ = 3b + 2 MeCN | -9.0 | -5.0 | -187.2 | 50.8 |
| 2 [nacnac ³ Cu·MeCN] + P ₄ S ₃ = 4a + 2 MeCN | 46.7 | 48.3 | -114.8 | 82.6 |
| 2 [nacnac ³ Cu·MeCN] + P ₄ S ₃ = 4b + 2 MeCN | 67.0 | 68.7 | -122.7 | 105.2 |
| 2 [nacnac ³ Cu·MeCN] + As ₄ S ₃ = 5 + 2 MeCN | 72.2 | 72.9 | -142.2 | 115.3 |

Table S6.6. Reaction energies (ΔE°_0 , kJ mol⁻¹), standard enthalpies (ΔH°_{298} , kJ mol⁻¹), entropies (ΔS°_{298} , J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹) and Gibbs energies (ΔG°_{298} , kJ mol⁻¹) for the gas phase processes at M06/def2-TZVPP level of theory (with ZPVE and thermal contributions to enthalpy and standard entropies from B3LYP/def2-SVP level).

| Process | ΔE°_0 | ΔH°_{298} | ΔS°_{298} | ΔG°_{298} |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + P ₄ = 1a + 2 MeCN | -31.9 | -30.0 | -116.6 | 4.7 |
| 2 [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + As ₄ = 1b + 2 MeCN | -68.4 | -67.5 | -86.0 | -41.9 |
| 2 [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + AsP ₃ = 1c + 2 MeCN | -49.3 | -48.7 | -89.5 | -22.0 |
| [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + P ₄ = 2a + MeCN | -15.4 | -15.0 | -22.7 | -8.3 |
| [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + As ₄ = 2b + MeCN | -32.5 | -32.0 | -23.8 | -24.9 |
| 1a + P ₄ = 2 2a | 1.1 | 0.0 | 71.2 | -21.2 |
| 1b + As ₄ = 2 2b | 3.4 | 3.5 | 38.3 | -8.0 |
| 2 [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + ¼ Se ₈ = 3a + 2 MeCN | -24.9 | -27.6 | -10.3 | -24.5 |
| 2 [nacnac ³ Cu·MeCN] + ¼ Se ₈ = 3b + 2 MeCN | -28.0 | -26.6 | -70.4 | -5.6 |
| 2 [nacnac ¹ Cu·MeCN] + Se ₂ = 3a + 2 MeCN | -120.7 | -121.0 | -127.1 | -83.1 |
| 2 [nacnac ³ Cu·MeCN] + Se ₂ = 3b + 2 MeCN | -123.9 | -119.9 | -187.2 | -64.1 |
| 2 [nacnac ³ Cu·MeCN] + P ₄ S ₃ = 4a + 2 MeCN | -37.3 | -35.6 | -114.8 | -1.4 |
| 2 [nacnac ³ Cu·MeCN] + P ₄ S ₃ = 4b + 2 MeCN | -38.6 | -37.0 | -122.7 | -0.4 |
| 2 [nacnac ³ Cu·MeCN] + As ₄ S ₃ = 5 + 2 MeCN | -46.3 | -45.6 | -142.2 | -3.2 |

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Table S6.7. Optimized gas phase geometries (xyz coordinates in Å) for studied compounds.

| B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory | | | | M06/def2-TZVPP level of theory | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| P₄ | | | | P₄ | | | |
| 15 | 0.785664000 | 0.785664000 | 0.785664000 | 15 | 0.770545000 | 0.770545000 | 0.770545000 |
| 15 | -0.785664000 | -0.785664000 | 0.785664000 | 15 | -0.770545000 | -0.770545000 | 0.770545000 |
| 15 | 0.785664000 | -0.785664000 | -0.785664000 | 15 | 0.770545000 | -0.770545000 | -0.770545000 |
| 15 | -0.785664000 | 0.785664000 | -0.785664000 | 15 | -0.770545000 | 0.770545000 | -0.770545000 |
| As₄ | | | | As₄ | | | |
| 33 | 0.870401000 | 0.870401000 | 0.870401000 | 33 | 0.859077000 | 0.859077000 | 0.859077000 |
| 33 | -0.870401000 | -0.870401000 | 0.870401000 | 33 | -0.859077000 | -0.859077000 | 0.859077000 |
| 33 | 0.870401000 | -0.870401000 | -0.870401000 | 33 | 0.859077000 | -0.859077000 | -0.859077000 |
| 33 | -0.870401000 | 0.870401000 | -0.870401000 | 33 | -0.859077000 | 0.859077000 | -0.859077000 |
| AsP₃ | | | | AsP₃ | | | |
| 33 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.130046000 | 33 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.107556000 |
| 15 | 0.000000000 | 1.286185000 | -0.828700000 | 15 | 0.000000000 | 1.263838000 | -0.812208000 |
| 15 | -1.113869000 | -0.643093000 | -0.828700000 | 15 | -1.094516000 | -0.631919000 | -0.812208000 |
| 15 | 1.113869000 | -0.643093000 | -0.828700000 | 15 | 1.094516000 | -0.631919000 | -0.812208000 |
| P₄S₃ | | | | P₄S₃ | | | |
| 15 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.735000000 | 15 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.700003000 |
| 16 | 0.000000000 | 1.890489000 | 0.715004000 | 16 | 0.000000000 | 1.861712000 | 0.704582000 |
| 16 | 1.637212000 | -0.945245000 | 0.715004000 | 16 | 1.612290000 | -0.930856000 | 0.704582000 |
| 16 | -1.637212000 | -0.945245000 | 0.715004000 | 16 | -1.612290000 | -0.930856000 | 0.704582000 |
| 15 | 1.142438000 | -0.659587000 | -1.341004000 | 15 | 1.120110000 | -0.646696000 | -1.318222000 |
| 15 | 0.000000000 | 1.319174000 | -1.341004000 | 15 | 0.000000000 | 1.293392000 | -1.318222000 |
| 15 | -1.142438000 | -0.659587000 | -1.341004000 | 15 | -1.120110000 | -0.646696000 | -1.318222000 |
| As₄S₃ | | | | As₄S₃ | | | |
| 33 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 2.097592000 | 33 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 2.065592000 |
| 16 | 0.000000000 | 1.989236000 | 0.998643000 | 16 | 0.000000000 | 1.962965000 | 0.987609000 |
| 16 | 1.722729000 | -0.994618000 | 0.998643000 | 16 | 1.699977000 | -0.981482000 | 0.987609000 |
| 16 | -1.722729000 | -0.994618000 | 0.998643000 | 16 | -1.699977000 | -0.981482000 | 0.987609000 |
| 33 | 1.260535000 | -0.727770000 | -1.183388000 | 33 | 1.241051000 | -0.716521000 | -1.167372000 |
| 33 | 0.000000000 | 1.455540000 | -1.183388000 | 33 | 0.000000000 | 1.433042000 | -1.167372000 |
| 33 | -1.260535000 | -0.727770000 | -1.183388000 | 33 | -1.241051000 | -0.716521000 | -1.167372000 |
| MeCN | | | | MeCN | | | |
| 6 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 0.280868000 | 6 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 0.278154000 |
| 7 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.439066000 | 7 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.426018000 |
| 6 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | -1.178992000 | 6 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | -1.168138000 |
| 1 | 0.000000000 | 1.031931000 | -1.561573000 | 1 | 0.000000000 | 1.021026000 | -1.547407000 |
| 1 | -0.893679000 | -0.515966000 | -1.561573000 | 1 | -0.884234000 | -0.510513000 | -1.547407000 |
| 1 | 0.893679000 | -0.515966000 | -1.561573000 | 1 | 0.884234000 | -0.510513000 | -1.547407000 |
| [Se₂]²⁻ | | | | [Se₂]²⁻ | | | |
| 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.271337000 | 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.245492000 |
| 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | -1.271337000 | 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | -1.245492000 |
| Se₂ singlet state | | | | Se₂ singlet state | | | |
| 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.097975000 | 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.084769000 |
| 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | -1.097975000 | 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | -1.084769000 |
| Se₂ triplet state | | | | Se₂ triplet state | | | |
| 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.096238000 | 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.084898000 |
| 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | -1.096238000 | 34 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | -1.084898000 |
| Se₈ | | | | Se₈ | | | |
| 34 | 0.000000000 | 2.696428000 | 0.579350000 | 34 | 0.000000000 | 2.633636000 | 0.589672000 |
| 34 | -1.906663000 | 1.906663000 | -0.579350000 | 34 | -1.862262000 | 1.862262000 | -0.589672000 |
| 34 | 1.906663000 | 1.906663000 | -0.579350000 | 34 | 1.862262000 | 1.862262000 | -0.589672000 |
| 34 | -2.696428000 | 0.000000000 | 0.579350000 | 34 | -2.633636000 | 0.000000000 | 0.589672000 |
| 34 | 2.696428000 | 0.000000000 | 0.579350000 | 34 | 2.633636000 | 0.000000000 | 0.589672000 |
| 34 | 1.906663000 | -1.906663000 | -0.579350000 | 34 | 1.862262000 | -1.862262000 | -0.589672000 |
| 34 | -1.906663000 | 1.906663000 | -0.579350000 | 34 | -1.862262000 | 1.862262000 | -0.589672000 |
| 34 | 0.000000000 | -2.696428000 | 0.579350000 | 34 | 0.000000000 | -2.633636000 | 0.589672000 |
| [nacnac¹Cu-MeCN] | | | | [nacnac¹Cu-MeCN] | | | |
| 29 | 0.000146000 | 0.455091000 | -0.000445000 | 29 | 0.163705000 | 0.554901000 | 0.112924000 |
| 7 | 1.506201000 | -0.824368000 | 0.001493000 | 7 | 1.732337000 | -0.535313000 | 0.044450000 |
| 7 | -1.505593000 | -0.824859000 | 0.001444000 | 7 | -1.233281000 | -0.913579000 | 0.047045000 |
| 6 | 2.818817000 | -0.291599000 | -0.000398000 | 6 | 2.983934000 | 0.117686000 | -0.000919000 |
| 6 | -2.818353000 | -0.292470000 | -0.000421000 | 6 | -2.572576000 | -0.519668000 | -0.002490000 |
| 6 | -1.283354000 | -2.136970000 | 0.004693000 | 6 | -0.860961000 | -2.172119000 | -0.022043000 |
| 6 | 1.284363000 | -2.136554000 | 0.004736000 | 6 | 1.662239000 | -1.854319000 | -0.011610000 |
| 6 | 0.000602000 | -2.732315000 | 0.006459000 | 6 | 0.475694000 | -2.600395000 | -0.024874000 |
| 1 | 0.000780000 | -3.822152000 | 0.009148000 | 1 | 0.611131000 | -3.672149000 | -0.067097000 |
| 6 | -3.454510000 | 0.019056000 | 1.226615000 | 6 | -3.271268000 | -0.275962000 | 1.189203000 |
| 6 | 3.454873000 | 0.020180000 | 1.226624000 | 6 | 3.664231000 | 0.407364000 | 1.186699000 |
| 6 | 3.453850000 | 0.014043000 | -1.229501000 | 6 | 3.495632000 | 0.532267000 | -1.235967000 |
| 6 | -3.453458000 | 0.013082000 | -1.229510000 | 6 | -3.165439000 | -0.226410000 | -1.240039000 |

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| | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 6 | 2.472128000 | -3.084738000 | 0.006690000 | 6 | 2.941027000 | -2.643362000 | -0.075449000 |
| 1 | 3.110625000 | -2.917327000 | -0.875021000 | 1 | 3.516040000 | -2.389037000 | -0.968029000 |
| 1 | 2.149877000 | -4.133990000 | 0.009882000 | 1 | 2.743905000 | -3.712504000 | -0.086624000 |
| 1 | 3.111831000 | -2.912301000 | 0.886550000 | 1 | 3.583799000 | -2.416320000 | 0.776662000 |
| 6 | -2.470818000 | -3.085530000 | 0.006611000 | 6 | -1.912973000 | -3.242422000 | -0.124025000 |
| 1 | -3.110641000 | -2.913245000 | 0.886412000 | 1 | -2.653306000 | -3.145827000 | 0.672194000 |
| 1 | -2.148238000 | -4.134680000 | 0.009882000 | 1 | -1.477495000 | -4.238011000 | -0.077822000 |
| 1 | -3.109302000 | -2.918370000 | -0.875159000 | 1 | -2.459160000 | -3.151143000 | -1.066153000 |
| 6 | 2.751264000 | -0.248365000 | 2.533313000 | 6 | 3.075917000 | 0.025285000 | 2.505595000 |
| 1 | 1.753758000 | 0.222131000 | 2.545064000 | 1 | 2.087102000 | 0.473810000 | 2.638063000 |
| 1 | 3.331700000 | 0.137650000 | 3.384425000 | 1 | 3.713712000 | 0.354226000 | 3.325939000 |
| 1 | 2.579683000 | -1.324845000 | 2.701799000 | 1 | 2.932888000 | -1.053502000 | 2.601701000 |
| 6 | -4.728051000 | 0.595669000 | -1.209171000 | 6 | -4.466289000 | 0.257442000 | -1.267679000 |
| 1 | -5.219673000 | 0.828640000 | -2.158572000 | 1 | -4.926436000 | 0.469393000 | -2.226954000 |
| 6 | -5.371729000 | 0.883761000 | -0.004369000 | 6 | -5.176416000 | 0.467890000 | -0.097066000 |
| 1 | -6.367009000 | 1.335754000 | -0.005887000 | 1 | -6.196116000 | 0.830606000 | -0.133924000 |
| 6 | 4.728277000 | 0.596993000 | -1.209181000 | 6 | 4.711325000 | 1.201146000 | -1.265706000 |
| 1 | 5.219845000 | 0.830053000 | -2.158589000 | 1 | 5.111261000 | 1.519498000 | -2.222272000 |
| 6 | -4.729092000 | 0.601503000 | 1.202366000 | 6 | -4.571140000 | 0.206886000 | 1.121368000 |
| 1 | -5.221512000 | 0.839117000 | 2.150198000 | 1 | -5.115121000 | 0.378250000 | 2.044228000 |
| 6 | -2.748712000 | -0.261796000 | -2.534277000 | 6 | -2.381883000 | -0.412176000 | -2.498145000 |
| 1 | -1.751136000 | 0.208504000 | -2.547459000 | 1 | -1.433292000 | 0.131812000 | -2.450253000 |
| 1 | -3.328361000 | 0.120160000 | -3.387755000 | 1 | -2.941338000 | -0.063853000 | -3.366135000 |
| 1 | -2.577117000 | -1.339095000 | -2.697443000 | 1 | -2.116159000 | -1.458790000 | -2.666644000 |
| 6 | 2.749210000 | -0.261124000 | -2.534266000 | 6 | 2.725573000 | 0.281616000 | -2.491590000 |
| 1 | 2.578126000 | -1.338500000 | -2.697475000 | 1 | 2.562052000 | -0.782755000 | -2.675986000 |
| 1 | 3.328668000 | 0.121132000 | -3.387738000 | 1 | 3.242904000 | 0.698428000 | -3.355620000 |
| 1 | 1.751409000 | 0.208700000 | -2.547417000 | 1 | 1.729790000 | 0.732809000 | -2.435324000 |
| 6 | 5.371858000 | 0.885348000 | -0.004391000 | 6 | 5.407817000 | 1.468039000 | -0.101260000 |
| 1 | 6.367005000 | 1.337630000 | -0.005929000 | 1 | 6.356083000 | 1.989129000 | -0.140340000 |
| 6 | 4.729289000 | 0.602986000 | 1.202355000 | 6 | 4.877740000 | 1.077563000 | 1.114794000 |
| 1 | 5.221629000 | 0.840801000 | 2.150178000 | 1 | 5.408806000 | 1.298593000 | 2.034304000 |
| 6 | -2.750846000 | -0.249383000 | 2.533296000 | 6 | -2.602641000 | -0.511367000 | 2.503971000 |
| 1 | -2.579243000 | -1.325849000 | 2.701855000 | 1 | -2.284403000 | -1.549062000 | 2.624377000 |
| 1 | -3.331264000 | 0.136672000 | 3.384404000 | 1 | -3.266110000 | -0.261641000 | 3.331837000 |
| 1 | -1.753348000 | 0.221126000 | 2.544976000 | 1 | -1.694328000 | 0.091978000 | 2.592771000 |
| 6 | -0.002004000 | 3.509268000 | -0.001654000 | 6 | -1.828632000 | 2.752079000 | 0.115925000 |
| 7 | -0.000909000 | 2.350221000 | -0.001649000 | 7 | -0.854292000 | 2.145642000 | 0.140008000 |
| 6 | -0.003451000 | 4.964541000 | -0.000631000 | 6 | -3.066208000 | 3.486835000 | 0.083966000 |
| 1 | 0.884240000 | 5.348475000 | -0.526902000 | 1 | -3.107669000 | 4.119704000 | -0.801684000 |
| 1 | 0.011856000 | 5.338803000 | 1.034584000 | 1 | -3.157409000 | 4.114209000 | 0.969772000 |
| 1 | -0.907212000 | 5.346902000 | -0.500025000 | 1 | -3.900347000 | 2.779386000 | 0.057730000 |

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| 7 | -1.509867000 | -0.003852000 | -0.836418000 |
| 6 | -2.831622000 | -0.006195000 | -0.313162000 |
| 6 | -3.490037000 | 1.225147000 | -0.044465000 |
| 6 | -3.461170000 | -1.236349000 | 0.017251000 |
| 6 | 1.285022000 | 0.001421000 | -2.149053000 |
| 6 | -1.284663000 | -0.011736000 | -2.149112000 |
| 6 | 2.762692000 | 2.572637000 | -0.226289000 |
| 1 | 1.870046000 | 2.370241000 | -0.835122000 |
| 6 | 2.831968000 | 0.004370000 | -0.313130000 |
| 6 | 0.000200000 | -0.006608000 | -2.742527000 |
| 1 | 0.000241000 | -0.009155000 | -3.832259000 |
| 6 | 3.490551000 | -1.226012000 | -0.040262000 |
| 6 | -4.731377000 | -1.209061000 | 0.610167000 |
| 1 | -5.221698000 | -2.151082000 | 0.870446000 |
| 6 | -4.759053000 | 1.197742000 | 0.549746000 |
| 1 | -5.271967000 | 2.138912000 | 0.763677000 |
| 6 | -5.383737000 | -0.006064000 | 0.875504000 |
| 1 | -6.375837000 | -0.005753000 | 1.334687000 |
| 6 | -2.762546000 | -2.574135000 | -0.217491000 |
| 1 | -1.870227000 | -2.373932000 | -0.827526000 |
| 6 | 3.461391000 | 1.235698000 | 0.013007000 |
| 6 | 2.468925000 | 0.010735000 | -3.100941000 |
| 1 | 3.108541000 | 0.889226000 | -2.922253000 |
| 1 | 2.143344000 | 0.021504000 | -4.149008000 |
| 1 | 3.108163000 | -0.871817000 | -2.941100000 |
| 6 | 2.811493000 | -2.563492000 | -0.329609000 |
| 1 | 1.993666000 | -2.369304000 | -1.038316000 |
| 6 | -2.468520000 | -0.025889000 | -3.100996000 |
| 1 | -3.106886000 | -0.904713000 | -2.919382000 |
| 1 | -2.142904000 | -0.039817000 | -4.149013000 |
| 1 | -3.109042000 | 0.856249000 | -2.944130000 |
| 6 | 4.759613000 | -1.196401000 | 0.553675000 |
| 1 | 5.272687000 | -2.136736000 | 0.770781000 |
| 6 | -2.811097000 | 2.561576000 | -0.338797000 |
| 1 | -1.991230000 | 2.364211000 | -1.044253000 |
| 6 | 2.164127000 | -3.130038000 | 0.947920000 |
| 1 | 2.924198000 | -3.336072000 | 1.720334000 |
| 1 | 1.629370000 | -4.071546000 | 0.737560000 |
| 1 | 1.439980000 | -2.414969000 | 1.367580000 |
| 6 | 5.384207000 | 0.008610000 | 0.875239000 |

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| 29 | 0.142375000 | 0.047725000 | 0.496669000 |
| 7 | 1.673585000 | 0.011315000 | -0.655880000 |
| 7 | -1.285343000 | 0.008817000 | -0.925783000 |
| 6 | -2.611062000 | -0.013170000 | -0.473438000 |
| 6 | -3.265532000 | 1.191641000 | -0.162712000 |
| 6 | -3.229278000 | -1.246287000 | -0.196908000 |
| 6 | 1.564286000 | -0.019655000 | -1.972605000 |
| 6 | -0.965684000 | -0.012505000 | -2.200520000 |
| 6 | 2.907388000 | 2.535013000 | -0.066419000 |
| 1 | 2.195741000 | 2.358175000 | -0.877713000 |
| 6 | 2.949659000 | 0.003768000 | -0.046144000 |
| 6 | 0.353221000 | -0.021560000 | -2.679411000 |
| 1 | 0.450666000 | -0.038720000 | -3.755980000 |
| 6 | 3.539128000 | -1.218027000 | 0.308620000 |
| 6 | -4.484566000 | -1.248990000 | 0.397302000 |
| 1 | -4.969248000 | -2.195412000 | 0.612234000 |
| 6 | -4.520960000 | 1.138834000 | 0.430597000 |
| 1 | -5.035479000 | 2.063531000 | 0.669935000 |
| 6 | -5.132965000 | -0.068299000 | 0.714436000 |
| 1 | -6.117247000 | -0.089466000 | 1.165906000 |
| 6 | -2.523340000 | -2.550585000 | -0.490495000 |
| 1 | -1.696831000 | -2.337377000 | -1.173212000 |
| 6 | 3.579967000 | 1.220120000 | 0.255179000 |
| 6 | 2.819102000 | -0.056540000 | -2.798734000 |
| 1 | 3.446322000 | 0.813808000 | -2.593335000 |
| 1 | 2.593133000 | -0.080130000 | -3.861891000 |
| 1 | 3.421581000 | -0.933024000 | -2.549217000 |
| 6 | 2.823744000 | -2.524160000 | 0.051062000 |
| 1 | 2.075684000 | -2.349618000 | -0.727843000 |
| 6 | -2.063726000 | -0.040535000 | -3.225850000 |
| 1 | -2.643724000 | -0.963394000 | -3.142372000 |
| 1 | -1.671759000 | 0.029305000 | -4.237967000 |
| 1 | -2.764997000 | 0.780280000 | -3.061200000 |
| 6 | 4.763733000 | -1.199685000 | 0.962642000 |
| 1 | 5.229976000 | -2.136269000 | 1.246851000 |
| 6 | -2.619504000 | 2.529815000 | -0.443281000 |
| 1 | -1.701744000 | 2.342455000 | -1.007112000 |
| 6 | 2.077615000 | -2.957843000 | 1.308130000 |
| 1 | 2.782586000 | -3.150006000 | 2.121533000 |
| 1 | 1.504221000 | -3.870683000 | 1.130957000 |
| 1 | 1.385629000 | -2.179915000 | 1.644058000 |
| 6 | 5.397950000 | -0.008848000 | 1.260483000 |

SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
(E = P, As), and red selenium

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| 1 | 5.221903000 | 2.153558000 | 0.862924000 | 1 | 5.301853000 | 2.120097000 | 1.153775000 |
| 6 | 2.270025000 | 3.180612000 | 1.099986000 | 6 | 2.106901000 | 3.016621000 | 1.138667000 |
| 1 | 1.590818000 | 2.486989000 | 1.619352000 | 1 | 1.365208000 | 2.272563000 | 1.444664000 |
| 1 | 1.723984000 | 4.122629000 | 0.923922000 | 1 | 1.582500000 | 3.948407000 | 0.914346000 |
| 1 | 3.112230000 | 3.399785000 | 1.777698000 | 1 | 2.770735000 | 3.195615000 | 1.988821000 |
| 6 | 3.632303000 | 3.574354000 | -1.003939000 | 6 | 3.875374000 | 3.612320000 | -0.528169000 |
| 1 | 4.520828000 | 3.884964000 | -0.429787000 | 1 | 4.544963000 | 3.927398000 | 0.275360000 |
| 1 | 3.057807000 | 4.486867000 | -1.234030000 | 1 | 3.327171000 | 4.498092000 | -0.854337000 |
| 1 | 3.985240000 | 3.148998000 | -1.956884000 | 1 | 4.492357000 | 3.268568000 | -1.360811000 |
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| 1 | -4.520456000 | -3.887704000 | -0.415081000 | 1 | -4.216447000 | -3.922361000 | -0.494922000 |
| 1 | -3.057839000 | -4.491962000 | -1.218260000 | 1 | -2.849501000 | -4.448355000 | -1.465040000 |
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| 1 | 4.220436000 | -3.195812000 | -1.889982000 | 1 | 4.319283000 | -3.321616000 | -1.309686000 |
| 1 | 3.177221000 | -4.498122000 | -1.266007000 | 1 | 3.166913000 | -4.516758000 | -0.702365000 |
| 1 | 4.547583000 | -3.922230000 | -0.300271000 | 1 | 4.456552000 | -3.934077000 | 0.338867000 |
| 6 | -2.167628000 | 3.135304000 | 0.937491000 | 6 | -2.222609000 | 3.231509000 | 0.849817000 |
| 1 | -2.929842000 | 3.344752000 | 1.706862000 | 1 | -3.100651000 | 3.421396000 | 1.473932000 |
| 1 | -1.633045000 | 4.076124000 | 0.723598000 | 1 | -1.750781000 | 4.193969000 | 0.641181000 |
| 1 | -1.444073000 | 2.422934000 | 1.362741000 | 1 | -1.517351000 | 2.630766000 | 1.427206000 |
| 6 | -2.269139000 | -3.177170000 | 1.110768000 | 6 | -1.910905000 | -3.127827000 | 0.780227000 |
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| 1 | -1.723097000 | -4.119779000 | 0.937951000 | 1 | -1.395726000 | -4.068580000 | 0.573362000 |
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| 6 | -3.742653000 | 3.590476000 | -0.998184000 | 6 | -3.510530000 | 3.433724000 | -1.284650000 |
| 1 | -4.216025000 | 3.184685000 | -1.906497000 | 1 | -3.834792000 | 2.938578000 | -2.201542000 |
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| 1 | -4.548603000 | 3.918720000 | -0.321447000 | 1 | -4.406783000 | 3.736157000 | -0.737475000 |
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| 7 | -0.000480000 | 0.006445000 | 2.350411000 | 7 | -0.761726000 | 0.081781000 | 2.160409000 |
| 6 | -0.001136000 | 0.015937000 | 4.964685000 | 6 | -2.861412000 | 0.060608000 | 3.671434000 |
| 1 | -0.039037000 | 1.051938000 | 5.335121000 | 1 | -3.193462000 | 1.082413000 | 3.855208000 |
| 1 | 0.912611000 | -0.463215000 | 5.349157000 | 1 | -2.664035000 | -0.428082000 | 4.624771000 |
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| 29 | -2.708749000 | -0.000169000 | -0.000449000 |
| 29 | 2.708767000 | -0.000553000 | 0.000970000 |
| 15 | 0.701545000 | 1.159811000 | 0.415685000 |
| 15 | -0.702960000 | -0.417316000 | 1.160771000 |
| 15 | -0.702335000 | 0.413787000 | -1.161653000 |
| 15 | 0.702840000 | -1.162052000 | -0.415352000 |
| 7 | -4.017089000 | -1.092639000 | 1.028846000 |
| 7 | 4.015614000 | 1.030777000 | 1.093345000 |
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| 7 | 4.017243000 | -1.029961000 | -1.091231000 |
| 6 | -5.330447000 | -0.936273000 | 0.870589000 |
| 6 | -5.329068000 | 0.939934000 | -0.870848000 |
| 6 | 3.508086000 | -1.950378000 | -2.046585000 |
| 6 | 3.163724000 | -1.496392000 | -3.342996000 |
| 6 | -5.926722000 | 0.002494000 | 0.000121000 |
| 1 | -7.015988000 | 0.003452000 | 0.000262000 |
| 6 | -3.507865000 | -2.049453000 | 1.947665000 |
| 6 | 5.329186000 | 0.872507000 | 0.938848000 |
| 6 | -3.505211000 | 2.049495000 | -1.949438000 |
| 6 | -6.279384000 | -1.817199000 | 1.664721000 |
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| 6 | -3.158035000 | 3.344753000 | -1.494248000 |
| 6 | 3.266166000 | 3.294886000 | 1.671580000 |
| 6 | -3.162685000 | -3.344863000 | 1.491454000 |
| 6 | 3.505041000 | 1.951032000 | 2.048084000 |
| 6 | 3.268838000 | -3.294244000 | -1.670426000 |
| 6 | 3.158858000 | 1.496965000 | 3.343961000 |
| 6 | -6.276854000 | 1.821689000 | -1.665496000 |
| 1 | -6.085954000 | 2.886682000 | -1.460634000 |
| 1 | -7.324723000 | 1.601638000 | -1.424803000 |
| 1 | -6.130358000 | 1.685351000 | -2.748155000 |
| 6 | -3.269232000 | -1.675496000 | 3.292254000 |
| 6 | 5.926865000 | 0.000981000 | 0.001940000 |
| 1 | 7.016132000 | 0.001204000 | 0.002532000 |
| 6 | 2.712673000 | 4.173377000 | 2.614556000 |
| 1 | 2.528945000 | 5.212588000 | 2.326871000 |
| 6 | 5.330578000 | -0.871075000 | -0.935349000 |
| 6 | 2.617267000 | -2.408557000 | -4.255855000 |
| 1 | 2.356492000 | -2.062230000 | -5.260123000 |
| 6 | 2.398526000 | -3.741100000 | -3.901722000 |
| 1 | 1.969796000 | -4.438830000 | -4.625509000 |
| 6 | 2.392402000 | 3.741504000 | 3.901566000 |
| 1 | 1.962533000 | 4.439146000 | 4.624761000 |
| 6 | -3.267487000 | 1.674311000 | -3.293848000 |
| 6 | 2.716934000 | -4.172890000 | -2.614256000 |

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| 29 | -2.719519000 | -0.057994000 | -0.053853000 |
| 29 | 2.715418000 | 0.081146000 | -0.027209000 |
| 15 | 0.672865000 | 1.133089000 | 0.251714000 |
| 15 | -0.708001000 | -0.372572000 | 1.051746000 |
| 15 | -0.733131000 | 0.279328000 | -1.200754000 |
| 15 | 0.760530000 | -1.116536000 | -0.400999000 |
| 7 | -4.000918000 | -1.149671000 | 0.946054000 |
| 7 | 3.925427000 | 1.105609000 | 1.126617000 |
| 7 | -4.015944000 | 1.053037000 | -1.012802000 |
| 7 | 4.083089000 | -0.875092000 | -1.050649000 |
| 6 | -5.304008000 | -1.008909000 | 0.801544000 |
| 6 | -5.316441000 | 0.923295000 | -0.835017000 |
| 6 | 3.625836000 | -1.825292000 | -1.986088000 |
| 6 | 3.190468000 | -1.400630000 | -3.246609000 |
| 6 | -5.909966000 | -0.041861000 | -0.011133000 |
| 1 | -6.990721000 | -0.037539000 | 0.002379000 |
| 6 | -3.451736000 | -2.115376000 | 1.813381000 |
| 6 | 5.236101000 | 0.995076000 | 1.043100000 |
| 6 | -3.482220000 | 2.025350000 | -1.882355000 |
| 6 | -6.218076000 | -1.941584000 | 1.543675000 |
| 1 | -6.010248000 | -2.978098000 | 1.269754000 |
| 1 | -7.262800000 | -1.728715000 | 1.330507000 |
| 1 | -6.060184000 | -1.871736000 | 2.621245000 |
| 6 | -3.007095000 | 3.229935000 | -1.349195000 |
| 6 | 3.047181000 | 3.268627000 | 1.811107000 |
| 6 | -2.995515000 | -3.327870000 | 1.282241000 |
| 6 | 3.307399000 | 1.922711000 | 2.094741000 |
| 6 | 3.492356000 | -3.163480000 | -1.596524000 |
| 6 | 2.824384000 | 1.333572000 | 3.270006000 |
| 6 | -6.240675000 | 1.869393000 | -1.546973000 |
| 1 | -6.016040000 | 2.902040000 | -1.271480000 |
| 1 | -7.281350000 | 1.664741000 | -1.307684000 |
| 1 | -6.111680000 | 1.805712000 | -2.628804000 |
| 6 | -3.236870000 | -1.798937000 | 3.160117000 |
| 6 | 5.902856000 | 0.200585000 | 0.101323000 |
| 1 | 6.982086000 | 0.245495000 | 0.139571000 |
| 6 | 2.325346000 | 4.017056000 | 2.732510000 |
| 1 | 2.119887000 | 5.059016000 | 2.513964000 |
| 6 | 5.372160000 | -0.660647000 | -0.867204000 |
| 6 | 2.666618000 | -2.340172000 | -4.123720000 |
| 1 | 2.334990000 | -2.015296000 | -5.103653000 |
| 6 | 2.559688000 | -3.671437000 | -3.762937000 |
| 1 | 2.149652000 | -4.392527000 | -4.458418000 |
| 6 | 1.862423000 | 3.452328000 | 3.906248000 |
| 1 | 1.300425000 | 4.049246000 | 4.613029000 |
| 6 | -3.304407000 | 1.724108000 | -3.237790000 |
| 6 | 2.962580000 | -4.072308000 | -2.502563000 |

SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
(E = P, As), and red selenium

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| 1 | 2.532946000 | -5.212133000 | -2.326839000 | 1 | 2.860526000 | -5.109980000 | -2.204749000 |
| 6 | 6.279550000 | -1.666168000 | -1.815393000 | 6 | 6.356174000 | -1.379314000 | -1.745842000 |
| 1 | 6.131477000 | -2.748272000 | -1.680070000 | 1 | 6.252858000 | -2.461479000 | -1.648808000 |
| 1 | 7.327152000 | -1.426802000 | -1.592660000 | 1 | 7.379798000 | -1.104419000 | -1.503576000 |
| 1 | 6.091520000 | -1.460400000 | -2.880734000 | 1 | 6.171499000 | -1.146648000 | -2.796728000 |
| 6 | -2.616189000 | -4.259121000 | 2.402236000 | 6 | -2.360777000 | -4.229777000 | 2.124333000 |
| 1 | -2.354840000 | -5.262655000 | 2.054233000 | 1 | -2.011115000 | -5.171560000 | 1.716383000 |
| 6 | -3.366665000 | -3.724395000 | 0.045846000 | 6 | -3.154064000 | -3.615315000 | -0.175316000 |
| 1 | -4.424254000 | -3.655524000 | -0.257812000 | 1 | -4.194597000 | -3.549622000 | -0.500017000 |
| 1 | -3.024269000 | -4.751638000 | -0.145964000 | 1 | -2.780359000 | -4.608765000 | -0.421127000 |
| 1 | -2.812342000 | -3.046697000 | -0.625365000 | 1 | -2.603496000 | -2.886703000 | -0.781611000 |
| 6 | 6.276829000 | 1.667915000 | 1.820032000 | 6 | 6.089188000 | 1.750002000 | 2.022159000 |
| 1 | 6.128998000 | 2.750457000 | 1.684218000 | 1 | 5.900999000 | 2.823280000 | 1.963089000 |
| 1 | 7.324765000 | 1.428483000 | 1.598951000 | 1 | 7.147740000 | 1.571959000 | 1.848883000 |
| 1 | 6.087127000 | 1.462427000 | 2.885123000 | 1 | 5.848873000 | 1.452079000 | 3.045035000 |
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| 6 | -3.360519000 | 3.725262000 | -0.048686000 | 6 | -3.122155000 | 3.497898000 | 0.116161000 |
| 1 | -4.417730000 | 3.656304000 | 0.256181000 | 1 | -4.151363000 | 3.420272000 | 0.472376000 |
| 1 | -3.018072000 | 4.752687000 | 0.142099000 | 1 | -2.747136000 | 4.490533000 | 0.363375000 |
| 1 | -2.805258000 | 3.048153000 | 0.622382000 | 1 | -2.547345000 | 2.765318000 | 0.694979000 |
| 6 | 3.368685000 | -0.051618000 | -3.725133000 | 6 | 3.257598000 | 0.045963000 | -3.612386000 |
| 1 | 2.815543000 | 0.621354000 | -3.048253000 | 1 | 2.634869000 | 0.648480000 | -2.941489000 |
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| 6 | -2.715039000 | 2.618307000 | -4.171930000 | 6 | -2.682544000 | 2.661026000 | -4.053033000 |
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| 1 | 4.422167000 | -0.249709000 | 3.661449000 | 1 | 4.098160000 | -0.394295000 | 3.507267000 |
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| 6 | 3.598607000 | 3.768843000 | 0.278742000 | 6 | 3.494236000 | 3.867636000 | 0.517230000 |
| 1 | 4.686369000 | 3.784411000 | 0.094337000 | 1 | 4.580293000 | 3.849155000 | 0.402353000 |
| 1 | 3.215374000 | 4.784714000 | 0.104016000 | 1 | 3.164923000 | 4.902770000 | 0.433795000 |
| 1 | 3.170432000 | 3.097824000 | -0.483392000 | 1 | 3.093346000 | 3.311226000 | -0.335219000 |
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| 1 | -3.173724000 | -0.480849000 | -3.097608000 | 1 | -3.268776000 | -0.423328000 | -3.229577000 |
| 1 | -3.214622000 | 0.107436000 | -4.784258000 | 1 | -3.461377000 | 0.303536000 | -4.830910000 |
| 1 | -4.687862000 | 0.098336000 | -3.787372000 | 1 | -4.812629000 | 0.244200000 | -3.698570000 |
| 6 | 3.599368000 | -3.768365000 | -0.277165000 | 6 | 3.874408000 | -3.590834000 | -0.216131000 |
| 1 | 4.686952000 | -3.784493000 | -0.091634000 | 1 | 4.937686000 | -3.444864000 | -0.011421000 |
| 1 | 3.215492000 | -4.784069000 | -0.102896000 | 1 | 3.644971000 | -4.644165000 | -0.058272000 |
| 1 | 3.170675000 | -3.097226000 | 0.484556000 | 1 | 3.338708000 | -3.007604000 | 0.539663000 |

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| 33 | -0.789934000 | -0.634779000 | -1.191892000 | 33 | 1.327268000 | 0.002975000 | 0.785390000 |
| 33 | 0.789886000 | -1.191913000 | 0.634769000 | 33 | 0.000000000 | 1.335173000 | -0.773574000 |
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| 7 | 4.177259000 | -1.061058000 | 1.068184000 | 7 | -0.646477000 | 1.322462000 | -4.117384000 |
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| 7 | 4.177282000 | 1.061023000 | -1.068182000 | 7 | 0.646477000 | -1.322462000 | -4.117384000 |
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| 6 | -3.686147000 | -2.006291000 | -2.009156000 | 6 | 2.368114000 | 1.442631000 | 3.586481000 |
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| 6 | -3.343746000 | 3.314851000 | 1.589856000 | 6 | -2.216554000 | -2.750784000 | 3.109222000 |
| 6 | -5.490261000 | -0.917514000 | -0.891989000 | 6 | 1.058640000 | 0.693384000 | 5.428120000 |
| 6 | -5.490255000 | 0.917531000 | 0.892006000 | 6 | -1.058640000 | -0.693384000 | 5.428120000 |
| 6 | -3.343770000 | -3.314840000 | -1.589864000 | 6 | 2.216554000 | 2.750784000 | 3.109222000 |
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| 6 | -3.462971000 | -1.601108000 | -3.347807000 | 6 | 3.571057000 | 0.749978000 | 3.400763000 |
| 6 | 3.343897000 | 1.590944000 | -3.314371000 | 6 | 2.513213000 | -2.508999000 | -3.123432000 |
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SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
(E = P, As), and red selenium

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| 6 | 3.462921000 | 3.348292000 | -1.600016000 | 6 | 0.370509000 | -3.627887000 | -3.405585000 |
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| 1 | -7.489792000 | 1.563125000 | 1.450487000 | 1 | -1.727116000 | -1.275591000 | 7.389899000 |
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| 1 | -3.299089000 | 0.547964000 | -3.127360000 | 1 | 2.898886000 | -1.290806000 | 3.446354000 |
| 6 | 2.614059000 | 3.858711000 | -3.826254000 | 6 | 2.210101000 | -4.771378000 | -2.341216000 |
| 1 | 2.200559000 | 4.579155000 | -4.536479000 | 1 | 2.607732000 | -5.654166000 | -1.857186000 |
| 6 | -3.534997000 | -3.729018000 | -0.152264000 | 6 | 0.906045000 | 3.454134000 | 3.252090000 |
| 1 | -2.979932000 | -3.063540000 | 0.530225000 | 1 | 0.110525000 | 2.919059000 | 2.720833000 |
| 1 | -3.186804000 | -4.758943000 | 0.013021000 | 1 | 0.959613000 | 4.465822000 | 2.851024000 |
| 1 | -4.591190000 | -3.672643000 | 0.159068000 | 1 | 0.581557000 | 3.514876000 | 4.293161000 |
| 6 | 3.535206000 | -0.153488000 | 3.729036000 | 6 | -3.356635000 | 1.283436000 | -3.262047000 |
| 1 | 4.591422000 | 0.157784000 | 3.672741000 | 1 | -3.448247000 | 0.961427000 | -4.301674000 |
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| 6 | 2.815060000 | 2.531640000 | -4.209211000 | 6 | 3.005288000 | -3.651408000 | -2.507542000 |
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| 1 | 3.298791000 | 3.127158000 | 0.548966000 | 1 | -1.581789000 | -2.731011000 | -3.414055000 |
| 1 | 3.453658000 | 4.816369000 | -0.011143000 | 1 | -1.581804000 | -4.498273000 | -3.532187000 |
| 1 | 4.865664000 | 3.733604000 | 0.021428000 | 1 | -1.161481000 | -3.499181000 | -4.923767000 |
| 6 | -6.443753000 | -1.781847000 | -1.700033000 | 6 | 2.021909000 | 1.387511000 | 6.349281000 |
| 1 | -6.302433000 | -1.626727000 | -2.780810000 | 1 | 3.033399000 | 0.994773000 | 6.231259000 |
| 1 | -7.489802000 | -1.563105000 | -1.450457000 | 1 | 1.727116000 | 1.275591000 | 7.389899000 |
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| 6 | 3.784562000 | -3.783399000 | 0.191966000 | 6 | 1.059201000 | 3.593100000 | -3.839807000 |
| 1 | 3.298734000 | -3.127195000 | -0.548937000 | 1 | 1.581789000 | 2.731011000 | -3.414055000 |
| 1 | 3.453578000 | -4.816400000 | 0.011191000 | 1 | 1.581804000 | 4.498273000 | -3.532187000 |
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| 6 | -3.784780000 | 0.193228000 | 3.783384000 | 6 | -3.703103000 | 0.669067000 | 3.851519000 |
| 1 | -4.865837000 | -0.020045000 | 3.733741000 | 1 | -3.638468000 | 0.767453000 | 4.937987000 |
| 1 | -3.453787000 | 0.012767000 | 4.816437000 | 1 | -4.656508000 | 1.090881000 | 3.534911000 |
| 1 | -3.299040000 | -0.547940000 | 3.127413000 | 1 | -2.898886000 | 1.290806000 | 3.446354000 |
| 6 | 2.930560000 | -4.256436000 | 2.527130000 | 6 | -0.900513000 | 4.751473000 | -2.784010000 |
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| 6 | 2.613986000 | -3.858682000 | 3.826290000 | 6 | -2.210101000 | 4.771378000 | -2.341216000 |
| 1 | 2.200473000 | -4.579111000 | 4.536524000 | 1 | -2.607732000 | 5.654166000 | -1.857186000 |
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| 29 | -2.775717000 | 0.000246000 | -0.011922000 | 29 | 2.779577000 | 0.136468000 | -0.294704000 |
| 29 | 2.702789000 | 0.095591000 | 0.018110000 | 29 | -2.657972000 | -0.012385000 | 0.055581000 |
| 15 | -0.756747000 | -0.358033000 | 1.149453000 | 15 | 0.823019000 | 0.445965000 | 0.926265000 |
| 7 | 3.929785000 | 1.327093000 | 1.004403000 | 7 | -3.617466000 | -1.478176000 | 0.961241000 |
| 7 | -4.097582000 | 1.125121000 | -0.988790000 | 7 | 3.597197000 | -1.512382000 | -1.003666000 |
| 7 | -4.069663000 | -1.154318000 | 0.969694000 | 7 | 4.399240000 | 0.988488000 | 0.370331000 |
| 7 | 4.102757000 | -1.005876000 | -0.877136000 | 7 | -4.230936000 | 1.037696000 | -0.446236000 |
| 6 | -3.544887000 | -2.142955000 | 1.844278000 | 6 | 4.228782000 | 2.173485000 | 1.114330000 |
| 6 | 5.253215000 | 1.218972000 | 0.907370000 | 6 | -4.932632000 | -1.517607000 | 1.032198000 |
| 6 | -3.598073000 | 2.119146000 | -1.872284000 | 6 | 2.699544000 | -2.448215000 | -1.551286000 |
| 6 | 5.923759000 | 0.268625000 | 0.105850000 | 6 | -5.783967000 | -0.568648000 | 0.448922000 |

SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
(E = P, As), and red selenium

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| 6 | 3.351201000 | 2.333802000 | 1.824450000 | 6 | -2.815337000 | -2.447544000 | 1.597503000 |
| 6 | -2.498440000 | 4.045259000 | -3.593038000 | 6 | 0.695824000 | -4.075612000 | -2.580469000 |
| 1 | -2.073896000 | 4.796811000 | -4.263476000 | 1 | -0.088884000 | -4.705053000 | -2.980817000 |
| 6 | 3.680374000 | -2.083653000 | -1.702006000 | 6 | -3.982042000 | 2.301825000 | -1.018564000 |
| 6 | -3.172942000 | -3.408561000 | 1.329482000 | 6 | 4.058668000 | 3.391045000 | 0.446322000 |
| 6 | -3.377861000 | 1.801627000 | -3.234603000 | 6 | 2.401573000 | -2.401665000 | -2.919668000 |
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| 6 | 5.401604000 | -0.751242000 | -0.717126000 | 6 | -5.461896000 | 0.615892000 | -0.222736000 |
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| 1 | -2.427198000 | 5.327520000 | -1.856238000 | 1 | 0.445377000 | -4.769247000 | -0.567252000 |
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| 1 | 5.932645000 | 3.214369000 | 1.440423000 | 1 | -5.311676000 | -3.606797000 | 1.384763000 |
| 1 | 7.197903000 | 1.959296000 | 1.536940000 | 1 | -6.670315000 | -2.544442000 | 1.780473000 |
| 1 | 5.926177000 | 2.075408000 | 2.784024000 | 1 | -5.252720000 | -2.633812000 | 2.835431000 |
| 6 | -3.240485000 | 3.392202000 | -1.366086000 | 6 | 1.998294000 | -3.310521000 | -0.697446000 |
| 6 | -2.740896000 | -2.799204000 | 4.037758000 | 6 | 3.856322000 | 3.265296000 | 3.218319000 |
| 1 | -2.563650000 | -2.558355000 | 5.089985000 | 1 | 3.763959000 | 3.211526000 | 4.297526000 |
| 6 | -5.993147000 | -0.030118000 | -0.000174000 | 6 | 5.814033000 | -0.802592000 | -0.406018000 |
| 1 | -7.082441000 | -0.038869000 | 0.005122000 | 1 | 6.849748000 | -1.108839000 | -0.454720000 |
| 6 | -2.830858000 | 2.780053000 | -4.077501000 | 6 | 1.398009000 | -3.223954000 | -3.414067000 |
| 1 | -2.661860000 | 2.538132000 | -5.130852000 | 1 | 1.162670000 | -3.184805000 | -4.471927000 |
| 6 | -5.384698000 | -1.005563000 | 0.820751000 | 6 | 5.588216000 | 0.441103000 | 0.200836000 |
| 6 | 3.341562000 | -1.840463000 | -3.055496000 | 6 | -3.676828000 | 2.395596000 | -2.381586000 |
| 6 | 6.416933000 | -1.600037000 | -1.463098000 | 6 | -6.611036000 | 1.452640000 | -0.708974000 |
| 1 | 6.328470000 | -2.661829000 | -1.185774000 | 1 | -6.627612000 | 2.424058000 | -0.211095000 |
| 1 | 7.442723000 | -1.270163000 | -1.255191000 | 1 | -7.563701000 | 0.959496000 | -0.531708000 |
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| 6 | -2.605062000 | -4.351638000 | 2.196716000 | 6 | 3.807178000 | 4.533864000 | 1.192700000 |
| 1 | -2.322863000 | -5.332345000 | 1.802755000 | 1 | 3.681410000 | 5.479587000 | 0.677118000 |
| 6 | -2.393190000 | -4.056947000 | 3.544732000 | 6 | 3.710809000 | 4.479031000 | 2.571447000 |
| 1 | -1.948287000 | -4.803653000 | 4.207344000 | 1 | 3.512602000 | 5.378792000 | 3.139852000 |
| 6 | 3.065828000 | 3.607760000 | 1.276842000 | 6 | -2.455210000 | -3.617382000 | 0.918169000 |
| 1 | -3.719403000 | 0.430976000 | -3.763681000 | 6 | 3.129568000 | -1.454697000 | -3.818052000 |
| 6 | -3.273653000 | -0.359057000 | -3.137693000 | 1 | 3.081406000 | -0.430191000 | -3.438769000 |
| 1 | -3.360283000 | 0.303615000 | -4.795326000 | 1 | 2.709572000 | -1.470669000 | -4.823380000 |
| 1 | -4.806704000 | 0.243784000 | -3.761260000 | 1 | 4.192696000 | -1.695663000 | -3.896441000 |
| 6 | 3.515832000 | -3.374399000 | -1.142126000 | 6 | -3.908330000 | 3.429106000 | -0.190337000 |
| 6 | -3.674190000 | -0.464877000 | 3.744320000 | 6 | 4.226914000 | 0.783611000 | 3.207359000 |
| 1 | -3.249979000 | 0.335595000 | 3.116791000 | 1 | 3.575254000 | 0.033353000 | 2.749275000 |
| 1 | -3.305269000 | -0.335432000 | 4.772220000 | 1 | 3.960041000 | 0.877386000 | 4.259703000 |
| 1 | -4.764721000 | -0.297848000 | 3.755539000 | 1 | 5.238509000 | 0.372417000 | 3.156922000 |
| 6 | -3.371477000 | -3.725110000 | -0.131948000 | 6 | 4.122029000 | 3.442566000 | -1.045374000 |
| 1 | -4.431226000 | -3.666500000 | -0.430331000 | 1 | 5.068941000 | 3.058834000 | -1.431145000 |
| 1 | -3.006367000 | -4.734303000 | -0.372091000 | 1 | 3.993831000 | 4.462367000 | -1.407350000 |
| 1 | -2.835089000 | -3.003671000 | -0.771525000 | 1 | 3.340578000 | 2.820365000 | -1.494518000 |
| 6 | -6.368595000 | 1.869319000 | -1.568708000 | 6 | 5.444462000 | -3.027444000 | -1.433858000 |
| 1 | -6.181765000 | 2.923557000 | -1.310748000 | 1 | 4.988352000 | -3.863287000 | -0.899055000 |
| 1 | -7.413022000 | 1.631097000 | -1.330203000 | 1 | 6.523073000 | -3.082107000 | -1.307447000 |
| 1 | -6.231927000 | 1.790115000 | -2.658315000 | 1 | 5.209727000 | -3.172372000 | -2.490065000 |
| 6 | 3.470508000 | -0.454667000 | -3.636782000 | 6 | -3.693547000 | 1.172938000 | -3.239770000 |
| 1 | 2.867293000 | 0.273580000 | -3.068726000 | 1 | -2.954109000 | 0.440610000 | -2.898033000 |
| 1 | 3.138304000 | -0.432119000 | -4.684775000 | 1 | -3.470242000 | 1.420035000 | -4.277137000 |
| 1 | 4.508375000 | -0.084547000 | -3.600375000 | 1 | -4.658075000 | 0.661880000 | -3.208992000 |
| 6 | 3.835053000 | -3.623481000 | 0.311101000 | 6 | -4.169703000 | 3.305535000 | 1.276344000 |
| 1 | 4.911117000 | -3.508823000 | 0.524868000 | 1 | -5.206932000 | 3.036581000 | 1.491829000 |
| 1 | 3.539282000 | -4.638526000 | 0.613396000 | 1 | -3.954172000 | 4.241263000 | 1.791009000 |
| 1 | 3.318437000 | -2.900568000 | 0.963799000 | 1 | -3.557993000 | 2.515556000 | 1.723570000 |
| 6 | -3.424986000 | 3.710397000 | 0.096761000 | 6 | 2.305565000 | -3.342136000 | 0.764909000 |
| 1 | -4.478423000 | 3.627651000 | 0.411175000 | 1 | 3.326281000 | -3.680908000 | 0.960249000 |
| 1 | -3.080162000 | 4.728877000 | 0.327224000 | 1 | 1.616832000 | -4.002046000 | 1.293000000 |
| 1 | -2.861074000 | 3.005549000 | 0.731136000 | 1 | 2.229908000 | -2.346417000 | 1.213997000 |
| 6 | -6.322465000 | -1.937390000 | 1.569264000 | 6 | 6.800700000 | 1.181734000 | 0.691476000 |
| 1 | -6.121972000 | -2.987951000 | 1.306527000 | 1 | 6.817067000 | 2.199827000 | 0.297983000 |
| 1 | -7.372961000 | -1.715087000 | 1.342344000 | 1 | 7.718578000 | 0.678121000 | 0.397801000 |
| 1 | -6.175577000 | -1.858770000 | 2.657579000 | 1 | 6.791761000 | 1.272325000 | 1.779456000 |
| 6 | 2.875458000 | -2.906317000 | -3.837849000 | 6 | -3.330789000 | 3.633836000 | -2.905441000 |
| 1 | 2.619016000 | -2.722874000 | -4.885198000 | 1 | -3.098969000 | 3.709906000 | -3.961897000 |
| 6 | 3.044750000 | -4.411773000 | -1.960680000 | 6 | -3.555784000 | 4.649411000 | -0.752538000 |
| 1 | 2.919706000 | -5.410248000 | -1.531948000 | 1 | -3.496412000 | 5.523397000 | -0.113603000 |
| 6 | 3.409639000 | 3.916679000 | -0.158793000 | 6 | -2.969796000 | -3.884663000 | -0.458541000 |
| 1 | 4.498576000 | 3.916900000 | -0.335037000 | 1 | -4.054842000 | -4.012689000 | -0.479674000 |
| 1 | 3.021047000 | 4.901486000 | -0.455972000 | 1 | -2.517256000 | -4.785167000 | -0.874060000 |
| 1 | 2.991035000 | 3.157701000 | -0.839982000 | 1 | -2.749096000 | -3.050713000 | -1.130810000 |
| 6 | 2.732449000 | -4.187103000 | -3.301562000 | 6 | -3.274103000 | 4.758453000 | -2.101933000 |
| 1 | 2.367222000 | -5.006506000 | -3.925704000 | 1 | -3.000087000 | 5.716339000 | -2.525030000 |
| 6 | 2.374328000 | 3.019354000 | 3.935828000 | 6 | -1.400964000 | -3.067185000 | 3.436528000 |
| 1 | 2.097277000 | 2.787921000 | 4.968357000 | 1 | -0.983274000 | -2.845412000 | 4.412158000 |
| 6 | 2.450501000 | 4.570543000 | 2.090093000 | 6 | -1.585298000 | -4.506709000 | 1.537397000 |
| 1 | 2.231367000 | 5.556796000 | 1.670963000 | 1 | -1.315687000 | -5.421252000 | 1.019853000 |
| 6 | 3.241283000 | 0.651700000 | 3.721561000 | 6 | -2.599747000 | -0.866424000 | 3.534777000 |
| 1 | 2.739225000 | -0.124343000 | 3.119318000 | 1 | -2.234803000 | -0.012238000 | 2.952971000 |
| 1 | 2.874512000 | 0.573434000 | 4.755287000 | 1 | -2.144416000 | -0.818413000 | 4.523473000 |
| 1 | 4.313089000 | 0.393252000 | 3.720092000 | 1 | -3.675924000 | -0.715840000 | 3.644447000 |
| 6 | 2.112118000 | 4.286801000 | 3.413241000 | 6 | -1.063084000 | -4.242681000 | 2.789591000 |

SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
(E = P, As), and red selenium

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| 1 | 1.633462000 | 5.048614000 | 4.033731000 |
| 33 | 0.725222000 | -1.276549000 | -0.442513000 |
| 15 | -0.765884000 | 0.400309000 | -1.182431000 |
| 15 | 0.648135000 | 1.203777000 | 0.360176000 |
| 6 | 2.986625000 | 2.027363000 | 3.157594000 |

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| 1 | -0.386362000 | -4.946658000 | 3.257365000 |
| 33 | -0.844179000 | 1.589691000 | -0.207385000 |
| 15 | 0.721010000 | 0.337000000 | -1.362856000 |
| 15 | -0.554246000 | -0.931877000 | -0.104052000 |
| 6 | -2.272248000 | -2.156810000 | 2.855601000 |

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| 29 | 0.000001000 | 0.077020000 | 0.000034000 |
| 6 | 1.278298000 | -2.555945000 | -0.000353000 |
| 6 | 2.465371000 | -3.503983000 | -0.000513000 |
| 1 | 3.104295000 | -3.335110000 | -0.881099000 |
| 1 | 2.139967000 | -4.552032000 | -0.000705000 |
| 1 | 3.104278000 | -3.335429000 | 0.880147000 |
| 7 | 1.499274000 | -1.242102000 | -0.000163000 |
| 6 | 2.829462000 | -0.740852000 | -0.000097000 |
| 6 | 3.469438000 | -0.449768000 | 1.228545000 |
| 7 | -1.499273000 | -1.242101000 | -0.000099000 |
| 6 | 4.760928000 | 0.095751000 | 1.206004000 |
| 1 | 5.259221000 | 0.318755000 | 2.153858000 |
| 6 | -1.278298000 | -2.555945000 | -0.000264000 |
| 6 | -2.465372000 | -3.503983000 | -0.000431000 |
| 1 | -3.104291000 | -3.335412000 | 0.880215000 |
| 1 | -2.139968000 | -4.552031000 | -0.000601000 |
| 1 | -3.104283000 | -3.335126000 | -0.881030000 |
| 6 | 4.760860000 | 0.096262000 | -1.205949000 |
| 1 | 5.259102000 | 0.319669000 | -2.153735000 |
| 6 | 0.000000000 | -3.154579000 | -0.000400000 |
| 1 | 0.000000000 | -4.243803000 | -0.000567000 |
| 6 | 3.469371000 | -0.449248000 | -1.228653000 |
| 6 | 2.764032000 | -0.707816000 | -2.536628000 |
| 1 | 2.561843000 | -1.780312000 | -2.695599000 |
| 1 | 3.361330000 | -0.347710000 | -3.386864000 |
| 1 | 1.782320000 | -0.206353000 | -2.564729000 |
| 6 | 2.764169000 | -0.708905000 | 2.536444000 |
| 1 | 1.782424000 | -0.207520000 | 2.564771000 |
| 1 | 3.361472000 | -0.349097000 | 3.386802000 |
| 1 | 2.562056000 | -1.781479000 | 2.694997000 |
| 6 | -3.469340000 | -0.449422000 | 1.228567000 |
| 6 | -3.469468000 | -0.449592000 | -1.228631000 |
| 6 | -2.829462000 | -0.740851000 | -0.000047000 |
| 6 | -2.764248000 | -0.708587000 | -2.536585000 |
| 1 | -1.782488000 | -0.207269000 | -2.564860000 |
| 1 | -3.361547000 | -0.348615000 | -3.386876000 |
| 1 | -2.562216000 | -1.781153000 | -2.695298000 |
| 6 | -4.760960000 | 0.095918000 | -1.205981000 |
| 1 | -5.259281000 | 0.319045000 | -2.153791000 |
| 6 | 5.410812000 | 0.360847000 | 0.000066000 |
| 1 | 6.417606000 | 0.786048000 | 0.000129000 |
| 6 | -5.410812000 | 0.360845000 | 0.000010000 |
| 1 | -6.417607000 | 0.786044000 | 0.000034000 |
| 6 | -4.760828000 | 0.096094000 | 1.205972000 |
| 1 | -5.259043000 | 0.319377000 | 2.153802000 |
| 6 | -2.763953000 | -0.708133000 | 2.536489000 |
| 1 | -2.561735000 | -1.780644000 | 2.695324000 |
| 1 | -3.361230000 | -0.348142000 | 3.386787000 |
| 1 | -1.782251000 | -0.206652000 | 2.564619000 |
| 15 | -1.242855000 | 2.090292000 | -0.000599000 |
| 15 | 1.242854000 | 2.090292000 | 0.001103000 |
| 15 | -0.000778000 | 3.577333000 | 1.108263000 |
| 15 | 0.000777000 | 3.577561000 | -1.107453000 |

