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Invited for the cover of this issue is the group of Karen Wohnrath of the Universidade Estadual de Ponta Grossa (Paraná, Brazil) and collaborator René Boeré of the University of Lethbridge (Alberta, Canada) focused on enhancing ruthenium metallodrug design for antiproliferative and antibacterial agents. Highly lipophilic organophosphines, such as the title compound, show great promise for these applications.

In one word, how would you describe your research? Inspiring! Group members are chiefly chemists but work with an interdisciplinary team assembled by Karen Wohnrath - synthetic chemists, electrochemists, crystallographers, computational chemists, and cell biologists, drawn from several Brazilian Universities and from Canada - to push the boundaries of current metallodrug design, focusing on arene-ruthenium complexes containing fixed and solvent-replaceable ligands.

How did the collaboration on this project start?
The principal investigators got to know each other when both were visiting a mutual colleague's lab on research leaves. We thought there would be an opportunity to share our strengths and sought collaborative funding from the Science Without Borders initiative of the Brazilian Science Foundation (CNPq) - successfully!

What is the most significant result of this study?
While searching for lipophilic phosphines as supporting ligands for neutral and cationic ( $\eta^{6}$-arene) ruthenium(II) $L_{x} \mathrm{PAr}_{3}$ complexes, we identified the title compound as providing an intriguing balance between distal steric effects and highly lipophilic character from the heavy tbutyl group substitution. What we did not expect was the attending strong intramolecular dispersion forces with effects on structure and donor strength. This leads to an unusual increased pyramidality. But we can also anticipate strong lipophilic attraction to cell membranes of complexes containing such phosphines through intermolecular dispersion forces.
Does the research open other avenues that you would like to investigate?
Whereas the original focus was on cytotoxicity, an application for which arene-ruthenium organometallic complexes have long been investigated, we have also discovered promising antibacterial action by neutral phosphine-supported derivatives. The mechanisms of the diverse biological activity of these complexes are under investigation using a variety of biological and physical tests. Membrane interactions are also being studied using Langmuir films, a special expertise of the team. As electrochemists, we have paid attention to the redox stability of our target complexes under physiological conditions.

What are the main challenges in the broad area of your research?
The challenges to develop new inorganic metallodrugs are immense - it takes a very active imagination to consider the effects of the in vivo conditions on organometallic complexes. Solubility is a major consideration as intra- and extracellular fluids are so different from those employed in synthesis and traditional characterization methods. Even detecting the metal in the cancer or bacterial cells is a major challenge as therapeutic levels translate into very low concentrations. The use of a team approach is therefore essential to provide the needed expertise.
Who pays the bill for the research highlighted on the cover?
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What was the inspiration for this cover design?
"The goblet" - one of many striking red sandstone formations in Vila Velha ('old village') State Park near Ponta Grossa - is a favourite local attraction. It seems to model the distal steric bulk of our phosphines, especially when they are coordinated as supported ligands in representative metal complexes.


# Chemical and electrochemical oxidations of tris(3,5-di-tert-butylphenyl)phosphine. High Z' crystal structures and conformational effects associated with bulky meta substituents. 

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#### Abstract

Synthesis and single crystal X -ray diffraction structures of $\left(3,5-{ }^{-} \mathrm{Bu}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P},\left(3,5-{ }^{-} \mathrm{Bu}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{PO} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O},\left(3,5-{ }^{-} \mathrm{Bu}_{2}-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{PS}$ and $\left(3,5-{ }^{\mathrm{t}} \mathrm{Bu}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{PSe}$ are reported. The structure of $\left(3,5-{ }^{\mathrm{t}} \mathrm{Bu}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}$ has $\mathrm{Z}^{\prime}=4$, with both M and $P$ enantiomers of a helical conformation and a conformation with one flat ring in the same lattice. The pyramidality index, $\{\{\angle C P C\}$, is smaller for the helical compared to the flat conformers. All four have structures that are more pyramidal than the corresponding $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{E})$ derivatives, which is attributed to stronger intramolecular dispersion forces. The oxide crystallizes with $Z^{\prime}=2$ as a water-bridged dimer that is the most separated such dimer amongst 26 known structures, providing evidence for a distal (or perimeter) steric effect. Cyclic voltammetry in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN} /\left[{ }^{n} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]\left[\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right]$ indicated anodic peak potentials of +0.785 V for $(3,5-$ $\left.{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P},+0.745$ for $\left(3,5-\mathrm{Me}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P},+0.735 \mathrm{~V}$ for $\left(4-\mathrm{MeO}-3,5-\mathrm{Me}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}$ and +0.535 V for $(4-\mathrm{MeO}-$ $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}$, all relative to $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$. On this scale, $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ oxidizes at +1.04 V . The unexpectedly high oxidation potentials for the first three phosphines is attributed to a more pyramidal structure resulting in lowering of the HOMO energy compared to expectations from Hammett constants and ${ }^{11}(\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Se})$ NMR coupling constants.


## Keywords:

triarylphosphane; donor strengths from voltammetry; racemization of propeller molecules; London dispersion forces; empirical dispersion corrections

## Introduction

Phosphines remain amongst the most important ligands in transition metal coordination and organometallic chemistry with applications to catalysis, ${ }^{1-4}$ are very important Lewis bases for frustrated Lewis pair (FLP) chemistry ${ }^{5}$ and are used in critically important organic processes such as the Mitsonobu reaction. ${ }^{6}$ Triarylphosphines are still the most diverse and commonly employed phosphines. Molecules in the class $\mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ and $\mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{E}=\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{S}, \mathrm{Se})$ have long been important to the isomerization and energetics of propeller-shaped molecules based on foundational work of Mislow on triarylmethanes. ${ }^{7-9}$ His group established the strong connection of experiment (originally from dynamic NMR spectroscopy) with pioneering work in computational stereochemistry. ${ }^{10}$ Interest in this area remains strong amongst triarylphosphines, ${ }^{11-14}$ triarylphosphine chalcogenides, ${ }^{15,16}$ and conformations of $\mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ ligands in coordination complexes. ${ }^{17-21}$

We are exploring a series of substituted triarylphosphines 1 - 4 with different donor strengths and hydrophobicity. ${ }^{22}$ Whereas $2 \mathbf{- 4}$ are commercially available, ${ }^{23-25}$ the title phosphine tris( 3,5 -di-tertbutylphenyl)phosphine, 1, was, at the time our study commenced, only reported in a single communication and remained incompletely characterized. ${ }^{4}$ In particular, the crystal structure has not been reported.



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Our extensive experience with hydrophobic phosphines bearing bulky 2,6 -substituents, such as tris( 2,6 diisopropylphenyl)phosphine $\left(\right.$ Dipp $\left._{3} \mathrm{P}\right),{ }^{26,27}$ tris(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)phosphine (Tripp ${ }_{3} \mathrm{P}$ ) ${ }^{28}$ and tris(2,4,6trimethylphenyl)phosphine ( $\mathrm{Mes}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ ), ${ }^{29}$ was not transferable to our target ruthenium complexes as they are too sterically congested to coordinate to the metal and we thus turned to analogous 3,5-disubstituted ligands. We were particularly attracted to 1 and 2 but for completeness included 4-MeO substituted phosphine 3 and the corresponding 4 (which is one of the most basic $A r_{3} P$ ). Solution redox potentials have been recognized as excellent measures of phosphine donor ability and thus the voltammetric behaviour of the series 1 - 4 have been determined. ${ }^{26,27,30-32}$ Since chalcogenides of 1 were not know and no crystal structures of the series 1,5-7 has been reported, we synthesized them all and determined their structures to obtain pyramidality indices (i.e. the sum of the angles around phosphorus, $\Sigma\{\angle C P C\})^{33}$ for comparison to bulky 2,6-disubstituted phosphines. ${ }^{26-29}$ It is now recognized that different types of steric effects can occur in pyramidal phosphines. Systematic substitution in the 2-position provides steric shielding (Scheme 1A) by creating a cavity around the Lewis-basic electron density of the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO). This occurs when all the substituents are oriented exo, as is commonly but not exclusively observed in coordination complexes. ${ }^{33}$ However, systematic 2,6-disubstitution also generates steric pressure (Scheme 1B) between the endo substituents. This repulsive interaction can significantly decrease the pyramidality of $\operatorname{PAr}_{3}$, which raises the HOMO energy (inducing greater basicity) and enhances the steric shield by forcing the exo substituents closer around the phosphorus donor. ${ }^{26,33}$ Systematic 3-substitution provides an opportunity for the flanking exo groups to create a coordination pocket (dashed perimeter in Scheme 1C) without direct interference with the donor site (distal steric bulk). ${ }^{34-37}$ But does 3,5-disubstitution also generate steric pressure from the endo substituents? The title compound $\mathbf{1}$ and its chalcogenides $\mathbf{5 - 7}$ can help answer this question.

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Scheme 1. Steric effects in substituted $\mathrm{PAr}_{3}$
The crystal structures of $\mathbf{1}$ and $5 \mathbf{- 7}$ proved to be challenging due to a variety of disorder phenomena, especially 1 which crystallizes from numerous solvents, as well as by sublimation, in an unusual lattice with four molecules in the asymmetric unit $\left(Z^{\prime}=4\right)$. There is a growing awareness of crystal structures with values of $Z^{\prime}>1,{ }^{38,39}$ the incidence of which has steadily been rising and achieved $16 \%$ of all organic structures compiled in the Cambridge Crystallographic Database (CSD) ${ }^{40}$ in 2016. It is likely that this increasing incidence reflects improvements in crystallographic technology (hardware and software) since structures with more than one equivalent chemical entity in the asymmetric unit are usually more difficult to solve and to refine to publication quality. Nevertheless, higher values still remain extremely rare so that the incidence of $Z^{\prime}>2$ is only $1.23 \%$ in the CSD (2016).

During the course of our work, several new papers were published which independently reported the synthesis and utilization of $1,{ }^{2,3,6}$ thus generating significant interest in a phosphine that has lain dormant for some twenty years. The main purpose of this paper is to provide evidence for the relative donor strengths for $\mathbf{1 - 4}$ and to explore steric effects from 3,5-disubstitution in the structures of $\mathbf{1}$ and its derivatives.

## Results and Discussion

Synthesis. We prepared 1 by modifying the original report of Manabe to facilitate workup under anaerobic conditions, using canula techniques. ${ }^{4}$ Although the reactions are essentially quantitative (confirmed by NMR and mass balance), purification proved difficult and all the reported preps suffer in recovered yield. ${ }^{2,3,6}$ This seems to be due to the extremely high solubility of 1 in alcohols. Crystallographic investigation demonstrated that growing crystals free of oxide contamination was especially difficult (see SI for details). The oxide $\mathbf{5}$ was therefore made deliberately to confirm this contaminant spectroscopically (see below). We eventually found that recrystallization from a minimum quantity of cold 3:1 $\mathrm{MeOH} / E t O H$ under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ affords small colourless needles of pure 1.

Crystal structure of $\mathbf{1}$. Single crystal X-ray diffraction provides the structure of $\mathbf{1}$ which has the same habit (small colourless long thin plates) and unit cells when grown from ethanol or methanol as recrystallization solvents and also when grown by sublimation in a gradient furnace. The structure is complicated, with 4 independent molecules in the $P 2_{1} / c$ lattice (denoted as $Z^{\prime}=4$, see Table S 1 in the SI ). These exist as two distinct conformational isomers; the one shown in Figure 1a has aryl ring C1 > C6 oriented 'flat', i.e. orthogonal to a plane that contains the principal axis of the whole molecule through P1 and the non-bonded electrons on phosphorus. The other three have the common helical arrangement of all three rings (Figure 1b), with approximate three-fold rotational symmetry. The two types of conformations are depicted in perspective in Figure 1c in idealized form to facilitate discussion. Additionally, within the asymmetric unit (as denoted by the phosphorus atoms), P100 has an anti-clockwise rotation ( $P$ configuration - see Figure S13 in the Supporting Information -SI$)^{13,18,41}$ if viewed from above while P200,300 have clockwise rotation $(M) .{ }^{42}$

Three of the four molecules have significant rotational positional disorder of the ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ rings that could be modelled with part occupancies (see the SI). The independent molecules also show a distribution of limiting conformations of the ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ groups w.r.t. the attached aryl planes; in the four rotationally disordered groups, the components are close to these two limiting conformations. The observed (Fig. 1c) limiting conformations of the ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ groups have one in-plane methyl group either syn with the side of the phenyl ring (red colour) or anti (green colour).




Flat conformer, $m$ symmetry


Helical conformer, 3 symmetry

Figure 1. Displacement ellipsoids plots ( $30 \%$ probability) of (a) the 'flat' conformation designated by P1 containing $\mathrm{C} 1 \rightarrow 54$ and (b) one of the helical conformations designated by P100. Only the major components of the two-part rotational disorder model for ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ groups C11 and C47 are shown. Hydrogen atoms are omitted and the atom numbering scheme of $x 1-x 14$ for the 12 aryl rings is provided. (c) Perspective diagrams of the P1 and P300 molecules for the major ${ }^{t}$ Bu conformations in the crystal structure.

High $Z^{\prime}$ in $\mathrm{Ar}_{3} P$ and $A r_{3} P E$. The Durham High $Z^{\prime}$ database for $Z^{\prime}>4^{43}$ has no entries for $A r_{3} P$ and $A r_{3} P E(E=O$, $\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{Se}$ ). A review of the CSD entries (CSD Version 5.39, November 2017) reported $108 \mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ structures with $Z^{\prime}$ $=2$ and 72 for $\mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{PO}$. For $Z^{\prime}=3$, there were two entries for $\mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ and four for $\mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{PO}$, while for $Z^{\prime}=4$, there were just $11 \mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ and $5 \mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{PO}$ examples. Thus, the incidence of $Z^{\prime}>1$ for triarylphosphines is low both in number and range. Intriguingly, one of two polymorphs of tris(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine (CSD refcode: IGAGIG), a close structural analogue to $\mathbf{1}$ in view of the similar molecular size of $\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ and ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ substituents, also crystalizes with $Z^{\prime}=4 .{ }^{[44]}$ Moreover, in that structure three of the four molecules are predominantly in a 'flat' conformation and only one is helical. Furthermore, unlike 5-7, the oxide and selenide of this fluorinated phosphine all adopt the flat conformation in their respective crystal structures. ${ }^{45,46}$

Computational analysis of conformation. It was thus important to ascertain which of the two, 'flat' or helical, is the lower energy in 1 and what the energy difference between conformers is. Hybrid DFT calculations were undertaken at the B3LYP/6-31G(2d,p) level of theory and an optimization that starts with the flat conformer as found in the crystal structure (Figure 1a) smoothly converts over to a helical geometry. The most optimized flat geometry was found to be about $6 \mathrm{~kJ} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ higher in energy than the optimized helical conformation.


Figure 2. DFT minimum-energy conformer: symmetry point group 3, with the upper ${ }^{t}$ Bu groups oriented with a co-planar methyl group syn (red) and all the lower ${ }^{\text {tBu }}$ groups oriented anti (green colour).

Once it was found that the helical form is the most stable, attention was paid to the limiting conformations of the ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ groups. Whereas in the geometry taken from the X -ray structure, five ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ groups are oriented with one methyl group in-plane with the attached aryl rings and in syn conformation and the sixth is found anti, the 3 -fold symmetric conformation wherein all three exo ${ }^{\text {tBu groups (i.e. on the phosphorus atom side of the }}$ pyramid) are syn and the three endo groups all anti (Figure 2 ) is the lowest-energy at this level of theory. By contrast, alternatives with one of the lower groups anti and the other two syn is $\sim 1.5 \mathrm{~kJ} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ higher and the more symmetric analogue with all the lower groups syn is $\sim 2.3 \mathrm{~kJ} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ higher in energy than that of the calculated lowest energy conformer. Such small energy differences are certainly consistent with the presence of rotationally disordered ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ groups in the reported crystal structure (see above). For the same reason it is evident that thermal energy at RT is also capable of promoting the P1 molecule found in the crystal structure of 1 to a flat conformation ( $\sim 6 \mathrm{~kJ} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ ).

This geometry with optimal ${ }^{t}$ Bu group orientations (Fig. 2) was then used in a 'relaxed scan' algorithm by stepping one fixed C-P-C-C dihedral angle (C1-P1-C21-C26) with variable step sizes to investigate any influence of the bulky 3,5-substituents on the phosphine racemization mechanism (Figure 3 ). This follows the classical algorithm of Mislow for computational investigation of conformation. ${ }^{8}$ For comparison, a similar relaxed scan at the same level of theory was undertaken for the 'parent' phosphine $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$. The scans were undertaken over approximately $180^{\circ}$. For $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ starting from the $M$ helical enantiomer, $\mathbf{i}$, the energy rises to a maximum ii at about $5.6 \mathrm{~kJ} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$, with a 'flat' orientation of one ring, in accordance with the determination
by Mislow that the two-ring flip is the threshold mechanism for racemization of triaryl pyramidal molecules (Figure S 13 ). ${ }^{7,8,13}$ Beyond this maximum, the $P$ helical structure iii is achieved. Further driving of the dihedrals leads to a second 'flat' conformation iv at $5.1 \mathrm{~kJ} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$, that differs slightly from $\mathbf{i i}$ in the relative twists of the other two phenyl rings and then rapidly falls off to a final helical $M$ geometry $\mathbf{v}$ that is identical to $i$. None of this is surprising, but when the same scan is undertaken on the optimized geometry of $\mathbf{1}$, starting from the $M$ ground state $I$, the energy rises steeply and reaches a different maximum II at about $26 \mathrm{~kJ} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$, for which the geometry is very close to the idealized intermediate of Mislow's one-ring flip mechanism (one aryl ring parallel to the principal axis). At III the $P$ enantiomer is attained (which can be further optimized to the same energy as I). Further driving of the dihedral leads to IV at $6.7 \mathrm{~kJ} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$, with the single 'flat' aryl ring. Fascinatingly, the energy barrier for the intermediates IV and iv are extremely similar despite the large differences in substituent bulk. Thus, $\mathbf{1}$ can be expected to shuttle back-and-forth over the barrier at IV to interconvert its chirality (and III, IV and V co-exist in the lattice of the $Z^{\prime}=4$ crystal structure - as discussed above).


Figure 3. Comparative computed energy scans at the B3LYP/6-31G(2d,p) level of theory for 1 (green) and $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ (red) with full optimization of all parameters other than the $\mathrm{C}_{\text {ipso }}-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{C}_{\text {ispo }}-\mathrm{C}_{\text {ortho }}$ torsion angles. Molecular conformations for the energy maxima and minima are also depicted (see text for further details).

