

A Multifunctional Organometallic Switch with Carbon-Rich Ruthenium and Diarylethene Units

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Electronic Supplementary Information

I - Synthetic procedures.

General Comments. The reactions were achieved under an inert atmosphere, using the Schlenk techniques. Solvents were freshly distilled under argon using standard procedures. The diethynyl-substituted dithienylethene¹ and the ruthenium precursor² were prepared as previously reported. All the reactions and handling of the compound are carried out in the dark.

Synthesis of [Cl-(dppe)₂Ru-C≡C-(C₁₅S₂F₆H₆)-C≡C-Ru(dppe)₂-Cl] (**1o**):

In a Schlenk tube, [Cl(dppe)₂Ru][OTf] (172 mg, 0.16 mmol) and the diethynyl-substituted dithienylethene (33.08 mg, 0.08 mmol) were pumped for 30 min. Then, well degassed dichloromethane (20 mL) was transferred onto the solids. The mixture was stirred in the dark for four days before addition of triethylamine (0.2 mL, 3.2 mmol). After 30 min, the reacting solution was evaporated. The dichloromethane solution was washed with degassed water (4 × 10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and the residue obtained after evaporation was washed with pentane (2 × 10 mL). An amount of 100 mg of **1o** as a light green solid was recovered after drying under vacuum (55% yield). ³¹P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl₃, 297 K): δ 50.3 (s, PPh₂). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃, 297 K): δ 7.55-6.97 (m, 80 H, Ph), 6.17 (s, 2 H, ArH), 2.69 (m, 16 H, CH₂), 1.78 (s, 6 H, ArCH₃). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, C₆D₆, 297 K): δ 136.67-127.23 (Ph dppe), 135.36, 130.13, 124.77, 124.64 (DTE), 103.92 (Ru-C≡C), 30.97 (m, |¹J_{PC} + ³J_{PC}| = 23 Hz), 14.77 (ArCH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (188.3 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 297 K): δ -110.144 (t, J = 6 Hz, 4 F), -132.287 (m, 2 F). IR (KBr): ν = 2055 cm⁻¹ (C≡C). HR-MS FAB⁺ (m/z): 2261.2958 ([M - F]⁺, calcd: 2261.2865).

