

Organometallic Chemistry Involving Radical –Forming Noninnocent Ligands

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**stable
radicals,
„trivalent
carbon“**

Wilhelm Schlenk (*1879):

ketyls
Mg alkyls

Karl Ziegler (*1898):

C radicals,
Al alkyls

Eugen Müller (*1905):

phenoxyls
semiquinones

**organo-
metallic
chemistry**

G.M. Whitesides, R.H. Grubbs,
T.L. Brown, F. Basolo,

J.K. Kochi (*1927)¹

D. Astruc (*1946)²

¹ „Organometallic mechanisms and catalysis“ 1978

² „Electron transfer and radical processes in transition metal chemistry“ 1995

Innocent Ligands

- H_2O , NH_3 , ...
- Cl^- , OH^- , ...
- CH_3^- , O^{2-} (?)

“The Shrinking World of Innocent Ligands: Conventional and Non-conventional Redox-active Ligands (Essay)”

W. Kaim, Eur. J. Inorg. Chem. 2012, 343-348

Proof of Innocence ?

- non-innocent ligands
(Jørgensen 1966, 1969; $O_2^{0/\bullet-/2-}$, $NO^{+/\bullet/-}$, $Q^{0/\bullet-/2-}$, etc)
Coord. Chem. Rev. **1966**, 1, 164

„Ligands are innocent when they allow oxidation states of the central atoms to be defined. The simplest case of a suspect ligand is NO.“

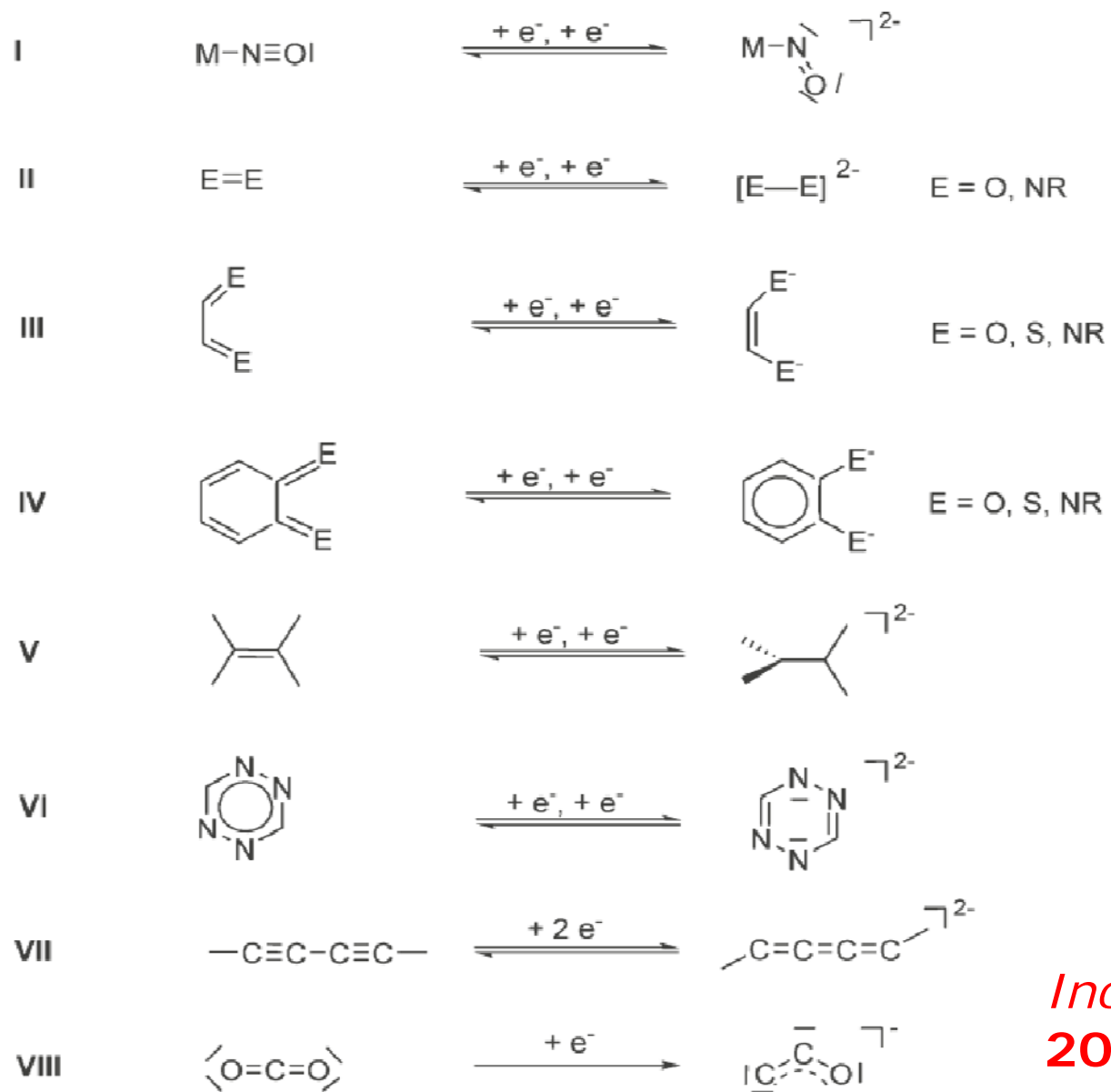
- non-innocent behaviour in complexes
(Ward, McCleverty **2002**)
- physical vs. formal oxidation states
(Chaudhuri, Wieghardt et al. **2001**)



brown ring probe

Inorg. Chem. **2002**, 41, 4

Potentially redox-active ligands



Inorg. Chem
2011, 50, 9752

Oxidation State Ambivalence I

metal/ligand: e.g. $M^n-(L^-)$ or $M^{n+1}-(L^{2-})$

→ redox isomerism (valence tautomerism)

metal/metal: $M^n-(\mu-L)-M'^{n+1}$ or $M^{n+1}-(\mu-L)-M'^n$

→ mixed-valency (if degenerate),

inner-sphere electron transfer (inorganic)

metal/ligand/metal:



Oxidation State Ambivalence II

ligand/ligand: $L^n-(M)-L'^{n+1}$ or $L^{n+1}-(M)-L'^n$

→ electron hopping (if degenerate),

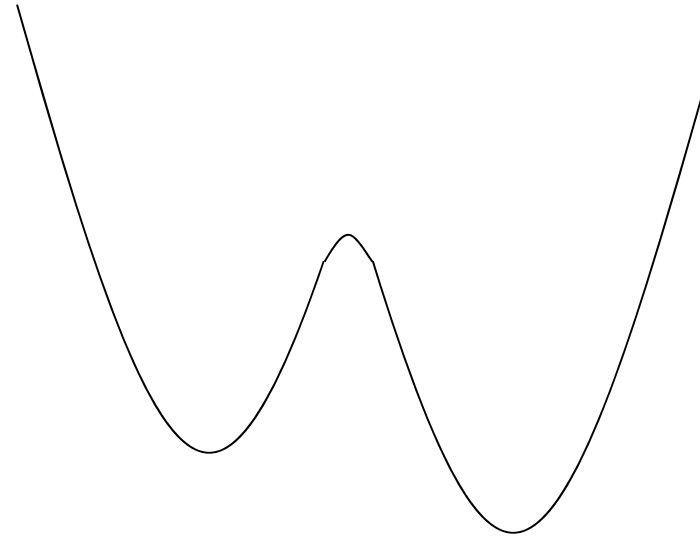
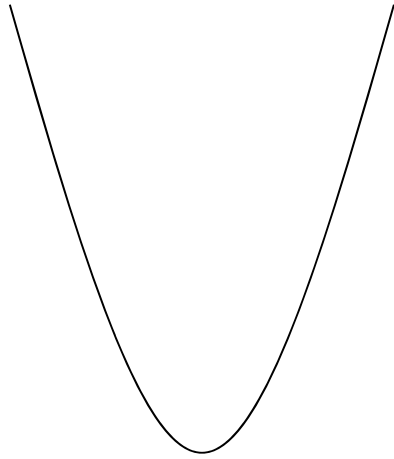
inner-sphere electron transfer (organic)

ligand/metal/ligand:

$L^n-(M)-L'^{n+1}$ or $L^n-(M^+)-L'^n$

$$M^x(NIL^y) \longleftrightarrow M^{x+1}(NIL^{y-1})$$

$$M^x(NIL^y) \rightleftharpoons M^{x+1}(NIL^{y-1})$$



Recent Overviews

„Non-innocent ligands in bioinorganic chemistry – an overview“

W. Kaim, B. Schwederski, *Coord. Chem. Rev.* **2010**, *254*, 1580-1588

„Manifestations of non-innocent ligand behavior (Forum article)“

W. Kaim, *Inorg. Chem.* **2011**, *50*, 9752-9765

„The shrinking world of innocent ligands: Conventional and non-conventional redox-active ligands (Essay)“

W. Kaim, *Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.* **2012**, 343-348

„Redox-active ligands in catalysis“

V. K. K. Praneeth, M.R. Ringenberg, T.R. Ward, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2012**, *51*, 10228-10234

„Redox-active ligands in catalysis“

O.R. Luca, R.H. Crabtree, *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **2013**, *42*, 1440-1459

„Electron Transfer Reactivity of Organometallic Compounds Involving Radical-Forming Noninnocent Ligands“

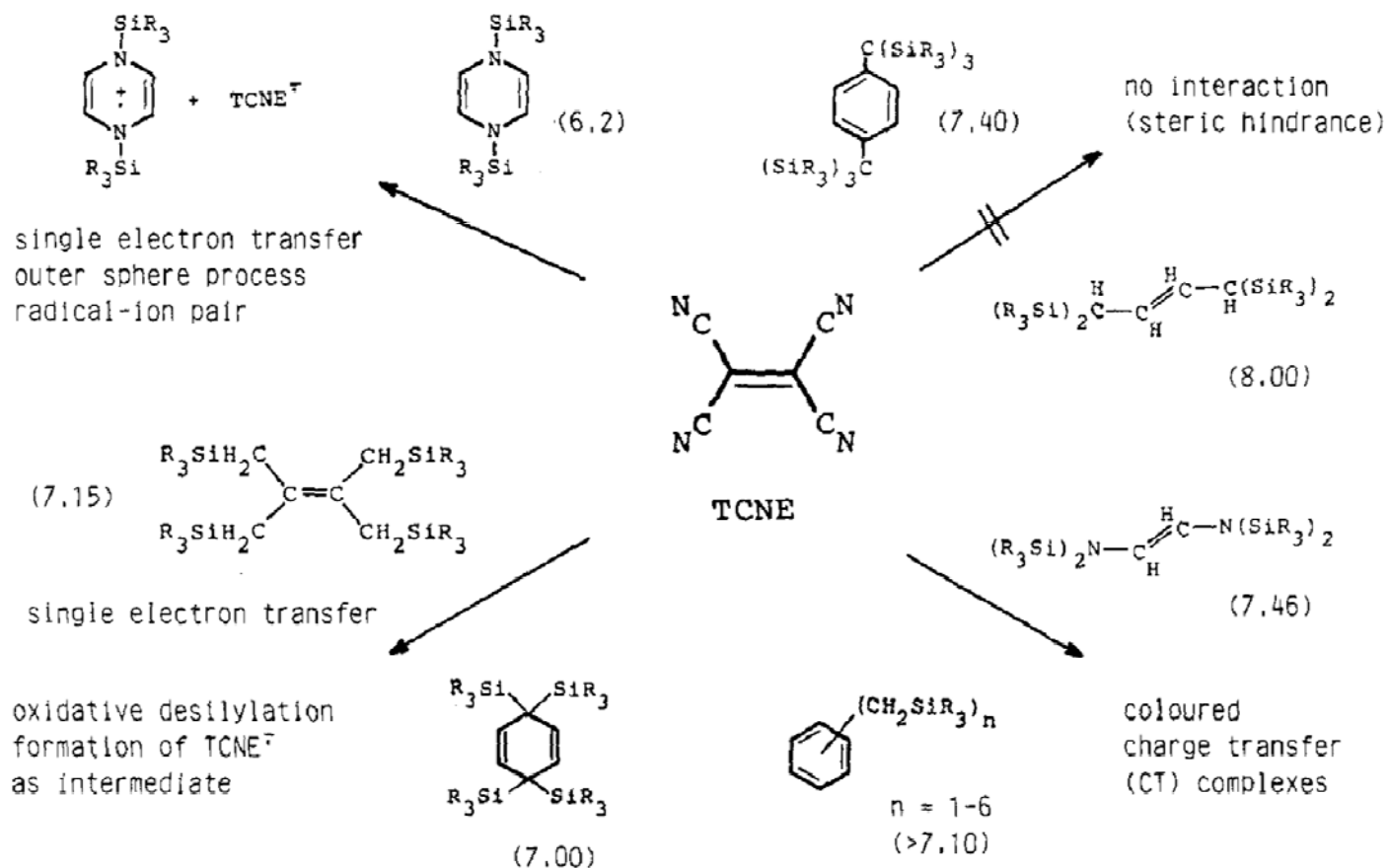
W. Kaim, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., India, Sect. A. Phys. Sci.* **2016**, *86*, 445-457

Radical Ligands Confer Nobility on Base-Metal Catalysts

Redox-active metal-ligand combinations, once the domain of coordination chemists and spectroscopists interested in structures, are undergoing a rebirth and entering the realm of catalysis. Performing metal-mediated redox chemistry where oxidation state changes occur at the ligand while the metal's electronic configuration is maintained is a much broader concept that is likely to inspire new transformations and, ultimately, new applications.

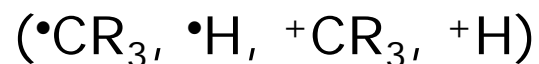
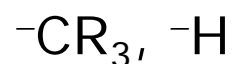
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Molecular and Electronic Structure of Electron-Transfer Active Main Group Organometallics



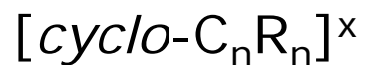
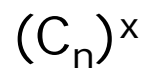
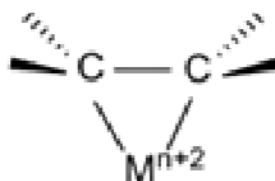
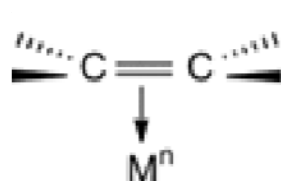
J. Baumgarten, C. Bessenbacher, W. Kaim, T. Stahl, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 2126

Potentially Noninnocent Organic Ligands



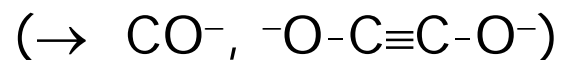
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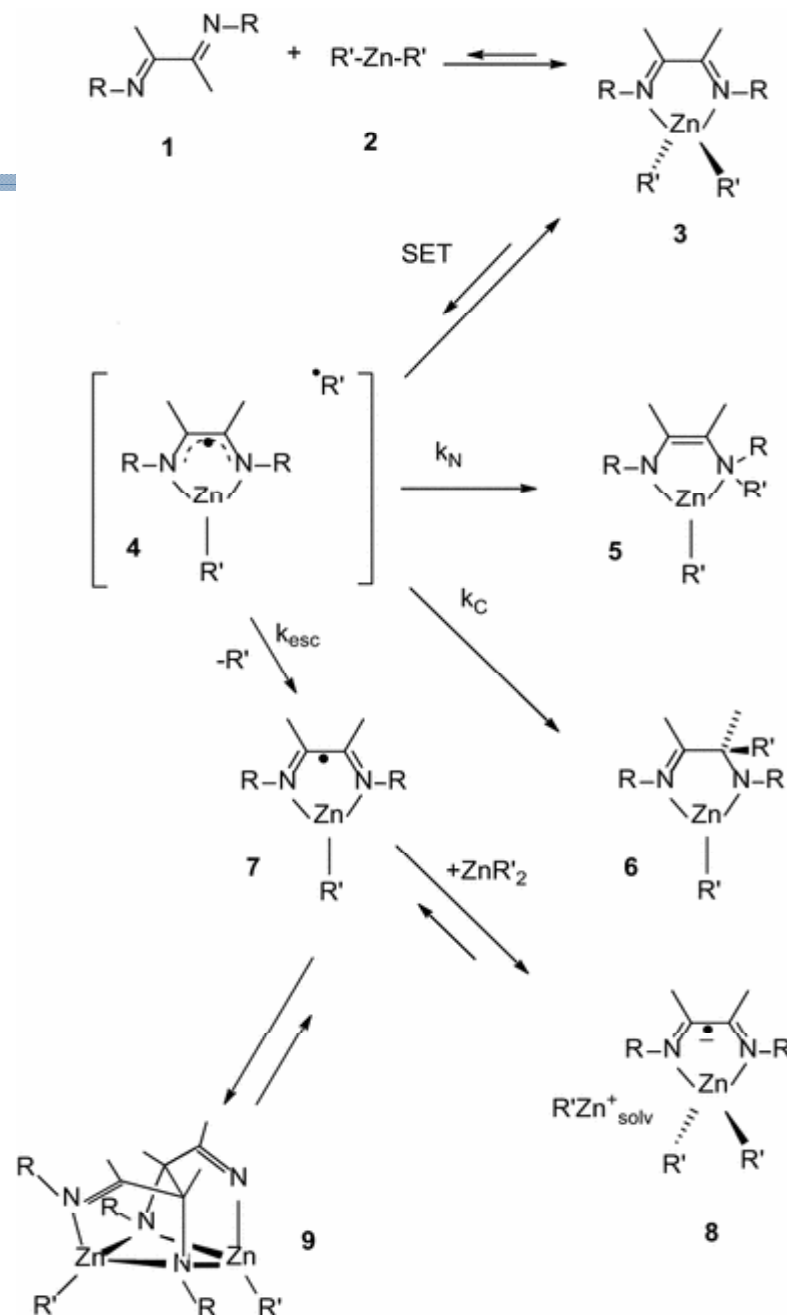


