

# **Supporting Information**

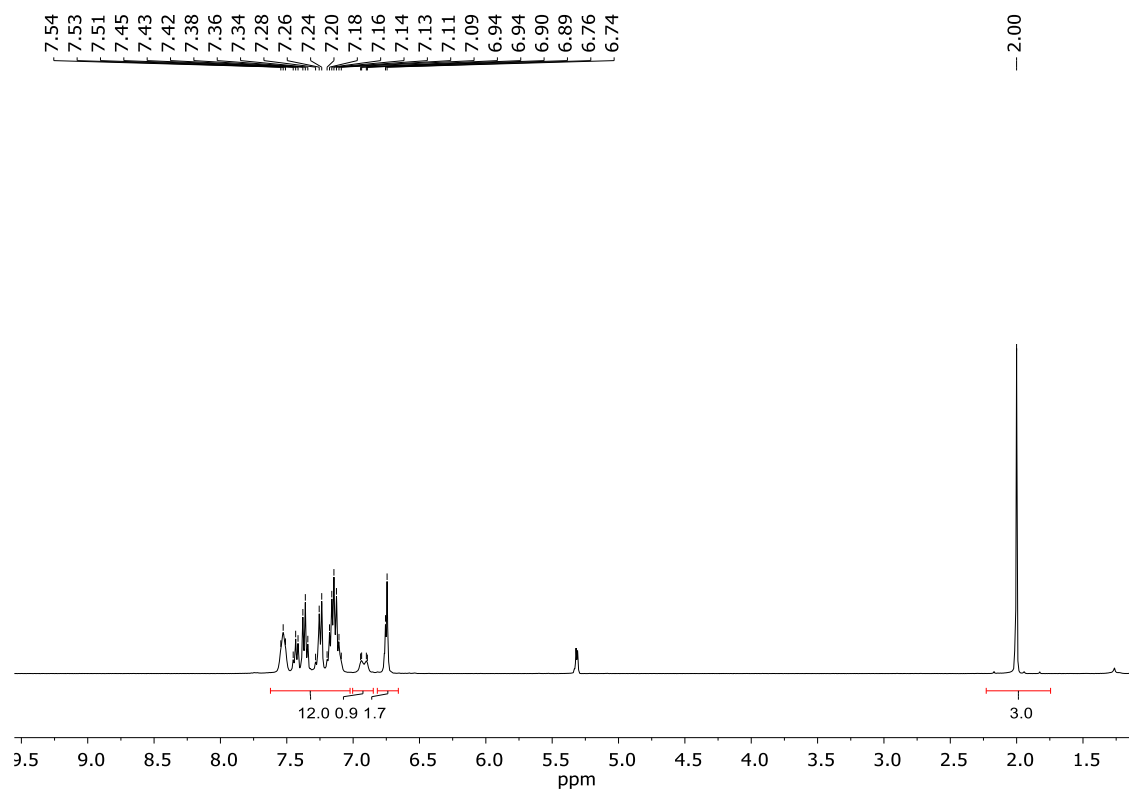
## **Asymmetrically substituted phospholes as ligands for coinage metal complexes**

