

**Reversible Modulation of the Redox Characteristics of Acid-Sensitive
Molybdenum and Tungsten Scorpionate Complexes**

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Electrochemical studies

Electrochemical studies were carried out for complexes **2**–**5** with the following general procedure. Stock solutions of 0.02 M [ML(CO)₃] and 1.0 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate in MeCN were prepared, along with 0.1 M DPhAT in MeCN, 0.1 M BF₃ etherate in 90% MeCN 10% Et₂O, 0.1 M borane-tetrahydrofuran in 90% MeCN 10% THF, 0.1 M Cu(II)(OTf)₂ in MeCN, and 0.1 M Sc(III)(OTf)₃. The concentration of complex was held constant by adding 1 mL of the (complex + electrolyte) solution to the CV cell, and adding variable amounts of acid and solvent until a final volume of 2 mL was reached. For example, the introduction of 0.5 eq of DPhAT solution is obtained by adding (0.1 mL x N) DPhAT solution then adding (1 mL – (0.10 mL x N)) of MeCN to reach the final 2 mL volume. Through these additions, the effects of acid were tested from 0 – 5 eq of DPhAT and the varying Lewis acids (0 – 0.05 M acid vs 0.01 M **2**–**5**). All runs were performed in the presence of cobaltocenium hexafluorophosphate as an internal standard.

Nernst plots were constructed by starting with a solution of 0.002 mM **3** or **5** and 0.38 M 2-methoxypyridine solution in 1 mL acetonitrile. Varying amounts of 2-methoxypyridinium triflate were added to create a 6-point log₁₀([A]/[HA⁺]) range of -0.93 to -0.42 for **3** and of -0.04 to 0.44 for **5**.

Non-electrochemical infrared spectroscopy studies

Infrared spectroscopy studies were carried out for complexes **2**–**5**. 2 mL samples of 0.05 M DPhAT, BF₃-etherate, and Sc(III)(OTf)₃ vs 0.01 M complex were prepared and drop-cast on a NaCl salt plate. A sample of MeCN drop-cast on a NaCl salt plate was used as a background.

*Determination of pK_a of complexes **3** and **5***

The parent pyridine para resonance was determined via NMR of pyridine in DMSO to be δ 7.79. To account for natural dissociation of pyridinium in DMSO, the pyridinium para resonance was determined by adding pyridinium trifluoromethanesulfonate (24.8 mg, 0.0108 mmol) to 1 mL of d₆-DMSO. Using pyridinium's pK_a^{DMSO} of 1.8, the mole ratio of pyridinium to pyridine in solution was calculated to be about 16.13. Using the equation

$$\text{HA}^+(\text{resonance}) = \frac{\text{Obs(resonance)} - \frac{[\text{A}]}{[\text{HA}^+]} * \text{A(resonance)}}{1 - \frac{[\text{A}]}{[\text{HA}^+]}}$$

the observed para resonance of δ 8.61, and the pyridine para peak of δ 7.79, the pyridinium para resonance was calculated to be δ 8.66. Pyridinium trifluoromethanesulfonate (21 mg, 0.0916 mmol) and complex **3** (86 mg, 0.163 mmol) were added to an NMR tube with 3 mL of d₆-DMSO. Rapid interconversion was observed between the pyridinium and pyridine and complex **3** and **3H**. Relative abundance of the pyridinium and pyridine species was determined by the observed para proton resonance shift with that of the pyridine and pyridinium in ¹H NMR. The observed resonance of δ 8.50 corresponds to a mole ratio of 4.35 pyridinium to pyridine. Using the equilibrium between complex **3** and pyridinium

with pyridine and protonated complex **3H** the mole ratio of complex **3⁻** to its conjugate acid **3H** was calculated to be 8.68. Relating various equilibria, using the equation

$$\text{pK}_a(\text{complex } \mathbf{3}) = \text{pK}_a(\text{pyridinium}) - \text{pK}_{eq}$$

the pK_a was calculated to be 1.8. This was repeated twice with 21.2 mg of pyridinium triflate (0.0925 mmol) and 93 mg of complex **3⁻** (0.177 mmol) for the first trial and 19.6 mg of pyridinium triflate (0.0855 mmol) and 105 mg of complex **3⁻** (0.2 mmol) to receive pK_a values of 1.7 and 1.8 respectively. The mode of 1.8 was used. This experiment was repeated for complex **5⁻** with 3 separate trials. Trial 1 used 20.4 mg of pyridinium trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.089 mmol) and 100 mg of complex **5⁻** (0.162 mmol) to result in a pK_a of 1.7. Trial 2 used 21.4 mg of pyridinium trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.0934 mmol) and 113 mg of complex **5⁻** (0.184 mmol) to result in a pK_a of 1.8. Trial 3 used 19.6 mg of pyridinium trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.0934 mmol) and 106 mg of complex **5⁻** (0.173 mmol) to result in a pK_a of 1.8. The mode of 1.8 was used.

The same method was repeated for pK_a^{AN} for complexes **3⁻** and **5⁻**, again using pyridinium as the acid with the pK_a^{AN} of 12.53. The pyridinium para peak was again used at δ 8.62 now in AN with a corresponding pyridine peak of δ 7.73. For complex **3⁻**, trial 1 had 0.04 M **3⁻** and 0.044 M pyridinium triflate, resulting in a pK_a of 11.0, trial 2 had 0.04 M **3⁻** and 0.048 M pyridinium triflate resulting in a pK_a of 10.9, and trial 3 had 0.04 M **3⁻** and 0.039 M pyridinium triflate resulting in a pK_a of 11.0. The mode of 11.0 was used.. For complex **5⁻**, trial 1 had 0.024 M **5⁻** and 0.039 M pyridinium triflate, resulting in a pK_a of 11.8, trial 2 had 0.051 M **5⁻** and 0.048 M pyridinium triflate resulting in a pK_a of 11.9, and trial 3 had 0.031 M **5⁻** and 0.039 M pyridinium triflate resulting in a pK_a of 12.0. The average of 11.9 was used.

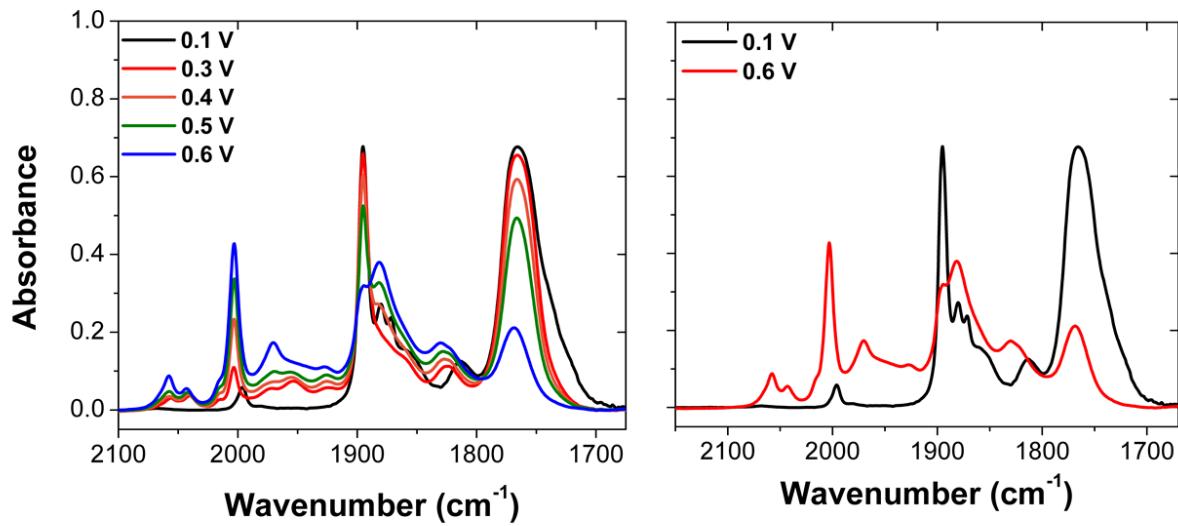


Figure S1. IR-SEC data from the oxidation of $\text{K}[\text{WTtz}(\text{CO})_3]$ (**5** $^-$) (0.019 M). Conditions: glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag bare metal pseudoreference electrode; internal ferrocene reference; referenced to NHE.

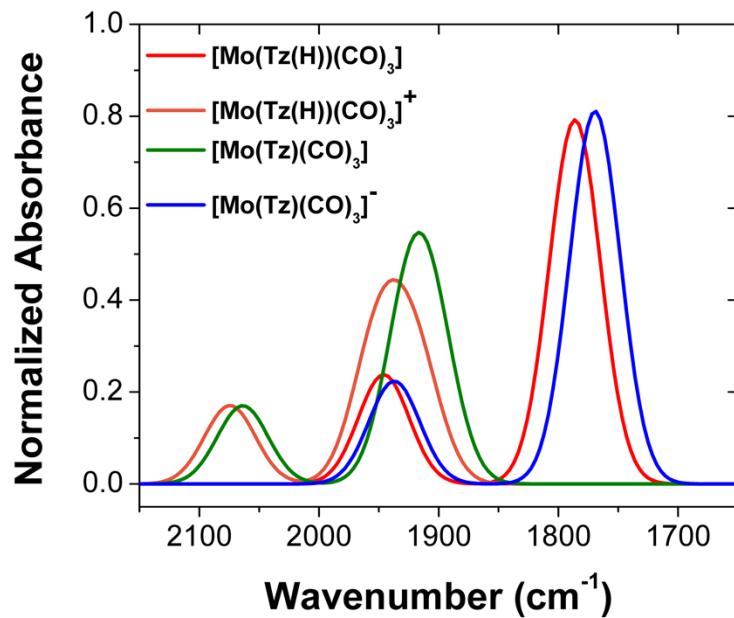


Figure S2. Simulated IR data from numerical frequency calculations performed on **3** $^-$, **3H**, and **3**. ORCA 4.0.0: B3LYP/G functional and ZORA-def2-TZVP basis set (def2/J and SARC/J auxiliary basis sets where necessary) with the RIJCOSX approximation, D3BJ dispersion correction, and CPCM to model the AN solvent.

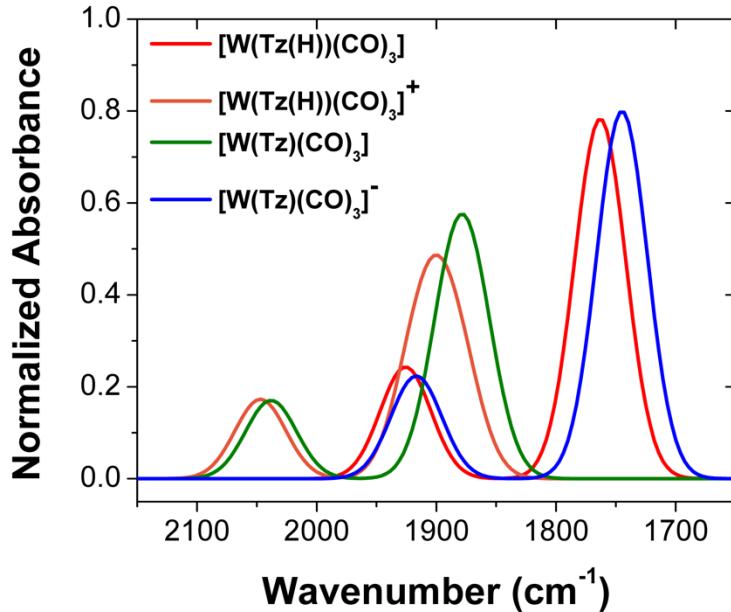


Figure S3. Simulated IR data from numerical frequency calculations performed on **5**, **5H**, **5**, **5H⁺**. ORCA 4.0.0: B3LYP/G functional and ZORA-def2-TZVP basis set (def2/J and SARC/J auxiliary basis sets where necessary) with the RIJCOSX approximation, D3BJ dispersion correction, and CPCM to model the AN solvent.