Electrochemical oxidations and phosphine donor strengths. The electrochemical properties of phosphines 1-4 and $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ were studied by cyclic voltammetry (CV) in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN} /\left[{ }^{1} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]\left[\mathrm{ClO} \mathrm{O}_{4}\right]$ solutions and representative voltammograms are presented in Figure 4a. The CVs show the presence of an irreversible oxidation process with anodic peak potentials ( $E_{\mathrm{p}}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ ) in the range +0.54 to +0.79 V . Scan-rate dependencies correlated linearly with the square root, indicating diffusion-controlled processes (see Figure S11). Irreversible oxidations for phosphines lacking enhanced steric shielding (Scheme 1B) is normal and has been attributed to rapid reaction with adventitious water. ${ }^{27}$ Despite this, good correlations of the anodic peak potentials have been obtained to the relative basicity of phosphines. ${ }^{30-32}$ The range of potentials in $\mathbf{1 - 4 , 0 . 2 5} \mathrm{V}$, is reasonably large for this variation in substituents. Phosphines $\mathbf{2 , 4}$ and $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ were measured previously in a comparative investigation, albeit under very different conditions (data included in Table 1). ${ }^{47}$ These results agree well in the relative placement of 2 between 4 and $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ (potential steps of 0.17 V and 0.18 V , compared to ours of 0.29 V and 0.21 V ). Geometry optimized B3LYP/6-31G(2d,p) DFT calculations, incorporating Grimme's D3 empirical dispersion correction, were performed on 1-4, and the energy of the HOMO of each phosphine is also listed in Table 1. Electrochemical oxidation involves the removal of an electron from this orbital (Figure 4c, inset). The oxidation potential data correlates linearly with the HOMO energies, yielding an $R^{2}$ of 0.97 (Figure 4b). By contrast, the Hammett $\sigma^{+}$constants make the wrong prediction, especially for $\mathbf{3}$ (see Figure S12).



Figure 4. (a) Cyclic voltammograms of phosphines 1-4 in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN} /\left[{ }^{n} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]\left[\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right]$ solutions measured vs. $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}$ and expressed on $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$ scale. (b) Relative basicity of $\mathbf{1 - 4}$ and $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ from the correlation between $E_{\mathrm{p}}{ }^{a}$ and DFT HOMO energies $\left(\mathrm{R}^{2}=0.97\right)$. ( c , inset) Kohn-Sham orbital surface diagram for the redox molecular orbital of 1.

Table 1. Experimental voltammetric data and DFT computed redox orbital energies

| Phosphine | $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{p}}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{V}^{a}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{E}$ to 1, V | Culcasi, $\mathrm{V}^{b}$ | $\mathrm{HOMO}, \mathrm{eV}$ | Hammett $\sigma^{+c}$ | $\sum\{\angle \mathrm{CPC}\}$, ${ }^{\circ d}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ | $+1.04{ }^{e}$ | -0.251 | +1.40 | -5.755 | 0 | 305.1 |
| $\mathbf{1}\left(3,5-{ }^{-} \mathrm{Bu}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}$ | +0.785 | 0.000 |  | -5.549 | -0.118 | 298.3 |
| $\mathbf{2}\left(3,5-\mathrm{Me}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}$ | +0.745 | 0.025 | +1.22 | -5.536 | -0.132 | 304.8 |
| $\mathbf{3}\left(4-\mathrm{MeO}-3,5-\mathrm{Me}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}$ | +0.735 | 0.039 |  | -5.416 | -0.91 | 304.8 |
| $\mathbf{4}\left(4-\mathrm{MeO}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}$ | +0.535 | 0.251 | +1.05 | -5.228 | -0.778 | 305.4 |

${ }^{a}$ Measured in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN} /\left[{ }^{n} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]\left[\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right]$ solutions vs. $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}$ and scaled to $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$ at the invariant internal $\mathrm{E}_{1 / 2}=$ +0.375 V . Estimated error $= \pm 0.010 \mathrm{~V}^{b}$ Determined by CV in $n$-butyronitrile vs. SCE. ${ }^{47{ }^{c} \text { From ref. } 48 .{ }^{d} \text { From }}$ geometry-optimized B3LYP/6-31G(2d,p) hybrid DFT calculations incorporating Grimme's D3 empirical dispersion corrections. ${ }^{e}$ From ref. 26.

According to both the voltammetric data from our study and that of Culcasi et al., as well as the calculated HOMO energies, $\mathbf{1 - 3}$ cluster together with similar donor strengths roughly half-way along the range between $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ and very basic 4. A different way to establish phosphine donor ability is the well-known correlation between one-bond ${ }^{77} \mathrm{Se}^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR coupling constant and $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{b}}{ }^{49}$ Since we have prepared the selenide $\mathbf{7}$ in bulk (see below), it was possible to accurately measure its coupling constant as ${ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}\left({ }^{77} \mathrm{Se},{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\right)=719$ Hz . Using the empirical correlation of Beckmann et al. and restricting to just $\mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ entries rather than all triorganophosphines, this provides an estimate of $\mathrm{p} K(\mathrm{~b}) \approx 10.2$, which places 1 close to $\left(4-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}$ in basicity. ${ }^{49}$ There is thus a significant discrepancy between the donor ability established from the direct Se-P coupling constant and the voltammetry.

Chemical oxidations. In addition to voltammetry, chemical oxidations of 1 were undertaken with oxygen, sulfur and selenium. Full characterization details are provided in the Experimental section and the crystal structures were determined. While this work was in progress, brief reports have appeared independently for the preparation of oxide $5^{2}$ and selenide $\mathbf{7}^{3}$ with partial characterization for each.


Figure 5. Displacement ellipsoids plot (40\% probability) of one of the two crystallographically independent and centrosymmetric water-bridged dimers of 5 as found in the crystal lattice. H atoms not involved in Hbonding and minor components of disordered ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ groups have been omitted for clarity. The water O 2 atoms are centered on a plane also containing the two P1 atoms of the asymmetric unit.

The oxide crystallizes as two independent centrosymmetric water-bridged dimers ( $Z^{\prime}=2$; Figure 5). However, the presence of a superlattice provides an alternative refinement with $Z^{\prime}=4$ (see Figure S3); on comparison of the two models, no significant advantage obtains from the superlattice as both models involve disorder. One of the two dimers is depicted in Figure 5 involving water atoms O 2 and the P1-O1 atoms. Notably, the second dimer involving water atoms O 3 and the $\mathrm{P} 100-\mathrm{O} 100$ atoms was found to have only 0.65 occupancy for the water and is also a less compact dimer. The $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{OH}_{2}$ contact distances in the depicted dimer are 2.861(2) and 2.981(3) Å, averaging to $2.921 \AA$, whereas for the P100 structure the distances are 2.902(6) and $3.065(6) \AA$ A. A search of the CSD (Nov 2016) found 25 structures in which two phosphine oxide units are bridged by two water molecules in a manner analogous to 5 (see Table S3). The full range of individual contacts in this search is from 2.649-2.930 Å, but the average within a given structure ranges from 2.680 $2.901 \AA$. By both criteria, the dimers in 5 have the longest O1 $\cdots$ O1' distances of the set. This suggests that the steric repulsion in 5 between meta ${ }^{t}$ Bu substituents on adjacent molecules of the bridged dimer is significant (for a space-filling representation of the dimers see Figure S4). In other words, this suggests the existence of distal steric effects also in 5 (see above, Scheme 1c).

The torsion angles O-P-C-C2,22,42 and O-P-C-C102,122,142 are all different: 26.7(2), 25.0(2), 35.7(7) and $31.3(2), 13.9(2), 54.3(2)$ so that the geometry of the P100/O100 molecule approximates to the Mislow onering flip intermediate (one aryl ring co-planar with the principal axis - see Figure S13). ${ }^{7,8,13}$ By contrast the
$\mathrm{P} 1 / \mathrm{O}$ molecule is closer to helical. The average $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ distance in $\mathbf{5}$ is $1.4925(10) \AA$, which is identical to the average 1.494(6) Å for the 25 comparative water bridged dimers in Table $S 3$ and perhaps slightly longer than a global average for $700 \mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ found in the CSD of 1.488(13) $\AA$.


Figure 6. Displacement ellipsoids plots ( $40 \%$ probability) depicting the molecular structure of (a) $\mathbf{6}$ and (b) $\mathbf{7}$ as found in their crystal lattices. Minor components of disordered ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ groups, as well as Se and P in $\mathbf{7}$, are omitted (see the ESI).

The crystal structures of sulfide $\mathbf{6}$ and selenide $\mathbf{7}$ are isostructural in $P 2_{1} / c$ (Figure 6). The data for $\mathbf{7}$ were determined several times but always display some strange ghosting of heavy atom sites, leading to large residual peaks in the refinement. No suitable twin law could be found to deal with this issue but the refinement as a whole-molecule disorder is otherwise unexceptional. The two structures display ${ }^{{ }^{t} B u}$ disorders for the same groups, likely reflecting regions of lesser interactions in the lattice. Both lattices also contain voids ( $67 \AA^{3}, 1.7 \%$ of cell volume for $\mathbf{6 ; 1 4 1} \AA^{3}, 3.5 \%$ of cell volume for 7 ) but the volumes of these voids are too small to be solvent accessible. There are no significant intermolecular contacts in either structure.

The torsion angles S-P-C-C2,22,42 are 50.2(2), 40.7(2), 42.4(2) in 6 and Se-P-C-C2,22,42 are 49.7(3), 39.0(3), 44.5(3) in 7. Thus, these essentially isostructural molecules are both closer to an ideal helical geometry with three-fold rotational symmetry than are either of the independent oxides. The P-S bond distance in 6 is $1.9596(8)$, which is well within the mean of $1.953(11) \AA \begin{aligned} & \text { for } \\ & 179 \\ & \text { Ar }_{3} P S \text { reported in the CSD. }\end{aligned}$ The P-Se distance in $\mathbf{7}$ is $2.115(1)$, also entirely normal compared to the mean $2.115(14) \AA$ for $84 \mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{PSe}$ in the CSD.

Phosphine pyramidality. We recently defined a pyramidality index, $\Sigma\{\angle \mathrm{CPC}\}$, to help define the shapes of organophosphines and related molecules using internal geometries from crystal structures or computation..$^{33,50}$ An index of $360^{\circ}$ is trigonal planar and $280.8^{\circ}$ is the almost right-angled geometry achieved in $\mathrm{PH}_{3}$. Compared to the latter, three aryl rings cause significant reduction in pyramidality, so that for example
$\sum\{\angle C P C\}=308.2(4)^{\circ}$ in $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ as determined from averaging multiple crystal structures. ${ }^{25}$ Advantages of this index over alternative descriptions of pyramidality include easy accommodation of deviations from full 3-fold symmetry and no need to define a principal axis. ${ }^{52}$ Systematic 2,6 -disubstitution induces reduced pyramidality in $\mathrm{PAr}_{3}$, so that $\sum\{\angle \mathrm{CPC}\}=335.6(3)^{\circ}$ in Dipp $_{3} \mathrm{P}^{26} 334.4(3)^{\circ}$ in $\mathrm{Tripp}_{3} \mathrm{P},{ }^{28}$ and $329.1(5)^{\circ}$ in $\mathrm{Mes}_{3} \mathrm{P},{ }^{29}$ all data taken from single-crystal diffraction studies. Pyramidality is also reduced upon oxidation, for example $\sum\{\angle \mathrm{CPC}\}$ increases to $319.26(3)$ in $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PO},{ }^{53}$ to $317.5(4)^{\circ}$ in $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PS}^{54}$ and $317.9(6)^{\circ}$ in $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PSe} .{ }^{55}$ The pyramidality index of 1 is $303.5(2)^{\circ}$ for the $P 200,300,400$ helical geometries, but $308.5(1)^{\circ}$ for the planar geometry of the P1 molecule in the measured crystal lattice. We can also compare $\sum\{\angle \mathrm{CPC}\}=313.31(5)^{\circ}$ in $5,314.69(5)^{\circ}$ in 6 and $315.28(10)^{\circ}$ in 7. Interestingly, except for the planar geometry in 1, all the tris(3,5-di-tertbutylphenyl)phosphine derivatives are consistently more pyramidal than simple $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{E})$ analogues. Thus, we can now answer the question posed in the Introduction unequivocally: endo $5-{ }^{-} \mathrm{Bu}$ groups do not generate steric pressure. In fact, they show an attractive rather than a repulsive interaction in the endo region.

The most likely origins for this attraction, resulting in increased pyramidality in 1-3 and 5-7, are dispersion forces operating between the 3,5 -substituent groups and the $\pi$ electron density of these electron-rich aromatic rings. In support of this notion, the DFT calculations originally used in the data analysis were repeated at the same level of theory but incorporating Grimme's D3 empirical dispersion correction with geometry re-optimization for $\mathbf{1 - 4 .}{ }^{56-60}$ The results have decreased values of $\sum\{\angle \mathrm{CPC}\}$ that correlate directly with the identity of the 3,5 -substituents (Table 1). ${ }^{22}$ That is, $\sum\{\angle C P C\}>305^{\circ}$ for $3,5-\mathrm{H}_{2}, \sum\{\angle C P C\}=304.8^{\circ}$ for $3,5-\mathrm{diMe}$ (a small change) and $298.3^{\circ}$ for $3,5-\mathrm{di}^{\mathrm{t}} \mathrm{Bu}$ (a considerably larger contraction). The role of dispersion interactions with and between 3,5-dimethylphenyl groups has recently been recognized as supplying more energy towards holding the sterically challenged all-meta tert-butyl hexaphenylethane together than the C C covalent bond [59].

## Conclusions

Taken together, the structural properties for $\mathbf{1}$ and 5-7 demonstrate in their crystallography the challenges posed by $3,5-$ bis- $^{\text {t }} \mathrm{Bu}$ group substitution. Parent phosphine 1 crystallizes as a complex cluster of four molecules with several different conformations. Oxide 5 has a surprisingly strong affinity for water but has trouble maintaining the common doubly-bridged $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}\left\{\mathrm{OH}_{2}\right\}_{2} \mathrm{O}=\mathrm{P}$ motif and has the longest ever reported separation between monomers among 30 such structures, which we attribute to distal steric congestion. Moreover, the structure suffers from multiple and different types of positional disorders. The structures of 6 and $\mathbf{7}$ have voids that are not filled by solvent but indicate that the bulky shapes have difficulty filling space efficiently.

Since greater pyramidality is associated with increased s-orbital contribution to the HOMO, the increasing pyramidality resulting from greater London dispersion forces also provides a plausible explanation for why the basicity of 1-3 are lower than expected based on isolated-ring indicators such as Hammett $\sigma^{+}$constants or from the ${ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Se}}$ coupling constants, from which changes in geometry must be excluded. ${ }^{49}$ In view of the excellent correlation to DFT-calculated HOMO energies, we suggest that the phosphine donor strength of 1 - 4 established by voltammetry from anodic peak potentials are more accurate for this series than values obtained from ${ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{se}}$. The interesting possibility that the conformational profiles of 1 and $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ may be significantly affected by dispersion interactions, suggested by a referee, will be further investigated and reported on at a later time.

## Experimental Section

General Methods. Solvents were reagent grade or better. THF (BDH) was dried by refluxing with Na /benzophenone. Tris(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine, tris(4-methoxy-3,5-bis-dimethyl-phenyl)phosphine and tris(3,5-bis-dimethyl-phenyl)phosphine (Aldrich) wre used as received as was 1-bromo-3,5-bistertbutlybenzene (Aldrich). All work with air-sensitive phosphines was conducted in a dry $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere using modified Schlenk and vacuum line techniques. Elemental analyses for $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S}$ were performed with a Vario Micro-cube Elemental Analyzer. FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 37 Spectrometer in the range of $4000-400 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. UV-Vis spectra ( 0.10 mmol solutions) were recorded on a Varian Cary 50 spectrophotometer using a quartz cell, in the range of 200-900 nm in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. NMR spectra were recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ solution ( ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ ) on a 300 MHz Bruker Avance II spectrometer and are referenced to the solvent residuals. The assignment of all the C and H resonances were confirmed by the 2D NMR techniques COSY, HSQC and HMBC. Archival NMR data is provided in Figures S6-S9 in the SI.

Voltammetry. Cyclic voltammetry measurements were carried out at room temperature with a $\mu$-Autolab (Type III, Metrohm-Eco Chemie) potentiostat/galvanostat. These experiments were performed using $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ containing $0.10 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{NClO}_{4}$ (PTBA) as a supporting electrolyte and an electrochemical cell based on three electrodes: a $3 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ glassy carbon working electrode, a platinum auxiliary electrode and an $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}$ reference electrode in a Luggin capillary probe. Under these conditions, ferrocene ( Fc ) is oxidized at +0.375 V and the data are corrected to the $\mathrm{Fc}^{+/ 0}$ scale. Voltammograms were performed over multiple scan rates ranging from $0.1-2.0 \mathrm{~V} \cdot \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$. A full set of CV scans and their scan-rate dependency is provided in Figures S10 and S11 in the SI.

Synthesis. Tris-(3,5-di-tert-butylphenyl)phosphine, 1 [189756-42-1]. ${ }^{4}$ A solution of 5.0 g ( 18.6 mmol ) of 1-bromo-3,5-di-tert-butylbenzene in 18 mL of dry THF in a 250 mL flask equipped with a side-arm stopcock was cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 min with stirring. Then $13.2 \mathrm{~mL}(19.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ of $n \mathrm{BuLi}(1.6 \mathrm{M}$ in hexane) was added during 10 min . Thereafter, $0.540 \mathrm{~mL}(6.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ of $\mathrm{PCl}_{3}$ was added over a further 10 min . The resulting mixture was warmed to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and then stirred for 30 min . After removing all volatiles to a vacuum trap, the residue was quenched with a solution of 10 mL of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{mL} 1 \mathrm{Mch} \mathrm{CH}_{4}$ which had previously been degassed by boiling under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$, followed by $2 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ which had been deoxygenated by sparging with $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The organic phase $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}+\right.$ phosphine) was transferred by canula to a clean flask containing anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, the dried solution underwent a second canula transfer and was evaporated to leave 3.13 g of a white powder (yield: 84.4\%). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta \mathrm{H} 21.21$ (s, 54H, $\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}$ ); H17.06 (d, 6H, JH-p $=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ); H37.34 ( $s, 3 \mathrm{H},-\mathrm{CH}$ ) (lit. $\delta: 1.22,7.08,7.36$ ), in good agreement with the literature values. ${ }^{4}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}(100.61 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): 31.63 ( $\mathrm{s},{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}_{\mathrm{Me}}$ ), 35.14 ( $\mathrm{s},{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}_{\mathrm{c}}$ ), 122.42 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}_{\text {para }}$ ), 128.18 ( $\mathrm{d}^{2}{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{CP}}=19 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}_{\text {ortho }}$ ), $137.25\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{CP}}=9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $C_{\text {ipso }}$ ), $\delta 150.58$ ( $\mathrm{d}^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{CP}}=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}_{\text {meta }}$ ) (lit. $\left.\delta: 31.36,34.83,122.19,127.94\right) .{ }^{4}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}{ }^{-31} \mathrm{P} \mathrm{NMR}\left(121.49 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ : $\delta$-1.30. IR (Diamond ATR, v, cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): $2951 \mathrm{~s}, 2897 \mathrm{~m}, 2867 \mathrm{~m}, 1578 \mathrm{~m}, 1472 \mathrm{~m}, 1418 \mathrm{~m}, 1388 \mathrm{~m}, 1365 \mathrm{~s}, 1286$ w, $1239 \mathrm{~s}, 1197 \mathrm{w}, 1124 \mathrm{~m}, 1016 \mathrm{w}, 932 \mathrm{w}, 901 \mathrm{~m}, 872 \mathrm{~s}, 781 \mathrm{w}, 712 \mathrm{us}, 583 \mathrm{~m}, 523 \mathrm{w}, 475 \mathrm{~m}, 421 \mathrm{~m}$ (lit.: $\left.\mathrm{KBr} 2950,1575,1475 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) .{ }^{4}$ For information on purification by recrystallization, see the SI .