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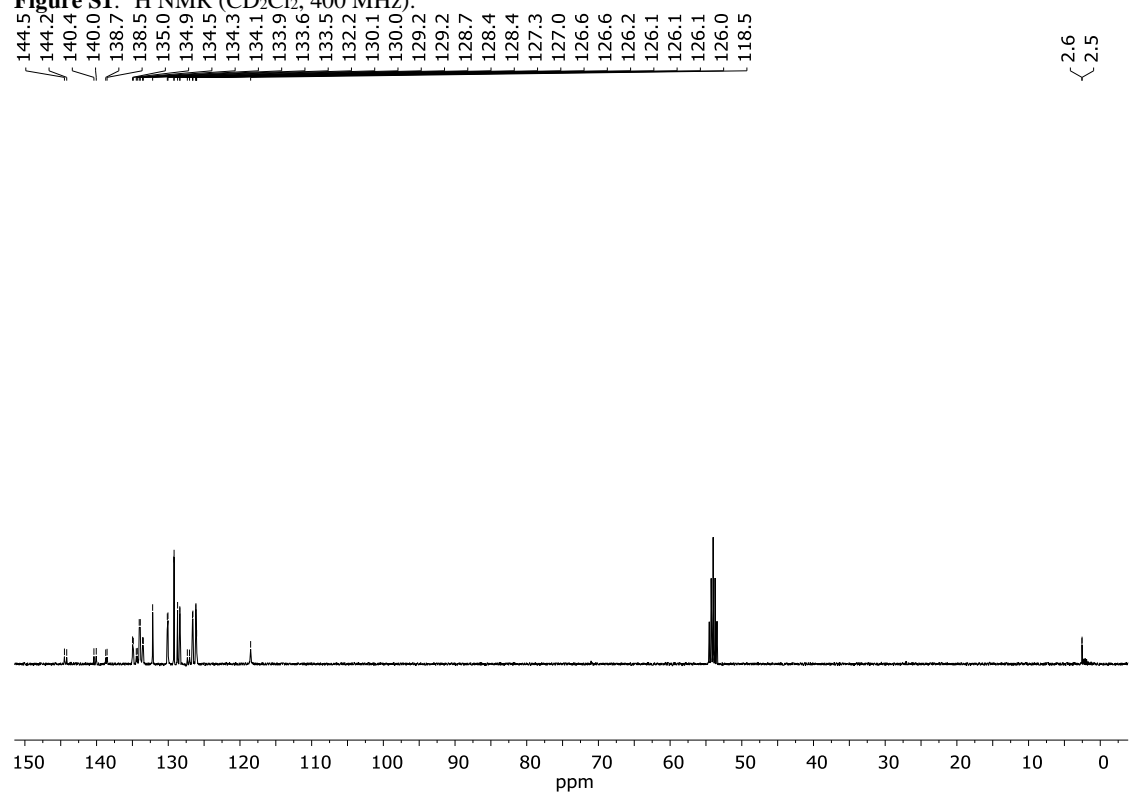
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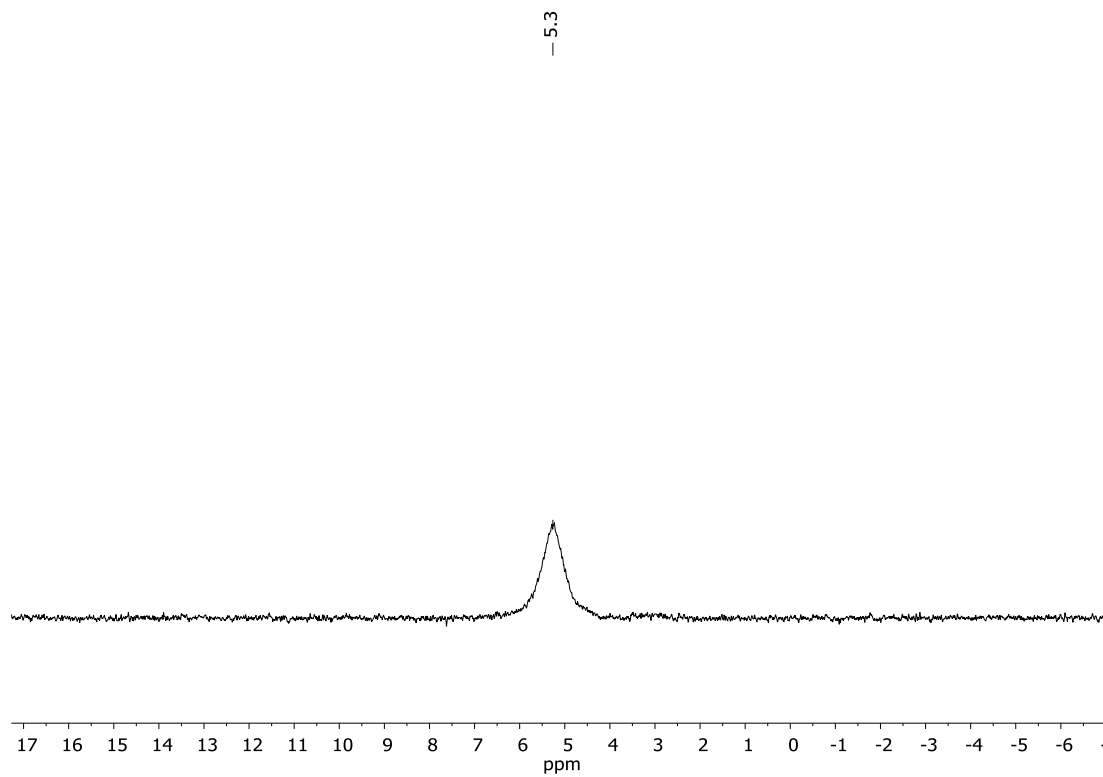
# NMR spectra for compound **3**



