

Electronic Supplementary Information

Synthesis, Electronic Structure, and Redox Properties of the Diruthenium Sandwich Complexes $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\mu\text{-C}_{10}\text{H}_8)\text{RuCp}^*]^x$ ($x = 0, 1+$; $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8 = \text{naphthalene}$)

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1. Crystallographic details

Table S1. Crystal and structure refinement data of [1], [1]BAr^F₄, and [3]PF₆.

Compound	1	[1]BAr ^F ₄	[3]PF ₆
Empirical formula	C ₃₀ H ₃₈ Ru ₂	C ₁₂₄ H ₁₀₀ B ₂ F ₄₈ Ru ₄	C ₃₄ H ₄₇ OF ₆ PRu ₂
Formula weight	600.74	2927.93	818.82
Temperature/K	123.0(1)	123.1(2)	123.0(6)
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> −1	<i>P</i> −1
<i>a</i> /Å	8.6703(3)	10.52733(11)	12.2572(3)
<i>b</i> /Å	11.0228(3)	23.1371(2)	12.5519(3)
<i>c</i> /Å	13.1457(4)	24.6760(3)	12.7014(4)
α /°	90	87.0962(9)	115.951(3)
β /°	91.186(3)	89.0569(9)	100.575(3)
γ /°	90	87.5307(9)	98.837(2)
Volume/Å ³	1256.08(7)	5996.46(12)	1665.66(9)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2
ρ_{calc} /g/cm ³	1.588	1.622	1.633
μ /mm ^{−1}	9.828	5.110	8.316
<i>F</i> (000)	612.0	2924.0	832.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 × 0.2 × 0.1	0.1815 × 0.1278 × 0.09	0.2198 × 0.1267 × 0.0755
Radiation	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)
2 Θ range for data collection/°	10.474 to 153.056	7.174 to 133.508	7.608 to 133.61
Index ranges	−10 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 10, −13 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 13, 0 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 16	−12 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 12, −19 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 27, −29 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 29	−14 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14, −14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14, −15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 14
Reflections collected	2565	67884	24105
Independent reflections	2565 [<i>R</i> _{int} = ?, <i>R</i> _{sigma} = 0.0304]	21059 [<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0348, <i>R</i> _{sigma} = 0.0347]	5844 [<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0305, <i>R</i> _{sigma} = 0.0241]
Data/restraints/parameters	2565/0/147	21059/0/1623	5844/48/448
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.085	1.047	1.025
Final <i>R</i> indexes [<i>I</i> ≥ 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0548, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1448	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0359, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0869	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0200, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0466
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0572, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1457	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0442, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0936	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0220, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0475
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ^{−3}	2.22/−1.55	2.71/−0.86	0.67/−0.42

2. NMR spectra

[Cp*₂Ru(μ-C₁₀H₈)RuCp*] (1)

