

Supporting Information for:

**Hexa-*peri*-hexabenzocoronene decorated with an allenylidene ruthenium complex – almost a flyswatter**

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## Crystallographic Details

Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis of **8** were obtained by vapor diffusion of *n*-pentane into a solution of **8** in acetone. The structure determination was carried out on a *Rigaku Oxford Diffraction* (formerly Agilent) *SuperNova A S2* (Dual) diffractometer using an Atlas S2 CCD detector and Mova (Mo) X-ray sources (Mova, Mo-K $\alpha$ :  $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å). Single crystals were coated with perfluoropolyether, picked with a loop and immediately mounted in the nitrogen cold gas stream of the diffractometer. Images were interpreted and integrated with the program CRYALISPRO (Agilent Technologies).<sup>[1]</sup> The structures were solved by using direct methods and refined with full-matrix least squares against  $F^2$  (SHELXT<sup>[2–4]</sup> as part of OLEX2<sup>[5]</sup>). The hydrogen atoms were included in their calculated positions and refined in a riding model. The structure pictures were prepared with the program DIAMOND 2.1e.<sup>[6,7]</sup> If atoms show disorder, the atoms with higher occupancy were chosen for representation.

The PF<sub>6</sub><sup>−</sup> anion of the complex is disordered and occupies three different sites with occupancies of 0.4, 0.3 and 0.3. The unit cell contains most likely four acetone solvent molecules. Two of these are slightly disordered and one is severely disordered sharing at least one site with the disordered PF<sub>6</sub><sup>−</sup> anion. Thus, the 0.4 occupancy of the anion defines the 0.6 occupancy/number of the fourth acetone molecule in the refined model. Unfortunately, the last part(s) of the severely disordered acetone could not be resolved. This resulted in 3.6 acetone molecules in the refined model.

CCDC 2005956 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures).

Table 1 Details for structure determination of **8**.

|                                                               |                                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| empirical formula                                             | C <sub>112</sub> H <sub>97</sub> F <sub>6</sub> P <sub>3</sub> Ru × 3.6 C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O |
| formula mass [g mol <sup>−1</sup> ]                           | 1963.14                                                                                                 |
| crystal color/habit                                           | clear reddish brown plates                                                                              |
| crystal system                                                | triclinic                                                                                               |
| space group, Z                                                | P $\bar{1}$ , 2                                                                                         |
| <i>a</i> [Å]                                                  | 14.9819(3)                                                                                              |
| <i>b</i> [Å]                                                  | 19.1809(4)                                                                                              |
| <i>c</i> [Å]                                                  | 20.0515(4)                                                                                              |
| $\alpha$ [°]                                                  | 75.2303(17)                                                                                             |
| $\beta$ [°]                                                   | 70.2676(18)                                                                                             |
| $\gamma$ [°]                                                  | 67.3264(19)                                                                                             |
| <i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]                                    | 4952.66(19)                                                                                             |
| $\Theta$ [°]                                                  | 2.8740 to 29.1220                                                                                       |
| <i>H</i>                                                      | −18 to 18                                                                                               |
| <i>K</i>                                                      | −23 to 23                                                                                               |
| <i>L</i>                                                      | −25 to 25                                                                                               |
| F(000)                                                        | 2058.0                                                                                                  |
| $\mu$ (Mo-K $\alpha$ ) [mm <sup>−1</sup> ]                    | 0.71073                                                                                                 |
| crystal size [mm]                                             | 0.353 × 0.23 × 0.112                                                                                    |
| <i>D</i> <sub>calcd</sub> [g cm <sup>−3</sup> ], <i>T</i> [K] | 1.316, 100.01(10)                                                                                       |

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| reflections collected             | 122139         |
| independent reflections           | 20211          |
| obs. Reflections, $I > 2\sigma I$ | 16792          |
| parameter                         | 1579           |
| weight parameter $a$              | 0.0783         |
| weight parameter $b$              | 7.2482         |
| $R_1$ (observed)                  | 0.0541         |
| $R_1$ (overall)                   | 0.0683         |
| $wR_2$ (observed)                 | 0.1425         |
| $wR_2$ (overall)                  | 0.1552         |
| diff. peak/hole [e/Å]             | 1.206 / -0.911 |
| goodness-of-fit on $F^2$          | 1.052          |

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- [1] Agilent technologies, *CrysAlis Pro*, Oxfordshire England, **2014**.
- [2] G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Cryst.* **2015**, *A71*, 3.
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## Appendix:

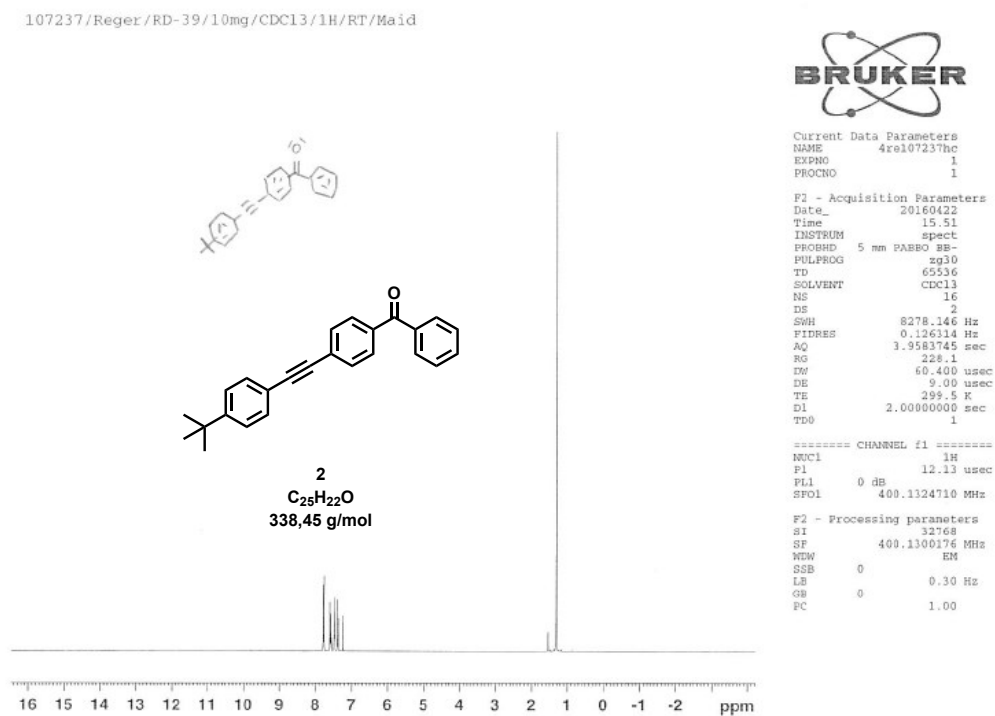


Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz; rt.).

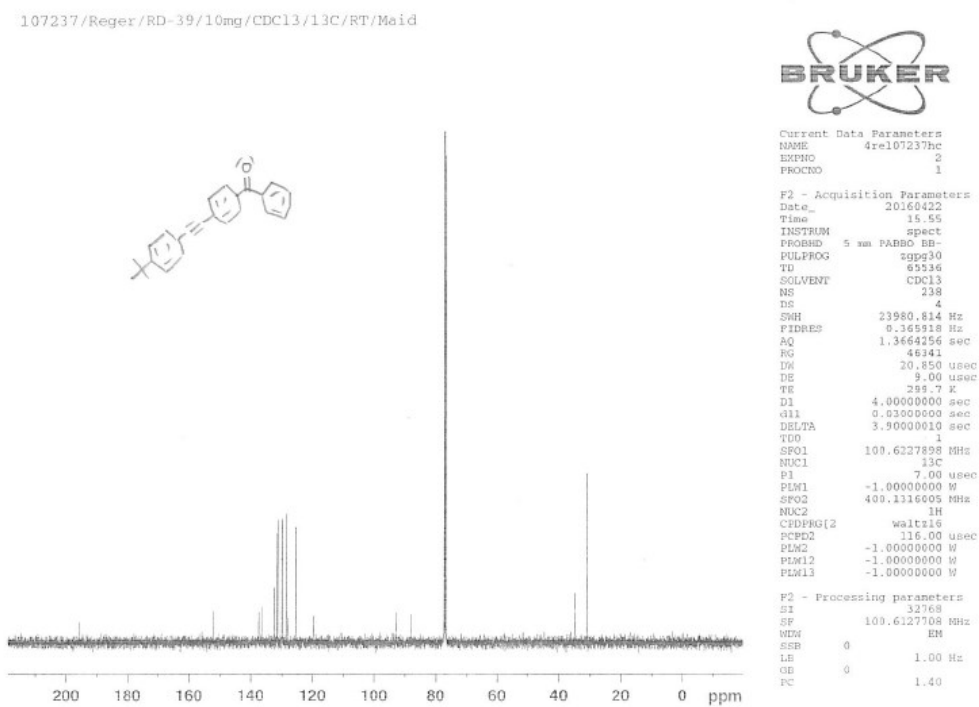
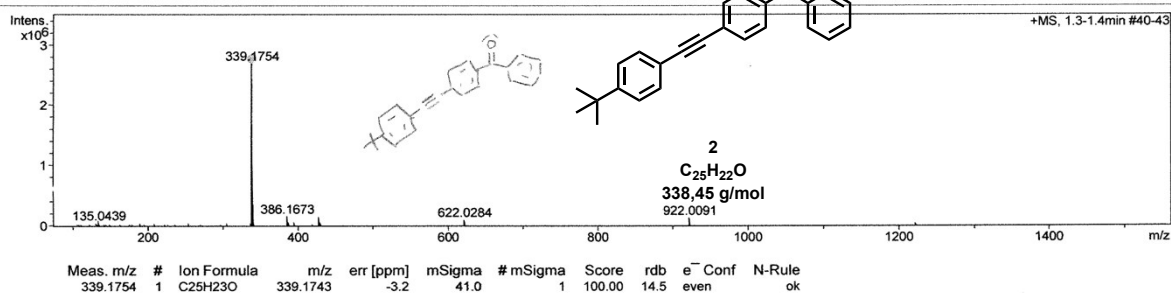


Figure S2: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **2** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz; rt.)

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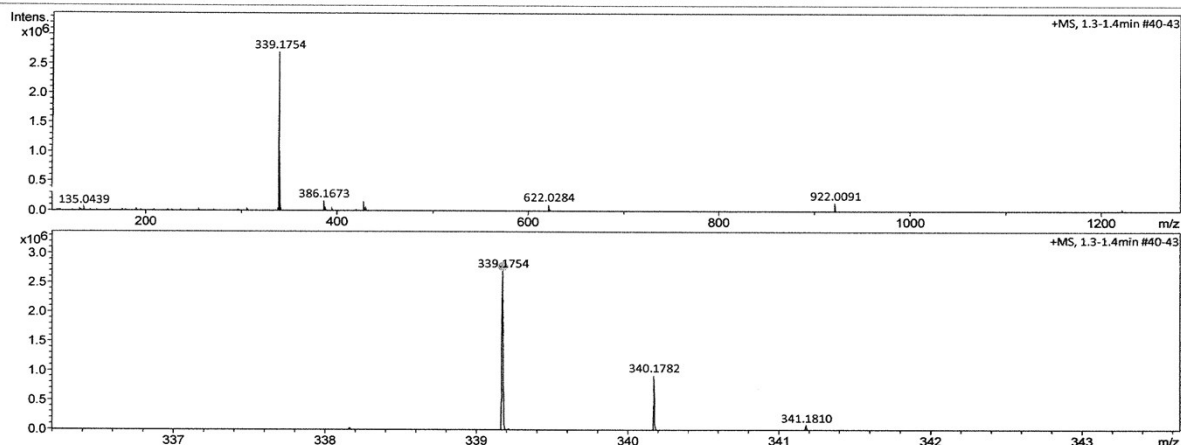
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Figure S3. HRMS spectrum of **2** (APPI, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (overview).

