

## Supporting Information

### Dinuclear Ru<sup>II</sup> complexes with quinonoid bridges: tuning the electrochemical and spectroscopic properties of redox-switchable NIR dyes through judicious bridge design

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## Crystallographic Data

**Table S1** Crystallographic data of **mono2b<sup>O,N(Mes)</sup>**

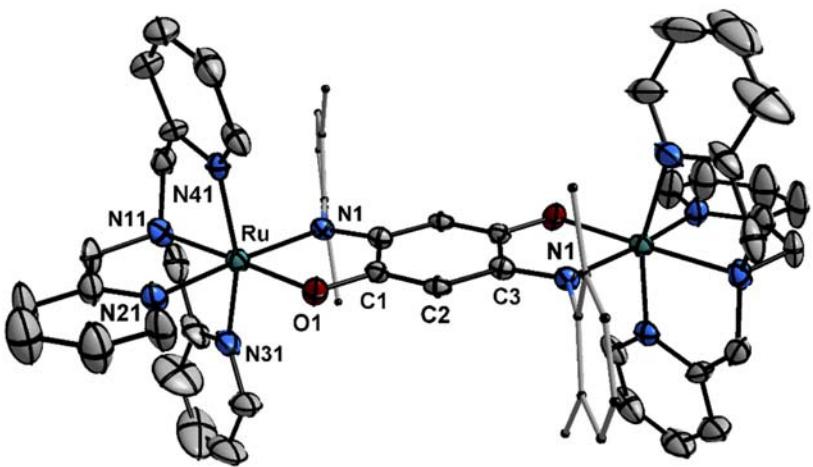
Complex	<b>mono2b<sup>O,N(Mes)</sup>.0.5CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub></b>
Chemical formula	C <sub>33.50</sub> H <sub>33</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Ru
M <sub>r</sub>	789.62
Crystal System	triclinic
Space group	P -1
a (Å)	11.800(5)
b (Å)	12.969(5)
c (Å)	24.229(10)
α (°)	89.705(16)
β (°)	76.042(11)
γ (°)	79.798(12)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3539(3)
Z	4
Densitiy (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.482
F(000)	1612
Radiation Type	MoK <sub>α</sub>
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.647
Crystal size	0.48 x 0.32 x 0.17
Meas. Refl.	71270
Indep. Refl.	13010
Obsvd. [I > 2σ(I)] refl.	8734
R <sub>int</sub>	0.1503
R [F <sup>2</sup> > 2σ(F <sup>2</sup> )], wR(F <sup>2</sup> ),S	0.0637
Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.759, -0.878

**Table S2 (a)** Selected bond lengths (Å) and selected bond angles (°) of **mono2b<sup>O,N(Mes)</sup>.0.5CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>**

Bond	Bond lengths	Bond Angle	
C1- C2	1.501(7)	N3- Ru1- O1	99.62(15)
C1- C6	1.390(7)	N4 -Ru1- O1	93.50(15)
C3- C2	1.402(7)	N2- Ru1- O1	101.13(16)
C3- C4	1.377(7)	N1- Ru1- O1	175.31(15)
C5- C6	1.416(7)	O2- Ru1- O1	77.82(13)
C4- C5	1.521(7)	O1 -C1 -C6	125.3(5)
C1- O1	1.274(6)	O1- C1- C2	115.6(4)
O2 -C2	1.282(6)	O2- C2- C1	116.2(4)
Ru1- O1	2.088(3)	O3- C5- C4	116.8(5)
Ru1- O2	2.085(3)	N5- C4- C5	115.0(5)
O3- C5	1.243(6)	N3 -Ru1- N1	82.47(17)
C4 -N5	1.336(6)	N4- Ru1- N1	82.18(17)
Ru1- N3	2.010(4)	N3- Ru1- N4	92.52(17)
Ru1- N4	2.047(5)	N4- Ru1- N2	165.07(17)
Ru1- N2	2.049(4)	N3- Ru1- N2	87.97(17)
Ru1- N1	2.054(4)	N2- Ru1- N1	83.09(17)

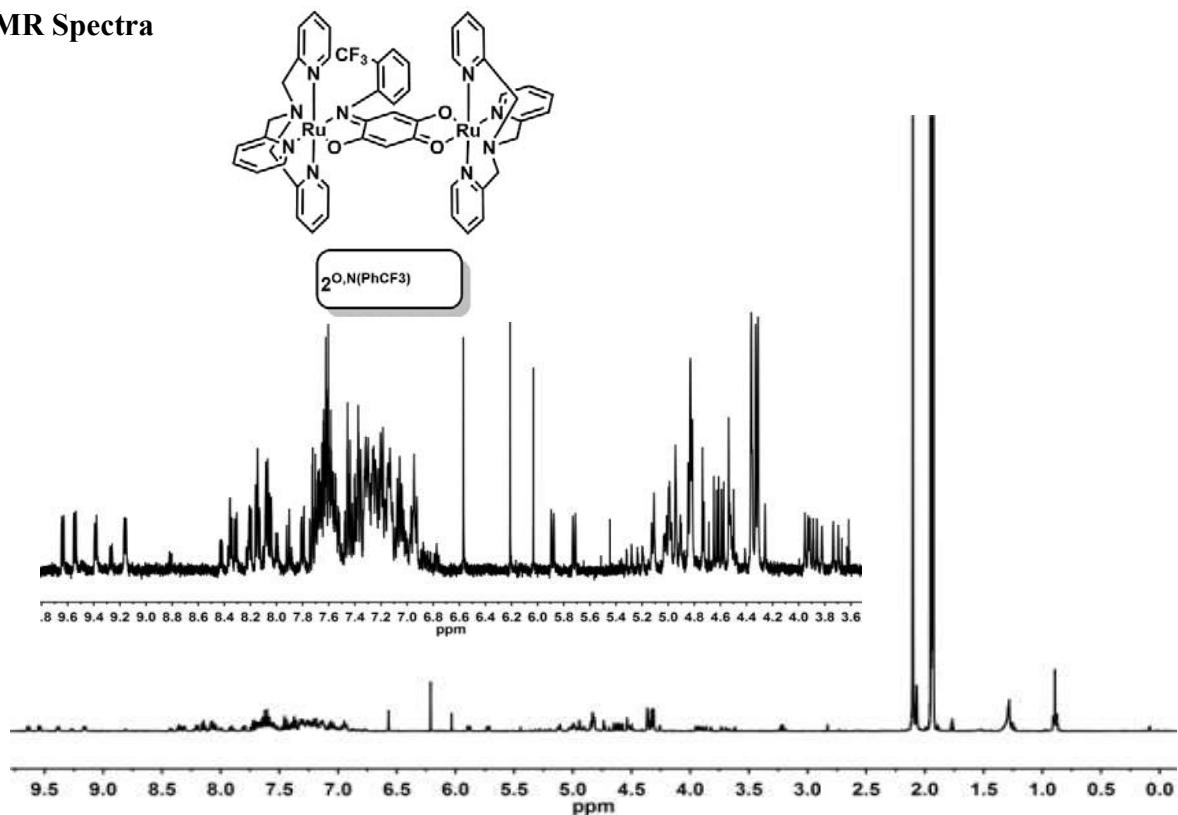
**(b)** Hydrogen bonding parameters [bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°)]

D-H…A	d(D-H)	d(H…A)	d(D…A)	∠(DHA)
N105-H105……O3	0.88	2.03	2.845(6)	153.2
N5-H5……O103	0.88	2.07	2.862(6)	149.0

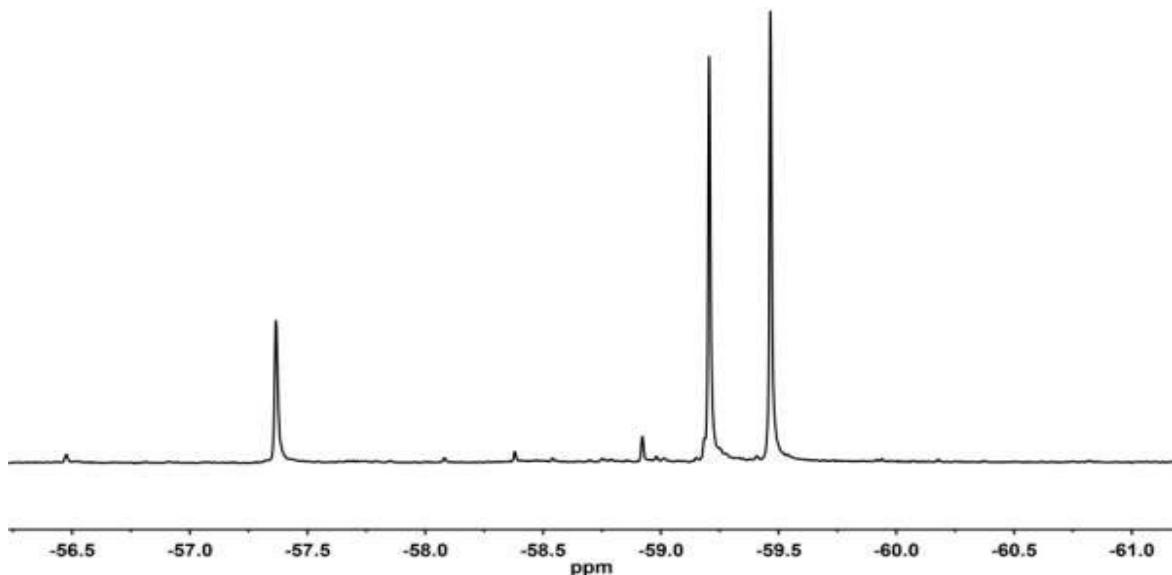


**Figure S1:** Crystal Structure of  $[3^{\text{N}(\text{PhMe}_2)}](\text{ClO}_4)_2$  with Ellipsoids Drawn at the 30% Probability Level. H atoms are omitted for clarity.

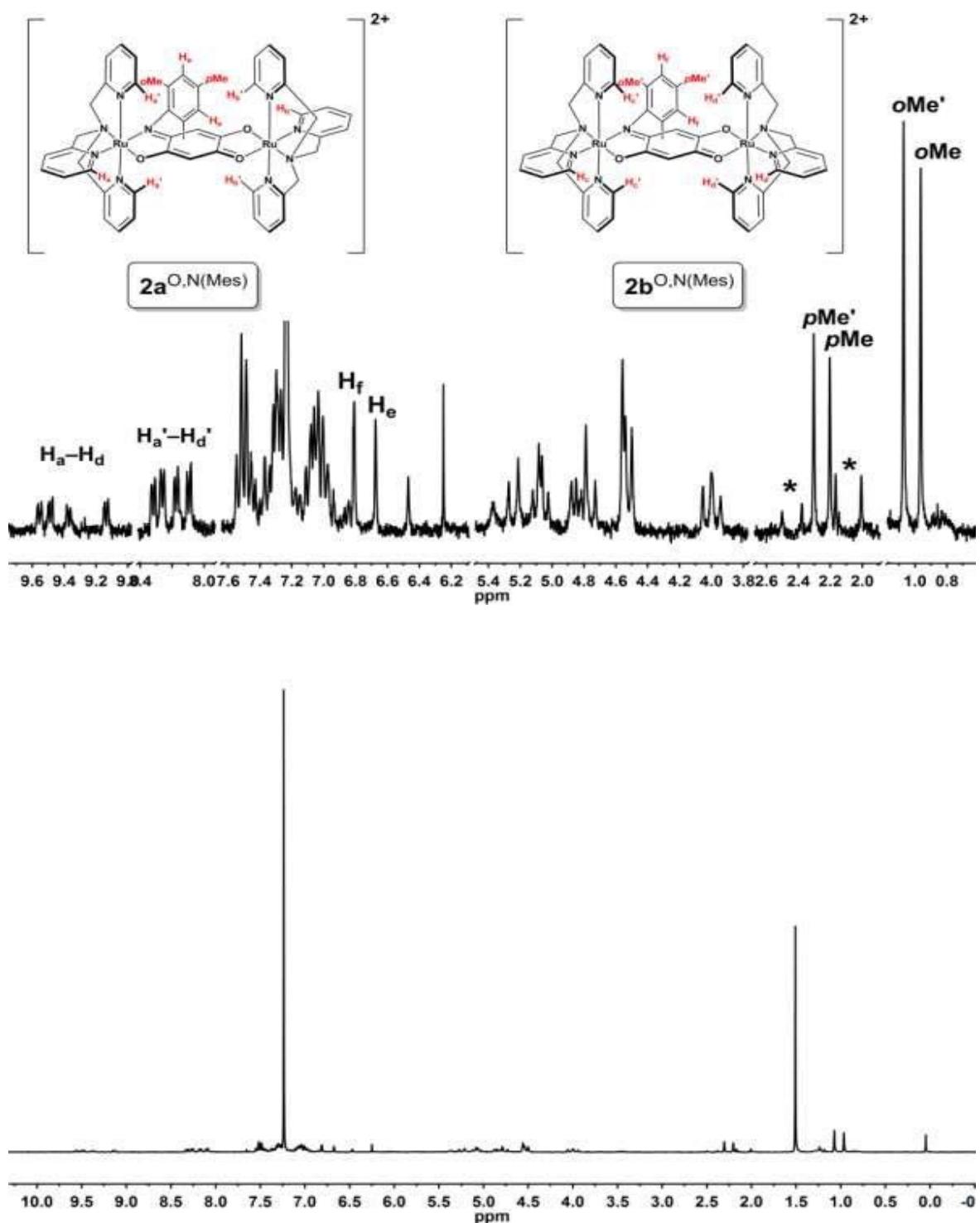
### NMR Spectra



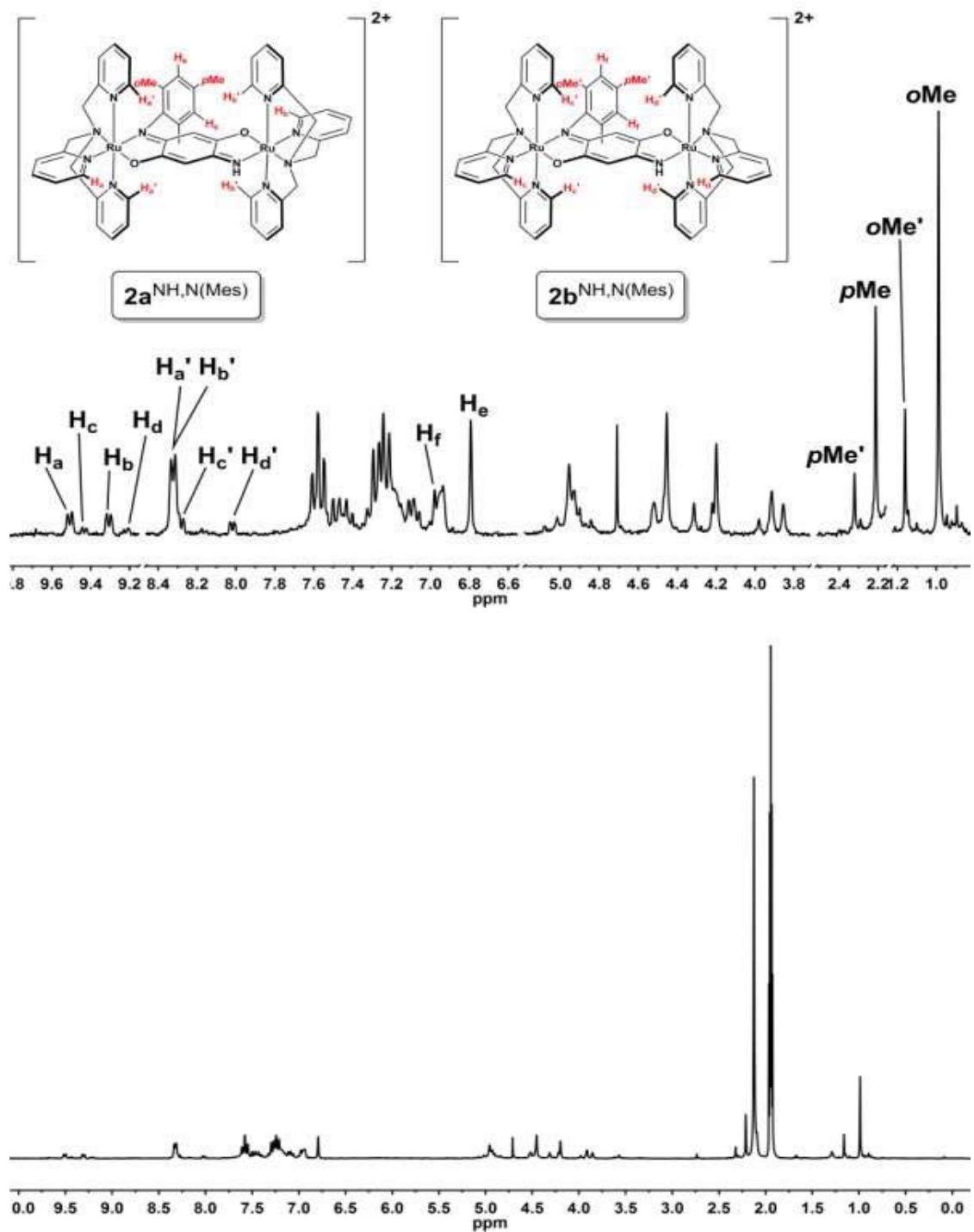
**Figure S2:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $\mathbf{2}^{\text{O},\text{N}(\text{PhCF}_3)}$  recorded in CD<sub>3</sub>CN. Inset contains expanded region for better visibility. Bottom: Full spectrum.



