Steric Control of Mg–Mg Bond Formation *vs* N₂ Activation in the Reduction of Bulky Magnesium Diamide Complexes

Rahul Mondal,^a Matthew J. Evans,^a Dat T. Nguyen,^a Thayalan Rajeshkumar,^b Laurent Maron*,^b and

Cameron Jones*,a

^a School of Chemistry, Monash University, PO Box 23, Melbourne, VIC, 3800, Australia.

^b Universitéde Toulouse et CNRS, INSA, UPS, UMR5215, LPCNO, 135 Avenuede Rangueil, 31077

Toulouse, France.

Email: cameron.jones@monash.edu; laurent.maron@irsamc.ups-tlse.fr

Web: https://www.monash.edu/science/research-groups/chemistry/jonesgroup

Twitter: @Jones_Research

Electronic Supplementary Information (45 pages)

Contents	1. Experimental	S2
	2. X-Ray Crystallography	S30
	3. Computational Studies	S35
	4. References	S44

1. Experimental

General considerations.

All manipulations were carried out using standard Schlenk and glove box techniques under an atmosphere of high purity dinitrogen. Pentane was distilled over Na/K alloy (50:50), while hexane, methylcyclohexane, cyclohexane, THF and toluene were distilled over molten potassium. ¹H and $^{13}C{^{1}H}$ NMR spectra were recorded on either Bruker AvanceIII 600 or Bruker AvanceIII 400 spectrometers and were referenced to the resonances of the solvent used. FTIR spectra were collected for solid samples or Nujol mulls on an Agilent Cary 630 attenuated total reflectance (ATR) spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent 6450 QTOF MS system (Santa Clara, CA, USA) with a dual ESI source. Microanalyses were carried out by the elemental analysis service at London Metropolitan University. The ICP analysis was carried out on a Perkin Elmer Avio 220 ICP-OES instrument. Melting points were determined in sealed glass capillaries under dinitrogen, and are uncorrected. The starting materials 4,5-dibromo-2,7-diethyl-9,9-dimethylxanthene,¹ TripNH₂,² 5% w/w K/KI³ and [Mg(CH₂SiMe₃)₂]⁴ were prepared by literature reported procedures. The gases CO, H₂ and N₂O were dried over P₂O₅ prior to use. All other reagents were used as received.

4,5-bis(2,4,6-triisopropylanilido)-2,7-diethyl-9,9-dimethyl-xanthene (^{Trip}NONH₂). An ovendried 250 mL Schlenk flask was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 4,5-dibromo-2,7-diethyl-9,9dimethylxanthene (7.25 g, 17 mmol), 2,4,6-triisopropyl aniline (7.5 g, 34.04 mmol), NaOBu^t (4.5 g, 47.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (153 mg, 0.68 mmol), DPEPhos (550 mg, 1.02 mmol), and toluene (~50 mL) under a N₂-atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then placed in a preheated oil bath at 100 °C and stirred for 5 days. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with hexane (100 mL), then filtered through celite. The organic layer was then washed with water and brine and dried over MgSO₄. Volatiles were removed under reduced pressure to obtain a brown solid, which was purified by flash column chromatography over neutral alumina using hexane as the eluent. The desired compound was obtained as a white solid (8.5 g, 71%), which could be recrystallized from a hexane solution stored at room temperature. M.p.: 173-177 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) δ 1.05 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H, CH_2CH_3 , 1.19 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 12H, p-CH(CH₃)₂), 1.27 (dd, J = 6.9, 4.8 Hz, 24H, o-CH(CH₃)₂), 1.62 (s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂), 2.30 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H, CH₂CH₃), 2.87 (sept., J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, p-CH(CH₃)₂), 3.51 $(\text{sept.}, J = 6.9 \text{ Hz}, 4\text{H}, o-CH(CH_3)_2), 5.92 (s, 2\text{H}, NH), 6.36 (d, J = 1.9 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}, \text{Ar-}H), 6.68 (d, J = 1.9 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}, \text{Ar-}H)$ 2.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.26 (s, 4H, Ar-H).; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) δ 16.8 (CH₂CH₃), 23.5 (o-CH(CH₃)₂), 24.5 (C(CH₃)₂), 24.9 (p-CH(CH₃)₂), 28.9 (o-CH(CH₃)₂), 29.5 (CH₂CH₃), 32.8 (C(CH₃)₂), 34.7 (*p*-CH(CH₃)₂), 109.8, 114.5, 122.2, 129.8, 133.7, 136.1, 136.8, 139.5, 147.6, 148.1

(Ar-*C*).; IR v/cm⁻¹ (diamond ATR, neat): 672(w), 690(w), 742(w), 843(s), 878(s), 942(m), 1032(m), 1217(s), 1315(m), 1360(m), 1446(s), 1460(s), 1510(s), 1623(s), 2867(m), 2727(m), 2960(s), 3405(w), 3422(w); HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calc. for C₄₉H₆₉N₂O: 701.5404; found: 701.5405.



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of ^{Trip}NONH₂.



Figure S2. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of ^{Trip}NONH₂.



Figure S4. ¹H-¹H COSY NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of ^{Trip}NONH₂.



Figure S5. HSQC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of ^{Trip}NONH₂.



Figure S6. HMBC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of ^{Trip}NONH₂.

[Mg(^{Trip}NON)] (1). An oven-dried Teflon screw cap Schlenk flask was charged with a magnetic stir bar, ^{Trip}NONH₂ (1.42 g, 2.0 mmol), and [Mg(CH₂SiMe₃)₂] (0.4 g, 2.0 mmol) in a nitrogen-filled glove box. The flask was connected to a Schlenk line and methylcyclohexane (60 mL) was added under a N₂-atmosphere. The reaction mixture was placed in a preheated oil bath at 90 °C and stirred for 20 mins. Upon completion of the reaction, as determined by ¹H-NMR spectroscopic monitoring, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and volatiles were removed under vacuum to afford the desired compound as a pale yellow solid (1.30 g, 90%); M.p.: 240-243 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) δ 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6H, CH₂CH₃), 1.25 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 6.8 Hz, 24H, *o*-CH(CH₃)₂), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 12H, *p*-CH(CH₃)₂), 1.62 (s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂), 2.36 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H, CH₂CH₃), 2.94 (sept., *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, *p*-CH(CH₃)₂), 3.33 (sept., *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H, *o*-CH(CH₃)₂), 6.05–6.12 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.42 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.24 (s, 4H, Ar-*H*); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) δ 17.1 (CH₂CH₃), 24.4 (*o*-CH(CH₃)₂), 24.7 (*p*-CH(CH₃)₂), 26.0 (*o*-CH(CH₃)₂), 28.9 (*o*-CH(CH₃)₂), 29.6 (C(CH₃)₂), 30.1 (CH₂CH₃), 34.6 (*o*-CH(CH₃)₂), 35.6 (C(CH₃)₂), 108.0 112.1, 122.0, 131.5, 138.2, 140.9, 144.3, 144.5, 145.6, 147.2 (Ar-C); IR v/cm⁻¹ (diamond ATR, Nujol): 741(m), 850(m), 878(m), 922(w), 1571(w), 1617(m); anal. calc. for C₅₆H₈₀N₂OMg **1**.(C₇H₁₄): C, 81.87%; H, 9.82%; N, 3.41%; found: C 81.38%; H 9.60%; N 3.27%.