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Figure S4. HRMS spectrum of **2** (APPI, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). Top: Overview; Bottom: Zoom in on the peak of **2**.

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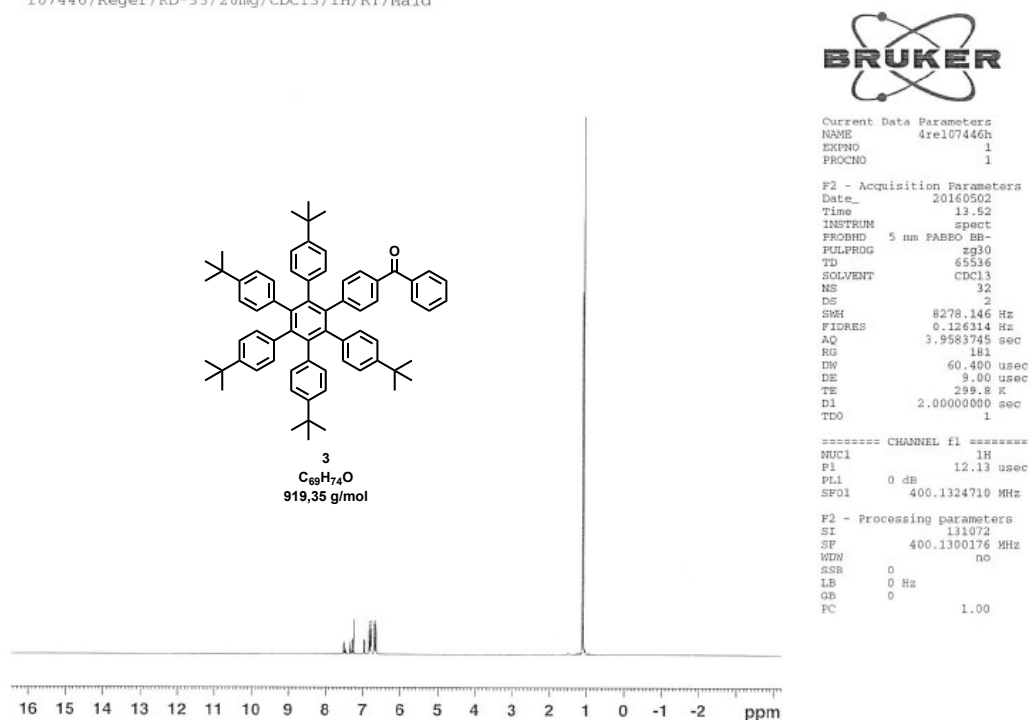


Figure S5: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz; rt.).

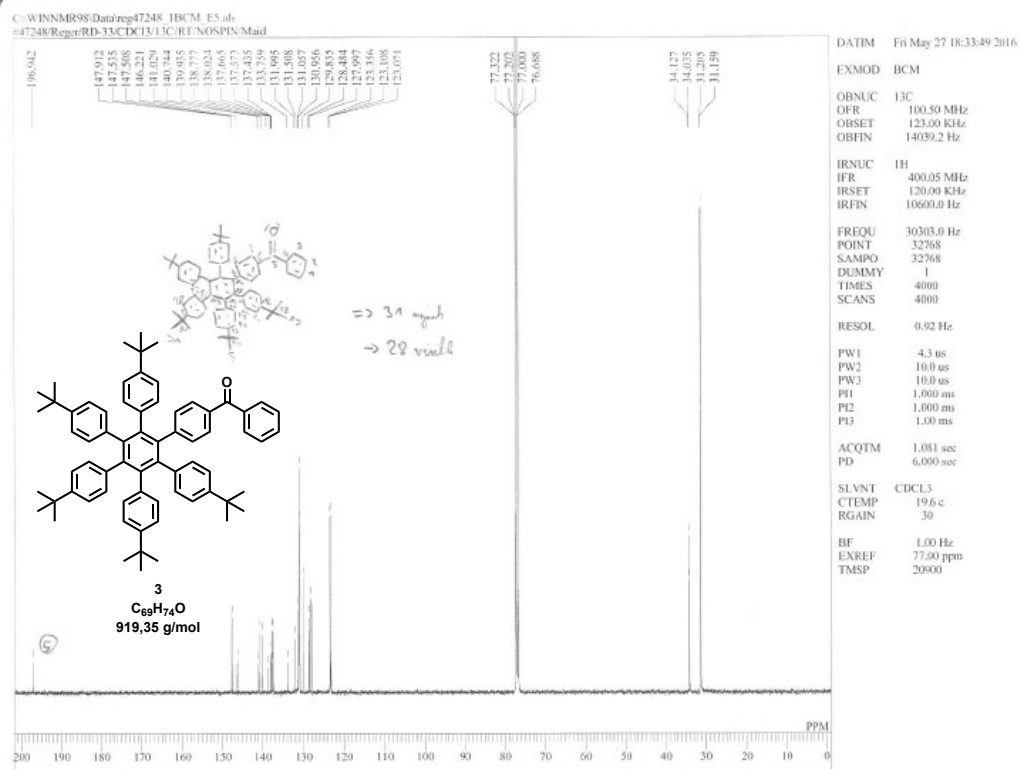


Figure S6: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of 3 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz; rt.).

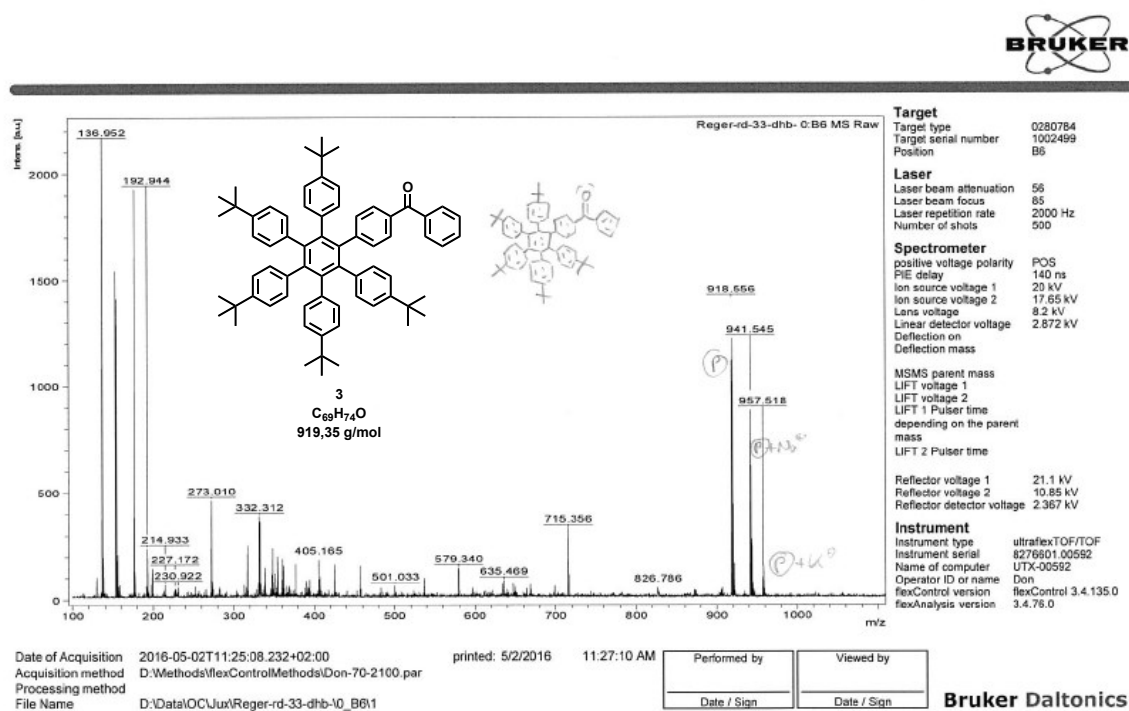


Figure S7: MALDI-ToF spectrum of 3 (dhb).

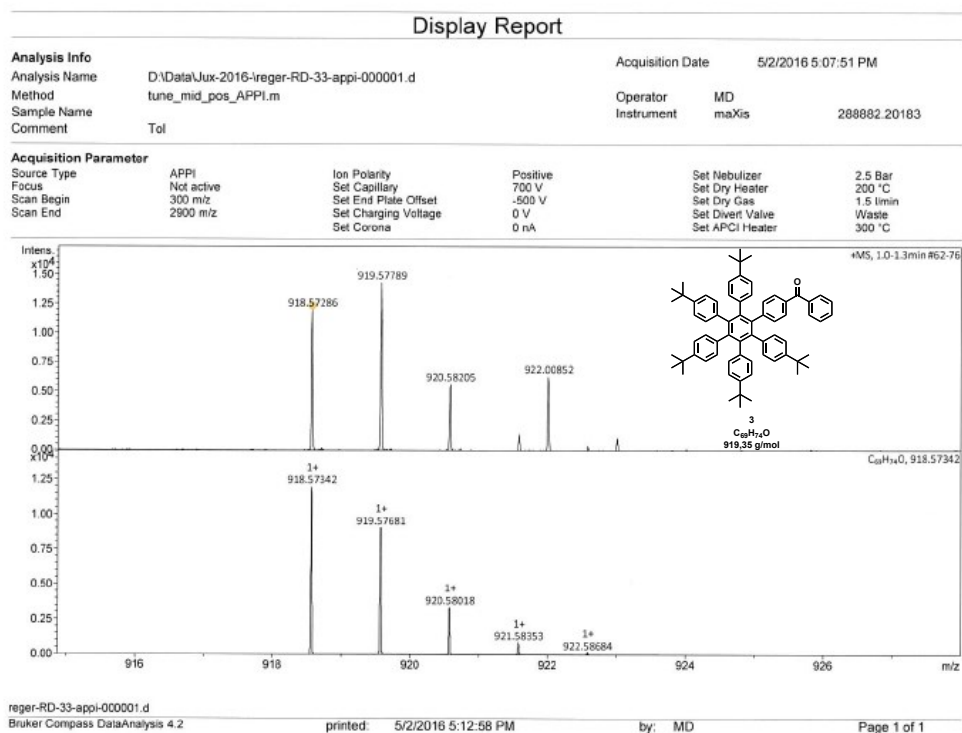


Figure S8: HRMS spectrum of 3 (APPI, toluene,.). Top: Measured; Bottom: Calculated.