**Figure S1:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 400 MHz).

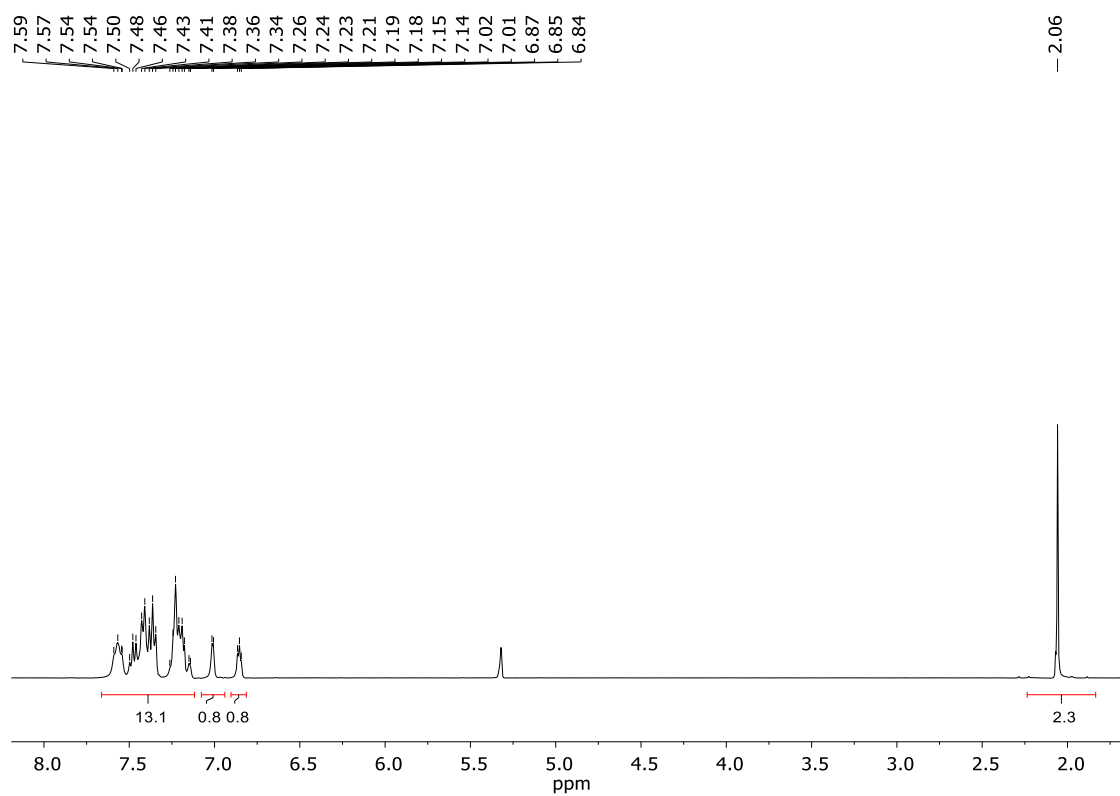


**Figure S2:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 101 MHz).

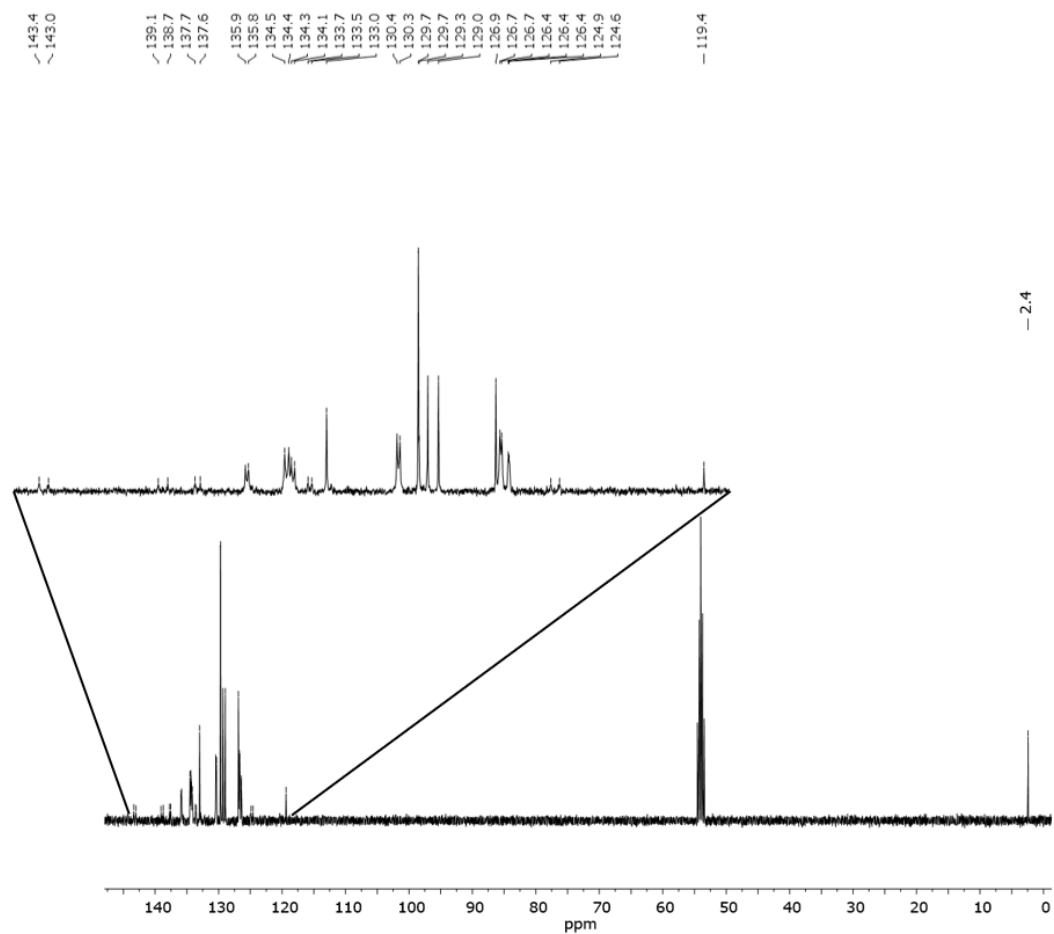


**Figure S3:**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 202 MHz).

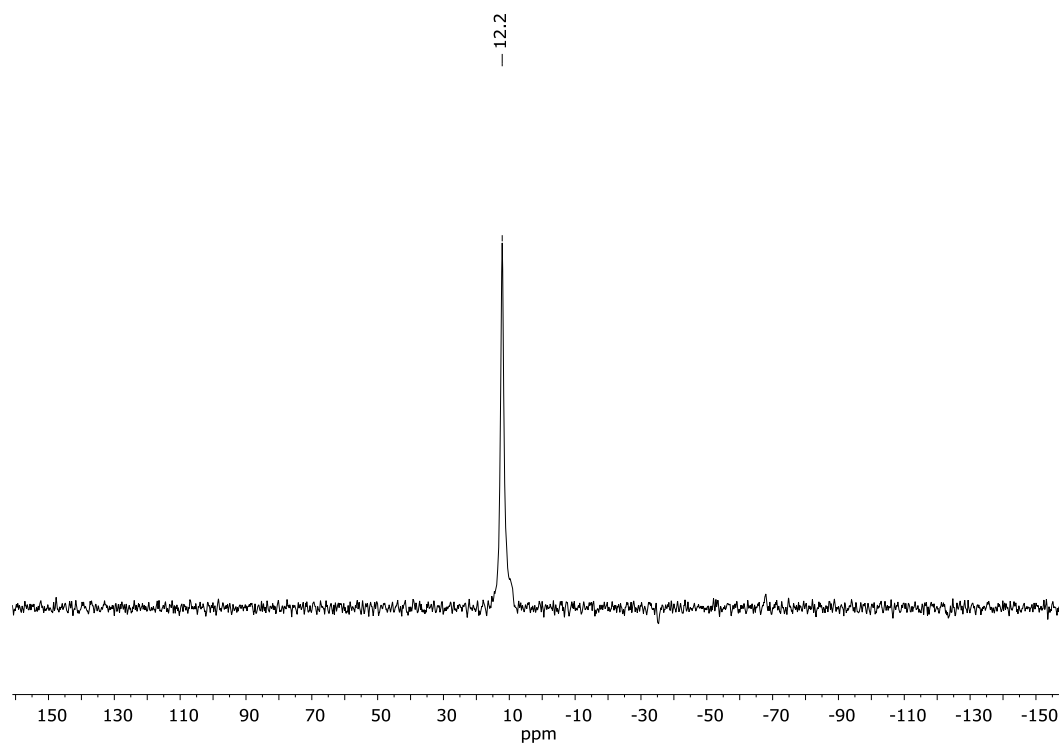