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| 6 | 1.264407000 | 2.570117000 | 0.000383000 |
| 6 | 2.451154000 | 3.491705000 | 0.000376000 |
| 1 | 3.080138000 | 3.311303000 | 0.874276000 |
| 1 | 2.145203000 | 4.534911000 | 0.000656000 |
| 1 | 3.079797000 | 3.311690000 | -0.873851000 |
| 7 | 1.473546000 | 1.267181000 | 0.000250000 |
| 6 | 2.786744000 | 0.752543000 | 0.000064000 |
| 6 | 3.404965000 | 0.442112000 | -1.216285000 |
| 7 | -1.473546000 | 1.267181000 | 0.000226000 |
| 6 | 4.660636000 | -0.150240000 | -1.195494000 |
| 1 | 5.142067000 | -0.391204000 | -2.136800000 |
| 6 | -1.264407000 | 2.570118000 | 0.000365000 |
| 6 | -2.451154000 | 3.491706000 | 0.000354000 |
| 1 | -3.079860000 | 3.311615000 | -0.873812000 |
| 1 | -2.145202000 | 4.534911000 | 0.000529000 |
| 1 | -3.080074000 | 3.311379000 | 0.874316000 |
| 6 | 4.660918000 | -0.150402000 | 1.195056000 |
| 1 | 5.142569000 | -0.391497000 | 2.136215000 |
| 6 | 0.000000000 | 3.171373000 | 0.000491000 |
| 1 | 0.000000000 | 4.252280000 | 0.000604000 |
| 6 | 3.405249000 | 0.441940000 | 1.216223000 |
| 6 | 2.704479000 | 0.716294000 | 2.506840000 |
| 1 | 2.502496000 | 1.780833000 | 2.649089000 |
| 1 | 3.295666000 | 0.369505000 | 3.353877000 |
| 1 | 1.729887000 | 0.218814000 | 2.540611000 |
| 6 | 2.703898000 | 0.716670000 | -2.506698000 |
| 1 | 1.729292000 | 0.219206000 | -2.540329000 |
| 1 | 3.294887000 | 0.370009000 | -3.353926000 |
| 1 | 2.501894000 | 1.781235000 | -2.648731000 |
| 6 | -3.404942000 | 0.442074000 | -1.216319000 |
| 6 | -3.405272000 | 0.441979000 | 1.216188000 |
| 6 | -2.786744000 | 0.752543000 | 0.000031000 |
| 6 | -2.704527000 | 0.716381000 | 2.506809000 |
| 1 | -1.729931000 | 0.218913000 | 2.540615000 |
| 1 | -3.295727000 | 0.369615000 | 3.353847000 |
| 1 | -2.502560000 | 1.780928000 | 2.649024000 |
| 6 | -4.660938000 | -0.150367000 | 1.195016000 |
| 1 | -5.142605000 | -0.391435000 | 2.136174000 |
| 6 | 5.293843000 | -0.438366000 | -0.000314000 |
| 1 | 6.272991000 | -0.900011000 | -0.000461000 |
| 6 | -5.293842000 | -0.438366000 | -0.000356000 |
| 1 | -6.272991000 | -0.900010000 | -0.000506000 |
| 6 | -4.660616000 | -0.150275000 | -1.195533000 |
| 1 | -5.142030000 | -0.391265000 | -2.136840000 |
| 6 | -2.703848000 | 0.716583000 | -2.506729000 |
| 1 | -2.501826000 | 1.781140000 | -2.648795000 |
| 1 | -3.294827000 | 0.369902000 | -3.353956000 |
| 1 | -1.729249000 | 0.219103000 | -2.540326000 |
| 15 | -1.169106000 | -2.070228000 | -0.000026000 |
| 15 | 1.169106000 | -2.070229000 | -0.000039000 |
| 15 | -0.000080000 | -3.563484000 | -1.089736000 |
| 15 | 0.000080000 | -3.564045000 | 1.088895000 |

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| 29 | -0.000091000 | 0.594762000 | 0.000026000 |
| 6 | 1.278558000 | 3.233499000 | 0.000309000 |
| 6 | 2.462624000 | 4.185985000 | 0.000388000 |
| 1 | 3.102393000 | 4.019972000 | 0.880893000 |
| 1 | 2.133179000 | 5.232764000 | 0.000664000 |
| 1 | 3.102165000 | 4.020377000 | -0.880356000 |
| 7 | 1.503786000 | 1.920221000 | 0.000153000 |
| 6 | 2.838614000 | 1.430825000 | -0.000040000 |
| 6 | 3.482443000 | 1.146974000 | -1.229092000 |
| 7 | -1.504164000 | 1.919989000 | -0.000067000 |
| 6 | 4.778677000 | 0.612301000 | -1.206187000 |
| 1 | 5.279258000 | 0.394632000 | -2.154053000 |
| 6 | -1.279144000 | 3.233299000 | 0.000258000 |
| 6 | -2.463353000 | 4.185608000 | 0.000290000 |
| 1 | -3.102587000 | 4.020152000 | -0.880717000 |
| 1 | -2.134065000 | 5.232436000 | 0.000944000 |
| 1 | -3.103378000 | 4.019262000 | 0.880533000 |
| 6 | 4.778776000 | 0.611871000 | 1.205727000 |
| 1 | 5.279435000 | 0.393876000 | 2.153476000 |
| 6 | -0.000380000 | 3.830464000 | 0.000419000 |
| 1 | -0.000423000 | 4.919650000 | 0.000601000 |
| 6 | 3.482541000 | 1.146529000 | 1.228927000 |
| 6 | 2.777605000 | 1.402758000 | 2.537652000 |
| 1 | 2.556543000 | 2.472634000 | 2.688057000 |

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| 29 | -0.000001000 | 0.607202000 | 0.000263000 |
| 6 | 1.263267000 | 3.230800000 | 0.000535000 |
| 6 | 2.449297000 | 4.153799000 | 0.000839000 |
| 1 | 3.078528000 | 3.974507000 | 0.874719000 |
| 1 | 2.141694000 | 5.196519000 | 0.001372000 |
| 1 | 3.078316000 | 3.975367000 | -0.873372000 |
| 7 | 1.472232000 | 1.927912000 | 0.000329000 |
| 6 | 2.788269000 | 1.421326000 | 0.000098000 |
| 6 | 3.411475000 | 1.118710000 | -1.216567000 |
| 7 | -1.472239000 | 1.927905000 | 0.000114000 |
| 6 | 4.672201000 | 0.536377000 | -1.195499000 |
| 1 | 5.156197000 | 0.301038000 | -2.136869000 |
| 6 | -1.263280000 | 3.230794000 | 0.000112000 |
| 6 | -2.449316000 | 4.153787000 | -0.000301000 |
| 1 | -3.078275000 | 3.974710000 | -0.874424000 |
| 1 | -2.141718000 | 5.196509000 | -0.000486000 |
| 1 | -3.078604000 | 3.975132000 | 0.873668000 |
| 6 | 4.672193000 | 0.535275000 | 1.194881000 |
| 1 | 5.156189000 | 0.299072000 | 2.136033000 |
| 6 | -0.000080000 | 3.832934000 | 0.000444000 |
| 1 | -0.000110000 | 4.913761000 | 0.000545000 |
| 6 | 3.411464000 | 1.117573000 | 1.216483000 |
| 6 | 2.712382000 | 1.389845000 | 2.508584000 |
| 1 | 2.495092000 | 2.452116000 | 2.644290000 |

SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
(E = P, As), and red selenium

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| 1 | 3.385272000 | 1.060839000 | 3.388040000 | 1 | 3.313561000 | 1.058135000 | 3.354643000 |
| 1 | 1.805661000 | 0.883159000 | 2.574739000 | 1 | 1.745992000 | 0.877309000 | 2.552212000 |
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SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
(E = P, As), and red selenium

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| 1 | -4.308936000 | -0.192157000 | 4.480473000 |
| 1 | -3.294764000 | 0.646339000 | 5.659439000 |
| 6 | 1.485021000 | -4.337044000 | -0.275888000 |
| 6 | 0.905024000 | -5.022272000 | -2.515753000 |
| 1 | 1.200322000 | -5.432378000 | -3.473875000 |
| 6 | -3.125804000 | 1.773413000 | 3.102866000 |
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| 1 | -4.071748000 | 1.488943000 | 2.637710000 |

SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
(E = P, As), and red selenium

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| 1 | 2.035990000 | -1.786154000 | 4.014478000 | 1 | 1.989724000 | -1.811175000 | 3.791128000 |
| 6 | -2.345069000 | -3.867701000 | -0.708616000 | 6 | -2.257768000 | -3.736819000 | -0.850216000 |
| 1 | -2.306111000 | -3.093651000 | 0.073096000 | 1 | -2.272657000 | -2.967398000 | -0.072414000 |
| 6 | -0.565641000 | -4.875302000 | -2.217757000 | 6 | -0.406355000 | -4.646135000 | -2.298080000 |
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| 1 | 3.716488000 | -0.214601000 | 6.057174000 | 1 | 3.729292000 | -0.325919000 | 5.812026000 |
| 1 | 3.979556000 | -1.879105000 | 5.504938000 | 1 | 3.926395000 | -1.982445000 | 5.255180000 |
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| 1 | 2.867278000 | -0.138040000 | 2.333027000 | 1 | 2.850096000 | -0.157712000 | 2.153749000 |
| 1 | 4.202309000 | -1.040917000 | 3.098521000 | 1 | 4.161935000 | -1.092833000 | 2.891564000 |
| 1 | 3.865252000 | 0.638903000 | 3.582186000 | 1 | 3.854760000 | 0.565805000 | 3.411277000 |
| 6 | -3.043444000 | -3.252180000 | -1.929845000 | 6 | -2.921540000 | -3.151575000 | -2.085706000 |
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| 1 | 4.282071000 | -2.973024000 | 1.075374000 | 1 | 4.159645000 | -2.738026000 | 1.201751000 |
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| 1 | 0.820342000 | 4.608103000 | -4.338514000 | 1 | 0.858356000 | 4.523469000 | -4.254157000 |
| 6 | 1.121904000 | -0.722075000 | -4.285234000 | 6 | 1.022642000 | -0.816507000 | -4.126517000 |
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| 1 | 0.966063000 | 1.522230000 | -6.027348000 | 1 | 0.876210000 | 1.399373000 | -5.909498000 |
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| 1 | 0.947520000 | 6.281075000 | -2.938701000 | 1 | 1.018848000 | 6.177967000 | -2.794176000 |
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| 6 | 0.900317000 | 4.281534000 | 0.991925000 | 6 | 0.812001000 | 4.116669000 | 1.079336000 |
| 6 | -1.255651000 | -0.120047000 | -4.576150000 | 6 | -1.300186000 | -0.109137000 | -4.396447000 |
| 6 | -1.454273000 | -1.340618000 | -5.236883000 | 6 | -1.573151000 | -1.327997000 | -5.004249000 |
| 1 | -2.451445000 | -1.594414000 | -5.604820000 | 1 | -2.583474000 | -1.543566000 | -5.334240000 |
| 6 | 3.400934000 | 0.255527000 | -4.879999000 | 6 | 3.278325000 | 0.038976000 | -4.807276000 |
| 1 | 2.984305000 | 1.212389000 | -5.224071000 | 1 | 2.894225000 | 0.998642000 | -5.154297000 |
| 1 | 4.414268000 | 0.456274000 | -4.494603000 | 1 | 4.308936000 | 0.192157000 | -4.480473000 |
| 1 | 3.500400000 | -0.405250000 | -5.757542000 | 1 | 3.294764000 | -0.646339000 | -5.659439000 |
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| 6 | -2.438350000 | 0.828029000 | 4.372185000 | 6 | -2.423190000 | 0.877860000 | 4.163896000 |
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SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
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| 1 | -2.133087000 | 4.028206000 | -1.667398000 | 1 | -2.049630000 | 3.877980000 | -1.723948000 |
| 6 | -3.395670000 | 0.312048000 | -3.282500000 | 6 | -3.374950000 | 0.362461000 | -3.090921000 |
| 1 | -2.867278000 | 0.138040000 | -2.333027000 | 1 | -2.850096000 | 0.157712000 | -2.153749000 |
| 1 | -4.202309000 | 1.040917000 | -3.098521000 | 1 | -4.161935000 | 1.092833000 | -2.891564000 |
| 1 | -3.865252000 | -0.638903000 | -3.582186000 | 1 | -3.854760000 | -0.565805000 | -3.411277000 |
| 6 | 3.043444000 | 3.252180000 | 1.929845000 | 6 | 2.921540000 | 3.151575000 | 2.085706000 |
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| 1 | 4.226952000 | 2.416614000 | 5.383487000 |
| 1 | 3.059195000 | 3.699663000 | 5.017471000 |
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| 1 | 5.328478000 | -4.382597000 | -3.142432000 |
| 6 | 6.442372000 | 3.280077000 | 1.295313000 |
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| 15 | 1.614500000 | -0.357273000 | -0.799061000 |
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| 15 | -1.578786000 | -0.524328000 | -0.857570000 |
| 16 | -1.038116000 | -0.207188000 | -2.873995000 |
| 15 | 0.957864000 | -0.861872000 | -2.876583000 |
| 7 | -4.515701000 | 1.649045000 | -0.023331000 |
| 7 | 4.405998000 | 1.765063000 | 0.660491000 |
| 7 | 5.050676000 | -1.084316000 | 0.116713000 |
| 7 | -4.881919000 | -1.195537000 | 0.694820000 |
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| 6 | 4.781961000 | -2.418652000 | -0.255179000 |
| 6 | 5.680724000 | 1.757413000 | 1.005348000 |
| 6 | 6.209884000 | -0.698609000 | 0.610991000 |
| 6 | -3.777646000 | -2.820972000 | 2.124645000 |
| 6 | 6.506459000 | 0.622487000 | 0.980123000 |
| 1 | 7.519899000 | 0.786941000 | 1.319011000 |
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| 6 | -5.748757000 | 1.709699000 | 0.439674000 |
| 6 | -6.055432000 | -0.729377000 | 1.078148000 |
| 6 | -2.590136000 | 2.763649000 | 1.770255000 |
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| 6 | -3.069843000 | 0.736328000 | -4.151822000 | 6 | -2.828369000 | 0.379864000 | -4.012383000 |
| 1 | -2.363148000 | 1.268548000 | -4.809886000 | 1 | -2.011274000 | 0.757011000 | -4.632484000 |
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| 16 | -0.207328000 | 0.873415000 | -1.293352000 | 16 | -0.152306000 | 0.694054000 | -1.134540000 |
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| 7 | 5.460188000 | -0.821973000 | 0.537078000 | 7 | 5.318645000 | -0.671183000 | 0.573035000 |
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| 6 | 3.169698000 | 3.584621000 | 1.302790000 | 6 | 2.703573000 | 3.506844000 | 1.412574000 |
| 1 | 4.088148000 | 3.004085000 | 1.469348000 | 1 | 3.720913000 | 3.150846000 | 1.594125000 |
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| 1 | 5.037371000 | 1.558389000 | -2.932312000 | 1 | 4.908274000 | 1.783181000 | -2.716279000 |
| 6 | 1.973405000 | 4.520814000 | -0.728107000 | 6 | 1.455420000 | 4.300310000 | -0.626907000 |
| 1 | 1.384845000 | 5.139109000 | -0.045540000 | 1 | 0.791819000 | 4.848805000 | 0.032362000 |
| 6 | 1.740345000 | 4.610062000 | -2.100603000 | 6 | 1.244343000 | 4.347597000 | -1.993230000 |
| 1 | 0.979062000 | 5.292379000 | -2.487340000 | 1 | 0.428004000 | 4.933321000 | -2.398909000 |
| 6 | -2.678418000 | 4.201796000 | 2.813509000 | 6 | -2.230694000 | 4.184129000 | 2.470483000 |
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| 1 | 6.982051000 | -4.768250000 | -1.775621000 | 1 | 7.105827000 | -4.244002000 | -2.026371000 |
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| 6 | -2.509055000 | 4.759130000 | 0.477148000 | 6 | -2.153530000 | 4.470014000 | 0.099488000 |
| 1 | -2.139255000 | 5.425397000 | -0.304632000 | 1 | -1.766163000 | 5.000769000 | -0.761659000 |
| 6 | -4.733847000 | 2.949663000 | 4.714092000 | 6 | -3.961536000 | 3.300772000 | 4.711524000 |
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SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
(E = P, As), and red selenium

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| 1 | -6.652900000 | -4.406372000 | 1.773564000 |
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| 1 | -5.320460000 | -5.537540000 | 2.088815000 |
| 6 | -2.217900000 | 5.050356000 | 1.810160000 |
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| 6 | -2.459088000 | 3.751171000 | -2.309400000 |
| 1 | -2.673706000 | 3.369790000 | -3.320639000 |
| 1 | -1.477563000 | 3.358652000 | -1.999192000 |
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| 6 | -4.106888000 | -1.501254000 | -4.414593000 |
| 1 | -3.039089000 | -1.629455000 | -4.178915000 |
| 1 | -4.220534000 | -0.556671000 | -4.970565000 |
| 1 | -4.398687000 | -2.313185000 | -5.100357000 |
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| 6 | 3.381409000 | 4.969499000 | 1.937823000 |
| 1 | 2.475188000 | 5.594125000 | 1.879448000 |
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| 1 | 3.638785000 | 4.867834000 | 3.004895000 |
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| 6 | 2.029461000 | 2.826423000 | 2.005467000 |
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| 6 | 4.545842000 | -3.457102000 | -2.296687000 |
| 1 | 4.369951000 | -4.542653000 | -2.216779000 |
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| 6 | 4.990037000 | 2.957879000 | -4.554193000 |
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| 1 | 5.640391000 | 3.712883000 | -4.084817000 |
| 6 | 3.382988000 | 1.035474000 | -4.179340000 |
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| 1 | 3.976923000 | 0.413907000 | -4.869981000 |
| 1 | 2.569074000 | 1.498332000 | -4.761940000 |
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| 6 | 5.895841000 | -1.487556000 | 4.596499000 |
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| 6 | -3.679908000 | 2.870639000 | -1.112901000 |
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| 6 | 3.465834000 | 3.807616000 | 0.410469000 |
| 6 | 4.720381000 | -2.570977000 | -2.273592000 |
| 6 | -1.992377000 | 4.570709000 | -0.699114000 |
| 1 | -1.421796000 | 5.191134000 | -0.003360000 |
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| 1 | 6.593454000 | 3.548174000 | 0.487563000 |
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| 1 | 6.051053000 | 3.372448000 | 2.158103000 |

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| 1 | -1.394605000 | 3.072183000 | -2.300642000 |
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| 1 | -6.724701000 | -0.313400000 | -3.791983000 |
| 1 | -7.087404000 | -1.059671000 | -2.238066000 |
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| 6 | -2.512245000 | 1.374099000 | 4.047809000 |
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| 1 | -1.550733000 | 1.869453000 | 4.211422000 |
| 6 | 1.758379000 | 2.501533000 | 2.056270000 |
| 1 | 1.934778000 | 2.423331000 | 3.131876000 |
| 1 | 1.890178000 | 1.505000000 | 1.624669000 |
| 1 | 0.716355000 | 2.807239000 | 1.907205000 |
| 6 | 4.667156000 | -3.037525000 | -2.502673000 |
| 1 | 4.573164000 | -4.125800000 | -2.529742000 |
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| 6 | 4.611375000 | 3.078422000 | -4.378869000 |
| 1 | 3.825640000 | 3.411836000 | -5.060651000 |
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| 1 | 5.078633000 | 3.968660000 | -3.953806000 |
| 6 | 3.371872000 | 0.956035000 | -3.923459000 |
| 1 | 3.086390000 | 0.217331000 | -3.170013000 |
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| 1 | 1.936251000 | 3.714156000 | -3.910570000 |

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| 7 | 4.258480000 | 1.597000000 | 0.842685000 |
| 7 | 4.951970000 | -1.103693000 | -0.174140000 |
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| 7 | -4.177248000 | 1.967565000 | -0.422542000 |
| 6 | 6.153238000 | -0.689742000 | 0.178158000 |
| 6 | -3.189916000 | 2.839569000 | -0.923224000 |
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| 6 | 3.463401000 | 2.713300000 | 1.178678000 |
| 6 | -5.362916000 | -1.981892000 | 0.822115000 |
| 6 | -2.349291000 | 3.521624000 | -0.026377000 |
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| 1 | 7.486818000 | 0.791585000 | 0.847016000 |
| 6 | -6.425448000 | 1.533720000 | 0.322708000 |
| 1 | -7.381145000 | 2.016854000 | 0.471063000 |
| 6 | 3.198998000 | 3.696912000 | 0.212629000 |
| 6 | 4.651860000 | -2.633478000 | -2.041267000 |
| 6 | -1.264646000 | 4.224197000 | -0.533501000 |
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| 6 | 4.751059000 | -2.417284000 | -0.655627000 |
| 6 | -2.982956000 | 2.935102000 | -2.309533000 |
| 6 | 6.226243000 | 2.945480000 | 1.363891000 |
| 1 | 6.237089000 | 3.645751000 | 0.523723000 |
| 1 | 7.255814000 | 2.781982000 | 1.674654000 |
| 1 | 5.684100000 | 3.436986000 | 2.171248000 |

SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
(E = P, As), and red selenium

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| 6 | 7.438946000 | -1.746607000 | -0.090828000 | 6 | 7.321879000 | -1.635474000 | 0.112702000 |
| 1 | 8.372471000 | -1.204138000 | -0.294186000 | 1 | 8.258326000 | -1.090868000 | 0.007244000 |
| 1 | 7.576156000 | -2.288722000 | 0.859806000 | 1 | 7.377280000 | -2.210801000 | 1.041171000 |
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| 6 | 4.974616000 | -1.372727000 | -3.191321000 | 6 | 4.884318000 | -1.506167000 | -3.025300000 |
| 1 | 4.738856000 | -0.469638000 | -2.606057000 | 1 | 4.574599000 | -0.574862000 | -2.535163000 |
| 6 | 2.709837000 | 4.896943000 | 0.867009000 | 6 | 2.345277000 | 4.740496000 | 0.544022000 |
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| 6 | -5.423745000 | -3.234863000 | 0.030151000 | 6 | -5.547143000 | -2.909732000 | -2.214485000 |
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SI: 6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃
(E = P, As), and red selenium

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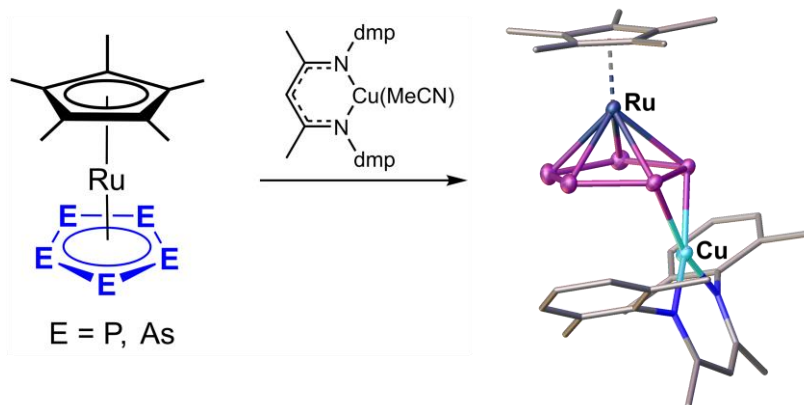
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7. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$
(E = P, As)

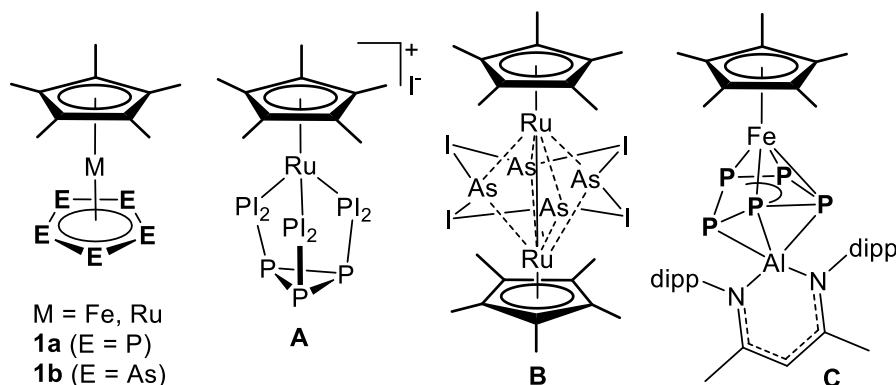


7. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (E = P, As)

Abstract: The reactivity of the nacnac Cu(I) compound $[\text{L}^1\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})]$ (**2**) ($\text{L}^1 = \{[\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{Me}_{2-2,6})\text{C}(\text{Me})_2\text{CH}]\}$) towards complexes containing aromatic cyclo-E_5 ligands (E = P, As) was investigated. The copper complex was reacted with $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (E = P (**1a-Ru**), As (**1b-Ru**)), yielding the heterometallic complexes $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru})(\mu, \eta^{5,2}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (E = P (**3a**), As (**3b**)). These neutral and molecular complexes represent rare examples of the coordination of group 11 metal complexes to cyclo-E_n units and are also rare examples of the coordination compounds of **1a-Ru** and **1b-Ru**. They were fully characterized by crystallographic and spectroscopic methods and compared to related compounds.

7.1. Introduction

The conversion of white phosphorus and yellow arsenic is an active research topic. Decades of extensive studies have led to the formation of a plethora of polynictogen (E_n) ligand complexes (E = P, As).^[1] Of special interest are complexes with cyclo-E_n ligands which possess a special aromatic character. Such ligands were realized for $n = 3-6$ as end-decks or middle-decks.^[2] The cyclo-E_5 ligand is present in the ferrocene analog pentaphosphaferrocene or pentaarsaferrocene $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (E = P (**1a-Fe**),^[2h] As (**1b-Fe**),^[2i] Scheme 7.1). These compounds were the subject of numerous research topics: The reactivity of **1a-Fe** and **1b-Fe** towards electrophiles, nucleophiles and their redox behavior,^[3] and further their use as a building block for coordination polymers and spherical aggregates^[4] was extensively studied. Similar complexes containing a cyclo-E_5 ligand are known for its heavier analogue ruthenium.^[2i,2k,5] The chemistry of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (E = P (**1a-Ru**), As (**1b-Ru**), Scheme 7.1) is less explored. Recently, our group reported the iodination of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{M}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (M = Fe, Ru; E = P, As),^[6] which leads in the case of **1a-Fe** and **1a-Ru** to the formation of a tripodal $\text{cyclo-P}_3(\text{PI}_2)_3$ ligand coordinating to a $\{\text{Cp}^*\text{M}\}$ fragment which represents a MP_6 core resembling the nortricyclane structure of P_7^{3-} (**A**, Scheme 7.1).



Scheme 7.1. Selected products of the reactivity of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{M}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (M = Fe, Ru; E = P, As). dipp = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl.

7. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (E = P, As)

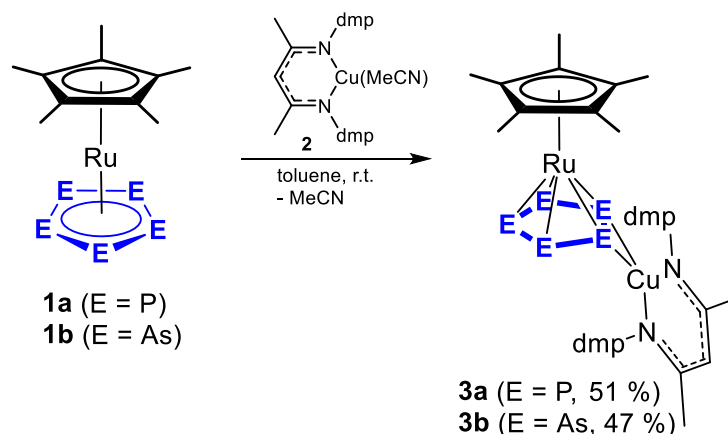
Interestingly, a different outcome is realized by the reactions of the arsenic compounds **1b-Fe** and **1b-Ru**. While the reaction of **1b-Fe** with iodine leads to the formation of a dicationic Fe-As triple decker complex with a *cyclo*-As₅ unit, the reaction of **1b-Ru** leads to three different products: a mono-cationic Ru-As triple decker complex, a Ru complex with a planar $\mu, \eta^{4,4}$ -As₄I₄ middle deck with a four-point star structural motif (**B**, Scheme 7.1), and $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru})_2\text{As}_8\text{I}_6]$. These results clearly show a different reactivity between the phosphorus and the arsenic compounds and also the impact of the metal center.

Furthermore, there are efforts to investigate the reactivity of β -diiminato M(I) complexes towards *cyclo*-E_n complexes. Roesky *et al.* reported the reaction of $[\text{L}^3\text{Al}]$ ($\text{L}^3 = \{[\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{Pr}_{2-2,6})\text{C}(\text{Me})_2\text{CH}]^-\}$) with $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-P}_5)]$ leading to $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:3}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^3\text{Al})]$ (**C**, Scheme 7.1) containing an envelope-shaped P₅ ring.^[7] Recently, we reported the reactivity of Cu(I) nacnac complexes towards polypnictogen compounds, i.e. $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (E = P, As)^[8] which leads to the formation of the heterobimetallic compounds $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (E = P, As) and $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ (E = P, As). Such products are examples of the coordination of a group 11 metal by aromatic *cyclo*-E_n ligands. In this study, we varied the ring size of the $[\text{Cp}^*\text{M}(\textit{cyclo}\text{-E}_n)]$ complex and the metal (M = Fe, n = 5; M = Co, n = 4; M = Ni, n = 3). It turned out that the η^2 -coordinating E-E bonds are elongated but still intact. Now the question arose as to what would happen when changing the metal to its higher homolog ruthenium by maintaining the *cyclo*-E₅ unit. In the following, we report on the reactivity of $[\text{L}^1\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})]$ (**2**) towards $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (E = P (**1a-Ru**), As (**1b-Ru**)), resulting in the formation of the new heterometallic compounds $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (E = P (**3a**), As (**3b**)).

7.2. Results and Discussion

The reaction of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ ^[2i,2k] (E = P (**1a-Ru**), As (**1b-Ru**)) with one equivalent of $[\text{L}^1\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})]$ ^[9] (**2**, $\text{L}^1 = \{[\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{Me}_{2-2,6})\text{C}(\text{Me})_2\text{CH}]^-\}$) leads to the formation of $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (E = P (**3a**), As (**3b**)) in good crystalline yields of 51 % (**3a**) and 47 % (**3b**), respectively (Scheme 7.2).

7. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (E = P, As)



Scheme 7.2. Reaction of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (E = P (**1a-Ru**), As (**1b-Ru**)) with $[\text{L}^1\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})]$ (**2**) (dmp = 2,6-dimethylphenyl).

The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **3a** in C_6D_6 at room temperature indicates a sharp singlet at $\delta = 58.3$ ppm ($\omega_{1/2} = 13$ Hz). One would expect at least three different phosphorus signals. Even though the low temperature of 193 K is not enough to freeze the ongoing dynamic behavior of **3a**, the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum still indicates a singlet which is broadened ($\omega_{1/2} = 166$ Hz). Therefore, this highly dynamic behavior in solution of **3a** reflects either the tumbling of the $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment around the *cyclo*- P_5 ring or a dissociation-reassociation process of the $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment. Based on the results for $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ ^[8] which show that its dynamic motion consists of an $\eta^1 \rightarrow \eta^2 \rightarrow \eta^1$ walk of the two $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragments around the *cyclo*- P_5 ring, we propose a similar behavior for the ruthenium complex. The ^1H NMR spectra of **3a** and **3b** (C_6D_6 , r.t.) reveal a full set of signals for the nacnac ligand and a sharp signal for the Cp^* ligand. In the LIFDI-MS spectra of **3a** and **3b**, the corresponding molecular ion peaks are detected.

The molecular structure of **3a** and **3b** reveals a dinuclear complex in which the $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment is bonded in an η^2 fashion side-on to the $\{\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)\}$ unit (Figure 7.1). The $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment is almost perpendicular to the E_5 plane (dihedral angle: **3a**: $82.46(3)^\circ$, **3b**: $96.15(3)^\circ$). The Cu-E distances are 2.2916(8)/2.2844(8) Å for **3a** and 2.3996(10)/2.3921(11) Å for **3b**. Four of the E-E distances are in the range between a single^[10] and a double^[11] bond (Table 7.1). The η^2 -coordinated E-E distances are elongated (2.2327(10) Å (**3a**) and 2.4292(10) Å (**3b**)). All these values are in accordance with the reported complexes $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ ^[8] (E = P (**3a-Fe**), As (**3b-Fe**)) (Table 7.1) and reveal that the E-E bonds are still intact.

7. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ (E = P, As)

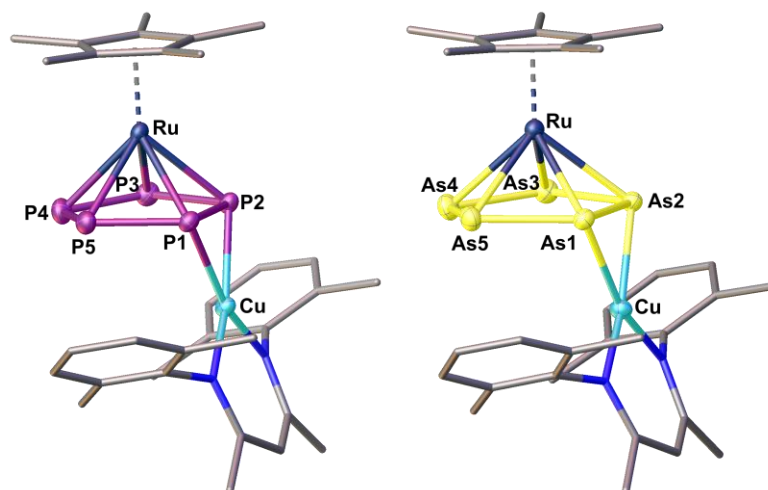


Figure 7.1. Molecular structures of **3a** (left) and **3b** (right) in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity

Table 7.1. Comparison of selected atomic distances and angles in **3a**, **3b**, **3a-Fe** and **3b-Fe** (E = P, As; ϕ = angle between E_5 plane and E-Cu-E plane).

| Compound | 3a | 3b | 3a-Fe ^[8] | 3b-Fe ^[8] |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $d(\text{Cu-E})$ / [Å] | 2.2844(8) 2.2916(8) | 2.3921(11) 2.3996(10) | 2.2820(7) 2.2859(7) | 2.4002(7) 2.4255(7) |
| $d(\text{E-E})$ / [Å] | 2.1301(10) - 2.1384(10) | 2.3400(10) - 2.3475(10) | 2.1172(13) - 2.1326(11) | 2.3251(9) - 2.3425(8) |
| $d(\text{E1-E2})$ / [Å] | 2.2327(10) | 2.4292(10) | 2.2100(10) | 2.4039(6) |
| Φ [°] | 82.46(3) | 96.15(3) | 83.43(2) | 94.29(2) |

7.3. Conclusion

In summary, it was shown that the reactivity of copper nacnac compounds towards complexes containing a *cyclo*- E_5 ligand results in the synthesis of the heterometallic complexes $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru})(\mu, \eta^{5-2}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (E = P (**3a**), As (**3b**)). These compounds are rare examples of the reactivity of the ruthenium analogues of pentaphospha- and pentaarsaferrocene. Their structural characterization shows that the coordinated E-E bond of the *cyclo*- E_5 ligands are still intact. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR investigations for **3a** reveal a dynamic behavior in solution. Therefore, the reactivity of Cu(I) nacnac compounds is not affected by the choice of the metal center (Fe or Ru) and also the nature of the *cyclo*- E_5 ring shows the same reactivity.

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7.5. Supporting Information

7.5.1. Synthesis and Characterization

General Remarks

All manipulations were performed with rigorous exclusion of oxygen and moisture using standard Schlenk techniques on a dual manifold Schlenk line with Argon or N₂ inert gas or glove box filled with nitrogen containing a high-capacity recirculator (<0.1 ppm O₂). Traces of oxygen and moisture in the inert gas were removed by passing it through a drying column filled with Cu/MgSO₄ catalyst as well as, concentrated H₂SO₄ and orange gel, respectively.

All solvents were degassed and purified by standard procedures. All NMR spectra have been recorded using deuterated d₆-benzene that was dried (over Na/K), refluxed for three hours and then distilled under inert atmosphere.

Characterization methods

Mass spectrometry was performed using a Jeol AccuTOF GCX LIFDI mass spectrometer or an Agilent Q-TOF 6540 UHD ES mass spectrometer by the MS department of the University of Regensburg. The compounds were dissolved in the corresponding solvent in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere. The observed fragments were assigned according to the mass/charge (*m/z*) ratio and the corresponding isotope pattern. Elemental analysis (CHN) were performed by the department of central analyses of the University of Regensburg on a Vario micro cube and a MT5 micro scale device. The compounds were filled in tin capsules in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere.

¹H and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 (¹H: 400.130 MHz, ³¹P: 161.976 MHz) spectrometer at the NMR department of the University of Regensburg. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to external TMS (¹H) or 85 % H₃PO₄ (³¹P). The chemical shifts δ are given in parts per million [ppm] and coupling constants *J* in [Hz].

Starting materials

The compounds [Cp**Ru*(η^5 -E₅)]^[1] (E = P (**1a-Ru**), As (**1b-Ru**)) and [L¹Cu(MeCN)]^[2] (**2**, L¹ = [{N(C₆H₃Me₂-2,6)C(Me)}₂CH]⁻) were prepared according to literature procedures.

7.5.1.1. Synthesis of [(Cp*Ru)(μ , $\eta^{5:2}$ -P₅)(L¹Cu)] (**3a**)

[Cp*Ru(η^5 -P₅)] (**1a-Ru**) (20 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1 eq) and [L¹Cu(MeCN)] (**2**) (21 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in Et₂O and stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered over diatomaceous earth and transferred into a double Schlenk (with 1 mL of toluene on the other side). The solvent was reduced by slow evaporation at -30 °C. Compound [(Cp*Ru)(μ , $\eta^{5:2}$ -P₅)(L¹Cu)] (**3a**) crystallized as orange needles, suitable for X-ray analysis.

Crystalline Yield: 20 mg (51 %, 0.026 mmol)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.32 (d, 4H, H_{meta} , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz), 7.19 (t, 2H, H_{para} , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz), 4.74 (s, 1H, H_{β}), 2.10 (s, 12H, *ortho*-Me), 1.56 (s, 6H, α -Me), 1.10 (s, 15H, Cp*).

¹H NMR (tol-d₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 7.34 (d, 4H, H_{meta} , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz), 7.23 (t, 2H, H_{para} , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz), 4.69 (s, 1H, H_{β}), 2.08 (s, 12H, *ortho*-Me), 1.49 (s, 6H, α -Me), 0.99 (s, 15H, Cp*).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 58.3 ppm (s, 5P).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (tol-d₈, 193 K): δ [ppm] = 54.84 ppm (s, 5P).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 759.98 (29.19, [M⁺]), 1130.10 (100, [(Cp*Ru)(P₅)(L¹Cu)₂]).

EA calculated for C₃₁H₄₀CuN₂RuP₅: C: 48.98, H: 5.30, N: 3.69, found [%]: C: 48.93, H: 5.28, N: 3.63.

7.5.1.2. Synthesis of [(Cp*Ru)(μ , $\eta^{5:2}$ -As₅)(L¹Cu)] (**3b**)

[Cp*Ru(η^5 -As₅)] (**1b-Ru**) (20 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 eq) and [L¹Cu(MeCN)] (13.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in Et₂O and stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered over diatomaceous earth and transferred into a double Schlenk (with 1 mL of toluene on the other side). The solvent was reduced by slow evaporation at -30 °C. Compound [(Cp*Ru)(μ , $\eta^{5:2}$ -As₅)(L¹Cu)] (**3b**) crystallized as orange needles, suitable for X-ray analysis.

Crystalline Yield: 15 mg (47 %, 0.015 mmol)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.36 (d, 4H, H_{meta} , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz), 7.21 (t, 2H, H_{para} , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz), 4.73 (s, 1H, H_{β}), 3.25 (q, 2H, Et₂O), 2.02 (s, 12H, *ortho*-Me), 1.55 (s, 6H, α -Me), 1.07 (s, 15H, Cp*).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 979.69 (100, [M⁺]).

7.5.2. NMR studies

7.5.2.1. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**3a**)

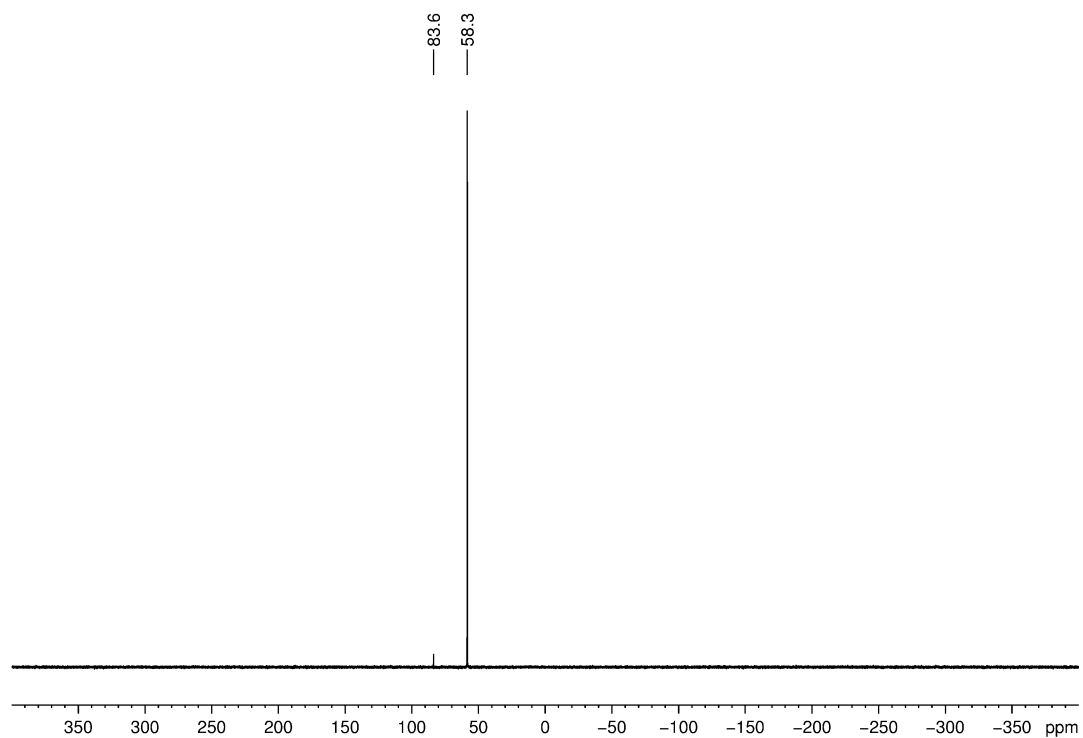


Figure S7.1. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **3a** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

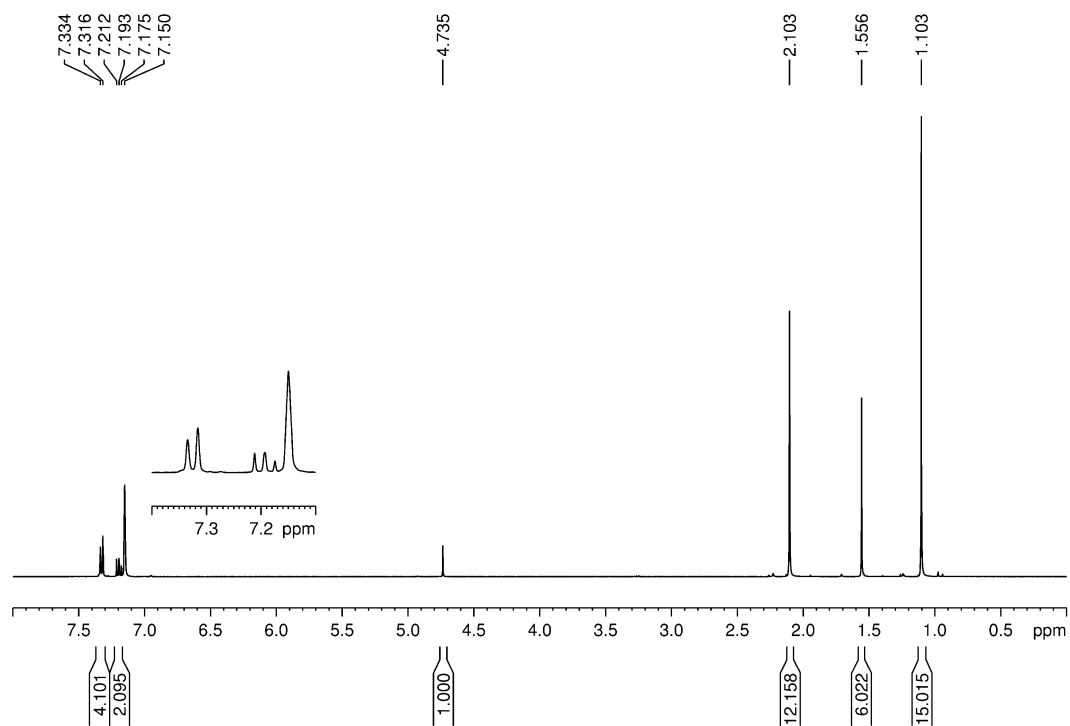


Figure S7.2. ^1H NMR spectrum of **3a** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

7.5.2.2. [(Cp*Ru)($\mu,\eta^{5:2}$ -As₅)(L¹Cu)] (**3b**)

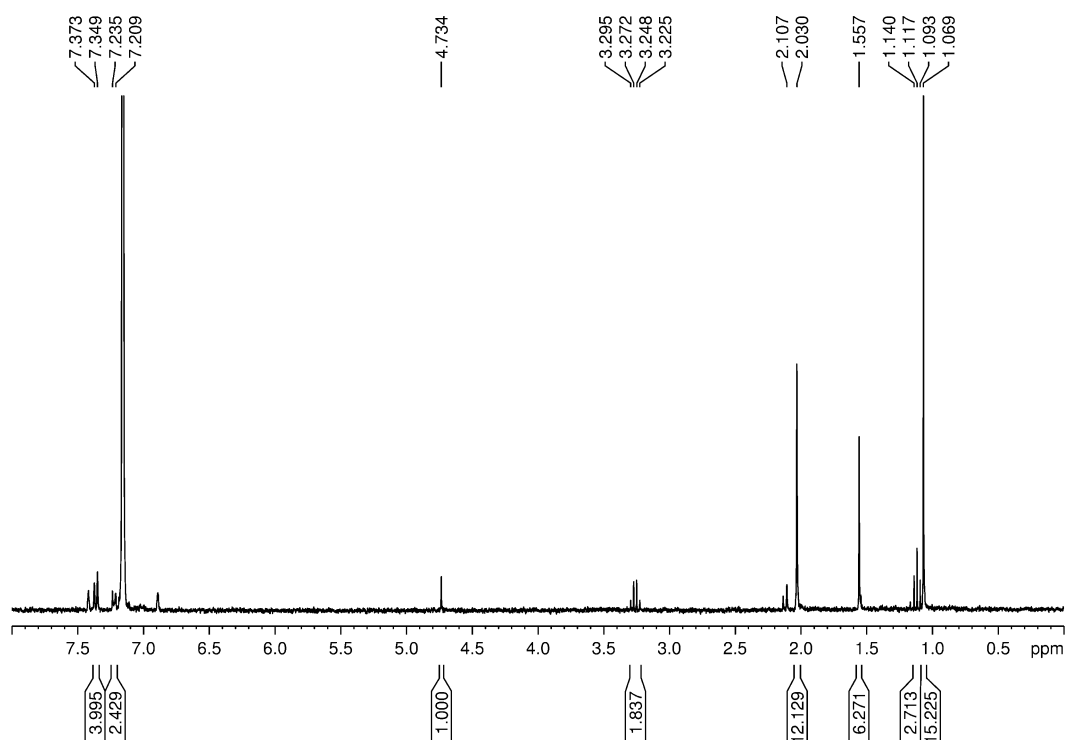


Figure S7.3. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3b** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

7.5.3. Details on single crystal X-ray structure analysis

The X-ray diffraction experiments were performed on either a SuperNova Dualflex diffractometer (Rigaku) equipped with a TitanS2 CCD detector (**3a**), or a XtaLAB Synergy R, DW system (Rigaku) equipped with a HyPix Arc 150° detector (**3b**). All measurements were performed at 123 K, respectively. Data collection and reduction were performed with CrysAlisPro^[3] (Version 171.41.90a, 2020 (**3a**, **3b**)). For the compounds **3a** and **3b** a gaussian absorption correction based on gaussian integration over a multifaceted crystal model was applied. Using Olex2, were the structures solved by direct methods with ShelXT^[4] and refined by full-matrix least-squares method against F^2 in anisotropic approximation using ShelXL^[5]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined in calculated positions using riding on pivot atom model.

Figures were created with Olex2.^[6]

CCDC-2120088 (**3a**) and CCDC-2120089 (**3b**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; Fax: + 44-1223-336-033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

7.5.3.1. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**3a**)

Compound **3a** crystallizes from a concentrated diethyl ether solution at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **3a**. The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S7.4.

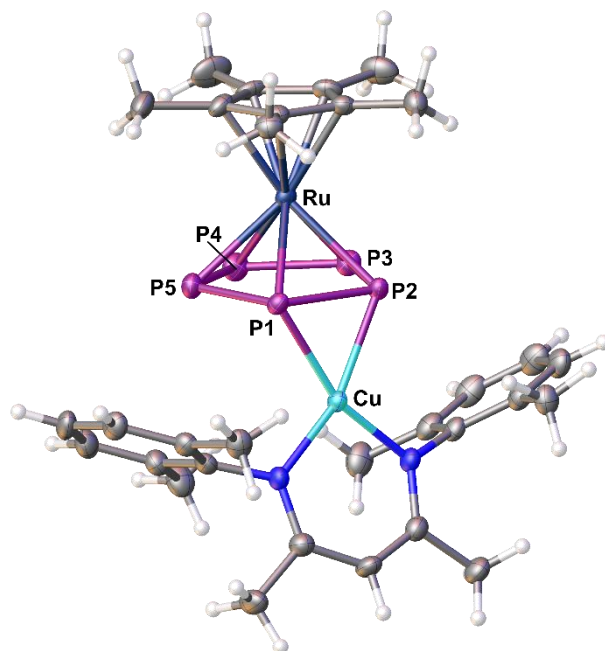


Figure S7.4. Molecular structure of **3a** in solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Ru-P1 2.4628(7), Ru-P2 2.4633(7), Ru-P3 2.4304(7), Ru-P4 2.4700(8), Ru-P5 2.4281(8), Cu-P1 2.2916(8), Cu-P2 2.2844(8), P1-P2 2.2327(10), P2-P3 2.1384(10), P3-P4 2.1301(10), P4-P5 2.1318(11), P5-P1 2.1364(10), P2-Cu-P1 58.41(3), P3-P2-P1 106.82(4), P5-P1-P2 107.02(4), P4-P5-P1 108.23(4), P4-P3-P2 108.33(4), P3-P4-P5 109.32(4).

7.5.3.2. $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-As}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**3b**)

Compound **3b** crystallizes from a concentrated diethyl ether solution at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **3b**. The structure in the solid state is shown in Figure S7.5.

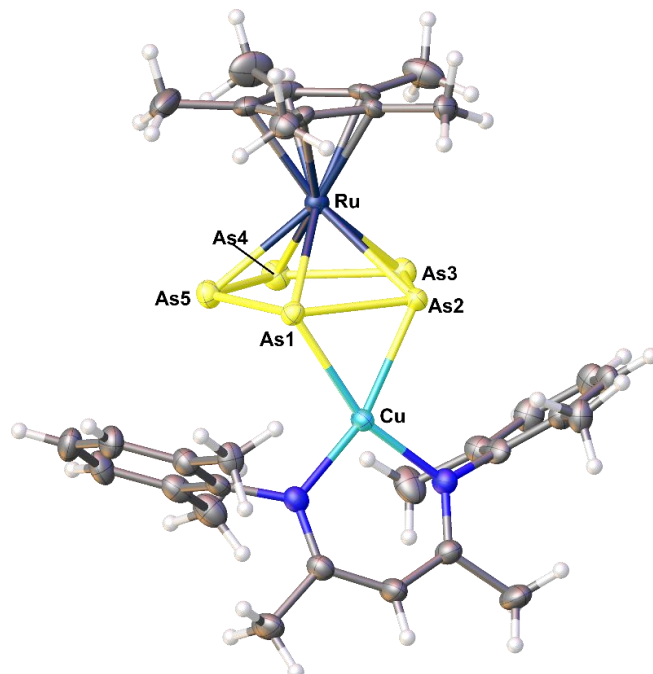


Figure S7.5. Molecular structure of **3b** in solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50 % probability level. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Ru-As1 2.5897(8), Ru-As2 2.5895(8), Ru-As3 2.5640(8), Ru-As4 2.6106(9), Ru-As5 2.5648(8), As1-As2 2.4292(10), As1-As5 2.3463(10), As2-As3 2.3475(10), As3-As4 2.3400(10), As4-As5 2.3435(10), Cu-As1 2.3996(10), Cu-As2 2.3921(11), As3-As2-As1 107.07(3), As5-As1-As2 107.22(3), As4-As3-As2 108.30(4), As4-As5-As1 108.17(4), As3-As4-As5 109.00(4), As2-Cu-As1 60.92(3).

7.5.3.3. Crystallographic Information

Table S7.1. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **3a** and **3b**.

| Compound | 3a | 3b |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| CCDC | 2120088 | 2120089 |
| Formula | C ₃₁ H ₄₀ CuN ₂ P ₅ Ru | C ₃₁ H ₄₀ As ₅ CuN ₂ Ru |
| $D_{calc.}/g\text{ cm}^{-3}$ | 1.512 | 1.899 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 6.892 | 9.871 |
| Formula Weight | 760.11 | 979.86 |
| Colour | orange | clear orange |
| Shape | needle | needle |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.15×0.06×0.04 | 0.18×0.04×0.03 |
| T/K | 123.00(10) | 123.01(10) |
| Crystal System | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Space Group | $P2_1/c$ | $P2_1/c$ |
| $a/\text{Å}$ | 7.98500(10) | 8.11410(10) |
| $b/\text{Å}$ | 19.1630(3) | 19.3060(3) |
| $c/\text{Å}$ | 22.1094(4) | 22.2113(3) |
| $\alpha/^\circ$ | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta/^\circ$ | 99.285(2) | 99.931(2) |
| $\gamma/^\circ$ | 90 | 90 |
| $V/\text{Å}^3$ | 3338.78(9) | 3427.28(8) |
| Z | 4 | 4 |
| Z' | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K α | Cu K α |
| $\theta_{min}/^\circ$ | 4.052 | 3.053 |
| $\theta_{max}/^\circ$ | 66.859 | 73.339 |
| Measured Refl's. | 29913 | 20779 |
| Indep't Refl's | 5915 | 6496 |
| Refl's $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ | 5194 | 5433 |
| R_{int} | 0.0373 | 0.0389 |
| Parameters | 372 | 372 |
| Restraints | 0 | 0 |
| Largest Peak | 1.693 | 2.389 |
| Deepest Hole | -1.578 | -2.132 |
| Goof | 1.023 | 1.087 |
| wR_2 (all data) | 0.0981 | 0.1806 |
| wR_2 | 0.0929 | 0.1739 |
| R_1 (all data) | 0.0409 | 0.0662 |
| R_1 | 0.0351 | 0.0586 |

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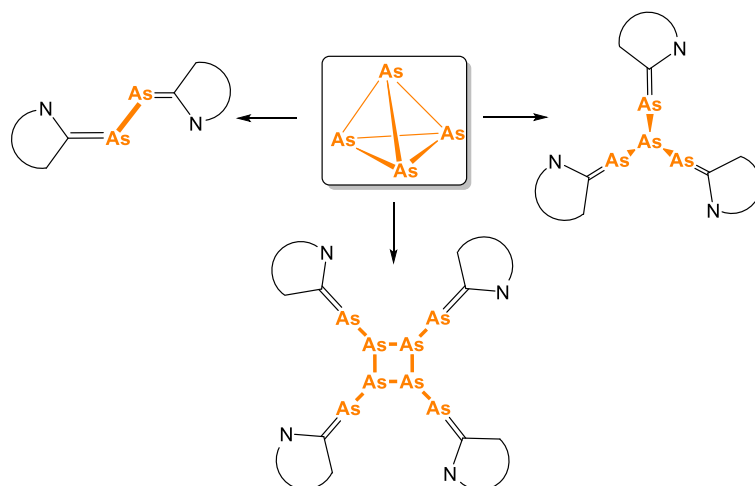
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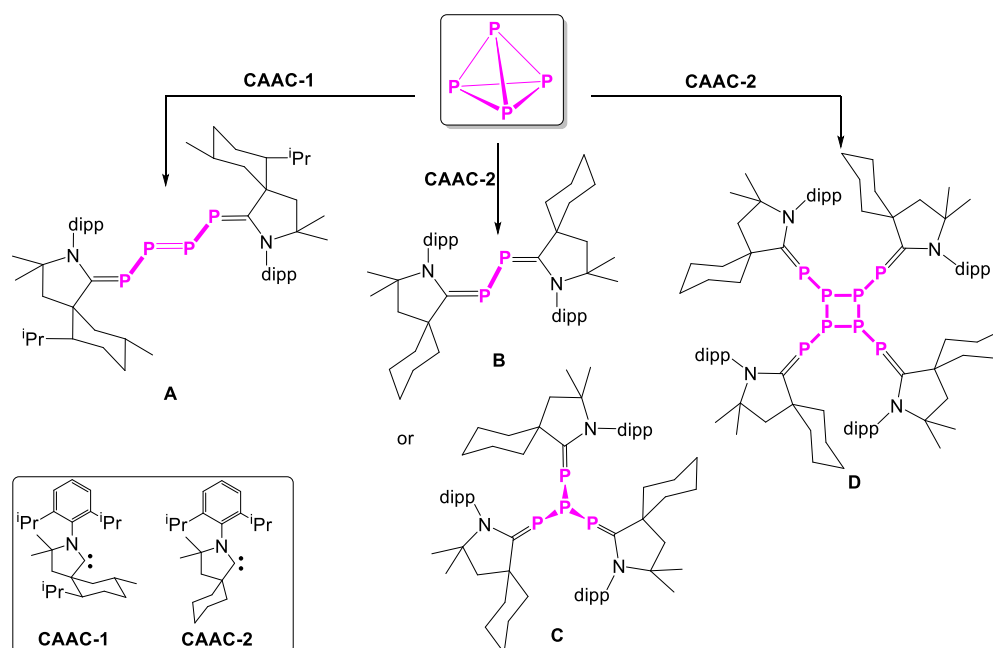
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Abstract: Different cyclic alkyl amino carbenes (CAACs) were reacted with yellow arsenic yielding the compounds $[(\text{CAAC-}n)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-As}_2)]$ ($n = 1$ (**1**), 4 (**2**)), $[(\text{CAAC-}2)_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}\text{-As}_4)]$ (**3**) and $[(\text{CAAC-}3)_4(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}\text{-As}_8)]$ (**6**) in dependence of the substituents. The products contain an As_2 , As_4 or As_8 unit and represent the first examples of the reactivity of yellow arsenic towards CAACs. During our investigation also some phosphorus derivatives ($[(\text{CAAC-}3)_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}\text{-P}_4)]$ (**4**) and $[(\text{CAAC-}3)_4(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}\text{-P}_8)]$ (**7**)) and the interpnictogen compound $[(\text{CAAC-}3)_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}\text{-AsP}_3)]$ (**5**) could be synthesized. The products were characterized by spectroscopic and crystallographic methods and DFT computations were performed to clarify the formation pathway of the products.

8.1. Introduction

Since their discovery in 2005, the use of cyclic alkyl amino carbenes (CAACs) gained increasing attention and popularity.^[1] They are the most nucleophilic and electrophilic stable carbenes known to date.^[2] Their versatile applications in different research objectives ranges from coordination chemistry, transition metal catalysis to the activation of small molecules like H_2 ,^[3] NH_3 ,^[3] CO ,^[4] and most interestingly P_4 .^[5] Among others CAACs have the potential to activate, aggregate and fragmentate white phosphorus. In 2007, *Bertrand et al.* reported the first example of a 2,3,4,5-tetraphosphatriene derivative (**A**), stabilized by two menthyl substituted CAACs (**CAAC-1**) (Scheme 8.1).^[6] The reaction of the less steric protected cyclohexyl-substituted CAAC (**CAAC-2**, Scheme 8.1) with P_4 leads depending on the reaction conditions to three different products: the P_2 -dicarbene adduct (**B**),^[5a] an isotetraphosphine adduct stabilized by three CAAC molecules (**C**)^[5a] or the P_8 tetracarbene compound (**D**)^[5b] (Scheme 8.1). For **D**, *Bertrand et al.* postulated a dimerization reaction of two molecules of type **A**. While the reactivity of white phosphorus towards transition metal and main group compounds was extensively studied,^[7] the research about the conversion of yellow arsenic is limited by toxicity, impossibility to carry out stoichiometric reactions, light- and air-sensitivity of yellow arsenic. While there are several studies of the conversion of yellow arsenic with transition metal compounds containing e.g. Cp^R or nacnac ligands,^[8] there are only few examples known with main group compounds.^[8-9] Arsenic-arsenic bonds are weaker than phosphorus-phosphorus bonds, which results in less stable intermediates. In the case of yellow arsenic, most likely only the thermodynamically most stable compounds are formed, but there are a few examples of transient species which could be characterized.^[9a] Interestingly, there are only few studies known in which the reactivity of white phosphorus and yellow arsenic is compared and different products could be realized.^[9c,10] For example, the reaction of E_4 ($\text{E} = \text{P}, \text{As}$) with silylene $[\text{PhC}(\text{N}t\text{Bu})_2\text{SiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]$ and disilene $[(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{NCp}^*\text{Si}=\text{SiCp}^*\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]$ ($\text{Cp}^* = \text{C}_5\text{Me}_5$) leads to very different compounds in the case of phosphorus and arsenic, respectively.^[9c,10c]

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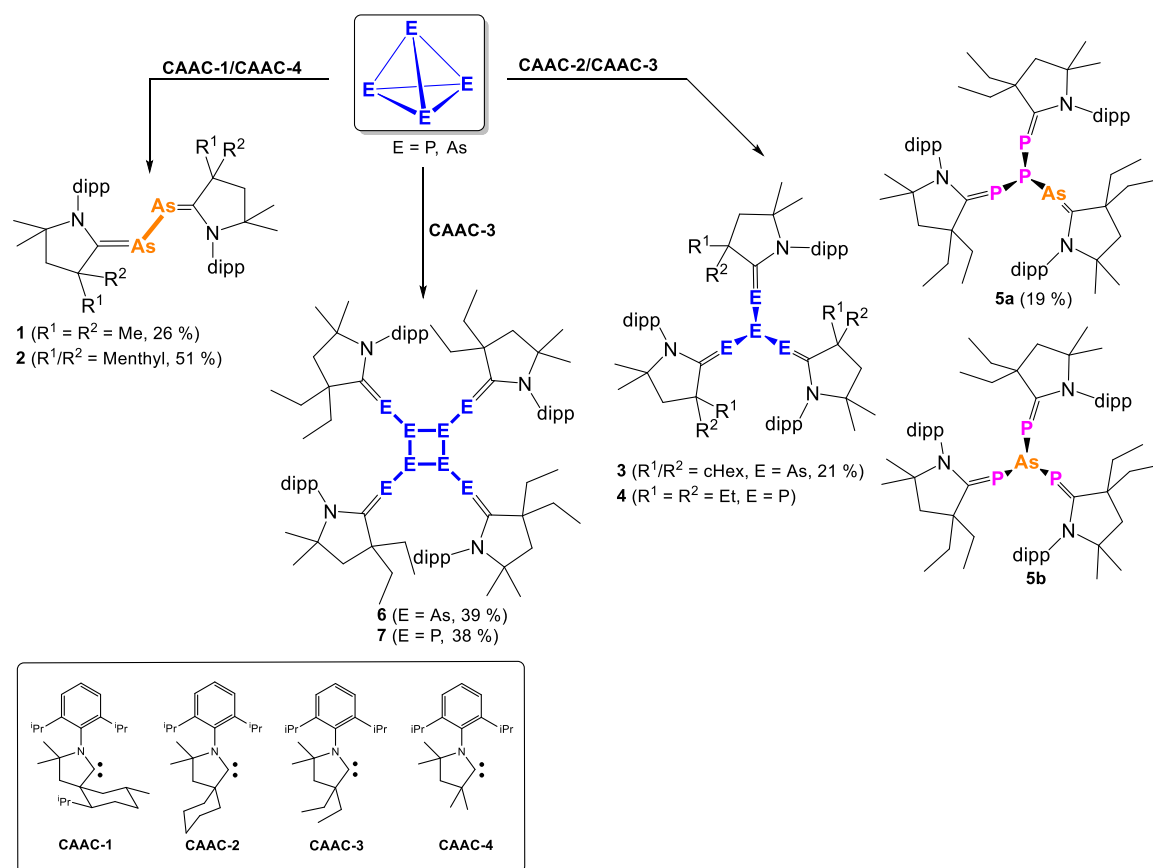
Scheme 8.1. Conversion of white phosphorus by different CAAC's.

