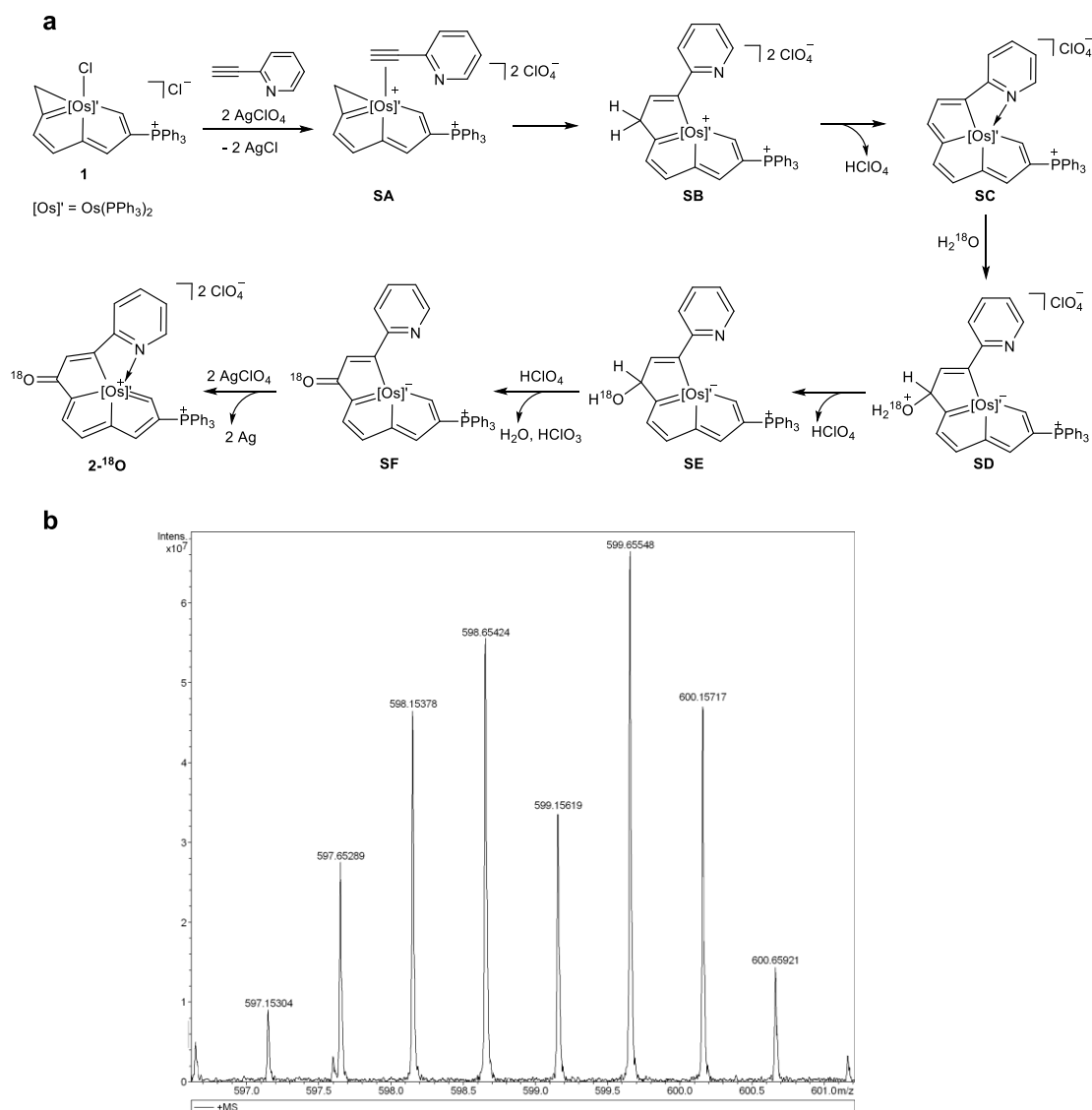


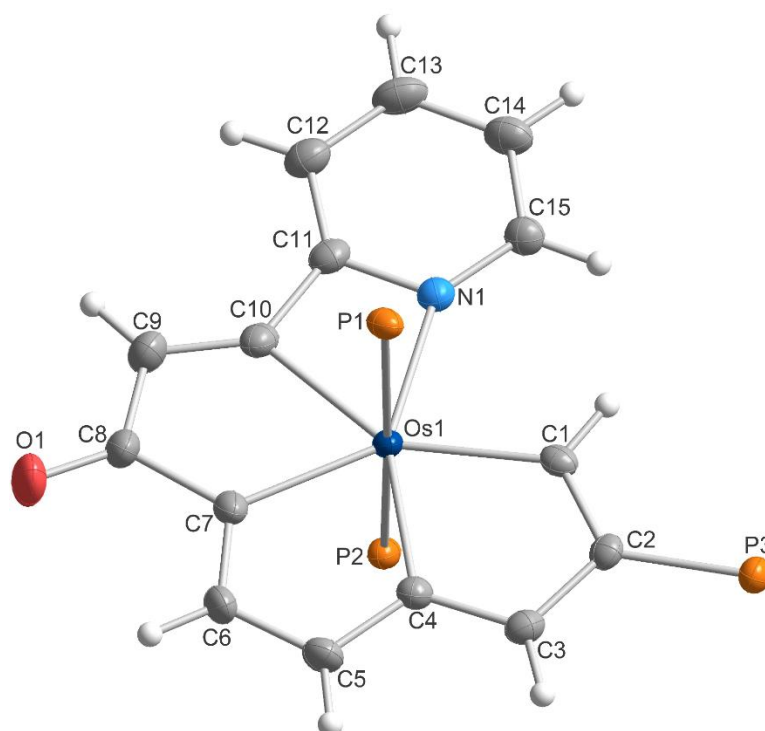
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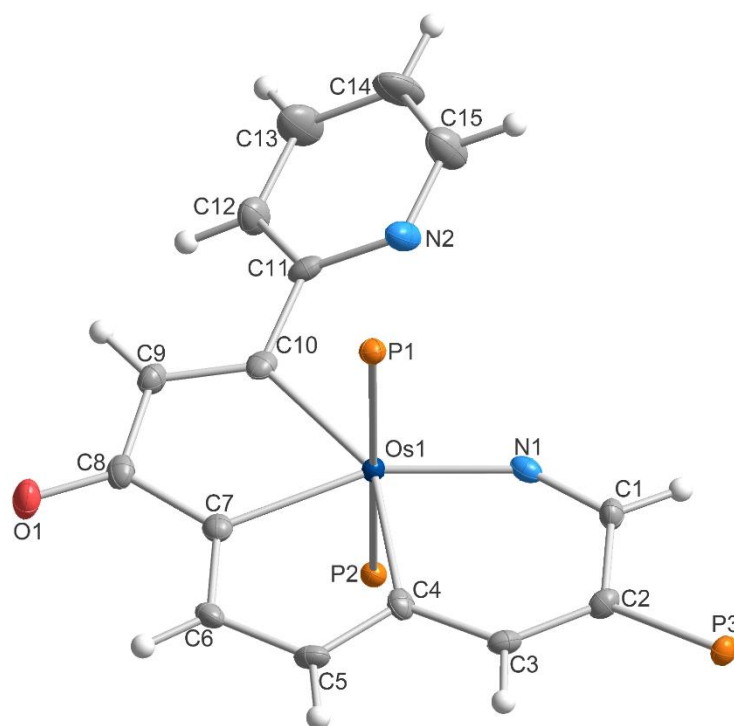
Supplementary Figures and Tables



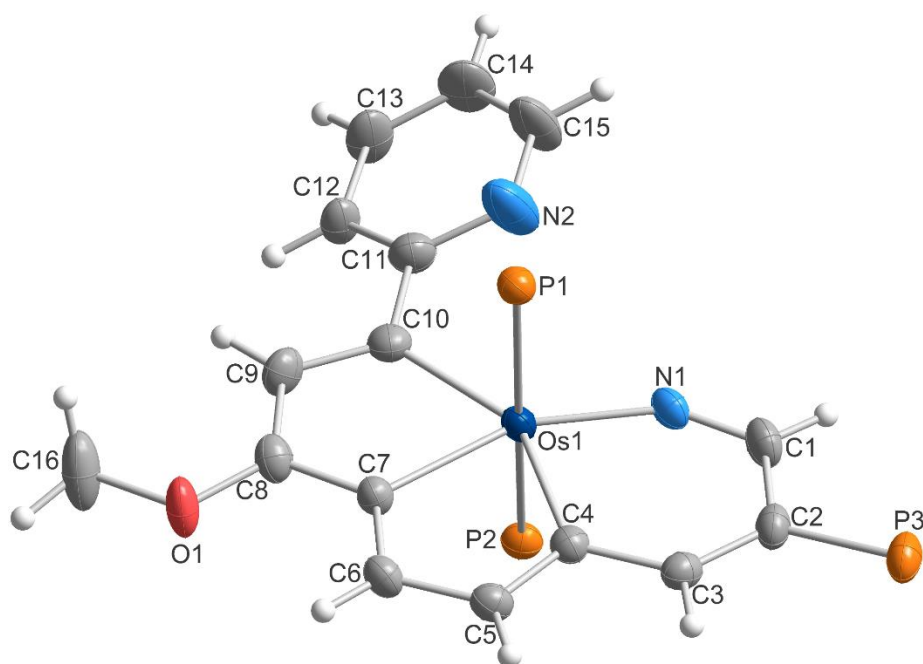
Supplementary Figure 1 | Proposed mechanism for the synthesis of complex 2 and ^{18}O -labeling experiment. **a)** Proposed mechanism for the formation of complex 2. **b)** positive-ion ESI-MS spectrum of $[\mathbf{2}\text{-}^{18}\text{O}]^{2+} [\text{C}_{69}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}^{18}\text{OOSp}_3]^{2+}$ measured in methanol. The experimental procedures of the ^{18}O -labeling experiment: A mixture of **1** (10 mg, 8.69 μmol), 2-ethynylpyridine (2.6 μl , 26.1 μmol), silver perchlorate (7.2 mg, 34.8 μmol) and excess H_2^{18}O (5 μl) in dichloromethane/methanol (0.3/0.1 ml) was heated at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ in a sealed NMR tube for 1 h to give a purple red solution. The *in situ* yield of complex **2- ^{18}O** is about 90%, as suggested by ^1H - and ^{31}P -NMR. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{69}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}^{18}\text{OOSp}_3]^{2+}$, 599.6536; found, 599.6555.



