

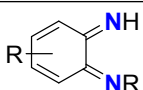
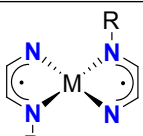
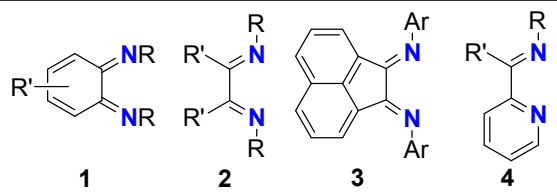
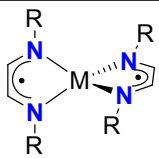
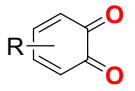
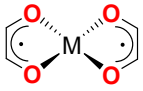
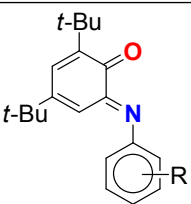
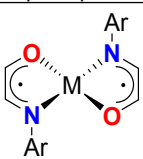
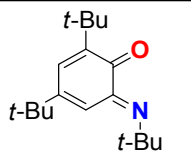
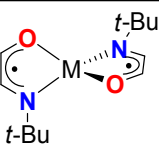
## TETRAHEDRAL NICKEL(II) AND COBALT(II) BIS-O- IMINOBENZOSEMIQUINONATES