Based on the known reaction behavior of CAACs with white phosphorus, the question arose if CAACs can also induce the conversion, aggregation, and fragmentation of yellow arsenic as well as what similarities or differences can be found between the reactivities of P_4 and As_4 .

Interestingly, there have been efforts to find other ways to prepare arsenic containing compounds stabilized by CAACs. *Hudnall et al.* synthesized the dicarbene substituted diarsenic compound $[(CAAC-3)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-As_2)]$ (**E**) by reacting CAAC-3 with $AsCl_3$ and subsequent reduction.^[11] There is also one example with the heavier analogue antimony which is isostructural to $[(CAAC-n)_2E_2]$ ($E = P$ (**B**), $n = 2$; As (**E**), $n = 3$).^[12] This compound was synthesized by the stepwise reduction of $[(CAAC-2)SbCl_3]$ with potassium graphite. In contrast to yellow arsenic, the binary interpnictogen compound AsP_3 ^[13] is stable, isolobal and similar to handle as P_4 . This compound might close the gap between white phosphorus and yellow arsenic and in principle the reaction behavior of phosphorus and arsenic could be investigated at the same time. With such tools in hand, it is possible to monitor the formation of products by ^{31}P NMR spectroscopy, which is not possible at all for yellow arsenic. To note, there are only few examples reported of the conversion of AsP_3 with main group and transition metal compounds.^[14] Herein, we present a comparative experimental and computational study of As_4 conversion by different CAAC's (**CAAC-1** – **CAAC-4**, Scheme 8.2) which results in a series of products. During our investigations we were able to synthesize and also characterize some new phosphorus products and an interpnictogen compound by the reaction of CAAC-3 with P_4 and AsP_3 , respectively.

8.2. Results and Discussion

The reaction of **CAAC-1**, **CAAC-2**, **CAAC-3** and **CAAC-4** with an excess of yellow arsenic in toluene at room temperature leads to the formation of the 2,3-diarsabutadiene-derivate $[(\text{CAAC-4})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-\text{As}_2)]$ (**1**) and $[(\text{CAAC-1})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-\text{As}_2)]$ (**2**), the isotetraarsan adduct stabilized by three CAAC molecules (**3**) and $[(\text{CAAC-3})_4(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-\text{As}_8)]$ (**6**) (Scheme 8.2). The products can be obtained as air, moisture and light sensitive yellow to red solids in crystalline yields of 26 % (**1**), 51 % (**2**), 21 % (**3**), 39 % (**6**), respectively (Scheme 8.2). Changing the reaction conditions (e.g. temperature) leads to the same products. By reacting **CAAC-3** with P_4 the isotetraphosphine adduct $[(\text{CAAC-3})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}-\text{P}_4)]$ (**4**) and the P_8 tetracarbene $[(\text{CAAC-3})_4(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-\text{P}_8)]$ (**7**) (Scheme 8.2) are obtained, **7** was isolated in crystalline yields of 38 %. Furthermore, we investigated also the reactivity of AsP_3 towards **CAAC-3**, which leads to $[(\text{CAAC-3})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}-\text{AsP}_3)]$ (**5**) as yellow air sensitive solid in crystalline yields of 19 % (Scheme 8.2).



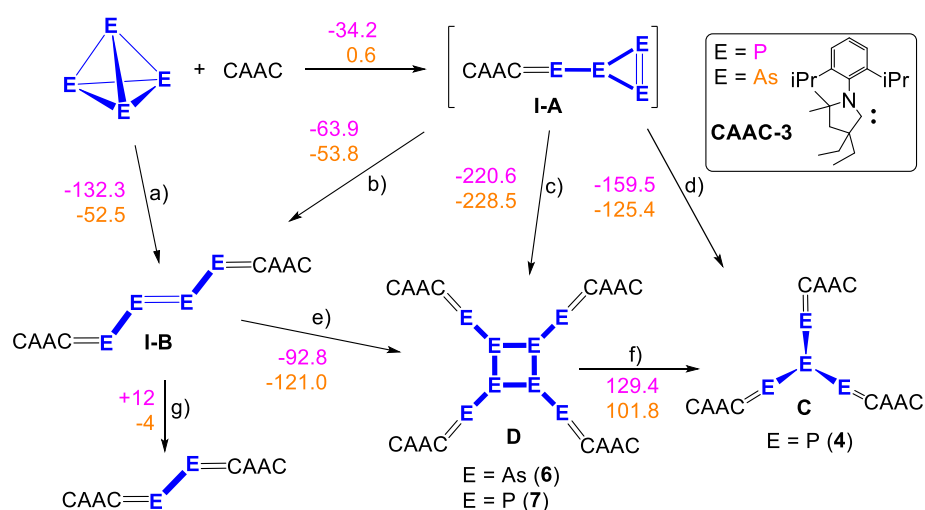
Scheme 8.2. Conversion of E_4 ($\text{E}_4 = \text{P}_4, \text{As}_4, \text{AsP}_3$) by different CAAC's (dipp = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl).

While the reaction of **CAAC-1** with P_4 leads to the formation of a carbene stabilized P_4 chain (**A**, Scheme 8.1), the reaction with yellow arsenic results in a carbene stabilized As_2 unit (**2**, Scheme 8.2). In order to clarify the difference in the reactivity, DFT computations at the B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory were carried out (see SI for details). The formation

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of *trans* isomers of compounds **A**, featuring an E₄ chain, is *exergonic* in solution by 81 and 3 kJ mol⁻¹ for P and As, respectively. However, subsequent fragmentation of [(CAAC-1)₂E₄] (**I-B**, Scheme 8.3) to [(CAAC-1)₂E₂] and ½ E₄ is *endergonic* by 12 kJ mol⁻¹ for P, but *exergonic* by 4 kJ mol⁻¹ for As. Thus, the P₄ chain and the As₂ unit are thermodynamically the most favorable products.

Via trapping reactions *Bertrand et al.* have shown that as an intermediate by the reaction of CAAC with P₄ an unstable monocarbene adduct **I-A** (Scheme 8.3) is formed.^[5b] The formation of this intermediate and the following products (Scheme 8.3) were also computationally studied for **CAAC-2** and **CAAC-3** (Scheme 8.3). Experimentally, the reaction of **CAAC-2** with P₄ leads to the formation of **B**, **C** and **D** (Scheme 8.1), starting with **CAAC-3** compound **4** and **7** could be obtained. The formation of **3** and **6** by the reaction of yellow arsenic with CAAC-3 is independent of the stoichiometry. In the case of arsenic the formation of other products during the reaction can not be precluded but is hard to monitor this due to the poor NMR features of arsenic compounds. For the formation of **6** and **7** two different reaction pathways are proposed (Scheme 8.3). The first one includes the formation of **I-B** intermediate which is *exergonic* both for P and As (Scheme 8.3). Subsequent dimerization of two molecules of **I-B** to **6** and **7** is also *exergonic* by 93 and 121 kJ mol⁻¹, respectively. The second pathway includes formation of **I-A** as the first step and afterwards a direct formation of **6** and **7** or an indirect route via **I-B** (Scheme 8.3). By changing the stoichiometry, it was also possible to synthesize **4**, but not its arsenic analog [(CAAC-3)₃As₄]. Formation of [(CAAC-3)₃E₄] is expected to proceed via **I-A** intermediate. Since **I-A** formation for As is slightly *endergonic*, this reaction pathway would be less favorable than formation of **6** via **I-B** intermediate. This could explain the sole formation of **6** in case of the reaction with As₄.

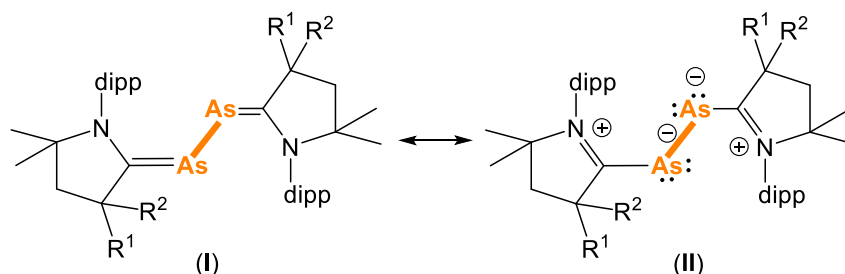


Scheme 8.3. Standard Gibbs energies for the suggested reaction pathways (ΔG°₂₉₈ values are in kJ mol⁻¹ for **CAAC-3**, values for **CAAC-2** see SI). a) + 2 CAAC; b) 2x **I-A**, - P₄; c) 4x **I-A**, - 2 P₄; d) + 2 CAAC; e) 2x **I-B**; f) for the reaction **D** = **C** + **I-A**; g) values for **CAAC-1**, -1/2 E₄.

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In the ^1H NMR spectra of compounds **1**, **6** and **7** a set of signals for one CAAC unit is shown. The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 at room temperature reveals a doublet at $\delta = 69.9$ ppm ($^1J_{\text{PP}} = 236$ Hz) and a quartet at $\delta = -57.6$ ppm ($^1J_{\text{PP}} = 236$ Hz), this matching the expected signals in comparison to **C**. In the case of **5** there are two isomers visible in the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum this indicating a different chemical and magnetic environment which can be explained by the position of the arsenic atom. Which isomer is formed depends on the successive bond cleavage of the AsP_3 tetrahedron. The bond cleavage of an As-P bond in AsP_3 is $6\text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ less energy demanding than a P-P bond cleavage.^[14d] Two As-P and one P-P bond cleavage lead to the formation of the major isomer **5a**, with the carbene coordinated arsenic atom (Scheme 8.2). Three P-P bond cleavages of the AsP_3 tetrahedron lead to the minor isomer **5b** where the arsenic atom is in the middle of the E_4 unit (Scheme 8.2). In the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **5**, a doublet at $\delta = 65.4$ ppm and a triplet at $\delta = -58.9$ ppm ($^1J_{\text{PP}} = 242$ Hz) in an integral ratio of 2:1 for the major isomer **5a** and a singlet at $\delta = 74.18$ ppm for the minor isomer **5b** can be detected (there are also the signals for **4** visible). Furthermore, the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **7** shows two multiplets at $\delta = 52.7$ ppm and -54.9 ppm (comparable to **D**). In the LIFDI-MS spectra of **1**, **2**, **5** and **7**, respectively, the molecular ion peak is detected. Compound **3** is visible in traces in the LIFDI-MS spectrum and for **6** the LIFDI-MS spectrum show different fragments of $((\text{CAAC}-3)_3\text{As}_7)$, $(\text{CAAC}-3)_2\text{As}_n$ ($n = 2, 3, 5$) but not the molecular ion peak, this shows the high sensitivity of arsenic containing compounds.

For **2** cyclic voltammetry measurements in thf were performed. It reveals a first reversible oxidation at -658 mV and a second irreversible oxidation at -350 mV (against $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}]/[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}]^+$). Compared to the corresponding phosphorus analogues of **2** - **B** shows a reversible oxidation at -536 mV and a second irreversible oxidation at 20 mV.^[15] **2** is easier oxidized. This could be explained by the resonance form of **2** shown in Scheme 8.4. Due to the smaller tendency to form double bonds for arsenic the canonical form (I) might be less important than form (II), which contain an electron rich As_2 unit.



Scheme 8.4. Canonical forms of 2,3-diarsabutadiene (I) and a charge separated diarsanediid (II).

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The molecular structures of **1** and **2** reveal a central As₂ unit binding in an η^{1:1} fashion to two CAAC fragments (Figure 8.1). The C2-As1-As2-C21/C28 dihedral angle is 175.6(1)° (**1**) and 165.7(1)° (**2**), respectively. Furthermore, the carbene carbon atoms reveal a typical planar geometry for the sp² hybridized carbon atoms (sum of angles; **1**: 360° for C1 and C21; **2**: 359.8° for C1 and 359.9° for C28). For **1** the diisopropylphenyl groups of the CAAC group are pointing away from the As₂ unit and in **2** they are pointing towards the As₂ unit. An explanation for this could be the steric effect of the bulky menthyl group which is larger than the steric effect of the diisopropylphenyl groups in **2** (buried volume for **CAAC-1**: 77.4 %, for **CAAC-4**: 71.9 %)^[16]. The As1-As2 bond distance amounts to 2.4175(2) Å (**1**) and 2.4423(4) Å (**2**) Å, respectively, which is in the typical range of an As-As single bond (determined by electron diffraction:^[17] 2.435(4) Å, by DFT computations:^[18] 2.437 Å, by the sum of covalent radii:^[19] 2.42 Å). The C-As bond distances are between a single^[19] and a double bond^[20] (**1**: 1.8520(14) and 1.8528(14) Å; **2**: 1.856(3) and 1.859(3) Å). The C1-N1 and C21/C28-N2 bond distances with 1.3645(17) Å and 1.3621(17) Å for compound **1**, 1.371(4) Å and 1.364(4) Å for compound **2**, respectively, are slightly shorter than the corresponding C-N bond distances in **B** (1.387(9) Å).^[5a]

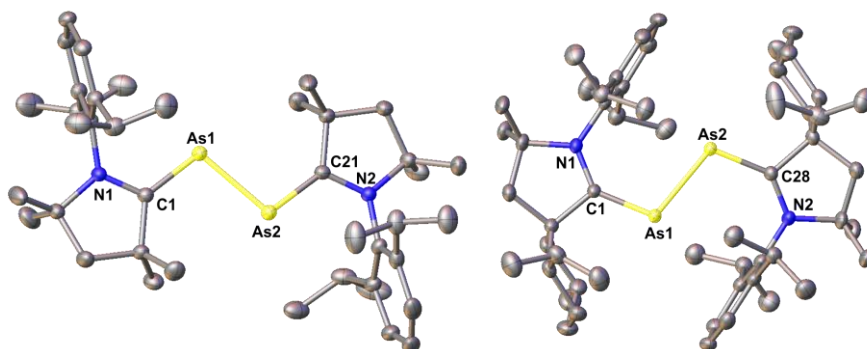


Figure 8.1. Molecular structure of **1** (left) and **2** (right) in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

The molecular structures of **3** and **5** reveal an iso-tetra-polypnictogen unit (E = As (**3**), AsP₃ (**5**)) that is stabilized by three CAAC substituents (Figure 8.2). The arsenic atom in **5** is disordered over all four pnictogen positions. The major isomer **5a**, with the carbene coordinated arsenic atom and the minor isomer **5b**, with the arsenic atom at position E4, are in a ratio of 79:5 (16 % corresponds to compound **4**) in the solid state (Scheme 8.2). DFT computations indicate, that in the gas phase the standard Gibbs energy for the equilibrium **5a** to **5b** is exergonic by 22.1 kJ mol⁻¹, indicating that isomer **5b** is the thermodynamically stable product (see SI). The higher amount of **5a** in the experiment is due to kinetic reasons. Reaction of **CAAC-3** with AsP₃ forming **I-A** via P atom is by 24.6 kJ mol⁻¹ more exergonic than via As atom. The P-As bond breaking in the (CAAC-3)PAsP₂ intermediate is expected to proceed easier, than P-P bond breaking, resulting in **5a** rather than in **5b**. Formation of **4** upon reaction with AsP₃ can be explained by the thermodynamic favorability of the disproportionation of AsP₃: 4 AsP₃ = 3 P₄ + As₄ (computed gas phase

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$\Delta G^{\circ}_{298} = -13.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$). The formed As_4 can isomerize into unreactive grey arsenic and leave the reaction.

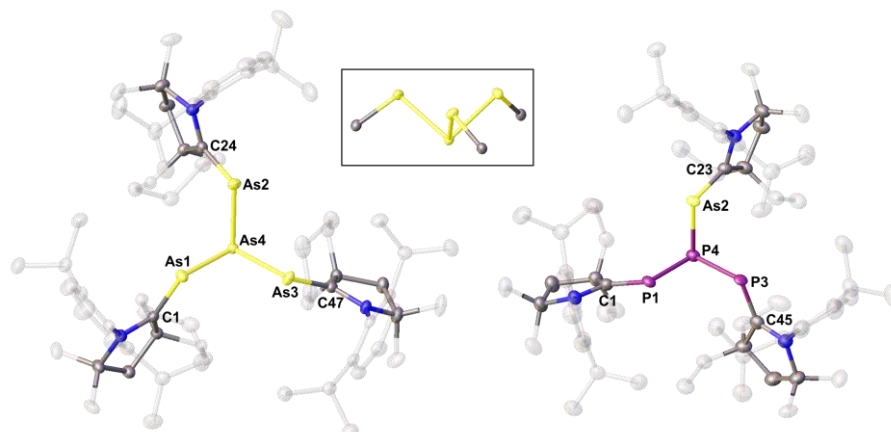


Figure 8.2. Molecular structure of **3** (left) and **5a** (right, one isomer of **5**) in the solid state, side view E_4 unit (box). Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

Table 8.1. Occupation of the phosphorus and arsenic positions of compound **5**.

| Atom | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| P | 70 | 76 | 75 | 95 |
| As | 30 | 24 | 25 | 5 |

The angles around the central atom E_4 are in the range of $89.28(1)^\circ$ to $92.24(1)^\circ$ for **3**, $86.81(1)^\circ$ to $92.88(1)^\circ$ for **5a** and $86.54(1)^\circ$ to $86.99(1)^\circ$ for **5b**. In comparison to **C** which has all three angles at $90.15(2)^\circ$, **3** and **5** show more deviation of the perfect local C_{3v} symmetry. In both structures the diisopropylphenyl groups of the CAAC substituents point away from the central atom E_4 and the CAAC fragments itself are bent counter clockwise in the case of **3** and clockwise in the case of **5** (**C**: clockwise). In the case of arsenic the CAAC fragments are bent in the other direction than in the case of phosphorus. Interestingly, the mixed interpnictogen compound **5** has the same orientation of the CAAC units like the phosphorus analogue **C**. The As-As bond distances of **3** are between $2.4479(2)$ and $2.4520(2)$ Å which is in the range of an arsenic single bond.^[19] The E-E bond distances of **5** are in the range of normal single bonds (P-P: $2.212(10)$ to $2.263(8)$ Å, P-As: $2.289(11)$ to $2.40(4)$ Å). The C-E bond distances are between a single and a double bond (**3**: $1.862(2)$ to $1.866(2)$ Å; **5**: C-P: $1.714(8)$ to $1.748(10)$ Å, C-As: $1.856(9)$ to $1.891(10)$ Å).

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The molecular structures of **6** and **7** reveal a tetra(carbene) E_8 cage compound ($E = \text{As}$ (**6**), P (**7**)), which contain a four membered E_4 ring where each pnictogen atom is connected to a further pnictogen atom and stabilized by four CAAC fragments.

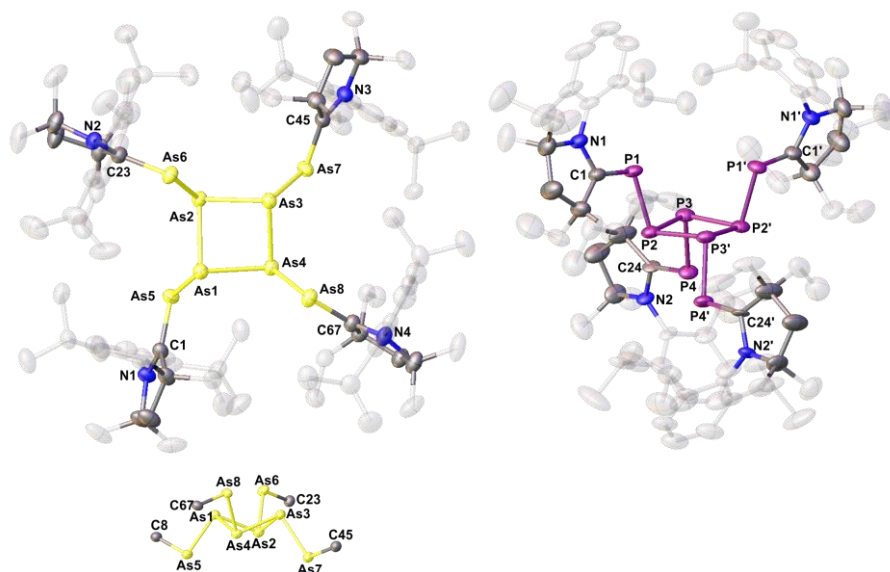


Figure 8.3. Molecular structure of **6** (left) and **7** (right) in the solid state (bottom: side view of the As_8 unit). Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

For the phosphorus compound **7**, the P_4 cycle is nearly planar (torsion angle: 171.8°) and almost right angles ($\text{P2-P3-P2}'$ $89.70(3)^\circ$ and $\text{P3-P2-P3}'$ $90.01(3)^\circ$), this is in contrast to the already known compound **D**, which has the same structural P_8 motif but the P_4 cycle is folded by 47.90° . Compound **6** shows a similar structural E_8 motif as **D**, the As_4 cycle is folded 55.54° (As1-As2-As3 plane: As2-As3-As4 plane). The diisopropylphenyl groups of both compounds point away from the E_8 unit. The E-E-C angles are very similar for both compounds (**6**: $102.71(9) - 104.05(10)^\circ$; **7**: $101.01(4)/104.66(7)^\circ$). So the main difference here is the inner E_4 cycle. The E-E bond distances in the *cyclo*- E_4 unit are between $2.4538(5)$ and $2.4741(5)$ Å (**6**), $2.2335(8)$ and $2.2354(8)$ Å (**7**), respectively. This represents elongated single bonds. The other E-E bond distances are in the range of normal single bonds (**6**: between $2.4237(5)$ and $2.4334(5)$ Å, **7**: $2.1975(7)$ and $2.1987(7)$ Å). The C-E bond distances for **6** (between $1.862(3)$ and $1.864(3)$ Å) and **7** ($1.731(2)$, $1.797(13)$ Å) are also between a single and a double bond.

8.3. Conclusion

In summary, we have demonstrated that the reaction of yellow arsenic with CAACs leads to the aggregation, fragmentation and rearrangement of As_4 . By the reaction of different CAACs with As_4 the compounds $[(\text{CAAC-4})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-\text{As}_2)]$ (**1**), $[(\text{CAAC-1})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-\text{As}_2)]$ (**2**), $[(\text{CAAC-2})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}-\text{As}_4)]$ (**3**) and $[(\text{CAAC-3})_4(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-\text{As}_8)]$ (**6**) could be obtained. The products represent the first examples of the reactivity of yellow arsenic towards CAACs. By the activation of yellow arsenic with CAACs only the thermodynamically most stable compound could be obtained. The compounds are less stable than their phosphorus derivatives, which also affect the yields. DFT computations are in qualitative agreement with the experimental observations. Furthermore, the products $[(\text{CAAC-3})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}-\text{P}_4)]$ (**4**), $[(\text{CAAC-3})_4(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-\text{P}_8)]$ (**7**) and $[(\text{CAAC-3})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}-\text{AsP}_3)]$ (**5**) were synthesized. The latest is the first example of the reactivity of AsP_3 towards CAACs. Moreover, the different reaction outcome and structural difference of the reactions with white phosphorus, yellow arsenic and the interpnictogen compound AsP_3 was treated.

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8.5. Supporting Information

8.5.1. Synthesis and Characterization

General Remarks

All manipulations were performed with rigorous exclusion of oxygen and moisture using standard Schlenk techniques on a dual manifold Schlenk line with Argon or N₂ inert gas or glove box filled with nitrogen containing a high-capacity recirculator (<0.1 ppm O₂). Traces of oxygen and moisture in the inert gas were removed by passing it through a drying column filled with Cu/MgSO₄ catalyst as well as, concentrated H₂SO₄ and orange gel, respectively.

All solvents were degassed and purified by standard procedures. All NMR spectra have been recorded using deuterated *d*₆-benzene or CDCl₃ that were dried (over Na/K or CaH₂), refluxed for three hours and then distilled under inert atmosphere.

Characterization methods

Mass spectrometry was performed using a Jeol AccuTOF GCX LIFDI mass spectrometer by the MS department of the University of Regensburg. The compounds were dissolved in the corresponding solvent in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere. The observed fragments were assigned according to the mass/charge (*m/z*) ratio and the corresponding isotope pattern. Elemental analysis (CHN) were performed by the department of central analyses of the University of Regensburg on a Vario micro cube and a MT5 micro scale device. The compounds were filled in tin capsules in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere.

¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 (¹H: 400.130 MHz, ¹³C: 100.613 MHz, ³¹P: 161.976 MHz) spectrometer at the NMR department of the University of Regensburg. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to external TMS (¹H, ¹³C) or 85 % H₃PO₄ (³¹P). The chemical shifts δ are given in parts per million [ppm] and coupling constants *J* in [Hz].

Cyclic voltammetry measurements were performed in thf at 300 K in a three electrode setup, with a glassy carbon electrode (working electrode), an Ag-wire (pseudo-reference electrode) and a Pt (auxiliary electrode), in combination with a Methrom Autolab PGSTAT101 potentiostat. Bu₄NPF₆ (500 mg in 5 mL THF) was used as supporting electrolyte and all cyclic voltammograms are referenced against Cp₂Fe/Cp₂Fe⁺ redox couple.

Starting Materials

[CAAC-*n*] (*n* = 1-4)

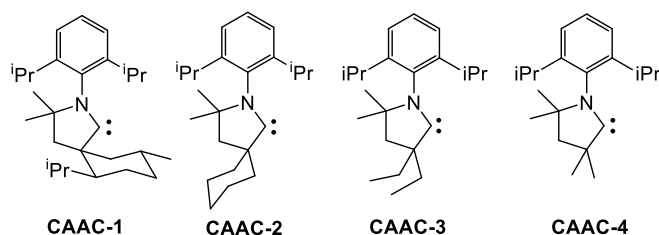


Figure S8.1. Used CAACs.

8.5.1.1. Synthesis of [(CAAC-4)₂(μ,η^{1:1}-As₂)] (**1**)

All preparations were performed under exclusion of light. **CAAC-4** (150 mg) in 15 mL toluene was added to a freshly prepared As₄ saturated toluene solution (250 mL) at room temperature. The colour of the reaction mixture turned immediately to red. The reaction mixture is stirred for 2 hours and the solvent was removed in vacuum. After dissolving the solid in 15-20 mL Et₂O the solution was filtered over diatomaceous earth to remove the insoluble As_{grey}. By storing the solution at + 4 °C, compound [(CAAC-4)₂(μ,η^{1:1}-As₂)] (**1**) crystallized as dark red blocks, suited for X-ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 50 mg (0.07 mmol, 28 %)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.34 (t, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7.7 Hz, CH_{para}), 7.19 (d, 4H, ³J_{HH} = 7.7 Hz, CH_{meta}), 2.79 (m, 4H, dipp: CH(CH₃)₂), 2.07 (d, 4H, ³J_{HH} = 3.7 Hz, C(CH₂CH₃)₂), 1.65 (d, 12H, J_{HH} = 15.51 Hz, C(Me)₂), 1.45 (d, 6H, J_{HH} = 6.6 Hz, C(Me)₂), 1.29 (d, 6H, J_{HH} = 6.6 Hz, C(Me)₂), 1.20-1.25 (m, 24H).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 720.96 (12.96, [M]⁺), 286.19 (100, [CAAC-H]).

8.5.1.2. Synthesis of [(CAAC-1)₂(μ,η^{1:1}-As₂)] (**2**)

All preparations were performed under exclusion of light. 280 mg (0.734 mmol) **CAAC-1** were dissolved in 20 mL toluene. A freshly prepared solution of As₄ in toluene (125 mL) was transferred to the solution. The pale green reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h, while the colour changed to bright yellow. The resulting solution shows thermochromic behaviour with a colour change from yellow to green upon cooling. The solvent was removed in vacuum to yield a bright yellow solid. After dissolving the solid in hexane, the solution was filtered over diatomaceous earth to remove the insoluble As_{grey} and again taken to dryness to remove last traces of toluene. The crude product is taken up in Et₂O (20 mL) and filtered from all insoluble by-products and concentrated. By storing the solution at 4 °C, compound **2** crystallized as yellow plates, suited for X-ray analysis.

Yield: 171 mg (0.187 mmol, 51 %)

Due to the highly complex nature of the CAAC ligands only partial assignments are made.

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300K): δ [ppm] = 0.80 – 1.40 (multiple signals), 3.15 (sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz, ⁱPr), 3.25 (sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.3 Hz, ⁱPr), 3.64 (sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.7 Hz, ⁱPr), 4.12 (sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, ⁱPr), 7.16 (mult, H_{arom}).

FD-MS (toluene): m/z [%] = 912.4 (100) [M⁺].

8.5.1.3. Synthesis of [(CAAC-2)₃(μ₃,η^{1:1:1}-As₄)] (**3**)

All preparations were performed under exclusion of light. 716 mg (0.734 mmol) **CAAC-2** were dissolved in 20 mL toluene. A freshly prepared solution of As₄ in toluene (250 mL) was transferred to the solution. The colourless reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h, while the colour changed to orange. The solvent was removed in vacuum to yield a bright yellow solid. After dissolving the solid in Et₂O, the solution was filtered over diatomaceous earth to remove the insoluble As_{grey} and again taken to dryness to remove last traces of toluene. The crude product is taken up in Et₂O (20 mL) and filtered from all insoluble by-products and concentrated. By storing the solution at -30 °C for 16h a brownish precipitate affords and was filtered off. Further concentration and storing at 4 °C afford **3** as yellow blocks, suited for X-Ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 200 mg (0.16 mmol, 21 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 1.09 (s, 18 H, -(CH₃)₂), 1.23 (d, 18 H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, ⁱPr), 1.41 (d, 18 H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, ⁱPr), 1.00 – 1.90 (m, ^oHex), 1.97 (s, 6H, CH₂), 2.95 (sept., 6H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, ⁱPr), 3.34 (m, 6H, ^oHex), 7.04 (s, 3H, H_{arom}), 7.06 (s, 3H, H_{arom}), 7.18 (s, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.19 (s, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.19 (s, 1H, H_{arom}).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): [m/z] (%) = 1275.4 (16) [M⁺] (just in traces).

8.5.1.4. Synthesis of [(CAAC-3)₃(μ₃,η^{1:1:1}-P₄)] (**4**)

A solution of **CAAC-3** (20 mg, 4 eq) and P₄ (2 mg, 1 eq) were dissolved in 2 mL toluene at room temperature and stirred for 1 hour. The solvent was removed and the residue was taken up in C₆D₆.

³¹P NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 67.4 (d, 3P, ¹J_{PP} = 237 Hz), -58.4 (q, 1P, ¹J_{PP} = 237 Hz)

8.5.1.5. Synthesis of [(CAAC-3)₃(μ₃,η^{1:1:1}-AsP₃)] (5)

CAAC-3 (40 mg, 1 eq) and AsP₃ (10mg, 0.5 eq) were dissolved in 1 mL of hexane and were stirred for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered, concentrated and stored by + 4 °C. Compound [(CAAC-3)₃(μ₃,η^{1:1:1}-AsP₃)] (5) crystallized as dark red blocks, suited for X-ray analysis.

Crystallin Yield: 9 mg (0.008 mmol, 19 %)

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.19 (t, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, CH_{para}), 7.08 (t, 4H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, CH_{meta}), 2.99 (m, 4H, dipp: CH(CH₃)₂), 2.28-2.64 (m, 8H, C(CH₂CH₃)₂), 1.32-1.39 (s, 12H, C(CH₂CH₃)₂), 1.21-1.28 (m, 24H, CHMeMe'), 1.06 (s, 12H, C(CH₃)₂), contaminated with CAAC-3.

³¹P NMR (C₆D₆, 300 K): δ [ppm] = **5a**: 65.4 (d, 2P, ²J_{PP} = 242.4 Hz), -58.9 (t, 1P, ¹J_{PP} = 243.3 Hz), **5b**: 74.2 (s, 0.15P (0.05 %)), **4**: 67.3 (d, 0.3P (0.1 %), ²J_{PP} = 235 Hz), -57.7 (q, overlayers by **5a**).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1107.58 (100, [M⁺]), 763.36 (10.87, [C₄₄H₇₀N₂P₂As]⁺), 719.41 (59.22, [C₄₄H₇₀N₂P₃]⁺), 689.45 (, [C₄₄H₇₀N₂P₂]⁺), 314.23 (14.61, [CAAC-3]⁺).

8.5.1.6. Synthesis of [(CAAC-3)₄(μ₄,η^{1:1:1:1}-As₈)] (6)

All preparations were performed under exclusion of light. **CAAC-3** (200 mg) in 15 mL toluene was added to a freshly prepared As₄ saturated toluene solution (250 mL) at room temperature. The colour of the reaction mixture was turned immediately to orange. The reaction mixture was stirred over night and the solvent was removed in vacuum. After dissolving the solid in Et₂O the solution was filtered over diatomaceous earth to remove the insoluble As_{grey}. The orange solution was reduced to 5 mL. By storing the solution at + 4 °C, compound [(CAAC-3)₄(μ₄,η^{1:1:1:1}-As₈)] (6) crystallized as light orange needles, suited for X-ray analysis. Compound **6** crystallizes independently of the stoichiometry or reaction conditions.

Crystalline yield: 115 mg (39 %)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.30 (t, 4H, CH_{para}), 7.17 (d, 8H, CH_{meta}), 2.86 (sept, 8H, dipp: CH(CH₃)₂), 2.15 (m, 8H, C(CH₂CH₃)₂), 1.94 (s, 8H, CH₂), 1.79 (m, 8H, C(CH₂CH₃)₂), 1.36 (d, 24H, CHMeMe'), 1.19 (d, 24H, CHMeMe'), 1.18 (s, 24H, C(CH₃)₂) 0.91 (t, 24H, C(CH₂CH₃)₂).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 314.27 (100, [CAAC-H]), 776.25 (4, [CAAC₂As₂]), 851.16 (3.9, [CAAC₂As₃]), 1000.96 ([CAAC₂As₅]), 1463.98 (3.2, [CAAC₃As₇]).

EA calculated for: C₈₈H₁₄₀N₄As₈: C: 57.03, H: 7.61, N: 3.02; found [%]: C: 57.38, H: 7.80, N: 2.79.

8.5.1.7. Synthesis of [(CAAC-3)₄(μ₄,η^{1:1:1:1}-P₈)] (**7**)

CAAC-3 (100 mg, 1 eq) in 5 ml ⁿhexane was added to a stirred solution of P₄ (20 mg, 0.5 eq) in 5 mL ⁿhexane at room temperature. The colour of the reaction mixture turned yellow. The reaction is stirred for 2 hours and then filtered over diatomaceous earth. The solvent is reduced to 3 mL. By storing the solution for four days at + 4 °C, compound [(CAAC-3)₄(μ₄,η^{1:1:1:1}-P₈)] (**7**) crystallized as clear yellow blocks, suited for X-ray analysis.

Crystalline yield: 45 mg (38 %, 0.3 mmol)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 7.34 (t, 4H, CH_{para}), 7.17 (t, 8H, CH_{metha}), 2.83 (sept, 8H, dipp: CH(CH₃)₂), 2.13 (m, 8H, C(CH₂CH₃)₂), 1.91 (s, 8H, CH₂), 1.81 (m, 8H, C(CH₂CH₃)₂), 1.28 (d, 24H, CHMeMe'), 1.18 (d, 24H, CHMeMe'), 1.12 (s, 24H, C(CH₃)₂) 0.89 (t, 24H, C(CH₂CH₃)₂).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 59.3 (m, 4P), -55.93 (m, 4P).

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1500.95 (48.48, [M⁺]), 781.41 (70.12, [CAAC₂P₅]), 719.45 (100, [CAAC₂P₃]).

8.5.2. NMR studies

8.5.2.1. $[(\text{CAAC-4})_2(\mu,\eta^{1:1}\text{-As}_2)]$ (**1**)

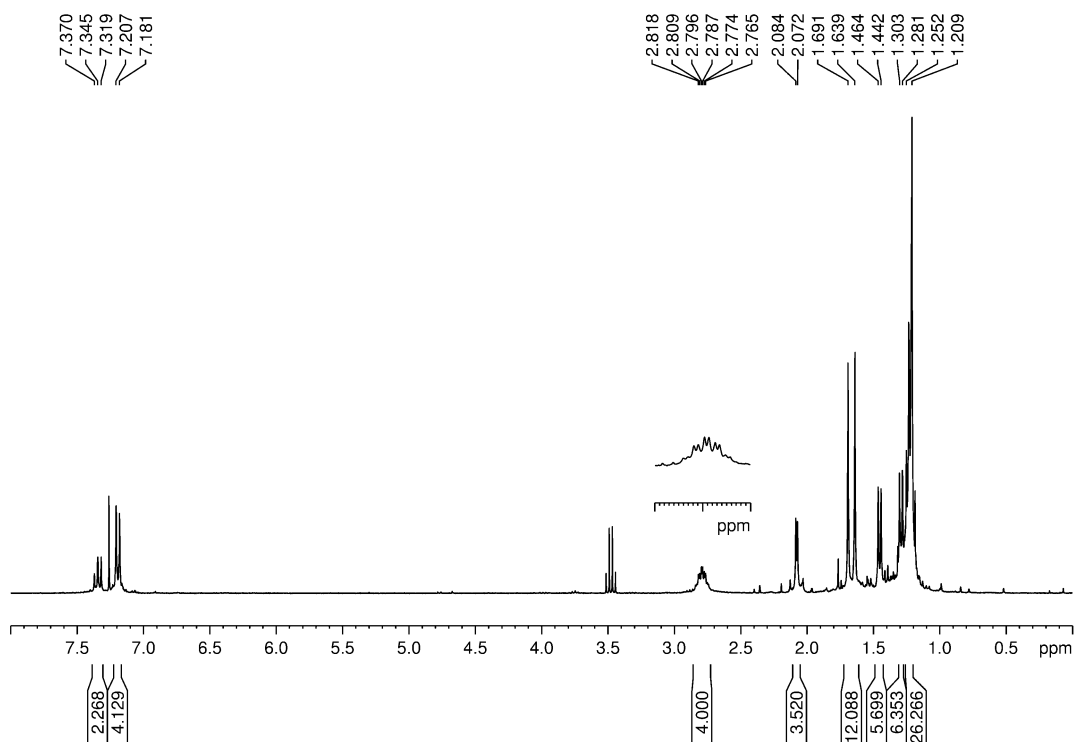


Figure S8.2. ^1H NMR spectrum of **1** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

8.5.2.2. $[(\text{CAAC-1})_2(\mu,\eta^{1:1}\text{-As}_2)]$ (**2**)

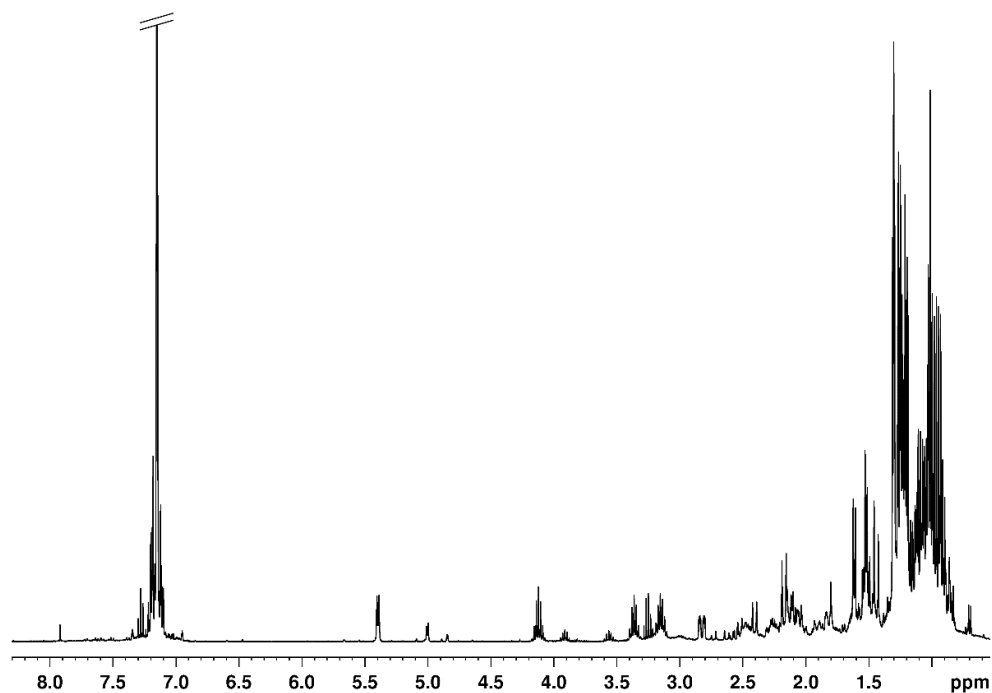


Figure S8.3. ^1H NMR spectrum of **2** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

8.5.2.3. $[(\text{CAAC-2})_2(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}\text{-As}_4)]$ (**3**)

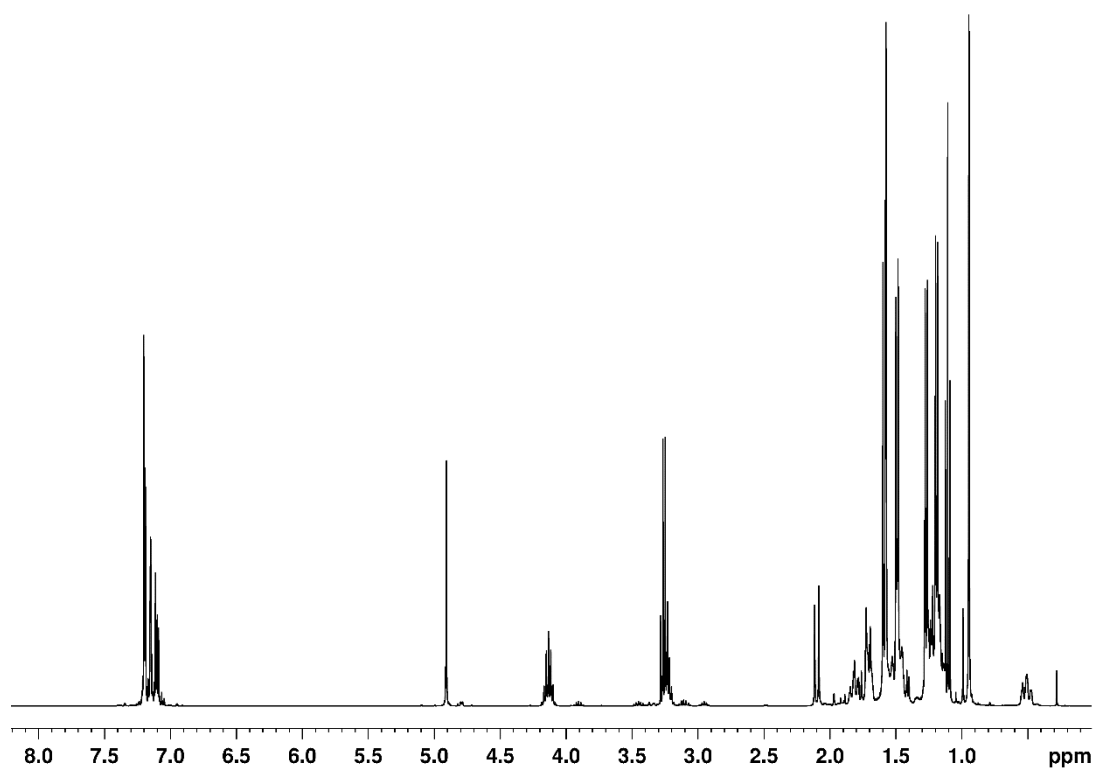


Figure S8.4. ^1H NMR spectra of **3** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

8.5.2.4. $[(\text{CAAC-3})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}\text{-P}_4)]$ (**4**)

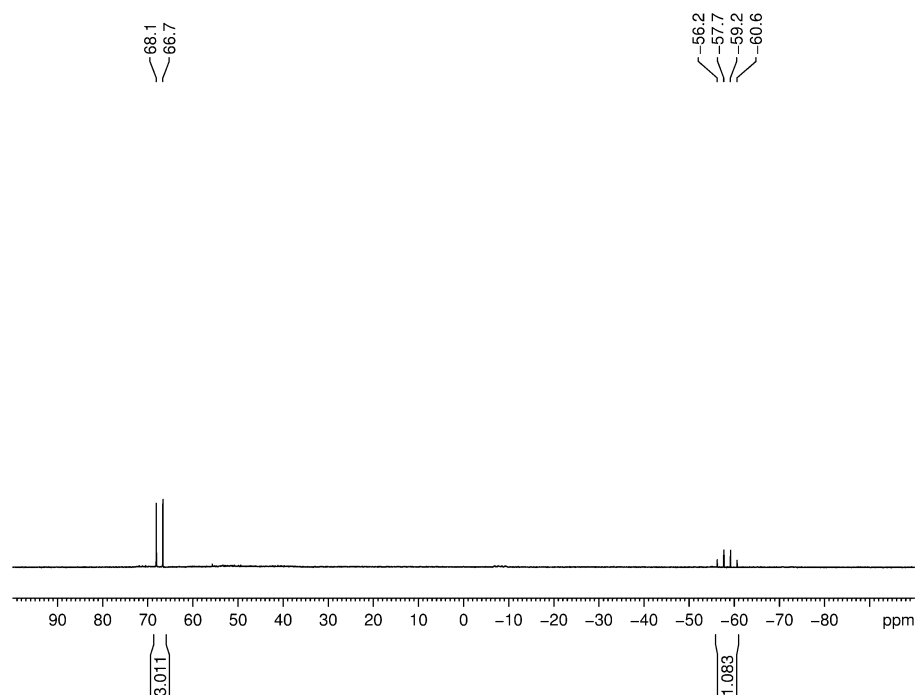


Figure S8.5. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR of compound **4** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

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8.5.2.5. $[(\text{CAAC-3})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}\text{-AsP}_3)]$ (**5**)

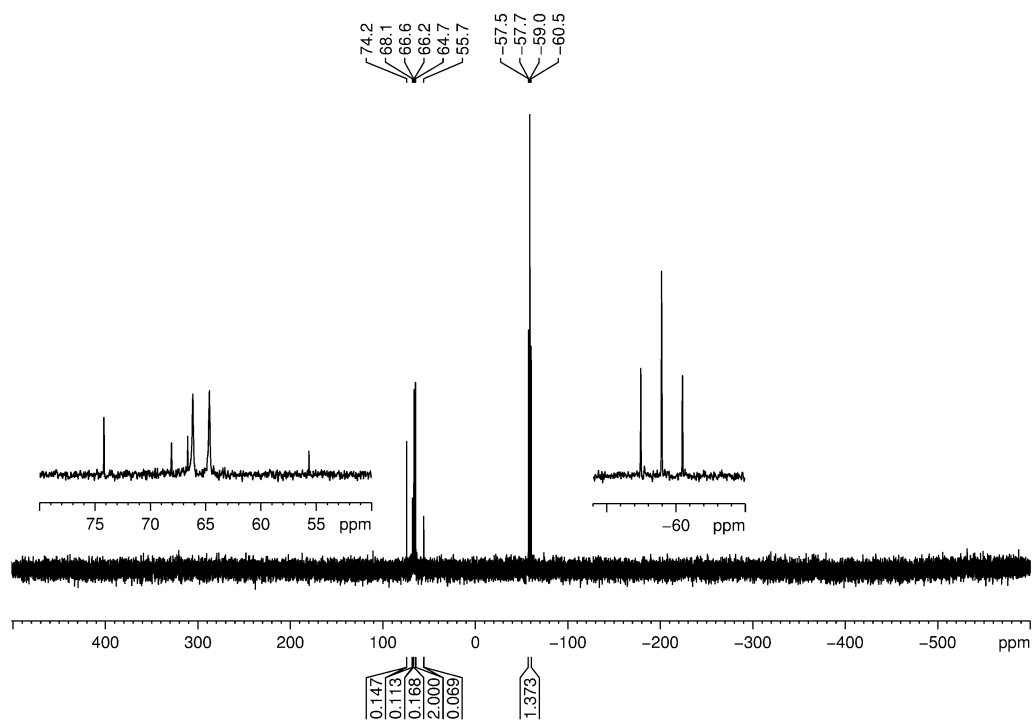


Figure S8.6. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **5** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

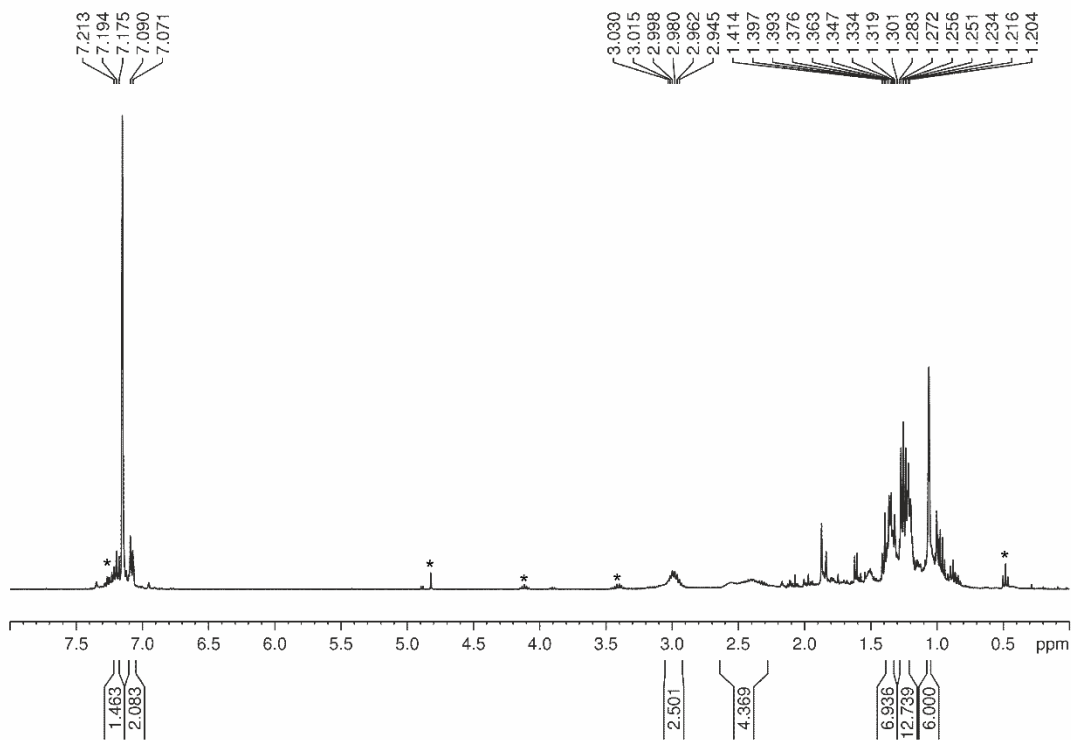


Figure S8.7. ^1H NMR spectrum of **5** in C_6D_6 at room temperature (* contamination with CAAC-3).

8.5.2.6. $[(\text{CAAC-3})_4(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}\text{-As}_8)]$ (**6**)

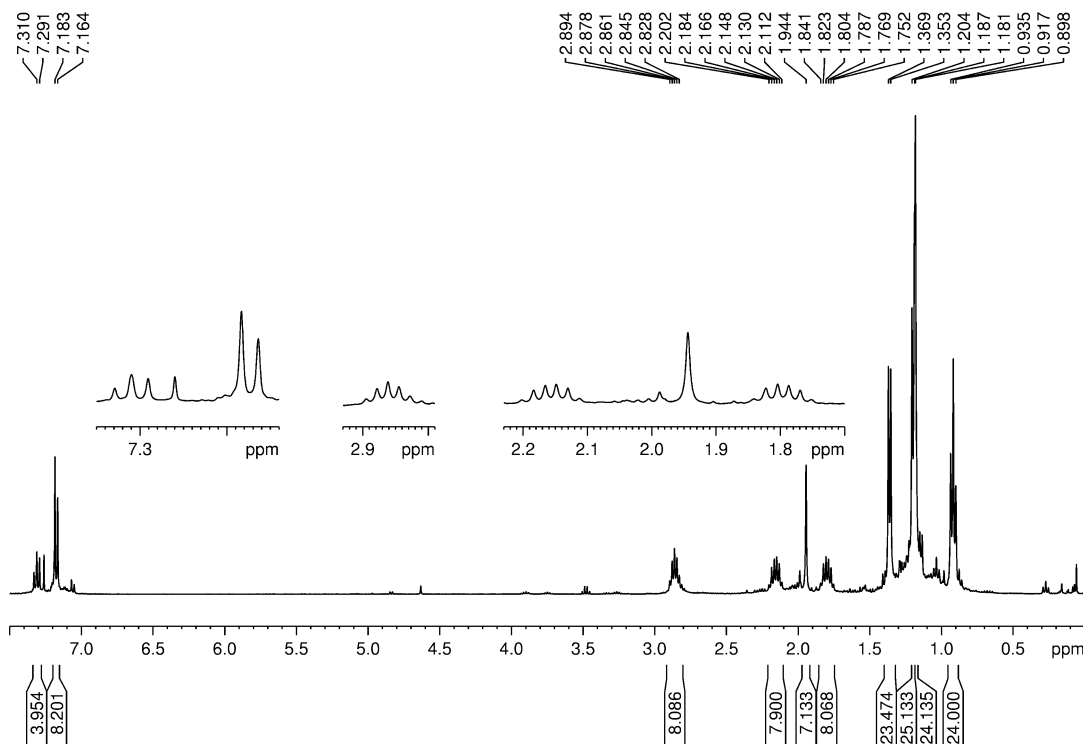


Figure S8.8. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **6** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

8.5.2.7. $[(\text{CAAC-3})_4(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}\text{-P}_8)]$ (**7**)

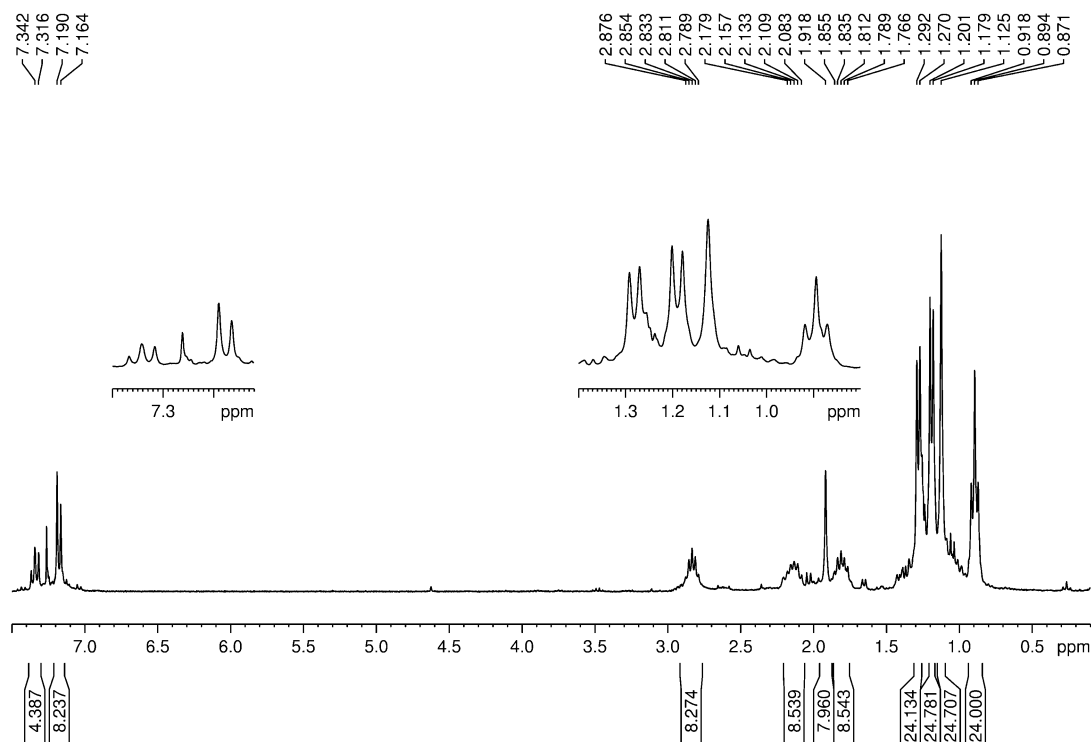


Figure S8.9. ^1H NMR spectrum of **7** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

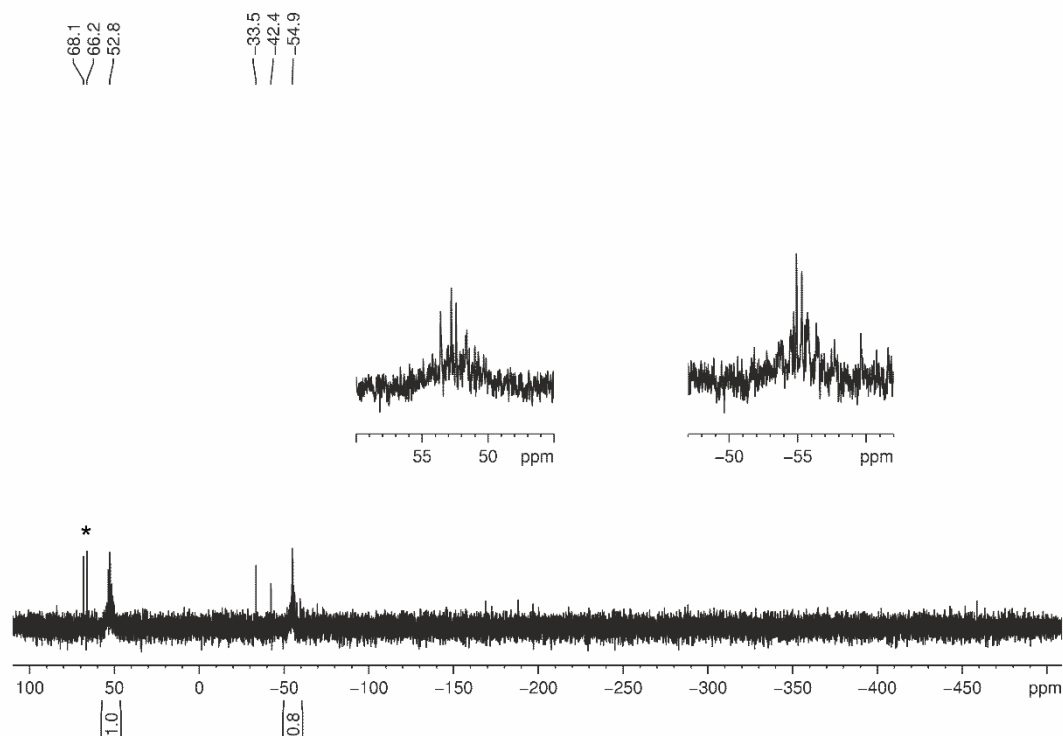


Figure S8.10. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **7** in C_6D_6 at room temperature (*contaminated with **4**).

8.5.3. Details on single crystal X-ray structure analysis

The X-ray diffraction experiments were performed on either a Gemini Ultra diffractometer (Oxford diffraction) with an AtlasS2 detector Cu-K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) (**2**, **3**), SuperNova, Single source at offset, Atlas diffractometer Cu-K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) (**5**) or on a GV 50 diffractometer (Rigaku, formerly Agilent Technologies) with TitanS2 detector from applying Cu-K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) (**1**, **6**, **7**). All measurements were performed at 123 K. Data collection and reduction were performed with CrysAlisPro^[1] (Version 17.34.36, 2010 (**2**, **3**), 171.38.41, 2015 (**1**, **6**), 171.40.14a, 2018 (**7**), 171.41.76a, 2020 (**5**)). For the compounds (**3**, **7**) an analytical numeric absorption correction using a multifaceted crystal model based on expressions derived by R.C. Clark & J.S. Reid was applied.^[2] For the compounds (**1**, **5**, **6**) a gaussian absorption correction based on gaussian integration over a multifaceted crystal model was applied. All structures were solved by direct methods with ShelXT^[3] and Olex2^[4] and refined by full-matrix least-squares method against F^2 in anisotropic approximation using ShelXL^[5]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined in calculated positions using riding on pivot atom model.

8.5.3.1. $[(\text{CAAC-4})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-As}_2)]$ (**1**)

Compound **1** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in Et₂O at -30 °C in the monoclinic space group P2₁/m as red blocks. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **1**. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S8.11.

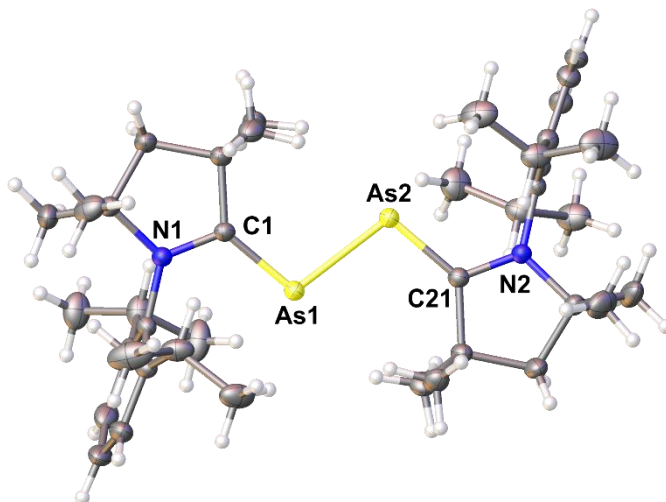


Figure S8.11. Molecular structure of **1** in solid state. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: As1-As2 2.4175(2), As1-C1 1.8520(14), As2-C21 1.8528(14), N2-C21 1.3621(17), N1-C1 1.3645(17), C1-As1-As2 102.57(4), C21-As2-As1 101.92(4), N1-C1-As1 118.56(9), C2-C1-As1 132.85(10), N2-C21-As2 118.68(10), C22-C21-As2 132.95(10).

8.5.3.2. $[(\text{CAAC-1})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-As}_2)]$ (**2**)

Compound **2** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in Et₂O at -30 °C in the non-centrosymmetric space group P2₁ as pale yellow plates. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **2**. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S8.12.

