

Figure S1 - Plot of  $\Sigma|F_o|/\Sigma|F_c|$  versus resolution for (top)  $[Rh(C_7H_8)(P^tBu_3)Cl]$ , **1**, (bottom)  $[Rh(C_7H_8)(PCy_3)Cl]$ , **2** prior to multipole refinement.

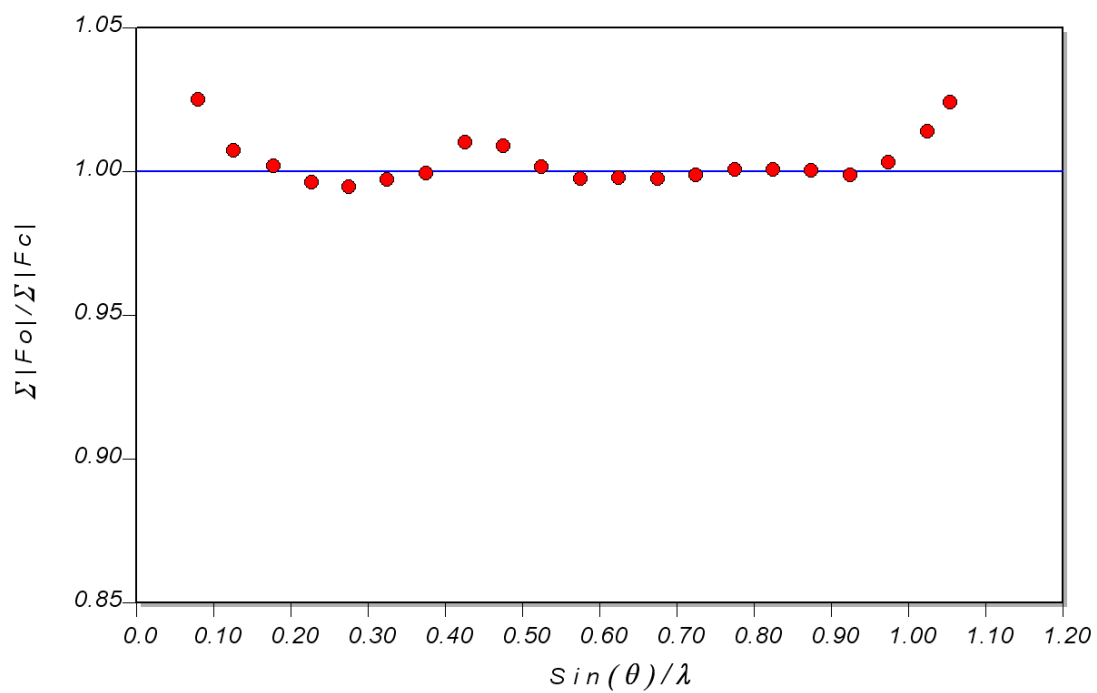
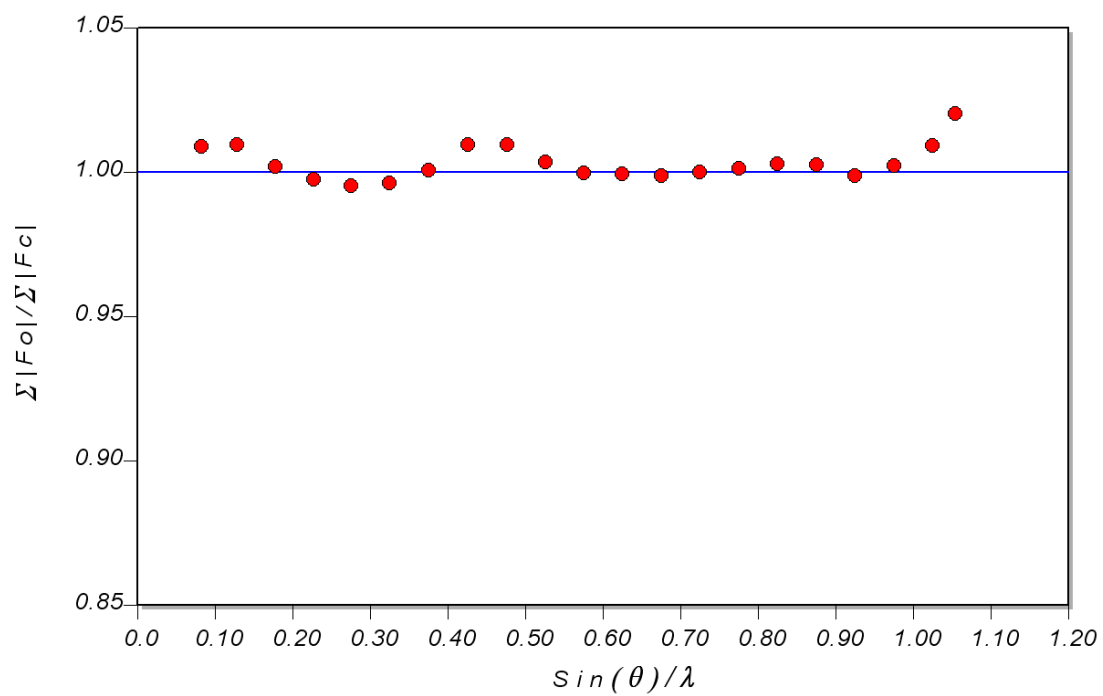