Metal Alkyls

Mechanistic Alternatives

derived from experimental and computational studies

(R = *tert*-Bu, R' = Me, Et, *iso*-Pr, *tert*-Bu)



J. Am. Chem. Soc.
1991, 113, 5606

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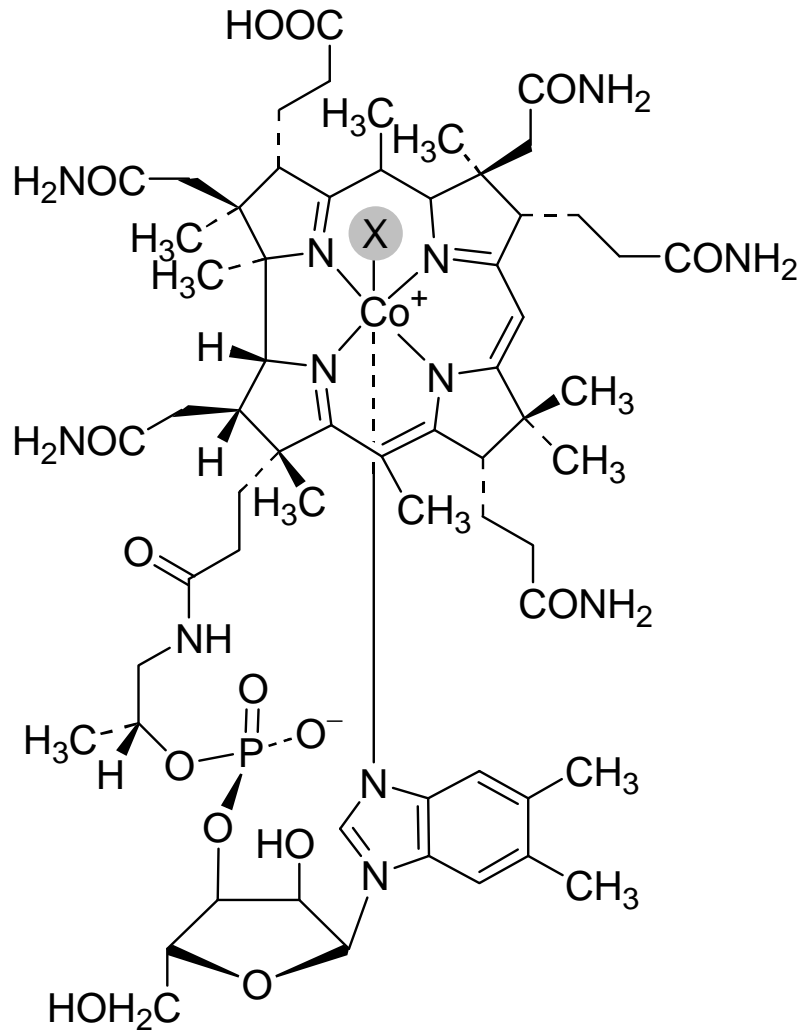
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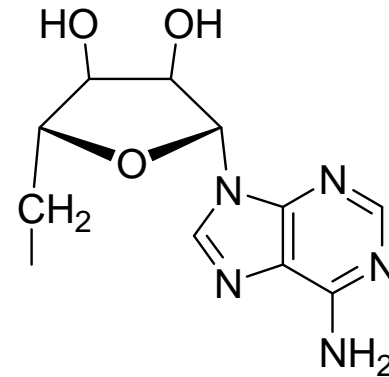
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Vitamin B₁₂ (X = CN)

- X = CH₃: Methylcobalamin (MeCbl oder MeB₁₂)
- CN: Cyanocobalamin (Vitamin B₁₂)
- OH: Hydroxycobalamin (Vitamin B_{12a})
- H₂O: Aquocobalamin
- R: 5'-Desoxyadenosylcobalamin (Coenzym B₁₂ oder AdoCbl)

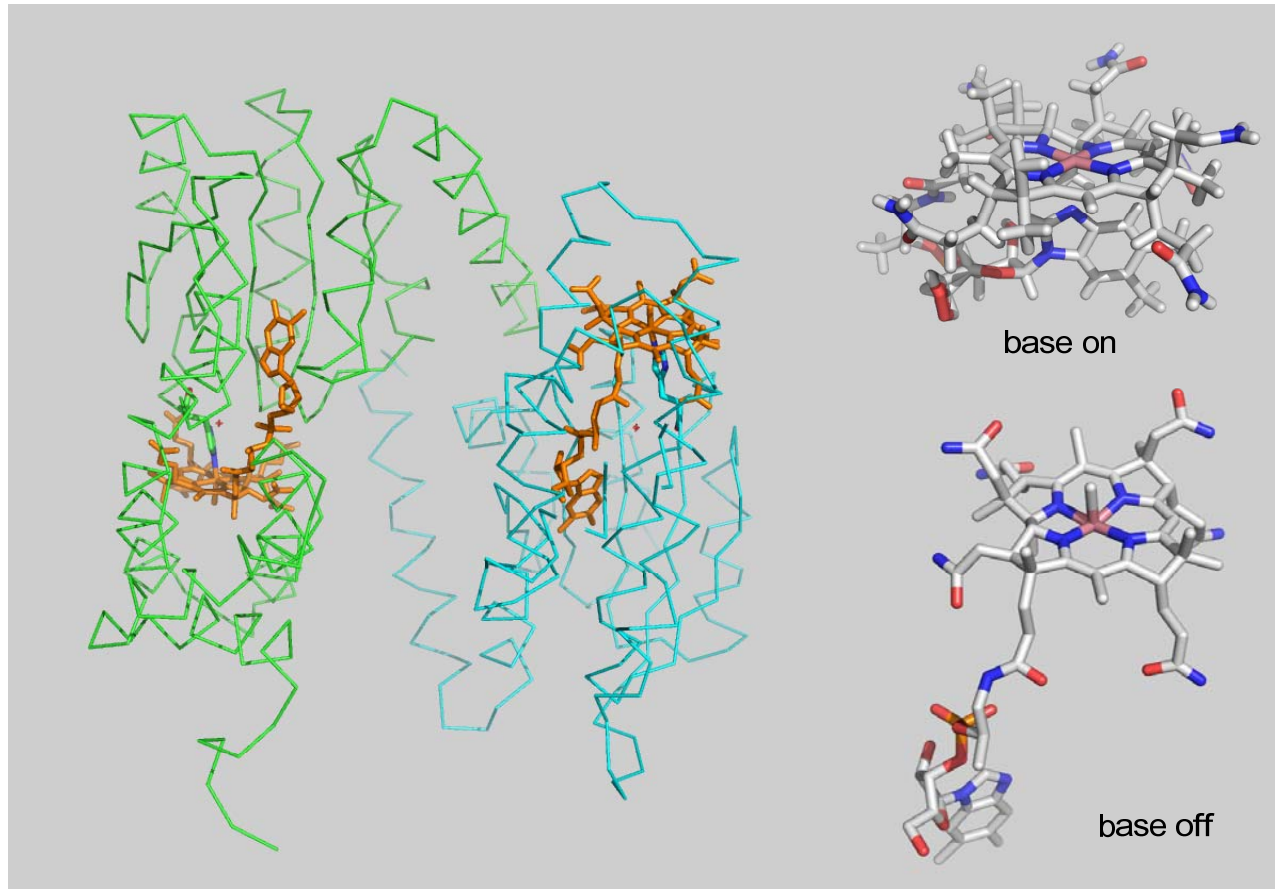
R = 5'-Desoxyadenosyl



Tetrapyrrole Macrocycles

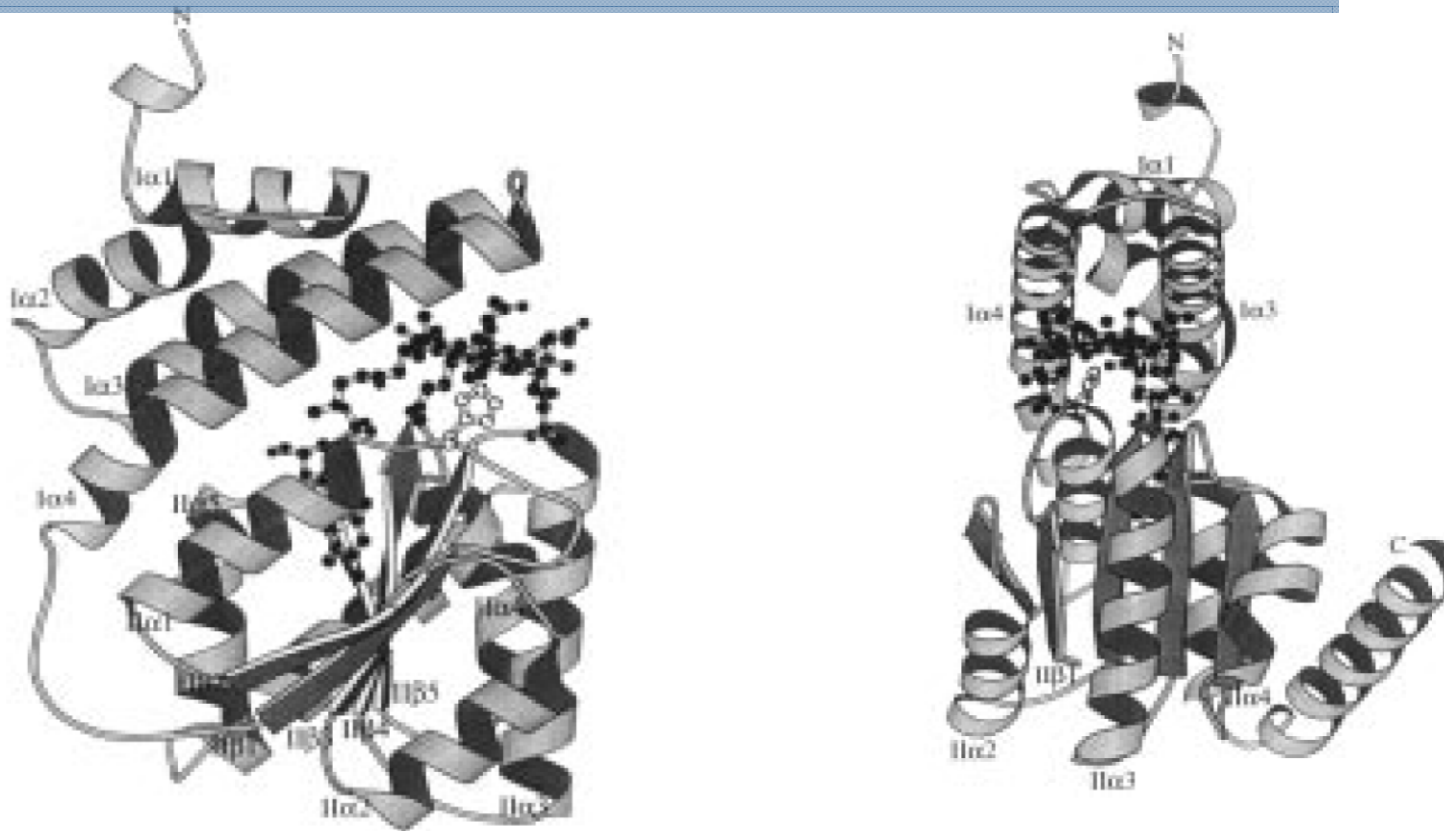
- (a) stability
- (b) chelate effect (thermodynamic and kinetic !)
- (c) macrocyclic („size“) effect
- (d) π system (colour, electron transfer reactivity)
- (e) axial ligation (substrate, control)
- (f) distortion potential
- (g) ligand field effects

Methionine Synthase



Structure of B₁₂-binding domains of methionine synthase (PDB code 1BMT); base on/base off configurations of the coenzyme

Cobalamin-binding Fragment



Drawings of the structure of the cobalamin-binding fragment. In the view on the left, the N-terminal four-helix bundle constituting domain I is at the upper left, and the α/β fold constituting domain II is at the lower right. The dimethylbenzimidazole side chain protrudes into the center of domain II, and the loop carrying the Co ligand, His-759, can be seen emerging from strand II β 1. Association of the upper face of the corrin ring with domain I and of the lower face with domain II is evident in this view. The view on the right is rotated 90° about the vertical axis.

coenzyme + **apoenzyme** = **holoenzyme**

low molecular weight,
determines the
type of reactivity

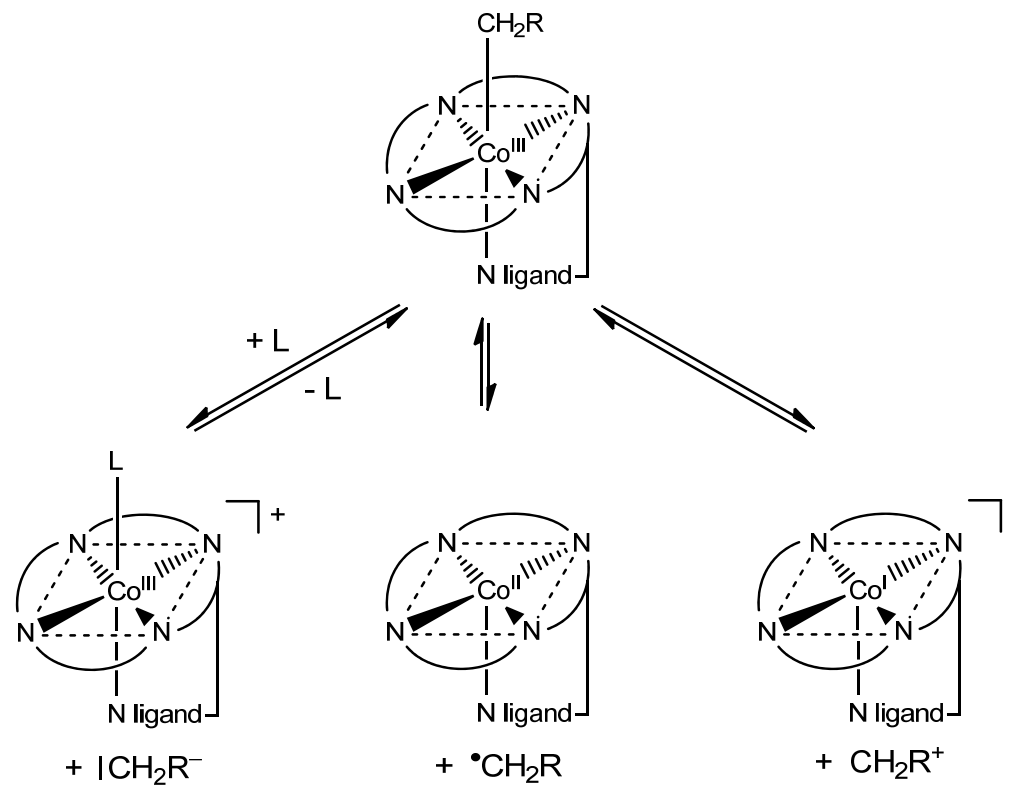
high molecular weight
(protein), determines
substrate specificity and
reaction rate

complete enzyme,
fully functional

- cobalt rarest first row transition metal
 - very special functionality
- corrin smaller macrocycle than porphins
- primary alkyl “natural” organometallic
- Co – CH₂R hydrolysis-resistant

special reactivities:

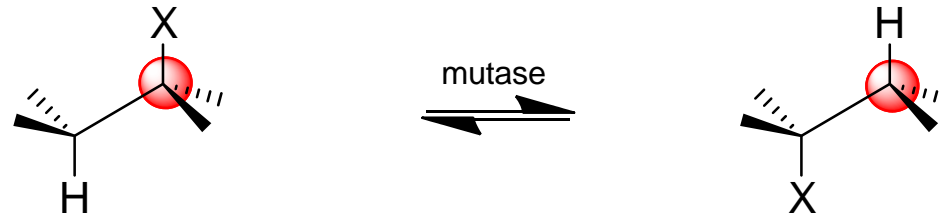
- methylation (R = H)
- *enzymatically controlled formation of reactive carbon radicals*



