

Supporting Information

Cu_A-Based Chimeric T1 Copper Sites Allow for Independent Modulation of Reorganization Energy and Reduction Potential.

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SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES AND TABLES

Table S1. Reduction potentials and spectroscopic parameters of the chimeras.

| | Ami-Tt-Cu _A | PAz-Tt-Cu _A | Pc-Tt-Cu _A | Azu-Tt-Cu _A | 4A3A-Tt-Cu _A | CBP-Tt-Cu _A | Rc-Tt-Cu _A | NiR-Tt-Cu _A | 2R2R-Tt-Cu _A |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| $\epsilon_{450}/\epsilon_{600}$ | 1.49 | 1.28 | 1.47 | 1.21 | 1.10 | 1.15 | 1.49 | 1.64 | 1.46 |
| ν_{eff}^{Cu-Cys} (cm ⁻¹) | 377 | 372 | 377 | 385 | 383 | 359 | 371 | 359 | 371 |
| $E^{\circ'}$ (mV vs NHE) | 419 (±1) | 442 (±2) | 420 (±4) | 470 (±2) | 482 (±2) | 436 (±1) | 428 (±2) | 434 (±1) | 540 (±1) |
| $\Delta^{chimera-wild}$ type $E^{\circ'}$ (mV vs NHE) | +166 (±5) | +210 (±5) | +63 (±5) | +161 (±5) | ---- | +125 (±5) | -116 (±5) | +194 (±5) | ---- |

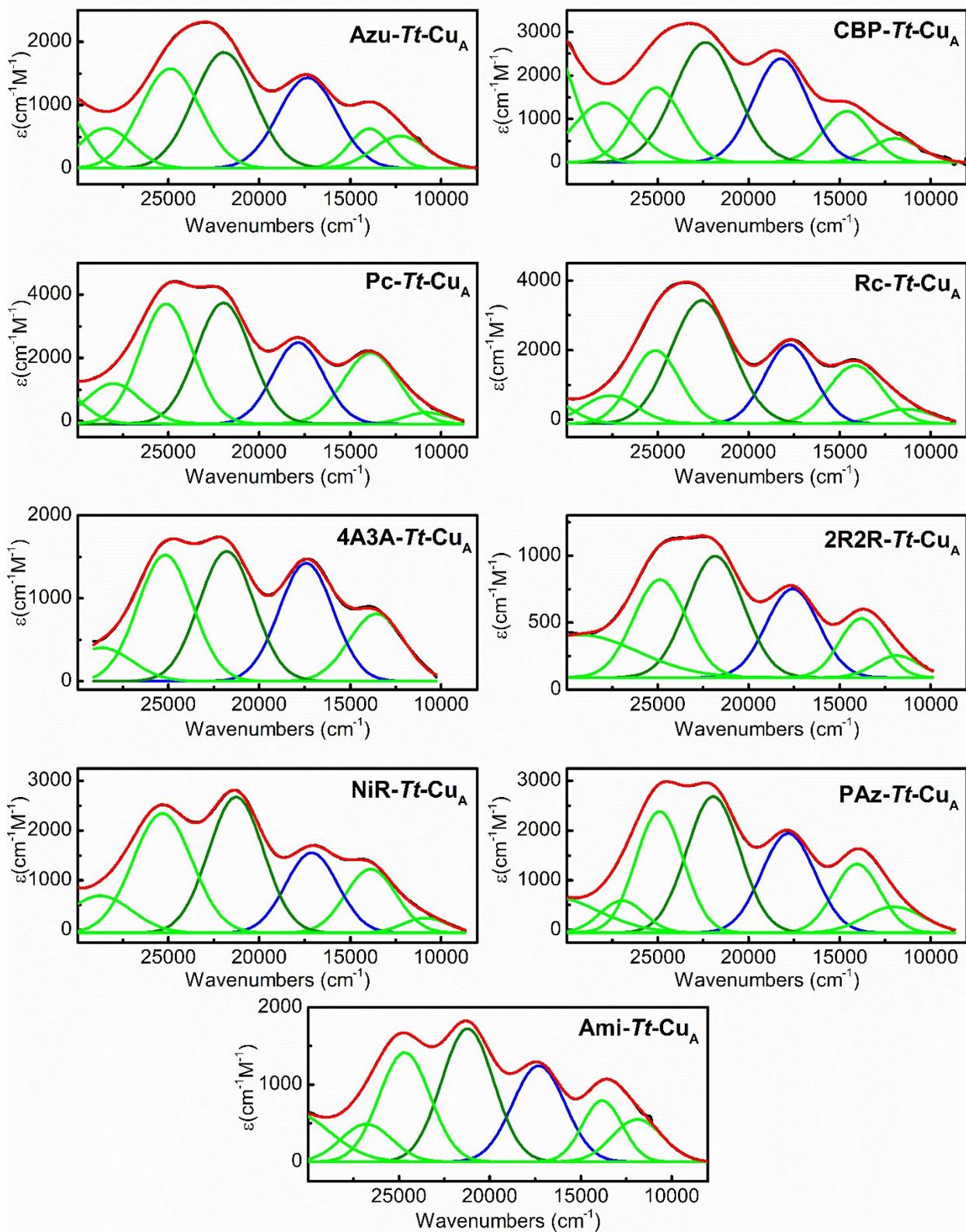


Figure S1. Electronic spectra and the corresponding Gaussian fitting of the chimera are presented. Pseudo- σ $S_{Cys} \rightarrow Cu^{+2}$ and π $S_{Cys} \rightarrow Cu^{+2}$ LMCT transition bands are colored in dark-green and blue, respectively.

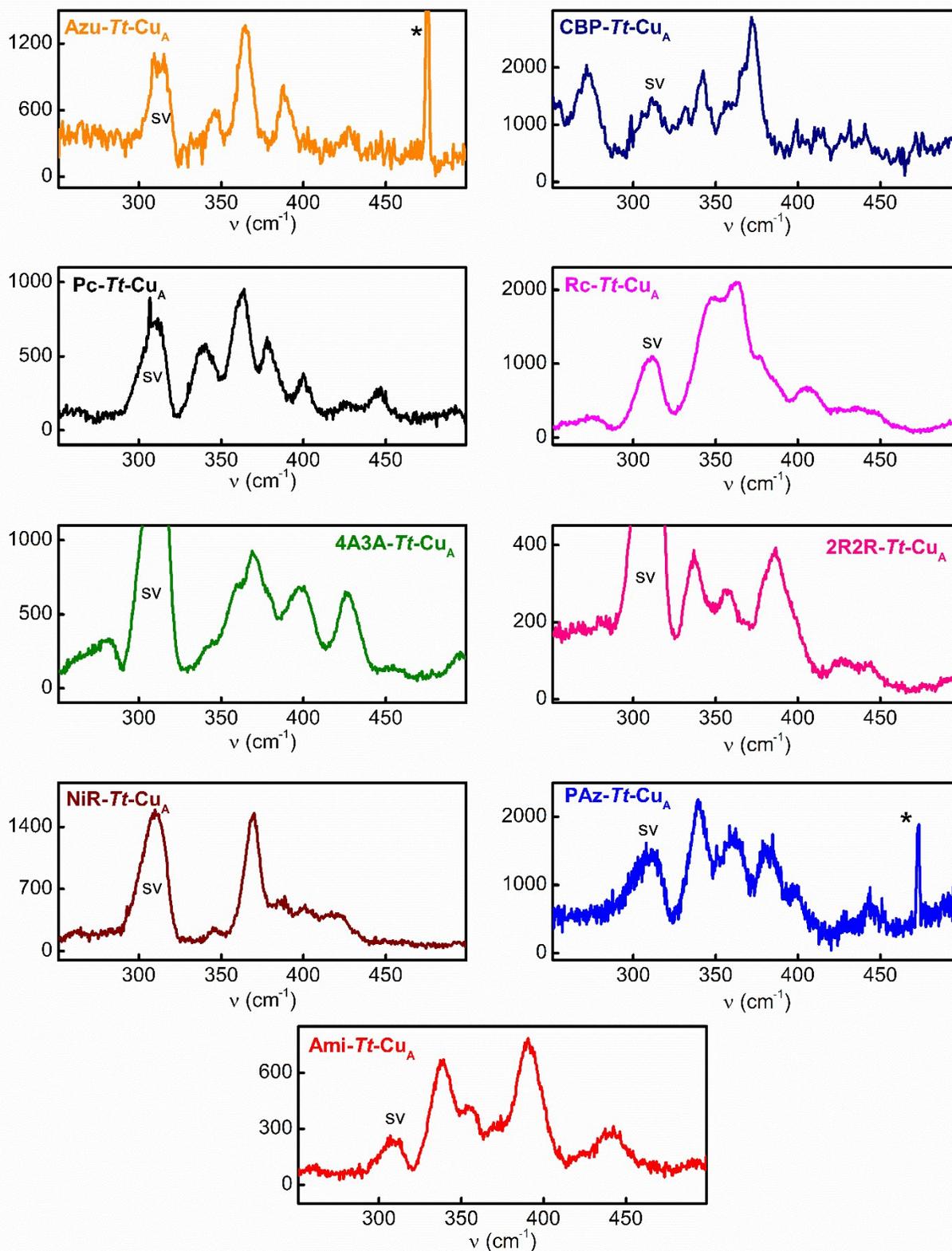


Figure S2. Resonance Raman (rR) spectra of the chimeras in the region of 200-500 cm^{-1} acquired with an 532nm excitation, except for the CBP- $Tt\text{-Cu}_A$ variant where a 633nm excitation line was employed. Solvent signal (sv) and artifact (*) are labeled when needed.