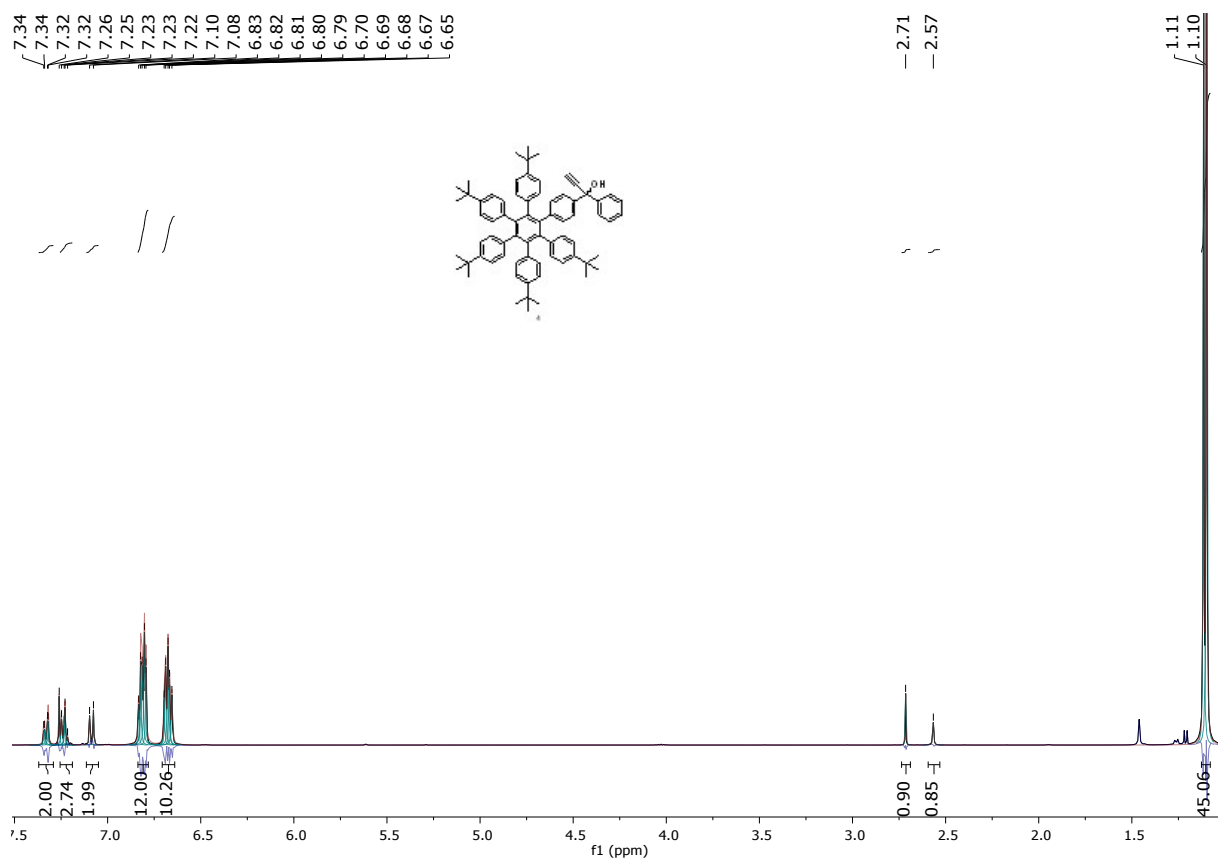


Figure S9: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz; rt.).

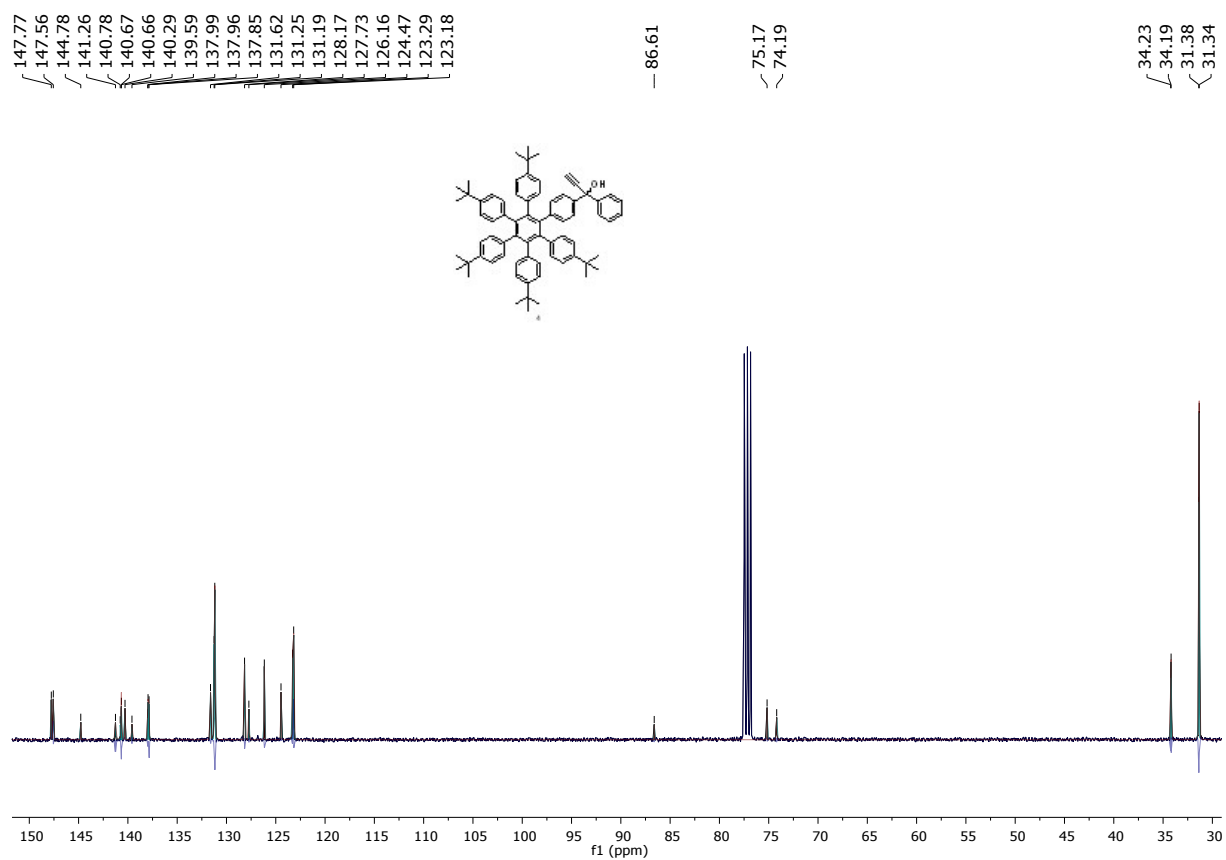


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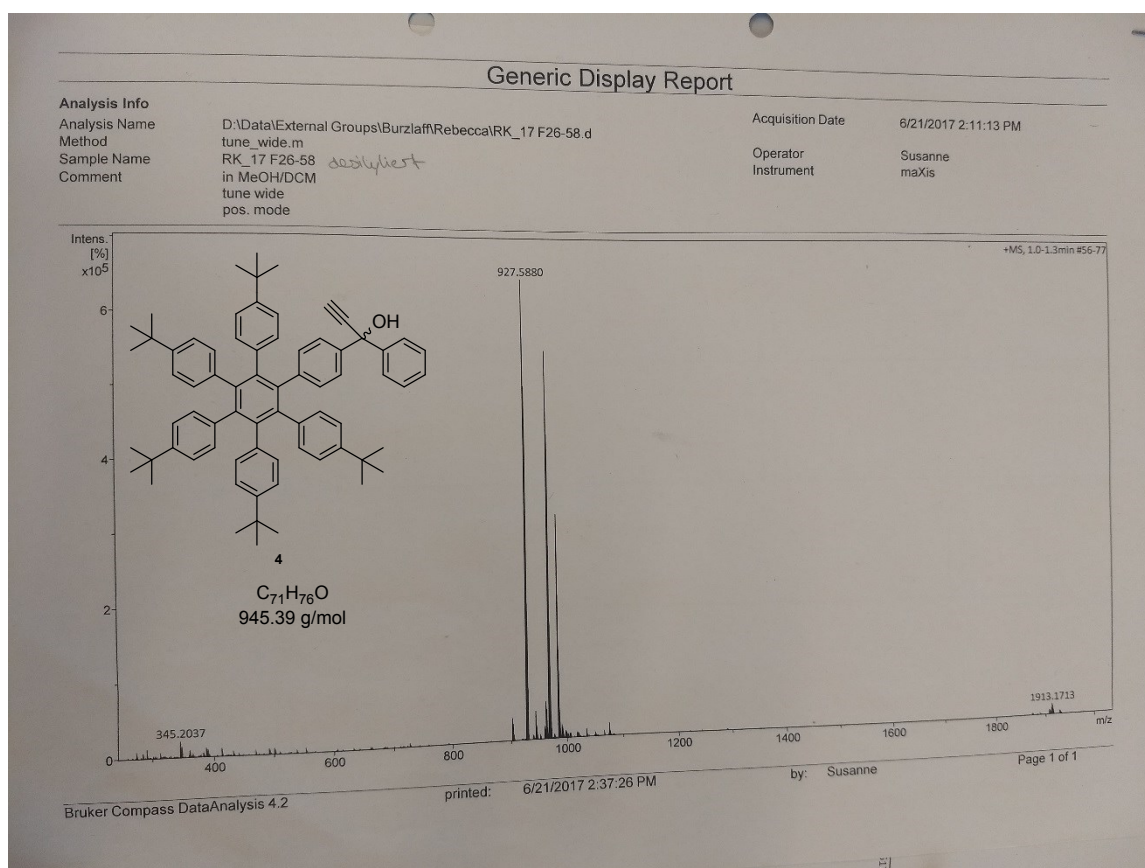


Figure S11: ESI-MS spectrum of 4

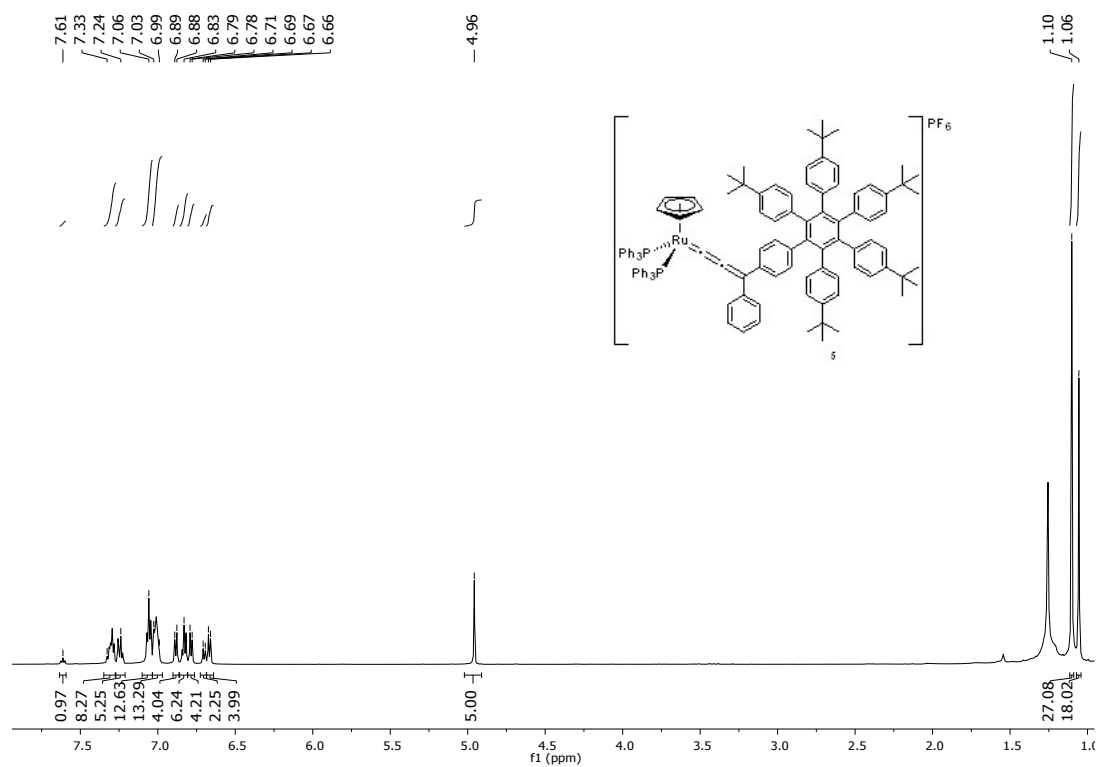


Figure S12:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 5 ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 600 MHz; rt).