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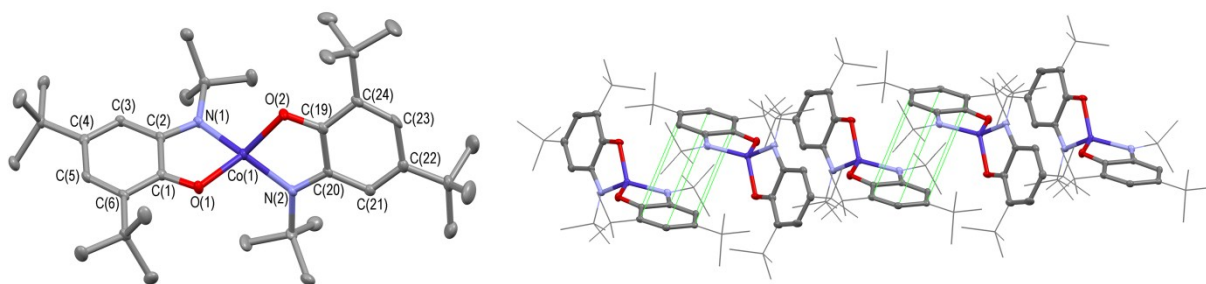
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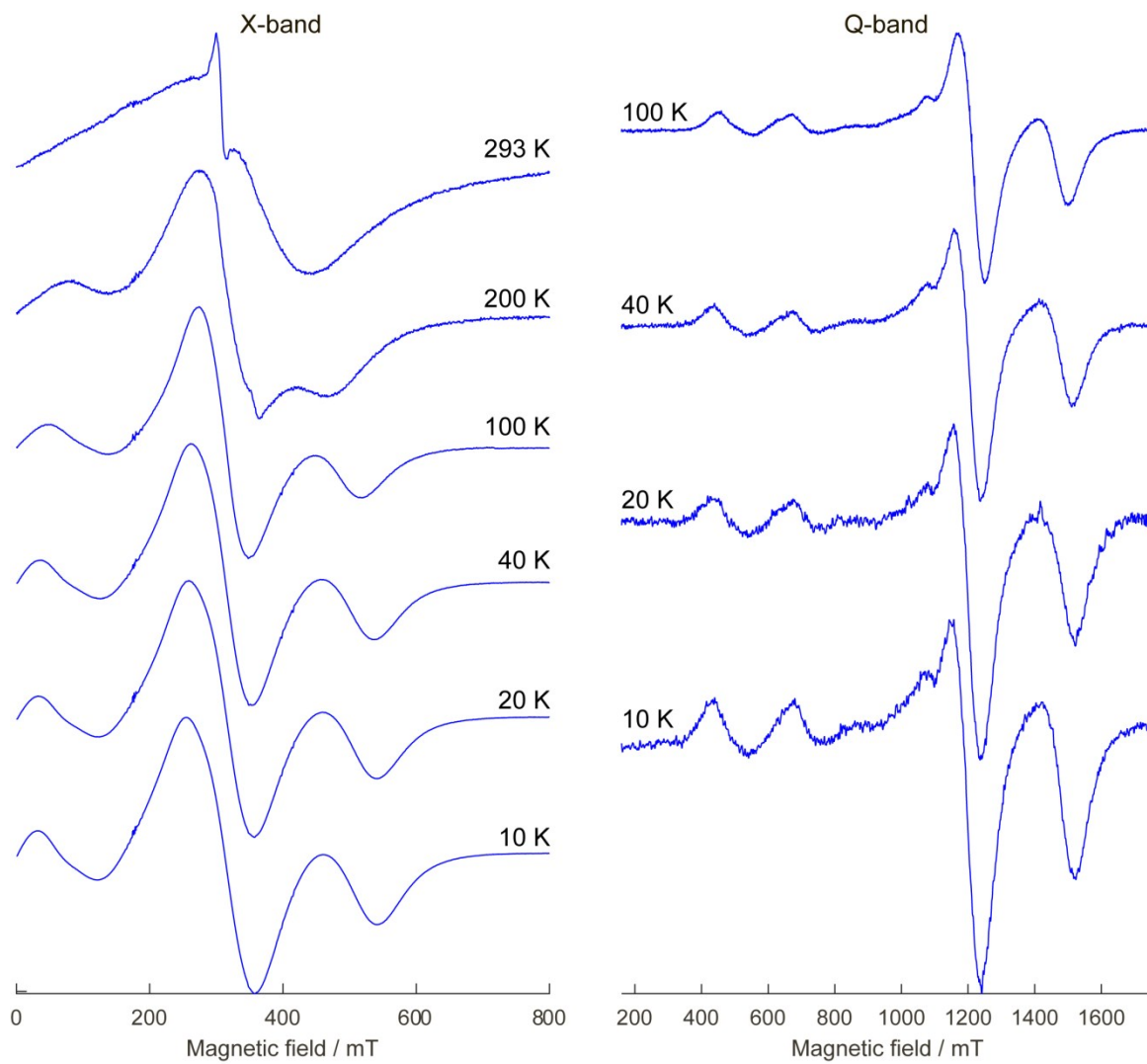
Ligand type	Coordination geometry	Electronic structure	Ref.
 <p><i>o</i>-diiminobenzoquinone</p>	 <p>(disq)<sub>2</sub>M Square planar</p>	<p>M = Ni<sup>II</sup> (l.s.) ↑ ↓ disq-Ni-disq (S<sub>t</sub> = 0)</p> <p>M = Co<sup>II</sup> (l.s.) vs Co<sup>III</sup> (i.s.) ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ disq-Co-disq      disq-Co-IP (S<sub>t</sub> = 1/2)</p>	1-4  1, 5, 6
 <p>1      2      3      4</p> <p>1 <i>o</i>-diiminobenzoquinone 2 1,4-diaza-1,3-butadiene 3 bis(arylimino)acenaphthene 4 <math>\alpha</math>-iminopyridine</p>	 <p>(L<sup>-</sup>)<sub>2</sub>M (L = disq, DAD, BIAN, IP) From ideal to strongly distorted tetrahedron</p>	<p>M = Ni<sup>II</sup> (h.s.) ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ L<sup>-</sup> - Ni - L<sup>-</sup> (S<sub>t</sub> = 0)</p> <p>M = Co<sup>II</sup> (h.s.) ↓ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↓ L<sup>-</sup> - Co - L<sup>-</sup> (S<sub>t</sub> = 1/2)</p>	7-20  7, 8, 10, 11, 20, 21
 <p><i>o</i>-benzoquinone</p>	 <p>(SQ)<sub>2</sub>M Square planar</p>	<p>M = Ni<sup>II</sup> (l.s.) ↑ ↓ SQ-Ni-SQ (S<sub>t</sub> = 0)</p>	22, 23
 <p><i>N</i>-Ar-<i>o</i>-iminobenzoquinone</p>	 <p>(imSQ)<sub>2</sub>M Square planar</p>	<p>M = Ni<sup>II</sup> (l.s.) ↑ ↓ imSQ-Ni-imSQ (S<sub>t</sub> = 0)</p> <p>M = Co<sup>II</sup> (l.s.) vs Co<sup>III</sup> (i.s.) ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ imSQ-Co-imSQ      imSQ-Co-AP (S<sub>t</sub> = 1/2)</p>	6, 24-29  30-33
 <p><i>N</i>-<i>t</i>-Bu-<i>o</i>-iminobenzoquinone</p>	 <p>(imSQ)<sub>2</sub>M Distorted tetrahedron</p>	<p>M = Ni<sup>II</sup> (h.s.) ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ imSQ-Ni-imSQ (S<sub>t</sub> = 0)</p> <p>M = Co<sup>II</sup> (h.s.) ↓ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↓ imSQ-Co-imSQ (S<sub>t</sub> = 1/2)</p>	This work