# NMR spectra for compound **4**



**Figure S4:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 400 MHz).

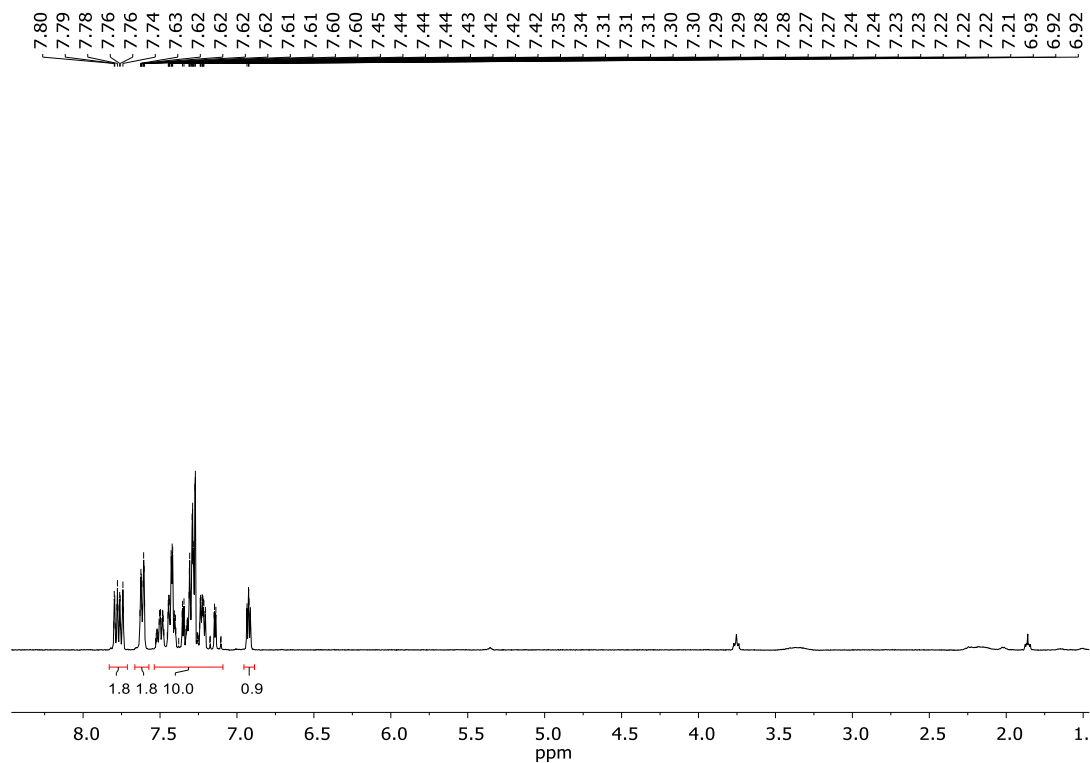


**Figure S5:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 101 MHz).

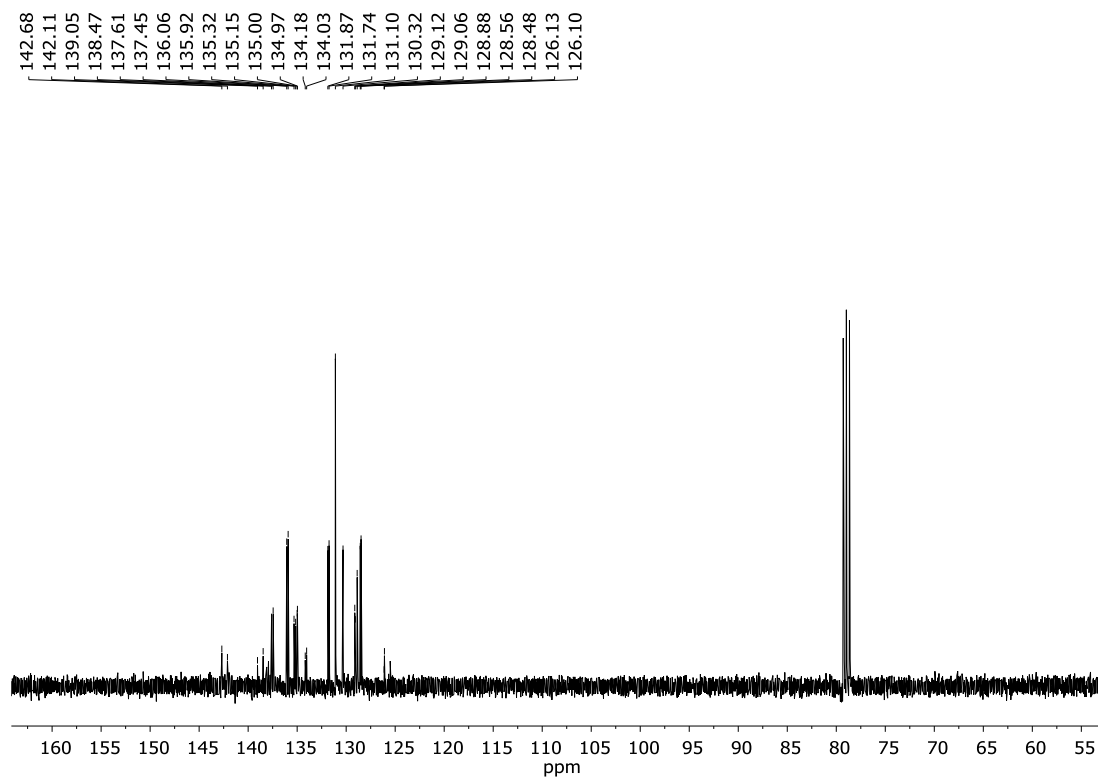