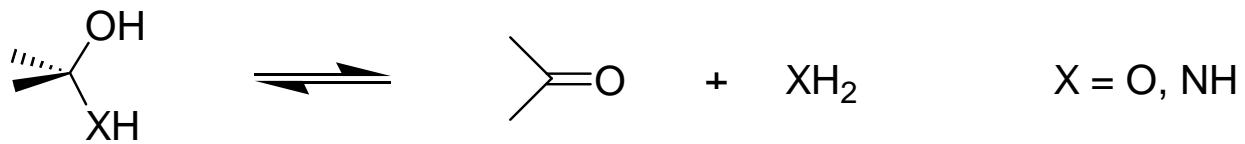
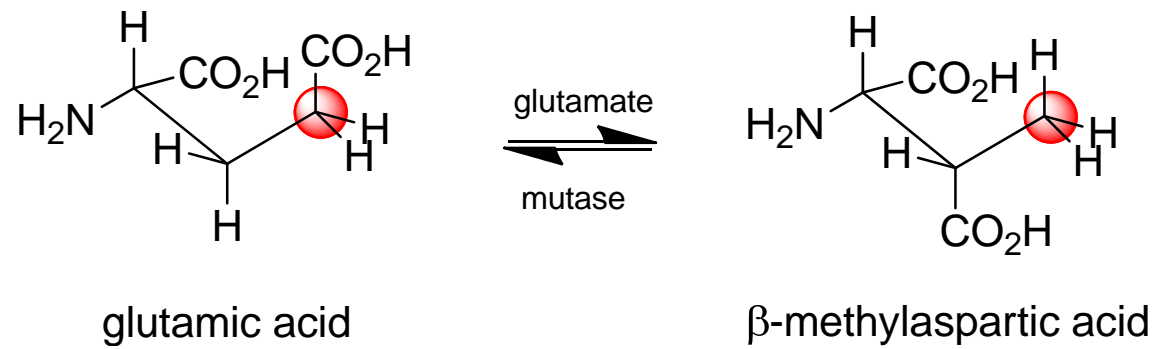
type of reaction:	heterolysis	homolysis	heterolysis
metal configuration in the product	d ⁶ low-spin, stable, inert	d ⁷ low-spin, 1 unpaired electron (d _{z²}) ¹	d ⁸ , "super-nucleophilic" (d _{z²}) ²
alkyl ligand, eliminated as:	"carbanion", nucleophilic	1° alkyl radical, very reactive	"carbocation", electrophilic
app. electrochemical potential equivalent ^a :	> 0 V		< -0.9 V

^aIn biochemistry, all redox potentials are generally referenced to the normal hydrogen electrode (NHE)

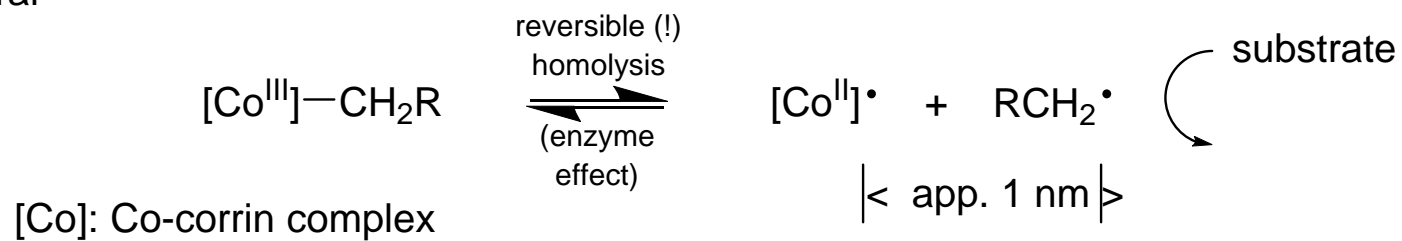
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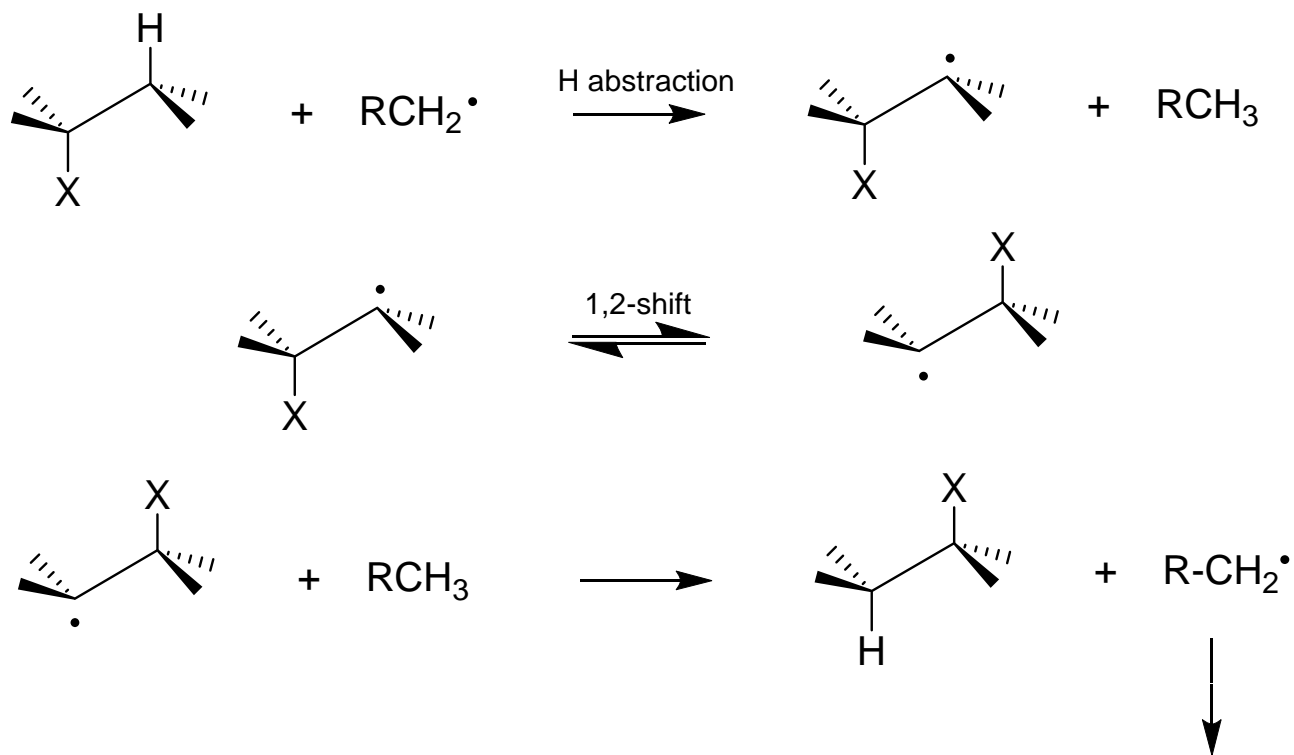
example:



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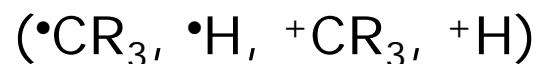
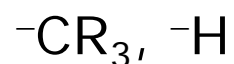


reaction steps:



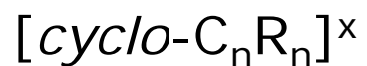
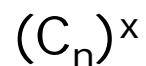
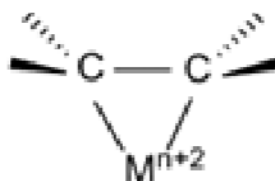
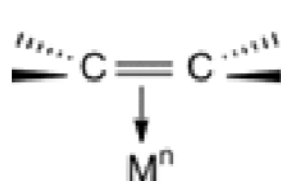
Polycarbon Ligands

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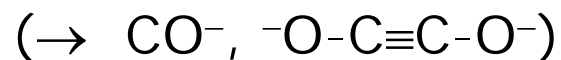
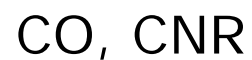
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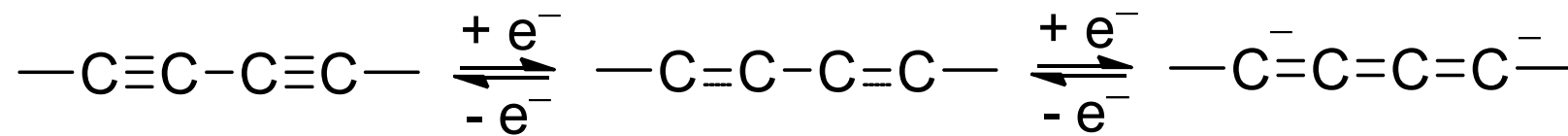


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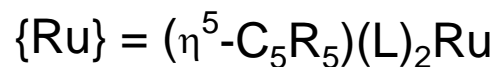
$[C_n]^x$ Systems

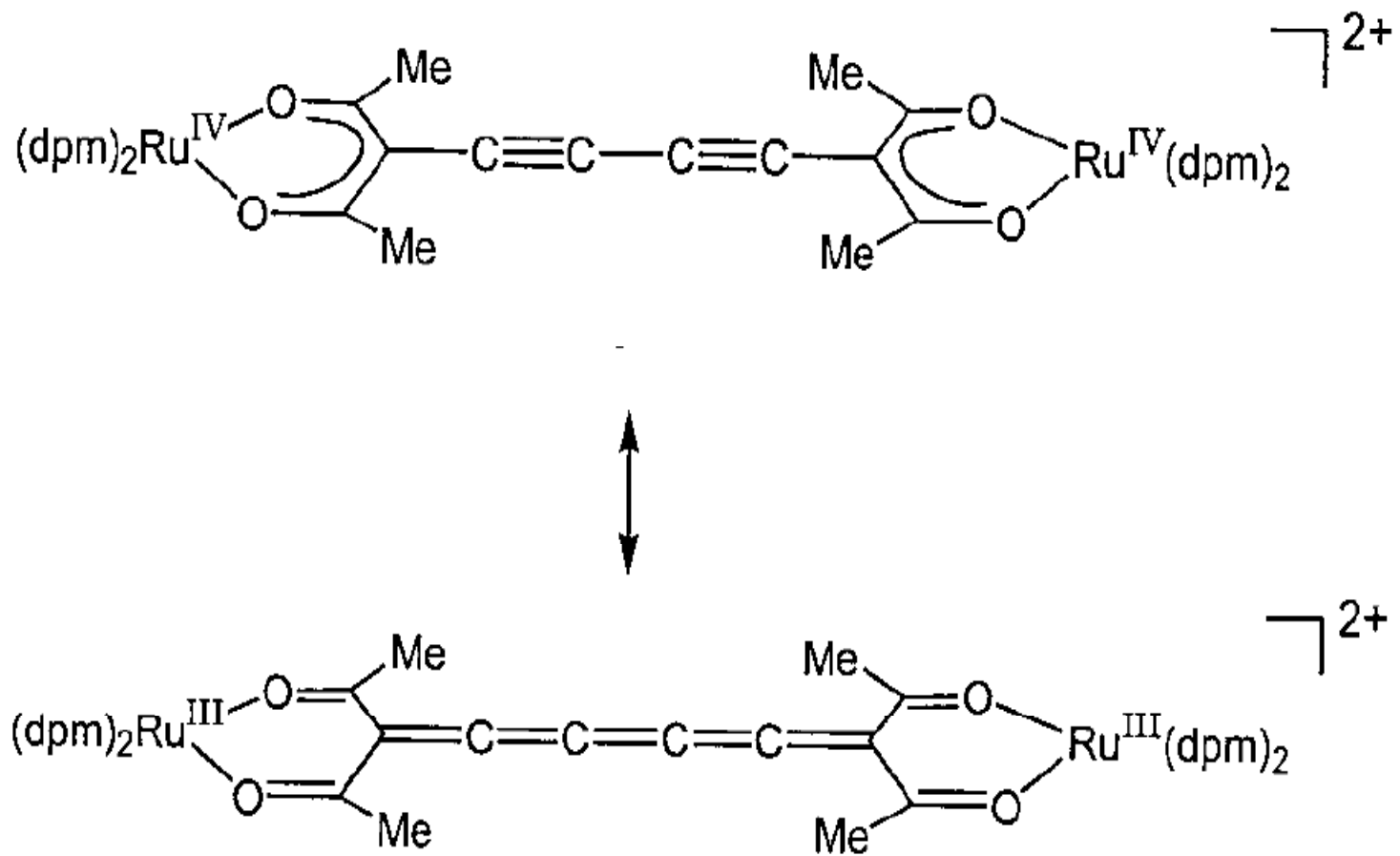


1,3-diyne

butatrienyl
dianion

	$\nu(\text{CC})$ in cm^{-1}
(A) $\{\text{Ru}\}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\{\text{Ru}\}$	1971, 1956 (1972, 1957)
$ \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \downarrow \\ + e^- \quad - e^- \end{array} $	
(B) $[\{\text{Ru}\}\equiv\text{C}\equiv\text{C}\equiv\text{C}\equiv\{\text{Ru}\}]^+$	1855 (1856)
$ \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \downarrow \\ + e^- \quad - e^- \end{array} $	
(C) $[\{\text{Ru}\}=\text{C}=\text{C}=\text{C}=\text{C}=\{\text{Ru}\}]^{2+}$	1767 (1767)
$ \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \downarrow \\ + e^- \quad - e^- \end{array} $	
(D) $[\{\text{Ru}\}\equiv\text{C}\equiv\text{C}\equiv\text{C}\equiv\{\text{Ru}\}]^{3+}$	1627 (1628)
$ \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \downarrow \\ + e^- \quad - e^- \end{array} $	
(E) $[\{\text{Ru}\}\equiv\text{C}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{C}\equiv\{\text{Ru}\}]^{4+}$	1936 (1928)

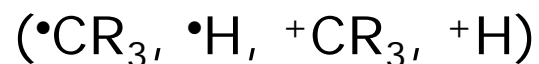
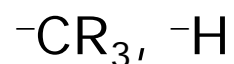




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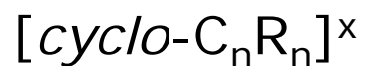
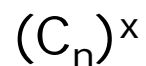
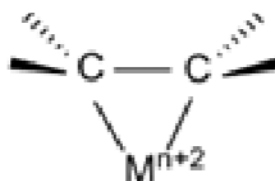
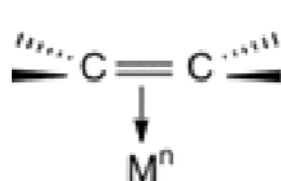
Half-Sandwich Compounds