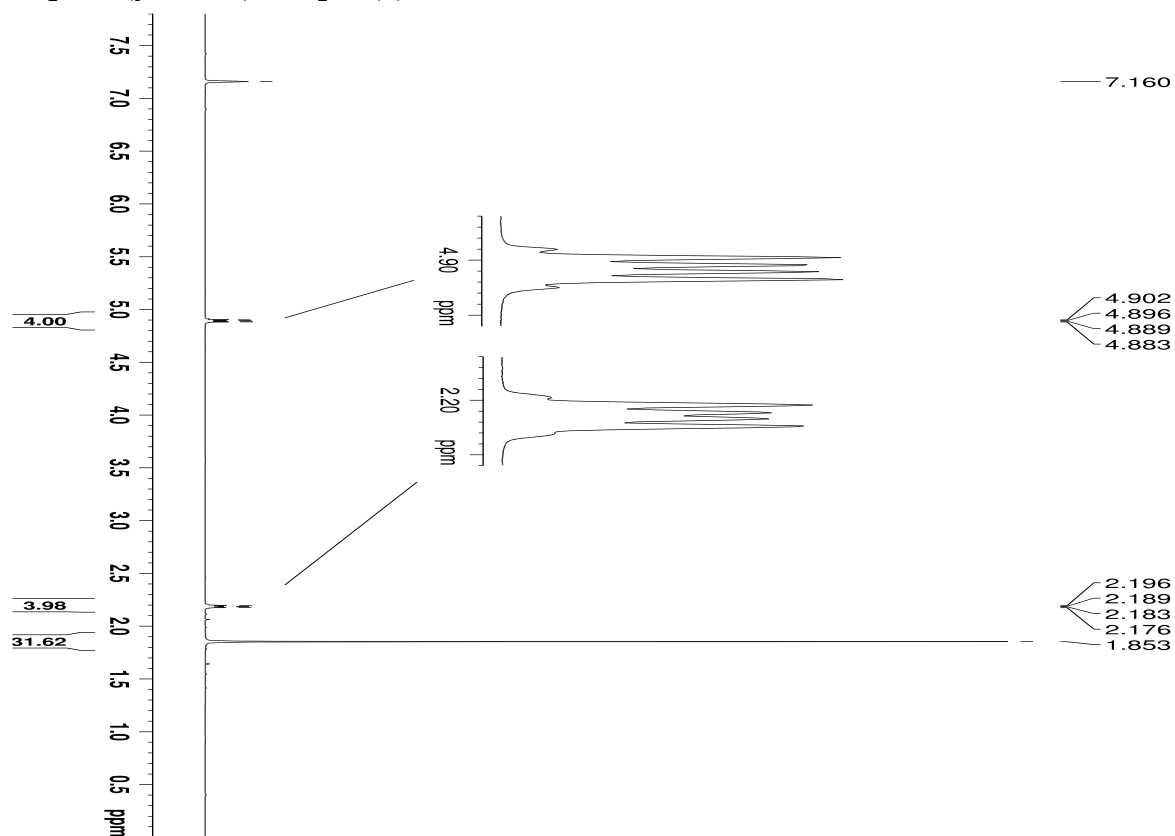


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1** (300 K, 300.13 MHz, C₆D₆).

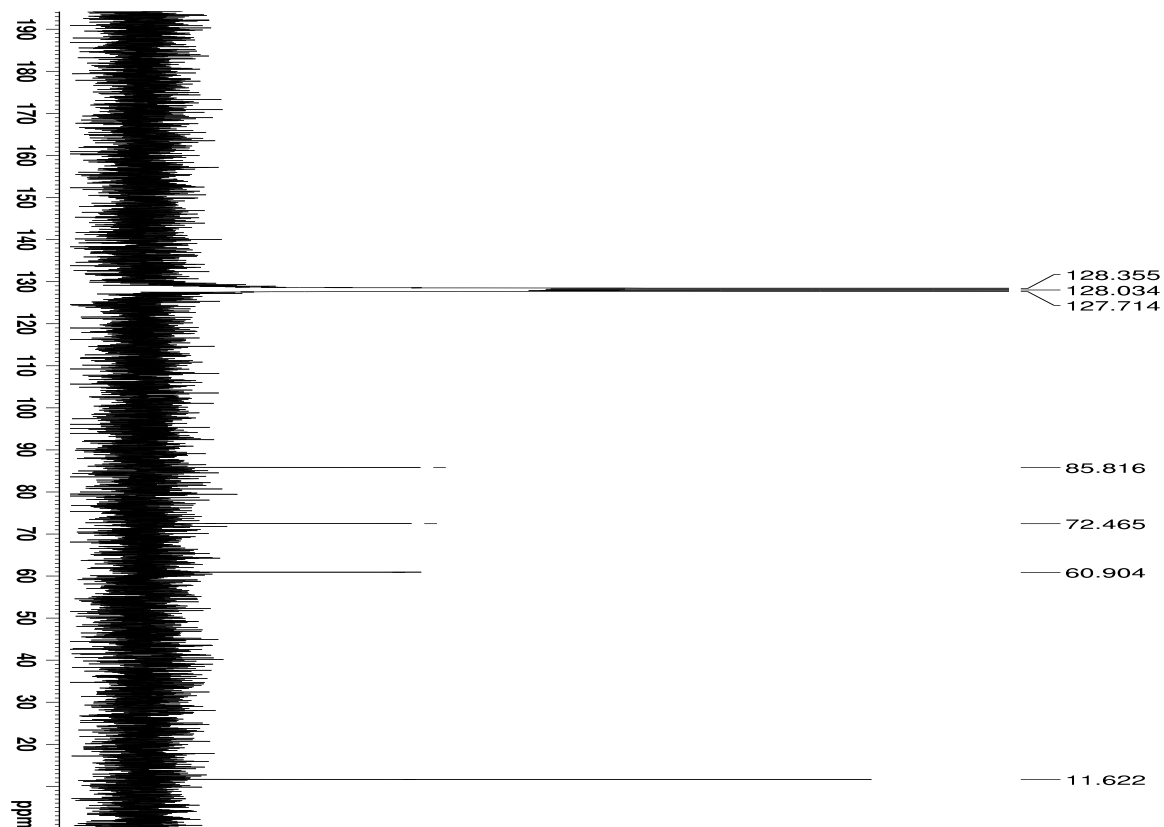


Figure S2. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **1** (300 K, 75.47 MHz, C₆D₆).