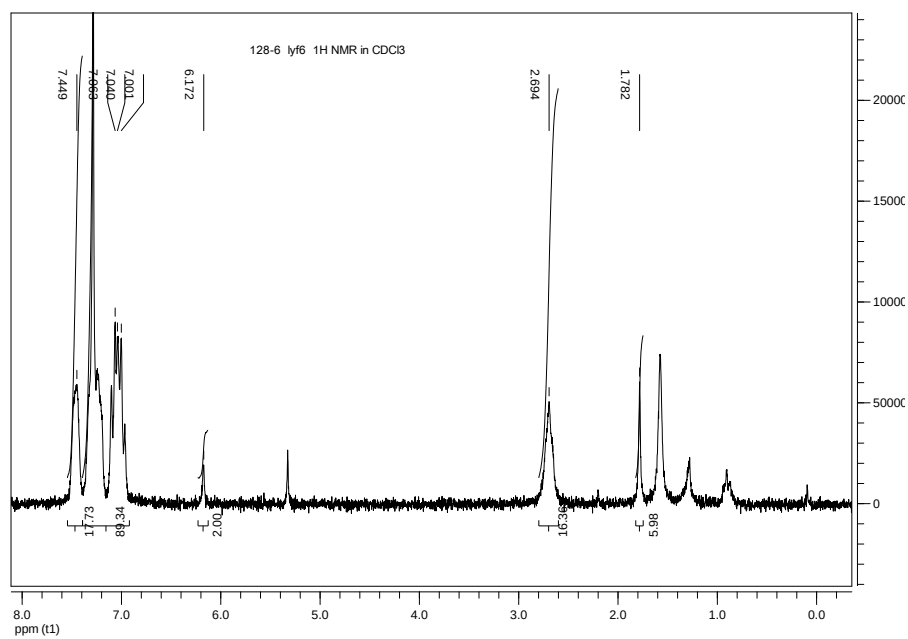


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of **10** in CDCl_3

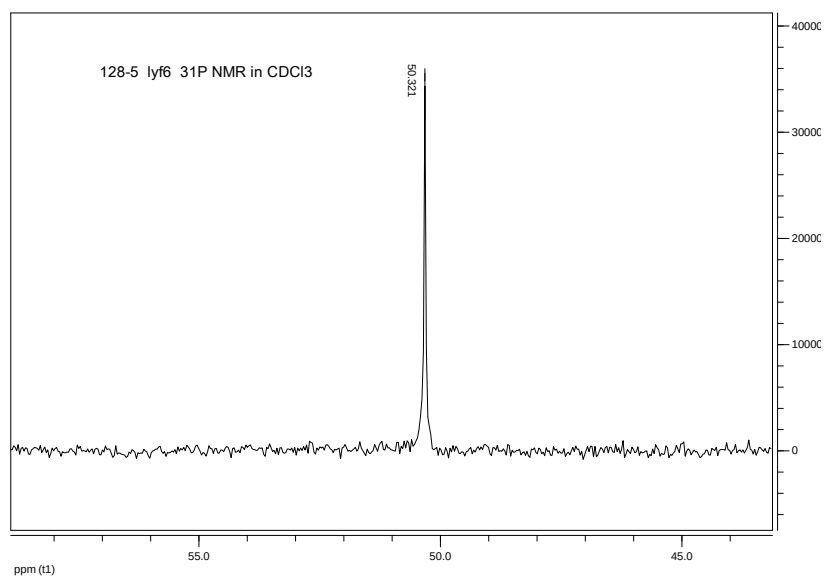


Figure S2. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of **10** in CDCl_3

II – Isomerization studies

General Comments. UV-vis irradiation were performed with a LS series Light Source of ABET technologies, Inc (150 W xenon lamp), with single wavelength light filters of “350FS 10-25”, “450FS 20-25”, “650FS 10-25” and “750FS 40-25”. UV-vis-NIR spectra were recorded with a Cary 5000 apparatus.

³¹P and ¹H NMR studies

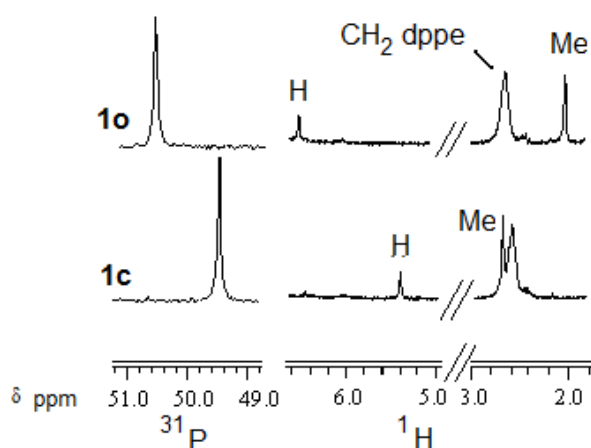


Figure S3. ³¹P and selected ¹H NMR signals in C₆D₆ of **1o** and of **1c** after excitation at 350 nm. Initial spectra were recovered after bleaching at 750 nm.

Data for 1C: ³¹P NMR (81 MHz, C₆D₆, 297 K): δ 49.5 (s, PPh₂). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆, 297 K): δ 7.84-6.95 (m, 80 H, Ph), 5.43 (s, 2 H, ArH), 2.61 (s, 6 H, ArCH₃), 2.52 (m, 16 H, PCH₂CH₂P). IR (KBr): ν = 2009 cm⁻¹ (C $\equiv$ C).

IV – Electrochemistry

General Comments. Electrochemical studies were carried out under argon using an instrument consisted of a Tacussel GSTP4 programmer and a home-built potentiostat equipped with a positive feedback compensation device (CH_2Cl_2 , 0.2 M Bu_4NPF_6).³ The voltammograms were recorded with a 310 Nicolet oscilloscope. The working electrode was a Pt disk, the counter electrode was a Pt wire and SCE electrode was used as a reference electrode. After each series of experiments, ferrocene and decamethylferrocene were added to the electrolyte and the corresponding couples served as internal probes.⁴

