

Supplementary Information

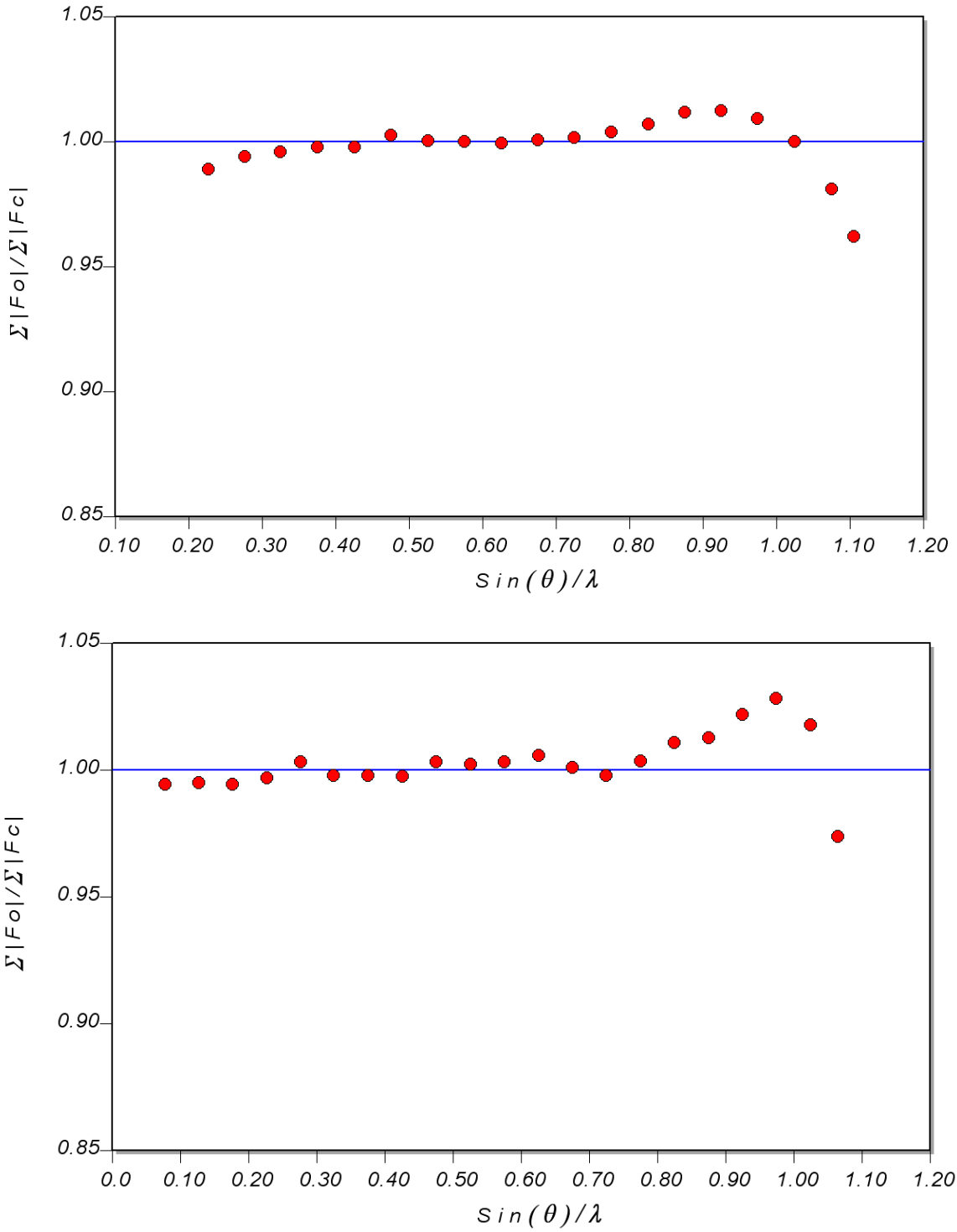


Figure S1 - Plot of  $\Sigma|F_o|/\Sigma|F_c|$  versus resolution for (top) collection 1, (bottom) collection 2.