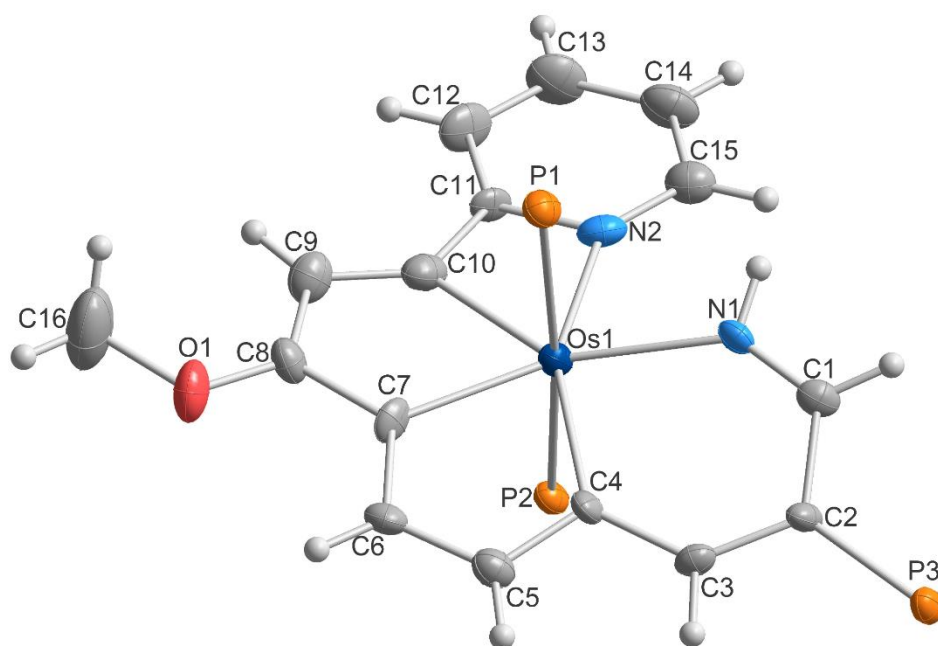
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Supplementary Figure 3 | X-ray molecular structure for the cation of complex **3** drawn with 50% probability. Phenyl groups in PPh₃ moieties were omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg]: Os1–N1 1.891(3), Os1–C4 2.102(4), Os1–C7 2.123(4), Os1–C10 2.090(4), N1–C1 1.270(5), C1–C2 1.470(5), C2–C3 1.367(5), C3–C4 1.432(5), C4–C5 1.375(5), C5–C6 1.421(5), C6–C7 1.348(5), C7–C8 1.474(5), C8–C9 1.449(6), C9–C10 1.367(5), C10–C11 1.476(5), C8–O1 1.235(4); Os1–N1–C1 144.6(3), N1–C1–C2 120.2(3), C1–C2–C3 119.2(3), C2–C3–C4 127.7(4), C3–C4–Os1 125.9(3), C4–Os1–N1 82.06(13), Os1–C4–C5 117.6(3), C4–C5–C6 115.3(4), C5–C6–C7 113.9(3), C6–C7–Os1 118.8(3), C7–Os1–C4 74.38(14), Os1–C7–C8 119.6(3), C7–C8–C9 109.8(3), C8–C9–C10 114.4(4), C9–C10–Os1 122.7(3), C7–Os1–C10 73.43(15).



Supplementary Figure 4 | X-ray molecular structure for the cation of complex **4** drawn with 50% probability. Phenyl groups in PPh₃ moieties were omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg]: Os1–N1 1.879(4), Os1–C4 2.092(4), Os1–C7 2.110(4), Os1–C10 2.067(5), N1–C1 1.267(6), C1–C2 1.463(7), C2–C3 1.347(6), C3–C4 1.443(6), C4–C5 1.372(6), C5–C6 1.401(6), C6–C7 1.371(6), C7–C8 1.410(6), C8–C9 1.391(6), C9–C10 1.378(6), C10–C11 1.472(6), C8–O1 1.334(5), O1–C16 1.457(6); Os1–N1–C1 145.9(3), N1–C1–C2 119.3(4), C1–C2–C3 119.4(4), C2–C3–C4 127.9(4), C3–C4–Os1 125.6(3), C4–Os1–N1 81.61(16), Os1–C4–C5 118.4(3), C4–C5–C6 115.6(4), C5–C6–C7 112.8(4), C6–C7–Os1 119.3(3), C7–Os1–C4 73.87(16), Os1–C7–C8 118.1(3), C7–C8–C9 113.8(4), C8–C9–C10 113.0(4), C9–C10–Os1 121.5(3), C7–Os1–C10 73.47(17).



Supplementary Figure 5 | X-ray molecular structure for the cation of complex 5 drawn with 50% probability. Phenyl groups in PPh₃ moieties were omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg]: Os1–N1 2.124(5), Os1–C4 2.098(6), Os1–C7 2.138(6), Os1–C10 2.066(6), Os1–N2 2.201(5), N1–C1 1.294(7), C1–C2 1.439(8), C2–C3 1.350(8), C3–C4 1.451(8), C4–C5 1.385(8), C5–C6 1.379(9), C6–C7 1.384(8), C7–C8 1.440(8), C8–C9 1.392(9), C9–C10 1.363(9), C10–C11 1.432(9), C11–N2 1.367(8), C8–O1 1.313(8), O1–C16 1.445(9); Os1–N1–C1 136.8(4), N1–C1–C2 122.4(5), C1–C2–C3 120.1(5), C2–C3–C4 129.5(6), C3–C4–Os1 125.7(4), C4–Os1–N1 80.9(2), Os1–C4–C5 120.1(4), C4–C5–C6 114.8(6), C5–C6–C7 112.9(6), C6–C7–Os1 119.7(4), C7–Os1–C4 72.3(2), Os1–C7–C8 119.2(4), C7–C8–C9 113.0(6), C8–C9–C10 109.7(6), C9–C10–Os1 127.3(5), C7–Os1–C10 70.0(2), C10–Os1–N2 61.6(2), C11–N2–Os1 95.7(4), C10–C11–N2 102.8(5).

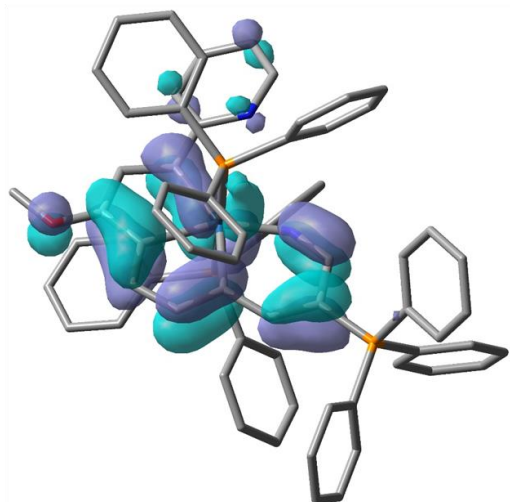
Supplementary Table 1 | Crystal data and structure refinement for **2**, **3**, **4**, and **5**.

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Formular	C ₇₁ H ₅₈ Cl ₄ NO ₉ Os P ₃	C ₁₄₃ H ₁₁₈ Cl ₁₂ N ₄ O 10.5Os ₂ P ₆	C ₇₂ H ₆₀ Cl _{1.5} F _{4.5} N 2O _{8.5} OsP ₃ S _{1.5}	C _{71.67} H ₆₀ Cl _{4.33} F ₂ N ₂ O _{12.33} OsP ₃ S _{0.6} 7
Mr	1494.09	3052.03	1559.09	1642.65
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>I</i> 2/a
<i>a</i> [Å]	11.7734(3)	10.52229(19)	12.0252(6)	20.2404(9)
<i>b</i> [Å]	14.2217(4)	23.2643(2)	14.6931(6)	18.8032(8)
<i>c</i> [Å]	20.1865(5)	26.9920(4)	20.6200(5)	41.011(3)
α [°]	85.170(2)	97.1893(9)	74.531(3)	90
β [°]	87.370(2)	94.6652(13)	73.562(3)	101.717(5)
γ [°]	89.810(2)	95.1433(11)	80.033(4)	90
<i>V</i> [Å ³]	3364.43(16)	6500.42(16)	3349.0(2)	15282.9(14)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2	8
ρ_{calcd} [gcm ⁻³]	1.475	1.559	1.546	1.428
μ [mm ⁻¹]	2.182	2.336	2.153	1.964
F (000)	1504.0	3068.0	1570.0	6608.0
2 θ range [°]	3.374 to 52.5	3.322 to 49.998	3.552 to 52.5	2.986 to 58.388
Reflns collected	29793	58730	27356	83051
Independent reflns	13591	22910	13495	18475
Observed reflns [<i>I</i> ≥ 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	12540	20225	12061	13774
Data/restraints/parameters	13591/32/829	22910/210/1655	13495/174/947	18475/97/938
GOF on <i>F</i> ²	1.048	1.044	1.072	1.046
<i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> ≥ 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	0.0479/0.1242	0.0346/0.0837	0.0428/0.1058	0.0712/0.1378
<i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0530/0.1268	0.0412/0.0874	0.0506/0.1093	0.1025/0.1505
Largest peak/hole [e Å ⁻³]	1.66/-2.64	1.92/-1.20	1.75/-1.26	1.37/-1.57

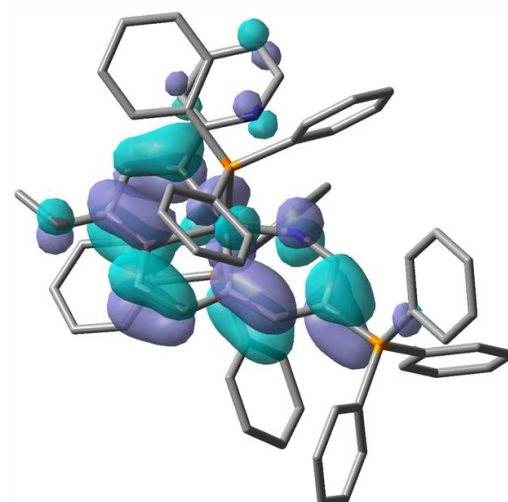
Supplementary Table 2 | Response to the questions raised in the Check CIF Reports of complex **2**.