Macroelectrolyses under argon atmosphere were performed at controlled potential with a three electrode configuration in a two-compartment cell. A Pt plate (3 cm^2) was used as a working electrode, a Pt disk (1 mm of diameter) was used as a secondary working electrode, a SCE electrode with an extension (CH_2Cl_2 , 0.2 M Bu_4NPF_6) served as a reference electrode and a Pt grid was the counter electrode. Experiments were performed with a EGG PAR-173 potentiostat and a EGG PAR-175 universal programmer equipped with a EGG PAR-179 digital coulometer. For each macroscale electrolysis, a dilute CH_2Cl_2 solution (ca. 10^{-3} M) of the compounds was prepared with Bu_4NPF_6 (0.2 M) as the supporting electrolyte. The applied oxidation potentials were calibrated upon performing cyclic voltammetry before electrolysis. By recording CVs, the secondary Pt electrode was used to control the consumption of the starting materials throughout the bulk electrolysis. Electrolyses were stopped after the current was dropped to less than 10 % of its initial value. All the reactions and handling of the compound were carried out in the dark.

UV-vis-NIR spectroelectrochemistry (SEC) experiments were performed in CH_2Cl_2 at 20 °C, under argon, with a home-made Optically Transparent Thin-Layer Electrosynthetic (OTTLE) cell, path length = 1 mm, using a Varian CARY 5000 spectrometer and an EG&G PAR model 362 potentiostat. A Pt mesh was used as the working electrode, a Pt wire as the counter electrode, and an Ag wire as a pseudo-reference electrode. The electrodes were arranged in the cell such that the Pt

mesh was in the optical path of the quartz cuvette. The anhydrous freeze-pump-thaw degassed sample-electrolyte solution (0.2 M Bu₄NPF₆) was cannula-transferred under argon into the cell previously thoroughly deoxygenated. The oxidation potentials were calibrated upon performing cyclic voltammetry before electrolysis. Nice isosbestic points observed along the whole experiment show the clean conversion processes.

Cyclic voltammetry

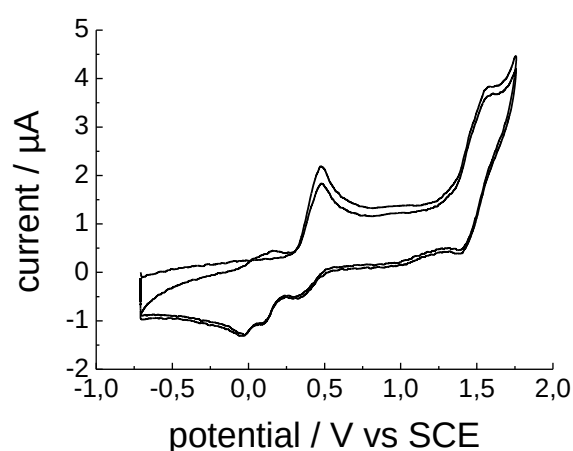


Figure S4. Cyclic voltammetry of **1o** (CH₂Cl₂ 0.2 M Bu₄NPF₆) at 0.1 V.s⁻¹.

Study of the mechanism: Numerical simulations.

Numerical simulations of the voltammograms were performed with the DigiElch simulation software (Elchsoft),⁵ using the defaults numerical options with the assumption of a planar diffusion and a Butler-Volmer law for the electron transfer. The charge-transfer coefficient, α , was taken as 0.5.

Two distinct mechanisms were tested.

Mechanism 1(closing in the $1o^{2+}$ state)