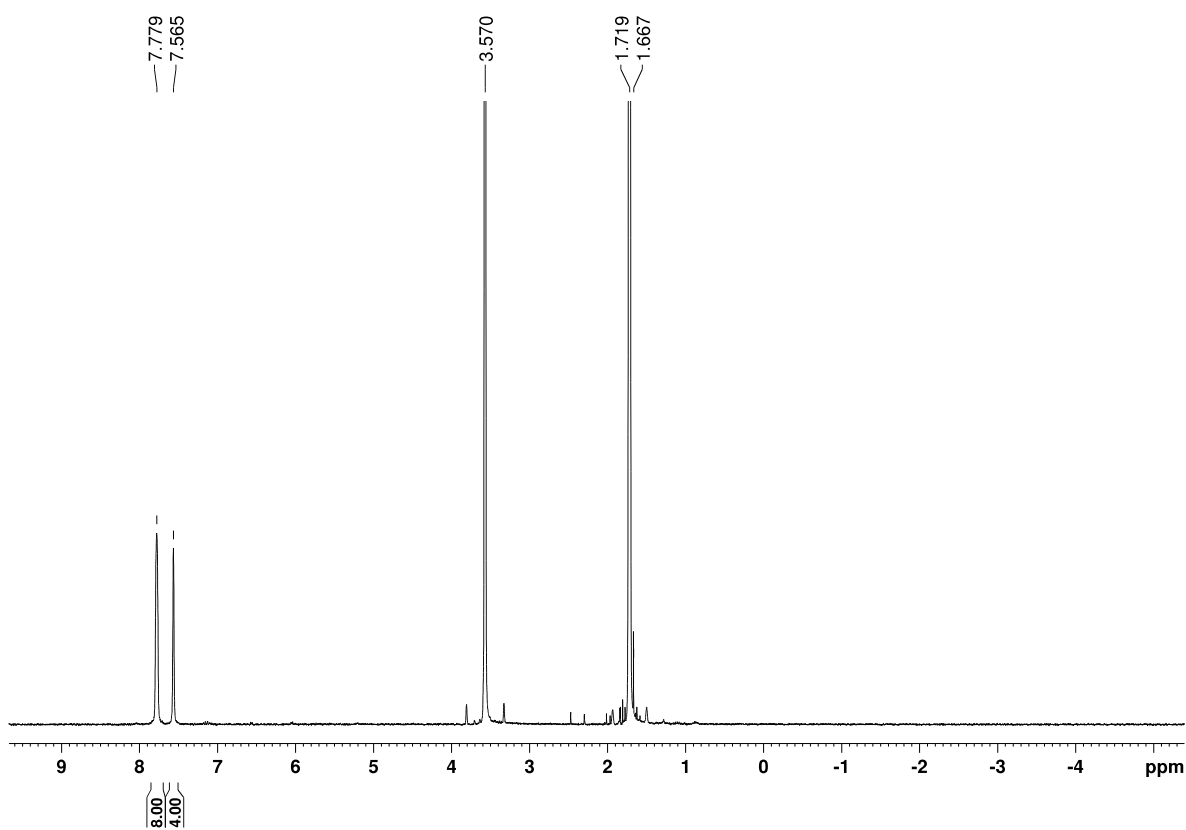


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of [1]BARF₄ (300 K, 300.13 MHz, THF-d₈).