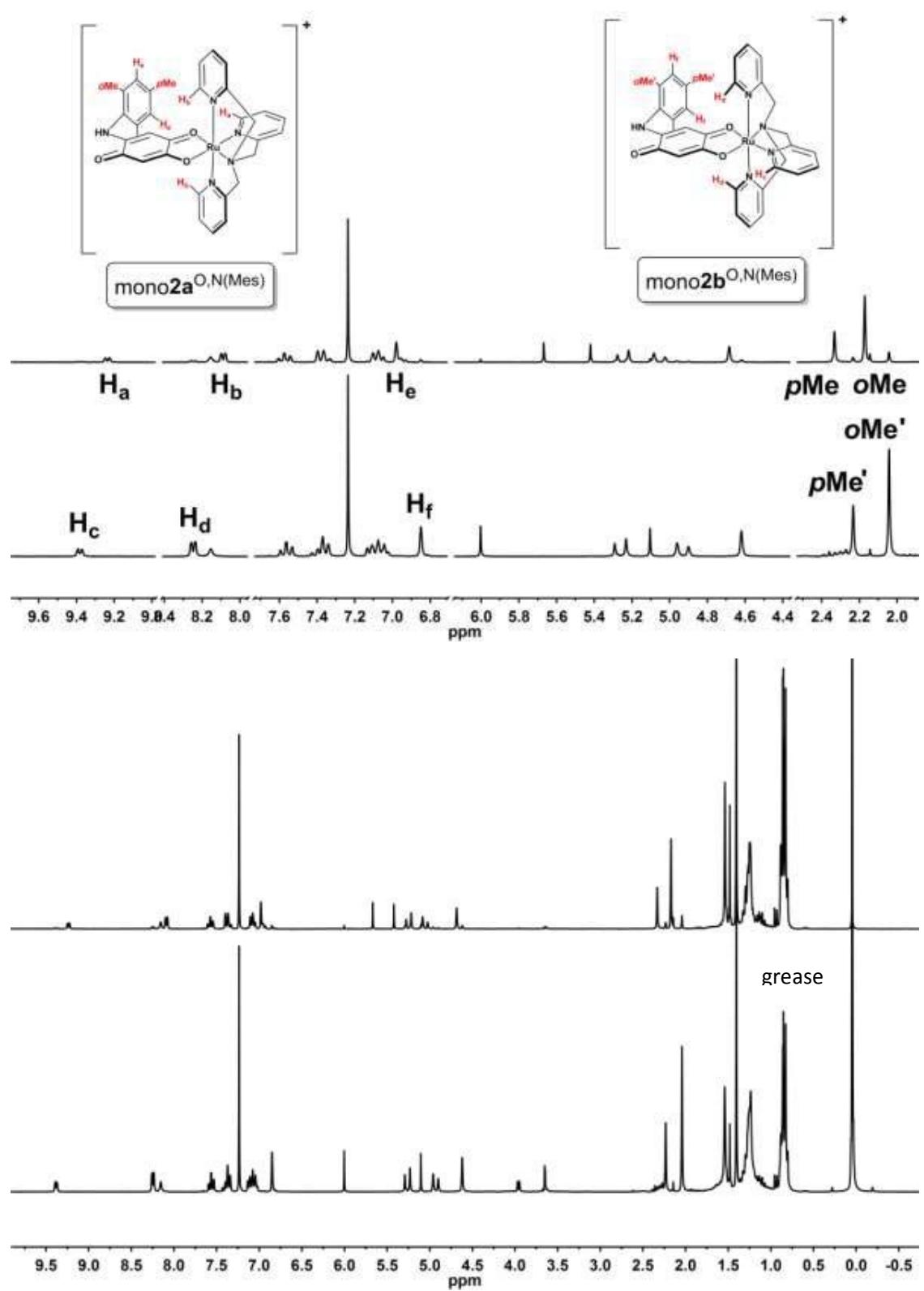
**Figure S3:** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of  $\mathbf{2}^{\text{O},\text{N}(\text{PhCF}_3)}$  recorded in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



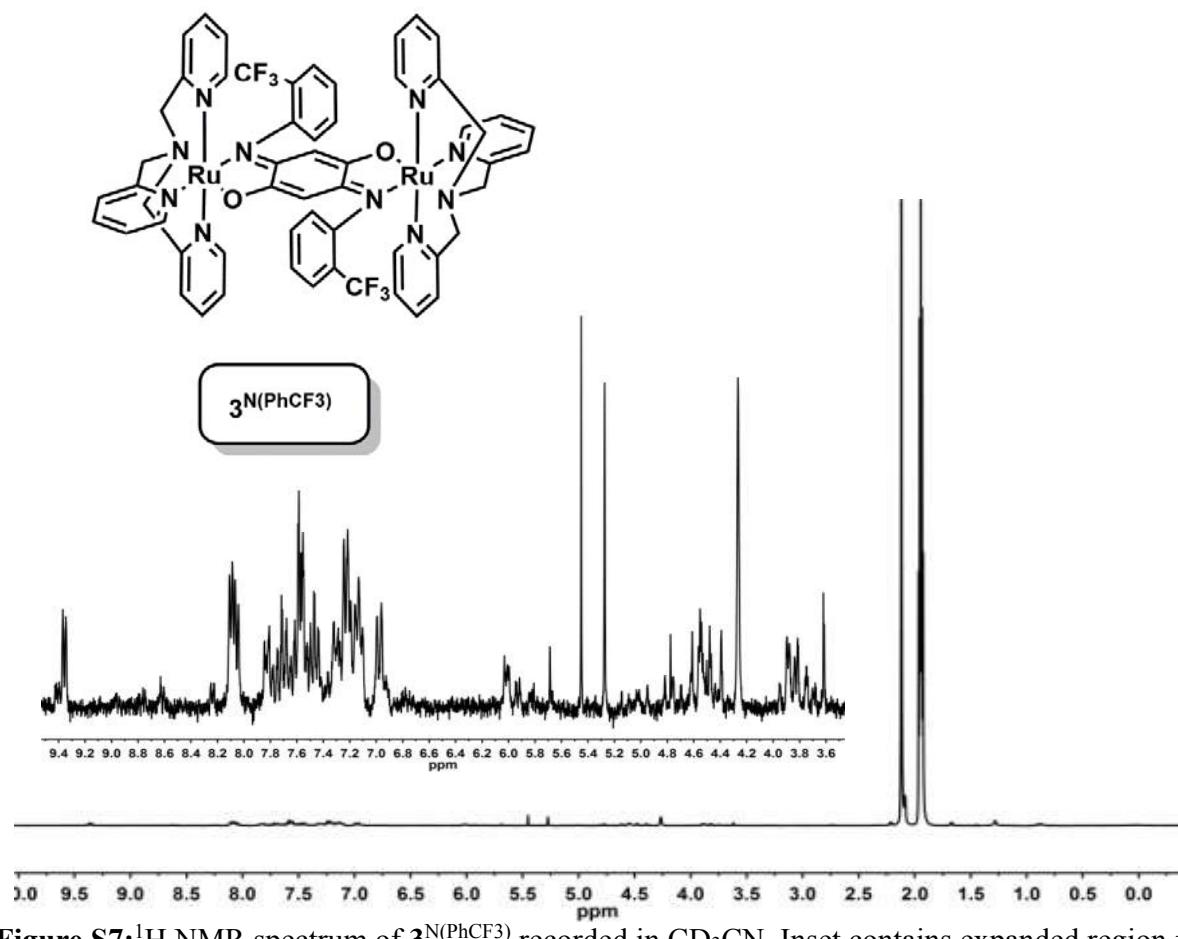
**Figure S4:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\mathbf{2}^{\text{O},\text{N}(\text{Mes})}$  recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Top: Parts are cut for better visibility; “\*” mark impurities of mono $\mathbf{2}^{\text{O},\text{N}(\text{Mes})}$ . Bottom: Full spectrum.



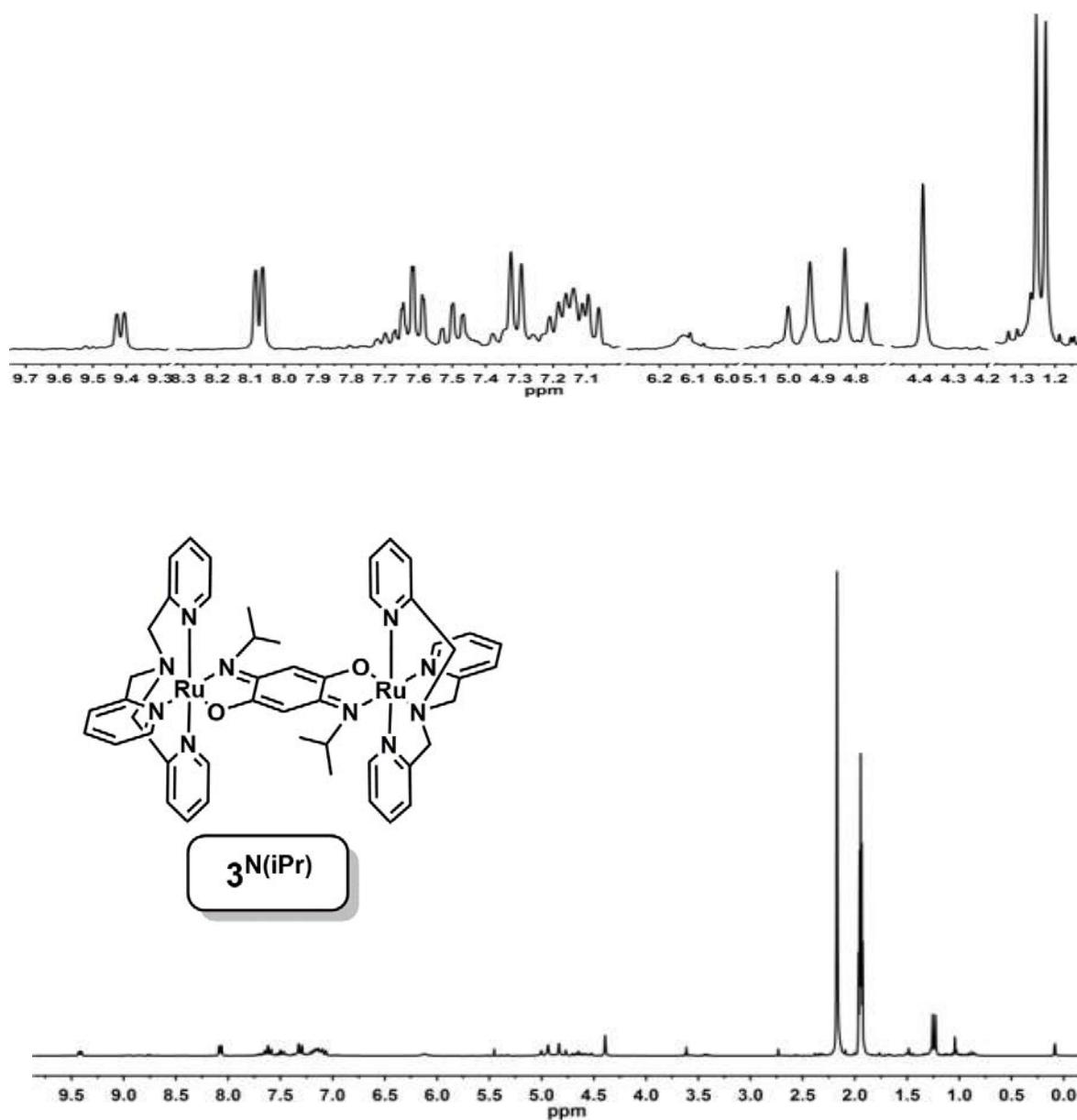
**Figure S5:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\mathbf{2}^{\text{NH,N(Mes)}}$  recorded in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ . Top: Parts are cut for better visibility. Bottom: Full spectrum.



**Figure S6:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of mono<sup>O,N(Mes)</sup> recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Top: Parts are cut for better visibility. Bottom: Full spectrum.

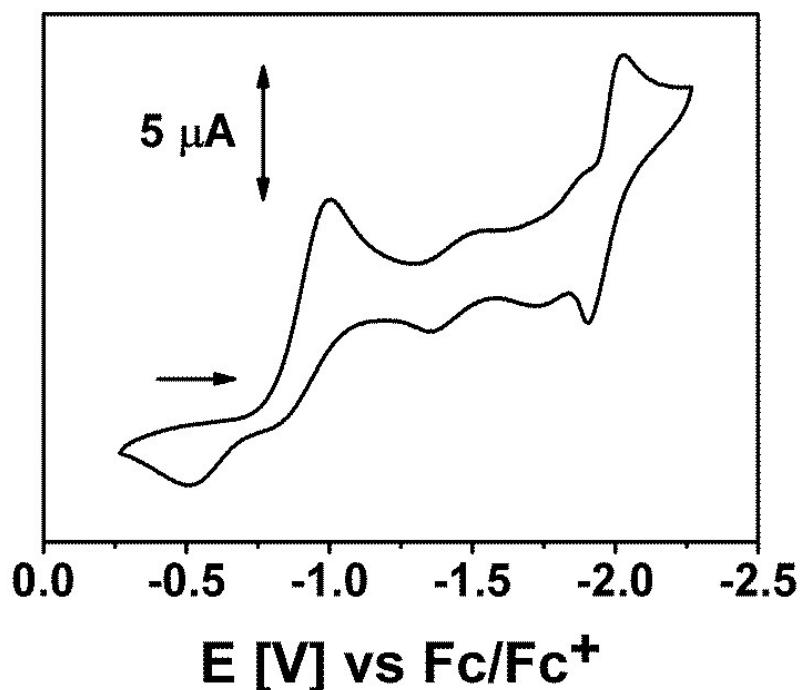


**Figure S7:**  ${}^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\mathbf{3}^{\text{N}(\text{PhCF}_3)}$  recorded in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ . Inset contains expanded region for better visibility. Bottom: Fullspectrum.