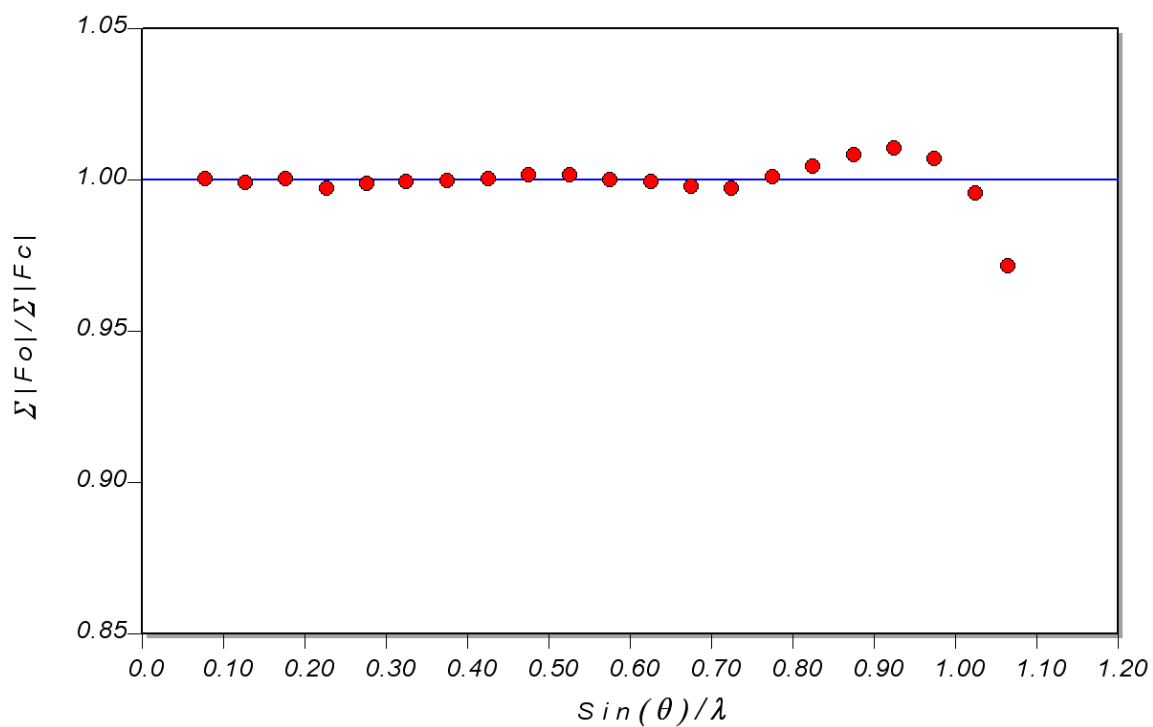
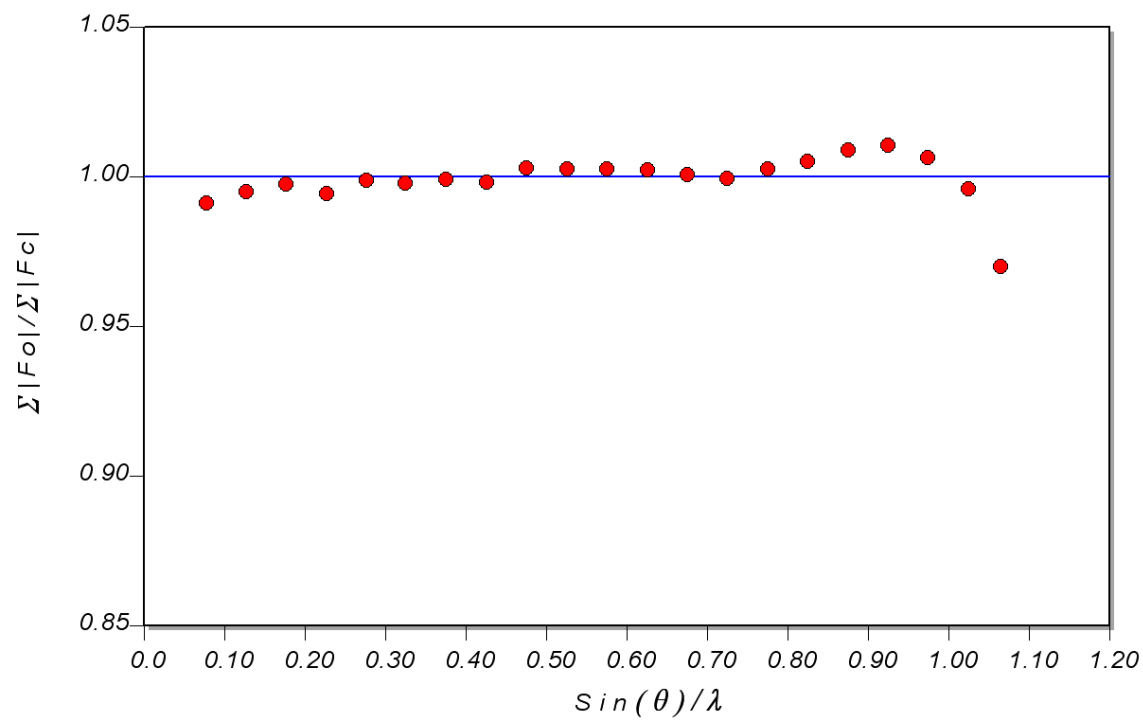