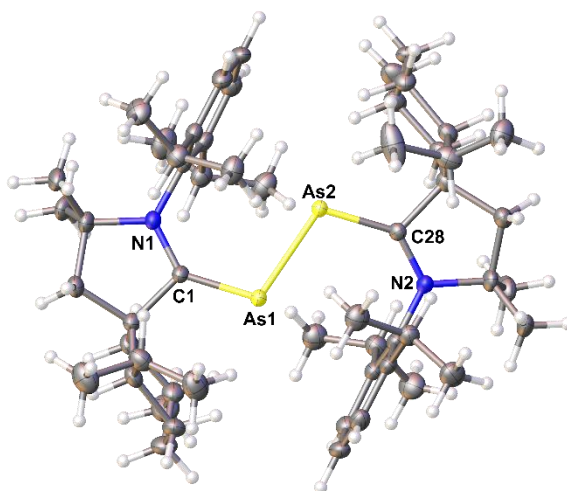


Figure S8.12. Molecular structure of **2** in solid state. Selected bond distances [Å] and angles [°]: As1-As2 2.4423(4), As1-C1 1.856(3), As2-C28 1.859(3), C28-N2 1.364(4), N1-C1 1.371(4), C1-As1-As2 107.23(9), C28-As2-As1 107.60(10), N2-C28-As2 134.2(2), C29-C28-As2 117.6(2).

8.5.3.3. $[(\text{CAAC-2})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}\text{-AsP}_3)]$ (**3**)

Compound **3** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in Et₂O at -30 °C in space group $P\bar{1}$ as pale yellow plates. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **3**. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S8.13.

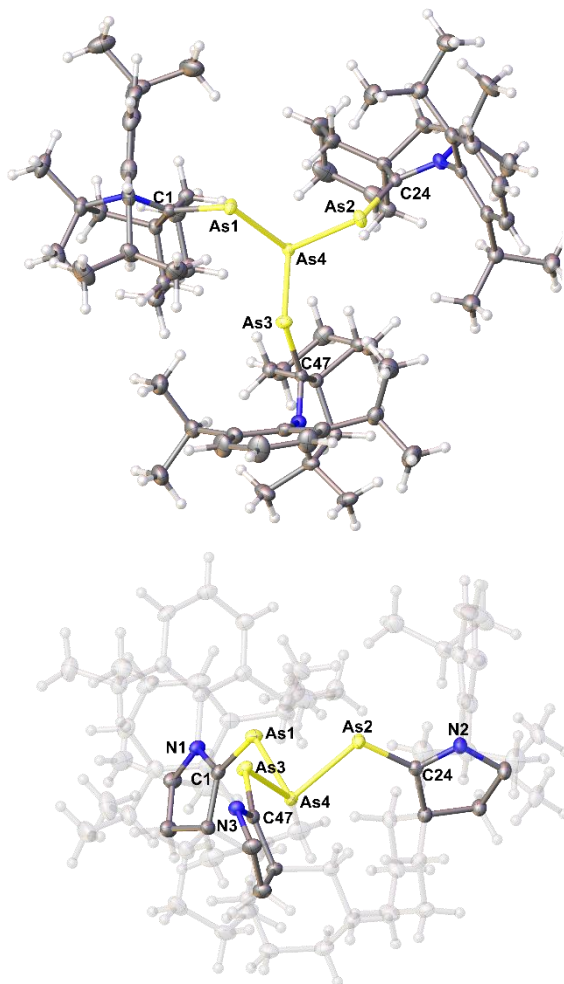


Figure S8.13. Molecular structure of **3** in solid state (top: topview, bottom: sideview). Selected bond distances [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: C1-N1 1.361(2), C24-N2 1.3553(19), C47-N3 1.357(2), C1-As1 1.8634(15), C24-As2 1.8663(15), C47-As3 1.8626(14), As1-As4 2.4520(2), As2-As4 2.4508(2), As3-As4 2.4479(2), As2-As4-As1 90.398(8), As3-As4-As1 89.288(7), As3-As4-As2 92.239(8).

8.5.3.4. $[(\text{CAAC-3})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}\text{-AsP}_3)]$ (**5**)

Compound **5** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in Et₂O at -30 °C in space group $P\bar{1}$ as yellow needles. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **5** and 0.7 molecules of thf. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S8.14.

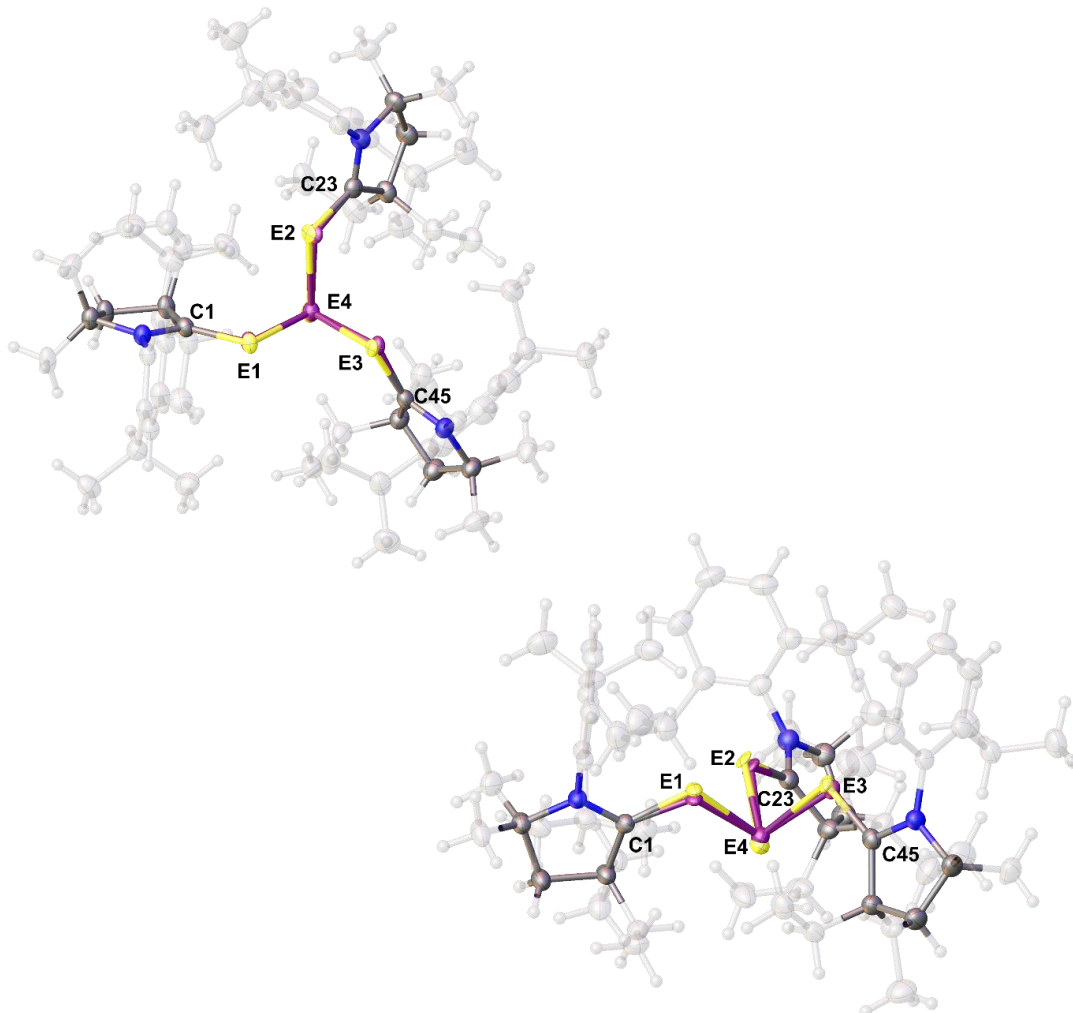


Figure S8.14. Molecular structure of **5** in solid state (top: topview, bottom: sideview). Hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: As1-P4 2.358(10), P2-P4 2.225(9), P3-P4 2.263(8), As2-P4 2.339(12), As3-P4 2.289(11), P1-As4 2.32(4), P2-As4 2.34(4), P3-As4 2.40(4), C1-P1 1.748(10), C1-As1 1.859(10), C23-P2 1.714(8), C23-As2 1.891(10), C45-P3 1.740(8), C45-As3 1.856(9), N1-C1 1.360(3), N2-C23 1.360(3), N3-C45 1.366(3), P1-P4-P3 92.9(3), P1-P4-P2 92.4(4), P2-P4-P3 92.6(3), As1-P4-P2 90.3(4), As1-P4-P3 89.0(3), As2-P4-P1 86.8(4), As2-P4-P3 92.8(4), As3-P4-P1 87.2(3), As3-P4-P2 91.7(4), P1-As4-P2 87.0(13), P3-As4-P2 86.5(13), P3-As4-P1 87.0(12).

8.5.3.5. $[(\text{CAAC-3})_4(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-\text{As}_8)]$ (**6**)

Compound **6** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in Et₂O at -30 °C in space group P2₁/n as light orange needle. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **6**. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S8.15.

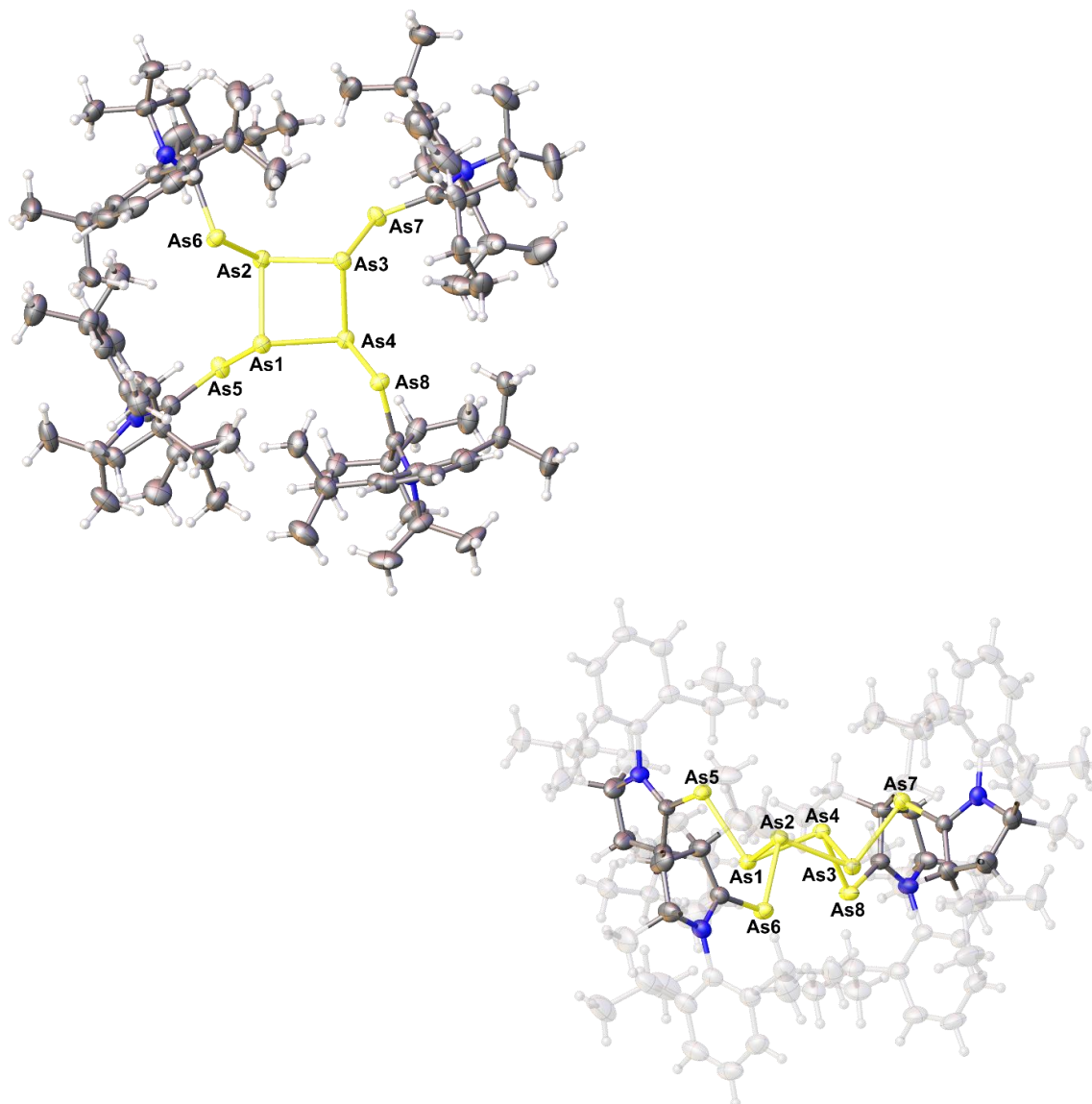


Figure S8.15. Molecular structure of **6** in solid state (top: topview, bottom: sideview). Selected bond distances [Å] and angles [°]: As1-As2 2.4741(5), As1-As5 2.4307(5), As1-As4 2.4658(5), As2-As3 2.4538(5), As2-As6 2.4248(5), As3-As4 2.4694(4), As4-As8 2.4334(5), As3-As7 2.4237(5), As5-C1 1.864(3), As6-C23 1.864(3), As7-C45 1.863(3), As8-C67 1.862(3), As5-As1-As2 96.525(17), As5-As1-As4 95.892(16), As4-As1-As2 83.178(16), As3-As2-As1 82.640(15), As6-As2-As1 102.695(18), As6-As2-As3 93.292(16), As1-As4-As3 82.492(15), As8-As4-As1 95.706(18), As8-As4-As3 93.591(16), As2-As3-As4 83.523(15), As7-As3-As2 92.399(17), As7-As3-As4 100.121(17), C1-As5-As1 103.15(9), C23-As6-As2 102.71(9), C45-As7-As3 103.85(11), C67-As8-As4 104.05(10).

8.5.3.6. $[(\text{CAAC-3})_4(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-\text{P}_8)]$ (**7**)

Compound **7** crystallizes from a concentrated solution in Et₂O at -30 °C in the orthorhombic space group Pnna as clear yellow blocks. The asymmetric unit contains half a molecule of **7**. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S8.16.

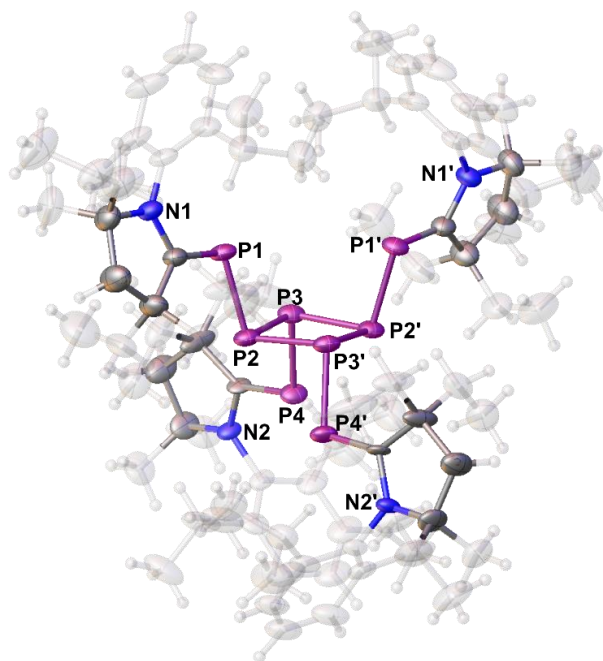


Figure S8.16. Molecular structure of **7** in solid state. Selected bond distances [Å] and angles [°]: P1-P2 2.1976(6), P2-P3 2.2354(8), P3-P4 2.1992(6), P3-P2' 2.2335(8), P1-C1 1.731(2), P4-C23A 1.797(13), P4-C23B 1.674(17), P1-P2-P3 92.50(3), P1-P2-P3' 101.65(3), P3-P2-P3' 90.01(3), P2-P3-P2' 89.70(3), P2-P3-P4 99.77(3), P2'-P3-P4 92.25(3), C1-P1-P2 104.66(7), C23A-P4-P3 101.0(4), C23B-P4-P3 109.9(4).

8.5.3.7. Crystallographic information

Table S8.1. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **1**, **2**, and **3**.

| Compound | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|--|--|--|--|
| Formula | C ₄₀ H ₆₂ As ₂ N ₂ | C ₅₄ H ₈₆ As ₂ N ₂ | C ₇₇ H ₁₂₅ As ₄ N ₃ O ₂ |
| <i>D</i> _{calc.} / g cm ⁻³ | 1.259 | 1.206 | 1.256 |
| μ /mm ⁻¹ | 1.734 | 1.896 | 2.405 |
| Formula Weight | 720.75 | 913.08 | 1424.47 |
| Colour | clear dark red | yellow | light yellow |
| Shape | block | plate | octahedral |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.23×0.17×0.17 | 0.58×0.30×0.04 | 0.42×0.32×0.21 |
| <i>T</i> /K | 123.00(10) | 123(1) | 123(1) |
| Crystal System | monoclinic | monoclinic | triclinic |
| Flack Parameter | - | -0.033(14) | - |
| Hooft Parameter | - | -0.009(10) | - |
| Space Group | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ | <i>P</i> -1 |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 16.2753(2) | 10.09320(10) | 13.9899(3) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 14.99430(10) | 21.7023(3) | 15.6001(4) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 16.9642(2) | 12.2533(2) | 17.8266(4) |
| α /° | 90 | 90 | 84.941(2) |
| β /° | 113.2470(10) | 110.470(2) | 77.407(2) |
| γ /° | 90 | 90 | 83.687(2) |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 3803.78(7) | 2514.55(7) | 3765.65(16) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Z'</i> | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.39222 | 1.54178 | 1.54178 |
| Radiation type | Cu K | CuK α | CuK α |
| θ _{min} /° | 2.668 | 3.850 | 3.251 |
| θ _{max} /° | 74.539 | 66.743 | 70.691 |
| Measured Refl's. | 30761 | 13138 | 27414 |
| Ind't Refl's | 10334 | 7068 | 13981 |
| Refl's with <i>I</i> > 2(<i>I</i>) | 9864 | 6968 | 13132 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0297 | 0.0295 | 0.0228 |
| Parameters | 413 | 541 | 795 |
| Restraints | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Largest Peak | 0.535 | 0.418 | 0.357 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.726 | -0.271 | -0.270 |
| Goof | 1.044 | 1.022 | 1.064 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.0942 | 0.0692 | 0.0651 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ | 0.0929 | 0.0688 | 0.0637 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ (all data) | 0.0357 | 0.0276 | 0.0280 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ | 0.0344 | 0.0271 | 0.0258 |

Table S8.2. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **5**, **6** and **7**.

| Compound | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Formula | C _{68.8} H _{110.6} As _{0.84} N ₃ O _{0.7} P _{3.16} | C ₈₈ H ₁₄₀ As ₈ N ₄ | C ₈₈ H ₁₄₀ N ₄ P ₈ |
| $D_{calc.}/g\text{ cm}^{-3}$ | 1.090 | 1.347 | 1.083 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 1.542 | 2.773 | 1.665 |
| Formula Weight | 1151.79 | 1853.39 | 1573.94 |
| Colour | yellow | light orange | clear yellow |
| Shape | needle | needle | block |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.35×0.08×0.06 | 0.42×0.12×0.02 | 0.41×0.15×0.08 |
| T/K | 123.01(10) | 123.0(2) | 122.9(3) |
| Crystal System | triclinic | monoclinic | orthorhombic |
| Space Group | <i>P</i> -1 | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> | <i>P</i> nna |
| $a/\text{Å}$ | 10.3895(3) | 15.5624(3) | 24.0622(9) |
| $b/\text{Å}$ | 14.6405(3) | 30.5824(5) | 23.3625(9) |
| $c/\text{Å}$ | 23.3361(6) | 20.3894(5) | 17.1780(5) |
| $\alpha/^\circ$ | 85.662(2) | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta/^\circ$ | 86.143(2) | 109.670(2) | 90 |
| $\gamma/^\circ$ | 83.378(2) | 90 | 90 |
| $V/\text{Å}^3$ | 3509.67(15) | 9137.8(3) | 9656.7(6) |
| Z | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Z' | 1 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.39222 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K α | Cu K | Cu K α |
| $\theta_{min}/^\circ$ | 3.479 | 3.772 | 3.674 |
| $\theta_{max}/^\circ$ | 72.686 | 74.253 | 75.644 |
| Measured Refl's. | 39042 | 51164 | 28241 |
| Ind't Refl's | 13665 | 24299 | 9631 |
| Refl's with $I > 2(I)$ | 11102 | 18772 | 7661 |
| R_{int} | 0.0408 | 0.0581 | 0.0377 |
| Parameters | 808 | 943 | 692 |
| Restraints | 177 | 0 | 375 |
| Largest Peak | 1.007 | 1.245 | 0.449 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.307 | -0.943 | -0.210 |
| GooF | 1.071 | 0.995 | 1.032 |
| wR_2 (all data) | 0.1348 | 0.1277 | 0.1387 |
| wR_2 | 0.1235 | 0.1163 | 0.1305 |
| R_1 (all data) | 0.0592 | 0.0659 | 0.0629 |
| R_1 | 0.0459 | 0.0490 | 0.0499 |

8.5.4. DFT calculations

The geometries of compounds have been optimized using DFT in the form of Becke's three-parameter hybrid functional B3LYP^[6] with def2-SVP^[7] basis set. All structures have been fully optimized and verified to be minima on respective potential energy surfaces by subsequent vibrational analysis. The Gaussian 16 suite of programs^[8] was used throughout. Standard entropies of the reactions in solution were estimated by taking into account the entropy of the solvation of one gaseous mole in the inert solvent (90 J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹).^[9]

Table S8.3. Total Energies E_0 , Standard enthalpies H_{298}^0 (all in Hartree), Standard entropies S_{298}^0 (in cal mol⁻¹ K⁻¹) for studied compounds. B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory.

| Compound | Point group | E_0 | H_{298}^0 | S_{298}^0 |
|---|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| P ₂ | D _{∞v} | -682.510987 | -682.505758 | 52.078 |
| P ₄ | T _d | -1365.087187 | -1365.075594 | 66.904 |
| As ₂ | D _{∞v} | -4471.292207 | -4471.287606 | 57.464 |
| As ₄ | T _d | -8942.661644 | -8942.651479 | 78.259 |
| AsP ₃ | C _{3v} | -3259.4781213 | -3259.466939 | 72.535 |
| CAAC-1 | C ₁ | -1108.683255 | -1108.009552 | 188.897 |
| CAAC-2 | C ₁ | -951.5511805 | -950.995035 | 164.872 |
| CAAC-3 | C ₁ | -913.4593789 | -912.912511 | 168.57 |
| (CAAC-1) ₂ P ₂ | C ₁ | -2899.964896 | -2898.605707 | 332.116 |
| <i>cis</i> -(CAAC-1) ₂ P ₄ | C ₁ | -3582.449865 | -3581.082928 | 352.854 |
| <i>trans</i> -(CAAC-1) ₂ P ₄ | C ₁ | -3582.512137 | -3581.146353 | 358.237 |
| (CAAC-1) ₂ As ₂ | C ₁ | -6688.727153 | -6687.369101 | 339.175 |
| <i>cis</i> -(CAAC-1) ₂ As ₄ | C ₁ | -11159.99329 | -11158.62835 | 368.025 |
| <i>trans</i> -(CAAC-1) ₂ As ₄ | C ₁ | -11160.05476 | -11158.69105 | 372.331 |
| (CAAC-2)P-P ₃ | C ₁ | -2316.6512177 | -2316.080402 | 192.973 |
| (CAAC-3)P-P ₃ | C ₁ | -2278.5704960 | -2278.008806 | 197.8 |
| (CAAC-2)As-As ₃ | C ₁ | -9894.2125805 | -9893.643350 | 204.906 |
| (CAAC-3)As-As ₃ | C _s | -9856.1313270 | -9855.571193 | 209.647 |
| (CAAC-3)As-P ₃ | C _s | -4172.9517952 | -4172.389708 | 200.996 |
| (CAAC-3)P-AsP ₂ | C _s | -4172.9611736 | -4172.398956 | 201.271 |
| (CAAC-3)P-PAsP | C ₁ | -4172.9609704 | -4172.398702 | 200.854 |
| <i>trans</i> -(CAAC-2) ₂ P ₄ | C ₁ | -3268.2527570 | -3267.123730 | 313.576 |
| <i>trans</i> -(CAAC-3) ₂ P ₄ | C ₁ | -3192.0844085 | -3190.970710 | 319.532 |
| <i>trans</i> -(CAAC-2) ₂ As ₄ | C ₂ | -10845.7963987 | -10844.669253 | 323.724 |
| <i>trans</i> -(CAAC-3) ₂ As ₄ | C ₂ | -10769.6283901 | -10768.516581 | 330.093 |
| P{P=(CAAC-2)} ₃ | C ₁ | -4219.8704271 | -4218.181797 | 422.64 |
| P{P=(CAAC-3)} ₃ | C ₃ | -4105.5944012 | -4103.928432 | 420.667 |
| As{As=(CAAC-2)} ₃ | C ₁ | -11797.4082719 | -11795.722141 | 441.005 |
| As{As=(CAAC-3)} ₃ | C ₃ | -11683.1382242 | -11681.475143 | 438.189 |
| As{P=(CAAC-3)} ₃ | C ₃ | -5999.9864614 | -5998.321417 | 427.063 |
| P{As=(CAAC-3)} ₂ {P=(CAAC-3)} ₂ | C ₁ | -5999.9774617 | -5998.312263 | 428.652 |
| {P-P=(CAAC-2)} ₄ | D ₂ | -6536.5689237 | -6534.306159 | 568.26 |
| {P-P=(CAAC-3)} ₄ | C ₁ | -6384.2178120 | -6381.988993 | 591.789 |
| {As-As=(CAAC-2)} ₄ | D ₂ | -21691.6674243 | -21689.409071 | 599.313 |
| {As-As=(CAAC-3)} ₄ | C ₁ | -21539.3141107 | -21537.088957 | 618.264 |

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Table S8.4. Reaction energies (ΔE^0 , kJ mol⁻¹), standard enthalpies (ΔH^0_{298} , kJ mol⁻¹), entropies (ΔS^0_{298} , J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹) and Gibbs energies (ΔG^0_{298} , kJ mol⁻¹) for the gas phase processes. B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory. Estimated Gibbs energies in solution ($\Delta G^0_{298}(\text{solv})$, kJ mol⁻¹) are computed taking into account solvation entropy of one gaseous mole in the inert solvent as 90 J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹ (see ref [9] for details).

| Process | ΔE^0 | ΔH^0_{298} | ΔS^0_{298} | ΔG^0_{298} | $\Delta G^0_{298}(\text{solv})$ |
|--|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| $P_4 = 2 P_2$ | 171.2 | 168.2 | 155.9 | 121.8 | 148.6 |
| $As_4 = 2 As_2$ | 202.8 | 200.2 | 153.4 | 154.5 | 181.3 |
| $4AsP_3 = 3P_4 + As_4$ | -28.1 | -27.6 | -46.7 | -13.6 | -13.6 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-1}) + P_4 = \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-1})_2P_4$ | -153.4 | -135.6 | -361.8 | -27.8 | -81.4 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-1}) + P_4 = \text{cis}-(\text{CAAC-1})_2P_4$ | 10.1 | 30.9 | -384.3 | 145.4 | 91.8 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-1}) + As_4 = \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-1})_2As_4$ | -69.8 | -53.7 | -350.3 | 50.7 | -3.0 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-1}) + As_4 = \text{cis}-(\text{CAAC-1})_2As_4$ | 91.5 | 110.9 | -368.3 | 220.7 | 167.0 |
| $\text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-1})_2P_4 = (\text{CAAC-1})_2P_2 + \frac{1}{2} P_4$ | 9.6 | 7.5 | 30.7 | -1.7 | 11.8 |
| $\text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-1})_2As_4 = (\text{CAAC-1})_2As_2 + \frac{1}{2} As_4$ | -8.5 | -10.0 | 25.0 | -17.4 | -4.0 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-1})_2 + \frac{1}{2} P_4 = (\text{CAAC-1})_2P_2$ | -143.9 | -128.1 | -331.1 | -29.4 | -69.7 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-1})_2 + \frac{1}{2} As_4 = (\text{CAAC-1})_2As_2$ | -78.3 | -63.7 | -325.3 | 33.3 | -7.0 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-1})_2 + P_2 = (\text{CAAC-1})_2P_2$ | -229.5 | -212.3 | -409.0 | -90.3 | -144.0 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-1})_2 + As_2 = (\text{CAAC-1})_2As_2$ | -179.7 | -163.8 | -402.0 | -43.9 | -97.6 |
| $P_4 + (\text{CAAC-2}) = (\text{CAAC-2})P-P_3$ | -33.7 | -25.7 | -162.4 | 22.7 | -4.1 |
| $P_4 + (\text{CAAC-3}) = (\text{CAAC-3})P-P_3$ | -62.8 | -54.4 | -157.6 | -7.4 | -34.2 |
| $As_4 + (\text{CAAC-2}) = (\text{CAAC-2})As-As_3$ | 0.6 | 8.3 | -159.9 | 56.0 | 29.2 |
| $As_4 + (\text{CAAC-3}) = (\text{CAAC-3})As-As_3$ | -27.1 | -18.9 | -155.6 | 27.5 | 0.6 |
| $AsP_3 + (\text{CAAC-3}) = (\text{CAAC-3})As-P_3$ | -37.5 | -26.9 | -167.8 | 23.1 | -3.7 |
| $AsP_3 + (\text{CAAC-3}) = (\text{CAAC-3})P-As-P_2$ | -62.2 | -51.2 | -166.7 | -1.5 | -28.4 |
| $AsP_3 + (\text{CAAC-3}) = (\text{CAAC-3})P-P-AsP$ | -61.6 | -50.5 | -168.4 | -0.3 | -27.2 |
| $(\text{CAAC-2})P-P_3 + 2(\text{CAAC-2}) = P\{P=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_3$ | -306.8 | -292.3 | -418.7 | -167.4 | -221.1 |
| $(\text{CAAC-3})P-P_3 + 2(\text{CAAC-3}) = P\{P=(\text{CAAC-3})\}_3$ | -276.1 | -248.4 | -478.1 | -105.8 | -159.5 |
| $(\text{CAAC-2})As-As_3 + 2(\text{CAAC-2}) = As\{As=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_3$ | -245.0 | -232.9 | -391.8 | -116.1 | -169.8 |
| $(\text{CAAC-3})As-As_3 + 2(\text{CAAC-3}) = As\{As=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_3$ | -231.4 | -207.2 | -454.4 | -71.8 | -125.4 |
| $(\text{CAAC-3})As-P_3 + 2(\text{CAAC-3}) = P\{P=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_2$ | | | | | |
| $\{As=(\text{CAAC-2})\}$ | -280.7 | -256.1 | -458.1 | -119.5 | -173.2 |
| $(\text{CAAC-3})P-AsP_2 + 2(\text{CAAC-3}) = As\{P=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_3$ | -279.7 | -255.8 | -465.9 | -116.9 | -170.6 |
| $(\text{CAAC-3})P-P-AsP + 2(\text{CAAC-3}) = P\{P=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_2\{As=(\text{CAAC-2})\}$ | -256.6 | -232.5 | -457.5 | -96.1 | -149.7 |
| $As\{P=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_3 = P\{P=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_2\{As=(\text{CAAC-2})\}$ | 23.6 | 24.0 | 6.6 | 22.1 | 22.1 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-2})P-P_3 = \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-2})_2P_4 + P_4$ | -98.5 | -101.1 | -22.9 | -94.3 | -94.3 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-3})P-P_3 = \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-3})_2P_4 + P_4$ | -80.3 | -75.3 | -38.3 | -63.9 | -63.9 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-2})As-As_3 = \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-2})_2As_4 + As_4$ | -86.3 | -89.4 | -32.8 | -79.6 | -79.6 |
| $2(\text{CAAC-3})As-As_3 = \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-3})_2As_4 + As_4$ | -71.9 | -67.4 | -45.8 | -53.8 | -53.8 |
| $P_4 + 2(\text{CAAC-2}) = \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-2})_2P_4$ | -166.0 | -152.5 | -347.6 | -48.8 | -102.5 |
| $P_4 + 2(\text{CAAC-3}) = \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-3})_2P_4$ | -206.0 | -184.0 | -353.6 | -78.6 | -132.3 |
| $As_4 + 2(\text{CAAC-2}) = \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-2})_2As_4$ | -85.0 | -72.7 | -352.6 | 32.4 | -21.3 |
| $As_4 + 2(\text{CAAC-3}) = \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-3})_2As_4$ | -126.0 | -105.2 | -356.9 | 1.2 | -52.5 |
| $4(\text{CAAC-2})P-P_3 = \{P-P=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_4 + 2P_4$ | -362.8 | -356.4 | -292.1 | -269.3 | -296.1 |
| $4(\text{CAAC-3})P-P_3 = \{P-P=(\text{CAAC-3})\}_4 + 2P_4$ | -289.1 | -275.6 | -274.5 | -193.7 | -220.6 |
| $4(\text{CAAC-2})As-As_3 = \{As-As=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_4 + 2As_4$ | -367.8 | -364.0 | -266.9 | -284.4 | -311.2 |
| $4(\text{CAAC-3})As-As_3 = \{As-As=(\text{CAAC-3})\}_4 + 2As_4$ | -294.3 | -281.3 | -267.0 | -201.7 | -228.5 |
| $2 \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-2})_2P_4 = \{P-P=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_4$ | -166.5 | -154.1 | -246.4 | -80.6 | -107.5 |
| $2 \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-3})_2P_4 = \{P-P=(\text{CAAC-3})\}_4$ | -128.6 | -124.9 | -197.8 | -65.9 | -92.8 |
| $2 \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-2})_2As_4 = \{As-As=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_4$ | -195.9 | -185.3 | -201.4 | -125.2 | -152.1 |
| $2 \text{trans}-(\text{CAAC-3})_2As_4 = \{As-As=(\text{CAAC-3})\}_4$ | -150.5 | -146.5 | -175.4 | -94.2 | -121.0 |
| $\{P-P=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_4 = P\{P=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_3 + (\text{CAAC-2})P-P_3$ | 124.1 | 115.4 | 198.1 | 56.3 | 83.2 |
| $\{P-P=(\text{CAAC-3})\}_4 = P\{P=(\text{CAAC-3})\}_3 + (\text{CAAC-3})P-P_3$ | 138.9 | 135.9 | 111.6 | 102.6 | 129.4 |
| $\{As-As=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_4 = As\{As=(\text{CAAC-2})\}_3 + (\text{CAAC-2})As-As_3$ | 122.3 | 114.4 | 195.0 | 56.3 | 83.1 |
| $\{As-As=(\text{CAAC-3})\}_4 = As\{As=(\text{CAAC-3})\}_3 + (\text{CAAC-3})As-As_3$ | 117.0 | 111.9 | 123.7 | 75.0 | 101.8 |

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Table S8.5. Optimized gas phase geometries (xyz coordinates in Å) for studied compounds. B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory.

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| P₂ | | | As₂ | | | | |
| 15 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 0.949347000 | 33 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | 1.053730000 |
| 15 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | -0.949347000 | 33 | 0.000000000 | 0.000000000 | -1.053730000 |
| P₄ | | | As₄ | | | | |
| 15 | 0.785664000 | 0.785664000 | 0.785664000 | 33 | 0.870401000 | 0.870401000 | 0.870401000 |
| 15 | -0.785664000 | -0.785664000 | 0.785664000 | 33 | -0.870401000 | -0.870401000 | 0.870401000 |
| 15 | 0.785664000 | -0.785664000 | -0.785664000 | 33 | 0.870401000 | -0.870401000 | -0.870401000 |
| 15 | -0.785664000 | 0.785664000 | -0.785664000 | 33 | -0.870401000 | 0.870401000 | -0.870401000 |
| CAAC-1 | | | CAAC-2 | | | | |
| 6 | -0.535894000 | 0.110882000 | -0.323161000 | 6 | -3.334830000 | 3.616062000 | -0.602342000 |
| 7 | 0.515867000 | -0.009533000 | 0.456430000 | 1 | -2.116373000 | 2.095265000 | -1.515254000 |
| 6 | -1.762015000 | 0.171732000 | 0.580863000 | 6 | 4.543502000 | 0.154679000 | -0.904494000 |
| 6 | 0.284210000 | -0.108895000 | 1.977986000 | 1 | 4.438362000 | -1.987045000 | -1.040568000 |
| 6 | 1.871119000 | 0.040788000 | -0.069937000 | 6 | 1.639852000 | -2.893264000 | -1.953092000 |
| 6 | -1.257161000 | -0.186040000 | 2.014920000 | 6 | 2.601109000 | -3.638359000 | 0.268689000 |
| 6 | -2.951304000 | -0.736187000 | 0.110073000 | 1 | 0.862379000 | -2.415229000 | -0.024160000 |
| 6 | -2.258259000 | 1.655059000 | 0.580391000 | 1 | 4.326815000 | 2.291296000 | -0.818077000 |
| 6 | 0.833649000 | 1.125331000 | 2.709700000 | 6 | 1.304831000 | 3.055125000 | -1.609261000 |
| 6 | 0.944659000 | -1.358516000 | 2.570943000 | 6 | 2.472979000 | 3.741563000 | 0.539860000 |
| 6 | 2.552202000 | -1.157907000 | -0.395076000 | 1 | 0.791476000 | 2.436158000 | 0.362614000 |
| 6 | 2.489715000 | 1.302349000 | -0.266312000 | 1 | -4.851937000 | 1.321958000 | -0.380464000 |
| 1 | -1.668712000 | 0.497764000 | 2.772253000 | 1 | -4.462302000 | 1.543951000 | -2.092246000 |
| 1 | -1.573523000 | -1.197829000 | 2.303799000 | 1 | -1.660013000 | -3.777554000 | -1.161573000 |
| 6 | -3.569711000 | -0.225428000 | -1.205238000 | 1 | -1.176081000 | -2.104779000 | -1.556998000 |
| 6 | -2.649113000 | -2.265114000 | 0.059545000 | 1 | -2.753813000 | -2.729496000 | -2.083468000 |
| 1 | -3.718423000 | -0.602273000 | 0.897755000 | 1 | -4.710224000 | -2.905067000 | -0.342582000 |
| 6 | -2.885427000 | 2.157674000 | -0.726177000 | 1 | -4.299221000 | -2.847765000 | 1.387539000 |
| 1 | -3.012358000 | 1.743274000 | 1.385223000 | 1 | -3.685561000 | -4.170065000 | 0.365064000 |
| 1 | -1.427129000 | 2.318801000 | 0.872183000 | 1 | -4.095631000 | 3.734010000 | 0.189127000 |
| 1 | 0.666418000 | 1.008373000 | 3.791938000 | 1 | -3.778361000 | 3.978014000 | -1.544426000 |
| 1 | 0.334564000 | 2.052058000 | 2.396149000 | 1 | -2.491008000 | 4.280885000 | -0.353554000 |
| 1 | 1.916347000 | 1.240360000 | 2.551005000 | 1 | 5.592715000 | 0.197659000 | -1.208111000 |
| 1 | 2.038451000 | -1.336447000 | 2.453508000 | 1 | 2.601683000 | -3.037615000 | -2.471896000 |
| 1 | 0.561608000 | -2.281931000 | 2.115211000 | 1 | 1.085267000 | -2.104870000 | -2.483165000 |
| 1 | 0.726385000 | -1.404018000 | 3.649758000 | 1 | 1.067202000 | -3.831348000 | -2.034722000 |
| 6 | 3.895687000 | -1.071894000 | -0.792955000 | 1 | 2.012588000 | -4.569807000 | 0.238430000 |
| 6 | 1.858188000 | -2.515842000 | -0.474101000 | 1 | 2.781259000 | -3.386874000 | 1.324810000 |
| 6 | 3.832752000 | 1.329033000 | -0.669388000 | 1 | 3.577288000 | -3.859154000 | -0.192366000 |
| 6 | 1.719530000 | 2.619003000 | -0.189794000 | 1 | 2.188843000 | 3.252639000 | -2.237913000 |
| 6 | -4.036627000 | 1.227890000 | -1.123919000 | 1 | 0.702960000 | 3.978609000 | -1.571871000 |
| 1 | -2.824018000 | -0.309374000 | -2.010534000 | 1 | 0.705355000 | 2.269869000 | -2.093631000 |
| 1 | -4.417261000 | -0.872918000 | -1.486782000 | 1 | 2.794016000 | 3.433220000 | 1.547275000 |
| 6 | -2.022410000 | -2.740955000 | -1.259439000 | 1 | 1.824055000 | 4.625817000 | 0.647397000 |
| 6 | -3.903946000 | -3.089657000 | 0.387273000 | 1 | 3.369335000 | 4.067601000 | -0.011818000 |
| 1 | -1.918211000 | -2.484068000 | 0.856788000 | | | | |
| 6 | -1.016697000 | -0.141445000 | -0.380978000 | 1 | -2.958002000 | -1.165300000 | -2.165867000 |
| 7 | 0.011683000 | -0.081826000 | 0.432584000 | 1 | -4.383564000 | -2.106803000 | -1.689533000 |
| 6 | -2.262021000 | -0.308923000 | 0.481094000 | 1 | -2.956166000 | 1.436130000 | -1.705358000 |
| 6 | -0.260006000 | -0.156903000 | 1.948296000 | 6 | 4.009629000 | 0.335515000 | -0.936955000 |
| 6 | 1.363325000 | 0.068774000 | -0.075325000 | 1 | 4.052937000 | -1.812708000 | -1.005107000 |
| 6 | -1.741394000 | -0.584264000 | 1.924001000 | 6 | 1.110404000 | -2.869703000 | -1.818575000 |
| 6 | -3.119247000 | -1.491986000 | -0.038907000 | 6 | 2.391356000 | -3.567317000 | 0.263399000 |
| 6 | -3.111759000 | 0.992893000 | 0.407065000 | 1 | 0.567892000 | -2.451906000 | 0.197252000 |
| 6 | -0.052691000 | 1.214176000 | 2.610610000 | 1 | 3.652100000 | 2.454472000 | -0.911602000 |
| 6 | 0.641746000 | -1.177089000 | 2.652354000 | 6 | 0.596326000 | 2.991864000 | -1.712280000 |
| 6 | 2.119999000 | -1.093247000 | -0.365562000 | 6 | 1.685678000 | 3.810071000 | 0.433017000 |
| 6 | 1.888015000 | 1.362118000 | -0.312900000 | 1 | 0.102434000 | 2.383429000 | 0.266801000 |
| 1 | -2.326739000 | -0.056466000 | 2.692303000 | 1 | -5.458068000 | -0.072148000 | -0.747575000 |
| 1 | -1.818915000 | -1.660554000 | 2.146022000 | 1 | -4.999138000 | 0.226957000 | -2.429103000 |
| 6 | -3.756607000 | -1.242470000 | -1.410410000 | 1 | 5.050672000 | 0.440303000 | -1.253491000 |
| 1 | -3.913884000 | -1.685467000 | 0.706813000 | 1 | 1.997555000 | -2.918085000 | -2.471483000 |
| 6 | -3.749645000 | 1.243673000 | -0.965199000 | 1 | 0.414561000 | -2.127471000 | -2.237952000 |
| 1 | -3.910173000 | 0.908014000 | 1.167609000 | 1 | 0.619241000 | -3.856962000 | -1.840448000 |
| 1 | -2.498358000 | 1.861020000 | 0.701932000 | 1 | 1.850810000 | -4.526480000 | 0.312639000 |
| 1 | -0.259840000 | 1.131298000 | 3.689126000 | 1 | 2.692432000 | -3.294396000 | 1.287135000 |
| 1 | -0.726084000 | 1.979255000 | 2.200142000 | 1 | 3.309831000 | -3.746665000 | -0.318255000 |
| 1 | 0.984483000 | 1.563335000 | 2.497797000 | 1 | 1.470893000 | 3.238114000 | -2.336892000 |
| 1 | 1.706132000 | -0.912276000 | 2.561752000 | 1 | -0.071208000 | 3.869755000 | -1.703235000 |
| 1 | 0.500705000 | -2.193949000 | 2.262279000 | 1 | 0.060633000 | 2.154561000 | -2.184232000 |
| 1 | 0.392979000 | -1.196925000 | 3.725256000 | 1 | 2.009036000 | 3.550535000 | 1.453566000 |
| 6 | 3.449511000 | -0.930505000 | -0.781443000 | 1 | 0.977825000 | 4.651596000 | 0.506304000 |
| 6 | 1.502316000 | -2.490274000 | -0.376604000 | 1 | 2.568797000 | 4.180197000 | -0.112234000 |
| 6 | 3.224534000 | 1.466446000 | -0.728417000 | 1 | -2.497560000 | -2.403741000 | -0.070733000 |
| 6 | 1.023141000 | 2.620239000 | -0.278122000 | 1 | -4.373540000 | 2.152991000 | -0.918722000 |
| 6 | -4.587995000 | 0.044879000 | -1.421659000 | | | | |

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| | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 6 | -1.173517000 | -0.123104000 | -0.558468000 | 1 | -2.980118000 | -1.170904000 | -2.516469000 |
| 7 | -0.224322000 | -0.070096000 | 0.346997000 | 1 | -4.176050000 | -2.432978000 | -2.120361000 |
| 6 | -2.497093000 | -0.282733000 | 0.183186000 | 1 | -2.306789000 | 2.193674000 | -1.445015000 |
| 6 | -0.638556000 | -0.124360000 | 1.831323000 | 6 | 3.897807000 | 0.226460000 | -0.630126000 |
| 6 | 1.173143000 | 0.040078000 | -0.030926000 | 1 | 3.887594000 | -1.922711000 | -0.677667000 |
| 6 | -2.106189000 | -0.568575000 | 1.669883000 | 6 | 0.997263000 | -2.905200000 | -1.764222000 |
| 6 | -3.256448000 | -1.517931000 | -0.380727000 | 6 | 2.068234000 | -3.620830000 | 0.427064000 |
| 6 | -3.349544000 | 1.024350000 | 0.085155000 | 1 | 0.289462000 | -2.457090000 | 0.193476000 |
| 6 | -0.501544000 | 1.258727000 | 2.487115000 | 1 | 3.598722000 | 2.354472000 | -0.655349000 |
| 6 | 0.198086000 | -1.124805000 | 2.636886000 | 6 | 0.673863000 | 2.975913000 | -1.759989000 |
| 6 | 1.922127000 | -1.144999000 | -0.236685000 | 6 | 1.539103000 | 3.771075000 | 0.492654000 |
| 6 | 1.754609000 | 1.315958000 | -0.225261000 | 1 | -0.055442000 | 2.387463000 | 0.152016000 |
| 1 | -2.767598000 | -0.059944000 | 2.387708000 | 1 | 4.967411000 | 0.299763000 | -0.843456000 |
| 1 | -2.183835000 | -1.647723000 | 1.875313000 | 1 | 1.937564000 | -2.982036000 | -2.334826000 |
| 6 | -3.780374000 | -1.450281000 | -1.815408000 | 1 | 0.361765000 | -2.148055000 | -2.247735000 |
| 1 | -4.097103000 | -1.729324000 | 0.306550000 | 1 | 0.483624000 | -3.879359000 | -1.824400000 |
| 6 | -3.317348000 | 1.820456000 | -1.224715000 | 1 | 1.497549000 | -4.563602000 | 0.435654000 |
| 1 | -4.392974000 | 0.757201000 | 0.334486000 | 1 | 2.287638000 | -3.347114000 | 1.471183000 |
| 1 | -3.026909000 | 1.703055000 | 0.892189000 | 1 | 3.027875000 | -3.832024000 | -0.071492000 |
| 1 | -0.828736000 | 1.197516000 | 3.536948000 | 1 | 1.618416000 | 3.206118000 | -2.279997000 |
| 1 | -1.118044000 | 2.019327000 | 1.988624000 | 1 | 0.025685000 | 3.865631000 | -1.826559000 |
| 1 | 0.543792000 | 1.601748000 | 2.485315000 | 1 | 0.182060000 | 2.148314000 | -2.292737000 |
| 1 | 1.263395000 | -0.848875000 | 2.650237000 | 1 | 1.736598000 | 3.507668000 | 1.543813000 |
| 1 | 0.107691000 | -2.148419000 | 2.249787000 | 1 | 0.853235000 | 4.633697000 | 0.483446000 |
| 1 | -0.157517000 | -1.132941000 | 3.679434000 | 1 | 2.489391000 | 4.111387000 | 0.050689000 |
| 6 | 3.289842000 | -1.022401000 | -0.521234000 | 1 | -2.578434000 | -2.386047000 | -0.296065000 |
| 6 | 1.269723000 | -2.525045000 | -0.295182000 | 1 | -3.991568000 | 2.690014000 | -1.149240000 |
| 6 | 3.127994000 | 1.380099000 | -0.507935000 | 1 | -3.632773000 | 1.227237000 | -2.092620000 |
| 6 | 0.926550000 | 2.597331000 | -0.286886000 | 1 | -4.601703000 | -0.725571000 | -1.924880000 |

(CAAC-1)₂P₂

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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 15 | -0.798428000 | -0.794521000 | 0.154512000 | 1 | 3.298192000 | 4.019660000 | 1.866302000 |
| 15 | 0.798457000 | 0.794582000 | 0.154289000 | 6 | 2.527443000 | 1.804200000 | 3.437176000 |
| 6 | -2.374352000 | -0.069035000 | -0.069635000 | 6 | 5.034375000 | 1.684473000 | 3.358823000 |
| 6 | 2.374352000 | 0.069056000 | -0.069937000 | 1 | 3.664675000 | 0.310102000 | 2.454433000 |
| 7 | -2.838909000 | 1.204360000 | -0.349947000 | 6 | 3.165080000 | 3.852322000 | -2.821867000 |
| 6 | -3.610787000 | -1.038853000 | -0.052657000 | 1 | 1.838643000 | 2.914206000 | -1.412394000 |
| 7 | 2.838862000 | -1.204346000 | -0.350302000 | 6 | -0.622939000 | 4.832706000 | -0.187288000 |
| 6 | 3.610792000 | 1.038864000 | -0.053038000 | 1 | -0.991121000 | 4.779294000 | 1.927877000 |
| 6 | -4.326027000 | 1.282948000 | -0.610829000 | 6 | -1.291403000 | 1.984259000 | 3.179068000 |
| 6 | -2.043690000 | 2.409770000 | -0.303745000 | 6 | -3.230753000 | 3.586300000 | 3.039096000 |
| 6 | -4.790257000 | -0.036244000 | 0.011286000 | 1 | -3.070933000 | 1.690815000 | 2.043945000 |
| 6 | -3.797252000 | -2.044578000 | 1.151921000 | 1 | -0.384107000 | 4.623867000 | -2.310863000 |
| 6 | -3.706313000 | -1.851845000 | -1.388430000 | 6 | -0.229286000 | 1.877457000 | -3.412408000 |
| 6 | 4.325955000 | -1.282963000 | -0.611365000 | 6 | -2.289341000 | 3.229077000 | -3.900344000 |
| 6 | 2.043622000 | -2.409736000 | -0.303966000 | 1 | -2.204622000 | 1.402277000 | -2.758332000 |
| 6 | 4.790294000 | 0.036263000 | 0.010599000 | 1 | -4.311551000 | -4.377690000 | -0.363946000 |
| 6 | 3.797481000 | 2.044462000 | 1.151608000 | 1 | -2.652685000 | -4.994119000 | -0.344901000 |
| 6 | 3.706016000 | 1.852034000 | -1.388727000 | 1 | -2.516979000 | -1.220089000 | 4.371936000 |
| 6 | -4.683438000 | 1.362620000 | -2.109264000 | 1 | -1.581303000 | -1.617014000 | 2.913495000 |
| 6 | -4.991348000 | 2.485604000 | 0.072527000 | 1 | -2.556537000 | -2.868682000 | 3.720996000 |
| 6 | -1.861613000 | 3.066225000 | 0.946859000 | 1 | -5.181066000 | -2.769978000 | 3.497831000 |
| 6 | -1.498638000 | 2.967641000 | -1.492019000 | 1 | -5.921519000 | -1.297172000 | 2.833551000 |
| 1 | -5.688718000 | -0.433601000 | -0.482614000 | 1 | -5.009711000 | -1.226594000 | 4.362353000 |
| 1 | -5.058519000 | 0.152145000 | 1.059627000 | 1 | -4.226854000 | -4.138060000 | -2.929648000 |
| 6 | -3.002688000 | -3.357230000 | 1.035337000 | 1 | -2.565492000 | -4.771937000 | -2.916145000 |
| 6 | -3.736724000 | -1.402292000 | 2.583115000 | 1 | -2.911973000 | -3.197223000 | -3.671764000 |
| 1 | -4.850885000 | -2.352147000 | 1.009773000 | 6 | 0.622837000 | -4.832646000 | -0.187286000 |
| 6 | -2.911460000 | -3.160129000 | -1.479288000 | 1 | 0.383681000 | -4.623797000 | -2.310828000 |
| 1 | -4.773027000 | -2.101563000 | -1.540386000 | 6 | 2.288484000 | -3.229177000 | -3.900644000 |
| 1 | -3.419978000 | -1.205969000 | -2.232026000 | 6 | 0.228788000 | -1.877177000 | -3.412256000 |
| 6 | 4.683208000 | -1.362746000 | -2.109831000 | 1 | 2.204335000 | -1.402340000 | -2.758620000 |
| 6 | 4.991340000 | -2.485579000 | 0.071990000 | 1 | 0.991341000 | -4.779234000 | 1.927824000 |
| 6 | 1.498358000 | -2.967593000 | -1.492150000 | 6 | 1.291852000 | -1.984325000 | 3.179029000 |
| 6 | 1.861695000 | -3.066173000 | 0.946675000 | 6 | 3.231183000 | -3.586346000 | 3.038642000 |
| 1 | 5.688649000 | 0.433630000 | -0.483490000 | 1 | 3.071198000 | -1.690796000 | 2.043627000 |
| 1 | 5.058788000 | -0.152122000 | 1.058883000 | 1 | 4.311284000 | 4.377816000 | -0.364048000 |
| 6 | 3.002797000 | 3.357075000 | 1.035383000 | 1 | 2.652370000 | 4.994105000 | -0.344596000 |
| 6 | 3.737430000 | 1.402043000 | 2.582761000 | 1 | 2.518250000 | 1.219610000 | 4.371939000 |
| 1 | 4.851055000 | 2.352118000 | 1.009203000 | 1 | 1.582100000 | 1.616644000 | 2.913834000 |
| 6 | 2.911063000 | 3.160281000 | -1.479255000 | 1 | 2.557544000 | 2.868270000 | 3.721150000 |
| 1 | 4.772691000 | 2.101798000 | -1.540890000 | 1 | 5.181984000 | 2.769767000 | 3.497088000 |
| 1 | 3.419496000 | 1.206261000 | -2.232338000 | 1 | 5.922307000 | 1.297033000 | 2.832499000 |
| 1 | -5.775041000 | 1.266210000 | -2.219637000 | 1 | 5.010994000 | 1.226333000 | 4.361593000 |
| 1 | -4.217777000 | 0.567217000 | -2.703133000 | 1 | 2.564668000 | 4.772224000 | -2.915858000 |
| 1 | -4.397503000 | 2.330294000 | -2.537659000 | 1 | 2.911216000 | 3.197651000 | -3.671737000 |
| 1 | -4.594181000 | 3.441670000 | -0.299239000 | 1 | 4.226104000 | 4.138544000 | -2.929709000 |
| 1 | -4.875998000 | 2.459282000 | 1.161977000 | 1 | -0.076588000 | 5.778470000 | -0.143088000 |
| 1 | -6.070112000 | 2.463511000 | -0.147272000 | 1 | -0.586461000 | 2.779378000 | 3.470075000 |
| 6 | -1.141726000 | 4.268573000 | 0.974240000 | 1 | -0.720626000 | 1.194045000 | 2.674075000 |
| 6 | -2.406534000 | 2.533434000 | 2.273283000 | 1 | -1.721941000 | 1.562930000 | 4.102463000 |
| 6 | -0.802346000 | 4.182529000 | -1.403450000 | 1 | -3.731744000 | 3.121099000 | 3.903841000 |
| 6 | -1.602521000 | 2.311898000 | -2.869226000 | 1 | -4.002391000 | 4.053500000 | 2.409170000 |
| 6 | -3.250228000 | -4.067550000 | -0.294226000 | 1 | -2.592901000 | 4.393786000 | 3.433130000 |

SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

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| 1 | -1.925767000 | -3.166354000 | 1.149280000 | 1 | 0.416178000 | 2.747940000 | -3.608644000 |
| 1 | -3.297952000 | -4.019903000 | 1.866231000 | 1 | -0.353124000 | 1.335616000 | -4.364381000 |
| 6 | -2.526488000 | -1.804586000 | 3.437117000 | 1 | 0.294970000 | 1.221822000 | -2.703870000 |
| 6 | -5.033440000 | -1.684685000 | 3.359571000 | 1 | -3.241424000 | 3.641367000 | -3.534393000 |
| 1 | -3.663912000 | -0.310348000 | 2.454850000 | 1 | -2.492976000 | 2.676859000 | -4.832482000 |
| 6 | -3.165779000 | -3.851976000 | -2.821940000 | 1 | -1.646342000 | 4.084563000 | -4.163222000 |
| 1 | -1.839014000 | -2.914121000 | -1.412595000 | 1 | 0.076478000 | -5.778402000 | -0.142996000 |
| 1 | 4.397292000 | -2.330469000 | -2.538120000 | 1 | 1.645249000 | -4.084524000 | -4.163405000 |
| 1 | 5.774798000 | -1.266286000 | -2.220308000 | 1 | 3.240543000 | -3.641684000 | -3.534868000 |
| 1 | 4.217456000 | -0.567416000 | -2.703723000 | 1 | 2.492066000 | -2.677002000 | -4.832820000 |
| 1 | 4.876135000 | -2.459172000 | 1.161452000 | 1 | 0.352504000 | -1.335432000 | -4.364301000 |
| 1 | 6.070077000 | -2.463544000 | -0.147949000 | 1 | -0.295134000 | -1.221370000 | -2.703628000 |
| 1 | 4.594096000 | -3.441664000 | -0.299643000 | 1 | -0.416918000 | -2.747531000 | -3.608266000 |
| 6 | 0.802070000 | -4.182475000 | -1.403477000 | 1 | 0.586967000 | -2.779472000 | 3.470105000 |
| 6 | 1.602060000 | -2.311861000 | -2.869378000 | 1 | 0.720982000 | -1.194082000 | 2.674187000 |
| 6 | 1.141800000 | -4.268513000 | 0.974163000 | 1 | 1.722536000 | -1.563055000 | 4.102381000 |
| 6 | 2.406840000 | -2.533431000 | 2.273026000 | 1 | 3.732304000 | -3.121207000 | 3.903344000 |
| 6 | 3.250000000 | 4.067580000 | -0.294145000 | 1 | 4.002729000 | -4.053500000 | 2.408566000 |
| 1 | 1.925915000 | 3.166108000 | 1.149537000 | 1 | 2.593395000 | -4.393866000 | 3.432707000 |

