

## Supplementary material

### The surprisingly high ligation energy of CO to Ruthenium porphyrins

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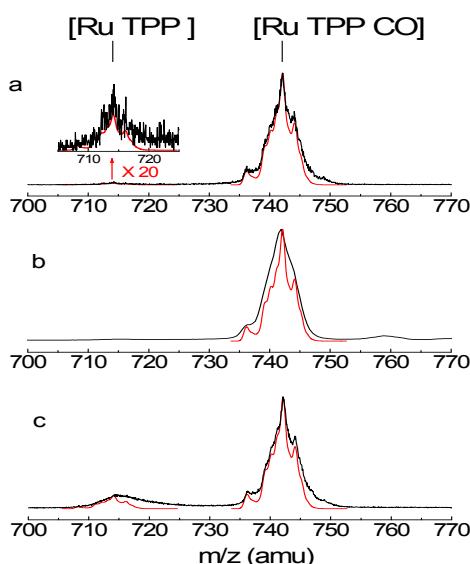
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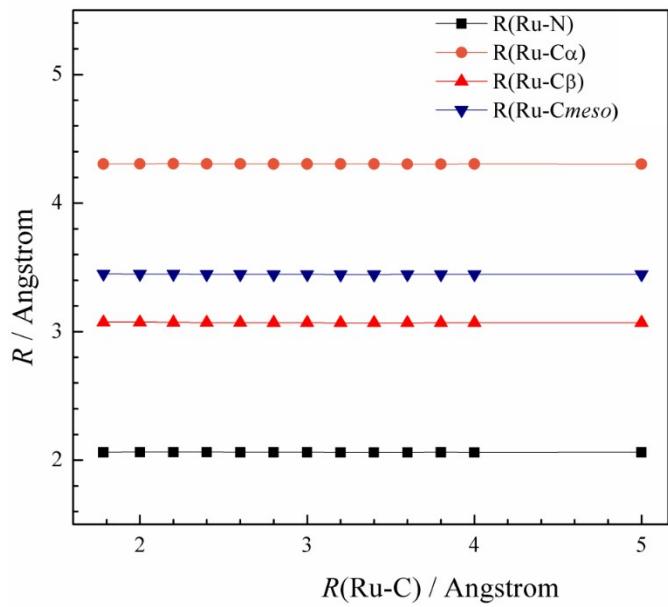
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**Figure 1** Simulation of the contours of the TOF peaks in red of (a) [RuTP-CO] heated at 510°C and ionized at  $h\nu=7\text{eV}$ , (b) [RuTP-CO] heated at 380°C ionized at  $h\nu=7\text{eV}$  and (c) [RuTP-CO] heated at 380°C ionized at  $h\nu=10\text{eV}$ , respectively. This simulation is obtained with the isotopic distributions of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and ruthenium convoluted with the mass resolution of  $m/\Delta m = 600$ . In black the experimental traces

**Table1**- Configuration of the triplet states of [RuTPP]

State	Transition			
	At $S_0$ minimum		At 5 Å	
	from	to		
$T_1$				
	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$			
$T_2$				
	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$			
$T_3$				
	$\pi \rightarrow dz^2, \pi^*$		$\pi, dyz \rightarrow dxy$	
$T_4$				
	$\pi, dyz \rightarrow dz^2, \pi^*$		$dxy \rightarrow dyz, \pi^*$	
$T_5$				
	$\pi, dxz \rightarrow dz^2, \pi^*$		$\pi, dyz \rightarrow dyz, \pi^*$	
$T_m$				
			$dxy \rightarrow dz^2$	



**Figure 2.** Evolution of the distances and internal angles between Ru and N, C $\alpha$ , C $\beta$ , and C meso as a function of the Ru-C coordinate.