Alert level B in Complex 2	Hirshfeld Test (Solvent) Cl1 --O1AA . 16.0 s.u.	This problem is caused by the disorder of the ClO ₄ anion.
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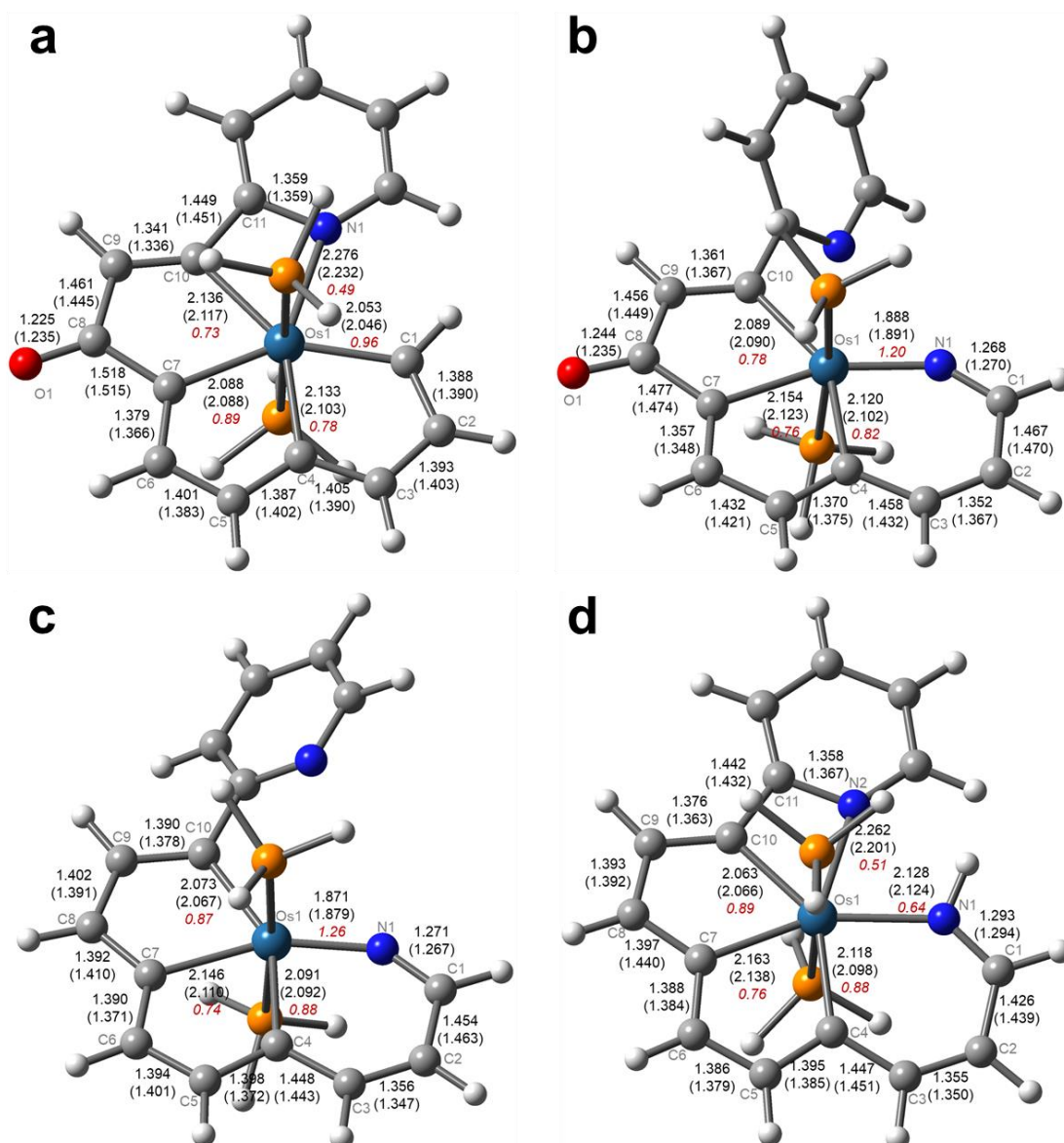
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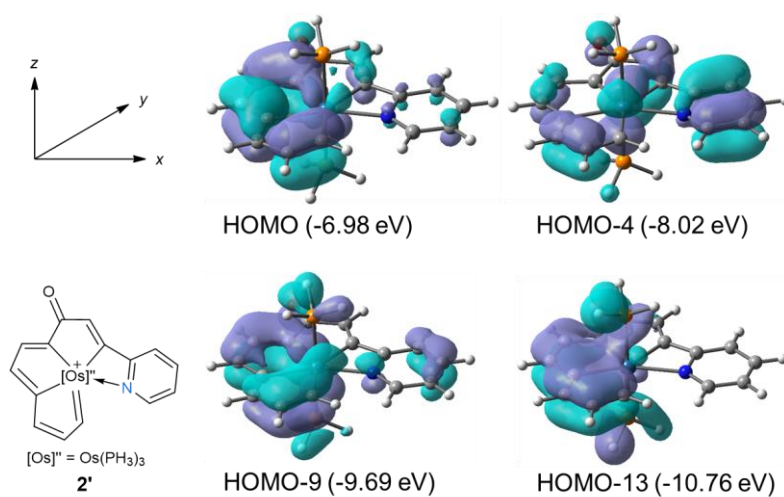
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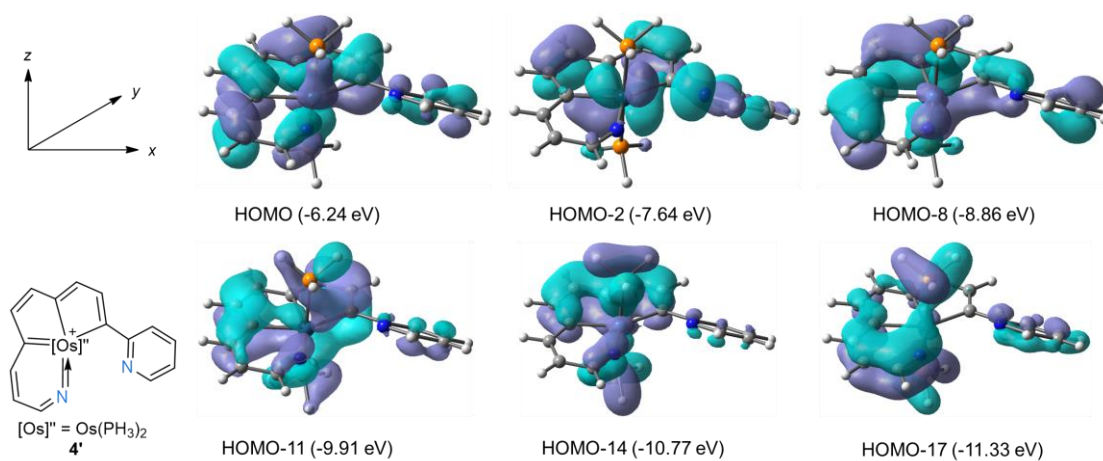
Supplementary Figure 6 | Orbital distributions in LUMO/ HOMO of complex 4.



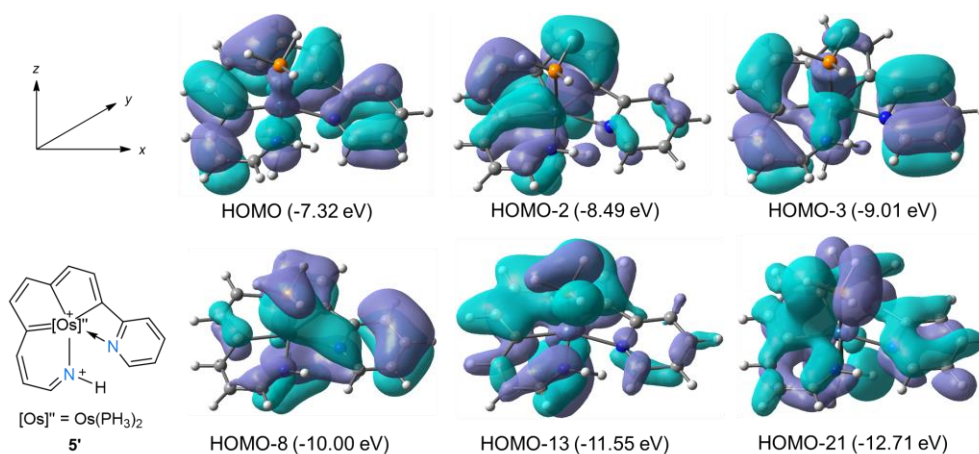
Supplementary Figure 7 | Comparison of the calculated and experimental (in parentheses) bond lengths (Å) for the cations of complexes **2(a)**, **3(b)**, **4(c)**, and **5(d)**. In the calculated structures, PH₃ was used to model PPh₃. The Wiberg bond indices of the bonds around the osmium center are shown in red in italics.



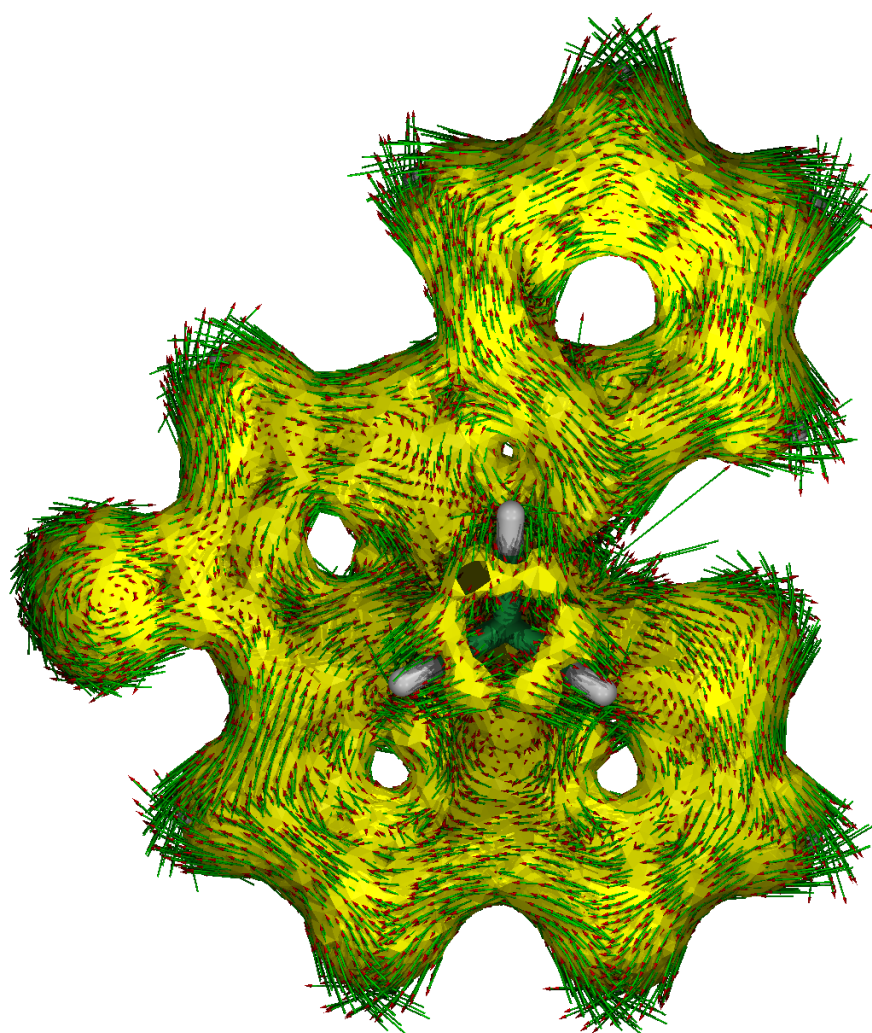
Supplementary Figure 8 | Four key occupied perimeter π molecular orbitals (π -MOs) of the osmapentalene unit in the model complex **2'**. The eigenvalues of the MOs are given in parentheses.