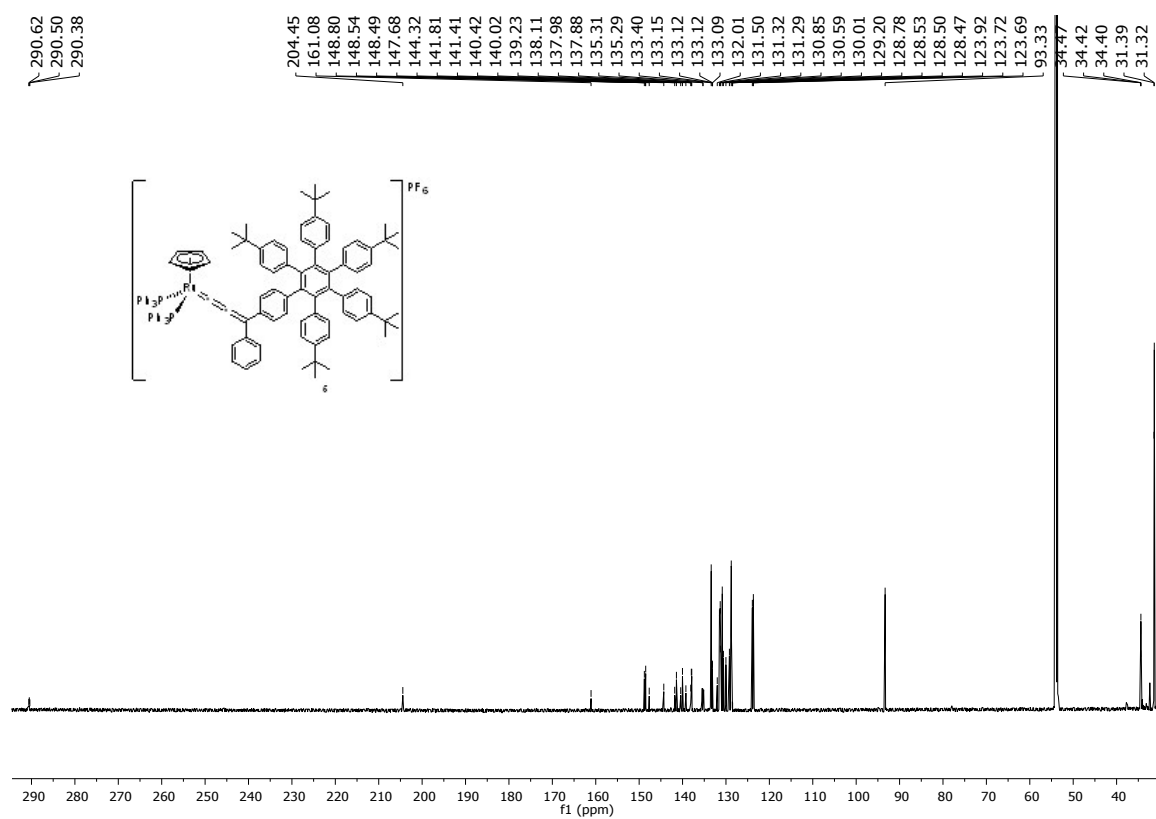


Figure S13:  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 5 ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 151 MHz; rt.).

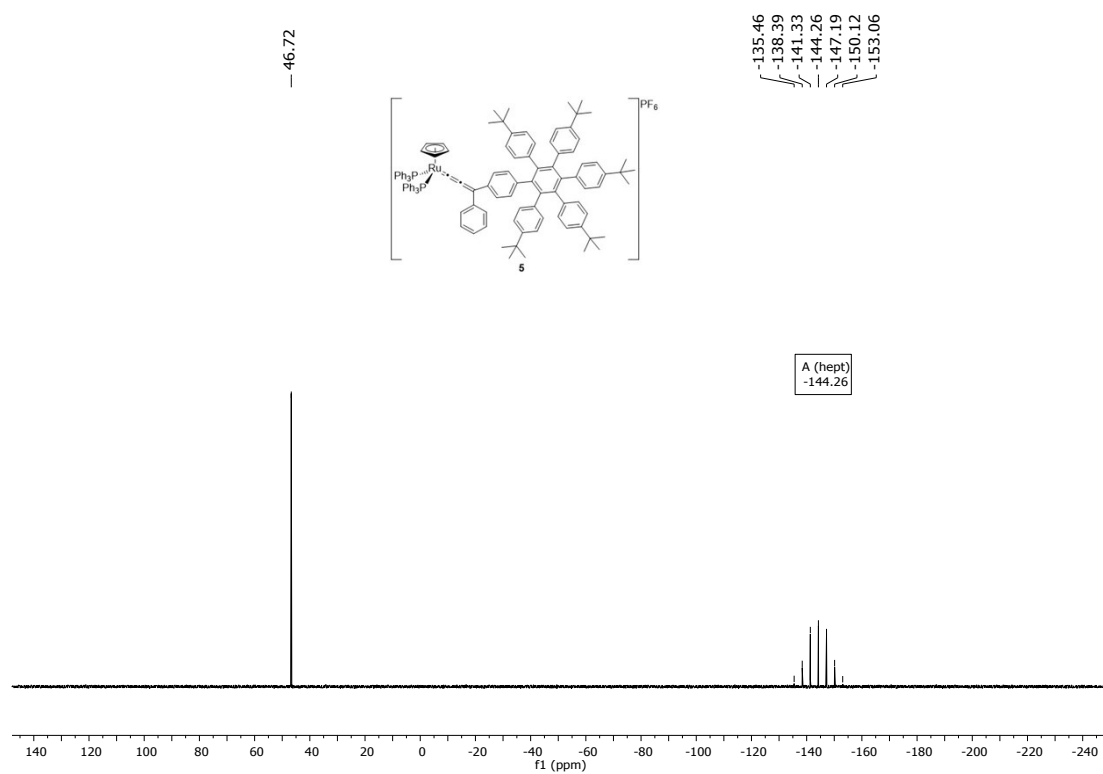


Figure S14:  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 5 ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 162 MHz; rt.).

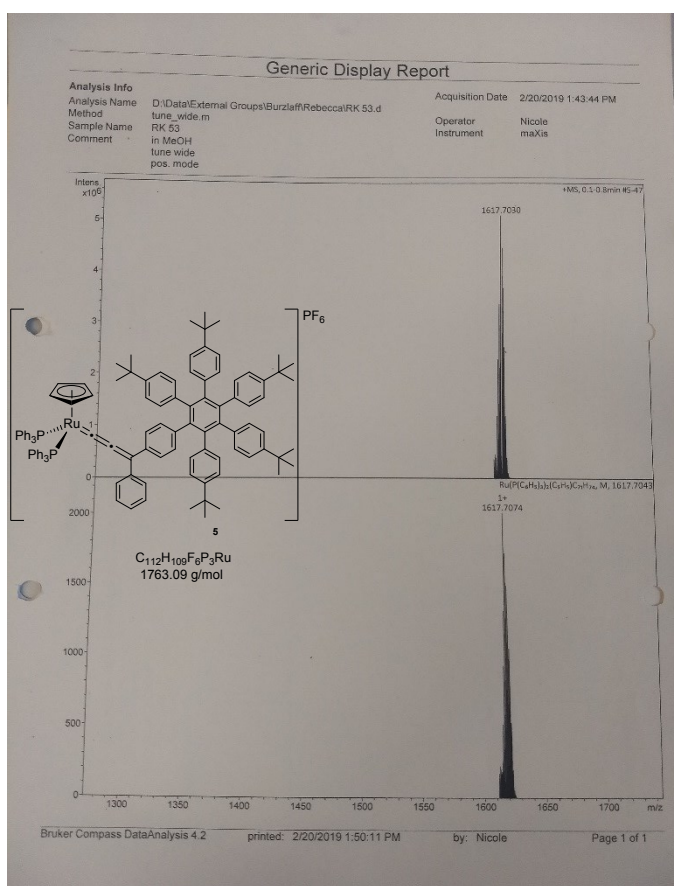


Figure S15 ESI-MS spectrum of 5. Top: Measured; Bottom: Calculated.

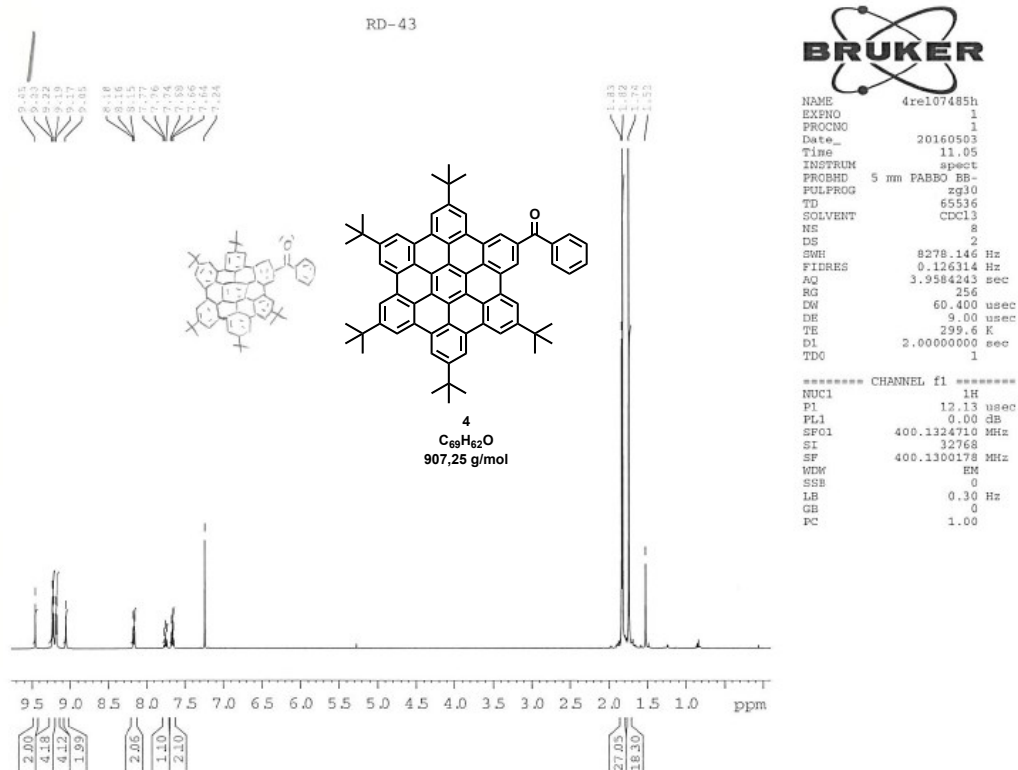


Figure S16:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 6 ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz; rt.).