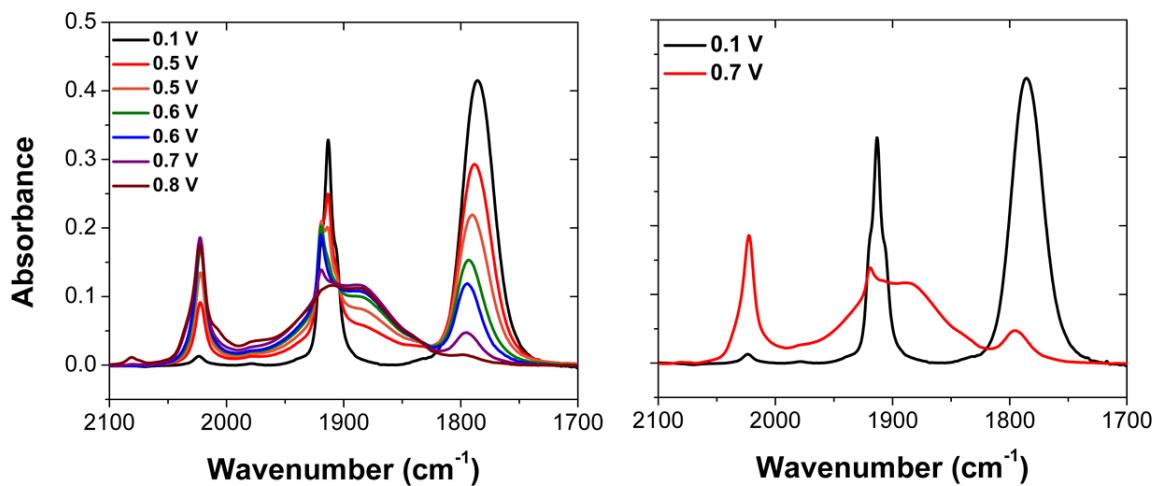


Figure S4. IR-SEC data showing the oxidation of K[MoTtz(CO)₃] (**3⁻**) (0.013 M) with added 2-methoxypyridinium triflate (0.04 M). Conditions: glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag bare metal pseudoreference electrode; internal ferrocene reference; referenced to NHE.

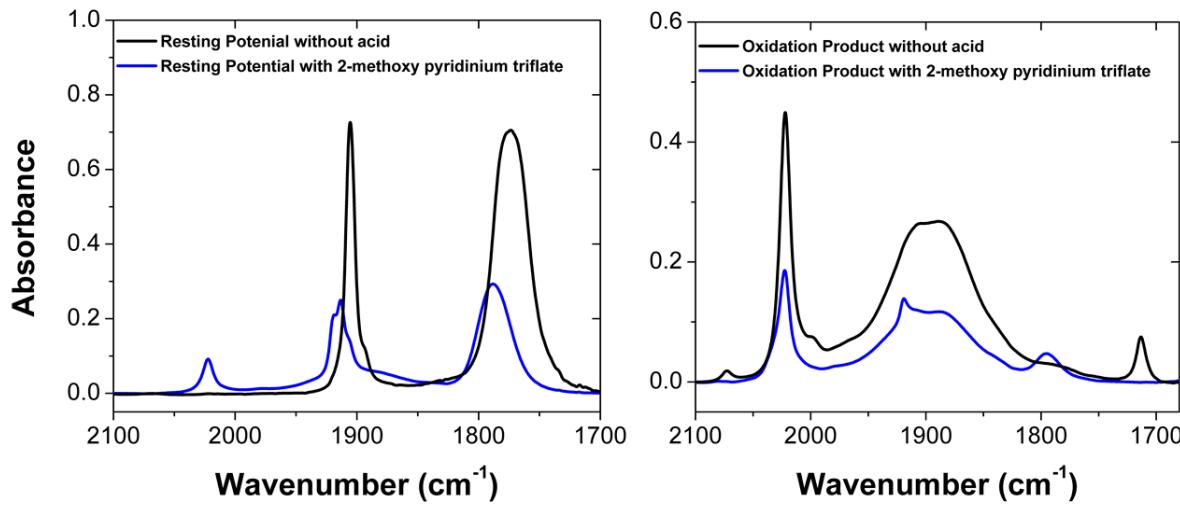


Figure S5. IR-SEC data comparing the species at resting potential and the oxidation products of $\text{K}[\text{MoTtz}(\text{CO})_3]$ (**3⁻**) (0.013 M) with and without added 2-methoxypyridinium triflate (0.04 M). Conditions: glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag bare metal pseudoreference electrode; internal ferrocene reference; referenced to NHE.

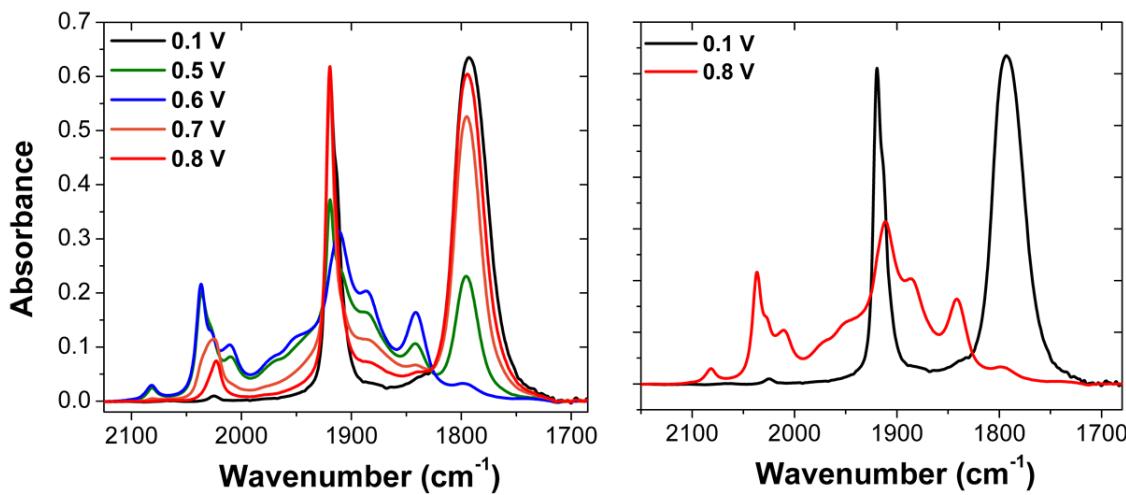


Figure S6. IR-SEC data showing the oxidation of $\text{K}[\text{MoTtz}(\text{CO})_3]$ (**3⁻**) (0.013 M) with added DPhAT (0.03 M). Conditions: glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag bare metal pseudoreference electrode; internal ferrocene reference; referenced to NHE.

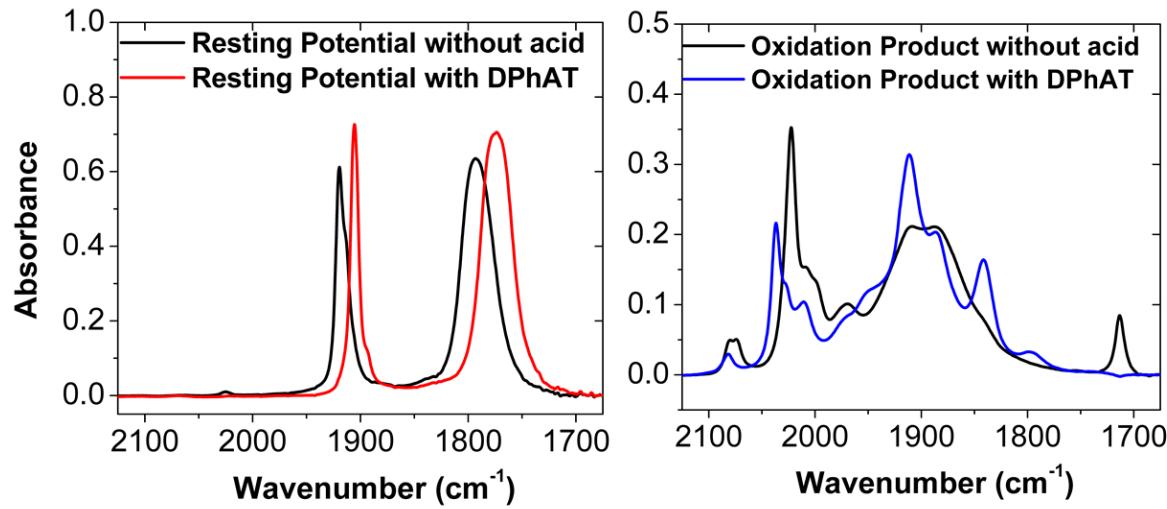


Figure S7. IR-SEC data comparing the species at resting potential and the oxidation products of $\text{K}[\text{MoTtz}(\text{CO})_3]$ (**3**⁻) (0.013 M) with and without added DPhAT (0.03 M). Conditions: glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag bare metal pseudoreference electrode; internal ferrocene reference; referenced to NHE.

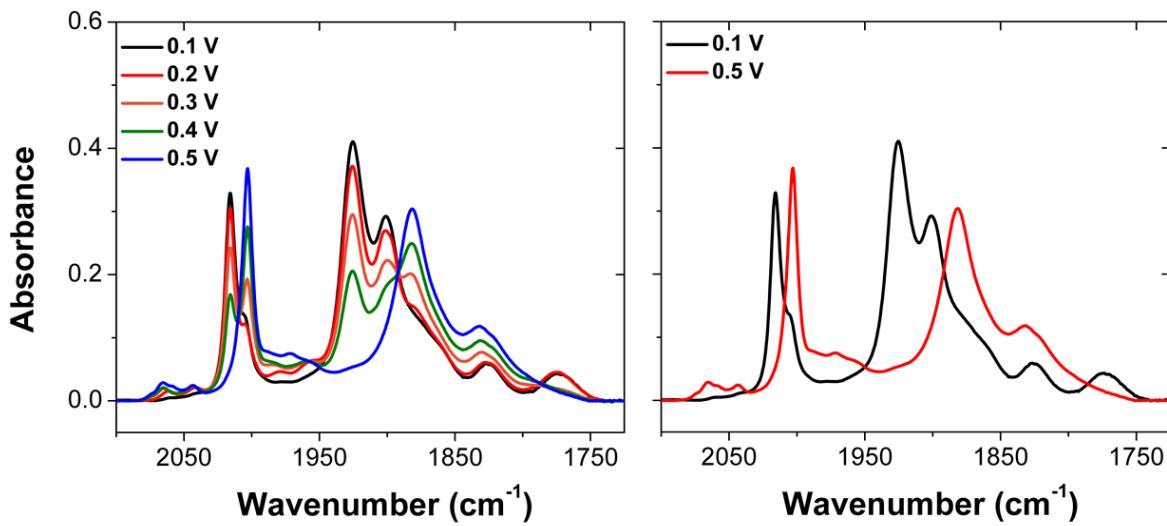


Figure S8. IR-SEC data from the oxidation of $\text{K}[\text{WTtz}(\text{CO})_3]$ (**5**⁻) (0.013 M) with added 2-methoxypyridinium triflate (0.058 M). Conditions: glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag bare metal pseudoreference electrode; internal ferrocene reference; referenced to NHE.

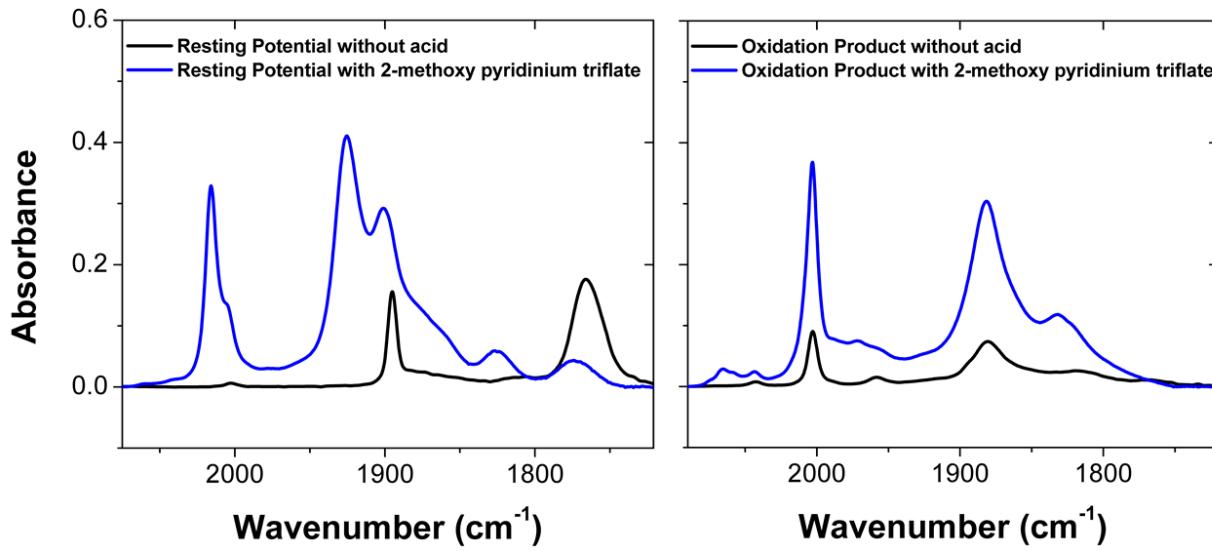


Figure S9. IR-SEC data comparing the species at resting potential and the oxidation products of $\text{K}[\text{WTtz}(\text{CO})_3](\text{5}^-)$ (0.013 M) with and without added 2-methoxypyridinium triflate (0.058 M). Conditions: glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag bare metal pseudoreference electrode; internal ferrocene reference; referenced to NHE.