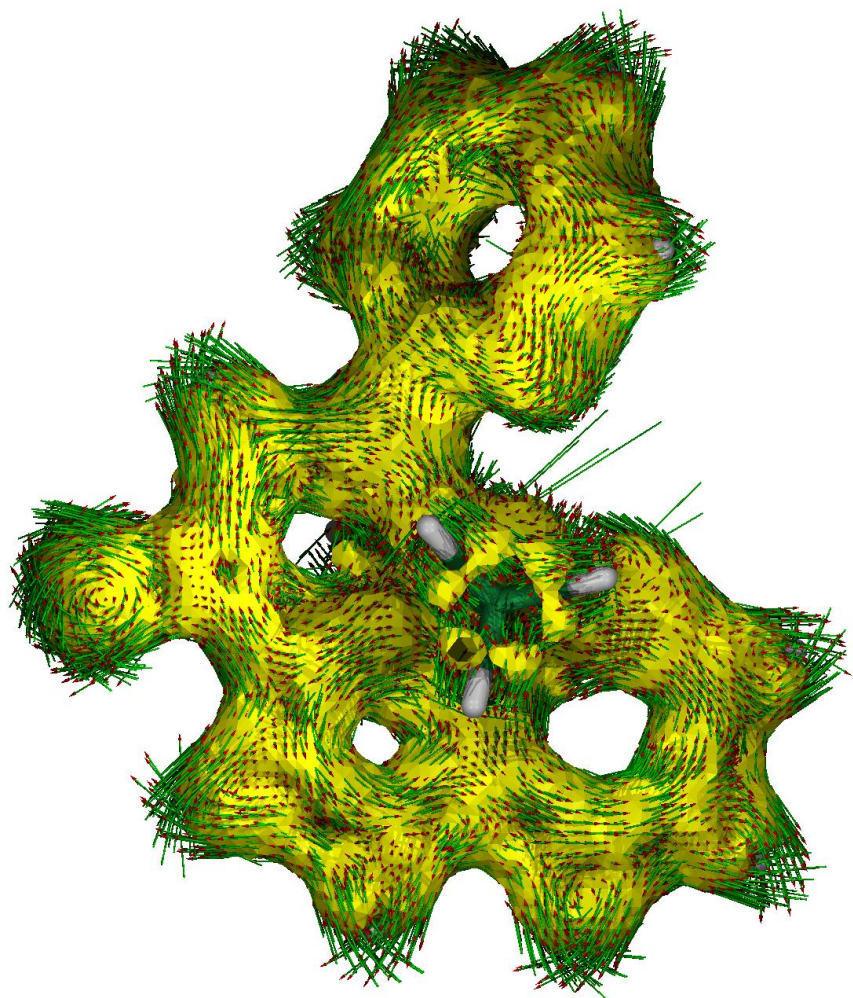
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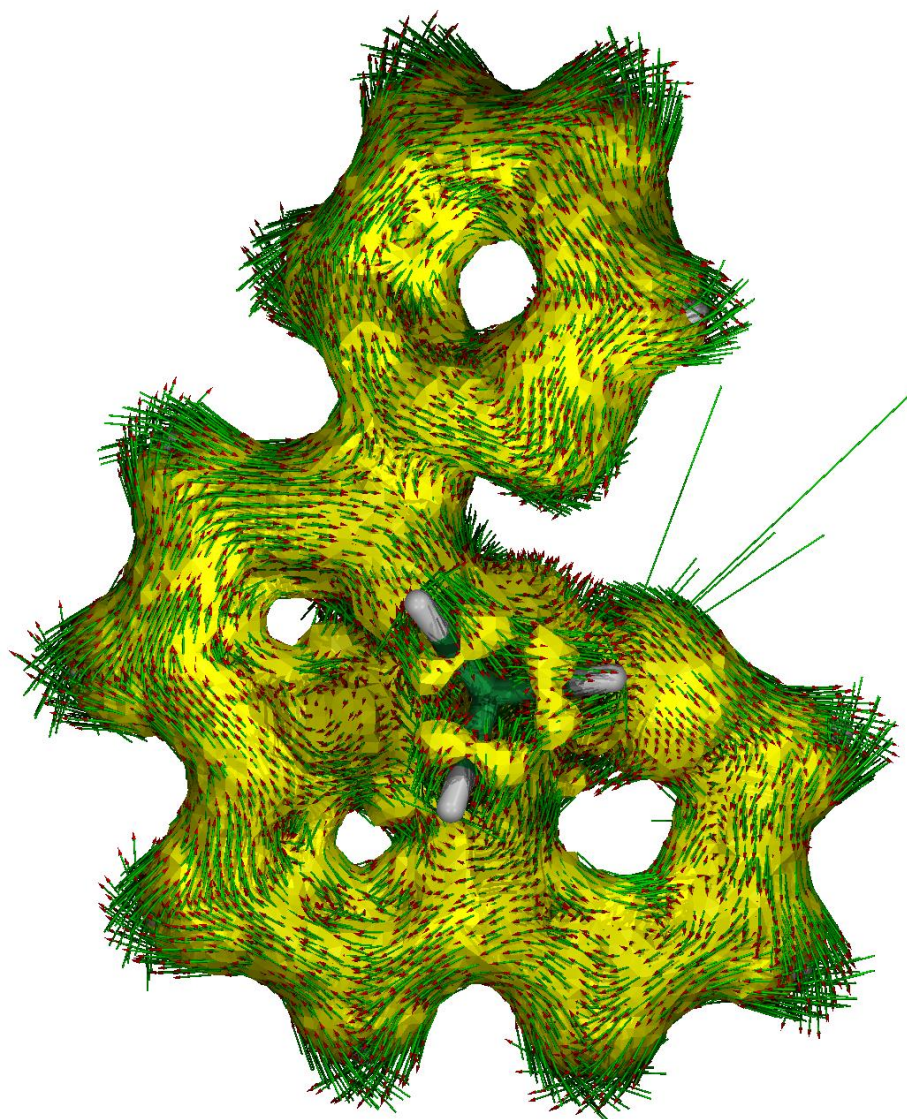
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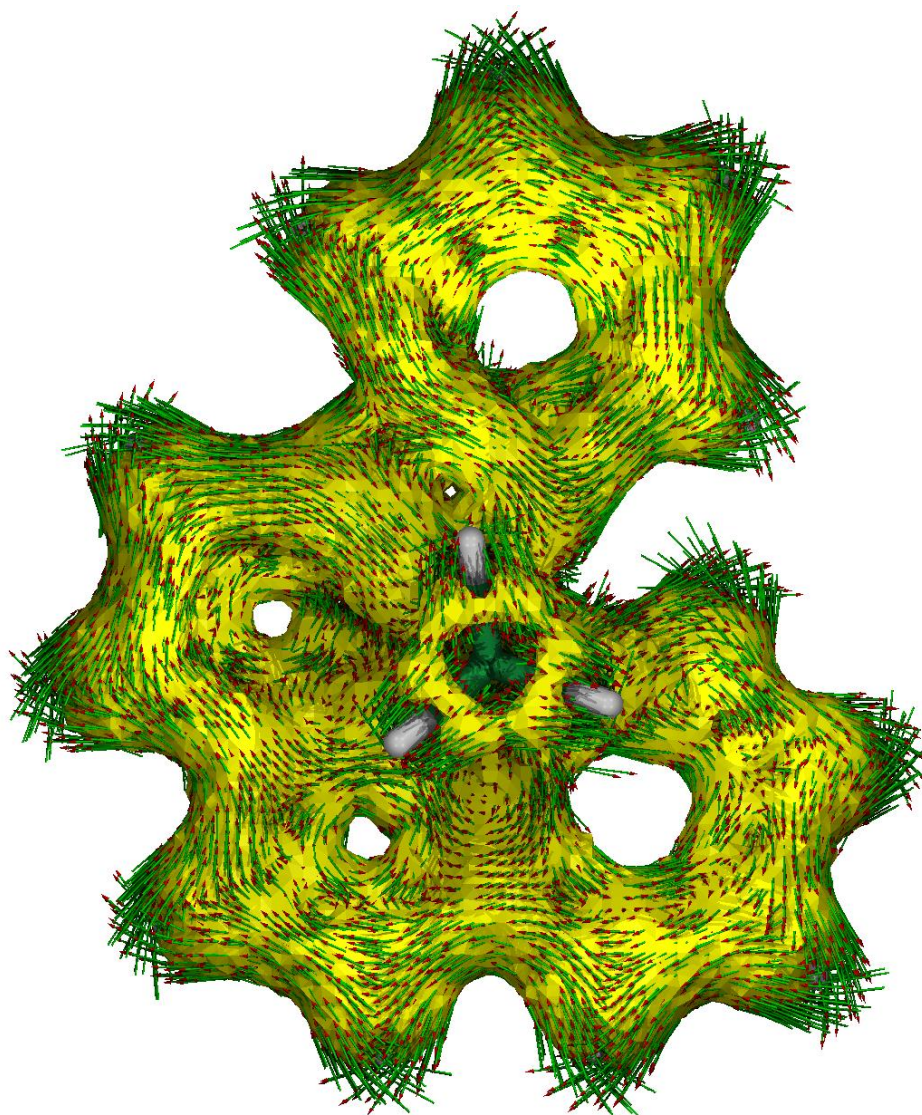
Supplementary Figure 11 | ACID plot of the model complex **2'** with an isosurface value of 0.025. The magnetic field vector is orthogonal to the ring plane and points upward (clockwise currents are diatropic).



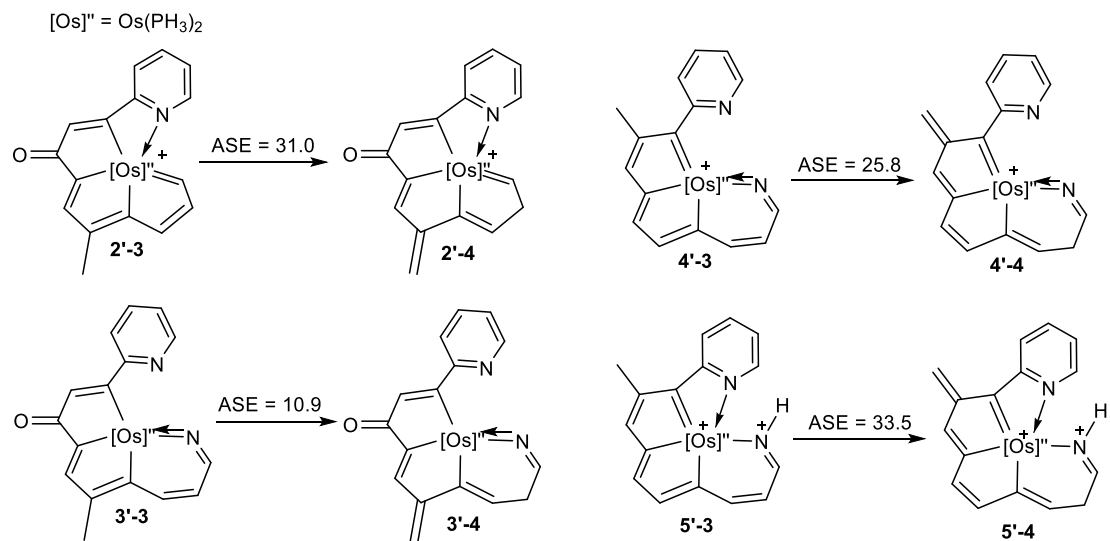
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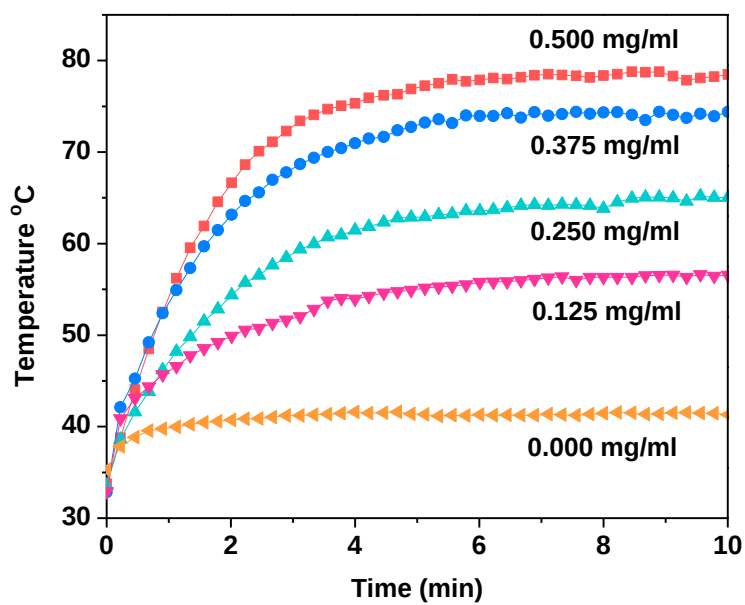
Supplementary Figure 13 | ACID plot of the model complex **4'** with an isosurface value of 0.025. The magnetic field vector is orthogonal to the ring plane and points upward (clockwise currents are diatropic).