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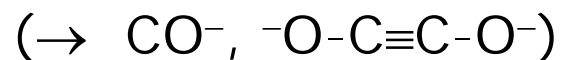
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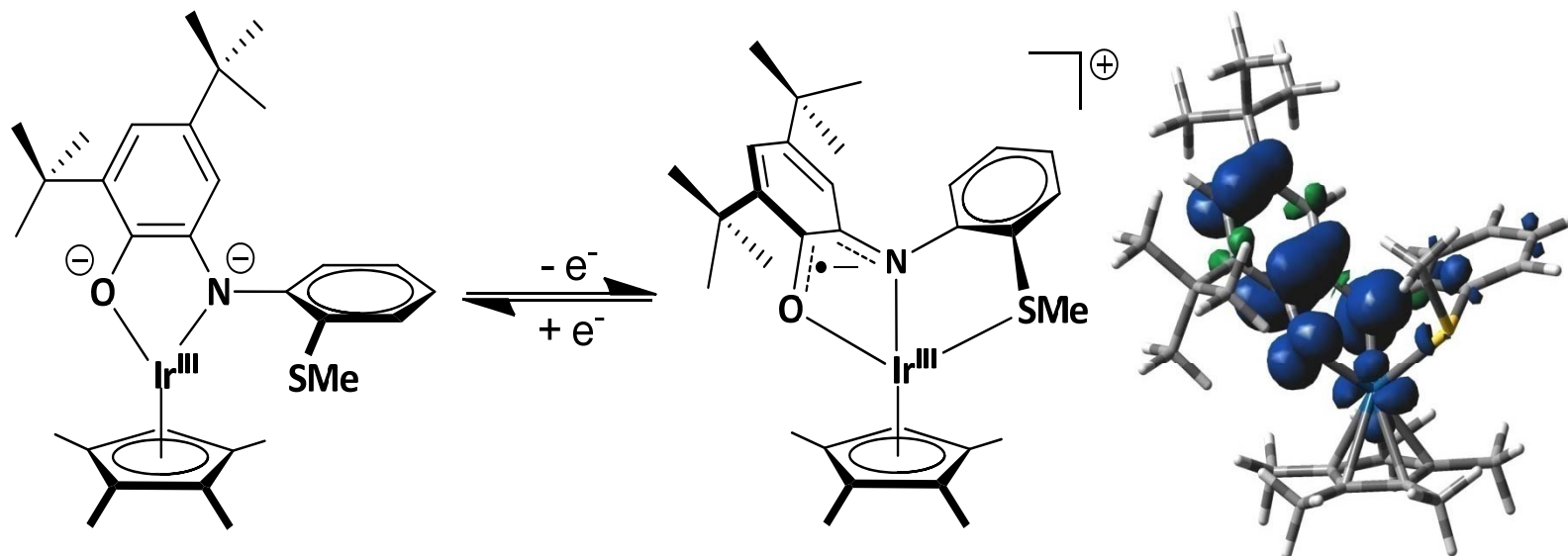
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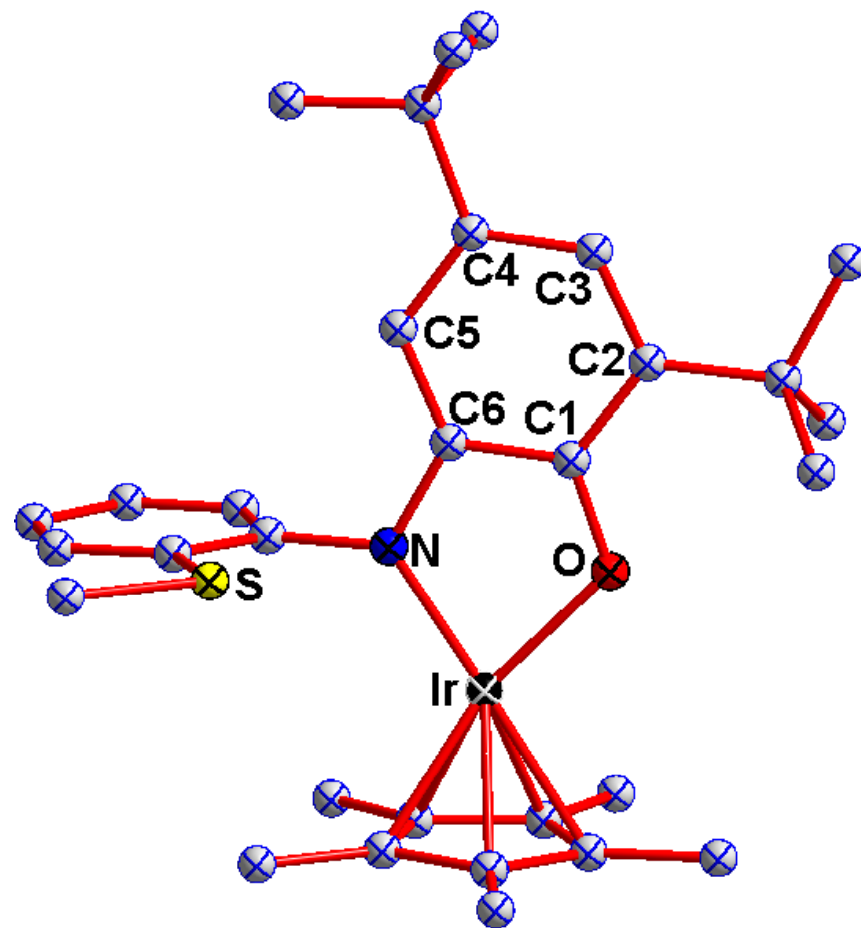
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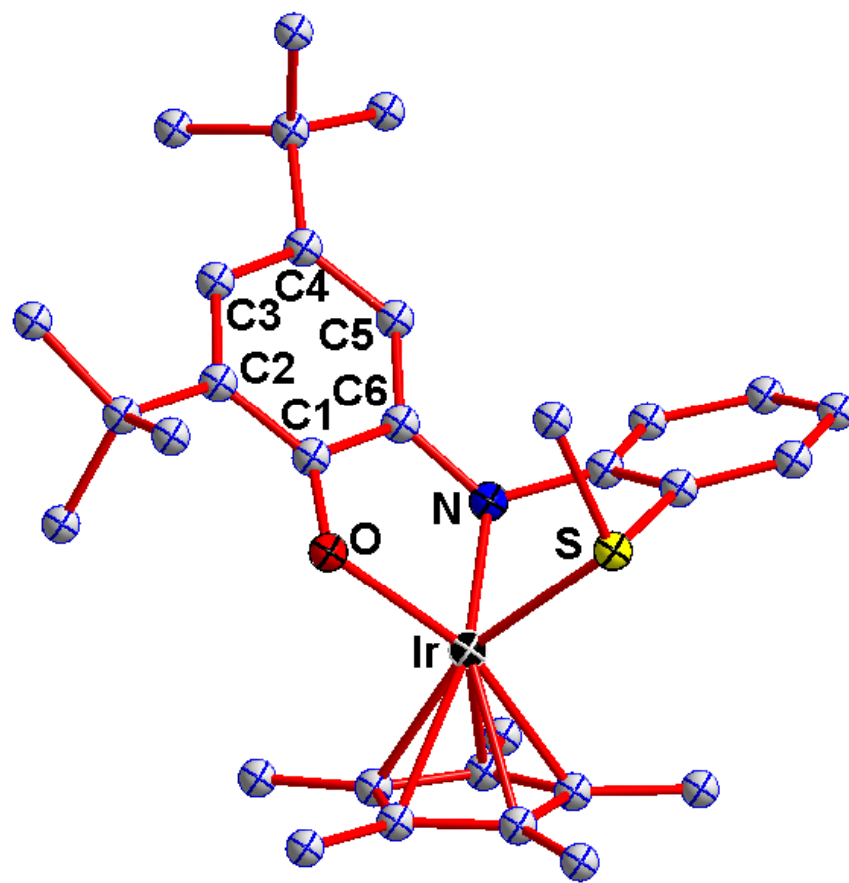