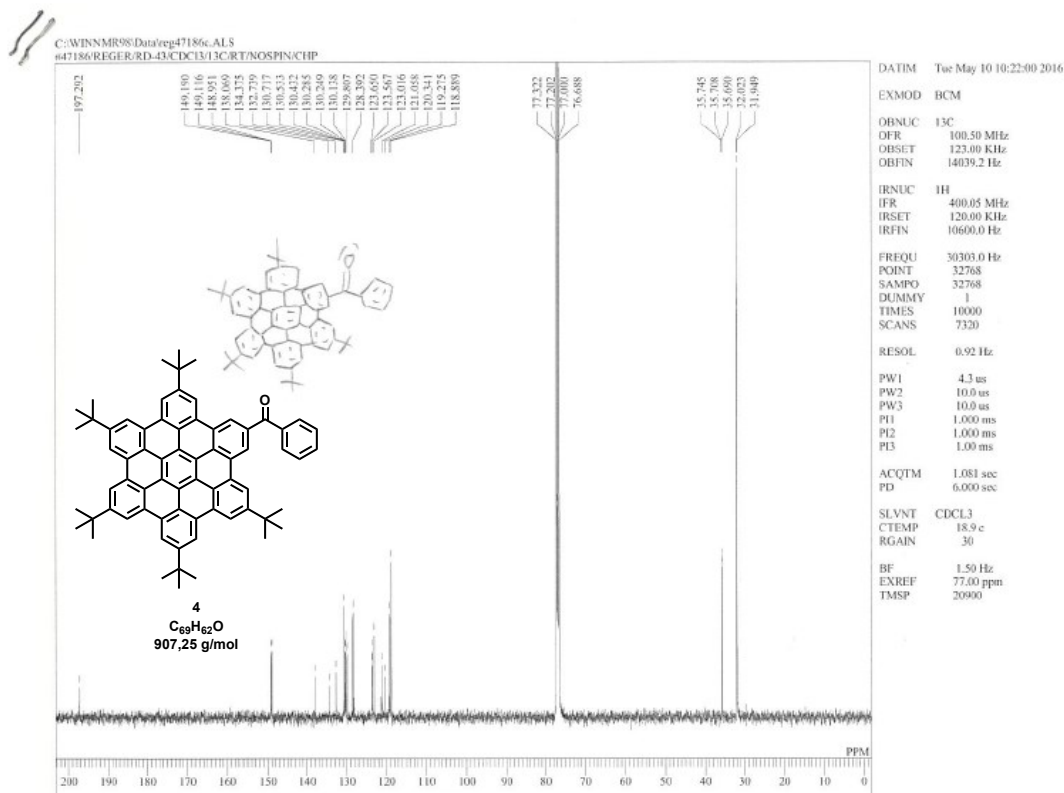


Figure S17: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of 6 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz; rt.).

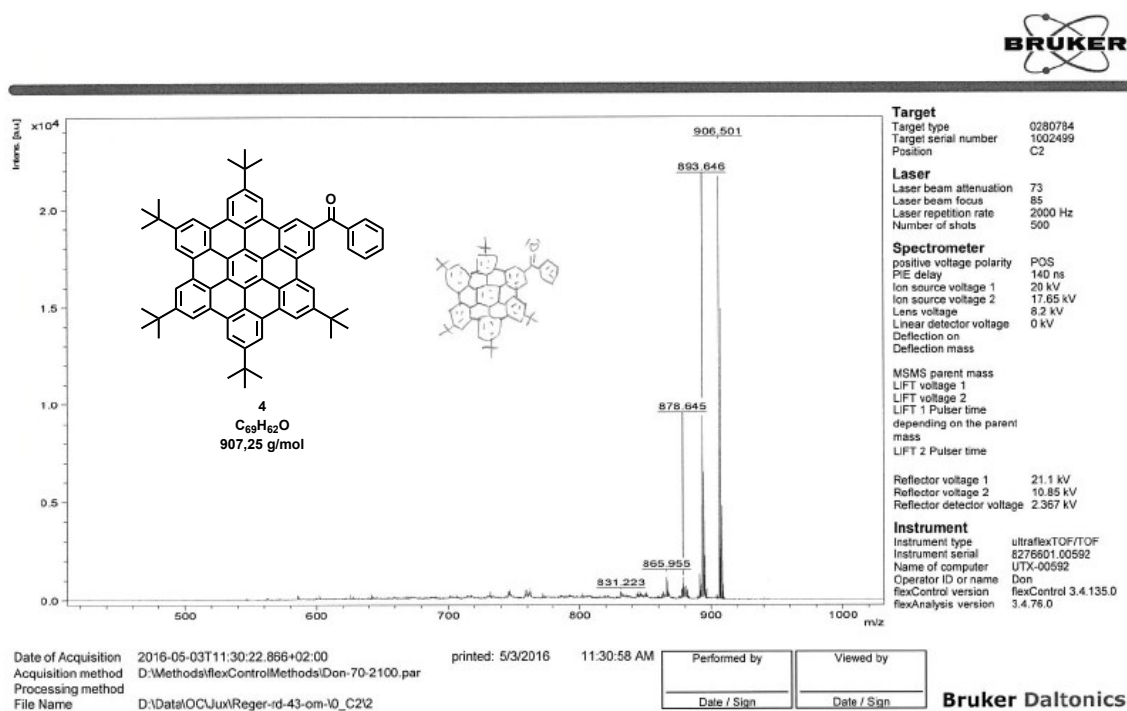


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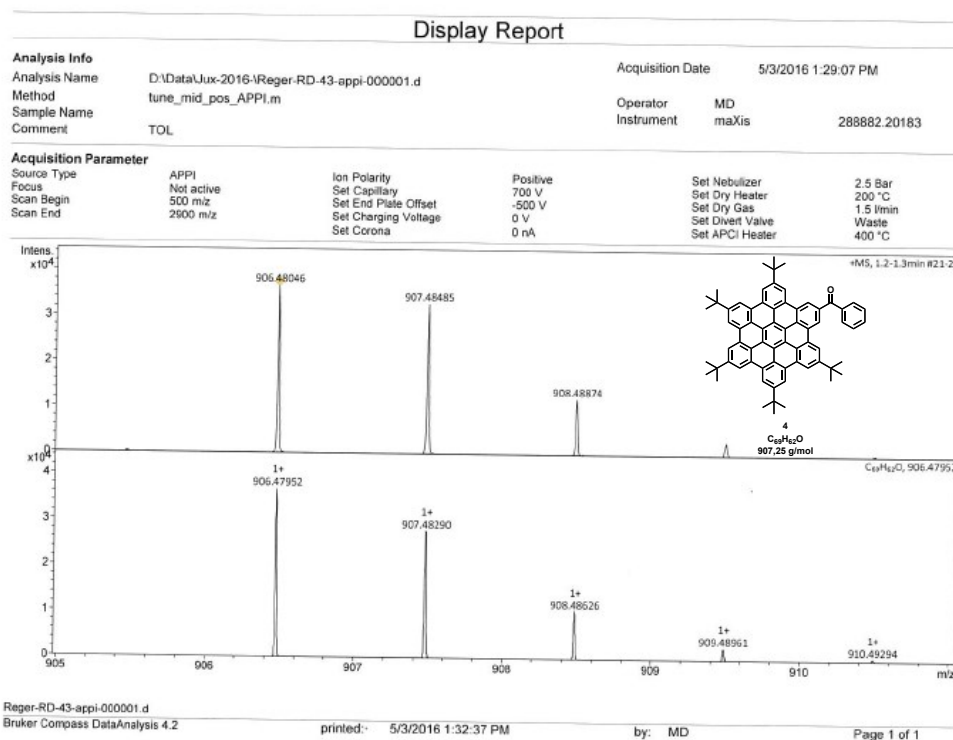


Figure S19: HRMS spectrum of 6 (APPI, toluene.). Top: Measured; Bottom: Calculated.

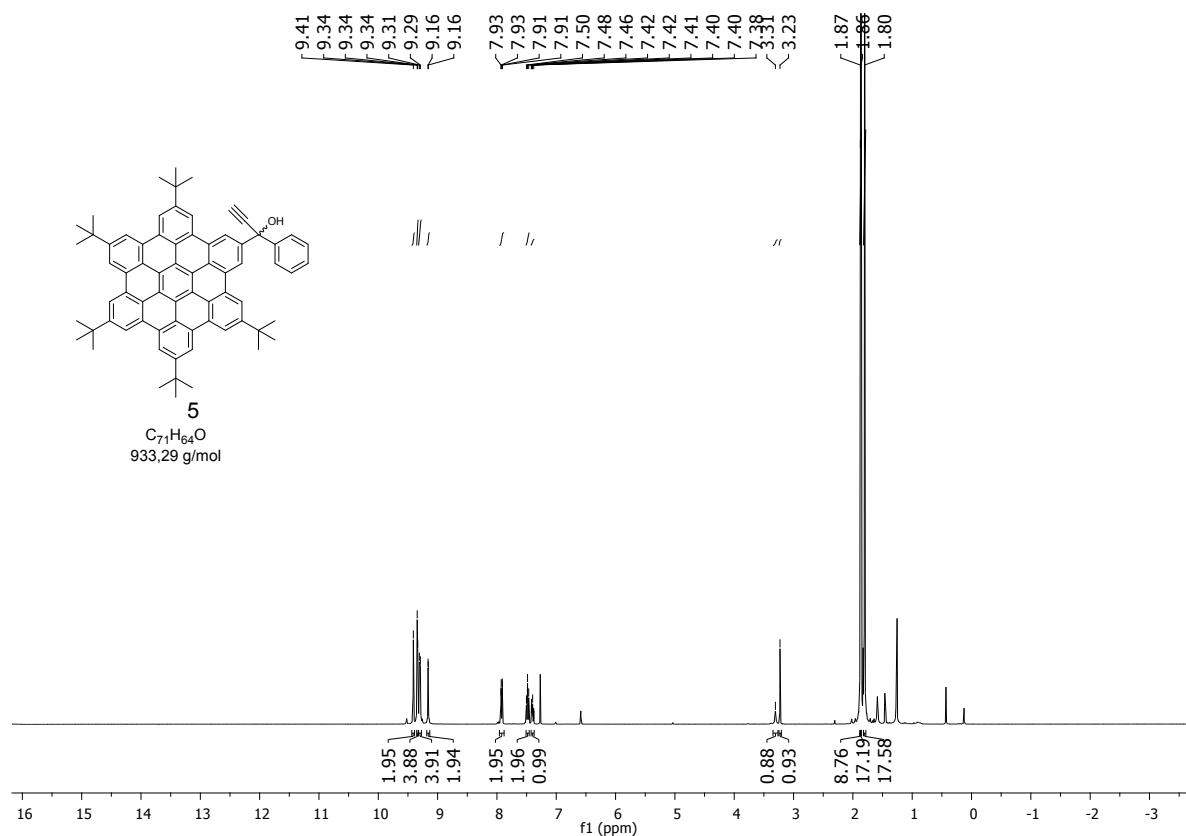


Figure S20: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 7 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz; rt.).