Supplementary Figure 14 | ACID plot of the model complex **5'** with an isosurface value of 0.025. The magnetic field vector is orthogonal to the ring plane and points upward (clockwise currents are diatropic).

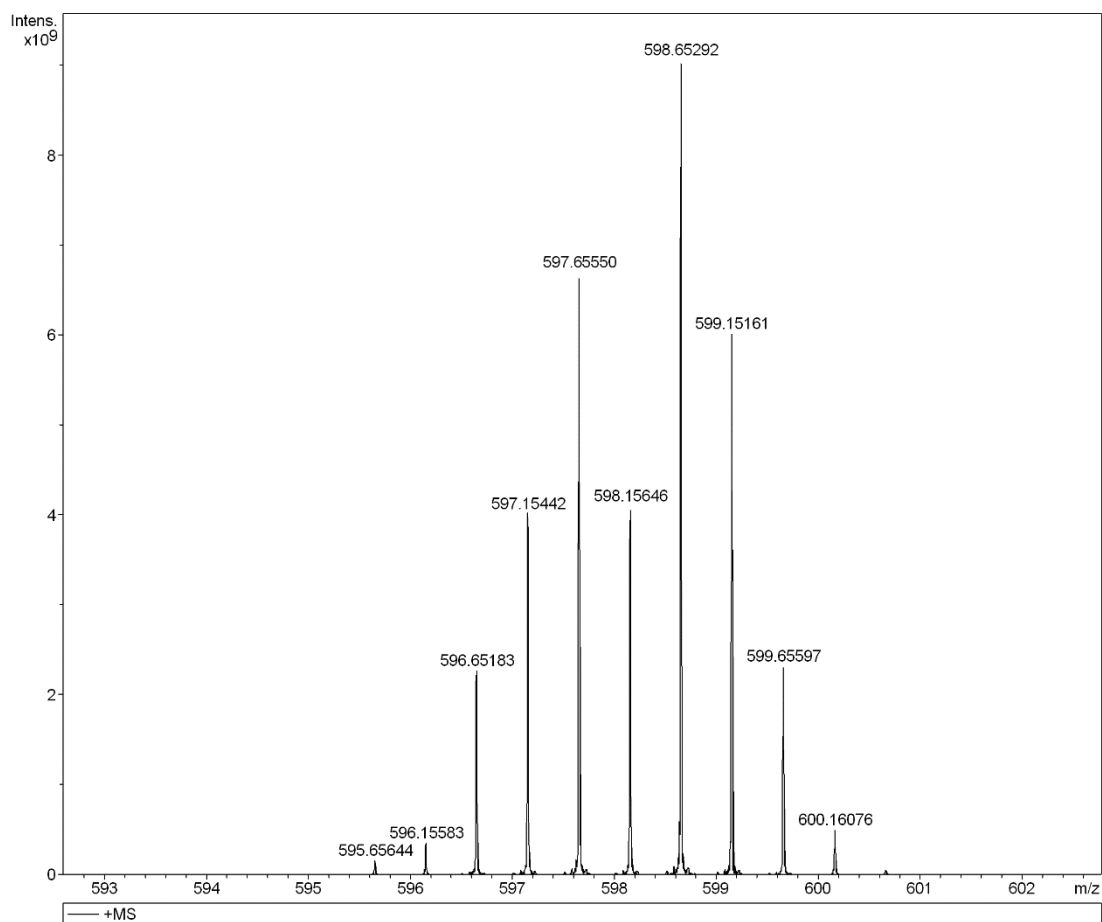


Supplementary Figure 15 | ASE evaluations of the model complexes **2'-5'**. The energies include the zero-point energy corrections (given in kcal mol⁻¹).

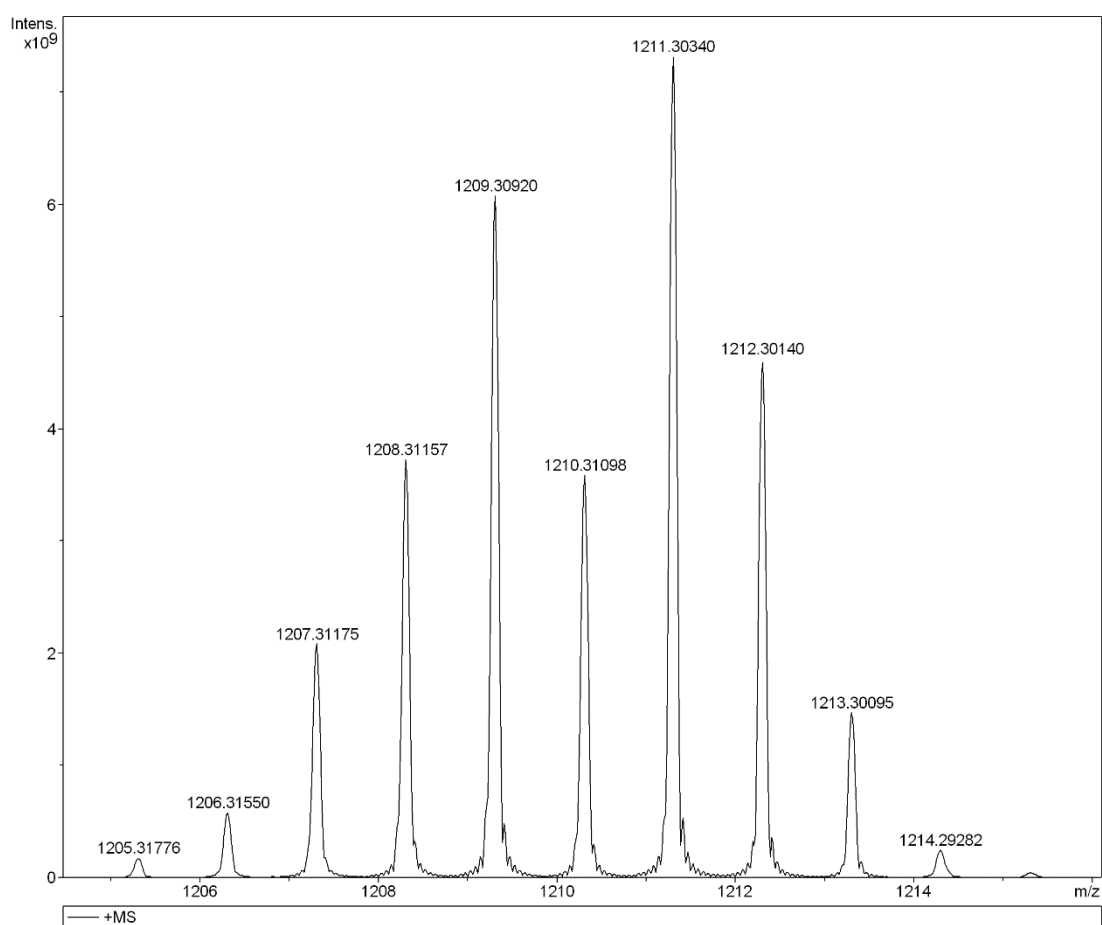


Supplementary Figure 16 | Photothermal effect of 10% Ethanol-H₂O solutions of complex **4** at 0.500/0.375/0.250/0.125 mg/ml and of the pure solvent alone upon laser irradiation ($\lambda = 808 \text{ nm}$, 1.0 W cm^{-2}).