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| 15 | 0.960041000 | 0.250163000 | -2.364364000 | 1 | 3.611025000 | 1.360015000 | -3.069856000 |
| 15 | 1.615889000 | -0.135948000 | -0.328914000 | 1 | 7.131620000 | -2.005535000 | -1.416643000 |
| 6 | 3.381606000 | 0.025458000 | -0.524834000 | 1 | 5.492832000 | -2.342501000 | -2.010418000 |
| 15 | -1.113137000 | 0.200806000 | -2.436578000 | 1 | 6.045755000 | -3.035146000 | -0.458466000 |
| 15 | -1.758344000 | 0.411347000 | -0.350015000 | 1 | 7.589877000 | -0.621317000 | 0.474997000 |
| 6 | -3.490006000 | 0.087490000 | -0.198939000 | 1 | 6.504344000 | -1.592314000 | 1.488695000 |
| 7 | -4.064926000 | 0.506639000 | 0.980256000 | 1 | 6.337637000 | 0.175003000 | 1.445207000 |
| 6 | -5.540354000 | 0.260501000 | 1.075771000 | 1 | -5.666944000 | -0.733357000 | 3.017401000 |
| 6 | -5.871553000 | 0.056530000 | -0.411010000 | 1 | -5.316656000 | -1.856036000 | 1.687336000 |
| 6 | -4.602710000 | -0.515996000 | -1.115305000 | 1 | -6.952169000 | -1.183330000 | 1.879970000 |
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| 6 | -5.877788000 | -0.955345000 | 1.962288000 | 1 | -7.386149000 | 1.208585000 | 1.657329000 |
| 6 | -6.313443000 | 1.457510000 | 1.644392000 | 1 | -6.189312000 | 2.357039000 | 1.031328000 |
| 1 | -6.104349000 | 1.039619000 | -0.845296000 | 6 | -4.666895000 | 4.613056000 | 1.083426000 |
| 1 | -6.761706000 | -0.570992000 | -0.539031000 | 1 | -4.227001000 | 2.796779000 | 0.012799000 |
| 6 | -4.463505000 | 0.055051000 | -2.551557000 | 6 | -2.499844000 | 4.058841000 | -0.072416000 |
| 6 | -4.764600000 | -2.109040000 | -1.154309000 | 1 | -1.954915000 | 4.796059000 | 0.540219000 |
| 6 | 4.321686000 | 1.162614000 | -1.033536000 | 1 | -2.846524000 | 4.573867000 | -0.983584000 |
| 6 | 5.586270000 | 0.307989000 | -1.351731000 | 1 | -1.794682000 | 3.270415000 | -0.369530000 |
| 6 | 5.614345000 | -0.882839000 | -0.374076000 | 1 | -4.156069000 | 5.393496000 | 1.669934000 |
| 7 | 4.160985000 | -0.961475000 | 0.001083000 | 1 | -5.519221000 | 4.259682000 | 1.681849000 |
| 6 | 4.645784000 | 2.118394000 | 0.164305000 | 1 | -5.063493000 | 5.098351000 | 0.176606000 |
| 1 | 5.499623000 | -0.081888000 | -2.377357000 | 6 | -1.259030000 | -1.462109000 | 3.065739000 |
| 1 | 6.520980000 | 0.875903000 | -1.292576000 | 1 | -3.275787000 | -1.387723000 | 2.365964000 |
| 6 | 6.553306000 | -0.708786000 | 0.835426000 | 6 | -3.332938000 | -1.516711000 | 4.508468000 |
| 6 | 6.084413000 | -2.148828000 | -1.107479000 | 1 | -3.354357000 | -2.618683000 | 4.488648000 |
| 6 | 3.644997000 | -2.063836000 | 0.794815000 | 1 | -4.363119000 | -1.160773000 | 4.662762000 |
| 6 | 5.312583000 | 3.460499000 | -0.245369000 | 1 | -2.747079000 | -1.219893000 | 5.393538000 |
| 1 | 5.309016000 | 1.598434000 | 0.865764000 | 1 | -0.638055000 | -1.121728000 | 3.910551000 |
| 1 | 3.727887000 | 2.327278000 | 0.730395000 | 1 | -0.800508000 | -1.092398000 | 2.137368000 |
| 6 | 5.277581000 | 2.712642000 | -2.749144000 | 1 | -1.225099000 | -2.563767000 | 3.049227000 |
| 6 | 6.221325000 | 3.981033000 | 0.873977000 | 1 | 4.276563000 | 0.113548000 | 2.191572000 |
| 1 | 4.507189000 | 4.200035000 | -0.364002000 | 6 | 4.918759000 | -0.723255000 | 4.056275000 |
| 6 | 6.068235000 | 3.388047000 | -1.590444000 | 6 | 2.570573000 | 0.009723000 | 3.468797000 |
| 1 | 5.920447000 | 1.978105000 | -3.254810000 | 1 | 1.826200000 | 0.136352000 | 2.669352000 |
| 1 | 5.037675000 | 3.456502000 | -3.522356000 | 1 | 2.762730000 | 0.997347000 | 3.920028000 |
| 1 | 7.022941000 | 2.857893000 | -1.429159000 | 1 | 2.127463000 | -0.633139000 | 4.247003000 |
| 1 | 6.358413000 | 4.412474000 | -1.876064000 | 1 | 5.859814000 | -1.174361000 | 3.707488000 |
| 6 | -3.571827000 | -3.125804000 | -1.225310000 | 1 | 4.543025000 | -1.340646000 | 4.887918000 |
| 6 | -5.858705000 | -2.469470000 | -2.203806000 | 1 | 5.152872000 | 0.270232000 | 4.472335000 |
| 1 | -5.220289000 | -2.364552000 | -0.187683000 | 1 | 3.363925000 | -2.551594000 | -1.832086000 |
| 1 | -4.399961000 | 1.154567000 | -2.491007000 | 6 | 1.536188000 | -3.650797000 | -1.674876000 |
| 6 | -5.537088000 | -0.348235000 | -3.585949000 | 6 | 3.830596000 | -4.657928000 | -1.883523000 |
| 1 | -3.497564000 | -0.273293000 | -2.956439000 | 1 | 0.928087000 | -2.827691000 | -1.277661000 |
| 1 | -5.122624000 | -0.041507000 | -4.562618000 | 1 | 1.146999000 | -4.599392000 | -1.269542000 |
| 6 | -6.891932000 | 0.370042000 | -3.469657000 | 1 | 1.402216000 | -3.674697000 | -2.768374000 |
| 6 | -5.679719000 | -1.878999000 | -3.607429000 | 1 | 4.900802000 | -4.604088000 | -1.639553000 |
| 1 | -6.842455000 | -2.152393000 | -1.819674000 | 1 | 3.734081000 | -4.698759000 | -2.980702000 |
| 1 | -5.920520000 | -3.568191000 | -2.271639000 | 1 | 3.451052000 | -5.614939000 | -1.490825000 |
| 1 | -6.536931000 | -2.171496000 | -4.238758000 | 6 | 1.797452000 | 3.353454000 | -1.158009000 |
| 1 | -4.789341000 | -2.311484000 | -4.086978000 | 6 | 2.273413000 | 3.422366000 | -3.621038000 |
| 6 | -2.111482000 | 2.687402000 | 4.071587000 | 1 | 3.514119000 | 4.149255000 | -2.067149000 |
| 6 | -2.782829000 | 0.550551000 | 3.109711000 | 1 | 1.590231000 | 2.590192000 | -3.849583000 |
| 6 | -3.239046000 | 2.657600000 | 1.907791000 | 1 | 3.035184000 | 3.462811000 | -4.416481000 |
| 6 | -2.623072000 | 3.350018000 | 2.959201000 | 1 | 1.693492000 | 4.358350000 | -3.671613000 |
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| 6 | -2.713042000 | -0.971284000 | 3.209239000 | 1 | 2.153438000 | 3.168997000 | -0.136227000 |
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| 1 | -2.535445000 | 4.437097000 | 2.899818000 | 6 | -2.747911000 | -3.207250000 | 0.068083000 |
| 1 | -1.748594000 | 0.779229000 | 4.989090000 | 6 | -2.647757000 | -3.094573000 | -2.449530000 |
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| 6 | 3.209569000 | -3.271469000 | 0.180617000 | 1 | -3.193176000 | -3.223507000 | -3.394679000 |
| 6 | 3.607840000 | -1.917406000 | 2.208552000 | 1 | -1.921169000 | -3.921203000 | -2.382953000 |

SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

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| 6 | 3.223518000 | -3.019422000 | 2.986178000 | 1 | -3.395693000 | -3.316858000 | 0.953504000 |
| 6 | 2.841350000 | -4.338105000 | 1.014142000 | 1 | -2.112330000 | -2.324842000 | 0.215659000 |
| 6 | 3.027349000 | -3.466955000 | -1.325954000 | 1 | -2.087608000 | -4.089492000 | 0.036821000 |
| 6 | 3.880899000 | -0.595988000 | 2.927246000 | 1 | 6.622389000 | 4.979107000 | 0.632387000 |
| 1 | 3.196130000 | -2.921578000 | 4.073591000 | 1 | 7.080916000 | 3.308079000 | 1.037371000 |
| 1 | 2.511786000 | -5.274753000 | 0.559534000 | 1 | 5.675744000 | 4.063386000 | 1.828456000 |
| 1 | 2.573892000 | -5.078453000 | 3.024867000 | 1 | -7.495451000 | 0.033295000 | -2.613948000 |
| 6 | 3.946999000 | 2.050698000 | -2.280989000 | 1 | -7.492461000 | 0.187936000 | -4.376183000 |
| 6 | 2.900698000 | 3.249260000 | -2.225596000 | 1 | -6.761090000 | 1.460555000 | -3.375203000 |

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| 15 | 0.795241000 | -0.670145000 | -0.254747000 | 1 | 2.741364000 | -1.565703000 | -4.328086000 |
| 15 | -0.795217000 | 0.670104000 | -0.254552000 | 1 | 1.868455000 | -1.134378000 | -2.835880000 |
| 15 | -2.352525000 | -0.899488000 | -0.311763000 | 6 | -3.947697000 | -0.204324000 | -0.120564000 |
| 7 | 4.407306000 | -1.077883000 | 0.038911000 | 6 | -5.908965000 | 1.198995000 | 0.153553000 |
| 7 | -4.407333000 | 1.077886000 | 0.038829000 | 6 | -6.299858000 | -0.268029000 | 0.384923000 |
| 6 | 3.947701000 | 0.204322000 | -0.120602000 | 1 | -7.274649000 | -0.507928000 | -0.063827000 |
| 6 | 5.908924000 | -1.199017000 | 0.153802000 | 1 | -6.394793000 | -0.436679000 | 1.465999000 |
| 6 | 6.299856000 | 0.268035000 | 0.384952000 | 6 | -5.171341000 | -1.165017000 | -0.185875000 |
| 1 | 7.274654000 | 0.507845000 | -0.063833000 | 6 | -5.503615000 | -1.521683000 | -1.673896000 |
| 1 | 6.394803000 | 0.436833000 | 1.466005000 | 1 | -6.572017000 | -1.805740000 | -1.707530000 |
| 6 | 5.171364000 | 1.164994000 | -0.185942000 | 1 | -5.406670000 | -0.621060000 | -2.299547000 |
| 6 | 5.503677000 | 1.521588000 | -1.673973000 | 6 | -4.700458000 | -2.663207000 | -2.309326000 |
| 1 | 6.572074000 | 1.805664000 | -1.707595000 | 1 | -3.636818000 | -2.367468000 | -2.319028000 |
| 1 | 5.406760000 | 0.620931000 | -2.299578000 | 6 | -4.828926000 | -3.922348000 | -1.446605000 |
| 6 | 4.700508000 | 2.663063000 | -2.309476000 | 1 | -5.884272000 | -4.259099000 | -1.453673000 |
| 1 | 3.636874000 | 2.367308000 | -2.319170000 | 1 | -4.238327000 | -4.745291000 | -1.884961000 |
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| 1 | 4.238315000 | 4.745155000 | -1.885222000 | 1 | -3.290737000 | -3.466158000 | -0.008625000 |
| 1 | 5.884280000 | 4.259039000 | -1.453922000 | 1 | -4.528987000 | -4.569812000 | 0.596411000 |
| 6 | 4.372667000 | 3.662227000 | -0.010507000 | 6 | -5.128554000 | -2.497323000 | 0.656630000 |
| 1 | 4.529050000 | 4.569827000 | 0.596160000 | 1 | -6.189992000 | -2.808933000 | 0.635028000 |
| 1 | 3.290774000 | 3.466149000 | -0.008789000 | 6 | -3.555484000 | 2.244949000 | 0.072601000 |
| 6 | 5.128606000 | 2.497341000 | 0.656480000 | 6 | -3.046549000 | 2.701426000 | 1.320884000 |
| 1 | 6.190045000 | 2.808940000 | 0.634804000 | 6 | -2.248052000 | 3.853708000 | 1.332455000 |
| 6 | 3.555438000 | -2.244933000 | 0.072700000 | 1 | -1.847076000 | 4.215072000 | 2.282025000 |
| 6 | 3.046390000 | -2.701287000 | 1.320979000 | 6 | -1.939025000 | 4.537730000 | 0.161187000 |
| 6 | 2.247848000 | -3.853537000 | 1.332594000 | 1 | -1.311385000 | 5.431891000 | 0.195906000 |
| 1 | 1.846779000 | -4.214791000 | 2.282167000 | 6 | -2.414086000 | 4.062582000 | -1.056369000 |
| 6 | 1.938887000 | -4.537650000 | 0.161365000 | 1 | -2.142969000 | 4.586249000 | -1.975740000 |
| 1 | 1.311215000 | -5.431787000 | 0.196112000 | 6 | -3.215039000 | 2.914121000 | -1.135158000 |
| 6 | 2.414063000 | -4.062627000 | -1.056196000 | 6 | -6.344433000 | 2.079595000 | 1.332866000 |
| 1 | 2.142998000 | -4.586368000 | -1.975539000 | 1 | -5.999503000 | 1.682971000 | 2.295203000 |
| 6 | 3.215066000 | -2.914204000 | -1.135031000 | 1 | -7.444704000 | 2.112885000 | 1.362150000 |
| 6 | 6.344254000 | -2.079400000 | 1.333325000 | 1 | -5.982179000 | 3.112622000 | 1.225620000 |
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| 1 | 6.245602000 | -2.826280000 | -1.272422000 | 6 | -5.142413000 | -2.903148000 | -3.755865000 |
| 1 | 7.654210000 | -1.789802000 | -0.980351000 | 1 | -6.205581000 | -3.197162000 | -3.806795000 |
| 1 | 6.336357000 | -1.209488000 | -2.016436000 | 1 | -4.553151000 | -3.709164000 | -4.222703000 |
| 6 | 5.142474000 | 2.902935000 | -3.756025000 | 1 | -5.017200000 | -1.997929000 | -4.372785000 |
| 1 | 4.553199000 | 3.708914000 | -4.222912000 | 6 | -4.766736000 | -2.303400000 | 2.174563000 |
| 1 | 5.017287000 | 1.997680000 | -4.372897000 | 1 | -4.672409000 | -1.219221000 | 2.356440000 |
| 1 | 6.205636000 | 3.196970000 | -3.806959000 | 6 | -5.901855000 | -2.822374000 | 3.072856000 |
| 6 | 4.766903000 | 2.303509000 | 2.174458000 | 1 | -6.061414000 | -3.903738000 | 2.918266000 |
| 1 | 4.672431000 | 1.219349000 | 2.356374000 | 1 | -6.858972000 | -2.316716000 | 2.863498000 |
| 6 | 5.902185000 | 2.822325000 | 3.072631000 | 1 | -5.669946000 | -2.673977000 | 4.140550000 |
| 1 | 6.061937000 | 3.903650000 | 2.917968000 | 6 | -3.433483000 | -2.921994000 | 2.627819000 |
| 1 | 6.859192000 | 2.316474000 | 2.863232000 | 1 | -3.235144000 | -2.644817000 | 3.676391000 |
| 1 | 5.670326000 | 2.674032000 | 4.140350000 | 1 | -2.587779000 | -2.568890000 | 2.021461000 |
| 6 | 3.433793000 | 2.922312000 | 2.627850000 | 1 | -3.453634000 | -4.022636000 | 2.581951000 |
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| 1 | 2.587977000 | 2.569358000 | 2.021559000 | 1 | -3.969403000 | 1.151058000 | 2.469562000 |
| 1 | 3.454116000 | 4.022951000 | 2.582003000 | 6 | -3.902537000 | 2.904236000 | 3.716859000 |
| 6 | 3.275261000 | -1.982331000 | 2.652789000 | 1 | -3.199912000 | 3.693752000 | 4.028373000 |
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| 6 | 3.902098000 | -2.903870000 | 3.717070000 | 1 | -4.816399000 | 3.399204000 | 3.358060000 |
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| 1 | 4.159657000 | -2.325439000 | 4.619464000 | 1 | -1.525566000 | 0.657765000 | 2.499139000 |
| 1 | 4.815940000 | -3.398972000 | 3.358407000 | 1 | -2.188722000 | 0.821792000 | 4.144709000 |
| 6 | 1.977405000 | -1.364030000 | 3.208097000 | 1 | -1.227455000 | 2.139798000 | 3.433868000 |
| 1 | 1.227071000 | -2.139364000 | 3.433675000 | 6 | -3.620497000 | 2.427823000 | -2.528287000 |
| 1 | 1.525349000 | -0.657429000 | 2.498846000 | 1 | -4.282604000 | 1.563010000 | -2.401956000 |
| 1 | 2.188307000 | -0.821333000 | 4.144509000 | 6 | -2.407826000 | 1.943054000 | -3.347117000 |
| 6 | 3.620616000 | -2.428049000 | -2.528185000 | 1 | -1.691742000 | 2.760678000 | -3.530362000 |
| 1 | 4.282701000 | -1.563210000 | -2.401913000 | 1 | -2.741153000 | 1.565233000 | -4.328026000 |
| 6 | 4.384794000 | -3.501943000 | -3.325926000 | 1 | -1.868336000 | 1.134083000 | -2.835716000 |
| 1 | 5.244287000 | -3.906218000 | -2.771037000 | 6 | -4.384602000 | 3.501650000 | -3.326188000 |
| 1 | 4.760026000 | -3.081038000 | -4.273096000 | 1 | -5.244096000 | 3.906030000 | -2.771377000 |
| 1 | 3.731732000 | -4.350865000 | -3.584340000 | 1 | -4.759817000 | 3.080649000 | -4.273322000 |
| 6 | 2.407986000 | -1.943405000 | -3.347148000 | 1 | -3.731492000 | 4.350510000 | -3.584679000 |

SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

(CAAC-1)₂As₂

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| 33 | 0.915245000 | 0.844916000 | 0.099776000 | 1 | -3.707070000 | -3.953935000 | 1.608399000 |
| 33 | -0.915205000 | -0.844805000 | 0.099814000 | 6 | -2.792588000 | -1.886073000 | 3.312006000 |
| 6 | 2.560276000 | -0.038018000 | -0.092370000 | 6 | -5.286697000 | -1.602651000 | 3.259578000 |
| 6 | -2.560297000 | 0.038081000 | -0.092139000 | 1 | -3.835777000 | -0.267964000 | 2.423523000 |
| 7 | 2.935182000 | -1.347975000 | -0.300026000 | 6 | -3.530826000 | -3.497620000 | -3.064182000 |
| 6 | 3.850515000 | 0.848006000 | -0.121048000 | 1 | -2.179576000 | -2.708673000 | -1.592174000 |
| 7 | -2.935324000 | 1.348002000 | -0.299661000 | 6 | 0.414904000 | -4.769486000 | -0.065435000 |
| 6 | -3.850493000 | -0.848013000 | -0.120717000 | 1 | 0.731507000 | -4.662475000 | 2.056175000 |
| 6 | 4.418253000 | -1.549410000 | -0.519460000 | 6 | 1.204419000 | -1.892297000 | 3.227041000 |
| 6 | 2.041042000 | -2.481435000 | -0.230687000 | 6 | 3.053775000 | -3.599069000 | 3.178356000 |
| 6 | 4.966416000 | -0.220535000 | 0.011251000 | 1 | 3.024022000 | -1.724834000 | 2.124383000 |
| 6 | 4.088871000 | 1.911407000 | 1.022813000 | 1 | 0.236488000 | -4.615375000 | -2.199647000 |
| 6 | 3.999640000 | 1.572859000 | -1.502394000 | 6 | 0.331148000 | -1.916210000 | -3.396050000 |
| 6 | -4.418456000 | 1.549437000 | -0.518706000 | 6 | 2.282449000 | -3.445808000 | -3.794049000 |
| 6 | -2.041201000 | 2.481502000 | -0.230943000 | 1 | 2.326477000 | -1.575821000 | -2.717785000 |
| 6 | -4.966444000 | 0.220436000 | 0.011848000 | 1 | 4.723184000 | 4.120979000 | -0.642248000 |
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| 6 | -3.999751000 | -1.572718000 | -1.502124000 | 1 | 2.750637000 | 1.360997000 | 4.280631000 |
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| 6 | 4.980806000 | -2.740044000 | 0.268689000 | 1 | 2.887034000 | 2.961403000 | 3.530348000 |
| 6 | 1.767626000 | -3.067580000 | 1.038612000 | 1 | 5.502444000 | 2.682655000 | 3.337887000 |
| 6 | 1.473886000 | -3.033271000 | -1.412315000 | 1 | 6.151781000 | 1.131367000 | 2.763180000 |
| 1 | 5.884434000 | 0.084243000 | -0.511631000 | 1 | 5.230156000 | 1.204226000 | 4.285748000 |
| 1 | 5.229856000 | -0.351014000 | 1.069441000 | 1 | 4.604008000 | 3.713944000 | -3.207203000 |
| 6 | 3.371412000 | 3.257717000 | 0.821450000 | 1 | 2.982324000 | 4.443872000 | -3.206453000 |
| 6 | 3.978745000 | 1.358871000 | 2.489030000 | 1 | 3.220929000 | 2.808248000 | -3.866816000 |
| 1 | 5.159336000 | 2.149493000 | 0.874355000 | 6 | -0.415253000 | 4.769743000 | -0.066791000 |
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| 1 | 5.077908000 | 1.768726000 | -1.652295000 | 6 | -2.282776000 | 3.444405000 | -3.794826000 |
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| 6 | -4.793808000 | 1.766373000 | -1.997841000 | 1 | -2.327007000 | 1.574951000 | -2.717677000 |
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| 6 | -1.474245000 | 3.032904000 | -1.412871000 | 6 | -1.203742000 | 1.893150000 | 3.226505000 |
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| 1 | -5.229777000 | 0.350730000 | 1.070086000 | 1 | -4.723249000 | -4.120890000 | -0.642121000 |
| 6 | -3.371283000 | -3.257816000 | 0.821508000 | 1 | -3.096969000 | -4.819143000 | -0.660503000 |
| 6 | -3.978248000 | -1.359038000 | 2.489333000 | 1 | -2.749930000 | -1.361415000 | 4.280789000 |
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| 1 | -3.696764000 | -0.888276000 | -2.308956000 | 1 | -6.151215000 | -1.131128000 | 2.763731000 |
| 1 | 5.890907000 | -1.768261000 | -2.088819000 | 1 | -5.229435000 | -1.204208000 | 4.286193000 |
| 1 | 4.407295000 | -0.977009000 | -2.655415000 | 1 | -2.982630000 | -4.443604000 | -3.206521000 |
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| 1 | 4.516482000 | -3.689924000 | -0.035426000 | 1 | -4.604295000 | -3.713636000 | -3.207066000 |
| 1 | 4.851978000 | -2.617670000 | 1.350393000 | 1 | -0.212060000 | -5.662701000 | -0.002164000 |
| 1 | 6.061267000 | -2.817508000 | 0.069990000 | 1 | 0.453395000 | -2.641900000 | 3.523979000 |
| 6 | 0.951017000 | -4.206120000 | 1.088510000 | 1 | 0.684835000 | -1.085989000 | 2.692290000 |
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| 6 | 0.674106000 | -4.180636000 | -1.298199000 | 1 | 3.556415000 | -3.138865000 | 4.044809000 |
| 6 | 1.655620000 | -2.438411000 | -2.809458000 | 1 | 3.814169000 | -4.126898000 | 2.584049000 |
| 6 | 3.648196000 | 3.869019000 | -0.551985000 | 1 | 2.359976000 | -4.357986000 | 3.574382000 |
| 1 | 2.285682000 | 3.137830000 | 0.951520000 | 1 | -0.381002000 | -2.738639000 | -3.572286000 |
| 1 | 3.707265000 | 3.953774000 | 1.608368000 | 1 | 0.514684000 | -1.423273000 | -4.365047000 |
| 6 | 2.793056000 | 1.885631000 | 3.311825000 | 1 | -0.151869000 | -1.194283000 | -2.723821000 |
| 6 | 5.287231000 | 1.602711000 | 3.259139000 | 1 | 3.192612000 | -3.919115000 | -3.396941000 |
| 1 | 3.836475000 | 0.267778000 | 2.423186000 | 1 | 2.543469000 | -2.946958000 | -4.741789000 |
| 6 | 3.530557000 | 3.497890000 | -3.064239000 | 1 | 1.575721000 | -4.255550000 | -4.036929000 |
| 1 | 2.179447000 | 2.708806000 | -1.592180000 | 1 | 0.211629000 | 5.663046000 | -0.003955000 |
| 1 | -4.434415000 | 2.734771000 | -2.365564000 | 1 | -1.576074000 | 4.254112000 | -4.037893000 |
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| 1 | -4.408054000 | 0.977511000 | -2.654788000 | 1 | -2.543554000 | 2.945143000 | -4.742415000 |
| 1 | -4.851932000 | 2.617255000 | 1.351487000 | 1 | -0.515208000 | 1.421383000 | -4.364799000 |
| 1 | -6.061434000 | 2.817280000 | 0.071329000 | 1 | 0.151328000 | 1.193210000 | -2.723456000 |
| 1 | -4.516744000 | 3.689847000 | -0.034150000 | 1 | 0.380586000 | 2.737109000 | -3.572733000 |
| 6 | -0.674561000 | 4.180392000 | -1.299296000 | 1 | -0.452542000 | 2.642740000 | 3.523036000 |
| 6 | -1.656063000 | 2.437432000 | -2.809744000 | 1 | -0.684420000 | 1.086716000 | 2.691694000 |
| 6 | -0.951120000 | 4.206755000 | 1.087455000 | 1 | -1.636962000 | 1.470828000 | 4.148273000 |
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| 1 | -2.285534000 | -3.137979000 | 0.951462000 | 1 | -2.359052000 | 4.358932000 | 3.573887000 |

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| 33 | 1.101018000 | -0.140350000 | -2.421125000 | 1 | 3.848028000 | 1.067878000 | -2.950875000 |
| 33 | 1.702533000 | -0.195532000 | -0.093489000 | 1 | 7.421698000 | -1.984648000 | -0.899356000 |
| 6 | 3.603153000 | 0.010541000 | -0.280024000 | 1 | 5.802795000 | -2.439345000 | -1.467934000 |
| 33 | -1.187064000 | -0.283848000 | -2.522582000 | 1 | 6.361223000 | -2.945111000 | 0.154002000 |
| 33 | -1.874862000 | 0.444232000 | -0.304923000 | 1 | 7.802898000 | -0.414743000 | 0.860838000 |
| 6 | -3.690357000 | -0.028247000 | 0.005783000 | 1 | 6.713561000 | -1.292280000 | 1.952221000 |
| 7 | -4.325031000 | 0.665997000 | 1.004338000 | 1 | 6.512427000 | 0.456390000 | 1.708612000 |
| 6 | -5.767325000 | 0.292405000 | 1.200078000 | 1 | -5.832705000 | -0.065588000 | 3.354572000 |
| 6 | -6.046648000 | -0.390788000 | -0.148612000 | 1 | -5.291578000 | -1.483934000 | 2.434419000 |
| 6 | -4.706661000 | -1.005390000 | -0.659408000 | 1 | -7.006310000 | -1.011129000 | 2.419378000 |

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| 6 | -3.716108000 | 1.762602000 | 1.730691000 | 1 | -6.413454000 | 2.086727000 | 2.289616000 |
| 6 | -5.974330000 | -0.626457000 | 2.420516000 | 1 | -7.716567000 | 1.149012000 | 1.527189000 |
| 6 | -6.683542000 | 1.506897000 | 1.394511000 | 1 | -6.674854000 | 2.175320000 | 0.526526000 |
| 1 | -6.378179000 | 0.381000000 | -0.858899000 | 6 | -5.450269000 | 4.499929000 | -0.114606000 |
| 1 | -6.859837000 | -1.122222000 | -0.065834000 | 1 | -4.777369000 | 2.514573000 | -0.615380000 |
| 6 | -4.588164000 | -0.895610000 | -2.201728000 | 6 | -3.240607000 | 3.902270000 | -1.155353000 |
| 6 | -4.689155000 | -2.540591000 | -0.204161000 | 1 | -2.782813000 | 4.842970000 | -0.807589000 |
| 6 | 4.521756000 | 1.113232000 | -0.890861000 | 1 | -3.667965000 | 4.089939000 | -2.154291000 |
| 6 | 5.816680000 | 0.268149000 | -1.092002000 | 1 | -2.447065000 | 3.149636000 | -1.257698000 |
| 6 | 5.855671000 | -0.812399000 | 0.004193000 | 1 | -5.039849000 | 5.481322000 | 0.171975000 |
| 7 | 4.393169000 | -0.894664000 | 0.355069000 | 1 | -6.236457000 | 4.249188000 | 0.612187000 |
| 6 | 4.788899000 | 2.203631000 | 0.200039000 | 1 | -5.924392000 | 4.624467000 | -1.101893000 |
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| 6 | 3.899681000 | -1.919004000 | 1.262225000 | 1 | -4.525470000 | 0.245970000 | 4.999806000 |
| 6 | 5.452111000 | 3.503294000 | -0.335532000 | 1 | -2.937707000 | 0.599427000 | 5.708021000 |
| 1 | 5.432134000 | 1.777564000 | 0.979424000 | 1 | -0.800517000 | 0.433833000 | 4.283234000 |
| 1 | 3.847547000 | 2.460409000 | 0.705102000 | 1 | -0.900047000 | -0.123090000 | 2.594006000 |
| 6 | 5.483352000 | 2.487201000 | -2.747516000 | 1 | -1.211535000 | -1.260491000 | 3.929000000 |
| 6 | 6.334436000 | 4.148390000 | 0.739167000 | 1 | 4.416761000 | 0.431637000 | 2.416226000 |
| 1 | 4.641270000 | 4.217509000 | -0.542539000 | 6 | 5.073643000 | -0.169749000 | 4.365257000 |
| 6 | 6.233938000 | 3.302204000 | -1.652893000 | 6 | 2.704529000 | 0.392183000 | 3.688459000 |
| 1 | 6.153335000 | 1.718322000 | -3.158188000 | 1 | 1.966868000 | 0.410326000 | 2.873006000 |
| 1 | 5.246134000 | 3.138936000 | -3.600105000 | 1 | 2.852587000 | 1.426758000 | 4.039841000 |
| 1 | 7.197156000 | 2.816526000 | -1.419185000 | 1 | 2.274442000 | -0.186804000 | 4.522104000 |
| 1 | 6.507195000 | 4.296383000 | -2.042898000 | 1 | 6.037195000 | -0.614734000 | 4.075694000 |
| 6 | -3.387754000 | -3.384615000 | 0.028679000 | 1 | 4.714487000 | -0.707454000 | 5.257302000 |
| 6 | -5.708915000 | -3.326203000 | -1.082584000 | 1 | 5.259818000 | 0.872826000 | 4.670785000 |
| 1 | -5.140746000 | -2.538469000 | 0.797297000 | 1 | 3.664728000 | -2.716215000 | -1.292924000 |
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| 6 | -5.576618000 | -1.717426000 | -3.057135000 | 6 | 4.252925000 | -4.787226000 | -1.096061000 |
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| 1 | -6.730524000 | -3.012257000 | -0.811376000 | 1 | 4.175949000 | -4.960114000 | -2.181815000 |
| 1 | -5.654585000 | -4.391280000 | -0.802981000 | 1 | 3.918610000 | -5.711537000 | -0.597873000 |
| 1 | -6.355378000 | -3.752878000 | -3.105200000 | 6 | 1.932450000 | 3.188498000 | -1.336677000 |
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| 6 | -2.655164000 | 3.914658000 | 3.193800000 | 1 | 3.678261000 | 3.948116000 | -2.26510000 |
| 6 | -3.079961000 | 1.523963000 | 2.977984000 | 1 | 1.871483000 | 2.201767000 | -3.959699000 |
| 6 | -3.772572000 | 3.080798000 | 1.190565000 | 1 | 3.321268000 | 3.061213000 | -4.531060000 |
| 6 | -3.239771000 | 4.132087000 | 1.949285000 | 1 | 1.927213000 | 3.978771000 | -3.921705000 |
| 6 | -2.571472000 | 2.619893000 | 3.692295000 | 1 | 1.516968000 | 4.204195000 | -1.453271000 |
| 6 | -2.854044000 | 0.131366000 | 3.562372000 | 1 | 2.235891000 | 3.077902000 | -0.287635000 |
| 6 | -4.343296000 | 3.429056000 | -0.186983000 | 1 | 1.113962000 | 2.480850000 | -1.511481000 |
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| 6 | 3.182995000 | -3.918411000 | 3.099226000 | 1 | -1.917503000 | -2.644129000 | -1.435805000 |
| 6 | 3.524474000 | -3.207697000 | 0.786672000 | 1 | -2.894967000 | -4.004559000 | -2.030130000 |
| 6 | 3.834281000 | -1.614430000 | 2.650010000 | 1 | -1.615590000 | -4.280296000 | -0.839931000 |
| 6 | 3.484546000 | -2.636246000 | 3.544887000 | 1 | -3.295689000 | -2.928385000 | 2.173980000 |
| 6 | 3.187878000 | -4.186062000 | 1.734055000 | 1 | -2.087651000 | -2.047801000 | 1.198869000 |
| 6 | 3.375704000 | -3.587162000 | -0.688279000 | 1 | -1.871391000 | -3.774834000 | 1.537588000 |
| 6 | 4.044322000 | -0.211659000 | 3.221652000 | 1 | 6.733611000 | 5.118473000 | 0.399996000 |
| 1 | 3.438457000 | -2.415824000 | 4.613530000 | 1 | 7.195249000 | 3.504954000 | 0.991368000 |
| 1 | 2.905850000 | -5.182175000 | 1.386840000 | 1 | 5.768575000 | 4.327692000 | 1.668220000 |
| 1 | 2.921013000 | -4.703442000 | 3.813326000 | 1 | -7.585988000 | -1.272473000 | -2.232556000 |
| 6 | 4.155710000 | 1.849430000 | -2.237570000 | 1 | -7.559256000 | -1.674928000 | -3.955591000 |
| 6 | 3.089397000 | 3.025041000 | -2.335804000 | 1 | -6.994530000 | -0.080926000 | -3.410243000 |

trans-(CAAC-1)₂As₄

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| 33 | 2.576775000 | 0.957624000 | -0.148007000 | 1 | 1.786598000 | -2.568150000 | -3.519744000 |
| 33 | 0.848182000 | -0.775090000 | -0.106032000 | 1 | 2.809356000 | -1.359693000 | -4.331920000 |
| 33 | -0.848314000 | 0.774920000 | -0.106464000 | 1 | 2.040560000 | -0.973630000 | -2.772589000 |
| 33 | -2.576964000 | -0.957718000 | -0.148250000 | 6 | -4.293332000 | -0.193110000 | -0.074779000 |
| 7 | 4.735507000 | -1.101148000 | -0.037877000 | 6 | -6.240853000 | 1.255986000 | -0.030705000 |
| 7 | -4.735549000 | 1.101205000 | -0.037724000 | 6 | -6.673337500 | -0.180865000 | 0.291191000 |
| 6 | 4.293206000 | 0.193141000 | -0.074804000 | 1 | -7.623799000 | -0.441819000 | -0.196424000 |
| 6 | 6.240814000 | -1.255857000 | -0.030981000 | 1 | -6.836278000 | -0.261734000 | 1.374152000 |
| 6 | 6.673308000 | 0.181023000 | 0.290837000 | 6 | -5.528720000 | -1.137514000 | -0.135322000 |
| 1 | 7.623623000 | 0.442034000 | -0.196962000 | 6 | -5.779020000 | -1.611673000 | -1.607724000 |
| 1 | 6.836427000 | 0.261904000 | 1.373763000 | 1 | -6.851364000 | -1.870778000 | -1.685891000 |
| 6 | 5.528540000 | 1.137627000 | -0.135467000 | 1 | -5.616017000 | -0.768358000 | -2.296522000 |
| 6 | 5.778647000 | 1.611816000 | -1.607897000 | 6 | -4.974829000 | -2.822857000 | -2.095678000 |
| 1 | 6.850993000 | 1.870872000 | -1.686198000 | 1 | -3.903793000 | -2.554733000 | -2.071752000 |
| 1 | 5.615516000 | 0.768519000 | -2.296686000 | 6 | -5.184544000 | -4.000195000 | -1.138630000 |
| 6 | 4.974470000 | 2.823060000 | -2.095719000 | 1 | -6.245908000 | -4.314606000 | -1.179374000 |
| 1 | 3.903416000 | 2.555025000 | -2.071621000 | 1 | -4.591137000 | -4.869596000 | -1.470386000 |
| 6 | 5.184442000 | 4.000361000 | -1.138689000 | 6 | -4.807798000 | -3.628357000 | 0.295980000 |
| 1 | 4.591068000 | 4.869815000 | -1.470360000 | 1 | -3.722736000 | -3.455192000 | 0.351319000 |
| 1 | 6.245829000 | 4.314680000 | -1.179564000 | 1 | -5.021017000 | -4.479169000 | 0.964440000 |

SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

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| 6 | 4.807833000 | 3.628544000 | 0.295958000 | 6 | -5.575440000 | -2.397946000 | 0.813778000 |
| 1 | 5.021223000 | 4.479329000 | 0.964398000 | 1 | -6.640410000 | -2.688375000 | 0.737184000 |
| 1 | 3.722757000 | 3.455504000 | 0.351425000 | 6 | -3.867093000 | 2.256936000 | -0.017910000 |
| 6 | 5.575390000 | 2.398037000 | 0.813662000 | 6 | -3.434124000 | 2.780067000 | 1.233277000 |
| 1 | 6.640384000 | 2.688365000 | 0.737014000 | 6 | -2.634252000 | 3.931969000 | 1.232706000 |
| 6 | 3.867129000 | -2.256934000 | -0.018020000 | 1 | -2.292478000 | 4.344071000 | 2.184690000 |
| 6 | 3.434338000 | -2.780137000 | 1.233193000 | 6 | -2.252826000 | 4.553722000 | 0.048113000 |
| 6 | 2.634485000 | -3.932052000 | 1.232666000 | 1 | -1.626747000 | 5.449250000 | 0.073640000 |
| 1 | 2.292848000 | -4.344221000 | 2.184670000 | 6 | -2.653237000 | 4.013656000 | -1.169121000 |
| 6 | 2.252945000 | -4.553763000 | 0.048090000 | 1 | -2.325936000 | 4.488765000 | -2.096506000 |
| 1 | 1.626898000 | -5.449313000 | 0.073649000 | 6 | -3.450938000 | 2.861249000 | -1.236690000 |
| 6 | 2.653258000 | -4.013679000 | -1.169167000 | 6 | -6.730207000 | 2.237961000 | 1.042031000 |
| 1 | 2.325922000 | -4.488800000 | -2.096534000 | 1 | -6.449157000 | 1.919513000 | 2.052832000 |
| 6 | 3.450933000 | -2.861259000 | -1.236781000 | 1 | -7.829625000 | 2.286172000 | 1.002403000 |
| 6 | 6.730265000 | -2.237776000 | 1.041770000 | 1 | -6.345513000 | 3.254332000 | 0.871199000 |
| 1 | 6.449139000 | -1.919371000 | 2.052565000 | 6 | -6.800154000 | 1.742097000 | -1.380517000 |
| 1 | 7.829689000 | -2.285847000 | 1.002178000 | 1 | -6.458042000 | 2.759908000 | -1.608603000 |
| 1 | 6.345706000 | -3.254196000 | 0.870926000 | 1 | -7.899266000 | 1.768986000 | -1.319893000 |
| 6 | 6.799987000 | -1.742015000 | -1.380835000 | 1 | -6.529476000 | 1.085247000 | -2.215825000 |
| 1 | 6.457864000 | -2.759838000 | -1.608850000 | 6 | -5.341797000 | -3.175888000 | -3.540005000 |
| 1 | 7.899107000 | -1.768901000 | -1.320335000 | 1 | -6.408634000 | -3.446806000 | -3.628352000 |
| 1 | 6.529219000 | -1.085199000 | -2.216143000 | 1 | -4.751311000 | -4.033648000 | -3.901132000 |
| 6 | 5.341240000 | 3.176063000 | -3.540101000 | 1 | -5.154926000 | -2.330914000 | -4.223170000 |
| 1 | 4.750724000 | 4.033836000 | -3.901143000 | 6 | -5.323923000 | -2.094119000 | 2.335855000 |
| 1 | 5.154238000 | 2.331087000 | -4.223227000 | 1 | -5.241249000 | -0.999575000 | 2.446912000 |
| 1 | 6.408072000 | 3.446948000 | -3.628617000 | 6 | -6.524581000 | -2.548935000 | 3.182357000 |
| 6 | 5.323954000 | 2.094231000 | 2.335751000 | 1 | -6.676472000 | -3.638866000 | 3.095115000 |
| 1 | 5.240794000 | 0.999722000 | 2.446766000 | 1 | -7.461260000 | -2.060914000 | 2.865943000 |
| 6 | 6.524952000 | 2.548448000 | 3.182087000 | 1 | -6.372210000 | -2.323288000 | 4.250770000 |
| 1 | 6.677341000 | 3.638311000 | 3.094861000 | 6 | -4.030423000 | -2.675552000 | 2.928183000 |
| 1 | 7.461353000 | 2.059996000 | 2.865514000 | 1 | -3.904789000 | -2.320825000 | 3.964500000 |
| 1 | 6.372633000 | 2.322834000 | 4.250514000 | 1 | -3.142683000 | -2.366158000 | 2.359395000 |
| 6 | 4.030820000 | 2.676251000 | 2.928287000 | 1 | -4.051165000 | -3.776391000 | 2.963185000 |
| 1 | 3.905183000 | 2.321569000 | 3.964619000 | 6 | -3.755591000 | 2.139622000 | 2.585893000 |
| 1 | 3.142855000 | 2.367277000 | 2.359623000 | 1 | -4.451415000 | 1.309061000 | 2.406717000 |
| 1 | 4.052062000 | 3.777079000 | 2.963306000 | 6 | -4.428598000 | 3.128172000 | 3.558082000 |
| 6 | 3.756074000 | -2.139791000 | 2.585788000 | 1 | -3.729562000 | 3.918491000 | 3.875412000 |
| 1 | 4.451913000 | -1.309259000 | 2.406527000 | 1 | -4.757094000 | 2.602514000 | 4.469596000 |
| 6 | 4.429223000 | -3.128417000 | 3.557802000 | 1 | -5.305541000 | 3.622579000 | 3.115581000 |
| 1 | 3.730250000 | -3.918793000 | 3.875129000 | 6 | -2.505080000 | 1.533041000 | 3.250580000 |
| 1 | 4.757801000 | -2.602845000 | 4.469336000 | 1 | -2.033814000 | 0.775920000 | 2.609403000 |
| 1 | 5.306135000 | -3.622746000 | 3.115150000 | 1 | -2.779348000 | 1.050861000 | 4.203516000 |
| 6 | 2.505717000 | -1.533166000 | 3.250722000 | 1 | -1.751007000 | 2.305730000 | 3.472223000 |
| 1 | 1.751686000 | -2.305826000 | 3.472601000 | 6 | -3.779515000 | 2.309703000 | -2.626184000 |
| 1 | 2.034311000 | -0.776082000 | 2.609603000 | 1 | -4.459440000 | 1.459234000 | -2.498345000 |
| 1 | 2.780220000 | -1.050918000 | 4.203557000 | 6 | -2.528920000 | 1.771846000 | -3.348199000 |
| 6 | 3.779531000 | -2.309763000 | -2.626294000 | 1 | -1.786634000 | 2.568294000 | -3.519713000 |
| 1 | 4.459546000 | -1.459362000 | -2.498468000 | 1 | -2.809315000 | 1.359748000 | -4.331846000 |
| 6 | 4.478759000 | -3.352688000 | -3.519736000 | 1 | -2.040402000 | 0.973733000 | -2.772569000 |
| 1 | 5.354498000 | -3.807212000 | -3.033119000 | 6 | -4.478885000 | 3.352533000 | -3.519620000 |
| 1 | 4.816364000 | -2.886782000 | -4.459901000 | 1 | -5.354767000 | 3.806832000 | -3.033049000 |
| 1 | 3.793655000 | -4.171489000 | -3.791804000 | 1 | -4.816298000 | 2.886633000 | -4.459858000 |
| 6 | 2.528969000 | -1.771774000 | -3.348264000 | 1 | -3.793923000 | 4.171498000 | -3.791556000 |
| (CAAC-2)P-P₃ | | | | | | | |
| 6 | -1.059117000 | -0.272052000 | -0.213347000 | 1 | -3.279585000 | 1.230603000 | 1.436805000 |
| 7 | -0.132026000 | -1.268803000 | -0.086365000 | 6 | 4.041721000 | -0.609628000 | 0.357154000 |
| 6 | -2.465037000 | -0.918178000 | -0.370418000 | 1 | 4.113243000 | -0.574740000 | -1.789198000 |
| 6 | -0.702378000 | -2.667636000 | -0.167135000 | 6 | 1.642092000 | 0.471304000 | -3.192923000 |
| 6 | 1.283363000 | -1.028067000 | 0.071213000 | 6 | 2.267561000 | -1.961059000 | -3.396409000 |
| 6 | -2.084568000 | -2.366427000 | -0.762179000 | 1 | 0.491217000 | -1.173914000 | -2.472555000 |
| 6 | -3.363004000 | -0.340270000 | -1.504450000 | 1 | 3.678675000 | -0.628828000 | 2.473699000 |
| 6 | -3.260922000 | -0.888232000 | 0.975503000 | 6 | 1.005888000 | 0.414306000 | 3.372082000 |
| 6 | -0.794946000 | -3.354091000 | 1.208991000 | 6 | 1.512590000 | -2.041464000 | 3.635195000 |
| 6 | 0.114761000 | -3.590138000 | -1.080775000 | 1 | -0.012941000 | -1.180253000 | 2.390375000 |
| 6 | 2.097741000 | -0.889211000 | -1.087746000 | 1 | -5.730563000 | 0.026983000 | 0.017608000 |
| 6 | 1.846159000 | -0.916680000 | 1.371584000 | 1 | -5.467005000 | 1.744648000 | 0.349980000 |
| 1 | -2.843627000 | -3.095157000 | -0.441539000 | 1 | 5.117261000 | -0.450029000 | 0.468521000 |
| 1 | -2.017922000 | -2.426834000 | -1.860380000 | 1 | 2.685362000 | 0.817949000 | -3.270632000 |
| 6 | -4.167287000 | 0.927594000 | -1.190679000 | 1 | 1.073916000 | 1.228292000 | -2.636052000 |
| 1 | -4.083061000 | -1.142437000 | -1.752982000 | 1 | 1.229688000 | 0.420640000 | -4.214138000 |
| 6 | -4.006293000 | 0.418239000 | 1.269419000 | 1 | 1.767848000 | -2.041433000 | -4.375527000 |
| 1 | -4.002781000 | -1.706159000 | 0.925407000 | 1 | 2.274000000 | -2.959014000 | -2.934072000 |
| 1 | -2.592372000 | -1.127583000 | 1.816089000 | 1 | 3.315141000 | -1.680534000 | -3.590634000 |
| 1 | -1.287532000 | -4.331317000 | 1.087786000 | 1 | 2.017827000 | 0.725205000 | 3.678430000 |
| 1 | -1.376994000 | -2.775825000 | 1.936619000 | 1 | 0.384068000 | 0.359679000 | 4.280897000 |
| 1 | 0.203134000 | -3.538935000 | 1.627809000 | 1 | 0.593518000 | 1.201146000 | 2.725920000 |
| 1 | 1.146260000 | -3.712999000 | -0.718503000 | 1 | 1.582600000 | -3.030583000 | 3.157802000 |
| 1 | 0.145485000 | -3.228709000 | -2.115221000 | 1 | 0.824545000 | -2.125745000 | 4.492085000 |
| 1 | -0.356215000 | -4.585278000 | -1.090961000 | 1 | 2.508711000 | -1.802179000 | 4.040868000 |
| 6 | 3.473605000 | -0.685818000 | -0.910883000 | 1 | -2.746735000 | -0.188712000 | -2.405792000 |
| 6 | 1.556803000 | -0.911915000 | -2.519629000 | 1 | -4.570976000 | 0.300414000 | 2.210065000 |
| 6 | 3.230362000 | -0.717056000 | 1.481603000 | 15 | -0.946776000 | 1.475908000 | -0.212167000 |
| 6 | 1.024690000 | -0.952477000 | 2.661201000 | 15 | 1.181663000 | 2.198233000 | 0.092294000 |
| 6 | -4.945267000 | 0.800214000 | 0.122199000 | 15 | 0.857191000 | 4.168151000 | -0.960608000 |

SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

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| 1 | -3.489680000 | 1.793473000 | -1.131571000 | 15 | 0.574247000 | 4.150245000 | 1.049820000 |
| 1 | -4.856297000 | 1.124191000 | -2.029961000 | | | | |

(CAAC-3)P-P₃

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| 6 | -0.314203000 | 0.001601000 | -0.809167000 | 1 | 0.012817000 | -2.810120000 | -2.770674000 |
| 7 | 1.044930000 | 0.001275000 | -0.680928000 | 6 | 3.150239000 | -0.006093000 | 3.022947000 |
| 6 | -0.690860000 | 0.004637000 | -2.300717000 | 1 | 3.032898000 | 2.136157000 | 2.925978000 |
| 6 | 1.817152000 | 0.003794000 | -1.976082000 | 6 | 0.528654000 | 3.208743000 | 1.686599000 |
| 6 | 1.716131000 | -0.001271000 | 0.606575000 | 6 | 2.737424000 | 3.591687000 | 0.529684000 |
| 6 | 0.684061000 | 0.005843000 | -3.030783000 | 1 | 1.083686000 | 2.451087000 | -0.232512000 |
| 6 | -1.531132000 | 1.254278000 | -2.702324000 | 1 | 3.032763000 | -2.147944000 | 2.917507000 |
| 6 | -1.531447000 | -1.243201000 | -2.707338000 | 6 | 0.528323000 | -3.215321000 | 1.673989000 |
| 6 | 2.714917000 | -1.235659000 | -2.111764000 | 6 | 2.737026000 | -3.593999000 | 0.515498000 |
| 6 | 2.714919000 | 1.243768000 | -2.106941000 | 1 | 1.083387000 | -2.450219000 | -0.242143000 |
| 6 | 2.040797000 | 1.232079000 | 1.238182000 | 1 | 3.722442000 | -0.007946000 | 3.954289000 |
| 6 | 2.040681000 | -1.237125000 | 1.233331000 | 1 | 0.965714000 | 3.432514000 | 2.673622000 |
| 1 | 0.774322000 | -0.871864000 | -3.686028000 | 1 | -0.319641000 | 2.525254000 | 1.833373000 |
| 1 | 0.774523000 | 0.885866000 | -3.682900000 | 1 | 0.142209000 | 4.154711000 | 1.272195000 |
| 6 | -0.982831000 | 2.629860000 | -2.329680000 | 1 | 2.363570000 | 4.524607000 | 0.077140000 |
| 1 | -2.539450000 | 1.149702000 | -2.272547000 | 1 | 3.523881000 | 3.189813000 | -0.125567000 |
| 6 | -0.983520000 | -2.620378000 | -2.340062000 | 1 | 3.210731000 | 3.864328000 | 1.486590000 |
| 1 | -2.539781000 | -1.140060000 | -2.277246000 | 1 | 0.965422000 | -3.443182000 | 2.660057000 |
| 1 | -1.667507000 | -1.181798000 | -3.801924000 | 1 | 0.141589000 | -4.159506000 | 1.255804000 |
| 1 | 3.243044000 | -1.192161000 | -3.076962000 | 1 | -0.319770000 | -2.532194000 | 1.823606000 |
| 1 | 2.139378000 | -2.169798000 | -2.085462000 | 1 | 3.523504000 | -3.189628000 | -0.138192000 |
| 1 | 3.474479000 | -1.268496000 | -1.317688000 | 1 | 2.363048000 | -4.525081000 | 0.059288000 |
| 1 | 3.474493000 | 1.273500000 | -1.312754000 | 1 | 3.210336000 | -3.870469000 | 1.471305000 |
| 1 | 2.139383000 | 2.177798000 | -2.077000000 | 1 | -1.667321000 | 1.197251000 | -3.797131000 |
| 1 | 3.243049000 | 1.204020000 | -3.072298000 | 1 | -1.653451000 | -3.407132000 | -2.721471000 |
| 6 | 2.769871000 | 1.196177000 | 2.435985000 | 1 | -0.915967000 | -2.746697000 | -1.249039000 |
| 6 | 1.578060000 | 2.599367000 | 0.734820000 | 1 | -0.915071000 | 2.751821000 | -1.238173000 |
| 6 | 2.769792000 | -1.206013000 | 2.431243000 | 15 | -1.318222000 | -0.001362000 | 0.635560000 |
| 6 | 1.577781000 | -2.602359000 | 0.724581000 | 15 | -3.455342000 | 0.000416000 | -0.073999000 |
| 1 | 0.013464000 | 2.821102000 | -2.759724000 | 15 | -4.320327000 | -1.020639000 | 1.733301000 |
| 1 | -1.652664000 | 3.418270000 | -2.707820000 | 15 | -4.320045000 | 1.013924000 | 1.737750000 |

(CAAC-2)As-As₃

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| 6 | -1.355778000 | 0.879940000 | -0.205678000 | 1 | -0.508149000 | 3.435070000 | 1.434780000 |
| 7 | -2.055948000 | -0.282616000 | -0.076850000 | 6 | -0.318200000 | -4.135945000 | 0.368266000 |
| 6 | -2.360972000 | 2.052600000 | -0.359172000 | 1 | -0.280016000 | -4.202550000 | -1.778137000 |
| 6 | -3.561005000 | -0.120228000 | -0.145646000 | 6 | 0.074677000 | -1.552491000 | -3.201883000 |
| 6 | -1.437346000 | -1.579110000 | 0.080899000 | 6 | -2.110104000 | -2.793007000 | -3.374539000 |
| 6 | -3.654813000 | 1.291225000 | -0.739796000 | 1 | -1.806103000 | -0.865459000 | -2.465687000 |
| 6 | -2.060176000 | 3.071004000 | -1.498854000 | 1 | -0.413600000 | -3.781089000 | 2.484106000 |
| 6 | -2.542586000 | 2.832940000 | 0.984777000 | 6 | -0.102076000 | -0.925519000 | 3.378111000 |
| 6 | -4.233525000 | -0.218886000 | 1.236521000 | 6 | -2.333962000 | -2.063328000 | 3.651589000 |
| 6 | -4.230633000 | -1.159348000 | -1.053246000 | 1 | -1.912820000 | -0.363826000 | 2.403609000 |
| 6 | -1.098613000 | -2.333424000 | -1.078112000 | 1 | -2.343909000 | 5.455506000 | 0.013259000 |
| 6 | -1.173208000 | -2.088725000 | 1.381786000 | 1 | -0.617742000 | 5.672774000 | 0.334833000 |
| 1 | -4.560487000 | 1.821665000 | -0.410655000 | 1 | 0.113058000 | -5.133925000 | 0.480190000 |
| 1 | -3.704752000 | 1.210851000 | -1.837594000 | 1 | 0.682030000 | -2.469080000 | -3.276829000 |
| 6 | -1.058753000 | 4.192173000 | -1.196411000 | 1 | 0.661362000 | -0.798437000 | -2.659870000 |
| 1 | -3.030355000 | 3.544267000 | -1.740530000 | 1 | -0.093754000 | -1.179112000 | -4.225484000 |
| 6 | -1.489869000 | 3.909881000 | 1.267920000 | 1 | -2.332708000 | -2.335471000 | -4.352218000 |
| 1 | -3.532723000 | 3.321948000 | 0.937523000 | 1 | -3.064426000 | -3.063643000 | -2.899666000 |
| 1 | -2.584530000 | 2.128232000 | 1.828761000 | 1 | -1.563466000 | -3.728666000 | -3.573334000 |
| 1 | -5.309135000 | -0.012120000 | 1.124387000 | 1 | 0.469109000 | -1.819374000 | 3.676877000 |
| 1 | -3.830098000 | 0.499203000 | 1.960537000 | 1 | -0.316569000 | -0.346302000 | 4.291395000 |
| 1 | -4.135136000 | -1.229366000 | 1.654465000 | 1 | 0.541379000 | -0.311982000 | 2.732516000 |
| 1 | -4.065948000 | -2.184819000 | -0.690526000 | 1 | -3.268644000 | -2.400075000 | 3.178368000 |
| 1 | -3.880981000 | -1.091425000 | -2.089851000 | 1 | -2.598511000 | -1.419043000 | 4.505742000 |
| 1 | -5.316497000 | -0.977228000 | -1.056881000 | 1 | -1.834094000 | -2.955786000 | 4.061052000 |
| 6 | -0.545703000 | -3.610147000 | -0.899945000 | 1 | -1.753447000 | 2.517197000 | -2.401191000 |
| 6 | -1.275502000 | -1.826052000 | -2.511911000 | 1 | -1.753073000 | 4.425170000 | 2.207401000 |
| 6 | -0.621267000 | -3.374421000 | 1.491958000 | 33 | 0.494415000 | 1.248855000 | -0.205810000 |
| 6 | -1.418093000 | -1.304534000 | 2.672330000 | 33 | 1.864715000 | -0.814274000 | 0.103354000 |
| 1 | -1.385066000 | 4.911885000 | 0.115296000 | 33 | 3.784055000 | 0.209891000 | -1.102530000 |
| 6 | -0.038668000 | 3.779152000 | -1.143720000 | 33 | 3.711126000 | 0.494701000 | 1.134803000 |
| 1 | -1.061758000 | 4.904444000 | -2.039179000 | | | | |

(CAAC-3)As-As₃

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|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 6 | 0.963190000 | -0.788112000 | 0.000000000 | 1 | 2.848988000 | -1.504137000 | -2.811906000 |
| 7 | 0.564139000 | -2.087960000 | 0.000000000 | 6 | -3.499045000 | -3.375008000 | 0.000000000 |
| 6 | 2.496609000 | -0.716443000 | 0.000000000 | 1 | -3.373669000 | -3.285934000 | 2.141816000 |
| 6 | 1.679861000 | -3.107876000 | 0.000000000 | 6 | -1.639873000 | -1.137325000 | 3.246510000 |
| 6 | -0.833571000 | -2.483921000 | 0.000000000 | 6 | -0.953117000 | -3.539879000 | 3.575316000 |
| 6 | 2.940374000 | -2.209118000 | 0.000000000 | 1 | 0.123288000 | -2.051018000 | 2.458877000 |
| 6 | 3.058150000 | 0.029257000 | 1.247952000 | 1 | -3.373669000 | -3.285934000 | -2.141816000 |
| 6 | 3.058150000 | 0.029257000 | -1.247952000 | 6 | -1.639873000 | -1.137325000 | -3.246510000 |
| 6 | 1.629376000 | -4.013500000 | -1.239338000 | 6 | -0.953117000 | -3.539879000 | -3.575316000 |
| 6 | 1.629376000 | -4.013500000 | 1.239338000 | 1 | 0.123288000 | -2.051018000 | -2.458877000 |
| 6 | -1.516317000 | -2.671773000 | 1.235220000 | 1 | -4.530823000 | -3.735815000 | 0.000000000 |
| 6 | -1.516317000 | -2.671773000 | -1.235220000 | 1 | -2.694408000 | -1.369224000 | 3.468686000 |

SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | 3.562665000 | -2.428535000 | -0.878838000 | 1 | -1.612734000 | -0.259430000 | 2.585495000 |
| 1 | 3.562665000 | -2.428535000 | 0.878838000 | 1 | -1.152097000 | -0.866702000 | 4.197630000 |
| 6 | 2.605347000 | -0.445635000 | 2.626705000 | 1 | -0.426711000 | -3.285340000 | 4.509646000 |
| 1 | 2.819100000 | 1.099895000 | 1.151142000 | 1 | -0.477309000 | -4.436608000 | 3.152897000 |
| 6 | 2.605347000 | -0.445635000 | -2.626705000 | 1 | -1.985195000 | -3.810969000 | 3.849736000 |
| 1 | 2.819100000 | 1.099895000 | -1.151142000 | 1 | -2.694408000 | -1.369224000 | -3.468686000 |
| 1 | 4.158875000 | -0.035853000 | -1.180794000 | 1 | -1.152097000 | -0.866702000 | -4.197630000 |
| 1 | 2.469498000 | -4.724037000 | -1.197587000 | 1 | -1.612734000 | -0.259430000 | -2.585495000 |
| 1 | 1.716950000 | -3.444532000 | -2.173676000 | 1 | -0.477309000 | -4.436608000 | -3.152897000 |
| 1 | 0.699651000 | -4.599172000 | -1.269560000 | 1 | -0.426711000 | -3.285340000 | -4.509646000 |
| 1 | 0.699651000 | -4.599172000 | 1.269560000 | 1 | -1.985195000 | -3.810969000 | -3.849736000 |
| 1 | 1.716950000 | -3.444532000 | 2.173676000 | 1 | 4.158875000 | -0.035853000 | 1.180794000 |
| 1 | 2.469498000 | -4.724037000 | 1.197587000 | 1 | 3.108001000 | 0.141438000 | -3.411490000 |
| 6 | -2.841669000 | -3.130127000 | 1.200834000 | 1 | 1.521326000 | -0.312606000 | -2.760491000 |
| 6 | -0.923176000 | -2.343226000 | 2.606024000 | 1 | 1.521326000 | -0.312606000 | 2.760491000 |
| 6 | -2.841669000 | -3.130127000 | -1.200834000 | 33 | -0.323764000 | 0.599468000 | 0.000000000 |
| 6 | -0.923176000 | -2.343226000 | -2.606024000 | 33 | 0.949163000 | 2.732577000 | 0.000000000 |
| 1 | 2.848988000 | -1.504137000 | 2.811906000 | 33 | -0.881484000 | 3.967409000 | -1.130181000 |
| 1 | 3.108001000 | 0.141438000 | 3.411490000 | 33 | -0.881484000 | 3.967409000 | 1.130181000 |

(CAAC-3)As-P₃

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|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 6 | 0.866671000 | 0.142258000 | 0.000000000 | 1 | 2.837456000 | -0.237864000 | -2.812897000 |
| 7 | 0.694146000 | -1.203755000 | 0.000000000 | 6 | -3.094596000 | -3.155220000 | 0.000000000 |
| 6 | 2.364052000 | 0.476839000 | 0.000000000 | 1 | -2.985927000 | -3.046915000 | 2.141863000 |
| 6 | 1.968467000 | -2.019236000 | 0.000000000 | 6 | -1.633240000 | -0.638236000 | 3.247111000 |
| 6 | -0.616678000 | -1.831296000 | 0.000000000 | 6 | -0.556838000 | -2.893995000 | 3.574738000 |
| 6 | 3.056441000 | -0.918079000 | 0.000000000 | 1 | 0.256916000 | -1.246718000 | 2.459132000 |
| 6 | 2.788331000 | 1.309220000 | 1.247939000 | 1 | -2.985927000 | -3.046915000 | -2.141863000 |
| 6 | 2.788331000 | 1.309220000 | -1.247939000 | 6 | -1.633240000 | -0.638236000 | -3.247111000 |
| 6 | 2.071656000 | -2.919933000 | -1.239454000 | 6 | -0.556838000 | -2.893995000 | -3.574738000 |
| 6 | 2.071656000 | -2.919933000 | 1.239454000 | 1 | 0.256916000 | -1.246718000 | -2.459132000 |
| 6 | -1.257359000 | -2.130864000 | 1.235558000 | 1 | -4.051754000 | -3.683012000 | 0.000000000 |
| 6 | -1.257359000 | -2.130864000 | -1.235558000 | 1 | -2.634998000 | -1.041438000 | 3.468649000 |
| 1 | 3.706877000 | -1.027601000 | -0.879001000 | 1 | -1.751399000 | 0.232678000 | 2.586817000 |
| 1 | 3.706877000 | -1.027601000 | 0.879001000 | 1 | -1.197201000 | -0.291439000 | 4.198574000 |
| 6 | 2.420467000 | 0.764985000 | 2.626454000 | 1 | -0.080391000 | -2.555807000 | 4.509306000 |
| 1 | 2.371379000 | 2.323221000 | 1.146923000 | 1 | 0.062086000 | -3.698391000 | 3.151719000 |
| 6 | 2.420467000 | 0.764985000 | -2.626454000 | 1 | -1.529216000 | -3.333773000 | 3.848685000 |
| 1 | 2.371379000 | 2.323221000 | -1.146923000 | 1 | -2.634998000 | -1.041438000 | -3.468649000 |
| 1 | 3.884470000 | 1.429531000 | -1.181958000 | 1 | -1.197201000 | -0.291439000 | -4.198574000 |
| 1 | 3.019931000 | -3.477879000 | -1.197388000 | 1 | -1.751399000 | 0.232678000 | -2.586817000 |
| 1 | 2.062101000 | -2.344258000 | -2.173712000 | 1 | 0.062086000 | -3.698391000 | -3.151719000 |
| 1 | 1.254514000 | -3.654568000 | -1.269988000 | 1 | -0.080391000 | -2.555807000 | -4.509306000 |
| 1 | 1.254514000 | -3.654568000 | 1.269988000 | 1 | -1.529216000 | -3.333773000 | -3.848685000 |
| 1 | 2.062101000 | -2.344258000 | 2.173712000 | 1 | 3.884470000 | 1.429531000 | 1.181958000 |
| 1 | 3.019931000 | -3.477879000 | 1.197388000 | 1 | 2.817032000 | 1.428204000 | -3.411373000 |
| 6 | -2.487486000 | -2.804209000 | 1.200964000 | 1 | 1.329394000 | 0.714781000 | -2.760316000 |
| 6 | -0.726620000 | -1.708441000 | 2.606184000 | 1 | 1.329394000 | 0.714781000 | 2.760316000 |
| 6 | -2.487486000 | -2.804209000 | -1.200964000 | 33 | -0.640304000 | 1.291003000 | 0.000000000 |
| 6 | -0.726620000 | -1.708441000 | -2.606184000 | 15 | 0.259388000 | 3.486233000 | 0.000000000 |
| 1 | 2.837456000 | -0.237864000 | 2.812897000 | 15 | -1.503573000 | 4.431842000 | -1.019190000 |
| 1 | 2.817032000 | 1.428204000 | 3.411373000 | 15 | -1.503573000 | 4.431842000 | 1.019190000 |