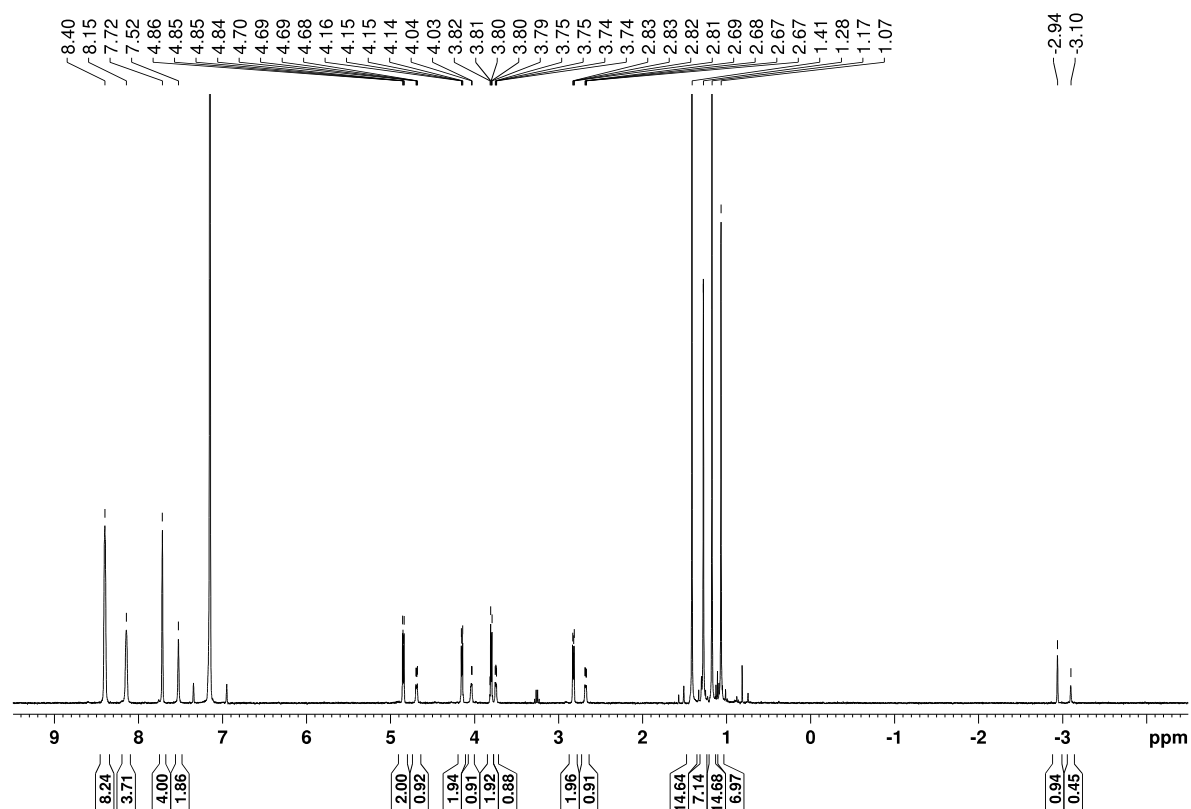


Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of [3]BARF₄ (300 K, 400.13 MHz, C₆D₆).

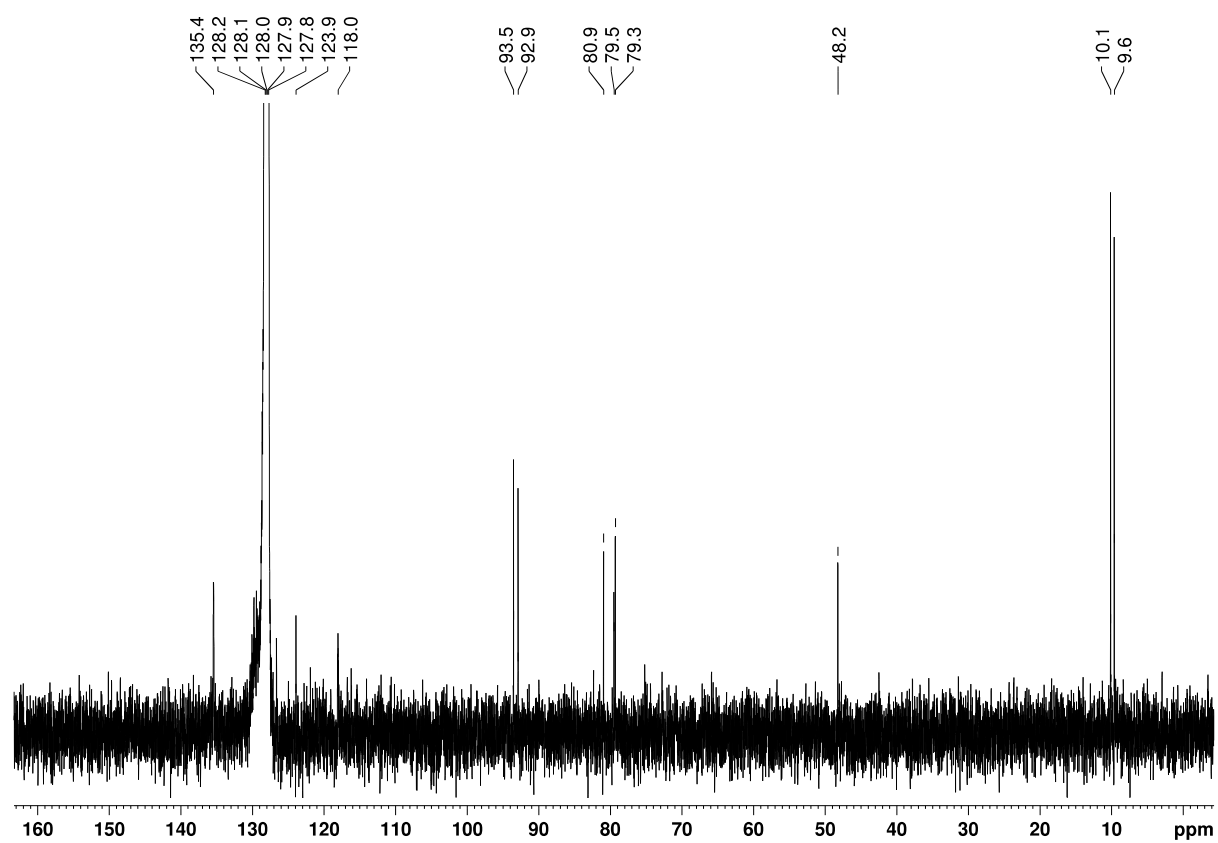


Figure S5. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $[\mathbf{3}]\text{BARF}_4$ (300 K, 100.61 MHz, C_6D_6).