Figure S2 - Plot of  $\Sigma|F_o|/\Sigma|F_c|$  versus resolution for the merged data (top) before *xd* refinement (bottom) after multipole refinement in *xd*.

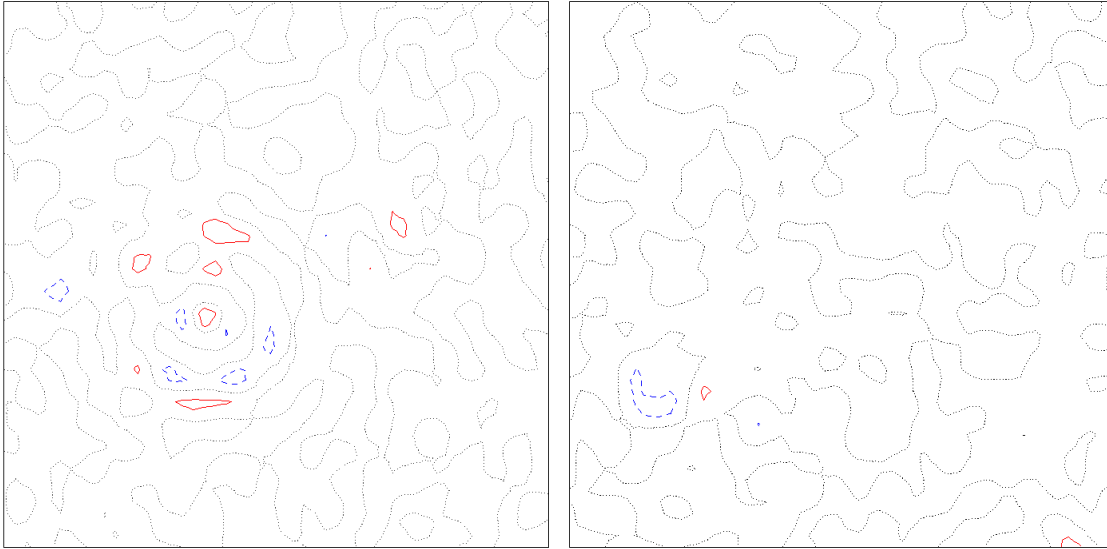


Figure S3 - Residual density map for after multipole refinement for data  $\sin\theta/\lambda = 0.9 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  (left) map calculated through  $R_h$ ,  $C_1$  and  $C_5$  (right) map calculated through  $C_8$ ,  $C_{10}$  and  $C_{12}$ . Contours are depicted at the  $0.1 e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$  level, with positive contours as solid red lines, negative contours as blue dashed lines and the zero level is the dotted black line.