**Figure S6:**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 202 MHz).

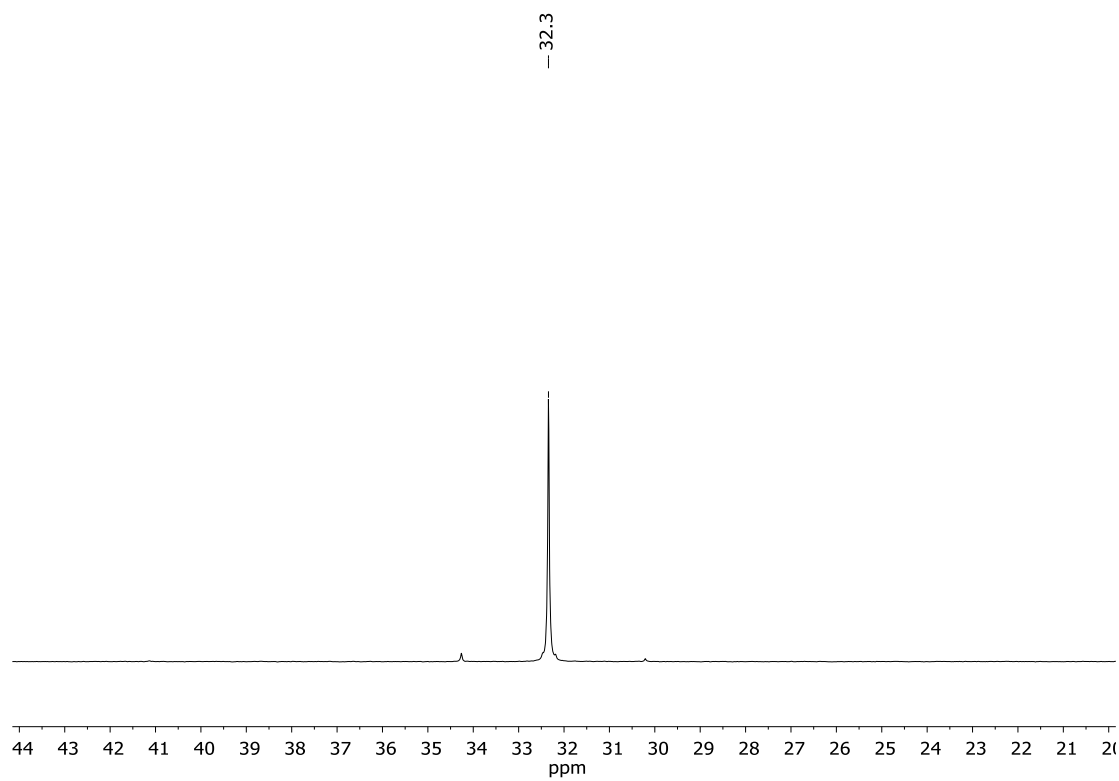
# NMR spectra for compound **5**



**Figure S7:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



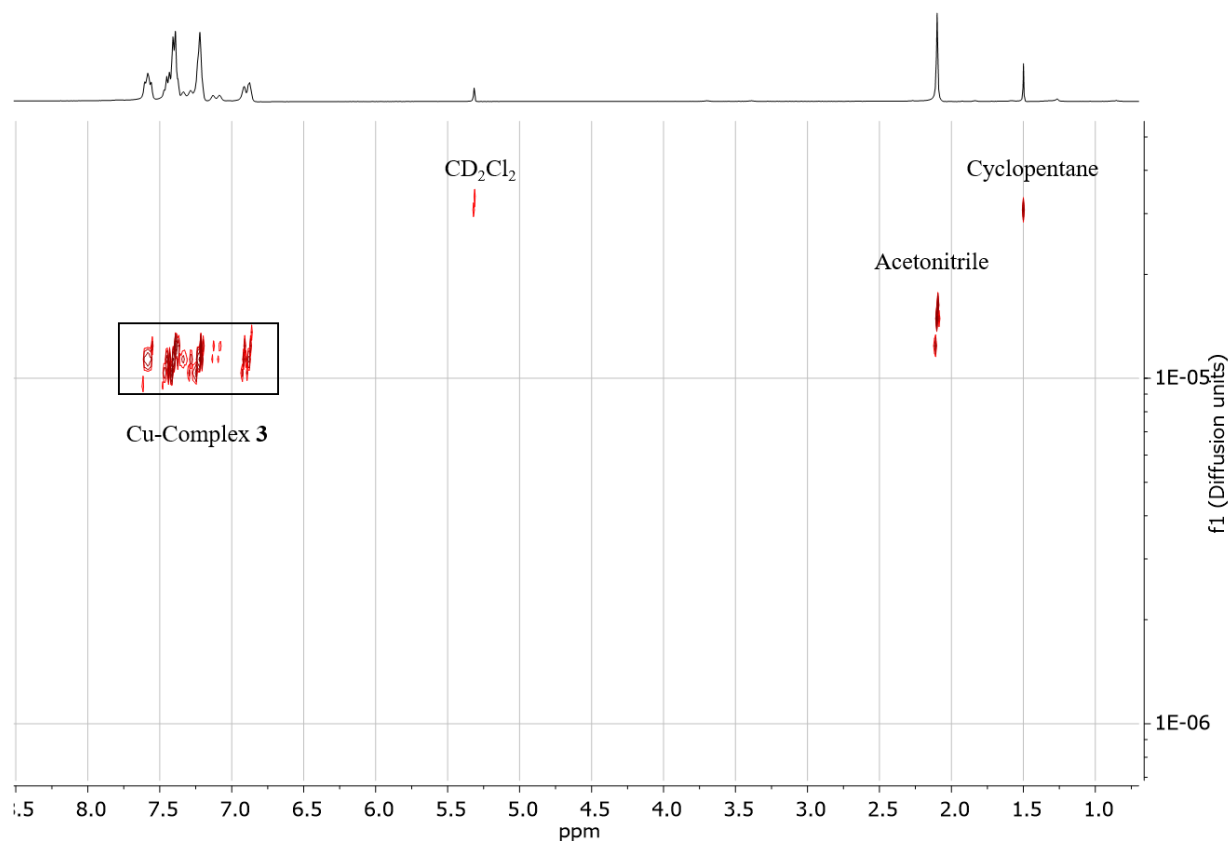
**Figure S8:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 101 MHz).