3. UV-vis spectra of [1] and [1]BAr^F₄

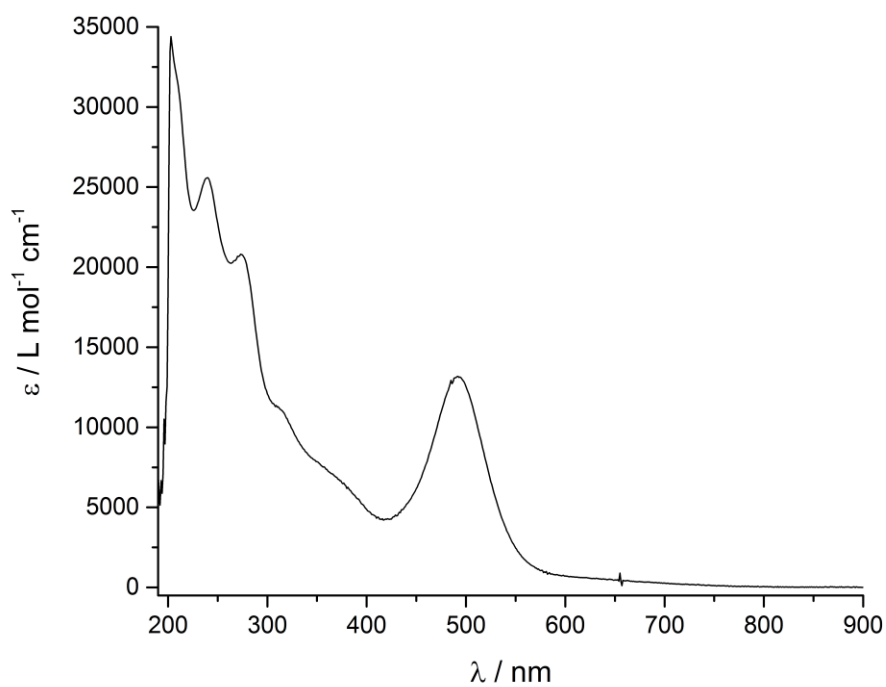


Figure S6. UV-vis spectrum of [1] in Et₂O ($c = 1.747 \cdot 10^{-5}$ mol L⁻¹).