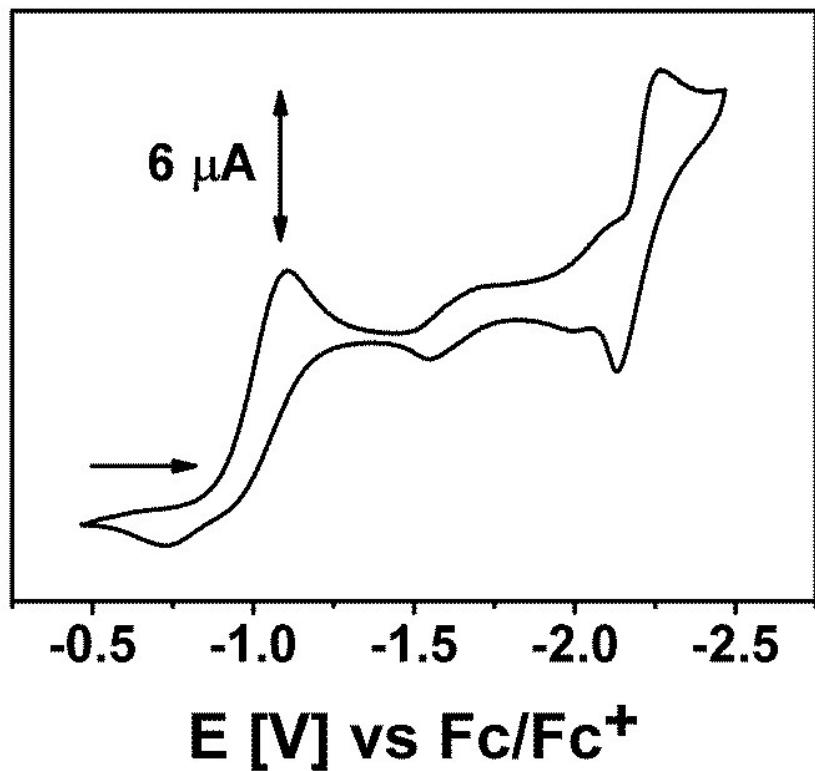


**Figure S8:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\mathbf{3}^{\text{N}(\text{iPr})}$  recorded in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$

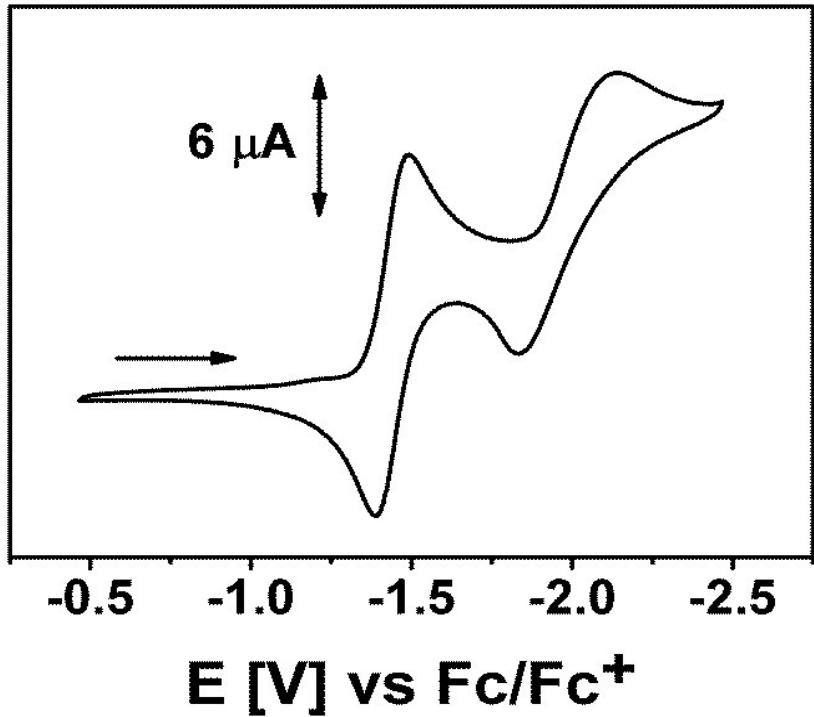
**CV Data**



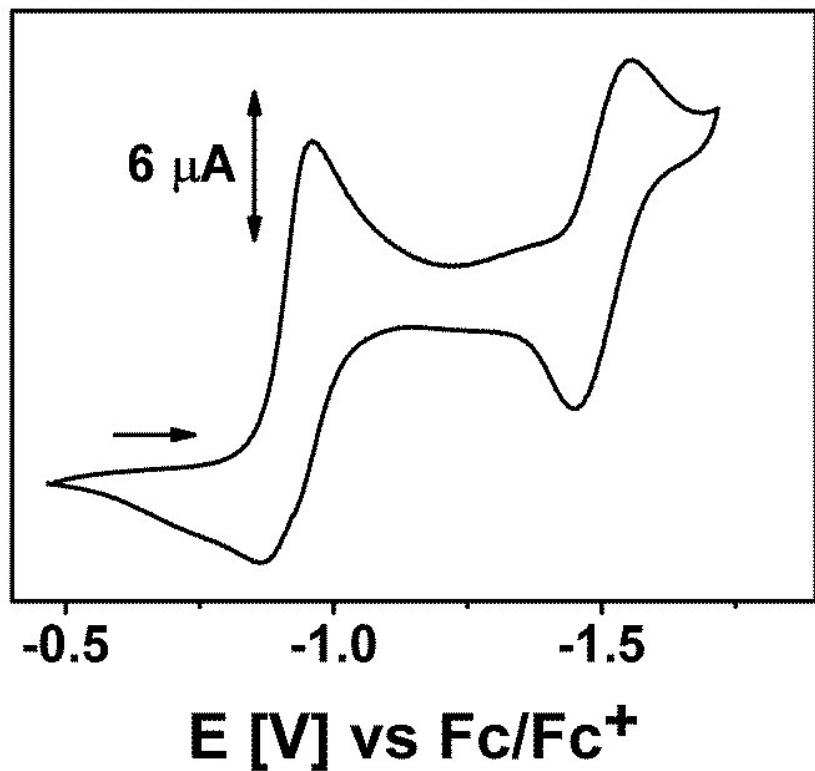
**Figure S9:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $\text{H}_2\text{L}2^{\text{O},\text{N}(\text{PhCF}_3)}$  recorded in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ ) at 10 mV/s.



**Figure S10:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $\text{H}_2\text{L2}^{\text{O},\text{N}(\text{Mes})}$  recorded in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ ) at 10 mV/s.

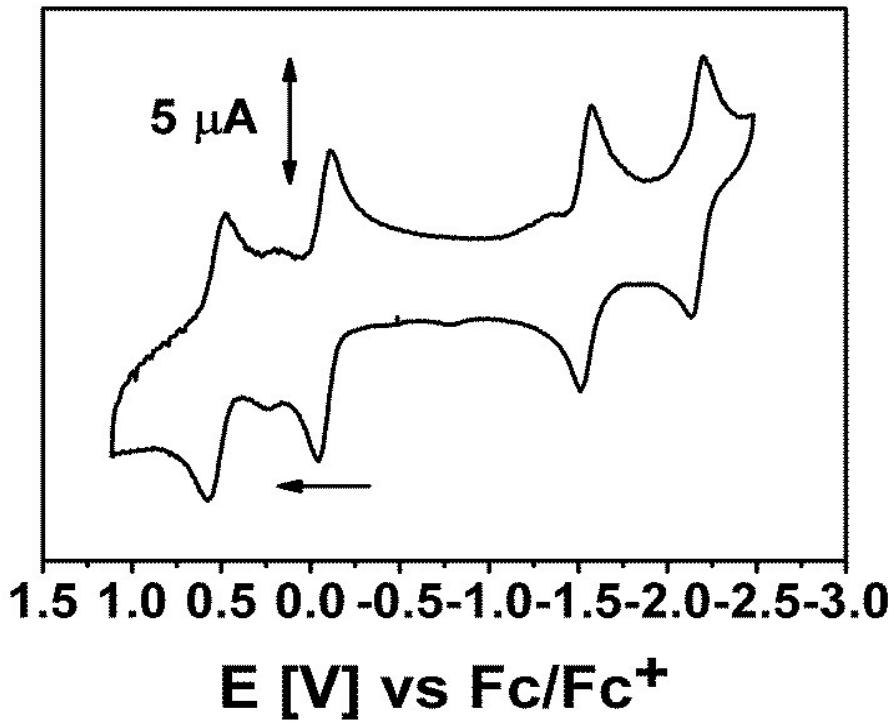


**Figure S11:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $\text{H}_2\text{L2}^{\text{NH,N}(\text{Mes})}$  recorded in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ ) at 10 mV/s.

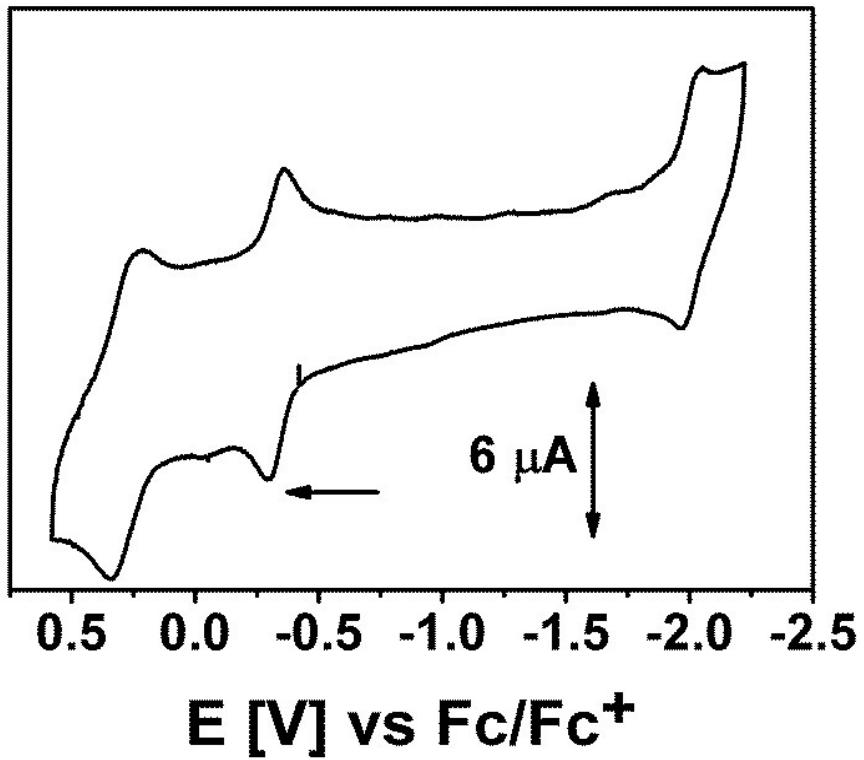


**$E$  [V] vs  $\text{Fc}/\text{Fc}^+$**

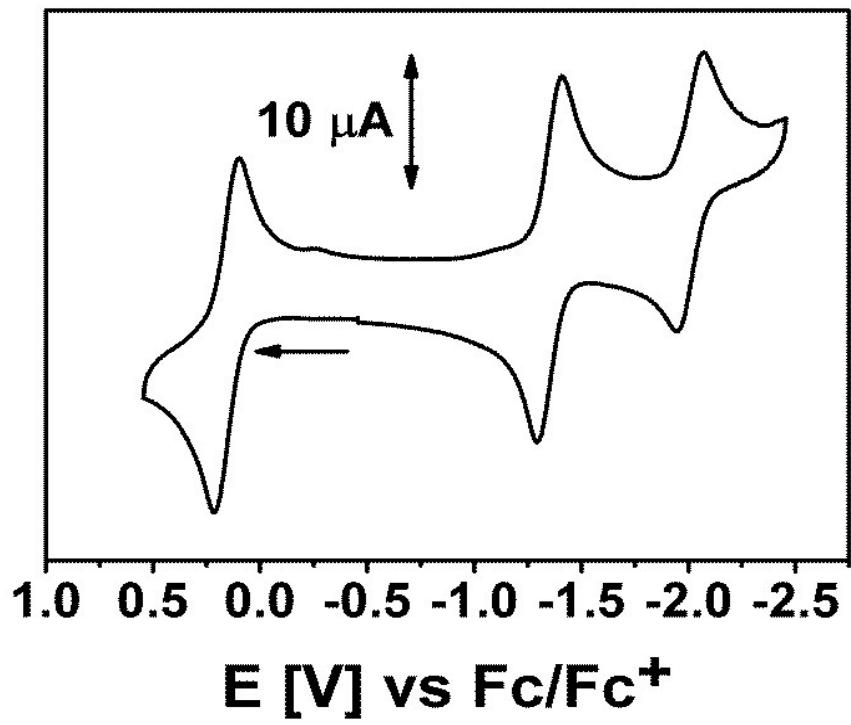
**Figure S12:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $\text{H}_2\text{L3}^{\text{N}(\text{PhCF}_3)}$  recorded in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ ) at 10 mV/s.



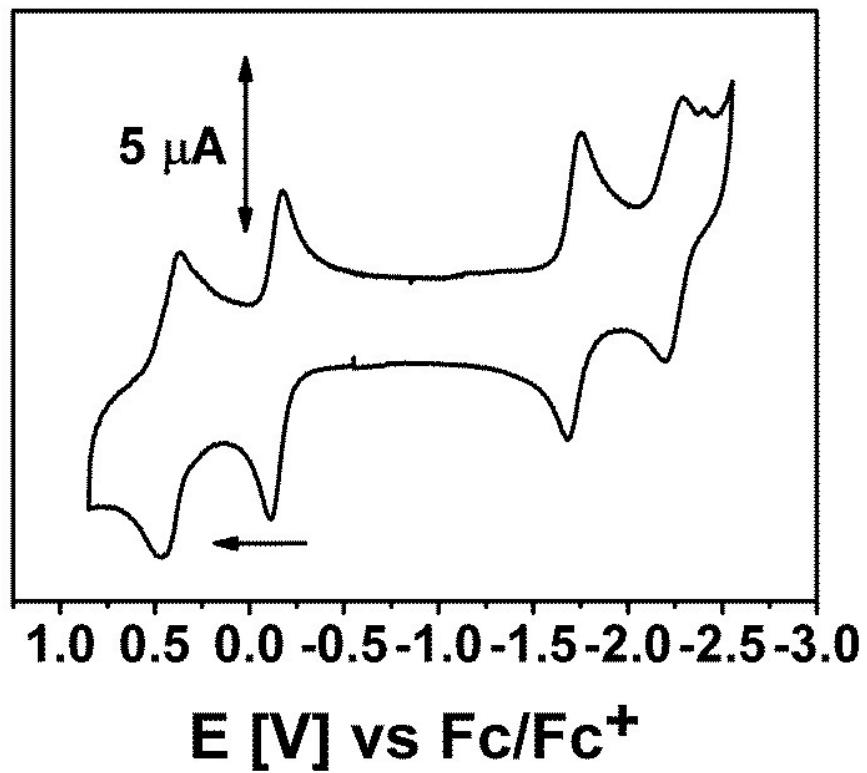
**Figure S13:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $2^{\text{O},\text{N}(\text{PhCF}_3)}$  recorded in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ ) at 100 mV/s.



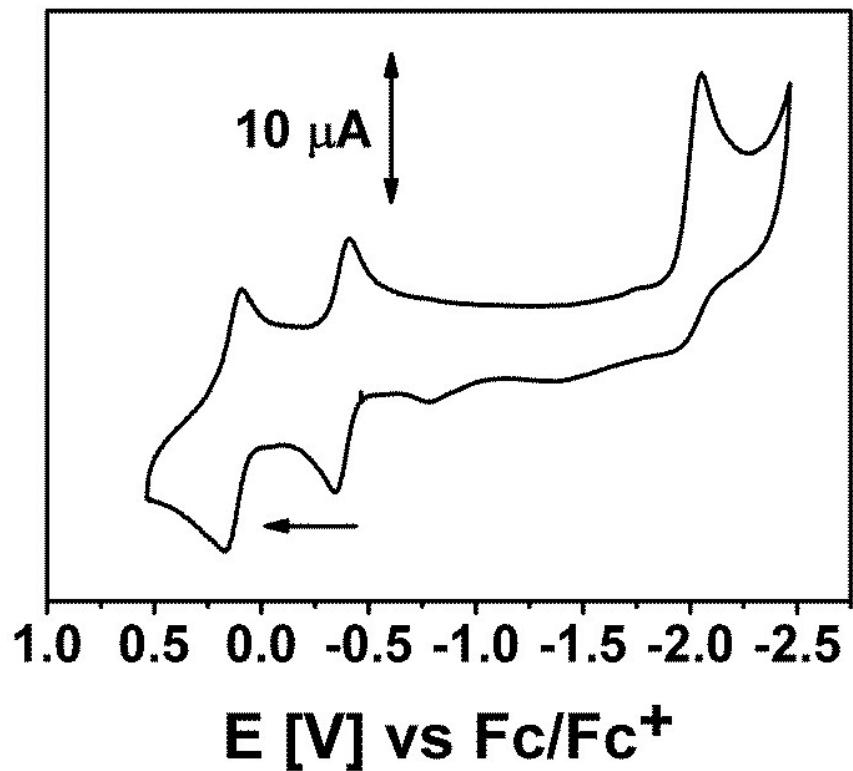
**Figure S14:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $2^{\text{NH},\text{N}(\text{Mes})}$  recorded in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ ) at 100 mV/s.