(CAAC-3)P-AsP₂

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|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 6 | 0.825531000 | 0.025135000 | 0.000000000 | 1 | 2.773963000 | -0.356929000 | -2.813882000 |
| 7 | 0.664310000 | -1.333981000 | 0.000000000 | 6 | -3.094038000 | -3.340469000 | 0.000000000 |
| 6 | 2.327659000 | 0.361243000 | 0.000000000 | 1 | -2.989587000 | -3.225793000 | 2.142100000 |
| 6 | 1.938234000 | -2.137785000 | 0.000000000 | 6 | -1.681367000 | -0.755232000 | 3.212066000 |
| 6 | -0.639530000 | -1.970994000 | 0.000000000 | 6 | -0.582053000 | -2.993681000 | 3.592166000 |
| 6 | 3.021962000 | -1.032134000 | 0.000000000 | 1 | 0.220249000 | -1.360693000 | 2.448708000 |
| 6 | 2.755863000 | 1.188530000 | 1.248941000 | 1 | -2.989587000 | -3.225793000 | -2.142100000 |
| 6 | 2.755863000 | 1.188530000 | -1.248941000 | 6 | -1.681367000 | -0.755232000 | -3.212066000 |
| 6 | 2.050495000 | -3.039142000 | -1.239573000 | 6 | -0.582053000 | -2.993681000 | -3.592166000 |
| 6 | 2.050495000 | -3.039142000 | 1.239573000 | 1 | 0.220249000 | -1.360693000 | -2.448708000 |
| 6 | -1.277884000 | -2.278889000 | 1.234327000 | 1 | -4.040287000 | -3.887703000 | 0.000000000 |
| 6 | -1.277884000 | -2.278889000 | -1.234327000 | 1 | -2.679146000 | -1.165865000 | 3.438253000 |
| 1 | 3.673335000 | -1.139620000 | -0.878668000 | 1 | -1.807208000 | 0.096747000 | 2.528964000 |
| 1 | 3.673335000 | -1.139620000 | 0.878668000 | 1 | -1.254613000 | -0.379955000 | 4.157079000 |
| 6 | 2.370717000 | 0.650806000 | 2.625161000 | 1 | -0.118037000 | -2.631886000 | 4.524241000 |
| 1 | 2.356575000 | 2.210248000 | 1.149366000 | 1 | 0.051778000 | -3.796749000 | 3.188757000 |
| 6 | 2.370717000 | 0.650806000 | -2.625161000 | 1 | -1.550314000 | -3.442204000 | 3.866721000 |
| 1 | 2.356575000 | 2.210248000 | -1.149366000 | 1 | -2.679146000 | -1.165865000 | -3.438253000 |
| 1 | 3.853729000 | 1.296015000 | -1.190028000 | 1 | -1.254613000 | -0.379955000 | -4.157079000 |
| 1 | 3.002348000 | -3.591211000 | -1.197953000 | 1 | -1.807208000 | 0.096747000 | -2.528964000 |
| 1 | 2.036346000 | -2.463343000 | -2.173853000 | 1 | 0.051778000 | -3.796749000 | -3.188757000 |
| 1 | 1.237683000 | -3.778701000 | -1.270948000 | 1 | -0.118037000 | -2.631886000 | -4.524241000 |
| 1 | 1.237683000 | -3.778701000 | 1.270948000 | 1 | -1.550314000 | -3.442204000 | -3.866721000 |
| 1 | 2.036346000 | -2.463343000 | 2.173853000 | 1 | 3.853729000 | 1.296015000 | 1.190028000 |
| 1 | 3.002348000 | -3.591211000 | 1.197953000 | 1 | 2.768740000 | 1.309355000 | -3.413256000 |
| 6 | -2.494715000 | -2.975838000 | 1.201080000 | 1 | 1.278012000 | 0.612542000 | -2.747955000 |
| 6 | -0.759277000 | -1.829397000 | 2.600236000 | 1 | 1.278012000 | 0.612542000 | 2.747955000 |
| 6 | -2.494715000 | -2.975838000 | -1.201080000 | 15 | -0.589111000 | 1.062875000 | 0.000000000 |
| 6 | -0.759277000 | -1.829397000 | -2.600236000 | 33 | 0.171976000 | 3.311433000 | 0.000000000 |
| 1 | 2.773963000 | -0.356929000 | 2.813882000 | 15 | -1.800546000 | 4.152846000 | -1.016552000 |

SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

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|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | 2.768740000 | 1.309355000 | 3.413256000 | 15 | -1.800546000 | 4.152846000 | 1.016552000 |
| (CAAC-3)P-PAsP | | | | | | | |
| 6 | -0.147628000 | 0.814568000 | -0.461406000 | 1 | -1.018847000 | 3.901662000 | 0.784686000 |
| 7 | -1.466438000 | 0.471165000 | -0.378744000 | 6 | -2.993029000 | -2.912392000 | 1.712127000 |
| 6 | -0.001071000 | 2.097335000 | -1.297915000 | 1 | -2.697499000 | -3.993813000 | -0.119788000 |
| 6 | -2.421037000 | 1.391738000 | -1.096638000 | 6 | -0.313229000 | -3.139919000 | -1.715234000 |
| 6 | -1.935647000 | -0.694844000 | 0.348175000 | 6 | -2.622441000 | -2.790158000 | -2.668538000 |
| 6 | -1.464403000 | 2.453007000 | -1.692056000 | 1 | -1.211037000 | -1.252323000 | -2.157426000 |
| 6 | 0.878352000 | 1.886187000 | -2.567050000 | 1 | -3.085704000 | -1.625678000 | 3.429156000 |
| 6 | 0.653082000 | 3.262697000 | -0.495774000 | 6 | -0.896367000 | 0.408310000 | 3.600888000 |
| 6 | -3.440458000 | 2.024028000 | -0.136692000 | 6 | -3.276637000 | 1.182686000 | 3.287378000 |
| 6 | -3.208441000 | 0.659529000 | -2.194117000 | 1 | -1.657400000 | 1.456642000 | 1.901656000 |
| 6 | -2.050569000 | -1.946407000 | -0.319509000 | 1 | -3.419944000 | -3.770332000 | 2.237965000 |
| 6 | -2.274330000 | -0.581515000 | 1.725864000 | 1 | -0.578857000 | -4.145314000 | -1.349238000 |
| 1 | -1.731398000 | 3.453250000 | -1.323157000 | 1 | 0.478351000 | -2.736634000 | -1.067885000 |
| 1 | -1.572212000 | 2.490552000 | -2.785154000 | 1 | 0.096744000 | -3.254087000 | -2.732510000 |
| 6 | 0.517474000 | 0.732022000 | -3.499575000 | 1 | -2.233853000 | -2.871527000 | -3.696784000 |
| 1 | 1.925890000 | 1.766969000 | -2.249750000 | 1 | -3.529936000 | -2.169793000 | -2.698452000 |
| 6 | 0.044930000 | 3.623788000 | 0.857451000 | 1 | -2.923672000 | -3.802979000 | -2.356269000 |
| 1 | 1.719756000 | 3.030693000 | -0.351274000 | 1 | -1.202157000 | -0.346593000 | 4.343853000 |
| 1 | 0.627668000 | 4.146761000 | -1.157745000 | 1 | -0.661299000 | 1.336494000 | 4.147824000 |
| 1 | -4.101409000 | 2.695249000 | -0.706823000 | 1 | 0.022259000 | 0.055773000 | 3.110782000 |
| 1 | -2.956783000 | 2.617351000 | 0.649854000 | 1 | -4.111884000 | 1.358195000 | 2.593900000 |
| 1 | -4.071713000 | 1.259182000 | 0.337812000 | 1 | -3.058740000 | 2.132532000 | 3.802359000 |
| 1 | -3.835043000 | -0.139089000 | -1.772051000 | 1 | -3.626169000 | 0.472773000 | 4.054116000 |
| 1 | -2.549918000 | 0.223305000 | -2.956144000 | 1 | 0.844245000 | 2.836642000 | -3.129082000 |
| 1 | -3.876009000 | 1.377014000 | -2.696126000 | 1 | 0.573758000 | 4.487491000 | 1.290603000 |
| 6 | -2.595812000 | -3.030294000 | 0.384330000 | 1 | 0.134492000 | 2.791644000 | 1.571790000 |
| 6 | -1.542732000 | -2.209201000 | -1.737200000 | 1 | 0.621857000 | -0.239705000 | -2.993821000 |
| 6 | -2.813432000 | -1.702442000 | 2.374275000 | 15 | 1.057939000 | -0.185303000 | 0.341743000 |
| 6 | -2.015388000 | 0.665613000 | 2.571210000 | 15 | 3.055095000 | 0.761520000 | -0.080752000 |
| 1 | -0.509428000 | 0.807325000 | -3.891957000 | 15 | 4.071983000 | 0.032519000 | 1.788867000 |
| 1 | 1.193565000 | 0.724203000 | -4.369139000 | 33 | 4.332879000 | -1.232395000 | 0.070533000 |
| trans-(CAAC-2)₂P₄ | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 2.152929000 | -1.307005000 | -0.018845000 | 1 | 1.912771000 | 0.772162000 | 2.614729000 |
| 15 | 0.902078000 | 0.517229000 | -0.037557000 | 6 | -3.853108000 | 0.895254000 | -0.043641000 |
| 15 | -0.902091000 | -0.517158000 | -0.037725000 | 6 | -6.051602000 | -0.122816000 | -0.136005000 |
| 15 | -2.152968000 | 1.307044000 | -0.018756000 | 6 | -6.162101000 | 1.369490000 | -0.474393000 |
| 7 | 4.549386000 | 0.284951000 | -0.104473000 | 1 | -7.071809000 | 1.825517000 | -0.056253000 |
| 7 | -4.549394000 | -0.284964000 | -0.104450000 | 1 | -6.215202000 | 1.480853000 | -1.569420000 |
| 6 | 3.853082000 | -0.895256000 | -0.043672000 | 6 | -4.875993000 | 2.066101000 | 0.029061000 |
| 6 | 6.051593000 | 0.122786000 | -0.136072000 | 6 | -5.053229000 | 2.579350000 | 1.496039000 |
| 6 | 6.162083000 | -1.369542000 | -0.474369000 | 1 | -6.053059000 | 3.047637000 | 1.553882000 |
| 1 | 7.071769000 | -1.825550000 | -0.056159000 | 1 | -5.068393000 | 1.729212000 | 2.194369000 |
| 1 | 6.215232000 | -1.480985000 | -1.569385000 | 6 | -4.016056000 | 3.606276000 | 1.963218000 |
| 6 | 4.875949000 | -2.066112000 | 0.029085000 | 1 | -3.023082000 | 3.130327000 | 2.020791000 |
| 6 | 5.053152000 | -2.579288000 | 1.496090000 | 6 | -3.952207000 | 4.809261000 | 1.018496000 |
| 1 | 6.052985000 | -3.047560000 | 1.553986000 | 1 | -4.925318000 | 5.337220000 | 1.030584000 |
| 1 | 5.068288000 | -1.729113000 | 2.194379000 | 1 | -3.200005000 | 5.535529000 | 1.369553000 |
| 6 | 4.015986000 | -3.606208000 | 1.963291000 | 6 | -3.626510000 | 4.356243000 | -0.407676000 |
| 1 | 3.023000000 | -3.130278000 | 2.020807000 | 1 | -2.597490000 | 3.966786000 | -0.440600000 |
| 6 | 3.952195000 | -4.809243000 | 1.018628000 | 1 | -3.662681000 | 5.213643000 | -1.101853000 |
| 1 | 3.200010000 | -5.535521000 | 1.369702000 | 6 | -4.603878000 | 3.283111000 | -0.905110000 |
| 1 | 4.925324000 | -5.337166000 | 1.030760000 | 1 | -5.586161000 | 3.769525000 | -1.055314000 |
| 6 | 3.626512000 | -4.356301000 | -0.407573000 | 6 | -3.926641000 | -1.586047000 | -0.172154000 |
| 1 | 3.662752000 | -5.213735000 | -1.101708000 | 6 | -3.585053000 | -2.130284000 | -1.441936000 |
| 1 | 2.597478000 | -3.966886000 | -0.440533000 | 6 | -3.004054000 | -3.405320000 | -1.483713000 |
| 6 | 4.603854000 | -3.283162000 | -0.905044000 | 1 | -2.732162000 | -3.836088000 | -2.449914000 |
| 1 | 5.586149000 | -3.769562000 | -1.055230000 | 6 | -2.750283000 | -4.128545000 | -0.322445000 |
| 6 | 3.926665000 | 1.586041000 | -0.172205000 | 1 | -2.293323000 | -5.119732000 | -0.381126000 |
| 6 | 3.585042000 | 2.130240000 | -1.441988000 | 6 | -3.062007000 | -3.573801000 | 0.914115000 |
| 6 | 3.004086000 | 3.405294000 | -1.483788000 | 1 | -2.834310000 | -4.134929000 | 1.823193000 |
| 1 | 2.732164000 | 3.836031000 | -2.449994000 | 6 | -3.640950000 | -2.300985000 | 1.022428000 |
| 6 | 2.750411000 | 4.128584000 | -0.322536000 | 6 | -6.722266000 | -0.989912000 | -1.209665000 |
| 1 | 2.293505000 | 5.119795000 | -0.381234000 | 1 | -6.379605000 | -0.736945000 | -2.219702000 |
| 6 | 3.062165000 | 3.573876000 | 0.914033000 | 1 | -7.809394000 | -0.818264000 | -1.175071000 |
| 1 | 2.834545000 | 4.135051000 | 1.823101000 | 1 | -6.547828000 | -2.062044000 | -1.035606000 |
| 6 | 3.641038000 | 2.301031000 | 1.022362000 | 6 | -6.719227000 | -0.469494000 | 1.208807000 |
| 6 | 6.722225000 | 0.989806000 | -1.209802000 | 1 | -6.607357000 | -1.536711000 | 1.441870000 |
| 1 | 6.379494000 | 0.736798000 | -2.219803000 | 1 | -7.797704000 | -0.258751000 | 1.137817000 |
| 1 | 7.809348000 | 0.818120000 | -1.175266000 | 1 | -6.320287000 | 0.113780000 | 2.047265000 |
| 1 | 6.547835000 | 2.061954000 | -1.035789000 | 6 | -3.774050000 | -1.389559000 | -2.768348000 |
| 6 | 6.719242000 | 0.469545000 | 1.208714000 | 1 | -4.308872000 | -0.453670000 | -2.557079000 |
| 1 | 6.607264000 | 1.536748000 | 1.441786000 | 6 | -4.609840000 | -2.201337000 | -3.777251000 |
| 1 | 7.797740000 | 0.258919000 | 1.137680000 | 1 | -4.063510000 | -3.092185000 | -4.126427000 |
| 1 | 6.320397000 | -0.113788000 | 2.047183000 | 1 | -4.833915000 | -1.590214000 | -4.666926000 |
| 6 | 3.773951000 | 1.389445000 | -2.768372000 | 1 | -5.563524000 | -2.546025000 | -3.351627000 |
| 1 | 4.308766000 | 0.453557000 | -2.557073000 | 6 | -2.429426000 | -0.996768000 | -3.410499000 |
| 6 | 4.609700000 | 2.201137000 | -3.777374000 | 1 | -1.831903000 | -0.360193000 | -2.744138000 |
| 1 | 4.063382000 | 3.091985000 | -4.126568000 | 1 | -2.605682000 | -0.441625000 | -4.346830000 |
| 1 | 4.833684000 | 1.589949000 | -4.667026000 | 1 | -1.827183000 | -1.886197000 | -3.657568000 |

SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

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|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | 5.563429000 | 2.545811000 | -3.351841000 | 6 | -3.875627000 | -1.742094000 | 2.426785000 |
| 6 | 2.429278000 | 0.996640000 | -3.410419000 | 1 | -4.381441000 | -0.775042000 | 2.321251000 |
| 1 | 1.827044000 | 1.886070000 | -3.657504000 | 6 | -2.552968000 | -1.471541000 | 3.169795000 |
| 1 | 1.831778000 | 0.360118000 | -2.743986000 | 1 | -1.979750000 | -2.399927000 | 3.325403000 |
| 1 | 2.605461000 | 0.441437000 | -4.346728000 | 1 | -2.758292000 | -1.035285000 | 4.161545000 |
| 6 | 3.875760000 | 1.742181000 | 2.426718000 | 1 | -1.912618000 | -0.772110000 | 2.614711000 |
| 1 | 4.381595000 | 0.775141000 | 2.321199000 | 6 | -4.772990000 | -2.659084000 | 3.279301000 |
| 6 | 4.773126000 | 2.659213000 | 3.279194000 | 1 | -5.715679000 | -2.913769000 | 2.771848000 |
| 1 | 5.715807000 | 2.913897000 | 2.771723000 | 1 | -5.023059000 | -2.170680000 | 4.235351000 |
| 1 | 5.023204000 | 2.170838000 | 4.235255000 | 1 | -4.265084000 | -3.606465000 | 3.521646000 |
| 1 | 4.265211000 | 3.606595000 | 3.521524000 | 1 | 4.272659000 | -3.929784000 | 2.986688000 |
| 6 | 2.553123000 | 1.471626000 | 3.169765000 | 1 | 4.289727000 | -2.910207000 | -1.893637000 |
| 1 | 1.979890000 | 2.400005000 | 3.325340000 | 1 | -4.289756000 | 2.910115000 | -1.893690000 |
| 1 | 2.758478000 | 1.035411000 | 4.161529000 | 1 | -4.272755000 | 3.929910000 | 2.986589000 |

trans-(CAAC-3)₂P₄

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| 15 | 2.053257000 | -1.465156000 | -0.083013000 | 6 | -6.061135000 | 0.332515000 | 0.032430000 |
| 15 | 0.942927000 | 0.439740000 | -0.063926000 | 6 | -6.112940000 | 1.878797000 | -0.010315000 |
| 15 | -0.942951000 | -0.439752000 | -0.063671000 | 1 | -6.646551000 | 2.264192000 | 0.869836000 |
| 15 | -2.053280000 | 1.465141000 | -0.083133000 | 1 | -6.685649000 | 2.214572000 | -0.886217000 |
| 7 | 4.573401000 | -0.051364000 | 0.006891000 | 6 | -4.663591000 | 2.430275000 | -0.057938000 |
| 7 | -4.573428000 | 0.051356000 | 0.006789000 | 6 | -4.373606000 | 3.366740000 | 1.154057000 |
| 6 | 3.777162000 | -1.158788000 | -0.040732000 | 1 | -3.364134000 | 3.786485000 | 1.019931000 |
| 6 | 6.061101000 | -0.332517000 | 0.032749000 | 1 | -5.075527000 | 4.216573000 | 1.073538000 |
| 6 | 6.112923000 | -1.878795000 | -0.010176000 | 6 | -4.467285000 | 2.765063000 | 2.554447000 |
| 1 | 6.646701000 | -2.264325000 | 0.869816000 | 1 | -5.464616000 | 2.350294000 | 2.772876000 |
| 1 | 6.685477000 | -2.214417000 | -0.886234000 | 6 | -4.582590000 | 2.614084000 | -2.691329000 |
| 6 | 4.663572000 | -2.430287000 | -0.057696000 | 1 | -5.588125000 | 2.188691000 | -2.840950000 |
| 6 | 4.373551000 | -3.366648000 | 1.154367000 | 1 | -4.419333000 | 3.343193000 | -3.500956000 |
| 1 | 3.364005000 | -3.786246000 | 1.020325000 | 6 | -4.427627000 | 3.294943000 | -1.333286000 |
| 1 | 5.075338000 | -4.216592000 | 1.073846000 | 1 | -3.413417000 | 3.719601000 | -1.267852000 |
| 6 | 4.467432000 | -2.764922000 | 2.554723000 | 6 | -4.068054000 | -1.305801000 | 0.034200000 |
| 1 | 5.464871000 | -2.350374000 | 2.773077000 | 6 | -3.838520000 | -1.999078000 | -1.187159000 |
| 6 | 4.582479000 | -2.614254000 | -2.691061000 | 6 | -3.381175000 | -3.323169000 | -1.125744000 |
| 1 | 4.419250000 | -3.343414000 | -3.500647000 | 1 | -3.198702000 | -3.866424000 | -2.055522000 |
| 1 | 5.587967000 | -2.188767000 | -2.840754000 | 6 | -3.134314000 | -3.954001000 | 0.088713000 |
| 6 | 4.427659000 | -3.295069000 | -1.332978000 | 1 | -2.773726000 | -4.985607000 | 0.110017000 |
| 1 | 3.413517000 | -3.719880000 | -1.267488000 | 6 | -3.326490000 | -3.254470000 | 1.275117000 |
| 6 | 4.068025000 | 1.305798000 | 0.034074000 | 1 | -3.101309000 | -3.744014000 | 2.225161000 |
| 6 | 3.838627000 | 1.998887000 | -1.187414000 | 6 | -3.782295000 | -1.928407000 | 1.281550000 |
| 6 | 3.381280000 | 3.322986000 | -1.126257000 | 6 | -6.789698000 | -0.285943000 | -1.170998000 |
| 1 | 3.198905000 | 3.866097000 | -2.056138000 | 1 | -6.421628000 | 0.104870000 | -2.127981000 |
| 6 | 3.134301000 | 3.954015000 | 0.088076000 | 1 | -7.861839000 | -0.044931000 | -1.100604000 |
| 1 | 2.773708000 | 4.985624000 | 0.109177000 | 1 | -6.695242000 | -1.380904000 | -1.177580000 |
| 6 | 3.326376000 | 3.254678000 | 1.274609000 | 6 | -6.733382000 | -0.215727000 | 1.300880000 |
| 1 | 3.101121000 | 3.744374000 | 2.224556000 | 1 | -6.637853000 | -1.308750000 | 1.364965000 |
| 6 | 3.782172000 | 1.928609000 | 1.281295000 | 1 | -7.807835000 | 0.022773000 | 1.266166000 |
| 6 | 6.789846000 | 0.286074000 | -1.170500000 | 1 | -6.322071000 | 0.227952000 | 2.216285000 |
| 1 | 6.421928000 | -0.104664000 | -2.127578000 | 6 | -4.004602000 | -1.372927000 | -2.573325000 |
| 1 | 7.861981000 | 0.045077000 | -1.099968000 | 1 | -4.427956000 | -0.371028000 | -2.438710000 |
| 1 | 6.695365000 | 1.381035000 | -1.176998000 | 6 | -4.959819000 | -2.176964000 | -3.475847000 |
| 6 | 6.733145000 | 0.215586000 | 1.301368000 | 1 | -4.531751000 | -3.156247000 | -3.744047000 |
| 1 | 6.637675000 | 1.308610000 | 1.365511000 | 1 | -5.141080000 | -1.634239000 | -4.418044000 |
| 1 | 7.807589000 | -0.022977000 | 1.266835000 | 1 | -5.933502000 | -2.361788000 | -2.999391000 |
| 1 | 6.321635000 | -0.228128000 | 2.216662000 | 6 | -2.651894000 | -1.189891000 | -3.288710000 |
| 6 | 4.004897000 | 1.372520000 | -2.573458000 | 1 | -1.960726000 | -0.572706000 | -2.698560000 |
| 1 | 4.428316000 | 0.370676000 | -2.438630000 | 1 | -2.803854000 | -0.698307000 | -4.264053000 |
| 6 | 4.960151000 | 2.176472000 | -3.476016000 | 1 | -2.159962000 | -2.158234000 | -3.475880000 |
| 1 | 4.532050000 | 3.155684000 | -3.744421000 | 6 | -3.884752000 | -1.223759000 | 2.635906000 |
| 1 | 5.141542000 | 1.633599000 | -4.418104000 | 1 | -4.313176000 | -0.229691000 | 2.464214000 |
| 1 | 5.933773000 | 2.361434000 | -2.999491000 | 6 | -2.500566000 | -1.004825000 | 3.277281000 |
| 6 | 2.652270000 | 1.189258000 | -3.288943000 | 1 | -2.001471000 | -1.962802000 | 3.496275000 |
| 1 | 2.160275000 | 2.157531000 | -3.476312000 | 1 | -2.607521000 | -0.458705000 | 4.229314000 |
| 1 | 1.961099000 | 0.572109000 | -2.698760000 | 1 | -1.836614000 | -0.423809000 | 2.622551000 |
| 1 | 2.804362000 | 0.697536000 | -4.264194000 | 6 | -4.798141000 | -1.972301000 | 3.625324000 |
| 6 | 3.884552000 | 1.224208000 | 2.635785000 | 1 | -5.792518000 | -2.181312000 | 3.204901000 |
| 1 | 4.313020000 | 0.230123000 | 2.464312000 | 1 | -4.936260000 | -1.376172000 | 4.542219000 |
| 6 | 4.797852000 | 1.972971000 | 3.625119000 | 1 | -4.358492000 | -2.935870000 | 3.929340000 |
| 1 | 5.792257000 | 2.181919000 | 3.204730000 | 1 | 4.269032000 | -3.538926000 | 3.313217000 |
| 1 | 4.935912000 | 1.377039000 | 4.542151000 | 1 | 5.125902000 | -4.149466000 | -1.270712000 |
| 1 | 4.358155000 | 2.936595000 | 3.928894000 | 1 | -5.125738000 | 4.149450000 | -1.271051000 |
| 6 | 2.500340000 | 1.005345000 | 3.277124000 | 1 | -4.269032000 | 3.539154000 | 3.312891000 |
| 1 | 2.001195000 | 1.963338000 | 3.495927000 | 1 | 3.722715000 | -1.967508000 | 2.697060000 |
| 1 | 2.607271000 | 0.459396000 | 4.229258000 | 1 | 3.843562000 | -1.809328000 | -2.820645000 |
| 1 | 1.836447000 | 0.424181000 | 2.622464000 | 1 | -3.843759000 | 1.809077000 | -2.820921000 |
| 6 | -3.777183000 | 1.158774000 | -0.040866000 | 1 | -3.722386000 | 1.967818000 | 2.696778000 |

trans-(CAAC-2)₂As₄

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| 33 | -0.426103000 | 2.718229000 | 0.088358000 | 1 | 1.352461000 | 1.769648000 | -2.625847000 |
| 33 | 0.926650000 | 0.678205000 | 0.082715000 | 6 | -0.680098000 | -4.237215000 | 0.066564000 |
| 33 | -0.926650000 | -0.678205000 | 0.082715000 | 6 | -2.480329000 | -5.860837000 | 0.069911000 |
| 33 | 0.426103000 | -2.718229000 | 0.088358000 | 6 | -1.168579000 | -6.548179000 | 0.468265000 |
| 7 | 2.036888000 | 4.413813000 | 0.067901000 | 1 | -1.085949000 | -7.562710000 | 0.050905000 |
| 7 | -2.036888000 | -4.413813000 | 0.067901000 | 1 | -1.138329000 | -6.643170000 | 1.565675000 |

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| 6 | 0.680098000 | 4.237215000 | 0.066564000 | 6 | -0.001279000 | -5.635316000 | 0.021304000 |
| 6 | 2.480329000 | 5.860837000 | 0.069911000 | 6 | 0.470694000 | -5.999213000 | -1.425875000 |
| 6 | 1.168579000 | 6.548179000 | 0.468265000 | 1 | 0.506819000 | -7.102638000 | -1.483302000 |
| 1 | 1.085949000 | 7.562710000 | 0.050905000 | 1 | -0.280688000 | -5.674511000 | -2.160915000 |
| 1 | 1.138329000 | 6.643170000 | 1.565675000 | 6 | 1.845842000 | -5.455316000 | -1.827307000 |
| 6 | 0.001279000 | 5.635316000 | 0.021304000 | 1 | 1.805668000 | -4.354708000 | -1.889667000 |
| 6 | -0.470694000 | 5.999213000 | -1.425875000 | 6 | 2.929182000 | -5.872355000 | -0.829395000 |
| 1 | -0.506819000 | 7.102638000 | -1.483302000 | 1 | 3.029979000 | -6.974806000 | -0.836550000 |
| 1 | 0.280688000 | 5.674511000 | -2.160915000 | 1 | 3.909514000 | -5.468429000 | -1.133044000 |
| 6 | -1.845842000 | 5.455316000 | -1.827307000 | 6 | 2.572825000 | -5.395638000 | 0.581551000 |
| 1 | -1.805668000 | 4.354708000 | -1.889667000 | 1 | 2.622610000 | -4.296061000 | 0.619095000 |
| 6 | -2.929182000 | 5.872355000 | -0.829395000 | 1 | 3.311911000 | -5.766611000 | 1.312452000 |
| 1 | -3.909514000 | 5.468429000 | -1.133044000 | 6 | 1.178884000 | -5.869444000 | 1.011817000 |
| 1 | -3.029979000 | 6.974806000 | -0.836550000 | 1 | 1.231084000 | -6.964506000 | 1.160112000 |
| 6 | -2.572825000 | 5.395638000 | 0.581551000 | 6 | -2.993613000 | -3.332157000 | 0.099029000 |
| 1 | -3.311911000 | 5.766611000 | 1.312452000 | 6 | -3.425426000 | -2.819147000 | 1.354732000 |
| 1 | -2.622610000 | 4.296061000 | 0.619095000 | 6 | -4.388549000 | -1.799964000 | 1.360138000 |
| 6 | -1.178884000 | 5.869444000 | 1.011817000 | 1 | -4.729433000 | -1.394338000 | 2.315211000 |
| 1 | -1.231084000 | 6.964506000 | 1.160112000 | 6 | -4.910377000 | -1.283588000 | 0.178172000 |
| 6 | 2.993613000 | 3.332157000 | 0.099029000 | 1 | -5.658960000 | -0.487813000 | 0.209111000 |
| 6 | 3.425426000 | 2.819147000 | 1.354732000 | 6 | -4.456142000 | -1.770321000 | -1.042787000 |
| 6 | 4.388549000 | 1.799964000 | 1.360138000 | 1 | -4.848080000 | -1.340970000 | -1.967478000 |
| 1 | 4.729433000 | 1.394338000 | 2.315211000 | 6 | -3.491872000 | -2.786865000 | -1.115720000 |
| 6 | 4.910377000 | 1.283588000 | 0.178172000 | 6 | -3.591757000 | -6.143773000 | 1.088552000 |
| 1 | 5.658960000 | 0.487813000 | 0.209111000 | 1 | -3.274317000 | -5.934148000 | 2.116484000 |
| 6 | 4.456142000 | 1.770321000 | -1.042787000 | 1 | -3.857434000 | -7.211029000 | 1.034320000 |
| 1 | 4.848080000 | 1.340970000 | -1.967478000 | 1 | -4.500540000 | -5.562400000 | 0.873403000 |
| 6 | 3.491872000 | 2.786865000 | -1.115720000 | 6 | -2.993613000 | -6.330258000 | -1.304743000 |
| 6 | 3.591757000 | 6.143773000 | 1.088552000 | 1 | -3.921312000 | -5.810837000 | -1.578637000 |
| 1 | 3.274317000 | 5.934148000 | 2.116484000 | 1 | -3.221489000 | -7.406325000 | -1.252516000 |
| 1 | 3.857434000 | 7.211029000 | 1.034320000 | 1 | -2.261730000 | -6.183237000 | -2.107898000 |
| 1 | 4.500540000 | 5.562400000 | 0.873403000 | 6 | -2.879412000 | -3.289566000 | 2.705843000 |
| 6 | 2.993613000 | 6.330258000 | -1.304743000 | 1 | -2.209757000 | -4.140180000 | 2.519692000 |
| 1 | 3.921312000 | 5.810837000 | -1.578637000 | 6 | -3.998734000 | -3.758192000 | 3.656663000 |
| 1 | 3.221489000 | 7.406325000 | -1.252516000 | 1 | -4.623652000 | -2.913355000 | 3.987850000 |
| 1 | 2.261730000 | 6.183237000 | -2.107898000 | 1 | -3.564558000 | -4.212991000 | 4.562066000 |
| 6 | 2.879412000 | 3.289566000 | 2.705843000 | 1 | -4.665761000 | -4.497629000 | 3.190203000 |
| 1 | 2.209757000 | 4.140180000 | 2.519692000 | 6 | -2.035543000 | -2.204875000 | 3.402922000 |
| 6 | 3.998734000 | 3.758192000 | 3.656663000 | 1 | -1.181525000 | -1.895046000 | 2.785531000 |
| 1 | 4.623652000 | 2.913355000 | 3.987850000 | 1 | -1.643121000 | -2.589008000 | 4.359167000 |
| 1 | 3.564558000 | 4.212991000 | 4.562066000 | 1 | -2.637095000 | -1.308450000 | 3.625099000 |
| 1 | 4.665761000 | 4.497629000 | 3.190203000 | 6 | -3.007972000 | -3.210509000 | -2.503913000 |
| 6 | 2.035543000 | 2.204875000 | 3.402922000 | 1 | -2.311732000 | -4.047551000 | -2.374265000 |
| 1 | 2.637095000 | 1.308450000 | 3.625099000 | 6 | -2.224933000 | -2.088592000 | -3.212907000 |
| 1 | 1.181525000 | 1.895046000 | 2.785531000 | 1 | -2.856993000 | -1.202753000 | -3.387543000 |
| 1 | 1.643121000 | 2.589008000 | 4.359167000 | 1 | -1.865524000 | -2.440607000 | -4.194197000 |
| 6 | 3.007972000 | 3.210509000 | -2.503913000 | 1 | -1.352461000 | -1.769648000 | -2.625847000 |
| 1 | 2.311732000 | 4.047551000 | -2.374265000 | 6 | -4.163720000 | -3.684494000 | -3.405852000 |
| 6 | 4.163720000 | 3.684494000 | -3.405852000 | 1 | -4.784292000 | -4.455362000 | -2.924696000 |
| 1 | 4.784292000 | 4.455362000 | -2.924696000 | 1 | -3.769550000 | -4.103702000 | -4.346015000 |
| 1 | 3.769550000 | 4.103702000 | -4.346015000 | 1 | -4.830181000 | -2.849876000 | -3.676864000 |
| 1 | 4.830181000 | 2.849876000 | -3.676864000 | 1 | -2.090016000 | 5.819555000 | -2.839961000 |
| 6 | 2.224933000 | 2.088592000 | -3.212907000 | 1 | -0.913868000 | 5.437329000 | 1.990528000 |
| 1 | 2.856993000 | 1.202753000 | -3.387543000 | 1 | 0.913868000 | -5.437329000 | 1.990528000 |
| 1 | 1.865524000 | 2.440607000 | -4.194197000 | 1 | 2.090016000 | -5.819555000 | -2.839961000 |

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| 33 | 0.875887000 | 2.612080000 | -0.127117000 | 6 | 1.457628000 | -6.211683000 | 0.079646000 |
| 33 | -0.791577000 | 0.833210000 | -0.088447000 | 6 | 0.000100000 | -6.726561000 | 0.012689000 |
| 33 | 0.791577000 | -0.833210000 | -0.088447000 | 1 | -0.225361000 | -7.341360000 | 0.895319000 |
| 33 | -0.875887000 | -2.612080000 | -0.127117000 | 1 | -0.130161000 | -7.383275000 | -0.858884000 |
| 7 | -1.275798000 | 4.706428000 | 0.033225000 | 6 | -0.959648000 | -5.509122000 | -0.068660000 |
| 7 | 1.275798000 | -4.706428000 | 0.033225000 | 6 | -1.966042000 | -5.505123000 | 1.122896000 |
| 6 | 0.015482000 | 4.283710000 | -0.045323000 | 1 | -2.669991000 | -4.672199000 | 0.967307000 |
| 6 | -1.457628000 | 6.211683000 | 0.079646000 | 1 | -2.561920000 | -6.431930000 | 1.037072000 |
| 6 | -0.000100000 | 6.726561000 | 0.012689000 | 6 | -1.394828000 | -5.401743000 | 2.535299000 |
| 1 | 0.225361000 | 7.341360000 | 0.895319000 | 1 | -0.703794000 | -6.226132000 | 2.774574000 |
| 1 | 0.130161000 | 7.383275000 | -0.858884000 | 6 | -1.106890000 | -5.523532000 | -2.707069000 |
| 6 | 0.959648000 | 5.509122000 | -0.068660000 | 1 | -0.394644000 | -6.355282000 | -2.830606000 |
| 6 | 1.966042000 | 5.505123000 | 1.122896000 | 1 | -1.835281000 | -5.600348000 | -3.530014000 |
| 1 | 2.669991000 | 4.672199000 | 0.967307000 | 6 | -1.829285000 | -5.563106000 | -1.362311000 |
| 1 | 2.561920000 | 6.431930000 | 1.037072000 | 1 | -2.544242000 | -4.725940000 | -1.323602000 |
| 6 | 1.394828000 | 5.401743000 | 2.535299000 | 6 | 2.417170000 | -3.814682000 | 0.072708000 |
| 1 | 0.703794000 | 6.226132000 | 2.774574000 | 6 | 3.036780000 | -3.405928000 | -1.141917000 |
| 6 | 1.106890000 | 5.523532000 | -2.707069000 | 6 | 4.169251000 | -2.581661000 | -1.067195000 |
| 1 | 1.835281000 | 5.600348000 | -3.530014000 | 1 | 4.654260000 | -2.260191000 | -1.991438000 |
| 1 | 0.394644000 | 6.355282000 | -2.830606000 | 6 | 4.678288000 | -2.149344000 | 0.152528000 |
| 6 | 1.829285000 | 5.563106000 | -1.362311000 | 1 | 5.560605000 | -1.505049000 | 0.183842000 |
| 1 | 2.544242000 | 4.725940000 | -1.323602000 | 6 | 4.040725000 | -2.522181000 | 1.330815000 |
| 6 | -2.417170000 | 3.814682000 | 0.072708000 | 1 | 4.425340000 | -2.154267000 | 2.284512000 |
| 6 | -3.036780000 | 3.405928000 | -1.141917000 | 6 | 2.904527000 | -3.344732000 | 1.324991000 |
| 6 | -4.169251000 | 2.581661000 | -1.067195000 | 6 | 2.291391000 | -6.732313000 | -1.100986000 |
| 1 | -4.654260000 | 2.260191000 | -1.991438000 | 1 | 1.828537000 | -6.508082000 | -2.070220000 |
| 6 | -4.678288000 | 2.149344000 | 0.152528000 | 1 | 2.381235000 | -7.826628000 | -1.017535000 |
| 1 | -5.560605000 | 1.505049000 | 0.183842000 | 1 | 3.307648000 | -6.314152000 | -1.089939000 |

SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

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| 6 | -4.040725000 | 2.522181000 | 1.330815000 | 6 | 2.156312000 | -6.671790000 | 1.368180000 |
| 1 | -4.425340000 | 2.154267000 | 2.284512000 | 1 | 3.169162000 | -6.252738000 | 1.447177000 |
| 6 | -2.904527000 | 3.344732000 | 1.324991000 | 1 | 2.250960000 | -7.768709000 | 1.349050000 |
| 6 | -2.291391000 | 6.732313000 | -1.100986000 | 1 | 1.591627000 | -6.400817000 | 2.269091000 |
| 1 | -1.828537000 | 6.508082000 | -2.070220000 | 6 | 2.519792000 | -3.769174000 | -2.535781000 |
| 1 | -2.381235000 | 7.826628000 | -1.017535000 | 1 | 1.683119000 | -4.466001000 | -2.411051000 |
| 1 | -3.307648000 | 6.314152000 | -1.089939000 | 6 | 3.591271000 | -4.458094000 | -3.402827000 |
| 6 | -2.156312000 | 6.671790000 | 1.368180000 | 1 | 4.403222000 | -3.761898000 | -3.667698000 |
| 1 | -3.169162000 | 6.252738000 | 1.447177000 | 1 | 3.146968000 | -4.810854000 | -4.347921000 |
| 1 | -2.250960000 | 7.768709000 | 1.349050000 | 1 | 4.048788000 | -5.322747000 | -2.900788000 |
| 1 | -1.591627000 | 6.400817000 | 2.269091000 | 6 | 1.966042000 | -2.541537000 | -3.284870000 |
| 6 | -2.519792000 | 3.769174000 | -2.535781000 | 1 | 1.150267000 | -2.059903000 | -2.728505000 |
| 1 | -1.683119000 | 4.466001000 | -2.411051000 | 1 | 1.574389000 | -2.845762000 | -4.269774000 |
| 6 | -3.591271000 | 4.458094000 | -3.402827000 | 1 | 2.749688000 | -1.785784000 | -3.456551000 |
| 1 | -4.403222000 | 3.761898000 | -3.667698000 | 6 | 2.240903000 | -3.639843000 | -2.672147000 |
| 1 | -3.146968000 | 4.810854000 | -4.347921000 | 1 | 1.418900000 | -4.342426000 | 2.493414000 |
| 1 | -4.048788000 | 5.322747000 | -2.900788000 | 6 | 1.616557000 | -2.377422000 | 3.297817000 |
| 6 | -1.966042000 | 2.541537000 | -3.284870000 | 1 | 2.381430000 | -1.614616000 | 3.516580000 |
| 1 | -2.749688000 | 1.785784000 | -3.456551000 | 1 | 1.119877000 | -2.633840000 | 4.248383000 |
| 1 | -1.150267000 | 2.059903000 | -2.728505000 | 1 | 0.867996000 | -1.922497000 | 2.634666000 |
| 1 | -1.574389000 | 2.845762000 | -4.269774000 | 6 | 3.211374000 | -4.285142000 | 3.680286000 |
| 6 | -2.240903000 | 3.639843000 | 2.672147000 | 1 | 3.715151000 | -5.173202000 | 3.272180000 |
| 1 | -1.418900000 | 4.342426000 | 2.493414000 | 1 | 2.667944000 | -4.591387000 | 4.589105000 |
| 6 | -3.211374000 | 4.285142000 | 3.680286000 | 1 | 3.994193000 | -3.576555000 | 3.995313000 |
| 1 | -3.715151000 | 5.173202000 | 3.272180000 | 1 | 2.209044000 | 5.440628000 | 3.276408000 |
| 1 | -2.667944000 | 4.591387000 | 4.589105000 | 1 | 2.433028000 | 6.486674000 | -1.299428000 |
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| 6 | -1.616557000 | 2.377422000 | 3.297817000 | 1 | -2.209044000 | -5.440628000 | 3.276408000 |
| 1 | -2.381430000 | 1.614616000 | 3.516580000 | 1 | 0.862463000 | 4.449919000 | 2.681524000 |
| 1 | -1.119877000 | 2.633840000 | 4.248383000 | 1 | 0.560802000 | 4.577444000 | -2.838901000 |
| 1 | -0.867996000 | 1.922497000 | 2.634666000 | 1 | -0.560802000 | -4.577444000 | -2.838901000 |
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| 6 | 0.989926000 | -3.412072000 | 1.871559000 | 1 | -5.404956000 | -1.829818000 | -5.045780000 |
| 6 | 1.448686000 | -4.895278000 | 1.855376000 | 6 | -5.144041000 | -2.405930000 | -2.981279000 |
| 1 | 1.732702000 | -5.267677000 | 2.849167000 | 1 | -5.268950000 | -3.469691000 | -3.196378000 |
| 1 | 0.616014000 | -5.525321000 | 1.505626000 | 6 | -4.899554000 | -1.998962000 | -1.660474000 |
| 6 | 2.617377000 | -5.014109000 | 0.862107000 | 6 | -4.480323000 | 1.821150000 | -2.285050000 |
| 6 | 3.977479000 | -4.956995000 | 1.583352000 | 1 | -4.405717000 | 2.021274000 | -1.207138000 |
| 1 | 4.809080000 | -5.024147000 | 0.870000000 | 6 | -5.597036000 | 2.714964000 | -2.856632000 |
| 1 | 4.061202000 | -5.813259000 | 2.271088000 | 1 | -5.648672000 | 2.645366000 | -3.955132000 |
| 1 | 4.098413000 | -4.038460000 | 2.173392000 | 1 | -5.403249000 | 3.771506000 | -2.609020000 |
| 6 | 2.555438000 | -6.330737000 | 0.077779000 | 1 | -6.589974000 | 2.449340000 | -2.463372000 |
| 1 | 1.580481000 | -6.471779000 | -0.404999000 | 6 | -3.124700000 | 2.203109000 | -2.911330000 |
| 1 | 2.710708000 | -7.171099000 | 0.772459000 | 1 | -2.307326000 | 1.597479000 | -2.496061000 |
| 1 | 3.339093000 | -6.383418000 | -0.692867000 | 1 | -2.895452000 | 3.262871000 | -2.713152000 |
| 6 | 1.583687000 | -2.613390000 | 3.067477000 | 1 | -3.138634000 | 2.063069000 | -4.005059000 |
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| 6 | 1.046122000 | -3.072638000 | 4.430351000 | 6 | -5.982404000 | -3.994555000 | -0.491064000 |
| 1 | 1.404337000 | -4.092856000 | 4.658493000 | 1 | -6.910305000 | -3.420768000 | -0.346322000 |
| 1 | 1.461518000 | -2.425093000 | 5.221278000 | 1 | -5.877661000 | -4.690132000 | 0.357841000 |
| 6 | -0.486077000 | -3.050085000 | 4.475309000 | 1 | -6.115862000 | -4.606238000 | -1.397965000 |
| 1 | -0.832235000 | -2.002693000 | 4.418048000 | 6 | -3.489397000 | -3.946396000 | -0.870823000 |
| 1 | -0.847952000 | -3.447048000 | 5.439084000 | 1 | -3.585398000 | -4.512378000 | -1.812124000 |
| 6 | -1.090528000 | -3.838679000 | 3.307182000 | 1 | -3.346819000 | -4.677965000 | -0.057795000 |
| 1 | -2.190143000 | -3.750637000 | 3.316836000 | 1 | -2.589617000 | -3.318477000 | -0.934235000 |
| 1 | -0.870970000 | -4.914544000 | 3.435910000 | 6 | 1.715577000 | 2.755477000 | 0.553882000 |
| 6 | -0.554692000 | -3.344176000 | 1.956634000 | 6 | 2.334882000 | 2.611859000 | 1.959369000 |
| 1 | -0.882772000 | -2.306827000 | 1.802868000 | 6 | 3.134663000 | 3.934148000 | 2.120002000 |
| 1 | -0.992242000 | -3.925309000 | 1.129197000 | 1 | 2.532607000 | 4.654737000 | 2.695612000 |
| 6 | 2.988609000 | -3.677818000 | -1.313577000 | 1 | 4.078036000 | 3.800553000 | 2.667015000 |
| 6 | 2.284319000 | -4.149264000 | -2.457745000 | 6 | 3.382473000 | 4.502614000 | 0.712888000 |
| 6 | 2.923479000 | -4.101637000 | -3.704677000 | 6 | 3.317732000 | 6.034686000 | 0.704244000 |
| 1 | 2.395352000 | -4.467795000 | -4.587850000 | 1 | 3.399270000 | 6.439768000 | -0.315562000 |
| 6 | 4.209016000 | -3.587921000 | -3.845435000 | 1 | 4.160009000 | 6.432872000 | 1.291457000 |
| 1 | 4.690534000 | -3.568345000 | -4.826692000 | 1 | 2.390531000 | 6.408439000 | 1.156004000 |
| 6 | 4.864658000 | -3.073683000 | -2.731849000 | 6 | 4.762102000 | 4.084712000 | 0.168456000 |
| 1 | 5.857390000 | -2.634281000 | -2.853206000 | 1 | 4.884337000 | 2.993840000 | 0.137701000 |
| 6 | 4.274487000 | -3.088872000 | -1.458494000 | 1 | 5.551539000 | 4.496550000 | 0.816882000 |
| 6 | 0.839339000 | -4.646892000 | -2.420407000 | 1 | 4.925118000 | 4.479505000 | -0.842829000 |
| 1 | 0.525904000 | -4.693240000 | -1.368061000 | 6 | 1.251184000 | 2.516065000 | 3.064003000 |
| 6 | -0.099104000 | -3.651136000 | -3.130695000 | 1 | 0.609339000 | 3.411783000 | 3.022606000 |
| 1 | 0.140295000 | -3.576800000 | -4.204486000 | 1 | 0.605343000 | 1.651730000 | 2.849403000 |
| 1 | -0.023895000 | -2.647391000 | -2.689712000 | 6 | 1.854741000 | 2.347310000 | 4.464858000 |
| 1 | -1.146094000 | -3.982818000 | -3.044064000 | 1 | 2.440453000 | 3.242987000 | 4.741793000 |
| 6 | 0.674312000 | -6.052124000 | -3.029263000 | 1 | 1.042141000 | 2.275845000 | 5.207691000 |
| 1 | 0.863933000 | -6.047378000 | -4.114758000 | 6 | 2.750008000 | 1.105063000 | 4.537775000 |
| 1 | -0.357712000 | -6.410975000 | -2.883632000 | 1 | 2.125069000 | 0.205036000 | 4.399369000 |
| 1 | 1.357443000 | -6.788014000 | -2.579343000 | 1 | 3.209722000 | 1.016527000 | 5.536894000 |
| 6 | 5.029105000 | -2.395850000 | -0.324412000 | 6 | 3.833187000 | 1.134578000 | 3.452889000 |
| 1 | 4.449051000 | -2.530581000 | 0.597114000 | 1 | 4.406827000 | 0.192149000 | 3.459825000 |
| 6 | 6.438739000 | -2.974275000 | -0.100191000 | 1 | 4.561839000 | 1.931253000 | 3.689245000 |

SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

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| 1 | 6.430182000 | -4.065835000 | 0.036977000 | 6 | 3.244193000 | 1.354961000 | 2.051586000 |
| 1 | 6.900913000 | -2.524282000 | 0.793817000 | 1 | 2.647071000 | 0.475246000 | 1.765274000 |
| 1 | 7.102715000 | -2.757285000 | -0.952474000 | 1 | 4.053286000 | 1.418482000 | 1.308537000 |
| 6 | 5.123514000 | -0.878037000 | -0.576833000 | 6 | 1.818122000 | 4.365594000 | -1.336870000 |
| 1 | 5.726390000 | -0.658475000 | -1.473430000 | 6 | 2.403974000 | 3.896483000 | -2.544592000 |
| 1 | 5.609169000 | -0.380094000 | 0.278913000 | 6 | 1.999495000 | 4.484517000 | -3.753345000 |
| 1 | 4.125427000 | -0.438250000 | -0.713099000 | 1 | 2.448495000 | 4.139453000 | -4.687368000 |
| 6 | -3.337116000 | 0.081947000 | 0.523492000 | 6 | 1.029046000 | 5.479799000 | -3.793788000 |
| 6 | -3.534083000 | 0.775989000 | 1.886274000 | 1 | 0.734417000 | 5.923553000 | -4.748487000 |
| 6 | -5.048064000 | 1.123660000 | 1.881074000 | 6 | 0.416157000 | 5.886620000 | -2.612132000 |
| 1 | -5.514436000 | 1.025978000 | 2.870999000 | 1 | -0.372520000 | 6.641465000 | -2.651560000 |
| 1 | -5.176147000 | 2.172575000 | 1.571148000 | 6 | 0.780949000 | 5.340008000 | -1.374006000 |
| 6 | -5.733092000 | 0.210775000 | 0.849818000 | 6 | 3.399344000 | 2.738868000 | -2.622306000 |
| 6 | -6.343205000 | -1.033617000 | 1.524544000 | 1 | 3.617557000 | 2.413003000 | -1.597440000 |
| 1 | -6.825984000 | -1.691082000 | 0.790223000 | 6 | 4.725151000 | 3.139826000 | -3.296327000 |
| 1 | -7.115787000 | -0.715907000 | 2.242525000 | 1 | 5.450594000 | 2.312218000 | -3.234584000 |
| 1 | -5.593323000 | -1.618349000 | 2.074550000 | 1 | 4.580116000 | 3.365141000 | -4.365332000 |
| 6 | -6.856413000 | 0.941324000 | 0.104247000 | 1 | 5.184052000 | 4.027328000 | -2.835047000 |
| 1 | -6.507599000 | 1.881548000 | -0.340368000 | 6 | 2.786774000 | 1.529305000 | -3.356449000 |
| 1 | -7.661863000 | 1.184328000 | 0.814888000 | 1 | 3.482897000 | 0.675397000 | -3.330498000 |
| 1 | -7.288716000 | 0.317211000 | -0.692316000 | 1 | 1.848089000 | 1.211178000 | -2.882614000 |
| 6 | -3.140456000 | -0.172776000 | 3.054030000 | 1 | 2.583543000 | 1.763589000 | -4.414571000 |
| 1 | -3.739124000 | -1.096405000 | 3.012213000 | 6 | -0.009199000 | 5.776158000 | -0.140037000 |
| 1 | -2.092859000 | -0.473098000 | 2.896407000 | 1 | 0.471911000 | 5.328414000 | 0.740633000 |
| 6 | -3.269483000 | 0.481837000 | 4.436930000 | 6 | -1.449687000 | 5.230218000 | -0.194148000 |
| 1 | -4.332037000 | 0.676230000 | 4.670069000 | 1 | -2.012178000 | 5.676871000 | -1.030957000 |
| 1 | -2.917782000 | -0.225064000 | 5.207663000 | 1 | -1.988428000 | 5.473869000 | 0.736931000 |
| 6 | -2.482395000 | 1.794646000 | 4.521462000 | 1 | -1.452792000 | 4.138465000 | -0.321650000 |
| 1 | -2.645301000 | 2.277835000 | 5.499935000 | 6 | -0.030361000 | 7.303542000 | 0.053525000 |
| 1 | -1.402666000 | 1.571443000 | 4.457962000 | 1 | 0.980435000 | 7.737823000 | 0.059836000 |
| 6 | -2.861428000 | 2.747270000 | 3.381088000 | 1 | -0.518156000 | 7.561381000 | 1.008001000 |
| 1 | -2.234772000 | 3.654467000 | 3.417778000 | 1 | -0.599432000 | 7.805266000 | -0.745607000 |
| 1 | -3.902658000 | 3.092153000 | 3.519430000 | 7 | 2.379052000 | -3.814708000 | -0.009163000 |
| 6 | -2.701647000 | 2.076214000 | 2.010050000 | 7 | -4.576159000 | -0.127570000 | -0.044362000 |
| 1 | -1.639461000 | 1.845363000 | 1.848732000 | 7 | 2.257372000 | 3.868819000 | -0.052146000 |
| 1 | -2.987583000 | 2.770652000 | 1.203932000 | 15 | 1.296030000 | -1.363828000 | -0.321146000 |
| 6 | -4.750815000 | -0.610906000 | -1.395303000 | 15 | -1.915463000 | -0.453677000 | -0.344463000 |
| 6 | -4.767203000 | 0.330025000 | -2.464079000 | 15 | 0.523484000 | 1.823814000 | -0.324729000 |
| 6 | -5.008817000 | -0.137429000 | -3.763295000 | 15 | -0.061633000 | -0.004013000 | 0.900054000 |
| 1 | -5.029196000 | 0.575364000 | -4.590714000 | | | | |

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| 6 | 1.284639000 | 3.307597000 | 2.340691000 | 6 | 1.866194000 | -4.224258000 | -2.000133000 |
| 6 | 1.770648000 | 4.775037000 | 2.499191000 | 1 | 1.592634000 | -4.228448000 | -0.937975000 |
| 1 | 1.202943000 | 5.286026000 | 3.288597000 | 6 | 1.905777000 | -5.683874000 | -2.490539000 |
| 1 | 2.823171000 | 4.809775000 | 2.811969000 | 1 | 2.069061000 | -5.740189000 | -3.578928000 |
| 6 | 1.583200000 | 5.512943000 | 1.153774000 | 1 | 0.942773000 | -6.178430000 | -2.283205000 |
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| 1 | 0.543394000 | 7.280336000 | 0.376392000 | 6 | 0.764709000 | -3.451754000 | -2.753533000 |
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| 1 | -0.230760000 | 6.563536000 | 1.817424000 | 1 | -0.213671000 | -3.933383000 | -2.600570000 |
| 6 | 2.928427000 | 5.945916000 | 0.547802000 | 1 | 0.961982000 | -3.435177000 | -3.838096000 |
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| 1 | 2.787046000 | 6.430194000 | -0.429016000 | 6 | 7.224336000 | -1.390439000 | -0.167228000 |
| 6 | 0.181711000 | 2.980346000 | 3.388382000 | 1 | 7.472726000 | -2.441259000 | 0.038910000 |
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| 1 | 0.654115000 | 3.064150000 | 4.383694000 | 1 | 7.762248000 | -1.096262000 | -1.082797000 |
| 6 | -1.081882000 | 3.836531000 | 3.360377000 | 6 | 5.439560000 | 0.320152000 | -0.648966000 |
| 1 | -1.588146000 | 3.767597000 | 2.386773000 | 1 | 5.896475000 | 0.589868000 | -1.615242000 |
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| 6 | 3.699429000 | 2.462917000 | 1.738857000 | 1 | 4.360532000 | 0.516943000 | -0.711789000 |
| 1 | 4.448597000 | 1.712638000 | 2.029290000 | 6 | -3.175985000 | -0.970564000 | 0.895827000 |
| 1 | 3.479037000 | 2.306776000 | 0.673655000 | 6 | -3.506782000 | -0.541268000 | 2.340691000 |
| 6 | 2.446574000 | 2.309269000 | 2.593265000 | 6 | -5.020627000 | -0.854092000 | 2.499191000 |
| 1 | 2.720145000 | 2.404190000 | 3.659662000 | 1 | -5.179304000 | -1.601234000 | 3.288597000 |
| 1 | 2.053295000 | 1.290025000 | 2.469191000 | 1 | -5.576973000 | 0.040050000 | 2.811969000 |
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| 1 | -1.967777000 | 6.306287000 | -2.845189000 | 1 | -7.487442000 | -0.387348000 | 1.216315000 |
| 6 | -0.731701000 | 5.392827000 | -1.331649000 | 1 | -6.962234000 | -0.801444000 | -0.429016000 |
| 6 | 2.725218000 | 3.728300000 | -2.000133000 | 6 | -2.671911000 | -1.332807000 | 3.388382000 |
| 1 | 2.865626000 | 3.493486000 | -0.937975000 | 1 | -1.617112000 | -1.041736000 | 3.270383000 |
| 6 | 2.606952000 | 2.388135000 | -2.753533000 | 1 | -2.980689000 | -0.965594000 | 4.383694000 |
| 1 | 2.493959000 | 2.550689000 | -3.838096000 | 6 | -2.781592000 | -2.855203000 | 3.360377000 |
| 1 | 1.746696000 | 1.805129000 | -2.397211000 | 1 | -2.468761000 | -3.259173000 | 2.386773000 |
| 1 | 3.513245000 | 1.781648000 | -2.600570000 | 1 | -2.128723000 | -3.299078000 | 4.128412000 |
| 6 | 3.969491000 | 4.492388000 | -2.490539000 | 6 | -3.982663000 | 1.972341000 | 1.738857000 |
| 1 | 3.936619000 | 4.661953000 | -3.578928000 | 1 | -3.707487000 | 2.996279000 | 2.029290000 |