**Figure S9:**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 202 MHz).

**Table S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  DOSY-ECC-MW estimation of  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{MeCN})]^+$  (**3**) in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 25 °C. Cyclopentane was used as internal reference with  $\log D_{\text{ref,fix}}(\text{Cyclopentane})^{[1]} = -8.6277$ . The accuracy of the  $\text{ECC}^{\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2}$  (DSE) is in the range of  $\text{MW}_{\text{dif}} \leq \pm 3\%$  and of  $\text{ECC}^{\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2}$  (Merge) in the range of  $\text{MW}_{\text{dif}} \leq \pm 5\%$ . Hypothetical aggregates are  $[\text{Cu}_m(\text{MeCN})_m]$  with  $m = 1-2$ .

$^1\text{H}$ DOSY		25 °C		
$D_x$ [ $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ ]	1.08E-5	<b>Aggregate</b>	$\text{MW}_{\text{calc}}$ [g/mol]	$\text{MW}_{\text{dif}}$ [%]
$\log D_x$	-4.967	$[\text{Cu}_2(\text{MeCN})]^+$	422	3 (DSE)
$\log D_{x,\text{norm}}$	-8.967			-5 (Merge)
$D_{\text{ref}}(\text{Cyclopentane})$ [ $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ ]	2.82E-5			-16 (CS)
$\log D_{\text{ref}}(\text{Cyclopentane})$	-4.550	$[\text{Cu}_2(\text{MeCN})_2]^+$	782	91 (DSE)
$\text{MW}_{\text{det}}$ [g/mol] (DSE)	410			75 (Merge)
$\text{MW}_{\text{det}}$ [g/mol] (Merge)	446			55 (CS)
$\text{MW}_{\text{det}}$ [g/mol] (CS)	504			