N.B. NMR spectra for the compound acquired in C_6D_6 suggest a symmetrical, monomeric structure in solution, most likely with the magnesium centre coordinated by a molecule of benzene. Spectra acquired in cyclohexame- d_{12} are more complicated and are suggestive of an equilibrium mixture of monomeric and dimeric (likely involving Trip arene–>Mg intermolecular coordination, as has been seen in the solid state for closely related compounds⁵). These spectra are difficult to assign, though a tentative assignment of a section of variable temperature ¹H NMR spectra of **1** in cyclohexame- d_{12} is given below.



Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **1**.



Figure S8. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **1**.



Figure S9. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ (DEPT-135) NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **1**.



Figure S10. $^{1}H^{-1}H$ COSY NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 1.



Figure S11. HSQC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **1**.



Figure 12. HMBC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **1**.



Figure S13. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₁₂) of **1**.

9



Figure S14. ¹H NMR spectra (400 MHz, 298-343 K, C_6D_{12}) of $[{(^{Trip}NON)Mg}_n]$ (n = 1 or 2); L = ^{Trip}NON.



Figure S15. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₁₂) of 1.



Figure S16. ¹H-¹H COSY NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₁₂) of 1.



Figure S17. HSQC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₁₂) of **1**.



Figure S18. HMBC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₁₂) of 1.

[{K(^{Trip}NON)Mg}2] (2). A 100 mL oven dried Schlenk flask was charged with a magnetic stir bar, [(^{Trip}NON)Mg] (1.45 g, 2.0 mmol) and K/KI (5% w/w, 4.8 g, 6.0 mmol). The flask was connected to a Schlenk line and methylcyclohexane (60 mL) added under a positive pressure of N₂. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir overnight (~ 16 hrs.) to give a dark red/orange solution and then filtered via cannula. Volatiles were removed from the filtrate under vacuum to afford a red-orange solid, which was extracted with *n*-pentane (60 mL). The bright orange solution was then concentrated to ca. 20 mL and stored at -30 °C for 24 hours to obtain bright orange crystals of 2 (0.85 g, 56%). M.p.: 210-215 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) δ 0.54 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.80 - 0.87 (m, 12H, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.95 (m, 18H, CH₂CH₃ + CH(CH₃)₂), 1.11 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H, CH₂CH₃), 1.29 (m, 12H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.35–1.38 (m, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.42 (m, 12H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.51 (m, 12H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.68 (s, 12H, $C(CH_3)_2$), 2.11 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H, CH_2CH_3), 2.40 (m, 6H, $CH_2CH_3 +$ $CH(CH_3)_2$), 2.97–3.09 (m, 2H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 3.21–3.35 (m, 2H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 3.80 (sept., J = 6.5 Hz, 4H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 3.93–4.07 (m, 2H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 5.78 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.03 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.22 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.30 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.96 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.13 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.26–7.30 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) & 16.7, 17.3 (CH₂CH₃), 20.8, 22.4, 23.8, 24.1, 24.3 (CH(CH₃)₂), 24.6 (C(CH₃)₂), 24.8, 24.9, 25.3, 25.4, 25.7, 25.9 (CH(CH₃)₂), 27.8 (CH(CH₃)₂), 29.0 (CH(CH₃)₂), 29.9, 30.0 (CH₂CH₃), 30.2, 31.2, 33.7 (CH(CH₃)₂), 34.6 (C(CH₃)₂), 35.0 (CH(CH₃)₂), 36.01 (C(CH₃)₂), 105.0, 106.3, 111.9, 112.1, 120.7, 121.4, 122.7, 123.2, 131.8, 135.4, 138.1, 140.2, 141.2, 141.8, 142.1, 143.1, 143.3, 146.1, 146.7, 147.2, 147.8, 148.8, 149.0, 151.9 (Ar-*C*); IR *v*/cm⁻¹ (diamond ATR, Nujol): 677(m), 698(m), 755(m), 845(m), 870(m), 922(m), 938(m), 1025(s), 1572(w), 1609(w); anal. calc. for C₁₀₈H₁₅₆N₄O₂K₂Mg₂ (**2**·pentane): C, 77.71%; H, 9.42%; N, 3.36%; found: C, 77.49%; H, 9.36%; N, 3.31%.



Figure S19. Photographs of isolated crystals of 2.





Figure S20. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **2**.



Figure S21. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 2.



Figure S22. ¹³C {¹H} (DEPT-135) NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **2**.



Figure S23. $^{1}H^{-1}H$ COSY NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 2.



Figure S24. HSQC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **2**.



Figure S25. HMBC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 2.

[{K(^{Trip}NON)Mg}₂(µ-C₂O₂)] (3). An oven dried 50 mL Teflon screw cap Schlenk flask was charged with 2 (77.0 mg, 0.05 mmol) and cyclohexane (10 mL) under an N₂ atmosphere. The resultant suspension was then freeze-thaw degassed and the flask back-filled with carbon monoxide (~1 bar). The reaction mixture was then sealed and ultra-sonicated to give a clear pale-yellow solution. The reaction mixture was stored at room temperature and stored overnight, yielding colorless crystals. The supernatant was decanted, and the crystals dried under vacuum to afford the desired compound as a colourless crystalline solid (48 mg, 61%). Single crystals of 3 suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained from a benzene solution at room temperature. M.p.: 178-180 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, 298 K, C_6D_6) δ 1.09 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 24H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.14 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 12H, CH_2CH_3), 1.19 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 24H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.29 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 24H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.68 (s, 12H, $C(CH_3)_2$, 2.39 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 8H, CH_2CH_3), 2.92 (sept., J = 6.9 Hz, 4H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 3.64 (sept., J =6.9 Hz, 8H, CH(CH₃)₂), 5.80 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 6.43 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 7.15 (s, 8H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) δ 17.2 (CH₂CH₃), 23.9, 24.5, 24.7 (CH(CH₃)₂), 28.4 (CH(CH₃)₂), 30.2 (CH₂CH₃), 30.6 (C(CH₃)₂), 33.6 (CH(CH₃)₂), 35.3 (C(CH₃)₂), 55.3 (OC=CO), 107.5, 108.6, 121.1, 130.4, 138.1, 140.8, 142.2, 147.5, 147.6, 148.8 (Ar-C); IR v/cm⁻¹ (diamond ATR, Nujol): 699(w), 848(m), 924(w), 942(w), 1182(m); anal. calc. for C₁₀₀H₁₃₂N₄O₄K₂Mg₂ C, 75.97%; H, 8.42%; N, 3.54%; Found: C, 75.80%; H, 8.55; N, 3.40%.