Tris-(3,5-di-tert-butylphenyl)phosphine oxide monohydrate 5. Leftovers of tris-(3,5-di-tertbutylphenyl)phosphine from various recrystallization attempts were placed in a 50 mL RB flask and dissolved in 20 mL of acetone. Thin-layer chromatography (elution: $95 \%$ hexanes; $5 \%$ ethyl acetate) was taken before reaction. Then the solution was heating with stirring to reflux and $4 \%$ aqueous $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\left(0.7 \mathrm{~mL}\right.$ of $30 \% \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ diluted with 5 mL of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ) was added dropwise. Further TLC monitoring indicated reaction completion after 1 H. Crystals formed on cooling to RT and were filtered, taken up in 10 mL of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. After filtering and evaporation, the residue was recrystallized from 2 mL of boiling $n$-heptane. Cooling to $-30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ afforded colourless crystals of a hydrate $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{PO} \cdot n \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} .0 .279 \mathrm{~g} . \mathrm{MP}: 180-189{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{PO} \cdot 0.35 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (best fit to residual water content; see Crystallography): C, 81.20; $\mathrm{H}, 10.34 \%$. Found: C , 80.88; H, 9.96\%. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta \mathrm{H} 11.26$ (s, 54H, -C ( $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}$ ); H17.46 (dd, 6H, J $\mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{P}}=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$ );

H3 $7.55\left(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H},-\mathrm{CH}, \mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{H}}=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$ ) (lit. $\left.\delta: 1.26,7.48,7.59\right) .{ }^{6}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(75.48 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}} 31.33(\mathrm{~s},-$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{d}} 35.01\left(\mathrm{~s},-\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{f}} 125.55\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{P}}=7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) ; \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{b}} 126.45\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{p}}=11 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) ; \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{a}} 132.18\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{P}}=103 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$; $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{c}} 150.61\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{c}}=12 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$ ) (lit. $\left.\delta: 31.3,35.0,126.2,126.6,130.2,150.9\right) .{ }^{61} \mathrm{P} \mathrm{NMR}\left(121.49 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$ +35.00. UV (dichloromethane, $\left.5 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} \cdot \mathrm{~L}^{-1}\right)$ : $\lambda_{\max }=272 \mathrm{~nm}(\varepsilon=3128), \lambda_{\max }=280 \mathrm{~nm}(\varepsilon=2938)$. IR (Diamond ATR, v, cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): $2954 \mathrm{~s}, 2903 \mathrm{w}, 2857 \mathrm{w}, 1587 \mathrm{w}, 1479 \mathrm{~m}, 1425 \mathrm{~m}, 1388 \mathrm{w}, 1359 \mathrm{~m}, 1239 \mathrm{~m}, 1184 \mathrm{~m}, 1148 \mathrm{~s}$, 1016 w, 925 w, 896 w, 884 w, 871 m, 789 s, 711 s, 608 us, 529 s, 485 us, 448 s, 387 w.

Tris-(3,5-di-tert-butylphenyl)phosphine sulfide 6. A 25 mL RB flask was charged with 300 mg ( 0.50 mmol ) of 1 and 50 mg ( 0.19 mmol ) of $\mathrm{S}_{8}$ in 5 mL of $m$-xylene. The solution was refluxed with stirring for 2 H with periodic monitoring by TLC (hexanes). When all 1 was consumed, the cooled solution was evaporated to dryness. The residue was recrystallized from 6 mL of $n$-heptane at the boil, affording white crystals on cooling to RT which were filtered and dried ( $0.172 \mathrm{~g}, 57.3 \%$ yield). MP $240-250{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{PS}: \mathrm{C}, 79.94 ; \mathrm{H}, 10.06 ; \mathrm{S}, 5.08$ \%. Found: C, 80.18; H, 9.79; S, 4.90 \%. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta \mathrm{H} 21.24\left(\mathrm{~s}, 54 \mathrm{H},-\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{H} 17.46$ (dd, $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{P}}=14,40 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ); H3 $7.50\left(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H},-\mathrm{CH}, \mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{H}}=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(75.48 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}} 31.29\left(\mathrm{~s},-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{d}}$ $35.06\left(\mathrm{~s},-\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{f}} 125.21\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{p}}=3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) ; \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{b}} 127.57\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{p}}=11 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) ; \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{a}} 131.50\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{p}}=76 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) ; \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{c}} 150.70$ ( $\mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{C}}=12 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ). ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR ( $121.49 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta+47.92$. UV-vis (dichloromethane, $5 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} \cdot \mathrm{~L}^{-1}$ ): $\lambda_{1}=282$ $\mathrm{nm}(\varepsilon=8216), \lambda_{2}=274 \mathrm{~nm}(\varepsilon=10158)$. IR (Diamond ATR, v, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): $2955 \mathrm{~m}, 2897 \mathrm{w}, 2868 \mathrm{w}, 1591 \mathrm{w}, 1474 \mathrm{~m}$, 1422 m, 1393 m, 1358 m, 1247 m, 1195 w, 1139 m, $1129 \mathrm{~s}, 1021$ w, 922 w, 896 w, 882 w, 857 w, 780 m, 707 s, 661 us, $588 \mathrm{~m}, 527 \mathrm{~m}, 480$ us, 437 m .

Tris-(3,5-di-tert-butylphenyl)phosphine selenide 7. A 25 mL RB flask was charged with 300 mg ( 0.50 mmol ) of 1 and 210 mg ( 2.66 mmol ) of gray Se in 5 mL of $m$-xylene. The solution was refluxed with stirring for 2 H with periodic monitoring by TLC ( $95 \%$ hexanes/ $5 \%$ ethyl acetate). The solution was then cooled to RT and filtered through a plug of Celite ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ to remove excess Se . The residue was evaporated and then recrystallized from 6 mL of $n$-heptane which on cooling to RT afforded white crystals ( $0.1 \mathrm{~g}, 37 \%$ yield). MP 274-278 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{PSe}: \mathrm{C}, 74.42 ; \mathrm{H}, 9.37 \%$. Found: C, $73.96 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.91 \%$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(300.13 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta \mathrm{H} 21.4(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.54 \mathrm{H},-\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{H} 17.44\left(\mathrm{dd} 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{P}}=14 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) ; \mathrm{H} 37.50\left(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H},-\mathrm{CH}, \mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{H}}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(75.48 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$ $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}} 31.29\left(\mathrm{~s},-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{d}} 35.06\left(\mathrm{~s},-\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), \mathrm{C}_{f} 125.21\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{p}}=3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) ; \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{b}} 126.95\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{p}}=11 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) ; \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{a}} 131.5\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{C}}\right.$ $\mathrm{p}=76 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ); $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{c}} 150.70\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{c}}=12 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR ( $121.49 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta+39.54\left(\mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{se}}=719 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$. Lit value $\delta+37.4$ ( $\mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{P} \text {-Se }}=714.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ). ${ }^{3}$ UV-vis (dichloromethane, $5 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} \cdot \mathrm{~L}^{-1}$ ): $\lambda_{1}=273 \mathrm{~nm}(\varepsilon=8960), \lambda_{2}=441 \mathrm{~nm}(\varepsilon=566), \lambda_{3}$ $=505 \mathrm{~nm}(\varepsilon=398), \lambda_{4}=692(\varepsilon=226)$. IR (Diamond ATR, v, cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): $2955 \mathrm{~s}, 2902 \mathrm{w}, 2862 \mathrm{w}, 1586 \mathrm{w}, 1468 \mathrm{~m}$, 1416 m, 1393 w, 1358 s, 1247 s, 1195 w, 1130 s, 1019 w, 926 w, 898 w, 878 w, 859 w, 787 m, 774 w, 706 us, 607 us, $587 \mathrm{~m}, 528 \mathrm{~s}, 499 \mathrm{~s}, 479$ us, 436 s, 389 w .

Crystallography. The structures of $\mathbf{1}$ and 5 - $\mathbf{7}$ were determined by single crystal X-ray crystallography at 100 K on a Rigaku-Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer equipped with a Pilatus P200 HPAD detector and using $\mathrm{Cu} K_{\alpha}$ radiation, $\lambda=1.54184 \AA$. Crystals were coated in Paratone ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ oil, mounted on a MiTeGen loop and cooled to 100(1) K on the goniometer using the cold gas from an Oxford Cryostream 800. The images were integrated, the data processed and corrected for absorption using CrysAlisPro 1.171.38.43, solved with SHELXT, ${ }^{61}$ and refined using SHELXL- $2014{ }^{62}$ within the Olex2 suite of programs. ${ }^{63}$ Only the structure of 6 was fairly straightforward with only some ${ }^{t}$ Bu rotational disorder to account for. Full details regarding the solution and refinement of these structures, including superlattice effects, are provided in the SI, along with tables of crystal and data collection parameters (Tables S1) and derived parameters (Table S2). Graphical output of the full structure of $\mathbf{1}$ is provided in Figure S1. Comparisons of the 'flat' and helical conformations in $\mathbf{1}$ with structures found in metal complexes and by computation are in Figure S2. A supercell refinement of $\mathbf{5}$ is depicted in Figure S3 and various space-filling shapes in Figures S4 and S5. Structures were visualized and
analyzed using Mercury CSD. ${ }^{64}$ The crystallographic data have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 1834017-1834020.

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## Graphical Abstract and TOC Text



MANABEphos, valued as a supporting ligand because of the distal steric bulk from the exo-oriented tertbutyl groups, is also rendered more pyramidal than $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ through London dispersion forces on and between the endo-substituents, which results in a raised HOMO energy and reduced basicity

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Table S1. Crystal, structure determination and refinement parameters

| Parameter | 1 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{P}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{OP} \cdot 0.8 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{PS}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{PSe}$ |
| Formula weight | 598.89 | 629.34 | 630.95 | 677.85 |
| Temperature/K | 99.9(2) | 99.99(17) | 100.00(10) | 99.99(14) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | triclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Space group | $\mathrm{P} 21 / \mathrm{c}$ | P $\overline{1}$ | $\mathrm{P} 21 / \mathrm{c}$ | $\mathrm{P} 2_{1} / \mathrm{c}$ |
| a/Å | 33.5426(3) | 14.5038(2) | 10.37504(9) | 10.31240(10) |
| b/Å | 10.06131(11) | 16.8369(2) | 19.11982(16) | 19.3690(3) |
| $c / A ̊$ | 46.2696(5) | 18.8775(2) | 20.46184(16) | 20.3821(3) |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 68.1500(10) |  |  |
| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | 93.3735(9) | 72.7510(10) | 91.3953(7) | 90.5170(10) |
| $\gamma /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 89.9500(10) |  |  |
| Volume/Å | 15588.1(3) | 4054.98(9) | 4057.79(6) | 4070.97(10) |
| Z | 16 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Z' | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| $\rho_{\text {calc }} \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ | 1.021 | 1.037 | 1.033 | 1.106 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 0.790 | 0.819 | 1.249 | 1.788 |
| F(000) | 5280 | 1392 | 1384 | 1456 |
| Crystal size/mm ${ }^{3}$ | $0.15 \times 0.12 \times 0.03$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.339 \times 0.089 \times \\ & 0.035 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.28 \times 0.18 \times \\ & 0.13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.07 \times 0.06 \times \\ & 0.05 \end{aligned}$ |
| Radiation | CuK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda=1.54184$ ) |  |  |  |
| $2 \Theta$ range for data collection/ ${ }^{\circ}$ | 6.7 to 155.122 | 6.43 to 155.474 | 8.526 to 155.1288 .564 to 159.654 |  |
|  | $-41 \leq h \leq 42$, | $-18 \leq h \leq 18$ | $-13 \leq h \leq 11$ | $-13 \leq h \leq 13$ |
| Index ranges | $\begin{aligned} & -6 \leq k \leq 12 \\ & -57 \leq 1 \leq 58 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -21 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 21 \\ & -23 \leq \mathrm{l} \leq 23 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -23 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 23 \\ & -24 \leq \mathrm{I} \leq 25 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -24 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 24 \\ & -26 \leq \mathrm{I} \leq 25 \end{aligned}$ |
| Reflections collected | 98894 | 162605 | 40872 | 64116 |
| Independent reflections | 32038 | 17081 | 8443 | 8813 |
| $\mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=, \mathrm{R}_{\text {sigma }}=$ | 0.0381, 0.0401 | 0.0392, 0.0172 | 0.0382, 0.0257 | 0.0566, 0.0305 |
| Completeness to theta $=67.684$ | 99.7 \% |  | 98.40 |  |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 32038/1620/182517081/1146/1104 |  | 8443/426/477 | 8813/345/424 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.014 | 1.035 | 1.035 | 1.103 |
| Final $\mathrm{R}_{1}[1>2 \sigma]$ | 0.0562 | 0.0613 | 0.0636 | 0.0747 |
| $w \mathrm{R}_{2}$ (all data) | 0.1452 | 0.1618 | 0.1755 | 0.1895 |
| $\underline{\text { Largest diff. peak/hole / e } \AA^{-3}}$ | 0.73/-0.39 | 0.89/-0.52 | 1.01/-0.69 | 1.04/-0.92 |

Crystallography: further details. The crystal structure of 1 proved challenging. In all, datasets from four crystals were obtained. The first crystal was obtained from recrystallization in $99 \%$ ethanol in which the compound is extremely soluble, so that the concentration in hot solvent is very high. This evidently reduces the ability of crystallization to differentiate the neutral phosphine from phosphine oxide, the presence of which in the recrystallization mixture was confirmed by ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR. This structure, which is included as Figure S1a, contains significant residual peaks in difference maps consistent with oxygen attached to phosphorus. The refined model (ESI) fit about 12\% oxide at the P1 molecule and smaller amounts at the other sites, for an average content of $4 \%$ oxide in the unit cell. The second and third crystals were grown from a $4: 1$ methanol/ethanol solvent mixture in which the concentration in hot solvent is about 17 times lower.

One of these crystals showed no significant residual peaks attributable to oxide but was too small a crystal to obtain redundant data in reasonable time, the other which is the reported structure has a largest peak, also found at P1, with an electron density of only $0.79 e \cdot \AA^{-3}$, which barely exceeds the intensity expected for the non-bonded electron density. A fourth crystal was obtained from vacuum sublimation in a tube furnace. It was also small but showed the same unit cell as the crystals grown from solution.

It may be significant that in each case, the highest residual peak for oxygen in the asymmetric unit is always found on the 'flat' molecule, i.e. the one with P1 as the phosphine label (Figure S1a).

During refinement, six of the 24 independent ${ }^{t} B u$ groups show sufficiently large evidence of rotational disorder to have been refined, each using an independent two-part model with the occupancies of the major components refining to 0.76 (C11), 0.69 (C47), 0.77 (C131), 0.54 (C207), 0.82 (C327) and 0.77 (C331) occupancies (central atom of affected ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ group identified). Small residuals indicating further rotational disorders were below the threshold for beneficial disorder modelling (the number of additional parameters outweighed the benefit of improved refinement). After considerable effort, a very acceptable structure model for 1 was achieved.

Crystals for 5 suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from acetone/water but a structure determination indicated the presence of bridging water molecules in the asymmetric unit with $Z^{\prime}=2$. Further chemical drying of the sample followed by recrystallization from hot $n$-heptane returned the same crystal habit. Water oxygen occupancy refinement indicated that this second set of crystals contained proportionately more water and somewhat less disorder than the first data set. The reported structure is from the crystal obtained from heptane. The refined model is badly disordered in (i) the location of water oxygen atoms (modelled by anisotropic refinement of a single site), (ii) ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ rotational disorder (C31, C111, C127 and C147 central atoms) and (iii) a whole aryl ring positional shift (C41 > C46 with attached ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ groups). Careful inspection of the diffraction intensities using the Ewald Explorer functionality within CrysAlisPro, release 38.43, showed weak spots at $a^{*} / 2$. When indexed, this supercell with doubled volume (16.8620(3), 18.9104(4), 28.9785(5) ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{A}$, $107.1323(17), 90.0015(14), 111.9750(17)^{\circ}$ solved successfully as a $Z^{\prime}=4$ structure containing the two $\mathrm{Ar}_{3} \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}-$ $\left\{\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}=\mathrm{PAr}_{3}$ dimers found as centrosymmetric dimers in the smaller cell as explicit molecules with only approximate centrosymmetry (Figure S3). However, refinement of the super-cell model stalled at $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.0814$ and in the end the model based on the smaller cell was judged to be the best attainable from this data. A representation of the asymmetric unit from the supercell is given in Figure S2. In all the models, the water bridging $(P=O) 1$ with its symmetry partner has higher refined occupancy than that bridging $(P=0) 100$. Perhaps significantly, the $\mathrm{P}=0$ separation for the dimer with less water, $0100 \cdots 0100^{\prime}=5.274(2)$, is greater than for that with more water, $01 \cdots 01^{\prime}=4.680(2)$.

Crystals for $\mathbf{6}$ and $\mathbf{7}$ formed on cooling hot $n$-heptane solutions and were found to be isostructural. They differ primarily with regards to where the disorder occurs. In 6, the C27 and C51 ${ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}$ groups are rotationally disordered ( 0.63 and 0.64 occupancies for the major components, respectively), whereas in 7 it is C47 and C51 (i.e. both on the same C41 > C46 phenyl ring) with 0.83 and 0.87 major occupancy factors. This structure also contains a whole molecule positional disorder for which only the Se and $P$ atoms could be reliably located on the difference Fourier map with about 0.06 refined occupancy.