$1o = 1o^+ + e^-$	$E_1^o = 0.405 \text{ V}$	$k_s^1 = 0.2 \text{ cm.s}^{-1}$	
$1o^+ = 1o^{2+} + e^-$	$E_2^o = 0.490 \text{ V}$	$k_s^2 = 0.2 \text{ cm.s}^{-1}$	
$1o^{2+} = 1c^{2+}$	$K = 10^8$	$k_f = 15 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_b = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$
$1c^{2+} + e^- = 1c^+$	$E_3^o = 0.130 \text{ V}$	$k_s^3 = 0.2 \text{ cm.s}^{-1}$	
$1c^+ + e^- = 1c$	$E_3'^o = 0.009 \text{ V}$	$k_s^3 = 0.2 \text{ cm.s}^{-1}$	
$1o^{2+} + 1c = 1o^+ + 1c^+$	$K = 1.35 \cdot 10^8$	$k_f = 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_b = 0.74 \text{ s}^{-1}$
$1o^{2+} + 1c^+ = 1o^+ + 1c^{2+}$	$K = 1.21 \cdot 10^6$	$k_f = 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_b = 83 \text{ s}^{-1}$
$1o^+ + 1c = 1o + 1c^+$	$K = 4.9 \cdot 10^6$	$k_f = 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_b = 20 \text{ s}^{-1}$
$1o^+ + 1c^+ = 1o + 1c^{2+}$	$K = 4.4 \cdot 10^5$	$k_f = 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_b = 2250 \text{ s}^{-1}$
$1o^+ + 1o^+ = 1o + 1o^{2+}$	$K = 0.037$	$k_f = 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_b = 2.7 \cdot 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Mechanism 2 (closing in the $1o^+$ state)

$1o = 1o^+ + e^-$	$E_1^o = 0.405 \text{ V}$	$k_s^1 = 0.2 \text{ cm.s}^{-1}$	
$1o^+ = 1o^{2+} + e^-$	$E_2^o = 0.490 \text{ V}$	$k_s^2 = 0.2 \text{ cm.s}^{-1}$	
$1o^+ = 1c^+$	$K = 10^8$	$k_f = 1.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_b = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$
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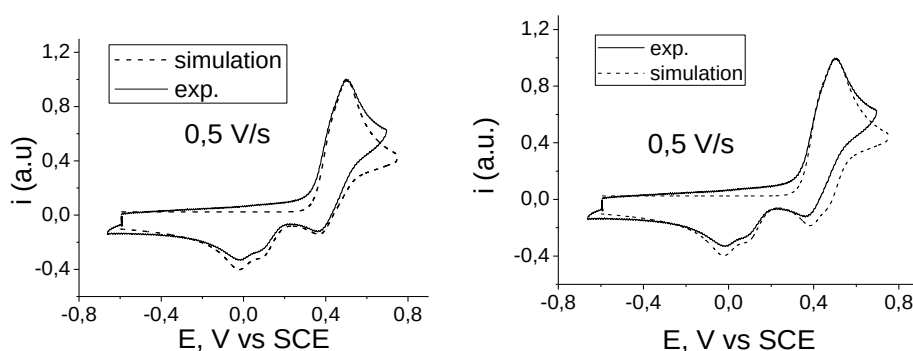


Figure S5. Cyclic voltammetry of **1o** in CH_2Cl_2 0.2 M Bu_4NPF_6 on a Pt disk electrode at 0.5 V.s^{-1} . Solid line : experimental data. Dotted line: simulation.

On the left, simulation according to *mechanism 1*.

On the right, simulation according to *mechanism 2*

III – Theoretical calculations

General Comments. Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were performed with the Amsterdam Density Functional package (ADF 2007.01)⁶ on slightly simplified models of $\mathbf{10}^{n+}$ and $\mathbf{1c}^{n+}$ (phenyl groups were replaced by hydrogen atoms), $n = 0, 1, 2$. The singlet and triplet states were considered for dications, $\mathbf{1c}^{2+}$ in its high spin state was not fully converged and is not reported. The geometries were fully optimized without constraints (C_1 symmetry). The bonding energies and cartesian coordinates of each structure is given in Table S1. Because of the size of the molecules and thus of computational limits, frequency analysis were not performed, but the geometry optimization convergence criteria were more drastic than default ones (energy change < 0.0005 Hartree, atomic position displacement < 0.005 Å). Conformational studies were performed on $\mathbf{1c}$ in order to evaluate the influence of the spatial orientation of the $[\text{ClRu}(\text{dpe})_2]$ groups toward the organic DTE bridge on the electronic excitation energies. Three orientations were chosen: $\mathbf{1c}_1$ where the dpe (1,2-diphosphinoethane) ligands of each metallic fragments span below and above the DTE plane; $\mathbf{1c}_2$ where the dpe ligands of one metallic fragments span below and above the DTE plane, the other is rotated by $\sim 90^\circ$; $\mathbf{1c}_3$ which shows intermediate positions of the metallic moieties toward the organic plane (see schemes included in Table S1). The orientation of $\mathbf{1c}_1^{2+}$ and $\mathbf{1c}_1^+$ is arbitrarily chosen as the one of $\mathbf{1c}_1$. Electron correlation was treated within the local density approximation (LDA) in the Vosko-Wilk-Nusair parametrization.⁷ The non-local corrections of Becke and Perdew were added to the exchange and correlation energies, respectively.⁸ The analytical gradient method implemented by Verluise and Ziegler was used.⁹ The standard ADF TZP basis set was used, i.e., triple- ξ STO basis set for the valence core augmented with a 3d polarisation function for C, P. Orbitals up to 1s, 2p, and 4p were kept frozen for C, P, and Ru, respectively. The excitation energies and oscillator strengths were calculated following the procedure described by van Gisbergen and co-workers.¹⁰ In that case, the functional used was PBE.¹¹

