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Scandium complexes with the tetraphenylethylene and anthracene dianions

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**Figure S1** The disorder of the non-coordinating toluene molecule over a two-fold rotation axis in  $[(1,3-Ph_2C_5H_3)Sc(Ph_4C_2)(THF)]$ •(toluene)<sub>0.5</sub>, (**5b**). Isotropic displacement parameters for C atoms are set to 50% probability level. The atom site occupancies are 50%. All carbon atoms for both molecules lie in the same plane.



**Figure S2** The asymmetric unit of  $\{[K(THF)_2]_2Sc_2(1,3-Ph_2C_5H_3)_2(C_{14}H_{10})_3\}$ (THF), (6). Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level; H atoms of THF molecules and of Ph groups are omitted for clarity. A disorder of the non-coordinating THF molecule is not shown. Second components of the coordinated THF molecule and Ph group is shown with open solid lines.



**Figure S3** The non-coordinating THF molecule (left) in (6), displays the disorder (right, H atoms not shown) generated by three perpendicular 2-fold rotation axes (green). Isotropic displacement parameters for O and C atoms are set to 50% probability level. The atom site occupancies are 25%.



**Figure S4** One of disordered anthracene molecules in (6). Site occupancies are 100% for atoms C19, C20, H20, and 50% for C21, C17, H17, C18, H18 and H19. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level. The symmetry codes to generate equivalent atoms: (A) -x+1, -y, -z+1 (a 2-fold rotation axis); (B) x, y, -z+1 (a mirror plane); (C) -x+1, -y, z. The mirror plane is located perpendicular the anthracenide ligand plane, passing through atoms C21, and C21A. The 2-fold rotation axis passes through the ligand plane, going perpendicular to the mirror plane through centers of C21-C21A, C19-C19A, *etc.* bonds.



**Figure S5** Packing diagram of  $[K(THF)_2]_2[(1,3-Ph_2C_5H_3)_2Sc_2(C_{14}H_{10})_3]_{\infty}$  in (6) parallel to (001). One 2D layer is shown. H atoms, minor disorder components and non-coordinating THF molecules are omitted. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability level.



Figure S6 Low temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $Na[Sc(Ph_4C_2)_2]$  in THF<sub>d-8</sub> at 300MHz



**Figure S7** COSY  ${}^{1}H{}^{-1}H$  NMR spectrum of Na[Sc(Ph<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] in THF<sub>d-8</sub> at 243K (300MHz)



**Figure S8** HSQC  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of Na[Sc(Ph<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] in THF<sub>d-8</sub> at 260K (600MHz and 151MHz)



**Figure S9** HMBC  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of Na[Sc(Ph<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] in THF<sub>d-8</sub> at 260K (600MHz and 151MHz).



Figure S10<sup>45</sup>Sc NMR spectrum of  $K[Sc(Ph_4C_2)_2]$  in THF<sub>d-8</sub> at 72.94MHz.



Figure S11<sup>45</sup>Sc NMR spectrum of ScCl<sub>3</sub>(THF)<sub>3</sub> in THF<sub>d-8</sub> at 72.94MHz.