Selected bond lengths [ $\AA$ ] and angles [ ${ }^{\circ}$ ] in the crystal structure of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{5 - 7}$ are provided in Table S2.

Table S2 Selected bond lengths [ $\AA$ ] and angles [ ${ }^{\circ}$ ] in the crystal structure of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{5 - 7}$

| $\mathbf{1}$ Atoms | Dimensions | Atoms | Dimensions | Atoms | Dimensions |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.8164(19)$ | $\mathrm{P}(200)-\mathrm{C}(241)$ | $1.838(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $118.70(17)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $1.8362(19)$ | $\mathrm{C}(201)-\mathrm{C}(202)$ | $1.389(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $120.25(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41)$ | $1.8420(18)$ | $\mathrm{C}(201)-\mathrm{C}(206)$ | $1.400(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(121)$ | $100.85(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.400(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(221)-\mathrm{C}(222)$ | $1.392(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(141)$ | $101.50(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.403(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(221)-\mathrm{C}(226)$ | $1.400(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(121)-\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(141)$ | $100.89(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $1.398(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(241)-\mathrm{C}(242)$ | $1.388(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(102)-\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{P}(100)$ | $117.19(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $1.387(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(241)-\mathrm{C}(246)$ | $1.393(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(106)-\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{P}(100)$ | $123.16(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{C}(42)$ | $1.393(3)$ | $\mathrm{P}(300)-\mathrm{C}(301)$ | $1.840(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(106)-\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{C}(102)$ | $119.62(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{C}(46)$ | $1.390(3)$ | $\mathrm{P}(300)-\mathrm{C}(321)$ | $1.845(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(201)-\mathrm{P}(200)-\mathrm{C}(221)$ | $102.16(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(101)$ | $1.829(2)$ | $\mathrm{P}(300)-\mathrm{C}(341)$ | $1.841(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(201)-\mathrm{P}(200)-\mathrm{C}(241)$ | $101.67(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(121)$ | $1.841(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(301)-\mathrm{C}(302)$ | $1.396(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(241)-\mathrm{P}(200)-\mathrm{C}(221)$ | $99.97(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(141)$ | $1.846(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(301)-\mathrm{C}(306)$ | $1.391(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(202)-\mathrm{C}(201)-\mathrm{P}(200)$ | $123.08(17)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{C}(102)$ | $1.402(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(321)-\mathrm{C}(322)$ | $1.390(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(202)-\mathrm{C}(201)-\mathrm{C}(206)$ | $119.6(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{C}(106)$ | $1.387(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(321)-\mathrm{C}(326)$ | $1.391(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(206)-\mathrm{C}(201)-\mathrm{P}(200)$ | $117.36(16)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(121)-\mathrm{C}(122)$ | $1.403(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(341)-\mathrm{C}(342)$ | $1.383(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(301)-\mathrm{P}(300)-\mathrm{C}(321)$ | $99.90(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(121)-\mathrm{C}(126)$ | $1.388(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(341)-\mathrm{C}(346)$ | $1.404(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(301)-\mathrm{P}(300)-\mathrm{C}(341)$ | $103.41(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(141)-\mathrm{C}(142)$ | $1.411(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $104.63(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(341)-\mathrm{P}(300)-\mathrm{C}(321)$ | $100.04(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(141)-\mathrm{C}(146)$ | $1.385(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41)$ | $103.39(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(302)-\mathrm{C}(301)-\mathrm{P}(300)$ | $122.74(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(200)-\mathrm{C}(201)$ | $1.834(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41)$ | $100.51(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(306)-\mathrm{C}(301)-\mathrm{P}(300)$ | $118.24(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(200)-\mathrm{C}(221)$ | $1.842(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $120.40(14)$ | $\mathrm{C}(306)-\mathrm{C}(301)-\mathrm{C}(302)$ | $118.99(18)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |


| $\mathbf{5}$ Atoms | Dimensions | Atoms | Dimensions | Atoms | Dimensions |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $1.4927(12)$ | $\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{C}(102)$ | $1.394(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $105.4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.8017(16)$ | $\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{C}(106)$ | $1.395(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $110.1(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $1.8089(16)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $104.63(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $118.82(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41)$ | $1.752(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41)$ | $103.39(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $120.34(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41 \mathrm{~A})$ | $1.934(13)$ | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41)$ | $100.51(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $120.73(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.391(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $120.40(14)$ | $\mathrm{O}(100)-\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(101)$ | $114.54(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.394(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $118.70(17)$ | $\mathrm{O}(100)-\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(121)$ | $112.49(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $1.399(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $120.25(14)$ | $\mathrm{O}(100)-\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(141)$ | $113.63(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $1.391(2)$ | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $112.61(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(121)-\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(101)$ | $105.00(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{C}(42)$ | $1.383(7)$ | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $113.11(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(141)-\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(101)$ | $104.62(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{C}(46)$ | $1.390(6)$ | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41)$ | $109.9(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(141)-\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(121)$ | $105.69(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{O}(100)$ | $1.4915(12)$ | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41 \mathrm{~A})$ | $118.5(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(102)-\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{P}(100)$ | $118.27(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(101)$ | $1.8095(16)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $105.34(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(102)-\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{C}(106)$ | $120.61(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(121)$ | $1.8043(16)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41 \mathrm{~A})$ | $106.8(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(106)-\mathrm{C}(101)-\mathrm{P}(100)$ | $120.98(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(100)-\mathrm{C}(141)$ | $1.8021(18)$ | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41 \mathrm{~A})$ | $98.9(3)$ |  |  |


| 6 Atoms | Dimensions | Atoms | Dimensions | Atoms | Dimensions |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $S(1)-P(1)$ | $1.9596(7)$ | $C(41)-C(46)$ | $1.391(3)$ | $C(6)-C(1)-C(2)$ | $120.07(19)$ |
| $P(1)-C(1)$ | $1.815(2)$ | $C(1)-P(1)-S(1)$ | $113.08(7)$ | $C(22)-C(21)-P(1)$ | $118.28(16)$ |
| $P(1)-C(21)$ | $1.819(2)$ | $C(1)-P(1)-C(21)$ | $104.35(9)$ | $C(26)-C(21)-P(1)$ | $121.49(15)$ |
| $P(1)-C(41)$ | $1.818(2)$ | $C(1)-P(1)-C(41)$ | $104.91(9)$ | $C(26)-C(21)-C(22)$ | $120.13(19)$ |
| $C(1)-C(2)$ | $1.395(3)$ | $C(21)-P(1)-S(1)$ | $114.11(7)$ | $C(42)-C(41)-P(1)$ | $118.61(15)$ |
| $C(1)-C(6)$ | $1.384(3)$ | $C(41)-P(1)-S(1)$ | $113.99(7)$ | $C(46)-C(41)-P(1)$ | $121.20(16)$ |
| $C(21)-C(22)$ | $1.398(3)$ | $C(41)-P(1)-C(21)$ | $105.43(9)$ | $C(46)-C(41)-C(42)$ | $120.18(19)$ |
| $C(21)-C(26)$ | $1.384(3)$ | $C(2)-C(1)-P(1)$ | $118.12(15)$ |  |  |
| $C(41)-C(42)$ | $1.398(3)$ | $C(6)-C(1)-P(1)$ | $121.81(15)$ |  |  |


| 7 Atoms | Dimensions | Atoms | Dimensions | Atoms | Dimensions |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Se}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $2.1154(10)$ | $\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{C}(46)$ | $1.382(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(42)-\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $118.6(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.825(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Se}(1)$ | $113.90(13)$ | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $119.5(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $1.820(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $104.61(17)$ | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $120.3(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41)$ | $1.822(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Se}(1)$ | $113.66(13)$ | $\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $120.2(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.395(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(41)$ | $105.57(17)$ | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $117.8(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.380(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $105.23(18)$ | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $121.5(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $1.391(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Se}(1)$ | $112.98(13)$ | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $120.8(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $1.395(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(46)-\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $120.9(3)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{C}(42)$ | $1.395(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(46)-\mathrm{C}(41)-\mathrm{C}(42)$ | $120.5(3)$ |  |  |


(a)

(b)

Figure S1. (a) Displacement ellipsoids plot showing the asymmetric unit of 1 as found in the crystal structure determination of the crystals grown from ethanol. There are four independent molecules labelled by their phosphorus atoms as P1, P100, P200 and P300. The approximately $12 \%$ refined occupancy for O 1 represents the largest concentration of oxide in the lattice. Smaller residual peaks attributable to oxide co-crystallization are found for P100-300 ( 0.4 to $0.6 e \cdot \AA^{-3}$ ). (b) A displacement ellipsoids plot ( $30 \%$ probability) for the P200 molecule in the reported structure of 1 and (c) the same for the P300 molecule.
(a)

(b)


Figure S2. (a) 'Flat' conformation adopted by 1 in the centrosymmetric structure found in crystals of the palladium(II) iodide complex reported by Cinderella et al. (b) Overlay of the DFT minimized geometry of 1 with that found in the crystal structure for molecule P300.


Figure S3. Displacement ellipsoids plot from a refinement of the super-cell in the crystal structure of $\mathbf{2}$ (see Experimental section for further details.)


Figure S4. Space-filling representations of the P1/O1 (a) and P100/O100 (b) water-bridged dimers found in the crystal structure of 2.


Figure S5. Space-filling plots of representative monomeric molecules in the series $\mathbf{1}$ and 5 - $\mathbf{7}$.

Table S3. Hydrogen bonded donor-acceptor inter-oxygen distances ( $\AA$ ) in $\mathbf{2}$ and 25 comparable structures

| Refcode | Dist1 | Dist2 | Mean | Symmetry | Reference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VAGXEJ | 2.683 | 2.677 | 2.680 | -1 |  |
| XIBVAF | 2.760 | 2.649 | 2.705 | -1 |  |
| ABAYIN | 2.908 | 2.671 | 2.790 | -1 |  |
| VIGTOV | 2.780 | 2.828 | 2.804 | -1 |  |
| HUTNOZ | 2.814 | 2.799 | 2.807 | -1 |  |
| XOBPUA | 2.777 | 2.853 | 2.815 | -1 |  |
| XEZNEV | 2.797, 2.813 | 2.839, 2.824 | 2.824 | 2(1) |  |
| KEZQIR | 2.807 | 2.858 | 2.833 | -1 |  |
| UVAWOE | 2.822 | 2.864 | 2.843 | -1 |  |
| BUHZEK | 2.806 | 2.887 | 2.847 | -1 |  |
| FAXHES | 2.882 | 2.812 | 2.847 | -1 |  |
| SISLIQ | 2.897 | 2.801 | 2.849 | -1 |  |
| EYINOP | 2.843 | 2.860 | 2.852 | -1 |  |
| GOYKEM | 2.853 | 2.863 | 2.858 | -1 |  |
| TIKJED | 2.912 | 2.815 | 2.864 | -1 |  |
| CUDYUV | 2.868 | 2.861 | 2.865 | -1 |  |
| XOFBUP | 2.799 | 2.930 | 2.865 | -1 |  |
| POCDEC | 2.901 | 2.841 | 2.871 | -1 |  |
| HATTUR | 2.879 | 2.884 | 2.882 | -1 |  |
| HATTUR01 | 2.881 | 2.895 | 2.888 | -1 |  |
| RIZCEI | 2.849 | 2.927 | 2.888 | -1 |  |
| GIHVEY | 2.855 | 2.923 | 2.889 | -1 |  |
| NOYQEZ | 2.890 | 2.894 | 2.892 | -1 |  |
| HATTURO2 | 2.890 | 2.897 | 2.894 | -1 |  |
| BUWYAV | 2.883 | 2.919 | 2.901 | -1 |  |
| 2 | 2.861, 2.902 | 2.981, 3.065 | 2.952 | -1 |  |

Data taken from a search of the CSD (Version 5.39, November 2017). ${ }^{1}$


Figure $\mathbf{S 6}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. Inset: ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectrum of 1.


Figure $\mathbf{S 7}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{5}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. Inset: ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{5}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 8}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{6}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. Inset: ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectrum of 6 .


Figure $\mathbf{S 9}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{7}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. Inset: ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{7}$.


Figure S10. Cyclic voltammograms of phosphines 1-4 in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN} /\left[{ }^{n} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]\left[\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right]$ solutions vs. $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}, 100 \mathrm{mV}$ $\mathrm{s}^{-1}$, and respective scan rates ( $100,200,400,800,1200 \mathrm{mV} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$ ).


Figure S11. Dependence of the peak current variation for the phosphines $\mathbf{1 - 4}$ with root square of scanning rate $\left(100,200,400,800,1200 \mathrm{mV} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$.


Figure S12. Correlation between $E_{p}{ }^{a}$ and estimated Hammett $\sigma^{+}$parameters for multiple substituents.


FIGURE 1. Interconverting helical configurations ( $P$ and $M$ ) of (a) trimesitylmethylphosphonium cation 1.

SCHEME 1. The Four Possible Flip Processes for the Enantiomerization of Cation $1^{a}$

${ }^{a}$ Structures in the middle represent the four transition states viewed along (b) ${ }^{\text {the }} \mathrm{P}^{+}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ bond.

Figure S13. (a) Perspective drawing of the $P$ and $M$ conformers for pyramidal propeller molecules. (b) Perspective views (viewed from above) of the classical 'flip' processes for racemization of such molecules. (Reprinted with permission from B. Laleu, G. Bernardinelli, R. Chauvin, J. Lacour, J. Org. Chem. 2006, 71, 74127416. Copyright 2006 American Chemical Society.) ${ }^{2}$

## DFT Calculations

Gas-phase hybrid density functional theory (DFT) calculations at the B3LYP/6-31G(2d,p) level of theory were conducted using Gaussian W03 (or in part, GW16). ${ }^{3,4}$ Results were interpreted using GaussView6. ${ }^{5}$ Archival geometries from the DFT Structure optimizations are provided in the following tables. Dispersion-corrected geometries using Grimme's D3 empirical factors follow after the non-corrected geometries.

Phosphine 1 (gas phase singlet electronic state; B3LYP/6-31G(2d,p))

| Tag | Symbol | NA | NB | NC | Bond | Angle | Dihedral | x | Y | z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | C |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2.363276 | 1.009109 | -0.089828 |
| 1 | P |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 1.675994 |
| 2 | C | 1 |  |  | 2.778184 |  |  | 1.616659 | -2.2496 | 1.466213 |
| 3 | H | 2 | 1 |  | 1.083899 | 81.8427 |  | 1.061164 | -2.54129 | 2.350056 |
| 4 | C | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4.176694 | 130.3596 | -177.163 | -0.30164 | 3.353918 | -0.79484 |
| 5 | C | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1.539224 | 137.3061 | 89.61666 | -1.11761 | 3.780735 | -2.02823 |
| 6 | C | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1.848891 | 99.89348 | 95.38967 | -1.53749 | -0.63752 | 0.870946 |
| 7 | C | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1.394589 | 99.86397 | 167.8868 | 0.635438 | 4.186241 | -0.18329 |
| 8 | H | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1.082609 | 119.0179 | -179.325 | 0.800335 | 5.177134 | -0.587 |
| 9 | C | 2 | 1 | 6 | 2.806721 | 96.80835 | 99.27005 | 3.0554 | -1.41573 | -0.79484 |
| 10 | C | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1.393222 | 157.9094 | 99.04283 | 2.600549 | -3.08841 | 0.947145 |
| 11 | C | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1.404159 | 116.6414 | 139.4501 | -2.75654 | -0.27527 | 1.466213 |
| 12 | H | 11 | 6 | 1 | 1.083899 | 118.3443 | 0.198154 | -2.73141 | 0.351652 | 2.350056 |
| 13 | C | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1.403648 | 17.87666 | -14.1548 | -0.49327 | 2.074771 | -0.2496 |
| 14 | H | 13 | 4 | 1 | 1.083672 | 119.7739 | 178.2151 | -1.20754 | 1.397837 | -0.70339 |
| 15 | C | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2.545497 | 154.4283 | 0.044545 | 2.387847 | 4.774809 | 1.566626 |
| 16 | C | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1.394588 | 58.52808 | 179.9132 | 3.307672 | -2.64343 | -0.18329 |
| 17 | H | 16 | 9 | 2 | 1.082609 | 119.0179 | -179.383 | 4.083362 | -3.28168 | -0.587 |
| 18 | C | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1.403649 | 59.20339 | -0.7563 | 2.043437 | -0.6102 | -0.2496 |
| 19 | H | 18 | 9 | 2 | 1.083673 | 119.7739 | 179.8425 | 1.81433 | 0.346839 | -0.70339 |
| 20 | C | 18 | 9 | 2 | 1.392763 | 121.3792 | -0.08072 | 1.32085 | -1.01275 | 0.870946 |
| 21 | C | 13 | 4 | 1 | 1.392763 | 121.3793 | -1.70813 | 0.216637 | 1.650262 | 0.870946 |
| 22 | C | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1.405673 | 122.7064 | 0.248303 | 1.374367 | 3.796346 | 0.947145 |
| 23 | C | 11 | 6 | 1 | 2.574825 | 151.5808 | 179.8342 | -5.32903 | -0.31947 | 1.566626 |
| 24 | C | 11 | 6 | 1 | 2.394887 | 90.09245 | -178.978 | -3.94311 | -1.54282 | -0.18329 |
| 25 | H | 24 | 11 | 6 | 1.082609 | 149.2836 | 179.5942 | -4.8837 | -1.89546 | -0.587 |
| 26 | C | 24 | 11 | 6 | 1.394588 | 91.69281 | 0.65002 | -2.75376 | -1.93819 | -0.79484 |
| 27 | C | 11 | 6 | 1 | 1.393223 | 121.41 | -179.563 | -3.97492 | -0.70794 | 0.947145 |
| 28 | C | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1.538924 | 122.7596 | 179.8794 | 2.941183 | -4.45534 | 1.566626 |
| 29 | C | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1.545952 | 109.3973 | -60.3158 | -0.83214 | 2.807209 | -3.19473 |
| 30 | H | 29 | 5 | 4 | 1.095062 | 110.9107 | -61.141 | 0.227628 | 2.826929 | -3.46981 |
| 31 | H | 29 | 5 | 4 | 1.095843 | 110.3859 | 179.1937 | -1.41662 | 3.088116 | -4.0781 |
| 32 | H | 29 | 5 | 4 | 1.093446 | 111.8433 | 59.27606 | -1.09216 | 1.77674 | -2.93754 |
| 33 | C | 22 | 7 | 4 | 1.393222 | 117.6635 | -0.36885 | 1.139884 | 2.524869 | 1.466213 |
| 34 | H | 33 | 22 | 7 | 1.083899 | 120.2454 | -178.631 | 1.670242 | 2.189641 | 2.350056 |
| 35 | C | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1.538977 | 112.4929 | 179.5095 | -0.77277 | 5.205034 | -2.49824 |
| 36 | H | 35 | 5 | 4 | 1.094701 | 111.8887 | -60.5131 | -0.97672 | 5.951045 | -1.72348 |
| 37 | H | 35 | 5 | 4 | 1.094823 | 109.7242 | -179.703 | -1.38068 | 5.463338 | -3.37136 |
| 38 | H | 35 | 5 | 4 | 1.094746 | 111.8719 | 61.13158 | 0.278124 | 5.294431 | -2.79168 |
| 39 | C | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1.546159 | 109.2569 | 59.32288 | -2.62409 | 3.737508 | -1.68292 |