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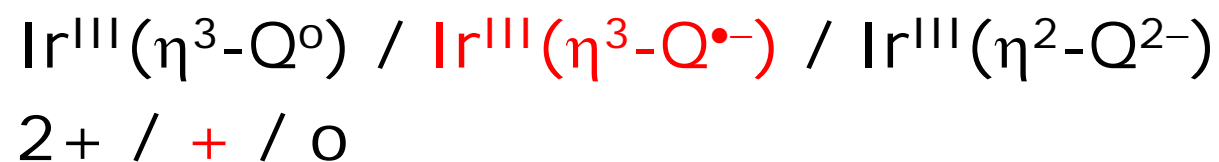
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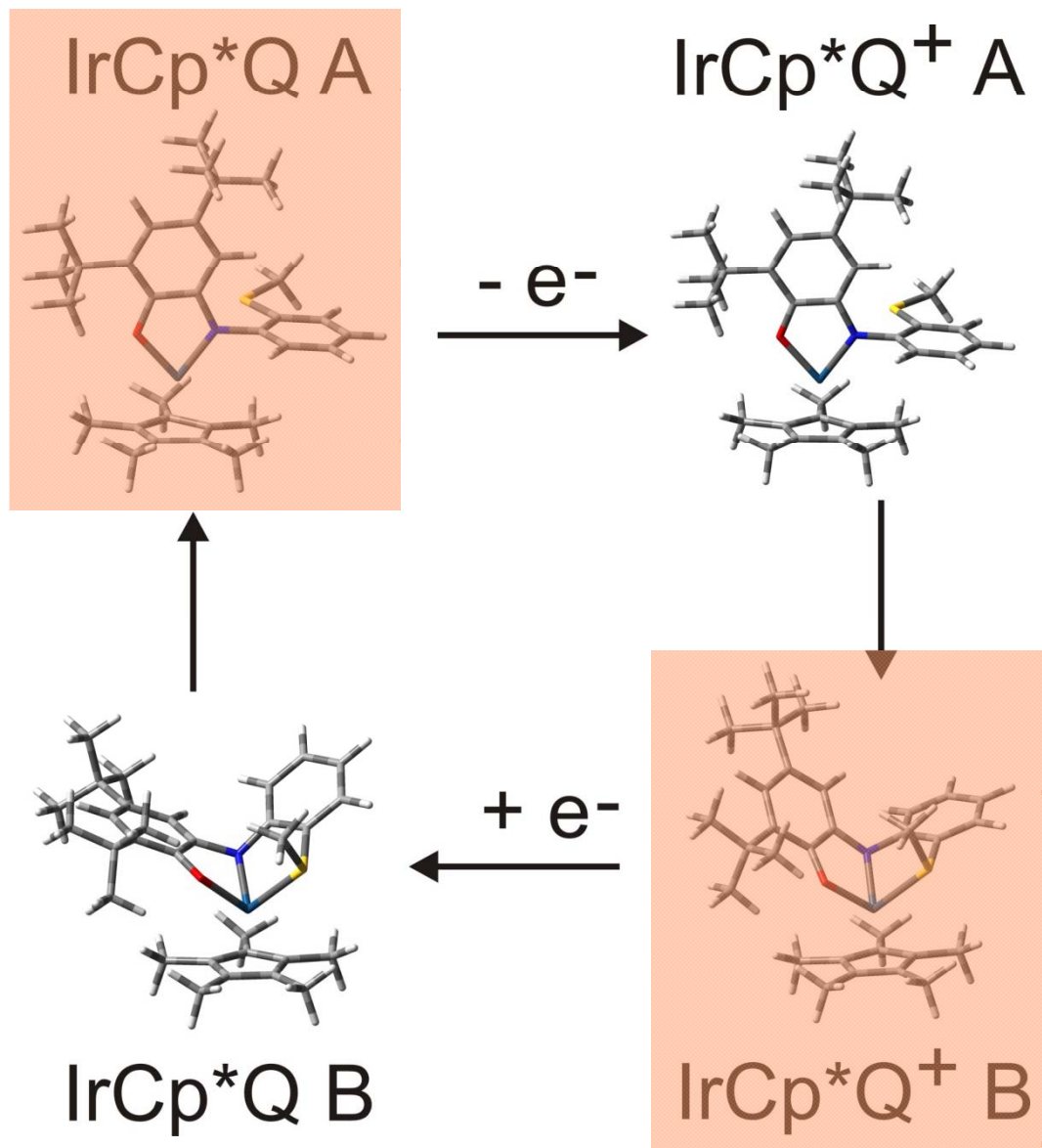
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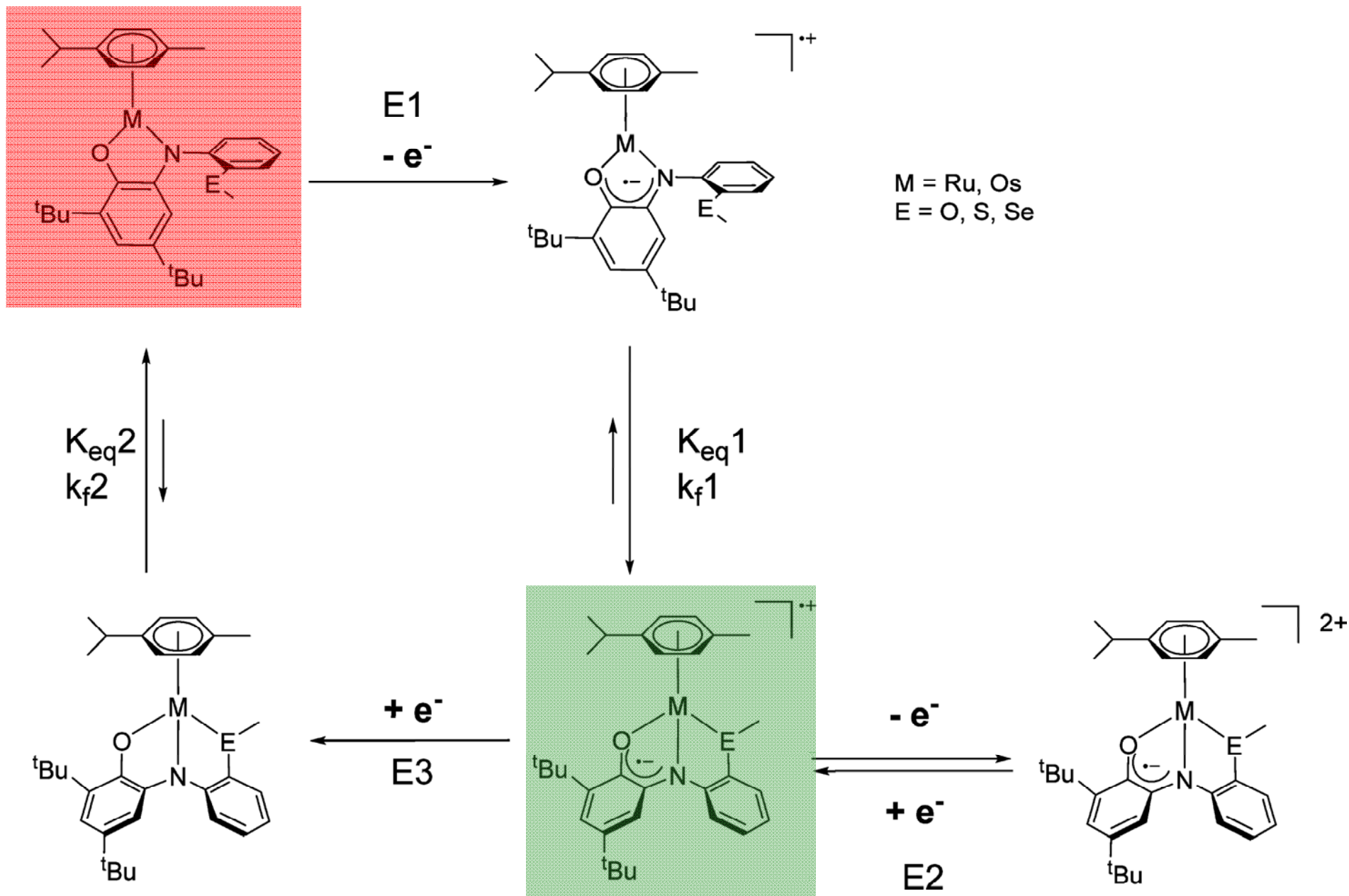
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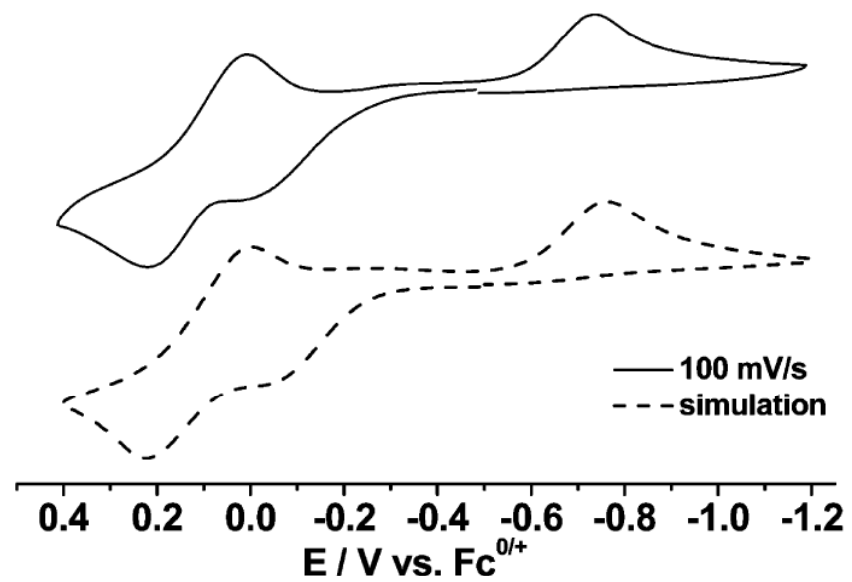
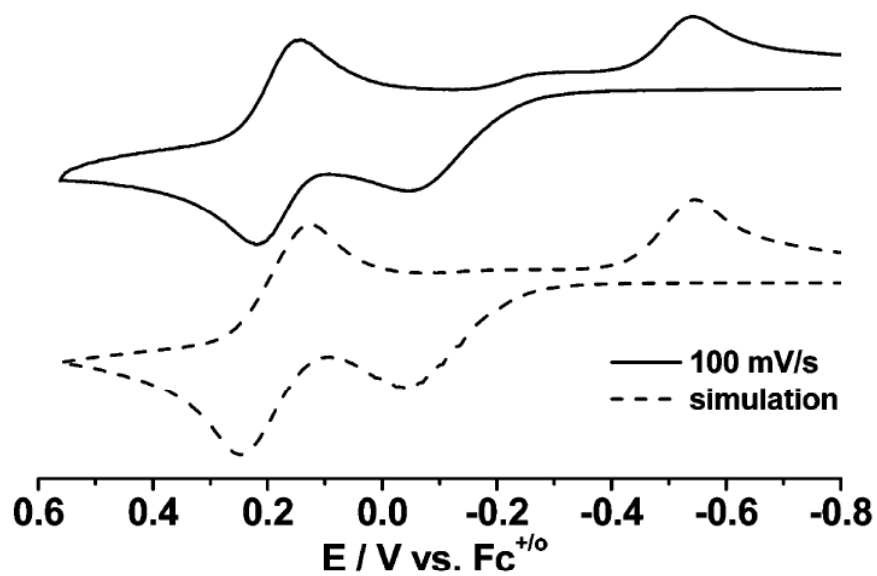
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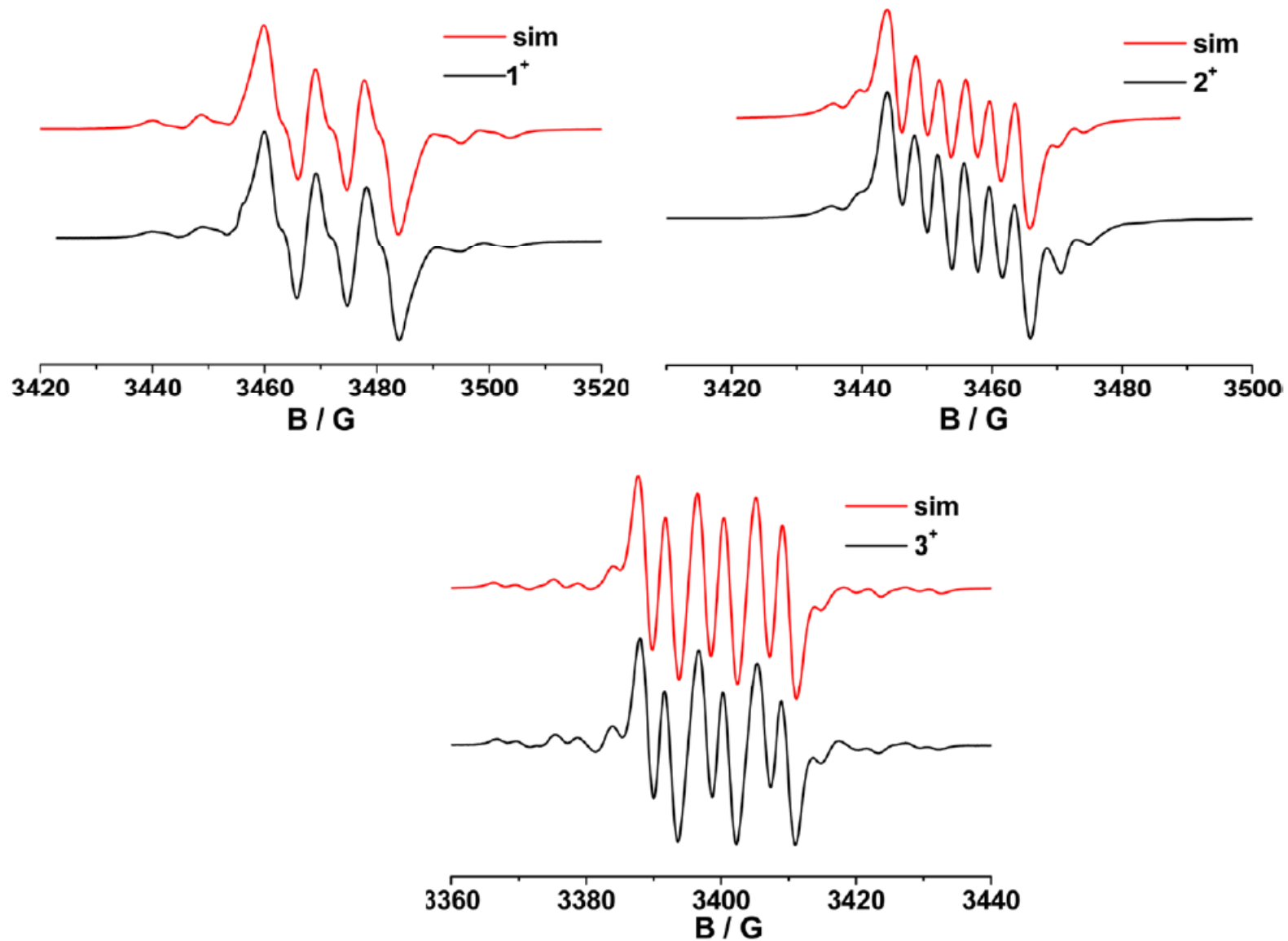
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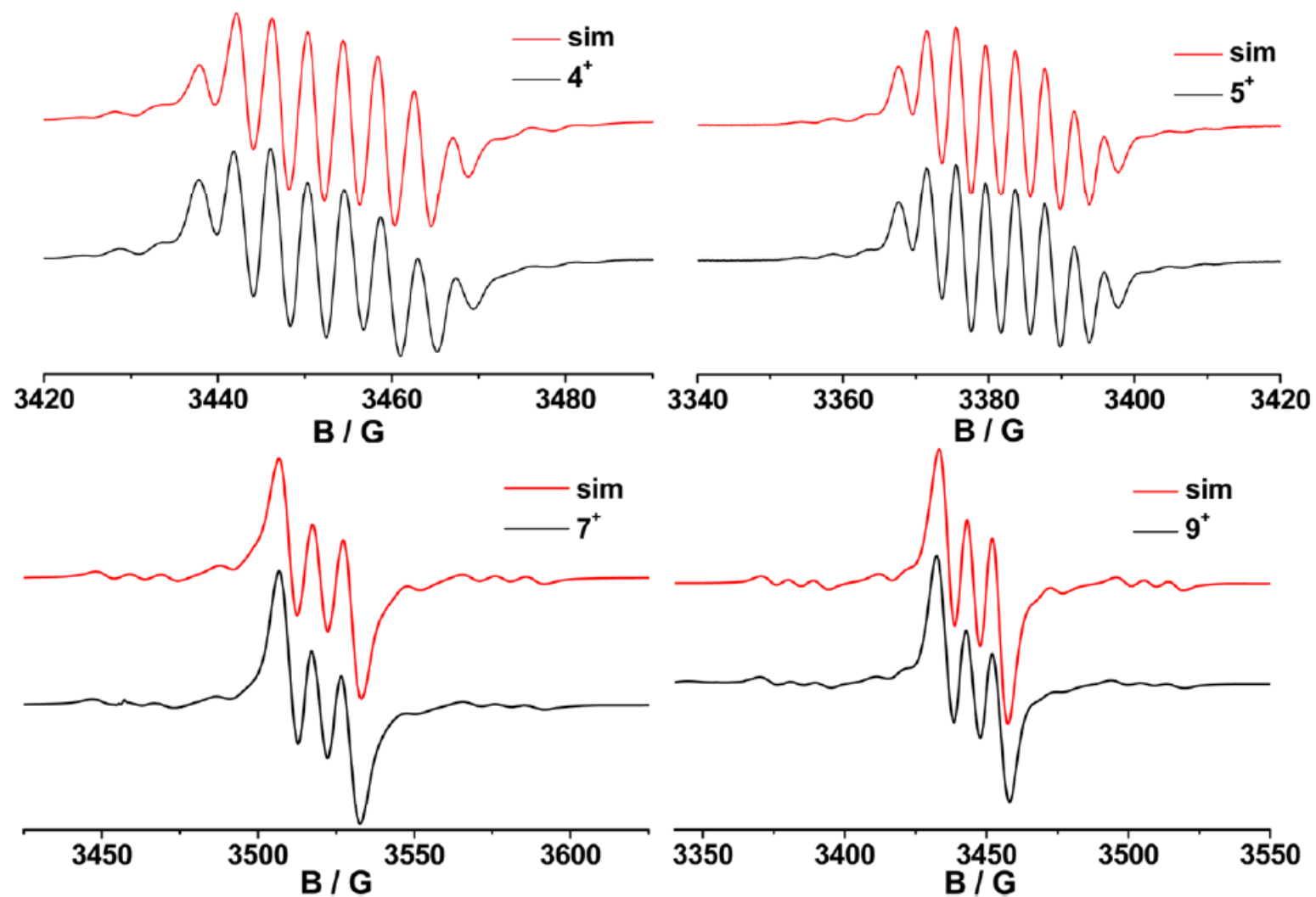
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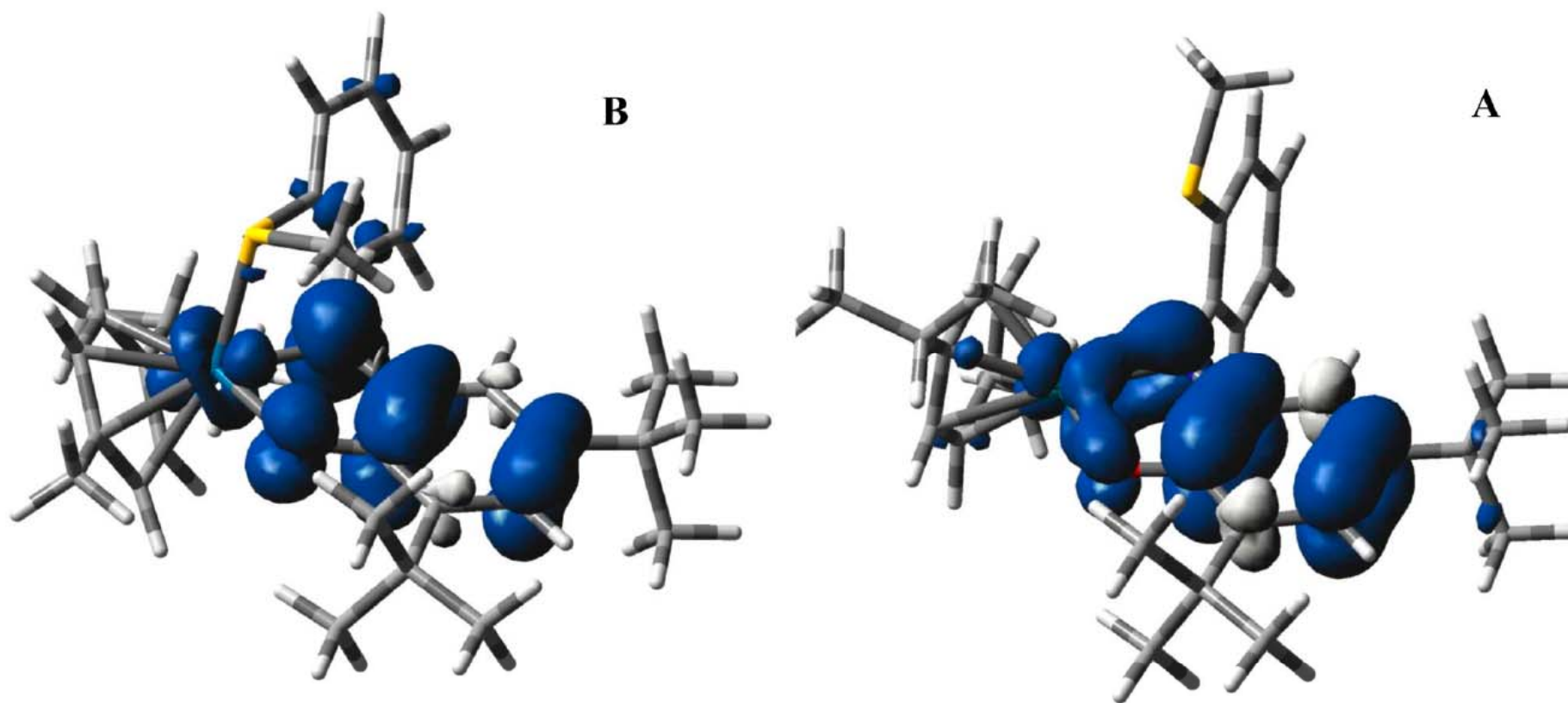
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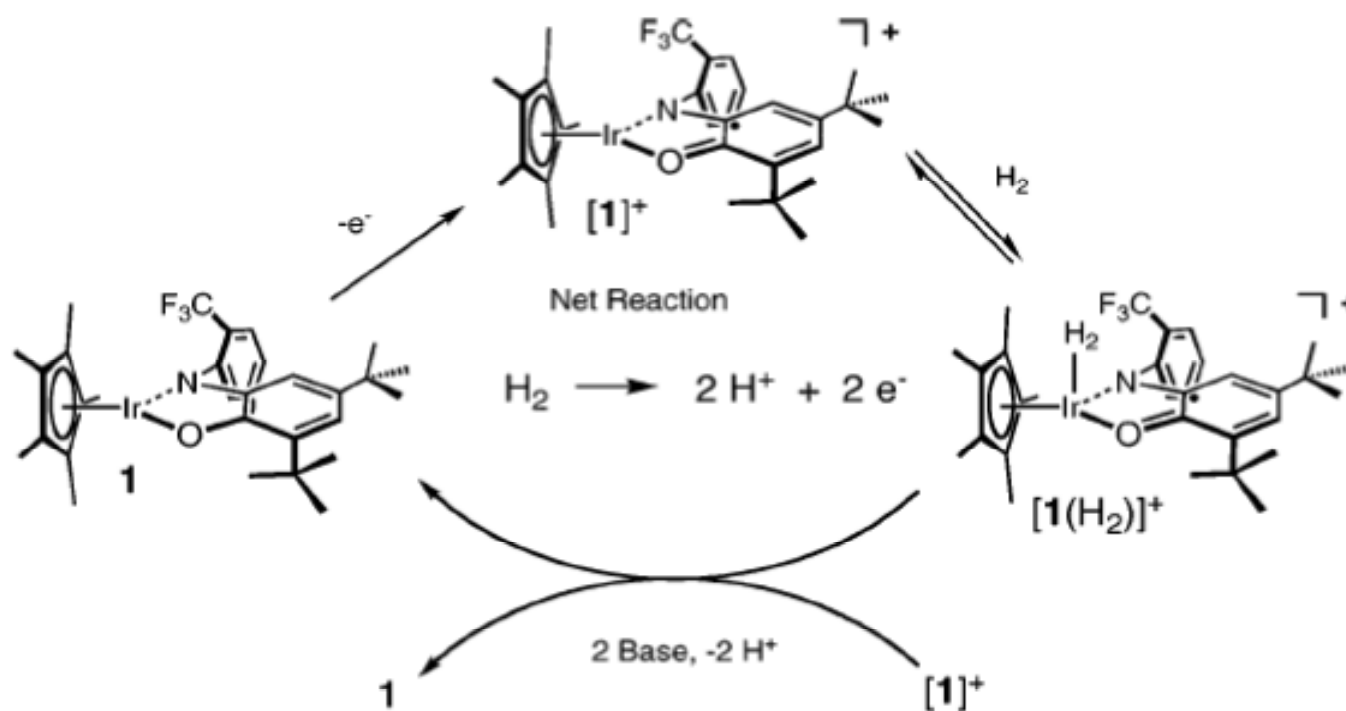


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Redox-Switched Oxidation of Dihydrogen Using a Non-Innocent Ligand

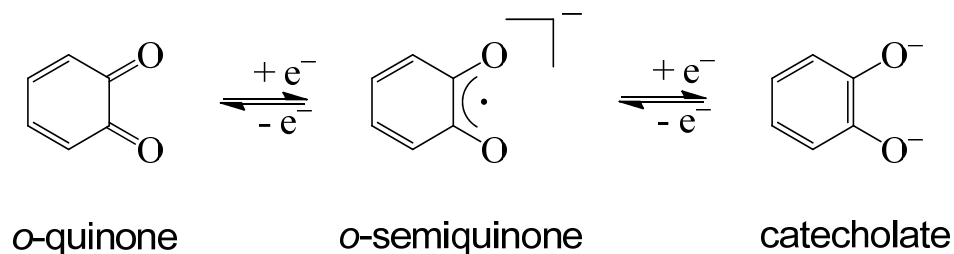
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Proposed H₂ Oxidation Cycle:



Quinones

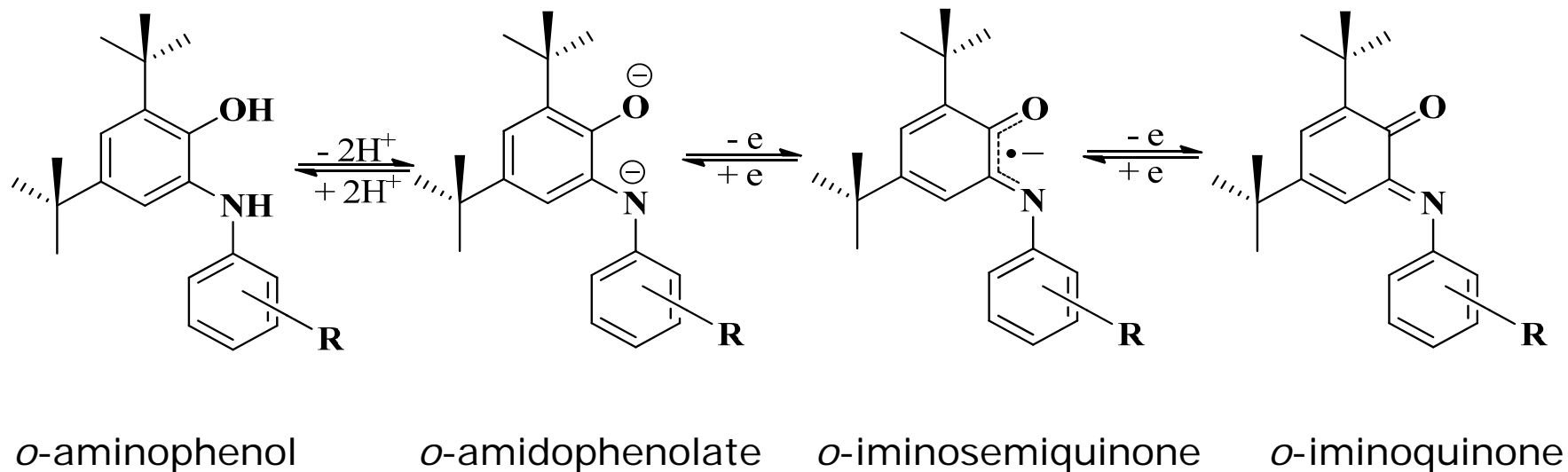
Quinones



- three oxidation states (non-aromatic, radical intermediates, aromatic)
- natural products (photosynthesis, respiration, vitamins, antioxidants, neurotransmitters, pigments)
- toxicity (effect on metabolism)
- metal chelators (→analytical reagents)
- variable electronic structure (*o,p*-tautomerism, non-innocent ligands)
- electron transfer reagents (organic synthesis, AO process of H₂O₂ production)

Complexes ML_2

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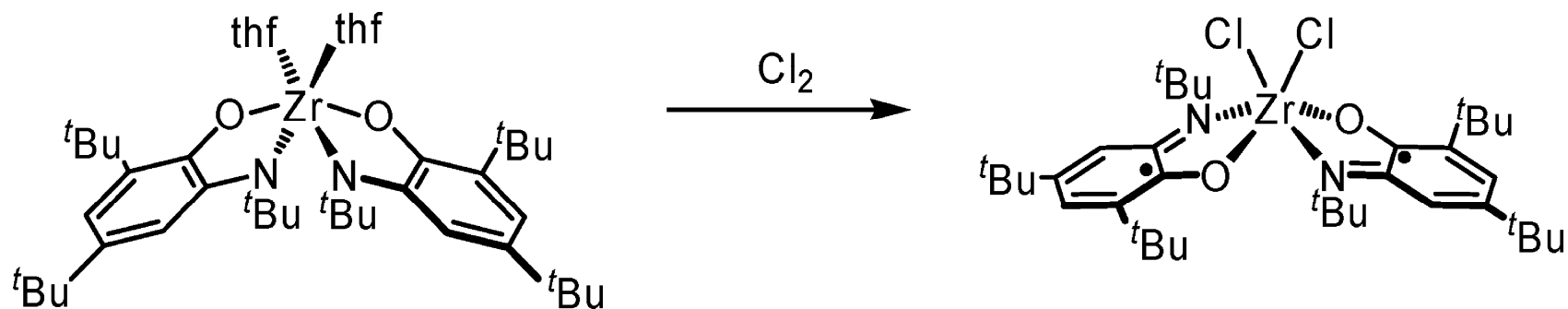


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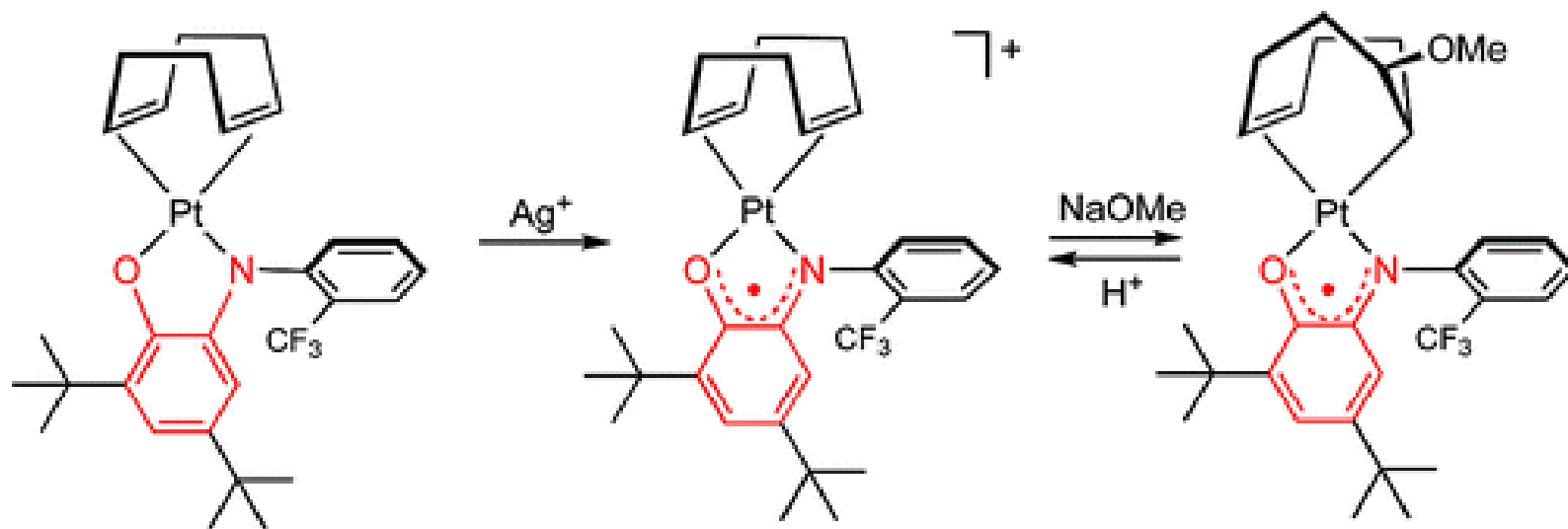
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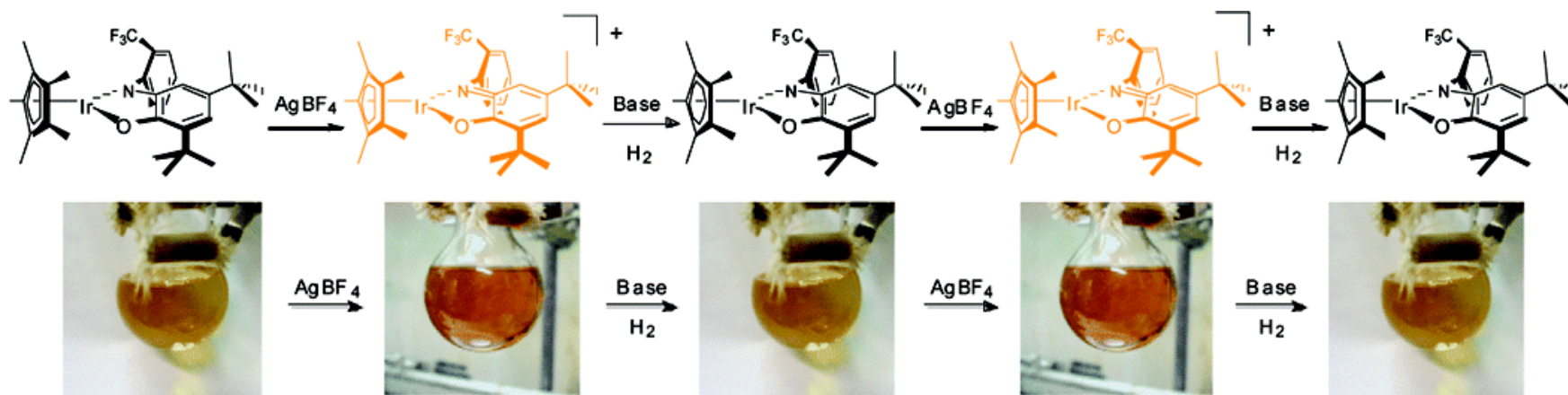
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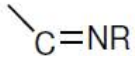
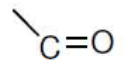
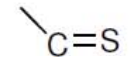
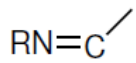
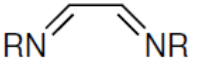
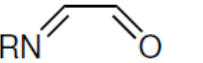
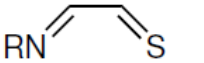
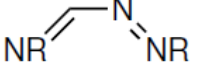
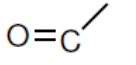
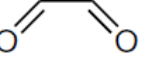

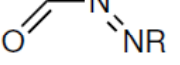
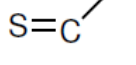
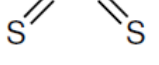
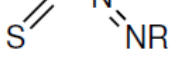
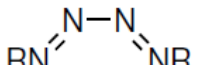
Julie L. Boyer[‡], Thomas R. Cundari, Nathan J. DeYonker, Thomas B. Rauchfuss, and Scott R. Wilson,
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Redox-Switched Oxidation of Dihydrogen Using a Non-Innocent Ligand

Mark R. Ringenberg, Swarna Latha Kokatam, Zachariah M. Heiden,
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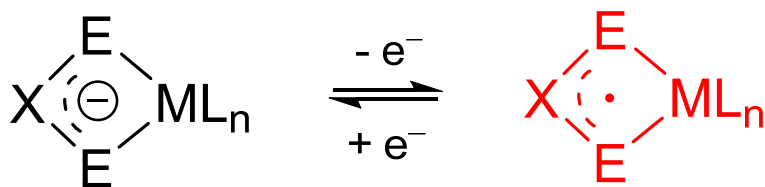


				N=NR
	 α -diimine	 α -iminocarbonyl	 α -iminothiocarbonyl	 α -azoimine
		 α -dicarbonyl	 α -oxothione	 α -azocarbonyl
			 α -dithiolene	 α -azothiocabonyl
RN=N				 tetrazene

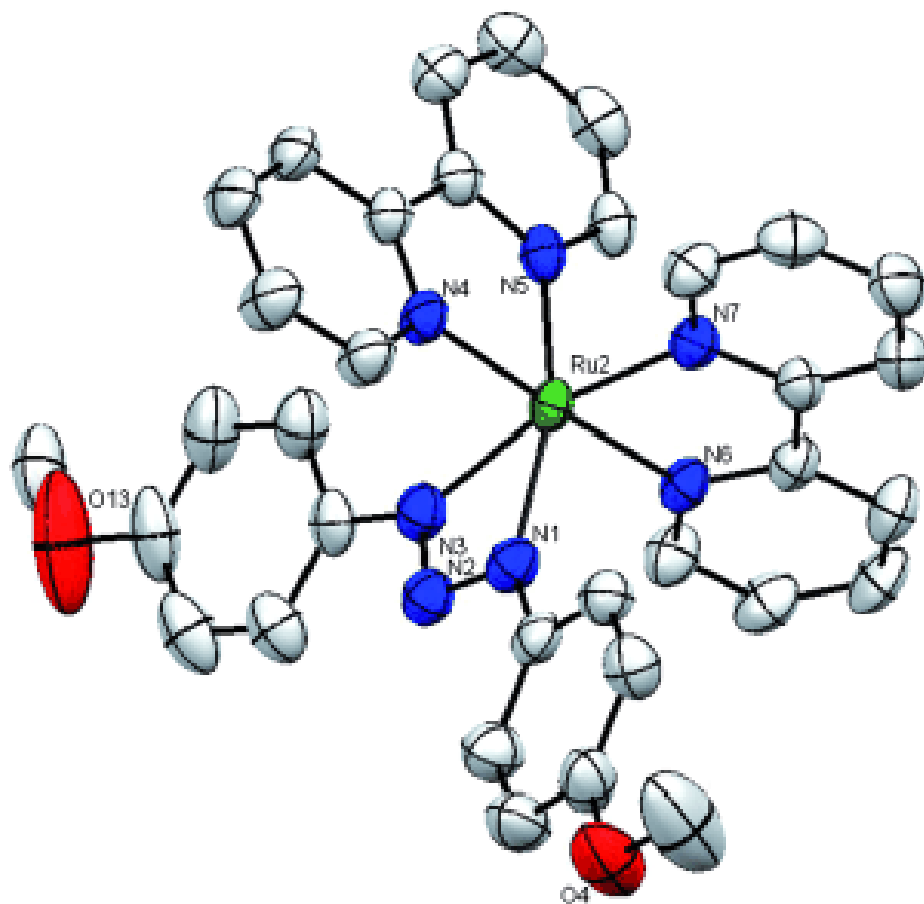
“Filling gaps in the series of noninnocent hetero-1,3-diene chelate ligands: Ruthenium complexes of redox-active α -azocarbonyl and α -azothiocabonyl ligands $\text{RN}(\text{N}(\text{C}(\text{R}')\text{E}))$, $\text{E} = \text{O}$ or S ”

F. Ehret, M. Bubrin, R. Hübner, D. Schweinfurth, I. Hartenbach, S. Zalis, W. Kaim, *Inorg. Chem.* **2012**, *51*, 6237-6244

Four-membered Chelate Rings with Redox-Active Ligands ?

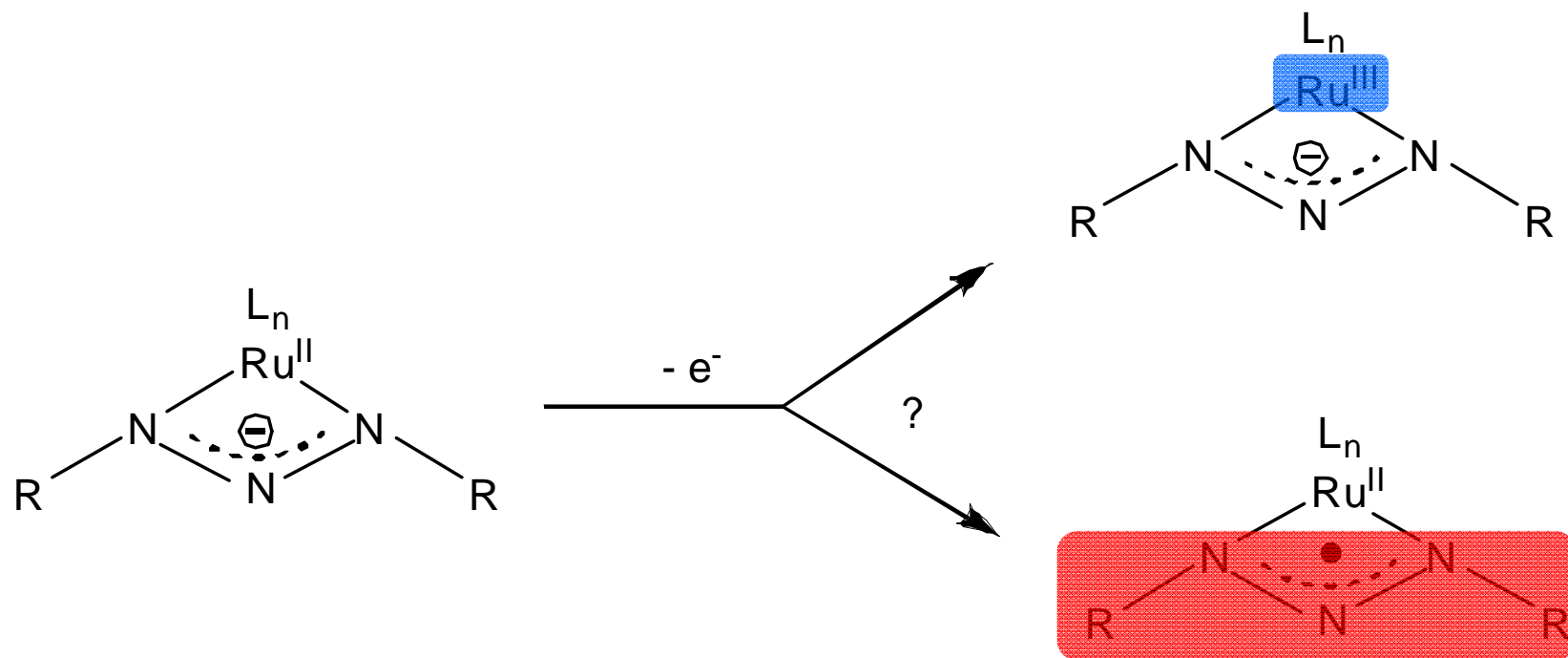


X	E	
CR	O	carboxylato
CR	NR	amidinato
CNR ₂	NR	guanidinato
N	NR	triazenido
N	O	nitrito