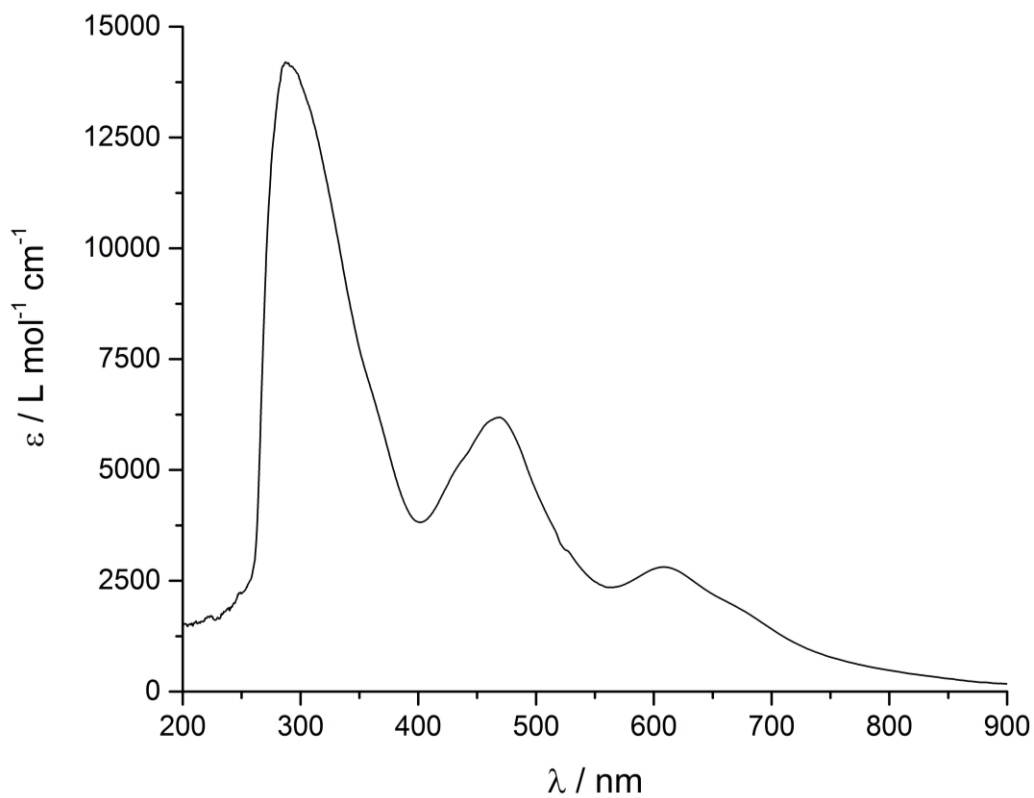


Figure S7. UV-vis spectrum of [1]BAr^F₄ in Et₂O ($c = 1.976 \cdot 10^{-4}$ mol L⁻¹).

4. DFT calculations

Computational methods

Geometry optimizations of [1], [1]⁺, and [3] were performed with the Gaussian09 program package (Revision E.01).¹ The BP86 density functional² and the Ahlrichs def2-TZVP basis set³ were employed for all atoms. Atom-pairwise dispersion correction to the DFT energy with Becke–Johnson damping (D3BJ) was applied.⁴ The nature of the stationary points was verified by numerical frequency analyses. The calculation of the UV/Vis spectra was performed with the B3LYP hybrid functional,⁵ and the def2-TZVP basis set for all atoms. Molecular orbitals were visualized with the program GaussView5.⁵ The isosurface value is set to 0.05 for all figures.

Cartesian coordinates of [Cp*Ru(C₁₀H₈)RuCp*] (**1**) optimized with Gaussian09 at the BP86-D3/def2-TZVP level of theory

Energy = -1356.84545318

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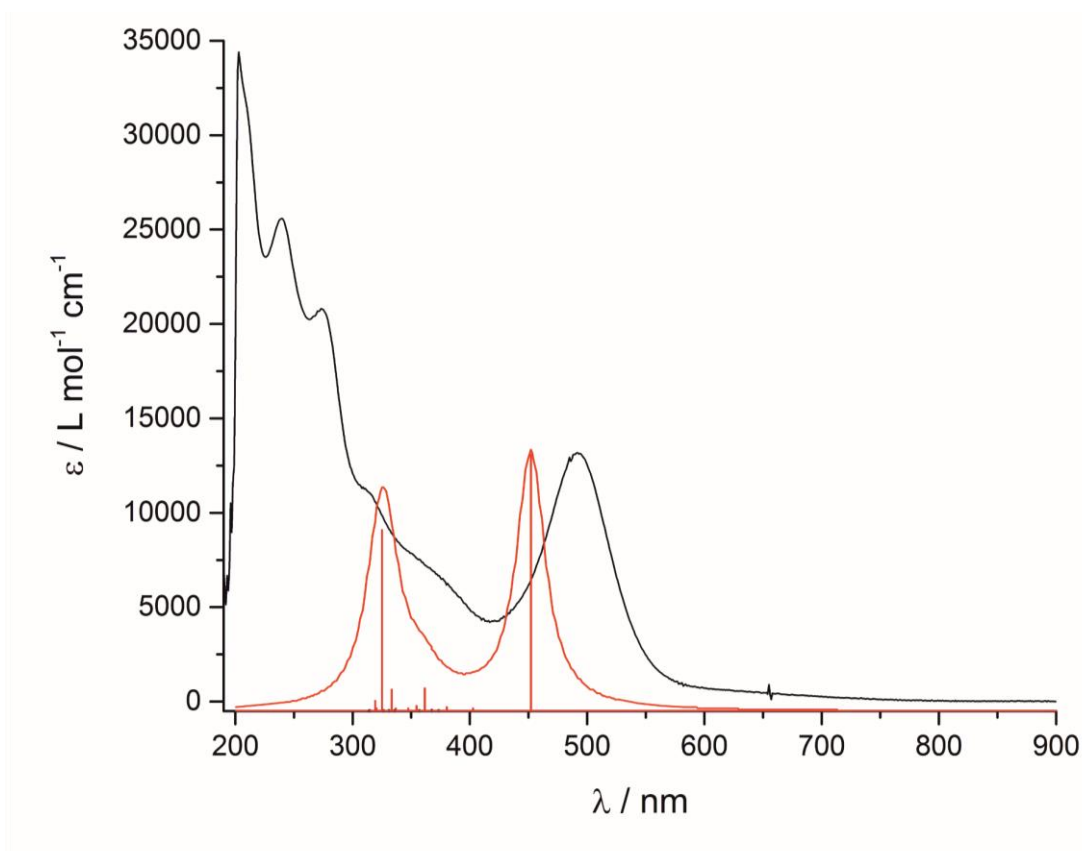


Figure S8. Experimental (black) and calculated (red) UV/Vis spectrum of **1** in Et₂O.