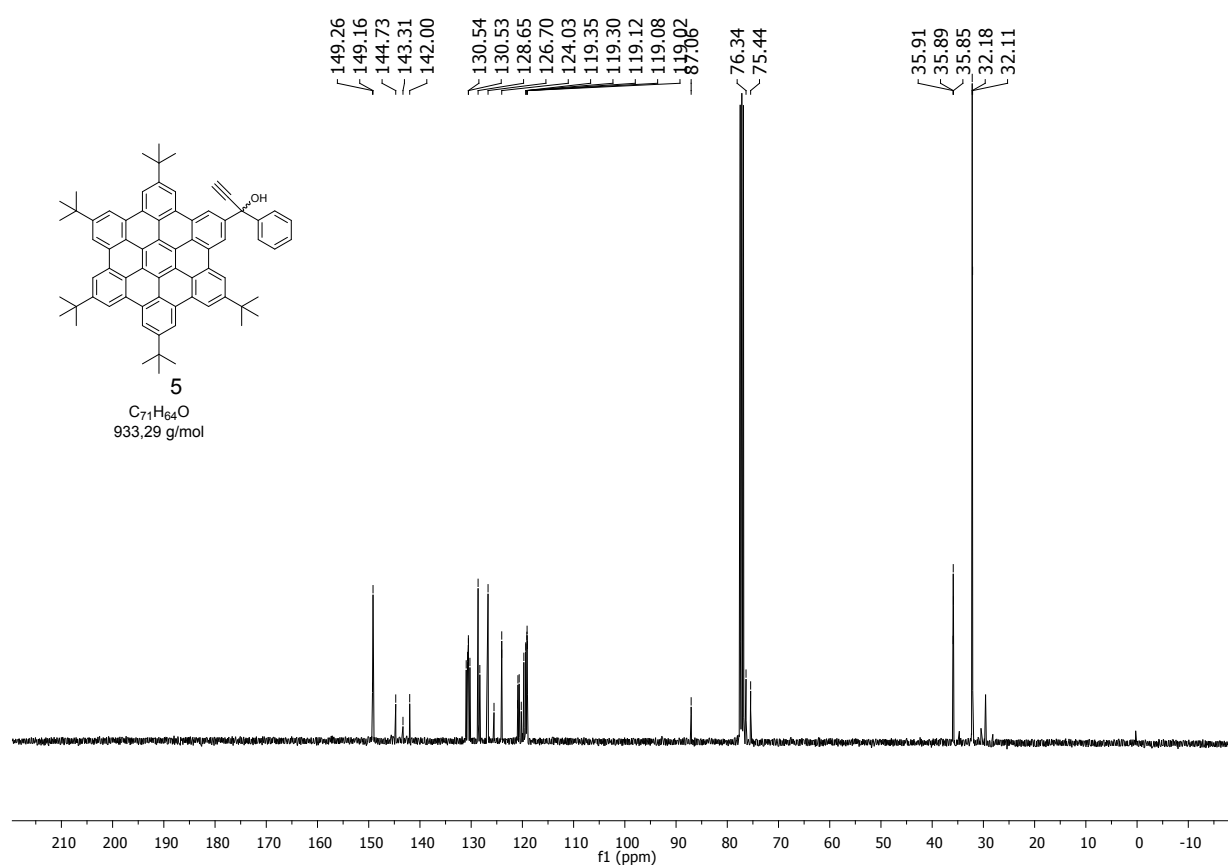


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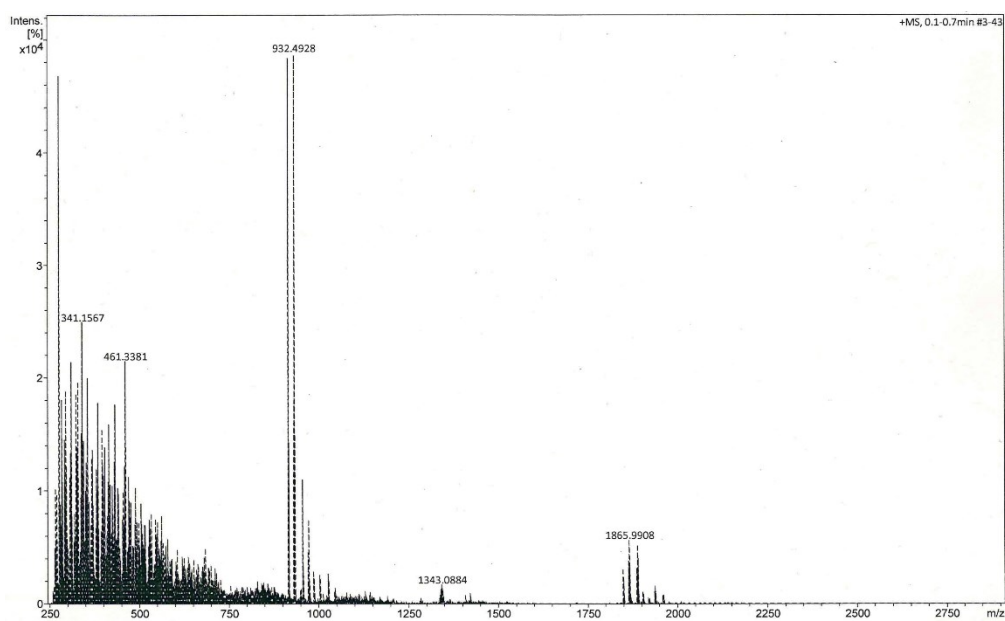


Figure S22: ESI-MS spectrum of 7.

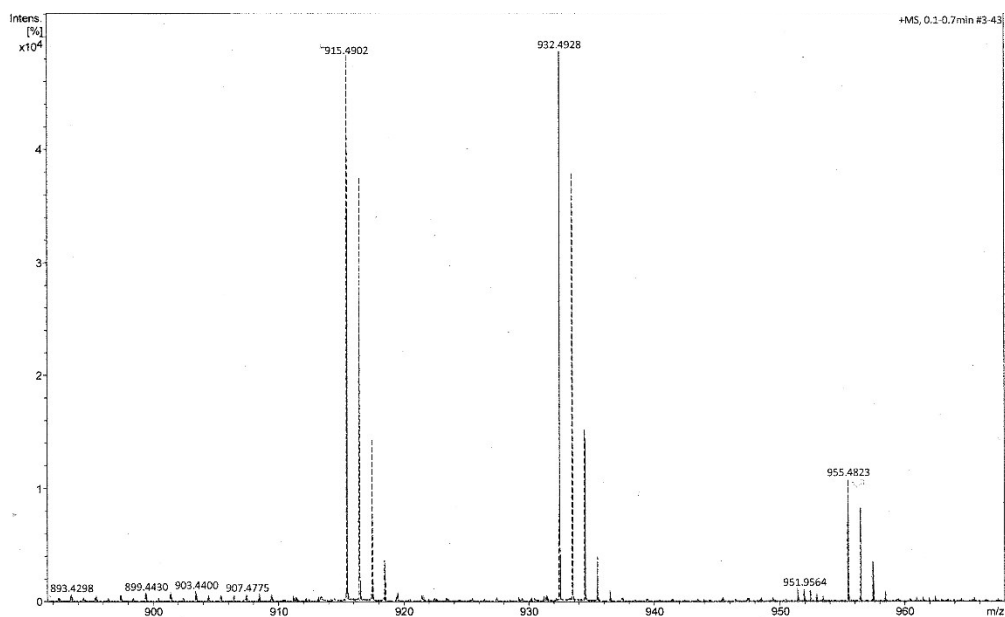


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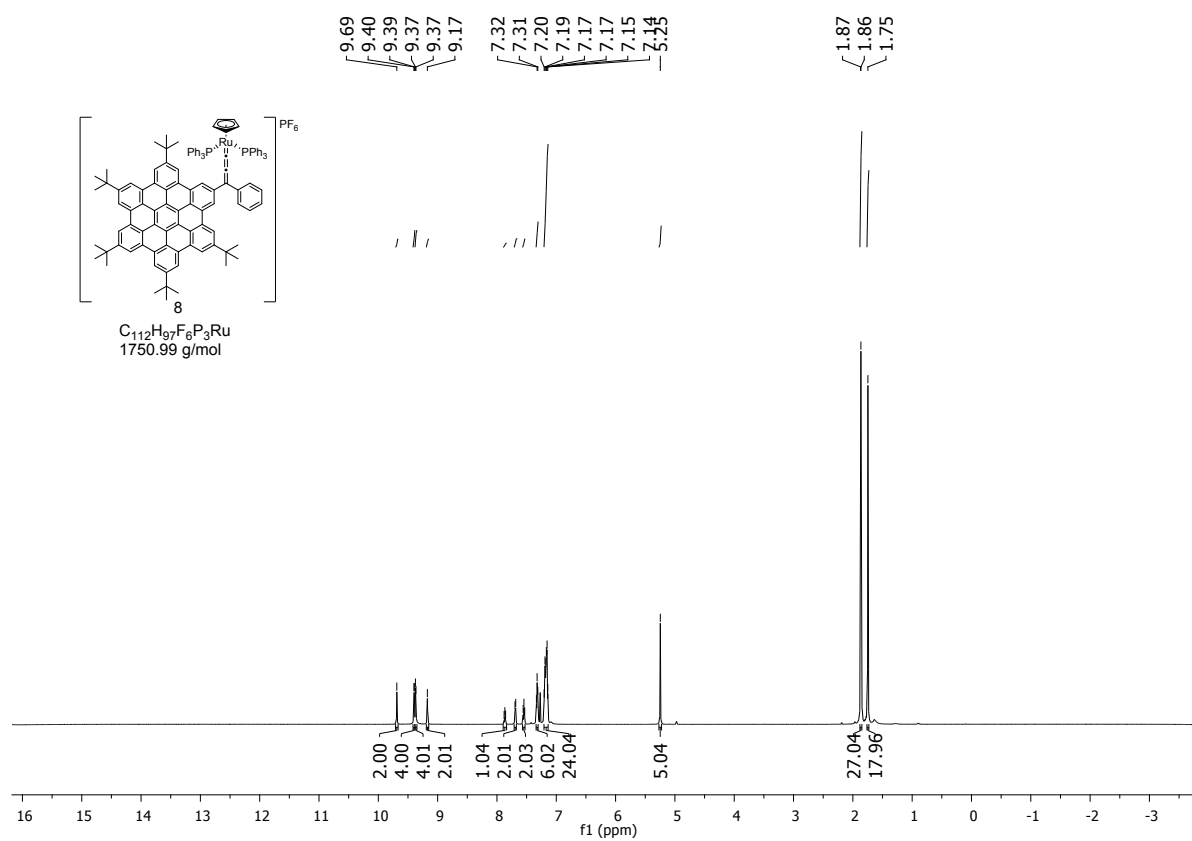


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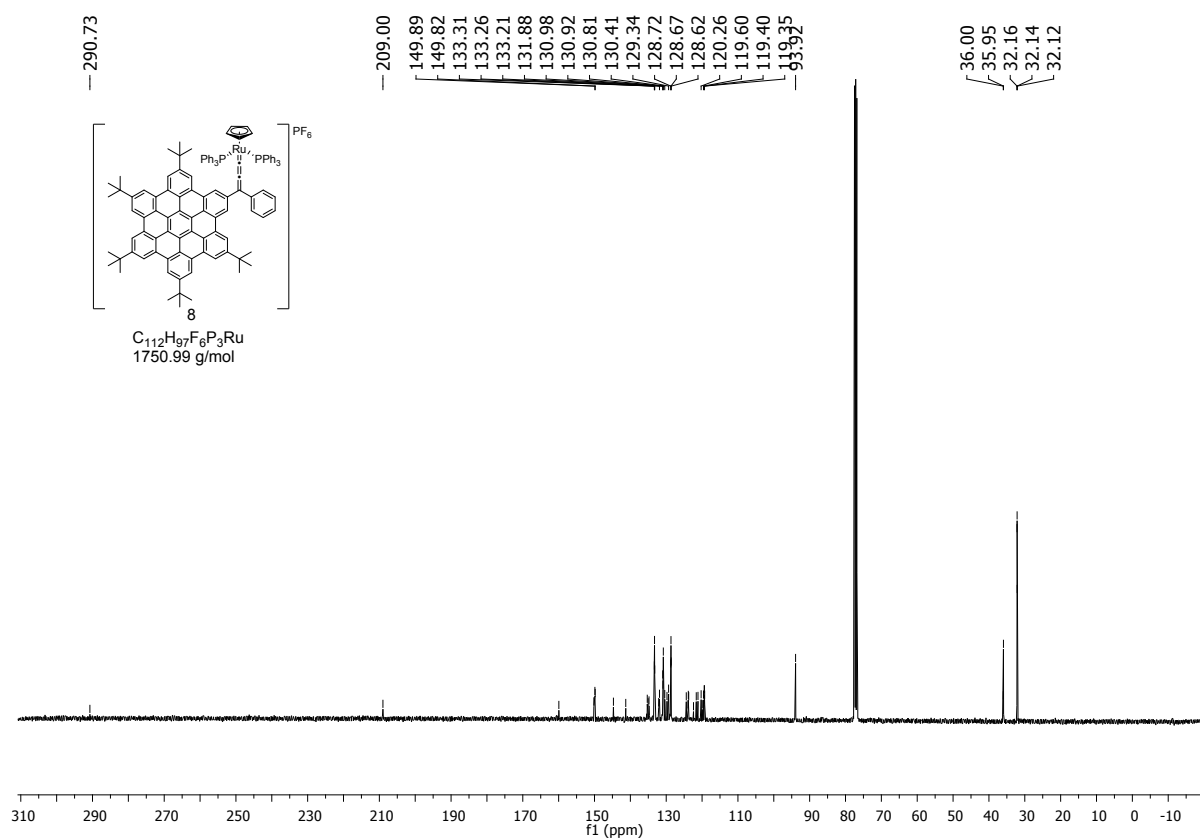


Figure S25:  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR spectrum of **8** ( $CDCl_3$ , 151 MHz; rt.).