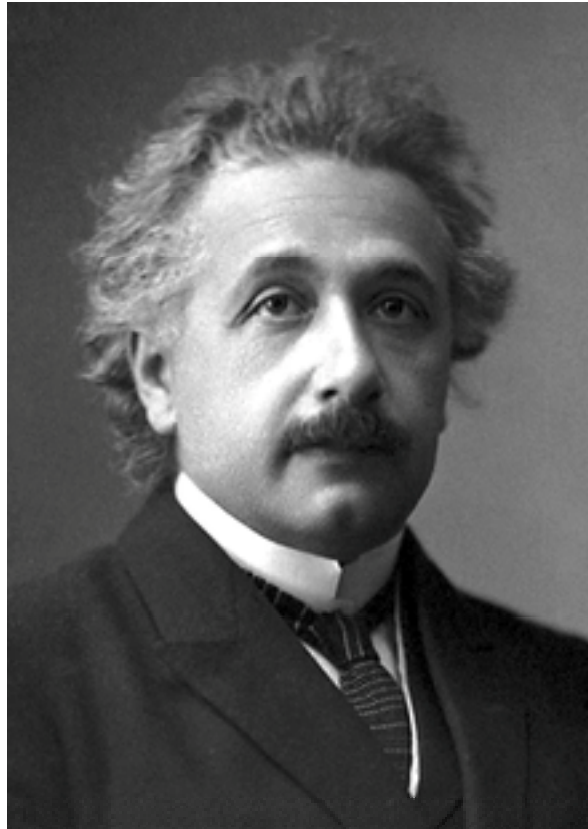
Molecular structure of the cation $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{RNNNR})]^+$, $\text{R} = 4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OMe}$

F. Ehret, M. Bubrin, S. Zalis, W. Kaim, *Angew. Chem.* **2013**, *125*, 4771;
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2013**, *52*, 4673



Discovering More Non-Innocence: Triazenido versus Triazenyl Radical Ligand Function, and a Comment on $[\text{NO}_2]^n$ as a „Suspect“ Ligand

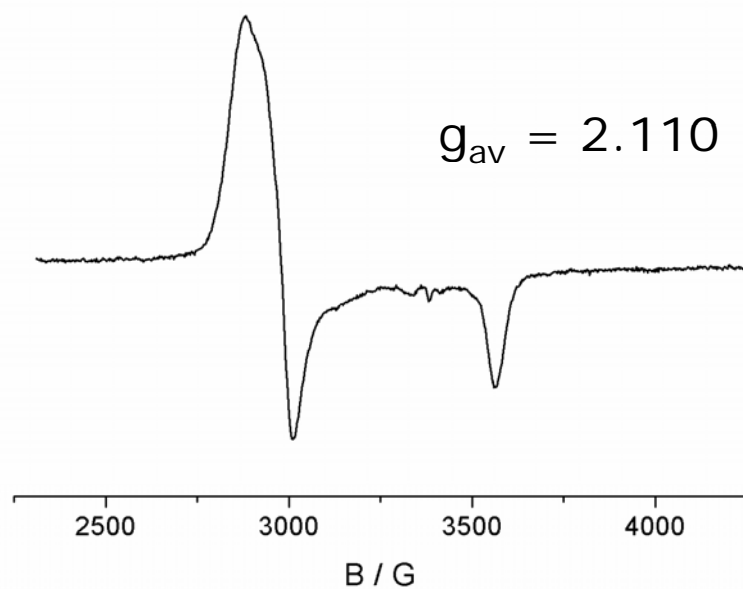
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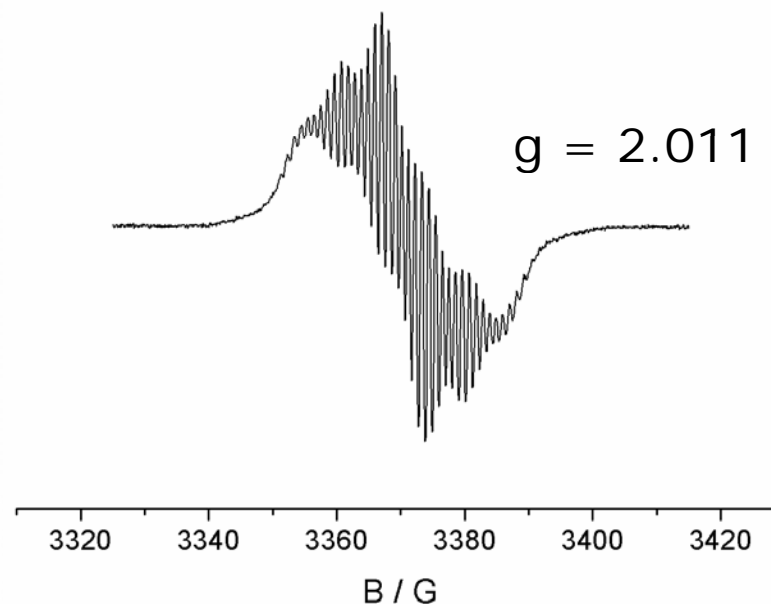
„The deviations of atomic and molecular electronic g -factors from the free electron value $g_e \approx 2.0023$... represent directly observable relativistic effects.“

J. Autschbach, J. Chem. Phys. **2012**, *136*, 150902

EPR Spectra of Paramagnetic Complexes after One-electron Oxidation

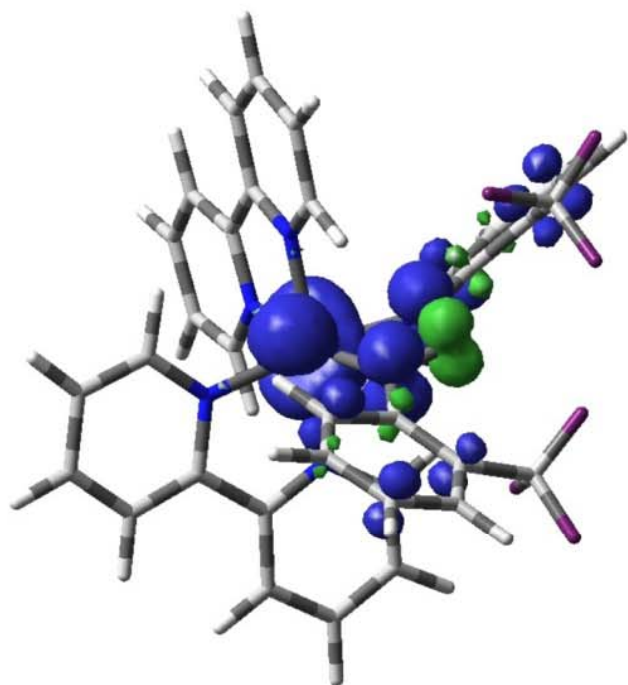


$[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{RNNNR})](\text{X})$,
R = 2-C₆H₄CF₃, X = BF₄
([1(BF₄))]
110 K, in CH₂Cl₂/0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆

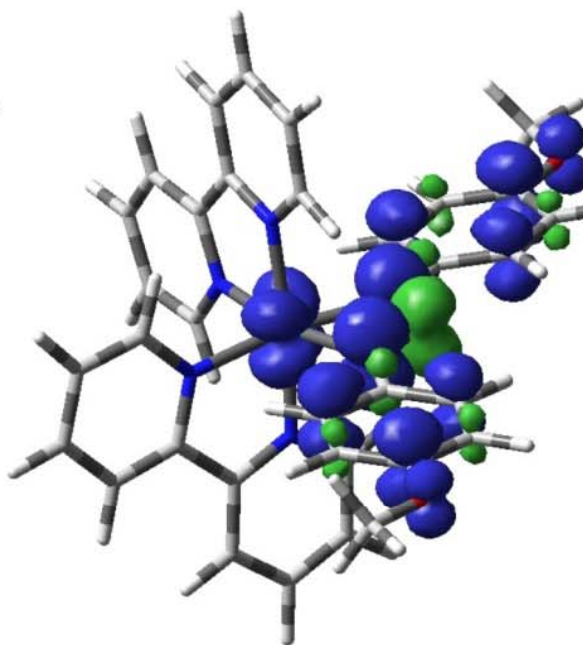


$[\text{Ru}(\text{Cym})(\text{NCCH}_3)(\text{RNNNR})](\text{SbF}_6)$,
R = 4-C₆H₄OMe
([3(SbF₆))]
298 K in CH₂Cl₂/0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆

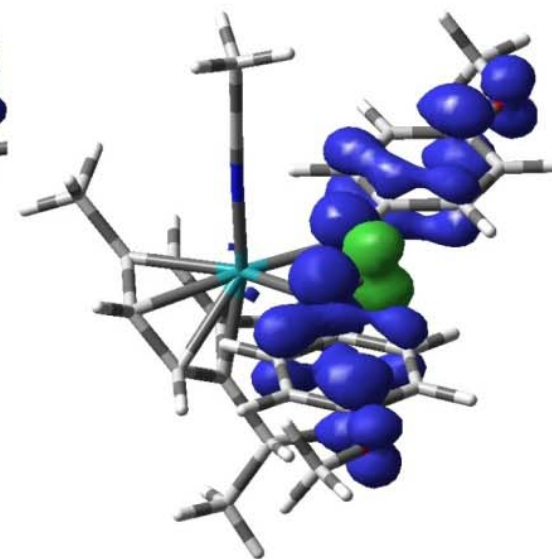
DFT (G09/PBE0/PCM-CH₂Cl₂) Calculated Spin Densities



$[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{RNNNR})]^{2+}$,
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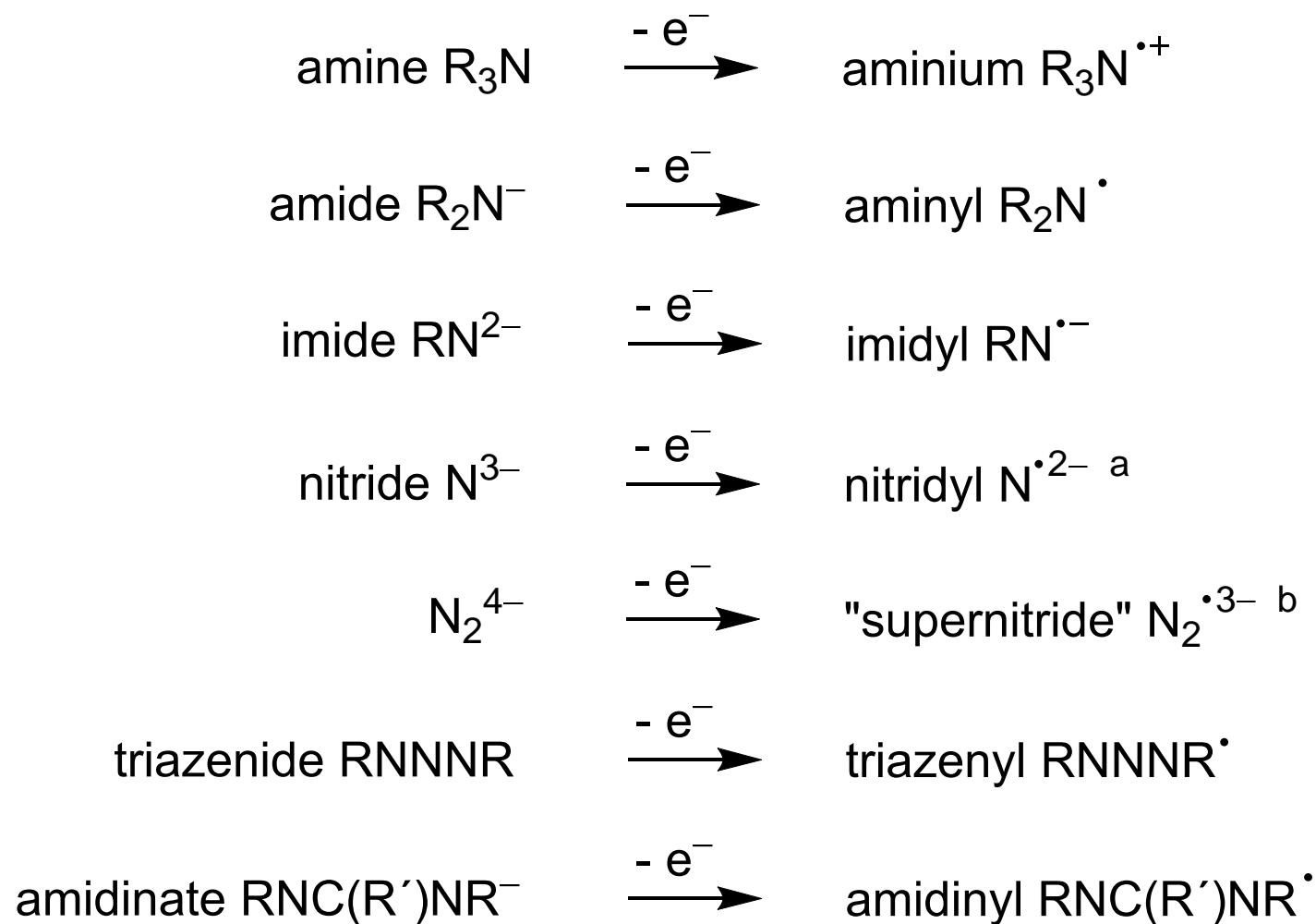


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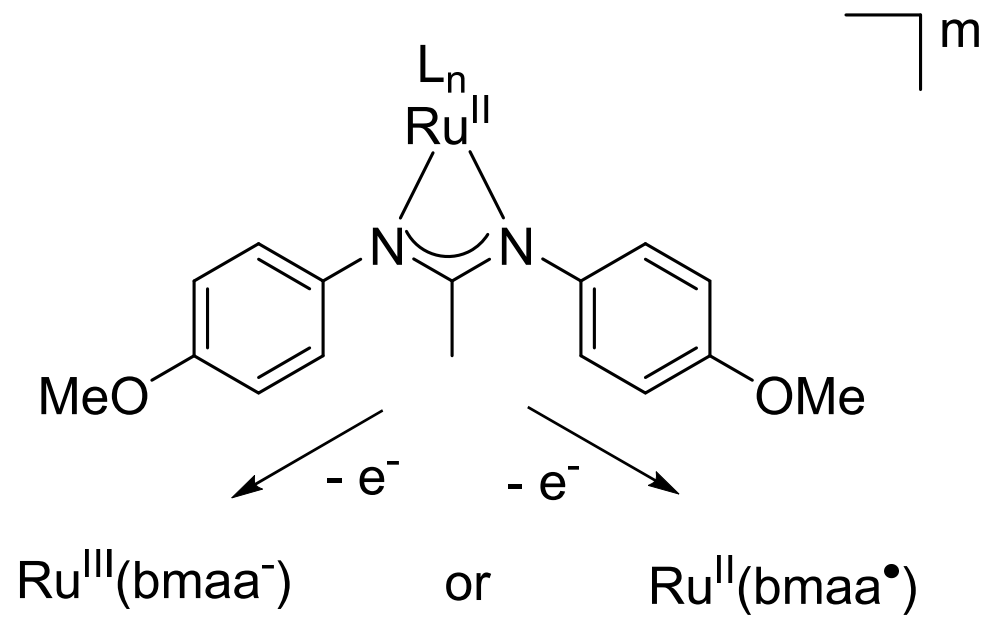
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Nitrogen-Based Radicals from Oxidation