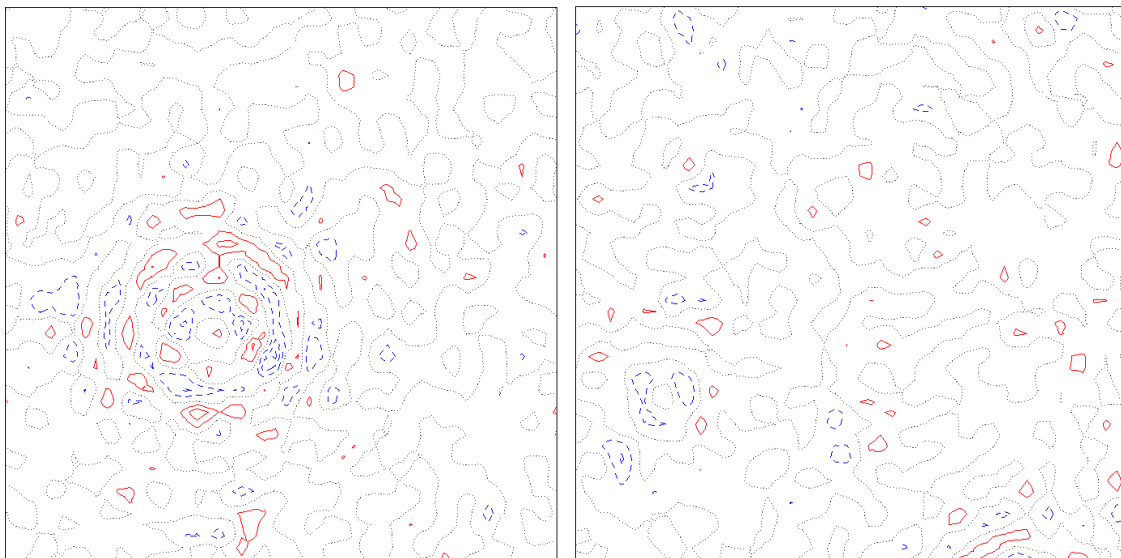


Figure S4 - Residual density map for after multipole refinement for all data (left) map calculated through  $R_h$ ,  $C_1$  and  $C_5$  (right) map calculated through  $C_8$ ,  $C_{10}$  and  $C_{12}$ . Contours are depicted at the  $0.1 e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$  level, with positive contours as solid red lines, negative contours as blue dashed lines and the zero level is the dotted black line.