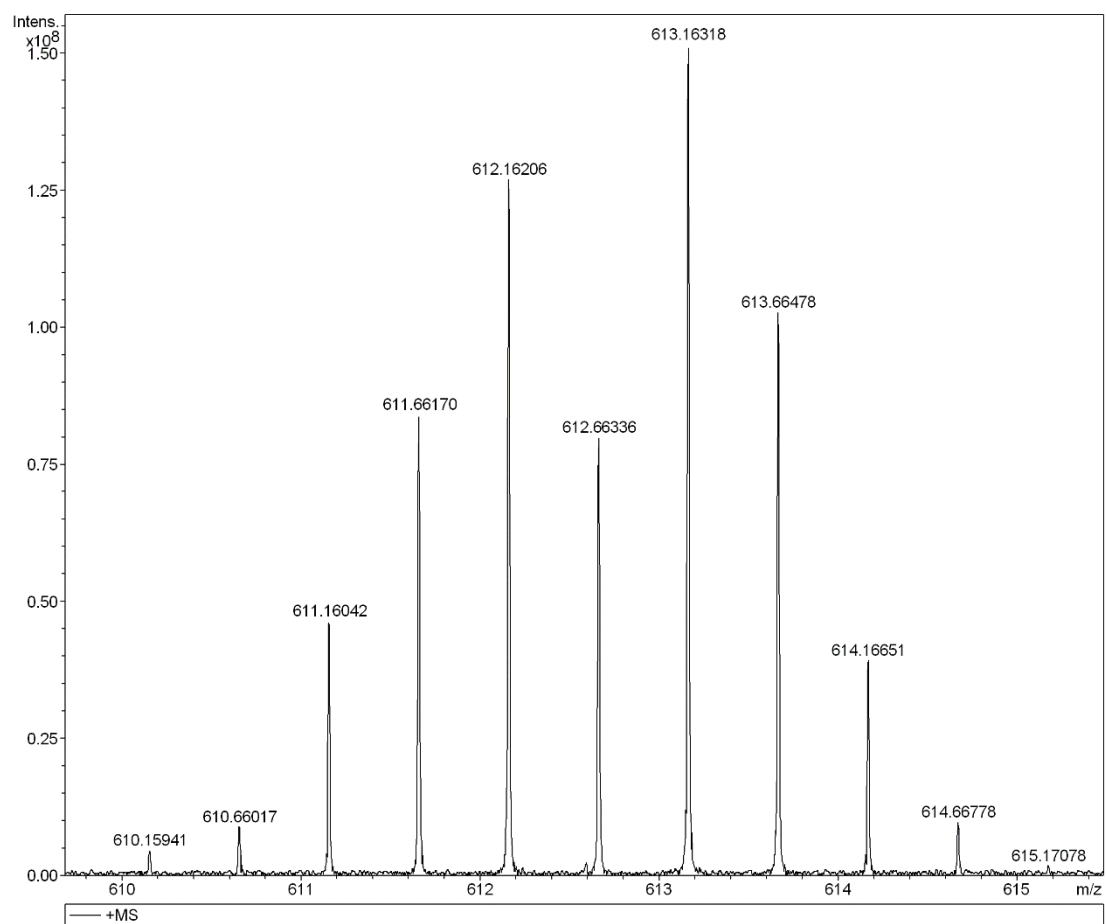
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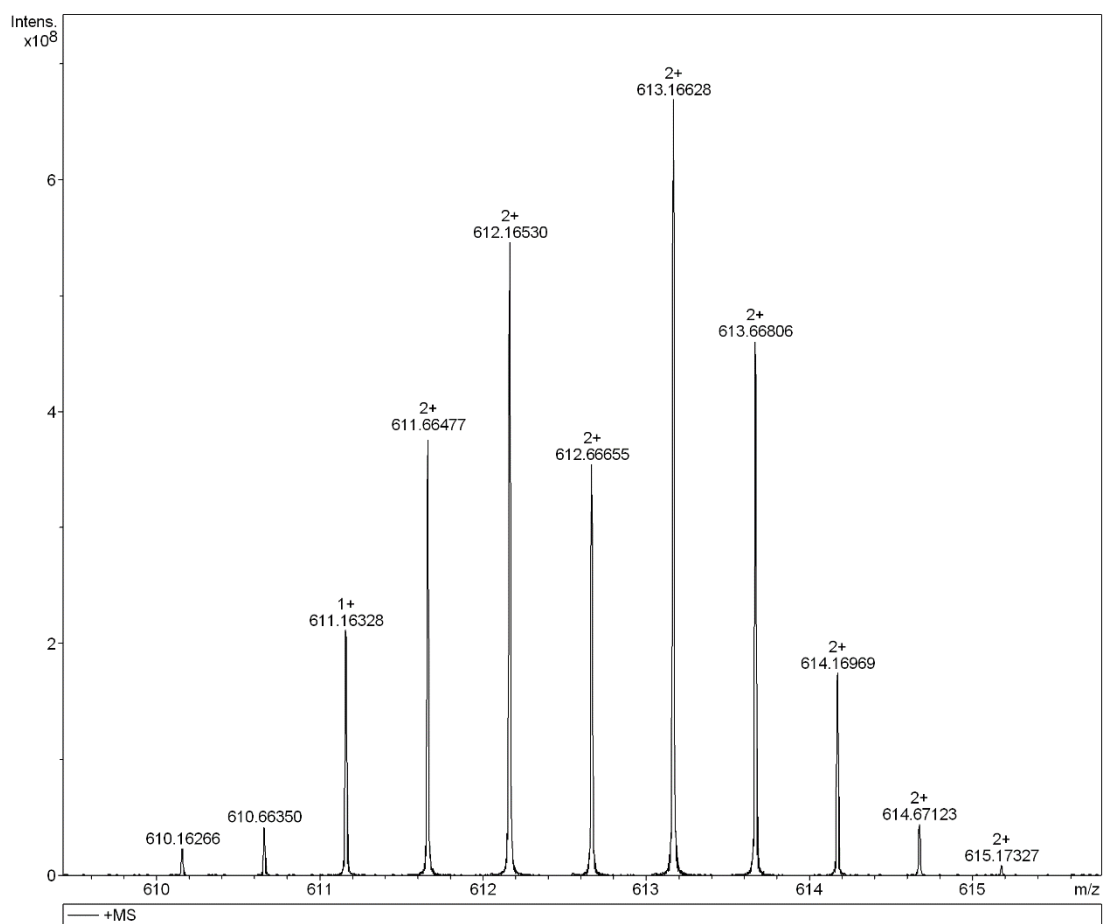
Supplementary Figure 17 | Positive-ion ESI-MS spectrum of $[2]^{2+} [C_{69}H_{54}NOOsP_3]^{2+}$ measured in methanol.



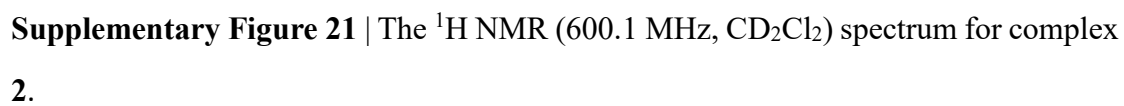
Supplementary Figure 18 | Positive-ion ESI-MS spectrum of $[3]^+$ $[C_{69}H_{54}N_2OOSp_3]^+$ measured in methanol.

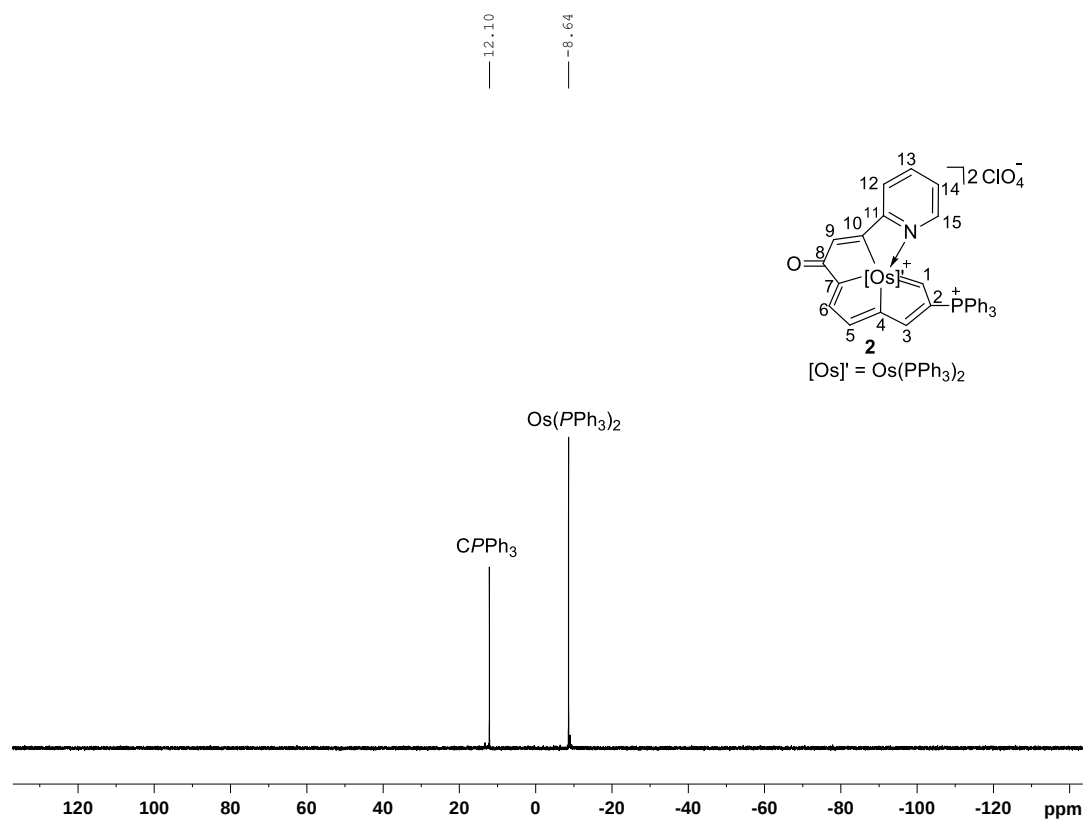


Supplementary Figure 19 | Positive-ion ESI-MS spectrum of $[4]^{2+}[C_{70}H_{57}N_2OOSp_3]^{2+}$ measured in methanol.

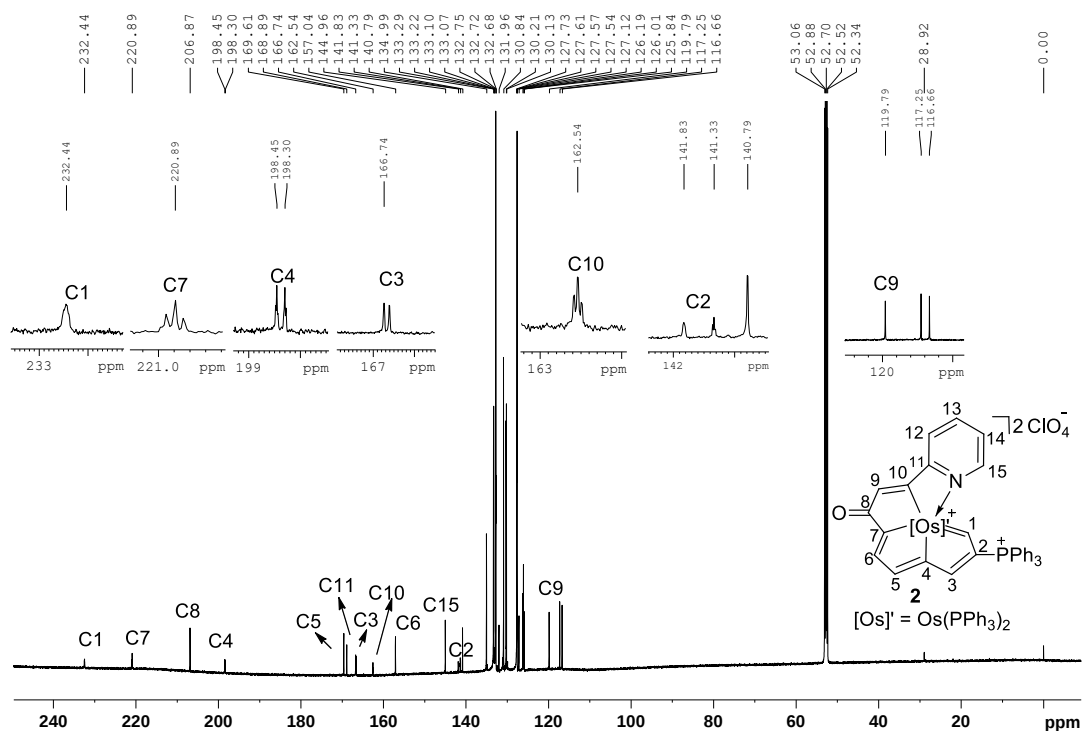


Supplementary Figure 20 | Positive-ion ESI-MS spectrum of $[5^{3+}-H^+]^{2+}$ $[C_{70}H_{58}N_2OOSp_3^{3+}-H^+]^{2+}$ measured in methanol.