**Figure S15:** Cyclic voltammogram of **mono2b**<sup>O,N(Mes)</sup> recorded in CD<sub>3</sub>CN (0.1 M Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>) at 100 mV/s.

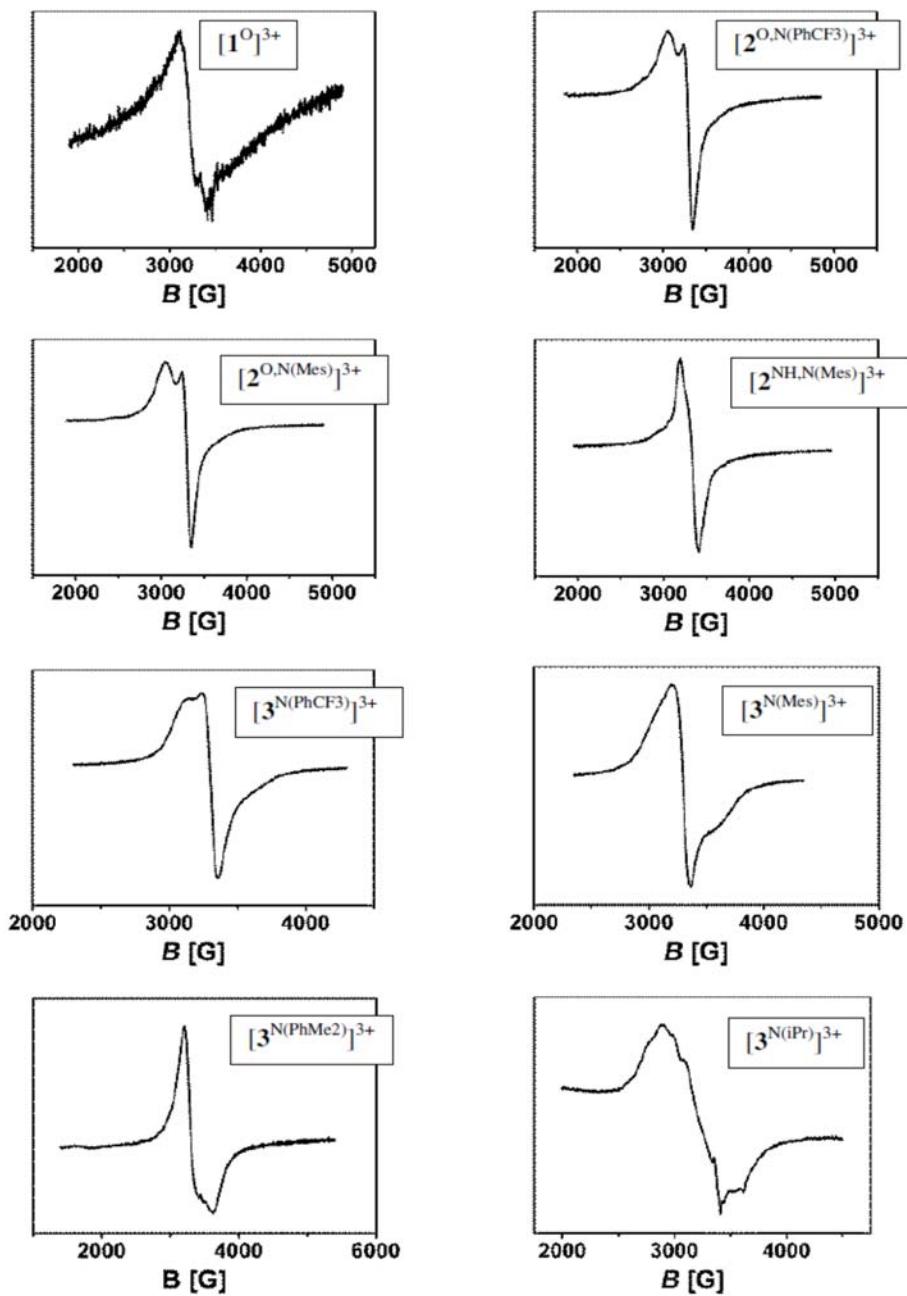


**Figure S16:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $3^{\text{N}(\text{PhCF}_3)}$  recorded in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ ) at 100 mV/s.

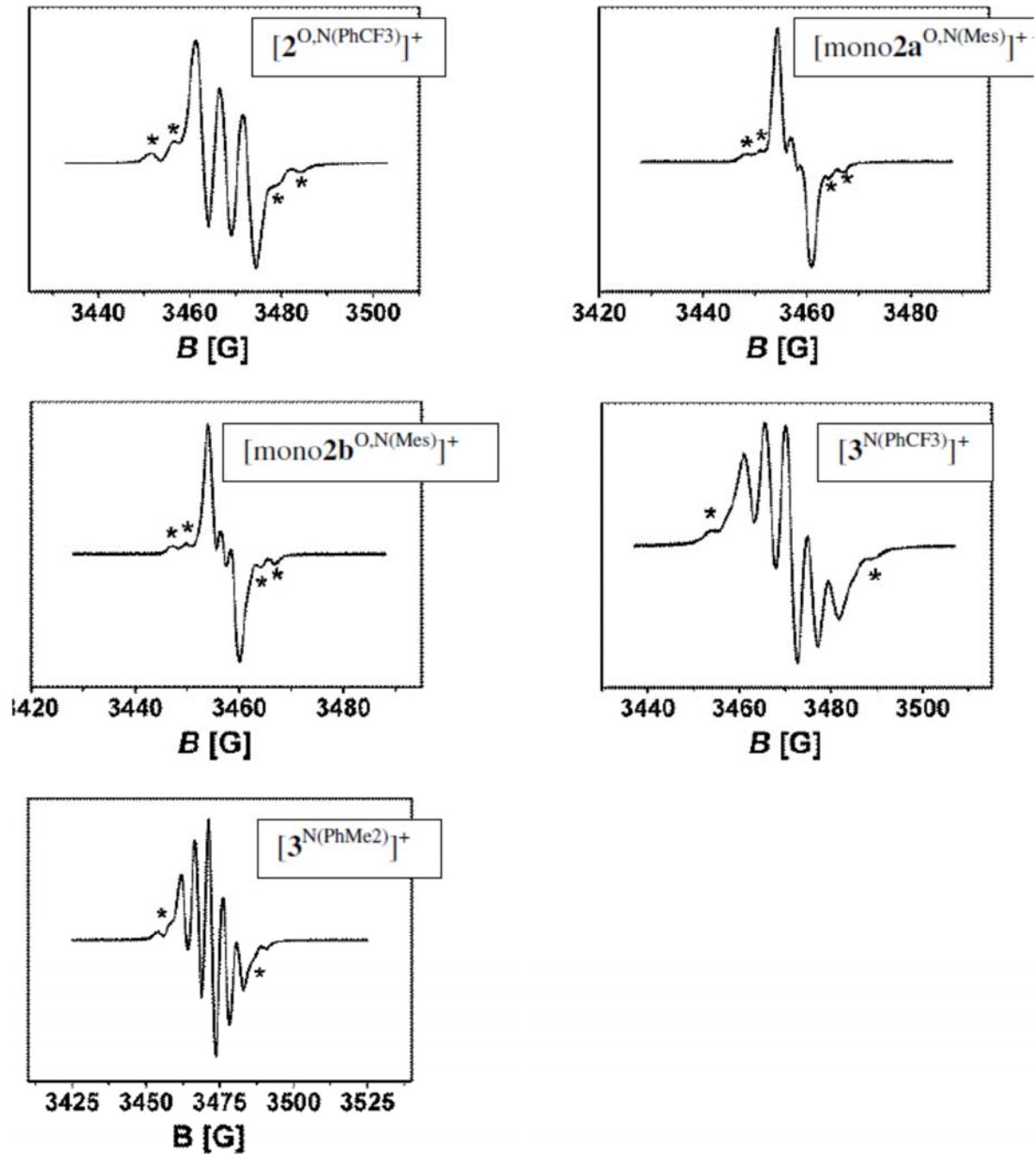


**Figure S17:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $3^{\text{N}(\text{iPr})}$  recorded in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ ) at 100 mV/s.

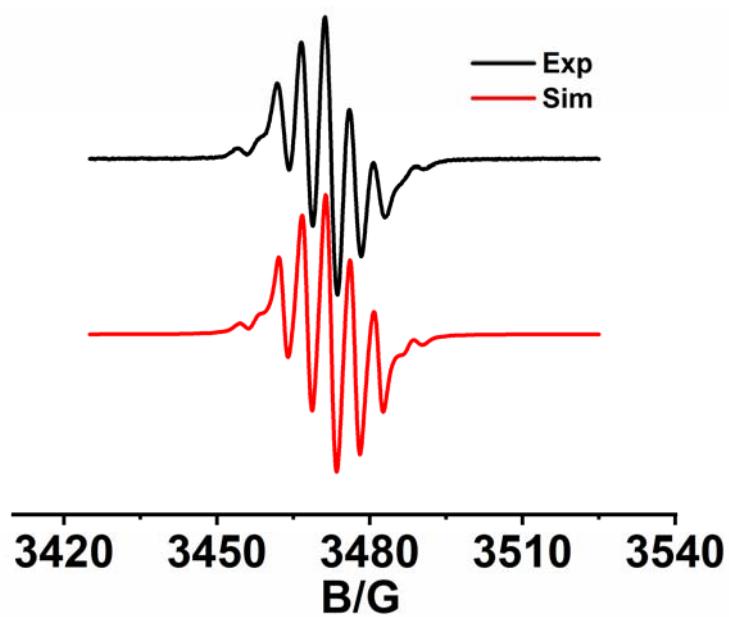
## EPR Data



**Figure S18:** EPR spectra of mixed-valent dinuclear complexes recorded in frozen CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 110 K.



**Figure S19: (a)** EPR spectra of reduced complexes recorded in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  at room temperature.



	Simulated parameters of $\mathbf{2}^{\text{NH},\text{N}(\text{Mes})+}$
$g$	1.9958
A(99,101Ru)*	3.2850
A(99,101Ru)*	2.9473
A(14N)*	4.9607
A(14N)*	4.4088

\* in G

**Figure S19: (b)** EPR simulated spectra of complex  $\mathbf{2}^{\text{NH},\text{N}(\text{Mes})+}$

## Spectroelectrochemistry Data

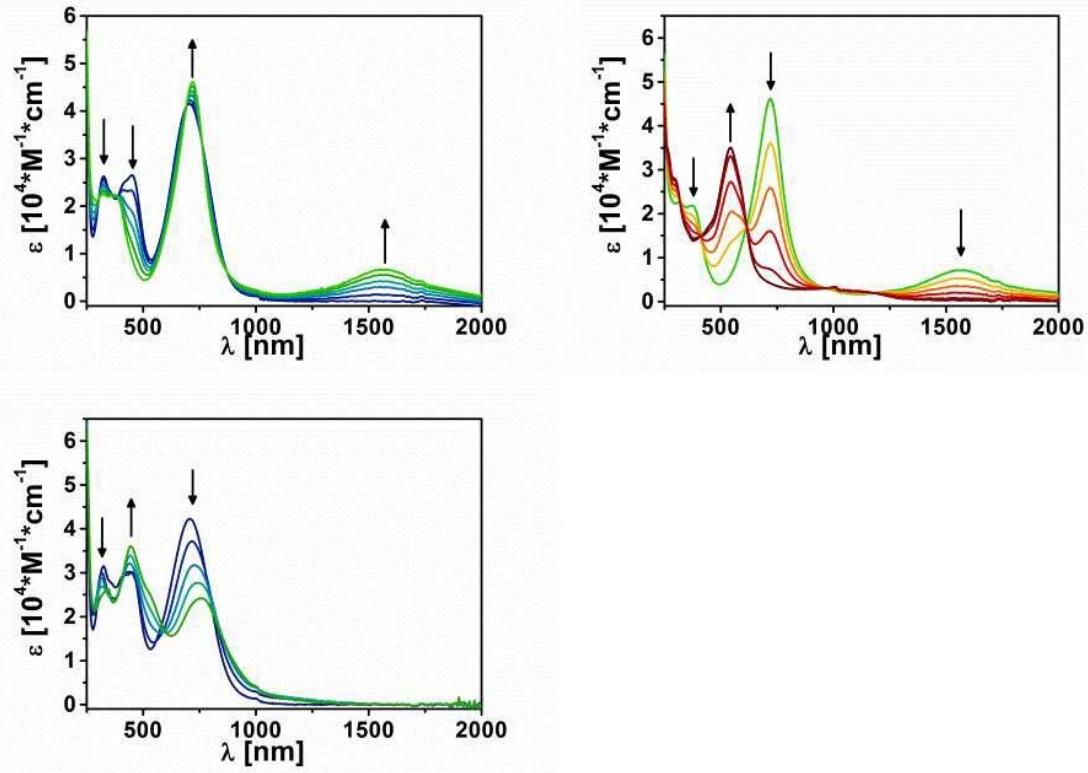
**Table S3** UV/Vis–NIR absorption bands of various oxidation states of the complexes discussed in this paper (recorded in CH<sub>3</sub>CN)

Compound	$\lambda_{\max}$ [nm] ( $\varepsilon$ [ $10^4$ cm <sup>-1</sup> m <sup>-1</sup> ])
[ <b>1<sup>O</sup></b> ] <sup>4+</sup>	298 (0.89), 365 sh, 530 (0.66), 785 (0.23)
[ <b>1<sup>O</sup></b> ] <sup>3+</sup>	305 (0.71), 375 (0.73), 780 (1.30), 1865 (0.23)
[ <b>1<sup>O</sup></b> ] <sup>2+</sup>	316 (0.79), 437 (0.83), 765 (0.91)
[ <b>1<sup>O</sup></b> ] <sup>+</sup>	340 (0.72), 442 (0.90), 515 sh, 750 (0.35)
[ <b>1<sup>O</sup></b> ] <sup>0</sup>	405 sh, 450 sh, 505 (1.15), 800 sh
[ <b>2<sup>O,N(PhCF3)</sup></b> ] <sup>4+</sup>	300 sh, 543 (3.50), 1087 sh
[ <b>2<sup>O,N(PhCF3)</sup></b> ] <sup>3+</sup>	317 (2.26), 371 (2.19), 720 (4.61), 1564 (0.71)
[ <b>2<sup>O,N(PhCF3)</sup></b> ] <sup>2+</sup>	325 (2.63), 417 sh, 450 (2.65), 706 (4.15)
[ <b>2<sup>O,N(Mes)</sup></b> ] <sup>4+</sup>	298 sh, 542 (2.88), 589 (2.36), 1132 sh
[ <b>2<sup>O,N(Mes)</sup></b> ] <sup>3+</sup>	377 (2.13), 716 (3.49), 1542 (0.69)
[ <b>2<sup>O,N(Mes)</sup></b> ] <sup>2+</sup>	323 (2.38), 421 (2.61), 449 sh, 686 (3.62)
[ <b>2<sup>NH,N(Mes)</sup></b> ] <sup>4+</sup>	306 sh, 471 sh, 580 (4.95), 1126 sh
[ <b>2<sup>NH,N(Mes)</sup></b> ] <sup>3+</sup>	371 (2.63), 580 sh, 708 (5.32), 752 sh, 1435 (1.28)
[ <b>2<sup>NH,N(Mes)</sup></b> ] <sup>2+</sup>	311 (2.63), 376 sh, 422 sh, 479 (2.93), 645 (5.78)
[mono <b>2<sup>O,N(Mes)</sup></b> ] <sup>2+</sup>	A: 304 (1.56), 460 (1.33), 496 sh, 1004 sh B: 305 (1.61), 364 sh, 431 sh, 459 (1.33), 496 sh, 685 sh, 966 sh
[mono <b>2<sup>O,N(Mes)</sup></b> ] <sup>+</sup>	A: 327 (1.68), 436 (1.17), 648 (1.18) B: 326 (1.88), 437 (1.22), 639 (1.34)
[mono <b>2<sup>O,N(Mes)</sup></b> ] <sup>0</sup>	A: 313 (0.99), 353 (0.91), 453 (1.23), 496 (1.27), 669 sh B: 330 (1.01), 355 (1.06), 458 (1.29), 489 (1.29), 659 sh