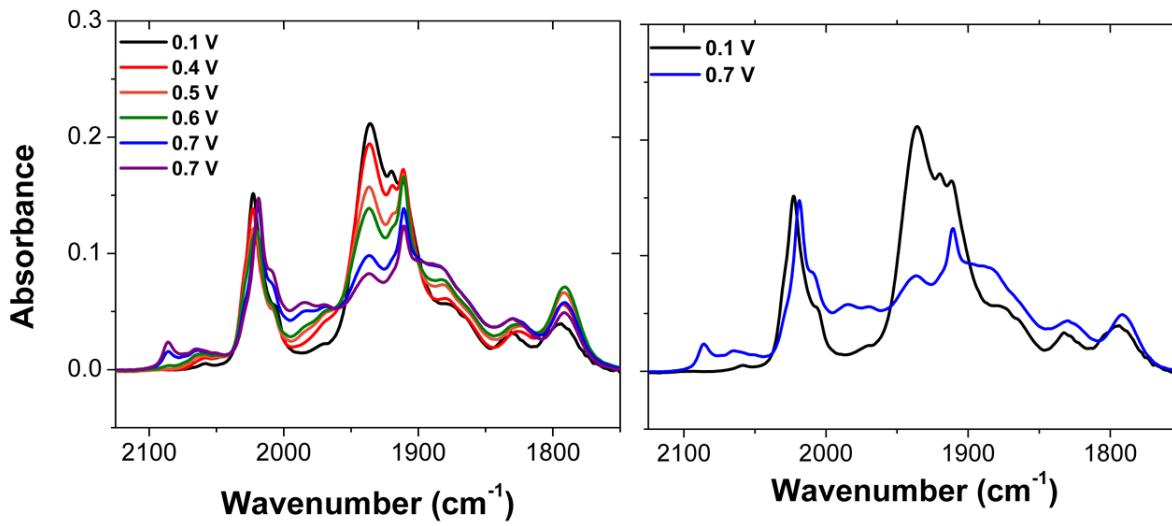


Figure S10. IR-SEC data from the oxidation of $\text{K}[\text{WTtz}(\text{CO})_3](\text{5}^-)$ (0.007 M) with added DPhAT (0.019 M). Conditions: glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag bare metal pseudoreference electrode; internal ferrocene reference; referenced to NHE.

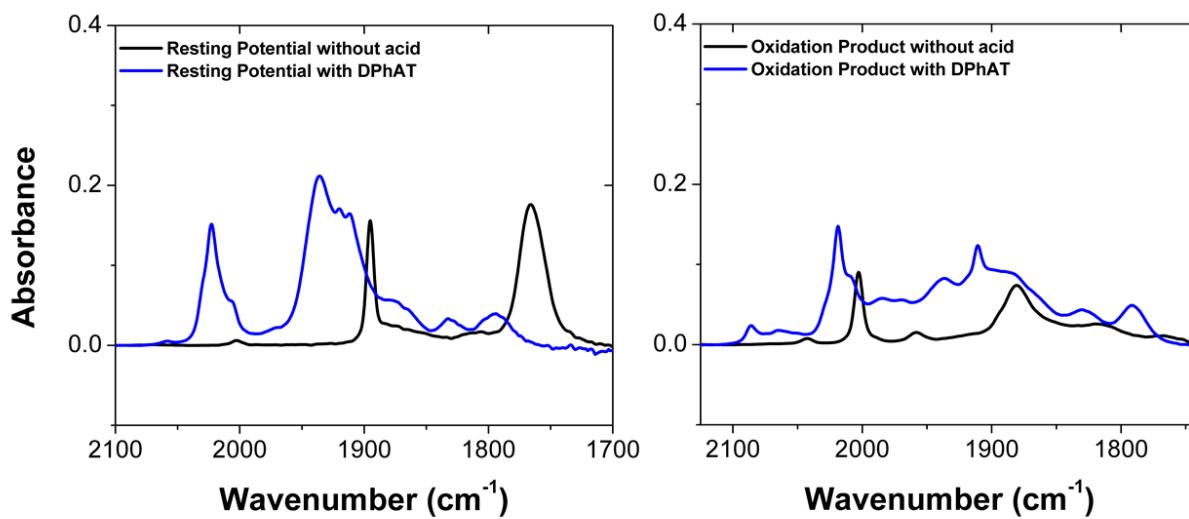


Figure S11. IR-SEC data comparing the species at resting potential and the oxidation products of K[WTtz(CO)₃] (**5**) (0.007 M) with and without added DPhAT (0.019 M). Conditions: glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag bare metal pseudoreference electrode; internal ferrocene reference; referenced to NHE.

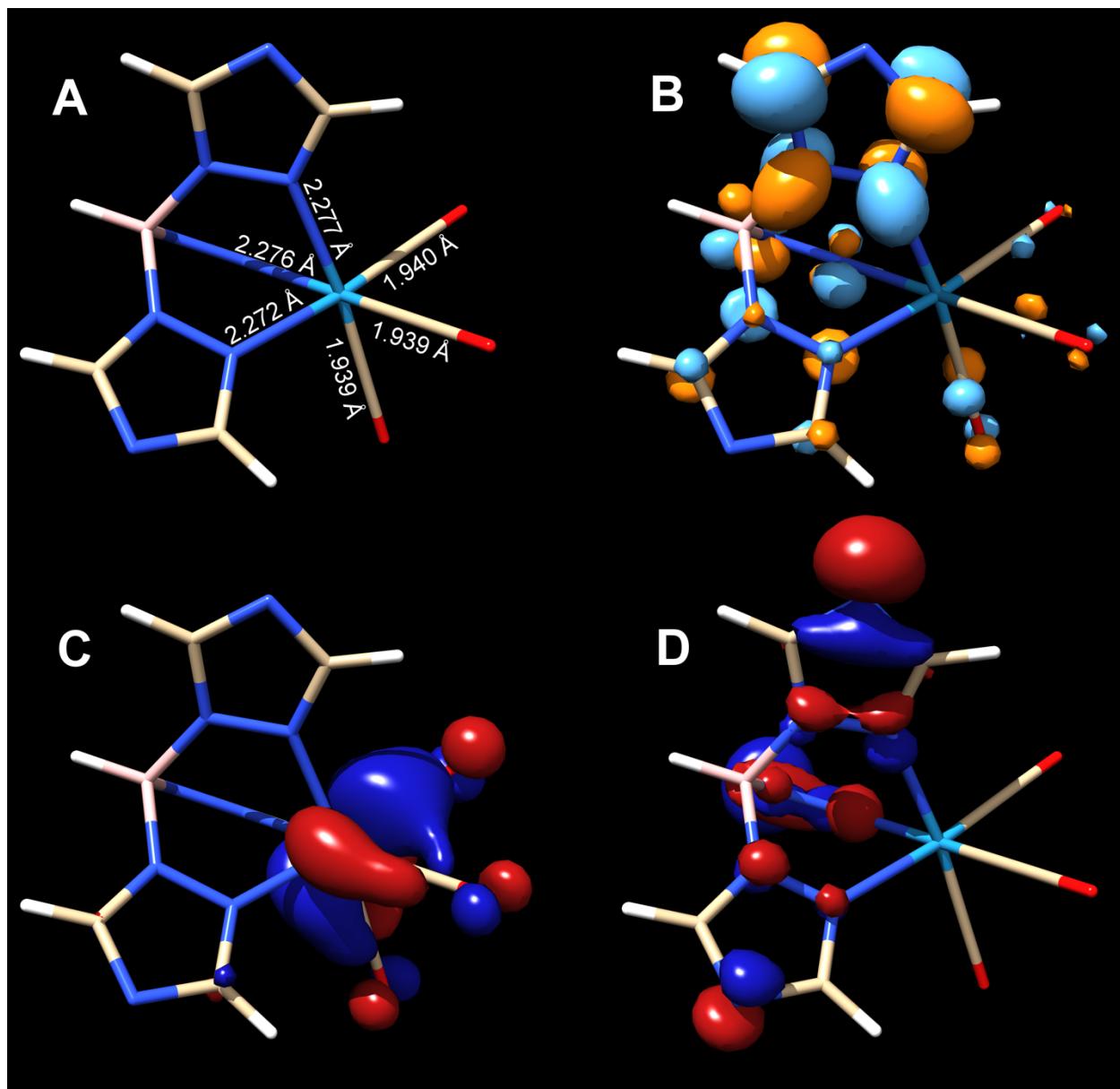


Figure S12. Kohn-Sham orbital representations of $[\text{W}(\text{Ttz})(\text{CO})_3]^-$ **5⁻** (A); LUMO (B); HOMO (C); and (D) HOMO-7. ORCA 4.0.0; B3LYP/G; ZORA; def2-TZVP; CPCM(Acetonitrile).

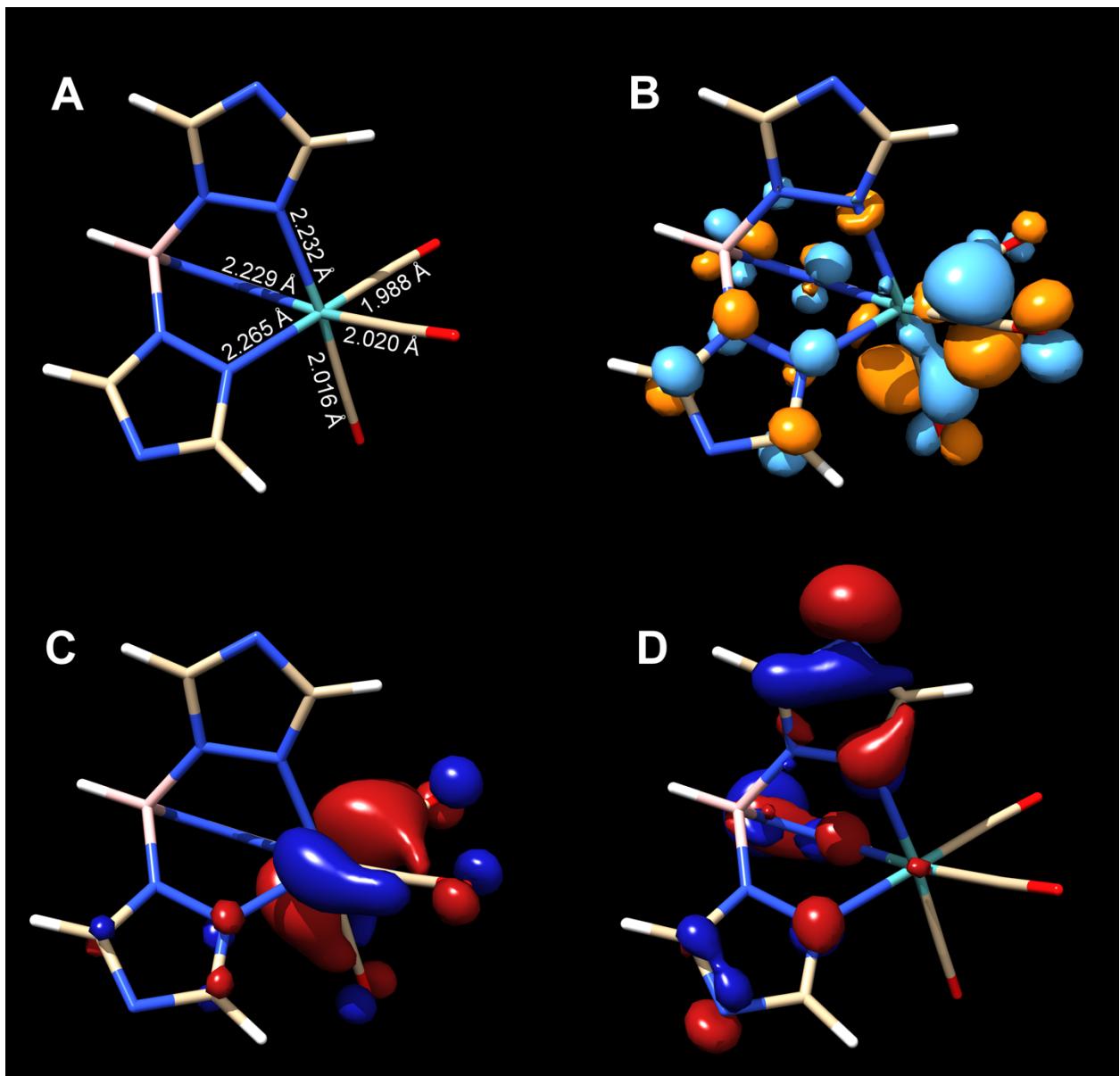


Figure S13. Kohn-Sham orbital representations of $[\text{Mo}(\text{Ttz})(\text{CO})_3]$ 3 (A); LUMO (B); SOMO (C); and (D) HOMO-7. ORCA 4.0.0; B3LYP/G; ZORA; def2-TZVP; CPCM(Acetonitrile).