Table 2. Structural parameters and SASA values for the different chimeras in the oxidized and reduced states obtained by MD simulations.

| Oxidized State | Ami- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | PAz- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | Pc- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | Azu- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | 4A3A- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | CBP- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | Rc- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | NiR- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | 2R2R- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bond Lengths (Å) | | | | | | | | | |
| Cu-S (Cys) | 2.217 | 2.207 | 2.205 | 2.230 | 2.223 | 2.209 | 2.221 | 2.205 | 2.221 |
| Cu-S (Met) | 2.478 | 2.420 | 2.434 | 2.404 | 2.470 | 2.415 | 2.463 | 2.421 | 2.472 |
| Cu-N (His-loop) | 2.050 | 2.034 | 2.030 | 2.067 | 2.046 | 2.039 | 2.027 | 2.047 | 2.040 |
| Cu-N (His-75) | 2.023 | 2.019 | 2.019 | 2.003 | 2.046 | 2.024 | 2.029 | 2.027 | 2.036 |
| Cu...O (Ile-74) | 4.508 | 4.674 | 4.648 | 4.640 | 4.511 | 4.576 | 4.578 | 4.573 | 4.640 |
| Cu-S _{Cys} ...HN (Gly76) | 3.633 | 3.574 | 3.611 | 3.758 | 3.416 | 3.456 | 3.694 | 3.363 | 4.007 |
| Bond Angles (deg.) | | | | | | | | | |
| N(His-75)-Cu -S(Cys-loop) | 134.793 | 138.102 | 137.817 | 137.487 | 134.369 | 137.325 | 137.115 | 133.748 | 137.251 |
| -N(His-loop) | 99.087 | 97.391 | 98.472 | 99.101 | 99.227 | 98.359 | 98.800 | 99.659 | 97.973 |
| -S(Met-loop) | 90.357 | 90.710 | 90.757 | 98.073 | 89.463 | 89.580 | 88.821 | 89.023 | 89.770 |
| S(Cys-loop)-Cu -N(His-loop) | 98.032 | 95.999 | 96.078 | 95.361 | 98.212 | 95.607 | 97.432 | 97.122 | 98.039 |
| -S(Met-loop) | 111.137 | 110.217 | 110.081 | 135.865 | 111.296 | 110.240 | 111.030 | 110.532 | 110.644 |
| N(His-loop)-Cu-S(Met-loop) | 126.899 | 129.186 | 128.108 | 98.357 | 127.874 | 131.046 | 127.745 | 131.302 | 126.968 |
| Angle between planes (deg.) | | | | | | | | | |
| N _{loop} -Cu-N _{His75} to S _{Cys} -Cu-S _{Met} | 62,574 | 59,560 | 60,471 | 57,774 | 61,899 | 58,462 | 60,516 | 60,053 | 61,378 |
| Dihedral angles (deg.)* | | | | | | | | | |
| S _{Met} -Cu-S _{Cys} -C _β | -5.429 | -0.557 | 0.008 | -23.869 | -22.259 | -20.992 | -12.799 | -23.451 | 13.354 (0.66) -8.920 (0.34) |
| Cu-S _{Cys} -C _β -C _α | 165.151(0.96) -176.288 (0.04) | 168.431 (0.87) -175.739 (0.13) | 170.163 (0.75) -174.401(0.25) | 152.220 (>0.99) | 161.141 (0.97) -175.803 (0.03) | 164.993 (0.91) -175.397 (0.09) | 167.999 (0.93) -176.594 (0.07) | 170.396 (0.74) -174.983 (0.26) | 167.597 (0.81) -173.734 (0.19) |
| S _{Cys} -C _β -C _α -N | 172.559 (0.39) -171.417(0.61) | 171.949 (0.47) -171.663 (0.53) | 171.140 (0.55) -172.534(0.45) | 175.773 (0.12) -168.065 (0.88) | 175.286 (0.15) -167.456 (0.85) | 174.988 (0.18) -169.277 (0.82) | 174.582 (0.22) -168.818 (0.78) | 174.690 (0.24) -170.608 (0.76) | 169.849 (0.45) -170.306 (0.55) |
| SASA (Å²) | 442.748 | 448.167 | 448.092 | 474.200 | 457.935 | 458.483 | 458.784 | 455.983 | 448.196 |

*Number in brackets indicate the fraction of the simulation time spent in each value.

| Reduced State | Ami- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | PAz- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | Pc- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | Azu- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | 4A3A- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | CBP- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | Rc- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | NiR- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A | 2R2R- <i>Tt</i> -Cu _A |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bond Lengths (Å) | | | | | | | | | |
| Cu-S (Cys) | 2.355 | 2.349 | 2.351 | 2.361 | 2.364 | 2.370 | 2.370 | 2.351 | 2.363 |
| Cu-S (Met) | 2.339 | 2.332 | 2.316 | 2.303 | 2.337 | 2.332 | 2.360 | 2.310 | 2.356 |
| Cu-N (His-loop) | 2.034 | 2.017 | 2.018 | 2.015 | 2.032 | 2.014 | 2.016 | 2.036 | 2.033 |
| Cu-N (His-75) | 2.058 | 2.056 | 2.069 | 2.063 | 2.063 | 2.068 | 2.058 | 2.079 | 2.077 |
| Cu...O (Ile-74) | 4.579 | 4.661 | 4.594 | 4.573 | 5.281 | 4.523 | 4.544 | 4.568 | 4.598 |
| Cu-S _{Cys} ...HN (Gly76) | 3.299 | 3.329 | 3.276 | 3.311 | 3.263 | 3.337 | 3.363 | 3.318 | 3.400 |
| Bond Angles (deg.) | | | | | | | | | |
| N(His-75)-Cu -S(Cys-loop) | 111.934 | 112.441 | 111.937 | 112.341 | 111.973 | 113.290 | 113.892 | 111.870 | 112.717 |
| -N(His-loop) | 102.394 | 101.567 | 102.242 | 105.186 | 102.555 | 102.219 | 100.944 | 102.407 | 100.601 |
| -S(Met-loop) | 96.829 | 97.204 | 98.331 | 99.497 | 97.226 | 96.409 | 96.360 | 96.510 | 96.553 |
| S(Cys-loop)-Cu -N(His-loop) | 116.475 | 116.737 | 116.625 | 115.280 | 116.441 | 116.246 | 116.757 | 115.445 | 117.354 |
| -S(Met-loop) | 112.335 | 112.221 | 111.719 | 111.717 | 112.505 | 112.845 | 113.267 | 110.472 | 112.677 |
| N(His-loop)-Cu-S(Met-loop) | 114.193 | 114.010 | 113.639 | 111.131 | 113.502 | 113.235 | 112.771 | 117.674 | 113.868 |
| Angle between planes (deg.) | | | | | | | | | |
| N _{loop} -Cu-N _{His75} to S _{Cys} -Cu-S _{Met} | 83.606 | 83.803 | 84.627 | 85.728 | 83.914 | 83.206 | 83.160 | 82.154 | 83.445 |
| Dihedral angles (deg.)* | | | | | | | | | |
| S _{Met} -Cu-S _{Cys} -C _β | -37.063 | -28.462 | -28.406 | -31.729 | -39.588 | -34.880 | -36.258 | -38.230 | 6.308 (0.12) -17.114 (0.88) |
| Cu-S _{Cys} -C _β -C _α | 175.594 (0.19) -170.455 (0.81) | 175.967 (0.08) -166.714 (0.92) | 174.537 (0.18) -168.304 (0.82) | 174.753 (0.28) -170.816 (0.72) | 169.445 (0.75) -173.637 (0.25) | 170.179 (0.76) -174.310 (0.24) | 168.285 (0.76) -174.335 (0.24) | 173.289 (0.06) -160.748 (0.94) | 174.08 (0.21) -166.405 (0.79) |
| S _{Cys} -C _β -C _α -N | 176.159 (0.02) -161.188 (0.98) | 175.764 (0.06) -163.433 (0.94) | 175.098(0.10) -165.478 (0.90) | 176.860 (0.04) -165.319 (0.96) | 176.351(0.03) -161.114 (0.97) | 175.770 (0.09) -164.378 (0.91) | 176.069 (0.04) -159.556 (0.96) | 175.522 (0.07) -165.092 (0.93) | 172.940 (0.33) -169.972 (0.67) |
| SASA (Å²) | 443.375 | 447.096 | 447.328 | 462.558 | 459.544 | 466.900 | 465.426 | 458.119 | 446.702 |

*Number in brackets indicate the fraction of the simulation time spent in each value.