Table S2. Calculated electronic transitions of [1] on the B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory. The corresponding molecular orbitals are shown in Figure 9.

Nr.	ν [nm]	f	%	Transition	Exp. ν [nm]
1	452.25	0.426	17	HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO	492
			65	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1	
2	361.36	0.038	24	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1	370
			27	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5	
			40	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+7	
3	333.70	0.037	29	HOMO-4 $\rightarrow$ LUMO	309
			40	HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO	
			24	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1	
4	325.52	0.301	37	HOMO-4 $\rightarrow$ LUMO	309
			22	HOMO -4 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+3	
			19	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO	
5	319.01	0.018	69	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5	309

Cartesian coordinates of [Cp*Ru(C₁₀H₈)RuCp*]⁺ (1⁺) optimized with Gaussian09 at the BP86-D3/def2-TZVP level of theory

Energy = -1356.67910810

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Molecular orbitals of $[1]^+$

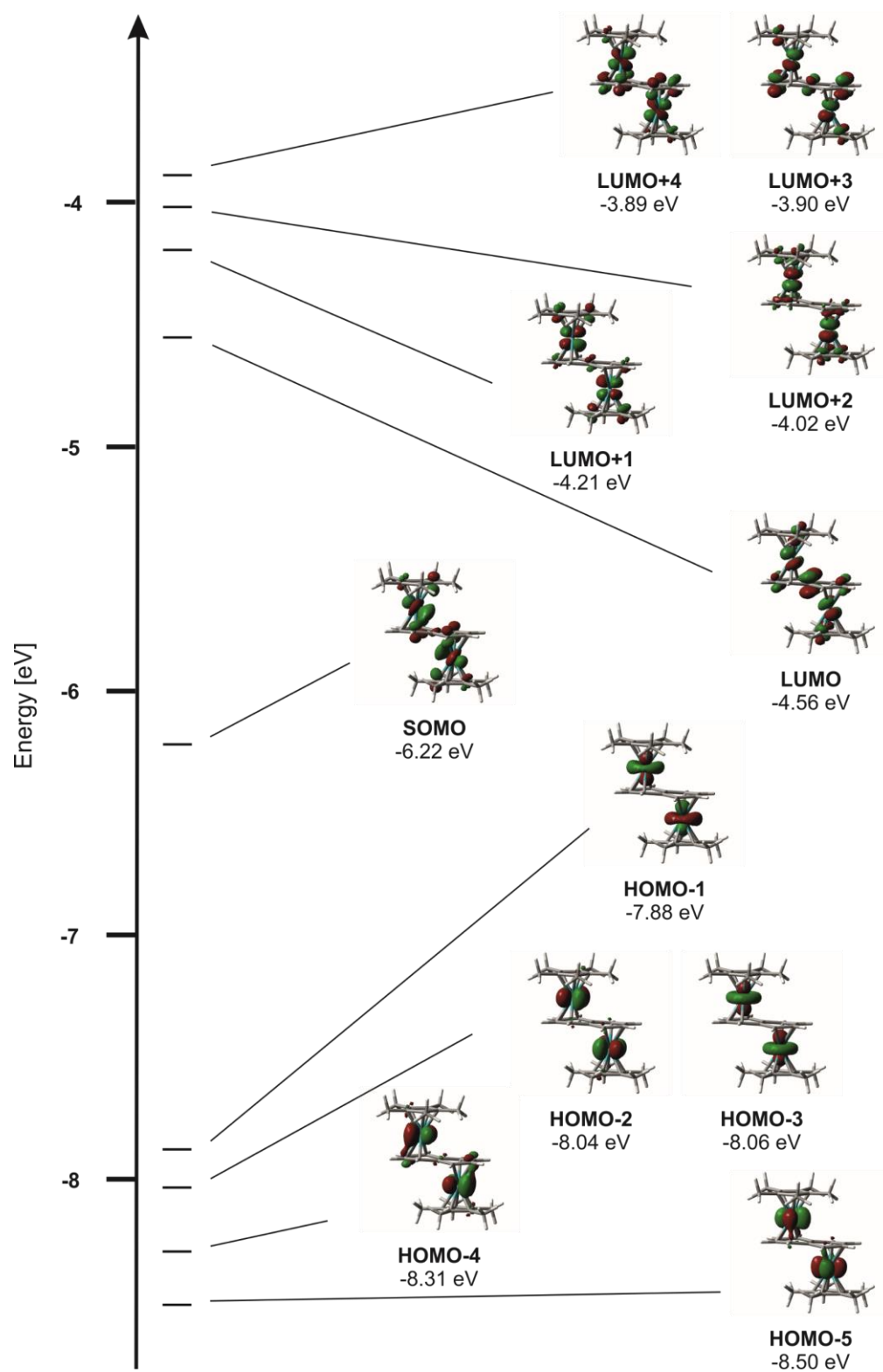


Figure S9. Molecular orbitals of $[1]^+$.