Figure S2 - Plot of  $\Sigma|F_o|/\Sigma|F_c|$  versus resolution for (top)  $[Rh(C_7H_8)(P'Bu_3)Cl]$ , **1**, (bottom)  $[Rh(C_7H_8)(PCy_3)Cl]$ , **2** after multipole refinement.

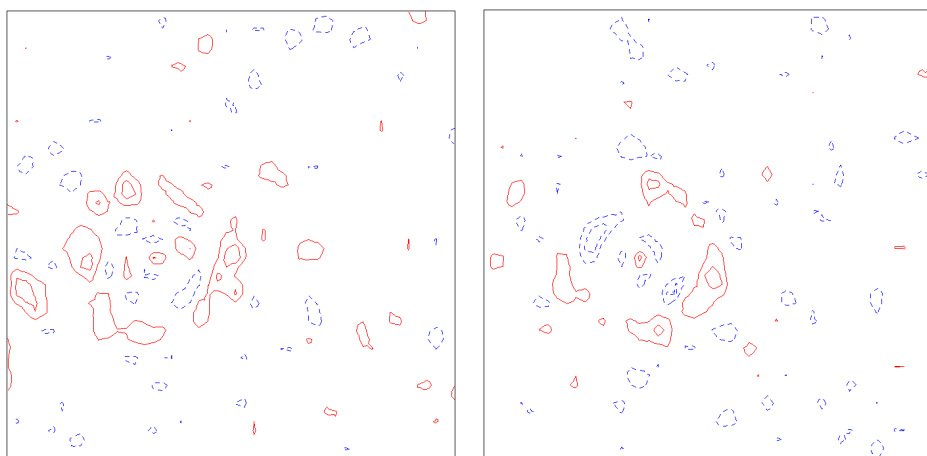


Figure S3 - Residual density map for  $[\text{Rh}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_8)(\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3)\text{Cl}]$ , **1**, after multipole refinement for all data map calculated through (left) Rh1, C1 and C2, (right) Rh1, C4 and C5. Contours are depicted at the  $0.1 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  level, with positive contours as solid red lines and negative contours as blue dashed lines.

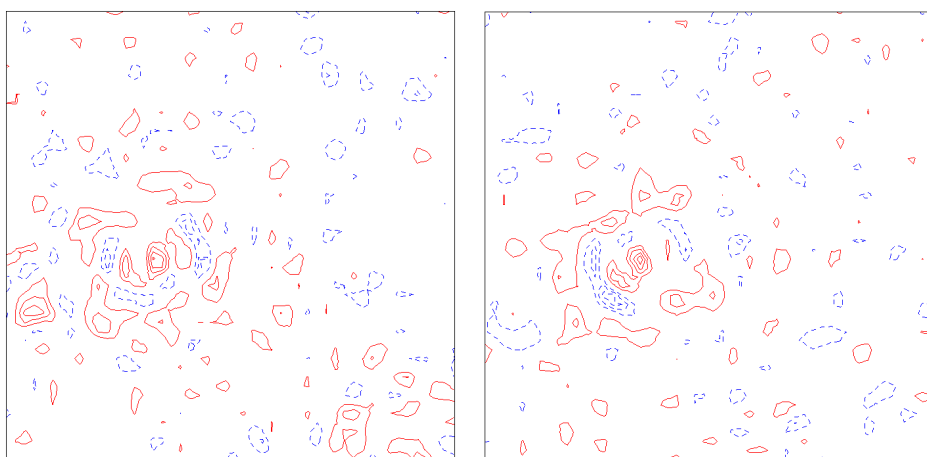


Figure S4 - Residual density map for  $[\text{Rh}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_8)(\text{PCy}_3)\text{Cl}]$ , **2**, after multipole refinement for all data map calculated through (left) Rh1, C1 and C2, (right) Rh1, C4 and C5. Contours are depicted at the  $0.1 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  level, with positive contours as solid red lines and negative contours as blue dashed lines.