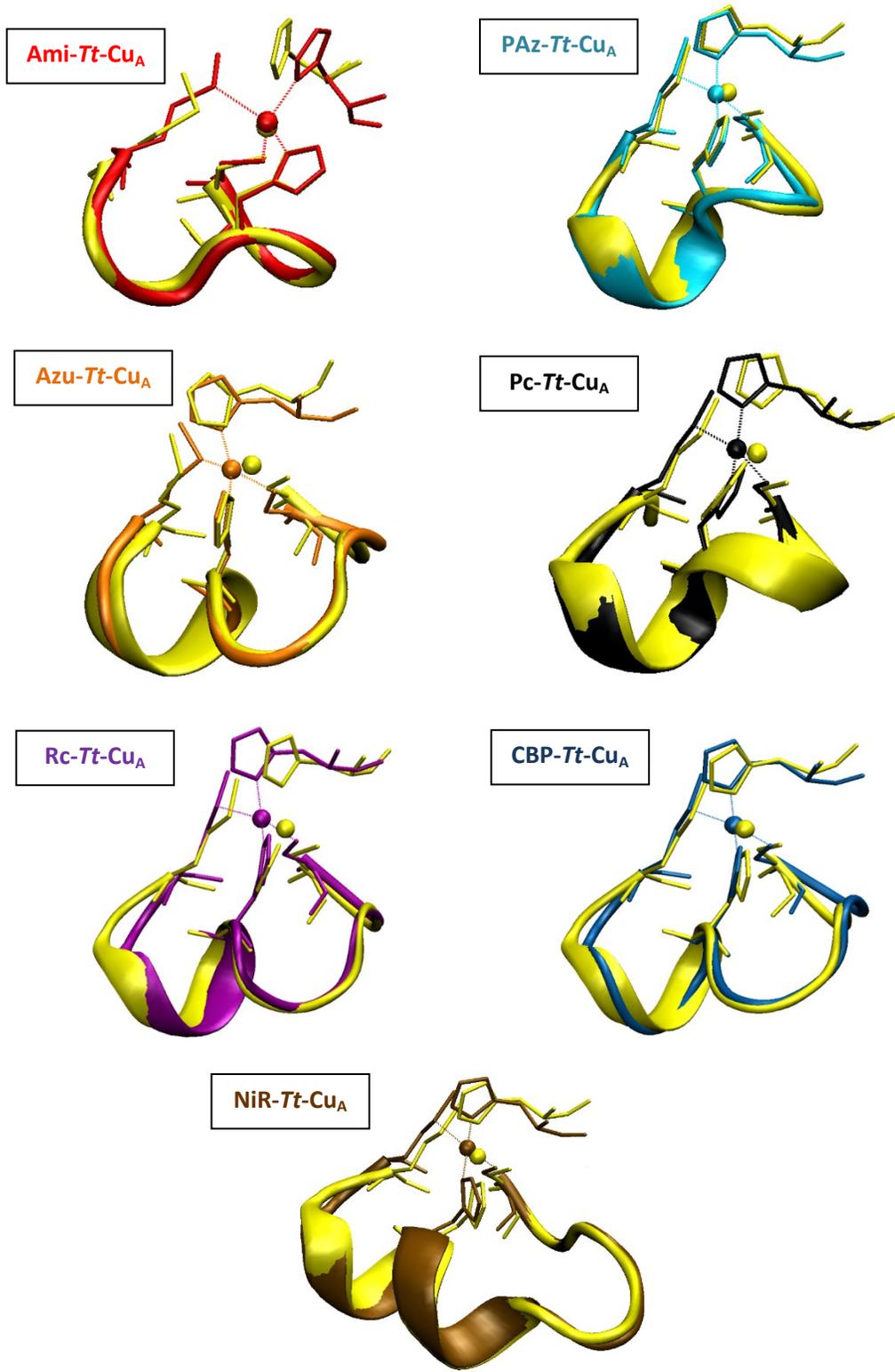


Figure S3. Structural alignment for the metal site (sticks) and loop (new cartoon) moieties are shown. In all cases wild type is colored in yellow, and chimeras follow color code.

Table S3. Structural parameters τ_4 , $\Delta\tau_4^{\text{Red-Ox}}$, and Cu-S(Met)/Cu-S(Cys) distance ratios.

| | Ami-Tt-Cu _A | PAz-Tt-Cu _A | Pc-Tt-Cu _A | Azu-Tt-Cu _A | 4A3A-Tt-Cu _A | CBP-Tt-Cu _A | Rc-Tt-Cu _A | NIR-Tt-Cu _A | 2R2R-Tt-Cu _A |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| τ_4 parameter Oxidized state | 0.697 | 0.657 | 0.667 | 0.614 | 0.693 | 0.649 | 0.674 | 0.673 | 0.679 |
| τ_4 parameter Reduced state | 0.917 | 0.916 | 0.920 | 0.938 | 0.922 | 0.925 | 0.917 | 0.899 | 0.913 |
| $\Delta\tau_4^{\text{Red-Ox}}$ | 0.220 | 0.259 | 0.253 | 0.324 | 0.229 | 0.276 | 0.243 | 0.226 | 0.234 |
| Cu-S(Met)/Cu-S(Cys) Oxidized | 1.117 | 1.096 | 1.103 | 1.078 | 1.141 | 1.093 | 1.108 | 1.098 | 1.113 |
| Cu-S(Met)/Cu-S(Cys) Reduced | 0.993 | 0.992 | 0.984 | 0.975 | 0.975 | 0.983 | 0.995 | 0.982 | 0.997 |

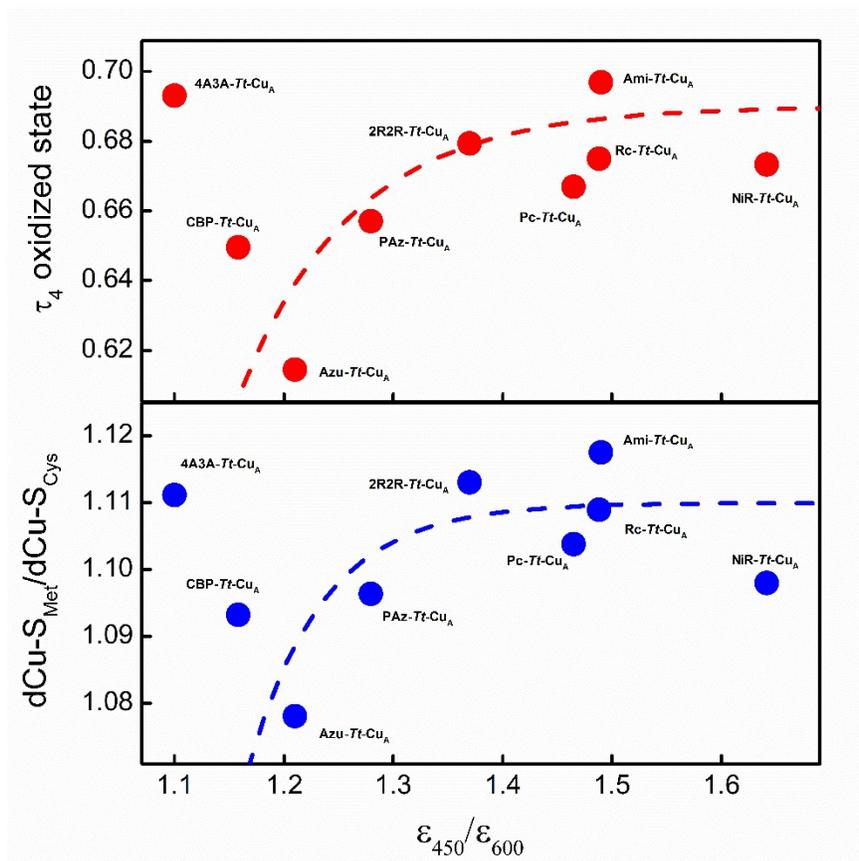


Figure S4. Structural parameters τ_4 and Cu-S(Met)/Cu-S(Cys) for the oxidized state plotted against the $\epsilon_{450}/\epsilon_{600}$ quotient.