Cartesian coordinates of *endo*-[Cp*Ru(μ -C₁₀H₈)Ru(H)Cp*]⁺ (*endo*-3⁺) optimized with Gaussian09 at the BP86-D3/def2-TZVP level of theory

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Cartesian coordinates of *exo*-[Cp**Ru*(μ -C₁₀H₈)*Ru*(H)Cp*)⁺ (*exo-3*⁺) optimized with Gaussian09 at the BP86-D3/def2-TZVP level of theory

Energy = -1357.08528620

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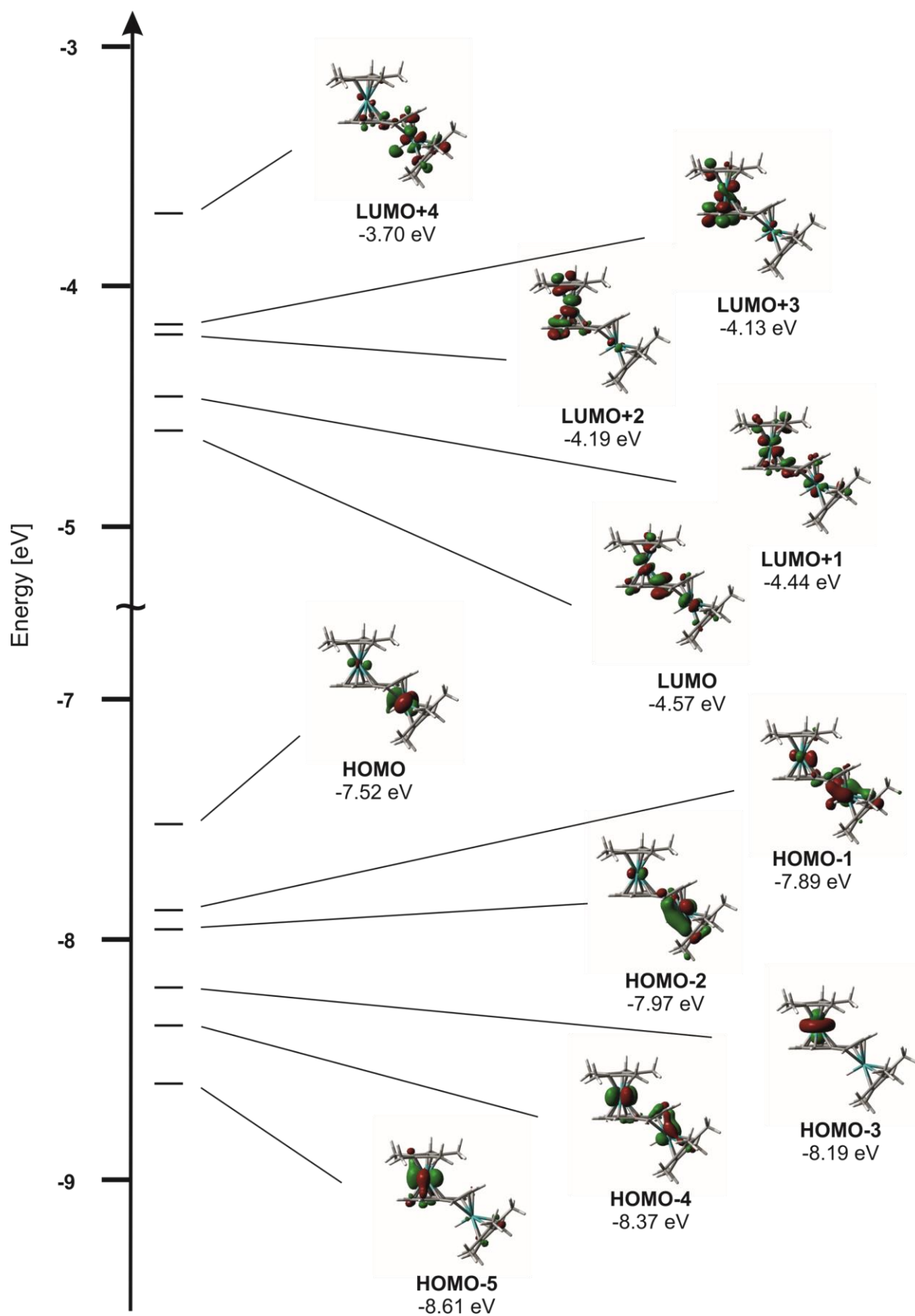


Figure S10. Molecular orbitals of *endo*-3⁺.

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