| 40 | H | 39 | 5 | 4 | 1.093497 | 111.8304 | -58.8778 | -2.94065 | 2.739275 | -1.36819 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 41 | H | 39 | 5 | 4 | 1.095779 | 110.3925 | -178.923 | -3.22403 | 4.020105 | -2.55525 |
| 42 | H | 39 | 5 | 4 | 1.094806 | 110.8242 | 61.38251 | -2.85732 | 4.433422 | -0.87058 |
| 43 | C | 23 | 11 | 6 | 1.546054 | 120.5707 | 73.29782 | -6.07664 | -1.59647 | 2.014528 |
| 44 | H | 43 | 23 | 11 | 1.093609 | 111.9197 | -86.978 | -6.25932 | -2.27711 | 1.178259 |
| 45 | H | 43 | 23 | 11 | 1.09576 | 110.3316 | 153.1247 | -7.04776 | -1.33607 | 2.450194 |
| 46 | H | 43 | 23 | 11 | 1.094693 | 110.9406 | 33.38814 | -5.50131 | -2.1423 | 2.769123 |
| 47 | C | 6 | 1 | 21 | 1.392763 | 124.239 | 94.22419 | -1.55017 | -1.46457 | -0.2496 |
| 48 | H | 47 | 6 | 1 | 1.083673 | 118.8467 | -1.35672 | -0.60679 | -1.74468 | -0.70339 |
| 49 | C | 26 | 24 | 11 | 1.539224 | 122.8264 | 179.4785 | -2.71541 | -2.85824 | -2.02823 |
| 50 | C | 9 | 2 | 1 | 2.51789 | 144.2824 | -57.8977 | 2.847182 | -0.68295 | -3.19473 |
| 51 | H | 50 | 9 | 2 | 1.095062 | 91.81225 | -57.323 | 2.334378 | -1.6106 | -3.46981 |
| 52 | H | 50 | 9 | 2 | 1.095844 | 145.5933 | 176.278 | 3.382695 | -0.31723 | -4.0781 |
| 53 | H | 50 | 9 | 2 | 1.093445 | 91.75028 | 50.58296 | 2.084782 | 0.057468 | -2.93754 |
| 54 | C | 15 | 7 | 4 | 1.545915 | 93.72036 | 125.4234 | 3.462049 | 5.136175 | 0.515266 |
| 55 | H | 54 | 15 | 7 | 1.094773 | 110.9082 | -84.9425 | 3.999982 | 4.242369 | 0.1832 |
| 56 | H | 54 | 15 | 7 | 1.095731 | 110.3583 | 155.3639 | 4.192498 | 5.833361 | 0.94071 |
| 57 | H | 54 | 15 | 7 | 1.093517 | 111.9181 | 35.46883 | 3.025458 | 5.610689 | -0.36791 |
| 58 | C | 15 | 7 | 4 | 1.539053 | 140.9858 | 0.377054 | 3.101319 | 4.177496 | 2.792538 |
| 59 | H | 58 | 15 | 7 | 1.094517 | 111.9212 | -61.2337 | 2.398317 | 3.9301 | 3.594131 |
| 60 | H | 58 | 15 | 7 | 1.094795 | 109.675 | 179.534 | 3.815701 | 4.903809 | 3.193416 |
| 61 | H | 58 | 15 | 7 | 1.094509 | 111.8081 | 60.28846 | 3.659478 | 3.271431 | 2.536695 |
| 62 | C | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1.539224 | 178.5754 | 17.83273 | 3.833015 | -0.92249 | -2.02823 |
| 63 | C | 15 | 7 | 4 | 1.546052 | 93.75455 | -124.863 | 1.655736 | 6.060762 | 2.014528 |
| 64 | H | 63 | 15 | 7 | 1.093609 | 111.9197 | -35.001 | 1.15763 | 6.559285 | 1.178259 |
| 65 | H | 63 | 15 | 7 | 1.09576 | 110.3316 | -154.898 | 2.366813 | 6.771575 | 2.450194 |
| 66 | H | 63 | 15 | 7 | 1.094693 | 110.9407 | 85.3652 | 0.895367 | 5.835424 | 2.769123 |
| 67 | C | 62 | 9 | 2 | 1.538976 | 112.4929 | 162.1547 | 4.894074 | -1.93328 | -2.49824 |
| 68 | H | 67 | 62 | 9 | 1.094701 | 111.8888 | -60.513 | 5.642117 | -2.12966 | -1.72348 |
| 69 | H | 67 | 62 | 9 | 1.094823 | 109.7242 | -179.703 | 5.421731 | -1.53596 | -3.37136 |
| 70 | H | 67 | 62 | 9 | 1.094746 | 111.8719 | 61.13158 | 4.44605 | -2.88808 | -2.79168 |
| 71 | C | 23 | 11 | 6 | 1.539054 | 85.2169 | -178.419 | -5.16848 | 0.597074 | 2.792538 |
| 72 | H | 71 | 23 | 11 | 1.094518 | 111.9211 | -60.9336 | -4.60272 | 0.111954 | 3.594131 |
| 73 | H | 71 | 23 | 11 | 1.094795 | 109.675 | 179.8341 | -6.15467 | 0.85259 | 3.193416 |
| 74 | H | 71 | 23 | 11 | 1.094508 | 111.8081 | 60.58858 | -4.66288 | 1.533485 | 2.536695 |
| 75 | C | 23 | 11 | 6 | 1.545915 | 120.9657 | -70.1825 | -6.17908 | 0.430135 | 0.515266 |
| 76 | H | 75 | 23 | 11 | 1.094773 | 110.9082 | -33.1413 | -5.67399 | 1.342902 | 0.1832 |
| 77 | H | 75 | 23 | 11 | 1.095732 | 110.3583 | -152.835 | -7.14809 | 0.714129 | 0.94071 |
| 78 | H | 75 | 23 | 11 | 1.093518 | 111.9181 | 87.27012 | -6.37173 | -0.18522 | -0.36791 |
| 79 | C | 62 | 9 | 2 | 1.54616 | 109.2569 | 41.96817 | 4.548824 | 0.403778 | -1.68292 |
| 80 | H | 79 | 62 | 9 | 1.093498 | 111.8305 | -58.8778 | 3.842605 | 1.177038 | -1.36819 |
| 81 | H | 79 | 62 | 9 | 1.095778 | 110.3925 | -178.923 | 5.093526 | 0.782036 | -2.55525 |
| 82 | H | 79 | 62 | 9 | 1.094805 | 110.8242 | 61.38242 | 5.268114 | 0.2578 | -0.87058 |
| 83 | C | 49 | 26 | 24 | 1.545951 | 109.3974 | 120.5266 | -2.01505 | -2.12426 | -3.19473 |
| 84 | H | 83 | 49 | 26 | 1.095063 | 110.9106 | -61.1409 | -2.56201 | -1.21633 | -3.46981 |
| 85 | H | 83 | 49 | 26 | 1.095843 | 110.3859 | 179.1938 | -1.96608 | -2.77088 | -4.0781 |
| 86 | H | 83 | 49 | 26 | 1.093445 | 111.8433 | 59.27603 | -0.99262 | -1.83421 | -2.93754 |
| 87 | C | 49 | 26 | 24 | 1.538977 | 112.4929 | 0.351803 | -4.12131 | -3.27175 | -2.49824 |
| 88 | H | 87 | 49 | 26 | 1.094701 | 111.8887 | -60.5131 | -4.6654 | -3.82139 | -1.72348 |


| 89 | H | 87 | 49 | 26 | 1.094823 | 109.7242 | -179.703 | -4.04105 | -3.92738 | -3.37136 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 90 | H | 87 | 49 | 26 | 1.094745 | 111.8719 | 61.13159 | -4.72417 | -2.40635 | -2.79168 |
| 91 | C | 28 | 10 | 2 | 1.546052 | 109.4881 | -119.546 | 4.420906 | -4.46429 | 2.014528 |
| 92 | H | 91 | 28 | 10 | 1.093609 | 111.9197 | -59.6059 | 5.101693 | -4.28218 | 1.178259 |
| 93 | H | 91 | 28 | 10 | 1.09576 | 110.3316 | -179.503 | 4.68095 | -5.43551 | 2.450194 |
| 94 | H | 91 | 28 | 10 | 1.094692 | 110.9407 | 60.76032 | 4.605941 | -3.69312 | 2.769123 |
| 95 | C | 28 | 10 | 2 | 1.545915 | 109.4189 | 120.602 | 2.717034 | -5.56631 | 0.515266 |
| 96 | H | 95 | 28 | 10 | 1.094773 | 110.9082 | -60.3193 | 1.674009 | -5.58527 | 0.1832 |
| 97 | H | 95 | 28 | 10 | 1.095732 | 110.3583 | 179.9872 | 2.955591 | -6.54749 | 0.94071 |
| 98 | H | 95 | 28 | 10 | 1.093518 | 111.9181 | 60.09215 | 3.346271 | -5.42547 | -0.36791 |
| 99 | C | 28 | 10 | 2 | 1.539054 | 112.2826 | 0.59938 | 2.067158 | -4.77457 | 2.792538 |
| 100 | H | 99 | 28 | 10 | 1.094518 | 111.9211 | -61.2073 | 2.204408 | -4.04205 | 3.594131 |
| 101 | H | 99 | 28 | 10 | 1.094795 | 109.675 | 179.5604 | 2.338973 | -5.7564 | 3.193416 |
| 102 | H | 99 | 28 | 10 | 1.094509 | 111.8081 | 60.31485 | 1.003404 | -4.80492 | 2.536695 |
| 103 | C | 49 | 26 | 24 | 1.546159 | 109.2568 | -119.835 | -1.92473 | -4.14129 | -1.68292 |
| 104 | H | 103 | 49 | 26 | 1.093497 | 111.8305 | -58.8778 | -0.90196 | -3.91631 | -1.36819 |
| 105 | H | 103 | 49 | 26 | 1.09578 | 110.3925 | -178.923 | -1.8695 | -4.80214 | -2.55525 |
| 106 | H | 103 | 49 | 26 | 1.094806 | 110.8242 | 61.38253 | -2.4108 | -4.69122 | -0.87058 |

Phosphine 2 (gas phase singlet electronic state; B3LYP/6-31G(2d,p))

| Tag | Symbol | NA | NB | NC | Bond | Angle | Dihedral | X | Y | Z |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | P |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.00285 | -0.00109 | -1.37934 |
| 2 | C | 1 |  |  | 1.848423 |  |  | 1.263941 | -1.08625 | -0.5829 |
| 3 | C | 2 | 1 |  | 1.400538 | 116.6638 |  | 2.50909 | -1.16982 | -1.21861 |
| 4 | C | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1.398766 | 124.5281 | -178.318 | 1.046714 | -1.84064 | 0.574792 |
| 5 | C | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1.396374 | 121.4048 | -179.627 | 3.535356 | -1.96649 | -0.70679 |
| 6 | C | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.397491 | 118.34 | 1.333884 | 3.284375 | -2.70944 | 0.449941 |
| 7 | C | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1.396896 | 121.7352 | -0.41784 | 2.048044 | -2.66397 | 1.098583 |
| 8 | C | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.509913 | 120.8091 | -178.022 | 4.886946 | -2.01229 | -1.37831 |
| 9 | H | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1.087728 | 119.1324 | 179.112 | 4.069946 | -3.34565 | 0.851518 |
| 10 | C | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1.510245 | 120.6932 | 178.2948 | 1.789751 | -3.50593 | 2.325458 |
| 11 | C | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1.84832 | 102.6407 | 91.59387 | 0.307799 | 1.636625 | -0.5808 |
| 12 | C | 11 | 1 | 2 | 1.400775 | 116.6579 | 164.6005 | -0.26329 | 2.756012 | -1.19967 |
| 13 | C | 12 | 11 | 1 | 1.396026 | 121.4112 | -179.662 | -0.08621 | 4.041483 | -0.68479 |
| 14 | C | 13 | 12 | 11 | 1.397717 | 118.3466 | 1.342273 | 0.704377 | 4.195776 | 0.457476 |
| 15 | C | 14 | 13 | 12 | 1.396697 | 121.7192 | -0.40835 | 1.304192 | 3.10357 | 1.088405 |
| 16 | C | 11 | 1 | 2 | 1.398397 | 124.539 | -13.7304 | 1.091129 | 1.825566 | 0.5621 |
| 17 | C | 13 | 12 | 11 | 1.509888 | 120.8172 | -178.013 | -0.74449 | 5.23349 | -1.33713 |
| 18 | H | 14 | 13 | 12 | 1.087722 | 119.1226 | 179.1104 | 0.862744 | 5.193442 | 0.860863 |
| 19 | C | 15 | 14 | 13 | 1.510182 | 120.7431 | 178.265 | 2.185864 | 3.299706 | 2.298709 |
| 20 | C | 1 | 11 | 16 | 1.848387 | 102.6327 | 92.55184 | -1.57247 | -0.55237 | -0.57378 |
| 21 | C | 20 | 1 | 11 | 1.399296 | 116.6363 | 162.2137 | -2.28531 | -1.56901 | -1.21902 |
| 22 | C | 20 | 1 | 11 | 1.400365 | 124.5601 | -15.9791 | -2.09953 | 0.000118 | 0.600099 |
| 23 | C | 21 | 20 | 1 | 1.397463 | 121.4115 | -179.328 | -3.49169 | -2.05192 | -0.70486 |
| 24 | C | 23 | 21 | 20 | 1.396195 | 118.3418 | 1.188805 | -3.99094 | -1.47686 | 0.465361 |
| 25 | C | 22 | 20 | 1 | 1.396981 | 121.0962 | 178.4212 | -3.31098 | -0.45134 | 1.129365 |
| 26 | C | 23 | 21 | 20 | 1.509929 | 120.789 | -178.45 | -4.23179 | -3.17326 | -1.39386 |
| 27 | H | 24 | 23 | 21 | 1.087955 | 119.1072 | 178.8345 | -4.93872 | -1.83014 | 0.866043 |


| 28 | C | 25 | 22 | 20 | 1.510513 | 120.9622 | -179.922 | -3.87758 | 0.147977 | 2.394841 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 29 | H | 21 | 20 | 1 | 1.087244 | 119.33 | 0.030337 | -1.89808 | -1.98541 | -2.14571 |
| 30 | H | 22 | 20 | 1 | 1.085102 | 119.664 | -1.1413 | -1.56437 | 0.79711 | 1.105918 |
| 31 | H | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1.093827 | 111.3677 | -29.1841 | 4.804244 | -1.82849 | -2.45341 |
| 32 | H | 10 | 7 | 6 | 1.093716 | 111.3813 | 154.1319 | 1.018833 | -3.05979 | 2.960167 |
| 33 | H | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1.087253 | 119.3371 | 0.205691 | 2.68007 | -0.60472 | -2.13159 |
| 34 | H | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1.085074 | 119.6491 | -1.25792 | 0.084718 | -1.79221 | 1.074395 |
| 35 | H | 12 | 11 | 1 | 1.087303 | 119.3433 | 0.175416 | -0.85514 | 2.622021 | -2.10188 |
| 36 | H | 16 | 11 | 1 | 1.085225 | 119.7068 | -1.22529 | 1.547147 | 0.969635 | 1.049074 |
| 37 | H | 26 | 23 | 21 | 1.094033 | 111.4607 | -150.22 | -5.3116 | -3.0969 | -1.23542 |
| 38 | H | 26 | 23 | 21 | 1.093834 | 111.3777 | -29.3499 | -4.04478 | -3.17138 | -2.47159 |
| 39 | H | 26 | 23 | 21 | 1.097131 | 111.2092 | 90.16371 | -3.91536 | -4.15163 | -1.01129 |
| 40 | H | 28 | 25 | 22 | 1.095715 | 111.3307 | 123.7451 | -4.8896 | 0.53587 | 2.23376 |
| 41 | H | 28 | 25 | 22 | 1.093042 | 111.3328 | 3.331466 | -3.25662 | 0.971082 | 2.757679 |
| 42 | H | 28 | 25 | 22 | 1.096406 | 111.4052 | -116.981 | -3.94513 | -0.59799 | 3.195509 |
| 43 | H | 17 | 13 | 12 | 1.093819 | 111.3653 | -29.2945 | -0.88061 | 5.075459 | -2.41088 |
| 44 | H | 17 | 13 | 12 | 1.097134 | 111.2129 | 90.23113 | -1.73644 | 5.423139 | -0.90844 |
| 45 | H | 17 | 13 | 12 | 1.094085 | 111.4646 | -150.16 | -0.15243 | 6.14312 | -1.19909 |
| 46 | H | 19 | 15 | 14 | 1.093906 | 111.399 | 151.233 | 2.164103 | 2.424383 | 2.954427 |
| 47 | H | 19 | 15 | 14 | 1.094154 | 111.4987 | 30.30752 | 1.876316 | 4.171256 | 2.883306 |
| 48 | H | 19 | 15 | 14 | 1.097138 | 111.1788 | -89.2988 | 3.23112 | 3.459294 | 2.005991 |
| 49 | H | 10 | 7 | 6 | 1.09426 | 111.4905 | 33.22174 | 2.696482 | -3.62863 | 2.925614 |
| 50 | H | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1.094051 | 111.4674 | -150.043 | 5.372533 | -2.98216 | -1.23509 |
| 51 | H | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1.097156 | 111.2156 | 90.34639 | 5.55974 | -1.24838 | -0.969 |
| 52 | H | 10 | 7 | 6 | 1.097135 | 111.1916 | -86.3346 | 1.443877 | -4.51043 | 2.051491 |