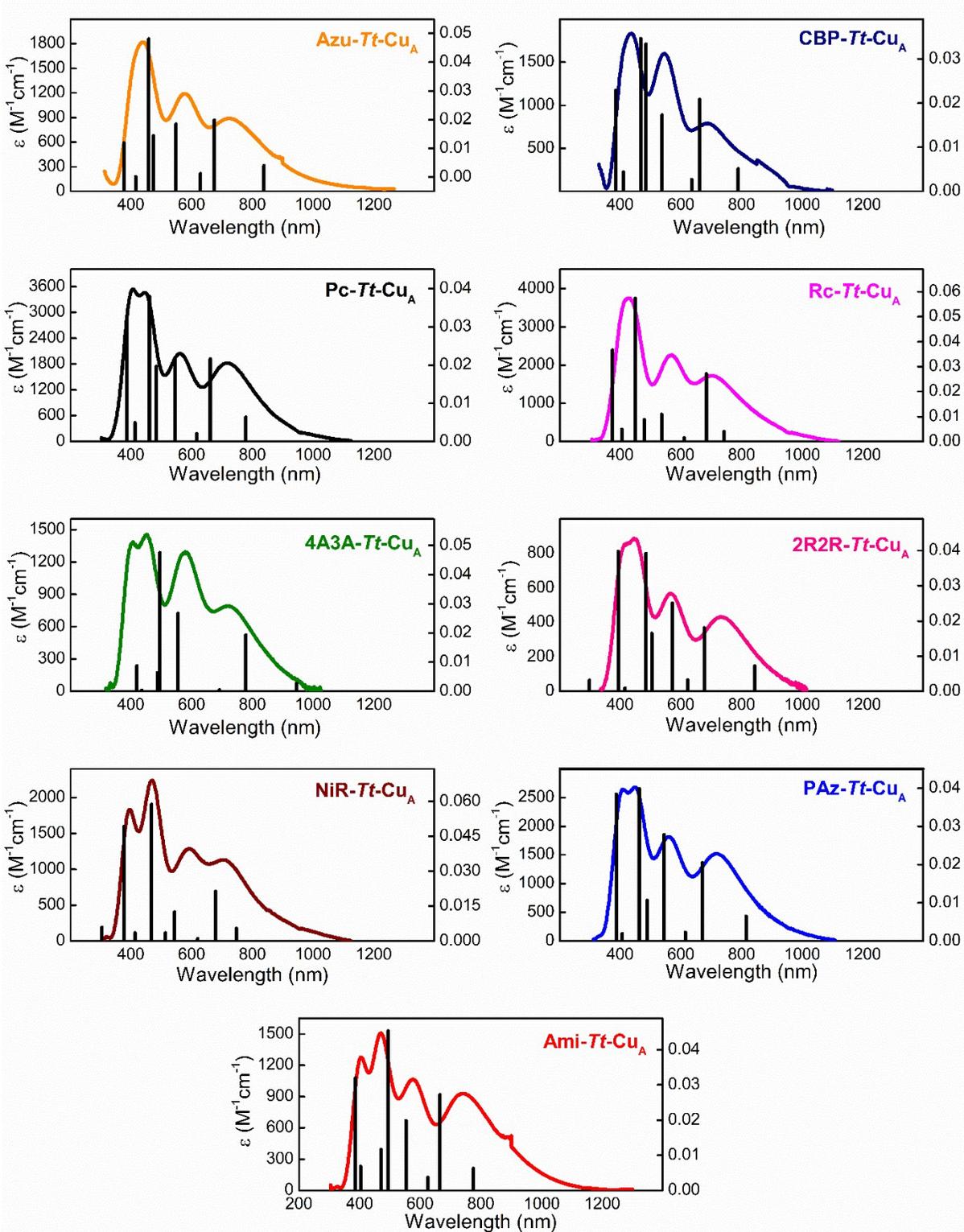


Figure S5. Electronic absorption spectra of the chimeras are presented. Experimental data is plotted following color code and calculated data is plotted in black bar format.

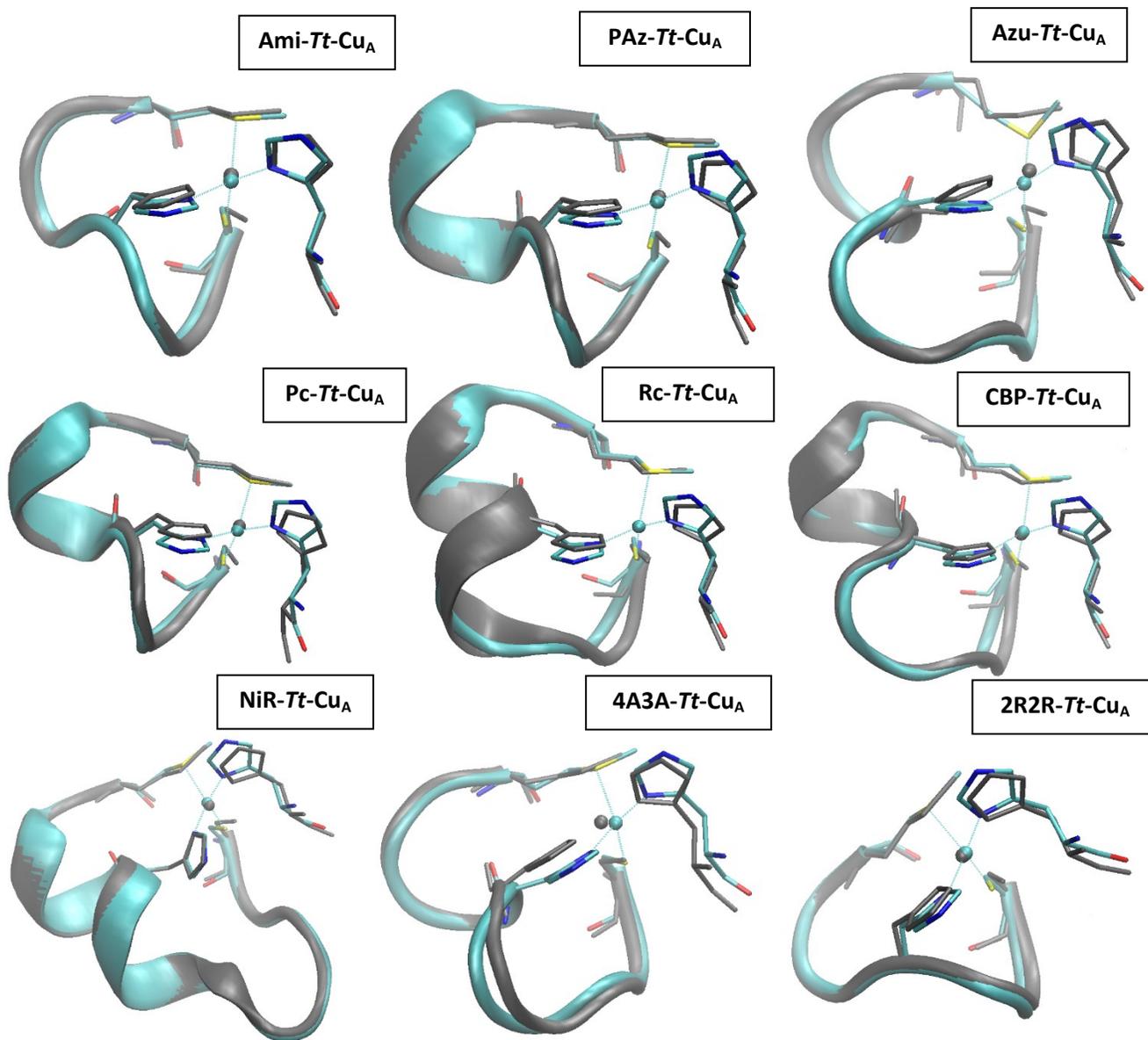


Figure S6. Structural alignment for the metal site (sticks) and loop (new cartoon) moieties for the oxidized (element color code and cyan) and reduced (grey) states. All structures correspond to *in silico* models obtained as indicated in Computational Methods. The structure of the Ami-*Tt*-Cu_A variant is a snapshot of the MD trajectory obtained using the crystal structure PDB ID 5U7N as starting point.