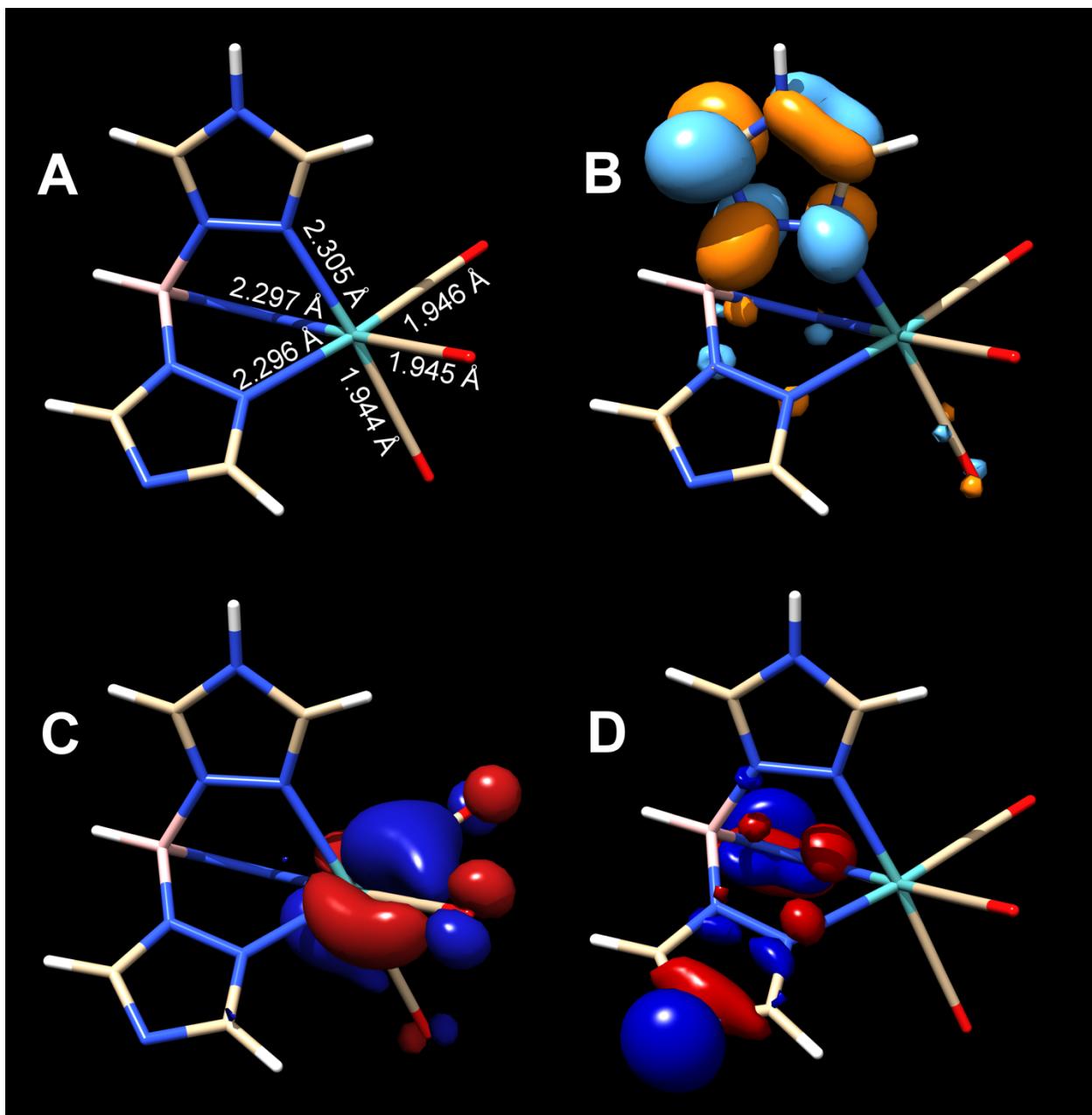


Figure S14. Kohn-Sham orbital representations of $[\text{Mo}(\text{HTtz})(\text{CO})_3]$ **3H** (A); LUMO (B); HOMO (C); and (D) HOMO-7. ORCA 4.0.0; B3LYP/G; ZORA; def2-TZVP; CPCM(Acetonitrile).

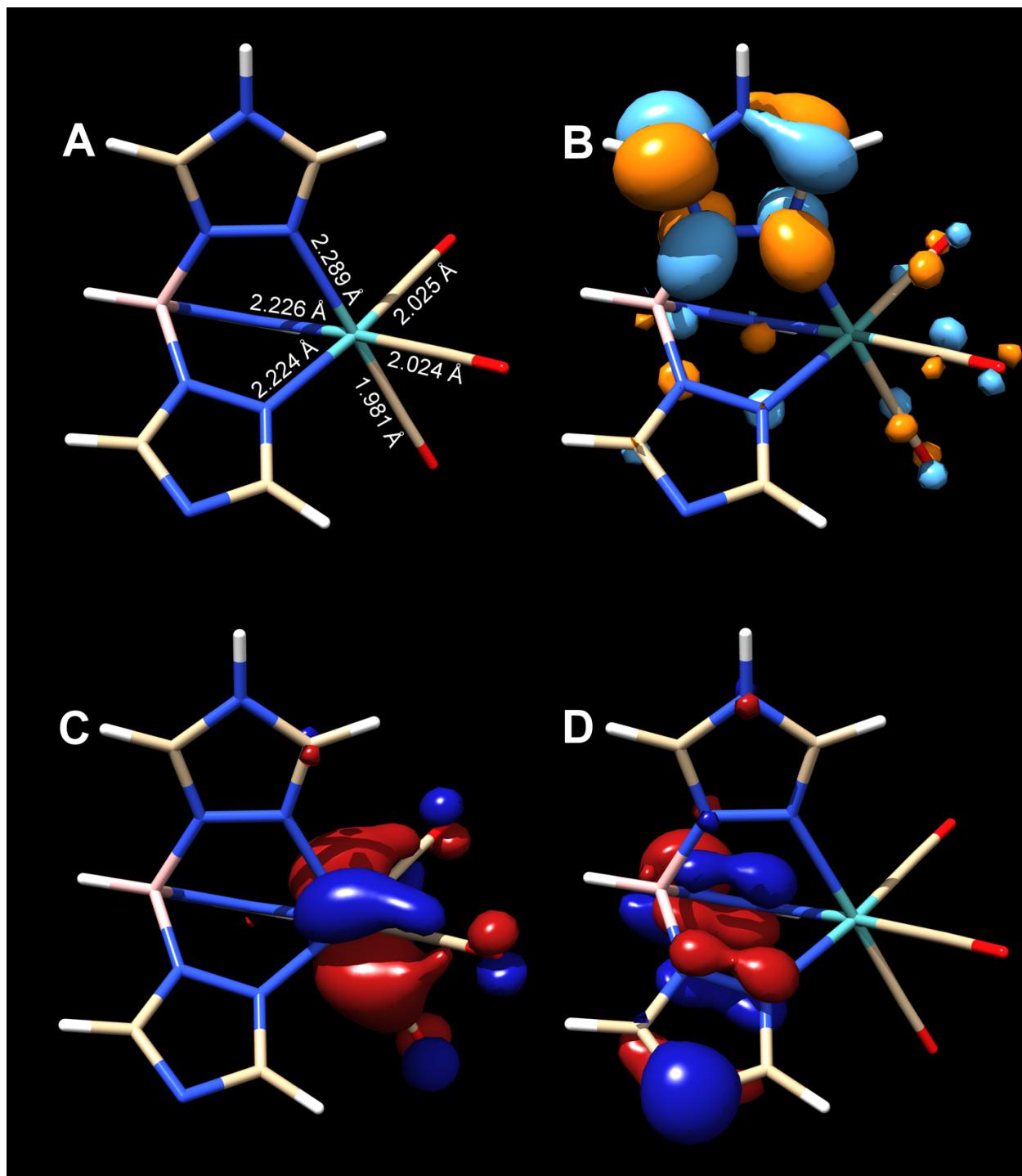


Figure S15. Kohn-Sham orbital representations of $[Mo(HTtz)(CO)_3]^{3H^+}$ (A); LUMO (B); SOMO (C); and (D) HOMO-7. ORCA 4.0.0; B3LYP/G; ZORA; def2-TZVP; CPCM(Acetonitrile).