Figure 26. Photographs of isolated crystals of 3.



Figure S27. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 3.



Figure S28. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 3.



Figure S29. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$ (DEPT-135) NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 3.



Figure S30. ¹H-¹H COSY NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 3.



Figure S31. HSQC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 3.

19



Figure S32. HMBC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **3**.

 $[{K(^{Trip}NON)Mg(\mu-H)}_2]$ (4). An oven dried 50 mL Teflon screw cap Schlenk flask was charged with 2 (230 mg, 0.15 mmol) and hexane (5 mL) under a N₂-atmosphere. The suspension was freezethaw degassed, then the flask backfilled with H_2 (~1 bar). The reaction mixture was then placed in a preheated oil bath at 80 °C for 36 hours (without stirring) during which time the colour of the reaction mixture changed from bright orange to pale yellow. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature and stored at 4 °C for 2 days, resulting in the deposition of pale-yellow crystals of 4. The supernatant was decanted, and the crystals dried under vacuum to afford the desired compound as a pale yellow crystalline solid (119 mg, 52%). M.p.: 262-264 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) δ 0.86–0.92 (m, n-hexane), 1.05 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 24H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.15 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 12H, CH₂CH₃), 1.25 (dd, J= 7.3, 3.9 Hz, 54H, CH(CH₃)₂ + n-hexane), 1.68 (s, 12H, C(CH₃)₂), 2.39 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 8H, CH₂CH₃), 2.91 (m, 4H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 3.04 (s, 2H, Mg-H), 3.64 (sept., J = 6.8 Hz, 8H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 5.90–5.95 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 6.43 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.14 (s, 8H, Ar-*H*).; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) δ 14.3 (n-hexane), 17.4 (CH₂CH₃), 23.0 (n-hexane), 24.2, 24.3, 24.5, 25.3 (CH(CH₃)₂), 28.3 (CH(CH₃)₂), 30.2 (CH₂CH₃), 31.0 (C(CH₃)₂), 31.9 (n-hexane), 33.6 (CH(CH₃)₂), 35.2 (C(CH₃)₂), 107.4, 108.5, 121.3, 129.9, 137.9, 140.8, 142.5, 146.8, 146.9, 147.29 (Ar-C); IR v/cm⁻¹ (diamond ATR, Nujol): 672(m), 887(s), 923(w), 1115(m), 1580(m), 1618(m); anal. calc. for C₉₈H₁₃₄K₂Mg₂N₄O₂ C, 77.09%; H, 8.85%; N, 3.67%; Found: C, 75.72%; H, 8.56%; N, 3.35%.



Figure S33. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **4**.



Figure S34. ¹³C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **4**.





Figure S35. DEPT-135 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 4.



Figure S36. $^{1}H^{-1}H$ COSY NMR spectrum (401 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 4.



Figure S37. ¹H-¹³C HSQC NMR spectrum (401 MHz, ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 4.



Figure S38. ¹H-¹³C HMBC NMR spectrum (401 MHz, ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 4.

 $[{K(^{Trip}NON)(THF)Mg(\mu-H)}_2]$ (5). An oven dried 50 mL Teflon screw cap Schlenk flask was charged with 2 (230 mg, 0.15 mmol) and hexane (5 mL) under a N₂-atmosphere. The suspension was freeze-thaw degassed, then the flask back-filled with H_2 (~1 bar). The reaction mixture was then placed in a preheated oil bath at 80 °C for 36 hours (without stirring) during which time the colour of the reaction mixture changed bright orange to yellow. It was then cooled to room temperature and THF (ca. 0.1 mL) was added under an N₂ atmosphere, then the mixture stored at 4 °C for 2 days. During this time pale yellow crystals of 5 deposited at the bottom of the flask. The supernatant was decanted, and the crystals dried under vacuum to afford the title compound as a pale yellow crystalline solid (163 mg, 65%). M.p.: 150-155 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆ + THF-D₈) δ 1.08 (m, 12H, CH₂CH₃), 1.22 (m, 72H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.51 (m, 8H, O(CH₂CH₂)₂), 1.63 (m, 12H, C(CH₃)₂), 2.22–2.37 (m, 8H, CH₂CH₃), 2.84 (m, 4H, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.53 (m, 10H, O(CH₂CH₂)₂ + Mg-H), 3.64–3.86 (m, 8H, CH(CH₃)₂), 5.74 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.13 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.09 (m, 8H, Ar-H); Due to the poor solubility of 5 in C_6D_6 a few drops of THF- d_8 (~0.1 mL) were added to NMR sample before recording the NMR spectra. Even with this solvent mixture, the solubility of the compound was not sufficient to acquire a meaningful ¹³C NMR spectrum; IR v/cm⁻¹ (diamond ATR, Nujol): 741(w), 851(s), 876(s), 940(w), 1035(s), 1179(s), 1572(s), 1615(s); anal. calc. for C₁₀₆H₁₅₀N₄O₄K₂Mg₂: C, 76.18%; H, 9.09%; N, 3.35%; found: C, 75.97%; H, 9.00%; N, 3.12%.





Figure S39. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, $C_6D_6 + \sim 0.1$ mL THF-*d*₈) of **5**.



Figure S40. $^{1}H^{-1}H$ COSY NMR spectrum (401 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆ + ~0.1 mL THF-d₈) of 5.

[{K(^{Trip}NON)Mg}₂(µ-O)] (6). An oven dried 50 mL Teflon screw cap Schlenk flask was charged with 2 (76.0 mg, 0.05 mmol) and pentane (5 mL) under an N₂-atmosphere. The suspension was freezethaw degassed and the flask backfilled with N₂O (~1 bar). The reaction mixture was then ultrasonicated, during which time the bright orange suspension immediately changed to a colourless solution. It was then stored at room temperature overnight, depositing colourless crystals of the title compound. The supernatant was decanted, and the crystals dried under vacuum to afford the desired compound as a colorless crystalline solid (37 mg, 48 %). Single crystals of 6 suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained from the filtrate stored at -30 °C. M.P.: >300 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) $\delta 0.55 - 0.73$ (m, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.87 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 12H, pentane), 1.01-1.29 (m, 84H, pentane+CH₂CH₃+CH(CH₃)₂), 1.39 – 1.43 (m, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.67 (s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂), 1.72 (s, 6H, $C(CH_3)_2$, 2.20 – 2.50 (m, 10H, $CH_2CH_3+CH(CH_3)_2$), 2.75 (sept, J = 6.9 Hz, 4H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 3.54 (m, 4H, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.95 – 4.09 (m, 2H, CH(CH₃)₂), 5.73 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 5.96 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.28 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 6.34 – 6.41 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.92 – 7.02 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.16 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.22 (s, 2H, Ar-H); Once crystallised, the title compound had very poor solubility in non-coordinating deuterated solvents, which prevented the acquisition of meaningful ¹³C NMR spectra. IR v/cm⁻¹ (diamond ATR, Nujol): 674(w), 877(w), 923(w), 1174(w), 1579(w), 1614(w); N.B. a reproducible microanalysis could not be obtained as the compound consistently co-crystallised with small amounts of the pro-ligand, ^{Trip}NONH₂, which could not be separated by recrystallisations.