**Table S2.** Crystallographic data and structure refinement details for **1** and **2**

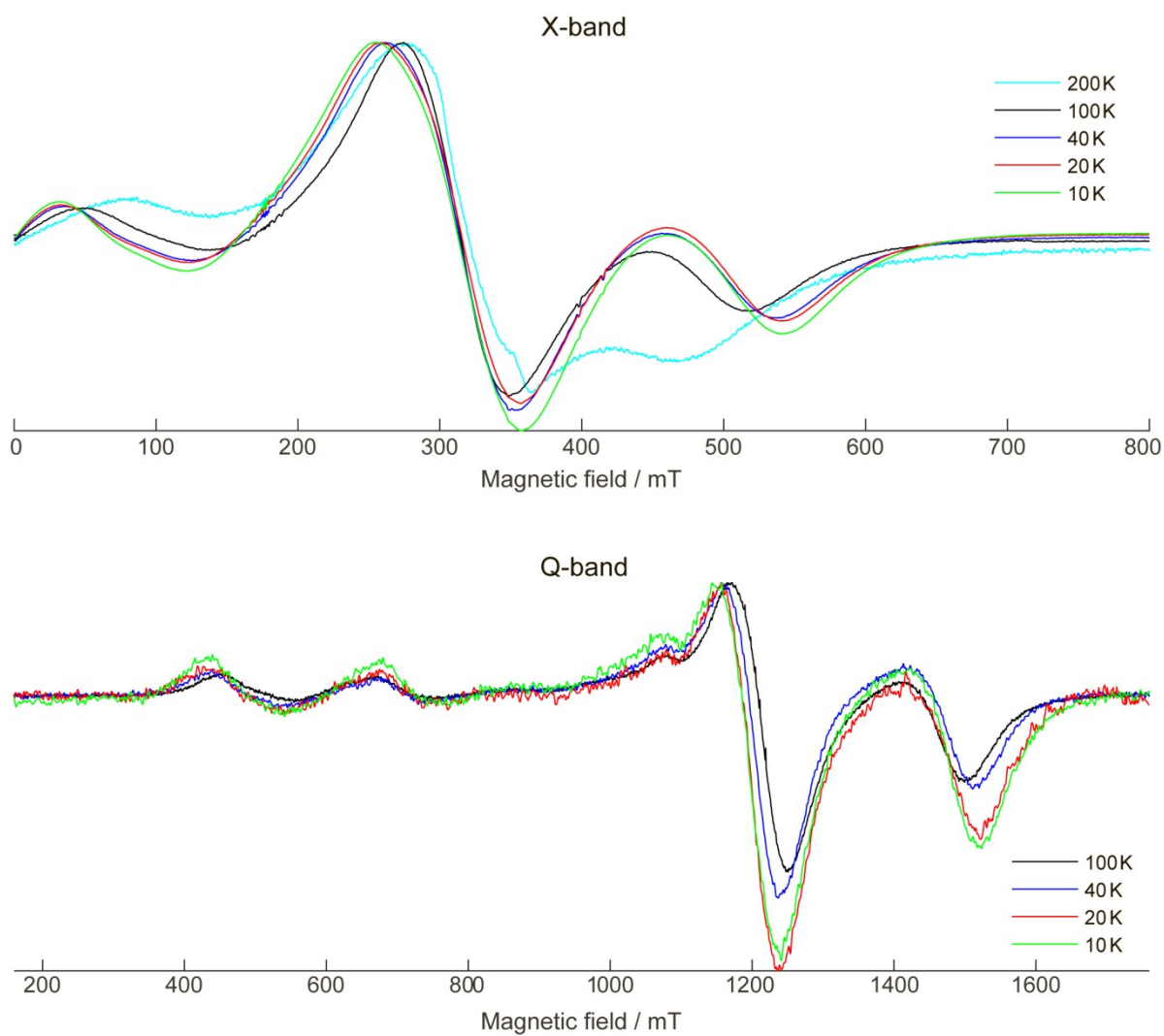
Compound	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>58</sub> NiN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>58</sub> CoN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	609.55	609.77
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
Unit cell dimensions		
<i>a</i> [Å]	10.7752(6)	10.806(3)
<i>b</i> [Å]	11.5077(6)	11.558(3)
<i>c</i> [Å]	15.6525(13)	15.589(3)
$\alpha$ [°]	79.537(6)	79.570(4)
$\beta$ [°]	76.217(7)	76.133(5)
$\gamma$ [°]	72.440(5)	72.544(5)
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	1784.5(2)	1790.5(7)
<i>Z</i>	2	2
<i>d</i> <sub>calc</sub> [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.134	1.131
$\mu$ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.574	0.510
<i>F</i> <sub>000</sub>	664	662
Crystaldimensions [mm <sup>3</sup> ]	0.43 × 0.25 × 0.08	0.80 × 0.80 × 0.05
$\theta$ range for data collection [°]	3.10–28.70	2.43–27.10
Reflections collected	11315	19410
Independent reflections ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> )	11315( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.1003)	7834( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0757)
Completeness to $\theta$ [%]	99.8	99.5
Data/restraints/parameters	11315 / 0 / 389	7834 / 0 / 388
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0741 <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1450	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0578 <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1278
Final <i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.1080 <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1573	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0824 <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1393
<i>S</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )	1.031	1.014
Largest diff. peak and hole [e Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	0.95 / -0.97	1.05 / -1.03



**Figure S1.** Molecular structure (left) and fragment of crystal packing of **2** (right). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted.



**Figure S2.** Temperature-dependent EPR spectra of 2 at X-band (left) and Q-band (right) ( $\nu_{mw} \approx 9.75$  and 33.33 GHz, respectively). All spectra are normalized, the values of temperature are indicated.