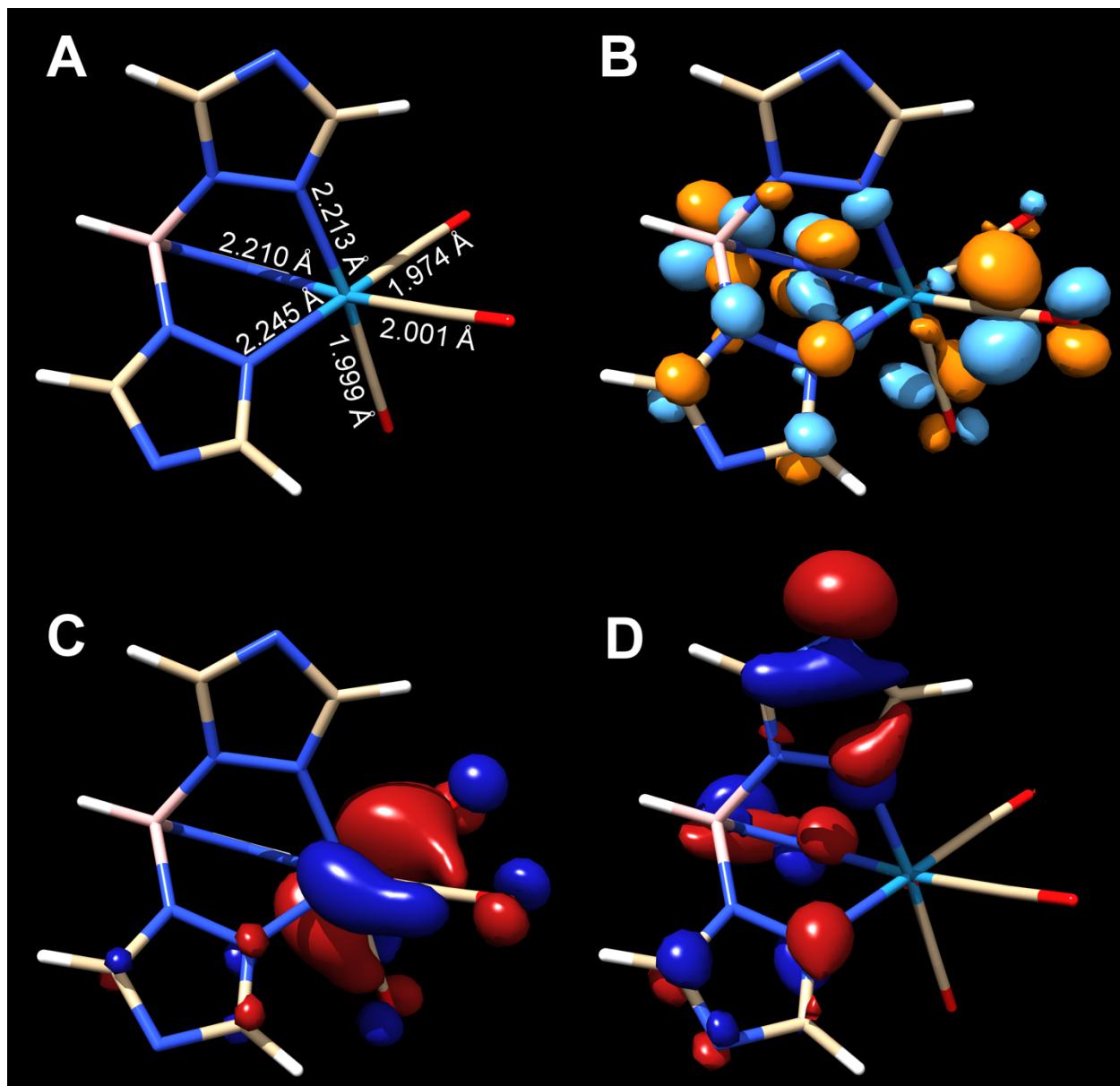


Figure S16. Kohn-Sham orbital representations of $[W(\text{Ttz})\text{CO}]_3$ **5** (A); LUMO (B); SOMO (C); and (D) HOMO-7. ORCA 4.0.0; B3LYP/G; ZORA; def2-TZVP; CPCM(Acetonitrile).

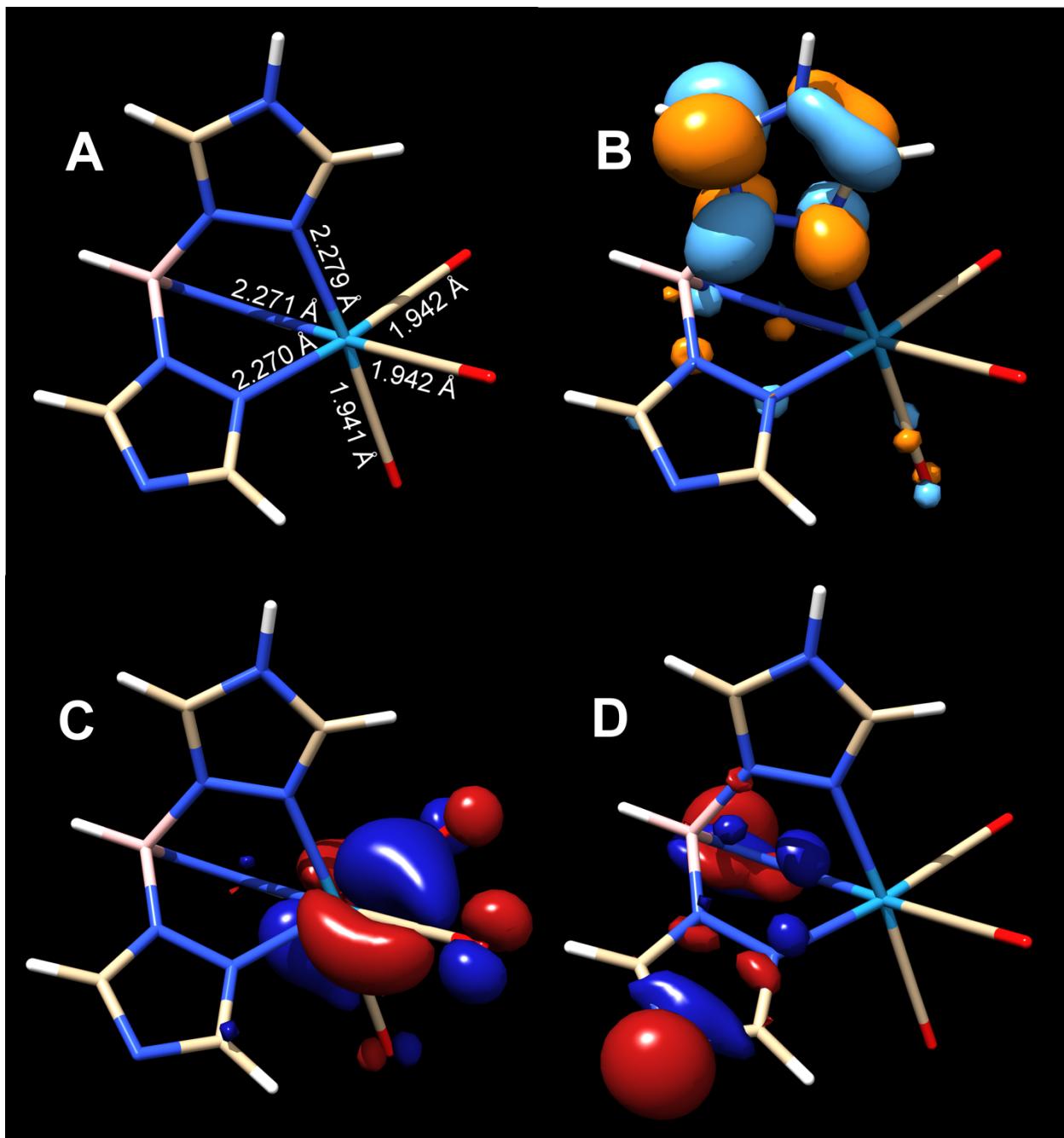


Figure S17. Kohn-Sham orbital representations of $[W(HTtz)(CO)_3]$ **5H** (A); LUMO (B); HOMO (C); and (D) HOMO-7. ORCA 4.0.0; B3LYP/G; ZORA; def2-TZVP; CPCM(Acetonitrile).

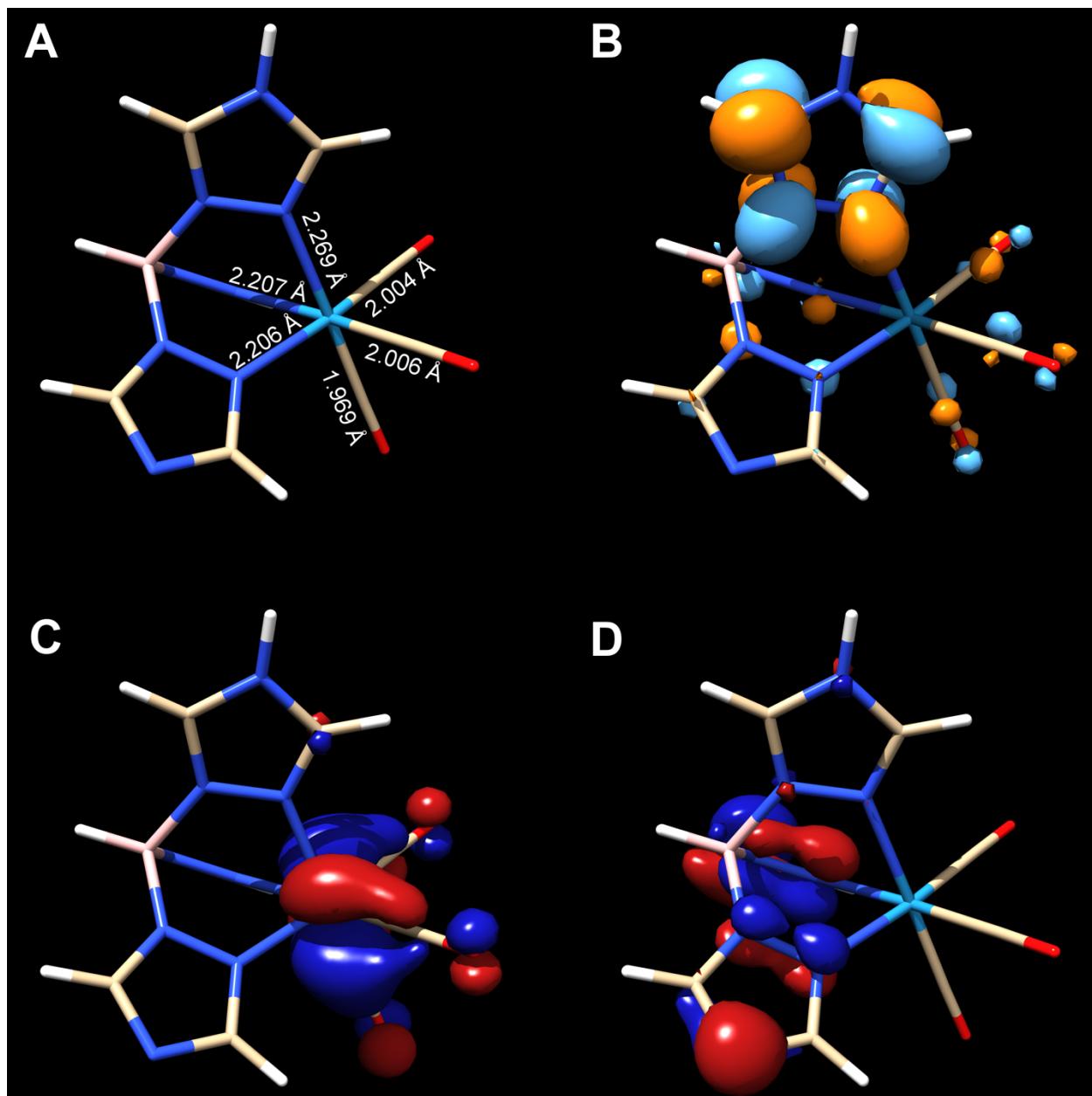


Figure S18. Kohn-Sham orbital representations of $[W(HTtz)(CO)_3]^+ \textbf{5H}^+$ (A); LUMO (B); SOMO (C); and (D) HOMO-7. ORCA 4.0.0; B3LYP/G; ZORA; def2-TZVP; CPCM(Acetonitrile).

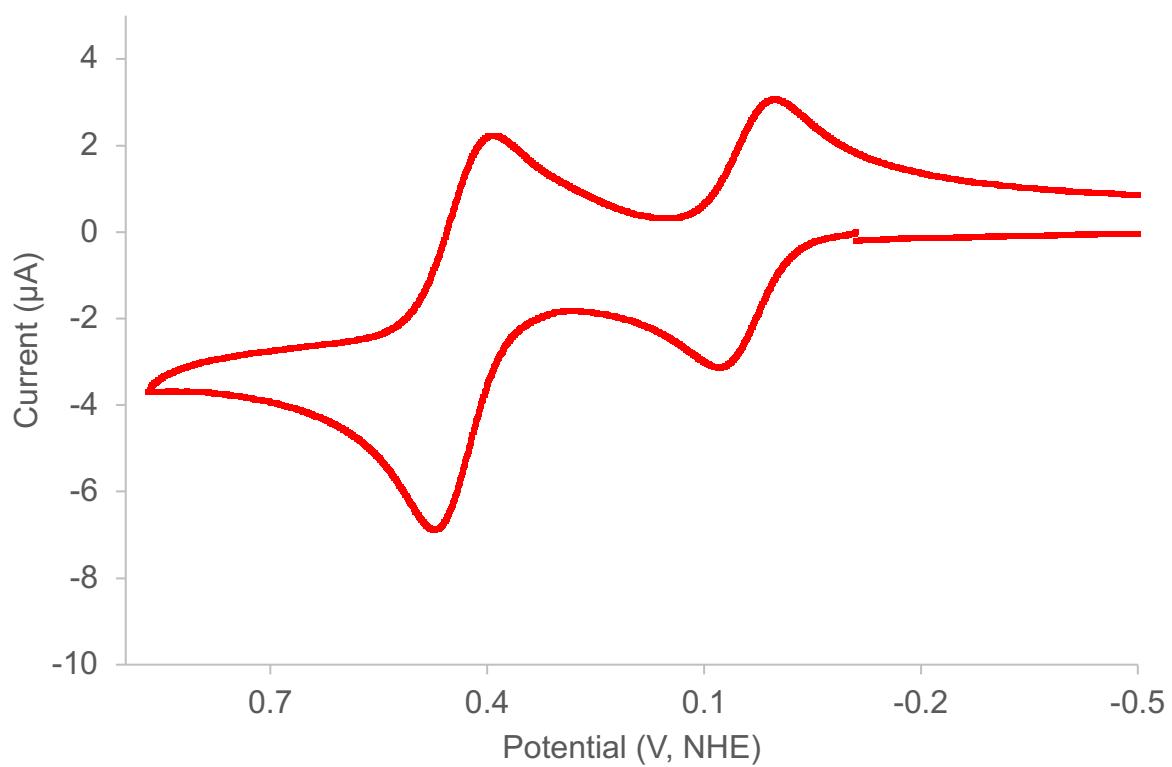


Figure S19. Cyclic Voltammogram of 0.002 M **3⁻** and 0.01 M BF_3 -etherate with decamethylferrocene and tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate in acetonitrile.