Figure S41. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of **6**.



Figure S42. ¹H-¹H COSY NMR spectrum (401 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of 6.

Treatment of [{**K**(^{Trip}**NON**)**Mg**}₂] (2) with THF. When orange solutions of 2 (*ca.* 20 mg) in cyclohexane (*ca.*1mL) are treated with THF (*ca.* 0.1 mL) at room tempertaure there is an immediate precipitation of metal, and change in clour of the solution to yellow. NMR spectroscopic analysis of the soluble material shows the major product (*ca.* 70%) to be [(Trip NON)Mg(THF)₂], by comparison with the NMR spectra of that compound prepared as below. The remaining components of the soluble fraction could not be identified. The metallic precipitate was digested in concentrated nitric acid and analysed by ICP-OES. This showed it to contain a K:Mg ratio of 6.4:1.

[(TripNON)Mg(THF)2]. An oven-dried Teflon screw cap Schlenk flask was charged with ^{Trip}NONH2 (0.7 g, 1.0 mmol), under an N₂ atmosphere. Methylcyclohexane (10 mL) and MgBu₂.2THF (1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol) were then added. The reaction mixture was then placed in a preheated oil bath at 90 °C and stirred for 2 hours. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature and volatiles removed under vacuum to afford a semi-solid mass. The solid mass was then extracted with pentane (~10 mL) and stored at room temperature for 2 hours, during which time colourless crystals deposited at bottom the flask (0.473 g, 55%); M.p.: 205-210 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.79–0.96 (m, 4H, OCH₂CH₂), 1.15–1.22 (m, 18H, CH₂CH₃ + CH(CH₃)₂), 1.28-1.45(m, 28H, CH(CH₃)₂ + OCH₂CH₂), 1.68 (s, 6H, $C(CH_3)_2$), 2.43 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H, CH_2CH_3), 2.92 (m, 6H, $OCH_2CH_2)_2 + CH(CH_3)_2$), 3.64 (m, 4H, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.81 (s, 4H, OCH₂CH₂), 6.07 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.37 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.22 (s, 4H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) δ 17.3 (CH₂CH₃), 24.5 (OCH₂CH₂), 24.7, 24.8, 25.4 (CH(CH₃)₂), 26.2 (C(CH₃)₂), 28.0 (CH(CH₃)₂), 30.3 (CH₂CH₃), 34.6 (CH(CH₃)₂), 35.4 (C(CH₃)₂), 70.3 (OCH₂CH₂), 105.8, 110.7, 121.5, 130.2, 137.7, 140.2, 143.2, 145.9, 147.7, 148.8 (Ar-C); IR v/cm⁻¹ (diamond ATR, Nujol): 744(w), 847(m), 876(s), 923(s), 1574(s) 1628(s); N.B. a reproducible microanalysis could not be obtained as the compound consistently co-crystallised with small amounts of the pro-ligand, ^{Trip}NONH₂, which could not be separated by recrystallisations.



Figure S43. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of [(^{Trip}NON)Mg(THF)₂].



Figure S44. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of [(^{Trip}NON)Mg(THF)₂].



Figure S45. ¹H-¹H COSY NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of [(^{Trip}NON)Mg(THF)₂].



Figure S46. HSQC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C_6D_6) of $[(^{Trip}NON)Mg(THF)_2]$.



Figure S47. HMBC NMR spectrum (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 101 MHz, 298 K, C₆D₆) of $[(^{Trip}NON)Mg(THF)_2]$.

2. X-Ray Crystallography

Crystals of compounds suitable for X-ray structural determination were mounted in silicone oil. Crystallographic measurements were made using a Rigaku Xtalab Synergy Dualflex using a graphite monochromator with Cu K α radiation (1.54180 Å) or the MX1 beamline of the Australian Synchrotron ($\lambda = 0.71090$ Å). The software package Blu-Ice⁶ was used for synchrotron data acquisition, while the program XDS⁷ was employed for synchrotron data reduction.. All structures were solved by direct methods and refined on F² by full matrix least squares (SHELX18⁸) using all unique data. Hydrogen atoms, except hydrides, are typically included in calculated positions (riding model). Crystal data, details of data collections and refinements for all structures can be found in their CIF files and are summarized in Table S1.

	$2 \cdot (\text{pentane})_3$	$3 \cdot (\text{benzene})_5$	$4 \cdot (hexane)$
empirical	$C_{113}H_{168}K_2Mg_2N_4O_2$	$C_{130}H_{162}K_2Mg_2N_4O_4$	$C_{104}H_{148}K_2Mg_2N_4O_2$
formula			
formula	1741.32	1971.45	1613.08
weight			
crystal	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
system			
space	<i>P</i> -1	C2/c	<i>P</i> -1
group			
a (Å)	17.4631(4)	58.863(2)	16.5142(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	18.2690(3)	9.92670(10)	16.8828(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	19.2800(3)	34.1523(12)	19.9517(3)
α (deg.)	102.560(2)	90	90.887(2)
β (deg)	105.430(2)	144.652(8)	90.703(2)
γ (deg.)	92.826(2)	90	106.972(2)
$vol(Å^3)$	5749.7(2)	11545.2(14)	4785.76(15)
Z	2	4	2
<i>T</i> (K)	123.01(10)	123.01(10)	123.01(10)
ρ (calcd)	1.106	1.134	1.119
(g.cm ⁻³)			
$\mu (mm^{-1})$	1.168	1.238	1.3774
F(000)	1904	4256	1756
reflections	82755	110724	35909
collected			
unique	24135	12367	16821
reflections			
$R_{\rm int}$	0.0731	0.0855	0.0953
R1 indices	0.0959	0.0468	0.0825
$[I > 2\sigma(I)]^{a}$			
wR2	0.2582	0.1165	0.2274
indices (all			
data) ^b			
Largest	1.227, -0.662	0.319, -0.379	1.092, -0.693
peak and			
hole $(e.A^{-3})$			
CCDC No.	2309546	2309549	2309545

Table S1. Crystal data for compounds 2-6, and $^{Ttrip}NONH_2$.