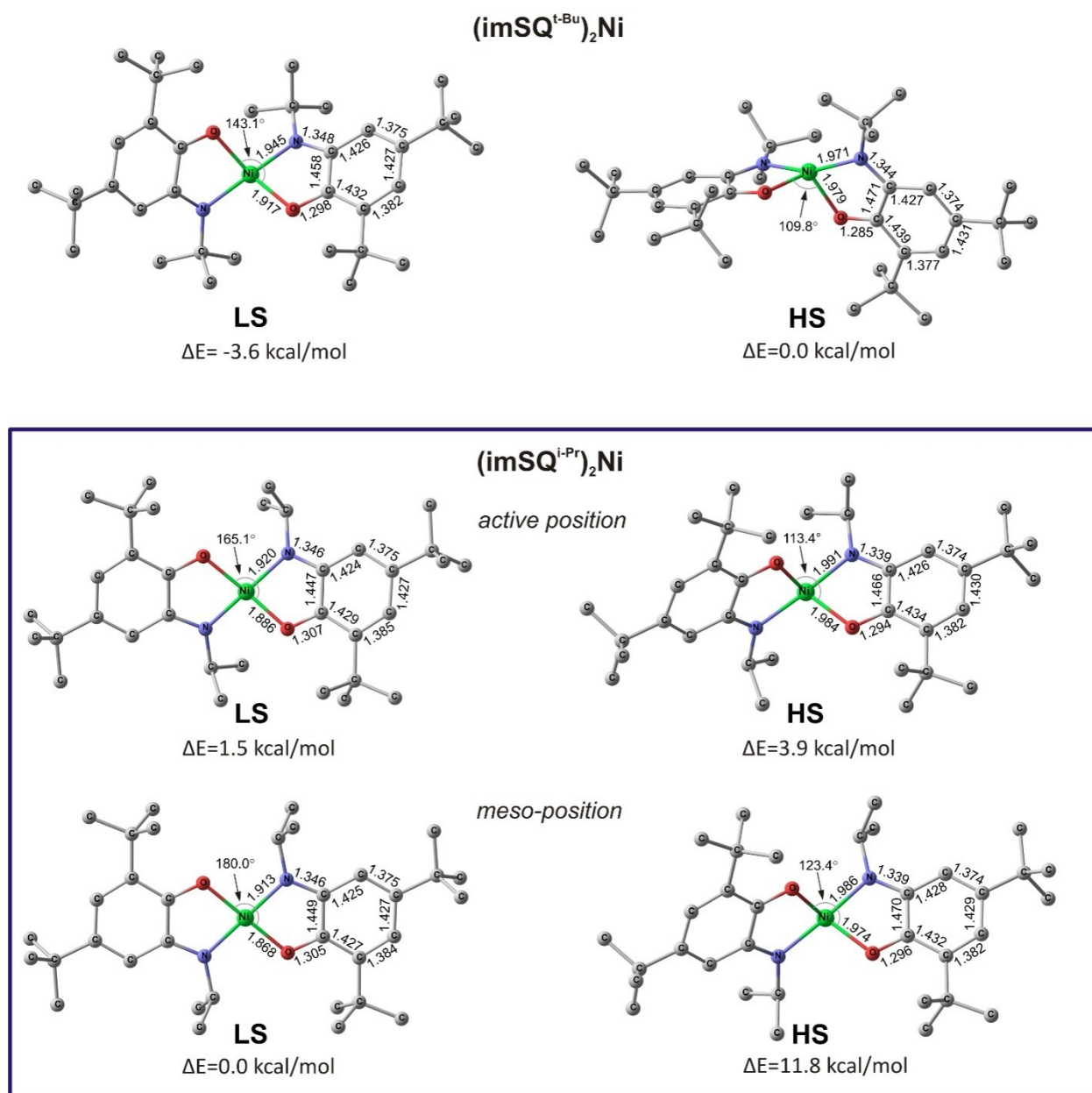


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Electromer	$S$	$E_{\text{total}}$ , a.u.	$S^2$	$J_{\text{SQ-SQ}}$ , $\text{cm}^{-1}$	$J_{\text{M-SQ}}$ , $\text{cm}^{-1}$
<b>Co(imSQ)<sub>2</sub></b>					
Single Point					
$\alpha\alpha\alpha$	5/2	-3049.422395	8.779	33	-665
$\alpha\alpha\beta$	3/2	-3049.431923	4.588		
$\alpha\beta\alpha$	1/2	-3049.441752	2.390		
Optimization					
$\alpha\alpha\alpha$	5/2	-3050.012867	8.778	40	-484
$\alpha\alpha\beta$	3/2	-3050.019638	4.633		
$\alpha\beta\alpha$	1/2	-3050.026772	2.473		
<b>Ni(imSQ)<sub>2</sub></b>					
Single Point					
$\alpha\alpha\alpha$	4/2	-3174.946725	6.026	-64	-1018
$\alpha\alpha\beta$	2/2	-3174.957366	2.793		
$\alpha\beta\alpha$	0	-3174.967419	1.567		
Optimization					
$\alpha\alpha\alpha$	4/2	-3175.546763	6.025	-51	-496
$\alpha\alpha\beta$	2/2	-3175.551873	2.860		
$\alpha\beta\alpha$	0	-3175.556512	1.711		

\* $\alpha$  corresponds to spin-up,  $\beta$  corresponds to spin-down; the ordering of paramagnetic centers: 1 – SQ, 2 – M, 3 – SQ