Table S1 - Crystal data for the two datasets

	Collection 1	Collection 2
Empirical formula	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>23</sub> Cl P Rh	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>23</sub> Cl P Rh
Formula weight	492.76	492.76
$\lambda$ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$
$a$ (Å)	10.2438(2)	10.2430(1)
$b$ (Å)	10.3994(3)	10.4042(1)
$c$ (Å)	11.4076(3)	11.4078(1)
$\alpha$ (°)	99.235(2)	99.213(1)
$\beta$ (°)	103.112(2)	103.131(1)
$\gamma$ (°)	115.0660(10)	115.080(1)
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1025.74(4)	1026.010(17)
$Z$	2	2
T(K)	100(2)	100(2)
$D_c$ Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.595	1.595
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.049	1.049
$F(000)$	500	500
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.20 x 0.26 x 0.30	0.25 x 0.20 x 0.15
$\theta$ range for data collection (°)	8.18 to 52.16	1.92 to 50.14
Ranges of $h, k, l$	-22 $\leq$ h $\leq$ 22, -23 $\leq$ k $\leq$ 23, -25 $\leq$ l $\leq$ 23	-22 $\leq$ h $\leq$ 22, -22 $\leq$ k $\leq$ 22, -24 $\leq$ l $\leq$ 24
Reflections collected	168964	209634
Independent reflections	23403	21645
$R_{int}$	0.0317	0.0397
Absorption coefficients min/max	0.666/0.711	0.719/0.770
<b>Spherical Atom Refinement</b>		
No. of data in refinement	23403	21645
No. of refined parameters	253	345
GOF ( $F^2$ )	1.031	1.074
Final $R_i$ , [ $F^2 > 2\sigma(F)$ ] (all data)	0.0187(0.0216)	0.0240 (0.0302)
$wR_2$ , [ $F^2 > 2\sigma(F)$ ] (all data)	0.0475(0.0484)	0.0514 (0.0529)
Largest diff. peak/hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.685/-1.270	0.765/-0.972

Table S2 - Hirshfeld analysis for 1

Atoms	DMSDA (x 10 <sup>-4</sup> Å <sup>2</sup> )
Rh(1)-C(1)	23
Rh(1)-C(4)	22
Rh(1)-C(5)	22
Rh(1)-Cl(1)	11
Rh(1)-P(1)	3
P(1)-C(8)	4
P(1)-C(14)	5
P(1)-C(20)	4
C(1)-C(2)	2
C(1)-C(6)	-2
C(2)-C(3)	-2
C(3)-C(4)	-1
C(3)-C(7)	1
C(4)-C(5)	-1
C(5)-C(6)	1
C(6)-C(7)	2
C(8)-C(9)	1
C(8)-C(13)	0
C(9)-C(10)	1
C(10)-C(11)	-2
C(11)-C(12)	-2
C(12)-C(13)	-3
C(14)-C(15)	0
C(14)-C(19)	0
C(15)-C(16)	2
C(16)-C(17)	1
C(17)-C(18)	0
C(18)-C(19)	-1
C(20)-C(21)	0
C(20)-C(25)	-2
C(21)-C(22)	2
C(22)-C(23)	1
C(23)-C(24)	-2
C(24)-C(25)	0

Table S3 - Radial parameters and net atomic charge for **1** after multipole refinement.

Atom	Kappa	Kappa'	Net Charge
Rh(1)	0.971	0.974	+0.143

Cl(1)	0.978	0.952	-0.548
P(1)	0.983	0.941	-0.095
C(1)	0.985	0.987	-0.242
C(2)	0.985	0.987	-0.211
C(3)	0.985	0.987	-0.134
C(4)	0.985	0.987	-0.243
C(5)	0.985	0.987	-0.236
C(6)	0.985	0.987	-0.062
C(7)	0.985	0.987	-0.231
C(8)	0.985	0.987	-0.153
C(9)	0.985	0.987	-0.130
C(10)	0.985	0.987	-0.108
C(11)	0.985	0.987	-0.078
C(12)	0.985	0.987	-0.108
C(13)	0.985	0.987	-0.130
C(14)	0.985	0.987	-0.153
C(15)	0.985	0.987	-0.130
C(16)	0.985	0.987	-0.108
C(17)	0.985	0.987	-0.078
C(18)	0.985	0.987	-0.108
C(19)	0.985	0.987	-0.130
C(20)	0.985	0.987	-0.153
C(21)	0.985	0.987	-0.130
C(22)	0.985	0.987	-0.108
C(23)	0.985	0.987	-0.078
C(24)	0.985	0.987	-0.108
C(25)	0.985	0.987	-0.130
H(1)	1.183	1.200	+0.190
H(2)	1.183	1.200	+0.190
H(3)	1.183	1.200	+0.185
H(4)	1.183	1.200	+0.190
H(5)	1.183	1.200	+0.190
H(6)	1.183	1.200	+0.185
H(7B)	1.183	1.200	+0.158
H(7A)	1.183	1.200	+0.158
H(9)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(10)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(11)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(12)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(13)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(15)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(16)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(17)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(18)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(19)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(21)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(22)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(23)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(24)	1.183	1.200	+0.169
H(25)	1.183	1.200	+0.169

Table S4 - Atomic charge for **1** after multipole refinement.