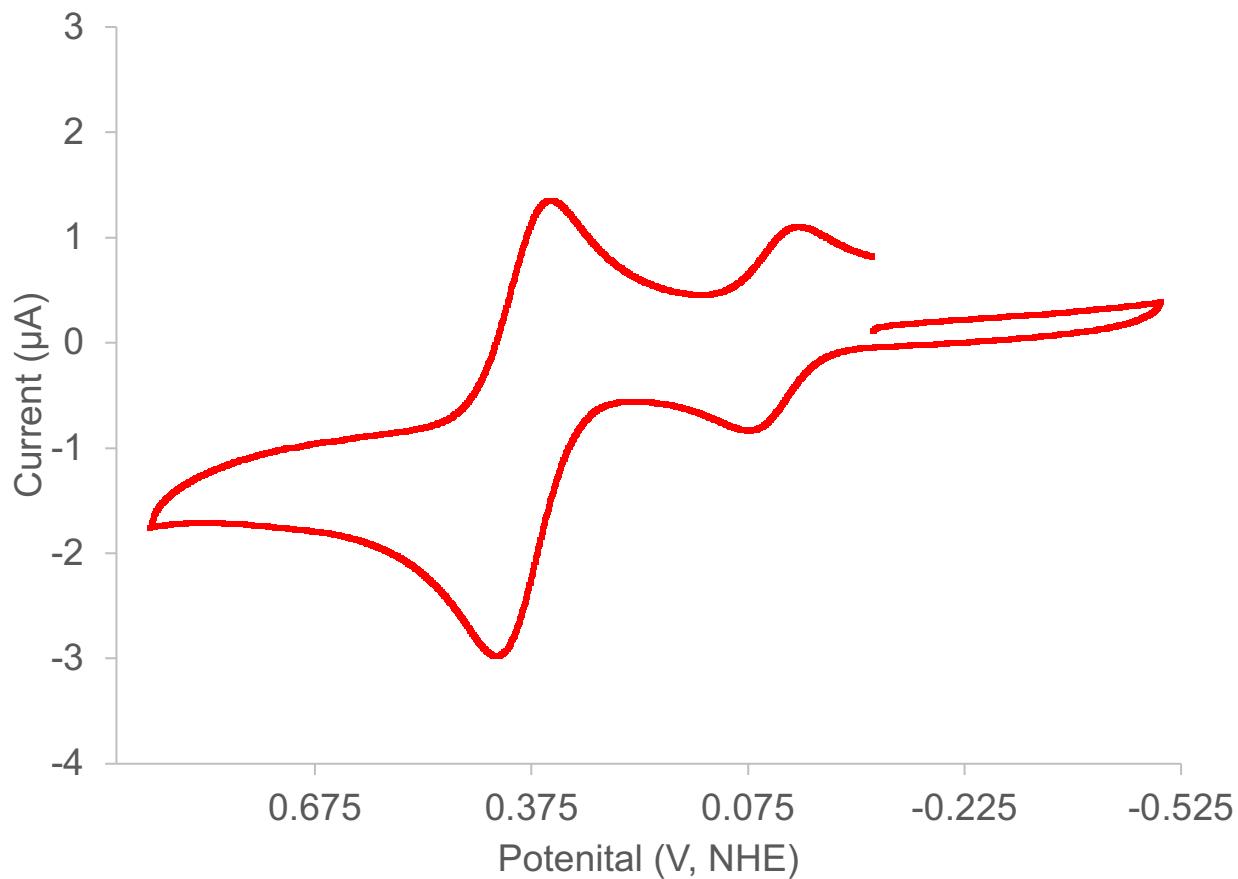
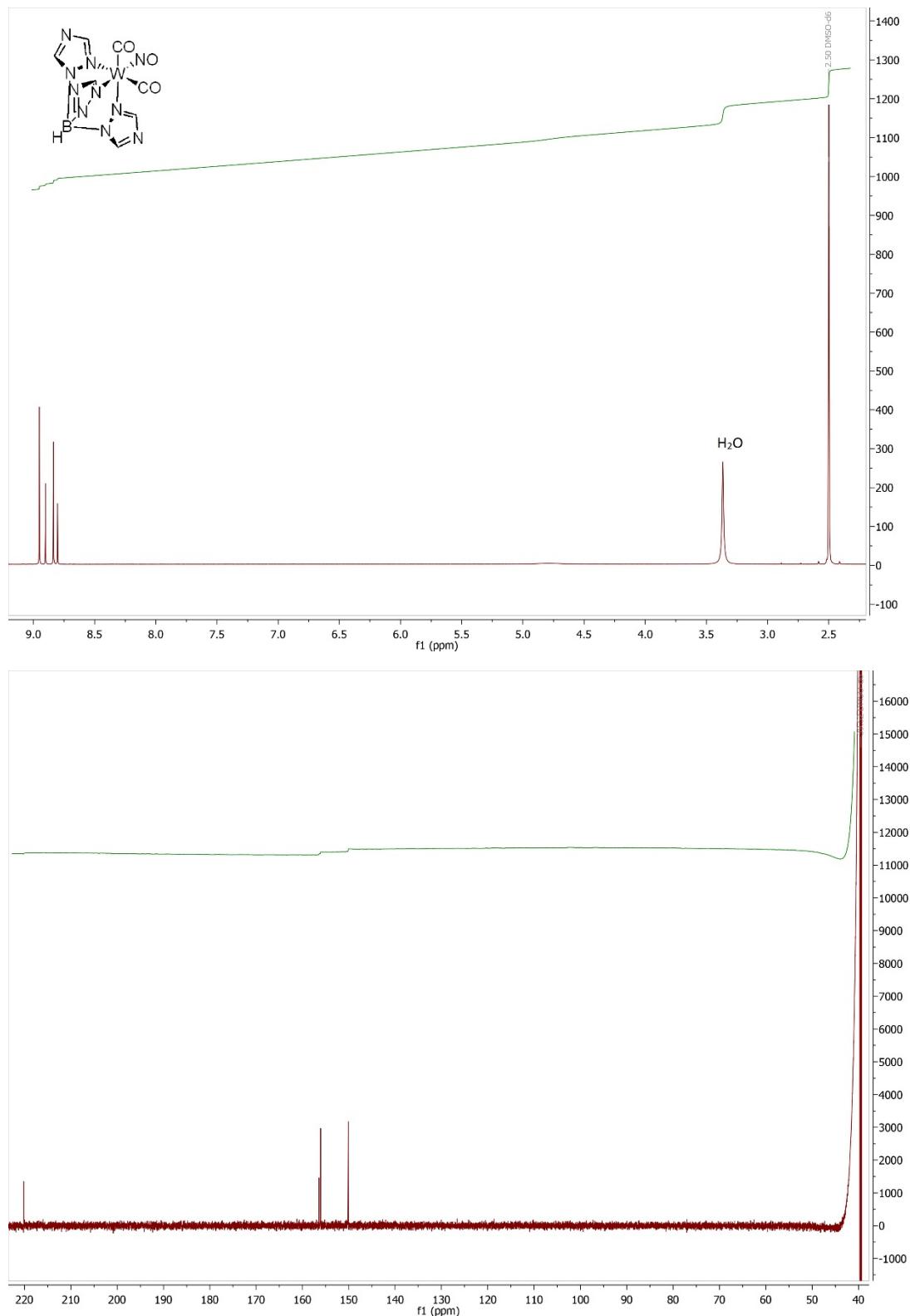


Figure S20. Cyclic Voltammogram of 0.002 M **5⁻** and 0.01 M BF_3 -etherate with decamethylferrocene and tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate in acetonitrile.

^1H -NMR ($\text{d}_6\text{-DMSO}$) and $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR ($\text{d}_6\text{-DMSO}$) of Compound 9:



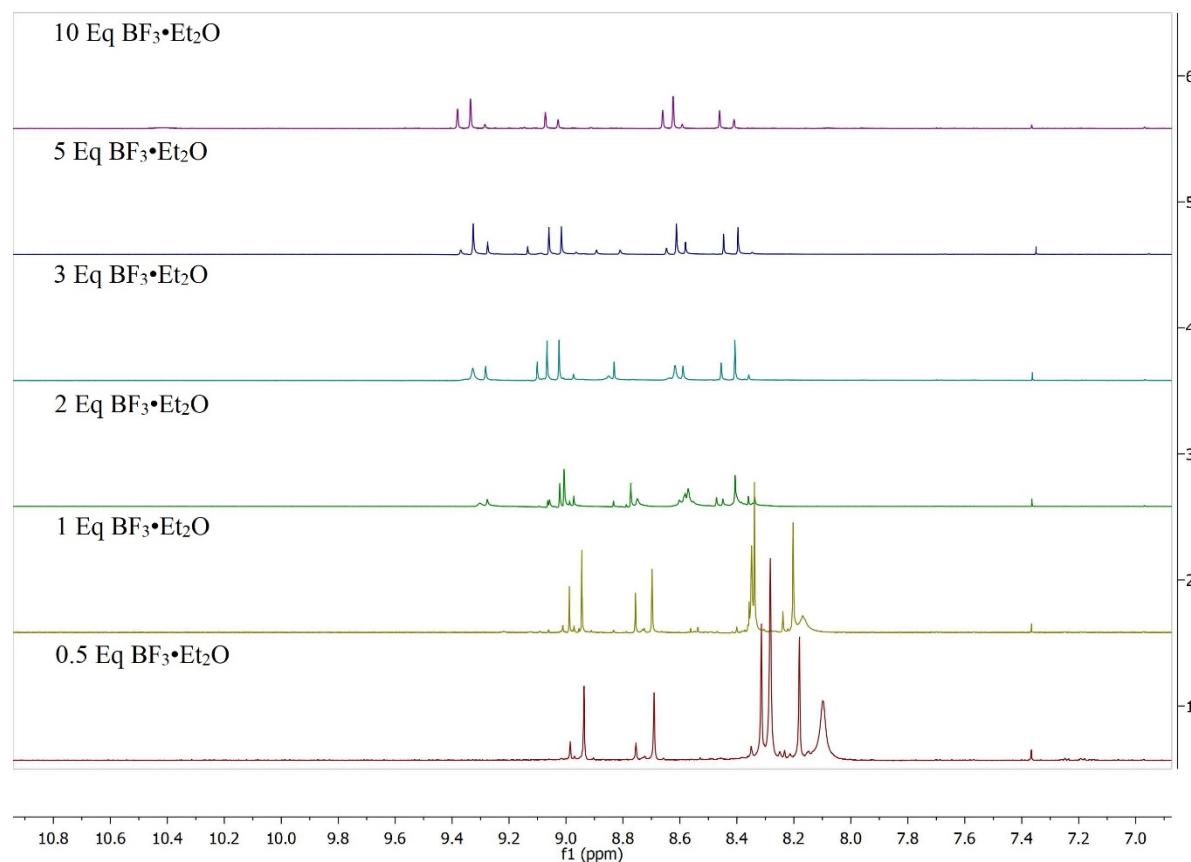
¹H-NMR (d_6 -MeCN) of $\text{BF}_3\bullet\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ added to Compound 3:

Table S1. Mulliken Charges[Mo(Ttz)(CO)₃]⁻ **3⁻**

MULLIKEN ATOMIC CHARGES AND SPIN POPULATIONS

0 Mo:	1.022843	0.000000
1 O :	-0.286466	0.000000
2 C :	0.002725	0.000000
3 O :	-0.285554	0.000000
4 N :	0.072683	0.000000
5 C :	0.014449	0.000000
6 N :	0.052979	0.000000
7 N :	0.069447	0.000000
8 C :	0.010613	0.000000
9 N :	-0.251737	0.000000
10 C :	-0.010354	0.000000
11 H :	0.195144	0.000000
12 Nexo:	-0.364909	0.000000
13 B :	0.096203	0.000000
14 Nexo:	-0.363860	0.000000
15 N :	-0.233705	0.000000
16 C :	-0.005014	0.000000
17 H :	0.194208	0.000000
18 C :	0.002419	0.000000
19 H :	0.190573	0.000000
20 N :	-0.251427	0.000000
21 C :	-0.223501	0.000000
22 Nexo:	-0.369147	0.000000
23 C :	-0.231423	0.000000
24 C :	-0.234940	0.000000
25 H :	-0.057191	0.000000
26 H :	0.174151	0.000000
27 O :	-0.288332	0.000000
28 H :	0.186068	0.000000
29 H :	0.173051	0.000000

Sum of atomic charges : -1.0000000

Sum of atomic spin populations: 0.0000000

[Mo(HTtz)(CO)₃] 3H**MULLIKEN ATOMIC CHARGES AND SPIN POPULATIONS**

0 Mo:	0.993914	0.000000
1 O :	-0.272912	0.000000
2 C :	0.008431	0.000000
3 O :	-0.267500	0.000000
4 N :	0.076131	0.000000
5 C :	0.019779	0.000000
6 N :	0.074542	0.000000
7 N :	0.073832	0.000000
8 C :	0.092396	0.000000
9 N :	-0.252274	0.000000
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15 N :	-0.193300	0.000000
16 C :	-0.001000	0.000000
17 C :	0.095662	0.000000
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20 C :	-0.211896	0.000000
21 NexoH:	-0.174340	0.000000
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26 O :	-0.274933	0.000000
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28 H :	0.229887	0.000000
29 H :	0.323655	0.000000
30 H :	0.198317	0.000000

Sum of atomic charges : -0.0000000
Sum of atomic spin populations: 0.0000000

[Mo(Ttz)(CO)₃] 3

MULLIKEN ATOMIC CHARGES AND SPIN POPULATIONS

0 Mo: 0.915345 0.879662
1 O : -0.113064 0.055888
2 C : 0.013397 0.019202
3 O : -0.160774 0.021889
4 N : 0.064072 -0.001595
5 C : 0.024814 0.020811
6 N : 0.055046 0.002034
7 N : 0.059136 -0.002070
8 C : 0.022862 0.006873
9 N : -0.232456 -0.021423
10 C : 0.014224 0.015370
11 H : 0.203686 -0.000706
12 Nexo: -0.348578 -0.001538
13 B : 0.097084 -0.002329
14 Nexo: -0.346022 -0.001773
15 N : -0.223744 -0.024687
16 C : 0.018771 0.016901
17 H : 0.203521 -0.000768
18 C : 0.015301 -0.000265
19 H : 0.197698 0.000399
20 N : -0.230958 -0.020628
21 C : -0.097666 0.000258
22 Nexo: -0.357256 -0.000050
23 C : -0.101036 0.000883
24 C : -0.114942 -0.015700
25 H : -0.039503 0.000028
26 H : 0.190442 -0.000935
27 O : -0.116812 0.055038
28 H : 0.201418 -0.000915
29 H : 0.185993 0.000144

Sum of atomic charges : -0.0000000

Sum of atomic spin populations: 1.0000000

[Mo(HTtz)(CO)₃]⁺ **3H⁺**

MULLIKEN ATOMIC CHARGES AND SPIN POPULATIONS

0 Mo:	0.893124	0.884880
1 O :	-0.099176	0.057446
2 C :	0.020379	0.020323
3 O :	-0.151743	0.016391
4 N :	0.068164	-0.001820
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6 N :	0.081223	0.001570
7 N :	0.064991	-0.002249
8 C :	0.106532	0.006151
9 N :	-0.234347	-0.021994
10 C :	0.018359	0.016335
11 H :	0.208494	-0.000726
12 Nexo:	-0.339734	-0.001669
13 B :	0.089722	-0.002225
14 Nexo:	-0.337326	-0.001883
15 N :	-0.186716	-0.020541
16 C :	0.023312	0.017552
17 C :	0.105682	-0.000379
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19 N :	-0.232698	-0.021321
20 C :	-0.086653	-0.000226
21 NexoH:	-0.166120	0.000051
22 C :	-0.091644	-0.001911
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24 H :	-0.016139	0.000014
25 H :	0.194844	-0.000958
26 O :	-0.099772	0.059564
27 H :	0.205589	-0.000976
28 H :	0.242337	0.000117
29 H :	0.328938	-0.000046
30 H :	0.207860	-0.000774

Sum of atomic charges : 1.0000000

Sum of atomic spin populations: 1.0000000

[W(Ttz)(CO)₃]⁻ **5⁻**

MULLIKEN ATOMIC CHARGES AND SPIN POPULATIONS

0 W :	0.643111	0.000000
1 O :	-0.314275	0.000000
2 C :	0.003133	0.000000
3 O :	-0.313353	0.000000
4 N :	0.049875	0.000000
5 C :	0.017998	0.000000
6 N :	0.030681	0.000000
7 N :	0.046528	0.000000
8 C :	0.013006	0.000000
9 N :	-0.210485	0.000000
10 C :	-0.002776	0.000000
11 H :	0.197754	0.000000
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21 C :	-0.113866	0.000000
22 Nexo:	-0.359152	0.000000
23 C :	-0.120093	0.000000
24 C :	-0.131071	0.000000
25 H :	-0.047177	0.000000
26 H :	0.179877	0.000000
27 O :	-0.315233	0.000000
28 H :	0.190803	0.000000
29 H :	0.178315	0.000000

Sum of atomic charges : -1.0000000

Sum of atomic spin populations: 0.0000000

[W(HTtz)(CO)₃] **5H**

MULLIKEN ATOMIC CHARGES AND SPIN POPULATIONS

0 W : 0.642378 0.000000
 1 O : -0.299064 0.000000
 2 C : 0.008934 0.000000
 3 O : -0.292848 0.000000
 4 N : 0.054240 0.000000
 5 C : 0.022671 0.000000
 6 N : 0.054558 0.000000
 7 N : 0.051412 0.000000
 8 C : 0.099970 0.000000
 9 N : -0.212949 0.000000
 10 C : 0.000968 0.000000
 11 H : 0.202401 0.000000
 12 Nexo: -0.347445 0.000000
 13 B : 0.071356 0.000000
 14 Nexo: -0.345191 0.000000
 15 N : -0.156620 0.000000
 16 C : 0.006543 0.000000
 17 C : 0.102200 0.000000
 18 H : 0.252338 0.000000
 19 N : -0.211543 0.000000
 20 C : -0.111336 0.000000
 21 NexoH: -0.170323 0.000000
 22 C : -0.115037 0.000000
 23 C : -0.125248 0.000000
 24 H : -0.023247 0.000000
 25 H : 0.184467 0.000000
 26 O : -0.300064 0.000000
 27 H : 0.195020 0.000000
 28 H : 0.235416 0.000000
 29 H : 0.324338 0.000000
 30 H : 0.201705 0.000000

Sum of atomic charges : -0.0000000
 Sum of atomic spin populations: 0.0000000

[W(Ttz)(CO)₃] **5**

MULLIKEN ATOMIC CHARGES AND SPIN POPULATIONS

0 W : 0.761113 0.785616
1 O : -0.141088 0.072163
2 C : 0.010430 0.020994
3 O : -0.190274 0.026798
4 N : 0.042280 -0.002411
5 C : 0.027175 0.022481
6 N : 0.032584 0.001166
7 N : 0.039051 -0.002817
8 C : 0.026167 0.002277
9 N : -0.196863 -0.015593
10 C : 0.021897 0.017318
11 H : 0.207403 -0.000775
12 Nexo: -0.337695 -0.002054
13 B : 0.074477 -0.001868
14 Nexo: -0.334053 -0.002281
15 N : -0.182303 -0.009518
16 C : 0.024786 0.018825
17 H : 0.208296 -0.000833
18 C : 0.023444 -0.000339
19 H : 0.201309 0.000407
20 N : -0.192795 -0.014863
21 C : -0.069717 0.013013
22 Nexo: -0.347918 0.000142
23 C : -0.075962 0.013030
24 C : -0.052981 -0.008492
25 H : -0.028396 0.000005
26 H : 0.196130 -0.001108
27 O : -0.143641 0.071471
28 H : 0.206036 -0.001140
29 H : 0.191110 -0.001614

Sum of atomic charges : -0.0000000

Sum of atomic spin populations: 1.0000000

[W(HTtz)(CO)₃]⁺ **5H⁺**

MULLIKEN ATOMIC CHARGES AND SPIN POPULATIONS

0 W :	0.774498	0.778915
1 O :	-0.130326	0.074428
2 C :	0.015835	0.022273
3 O :	-0.182330	0.021825
4 N :	0.044556	-0.002776
5 C :	0.030404	0.023668
6 N :	0.060330	0.000978
7 N :	0.042587	-0.003206
8 C :	0.113059	0.001796
9 N :	-0.196571	-0.015696
10 C :	0.027514	0.018731
11 H :	0.212440	-0.000807
12 Nexo:	-0.328409	-0.002150
13 B :	0.061833	-0.001806
14 Nexo:	-0.325101	-0.002425
15 N :	-0.146643	-0.007047
16 C :	0.031969	0.019970
17 C :	0.112604	-0.000484
18 H :	0.259547	0.000361
19 N :	-0.193291	-0.015219
20 C :	-0.069815	0.013074
21 NexoH:	-0.161830	0.000166
22 C :	-0.073552	0.010484
23 C :	-0.049005	-0.011135
24 H :	-0.004471	-0.000004
25 H :	0.201346	-0.001253
26 O :	-0.126885	0.081090
27 H :	0.210531	-0.001340
28 H :	0.246633	-0.001513
29 H :	0.330213	-0.000045
30 H :	0.212329	-0.000854

Sum of atomic charges : 1.0000000

Sum of atomic spin populations: 1.0000000

Table S2. Bond lengths of the primary coordination sphere for computed structures.

Complex	M–N1	M–N2	M–N3	M–C1	M–C2	M–C3
3⁻	2.298	2.302	2.303	1.942	1.943	1.944
3	2.229	2.232	2.265	1.988	2.016	2.020
3H	2.296	2.297	2.305*	1.944 [†]	1.945	1.946
3H⁺	2.224	2.226	2.289*	1.981 [†]	2.024	2.025
5⁻	2.272	2.276	2.277	1.939	1.939	1.940
5	2.210	2.213	2.245	1.974	1.999	2.001
5H	2.270	2.271	2.279*	1.941 [†]	1.942	1.942
5H⁺	2.206	2.207	2.269*	1.969 [†]	2.004	2.006

All distances in Angstroms.

* - denotes protonated triazole; [†] - denotes CO *trans* to protonated triazole.