**Figure S4.** Optimized geometries of complex **1** and model complexes with *N*-*iso*-propyl substituents, calculated by the DFT UB3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) method. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. The bond lengths are given in angstroms (Å).



**Table S4.** The  $\tau_4$ ,  $\tau_4'$  parameters of four coordinate nickel and cobalt bis-ligand complexes with different redox active ligands

Nickel bis- <i>o</i> -benzosemiquinonates (SQ) <sub>2</sub> Ni				
SQ =				
$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	0	0	0	
Ref.	22	23	23	

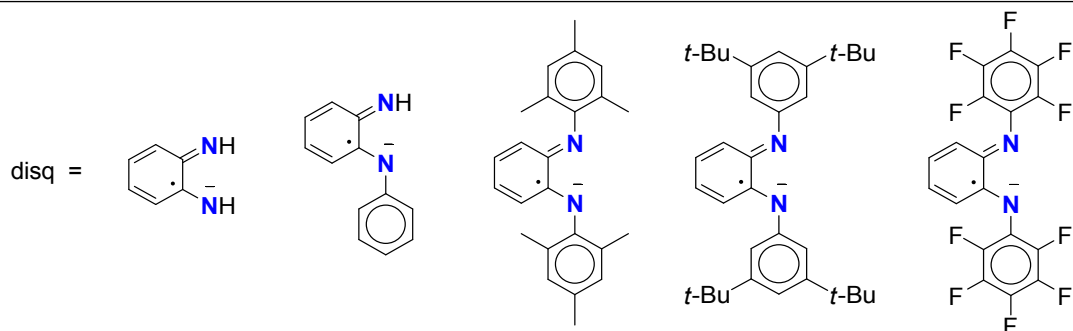
  

Nickel bis- <i>o</i> -iminobenzosemiquinonates (imSQ) <sub>2</sub> Ni				
imSQ =				
$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	0.05; 0.04	0	0	0.04; 0.04
Ref.	26	6	24	27
imSQ =				
$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	0	0	0	0.71; 0.69
Ref.	28	28	29	This work
$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	0.30; 0.29	0.05; 0.05	0.64; 0.61	
Ref.	34	25	35	

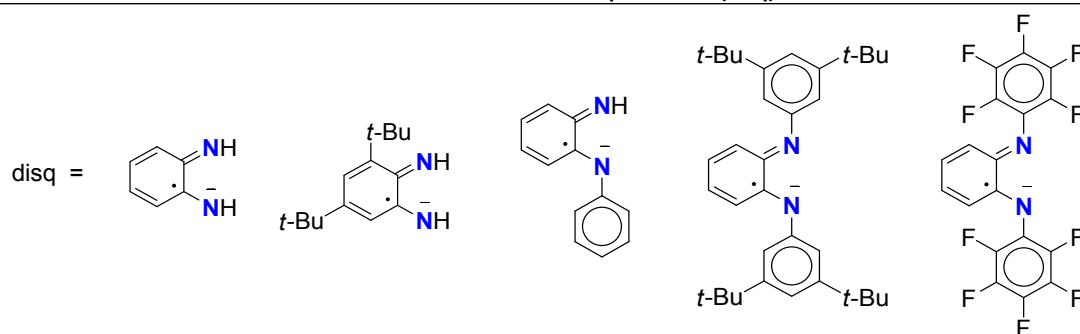
<i>o</i> -iminobenzoquinonatecobaltcomplexes (imSQ)Co <sup>III</sup> (AP), imSQ <sub>2</sub> Co <sup>II</sup>				
imSQ =				
$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	0	0	0.04; 0.03	0
Ref.	32	31	30	33
				0.73; 0.70
				This work