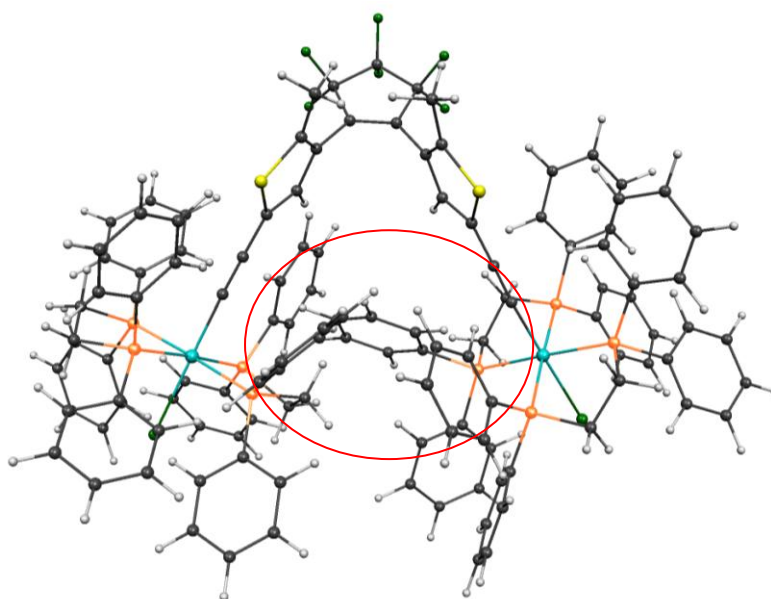
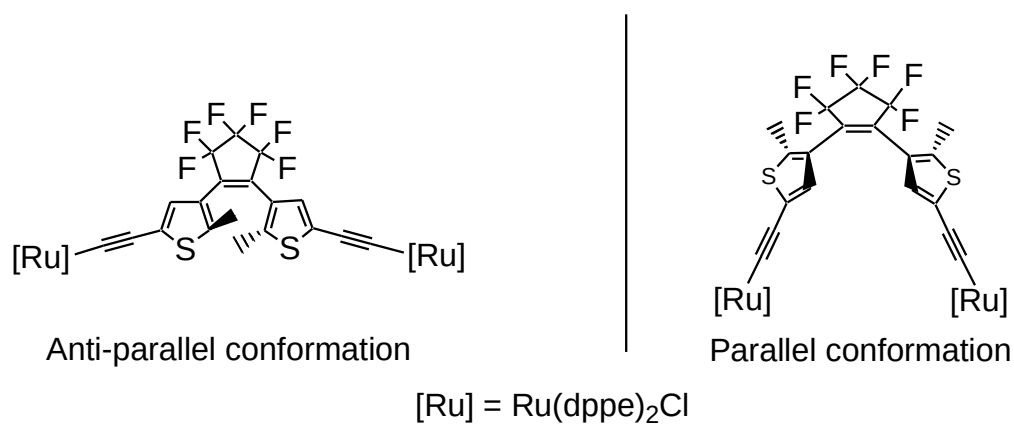


Figure S6. Top: Anti parallel and parallel conformations of **10**. Bottom: Unstable structural arrangement of **10** in its parallel conformation (main distances and angles taken from the optimized **10** anti-parallel geometry). Inter-group C-H and H-H distances are too short (much less than the sum of the van der Waals radii) in this conformation whatever the orientation of the metallic moieties is chosen.