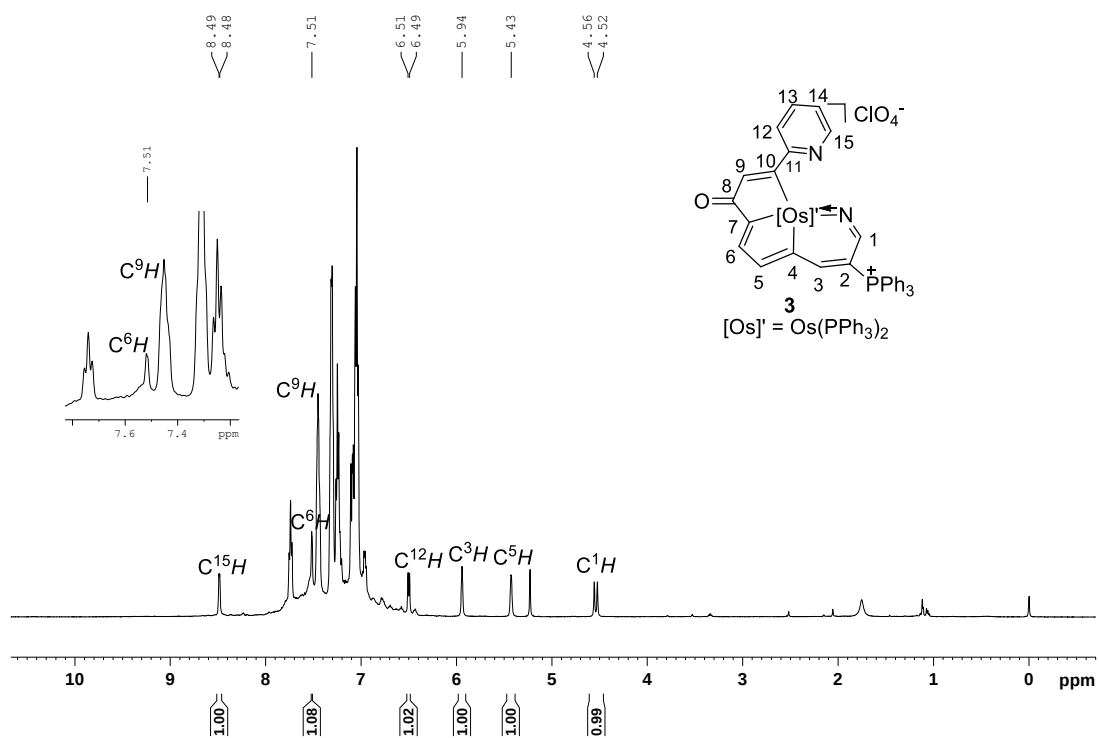




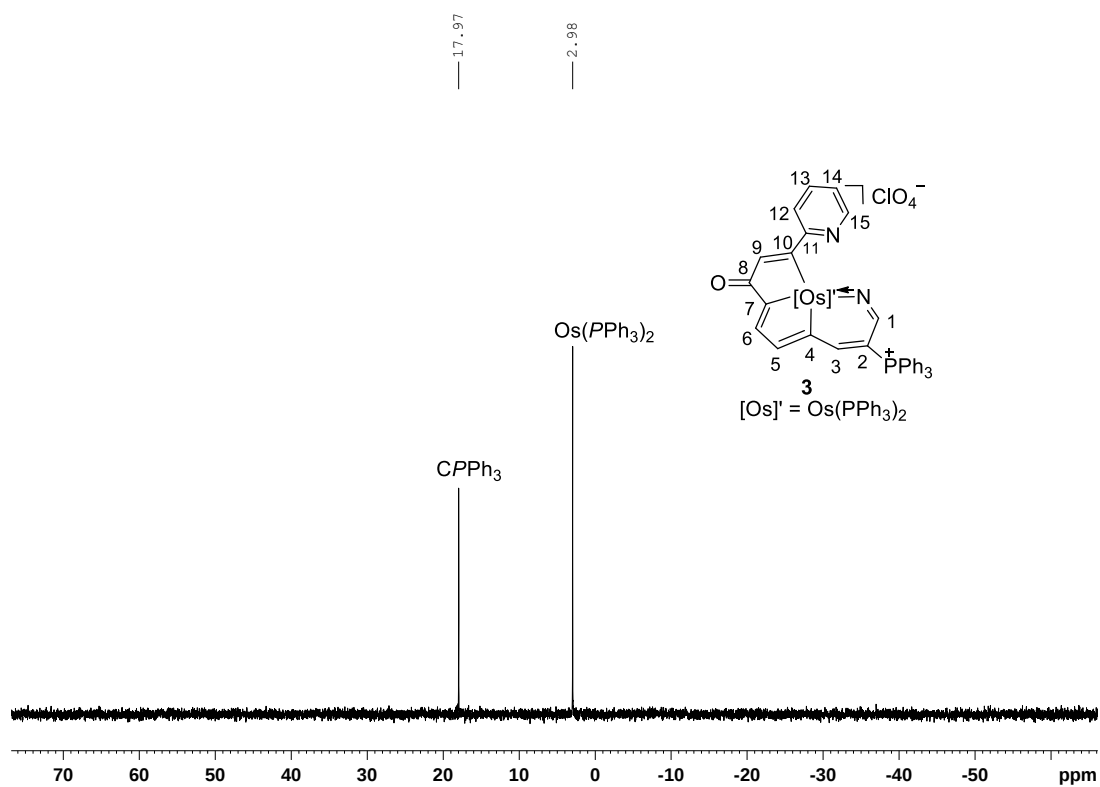
Supplementary Figure 22 | The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (242.9 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum for complex **2**.



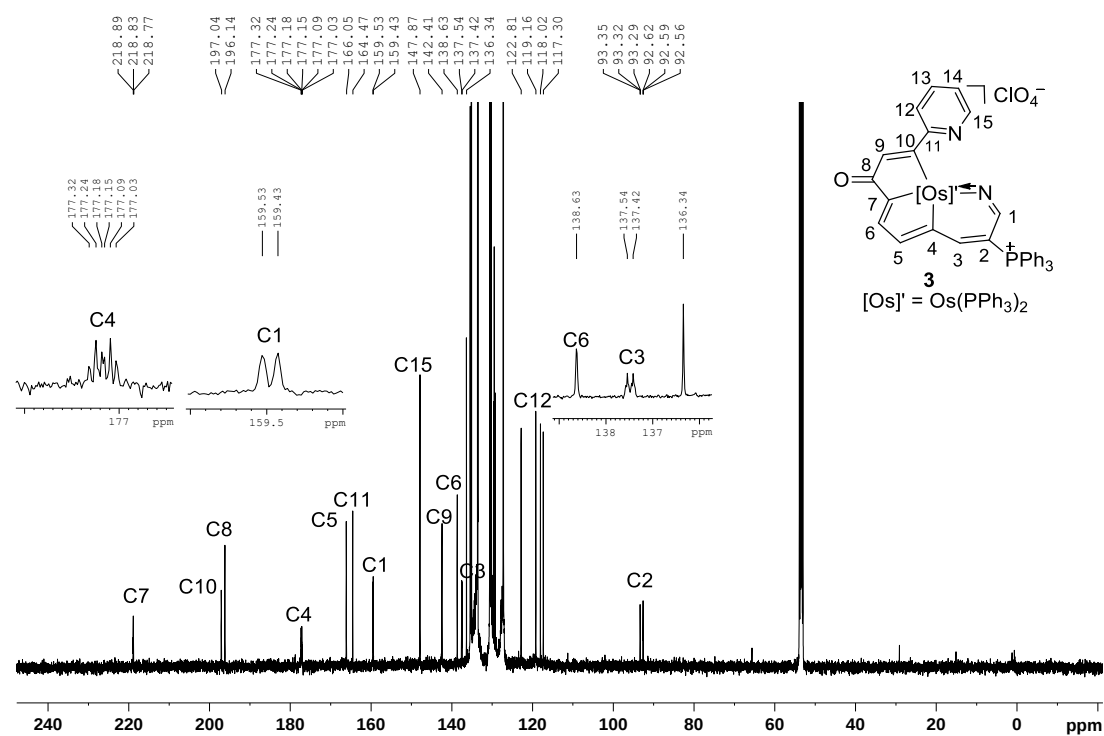
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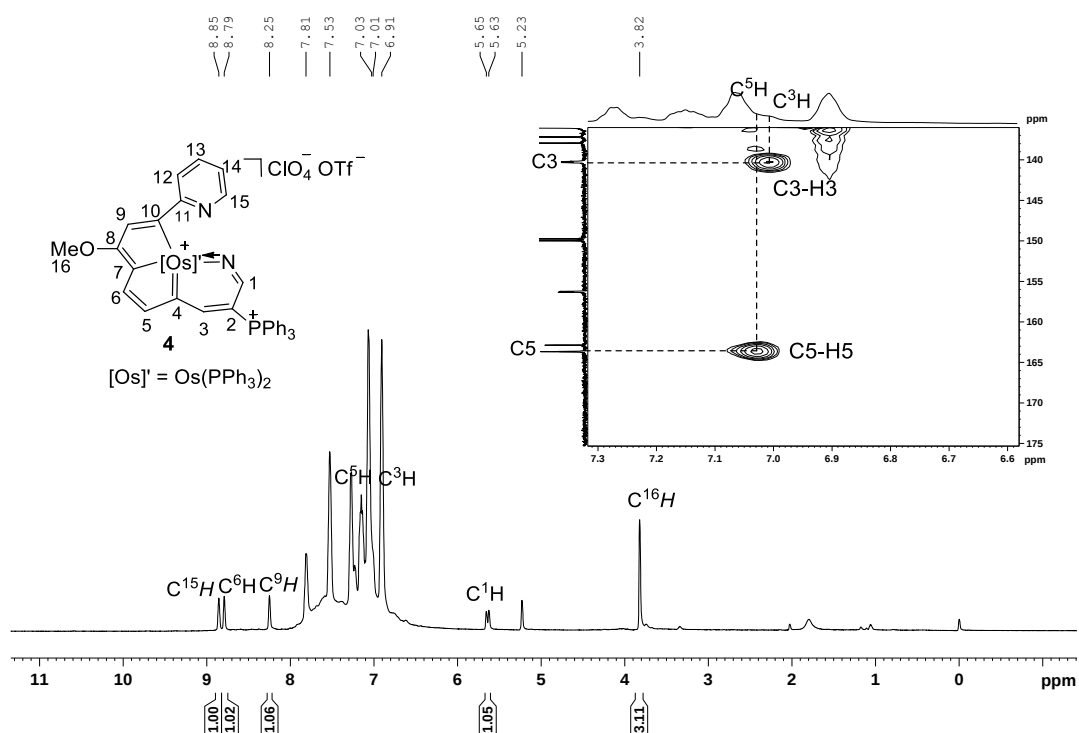
Supplementary Figure 24 | The ^1H NMR (500.2 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum for complex **3**.