	$5 \cdot (\text{hexane})_2$	6 ·(pentane)	TripNONH ₂
empirical formula	$C_{118}H_{178}K_2Mg_2N_4O_4$	$C_{103}H_{144}K_2Mg_2N_4O_3$	$C_{49}H_{68}N_2O$
formula weight	1843.45	1613.03	701.05
crystal system	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Triclinic
space group	Pbca	P212121	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> (Å)	19.617(4)	18.18420(10)	13.0578(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	21.324(4)	22.16750(10)	13.4792(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	25.718(5)	24.56070(10)	13.9769(3)
α (deg.)	90	90	67.548(2)
β (deg)	90	90	70.378(2)
γ (deg.)	90	90	81.771(2)
vol (Å ³)	10758(4)	9900.38(8)	2141.24(10)
Z	4	4	2
<i>T</i> (K)	100(2)	123.01(10)	123.01(10)
ρ (calcd) (g.cm ⁻³)	1.138	1.082	1.087
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.153	1.332	0.476
F(000)	4032	3504	768
reflections collected	185007	48050	29245
unique reflections	10924	19486	9054
R _{int}	0.0543	0.0310	0.0297
R1 indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]^a$	0.0646	0.0438	0.0482
wR2 indices (all data) ^b	0.1901	0.1266	0.1284
Largest peak and hole (e.A ⁻³)	0.939, -0.462	1.125, -0.259	0.336, -0.269
CCDC No.	2309548	2309547	2309550

 Table S1 (contd.). Crystal data for compounds 2-6, and ^{Ttrip}NONH₂.



Figure S48. The molecular structure of **3** (20% ellipsoids; Trip, methyl and ethyl substituents shown as wire-frame for clarity; hydrogen atoms omitted). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Mg(1)-O(2) 1.9029(11), Mg(1)-N(2) 2.0394(13), Mg(1)-N(1) 2.0455(12), Mg(1)-O(1) 2.0533(11), O(2)-C(1) 1.3049(18), C(1)-C(1)' 1.2060(10), C(1)'-C(1)-O(2) 163.4(2), C(1)-O(2)-Mg(1) 134.51(10).



Figure S49. The molecular structure of **4** (20% ellipsoids; Trip, methyl and ethyl substituents shown as wire-frame for clarity; hydrogen atoms, except hydrides, omitted). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Mg(1)-O(1) 2.073(2), Mg(1)-N(1) 2.049(3), Mg(1)-N(2) 2.045(3), Mg(1)-H(2) 1.76(5), Mg(2)-O(2) 2.066(2), Mg(2)-N(4) 2.053(3), Mg(2)-N(3) 2.058(3), Mg(2)-H(4) 1.86(5), K(2)-H(2) 2.74(5), K(2)-H(4) 2.63(5), K(1)-H(2) 2.74(5), K(1)-H(4) 2.72(5), N(4)-Mg(2)-N(3) 148.97(11), N(2)-Mg(1)-N(1) 148.84(12).



Figure S50. The molecular structure of ^{Trip}NONH₂ (20% ellipsoids; hydrogen atoms, except amine protons, omitted).

3. Computational Studies

All the DFT calculations were performed using Gaussian16 suite of programs.⁹ Hybrid DFT functional (wB97XD)¹⁰ along with SDD basis sets¹¹ for Mg, K atoms (additional polarization¹² for Mg and K atoms) and 6-31G^{**} basis sets¹³ for the rest of the atoms were employed for the computation. Frequency calculations were performed to locate minima for the optimized structure.

Table S2. DFT computed natural charges for selected atoms in 2.

	Natural charges	٩
K1	0.89863	
K2	0.90150	
Mg3	0.97047	
Mg4	0.97503	
05	-0.63415	K2
06	-0.63451	N9
N7	-0.90820	06 M24
N8	-0.91590	Mg3
N9	-0.90814	
N10	-0.91611	

Atom	Wiberg	Atom	Wiberg	Atom	Wiberg
Label	bond index	Label	bond index	Label	bond
					index
Mg3	0.0000	Mg3	0.0000	Mg3	0.0000
06	0.0164	N7	0.0510	N10	0.0488
Atom	Wiberg	Atom	Wiberg	Atom	Wiberg
Label	bond index	Label	bond index	Label	bond
					index
Mg4	0.0000	Mg4	0.0000	Mg4	0.0000
O5	0.0164	N8	0.0493	N9	0.0517
Atom	Wiberg				
Label	bond index				
Mg3	0.0000				
Mg4	0.6937				

Table S3. DFT computed Wiberg indeces for 2.

Donor NBO	Acceptor NBO	E(2) kcal/mol
(1.81177) BD (1) Mg 3-Mg A	(0.09757) LV (1) K 1	27.70
(5015%) 0.7081*Mg 3 s(90.40%)n	s(-99.35%)n = 0.01(-0.56%)d = 0.00(-0.000)	21.10
0.11(.959%) d 0.00(.001%)		
(49.85%) 0.7061*Mg 4 s(90.33%)n	0.0070)	
0.11(9.66%)d 0.00(0.01%)		
(1.81177) BD (1)Mg 3-Mg 4	(0.09499) LV (1) K 2	26.22
(50.15%) 0.7081*Mg 3 s(90.40%)p	s(99.31%)p 0.01(0.61%)d 0.00(
0.11(9.59%)d 0.00(0.01%)	0.08%)	
(49.85%) 0.7061*Mg 4 s(90.33%)p		
0.11(9.66%)d 0.00(0.01%)		
(1.95517) LP (1) O 5	(0.14747) BD*(1)Mg 3-Mg 4	6.39
s(29.05%)p 2.44(70.92%)d 0.00((49.85%) 0.7061*Mg 3 s(90.40%)p	
0.03%)	0.11(9.59%)d 0.00(0.01%)	
	(50.15%) -0.7081*Mg 4 s(90.33%)p	
	0.11(9.66%)d 0.00(0.01%)	
(1.88554) LP (1) N 8	(0.14747) BD*(1)Mg 3-Mg 4	12.11
s(30.11%)p 2.32(69.87%)d 0.00((49.85%) 0.7061*Mg 3 s(90.40%)p	
0.02%)	0.11(9.59%)d 0.00(0.01%)	
	(50.15%) -0.7081*Mg 4 s(90.33%)p	
	0.11(9.66%)d 0.00(0.01%)	
(1.87021) LP (1) N 9	(0.14747) BD*(1)Mg 3-Mg 4	12.35
s(29.33%)p 2.41(70.66%)d 0.00((49.85%) 0.7061*Mg 3 s(90.40%)p	
0.02%)	0.11(9.59%)d 0.00(0.01%)	
	(50.15%) -0.7081*Mg 4 s(90.33%)p	
	0.11(9.66%)d 0.00(0.01%)	
(1.95511) LP (1) O 6	(0.14747) BD*(1)Mg 3-Mg 4	6.43
s(29.05%)p 2.44(70.92%)d 0.00((49.85%) 0.7061*Mg 3 s(90.40%)p	
0.03%)	0.11(9.59%)d 0.00(0.01%)	
	(50.15%) -0.7081*Mg 4 s(90.33%)p	
	0.11(9.66%)d 0.00(0.01%)	
(1.86999) LP (1) N 7	(0.14747) BD*(1)Mg 3-Mg 4	12.33
s(29.33%)p 2.41(70.66%)d 0.00((49.85%) 0.7061*Mg 3 s(90.40%)p	
0.02%)	0.11(9.59%)d 0.00(0.01%)	
	(50.15%) -0.7081*Mg 4 s(90.33%)p	
	0.11(9.66%)d 0.00(0.01%)	
(1.88565) LP (1) N 10	(0.14747) BD*(1)Mg 3-Mg 4	12.03
s(30.06%)p 2.33(69.92%)d 0.00((49.85%) 0.7061*Mg 3 s(90.40%)p	
0.02%)	0.11(9.59%)d 0.00(0.01%)	
	(50.15%) -0.7081*Mg 4 s(90.33%)p	
	0.11(9.66%)d 0.00(0.01%)	

 Table S4. DFT computed NBO second order perturbation analysis for 2.