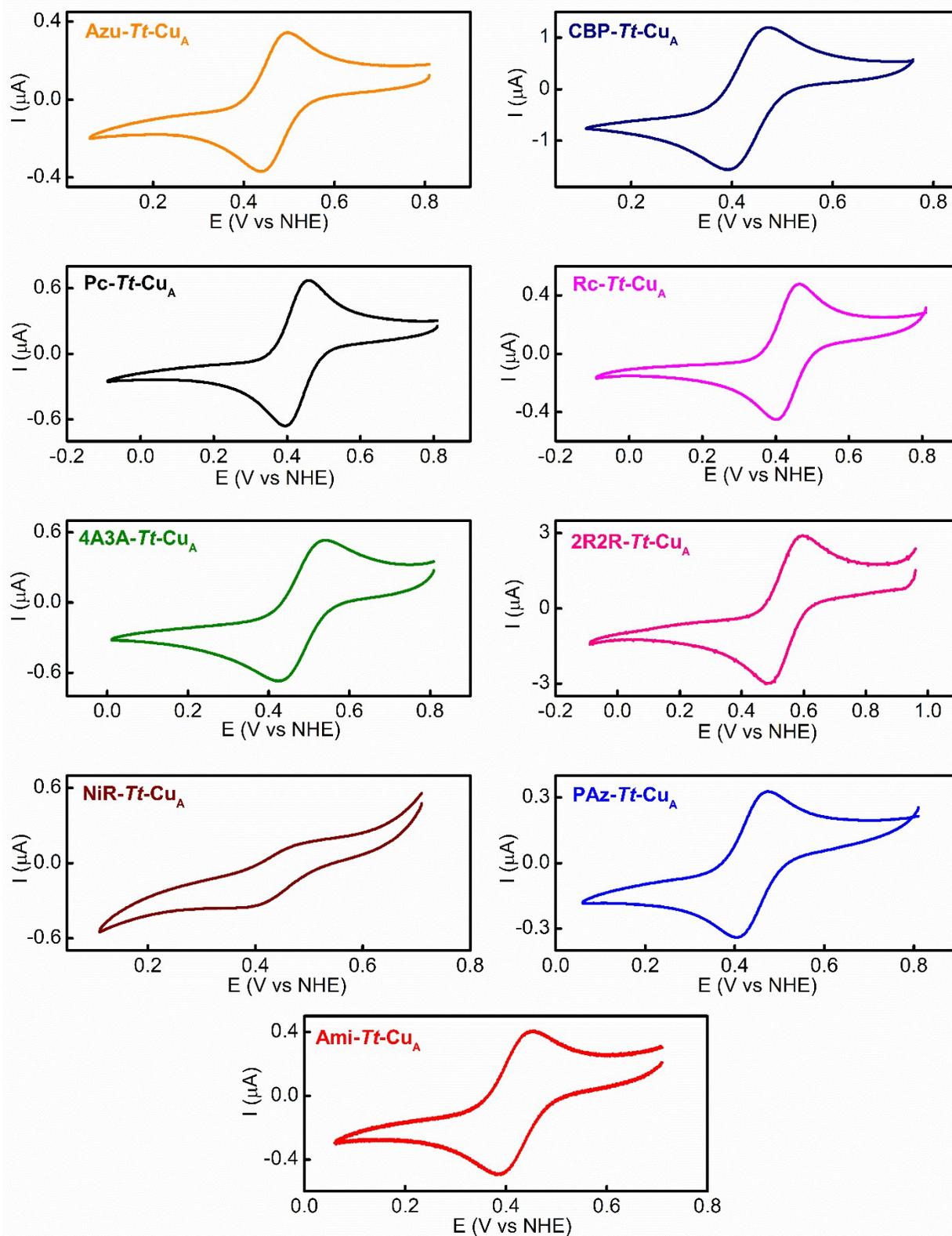
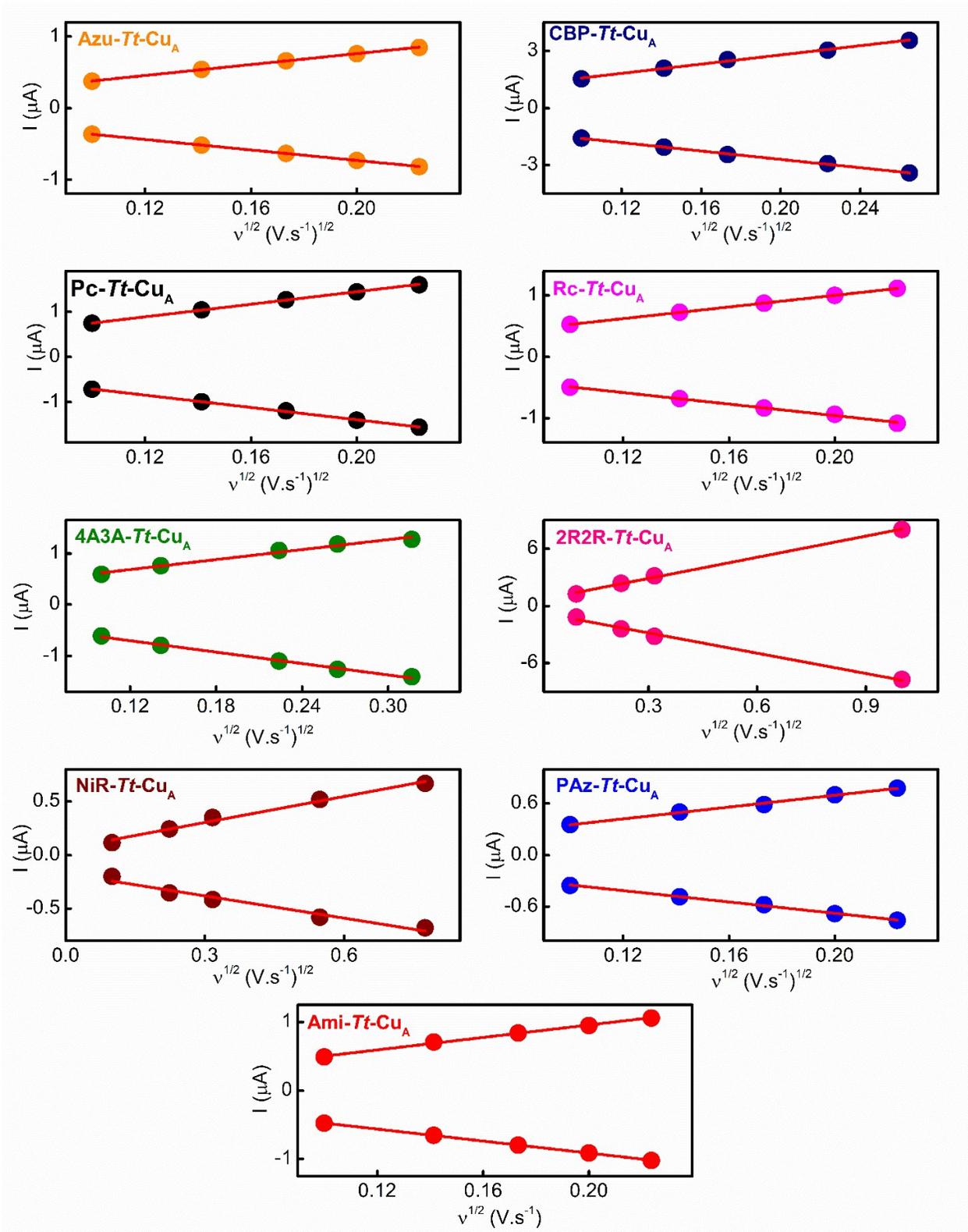


Figure S7. Representative voltammograms of the chimeras obtained from protein solutions. Voltammograms were acquired at 25 °C in 10 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.0, 500 mM KNO₃) at low scan rates (10 mV/s) to ensure reversibility.