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| 6 | -1.853063000 | 5.521897000 | -0.302091000 | 1 | -3.442162000 | 1.153619000 | 3.659662000 |
| 1 | -1.452512000 | 5.215681000 | 0.672328000 | 1 | -2.143842000 | 1.133193000 | 2.469191000 |
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| 1 | -3.785811000 | 4.593006000 | 0.119109000 | 6 | -4.542453000 | -3.787195000 | -2.636529000 |
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| 1 | 3.976361000 | -3.684792000 | 3.288597000 | 6 | -5.875268000 | 1.191486000 | -2.490539000 |
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| 1 | 4.175188000 | -5.628749000 | -0.429016000 | 6 | -2.442520000 | -4.870873000 | -0.648966000 |
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| 1 | 2.326574000 | -2.098556000 | 4.383694000 | 1 | -1.732581000 | -4.034803000 | -0.711789000 |
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| 1 | 3.921447000 | -0.193989000 | 4.128412000 | 1 | -4.490349000 | -6.219191000 | 0.655032000 |
| 6 | 0.283234000 | -4.435258000 | 1.738857000 | 1 | -4.830515000 | -6.174173000 | -1.082797000 |
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| 6 | 0.776599000 | -3.273429000 | 2.593265000 | 7 | -4.322773000 | -1.455981000 | 0.304115000 |
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| 6 | 3.539656000 | -5.471656000 | 1.688661000 | 1 | -4.484197000 | 2.517093000 | -1.193949000 |
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| 1 | 2.139480000 | -7.614806000 | 0.920791000 | 1 | -2.461431000 | 1.918638000 | -2.530764000 |
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| 6 | 0.686661000 | -3.277721000 | 4.412920000 | 6 | -6.638167000 | -3.288330000 | -0.399860000 |
| 1 | 0.927034000 | -4.322403000 | 4.682205000 | 1 | -7.485842000 | -2.604472000 | -0.242312000 |
| 1 | 1.134502000 | -2.652765000 | 5.204273000 | 1 | -6.601405000 | -3.985784000 | 0.453122000 |
| 6 | -0.835595000 | -3.097547000 | 4.390099000 | 1 | -6.863969000 | -3.884541000 | -1.298749000 |
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| 1 | -1.358923000 | -4.949518000 | 3.389723000 | 6 | 2.183054000 | 2.743747000 | 0.536890000 |
| 6 | -0.832627000 | -3.465063000 | 1.882213000 | 6 | 2.796358000 | 2.472947000 | 1.921832000 |
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| 1 | 0.133458000 | -5.061500000 | -1.259454000 | 6 | 1.723999000 | 2.470171000 | 3.042772000 |
| 6 | -0.484889000 | -4.018319000 | -3.021661000 | 1 | 1.206010000 | 3.443735000 | 3.052236000 |
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| 1 | -0.327171000 | -3.011381000 | -2.610491000 | 6 | 2.315351000 | 2.157494000 | 4.423879000 |
| 1 | -1.547179000 | -4.279129000 | -2.885623000 | 1 | 3.015577000 | 2.955775000 | 4.731912000 |
| 6 | 0.140238000 | -6.460231000 | -2.893421000 | 1 | 1.507553000 | 2.156002000 | 5.175387000 |
| 1 | 0.292809000 | -6.489126000 | -3.984316000 | 6 | 3.043516000 | 0.808265000 | 4.424385000 |
| 1 | -0.906659000 | -6.750017000 | -2.705958000 | 1 | 2.307267000 | 0.003309000 | 4.250044000 |
| 1 | 0.791195000 | -7.228579000 | -2.450103000 | 1 | 3.495207000 | 0.612156000 | 5.411795000 |
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| 6 | 6.178299000 | -3.910965000 | -0.178896000 | 1 | 4.936554000 | 1.444105000 | 3.588100000 |
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| 1 | 6.845263000 | -3.790748000 | -1.047878000 | 1 | 4.342741000 | 1.100255000 | 1.191935000 |
| 6 | 5.143455000 | -1.662577000 | -0.652440000 | 6 | 2.446576000 | 4.373160000 | -1.306428000 |
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| 1 | 4.211096000 | -1.093856000 | -0.778387000 | 1 | 2.963092000 | 4.162245000 | -4.677498000 |
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| 6 | -5.097621000 | 1.705437000 | 1.911096000 | 6 | 1.170928000 | 6.054424000 | -2.509878000 |
| 1 | -5.539414000 | 1.662795000 | 2.916215000 | 1 | 0.462372000 | 6.885841000 | -2.511514000 |
| 1 | -5.126509000 | 2.759951000 | 1.594923000 | 6 | 1.513639000 | 5.449135000 | -1.292837000 |
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| 6 | -6.614350000 | -0.312761000 | 1.616508000 | 1 | 4.044901000 | 2.264339000 | -1.657772000 |
| 1 | -7.187593000 | -0.921358000 | 0.905564000 | 6 | 5.187767000 | 2.950817000 | -3.350987000 |
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| 6 | -3.287932000 | 0.921086000 | 4.416712000 | 6 | -0.682490000 | 5.601248000 | -0.039981000 |
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| 1 | -2.986587000 | 0.190563000 | 5.186745000 | 1 | -1.154902000 | 5.906523000 | 0.908805000 |
| 6 | -2.352147000 | 2.135197000 | 4.439560000 | 1 | -0.834406000 | 4.520059000 | -0.169203000 |
| 1 | -2.410256000 | 2.646473000 | 5.415614000 | 6 | 1.001840000 | 7.466449000 | 0.191144000 |
| 1 | -1.308951000 | 1.789203000 | 4.327204000 | 1 | 2.059772000 | 7.767131000 | 0.168485000 |
| 6 | -2.678854000 | 3.108932000 | 3.301150000 | 1 | 0.582909000 | 7.765725000 | 1.165983000 |
| 1 | -1.957061000 | 3.943129000 | 3.292132000 | 1 | 0.476336000 | 8.052383000 | -0.580016000 |
| 1 | -3.669989000 | 3.565455000 | 3.479646000 | 7 | 2.069897000 | -4.270125000 | 0.018301000 |
| 6 | -2.655273000 | 2.405469000 | 1.937781000 | 7 | -4.815689000 | 0.395033000 | -0.014455000 |
| 1 | -1.631406000 | 2.059334000 | 1.734931000 | 7 | 2.851536000 | 3.789392000 | -0.046934000 |
| 1 | -2.899209000 | 3.115227000 | 1.130451000 | 33 | 1.258418000 | -1.603998000 | -0.401891000 |
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| 6 | -5.017875000 | 0.856218000 | -2.431781000 | 33 | 0.762841000 | 1.932229000 | -0.391615000 |
| 6 | -5.319979000 | 0.405251000 | -3.724147000 | 33 | -0.061653000 | 0.009087000 | 0.985336000 |
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| 6 | 2.769170000 | 4.478953000 | 2.511810000 | 1 | 0.895680000 | -4.856376000 | -0.892878000 |
| 1 | 2.324998000 | 5.060679000 | 3.331444000 | 6 | 0.989773000 | -6.377649000 | -2.411373000 |
| 1 | 3.808181000 | 4.278878000 | 2.808213000 | 1 | 1.125121000 | -6.479491000 | -3.500250000 |
| 6 | 2.734902000 | 5.297095000 | 1.199321000 | 1 | -0.025905000 | -6.736548000 | -2.177686000 |
| 6 | 2.092023000 | 6.675252000 | 1.416751000 | 1 | 1.707429000 | -7.053531000 | -1.924664000 |
| 1 | 2.012597000 | 7.234096000 | 0.473560000 | 6 | 0.145702000 | -4.024238000 | -2.715000000 |
| 1 | 2.725837000 | 7.262897000 | 2.099349000 | 1 | 0.216162000 | -2.976273000 | -2.392000000 |
| 1 | 1.093766000 | 6.600140000 | 1.866798000 | 1 | -0.884139000 | -4.368319000 | -2.527485000 |
| 6 | 4.147299000 | 5.529642000 | 0.640513000 | 1 | 0.316933000 | -4.064586000 | -3.803390000 |
| 1 | 4.697810000 | 4.590291000 | 0.504471000 | 6 | 5.435902000 | -2.423504000 | -0.353380000 |
| 1 | 4.715680000 | 6.155849000 | 1.346018000 | 1 | 4.947057000 | -2.513208000 | -0.624330000 |
| 1 | 4.114000000 | 6.059490000 | -0.322182000 | 6 | 6.883796000 | -2.929981000 | -0.215665000 |
| 6 | 0.817565000 | 3.027725000 | 3.314952000 | 1 | 6.935611000 | -4.004277000 | 0.011679000 |
| 1 | 0.346578000 | 2.042959000 | 3.173746000 | 1 | 7.400629000 | -2.387738000 | 0.593109000 |
| 1 | 1.273375000 | 3.005792000 | 4.321403000 | 1 | 7.460932000 | -2.758638000 | -1.138584000 |
| 6 | -0.263740000 | 4.104853000 | 3.276183000 | 6 | 5.443405000 | -0.926504000 | -0.719392000 |
| 1 | -0.772696000 | 4.121973000 | 2.301068000 | 1 | 5.951983000 | -0.754162000 | -1.682255000 |
| 1 | -1.027278000 | 3.904180000 | 4.044594000 | 1 | 5.981284000 | -0.347181000 | 0.048663000 |
| 6 | 4.153341000 | 1.787274000 | 1.663996000 | 1 | 4.419960000 | -0.532819000 | -0.793989000 |
| 1 | 4.738356000 | 0.907496000 | 1.971205000 | 6 | -3.545482000 | -0.322526000 | 0.843902000 |
| 1 | 3.880758000 | 1.644771000 | 0.608458000 | 6 | -3.722397000 | 0.148561000 | 2.297520000 |
| 6 | 2.913478000 | 1.922366000 | 2.542159000 | 6 | -5.263472000 | 0.158695000 | 2.511810000 |
| 1 | 3.219572000 | 1.965127000 | 3.603239000 | 1 | -5.545176000 | -0.516832000 | 3.331444000 |
| 1 | 2.307233000 | 1.009827000 | 2.438290000 | 1 | -5.609707000 | 1.158543000 | 2.808213000 |
| 1 | 1.629955000 | 4.811216000 | -1.075166000 | 6 | -5.954870000 | -0.280053000 | 1.199321000 |
| 6 | 2.513358000 | 4.427659000 | -2.125231000 | 6 | -6.826950000 | -1.525881000 | 1.416751000 |
| 6 | 2.273371000 | 4.920888000 | -3.416396000 | 1 | -7.271209000 | -1.874088000 | 0.473560000 |

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| 1 | 1.029457000 | 6.124602000 | -4.707958000 | 6 | -6.862459000 | 0.826845000 | 0.640513000 |
| 6 | 0.298523000 | 6.065805000 | -2.676618000 | 1 | -6.324213000 | 1.773277000 | 0.504471000 |
| 1 | -0.574231000 | 6.681420000 | -2.905186000 | 1 | -7.688961000 | 1.005974000 | 1.346018000 |
| 6 | 0.481786000 | 5.602048000 | -1.365222000 | 1 | -7.304672000 | 0.533084000 | -0.322182000 |
| 6 | 3.680203000 | 3.454328000 | -1.957622000 | 6 | -3.030870000 | -0.805830000 | 3.314952000 |
| 1 | 3.757905000 | 3.203870000 | -0.892878000 | 1 | -1.942543000 | -0.721334000 | 3.173746000 |
| 6 | 3.412241000 | 2.138301000 | -2.715000000 | 1 | -3.239780000 | -0.400121000 | 4.321403000 |
| 1 | 3.361568000 | 2.306765000 | -3.803390000 | 6 | -3.423037000 | -2.280832000 | 3.276183000 |
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| 1 | 5.846974000 | 3.345839000 | -2.177686000 | 1 | -3.364793000 | 2.538450000 | 0.608458000 |
| 1 | 5.254823000 | 5.005443000 | -1.924664000 | 6 | -3.121557000 | 1.561963000 | 2.542159000 |
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| 6 | -0.904460000 | 7.426533000 | -0.215665000 | 6 | -4.981613000 | -0.994026000 | -1.075166000 |
| 1 | 0.000000000 | 8.008553000 | 0.011679000 | 6 | -5.091145000 | -0.037197000 | -2.125231000 |
| 1 | -1.632473000 | 7.603002000 | 0.593109000 | 6 | -5.398299000 | -0.491647000 | -3.416396000 |
| 1 | -1.341415000 | 7.840676000 | -1.138584000 | 1 | -5.492206000 | 0.235837000 | -4.225540000 |
| 6 | -1.919326000 | 5.177379000 | -0.719392000 | 1 | -5.572766000 | -1.842832000 | -3.694577000 |
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| 1 | -2.689975000 | 5.353534000 | 0.048663000 | 6 | -5.402402000 | -2.774374000 | -2.676618000 |
| 1 | -1.748545000 | 4.094207000 | -0.793989000 | 1 | -5.499164000 | -3.838009000 | -2.905186000 |
| 6 | 2.052057000 | -2.909215000 | 0.843902000 | 6 | -5.092409000 | -2.383785000 | -1.365222000 |
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| 1 | 4.926935000 | -5.992092000 | 2.099349000 | 1 | -3.341006000 | 2.949847000 | -2.527485000 |
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| 6 | 2.715161000 | -6.356487000 | 0.640513000 | 1 | -3.678501000 | 1.757821000 | -3.803390000 |
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| 1 | 1.966404000 | -2.605671000 | 4.321403000 | 1 | -2.671414000 | -3.561388000 | -0.793989000 |
| 6 | 3.686777000 | -1.824021000 | 3.276183000 | 6 | -5.979336000 | -4.496551000 | -0.215665000 |
| 1 | 3.956081000 | -1.391812000 | 2.301068000 | 1 | -6.935611000 | -4.004277000 | 0.011679000 |
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| 1 | 0.092063000 | -3.770795000 | 3.603239000 | 33 | 0.445536000 | 2.044052000 | -0.175890000 |
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| 6 | 5.103879000 | -3.291431000 | -2.676618000 | 1 | 0.133491000 | 5.113435000 | 3.474765000 |
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| 6 | 1.731646000 | 4.892172000 | 2.450292000 | 1 | 1.696985000 | -4.279596000 | -0.968104000 |
| 1 | 1.161221000 | 5.407896000 | 3.235007000 | 6 | 2.018099000 | -5.710013000 | -2.541992000 |
| 1 | 2.784381000 | 4.936041000 | 2.761820000 | 1 | 2.166596000 | -5.750460000 | -3.633199000 |
| 6 | 1.539589000 | 5.614705000 | 1.096936000 | 1 | 1.069535000 | -6.228390000 | -2.326390000 |
| 6 | 0.672916000 | 6.872672000 | 1.262085000 | 1 | 2.831114000 | -6.285316000 | -2.076116000 |
| 1 | 0.478783000 | 7.358388000 | 0.295325000 | 6 | 0.822644000 | -3.501701000 | -2.760700000 |
| 1 | 1.209888000 | 7.595760000 | 1.896014000 | 1 | 0.731520000 | -2.470472000 | -2.392806000 |
| 1 | -0.287832000 | 6.652589000 | 1.745255000 | 1 | -0.142260000 | -4.006326000 | -2.595836000 |
| 6 | 2.881986000 | 6.057488000 | 0.491655000 | 1 | 1.000310000 | -3.469679000 | -3.848314000 |
| 1 | 3.580866000 | 5.219516000 | 0.378308000 | 6 | 5.754635000 | -1.130762000 | -0.352847000 |
| 1 | 3.349997000 | 6.803211000 | 1.153446000 | 1 | 5.307973000 | -1.350981000 | 0.624432000 |
| 1 | 2.738670000 | 6.528398000 | -0.491366000 | 6 | 7.276214000 | -1.338764000 | -0.244245000 |
| 6 | 0.147870000 | 3.103147000 | 3.356480000 | 1 | 7.546346000 | -2.388240000 | -0.059059000 |
| 1 | -0.105285000 | 2.035035000 | 3.275146000 | 1 | 7.684268000 | -0.733546000 | 0.581901000 |
| 1 | 0.609244000 | 3.230281000 | 4.352439000 | 1 | 7.794916000 | -1.020230000 | -1.162757000 |
| 6 | -1.135961000 | 3.926312000 | 3.288239000 | 6 | 5.451518000 | 0.346513000 | -0.666485000 |
| 1 | -1.640559000 | 3.795101000 | 2.320089000 | 1 | 5.893512000 | 0.646374000 | -1.630909000 |
| 1 | -1.837193000 | 3.604652000 | 4.074605000 | 1 | 5.876120000 | 1.000935000 | 0.111870000 |
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| 1 | 4.423065000 | 1.823345000 | 2.028443000 | 6 | -3.243910000 | -1.033255000 | 0.861134000 |
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| 1 | 2.035379000 | 1.407583000 | 2.511017000 | 1 | -5.666927000 | -0.056676000 | 2.761820000 |
| 6 | 0.491419000 | 4.844456000 | -1.113525000 | 6 | -5.632272000 | -1.474029000 | 1.096936000 |
| 6 | 1.399818000 | 4.593247000 | -2.181502000 | 6 | -6.288367000 | -2.853573000 | 1.262085000 |
| 6 | 1.050016000 | 5.015475000 | -3.472951000 | 1 | -6.611942000 | -3.264555000 | 0.295325000 |
| 1 | 1.745427000 | 4.834511000 | -4.295368000 | 1 | -7.183066000 | -2.750086000 | 1.896014000 |
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| 6 | -1.072101000 | 5.823712000 | -2.699192000 | 1 | -6.310667000 | 0.491363000 | 0.378308000 |
| 1 | -2.042496000 | 6.276766000 | -2.913668000 | 1 | -7.566752000 | -0.500423000 | 1.153446000 |
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| 6 | 2.710055000 | 3.820539000 | -2.034296000 | 6 | -2.761339000 | -1.423514000 | 3.356480000 |
| 1 | 2.857746000 | 3.609430000 | -0.968104000 | 1 | -1.709749000 | -1.108697000 | 3.275146000 |
| 6 | 2.621240000 | 2.463281000 | -2.760700000 | 1 | -3.102128000 | -1.087520000 | 4.352439000 |
| 1 | 2.504675000 | 2.601133000 | -3.848314000 | 6 | -2.832306000 | -2.946927000 | 3.288239000 |
| 1 | 1.773731000 | 1.868751000 | -2.392806000 | 1 | -2.466374000 | -3.318316000 | 2.320089000 |
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| 1 | 3.896746000 | 4.751557000 | -3.633199000 | 1 | -3.790596000 | 2.918814000 | 2.028443000 |
| 1 | 4.859176000 | 4.040439000 | -2.326390000 | 1 | -3.749699000 | 1.799445000 | 0.657485000 |
| 1 | 4.027687000 | 5.594474000 | -2.076116000 | 6 | -3.319812000 | 0.881459000 | 2.586808000 |
| 6 | -1.898049000 | 5.549042000 | -0.352847000 | 1 | -3.581951000 | 1.058693000 | 3.645616000 |
| 1 | -1.484003000 | 5.272330000 | 0.624432000 | 1 | -2.236692000 | 1.058899000 | 2.511017000 |
| 6 | -2.478703000 | 6.970768000 | -0.244245000 | 6 | -4.441131000 | -1.996646000 | -1.113525000 |
| 1 | -1.704897000 | 7.729447000 | -0.059059000 | 6 | -4.677778000 | -1.084346000 | -2.181502000 |
| 1 | -3.206865000 | 7.021544000 | 0.581901000 | 6 | -4.868536000 | -1.598397000 | -3.472951000 |
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| 1 | -3.804895000 | 4.588402000 | 0.111870000 | 6 | -4.507432000 | -3.840323000 | -2.699192000 |
| 1 | -2.636540000 | 3.521561000 | -0.714916000 | 1 | -4.414591000 | -4.907236000 | -2.913668000 |
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| 1 | 4.216755000 | -6.302788000 | 1.153446000 | 1 | -3.823970000 | -3.921349000 | 0.624432000 |
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| 1 | 4.040316000 | -0.211270000 | 4.074605000 | 1 | -4.477403000 | -6.287998000 | 0.581901000 |
| 6 | 0.379848000 | -4.452112000 | 1.711528000 | 1 | -4.781003000 | -6.240480000 | -1.162757000 |
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| 1 | 0.201313000 | -2.466482000 | 2.511017000 | 15 | 1.737733000 | -1.003281000 | -0.035697000 |
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| 1 | -7.302581000 | 0.615061000 | -0.507337000 | 6 | 3.508844000 | -1.279197000 | 2.719089000 |
| 1 | -7.576146000 | -0.059761000 | -2.126338000 | 1 | 2.492500000 | -1.038792000 | 2.378201000 |
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| 6 | -4.057527000 | 3.626215000 | 0.683556000 | 6 | 3.727718000 | 4.327260000 | 3.666564000 |
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| 1 | 3.271061000 | -6.592635000 | -0.373131000 | 6 | -0.432190000 | 3.475095000 | 2.776347000 |
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| 6 | 5.011299000 | -4.488861000 | -0.602996000 | 1 | -0.243201000 | 3.526565000 | 3.861315000 |
| 1 | 5.348690000 | -3.451007000 | -0.492897000 | 6 | 4.992253000 | 3.191931000 | 0.264942000 |
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| 6 | 4.457453000 | -0.973063000 | -1.802381000 | 1 | 6.928680000 | 3.888454000 | 1.037026000 |
| 1 | 4.877371000 | -0.003304000 | -2.106292000 | 7 | -4.612500000 | -0.246400000 | -0.331462000 |
| 1 | 4.222581000 | -0.903934000 | -0.730869000 | 7 | 2.593906000 | -3.845976000 | -0.308787000 |
| 6 | 3.212778000 | -1.284663000 | -2.625890000 | 7 | 2.171670000 | 4.065412000 | -0.296527000 |
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| 1 | 2.483149000 | -0.473453000 | -2.489378000 | 15 | 0.849829000 | -1.799012000 | 0.036455000 |
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| 6 | 3.155223000 | -3.703238000 | 2.119786000 | 15 | 0.133244000 | -0.010347000 | -1.202985000 |
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| 1 | 3.618482000 | -3.819491000 | 4.221603000 | 1 | 5.253988000 | -1.721412000 | -1.936317000 |
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| 6 | 1.334676000 | -5.772656000 | 2.662177000 | 1 | -4.672494000 | 1.579014000 | -3.625141000 |
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| 15 | -1.987644000 | 1.724371000 | 1.761970000 | 15 | -1.987644000 | -1.724371000 | -1.761970000 |
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| 6 | -0.430279000 | 3.627056000 | 4.742223000 | 6 | -0.430279000 | -3.627056000 | -4.742223000 |
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| 6 | -5.194817000 | -0.116795000 | 2.715278000 | 6 | -5.194817000 | 0.116795000 | -2.715278000 |
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| 6 | -2.945107000 | 3.424377000 | 4.844707000 | 6 | -2.945107000 | -3.424377000 | -4.844707000 |
| 6 | -7.148001000 | 1.379073000 | 3.268315000 | 6 | -7.148001000 | -1.379073000 | -3.268315000 |
| 1 | -7.508573000 | 2.396733000 | 3.478596000 | 1 | -7.508573000 | -2.396733000 | -3.478596000 |
| 1 | -7.400360000 | 0.753198000 | 4.139472000 | 1 | -7.400360000 | -0.753198000 | -4.139472000 |
| 1 | -7.721569000 | 0.987580000 | 2.412160000 | 1 | -7.721569000 | -0.987580000 | -2.412160000 |
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| 1 | -0.982357000 | 6.289961000 | 5.319707000 | 1 | -0.982357000 | -6.289961000 | -5.319707000 |
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| 6 | -4.786374000 | 1.984731000 | 4.054022000 | 6 | -4.786374000 | -1.984731000 | -4.054022000 |
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| 1 | -5.464580000 | 1.886382000 | 2.028237000 | 1 | -5.464580000 | -1.886382000 | -2.028237000 |
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| 1 | -5.645797000 | 0.701617000 | 5.560144000 | 1 | -5.645797000 | -0.701617000 | -5.560144000 |
| 6 | -6.059446000 | 4.524785000 | 2.021361000 | 6 | -6.059446000 | -4.524785000 | -2.021361000 |
| 1 | -6.482580000 | 4.178448000 | 2.974149000 | 1 | -6.482580000 | -4.178448000 | -2.974149000 |
| 1 | -6.250698000 | 3.760734000 | 1.256602000 | 1 | -6.250698000 | -3.760734000 | -1.256602000 |
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| 6 | -3.197401000 | 4.029923000 | 0.238914000 | 6 | -3.197401000 | -4.029923000 | -0.238914000 |
| 6 | -3.930629000 | 5.265859000 | 0.826237000 | 6 | -3.930629000 | -5.265859000 | -0.826237000 |
| 1 | -3.196765000 | 6.066615000 | 1.007748000 | 1 | -3.196765000 | -6.066615000 | -1.007748000 |
| 1 | -4.686302000 | 5.678078000 | 0.143747000 | 1 | -4.686302000 | -5.678078000 | -0.143747000 |
| 6 | -3.111743000 | 2.880249000 | 6.126719000 | 6 | -3.111743000 | -2.880249000 | -6.126719000 |
| 1 | -2.446144000 | 3.199543000 | 6.931772000 | 1 | -2.446144000 | -3.199543000 | -6.931772000 |
| 6 | -4.062785000 | 3.272629000 | -0.812205000 | 6 | -4.062785000 | -3.272629000 | 0.812205000 |
| 1 | -3.545956000 | 2.333698000 | -1.062164000 | 1 | -3.545956000 | -2.333698000 | 1.062164000 |
| 1 | -5.029261000 | 2.985099000 | -0.367999000 | 1 | -5.029261000 | -2.985099000 | 0.367999000 |
| 6 | -4.425486000 | 5.963452000 | 3.213234000 | 6 | -4.425486000 | -5.963452000 | -3.213234000 |
| 1 | -4.800687000 | 5.645297000 | 4.197374000 | 1 | -4.800687000 | -5.645297000 | -4.197374000 |
| 1 | -5.021352000 | 6.832321000 | 2.892304000 | 1 | -5.021352000 | -6.832321000 | -2.892304000 |
| 1 | -3.385199000 | 6.294599000 | 3.323929000 | 1 | -3.385199000 | -6.294599000 | -3.323929000 |
| 7 | 3.745900000 | 3.634310000 | -2.509052000 | 7 | 3.745900000 | -3.634310000 | 2.509052000 |
| 15 | 1.130138000 | 1.116312000 | 0.228575000 | 15 | 1.130138000 | -1.116312000 | -0.228575000 |
| 15 | 1.987644000 | 1.724371000 | -1.761970000 | 15 | 1.987644000 | -1.724371000 | -1.761970000 |
| 6 | 3.826813000 | 3.006667000 | -3.809975000 | 6 | 3.826813000 | -3.006667000 | 3.809975000 |
| 6 | 0.430279000 | 3.627056000 | -4.742223000 | 6 | 0.430279000 | -3.627056000 | 4.742223000 |
| 1 | 0.382974000 | 2.783702000 | -4.038565000 | 1 | 0.382974000 | -2.783702000 | 4.038565000 |
| 1 | 0.282216000 | 3.234292000 | -5.761693000 | 1 | 0.282216000 | -3.234292000 | 5.761693000 |
| 1 | -0.408838000 | 4.307300000 | -4.523411000 | 1 | -0.408838000 | -4.307300000 | 4.523411000 |
| 6 | 2.977156000 | 3.144958000 | -1.479637000 | 6 | 2.977156000 | -3.144958000 | 1.479637000 |
| 6 | 5.194817000 | -0.116795000 | -2.715278000 | 6 | 5.194817000 | 0.116795000 | 2.715278000 |
| 1 | 4.122856000 | -0.166556000 | -2.477528000 | 1 | 4.122856000 | 0.166556000 | 2.477528000 |
| 1 | 5.755663000 | -0.548864000 | -1.870090000 | 1 | 5.755663000 | 0.548864000 | 1.870090000 |
| 1 | 5.384169000 | -0.747634000 | -3.599647000 | 1 | 5.384169000 | 0.747634000 | 3.599647000 |
| 6 | 4.289965000 | 4.076682000 | 2.099972000 | 6 | 4.289965000 | -4.076682000 | -2.099972000 |
| 1 | 4.849367000 | 3.454201000 | 2.818146000 | 1 | 4.849367000 | -3.454201000 | -2.818146000 |
| 1 | 4.930639000 | 4.954283000 | 1.896680000 | 1 | 4.930639000 | -4.954283000 | -1.896680000 |
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| 6 | 7.148001000 | 1.379073000 | 3.268315000 | 6 | 7.148001000 | -1.379073000 | -3.268315000 |
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| 1 | 7.400360000 | 0.753198000 | 4.139472000 | 1 | 7.400360000 | -0.753198000 | -4.139472000 |
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| 6 | 2.117081000 | 5.312116000 | -1.700127000 | 6 | 2.117081000 | -5.312116000 | 1.700127000 |
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| 6 | 1.785992000 | 5.582819000 | 5.583119000 | 6 | 1.785992000 | -5.582819000 | -5.583119000 |
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| 1 | 0.982357000 | 6.289961000 | 5.319707000 | 1 | 0.982357000 | -6.289961000 | -5.319707000 |
| 1 | 1.611662000 | 5.270816000 | 6.625481000 | 1 | 1.611662000 | -5.270816000 | -6.625481000 |
| 6 | 4.093953000 | 1.931497000 | 6.392301000 | 6 | 4.093953000 | -1.931497000 | -6.392301000 |
| 1 | 4.209789000 | 1.525773000 | 7.400789000 | 1 | 4.209789000 | -1.525773000 | -7.400789000 |
| 6 | 2.967571000 | 4.543634000 | -2.718633000 | 6 | 2.967571000 | -4.543634000 | 2.718633000 |
| 1 | 3.159294000 | 5.165769000 | -3.609574000 | 1 | 3.159294000 | -5.165769000 | 3.609574000 |
| 1 | 2.401044000 | 3.661962000 | -3.065366000 | 1 | 2.401044000 | -3.661962000 | 3.065366000 |
| 6 | 1.771242000 | 4.378355000 | 4.623704000 | 6 | 1.771242000 | -4.378355000 | -4.623704000 |
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| 6 | 1.876177000 | 4.478495000 | -0.434469000 | 6 | 1.876177000 | -4.478495000 | 0.434469000 |
| 1 | 1.271030000 | 5.041362000 | 0.295274000 | 1 | 1.271030000 | -5.041362000 | -0.295274000 |
| 1 | 1.288548000 | 3.591344000 | -0.711468000 | 1 | 1.288548000 | -3.591344000 | 0.711468000 |

SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

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| 6 | 4.786374000 | 1.984731000 | -4.054022000 | 6 | 4.786374000 | -1.984731000 | 4.054022000 |
| 6 | 4.561464000 | 4.849315000 | -2.166538000 | 6 | 4.561464000 | -4.849315000 | 2.166538000 |
| 6 | 5.639618000 | 1.338263000 | -2.962362000 | 6 | 5.639618000 | -1.338263000 | 2.962362000 |
| 1 | 5.464580000 | 1.886382000 | -2.028237000 | 1 | 5.464580000 | -1.886382000 | 2.028237000 |
| 6 | 4.906313000 | 1.479538000 | -5.357095000 | 6 | 4.906313000 | -1.479538000 | 5.357095000 |
| 1 | 5.645797000 | 0.701617000 | -5.560144000 | 1 | 5.645797000 | -0.701617000 | 5.560144000 |
| 6 | 6.059446000 | 4.524785000 | -2.021361000 | 6 | 6.059446000 | -4.524785000 | 2.021361000 |
| 1 | 6.482580000 | 4.178448000 | -2.974149000 | 1 | 6.482580000 | -4.178448000 | 2.974149000 |
| 1 | 6.250698000 | 3.760734000 | -1.256602000 | 1 | 6.250698000 | -3.760734000 | 1.256602000 |
| 1 | 6.602004000 | 5.437390000 | -1.729027000 | 1 | 6.602004000 | -5.437390000 | 1.729027000 |
| 6 | 3.197401000 | 4.029923000 | -0.238914000 | 6 | 3.197401000 | -4.029923000 | 0.238914000 |
| 6 | 3.930629000 | 5.265859000 | -0.826237000 | 6 | 3.930629000 | -5.265859000 | 0.826237000 |
| 1 | 3.196765000 | 6.066615000 | -1.007748000 | 1 | 3.196765000 | -6.066615000 | 1.007748000 |
| 1 | 4.686302000 | 5.678078000 | -0.143747000 | 1 | 4.686302000 | -5.678078000 | 0.143747000 |
| 6 | 3.111743000 | 2.880249000 | -6.126719000 | 6 | 3.111743000 | -2.880249000 | 6.126719000 |
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| 6 | 4.425486000 | 5.963452000 | -3.213234000 | 6 | 4.425486000 | -5.963452000 | 3.213234000 |
| 1 | 4.800687000 | 5.645297000 | -4.197374000 | 1 | 4.800687000 | -5.645297000 | 4.197374000 |
| 1 | 5.021352000 | 6.832321000 | -2.892304000 | 1 | 5.021352000 | -6.832321000 | 2.892304000 |
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| 7 | 3.535861000 | 1.144399000 | -4.309262000 | 6 | -4.569025000 | -5.914772000 | 0.398539000 |
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| 7 | 3.149297000 | -1.403795000 | 4.410857000 | 1 | -5.594516000 | -5.597687000 | 0.166120000 |
| 6 | -7.112714000 | 2.580003000 | 1.501210000 | 6 | 4.816205000 | -1.607576000 | -1.657155000 |
| 1 | -8.112641000 | 2.142182000 | 1.563376000 | 1 | 5.690486000 | -1.575588000 | -0.986460000 |
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| 6 | -2.270583000 | -3.744854000 | -0.928618000 | 1 | -1.248846000 | 6.957356000 | 1.606339000 |
| 6 | 0.019752000 | 0.305582000 | 4.712788000 | 1 | -1.815684000 | 6.619689000 | -0.027828000 |
| 1 | -0.671198000 | 0.215014000 | 3.860006000 | 6 | 5.706631000 | 1.822974000 | 4.776574000 |
| 1 | -0.618562000 | 0.363202000 | 5.611436000 | 1 | 5.961059000 | 1.256054000 | 5.684708000 |
| 6 | -6.616872000 | 3.026328000 | 0.279729000 | 1 | 5.270805000 | 2.786658000 | 5.087322000 |
| 1 | -7.229354000 | 2.915798000 | -0.617947000 | 1 | 6.649587000 | 2.049421000 | 4.253355000 |
| 6 | -5.030142000 | 3.231593000 | 2.591723000 | 6 | 1.101793000 | 5.663226000 | 2.350998000 |
| 6 | 1.962082000 | -1.135309000 | 3.771766000 | 1 | 1.846087000 | 5.523616000 | 1.552473000 |
| 6 | 0.846919000 | -1.004639000 | 4.830750000 | 1 | 1.620327000 | 5.495318000 | 3.308676000 |
| 6 | -4.565863000 | -3.561996000 | -1.845218000 | 1 | 0.786700000 | 6.719838000 | 2.334578000 |
| 6 | -6.314695000 | 2.668431000 | 2.637153000 | 6 | -0.853175000 | 4.690900000 | -1.658473000 |
| 1 | -6.690494000 | 2.276049000 | 3.584913000 | 1 | -0.134769000 | 4.694182000 | -2.492077000 |
| 6 | 2.295157000 | 0.919323000 | -3.767350000 | 1 | -1.537028000 | 5.540842000 | -1.819419000 |
| 6 | -0.101461000 | -2.237509000 | 4.706828000 | 1 | -1.441571000 | 3.763970000 | -1.730548000 |
| 1 | -0.504051000 | -2.245396000 | 3.683246000 | 6 | 3.625097000 | 1.008470000 | -5.805348000 |
| 1 | 0.505019000 | -3.153293000 | 4.802283000 | 6 | 6.266267000 | -1.914730000 | -3.698285000 |
| 6 | 5.201349000 | -0.346812000 | 3.521749000 | 1 | 6.565979000 | -1.543828000 | -4.689428000 |
| 6 | -1.384976000 | -4.818216000 | -0.261795000 | 1 | 5.920126000 | -2.954640000 | -3.816135000 |
| 6 | -4.845208000 | 3.975727000 | -1.224326000 | 1 | 7.169972000 | -1.945514000 | -3.068333000 |
| 1 | -3.886423000 | 4.498103000 | -1.110141000 | 6 | 4.619992000 | -0.084985000 | -6.226331000 |
| 6 | 4.413349000 | -1.516925000 | 3.713862000 | 1 | 5.639963000 | 0.151813000 | -5.890932000 |
| 6 | -4.573386000 | 2.711283000 | -2.063551000 | 1 | 4.637020000 | -0.152714000 | -7.325419000 |
| 1 | -3.867881000 | 2.037660000 | -1.556868000 | 1 | 4.342143000 | -1.071023000 | -5.832555000 |
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| 6 | -3.645150000 | -5.744511000 | -0.820788000 | 1 | 3.975628000 | -0.989627000 | 7.747790000 |
| 6 | 0.803945000 | 1.611125000 | 4.579365000 | 1 | 4.064178000 | 0.253496000 | 6.482519000 |
| 1 | 1.401537000 | 1.628355000 | 3.655788000 | 6 | 0.496069000 | 3.084516000 | -5.102259000 |
| 1 | 1.485220000 | 1.786130000 | 5.428469000 | 1 | 1.047336000 | 3.429960000 | -4.214836000 |
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| 6 | -1.268807000 | -2.305336000 | 5.696031000 | 6 | -6.725685000 | -2.252745000 | -3.074583000 |
| 1 | -0.939138000 | -2.276810000 | 6.747846000 | 1 | -7.575944000 | -1.757462000 | -3.551200000 |
| 1 | -1.822351000 | -3.247953000 | 5.556994000 | 6 | 4.700358000 | -5.223439000 | 3.936116000 |
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| 6 | 1.633180000 | -1.014438000 | 6.169224000 | 1 | 4.012505000 | -6.082173000 | 4.004537000 |
| 1 | 1.734757000 | 0.012726000 | 6.547557000 | 1 | 5.021228000 | -4.965139000 | 4.956160000 |
| 1 | 1.110117000 | -1.585856000 | 6.948975000 | 6 | -6.581825000 | -2.221642000 | -1.691422000 |
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| 1 | 0.532948000 | 5.676629000 | -0.333785000 | 6 | 4.444350000 | 1.879041000 | 2.589117000 |
| 1 | 0.575860000 | 3.921488000 | -0.240607000 | 1 | 5.369042000 | 2.047988000 | 2.013113000 |
| 6 | 5.517414000 | 0.426555000 | -2.986129000 | 1 | 4.028961000 | 2.866578000 | 2.850239000 |
| 6 | -0.978856000 | 4.859975000 | 0.960389000 | 1 | 3.725022000 | 1.367671000 | 1.933908000 |

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| 6 | -4.186995000 | 3.168719000 | 3.865629000 | 6 | -5.809151000 | 4.912213000 | -1.976526000 |
| 1 | -3.236864000 | 3.679624000 | 3.665381000 | 1 | -6.754172000 | 4.404260000 | -2.228093000 |
| 6 | 4.700127000 | 1.469207000 | -3.507659000 | 1 | -5.356788000 | 5.239627000 | -2.926953000 |
| 6 | -3.845652000 | 1.708037000 | 4.224217000 | 1 | -6.061963000 | 5.810184000 | -1.393125000 |
| 1 | -4.751823000 | 1.141804000 | 4.496004000 | 6 | 3.123361000 | -3.074981000 | 6.305703000 |
| 1 | -3.162875000 | 1.678236000 | 5.089700000 | 1 | 2.367167000 | -3.691477000 | 5.801004000 |
| 1 | -3.357233000 | 1.196553000 | 3.383121000 | 1 | 2.960114000 | -3.162720000 | 7.391429000 |
| 6 | 7.048363000 | 2.105419000 | -2.097401000 | 1 | 4.115728000 | -3.490077000 | 6.085313000 |
| 1 | 7.970969000 | 2.352558000 | -1.565313000 | 6 | 0.110097000 | -5.074532000 | -2.400873000 |
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| 1 | 3.072801000 | -3.826581000 | 3.728666000 | 1 | -0.303450000 | -4.179768000 | -2.888807000 |
| 6 | 3.035137000 | -1.592702000 | 5.897644000 | 1 | -0.431199000 | -5.953524000 | -2.788979000 |
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| 1 | -0.710831000 | 4.774655000 | 3.117806000 | 1 | -2.592038000 | 5.780196000 | 3.624247000 |
| 1 | 0.312550000 | 3.663256000 | 2.218577000 | 6 | -6.628104000 | -3.147400000 | 1.231882000 |
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| 6 | 6.689791000 | 0.776872000 | -2.300255000 | 6 | -4.861043000 | 3.852559000 | 5.069823000 |
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| 6 | -1.269256000 | -4.469979000 | 1.254189000 | 6 | 4.066649000 | 2.317280000 | -6.480315000 |
| 1 | -0.822358000 | -3.467604000 | 1.339940000 | 1 | 3.375558000 | 3.144837000 | -6.274436000 |
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| 6 | 4.722826000 | 1.063117000 | 3.867363000 | 1 | 5.282750000 | 4.699820000 | -5.326873000 |
| 1 | 3.769544000 | 0.970985000 | 4.403924000 | 1 | -0.038706000 | -0.782522000 | -3.869394000 |
| 6 | 1.303387000 | 0.584063000 | -4.895718000 | 1 | 0.022125000 | -0.984388000 | -5.612356000 |
| 6 | 6.463318000 | -0.479939000 | 2.926062000 | 6 | 1.593631000 | -2.011720000 | -4.540805000 |
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| 6 | 3.659446000 | -4.457348000 | 1.773074000 | 1 | 1.012832000 | -2.945470000 | -4.502683000 |
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| 1 | -5.961345000 | -0.303917000 | 3.450583000 | 6 | -4.165987000 | -4.224811000 | 2.500028000 |
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| 1 | -2.417839000 | 5.965779000 | 6.321607000 | 6 | -4.787169000 | -2.547701000 | -6.127946000 |
| 6 | -4.787169000 | 2.547701000 | 6.127946000 | 1 | -4.962615000 | -2.199102000 | -7.149091000 |
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| 33 | 1.213817000 | 1.196954000 | 0.364877000 | 33 | 2.311550000 | -1.950066000 | 1.731771000 |
| 33 | 2.311550000 | 1.950066000 | -1.731771000 | 6 | 4.365248000 | -3.472350000 | 3.508251000 |
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| 6 | 1.047305000 | 4.251264000 | -4.645992000 | 1 | 0.919558000 | -3.365518000 | 4.007478000 |
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| 1 | 2.417839000 | 5.965779000 | -6.321607000 | 6 | 4.787169000 | -2.547701000 | 6.127946000 |
| 6 | 4.787169000 | 2.547701000 | -6.127946000 | 1 | 4.962615000 | -2.199102000 | 7.149091000 |
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| 1 | 1.478750000 | 5.297283000 | 0.222513000 | 1 | 1.378424000 | -3.800705000 | -0.703063000 |
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| 6 | 3.803982000 | 3.497750000 | -5.870647000 | 1 | 3.198942000 | -3.877410000 | 6.697011000 |
| 1 | 3.198942000 | 3.877410000 | -6.697011000 | 6 | 4.118904000 | -3.484183000 | -1.155833000 |
| 6 | 4.118904000 | 3.484183000 | 1.155833000 | 1 | 3.585222000 | -2.530867000 | -1.292025000 |
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SI: 8. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

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Preface

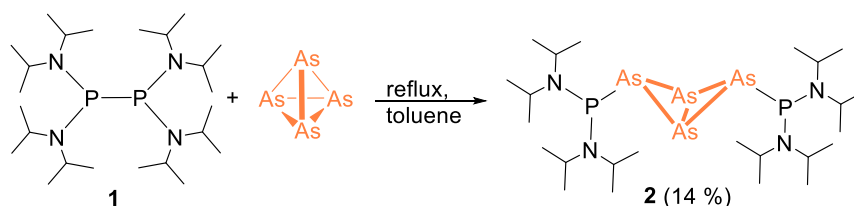
The following chapter includes unpublished results, which will be included in future publications or provide a basis for future research efforts. For the presented compounds, complete data of the single-crystal X-ray structural characterization are available, and the compounds are fully characterized by NMR spectroscopy, mass spectrometry and elemental analysis.

9. Thesis Treasury

9.1. Reactivity of $[\{(i\text{Pr}_2\text{N})_2\text{P}\}_2]$ towards yellow arsenic

In 2004 *Lappert et al.* synthesized the diphosphine $[\text{P}\{\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2\}\{i\text{Pr}_2\text{N}\}_2]_2$, which reversibly dissociates in solution to the phosphinyl radical $[\text{P}\{\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)\}\{i\text{Pr}_2\text{N}\}]$.^[1] The reaction of such phosphinyl radicals with white phosphorus and the interpnictogen compound AsP_3 were already reported and led to the formation of $[\{(XX')_2\text{P}\}_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-E}_4)]$ ($X = X' = (i\text{Pr}_2\text{N})$; $X = \text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)$ and $X' = (i\text{Pr}_2\text{N})$; or $X/X' = [(\text{H}_2\text{C})_2(\text{NDipp})_2]$; $E = \text{P}, \text{As}$), respectively.^[1-2] Related complexes are accessible by the reaction of Cp^R ($\text{Cp}^R = \text{Cp}^R, \text{Cp}^{\text{BIG}}, \dots$) with E_4 , which undergoes also a radical reaction pathway.^[3] Therefore it was of interest, which reactivity can be observed with yellow arsenic.

The reaction of $[\{(i\text{Pr}_2\text{N})_2\text{P}\}_2]$ ^[4] (**1**) with an excess of yellow arsenic in boiling toluene leads to the formation of $[\{(i\text{Pr}_2\text{N})_2\text{P}\}_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-As}_4)]$ (**2**). Crystals of **2** were obtained as colourless plates in crystalline yield of 14 % (Scheme 9.1).



Scheme 9.1. Reaction of **1** with yellow arsenic.

The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **2** in C_6D_6 at room temperature shows one singlet at $\delta = 96.6$ ppm. Compound **2** was also investigated by ^1H NMR spectroscopy at room temperature in C_6D_6 , which shows only one shifted set of signals for the isopropyl groups. This indicates that both radical parts have the same chemical environment. The chemical composition was proofed by elemental analysis.

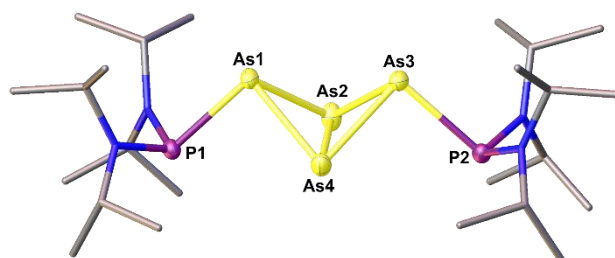


Figure 9.1. Molecular structure of **2** in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

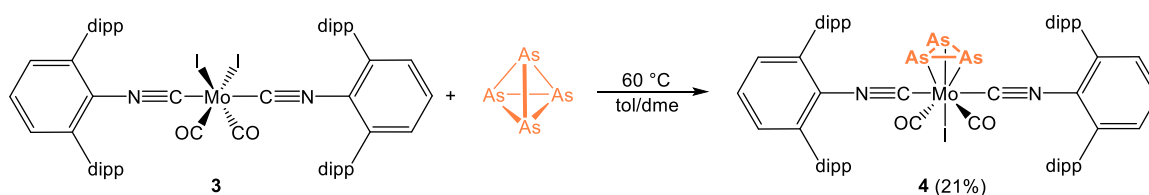
The molecular structure of **2** reveals a dinuclear compound bearing an As_4 butterfly ligand, which binds to both phosphorus fragments (Figure 9.1). The As-As bond distances vary from 2.4453(13) to 2.4493(13) Å, expect for the As2-As4 bond distance, which is

shortened to 2.3866(14) Å. This trend is comparable to other butterfly complexes.^[5] The As1...As3 distance lies with 3.1707(12) Å in a non-bonding area. A similar compound was prepared by the group of *Goicoechea*. They investigated recently the reaction of a phosphonium salt with [Na(dioxane)_{3.3}][AsCO]. This reaction leads to the formation of [(H₂C)₂(NDipp)₂P]₂(μ,η^{1:1}-As₄)^[6] containing also an As₄ butterfly ligand. An interesting fact is the bonding between a nitrogen – phosphorus – arsenic atom.

9.2. Reactivity of [(CNAr^{dipp2})₂Mo(CO)₂(I)₂] towards yellow arsenic

The group of *J. S. Figueroa* are specialized in the preparation of highly reactive metal centers, stabilized by *m*-terphenyl isocyanides. Such complexes are the isolobal analogues to unsaturated metal carbonyls.^[7] Due to the steric properties of these ligands, they are able to stabilize low-coordinated transition metal and main group complexes. Furthermore, these complexes show a high reactivity towards small molecules like N₂, H₂ and P₄.^[8] Recently, they reported the synthesis of a mononuclear molybdenum complex containing a planar *cyclo*-P₄ unit by the reaction of [(CNAr^{dipp2})₂Mo(CO)₂(I)₂] (**3**, Ar^{dipp2} = 2,6-(2,6-(*i*Pr)₂C₆H₃)₂C₆H₃) with P₄. The product [(CNAr^{dipp2})₂Mo(η⁴-P₄)(CO)₂(I)₂] can release the P₄ unit by photo-elimination and can be reversible coordinated by reheating.^[8e] Thereby the question arose if such an activation and release is also possible with yellow arsenic.

Treatment of [(CNAr^{dipp2})₂Mo(CO)₂(I)₂] (**3**) with an excess of yellow arsenic in a toluene/dme mixture at 60 °C leads to the formation of [(CNAr^{dipp2})₂Mo(CO)₂(I)(η³-As₃)] (**4**), which is isolated as yellow air sensitive solid in crystalline yield of 21 % (Scheme 9.2).



Scheme 9.2. Reaction of **3** with yellow arsenic.

Freshly dissolved **4** in C₆D₆ was investigated by ¹H NMR spectroscopy at room temperature, which shows one set of signals for the equivalent CNAr^{dipp2} ligands. The chemical composition was proofed by elemental analysis.

The molecular structure of **4** reveals a mononuclear molybdenum complex bearing a *cyclo*-As₃ ligand, coordinating in an η³ fashion to the molybdenum atom (Figure 9.2). The As₃

cycle is disordered over three positions with occupancies for As2 and As3 of 46:36:18. In contrast to phosphorus no planar *cyclo*-As₄ unit could be obtained. The As-As distances are in the range between 2.167(8) and 2.412(9) Å, which lie between an As-As single^[9] and double^[10] bond. The As-As-As bond angles are around 60 °. The Mo-As bond distances are between 2.589(7) and 2.709(3) Å in **4**. A similar complex to **4** which also contains a *cyclo*-As₃ unit is [Cp*Mo(CO)₂(η³-As₃)],^[11] which exhibits As-As distances between 2.372(1) and 2.377(2) Å and Mo-As bond distances between 2.639(1) and 2.706(2) Å.

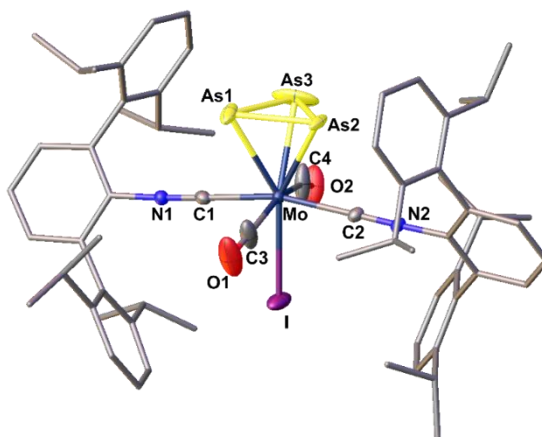


Figure 9.2. Molecular structure of **4** in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

In the case of phosphorus, with the same reaction conditions a *cyclo*-P₄ unit could be obtained, changing the reaction conditions to 80 °C leads to the release of a phosphorus atom and to a *cyclo*-P₃ unit. With yellow arsenic, there couldn't be observed a formation of a *cyclo*-As₄ unit.

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9.4. Supporting Information

9.4.1. Synthesis and Characterization

General Remarks

All manipulations were performed with rigorous exclusion of oxygen and moisture using standard Schlenk techniques on a dual manifold Schlenk line with Argon or N₂ inert gas or glove box filled with nitrogen containing a high-capacity recirculator (<0.1 ppm O₂). Traces of oxygen and moisture in the inert gas were removed by passing it through a drying column filled with Cu/MgSO₄ catalyst as well as, concentrated H₂SO₄ and orange gel, respectively.

All solvents were degassed and purified by standard procedures. All NMR spectra have been recorded using deuterated d₆-benzene that was dried (over Na/K), refluxed for three hours and then distilled under inert atmosphere.

Characterization methods

Mass spectrometry was performed using a Jeol AccuTOF GCX LIFDI mass spectrometer or an Agilent Q-TOF 6540 UHD ES mass spectrometer by the MS department of the University of Regensburg. The compounds were dissolved in the corresponding solvent in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere. The observed fragments were assigned according to the mass/charge (m/z) ratio and the corresponding isotope pattern. Elemental analysis (CHN) were performed by the department of central analyses of the University of Regensburg on a Vario micro cube and a MT5 micro scale device. The compounds were filled in tin capsules in a glove box under N₂ atmosphere.

¹H and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 (¹H: 400.130 MHz, ³¹P: 161.976 MHz) spectrometer at the NMR department of the University of Regensburg. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to external TMS (¹H) or 85 % H₃PO₄ (³¹P). The chemical shifts δ are given in parts per million [ppm] and coupling constants *J* in [Hz].

Starting materials

The compounds [$\{(\text{Pr}_2\text{N})_2\text{P}\}_2$]^[1] (**1**), [(CNAr^{dipp2})₂Mo(CO)₂(I)₂]^[2] (**3**), potassium graphite^[3] and As₄^[4] were prepared according to literature procedures.

9.4.1.1. Synthesis of $[(\text{Pr}_2\text{N})_2\text{P}]_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-As}_4)$ (**2**)

All manipulations were performed under exclusion of light. $[(\text{Pr}_2\text{N})_2\text{P}]_2$ (**1**) (100 mg, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL toluene and was added to a freshly prepared solution of As_4 in toluene (250 mL). The solution was refluxed for 2 hours. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the orange residue was stored at least over night to ensure the degradation of the excess of unreacted As_4 into As_{grey} . After dissolving the orange solid in 15 mL Et_2O , the solution was filtered over celite to remove the insoluble As_{grey} . 15 mL of n -hexane were added. The solution was stored at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for a few days to yield crystals of **2**, suitable for X-ray analysis.

Crystallin Yield: 23 mg (14 %, 0.03 mmol)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (C_6D_6 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 3.35 (m, 8H, CHMeMe'), 1.26 (d, 24H, CHMeMe' , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7\text{ Hz}$), 1.06 (d, 24H, CHMeMe' , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7\text{ Hz}$).

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 K): δ [ppm] = 96.6 (s, 2P).

EA calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{56}\text{As}_4\text{N}_4\text{P}_2$: C: 37.81, H: 7.40, N: 7.35; found [%]: C: 37.89, H: 7.07, N: 7.05.

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 231 (100, $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{P}]^+$). Compound **2** is very sensitive and is destroyed by the MS measurement.

9.4.1.2. Synthesis of $[(\text{CNAr}^{\text{dipp}2})_2\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2(\eta^3\text{-As}_3)]$ (**4**)

A 4:1 toluene/DME solution of $[(\text{CNAr}^{\text{dipp}2})\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2(\text{I})_2]$ (**3**, $\text{Ar}^{\text{dipp}2} = 2,6\text{-}(2,6\text{-}(\text{Pr})_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)$) (200 mg, 0.16 mmol, 12 mL) and an excess of yellow arsenic in CS_2 was stirred in a sealed 50 mL Schlenk ampoule at $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 2h. The colour changed from red to yellow. To the reaction mixture was added 4 mL of pentane, and the solution was chilled at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 30 minutes and then filtrated. The solution was taken to dryness, resolved in Et_2O , filtrated over diatomaceous earth and placed in the freezer at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to afford **4** as yellow blocks suitable for X-ray diffraction.

Crystalline Yield: 45 mg (21 %, 0.03 mmol)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz C_6D_6 , $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) δ = 7.38 (t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8\text{ Hz}$, 4H), 7.22 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8\text{ Hz}$, 8H), 6.88 – 6.75 (m, 6H), 2.63 (sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7\text{ Hz}$, 8H), 1.42 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7\text{ Hz}$, 24H), 1.01 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7\text{ Hz}$, 24H).

EA calculated for: $\text{C}_{64}\text{H}_{74}\text{N}_2\text{As}_3\text{IMoO}_2$: C: 56.90, H: 5.52, N: 2.07; found [%]: C: 56.45, H: 5.48, N: 1.98.

LIFDI-MS (toluene): m/z (%) = 1324.23 (100, $[(\text{CN}^{\text{Dipp}2})_2\text{Mo}(\text{I})(\text{CO})(\text{As}_3)]$), 1422.16 (46, $[(\text{CN}^{\text{Dipp}2})_2\text{Mo}(\text{I})_2(\text{As}_3)]$).

9.4.2. NMR studies

9.4.2.1. $[(\text{iPr}_2\text{N})_2\text{P})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-As}_4)]$ (**2**)

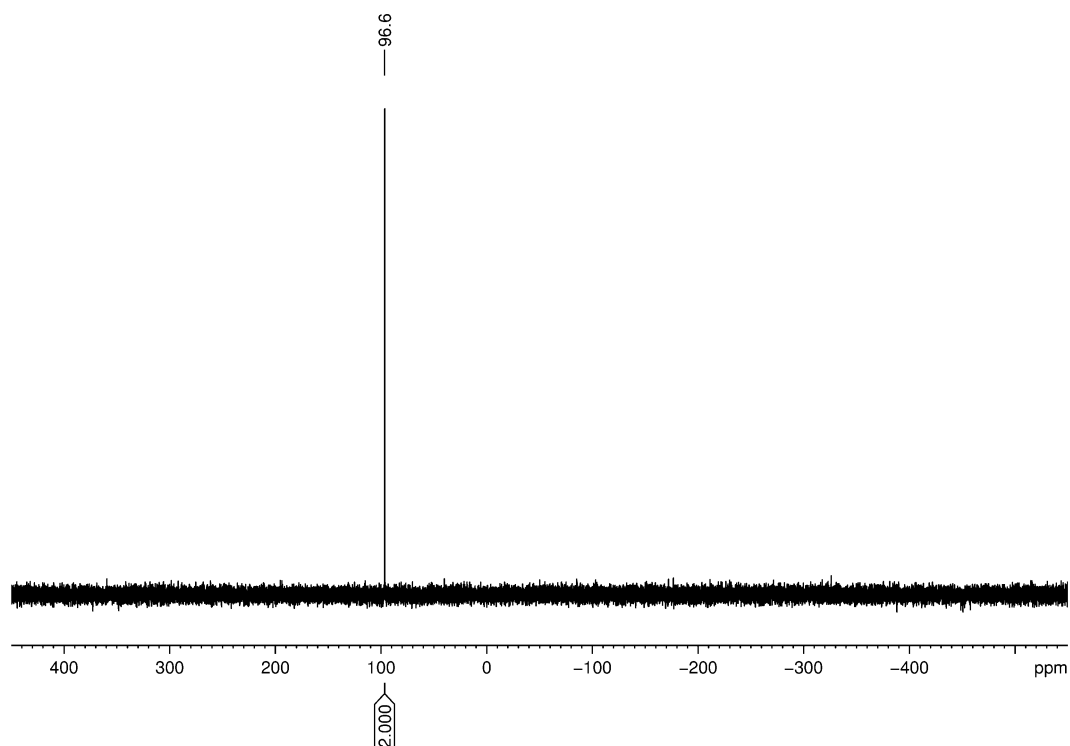
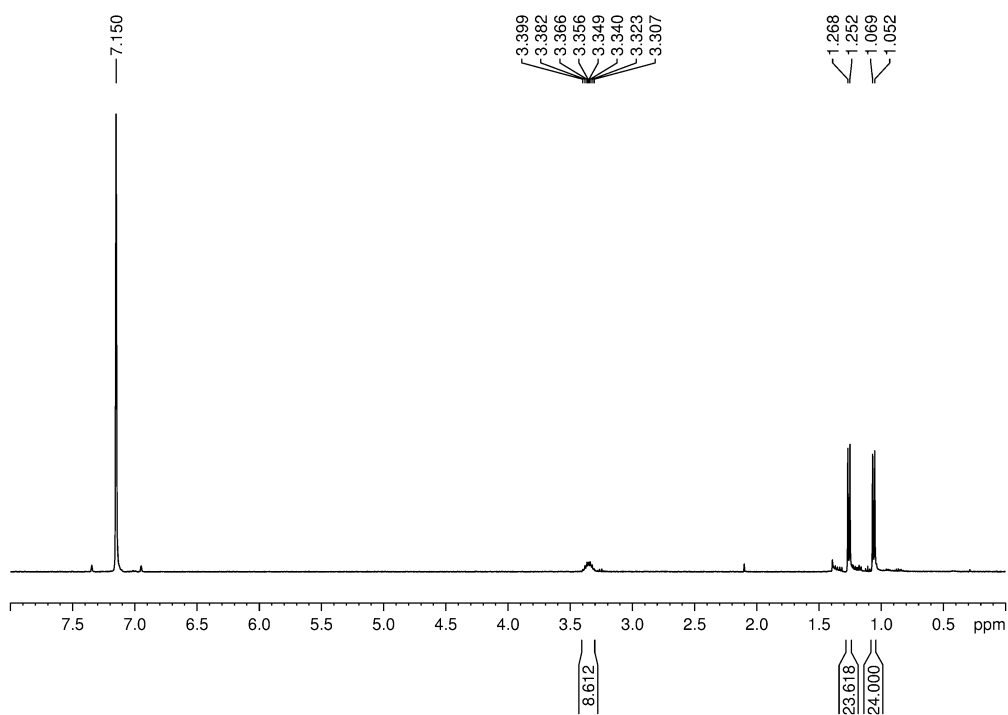
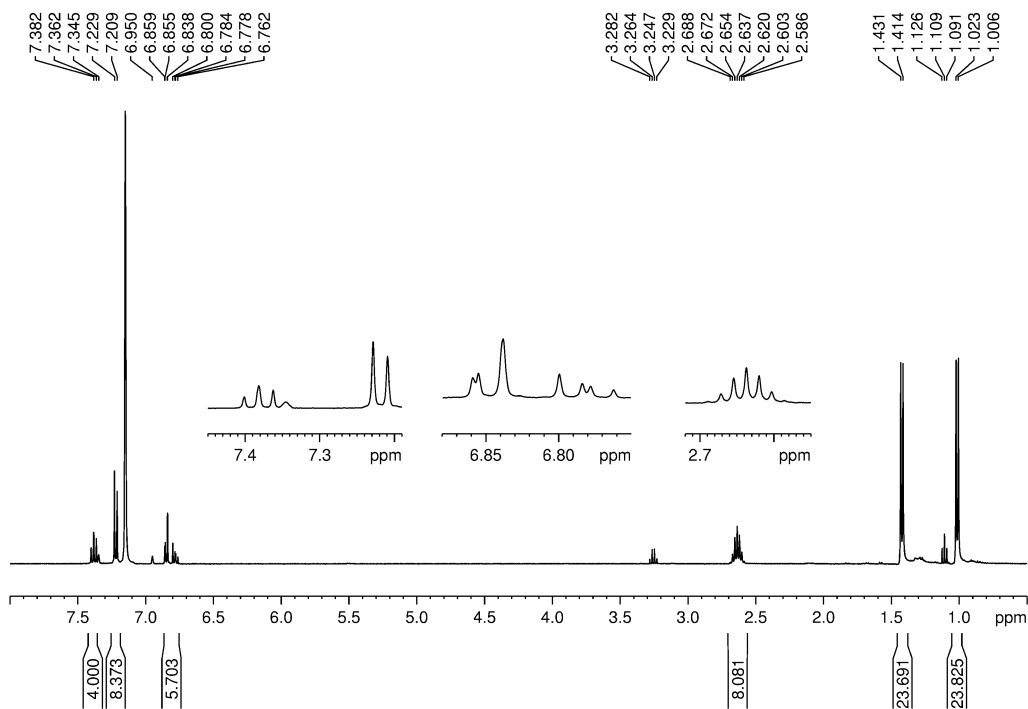


Figure S9.1. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **2** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

Figure S9.2. ^1H NMR spectrum of **2** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.9.4.2.2. $[(\text{CNA}^{\text{dipp}2})_2\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}(\eta^3\text{-As}_3)]$ (**4**)Figure S9.3. ^1H NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 at room temperature.

9.4.3. Details on single crystal X-ray structure analysis

The X-ray diffraction experiments were performed on a SuperNova diffractometer (Rigaku, formerly Agilent Technologies) with an Atlas CCD detector applying Cu-K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) (**2**, **4**). All measurements were performed at 123 K, respectively. Data collection and reduction were performed with CrysAlisPro^[5] (Version 171.41.21a, 2019 (**4**), 171.41.76a, 2020 (**2**)). For the compound **4** a gaussian absorption correction based on gaussian integration over a multifaceted crystal model was applied. For compound **2** an analytical numeric absorption correction^[6] using a multifaceted crystal model was applied. Using Olex2, were the structures solved by direct methods with ShelXT^[7] and refined by full-matrix least-squares method against F^2 in anisotropic approximation using ShelXL.^[8] All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined in calculated positions using riding on pivot atom model.

Figures were created with Olex2.^[9]

9.4.3.1. $[(i\text{Pr}_2\text{N})_2\text{P}]_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-As}_4)$ (**2**)

Compound **2** crystallizes from a ⁿhexane:diethyl ether (1:1) solution at -30 °C in the orthorhombic space group *Pbca* as slightly yellow plate. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **2**. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S9.4.