	$\rho(\mathbf{r})$	$\nabla^2 \rho(\mathbf{r})$	$G(\mathbf{r})$	V(r)	$H(\mathbf{r})$	ε
Mg3-Mg4	0.025	-0.020	0.0002	-0.006	-0.0056	0.05
K2-Mg3	0.006	0.013	0.003	-0.002	0.0003	0.51
Mg3-O6	0.024	0.155	0.011	-0.013	-0.0017	0.05
Mg3-N7	0.041	0.242	0.015	-0.019	-0.0037	0.11
Mg3-N10	0.039	0.226	0.014	-0.018	-0.0036	0.12
Mg4-O5	0.024	0.155	0.011	-0.013	-0.0017	0.06
Mg4-N8	0.039	0.226	0.014	-0.018	-0.0036	0.12
Mg4-N9	0.041	0.242	0.015	-0.019	-0.0038	0.11

 Table S5. Computed BCP descriptors for 2 (atomic units).



Figure S51. Laplacian distributions for **2**, showing a non-nuclear attractor (NNA, brown dot) at the centre of the Mg-Mg vector (top), and an MgK₂ plane (bottom). Blue dots represent bond critical points, whereas orange dots represent ring critical points.

MO 393 (occ): orbital energy = -0.19334 a.u.	(1.81177) BD (1)Mg 3-Mg 4
(HOMO)	(50.15%) 0.7081*Mg 3 s(90.40%)p 0.11(
0.807*[125]: BD (1)Mg 3-Mg 4	9.59%)d 0.00(0.01%)
	(49.85%) 0.7061*Mg 4 s(90.33%)p 0.11(
	9.66%)d 0.00(0.01%)
MO 394 (vir): orbital energy = 0.05508 a.u.	(0.09499) LV (1) K 2
(LUMO)	s(99.31%)p 0.01(0.61%)d 0.00(0.08%)
0.665*[395]: LV (1) K 2(lv)	(0.09757) LV (1) K 1
-0.264*[394]: LV (1) K 1(lv)	s(99.35%)p 0.01(0.56%)d 0.00(0.08%)
-0.226*[499]: BD*(2) C64- C82*	(0.36262) BD*(2) C 64- C 82
	(51.63%) 0.7186* C 64 s(0.02%)p99.99(
	99.93%)d 2.63(0.05%)
	(48.37%) -0.6955* C 82 s(0.03%)p99.99(
	99.93%)d 1.20(0.04%)



Figure S52. Selection of DFT computed MO's for 2.

Κ	-2.206019000	-0.416994000	-2.507099000
Κ	2.135377000	-0.612715000	2.589437000
Mg	1.343789000	-0.227510000	-0.678402000
Mg	-1.379359000	-0.037778000	0.742242000
0	-3.232672000	-1.107339000	0.141653000
0	3.060532000	-1.493879000	-0.058863000
Ν	1.577430000	-1.607654000	-2.254499000
Ν	-2.702871000	1.447149000	-0.035862000
Ν	-1.777513000	-1.351627000	2.341713000
Ν	2.838015000	1.111353000	0.044184000
С	0.586716000	-1.834221000	-3.223455000
С	-4.250878000	-0.317625000	-0.391247000
С	-3.684380000	-2.037314000	1.078670000
C	2.584281000	-2.532150000	-2.129802000
Č	0.439313000	-0.922327000	-4.305263000
Č	3.396485000	-2.486666000	-0.980862000
Ĉ	-1.735227000	3.535611000	-0.896324000
C	-1 584850000	-2.085482000	-5 054448000
C	-2.886193000	-2.153555000	2 232385000
Č	-0 342678000	-2 902696000	-3 110698000
c	-4 873170000	-2 701766000	0.849271000
c	-0 247479000	-3 890493000	2 135345000
н	-0.999150000	-3 /88566000	2.155545000
C	-0.032468000	-2 855962000	3 22910/000
C	5 462684000	-2.855962000	0.728408000
C	1 105340000	2 783506000	2 053240000
с u	-1.105349000	2.785300000	-2.053249000
п С	-0.800403000	1.787551000	-1.039933000
C	-0.821491000	-1.070000000	2.002175000
U U	-0.240370000	-3.940882000	-2.003173000
п	0.552584000	-3.024321000	-1.555100000
	-1.334009000	-4.050155000	-1.1/9190000
п	-1.809314000	-5.004422000	-0.742550000
н	-1.414040000	-4./39110000	-0.554/10000
п	-2.574556000	-4.389779000	-1./81944000
C	-2.51/4/6000	2.852496000	0.057220000
C II	-0.646306000	-1.056826000	-5.1/4816000
H	-0./6/349000	-0.34911/000	-5.990310000
C	-6.138/99000	1.29/3/4000	-1.52441/000
C	1.503/30000	0.139476000	-4.552506000
H	1.726997000	0.623821000	-3.592813000
C	-3.929652000	1.051401000	-0.490167000
C	-4.920121000	1.840860000	-1.114517000
Н	-4.740612000	2.905556000	-1.235657000
C	-3.359479000	-3.077053000	3.181880000
H	-2.804596000	-3.2042/4000	4.10/913000
C	4.503830000	-3.27/698000	-0.744423000
С	-1.395347000	-3.006087000	-4.026816000
Н	-2.095123000	-3.830147000	-3.914405000
С	2.941704000	-3.523470000	-3.061594000
Н	2.370512000	-3.603421000	-3.982978000
С	-6.421649000	-0.054632000	-1.315517000
Η	-7.391115000	-0.445802000	-1.604036000
С	4.167354000	-0.813601000	0.449292000
С	-2.096580000	2.644072000	-3.221402000
Η	-3.060539000	2.233600000	-2.900075000
Η	-1.679939000	2.021573000	-4.026494000
Η	-2.305826000	3.627617000	-3.655234000
С	5.309224000	-3.022774000	0.538620000
С	-5.294380000	-3.611192000	1.826682000

Table S7. Cartesian coordinates for the optimised geometry of 2.