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Figure S8. Peak currents in function of the square root of the scan rate for cyclic voltammeteries of proteins solutions. Linear fits are plotted in red showing a diffusion-controlled one-electron reversible redox process.

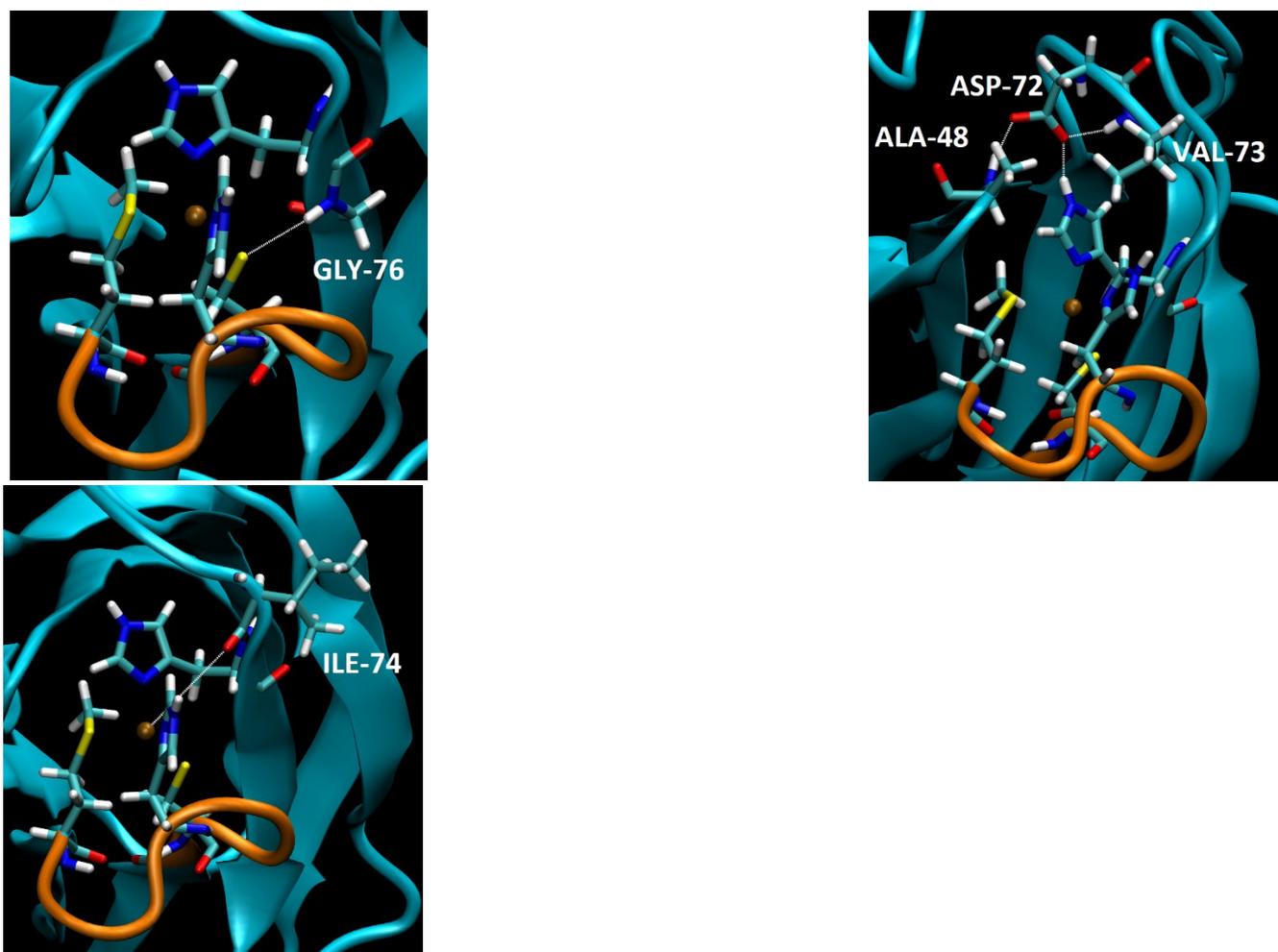


Figure S9. Left: Hydrogen bond from GLY-76 backbone to CYS-110 sulfur. Center: Hydrogen bonding network involving residues HIS-75, ALA-48, ASP-72 and VAL-73. Right: axial backbone carbonyl from ILE-74. The figures are snapshots taken from *Ami-Tt-Cu_A* MD trajectory that uses the crystal structure PDB ID 5U7N as starting point.

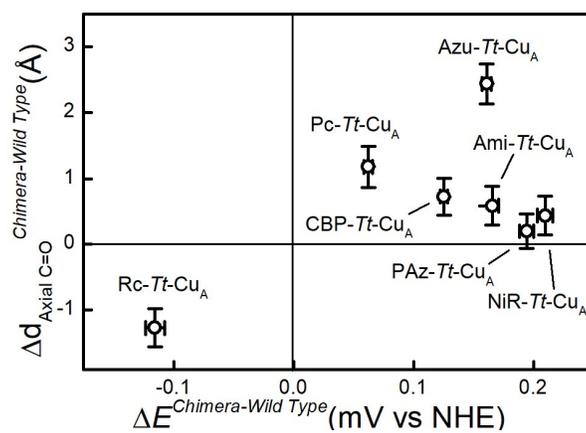


Figure S10. Axial carbonyl distance difference (chimera-wild type) plotted against redox potential difference (chimera-wild type).

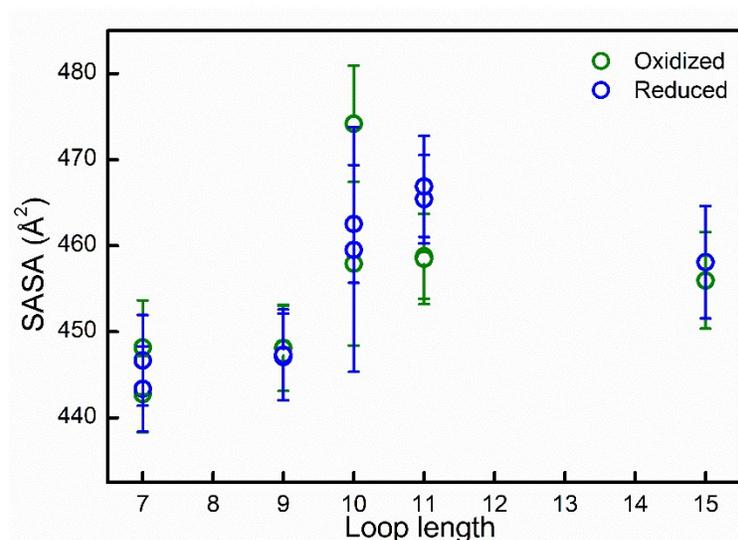


Figure S11. SASA values for the reduced and oxidized states both plotted against the loop length for all the chimeras. SASA error bars represent the standard deviation of the MD trajectory

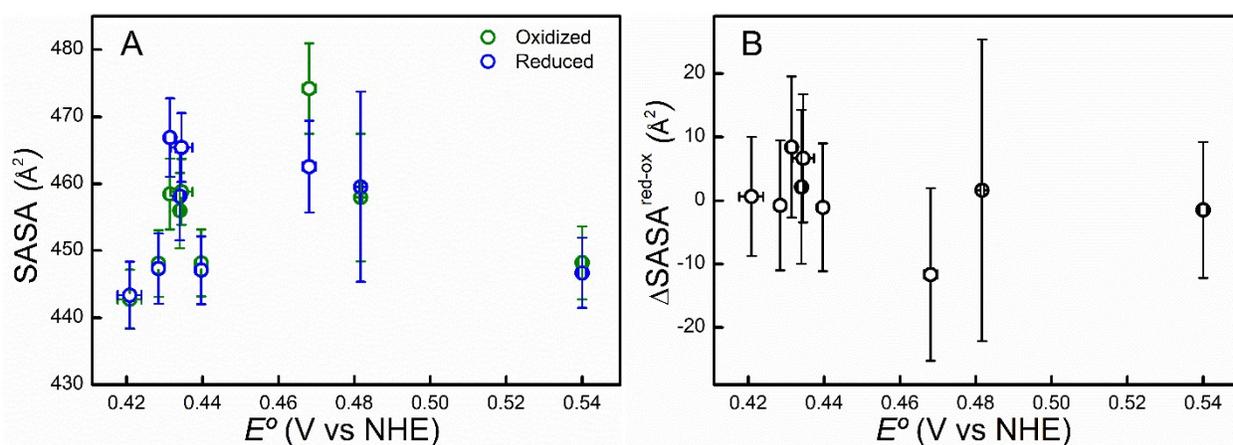


Figure S12. A) SASA values and B) SASA difference between reduced and oxidized states both plotted against reduction potential acquired at 25 °C in 10 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.0, 500 mM KNO₃). SASA error bars represent the standard deviation of the MD trajectory and the Reduction potential error bars represent the standard deviation of no less than 3 independent experimental measures.