Phosphine $\mathbf{3}$ (gas phase singlet electronic state; B3LYP/6-31G(2d,p))

| Tag | Symbol | NA | NB | NC | Bond | Angle | Dihedral | X | Y | Z |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | P |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.003357 | -0.00279 | -1.54541 |
| 2 | C | 1 |  |  | 1.852561 |  |  | 1.640881 | -0.33057 | -0.7435 |
| 3 | C | 2 | 1 |  | 1.4017 | 116.9078 |  | 2.774727 | 0.194307 | -1.37884 |
| 4 | C | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1.401153 | 124.6707 | -179.355 | 1.818262 | -1.06986 | 0.433456 |
| 5 | C | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1.398255 | 121.9271 | -179.757 | 4.062489 | 0.005974 | -0.86765 |
| 6 | C | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.404042 | 117.9473 | 1.151454 | 4.200475 | -0.75479 | 0.304332 |
| 7 | C | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1.398846 | 121.5667 | 179.1113 | 3.089224 | -1.29315 | 0.973423 |
| 8 | C | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.509586 | 121.1878 | -178.58 | 5.269175 | 0.605516 | -1.54832 |
| 9 | C | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1.509565 | 121.2448 | 178.9608 | 3.270119 | -2.07105 | 2.254413 |
| 10 | C | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1.853398 | 102.699 | 89.86023 | -0.53416 | 1.578832 | -0.74253 |
| 11 | C | 10 | 1 | 2 | 1.402196 | 116.9594 | 164.9555 | -1.58495 | 2.277209 | -1.35431 |
| 12 | C | 11 | 10 | 1 | 1.397694 | 121.911 | -179.47 | -2.06519 | 3.486068 | -0.84286 |
| 13 | C | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1.404521 | 117.9739 | 1.134384 | -1.44588 | 4.00843 | 0.304434 |
| 14 | C | 13 | 12 | 11 | 1.403723 | 121.8374 | -1.43453 | -0.39566 | 3.336873 | 0.949783 |
| 15 | C | 14 | 13 | 12 | 1.399486 | 118.2681 | 0.886899 | 0.045722 | 2.123314 | 0.410319 |
| 16 | C | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1.509629 | 121.2371 | -178.647 | -3.21735 | 4.210077 | -1.49656 |
| 17 | C | 14 | 13 | 12 | 1.509668 | 120.5595 | -178.127 | 0.221278 | 3.903998 | 2.205513 |
| 18 | C | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1.853322 | 102.6665 | -16.2869 | -1.10067 | -1.256 | -0.74204 |
| 19 | C | 18 | 1 | 2 | 1.401638 | 117.0562 | -90.696 | -1.21583 | -2.5021 | -1.37335 |
| 20 | C | 18 | 1 | 2 | 1.401153 | 124.5314 | 89.96347 | -1.82879 | -1.03494 | 0.434485 |

$\left.\left.\left.\begin{array}{lrrrrllllll}21 & \text { C } & 19 & 18 & 1 & 1.398228 & 121.9211 & -179.659 & -2.02608 & -3.51917 & -0.85944 \\ 22 & \text { C } & 21 & 19 & 18 & 1.404266 & 117.9638 & 1.125091 & -2.75405 & -3.25284 & 0.311501 \\ 23 & \text { C } & 20 & 18 & 1 & 1.398923 & 121.5861 & 178.9989 & -2.66116 & -2.01972 & 0.977012 \\ 24 & \text { C } & 21 & 19 & 18 & 1.509636 & 121.1717 & -178.645 & -2.11419 & -4.86545 & -1.53676 \\ 25 & \text { C } & 23 & 20 & 18 & 1.509649 & 121.1972 & 179.1798 & -3.42757 & -1.77864 & 2.255108 \\ 26 & \text { H } & 19 & 18 & 1 & 1.087968 & 119.4138 & 0.599395 & -0.65793 & -2.69127 & -2.28802 \\ 27 & \text { H } & 20 & 18 & 1 & 1.085996 & 119.6907 & -0.9971 & -1.75085 & -0.0789 & 0.943701 \\ 28 & \text { H } & 8 & 5 & 3 & 1.093242 & 110.7993 & 21.84171 & 4.979691 & 1.451573 & -2.17725 \\ 29 & \text { H } & 9 & 7 & 4 & 1.092983 & 110.7783 & -10.1026 & 2.307272 & -2.2456 & 2.741312 \\ 30 & \text { H } & 3 & 2 & 1 & 1.087951 & 119.403 & 0.533031 & 2.655591 & 0.769904 & -2.29434 \\ 31 & \text { H } & 4 & 2 & 1 & 1.086029 & 119.7007 & -0.9434 & 0.953724 & -1.48209 & 0.945409 \\ 32 & \text { H } & 11 & 10 & 1 & 1.088005 & 119.4333 & 0.804277 & -2.04724 & 1.869667 & -2.25094 \\ 33 & \text { H } & 15 & 14 & 13 & 1.085946 & 118.6982 & -179.811 & 0.855732 & 1.596327 & 0.905746 \\ 34 & \text { H } & 24 & 21 & 19 & 1.097268 & 111.7987 & -97.0637 & -2.99138 & -4.93517 & -2.19226 \\ 35 & \text { H } & 24 & 21 & 19 & 1.093307 & 110.8054 & 22.44546 & -1.23215 & -5.04668 & -2.15682 \\ 36 & \text { H } & 24 & 21 & 19 & 1.09297 & 110.9165 & 143.3543 & -2.19696 & -5.66835 & -0.79981 \\ 37 & \text { H } & 25 & 23 & 20 & 1.096779 & 111.7907 & 107.2838 & -4.49966 & -1.64305 & 2.06756 \\ 38 & \text { H } & 25 & 23 & 20 & 1.092996 & 110.7621 & -12.4393 & -3.06754 & -0.87788 & 2.758741 \\ 39 & \text { H } & 25 & 23 & 20 & 1.093597 & 111.1007 & -133.474 & -3.33046 & -2.62696 & 2.938394 \\ 40 & \text { H } & 16 & 12 & 11 & 1.093235 & 110.7952 & 21.1746 & -3.80921 & 3.524604 & -2.10892 \\ 41 & \text { H } & 16 & 12 & 11 & 1.093006 & 110.9288 & 142.1134 & -3.86943 & 4.664112 & -0.74602 \\ 63 & \text { H } & \text { H } & \text { H } & 61 & 51 & 6 & 1.0922 & 106.5838 & -178.142 & 7.129872\end{array}\right)-2.07519\right) 0.918316\right)$

Phosphine 4 (gas phase singlet electronic state; B3LYP/6-31G(2d,p))

| Tag | Symbol | NA | NB | NC | Bond | Angle | Dihedral | x | Y | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | P |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.003357 | -0.00279 | -1.54541 |
| 1 | P |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.0924 | 0.020196 | 1.511134 |
| 2 | C | 1 |  |  | 1.850754 |  |  | 0.693346 | 1.466027 | 0.664099 |
| 3 | C | 2 | 1 |  | 1.401084 | 117.3916 |  | 1.732356 | 2.12129 | 1.337987 |
| 4 | C | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1.406743 | 124.9164 | -178.538 | 0.306197 | 1.972457 | -0.58992 |
| 5 | C | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1.396492 | 121.8812 | -179.726 | 2.386907 | 3.225694 | 0.7884 |
| 6 | C | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.399741 | 119.4194 | 0.873797 | 1.987554 | 3.708992 | -0.46309 |
| 7 | C | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1.389057 | 121.2185 | 179.0998 | 0.939112 | 3.076245 | -1.14719 |
| 8 | C | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1.850782 | 102.7749 | -94.3309 | 0.845546 | -1.41805 | 0.820416 |
| 9 | c | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1.408687 | 117.3226 | 164.7921 | 0.72658 | -2.6504 | 1.4924 |
| 10 | C | 9 | 8 | 1 | 1.387305 | 121.491 | -179.339 | 1.402463 | -3.78118 | 1.057488 |
| 11 | c | 10 | 9 | 8 | 1.403204 | 120.0141 | 0.897709 | 2.242124 | -3.70892 | -0.06444 |
| 12 | C | 11 | 10 | 9 | 1.398884 | 119.5324 | -0.11511 | 2.388772 | -2.49208 | -0.73872 |
| 13 | c | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1.3984 | 119.6913 | -0.42013 | 1.691217 | -1.3649 | -0.29329 |
| 14 | C | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1.850904 | 102.6669 | 159.5358 | -1.72501 | -0.11664 | 0.649908 |
| 15 | C | 14 | 1 | 2 | 1.401016 | 117.3738 | -93.4726 | -2.8168 | 0.541923 | 1.23053 |
| 16 | C | 14 | 1 | 2 | 1.40685 | 124.9376 | 87.86405 | -1.95613 | -0.85271 | -0.52653 |
| 17 | C | 15 | 14 | 1 | 1.396307 | 121.8803 | -179.914 | -4.09117 | 0.499834 | 0.661413 |
| 18 | C | 17 | 15 | 14 | 1.399812 | 119.4363 | 0.871522 | -4.29622 | -0.23373 | -0.51303 |
| 19 | C | 16 | 14 | 1 | 1.389188 | 121.2098 | 179.3209 | -3.21948 | -0.9136 | -1.10106 |
| 20 | H | 15 | 14 | 1 | 1.087183 | 119.4364 | -0.11807 | -2.67516 | 1.100747 | 2.152279 |
| 21 | H | 16 | 14 | 1 | 1.085605 | 119.7308 | -0.2159 | -1.13767 | -1.39108 | -0.99431 |
| 22 | H | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1.087162 | 119.4134 | 0.024743 | 2.039634 | 1.766992 | 2.31879 |
| 23 | H | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1.085427 | 119.7135 | -0.43624 | -0.50639 | 1.500511 | -1.13318 |
| 24 | H | 9 | 8 | 1 | 1.087148 | 119.5113 | 0.447868 | 0.094614 | -2.72072 | 2.374197 |
| 25 | H | 13 | 12 | 11 | 1.085477 | 118.5633 | 179.8166 | 1.820871 | -0.42936 | -0.82828 |
| 26 | 0 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 1.365007 | 115.7154 | 179.5457 | 2.870875 | -4.87034 | -0.40944 |
| 27 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1.364869 | 124.7055 | 179.4802 | 2.543431 | 4.783739 | -1.09458 |
| 28 | 0 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 1.364816 | 124.6852 | 179.5495 | -5.49519 | -0.35486 | -1.15375 |
| 29 | c | 28 | 18 | 17 | 1.419019 | 118.2147 | 0.186893 | -6.62114 | 0.308984 | -0.60133 |
| 30 | H | 29 | 28 | 18 | 1.097474 | 111.6616 | 60.91929 | -6.47219 | 1.395625 | -0.56294 |
| 31 | H | 29 | 28 | 18 | 1.090913 | 106.0341 | 179.7527 | -7.45819 | 0.084851 | -1.26406 |
| 32 | H | 29 | 28 | 18 | 1.097451 | 111.6661 | -61.4262 | -6.8521 | -0.05614 | 0.407501 |
| 33 | C | 26 | 11 | 10 | 1.418883 | 118.2095 | -179.524 | 3.74087 | -4.8547 | -1.5302 |
| 34 | H | 33 | 26 | 11 | 1.097503 | 111.6756 | 61.04323 | 4.577139 | -4.15904 | -1.38453 |
| 35 | H | 33 | 26 | 11 | 1.090944 | 106.0328 | 179.8792 | 4.130514 | -5.86943 | -1.62335 |
| 36 | H | 33 | 26 | 11 | 1.097522 | 111.6895 | -61.2979 | 3.209621 | -4.58646 | -2.45236 |
| 37 | C | 27 | 6 | 5 | 1.418985 | 118.2422 | -0.05391 | 3.602558 | 5.469891 | -0.44576 |
| 38 | H | 37 | 27 | 6 | 1.097495 | 111.7024 | 61.19965 | 4.467452 | 4.815454 | -0.27794 |
| 39 | H | 37 | 27 | 6 | 1.090938 | 106.0243 | -179.989 | 3.891566 | 6.280528 | -1.1162 |
| 40 | H | 37 | 27 | 6 | 1.097452 | 111.6799 | -61.1768 | 3.282907 | 5.893286 | 0.514946 |
| 41 | H | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1.085331 | 121.3105 | -179.747 | 0.638945 | 3.470677 | -2.11273 |
| 42 | H | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.083594 | 119.4416 | -179.828 | 3.187445 | 3.700744 | 1.343056 |
| 43 | H | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1.083757 | 121.0415 | 179.6112 | 3.035662 | -2.4071 | -1.60408 |
| 44 | H | 10 | 9 | 8 | 1.085151 | 121.4121 | -179.804 | 1.307432 | -4.73062 | 1.574282 |
| 45 | H | 19 | 16 | 14 | 1.085327 | 121.2925 | -179.792 | -3.4 | -1.48376 | -2.00675 |
| 46 | H | 17 | 15 | 14 | 1.083539 | 119.4405 | -179.805 | -4.90689 | 1.026459 | 1.142367 |

Phosphine 1 (gas phase singlet electronic state; B3LYP-D3/6-31G(2d,p) with Grimme correction)

| Tag | Symbol | NA | NB | NC | Bond | Angle | Dihedral | x | Y | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | C |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.001024 | -0.000448 | 2.044668 |
| 1 | P |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.185126 | -2.49272 | 1.611847 |
| 2 | C | 1 |  |  | 2.778184 |  |  | 0.617977 | -2.761075 | 2.495327 |
| 3 | H | 2 | 1 |  | 1.083899 | 81.8427 |  | 0.19335 | 3.143698 | -0.674603 |
| 4 | C | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4.176694 | 130.3596 | -177.163 | -0.584502 | 3.562351 | -1.930889 |
| 5 | C | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1.539224 | 137.3061 | 89.61666 | -1.57911 | -0.407864 | 1.168577 |
| 6 | C | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1.848891 | 99.89348 | 95.38967 | 1.336251 | 3.799505 | -0.222242 |
| 7 | C | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1.394589 | 99.86397 | 167.8868 | 1.700648 | 4.662273 | -0.764543 |
| 8 | H | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1.082609 | 119.0179 | -179.325 | 2.624283 | -1.73744 | -0.677157 |
| 9 | C | 2 | 1 | 6 | 2.806721 | 96.80835 | 99.27005 | 1.908797 | -3.460031 | 0.917076 |
| 10 | C | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1.393222 | 157.9094 | 99.04283 | -2.752326 | 0.219988 | 1.61244 |
| 11 | C | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1.404159 | 116.6414 | 139.4501 | -2.700575 | 0.845367 | 2.49586 |
| 12 | H | 11 | 6 | 1 | 1.083899 | 118.3443 | 0.198154 | -0.24034 | 2.019617 | 0.0398 |
| 13 | C | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1.403648 | 17.87666 | -14.1548 | -1.104683 | 1.47155 | -0.309817 |
| 14 | H | 13 | 4 | 1 | 1.083672 | 119.7739 | 178.2151 | 3.316204 | 4.136588 | 1.333931 |
| 15 | C | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2.545497 | 154.4283 | 0.044545 | 2.62442 | -3.054818 | -0.223834 |
| 16 | C | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1.394588 | 58.52808 | 179.9132 | 3.190848 | -3.800806 | -0.765963 |
| 17 | H | 16 | 9 | 2 | 1.082609 | 119.0179 | -179.383 | 1.865847 | -0.801253 | 0.037216 |
| 18 | C | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1.403649 | 59.20339 | -0.7563 | 1.820165 | 0.220972 | -0.313034 |
| 19 | H | 18 | 9 | 2 | 1.083673 | 119.7739 | 179.8425 | 1.141458 | -1.162704 | 1.168296 |
| 20 | C | 18 | 9 | 2 | 1.392763 | 121.3792 | -0.08072 | 0.43531 | 1.570515 | 1.169653 |
| 21 | C | 13 | 4 | 1 | 1.392763 | 121.3793 | -1.70813 | 2.044917 | 3.380366 | 0.917996 |
| 22 | C | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1.405673 | 122.7064 | 0.248303 | -5.2438 | 0.797868 | 1.334831 |
| 23 | C | 11 | 6 | 1 | 2.574825 | 151.5808 | 179.8342 | -3.959732 | -0.744627 | -0.223055 |
| 24 | C | 11 | 6 | 1 | 2.394887 | 90.09245 | -178.978 | -4.889119 | -0.86134 | -0.765149 |
| 25 | H | 24 | 11 | 6 | 1.082609 | 149.2836 | 179.5942 | -2.81931 | -1.403972 | -0.676557 |
| 26 | C | 24 | 11 | 6 | 1.394588 | 91.69281 | 0.65002 | -3.95215 | 0.077521 | 0.918012 |
| 27 | C | 11 | 6 | 1 | 1.393223 | 121.41 | -179.563 | 1.931756 | -4.938887 | 1.333524 |
| 28 | C | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1.538924 | 122.7596 | 179.8794 | -0.517257 | 2.414797 | -2.965385 |
| 29 | C | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1.545952 | 109.3973 | -60.3158 | 0.519772 | 2.210045 | -3.251415 |
| 30 | H | 29 | 5 | 4 | 1.095062 | 110.9107 | -61.141 | -1.073773 | 2.681742 | -3.870875 |
| 31 | H | 29 | 5 | 4 | 1.095843 | 110.3859 | 179.1937 | -0.943467 | 1.488346 | -2.570414 |
| 32 | H | 29 | 5 | 4 | 1.093446 | 111.8433 | 59.27606 | 1.567204 | 2.27071 | 1.612603 |
| 33 | C | 22 | 7 | 4 | 1.393222 | 117.6635 | -0.36885 | 2.083321 | 1.912133 | 2.495343 |
| 34 | H | 33 | 22 | 7 | 1.083899 | 120.2454 | -178.631 | -0.013166 | 4.834815 | -2.57775 |
| 35 | C | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1.538977 | 112.4929 | 179.5095 | -0.041597 | 5.685467 | -1.889093 |
| 36 | H | 35 | 5 | 4 | 1.094701 | 111.8887 | -60.5131 | -0.604687 | 5.100761 | -3.459536 |
| 37 | H | 35 | 5 | 4 | 1.094823 | 109.7242 | -179.703 | 1.021646 | 4.693112 | -2.905812 |
| 38 | H | 35 | 5 | 4 | 1.094746 | 111.8719 | 61.13158 | -2.060914 | 3.826029 | -1.555702 |
| 39 | C | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1.546159 | 109.2569 | 59.32288 | -2.539324 | 2.93654 | -1.13578 |
| 40 | H | 39 | 5 | 4 | 1.093497 | 111.8304 | -58.8778 | -2.631412 | 4.124174 | -2.442276 |
| 41 | H | 39 | 5 | 4 | 1.095779 | 110.3925 | -178.923 | -2.135981 | 4.628768 | -0.81514 |
| 42 | H | 39 | 5 | 4 | 1.094806 | 110.8242 | 61.38251 | -6.355645 | $-0.241865$ | 1.597696 |
| 43 | C | 23 | 11 | 6 | 1.546054 | 120.5707 | 73.29782 | -6.570421 | -0.843081 | 0.709912 |
| 44 | H | 43 | 23 | 11 | 1.093609 | 111.9197 | -86.978 | -7.284125 | 0.259207 | 1.893037 |
| 45 | H | 43 | 23 | 11 | 1.09576 | 110.3316 | 153.1247 | -6.065229 | -0.924851 | 2.402304 |
| 46 | H | 43 | 23 | 11 | 1.094693 | 110.9406 | 33.38814 | -1.629114 | -1.216105 | 0.037662 |