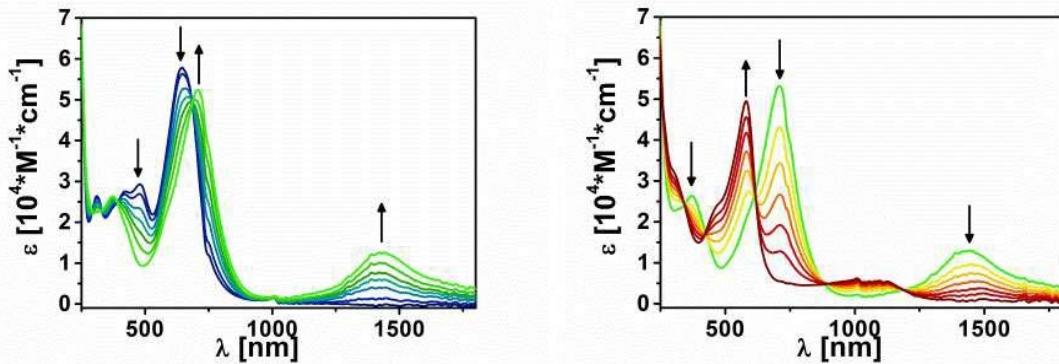
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$[3^{N(PhCF_3)}]^{4+}$	304 sh, 503 sh, 568 (4.16), 946 sh, 1091 sh
$[3^{N(PhCF_3)}]^{3+}$	333 (2.17), 392 sh, 729 (6.15), 1248 sh, 1492 (1.47)
$[3^{N(PhCF_3)}]^{2+}$	332 (2.80), 408 (1.99), 467 (2.26), 699 (5.39)
$[3^{N(PhCF_3)}]^+$	310 (4.16), 433 (3.05), 790 (4.07)
$[3^{N(Mes)}]^{4+}$	310 (1.79), 478 sh, 585 (2.86), 1129 sh
$[3^{N(Mes)}]^{3+}$	318 sh, 376 (1.59), 724 (3.59), 850 sh, 1490 (1.35)
$[3^{N(Mes)}]^{2+}$	320 (1.71), 418 (1.67), 483 (1.89), 680 (3.55)
$[3^{N(Mes)}]^+$	350 (1.45), 468 (0.23), 780 (1.59), 860 sh
$[3^{N(PhMe_2)}]^{4+}$	305 (1.73), 470 sh, 580 (3.15), 1085 sh
$[3^{N(PhMe_2)}]^{3+}$	325 (1.53), 374 (1.55), 727 (4.06), 835 sh, 1485 (1.42)
$[3^{N(PhMe_2)}]^{2+}$	324 (1.91), 410 sh, 485 (1.92), 685 (3.86)
$[3^{N(PhMe_2)}]^+$	348 (1.66), 473 (2.53), 578 (1.51), 740 (1.92), 795 (1.86)
$[3^{N(iPr)}]^{4+}$	301 sh, 483 sh, 549 (3.50), 1039 sh
$[3^{N(iPr)}]^{3+}$	321 sh, 371 (2.95), 709 (4.41), 811 sh, 1403 (1.40)
$[3^{N(iPr)}]^{2+}$	324 (2.89), 416 (3.04), 480 (2.72), 643 (5.55)

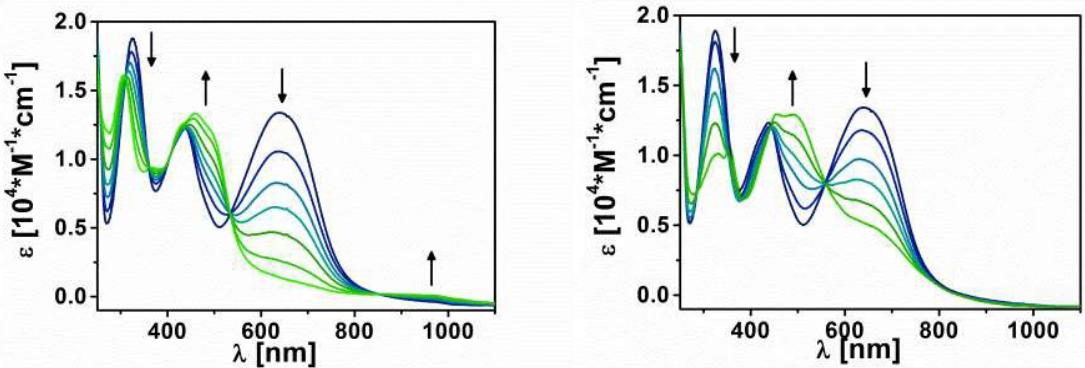
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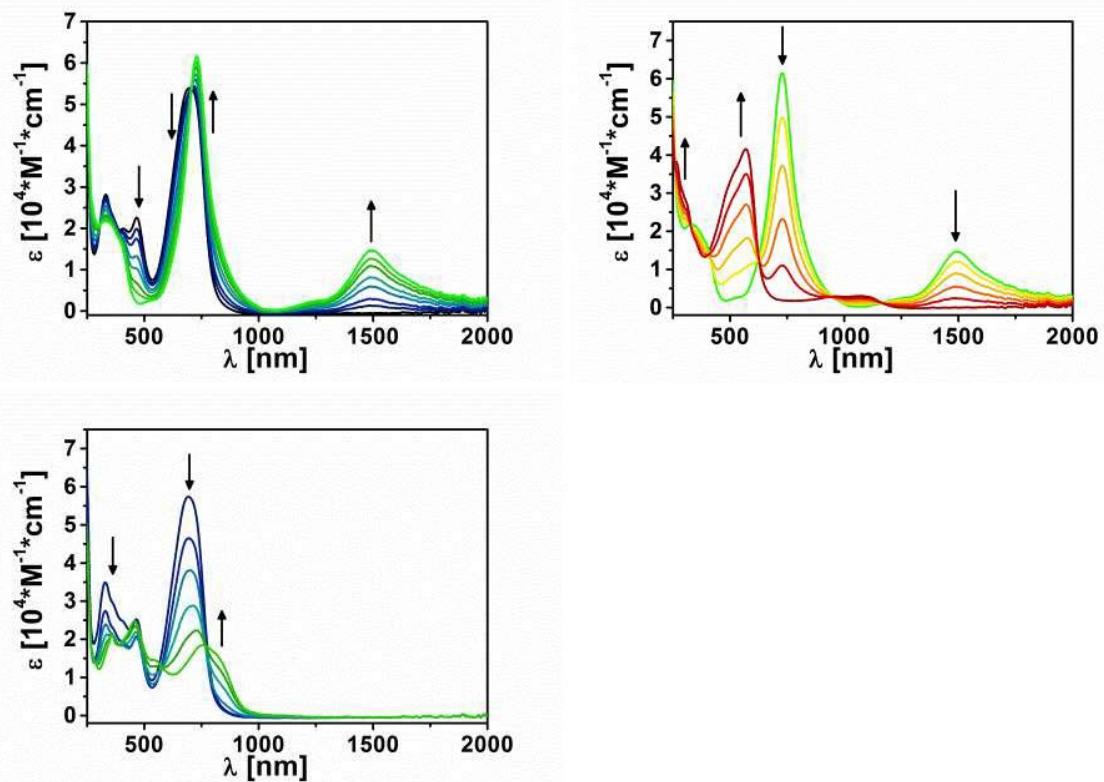
**Figure S20:** Changes in the UV/Vis–NIR spectrum of  $[2^{O,N(PhCF3)}]^{2+}$ , observed upon oxidation to  $[2^{O,N(PhCF3)}]^{3+}$  (top left) and  $[2^{O,N(PhCF3)}]^{4+}$  (top right) and upon reduction to  $[2^{O,N(PhCF3)}]^+$  (bottom left) in acetonitrile (scan rate of 20 mV/s).



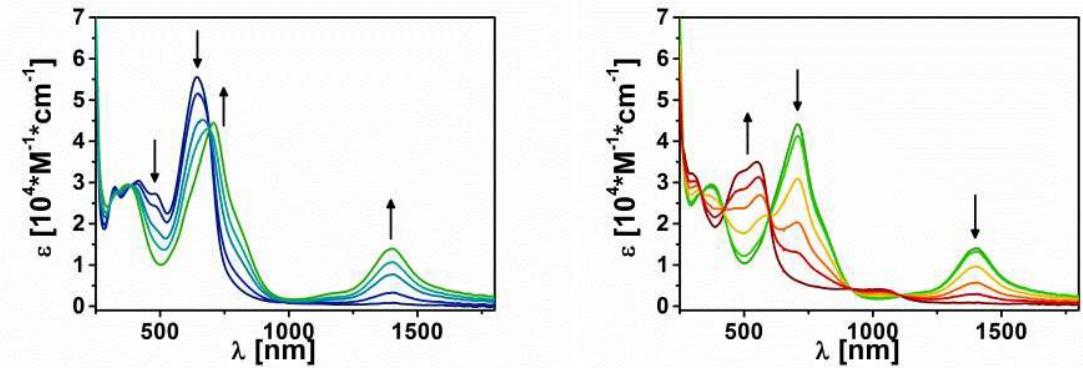
**Figure S21:** Changes in the UV/Vis–NIR spectrum of  $[2^{NH,N(Mes)}]^{2+}$ , observed upon oxidation to  $[2^{NH,N(Mes)}]^{3+}$  (left) and  $[2^{O,N(Mes)}]^{4+}$  (right) in acetonitrile (scan rate of 20 mV/s).



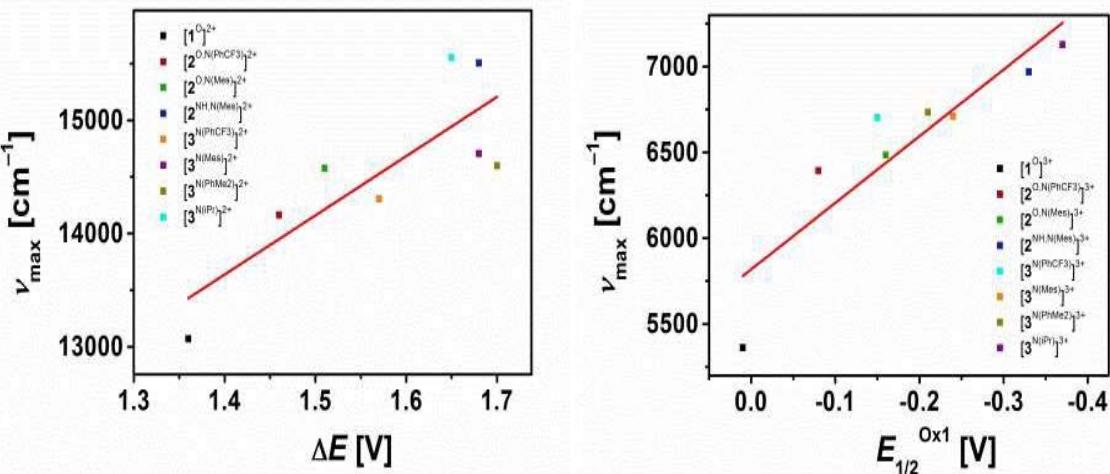
**Figure S22:** Changes in the UV/Vis–NIR spectrum of  $[\text{mono2b}^{\text{O},\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^+$ , observed upon oxidation to  $[\text{mono2b}^{\text{O},\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{2+}$  (left) and reduction to  $[\text{mono2b}^{\text{O},\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^0$  (right) in acetonitrile (scan rate of 20 mV/s).



**Figure S23:** Changes in the UV/Vis–NIR spectrum of  $[\mathbf{3}^{\text{N}(\text{PhCF}_3)}]^{2+}$ , observed upon oxidation to  $[\mathbf{3}^{\text{N}(\text{PhCF}_3)}]^{3+}$  (top left) and  $[\mathbf{3}^{\text{N}(\text{PhCF}_3)}]^{4+}$  (top right) and upon reduction to  $[\mathbf{3}^{\text{N}(\text{PhCF}_3)}]^+$  (bottom left) in acetonitrile (scan rate of 20 mV/s).



**Figure S24:** Changes in the UV/Vis–NIR spectrum of  $[3^{\text{N}(\text{iPr})}]^{2+}$ , observed upon oxidation to  $[3^{\text{N}(\text{iPr})}]^{3+}$  (left) and  $[3^{\text{N}(\text{iPr})}]^{4+}$  (right) in acetonitrile (scan rate of 20 mV/s).



**Figure S25:** Left:  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  of the MLCT bands of the native dinuclear species plotted against the potential gap between first oxidation and first reduction determined by cyclic voltammetry. Right:  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  of the NIR bands of the mono-oxidized mixed-valent species plotted against the potential of the first oxidation.

## DFT Calculations

**Table S4** Bond lengths of the DFT-optimized geometries Of **3<sup>N(Mes)</sup>** and **2<sup>NH,N(Mes)</sup>** in different oxidation states (See Figure 11 for atom labeling).