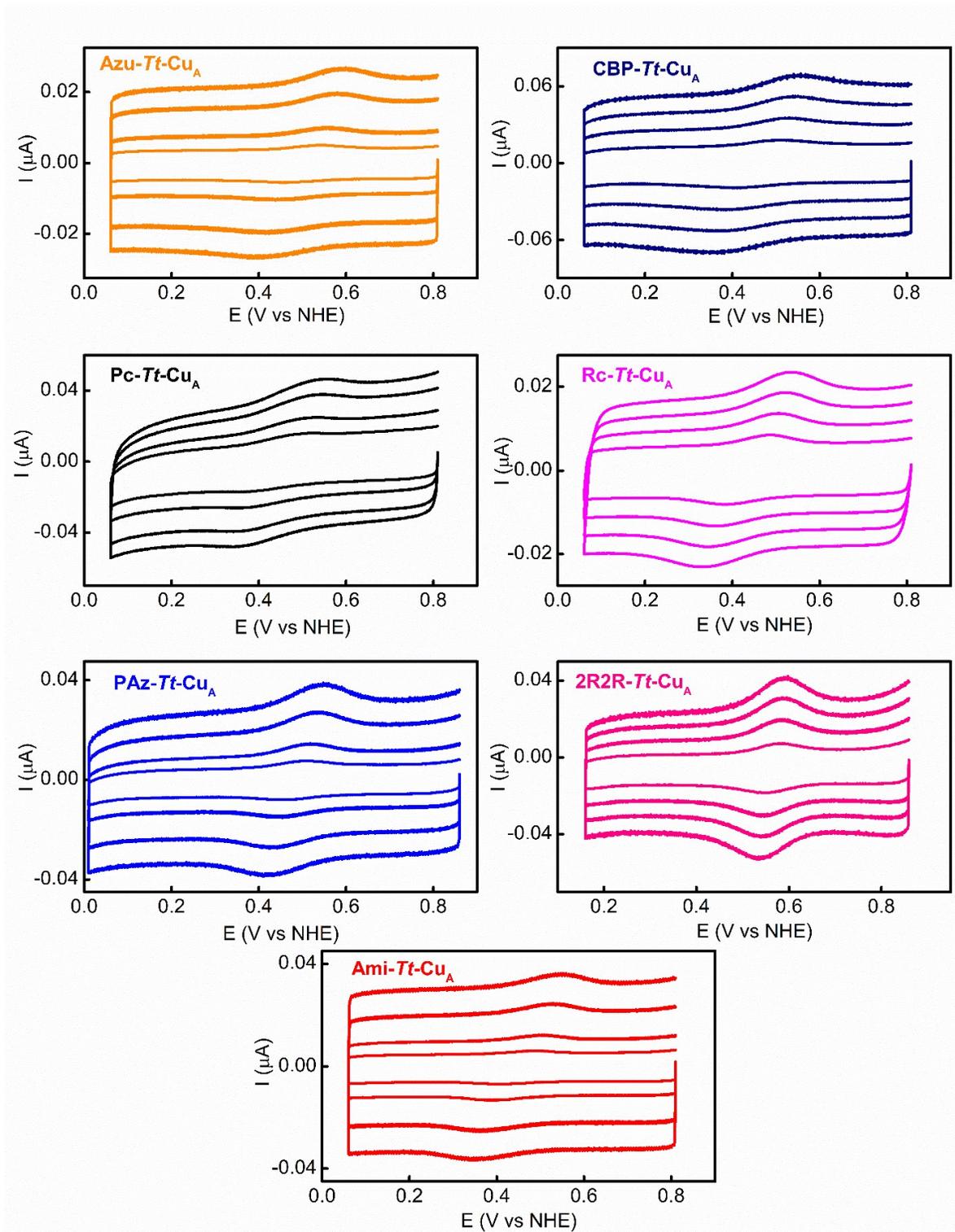


Figure S13. Representative voltammograms of the chimeras obtained from Protein Film Voltammetry experiments. Voltammograms were acquired at 25 °C in 10 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.0, .250 mM KNO₃). Scan rates were varied from 50 to 500 mV s⁻¹ to modify the peak-to-peak separation within the quasi-reversible regime (60-200mV) as required for the Laviron's method.

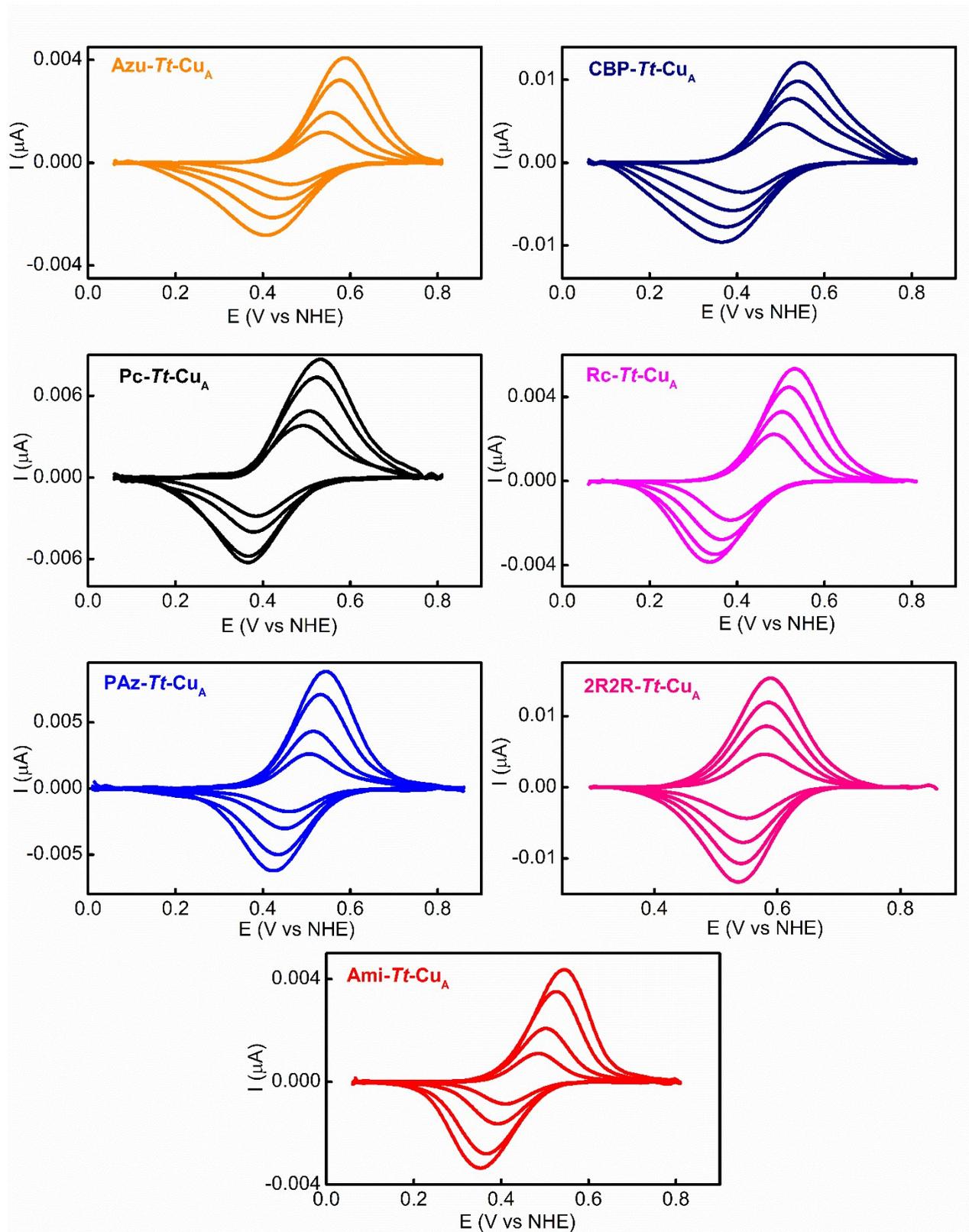


Figure S14. Protein film voltammetries from Figure S13 after subtraction of capacitive currents.