| 47 | C | 6 | 1 | 21 | 1.392763 | 124.239 | 94.22419 | -0.721575 | -1.688675 | -0.312657 |
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| 48 | H | 47 | 6 | 1 | 1.083673 | 118.8467 | -1.35672 | -2.791854 | -2.285539 | -1.933759 |
| 49 | C | 26 | 24 | 11 | 1.539224 | 122.8264 | 179.4785 | 2.343093 | -0.764589 | -2.970035 |
| 50 | C | 9 | 2 | 1 | 2.51789 | 144.2824 | -57.8977 | 1.651379 | -1.564602 | -3.254089 |
| 51 | H | 50 | 9 | 2 | 1.095062 | 91.81225 | -57.323 | 2.850475 | -0.415453 | -3.876437 |
| 52 | H | 50 | 9 | 2 | 1.095844 | 145.5933 | 176.278 | 1.749583 | 0.06548 | -2.576697 |
| 53 | H | 50 | 9 | 2 | 1.093445 | 91.75028 | 50.58296 | 4.353176 | 4.040712 | 0.191596 |
| 54 | C | 15 | 7 | 4 | 1.545915 | 93.72036 | 125.4234 | 4.612451 | 2.995896 | -0.009467 |
| 55 | H | 54 | 15 | 7 | 1.094773 | 110.9082 | -84.9425 | 5.271163 | 4.574192 | 0.462374 |
| 56 | H | 54 | 15 | 7 | 1.095731 | 110.3583 | 155.3639 | 3.975308 | 4.476144 | -0.737687 |
| 57 | H | 54 | 15 | 7 | 1.093517 | 111.9181 | 35.46883 | 3.952182 | 3.555085 | 2.608229 |
| 58 | C | 15 | 7 | 4 | 1.539053 | 140.9858 | 0.377054 | 3.268951 | 3.60634 | 3.461792 |
| 59 | H | 58 | 15 | 7 | 1.094517 | 111.9212 | -61.2337 | 4.849366 | 4.12656 | 2.866529 |
| 60 | H | 58 | 15 | 7 | 1.094795 | 109.675 | 179.534 | 4.252877 | 2.511672 | 2.471232 |
| 61 | H | 58 | 15 | 7 | 1.094509 | 111.8081 | 60.28846 | 3.373405 | -1.272292 | -1.93452 |
| 62 | C | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1.539224 | 178.5754 | 17.83273 | 2.974087 | 5.619564 | 1.598655 |
| 63 | C | 15 | 7 | 4 | 1.546052 | 93.75455 | -124.863 | 2.560807 | 6.107744 | 0.711744 |
| 64 | H | 63 | 15 | 7 | 1.093609 | 111.9197 | -35.001 | 3.873316 | 6.171499 | 1.893816 |
| 65 | H | 63 | 15 | 7 | 1.09576 | 110.3316 | -154.898 | 2.238209 | 5.709752 | 2.403982 |
| 66 | H | 63 | 15 | 7 | 1.094693 | 110.9407 | 85.3652 | 4.195476 | -2.400698 | -2.578681 |
| 67 | C | 62 | 9 | 2 | 1.538976 | 112.4929 | 162.1547 | 4.947905 | -2.796327 | -1.888753 |
| 68 | H | 67 | 62 | 9 | 1.094701 | 111.8888 | -60.513 | 4.720162 | -2.020684 | -3.460991 |
| 69 | H | 67 | 62 | 9 | 1.094823 | 109.7242 | -179.703 | 3.559551 | -3.229801 | -2.905367 |
| 70 | H | 67 | 62 | 9 | 1.094746 | 111.8719 | 61.13158 | -5.059586 | 1.637778 | 2.610377 |
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| 72 | H | 71 | 23 | 11 | 1.094518 | 111.9211 | -60.9336 | -6.003872 | 2.127146 | 2.869371 |
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| 74 | H | 71 | 23 | 11 | 1.094508 | 111.8081 | 60.58858 | -5.680416 | 1.745007 | 0.193898 |
| 75 | C | 23 | 11 | 6 | 1.545915 | 120.9657 | -70.1825 | -4.905983 | 2.492989 | -0.006308 |
| 76 | H | 75 | 23 | 11 | 1.094773 | 110.9082 | -33.1413 | -6.601867 | 2.271995 | 0.465637 |
| 77 | H | 75 | 23 | 11 | 1.095732 | 110.3583 | -152.835 | -5.868306 | 1.201163 | -0.736086 |
| 78 | H | 75 | 23 | 11 | 1.093518 | 111.9181 | 87.27012 | 4.334082 | -0.119646 | -1.562334 |
| 79 | C | 62 | 9 | 2 | 1.54616 | 109.2569 | 41.96817 | 3.798666 | 0.737761 | -1.144572 |
| 80 | H | 79 | 62 | 9 | 1.093498 | 111.8305 | -58.8778 | 4.875641 | 0.225889 | -2.449838 |
| 81 | H | 79 | 62 | 9 | 1.095778 | 110.3925 | -178.923 | 5.068597 | -0.450342 | -0.820988 |
| 82 | H | 79 | 62 | 9 | 1.094805 | 110.8242 | 61.38242 | -1.834376 | -1.649821 | -2.968469 |
| 83 | C | 49 | 26 | 24 | 1.545951 | 109.3974 | 120.5266 | -2.178113 | -0.649657 | -3.252546 |
| 84 | H | 83 | 49 | 26 | 1.095063 | 110.9106 | -61.1409 | -1.787009 | -2.263782 | -3.874947 |
| 85 | H | 83 | 49 | 26 | 1.095843 | 110.3859 | 179.1938 | -0.818702 | -1.554049 | -2.574519 |
| 86 | H | 83 | 49 | 26 | 1.093445 | 111.8433 | 59.27603 | -4.17981 | -2.429993 | -2.579317 |
| 87 | C | 49 | 26 | 24 | 1.538977 | 112.4929 | 0.351803 | -4.900303 | -2.882654 | -1.890364 |
| 88 | H | 87 | 49 | 26 | 1.094701 | 111.8887 | -60.5131 | -4.113575 | -3.074035 | -3.461924 |
| 89 | H | 87 | 49 | 26 | 1.094823 | 109.7242 | -179.703 | -4.577498 | -1.463678 | -2.905855 |
| 90 | H | 87 | 49 | 26 | 1.094745 | 111.8719 | 61.13159 | 3.388483 | -5.380837 | 1.596166 |
| 91 | C | 28 | 10 | 2 | 1.546052 | 109.4881 | -119.546 | 4.016377 | -5.265264 | 0.708391 |
| 92 | H | 91 | 28 | 10 | 1.093609 | 111.9197 | -59.6059 | 3.419683 | -6.435572 | 1.890996 |
| 93 | H | 91 | 28 | 10 | 1.09576 | 110.3316 | -179.503 | 3.834293 | -4.787818 | 2.401014 |
| 94 | H | 91 | 28 | 10 | 1.094692 | 110.9407 | 60.76032 | 1.330372 | -5.790762 | 0.192428 |
| 95 | C | 28 | 10 | 2 | 1.545915 | 109.4189 | 120.602 | 0.295084 | -5.494939 | -0.007531 |


| 96 | H | 95 | 28 | 10 | 1.094773 | 110.9082 | -60.3193 | 1.335695 | -6.852337 | 0.463842 |
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| 97 | H | 95 | 28 | 10 | 1.095732 | 110.3583 | 179.9872 | 1.89502 | -5.680788 | -0.737636 |
| 98 | H | 95 | 28 | 10 | 1.093518 | 111.9181 | 60.09215 | 1.112575 | -5.200196 | 2.609108 |
| 99 | C | 28 | 10 | 2 | 1.539054 | 112.2826 | 0.59938 | 1.498486 | -4.63289 | 3.46189 |
| 100 | H | 99 | 28 | 10 | 1.094518 | 111.9211 | -61.2073 | 1.161672 | -6.2627 | 2.867801 |
| 101 | H | 99 | 28 | 10 | 1.094795 | 109.675 | 179.5604 | 0.057848 | -4.941297 | 2.473417 |
| 102 | H | 99 | 28 | 10 | 1.094509 | 111.8081 | 60.31485 | -2.277811 | -3.695018 | -1.560597 |
| 103 | C | 49 | 26 | 24 | 1.546159 | 109.2568 | -119.835 | -1.268046 | -3.662313 | -1.141417 |
| 104 | H | 103 | 49 | 26 | 1.093497 | 111.8305 | -58.8778 | -2.249655 | -4.337046 | -2.447938 |
| 105 | H | 103 | 49 | 26 | 1.09578 | 110.3925 | -178.923 | -2.933596 | -4.164069 | -0.820057 |
| 106 | H | 103 | 49 | 26 | 1.094806 | 110.8242 | 61.38253 | -0.001024 | -0.000448 | 2.044668 |

Phosphine 2 (gas phase singlet electronic state; B3LYP-D3/6-31G(2d,p) with Grimme correction)

| Tag | Symbol | NA | NB | NC | Bond | Angle | Dihedral | X | $Y$ | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | P |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.000259 | -0.00011 | -1.46237 |
| 2 | C | 1 |  |  | 1.846572 |  |  | -0.95929 | -1.34524 | -0.63791 |
| 3 | C | 2 | 1 |  | 1.400729 | 116.9568 |  | -0.89265 | -2.61912 | -1.21654 |
| 4 | C | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1.397638 | 124.1054 | 179.7312 | -1.72982 | -1.16526 | 0.514172 |
| 5 | C | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1.395235 | 121.2755 | 178.686 | -1.56036 | -3.70668 | -0.65257 |
| 6 | C | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.398252 | 118.4213 | 1.189436 | -2.32527 | -3.49398 | 0.498419 |
| 7 | C | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1.395899 | 121.6722 | -0.36048 | -2.4255 | -2.23324 | 1.089201 |
| 8 | C | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.509556 | 120.9683 | -177.962 | -1.44692 | -5.08574 | -1.25597 |
| 9 | H | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1.087713 | 119.1225 | 179.2736 | -2.86021 | -4.33141 | 0.940759 |
| 10 | C | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1.50978 | 120.8314 | 178.3537 | -3.28633 | -2.01728 | 2.310578 |
| 11 | C | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1.846411 | 101.6067 | 91.50445 | 1.644906 | -0.15816 | -0.63812 |
| 12 | C | 11 | 1 | 2 | 1.400697 | 116.9667 | 167.1739 | 2.714905 | 0.535935 | -1.21716 |
| 13 | C | 12 | 11 | 1 | 1.395278 | 121.2755 | 178.7016 | 3.990724 | 0.501302 | -0.65335 |
| 14 | C | 13 | 12 | 11 | 1.398194 | 118.4251 | 1.192296 | 4.189002 | -0.26708 | 0.497835 |
| 15 | C | 14 | 13 | 12 | 1.395941 | 121.6733 | -0.36887 | 3.147176 | -0.98369 | 1.089214 |
| 16 | C | 11 | 1 | 2 | 1.397796 | 124.1006 | -13.0877 | 1.874351 | -0.91496 | 0.514459 |
| 17 | C | 13 | 12 | 11 | 1.509552 | 120.9691 | -177.969 | 5.1285 | 1.288358 | -1.2573 |
| 18 | H | 14 | 13 | 12 | 1.087716 | 119.1244 | 179.2686 | 5.181794 | -0.31181 | 0.939977 |
| 19 | C | 15 | 14 | 13 | 1.509785 | 120.8219 | 178.3399 | 3.390928 | -1.83697 | 2.310666 |
| 20 | C | 1 | 11 | 16 | 1.846541 | 101.6103 | 91.48741 | -0.6854 | 1.503455 | -0.63844 |
| 21 | C | 20 | 1 | 11 | 1.400749 | 116.9512 | 167.3351 | -1.82372 | 2.08045 | -1.21585 |
| 22 | C | 20 | 1 | 11 | 1.397715 | 124.1114 | -12.9154 | -0.14289 | 2.083128 | 0.511895 |
| 23 | C | 21 | 20 | 1 | 1.395179 | 121.2769 | 178.6953 | -2.43219 | 3.202392 | -0.65235 |
| 24 | C | 23 | 21 | 20 | 1.398264 | 118.4219 | 1.202566 | -1.86411 | 3.760937 | 0.496758 |
| 25 | C | 22 | 20 | 1 | 1.395871 | 121.6751 | -0.36601 | -0.72036 | 3.219832 | 1.086238 |
| 26 | C | 23 | 21 | 20 | 1.509542 | 120.9757 | -177.971 | -3.6849 | 3.791487 | -1.25435 |
| 27 | H | 24 | 23 | 21 | 1.087731 | 119.1221 | 179.258 | -2.32214 | 4.643085 | 0.938556 |
| 28 | C | 25 | 22 | 20 | 1.509771 | 120.8279 | 178.3414 | -0.10144 | 3.860264 | 2.305333 |
| 29 | H | 21 | 20 | 1 | 1.087257 | 119.4391 | -1.07436 | -2.24445 | 1.644337 | -2.11858 |
| 30 | H | 22 | 20 | 1 | 1.085048 | 119.751 | 0.236313 | 0.738516 | 1.646858 | 0.970285 |
| 31 | H | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1.093615 | 111.4481 | -21.7861 | -1.14669 | -5.03911 | -2.30654 |
| 32 | H | 10 | 7 | 6 | 1.09408 | 111.3514 | 150.588 | -2.89509 | -1.20921 | 2.935851 |
| 33 | H | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1.087262 | 119.4404 | -1.09141 | -0.30673 | -2.76542 | -2.12066 |
| 34 | H | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1.085072 | 119.7618 | 0.255769 | -1.79062 | -0.18417 | 0.973669 |


| 35 | H | 12 | 11 | 1 | 1.087254 | 119.4446 | -1.08065 | 2.548779 | 1.116163 | -2.12152 |
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| 36 | H | 16 | 11 | 1 | 1.08505 | 119.7554 | 0.254041 | 1.055025 | -1.4578 | 0.974207 |
| 37 | H | 26 | 23 | 21 | 1.0946 | 111.4278 | -142.407 | -3.67847 | 4.88475 | -1.20065 |
| 38 | H | 26 | 23 | 21 | 1.093605 | 111.45 | -21.5147 | -3.79858 | 3.502885 | -2.30304 |
| 39 | H | 26 | 23 | 21 | 1.096948 | 111.0429 | 98.20682 | -4.5786 | 3.44635 | -0.72004 |
| 40 | H | 28 | 25 | 22 | 1.097006 | 111.0155 | -89.8424 | 0.644744 | 4.611687 | 2.018971 |
| 41 | H | 28 | 25 | 22 | 1.094067 | 111.3584 | 150.7812 | 0.407842 | 3.119764 | 2.929256 |
| 42 | H | 28 | 25 | 22 | 1.094188 | 111.5397 | 29.78759 | -0.85328 | 4.365388 | 2.919191 |
| 43 | H | 17 | 13 | 12 | 1.09362 | 111.4516 | -21.8413 | 4.938433 | 1.523786 | -2.30823 |
| 44 | H | 17 | 13 | 12 | 1.096958 | 111.0401 | 97.86851 | 5.273957 | 2.238729 | -0.72914 |
| 45 | H | 17 | 13 | 12 | 1.094578 | 111.4309 | -142.74 | 6.072345 | 0.737353 | -1.19688 |
| 46 | H | 19 | 15 | 14 | 1.09407 | 111.3614 | 150.8399 | 2.494603 | -1.90544 | 2.934286 |
| 47 | H | 19 | 15 | 14 | 1.094189 | 111.5409 | 29.8401 | 4.204348 | -1.43758 | 2.923927 |
| 48 | H | 19 | 15 | 14 | 1.097006 | 111.0091 | -89.784 | 3.667891 | -2.85983 | 2.026982 |
| 49 | H | 10 | 7 | 6 | 1.094181 | 111.543 | 29.59669 | -3.35031 | -2.92232 | 2.922169 |
| 50 | H | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1.094592 | 111.4321 | -142.684 | -2.39612 | -5.62761 | -1.19659 |
| 51 | H | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1.096954 | 111.0404 | 97.9248 | -0.6973 | -5.68677 | -0.72669 |
| 52 | H | 10 | 7 | 6 | 1.097002 | 111.0147 | -90.0409 | -4.3096 | -1.74179 | 2.026948 |