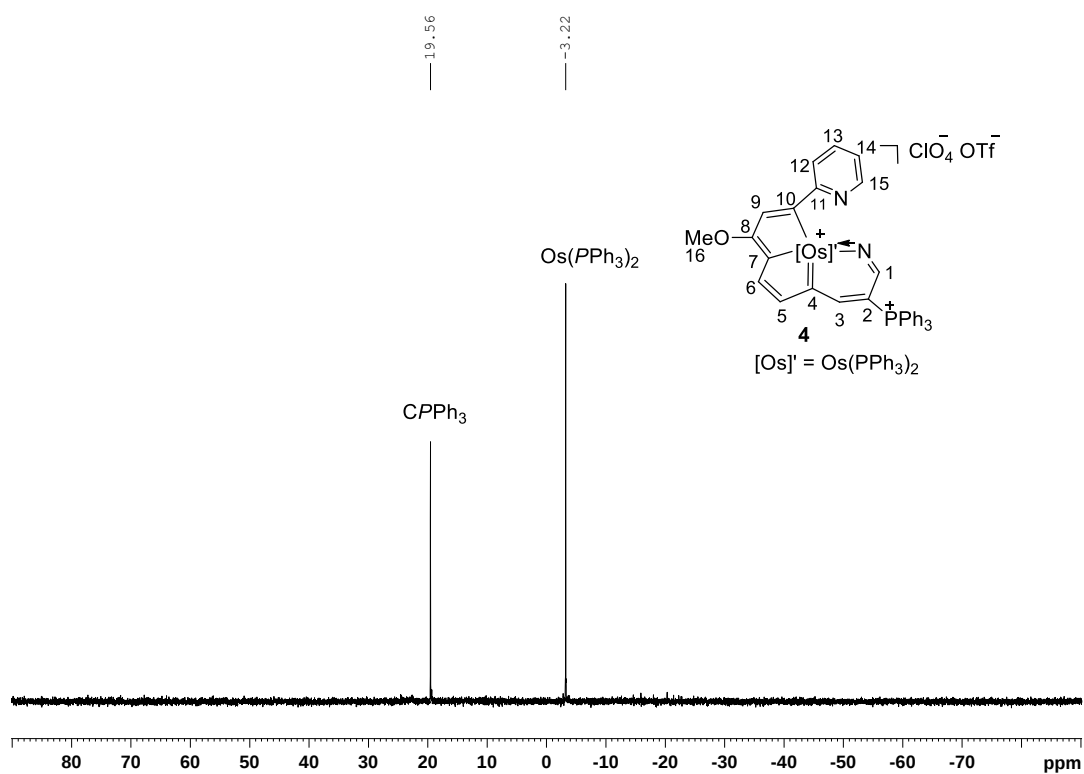
Supplementary Figure 25 | The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (202.5 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum for complex **3**.



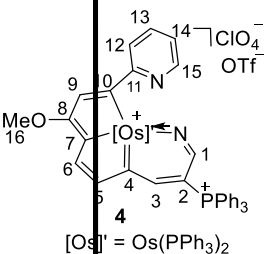
Supplementary Figure 26 | The $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125.8 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum for complex **3**.



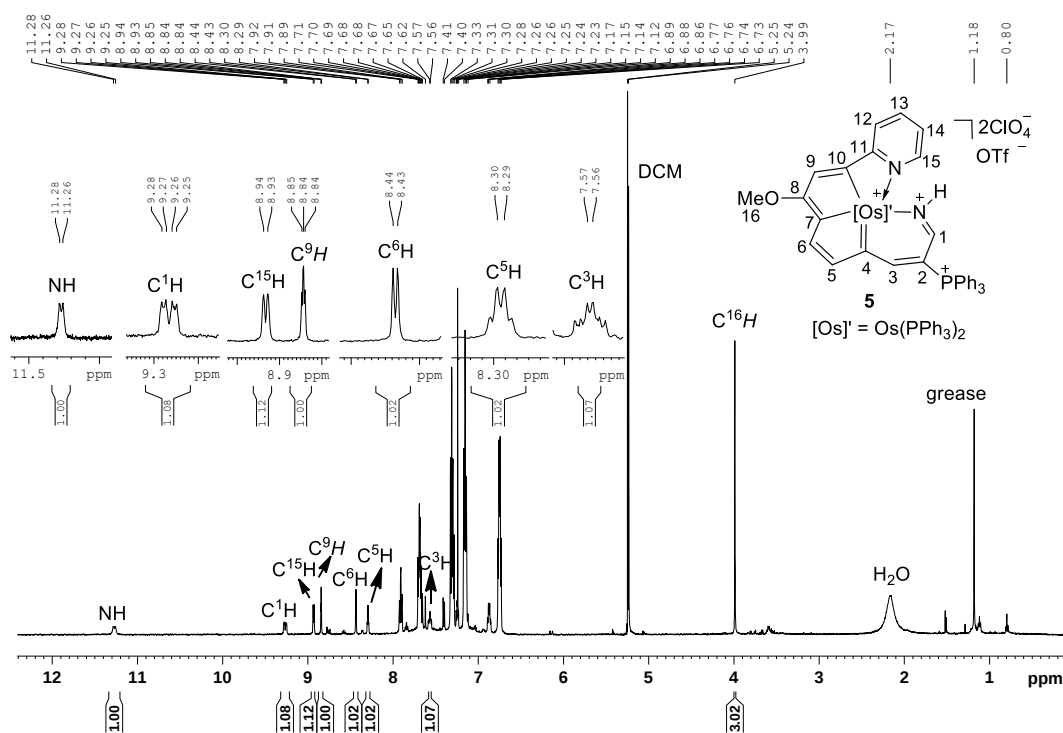
Supplementary Figure 27 | The ^1H NMR (500.2 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum (Inset: partial ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC spectrum) for complex 4.



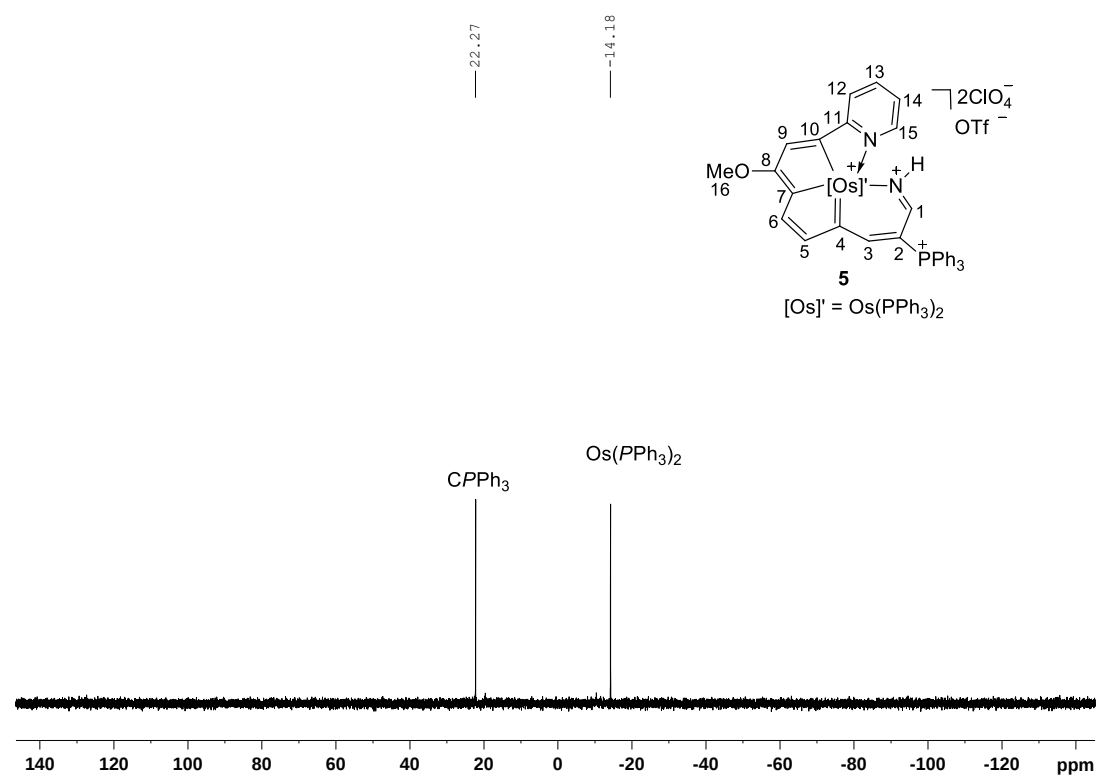
Supplementary Figure 28 | The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (202.5 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum for complex 4.



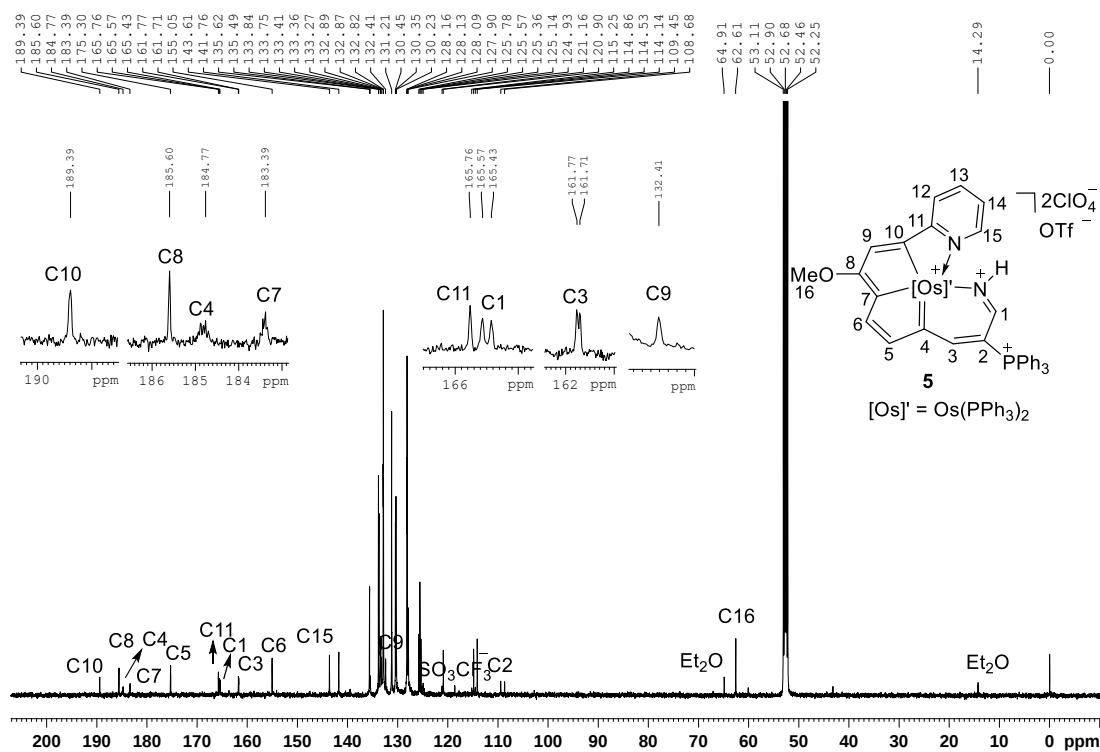
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Supplementary Figure 30 | The ^1H NMR (500.2 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum for complex **5**.



Supplementary Figure 31 | The ³¹P{¹H} NMR (202.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) spectrum for complex **5**.



Supplementary Figure 32 | The ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) spectrum for complex **5**.