Η	-6.221308000	-4.161360000	1.706647000
С	-5.638425000	-2.383355000	-0.444312000
С	-1.485281000	0.422595000	4.599523000
Η	-1.656420000	0.904171000	3.627873000
С	-0.561131000	-0.768431000	4.378742000
С	4.009105000	0.585624000	0.512613000
С	-4.536229000	-3.800088000	2.982471000
С	2.825230000	2.525156000	-0.088587000
С	1.085883000	1.223082000	-5.549354000
Η	0.972344000	0.815084000	-6.559873000
Η	1.857514000	1.995110000	-5.598916000
Η	0.146448000	1.711491000	-5.271369000
С	-3.100887000	3.584630000	1.117518000
С	-7.117473000	-2.764288000	-0.327208000
Η	-7.649415000	-2.538502000	-1.255218000
Η	-7.603237000	-2.229065000	0.492805000
Η	-7.224058000	-3.838483000	-0.154582000
С	1.026154000	-4.140905000	1.321912000
Η	1.407103000	-3.221225000	0.865465000
Η	0.831779000	-4.850859000	0.512434000
Η	1.818194000	-4.576724000	1.938852000
С	5.310441000	-1.511262000	0.787980000
С	0.494943000	-1.018494000	5.261449000
Η	0.691049000	-0.308446000	6.057231000
С	-5.021058000	-3.170436000	-1.622411000
Η	-5.055419000	-4.247099000	-1.427582000
Η	-3.974308000	-2.895805000	-1.772628000
Η	-5.573219000	-2.961213000	-2.545494000
С	-3.909513000	2.903081000	2.213061000
Η	-3.711687000	1.827696000	2.142829000
С	-2.914778000	4.965681000	1.173385000
Η	-3.368479000	5.519237000	1.991335000
С	0.986639000	-3.073684000	4.160322000
Η	1.582922000	-3.981636000	4.081753000
С	-2.153050000	5.654297000	0.233218000
С	-1.566329000	4.914792000	-0.788019000
Η	-0.960318000	5.433914000	-1.525264000
С	0.107983000	-5.328700000	-2.554950000
Η	-0.685061000	-5.703456000	-3.212619000
Η	0.223713000	-6.043349000	-1.732927000
Η	1.043447000	-5.309239000	-3.116583000
С	4.812140000	-4.248126000	-1.704983000
Η	5.670970000	-4.898295000	-1.578835000
С	4.029231000	-4.372347000	-2.852934000
С	-2.797382000	-2.119237000	-5.970596000
Η	-2.495285000	-1.661890000	-6.921427000
С	2.158868000	3.326866000	0.859748000
С	1.443765000	2.691992000	2.037457000
Η	1.083172000	1.719895000	1.674577000
С	1.287298000	-2.165173000	5.173221000
С	3.468170000	3.146935000	-1.185305000
С	4.401790000	-5.367883000	-3.928182000
Η	3.494239000	-5.837881000	-4.325666000
Н	5.005921000	-6.171727000	-3.493149000
С	0.207766000	3.393305000	-2.541823000
Н	0.051010000	4.318998000	-3.107165000
Η	0.715115000	2.691145000	-3.209918000
Н	0.877217000	3.612571000	-1.708090000
С	-5.024658000	-4.725006000	4.074271000
Н	-4.178112000	-5.286216000	4.487731000
Η	-5.713392000	-5.464295000	3.650604000
С	-2.851553000	-0.068493000	5.106769000

Η	-3.334223000	-0.729100000	4.385629000
Η	-3.516843000	0.780025000	5.292868000
Η	-2.728863000	-0.614838000	6.049015000
С	6.733216000	-3.575782000	0.425936000
Η	7.273444000	-3.119467000	-0.407640000
Η	6.713638000	-4.658744000	0.278176000
Η	7.292639000	-3.392104000	1.347070000
С	2.803231000	-0.526372000	-5.034946000
Η	3.199836000	-1.219511000	-4.292478000
Η	3.567085000	0.230373000	-5.238231000
Η	2.620785000	-1.079831000	-5.963231000
С	-0.768080000	-5.218814000	2.701190000
Η	-0.028049000	-5.678909000	3.366375000
Η	-0.966596000	-5.924034000	1.886870000
Η	-1.696120000	-5.079896000	3.258378000
С	-7.134563000	2.184548000	-2.235658000
Η	-7.183705000	3.157491000	-1.733362000
Η	-8.135168000	1.743805000	-2.168986000
С	-3.485949000	3.370595000	3.611268000
Η	-2.403282000	3.308946000	3.742135000
Η	-3.964971000	2.752777000	4.377226000
Η	-3.785299000	4.407009000	3.800389000
С	4.610670000	-3.707969000	1.734607000
Η	5.186956000	-3.543516000	2.651873000
Η	4.521291000	-4.785440000	1.563256000
Η	3.602398000	-3.312703000	1.879639000
С	0.210474000	3.469168000	2.497174000
Η	0.473817000	4.392687000	3.024957000
Η	-0.372738000	2.857989000	3.192475000
Η	-0.430577000	3.730668000	1.653048000
С	-5.419954000	3.120771000	2.037445000
Η	-5.658973000	4.189845000	2.083555000
Η	-5.972849000	2.616689000	2.837385000
Η	-5.774462000	2.730904000	1.081742000
С	-0.931545000	1.474031000	5.564164000
Η	-0.861904000	1.083455000	6.585494000
Η	-1.602732000	2.335963000	5.595476000
Η	0.058856000	1.835720000	5.269505000
С	2.178211000	4.713969000	0.723486000
Η	1.664815000	5.325352000	1.460383000
С	3.470937000	4.538901000	-1.268608000
Η	3.966559000	5.010208000	-2.112867000
С	2.407828000	2.472009000	3.215371000
Η	2.733307000	3.436113000	3.620137000
Η	3.315538000	1.937862000	2.912554000
С	6.368538000	-0.778645000	1.338794000
Η	7.293681000	-1.269996000	1.619554000
С	4.122122000	2.333198000	-2.295162000
Η	3.700436000	1.322385000	-2.244822000
С	2.837222000	5.344515000	-0.325601000
С	-3.932885000	-1.259043000	-5.388172000
Η	-4.273827000	-1.668034000	-4.427511000
Η	-4.799587000	-1.238938000	-6.056297000
Η	-3.612917000	-0.220778000	-5.238823000
С	5.089591000	1.270600000	1.112590000
Η	5.038459000	2.352379000	1.199853000
С	2.484754000	-2.403426000	6.078428000
Η	2.633630000	-3.489370000	6.132334000
С	-3.301356000	-3.532785000	-6.272207000
Η	-2.491701000	-4.174883000	-6.629513000
Η	-4.080885000	-3.502075000	-7.039188000
Η	-3.739588000	-4.000999000	-5.383939000