Table S1. Optimized Cartesian coordinates of **1oⁿ⁺** and **1cⁿ⁺**, n = 0, 1, 2 and their total bonding energies.

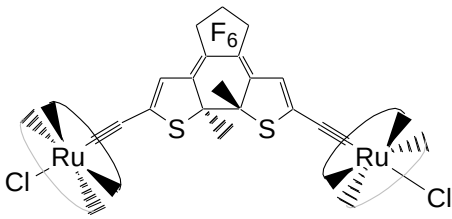
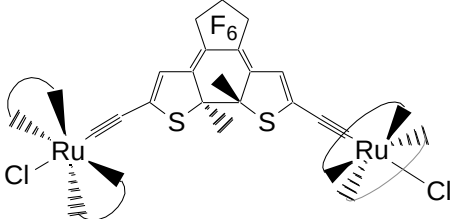
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Cl	-7.507274	6.043769	-3.589707	Cl	-7.492333	5.962545	-3.562486
1o²⁺ singlet state				1o²⁺ triplet state			
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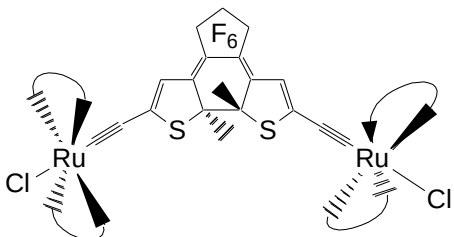
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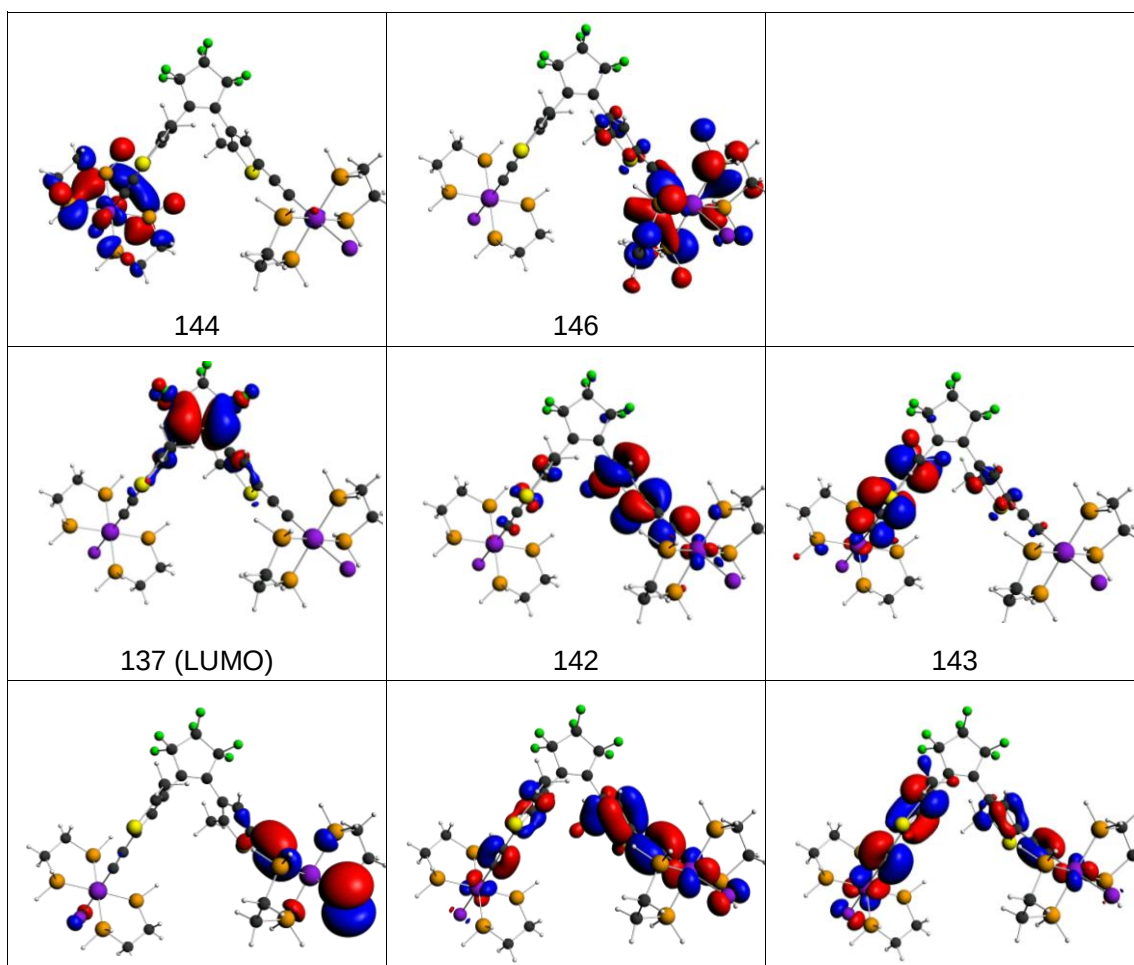
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Table S2. Calculated main electronic excitations in **1o** and **1c**, 3 different rotamers were considered for the latter (**1c₁**, **1c₂**, **1c₃** for rotamers 1, 2 and 3 respectively). The orbitals mainly involved in the excitations are plotted (for **1c**, the orbitals are given in the **1c₂** geometry).