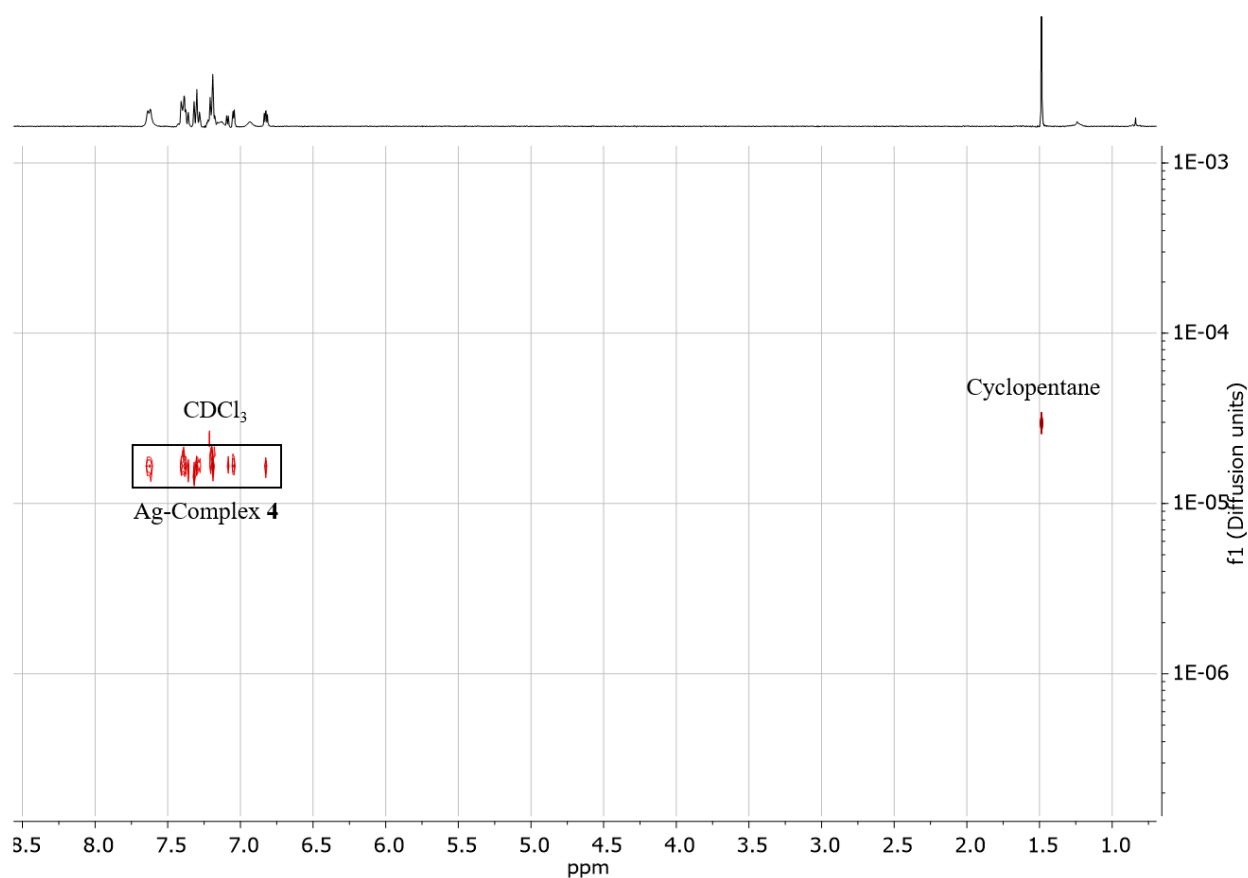


**Figure S10:**  $^1\text{H}$  DOSY spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Internal reference: Cyclopentane.



**Table S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  DOSY-ECC-MW estimation of  $[\text{Ag}_2]^+$  (**4**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . Cyclopentane was used as internal reference with  $\log D_{\text{ref,fix}}(\text{Cyclopentane})^{[1]} = -8.6277$ . The accuracy of the  $\text{ECC}^{\text{CDCl}_3}$  (DSE) is in the range of  $\text{MW}_{\text{dif}} \leq \pm 13\%$  and of  $\text{ECC}^{\text{CDCl}_3}(\text{Merge})$  in the range of  $\text{MW}_{\text{dif}} \leq \pm 2\%$ . Hypothetical aggregates are  $[\text{Ag}_{2m}]^+$  with  $m = 1-2$ .

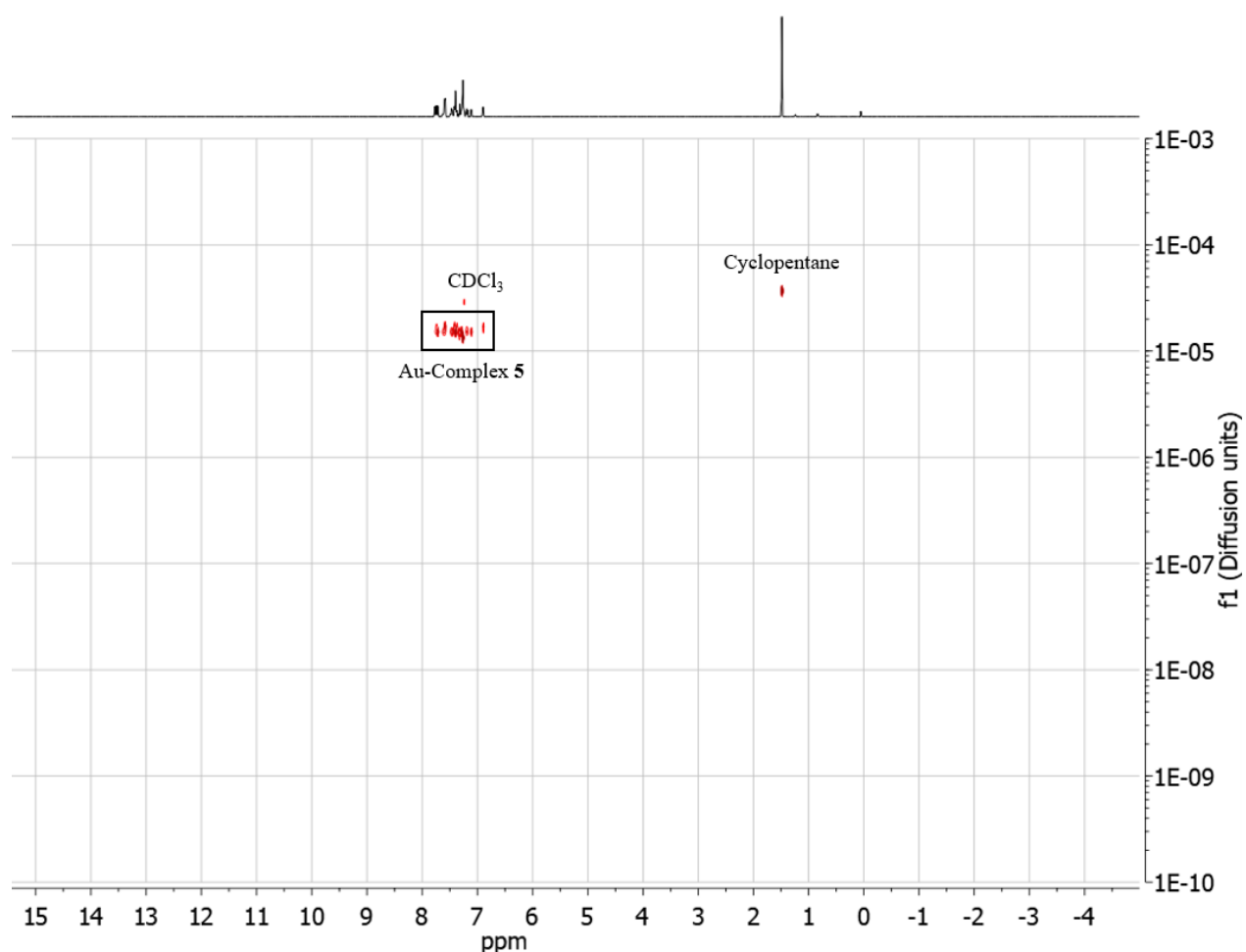
$^1\text{H}$ DOSY		$25^\circ\text{C}$		
$D_x$ [ $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ ]	1.49E-5	<b>Aggregate</b>	$\text{MW}_{\text{calc}}$ [g/mol]	$\text{MW}_{\text{dif}}$ [%]
$\log D_x$	-4.827	$[\text{Ag}_2]^+$	424	13 (DSE)
$\log D_{x,\text{norm}}$	-9.062			2 (Merge)
$D_{\text{ref}}(\text{Cyclopentane})$ [ $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ ]	3.84E-5	$[\text{Ag}_{22}]^+$	743	-10 (CS)
$\log D_{\text{ref}}(\text{Cyclopentane})$	-4.416			99 (DSE)
$\text{MW}_{\text{det}}$ [g/mol] (DSE)	374			79 (Merge)
$\text{MW}_{\text{det}}$ [g/mol] (Merge)	414			57 (CS)
$\text{MW}_{\text{det}}$ [g/mol] (CS)	472			