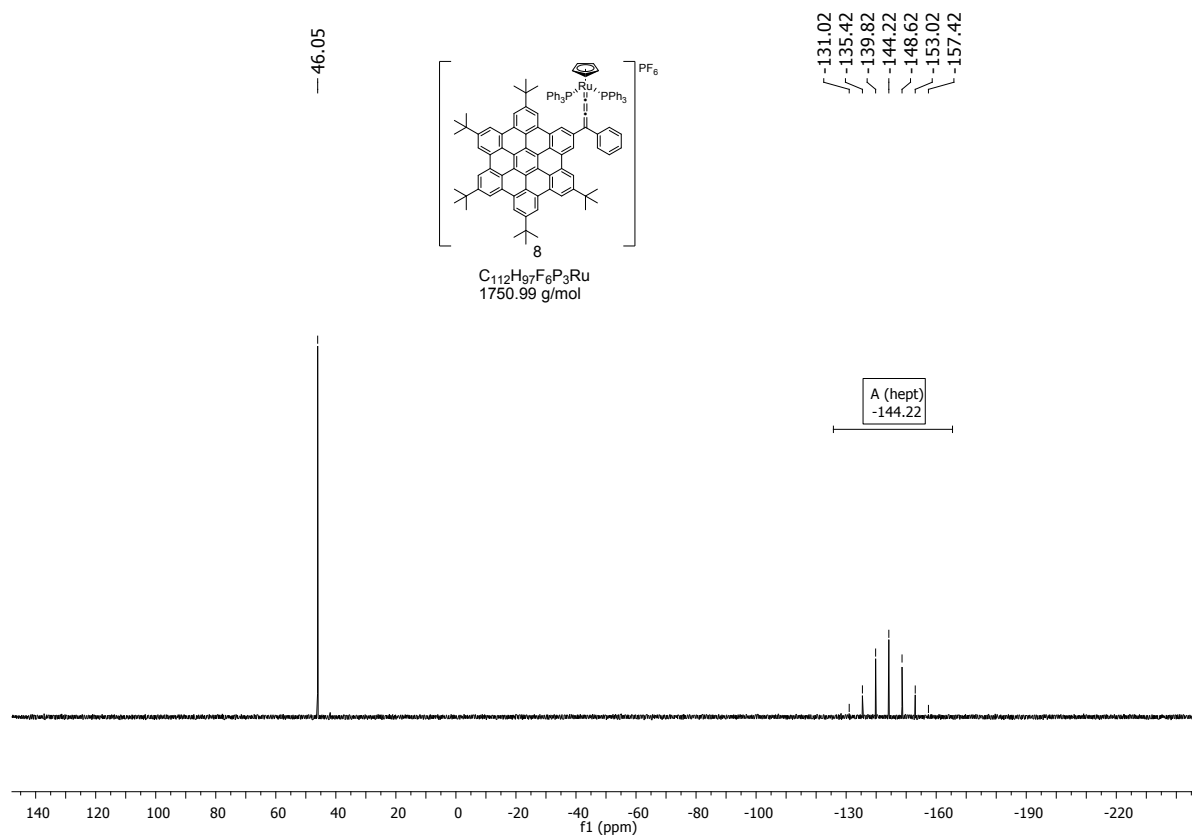


Figure S26:  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR spectrum of **6** ( $CDCl_3$ , 162 MHz; rt.).

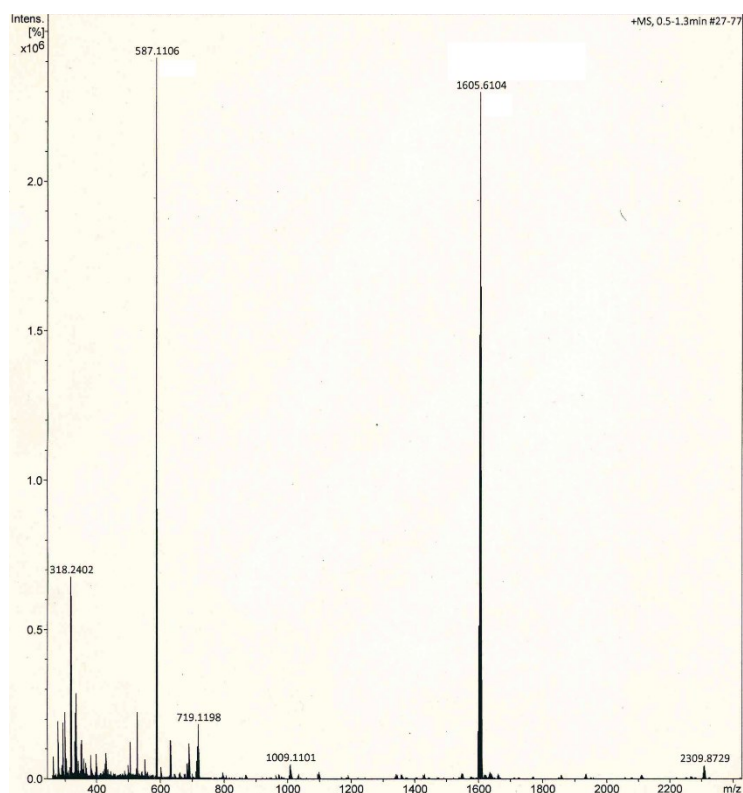


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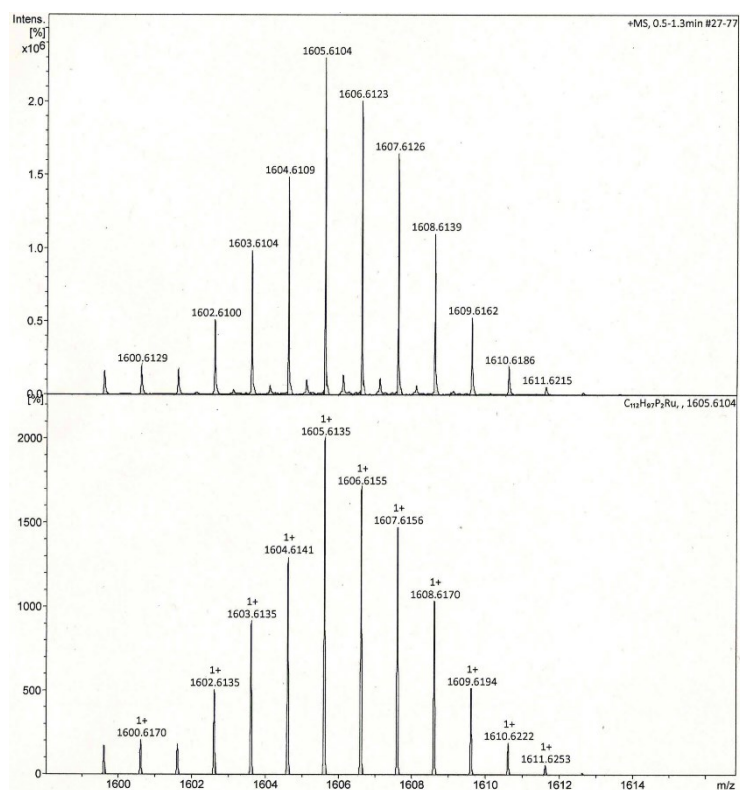


Figure S28: ESI-MS spectrum of **8**. Top: Measured; Bottom: Calculated

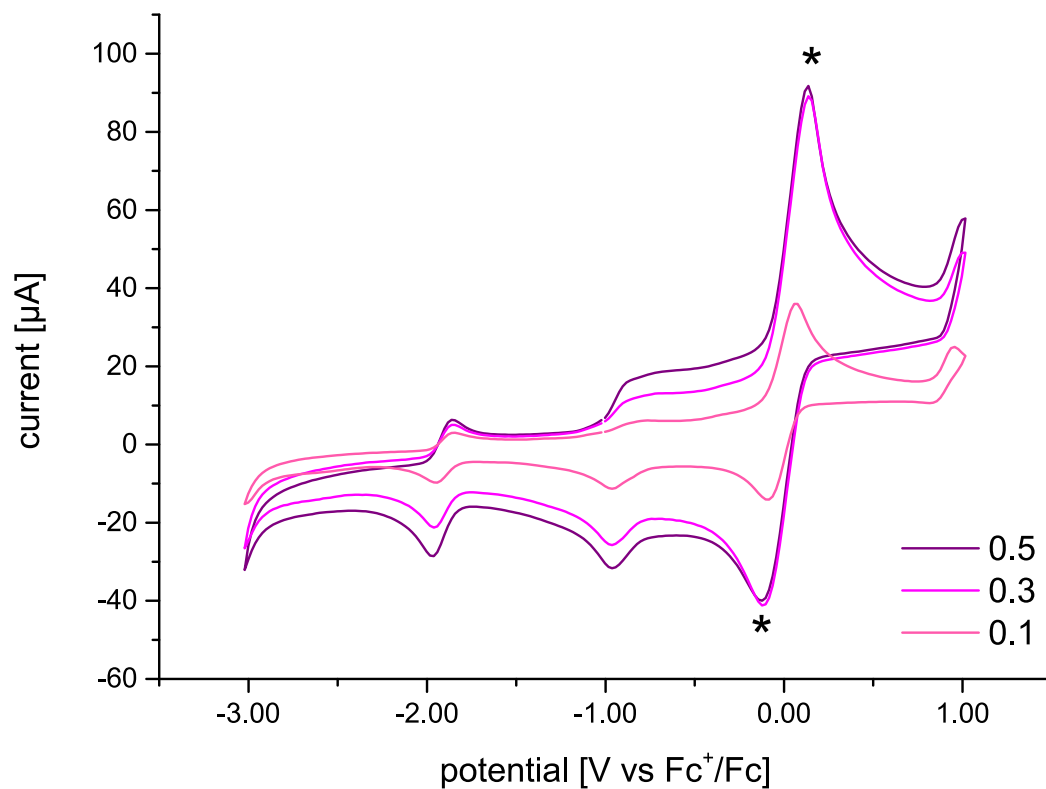


Figure S29: Cyclic voltammograms of **5** (0.001 M) at different scan rates (0.1, 0.3 or 0.5 V s<sup>-1</sup>) on a Au electrode (0.1 V s<sup>-1</sup>, 0.2 M *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, referenced to internal Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc). \* marks the redox sweep of the Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc reference redox couple.