С	3.819198000	2.906669000	-3.685673000
Η	2.753740000	3.111197000	-3.815842000
Η	4.135398000	2.200556000	-4.459544000
Η	4.362834000	3.840370000	-3.865541000
С	6.246683000	0.602090000	1.515654000
С	-6.764799000	2.393691000	-3.709217000
Н	-7.493145000	3.033996000	-4.216078000
Н	-6.727368000	1.434425000	-4.236265000
Н	-5.779684000	2.863447000	-3.796749000
С	2.288168000	-1.890705000	7.507368000
Ĥ	2.251459000	-0.796410000	7.541833000
Н	3.121535000	-2.206282000	8.142074000
Н	1 360607000	-2.274269000	7 940958000
C	5 643845000	2.212871000	-2.120976000
н	6 105169000	3 207792000	-2 1120570000
н	6.077588000	1 647410000	-2 952831000
н	5 906908000	1 705470000	-1 192135000
C	5 175970000	-4 708843000	-5.075903000
ч	4 580738000	3 91//58000	5 536969000
н	5 435523000	5 /36952000	5 850745000
и П	6 100606000	4 256206000	-5.850745000
II C	5 725516000	-4.230200000	-4.704914000
с u	-5.725510000	-3.939799000	<i>J.203072000</i> <i>A</i> 816460000
н Ц	-0.391140000 5.046812000	-3.413282000	4.810400000 5.652120000
п	-3.040812000	-5.226545000	5.00005000
пС	-0.009/4/000	-4.038239000	2.989893000
	7.400019000	2 161015000	2.004004000
н	7.031000000	2.101915000	2.762007000
П	8.008532000	0.740904000	2.038101000
U U	8.205229000	2.0923/6000	0.951108000
н	8.595281000	1.555/45000	0.244048000
н	9.049018000	2.0301/8000	1.300347000
П	7.570904000	2.785267000	0.389933000
C II	3.755021000	-1.798290000	5.456463000
H	3.95489/000	-2.2211/8000	4.464640000
H	4.635054000	-1.9942/5000	6.077018000
Н	3.658033000	-0./081/8000	5.364896000
C	-1.896033000	7.145853000	0.3448/5000
Н	-1.4930/6000	7.477091000	-0.621281000
C	-3.16/4/6000	7.956609000	0.616101000
H	-3.585870000	7.727855000	1.602030000
H	-3.937117000	7.746283000	-0.132054000
Н	-2.949/5/000	9.029313000	0.594819000
C	-0.825620000	7.421930000	1.409892000
Н	-0.590610000	8.490225000	1.468106000
Н	0.094396000	6.877723000	1.178126000
Η	-1.170394000	7.092125000	2.396365000
С	2.787219000	6.854603000	-0.468225000
Η	2.433483000	7.258234000	0.489600000
С	1.766291000	7.254627000	-1.542508000
Η	1.682246000	8.343783000	-1.622980000
Η	0.778894000	6.848930000	-1.303644000
Η	2.062419000	6.860698000	-2.521200000
С	4.159618000	7.474361000	-0.751769000
Н	4.545016000	7.162818000	-1.728435000
Η	4.890188000	7.178927000	0.006713000
Η	4.093190000	8.567125000	-0.759637000
Η	1.916892000	1.929891000	4.036540000

4. References

- 1. R. Mondal, K. Yuvaraj, T. Rajeshkumar, L. Maron, C. Jones, *Chem. Commun.*, 2022, 58, 12665.
- J.-Y. Liu, Y. Zheng, Y.-G. Li, L. Pan, Y.-S. Li, N.-H. Hu, J. Organomet. Chem., 2005, 690, 1233.
- 3. J. Hicks, M. Juckel, A. Paparo, D. Dange, C. Jones, Organometallics, 2018, 37, 4810.
- C. Yeardley, A. R. Kennedy, P. C. Gros, S. Touchet, M. Fairleya, R. McLellan, A. J. Martínez-Martínezc, C. T. O'Hara, *Dalton Trans.*, 2020, 49, 5257.
- 5. J. S. McMullen, A. J. Edwards, J. Hicks, *Dalton Trans.*, 2021, **50**, 8685.
- T. M. McPhillips, S. McPhillips, H. J. Chiu, A. E. Cohen, A. M. Deacon, P. J. Ellis, E. Garman, A. Gonzalez, N. K. Sauter, R. P. Phizackerley, S. M. Soltis, P. Kuhn, *J. Synchrotron Rad.*, 2002, 9, 401.
- 7. W. J. Kabsch, Appl. Cryst., 1993, 26, 795.
- 8. G. M. Sheldrick, *SHELX-18*, University of Göttingen, **2018**.
- Gaussian 16, Revision B.01, M. J. Frisch, G. W. Trucks, H. B. Schlegel, G. E. Scuseria, M. A. Robb, J. R. Cheeseman, G. Scalmani, V. Barone, G. A. Petersson, H. Nakatsuji, X. Li, M. Caricato, A. V. Marenich, J. Bloino, B. G. Janesko, R. Gomperts, B. Mennucci, H. P. Hratchian, J. V. Ortiz, A. F. Izmaylov, J. L. Sonnenberg, D. Williams-Young, F. Ding, F. Lipparini, F. Egidi, J. Goings, B. Peng, A. Petrone, T. Henderson, D. Ranasinghe, V. G. Zakrzewski, J. Gao, N. Rega, G. Zheng, W. Liang, M. Hada, M. Ehara, K. Toyota, R. Fukuda, J. Hasegawa, M. Ishida, T. Nakajima, Y. Honda, O. Kitao, H. Nakai, T. Vreven, K. Throssell, J. A. Montgomery, Jr., J. E. Peralta, F. Ogliaro, M. J. Bearpark, J. J. Heyd, E. N. Brothers, K. N. Kudin, V. N. Staroverov, T. A. Keith, R. Kobayashi, J. Normand, K. Raghavachari, A. P. Rendell, J. C. Burant, S. S. Iyengar, J. Tomasi, M. Cossi, J. M. Millam, M. Klene, C. Adamo, R. Cammi, J. W. Ochterski, R. L. Martin, K. Morokuma, O. Farkas, J. B. Foresman, and D. J. Fox, Gaussian, Inc., Wallingford CT, **2016**.
- 10. J.-D. Chai, M. Head-Gordon, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 2008, 10, 6615.
- (a) P. Fuentealba, L. v. Szentpaly, H. Preuss, H. Stoll, *J. Phys. B.* 1985, 18, 1287; (b) T. Leininger, A. Nicklass, W. K"uchle, H. Stoll, M. Dolg, A. Bergner, *Chem. Phys. Lett.*, 1996, 255, 274.
- A. Hollwarth, M. Bohme, S. Dapprich, A.W. Ehlers, A. Gobbi, V. Jonas, K.F. Kohler, R. Stegmann, A. Veldkamp, G. Frenking, *J. Chem. Phys.*, 1993, 208, 237.
- 13. (a) T. H. Dunning Jr., P. J. Hay, in *Modern Theoretical Chemistry*, Ed. H. F. Schaefer III, Vol.
 3 (Plenum, New York, 1977) 1-28; (b) G. A. Petersson, A. Bennett, T. G. Tensfeldt, M. A.

Al-Laham, W. A. Shirley, and J. Mantzaris, J. Chem. Phys., 1998, **89**, 2193; (c) G. A. Petersson, M. A. Al-Laham, J. Chem. Phys., 1991, **94**, 6081.