Cpnd	Energy (nm)	Oscillator strength ^a	Composition (%) ^b	$\lambda_{\max}^c$ calc.	assignment
1o	387	0.07	129→137	50	[Cl(dppe) ₂ Ru-C ₂] → π^* DTE/(Ru-P)*
			135→142	22	
			135→146	6	
	389	0.13	129→137	46	
			135→142	16	
			135→146	7	
			135→145	6	
			135→143	5	
	358	0.09	135→146	36	
			135→142	10	
			136→150	10	
			135→150	6	
			136→146	6	

^a Only the transition with calculated oscillator strengths > 0.05 are reported. ^b Only the contribution > 5 % are given. ^c Maximum of absorption in nm in a simulated spectra obtained from all the excitations of the TDDFT results.

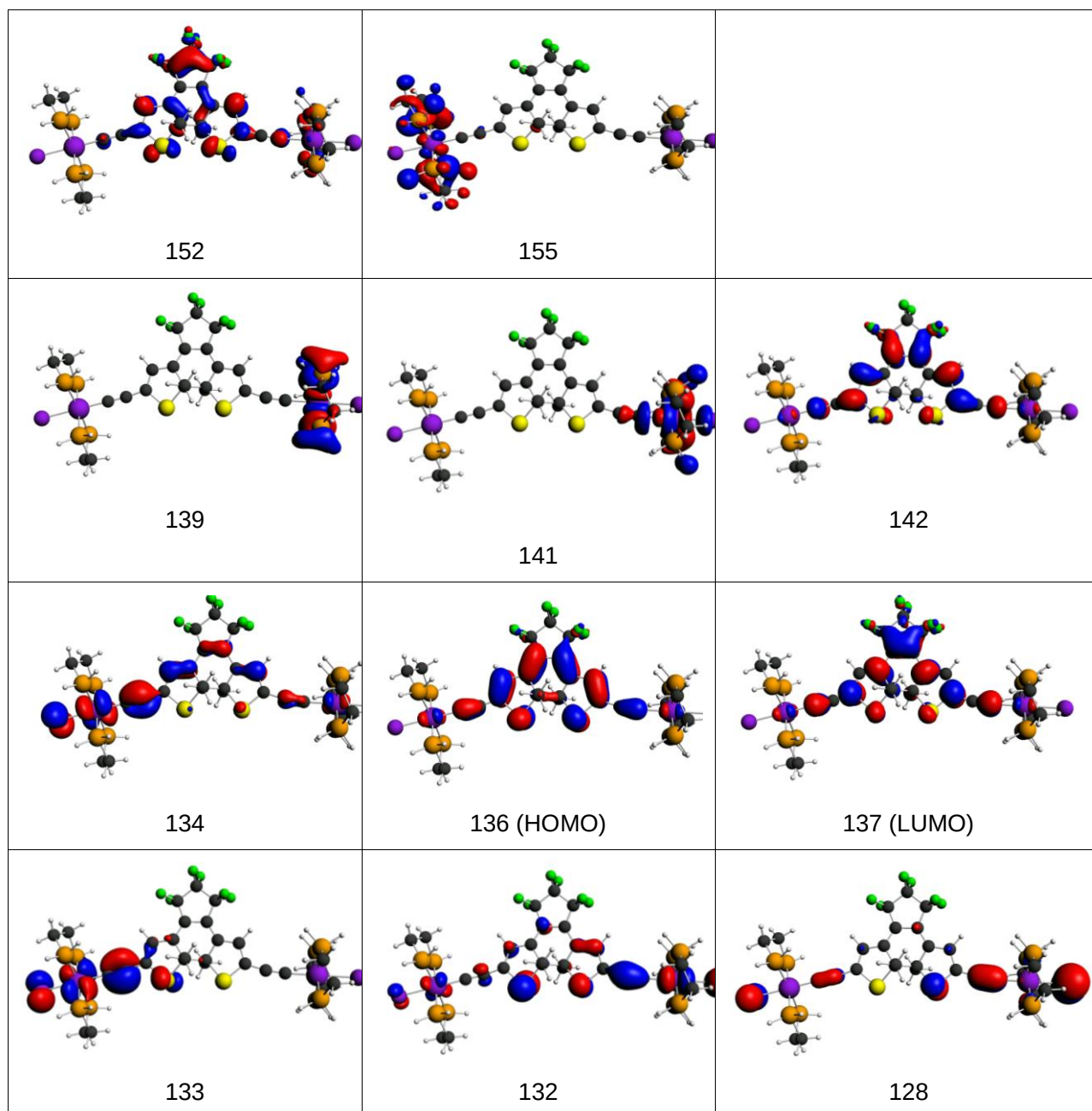
Molecular orbitals of **1o**:



129			135			136 (HOMO)
Cpnd	Energy (nm)	Oscillator strength ^a	Composition (%) ^b		$\lambda_{\max}^c$ calc.	assignment
1c₁	766	0.62	136→137	97	766	π C ₂ -DTE→ π^* C ₂ -DTE
	500	0.26	132→137	95	500	d/ π [Cl-Ru-C ₂]/S→ π^* C ₂ -DTE
	395	0.06	130→137	33		
			136→153	27		
			136→154	7		
			136→152	5		
	383	0.14	136→154	53		
			136→152	28		
			130→137	6		
	367	0.19	127→137	36	373	d/ π [Cl-Ru-C ₂]/S/DTE→ π^* C ₂ -DTE/(Ru-P) [*]
			136→142	19		
			133→137	11		
			136→146	7		
			136→146	5		
	328	0.06	131→142	52		
			124→137	37		
1c₂	697(2)	0.77	136→137	86	687	π C ₂ -DTE→ π^* C ₂ -DTE/(Ru-P) [*]
			136→139	10		
	690(3)	0.08	136→139	90		
			136→137	10		
	499(9)	0.26	132→137	75	499	d/ π [Cl-Ru-C ₂]/S/DTE→ π^* C ₂ -DTE
			133→137	8		
			136→142	7		
	384(40)	0.08	136→152	25		
			134→141	24		
			136→154	21		
	368(45)	0.17	128→137	35	379	d/ π [Cl-Ru-C ₂]-DTE→ π^* C ₂ -DTE/(Ru-P) [*]
			136→142	18		
			136→155	8		
			134→137	20		
1c₃	706	0.70	136→137	86	706	π C ₂ -DTE→ π^* C ₂ -DTE/(Ru-P) [*]
			136→139	10		
	532	0.14	132→137	75	529	d/ π [Cl-Ru-C ₂]/S/DTE→ π^* C ₂ -DTE
			133→137	8		
			136→142	7		
	387	0.07	136→152	25	390	
			134→141	24		
			136→154	21		
	363(56)	0.06	136→152	25		d/ π [Cl-Ru-C ₂]-DTE→ π^* C ₂ -DTE/(Ru-P) [*]
			134→141	24		
			136→154	21		

^a Only the transition with calculated oscillator strengths > 0.05 are reported. ^b Only the contribution > 5 % are given. ^c Maximum of absorption in nm in a simulated spectra obtained from all excitations of the TDDFT results.

Molecular orbitals of **1c₂**:



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