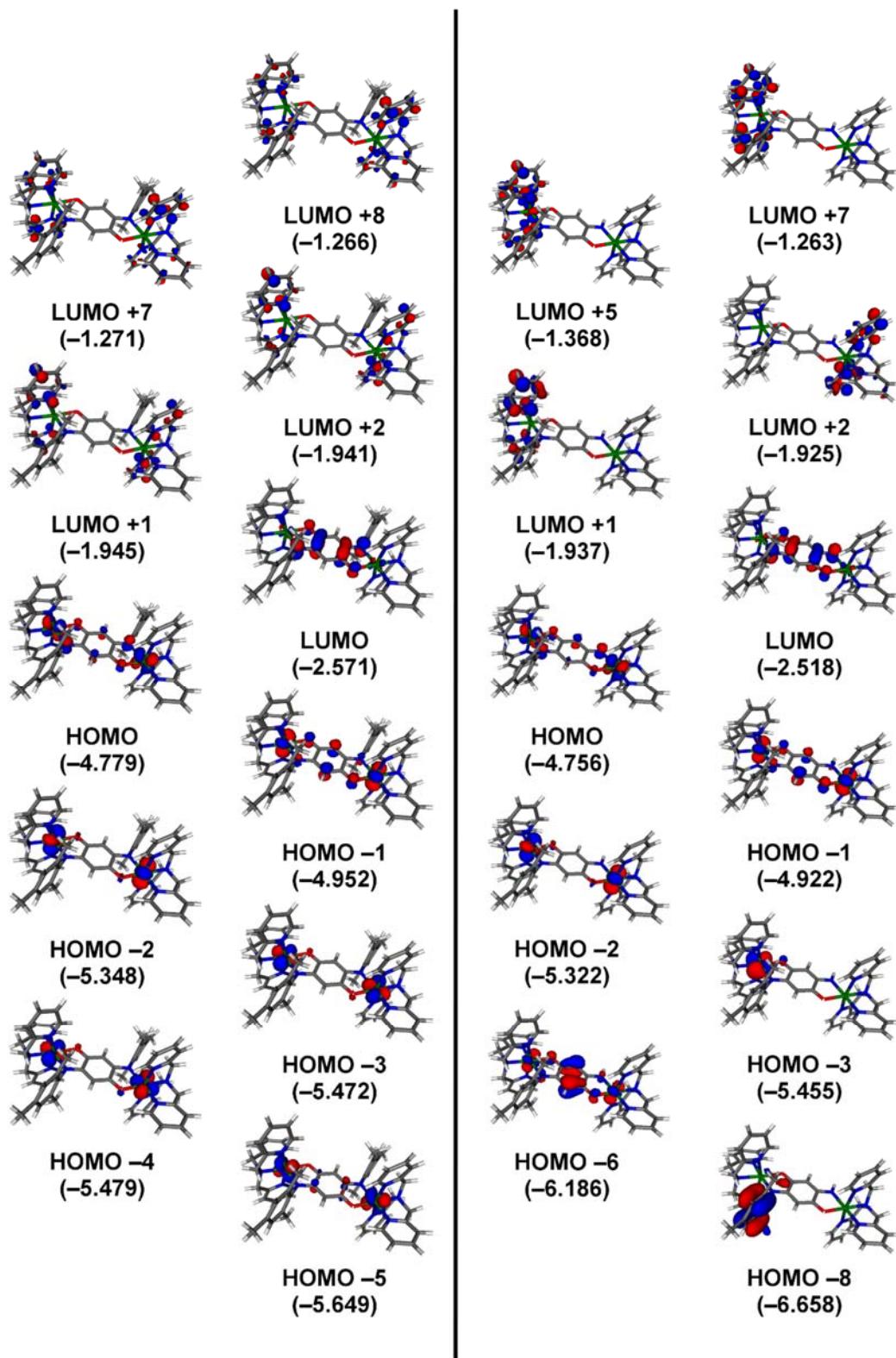
Bond	Exp. [ <b>3<sup>N(Mes)</sup></b> ] <sup>2+</sup>	DFT <b>3<sup>N(Mes)</sup></b>				+	DFT <b>2<sup>NH,N(Mes)</sup></b>			
		2+	3+	4+			2+	3+	4+	+
Ru1–N10 <sub>ax</sub>	2.044(4)	2.039	2.053	2.060	2.029		2.039	2.051	2.061	2.031
Ru1–N11 <sub>ax</sub>	2.063(4)	2.054	2.062	2.069	2.050		2.053	2.062	2.069	2.049
Ru1–N12 <sub>eq</sub>	2.034(4)	2.039	2.054	2.063	2.035		2.038	2.053	2.064	2.035
Ru1–N13 <sub>amine</sub>	2.074(4)	2.093	2.096	2.108	2.095		2.093	2.102	2.107	2.095
Ru1–N14 <sub>Mes</sub>	2.097(4)	2.083	2.072	2.045	2.079		2.085	2.088	2.044	2.079
Ru1–O1	2.076(3)	2.068	2.032	2.003	2.081		2.070	2.010	2.006	2.083
N14 <sub>Mes</sub> –C1	1.330(5)	1.339	1.337	1.340	1.362		1.338	1.336	1.340	1.362
C1–C2	1.417(6)	1.410	1.412	1.410	1.413		1.411	1.411	1.411	1.413
C2–C3	1.375(6)	1.392	1.390	1.389	1.399		1.392	1.390	1.389	1.398
C3–O1 <sup>i</sup> /O2	1.305(5)	1.304	1.307	1.308	1.326		1.305	1.305	1.308	1.328
C1 <sup>i</sup> –C3/C3–C4	1.481(6)	1.476	1.471	1.467	1.450		1.482	1.478	1.473	1.455
Ru2–N20 <sub>ax</sub>							2.040	2.057	2.064	2.029
Ru2–N21 <sub>ax</sub>							2.049	2.059	2.066	2.045
Ru2–N22 <sub>eq</sub>							2.039	2.056	2.060	2.037
Ru2–N23 <sub>amine</sub>							2.079	2.077	2.088	2.080
Ru2–N24 <sub>H</sub>							2.044	2.000	2.002	2.040
Ru2–O2							2.080	2.077	2.015	2.090
N24 <sub>H</sub> –C4							1.332	1.334	1.332	1.356
C4–C5							1.413	1.411	1.411	1.415
C5–C6							1.391	1.390	1.389	1.399
C6–O1							1.305	1.309	1.308	1.326
C1–C6							1.478	1.472	1.469	1.451

**Table S5** Calculated and experimental transition energies for different oxidation states of  $\mathbf{3}^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}$  and  $\mathbf{2}^{\text{NH,N}(\text{Mes})}$ .

Compound	Main contributing excitation (%)	Calcd. transition energy [nm]	Oscillator Strength	Exp.transition energ[nm] ( $\epsilon/10^4 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$ )	Character of the transition <sup>a</sup>
$[\mathbf{3}^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{2+}$	HOMO–2→LUMO ( $\lambda 3$ )	640.6	0.0584	680 (3.55)	Ru→Q
	HOMO–1→LUMO+1 (54)	519.8	0.1583	483 (1.89)	Ru→Q→TPA
	HOMO→ LUMO +2 (35)				RuQ→TPA
	HOMO → LUMO +8(77)	429.1	0.0284	418 (1.67)	Ru–Q→TPA
	HOMO–5→ LUMO +7 (21)	323.4	0.0129	320 (1.71)	Ru→TPA
	HOMO–4→ LUMO +8 (28)				Ru→TPA
	HOMO–3→ LUMO +7 (24)				Ru→TPA
$[\mathbf{3}^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{3+}$	HOMO–2( $\beta$ )→ LUMO ( $\beta$ ) (85)	1081.6	0.2787	1490 (1.35)	Ru–Q→Ru–Q
	HOMO–5( $\beta$ )→ LUMO ( $\beta$ ) (63)	770.4	0.0126	724 (3.59)	Mixed
	HOMO–2( $\beta$ )→ LUMO +3( $\beta$ )	377.9	0.0213	376 (1.59)	Ru→TPA
	HOMO–1( $\beta$ )→ LUMO +6( $\beta$ ) (20)	337.6	0.0115	318 (sh)	Ru–Q→TPA
$[\mathbf{3}^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{4+}$	HOMO ( $\alpha$ )→ LUMO ( $\alpha$ ) (32)	927.6	0.0486	1129 (sh)	Ru–Q→Q
	HOMO–6( $\beta$ )→ LUMO +1( $\beta$ ) (33)	585.3	0.1602	585 (2.86)	Ru–Q→Ru
	HOMO ( $\beta$ )→ LUMO +2( $\beta$ ) (27)				Ru→Q
	HOMO–13( $\beta$ )→ LUMO ( $\beta$ ) (50)	476.3	0.0618	478 (sh)	TPA→Ru–Q
	HOMO–12( $\beta$ )→ LUMO ( $\beta$ ) (22)				TPA→Ru–Q
$[\mathbf{3}^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^+$	HOMO ( $\alpha$ )→ LUMO +8( $\alpha$ ) (8 $\lambda$ )	823.2	0.0027	860 (sh)	Q→TPA
	HOMO ( $\beta$ )→ LUMO ( $\beta$ ) (7 $\lambda$ )	742.1	0.0954	780 (1.59)	Ru–Q→TPA
	HOMO–5( $\beta$ )→ LUMO +1( $\beta$ ) (36)	463.2	0.0260	468 (0.23)	Ru→TPA
	HOMO–6( $\alpha$ )→ LUMO ( $\alpha$ ) (53)	422.0	0.1144	350 (1.45)	Ru→TPA
$[\mathbf{2}^{\text{NH,N}(\text{Mes})}]^{2+}$	HOMO–1→ LUMO ( $\lambda 4$ )	726.5	0.0028	763 (sh)	Ru–Q→Q
	HOMO–2→ LUMO ( $\lambda 2$ )	636.8	0.0656	645 (5.78)	Ru→Q
	HOMO → LUMO +4 (42)	480.6	0.0117	479 (2.93)	Ru–Q→TPA
	HOMO–3→ LUMO +2 (47)	423.0	0.0575	422 (sh)	Ru→TPA
	HOMO–3→ LUMO +7 (22)	375.0	0.0036	376 (sh)	Ru→TPA
	HOMO–2→ LUMO +5 (40)				Ru→TPA
	HOMO–8→ LUMO +1 (35)	307.5	0.0276	311 (2.63)	Mes→TPA

	HOMO–6→ LUMO +3 (37)				Ru–Q→TPA
[2 <sup>NH,N(Mes)</sup> ] <sup>3+</sup>	HOMO–1(β)→ LUMO (β) (58)	1065.3	0.2594	1435 (1.28)	Ru–Q→Ru–Q
	HOMO–5(β)→ LUMO (β) (5λ)	737.7	0.0070	708 (5.32)	Ru–Q→Ru–Q
	HOMO (β)→ LUMO +10(β) (58)	370.0	0.0074	371 (2.63)	Ru–Q→TPA
[2 <sup>NH,N(Me)</sup> ] <sup>4+</sup>	HOMO (α)→ LUMO (α) (33)	895.9	0.0599	1126 (sh)	Ru–Q→Q
	HOMO–4(β)→ LUMO +1(β) (27)	585.0	0.1471	580 (4.95)	Ru–Q→Ru–Q
	HOMO → LUMO +2(β) (35)				Ru→Ru–Q
	HOMO–11(β)→ LUMO (β) (20)	469.2	0.2155	471 (sh)	TPA→Ru–Q

<sup>a</sup>Q = quinone; Mes = mesityl

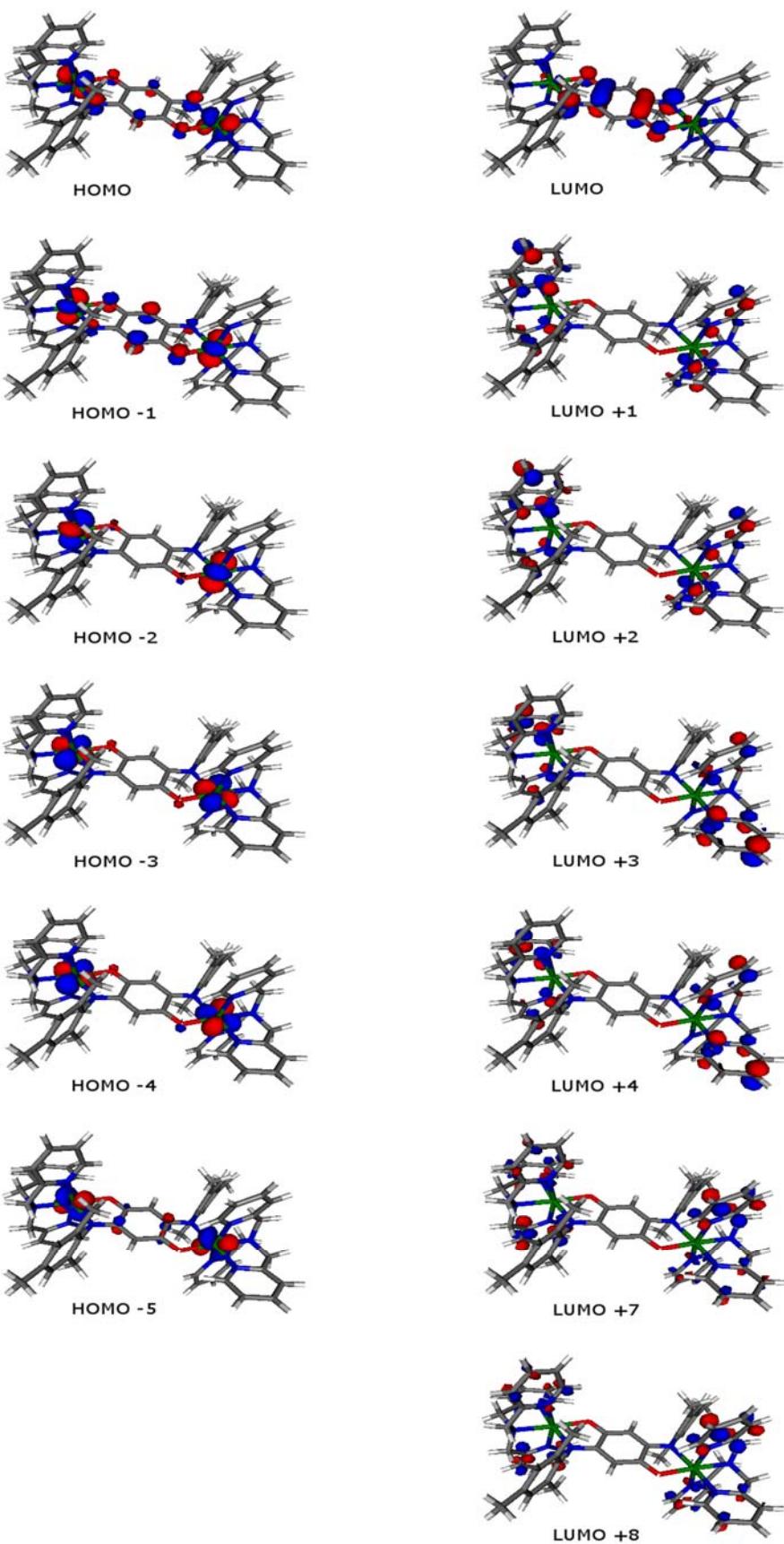


**Figure S26:** Calculated molecular orbitals of  $[3^N(\text{Mes})]^{2+}$  (left) and  $[2^{NH,N(\text{Mes})}]^{2+}$  (right). Orbital energies (in eV) are given in parentheses.

**Table S6** Atomic coordinates of the optimised geometry of  $[3^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{2+}$ .

Ru	2.36455422707026	5.40917945817707	7.52891326578441	H	3.82879927387302	9.83181097763899	5.36307244590164
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C	0.06743612409472	2.25662055367276	6.36239253189978	C	4.96840674058645	4.24464867188473	10.64226809070639
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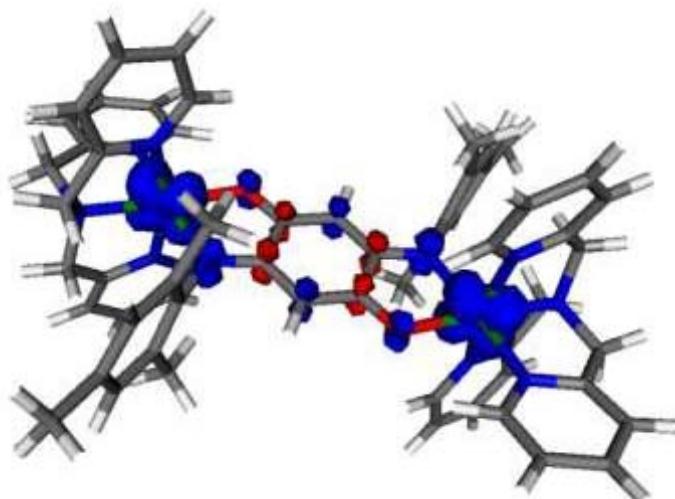


**Figure S27:** Contributing molecular orbitals of  $[3^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{2+}$  for the main absorption transitions.