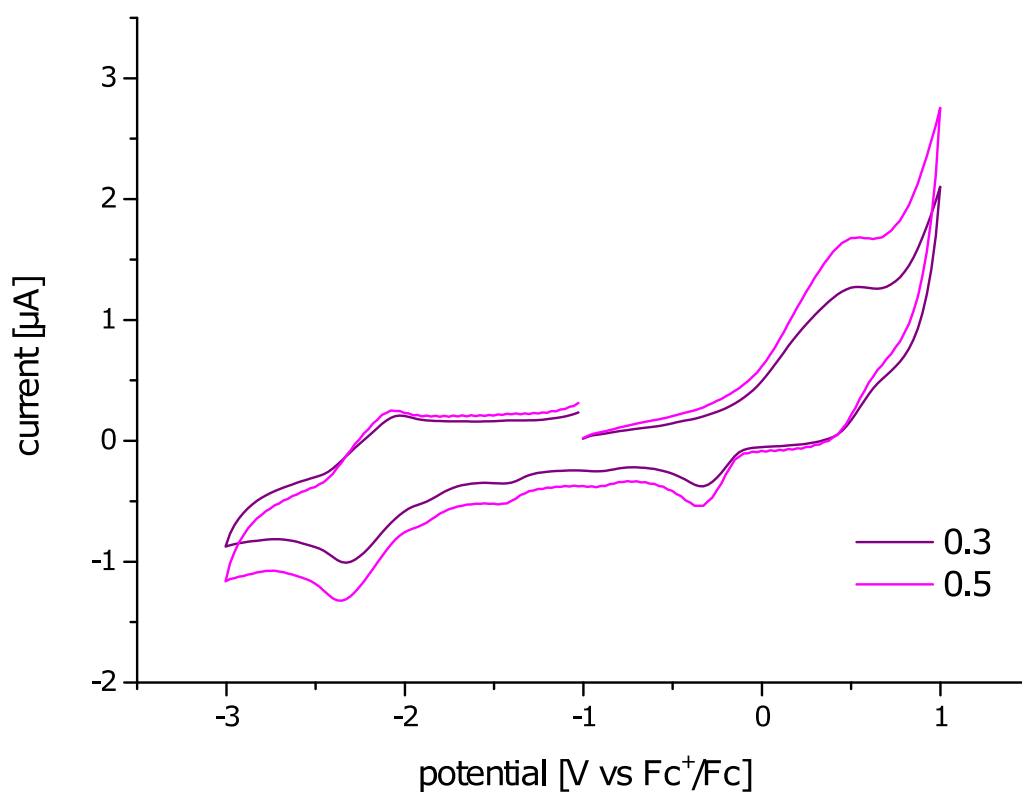


Figure S30: Cyclic voltammograms of **5** (0.001 M) at different scan rates (0.3 or 0.5 Vs<sup>-1</sup>) on a Au electrode (0.1 V s<sup>-1</sup>, 0.2 M *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, without internal Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc).

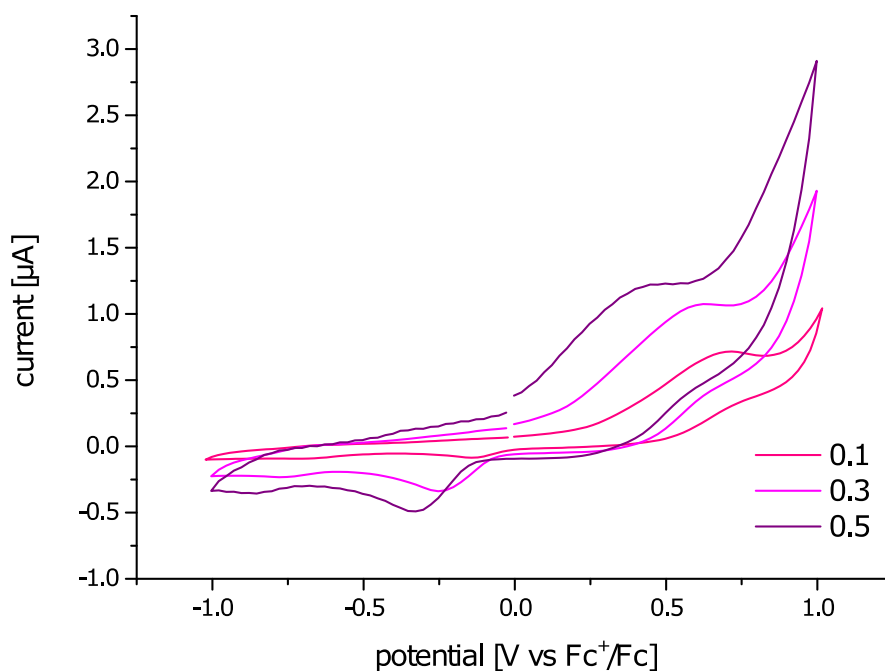


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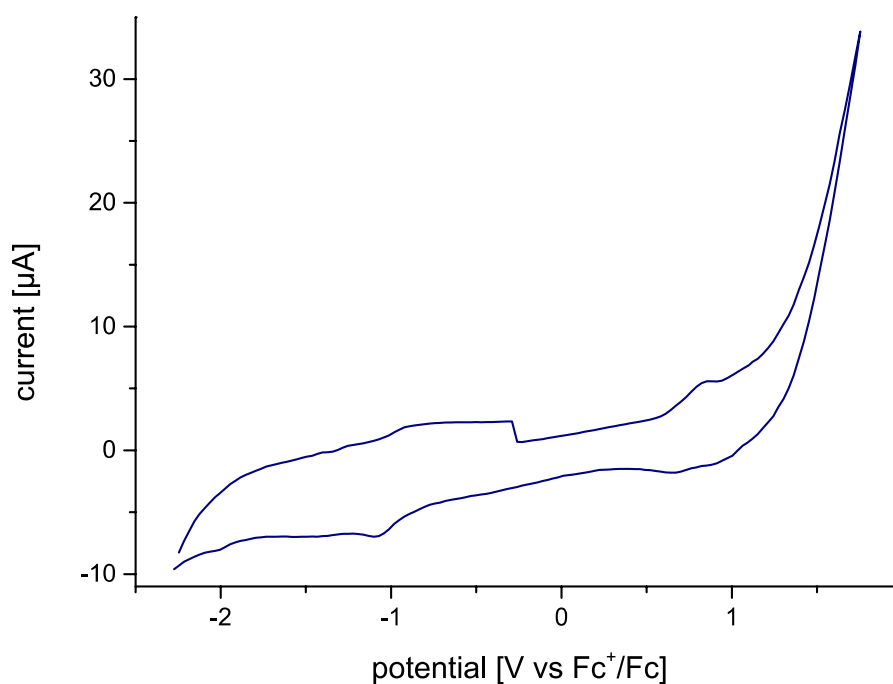


Figure S32: Cyclic voltammogram of **8** (0.001 M) at a scan rate of 0.5 V s<sup>-1</sup> on a Au electrode (0.1 V s<sup>-1</sup>, 0.2 M *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, without internal Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc).

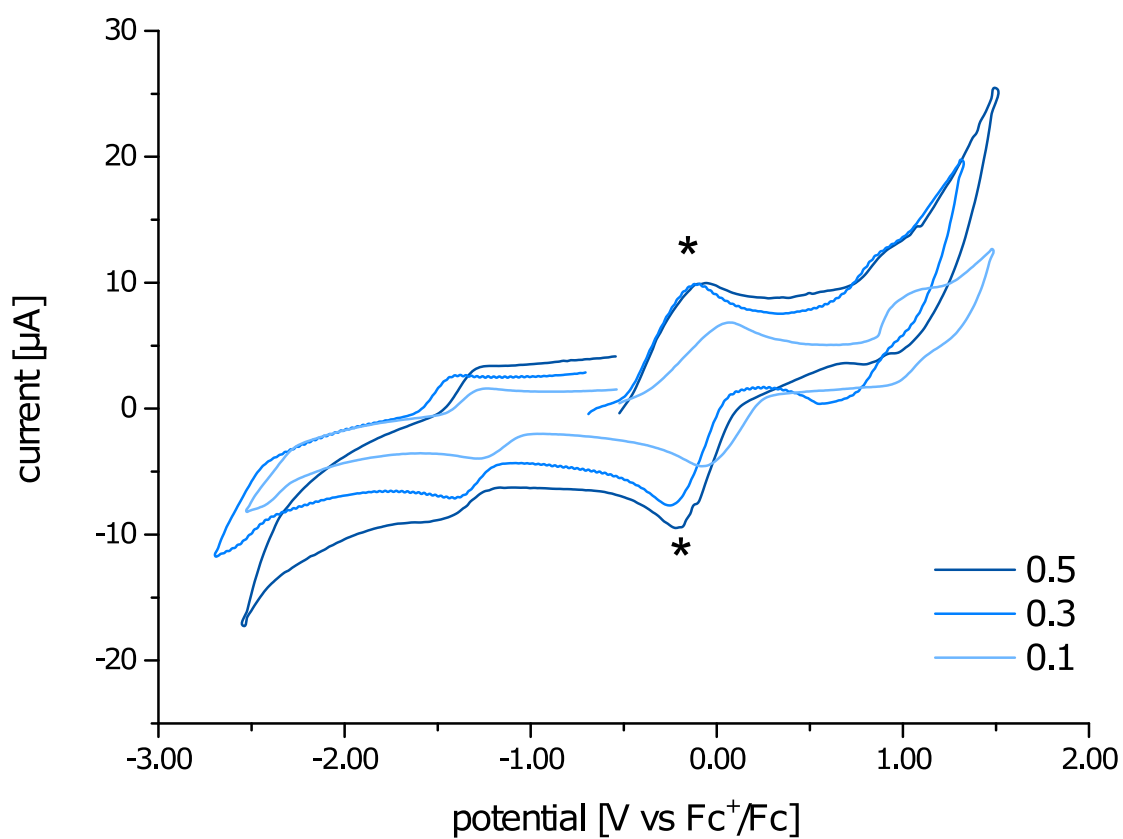


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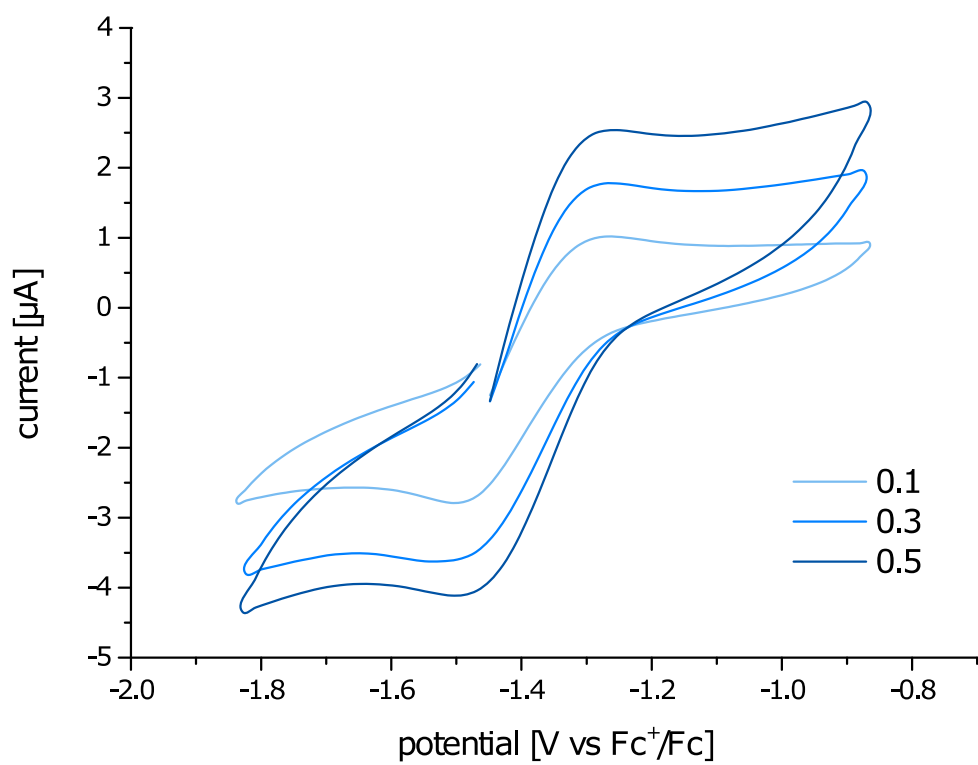


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