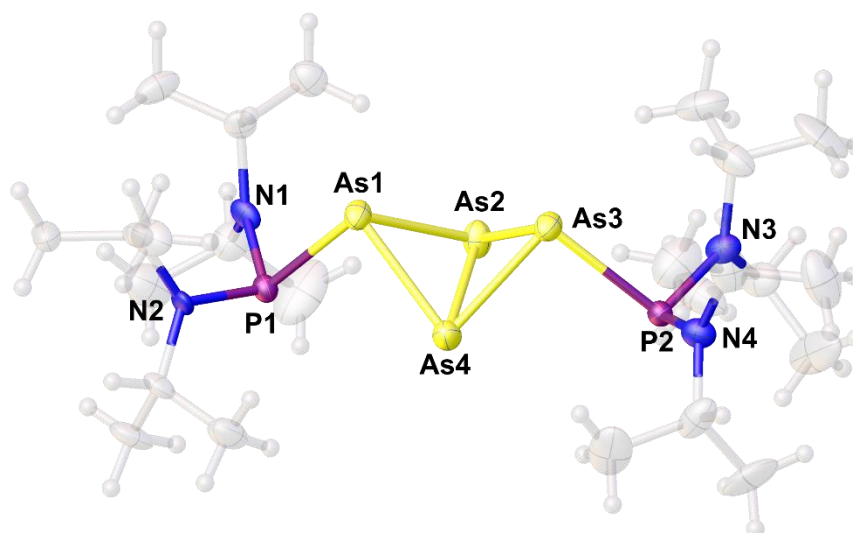


Figure S9.4. Molecular structure of **2** in solid state. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: As1-As2 2.4493(13), As1-As4 2.4453(13), As2-As3 2.4489(13), As3-As4 2.4462(13), As2-As4 2.3866(14), As1-P1 2.371(2), As3-P2 2.363(2), P1-N1 1.697(7), P1-N2 1.695(7), P2-N3 1.690(7), P2-N4 1.682(7), As4-As1-As2 58.37(4), As4-As3-As2 58.36(4), As3-As2-As1 80.68(4), As4-As2-As1 60.73(4), As4-As2-As3 60.76(4), As1-As4-As3 80.81(4), As2-As4-As1 60.90(4), As2-As4-As3 60.88(4).

9.4.3.2. $[(\text{CNAr}^{\text{Dipp}2})_2\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}(\eta^3\text{-As}_3)]$ (**4**)

Compound **4** crystallizes from a concentrated diethyl ether solution at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$ as yellow blocks. The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of **4** and half a molecule of Et_2O . The arsenic atoms As2 and As3 are disordered over three positions in a ratio of 46:36:18 (A:B:C, see Figure S9.5, right). Additionally, are both CO ligands and the iodine disordered over two positions in a ratio of 75:25. Furthermore, one dipp group is disordered over all positions in a ratio of 59:41 and one isopropyl group is disordered in a ratio of 75:25. The structure in solid state is given in Figure S9.5.

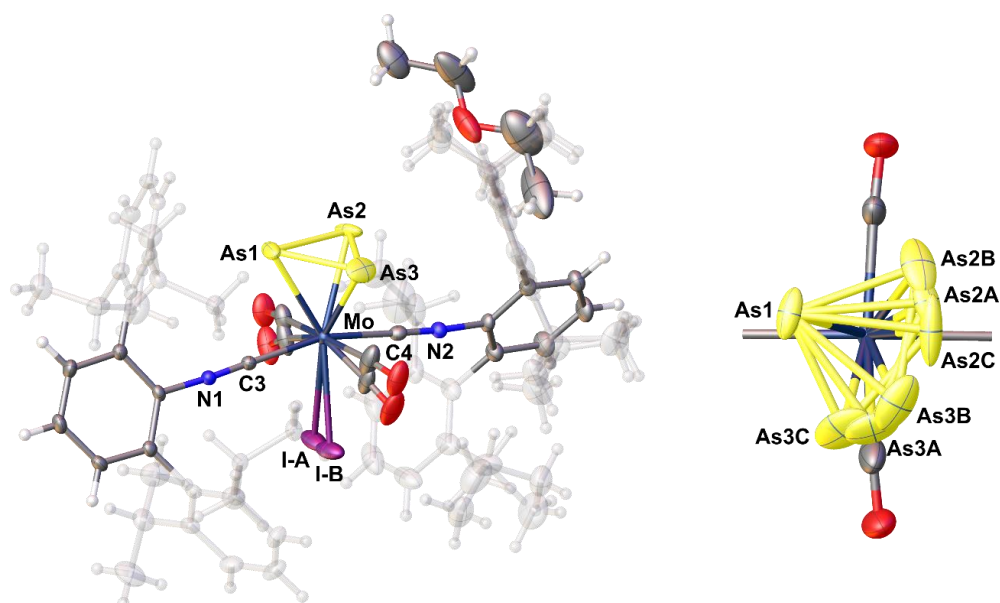


Figure S9.5.Left: Molecular structure of compound **4**, thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level. Solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Right: disordered As_3 unit. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Mo1-As1 2.6771(3), Mo1-As2A 2.666(2), Mo1-As2B 2.636(3), Mo1-As3A 2.672(3), Mo1-As3B 2.709(3), Mo1-As2C 2.666(8), Mo1-As3C 2.589(7), As2A-As3A: 2.334(4), As2A-As1 2.329(3), As3A-As1 2.385(3), As1-As3B 2.358(3), As1-As2B 2.320(3), As3B-As2B 2.338(3), As1-As2C 2.412(9), As1-As3C 2.167(8), As3C-As2C 2.274(11), Mo1-IA 2.8008(3), Mo1-IB 2.7935(8), Mo1-C3 2.123(2), Mo1-C4 2.122(2), Mo1-C1A 2.089(7), Mo1-C2A 2.036(7), Mo1-C2B 2.05(3), Mo1-C1B 2.01(2), N1-C3 1.157(3), N2-C4 1.158(3), O2A-C2A 1.122(7), O2B-C2B 1.16(3).

9.4.3.3. Crystallographic Information

Table S9.1. Crystallographic data and details of diffraction experiments for **2** and **4**.

| Compound | 2 | 4 ·0.5 Et ₂ O |
|---|---|--|
| Formula | C ₂₄ H ₅₆ As ₄ N ₄ P ₂ | C ₆₆ H ₇₉ As ₃ IMoN ₂ O _{2.5} |
| <i>D</i> _{calc.} /g cm ⁻³ | 1.466 | 1.473 |
| μ /mm ⁻¹ | 5.536 | 7.687 |
| Formula Weight | 762.34 | 1387.91 |
| Colour | clear colourless | clear yellow |
| Shape | plate | block |
| Size/mm ³ | 0.18×0.17×0.03 | 0.11×0.08×0.06 |
| <i>T</i> /K | 122.9(2) | 122.97(12) |
| Crystal System | orthorhombic | monoclinic |
| Space Group | <i>Pbca</i> | <i>P2₁/c</i> |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 21.0349(5) | 19.2625(3) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 12.8250(3) | 17.0451(2) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 25.6097(7) | 20.8112(2) |
| α /° | 90 | 90 |
| β /° | 90 | 113.667(2) |
| γ /° | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 6908.8(3) | 6258.27(16) |
| <i>Z</i> | 8 | 4 |
| <i>Z'</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.54184 | 1.54184 |
| Radiation type | Cu K α | Cu K α |
| θ _{min} /° | 3.452 | 3.479 |
| θ _{max} /° | 73.753 | 74.210 |
| Measured Refl's. | 18984 | 30773 |
| Indep't Refl's | 6441 | 12311 |
| Refl's I \geq 2 σ (I) | 5579 | 11145 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0556 | 0.0268 |
| Parameters | 323 | 925 |
| Restraints | 0 | 155 |
| Largest Peak | 2.210 | 0.970 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.832 | -0.768 |
| GooF | 1.121 | 1.012 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.1907 | 0.0728 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ | 0.1866 | 0.0703 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ (all data) | 0.0838 | 0.0337 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ | 0.0750 | 0.295 |

9.5. References

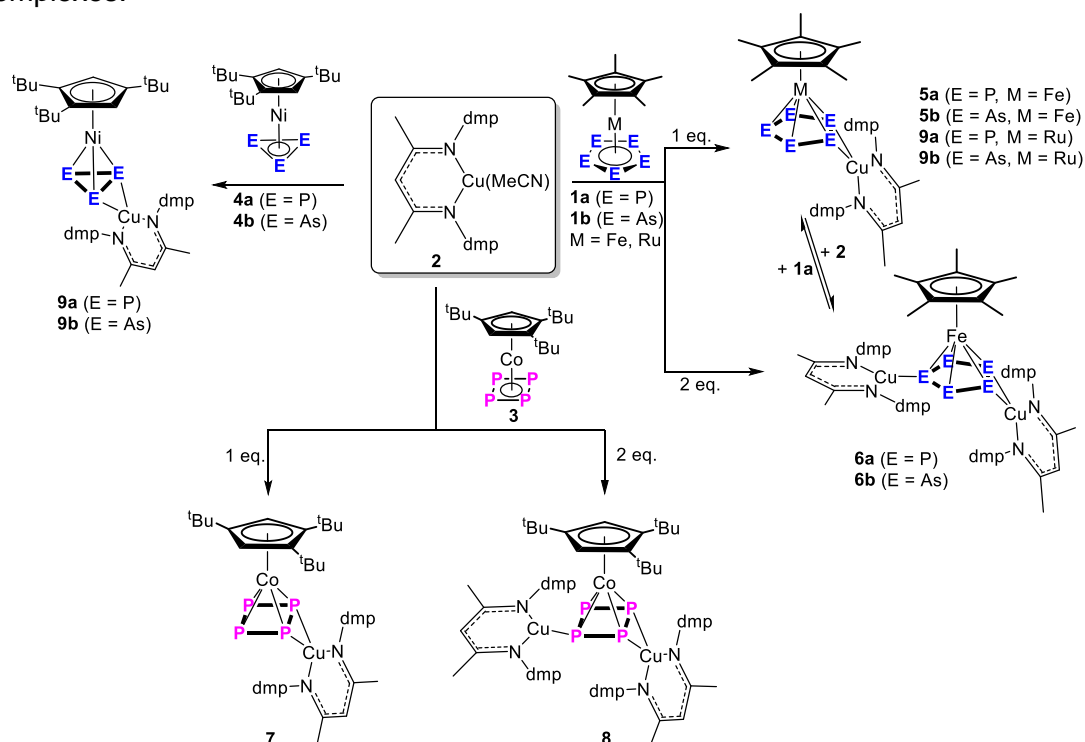
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10. Conclusion

This work provides a detailed insight into the reactivity of M(I) (M = Cu, Ni, Ga) β -diketiminato complexes towards E_n (E = P, As; n = 3-5) ligand compounds and the reactivity of late transition metal (Ni, Cu) complexes and main group (Al, Ga, cyclic alkyl amino carbenes) compounds towards white phosphorus, yellow arsenic and the interpnictogen compound AsP_3 . Of particular interest are the use of β -diketiminato ligand systems (nacnac, $L^1 = \{[N(C_6H_3Me_{2-2,6})C(Me)]_2CH\}$; $L^3 = \{[N(C_6H_3Pr_{2-2,6})C(Me)]_2CH\}$) and cyclic alkyl amino carbenes (CAACs). The numeration of compounds in the individual subchapters are independent from each other and similar to the numeration in the chapters of the thesis (except of chapter 3 and 7 which is connected in chapter 10.1).

10.1. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards Polypnictogen Compounds

The reactivity of $[L^3Cu(MeCN)]$ towards white phosphorus and yellow arsenic was studied in our group. These reactions lead to the formation of molecular and neutral copper complexes containing an intact E_4 tetrahedron.^[1] Similar observations about the integrity of the copper coordinated E-E bonds in $[(L^3Cu)_2(\mu,\eta^{2:2}-E_4)]$ (E = P, As) were made in this dissertation based on the studied reactivity of $[L^1Cu(MeCN)]$ towards polypnictogen ligand complexes.



Scheme 10.1. Summary of the coordination compounds obtained from **2** with selected polypnictogen ligand complexes. (eq. based on **2**, dmp = 2,6-dimethylphenyl)

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The reaction of $[\text{L}^1\text{Cu}(\text{NCMe})]$ (**2**) with $[\text{Cp}^*\text{M}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ ($\text{M} = \text{Fe}$, $\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**1a**), As (**1b**); $\text{M} = \text{Ru}$, $\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**1a-Ru**), As (**1b-Ru**)) leads to the formation of the heterometallic complexes $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{M})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ ($\text{M} = \text{Fe}$, $\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**5a**), As (**5b**); $\text{M} = \text{Ru}$, $\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**9a**), As (**9b**), Scheme 10.1) and $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-E}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ ($\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**6a**), As (**6b**), Scheme 10.1). The molecular structure of **6a** and **6b** reveals a trinuclear heterobimetallic complex in which the E_5 ligand coordinates in a side-on η^2 coordination mode to one $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment and in an end-on η^1 coordination mode to the second $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment. The side-on coordinated $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment is nearly perpendicular to the E_5 ring while the η^1 -coordinated $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ fragment is nearly coplanar with the *cyclo*- E_5 ring. We were able to show experimentally and by DFT calculations that a side-on coordination is preferred to the end-on coordination.

The dynamic behavior of **6a** was investigated by variable-temperature $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy. While at room temperature only one broad singlet could be observed, at 193 K **6a** shows three sharp multiplets with an integral ratio of 1:2:2 displaying an AMM'XX' spin system. The coupling pattern observed at low temperature indicates that the geometry of **6a** determined by single-crystal X-ray diffractions, is retained in solution at that temperature. Further, we investigated a crystalline sample of **6a** by $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ MAS NMR spectroscopy which also exhibits three multiplets at similar chemical shifts. There are two possibilities for the dynamic process of **6a** in solution, either a fast dissociation-reassociation of the L^1Cu moiety or an $\eta^1 \rightarrow \eta^2 \rightarrow \eta^1$ walk of the two $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ units along the P_5 ring. With a $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ EXSY experiment at 233 K we were able to identify the dynamic process as an $\eta^1 \rightarrow \eta^2 \rightarrow \eta^1$ walk of the two $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ units along the P_5 ring. DFT calculations suggest that the copper coordinated E-E bonds in **5a**, **5b**, **6a** and **6b** are still intact.

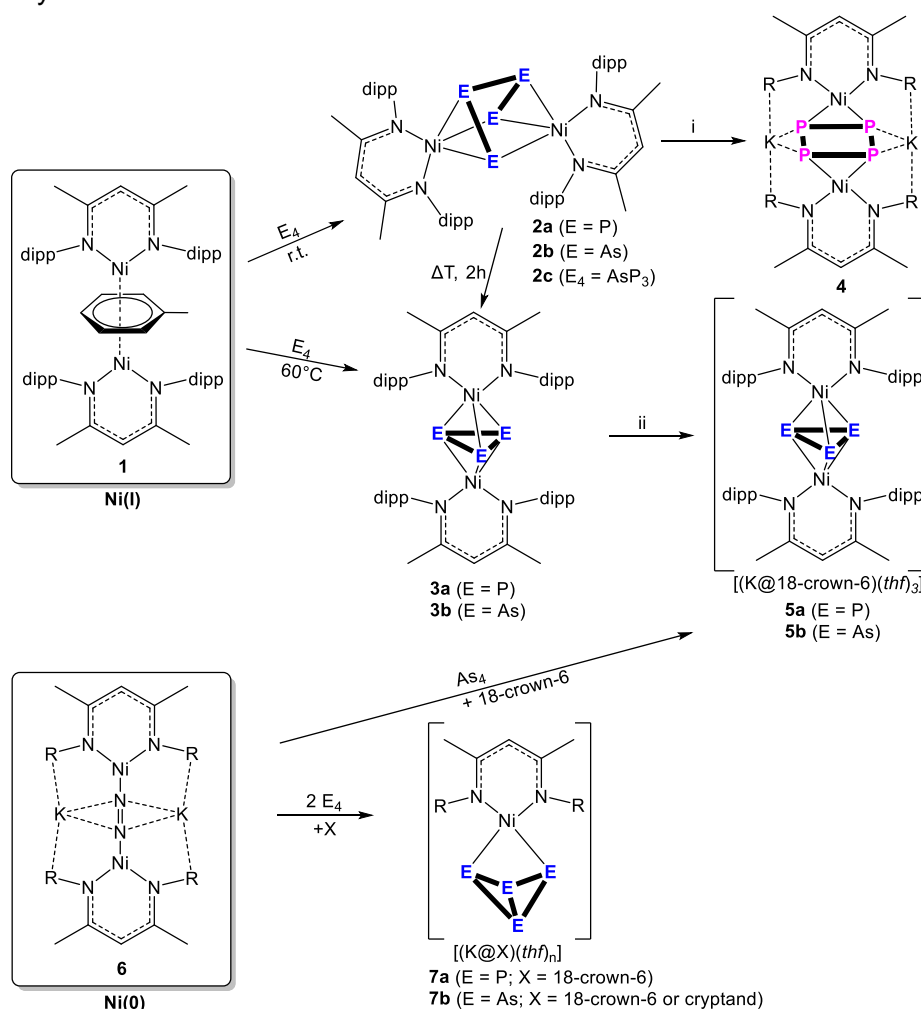
In order to investigate, if this reactivity can also be extended to other *cyclo*- E_n ligand complexes, we reacted **2** with $[\text{Cp}'''\text{Co}(\eta^4\text{-P}_4)]$ (**3**, $\text{Cp}''' = \eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_2\text{tBu}_3$) and $[\text{Cp}'''\text{Ni}(\eta^3\text{-E}_3)]$ ($\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**4a**), As (**4b**), Scheme 10.1). The 1:1 reactions of **2** with **3**, **4a** and **4b** lead to the formation of $[(\text{Cp}'''\text{Co})(\mu, \eta^{4:2}\text{-P}_4)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ (**7**) and $[(\text{Cp}'''\text{Ni})(\mu, \eta^{3:2}\text{-E}_3)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ ($\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**9a**), As (**9b**)). By the reaction of **3** with an excess of **2** the trinuclear compound $[(\text{Cp}'''\text{Co})(\mu_3, \eta^{4:2:1}\text{-P}_4)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ (**8**) could be obtained. As in the case of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$, first a side-on coordination to the *cyclo*- P_4 ring occurs.

The dynamic behavior of **7**, **8** and **9a** was investigated by VT $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy. All spectra show broad signals at room temperature. For compound **7** and **9a**, the dynamic processes are not even slowed down at 193 K. Compound **8** shows a splitting into four broad singlets at 193K with an integral ratio of 1:1:1:1. However, no fine splitting pattern can be observed, which indicates its highly dynamic behavior in solution. Further, DFT calculations show that all copper coordinated E-E bonds are still intact, even if they are elongated.

All in all, the synthesized compounds represent molecular and neutral examples of group 11 element complexes coordinated to intact *cyclo-E*₅, *cyclo-P*₄ and *cyclo-E*₃ ligands, respectively.

10.2. Conversion of E₄ (E₄ = P₄, As₄, AsP₃) by Ni(0) and Ni(I) Synthons – A Comparative Study

In 2010, *Driess et al.* reported the reaction of [(L³Ni)₂tol] (**1**) towards white phosphorus, which leads to [(L³Ni)₂(μ-η²,κ¹:η²,κ¹-P₄)] (**2a**).^[2] The central core is a Ni₂P₄ unit in form of a prism. We were interested in the reactivity of **1** towards E₄ (E₄ = P₄, As₄, AsP₃) and also in the comparative reaction with an electron richer nickel(0) precursor. Parts of this chapter were already described in the Ph.D. thesis of Dr. C. Graßl.^[3]



Scheme 10.2. Summary of the compounds obtained by the conversion of E₄ (E₄ = P₄, As₄, AsP₃) with Ni(I) and Ni(0) synthons. i) potassium graphite, ii) potassium graphite, 18-crown-6. (R = dipp = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl, X = 18-crown-6 or cryptand)

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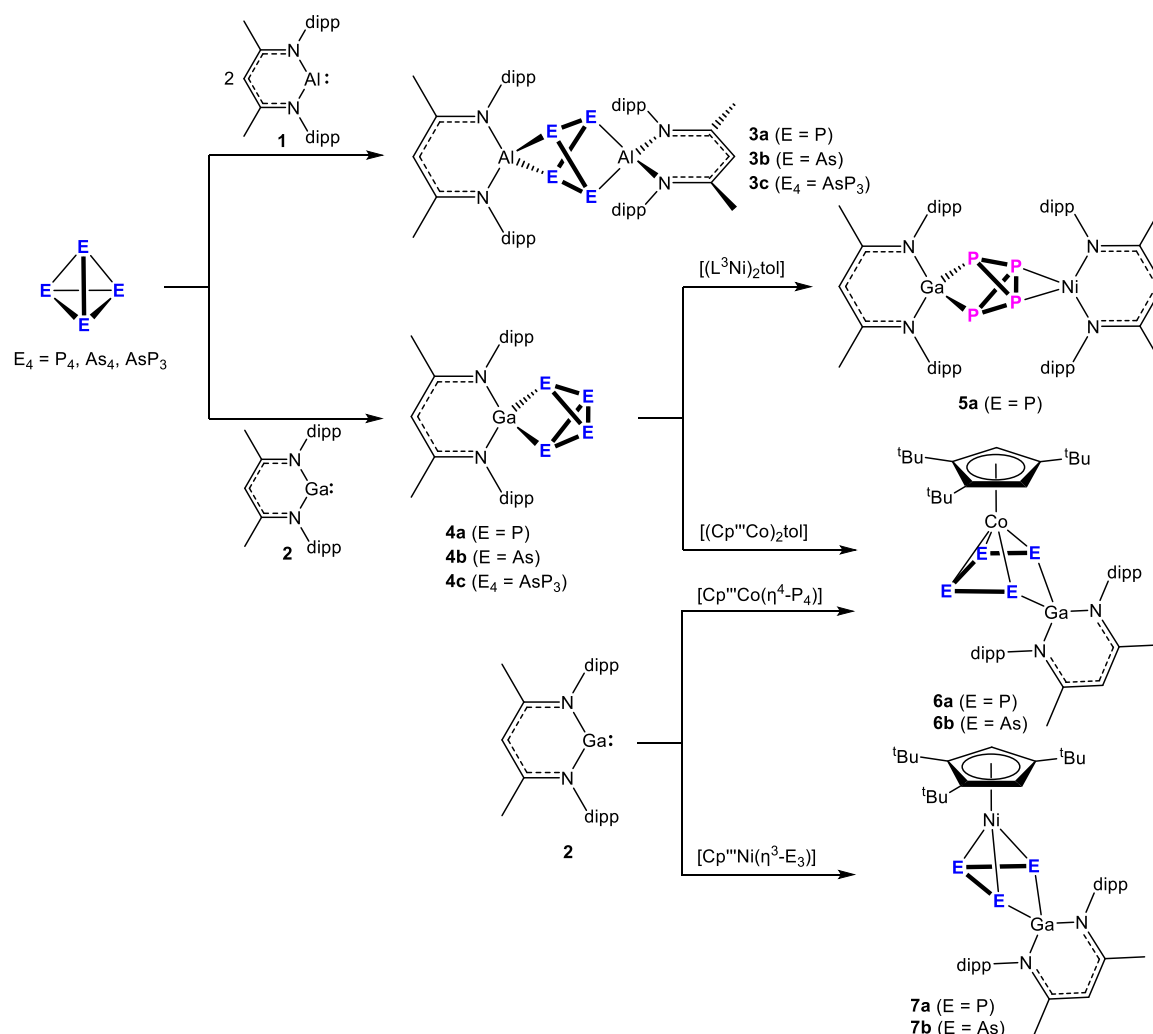
The reaction of **1** with E_4 ($E_4 = P_4, As_4, AsP_3$) leads depending on the temperature to the formation of the homobimetallic complexes $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu-\eta^2, \kappa^1:\eta^2, \kappa^1-E_4)]$ ($E = P$ (**2a**), As (**2b**), AsP_3 (**2c**), Scheme 10.2) and $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-E_3)]$ ($E = P$ (**3a**), As (**3b**), Scheme 10.2). Compound **3a** and **3b** can also be obtained by stirring **2a**, **2b** or **2c**^[4] in boiling toluene for 2h. Compound **2c** is a rare example of AsP_3 conversion. The molecular structure of **2c** in the solid state shows disorder of the arsenic atom over all four pnictogen positions. Compound **3a** and **3b** are paramagnetic, their 1H NMR spectra show broad and shifted signals. The effective magnetic moment was determined by the Evans method and corresponds to approximately one unpaired electron. The paramagnetic nature of **3a** and **3b** was confirmed by X-band EPR spectroscopy at room temperature and 77 K. The EPR spectrum of **3a** at 77 K shows a hyperfine coupling to two phosphorus nuclei. In accordance with that, the performed DFT calculations show that the spin density is delocalized over both nickel atoms and two phosphorus atoms. To evaluate the redox reactivity of **3a** and **3b**, cyclic voltammetry measurements were performed, which shows that a reversible reduction and also an irreversible oxidation take place. The reduction was performed chemically with potassium graphite, which leads to the formation of $[K@18-c-6(thf)_3][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-E_3)]$ ($E = P$ (**5a**), As (**5b**), Scheme 10.2). The molecular structures of **5a** and **5b** are very similar to the structures of **3a** and **3b**. The only noteworthy structural difference is the orientation of the ligands. The chemical reduction of **2a** with potassium graphite leads to the formation of $[K_2][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-P_4)]$ (**4**, Scheme 10.2). This compound contains a novel planar *cyclo*- P_4 unit.

Further, we synthesized and characterized the Ni(0) synthon $[K_2][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-N_2)]$ (**6**) and investigated their reactivity towards white phosphorus and yellow arsenic. This leads to the formation of the anionic compounds $[K@X(thf)_2][L^3Ni(\eta^{1:1}-E_4)]$ ($E = P$ (**7a**, $X = 18-c-6$), As (**7b**, $X = 18-c-6$ or cryptand), Scheme 10.2), which contains an E_4 butterfly ligand coordinating in an $\eta^{1:1}$ fashion. Additionally, an alternative synthetic route for **5b** was found by using **6** as starting material.

In conclusion, we have shown the different reactivity of Ni(I) and Ni(0) complexes stabilized by β -diketiminato ligands, which leads to a broad variety of complexes containing different E_n units.

10.3. Reactivity of E₄ (E₄ = P₄, As₄, AsP₃) towards low valent Al(I) and Ga(I) compounds

Up to now, there are no known examples of the activation of yellow arsenic or the interpnictogen compound AsP₃ with main group metals stabilized by β -diiminato ligands. The activation of white phosphorus with [L³Al] (**1**) and [L³Ga] (**2**) were already reported by the groups of *H. W. Roesky*, *R. A. Fischer* and *J. J. Weigand*.^[5] These reactions lead to the formation of [(L³Al)₂($\mu,\eta^{1:1:1:1}$ -P₄)] (**3a**), [L³Ga($\eta^{1:1}$ -P₄)] (**4a**) and polyphosphanes stabilized by two {L³Ga} fragments. The question arose if there are differences or similarities when reacting **1** and **2** with As₄ and AsP₃.



Scheme 10.3. Overview over the reactivity of E₄ towards main group complexes and their further reactivity. (dipp = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl.)

The reaction of [L³Al] (**1**) and [L³Ga] (**2**) with E₄ (E₄ = P₄, As₄, AsP₃) yields [(L³Al)₂($\mu,\eta^{1:1:1:1}$ -E₄)] (E₄ = P₄ (**3a**), As₄ (**3b**), AsP₃ (**3c**), Scheme 10.3) and [L³Ga(η^{1:1}-E₄)] (E₄ = P₄ (**4a**), As₄ (**4b**), AsP₃ (**4c**), Scheme 10.3), the first examples of the conversion of As₄ and AsP₃ with group 13 metal complexes stabilized by β -diiminato ligands. They possess the same

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structure motifs than the corresponding phosphorus complexes **3a** and **4a**. Also, the change of the reaction conditions did not lead to the formation of dinuclear gallium compounds as in the case of phosphorus. In the solid state structure of **3c** and **4c** the arsenic atoms are disordered over all four pnictogen positions. In the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4c** two isomers are visible. Also, the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of the crude reaction solution of $[\text{L}^3\text{Al}]$ with AsP_3 shows two different isomers of a probably mononuclear compound which could not be crystallized. Dissolving crystals of $[(\text{L}^3\text{Al})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1}\text{-AsP}_3)]$ (**3c**) show a doublet and a triplet in the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum.

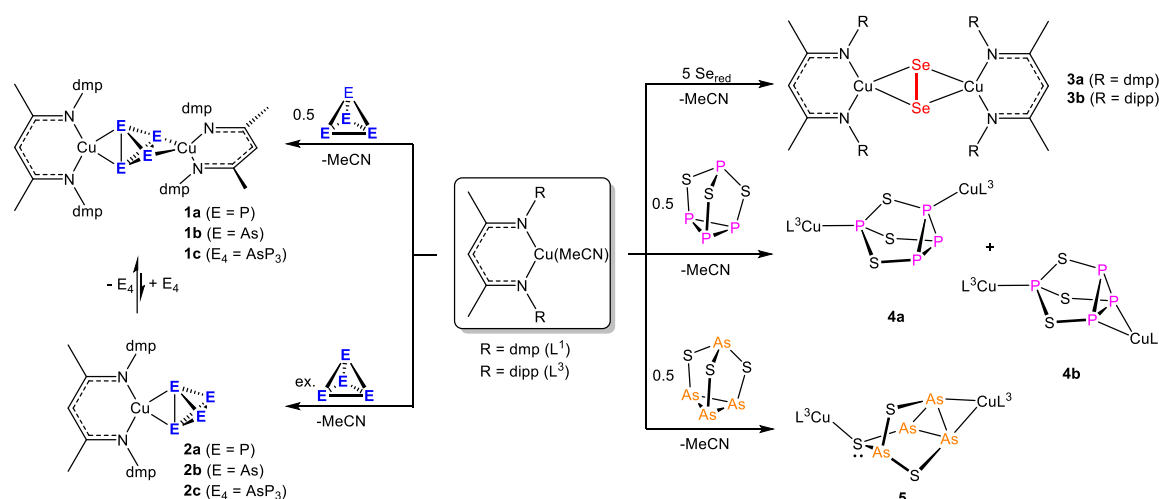
Furthermore, we reacted **4a** and **4b** with unsaturated metal fragments. Treatment of **4a** with $[(\text{L}^3\text{Ni})_2\text{tol}]$ leads to the formation of $[(\text{L}^3\text{Ga})(\mu, \eta^{2:1:1}\text{-P}_4)(\text{L}^3\text{Ni})]$ (**5a**, Scheme 10.3). The reaction of **4a** and **4b** with $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Co})_2\text{tol}]$ lead to the formation of the heterobimetallic complexes $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Co})(\mu, \eta^{4:1:1}\text{-E}_4)(\text{L}^3\text{Ga})]$ ($\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**6a**), As (**6b**), Scheme 10.3). Compound **5a** is paramagnetic. The ^1H NMR spectrum show broad and shifted signals. The effective magnetic moment was determined by the Evans method and corresponds to approximately one unpaired electron. The paramagnetic nature of **5a** was confirmed by X-band EPR spectroscopy and shows a hyperfine coupling to the phosphorus atoms at 77 K. In accordance with that, the performed DFT calculations show that the spin density is delocalized over the nickel and all four phosphorus atoms. The reaction of $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Co})_2\text{tol}]$ with **4a** was investigated by $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy and shows besides the formation of **6a** also the formation of $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Co})_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}\text{-P}_2)_2]$. For **6b**, the reaction is selective and gives good crystalline yields. The molecular structure of **6b** show a cleavage of two further As-As bonds in comparison to **4b**.

The reaction of $[\text{L}^3\text{Ga}]$ with $[\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Co}(\eta^4\text{-P}_4)]$ and $[\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Ni}(\eta^3\text{-E}_3)]$ leads to the formation of $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Co})(\mu, \eta^{4:1:1}\text{-P}_4)(\text{L}^3\text{Ga})]$ (**6a**) and $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Ni})(\eta^{3:1:1}\text{-E}_3)(\text{L}^3\text{Ga})]$ ($\text{E} = \text{P}$ (**7a**), As (**7b**), Scheme 10.3). In contrast to the reaction of $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{***}}\text{Co})_2\text{tol}]$ with **4a**, the formation of **6a** is selective in the alternative reaction pathway, as shown by NMR studies. The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum reveals two multiplets with an integral ratio of 1:1 displaying an AA'XX' spin system. The molecular structure of **7b** shows the insertion of a $\{\text{L}^3\text{Ga}\}$ fragment into an As-As bond.

In conclusion, the results show no structural difference for compound **3** and **4** for white phosphorus, yellow arsenic or AsP_3 . Furthermore, **5a** is a rare example for a mixed metal ncnac compound and **6a**, **6b**, **7a** and **7b** are examples for mixed metal (main group and transition metal) and ligand (Cp and ncnac) compounds. These complexes also show the difference between the reactivity of Cu ncnac and Ga ncnac. While the $\{\text{L}^1\text{Cu}\}$ just coordinates to *cyclo*- E_n units, the $\{\text{L}^3\text{Ga}\}$ fragment opens one E-E bond. This is due to the fact that the E-E bond cleavage by the reaction with $[\text{L}^3\text{Ga}]$ can be considered as oxidative addition, with the gallium atom in the oxidation state +III while in the case of copper such an oxidation state is less favored.

10.4. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E_4 , E_4S_3 ($E = P, As$) and red selenium

In the case of iron(I) and cobalt(I) nacnac complexes a systematic investigation of the ligand design towards the resulting E_n unit was done by *Driess et al.* and *Scheer et al.*^[6] These results show the possible effect of the ligand design towards the E_n unit. We already reported the reactivity of $[L^3Cu(MeCN)]$ towards P_4 and As_4 , which results in the formation of $[(L^3Cu)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-E_4)]$ and $[L^3Cu(\eta^2-P_4)]$, the first, neutral and molecular complexes containing an side-on coordinated intact E_4 tetrahedron stabilized by β -diiminato ligands.^[1] Motivated by the impact of the ligand design in the case of iron and cobalt, the question arose if the resulting E_n structure motif can also be affected in the case of copper. Parts of this chapter were already described in the Ph.D. thesis of Dr. F. Spitzer^[7] and my master thesis.^[8]



Scheme 10.4. Overview over the reactivity of $[LCu(MeCN)]$ ($L = L^1, L^3$) towards E_4 ($E_4 = P_4, As_4, AsP_3$), red selenium and the cage compounds E_4S_3 ($E = P, As$). (dmp = 2,6-dimethylphenyl; dipp = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl)

The reaction of $[L^1Cu(NCMe)]$ with E_4 leads to the formation of the mono- or dinuclear compounds $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-E_4)]$ ($E_4 = P_4$ (**1a**), As_4 (**1b**), AsP_3 (**1c**), Scheme 10.4) and $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-E_4)]$ ($E = P$ (**2a**), As (**2b**), AsP_3 (**2c**), Scheme 10.4) containing intact E_4 tetrahedra. In the case of copper(I) there are no effects of the ligand design towards the resulting E_n unit (L^1 to L^3). Complex **2b** is the first mononuclear, neutral copper complex containing an intact As_4 tetrahedron that could be characterized by X-ray. Further **1c** and **2c** are rare example of the conversion of AsP_3 with transition metal complexes. In the solid state structure of **1c** the arsenic is disordered over all four pnictogen positions. In solution a highly dynamic behavior was observed. While at room temperature only one broad singlet could be obtained, at 193 K **1c** shows a triplet and a doublet with an integral ratio of 1:2. The same behavior is obtained for **2c**.

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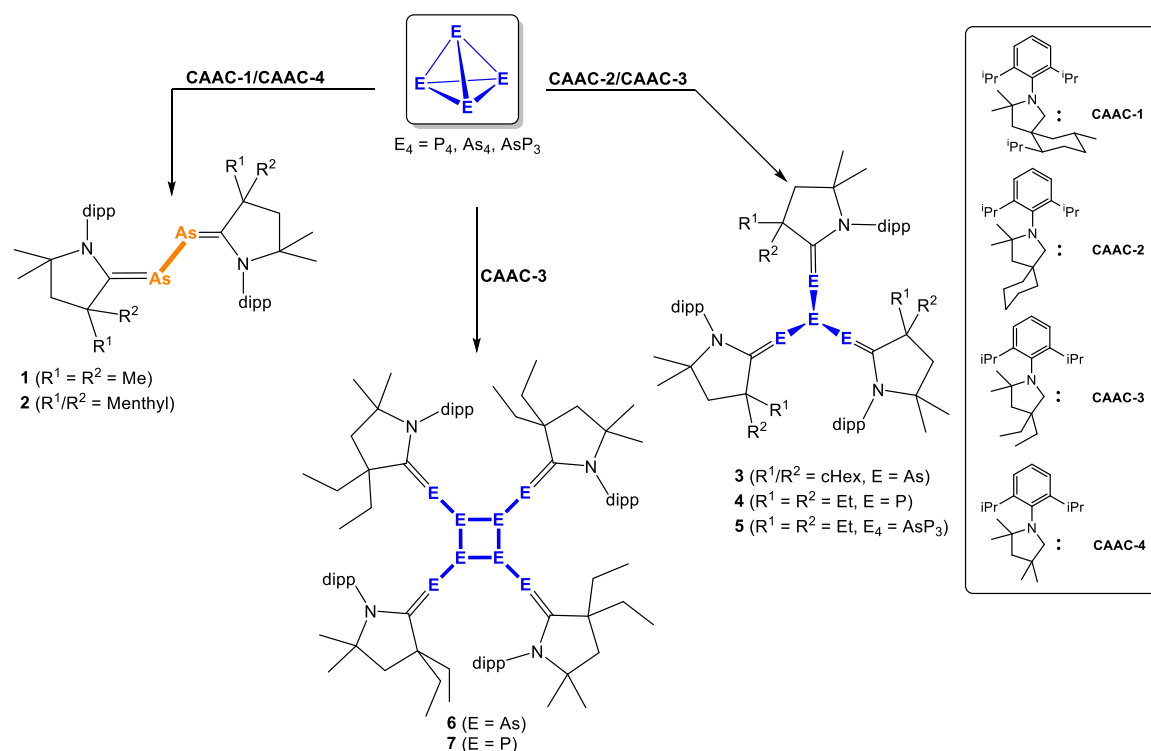
The reactivity of [LCu(NCMe)] (L = L¹, L³) towards red selenium and the cage compounds E₄S₃ (E = P, As) was also investigated. This leads to the formation of the diselenium compounds [(LCu)₂(μ,η^{2:2}-Se₂)] (L = L¹ (**3a**), L³ (**3b**), Scheme 10.4) and the cage compounds [(L³Cu)₂(E₄S₃)] (E = P (**4**), As (**5**), Scheme 10.4). The latter complexes show a coordination of the {L³Cu} fragments towards intact E₄S₃ cage units. For compound **4a**, the {L³Cu} fragments are η¹ coordinated to one basal and one apical phosphorus atom. The molecular structure also shows a minor isomer (**4b**) in which one {L³Cu} fragment is η² coordinated to two basal phosphorus atoms. In the case of As₄S₃ the {L³Cu} fragments are η²-coordinated to two basal arsenic atoms and η¹-coordinated to the sulfur atom while the basal arsenic atom is not coordinating to a {L³Cu} fragment, due to the fact that sulfur is more electronegative than arsenic.

These products represent examples of group 11 complexes coordinating to E₄, chalcogens and mixed cage compounds.

10.5. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

Since their discovery in 2005, cyclic alkyl amino carbenes (CAACs) gained increased attention. They were able to activate small molecules like H₂, N₂ or O₂ and most interestingly P₄. *Bertrand et al.* already reported a few reactions of different CAACs with P₄.^[9] Up to now, there are no examples of the conversion of yellow arsenic with CAACs. Parts of this chapter were already described in the Ph.D. thesis of Dr. C. Schwarzmaier.^[10] The nomenclature is adopted according to inorganic complexes to ensure clarity.

The reaction of different CAACs (see Scheme 10.5, **CAAC-1** – **CAAC-4**) with white phosphorus, yellow arsenic and the interpnictogen compound AsP₃ leads to the formation of different di-, tri- or tetracarbene substituted compounds with E₂, E₄ or E₈ cores. The reaction of **CAAC-1** and **CAAC-4** with yellow arsenic leads to the formation of the 2,3-diarsabutadiene-derivates [(CAAC-4)₂(μ,η^{1:1}-As₂)] (**1**, Scheme 10.5) and [(CAAC-1)₂(μ,η^{1:1}-As₂)] (**2**, Scheme 10.5). In the case of phosphorus, the reaction leads to the formation of a P₄ chain stabilized by two carbenes.^[9a] To have a deeper insight into the formation processes we carried out DFT computations. According to this, the formation of an E₄ chain is exergonic for phosphorus and arsenic but a subsequent fragmentation to [(CAAC)₂E₂] is endergonic for phosphorus and exergonic for arsenic. These computations can explain the formation of the different E_n unit for phosphorus and arsenic. We also performed cyclic voltammetry measurements in thf, which show a first reversible oxidation and a second irreversible oxidation for **2**.



Scheme 10.5. Overview over the reaction of CAAC- n ($n = 1-4$) with E_4 ($E_4 = \text{P}_4, \text{As}_4, \text{AsP}_3$).

Treating of **CAAC-2** with yellow arsenic leads to the formation of the isotetraarsan adduct stabilized by three CAAC molecules $[(\text{CAAC-2})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}\text{-As}_4)]$ (**3**, Scheme 10.5). A compound containing a similar structure could be obtained by *Bertrand et al.* by the reaction of **CAAC-2** with P_4 . One significant difference is the bending of the CAAC molecules towards the E_4 unit. In the case of arsenic derivative, the carbenes are bent counterclockwise, while in the phosphorus derivative they are bent clockwise.

The reaction of **CAAC-3** with AsP_3 or P_4 leads also to the formation of such compounds $[(\text{CAAC-3})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}\text{-}E_4)]$ ($E_4 = \text{P}_4$ (**4**), AsP_3 (**5**), Scheme 10.5). The molecular structure of **5** shows disorder of the arsenic atom over all four pnictogen positions, leading to two isomers: the major isomer **5a**, with a carbene coordinated arsenic atom and the minor isomer **5b**, with an arsenic atom in the centre of the E_4 unit. The molecular structure of **5** shows a clockwise bending of the CAAC molecules towards the E_4 unit. The reaction of **CAAC-3** with E_4 ($E_4 = \text{P}_4, \text{As}_4$) in a 1:0.5 stoichiometry leads to the formation of an E_8 tetracarbene $[(\text{CAAC-3})_4(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}\text{-}E_8)]$ ($E = \text{As}$ (**6**), P (**7**), Scheme 10.5), which contains a four membered E_4 ring where every pnictogen atom is connected to a further pnictogen atom and stabilized by four CAAC fragments. While in the case of phosphorus the P_4 ring is nearly planar, the As_4 cycle in **6** is folded. For phosphorus a different stoichiometry leads to different products (**4** and **7**), changing the reaction conditions in the case of arsenic leads to the sole formation of **6**. To get a deeper insight into the formation of **4**, **6** and **7**, we performed DFT computations and proposed different reaction pathways, which can explain the sole formation of **6**.

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In summary, the reaction of different CAACs with E_4 ($E_4 = P_4, As_4, AsP_3$) leads to the aggregation, fragmentation and rearrangement of the E_4 unit. Different CAACs stabilize different As_n ($n = 2, 4, 8$) units. These are the first examples of the reactivity of yellow arsenic and AsP_3 towards CAACs. We have shown some similarities and also differences between the conversion of white phosphorus, yellow arsenic and AsP_3 .

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11. Appendix

11.1. Thematic List of Abbreviations

NMR spectroscopy

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| NMR | Nuclear Magnetic Resonance |
| δ | chemical shift |
| ppm | part per million |
| Hz | Hertz, s^{-1} |
| K | Kelvin |
| J | coupling constant, Hz |
| s | singlet |
| d | doublet |
| t | triplet |
| sept | septet |
| q | quartet |
| m | multiplet |
| br | broad |
| $\omega_{1/2}$ | half width at full maximum, Hz |
| VT | variable temperature |
| EXSY | exchange spectroscopy |
| MAS | Magic Angle Spinning |

Cyclic Voltammetry

| | |
|-----------|--------------------|
| CV | Cyclic Voltammetry |
| $E_{1/2}$ | half potential, V |

Solvents

| | |
|------------|--|
| thf | tetrahydrofuran, C_4H_8O |
| tol | toluene, C_7H_8 |
| dib | 1,3-diisopropylbenzene, $C_{12}H_{18}$ |
| dme | 1,2-dimethoxyethane, $C_4H_{10}O_2$ |
| CH_2Cl_2 | dichloromethane |
| MeCN | acetonitrile, CH_3CN |
| Et_2O | diethylether, $C_4H_{10}O$ |

Other

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|----------|---|
| Å | Angstroem, $1 \text{ Å} = 1 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ |
| T | temperature, K or °C |
| c | concentration, $\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ |
| M | metal, specified in text |
| d | distance, Å |
| α | Angle, ° |
| r.t. | room temperature |
| E | group 15 element |

Mass spectroscopy

| | |
|---------|--|
| MS | mass spectrometry |
| $[M]^+$ | molecular ion peak |
| m/z | mass to charge ratio |
| LIFDI | liquid injection field desorption ionization |
| FD | field desorption |
| ESI | electro spray ionization |
| EI | electron impact |

Evans Method and EPR spectroscopy

| | |
|-------------|--|
| χ_M | molar measured magnetic susceptibility |
| χ^P | molar paramagnetic susceptibility |
| χ^D | molar diamagnetic susceptibility |
| ΔV | chemical shift difference, [Hz] |
| ν_0 | measuring frequency, [Hz] |
| μ_{eff} | effective magnetic moment |
| n | number of unpaired electrons |
| μ_B | Bohr magneton |
| EPR | electron paramagnetic resonance |
| g | gyromagnetic factor |
| iso | isotropic |

Theoretical computations

| | |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| DFT | density functional theory |
| HOMO | highest occupied molecular orbital |
| LUMO | lowest unoccupied molecular orbital |
| SOMO | single occupied molecular orbital |
| WBI | Wiberg Bond Indices |
| NBO | Natural Bond Orbital |
| BCP | Bond Critical Point |
| AIM | Atoms In Molecules |
| RCP | Ring Critical Point |

Ligands

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| L | Ligand, specified in text |
| acac | acetylaceton |
| nacnac | β -diketiminato, substituents specified in text |
| Ph | Phenyl, -C ₆ H ₅ |
| Ph* | aromatic substituent, specified in text |
| dipp | 2,6-diisopropylphenyl |
| dmp | 2,6-dimethylphenyl |
| R | organic substituent, specified in text |
| Me | Methyl, -CH ₃ |
| Et | Ethyl, -C ₂ H ₅ |
| ⁱ Pr | <i>iso</i> -Propyl, -C ₃ H ₇ |
| ^t Bu | <i>tert</i> -Butyl, -C ₄ H ₉ |
| ⁿ Bu | <i>n</i> -Butyl, -C ₄ H ₉ |
| Cp | cyclopentadienyl, η^5 -C ₅ H ₅ |
| Cp* | η^5 -C ₅ Me ₅ |
| Cp ⁴ | η^5 -C ₅ ⁱ Pr ₄ H |
| Cp ^{'''} | 1,2,4-tris- <i>tert</i> -butylcyclopentadienyl, η^5 -C ₅ H ₂ ^t Bu ₃ |
| Cp ^{Benz} | pentabenzylcyclopentadienyl, η^5 -C ₅ (CH ₂ Ph) ₅ |
| Cp ^{PET} | η^5 -C ₅ (4-EtC ₆ H ₄) ₅ |
| pftb | [Al{OC(CF ₃) ₃ } ₄] |
| Pz | pyrazolate |
| triphos | 1,1,1-tris(diphenylphosphinomethyl)ethane) |
| etriphos | (1,1,1-tris(diethylphosphinomethyl)ethane) |
| dppe | 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane, Ph ₂ PCH ₂ CH ₂ PPh ₂ |
| dppm | bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane) |
| np ₃ | tris(2-diphenylphosphinoethyl)amine |
| L ⁰ | [(N(C ₆ H ₃ ⁱ Pr ₂ -2,6)C(H)) ₂ CH] ⁻ |
| L ¹ | [(N(C ₆ H ₃ Me ₂ -2,6)C(Me)) ₂ CH] ⁻ |
| L ² | [(N(C ₆ H ₃ Me ₂ -2,6)C(H)) ₂ CH] ⁻ |
| L ³ | [(N(C ₆ H ₃ ⁱ Pr ₂ -2,6)C(Me)) ₂ CH] ⁻ |
| L ^{Me,mes} | [(N(C ₆ H ₂ Me ₃ -2,4,6)C(Me)) ₂ CH] ⁻ |
| CAAC-1 | ^{Menthyl} CAAC |
| CAAC-2 | ^{Cyclohexyl} CAAC |
| CAAC-3 | ^{Et} CAAC |
| CAAC-4 | ^{Me} CAAC |

11.2. List of numbered compounds

11.2.1. Introduction

| | | | |
|--------------|--|--------------|---|
| I | $[\text{L}_2\text{RhCl}(\eta^{1:1}\text{-P}_4)]$ | XIIIb | $[(\text{L}^3\text{Fe})_2(\mu, \eta^{4:4}\text{-As}_4)]$ |
| II | $[(\text{CO})_3\text{Co}(\eta^3\text{-As}_3)]$ | XIVa | $[(\text{L}^{0:3}\text{Co})_2(\mu, \eta^{4:4}\text{-P}_4)]$ |
| III | $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-E}_5)]$ | XIVb | $[(\text{L}^0\text{Co})_2(\mu, \eta^{4:4}\text{-As}_4)]$ |
| IV | $[(\text{L}^3\text{Al})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1}\text{-P}_4)]$ | XV | $[(\text{L}^3\text{Ni})_2(\mu\text{-}\eta^2, \kappa^1:\eta^2, \kappa^1\text{-P}_4)]$ |
| V | $[\text{L}^3\text{Ga}(\eta^{1:1}\text{-P}_4)]$ | XVIa | $[(\text{L}^3\text{Cu})_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}\text{-P}_4)]$ |
| VI | $[(\text{L}^{\text{Me, mes}}\text{Mg})_3(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1:1:1}\text{-P}_7)]$ | XVIb | $[(\text{L}^3\text{Cu})_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}\text{-As}_4)]$ |
| VII | $[(\text{L}^3\text{V}(\text{N}(\text{tolyl})_2))_2(\mu, \eta^{3:2}\text{-P}_3)]$ | XVII | $[\text{L}^3\text{Cu}(\mu, \eta^{2:2}\text{-P}_4)]$ |
| VIII | $[(\text{L}^3(\text{N}^i\text{Bu})\text{Nb})_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}\text{-P}_4)]$ | XVIII | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:3}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^3\text{Al})]$ |
| IX | $[(\text{L}^3(\text{N}^i\text{Bu})\text{Ta})_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}\text{-P}_4)]$ | XIX | $[(\text{CAAC-1})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-P}_4)]$ |
| X | $[(\text{L}^3\text{NbN}^i\text{Bu})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{3:3:1:1}\text{-P}_{12})]$ | XX | $[(\text{CAAC-2})_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-P}_2)]$ |
| XIa | $[(\text{L}^0\text{Fe})_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}\text{-P}_2)_2]$ | XXI | $[(\text{CAAC-2})_3(\mu_3, \eta^{1:1:1}\text{-P}_4)]$ |
| XIb | $[(\text{L}^0\text{Fe})_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}\text{-As}_2)_2]$ | XXII | $[(\text{CAAC-2})_3(\mu_4, \eta^{1:1:1:1}\text{-P}_8)]$ |
| XIIa | $[(\text{L}^1\text{Fe})_4(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1:1:1}\text{-P}_8)]$ | XXIII | $[(\text{P}^i\text{Pr}_3)_2\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3(\eta^1\text{-AsP}_3)]$ |
| XIIb | $[(\text{L}^1\text{Fe})_4(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1:1:1}\text{-As}_8)]$ | XXIV | $[(\text{P}^i\text{Pr}_2\text{N})(\text{SiMe}_3)\text{P}]_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}\text{-AsP}_3)]$ |
| XIIc | $[(\text{L}^2\text{Fe})_4(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1:1:1}\text{-P}_8)]$ | XXVa | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2)_2(\mu^1, \eta^{1:1}\text{-AsP}_3)]$ |
| XIId | $[(\text{L}^2\text{Fe})_4(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1:1:1}\text{-As}_8)]$ | XXVb | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3)_2(\mu^1, \eta^{1:1}\text{-AsP}_3)]$ |
| XIIIa | $[(\text{L}^3\text{Fe})_2(\mu, \eta^{4:4}\text{-P}_4)]$ | | |

11.2.2. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards Polypnictogen

Compounds

| | | | |
|-----------|--|-----------|---|
| A | $[\text{Cu}(\eta^2\text{-P}_4)_2][\text{pftb}]$ | 4a | $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ni}(\eta^3\text{-P}_3)]$ |
| B | $[\text{P}_4\text{CuGaCl}_4]_n$ | 4b | $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ni}(\eta^3\text{-As}_3)]$ |
| C | $[\text{IPrM}(\eta^2\text{-P}_4)][\text{Al}(\text{pftb})_4]$ (M = Cu, Ag) | 5a | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ |
| D1 | $[(\text{L}^3\text{Cu})_2(\mu_2, \eta^{2:2}\text{-P}_4)]$ | 5b | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-As}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ |
| D2 | $[(\text{L}^3\text{Cu})_2(\mu_2, \eta^{2:2}\text{-As}_4)]$ | 6a | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ |
| E | $[(\text{L}^3\text{Cu})(\eta^2\text{-P}_4)]$ | 6b | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-As}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ |
| F | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{Cu}(3,5\text{-}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{Pz}))_3]$ | 7 | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Co})(\mu, \eta^{4:2}\text{-P}_4)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ |
| G | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\text{CO}))]$ | 8 | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Co})(\mu_3, \eta^{4:2:1}\text{-P}_4)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ |
| H | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-As}_5)(\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{CO}))]$ | 9a | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ni})(\mu, \eta^{3:2}\text{-P}_3)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ |
| 1a | $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-P}_5)]$ | 9b | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Ni})(\mu, \eta^{3:2}\text{-As}_3)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ |
| 1b | $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-As}_5)]$ | S1 | $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{Benz}}\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})]$ |
| 2 | $[\text{L}^1\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})]$ | S2 | $[(\text{Cp}^{\text{Benz}}\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^1\text{Cu})_2]$ |
| 2a | $[\text{L}^2\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})]$ | S3 | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^2\text{Cu})]$ |
| 3 | $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\eta^4\text{-P}_4)]$ | S4 | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu, \eta^{5:2}\text{-As}_5)(\text{L}^2\text{Cu})]$ |
| | | S5 | $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Fe})(\mu_3, \eta^{5:2:1}\text{-P}_5)(\text{L}^2\text{Cu})_2]$ |

11.2.3. Conversion of E₄ (E₄ = P₄, As₄, AsP₃) by Ni(0) and Ni(I) Synthons

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| | | | |
|-----------|--|-----------|--|
| A | $[(L^3Al)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-P_4)]$ | 1 | $[(L^3Ni)_2tol]$ |
| B | $[(L^3V(Ntoly)_2)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:2}-P_3)]$ | 2a | $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu-\eta^2, \kappa^1:\eta^2, \kappa^1-P_4)]$ |
| C | $[(L^0Fe)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-P_2)_2]$ | 2b | $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu-\eta^2, \kappa^1:\eta^2, \kappa^1-As_4)]$ |
| D1 | $[(L^1Fe)_4(\mu, \eta^{2:2:2:2}-P_8)]$ | 2c | $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu-\eta^2, \kappa^1:\eta^2, \kappa^1-AsP_3)]$ |
| D2 | $[(L^1Fe)_4(\mu, \eta^{2:2:2:2}-As_8)]$ | 3a | $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-P_3)]$ |
| D3 | $[(L^2Fe)_4(\mu, \eta^{2:2:2:2}-P_8)]$ | 3b | $[(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-As_3)]$ |
| D4 | $[(L^2Fe)_4(\mu, \eta^{2:2:2:2}-As_8)]$ | 4 | $[K_2][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-P_4)]$ |
| E1 | $[(L^3Cu)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-P_4)]$ | 5a | $[(K@18-c-6)(thf)_3][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-P_3)]$ |
| E2 | $[(L^3Cu)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-As_4)]$ | 5b | $[(K@18-c-6)(thf)_3][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-As_3)]$ |
| F | $[(Cp^4Ni)_2(\mu-\eta^2, \kappa^1:\eta^2, \kappa^1-As_4)]$ | 6 | $[K_2][(L^3Ni)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1}-N_2)]$ |
| G | $[(Pr)_2NCP_2]_2$ | 7a | $[(K@X)(thf)_2][L^3Ni(\eta^{1:1}-P_4)]$ |
| | | 7b | $[(K@X)(thf)_2][L^3Ni(\eta^{1:1}-As_4)]$ |

11.2.4. Reactivity of E₄ (E₄ = P₄, As₄, AsP₃) towards low valent Al(I) and

Ga(I) compounds

| | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|---|
| A | $[(Mes_2Si)_2As_4]$ | 1 | $[L^3Al]$ |
| B | $\{mes\}_2SiAs_2$ | 2 | $[L^3Ga]$ |
| C | $[Cp^*\{(SiMe_3)_2N\}SiAs_2]$ | 3a | $[(L^3Al)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-P_4)]$ |
| D | $[(PhC(N^iBu)_2)SiN(SiMe_3)_2]_3As_{10}$ | 3b | $[(L^3Al)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-As_4)]$ |
| E | $[Cp^{PET}_2As_4]$ | 3c | $[(L^3Al)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-AsP_3)]$ |
| F | $[(Cp^*Co(CO))_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-As_4)]$ | 4a | $[L^3Ga(\eta^{1:1}-P_4)]$ |
| G | $[(Cp^*Co)(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-P_2)_2]$ | 4b | $[L^3Ga(\eta^{1:1}-As_4)]$ |
| H | $[Cp^*Co(\eta^4-P_4)]$ | 4c | $[L^3Ga(\eta^{1:1}-AsP_3)]$ |
| I | $[Cp^*Ni(\eta^3-E_3)]$ | 5a | $[(LGa)(\mu, \eta^{2:1:1}-P_4)(L^3Ni)]$ |
| | | 6a | $[(Cp^*Co)(\mu, \eta^{4:1:1}-P_4)(L^3Ga)]$ |
| | | 6b | $[(Cp^*Co)(\mu, \eta^{4:1:1}-As_4)(L^3Ga)]$ |
| | | 7a | $[(Cp^*Ni)(\eta^{3:1:1}-P_3)(L^3Ga)]$ |
| | | 7b | $[(Cp^*Ni)(\eta^{3:1:1}-As_3)(L^3Ga)]$ |

11.2.5. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards E₄, E₄S₃ (E = P,

As) and red selenium

| | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| A | $[(L^0Fe)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-P_2)_2]$ | 1a | $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-P_4)]$ |
| B1 | $[(L^1Fe)_4(\mu, \eta^{2:2:2:2}-E_8)]$ | 1b | $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-As_4)]$ |
| B2 | $[(L^2Fe)_4(\mu, \eta^{2:2:2:2}-E_8)]$ | 1c | $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-AsP_3)]$ |
| C | $[(L^3Fe)_2(\mu, \eta^{4:4}-E_4)]$ | 2a | $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-P_4)]$ |
| D | $[(LCo)_2(\mu, \eta^{4:4}-P_4)]$ | 2b | $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-As_4)]$ |
| E | $[(L^1Co)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-As_4)]$ | 2c | $[L^1Cu(\eta^2-AsP_3)]$ |
| F | $[(L^2Co)_2(\mu, \eta^{3:3}-As_4)]$ | 3a | $[(L^1Cu)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-Se_2)]$ |
| G | $[(L^3Co)_2(\mu, \eta^{1:1:1:1}-As_4)]$ | 3b | $[(L^3Cu)_2(\mu, \eta^{2:2}-Se_2)]$ |
| | | 4 | $[(L^3Cu)_2(P_4S_3)]$ |
| | | 5 | $[(L^3Cu)_2(As_4S_3)]$ |

11.2.6. Reactivity of Cu(I) Nacnac Complexes Towards [Cp*Ru(η^5 -E₅)] (E = P, As)

| | | | |
|----------|--|--------------|---|
| A | [Cp*RuP ₆ l ₆][I] | 1a-Ru | [Cp*Ru(η^5 -P ₅)] |
| B | [(Cp*Ru) ₂ (As ₄ l ₄)] | 1b-Ru | [Cp*Ru(η^5 -As ₅)] |
| C | [(Cp*Fe)(μ , $\eta^{5:3}$ -P ₅)(L ³ Al)] | 1a-Fe | [Cp*Fe(η^5 -P ₅)] |
| | | 1b-Fe | [Cp*Fe(η^5 -As ₅)] |
| | | 2 | [L ¹ Cu(MeCN)] |
| | | 3a | [(Cp*Ru)(μ , $\eta^{5:2}$ -P ₅)(L ¹ Cu)] |
| | | 3b | [(Cp*Ru)(μ , $\eta^{5:2}$ -As ₅)(L ¹ Cu)] |
| | | 3a-Fe | [(Cp*Fe)(μ , $\eta^{5:2}$ -P ₅)(L ¹ Cu)] |
| | | 3b-Fe | [(Cp*Fe)(μ , $\eta^{5:2}$ -As ₅)(L ¹ Cu)] |

11.2.7. Reactivity of yellow arsenic towards Cyclic Alkyl Amino Carbenes (CAACs)

| | | | |
|----------|--|----------|---|
| A | [(CAAC-1) ₂ P ₄] | 1 | [(CAAC-4) ₂ (μ , $\eta^{1:1}$ -As ₂)] |
| B | [(CAAC-2) ₂ P ₂] | 2 | [(CAAC-1) ₂ (μ , $\eta^{1:1}$ -As ₂)] |
| C | [(CAAC-2) ₃ P ₄] | 3 | [(CAAC-2) ₃ (μ_3 , $\eta^{1:1:1}$ -As ₄)] |
| D | [(CAAC-2) ₄ P ₈] | 4 | [(CAAC-3) ₃ (μ_3 , $\eta^{1:1:1}$ -P ₄)] |
| E | [(CAAC-3) ₂ As ₂] | 5 | [(CAAC-3) ₃ (μ_3 , $\eta^{1:1:1}$ -AsP ₃)] |
| | | 6 | [(CAAC-3) ₄ (μ_4 , $\eta^{1:1:1:1}$ -As ₈)] |
| | | 7 | [(CAAC-3) ₄ (μ_4 , $\eta^{1:1:1:1}$ -P ₈)] |

11.2.8. Treasury

| | | | |
|----------|--|----------|--|
| 1 | [{(iPr ₂ N) ₂ P] ₂] | 3 | [(CNAr ^{dipp2}) ₂ Mo(CO) ₂ (I) ₂] |
| 2 | [{(iPr ₂ N) ₂ P] ₂ (μ , $\eta^{1:1}$ -As ₄)] | 4 | [(CNAr ^{Dipp2}) ₂ Mo(CO) ₂ (I)(η^3 -As ₃)] |

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