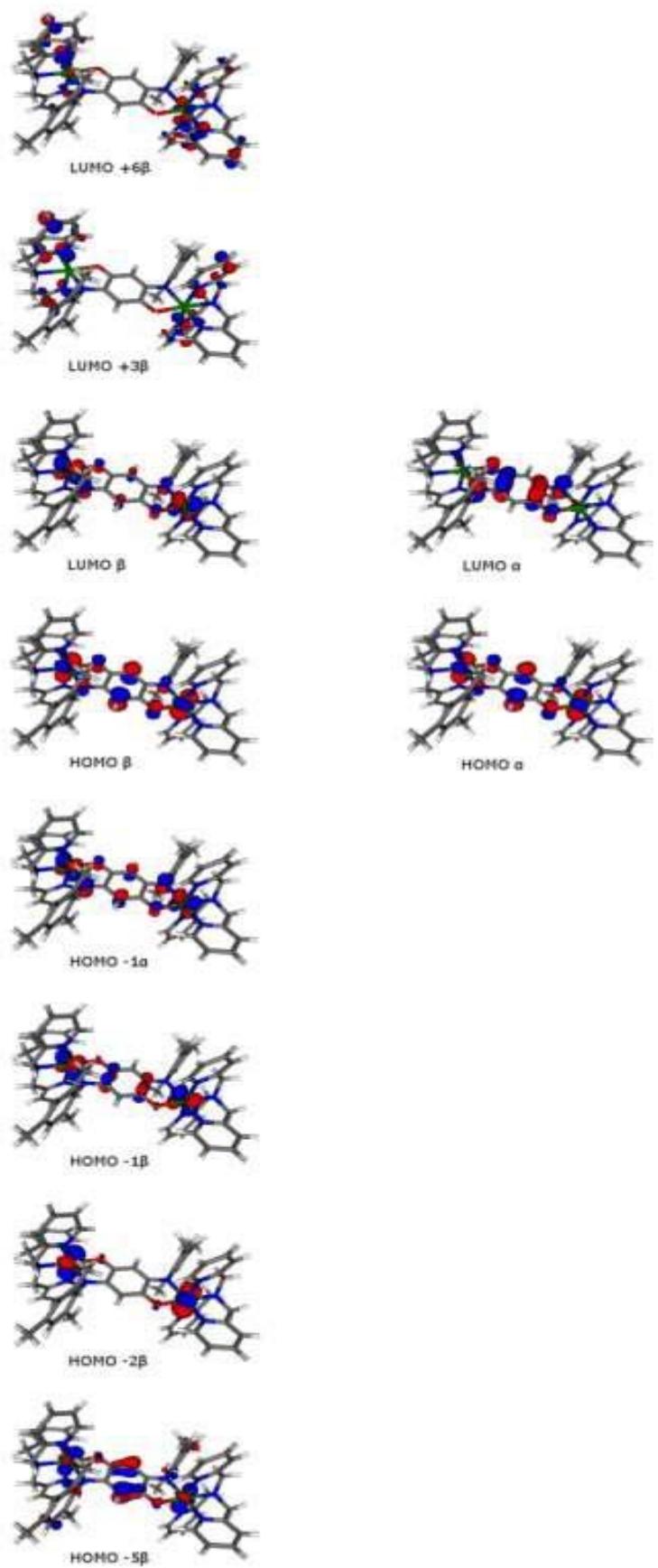
**Table S7** Atomic coordinates of the optimised geometry of  $[3^{N(\text{Mes})}]^{3+}$ .

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C	0.67159732720206	1.90690796624152	7.64770109359158	C	0.82423637902321	5.37662055209333	3.42134011925131
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H	0.81929021718283	-0.18571680896201	7.17767112901799	C	0.96697418954413	5.67037642485535	4.77320963417662
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C	1.25405374391831	2.51235192352493	9.95415699884381	H	3.36680617984213	2.65466007144705	8.53753336240420
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**Figure S28:** Spin-density distribution of  $[3^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{3+}$ .

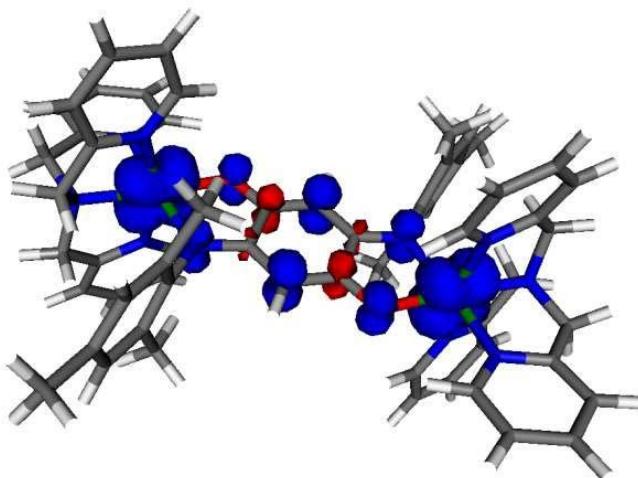


**Figure S29:** Contributing molecular orbitals of  $[3^N(\text{Mes})]^{3+}$  for the main absorption transitions.

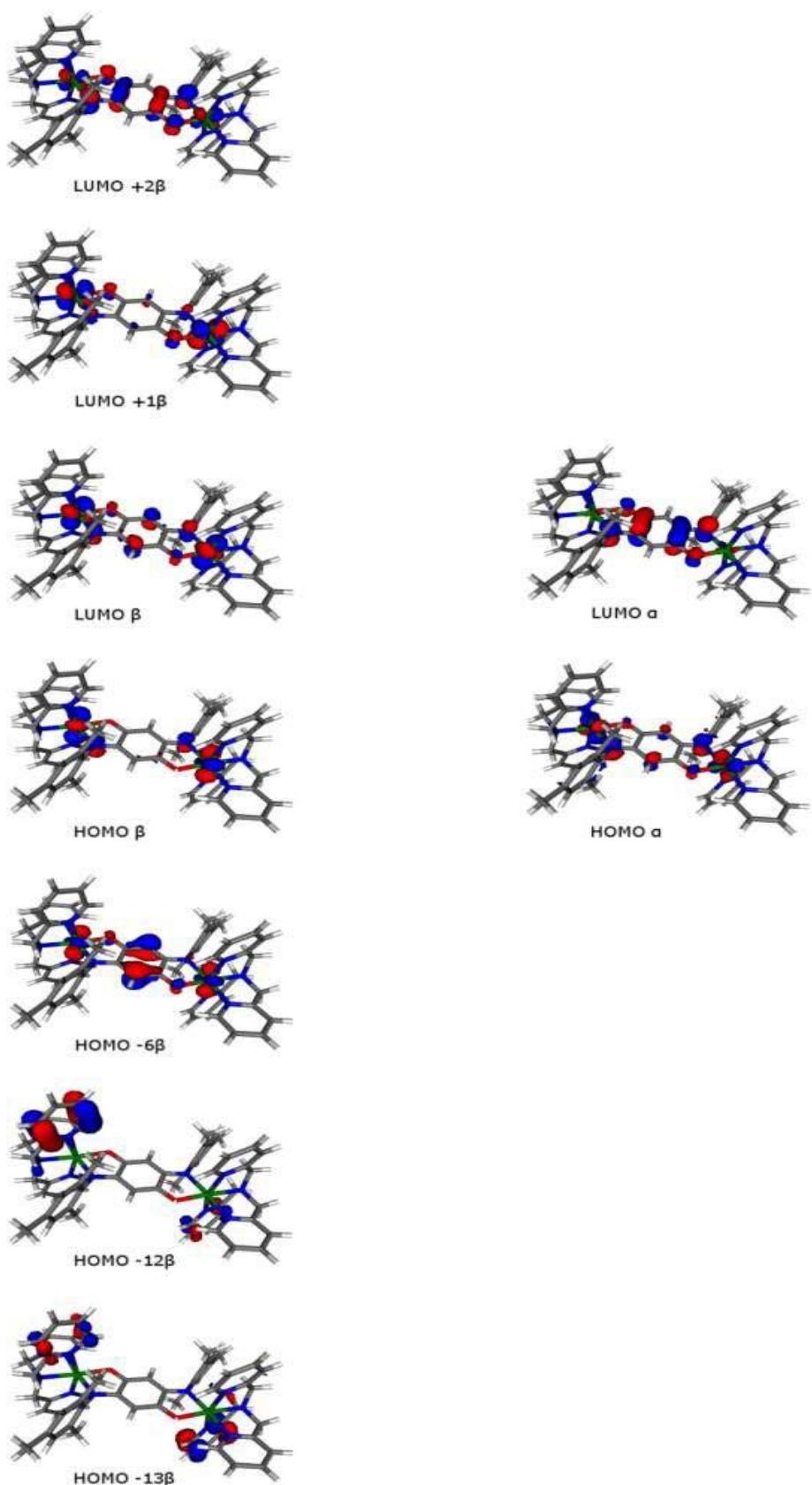
**Table S8** Atomic coordinates of the optimised geometry of  $[3^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{4+}$ 

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**Figure S30:** Spin-density distribution of  $[3^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{4+}$ .

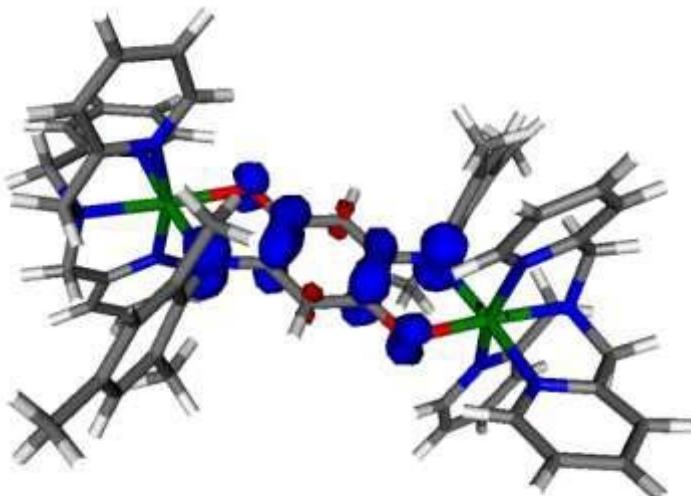


**Figure S31:** Contributing molecular orbitals of  $[3^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{4+}$  for the main absorption transitions.

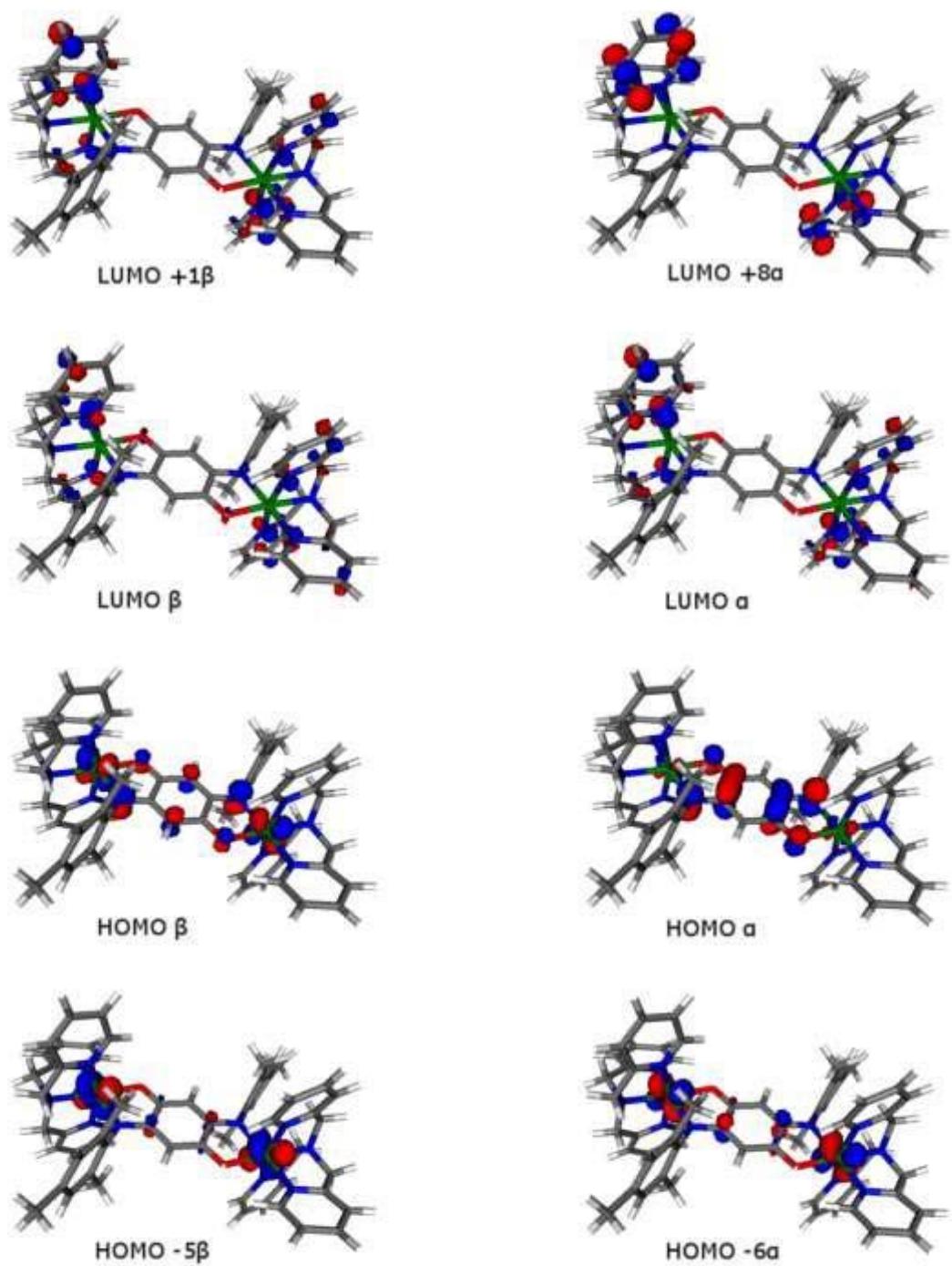
**Table S9** Atomic coordinates of the optimised geometry of  $[3^{\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^+$ .

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**Figure S32:** Spin-density distribution of  $[3^{N(\text{Mes})}]^+$ .