DFT Coordinates

[Mo(Ttz)(CO)₃] **3⁻**

Mo	2.94053312599688	3.18705611242101	1.18288972308944
O	3.60256869086909	0.17111569118379	1.59755270084902
C	6.11670203255854	3.71748108822551	2.15396839446395
O	4.14656418589984	2.89246855644533	-1.67534515565584
N	4.75972248197280	5.07547375876729	3.06137519415467
C	2.00718469616080	6.23518404100160	0.12000144930377
N	2.46943367174854	4.69323344081944	3.99516154095068
N	2.79636642703574	6.28028439372096	2.09064104405124
C	1.31784672006476	2.91249610939942	4.10590385778166
N	2.51404526593553	5.44497857273495	1.05116536261387
C	5.99814767659202	5.33536012695533	3.48998414339332
H	6.21637374250865	6.12602533545816	4.18881489890518
N	6.88172038437140	4.50417612233311	2.94409870993163
B	3.41707136163032	5.75317455517388	3.39926863696688
N	1.94342835654231	7.53263551630874	0.49526140058066
N	2.13570603109389	3.56903474720462	3.30083736740675
C	2.44405378255408	7.51654014099768	1.72752448904063
H	2.56493695334742	8.36861541136962	2.37597000337323
C	1.83596766312187	4.64906076088199	5.17096483921664
H	1.93136959140903	5.42598522255481	5.91162872652436
N	4.83165934605281	4.02634912734640	2.19361051350874
C	1.24199674654645	2.60643418865510	0.44085321266339
N	1.10102940815714	3.54566457132295	5.28075128005196
C	3.36213747787799	1.31021429496619	1.45580342935933
C	3.69951625292853	3.01698276589910	-0.59821684167689
H	3.58385750562170	6.64665483006443	4.17264946311480
H	1.68426848260489	5.85791524060293	-0.83575072363788
O	0.22454971020014	2.23627876482005	-0.00992521643871
H	6.49221168526404	2.91296906537051	1.54373556077476
H	0.88098054333284	1.96773744699510	3.82941199533876

[Mo(HTtz)(CO)₃] 3H

Mo	2.93679797578977	3.17976942590953	1.17280029465206
O	3.63629974336095	0.17550040910978	1.61922649537977
C	6.08922809675283	3.73112720155813	2.18641477716172
O	4.15376265555864	2.89940155677636	-1.67954231239017
N	4.71376481751842	5.08961915031585	3.06421512608165
C	1.93882890823557	6.19873046505546	0.10783582815679
N	2.42380213188530	4.69170852672495	3.98485617337274
N	2.73716634263816	6.26930647753234	2.07367074972017
C	1.30314736184892	2.87022936029467	4.06130735695494
N	2.47432892108096	5.42398883555548	1.03520989883268
C	5.94464045177123	5.35035035228590	3.51912629310962
H	6.14757380261382	6.14193510916180	4.22153592274043
N	6.83688867063729	4.52016828514443	2.99126658865512
B	3.37951689879262	5.77407169480719	3.37141956228469
N	1.83869683502382	7.49402861598519	0.48374361867875
N	2.10644284942543	3.55225762760328	3.29067407946196
C	2.34426803536322	7.49564349931723	1.71184542228402
C	1.81337982828259	4.68095425515493	5.14814492269049
H	1.87223463666574	5.44180746426560	5.90629686494104
N	4.80377644231638	4.03831751930215	2.19825864300702
C	1.24227936913962	2.58150385874198	0.42774780495702
N	1.10419123000610	3.54872740342981	5.21946410723134
C	3.38060751548696	1.30716591845183	1.46284052167710
C	3.70365537858794	3.01161160226207	-0.60572288202766
H	3.51818993573275	6.66090299851839	4.15312029344334
H	1.62107413852450	5.81233191996597	-0.84592209738615
O	0.22810935546341	2.20582203809962	-0.02046024128093
H	6.47854729184155	2.92580658915132	1.58609283099270
H	0.86278219429173	1.91887287544180	3.82493954379837
H	0.52804664281470	3.25587179270757	5.99739390227309
H	2.44362154254907	8.35140717136939	2.35893991054627

[Mo(Ttz)(CO)₃] 3

Mo	2.93844352795747	3.22980087492129	1.24285853244040
O	3.94931484451424	0.25628071039188	1.63912556635365
C	6.08495395804747	3.70202969844826	2.12644693671284
O	4.02866840012358	2.7646666881886	-1.66468301827745
N	4.74144752299534	5.05864923819962	3.07323713055563
C	2.02215717855442	6.18971783410236	0.11384380722883
N	2.45644635805266	4.69281828896146	4.01910232816791
N	2.78592755259727	6.25979936676662	2.10248082232173
C	1.29729463854183	2.91175655655912	4.13022101956165
N	2.51571293232801	5.41133017657889	1.06850320849717
C	5.98581452374268	5.30591285202363	3.48092599348493
H	6.22125827716655	6.08946548059196	4.18198999234477
N	6.85794102832945	4.47450783258673	2.91103678392449
B	3.40529332360121	5.74810127606989	3.42032437086433
N	1.95530069621211	7.48421880286023	0.47249759640551
N	2.12105390243812	3.56729075517709	3.32796367604717
C	2.44054245013010	7.48639569773458	1.71401567554919
H	2.55511625496173	8.34944747208924	2.34873586770816
C	1.81783733726527	4.65080432473925	5.19088575987083
H	1.91187485971502	5.42912810177389	5.93013105767145
N	4.79808985815539	4.01737712439607	2.19303513232551
C	1.17789924060719	2.76337346499941	0.37806260572342
N	1.08033767746413	3.54878304797691	5.29912336261617
C	3.55709645929461	1.32636251278329	1.51390427294912
C	3.64645337661579	2.95974274114418	-0.59453512946667
H	3.57856900664657	6.64572493368188	4.18286663575928
H	1.71475735493169	5.79927154289975	-0.84185052681244
O	0.19123396738204	2.52302597275807	-0.15490764071887
H	6.44740538538283	2.90446726904779	1.49930818735442
H	0.85770810624524	1.96732938091777	3.85593999283689

[Mo(HTtz)(CO)₃]⁺ 3H⁺

Mo	2.93318657990802	3.22231436283638	1.22395407324680
O	3.96405415646527	0.25174540767824	1.61830311935622
C	6.05679729865814	3.71223619320201	2.15583623724696
O	4.06497920950428	2.80877972660893	-1.66664777671747
N	4.69362159662878	5.06793187882601	3.07518518918857
C	1.95867193230610	6.15744945062051	0.09910355589363
N	2.40899866376963	4.69422079081993	4.01266099009466
N	2.72454296341143	6.24809094166106	2.08590102092241
C	1.28258046393747	2.87434698156006	4.09703030554470
N	2.47689174921123	5.39188331613476	1.05055060896335
C	5.93107462394700	5.31653230689035	3.50818924841467
H	6.15131586149316	6.10132921335637	4.21287839717715
N	6.81218750719945	4.48577103334007	2.95616765097086
B	3.36737474540225	5.76685129814577	3.39112331687106
N	1.85502182106067	7.44889226208628	0.46036118714376
N	2.08892518707522	3.55294617806505	3.32570731753230
C	2.34121916058624	7.46587654859708	1.69922329543535
C	1.79784112035205	4.68871400290186	5.17447843418345
H	1.85797881602009	5.45337868366808	5.92903322697135
N	4.76838539172520	4.02513272638431	2.19547581998119
C	1.17325804475271	2.71583575646128	0.36208426681280
N	1.08568450020720	3.55825487750239	5.24860669632048
C	3.56801781195768	1.31855887962602	1.49490394016202
C	3.66268244419275	2.97801708138527	-0.60117270541066
H	3.51622394430472	6.65933270743331	4.16057745841640
H	1.66092472354453	5.76023599366461	-0.85687075939082
O	0.18927850154668	2.43783514067236	-0.15202407798376
H	6.43394307686051	2.91483348633914	1.53725948560710
H	0.83906964215852	1.92240172674736	3.86679199519246
H	0.50909648700015	3.26744641254622	6.02774963627673
H	2.43182197481287	8.33176463423890	2.33431884557631

[W(Ttz)(CO)₃]⁻ **5⁻**

W	2.94222128814805	3.20125266796477	1.19276095026035
O	3.61366300878097	0.18806246416501	1.62817751256666
C	6.09374313748545	3.70770533493603	2.14576566621358
O	4.16011740203261	2.92184425113896	-1.66426673428429
N	4.75646252254617	5.08102119108279	3.06559509203702
C	2.01445845313921	6.21293944104041	0.12277979687242
N	2.47263911728119	4.70059711988190	3.99631451460257
N	2.79935046393552	6.28356118091835	2.09728274190509
C	1.32717387148907	2.91126554796474	4.08144744103294
N	2.52361774934061	5.43486869796743	1.06557261422891
C	6.00023921339936	5.32538111708556	3.48516905027059
H	6.23253547144444	6.11234214038988	4.18356251996069
N	6.87012730111268	4.48446261868827	2.93132823946189
B	3.41938101624149	5.76564992820667	3.40935937689912
N	1.94375550104318	7.51172206071700	0.48501972881484
N	2.14697444845631	3.58209109506607	3.28702227873089
C	2.44159426647869	7.51279154710911	1.71891799456366
H	2.55630116605827	8.37279239196762	2.35782091525349
C	1.83352600882500	4.63925134033187	5.16732423984958
H	1.92131920544415	5.40791743652821	5.91743359315088
N	4.81075191533549	4.03171016156584	2.19516373902211
C	1.24387088965848	2.62426669444550	0.45606516128480
N	1.10322281858950	3.53074184054270	5.26006495916935
C	3.36481452211700	1.32886731513455	1.46960074430470
C	3.70211629217285	3.03403541749590	-0.58421815020575
H	3.58627243127932	6.65817574632959	4.18205071396745
H	1.69618763082535	5.82283314548484	-0.82916890245090
O	0.21376607763083	2.26153612657550	0.01360662357096
H	6.45513694259651	2.90004353999820	1.53154578981642
H	0.89660986711227	1.96785043927667	3.79149178913001

[W(HTtz)(CO)₃] **5H**

W	2.93994157112239	3.19738158290982	1.18176591611343
O	3.63777417751337	0.19664368705623	1.65940523090201
C	6.06810591411622	3.72357829620991	2.17860828138884
O	4.16409587687395	2.90476935234965	-1.66869142918484
N	4.71181989675146	5.09881181807308	3.06693037986350
C	1.94596926692906	6.18038530151515	0.11065340293778
N	2.42900741572341	4.70048855690512	3.98590992739725
N	2.73979484224115	6.27493887389733	2.08036517219128
C	1.31452061080418	2.87099221859523	4.03453348349252
N	2.48614889784743	5.41767578512476	1.04805286032138
C	5.94788849392770	5.34371089197319	3.51367579503760
H	6.16474324661743	6.13194415457423	4.21557077144298
N	6.82675846741774	4.50297556945896	2.97883371738627
B	3.38216642250488	5.78810131074826	3.38083909155728
N	1.83554112189481	7.47574422833336	0.47594392959997
N	2.11909052513031	3.56739496636925	3.27483875223436
C	2.33766178065118	7.49350542371947	1.70569759007281
C	1.81331042769272	4.67121578518764	5.14563256298202
H	1.86452057289998	5.42262435934899	5.91377284188619
N	4.78448408616369	4.04651483625053	2.19881120770906
C	1.24429251736768	2.60059243108880	0.44811128412665
N	1.10879588899388	3.53474916177631	5.19809104596462
C	3.37951821596969	1.33010991406718	1.48244191564506
C	3.70524725723684	3.02125052233700	-0.59332544863900
H	3.52074869757275	6.67436981385554	4.16184451311331
H	1.63377707651473	5.78192235151559	-0.83979349520827
O	0.21731029695943	2.22852533747944	0.01242184267560
H	6.44364382075685	2.91419674953478	1.57524991217124
H	0.87964744554609	1.92079695977562	3.78406474626235
H	0.53254403303248	3.22753543180050	5.97043360758771
H	2.42678113522652	8.35549432816906	2.34605059096908

[W(Ttz)(CO)₃] **5**

W	2.94129777684286	3.24029646272874	1.24998517533587
O	3.90514919762895	0.26263012885781	1.63269617523584
C	6.06686143758835	3.70246209950942	2.11803418421808
O	4.03632409712687	2.77513972835362	-1.64825269882300
N	4.73969400053794	5.06888604525202	3.08010565117832
C	2.03446913850848	6.17271987128753	0.11719309957383
N	2.46046619550889	4.70207231253800	4.02309932113992
N	2.78861020205269	6.26678084102357	2.11158489625916
C	1.30932526309913	2.91136496312759	4.10830558515015
N	2.52881206807304	5.40548510578948	1.08366109321358
C	5.98851510795902	5.30443872750805	3.47686760053773
H	6.23643200859959	6.08485584781168	4.17714698945072
N	6.84924995768658	4.46650166616065	2.89757851545928
B	3.40757611864613	5.76339909733050	3.43286814385582
N	1.95754731362463	7.46737631596262	0.46430594986464
N	2.13400239365817	3.58220951179516	3.31646555570135
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[W(HTtz)(CO)₃]⁺ **5H⁺**

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