**Figure S11:**  $^1\text{H}$  DOSY spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Internal reference: Cyclopentane.

**Table S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  DOSY-ECC-MW estimation of  $\text{Au}_2\text{Cl}$  (**5**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . Cyclopentane was used as internal reference with  $\log D_{\text{ref},\text{fix}}(\text{Cyclopentane})^{[1]} = -8.6277$ . The accuracy of the  $\text{ECC}^{\text{CDCl}_3}$  (DSE) is in the range of  $\text{MW}_{\text{dif}} \leq \pm 3\%$  and of  $\text{ECC}^{\text{CDCl}_3}$  (Merge) in the range of  $\text{MW}_{\text{dif}} \leq \pm 0\%$ . Hypothetical aggregates are  $[\text{Au}_m]\text{Cl}$  with  $m = 1-2$ .

$^1\text{H}$ DOSY		$25^\circ\text{C}$		
$D_x$ [ $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ ]	1.40E-5	<b>Aggregate</b>	$\text{MW}_{\text{calc}}$ [g/mol]	$\text{MW}_{\text{dif}}$ [%]
$\log D_x$	-4.854	[Au <sub>2</sub> Cl]	551	13 (DSE)
$\log D_{x,\text{norm}}$	-9.128			0 (Merge)
$D_{\text{ref}}(\text{Cyclopentane})$ [ $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ ]	4.20E-5	[Au <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> Cl	869	-16 (CS)
$\log D_{\text{ref}}(\text{Cyclopentane})$	-4.377			78 (DSE)
$\text{MW}_{\text{det}}$ [g/mol] (DSE)	488			58 (Merge)
$\text{MW}_{\text{det}}$ [g/mol] (Merge)	550			32 (CS)
$\text{MW}_{\text{det}}$ [g/mol] (CS)	658			



**Figure S12:**  $^1\text{H}$  DOSY spectrum of **5** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Internal reference: Cyclopentane.

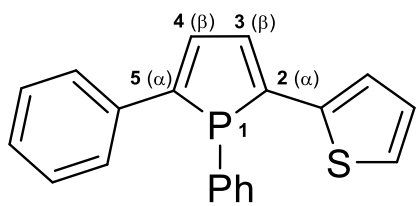
**Table S4.** Structure determination and refinement of **3**, **4** and **5**.

Compound reference	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Identification code	sv0582	i2836	i2794
Empirical formula	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>36</sub> BCuF <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>17</sub> AgBCl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> PS	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>15</sub> AuCIPS
Formula weight	869.16	597.95	550.77
Crystal system	orthorhombic	triclinic	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>Pbcn</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>Pbca</i>
a/Å	10.1811(4)	8.4526(6)	13.2610(19)
b/Å	23.5623(10)	9.7915(8)	14.4928(17)
c/Å	16.8772(6)	13.6796(12)	18.1219(18)
$\alpha$ /°	90	82.674(7)	90
$\beta$ /°	90	88.693(7)	90
$\gamma$ /°	90	89.795(6)	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	4048.7(3)	1122.64(16)	3482.8(7)
Z	4	2	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.426	1.769	2.101
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.775	1.340	8.811
F(000)	1784.0	592.0	2096.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.11 × 0.1 × 0.09	0.11 × 0.08 × 0.06	0.27 × 0.15 × 0.11
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	3.458 bis 51.988	3.002 bis 51.526	4.496 bis 51.888
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 9,	-8 ≤ h ≤ 10,	-16 ≤ h ≤ 15,
	-29 ≤ k ≤ 24,	-11 ≤ k ≤ 11,	-17 ≤ k ≤ 11,
	-20 ≤ l ≤ 20	-14 ≤ l ≤ 16	-20 ≤ l ≤ 22
Reflections collected	19577	7900	8684
	3968	4222	3255
Independent reflections	[R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0304,	[R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0273,	[R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0601,
	R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0282]	R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0278]	R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0491]
Data/restraints/parameters	3968/51/255	4222/0/280	3255/368/343
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.082	1.054	1.0503
Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma$ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0727,	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0508,	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0474,
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0920,	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0574,	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0524,
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	2.07/-1.00	1.61/-1.46	2.40/-1.77
CCDC number	2167961	2167962	2167963

Complex **3** crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group  $Pbcn$  with four formula units in each unit cell. The thienyl ring is disordered over three positions in a ratio of 60:25:15. The disorder was refined anisotropically.

The silver complex **4**·DCM crystallizes in the triclinic space group  $P\bar{1}$  with two formula units in each unit cell. The ratio of the disorder in the thienyl ring is 3:1, and the sulfur atom of the disorder was refined anisotropically.

Compound **5** crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group  $Pbca$  with eight formula units in each unit cell. The thienyl ring has a disorder in the ratio of 70:30, which was refined anisotropically except for carbon atoms C6A and C14A.



**Scheme S1:** Ring numbering scheme for the phosphole under investigation, with additional notation of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -positions.

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