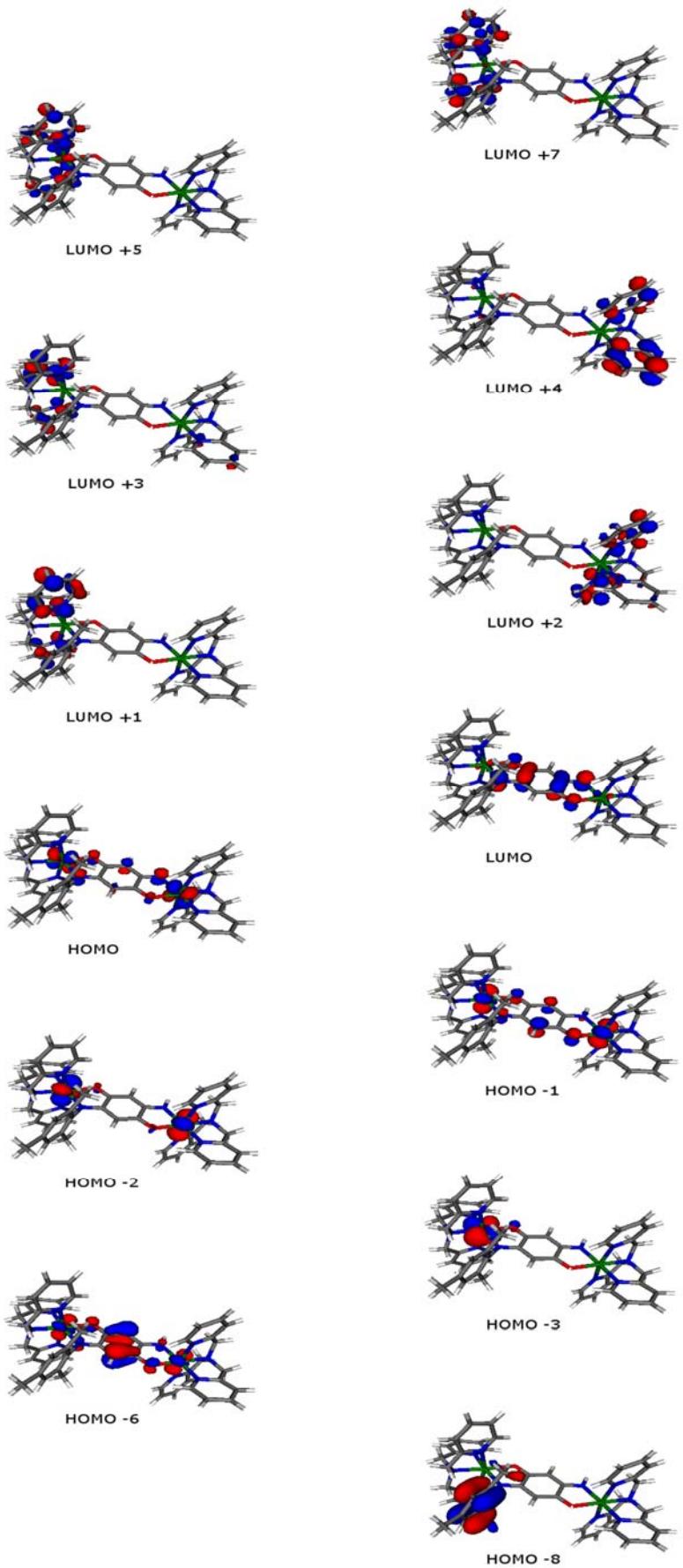


**Figure S33:** Contributing molecular orbitals of  $[3^N(\text{Mes})]^+$  for the main absorption transitions.

**Table S10** Atomic coordinates of the optimised geometry of  $[2^{\text{NH,N(Mes)}}]^{2+}$ .

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N	3.77339	6.79430	6.60878	H	3.33340	2.82723	8.67876	C	-2.92931	9.32569	11.31733
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N	3.32695	5.65111	9.33164	C	4.88824	4.51051	10.75773	C	-4.16051	8.04221	6.55549
C	-0.18163	6.47140	8.27235	H	5.54886	3.65954	10.92214	H	-5.65604	9.07488	11.18977
C	-1.30580	7.25291	8.52104	C	4.76987	5.52666	11.71273	H	-7.10365	8.77101	12.17771
H	-1.28367	8.32042	8.30194	H	5.33831	5.47786	12.64116	H	-7.98814	8.61814	9.29938
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C	5.53173	8.22560	4.98545	C	-2.50256	5.20918	9.34361	C	-6.72515	5.16287	6.19907
H	6.21594	8.78035	4.34391	H	-1.40681	3.35542	9.30586	H	-5.28486	4.29997	7.58660
C	4.33518	8.80193	5.42233	Ru	-5.12975	6.11582	10.14904	H	-3.76618	11.74229	10.46253
H	4.05769	9.81604	5.13766	C	-3.74433	8.66931	8.99489	C	-4.37561	11.35964	8.42951
C	3.47830	8.05765	6.22297	O	-3.62492	4.73464	9.81147	H	-3.52977	9.70679	12.15574
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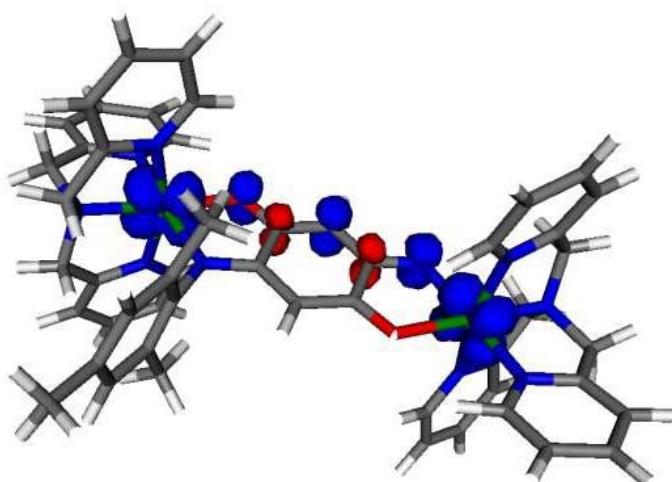


**Figure S34:** Contributing molecular orbitals of  $[2^{\text{NH},\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{2+}$  for the main absorption transitions.

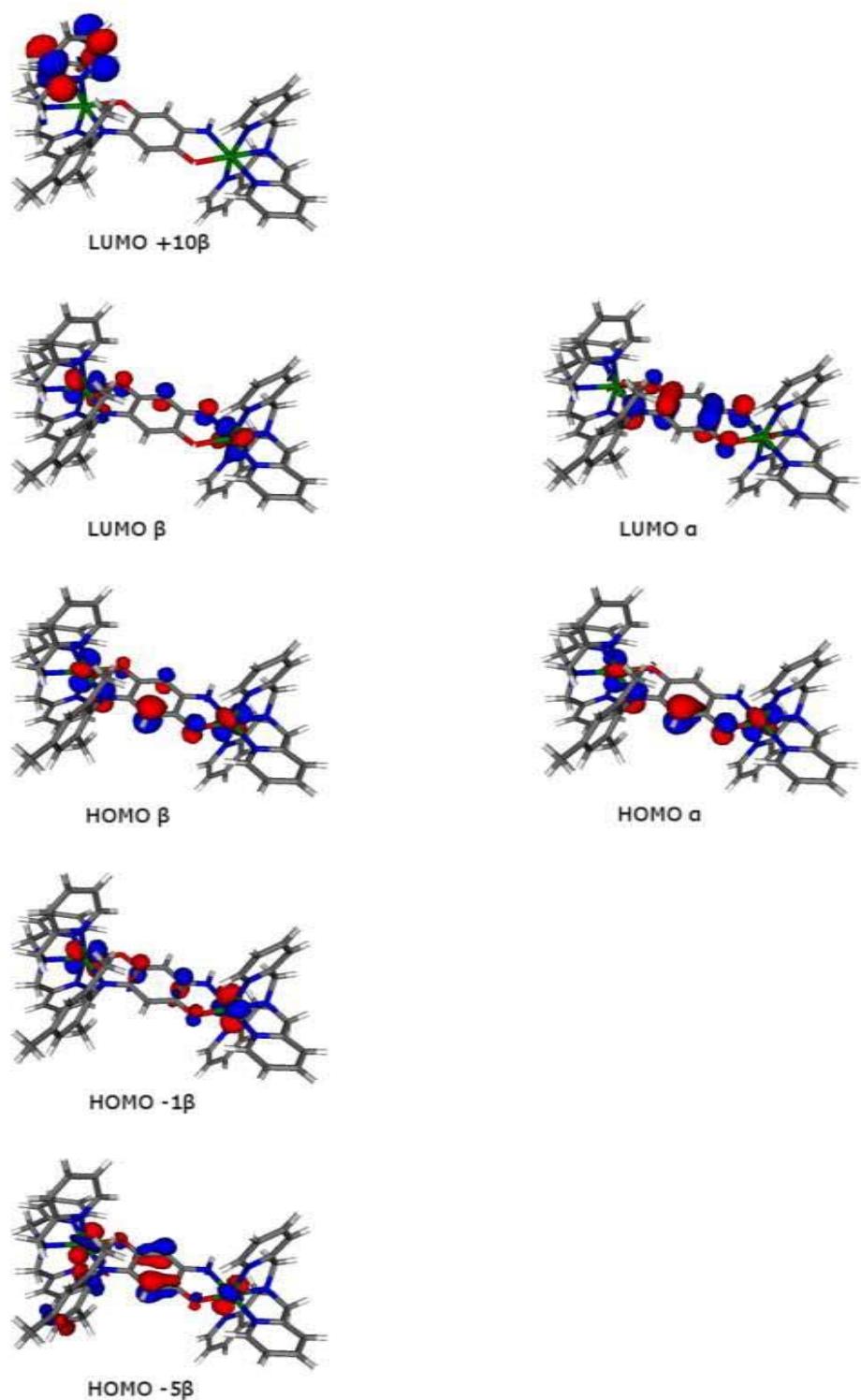
**Table S11** Atomic coordinates of the optimised geometry of  $[2^{\text{NH,N(Mes)}}]^{3+}$ .

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**Figure S35:** Spin-density distribution of  $[2^{\text{NH},\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{3+}$ .

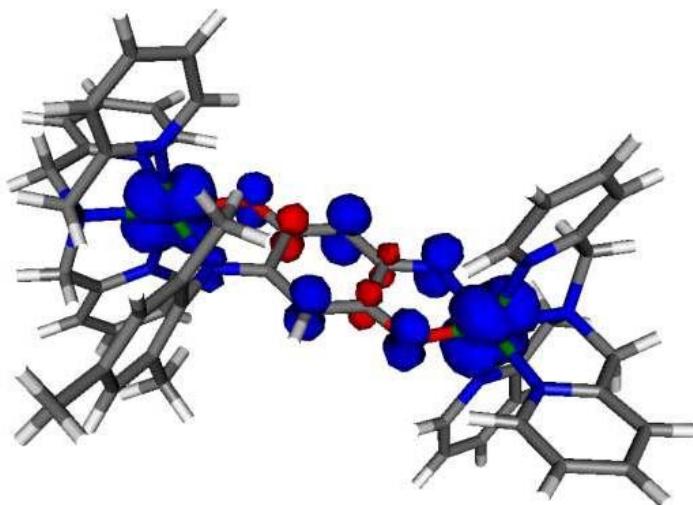


**Figure S36:** Contributing molecular orbitals of  $[2^{NH,N(Mes)}]^{3+}$  for the main absorption transitions.

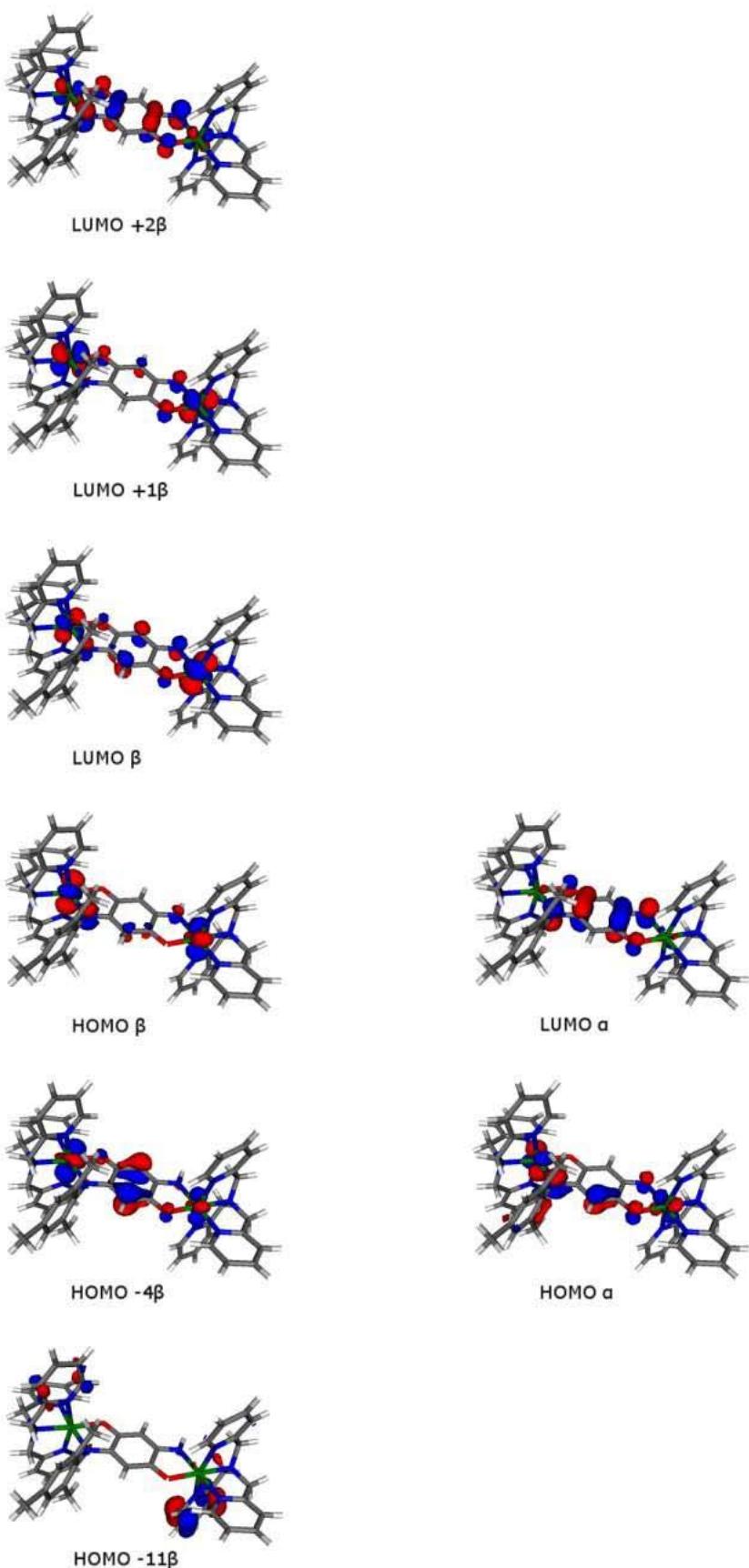
**Table S12** Atomic coordinates of the optimised geometry of  $[2^{\text{NH,N(Mes)}}]^{4+}$ .

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O	0.92518066848282	6.91595208624542	7.77080576974897	H	0.60475042455132	6.58333983597701	5.10479209208998
N	0.91036285727858	4.39766361860536	8.25693014662195	C	4.14052853545022	3.52249898704217	8.49299906314707
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N	1.89103430023282	5.01306450625467	5.53496018415767	C	4.17152227523247	4.61309403647402	9.52976568357873
N	3.34399514093380	5.66873897698423	9.28751738568660	C	4.95240238674693	4.56845039458795	10.67657666192724
C	-0.19033516944634	6.46294627657083	8.28305130613519	H	5.61826628684443	3.72270506427463	10.84232064872875
C	-1.28993803348645	7.27009867114005	8.54456148438577	C	4.86938332206150	5.61571726864222	11.59798618345346
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C	-0.22441115704265	5.01916113973996	8.57253668313048	C	4.01600602794308	6.68780957547084	11.33866891336523
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C	3.45754875521455	8.09148620478219	6.28665670534796	O	-3.59645070617244	4.77616848476428	9.88218727507256
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**Figure S37:** Spin-density distribution of  $[2^{\text{NH},\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{4+}$ .

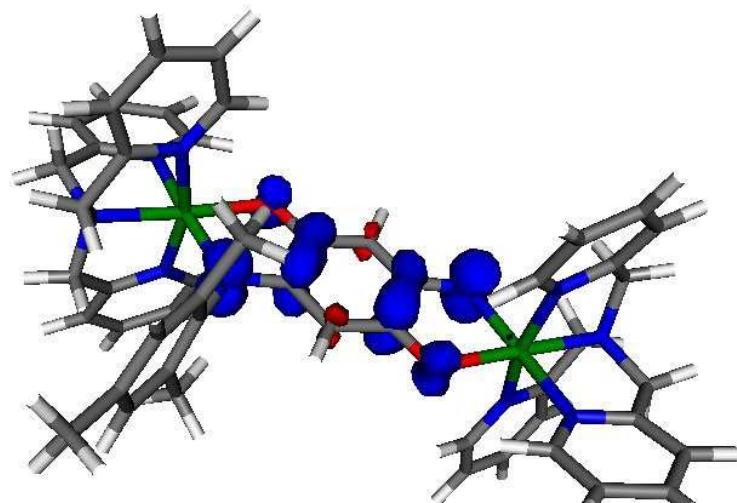


**Figure S38:** Contributing molecular orbitals of  $[2^{\text{NH},\text{N}(\text{Mes})}]^{4+}$  for the main absorption transitions.

**Table S13** Atomic coordinates of the optimized geometry of  $[2^{\text{NH,N(Mes)}}]^+$ .

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H	-6.41398295475296	1.75705943603581	12.55083496568836				
H	-6.41475421403890	4.36257588358806	5.40788721130136				
C	-4.70605764715090	12.80368478333119	8.10150516723196				
H	-8.61713630075981	2.64842944365292	13.40354356726447				
H	-8.03243812338882	6.25125219965976	5.00005734297519				
C	-3.84626282999649	5.84873177024101	12.90527852262786				
H	-6.15564251123460	8.53764977507727	14.37793498549290				
C	-4.62026752676342	7.06862533898818	14.82794004757054				
C	-3.78760471566000	6.09296255246380	14.27341537532873				
H	-3.23352195282811	5.09299700669494	12.41413530884336				
H	-4.60525031329234	7.27332459505301	15.89816346464431				
H	-3.10109508793356	5.51637898353395	14.89288095771038				
H	-5.64128813272398	12.86450518347939	7.52591330748616				
H	-4.82791907758135	13.39356647163874	9.01986792712621				
H	-3.92310763762622	13.28740390657208	7.49566551744542				



**Figure S39:** Spin-density distribution of  $[2^{\text{NH,N(Mes)}}]^+$ .