Atom	Q	L
Rh(1)	+0.331	-6.4x10 <sup>-4</sup>
Cl(1)	-0.633	-6.5x10 <sup>-4</sup>
P(1)	+0.913	-1.9x10 <sup>-3</sup>

C(1)	-0.329	-3.5X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(2)	-0.255	-3.7X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(3)	-0.125	-3.7X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(4)	-0.277	-5.3X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(5)	-0.281	-3.2X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(6)	-0.044	-1.2X10 <sup>-2</sup>
C(7)	-0.199	-1.3X10 <sup>-4</sup>
C(8)	-0.462	-3.6X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(9)	-0.131	-4.2X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(10)	-0.103	-1.8X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(11)	-0.072	-9.9X10 <sup>-4</sup>
C(12)	-0.096	-2.1X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(13)	-0.112	-2.0X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(14)	-0.466	-4.1X10 <sup>-4</sup>
C(15)	-0.127	-1.6X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(16)	-0.102	-2.0X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(17)	-0.075	-2.7X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(18)	-0.098	-1.2X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(19)	-0.116	-6.7X10 <sup>-4</sup>
C(20)	-0.458	-6.9X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(21)	-0.120	-3.4X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(22)	-0.103	-2.0X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(23)	-0.071	-1.1X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(24)	-0.103	-1.2X10 <sup>-3</sup>
C(25)	-0.118	-3.4X10 <sup>-3</sup>
H(1)	+0.221	-1.1X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(2)	+0.224	-5.5X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(3)	+0.177	-1.3X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(4)	+0.208	-2.4X10 <sup>-4</sup>
H(5)	+0.201	-1.5X10 <sup>-4</sup>
H(6)	+0.178	-3.5X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(7B)	+0.137	-1.5X10 <sup>-6</sup>
H(7A)	+0.139	-2.4X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(9)	+0.158	-3.5X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(10)	+0.168	-5.7X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(11)	+0.158	-1.5X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(12)	+0.168	-5.0X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(13)	+0.154	-3.5X10 <sup>-4</sup>
H(15)	+0.145	-1.0X10 <sup>-4</sup>
H(16)	+0.168	-8.9X10 <sup>-7</sup>
H(17)	+0.158	-1.4X10 <sup>-6</sup>
H(18)	+0.168	-3.6X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(19)	+0.148	-1.1X10 <sup>-3</sup>
H(21)	+0.157	-9.7X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(22)	+0.168	-2.6X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(23)	+0.158	-3.3X10 <sup>-5</sup>
H(24)	+0.168	-6.5X10 <sup>-6</sup>
H(25)	+0.145	-2.3X10 <sup>-5</sup>

Table S5 - *d*-orbital populations for *Rh(I)*.

<i>d</i> (z <sup>2</sup> )	<i>d</i> (xz)	<i>d</i> (yz)	<i>d</i> (x <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> )	<i>d</i> (xy)	P <sub>v</sub>
1.546(13)	1.814(13)	1.650(13)	1.368(13)	1.479(13)	7.857

Mixing terms

$dz^2/xz$	$dz^2/yz$	$dz^2/x^2-y^2$	$dz^2/xy$	$dxz/yz$	$dxz/x^2-y^2$	$dxz/xy$	$dyz/x^2-y^2$	$dyz/xy$	$dx^2-y^2/xy$
-0.382(19)	-0.101(19)	0.464(19)	-0.107(19)	-0.262(19)	0.259(19)	0.093(19)	0.455(19)	0.063(19)	0.064(19)