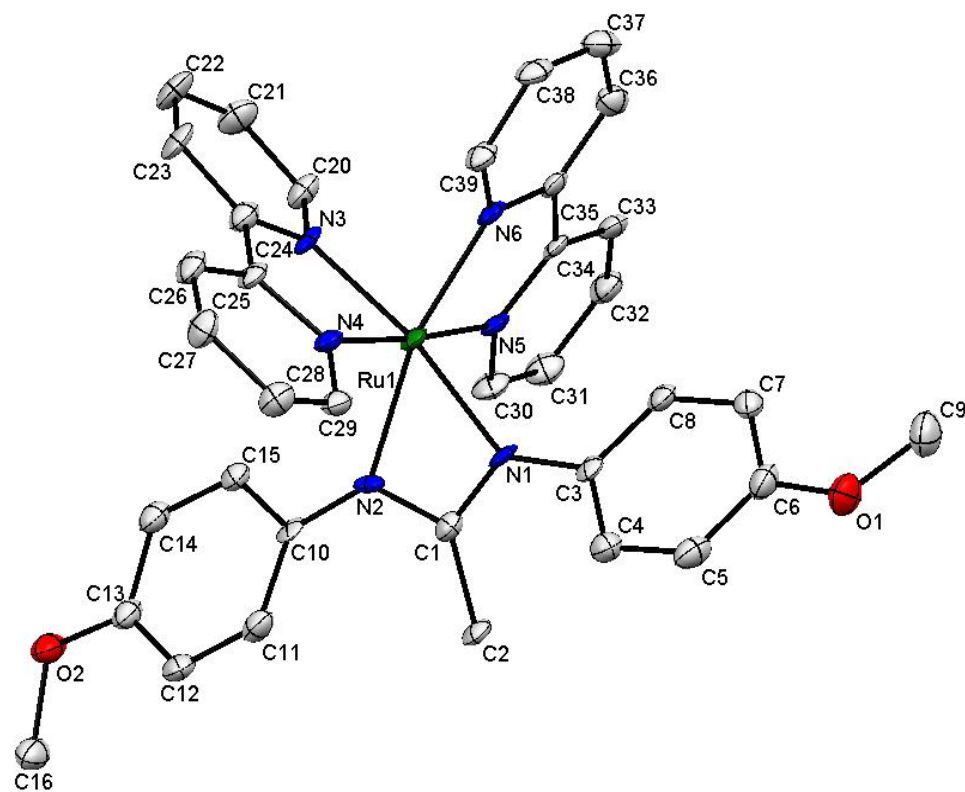


^a S. Schneider et al. **2014**

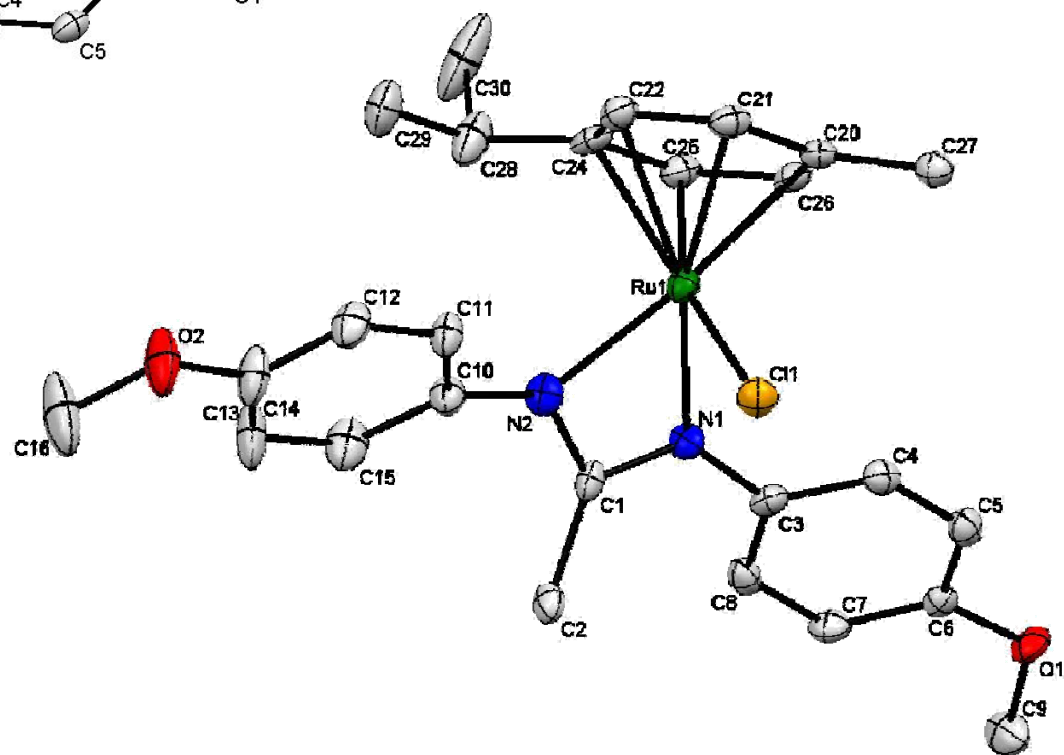
^b W.J. Evans et al. **2009**



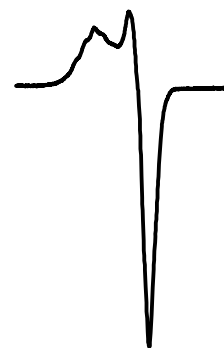
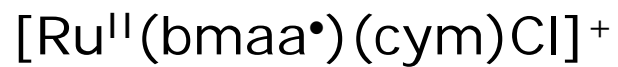
depending on L_n



[Ru(bmaa)(bpy)₂]⁺

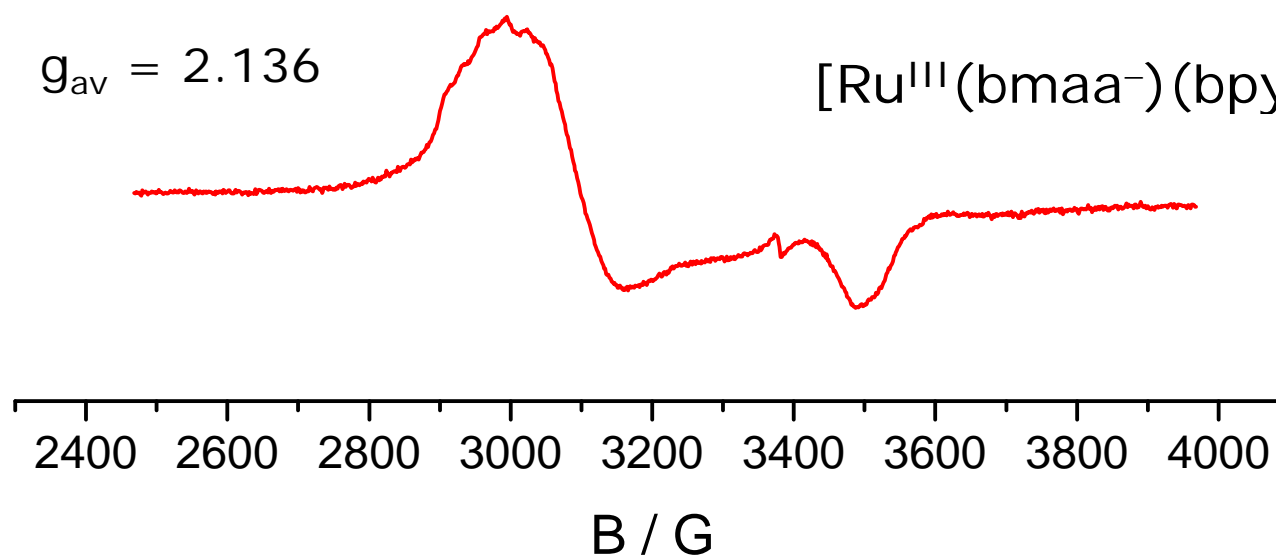
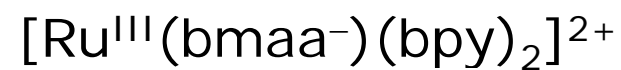


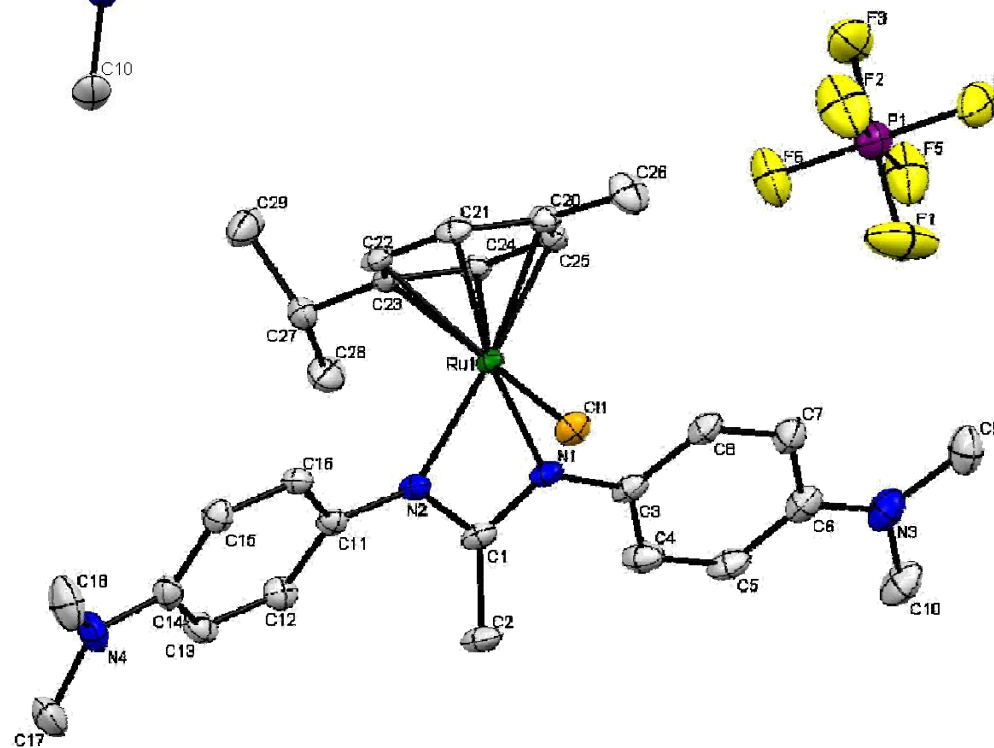
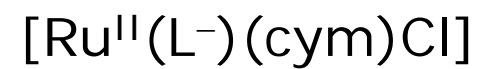
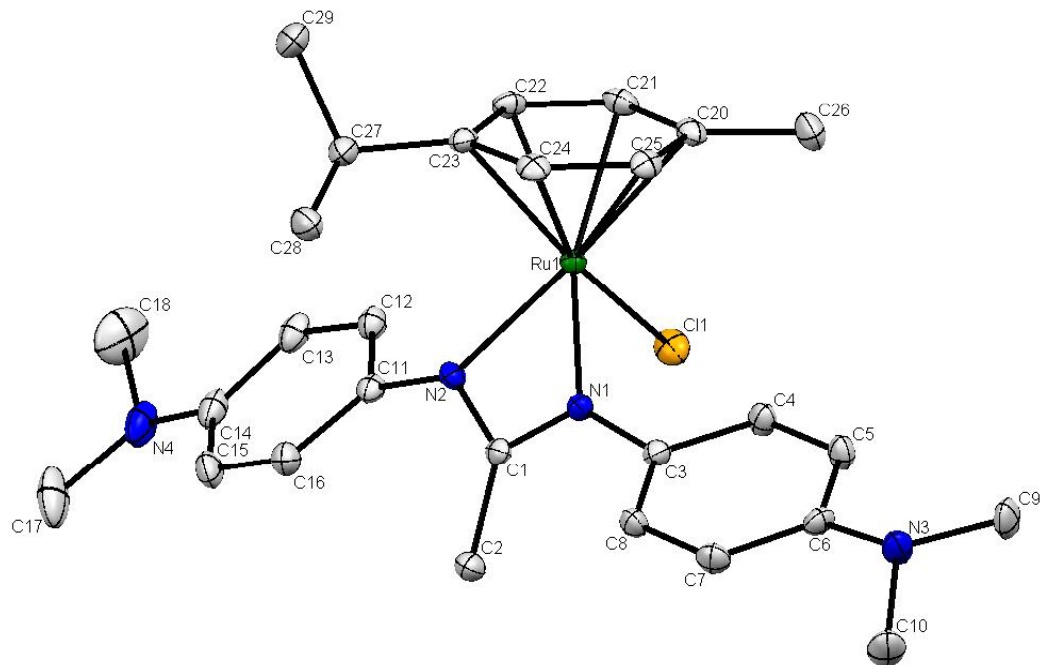
[Ru(bmaa)(cym)Cl]



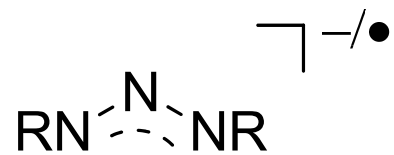
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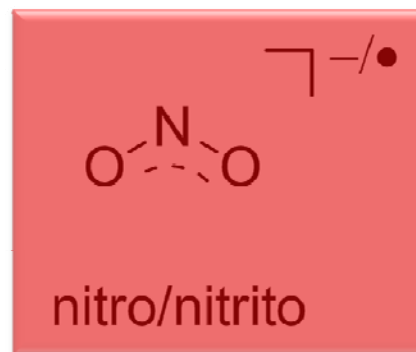




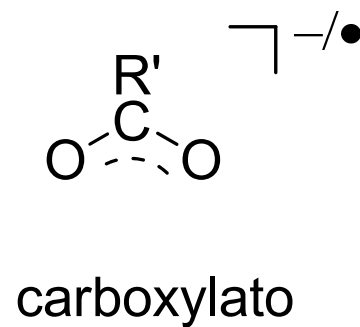
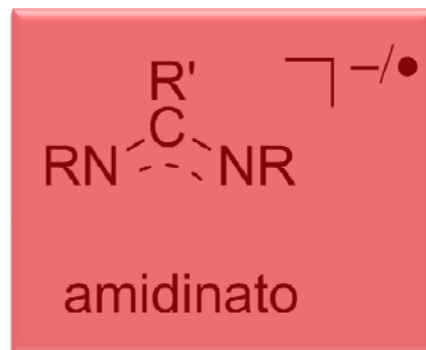
Non-innocent ?



triazenido



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C/O and N/O Ligands

CO

π acceptors

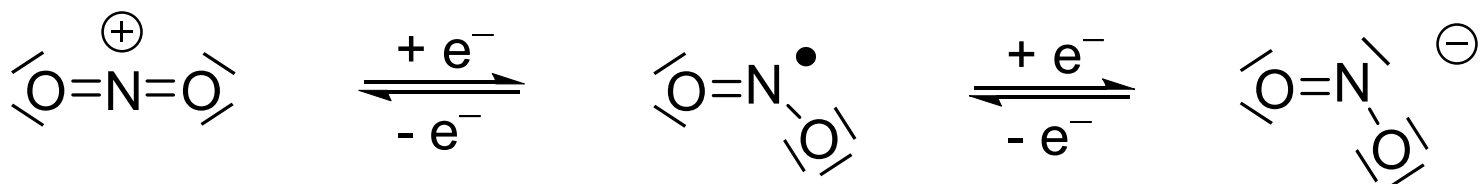
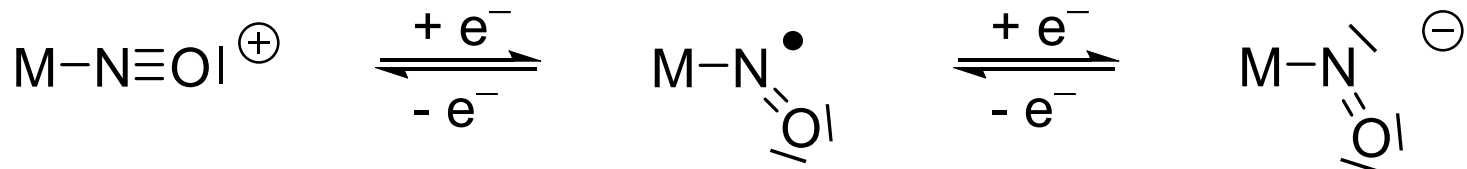
NO•

(NO⁺, •, ⁻, •²⁻)

CO₂

NO₂• (?)

(NO₂⁺, •, ⁻)



nitronium

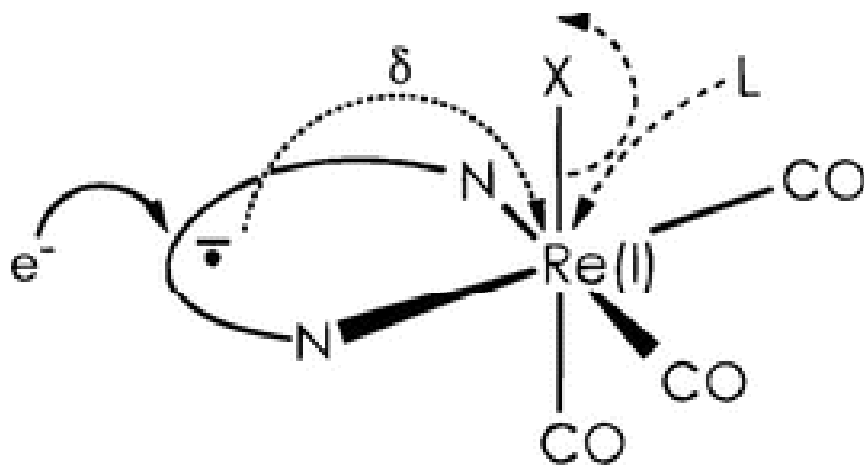
nitrogen
dioxide

nitrite

(A. Werner)

The δ in $18+\delta$ Electron Complexes: Importance of the Metal/Ligand Interface for the Substitutional Reactivity of "Re(0)" Complexes $(\alpha\text{-Diimine}^{-1})\text{Re}^{+1}(\text{CO})_3(\text{X})$

A. Klein, C. Vogler, W. Kaim, *Organometallics* **15** (1996) 236-244



X = Cl^- , Br^-

L = CH_3CN , PPh_3 , CN^- , CO_2