Table S1 - Crystal data for the two datasets of  $[Rh(C_7H_8)(PCy_3)Cl]$ , 2.

	Collection 1	Collection 2
Empirical formula	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>35</sub> Cl P Rh	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>35</sub> Cl P Rh
Formula weight	432.80	432.80
$\lambda$ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	$P 2_1/n$	$P 2_1/n$
$a$ (Å)	10.2135(1)	10.2104(1)
$b$ (Å)	15.8217(1)	15.8292(1)
$c$ (Å)	14.6417(1)	14.6392(1)
$\beta$ (°)	97.787(1)	97.765(1)
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2344.21(3)	2344.33(3)
$Z$	4	4
T(K)	100(2)	100(2)
$D_c$ Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.448	1.448
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.922	0.922
$F(000)$	1072	1072
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.20 x 0.24 x 0.38	0.20 x 0.24 x 0.34
$\theta$ range for data collection (°)	2.57-49.12	2.63-49.12
Ranges of $h, k, l$	-21 $\leq$ h $\leq$ 21, -33 $\leq$ k $\leq$ 33, -31 $\leq$ l $\leq$ 31	-21 $\leq$ h $\leq$ 21, -33 $\leq$ k $\leq$ 33, -31 $\leq$ l $\leq$ 31
Reflections collected	105430	194653
Independent reflections	23636	23633
$R_{int}$	0.0408	0.0465
Absorption coefficients min/max	0.911/1.00	0.801/0.860
<b>Spherical Atom Refinement</b>		
No. of data in refinement	17090	16863
No. of refined parameters	417	417
GOF ( $F^2$ )	0.710	0.809
Final $R_1$ [ $F^2 > 2\sigma(F)$ ] (all data)	0.0216(0.0372)	0.0211(0.0393)
$wR_2$ [ $F^2 > 2\sigma(F)$ ] (all data)	0.0419(0.0437)	0.0387(0.0401)
Largest diff. peak/hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	-0.54/1.16	-0.73/1.22

Table S2 - Hirshfeld analysis for  $[Rh(C_7H_8)(P^tBu_3)Cl]$ , 1.

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

Table S3 - Hirshfeld analysis for  $[Rh(C_7H_8)(PCy_3)Cl]$ , 2.

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

Table S4 - *d*-orbital populations for Rh(1) in [Rh(C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)(P<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>3</sub>)Cl], 1.

$d(z^2)$	$d(xz)$	$d(yz)$	$d(x^2-y^2)$	$d(xy)$	$P_v$
1.250(15)	1.774(15)	1.502(15)	1.667(15)	1.687(15)	7.880

Mixing terms

$dz^2/xz$	$dz^2/yz$	$dz^2/x^2-y^2$	$dz^2/xy$	$dxz/yz$	$dxz/x^2-y^2$	$dxz/xy$	$dyz/x^2-y^2$	$dyz/xy$	$dx^2-y^2/xy$
-0.380(21)	-0.153(22)	0.240(21)	-0.187(21)	-0.183(21)	0.115(21)	-0.170(22)	0.563(22)	-0.007(21)	0.154(21)

Table S5 - *d*-orbital populations for Rh(1) in [Rh(C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)Cl], 2.

$d(z^2)$	$d(xz)$	$d(yz)$	$d(x^2-y^2)$	$d(xy)$	$P_v$
1.378(18)	1.678(18)	1.526(18)	1.565(18)	1.519(18)	7.667

Mixing terms

$dz^2/xz$	$dz^2/yz$	$dz^2/x^2-y^2$	$dz^2/xy$	$dxz/yz$	$dxz/x^2-y^2$	$dxz/xy$	$dyz/x^2-y^2$	$dyz/xy$	$dx^2-y^2/xy$
-0.240(26)	0.103(26)	0.183(26)	-0.040(26)	0.085(26)	0.208(26)	0.305(26)	0.268(25)	-0.052(26)	0.167(26)