Phosphine $\mathbf{3}$ (gas phase singlet electronic state; B3LYP-D3/6-31G(2d,p) with Grimme correction)

| Tag | Symbol | NA | NB | NC | Bond | Angle | Dihedral | X | Y | Z |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | P |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.000068 | -0.00026 | -1.64636 |
| 2 | C | 1 |  |  | 1.845486 |  |  | -1.38873 | -0.89389 | -0.82266 |
| 3 | C | 2 | 1 |  | 1.400228 | 117.2033 |  | -1.8072 | -2.09851 | -1.40096 |
| 4 | C | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1.397638 | 124.1772 | 179.0526 | -2.02571 | -0.45308 | 0.340665 |
| 5 | C | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1.394096 | 121.6608 | 178.7147 | -2.82995 | -2.86262 | -0.84095 |
| 6 | C | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.401583 | 118.122 | 0.956224 | -3.45366 | -2.38303 | 0.318966 |
| 7 | C | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1.397042 | 121.4773 | -179.238 | -3.06277 | -1.18355 | 0.926024 |
| 8 | C | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.507624 | 121.693 | -178.896 | -3.26452 | -4.17185 | -1.44925 |
| 9 | C | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1.508018 | 121.1113 | 179.4986 | -3.73683 | -0.70586 | 2.187597 |
| 10 | C | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1.845509 | 101.6026 | 90.49916 | 1.46831 | -0.7559 | -0.82224 |
| 11 | C | 10 | 1 | 2 | 1.400129 | 117.2052 | 166.7997 | 2.720615 | -0.51741 | -1.40122 |
| 12 | C | 11 | 10 | 1 | 1.394197 | 121.6668 | 178.7039 | 3.893842 | -1.02079 | -0.84092 |
| 13 | C | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1.401551 | 118.1149 | 0.953551 | 3.790335 | -1.79897 | 0.320145 |
| 14 | C | 13 | 12 | 11 | 1.400084 | 121.8535 | -0.96087 | 2.556097 | -2.05878 | 0.92792 |
| 15 | C | 14 | 13 | 12 | 1.396946 | 118.2719 | 0.400238 | 1.405039 | -1.52628 | 0.342285 |
| 16 | C | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1.507655 | 121.667 | -178.926 | 5.244488 | -0.74409 | -1.45102 |
| 17 | C | 14 | 13 | 12 | 1.508001 | 120.5928 | -178.919 | 2.480076 | -2.8798 | 2.190538 |
| 18 | C | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1.84548 | 101.6028 | -14.0789 | -0.07966 | 1.649322 | -0.82275 |
| 19 | C | 18 | 1 | 2 | 1.400196 | 117.2082 | -88.6505 | -0.91178 | 2.614769 | -1.40245 |
| 20 | C | 18 | 1 | 2 | 1.397658 | 124.171 | 90.38516 | 0.61852 | 1.979731 | 0.342074 |
| 21 | C | 19 | 18 | 1 | 1.394125 | 121.6607 | 178.7025 | -1.0623 | 3.882568 | -0.84243 |
| 22 | C | 21 | 19 | 18 | 1.401575 | 118.1205 | 0.952201 | -0.3372 | 4.182047 | 0.319011 |
| 23 | C | 20 | 18 | 1 | 1.397014 | 121.477 | -179.224 | 0.504241 | 3.243004 | 0.927505 |
| 24 | C | 21 | 19 | 18 | 1.507632 | 121.6889 | -178.908 | -1.97671 | 4.914371 | -1.45251 |
| 25 | C | 23 | 20 | 18 | 1.508015 | 121.1167 | 179.5067 | 1.252782 | 3.587209 | 2.190564 |
| 26 | H | 19 | 18 | 1 | 1.087277 | 119.4819 | -0.83709 | -1.46242 | 2.372434 | -2.30812 |
| 27 | H | 20 | 18 | 1 | 1.085116 | 119.7584 | 0.103578 | 1.257522 | 1.241054 | 0.814842 |


| 28 | H | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1.092988 | 110.9746 | 15.01936 | -2.52568 | $-4.53315$ | -2.1691 |
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| 29 | H | 9 | 7 | 4 | 1.093305 | 110.8863 | -24.6429 | -3.0729 | -0.05365 | 2.7613 |
| 30 | H | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1.087276 | 119.482 | -0.82481 | -1.32069 | -2.45527 | -2.3055 |
| 31 | H | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1.08512 | 119.7618 | 0.09294 | -1.70687 | 0.470682 | 0.812353 |
| 32 | H | 11 | 10 | 1 | 1.087285 | 119.4827 | -0.82582 | 2.786354 | 0.081125 | -2.30655 |
| 33 | H | 15 | 14 | 13 | 1.085108 | 118.7664 | -179.143 | 0.445655 | -1.71086 | 0.814485 |
| 34 | H | 24 | 21 | 19 | 1.096643 | 111.5437 | -104.665 | -1.41145 | 5.690062 | -1.983 |
| 35 | H | 24 | 21 | 19 | 1.092992 | 110.975 | 15.22714 | -2.6603 | 4.455272 | -2.17123 |
| 36 | H | 24 | 21 | 19 | 1.093184 | 110.8406 | 136.4558 | -2.56106 | 5.421432 | -0.68019 |
| 37 | H | 25 | 23 | 20 | 1.097001 | 111.457 | 94.83087 | 2.204343 | 4.086374 | 1.96971 |
| 38 | H | 25 | 23 | 20 | 1.093299 | 110.8875 | -24.5245 | 1.485791 | 2.685708 | 2.763543 |
| 39 | H | 25 | 23 | 20 | 1.092684 | 110.8613 | -145.777 | 0.668426 | 4.265968 | 2.816481 |
| 40 | H | 16 | 12 | 11 | 1.093007 | 110.9728 | 16.00338 | 5.191014 | 0.086534 | -2.15944 |
| 41 | H | 16 | 12 | 11 | 1.093124 | 110.8383 | 137.2416 | 5.97895 | -0.50494 | -0.67752 |
| 42 | H | 16 | 12 | 11 | 1.096693 | 111.5363 | -103.852 | 5.62747 | -1.61671 | -1.99378 |
| 43 | H | 17 | 14 | 13 | 1.093281 | 110.8917 | 155.1977 | 1.578831 | -2.63699 | 2.759802 |
| 44 | H | 17 | 14 | 13 | 1.092698 | 110.8637 | 33.93126 | 3.356405 | -2.70754 | 2.820109 |
| 45 | H | 17 | 14 | 13 | 1.096997 | 111.4558 | -85.433 | 2.444944 | -3.9537 | 1.969362 |
| 46 | H | 9 | 7 | 4 | 1.09268 | 110.8602 | -145.892 | -4.03441 | -1.55059 | 2.813561 |
| 47 | H | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1.09663 | 111.5455 | -104.882 | -4.22021 | -4.07277 | -1.97786 |
| 48 | H | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1.093202 | 110.8428 | 136.2449 | -3.40826 | -4.93126 | -0.67612 |
| 49 | H | 9 | 7 | 4 | 1.097001 | 111.4568 | 94.70898 | -4.64387 | -0.13049 | 1.964774 |
| 50 | 0 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 1.383183 | 118.6489 | -178.068 | 4.950206 | -2.27017 | 0.908242 |
| 51 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1.38317 | 118.5876 | -178.069 | -4.44179 | -3.15281 | 0.905662 |
| 52 | 0 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 1.383167 | 118.6006 | -178.072 | -0.50973 | 5.422607 | 0.905863 |
| 53 | C | 52 | 22 | 21 | 1.423905 | 114.275 | -94.2307 | 0.442337 | 6.400145 | 0.499042 |
| 54 | H | 53 | 52 | 22 | 1.097594 | 111.4129 | 59.57856 | 0.40784 | 6.566134 | -0.58538 |
| 55 | H | 53 | 52 | 22 | 1.092146 | 106.7126 | 178.7474 | 0.180159 | 7.327116 | 1.013601 |
| 56 | H | 53 | 52 | 22 | 1.097393 | 111.5007 | -62.0873 | 1.462715 | 6.108477 | 0.778381 |
| 57 | C | 50 | 13 | 12 | 1.423913 | 114.2701 | -93.9234 | 5.324739 | -3.58067 | 0.496115 |
| 58 | H | 57 | 50 | 13 | 1.097583 | 111.4174 | 59.73437 | 5.491794 | -3.62758 | -0.58767 |
| 59 | H | 57 | 50 | 13 | 1.092146 | 106.7132 | 178.9027 | 6.256081 | -3.81877 | 1.01447 |
| 60 | H | 57 | 50 | 13 | 1.0974 | 111.4939 | -61.9328 | 4.561352 | -4.32098 | 0.767181 |
| 61 | C | 51 | 6 | 5 | 1.423913 | 114.2758 | -94.3076 | -5.76431 | -2.81781 | 0.497932 |
| 62 | H | 61 | 51 | 6 | 1.097596 | 111.4123 | 59.54092 | -5.88996 | -2.93066 | -0.58659 |
| 63 | H | 61 | 51 | 6 | 1.092145 | 106.712 | 178.7094 | -6.43595 | -3.5088 | 1.011953 |
| 64 | H | 61 | 51 | 6 | 1.097389 | 111.5029 | -62.1252 | -6.02275 | -1.78849 | 0.777166 |

Phosphine 4 (gas phase singlet electronic state; B3LYP-D3/6-31G(2d,p) with Grimme correction)

| Tag | Symbol | NA | NB | NC | Bond | Angle | Dihedral | x | Y | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | P |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.09639 | 0.028676 | 1.582022 |
| 2 | C | 1 |  |  | 1.84284 |  |  | 0.713798 | 1.441002 | 0.71889 |
| 3 | C | 2 | 1 |  | 1.398132 | 117.559 |  | 1.795829 | 2.054507 | 1.357321 |
| 4 | C | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1.404525 | 124.6297 | 179.9384 | 0.321749 | 1.942104 | -0.53326 |
| 5 | C | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1.394478 | 121.8293 | 178.9806 | 2.487205 | 3.116602 | 0.775495 |
| 6 | C | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.397756 | 119.4241 | 0.790322 | 2.082949 | 3.597277 | -0.4732 |
| 7 | C | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1.386555 | 121.0745 | -179.464 | 0.992359 | 3.003832 | -1.1211 |
| 8 | C | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1.843201 | 101.9341 | -93.1148 | 0.801255 | -1.41675 | 0.873246 |
| 9 | C | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1.405729 | 117.4748 | 167.4317 | 0.628437 | -2.66073 | 1.504695 |
| 10 | C | 9 | 8 | 1 | 1.384941 | 121.3526 | 179.3739 | 1.254531 | -3.80201 | 1.031871 |
| 11 | C | 10 | 9 | 8 | 1.400986 | 120.094 | 0.849327 | 2.094555 | -3.73009 | -0.08703 |
| 12 | C | 11 | 10 | 9 | 1.396985 | 119.5038 | -0.15498 | 2.291715 | -2.50118 | -0.72146 |
| 13 | C | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1.396207 | 119.6948 | -0.4137 | 1.643799 | -1.36218 | -0.23952 |
| 14 | C | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1.842943 | 101.915 | 162.1711 | -1.7143 | -0.07526 | 0.705674 |
| 15 | C | 14 | 1 | 2 | 1.398045 | 117.6701 | -92.5251 | -2.79276 | 0.63015 | 1.247759 |
| 16 | C | 14 | 1 | 2 | 1.404512 | 124.4968 | 87.38427 | -1.93679 | -0.81236 | -0.46899 |
| 17 | C | 15 | 14 | 1 | 1.394385 | 121.8052 | 178.9193 | -4.04937 | 0.62989 | 0.643404 |
| 18 | c | 17 | 15 | 14 | 1.397844 | 119.4344 | 0.790256 | -4.24813 | -0.10662 | -0.52793 |
| 19 | C | 16 | 14 | 1 | 1.386506 | 121.0745 | -179.391 | -3.18269 | -0.83085 | -1.07709 |
| 20 | H | 15 | 14 | 1 | 1.086556 | 119.4577 | -1.05418 | -2.65419 | 1.196362 | 2.164714 |
| 21 | H | 16 | 14 | 1 | 1.084649 | 119.7189 | 0.687715 | -1.12394 | -1.37885 | -0.9104 |
| 22 | H | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1.08655 | 119.4368 | -1.00709 | 2.111613 | 1.698156 | 2.333991 |
| 23 | H | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1.084585 | 119.796 | 0.633313 | -0.51949 | 1.496318 | -1.0528 |
| 24 | H | 9 | 8 | 1 | 1.086506 | 119.5453 | -0.54516 | -0.00965 | -2.73263 | 2.381147 |
| 25 | H | 13 | 12 | 11 | 1.084538 | 118.6875 | -179.674 | 1.804347 | -0.41764 | -0.74774 |
| 26 | 0 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 1.360915 | 115.6104 | 179.5658 | 2.669307 | -4.90353 | -0.46752 |
| 27 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1.360746 | 124.8281 | 179.5762 | 2.671098 | 4.629944 | -1.13601 |
| 28 | O | 18 | 17 | 15 | 1.360617 | 124.8265 | 179.5909 | -5.4268 | -0.19057 | -1.20244 |
| 29 | c | 28 | 18 | 17 | 1.416804 | 118.1155 | 0.223046 | -6.5406 | 0.520547 | -0.69146 |
| 30 | H | 29 | 28 | 18 | 1.097787 | 111.6483 | 60.96489 | -6.35141 | 1.601466 | -0.66047 |
| 31 | H | 29 | 28 | 18 | 1.091096 | 106.0799 | 179.8017 | -7.36659 | 0.320624 | -1.37575 |
| 32 | H | 29 | 28 | 18 | 1.09775 | 111.6452 | -61.3709 | -6.81415 | 0.176114 | 0.314316 |
| 33 | C | 26 | 11 | 10 | 1.41658 | 118.0873 | -179.793 | 3.532483 | -4.89008 | -1.59066 |
| 34 | H | 33 | 26 | 11 | 1.097814 | 111.6496 | 61.13012 | 4.398745 | -4.23564 | -1.4279 |
| 35 | H | 33 | 26 | 11 | 1.091116 | 106.0879 | 179.9774 | 3.877995 | -5.91708 | -1.71879 |
| 36 | H | 33 | 26 | 11 | 1.097824 | 111.6563 | -61.1871 | 3.008396 | -4.5698 | -2.50059 |
| 37 | C | 27 | 6 | 5 | 1.416767 | 118.1088 | 0.078095 | 3.776764 | 5.271714 | -0.52538 |
| 38 | H | 37 | 27 | 6 | 1.097811 | 111.6536 | 61.07751 | 4.611367 | 4.576546 | -0.36611 |
| 39 | H | 37 | 27 | 6 | 1.0911 | 106.0837 | 179.9152 | 4.090336 | 6.055987 | -1.2161 |
| 40 | H | 37 | 27 | 6 | 1.097742 | 111.6444 | -61.2509 | 3.501349 | 5.726088 | 0.435205 |
| 41 | H | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1.084499 | 121.3718 | -179.848 | 0.692247 | 3.396146 | -2.08658 |
| 42 | H | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1.082397 | 119.428 | -179.792 | 3.321604 | 3.560631 | 1.302941 |
| 43 | H | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1.082568 | 121.0652 | 179.7182 | 2.938904 | -2.41583 | -1.58506 |
| 44 | H | 10 | 9 | 8 | 1.084296 | 121.5164 | -179.736 | 1.119749 | -4.76365 | 1.514333 |
| 45 | H | 19 | 16 | 14 | 1.084481 | 121.3847 | -179.87 | -3.36061 | -1.39989 | -1.98298 |
| 46 | H | 17 | 15 | 14 | 1.082397 | 119.4306 | -179.777 | -4.85657 | 1.192554 | 1.094424 |

$\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ (gas phase singlet electronic state; B3LYP-D3/6-31G(2d,p) with Grimme correction)

| Tag | Symbol | NA | NB | NC | Bond | Angle | Dihedral | x | Y | z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | P |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 1.25656 |
| 2 | C | 1 |  |  | 2.77898 |  |  | -2.69246 | -0.64665 | 1.021509 |
| 3 | H | 2 | 1 |  | 1.086454 | 83.22531 |  | -2.78201 | -0.05185 | 1.92626 |
| 4 | C | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4.164961 | 128.3427 | -178.533 | 3.137849 | -1.04032 | -1.27692 |
| 5 | C | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1.845884 | 99.83041 | 94.3692 | 0 | 1.652994 | 0.435038 |
| 6 | C | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1.393733 | 101.664 | 167.4361 | 3.592363 | -2.22108 | -0.69236 |
| 7 | H | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1.085313 | 120.1602 | -179.971 | 4.42919 | -2.75801 | -1.12748 |
| 8 | C | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2.781518 | 97.01227 | 96.49513 | -2.46987 | -2.1973 | -1.27692 |
| 9 | C | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1.392345 | 157.0888 | 94.81365 | -3.8291 | -1.22096 | 0.458629 |
| 10 | C | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1.40222 | 116.9883 | 139.4772 | 0.786217 | 2.65506 | 1.021509 |
| 11 | H | 10 | 5 | 1 | 1.086454 | 119.5141 | -0.79197 | 1.346107 | 2.435217 | 1.92626 |
| 12 | C | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1.394116 | 18.62104 | -12.6544 | 2.063073 | -0.34857 | -0.72024 |
| 13 | H | 12 | 4 | 1 | 1.084326 | 119.683 | -179.68 | 1.713077 | 0.565425 | -1.18701 |
| 14 | C | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1.393733 | 60.19541 | -179.35 | -3.7197 | -2.00054 | -0.69236 |
| 15 | H | 14 | 8 | 2 | 1.085313 | 120.1602 | -179.532 | -4.6031 | -2.45679 | -1.12748 |
| 16 | C | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1.394116 | 60.09127 | 0.178727 | -1.33341 | -1.61239 | -0.72024 |
| 17 | H | 16 | 8 | 2 | 1.084327 | 119.6831 | 179.9498 | -0.36687 | -1.76628 | -1.18701 |
| 18 | C | 16 | 8 | 2 | 1.400683 | 120.507 | -0.15681 | -1.43154 | -0.8265 | 0.435038 |
| 19 | C | 12 | 4 | 1 | 1.400683 | 120.507 | 0.213865 | 1.431535 | -0.8265 | 0.435038 |
| 20 | C | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1.394446 | 119.7013 | -0.33437 | 2.971929 | -2.70562 | 0.458629 |
| 21 | C | 10 | 5 | 1 | 2.41362 | 90.78954 | 179.6462 | 0.127332 | 4.221618 | -0.69236 |
| 22 | H | 21 | 10 | 5 | 1.085314 | 150.1023 | 179.7341 | 0.173914 | 5.214798 | -1.12748 |
| 23 | C | 21 | 10 | 5 | 1.393733 | 89.7342 | 0.545889 | -0.66798 | 3.237619 | -1.27692 |
| 24 | C | 10 | 5 | 1 | 1.392345 | 120.804 | 179.2219 | 0.857172 | 3.926577 | 0.458629 |
| 25 | C | 20 | 6 | 4 | 1.392344 | 120.0156 | -0.21021 | 1.906241 | -2.00841 | 1.021509 |
| 26 | H | 25 | 20 | 6 | 1.086454 | 119.6819 | -179.138 | 1.435906 | -2.38337 | 1.92626 |
| 27 | C | 23 | 21 | 10 | 1.394115 | 120.285 | -0.4729 | -0.72966 | 1.960961 | -0.72024 |
| 28 | H | 27 | 23 | 21 | 1.084326 | 119.683 | -179.577 | -1.34621 | 1.200856 | -1.18701 |
| 29 | H | 20 | 6 | 4 | 1.085425 | 120.1623 | -179.668 | 3.323243 | -3.62156 | 0.923145 |
| 30 | H | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1.085611 | 138.2627 | -12.8064 | 3.617973 | -0.65636 | -2.17169 |
| 31 | H | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1.08561 | 179.6535 | 39.80054 | -2.37741 | -2.80508 | -2.17169 |
| 32 | H | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1.085425 | 119.8199 | -178.509 | -4.79799 | -1.06723 | 0.923145 |
| 33 | H | 23 | 21 | 10 | 1.08561 | 120.073 | 179.7473 | -1.24056 | 3.461437 | -2.17169 |
| 34 | H | 24 | 10 | 5 | 1.085425 | 119.8199 | -179.692 | 1.474745 | 4.688795 | 0.923145 |

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