**bis-*o*-diiminobenzosemiquinonatecobaltcomplexes (disq)<sub>2</sub>Co<sup>II</sup>, (disq)Co<sup>III</sup>(IP)**



$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	0	0	0.47; 0.470	0.8; 0.8	0.48; 0.47
Ref.	1, 5	6	21	8	7

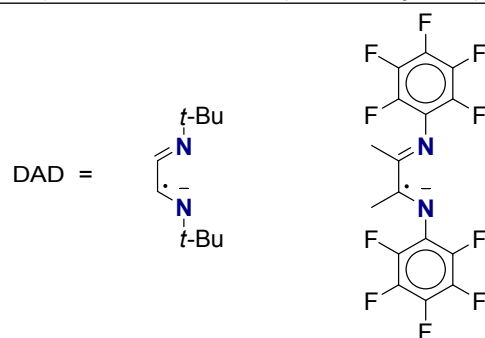
**Nickel bis-*o*-diiminobenzosemiquinonates (disq)<sub>2</sub>Ni**



$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	0	0	0	0.85; 0.85	0.48; 0.46
Ref.	1	2	2-4	8	7

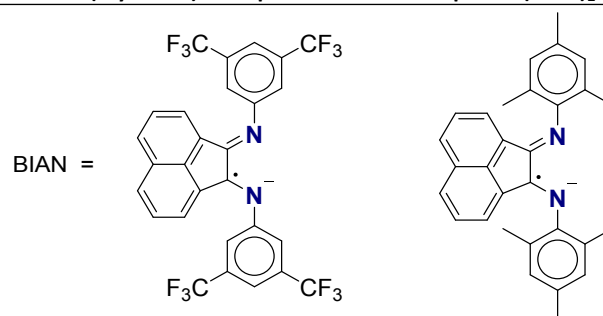
bis(1,4-diaza-1,3-butadiene)nickel complexes (DAD) <sub>2</sub> Ni					
DAD =					
$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	0.78; 0.78	0.80; 0.79	0.67; 0.66	0.43; 0.43	0.51; 0.51
Ref.	13	10, 12	9	14	11
DAD =					
$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	0.45; 0.45	0.47; 0.47	0.78; 0.75	0.45; 0.45	0.49; 0.47
Ref.	17	18	16	15	15

**bis(1,4-diaza-1,3-butadiene)cobalt complexes (DAD)<sub>2</sub>Co**



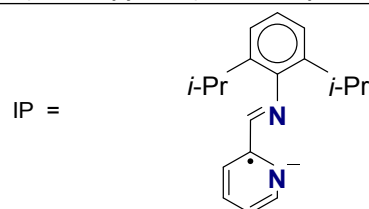
$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	0.81; 0.81	0.53; 0.53
Ref.	10	11

**bis(arylimino)acenaphthene nickel complexes (BIAN)<sub>2</sub>Ni**



$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	0.80; 0.80	0.44; 0.44
Ref.	11	7

**Bis( $\alpha$ -iminopyridine)metal complexes (IP)<sub>2</sub>M**



$\tau_4, \tau_4'$	M = Ni 0.67; 0.66	M = Co 0.71; 0.71
Ref.	20	20

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