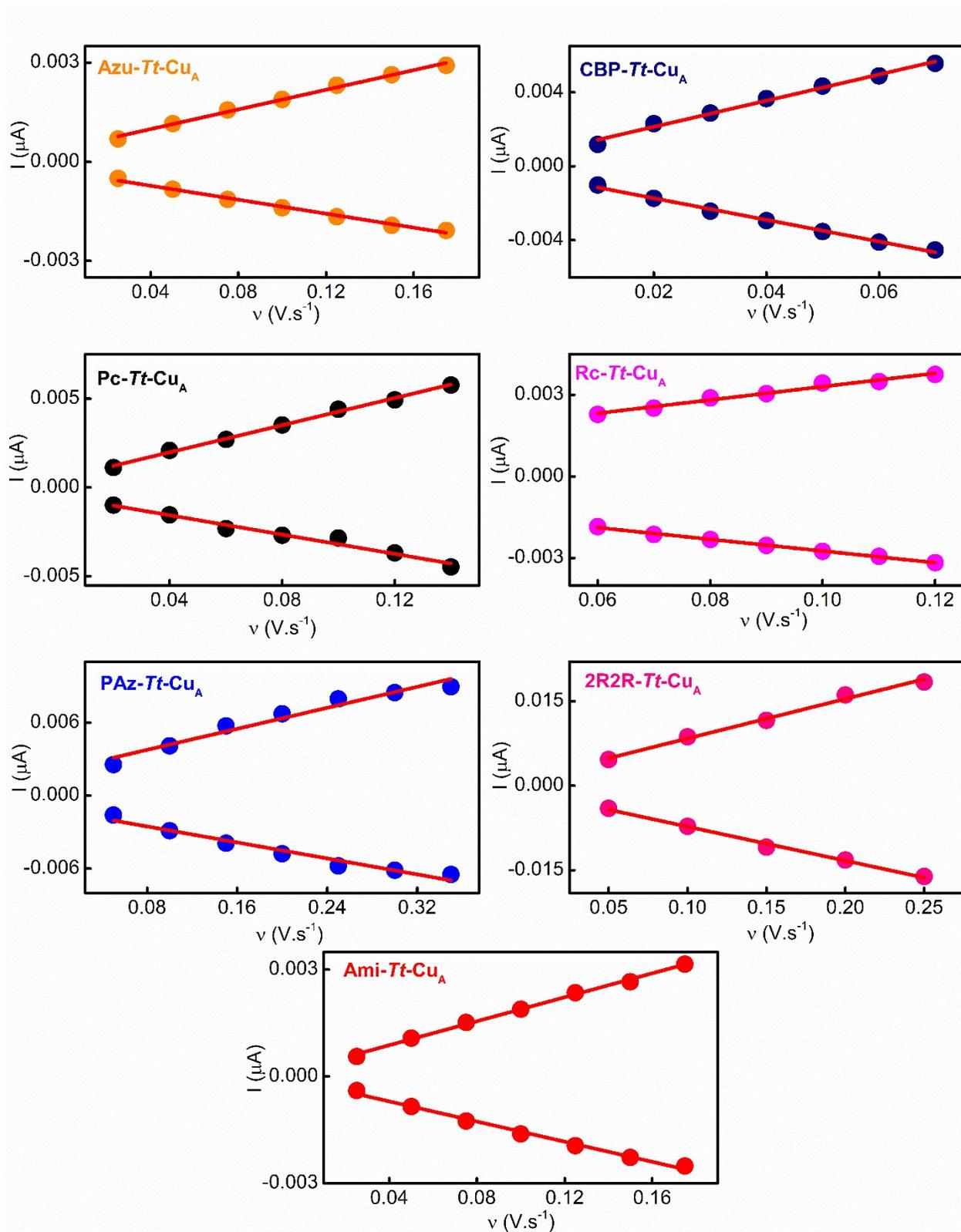


Figure S15. Peak currents as function of the scan rates for Protein Film Voltammetry experiments. Linear fits are plotted in red showing a surface-confined one-electron reversible redox process.

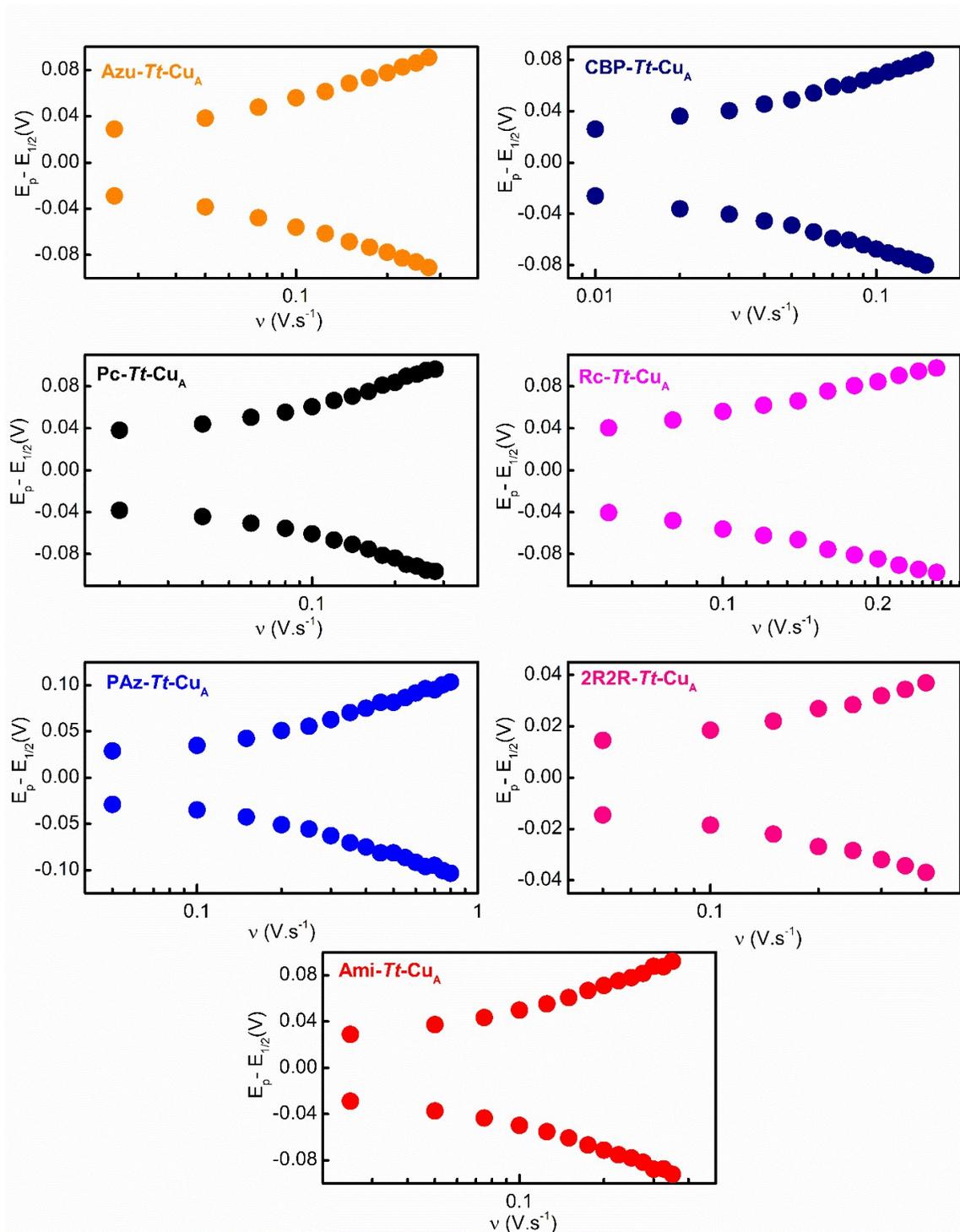


Figure S16. Peak positions (E_p) relative to redox potential ($E_{1/2}$) as a function of the scan rate for Protein Film Voltammetry experiments. Representative data set is shown for measurements acquired at 25°C in 10 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.0, 250 mM KNO_3) employing Au electrodes coated with self-assembled monolayers (SAMs) of $HS-(CH_2)_{15}-CH_2OH$ and $HS-(CH_2)_{15}-CH_3$ in 3:2 ratios. Scan rates were varied from 50 to 500 $mV s^{-1}$ to modify the peak-to-peak separation within the quasi-reversible regime (60-200mV) as required for the Laviron's method.

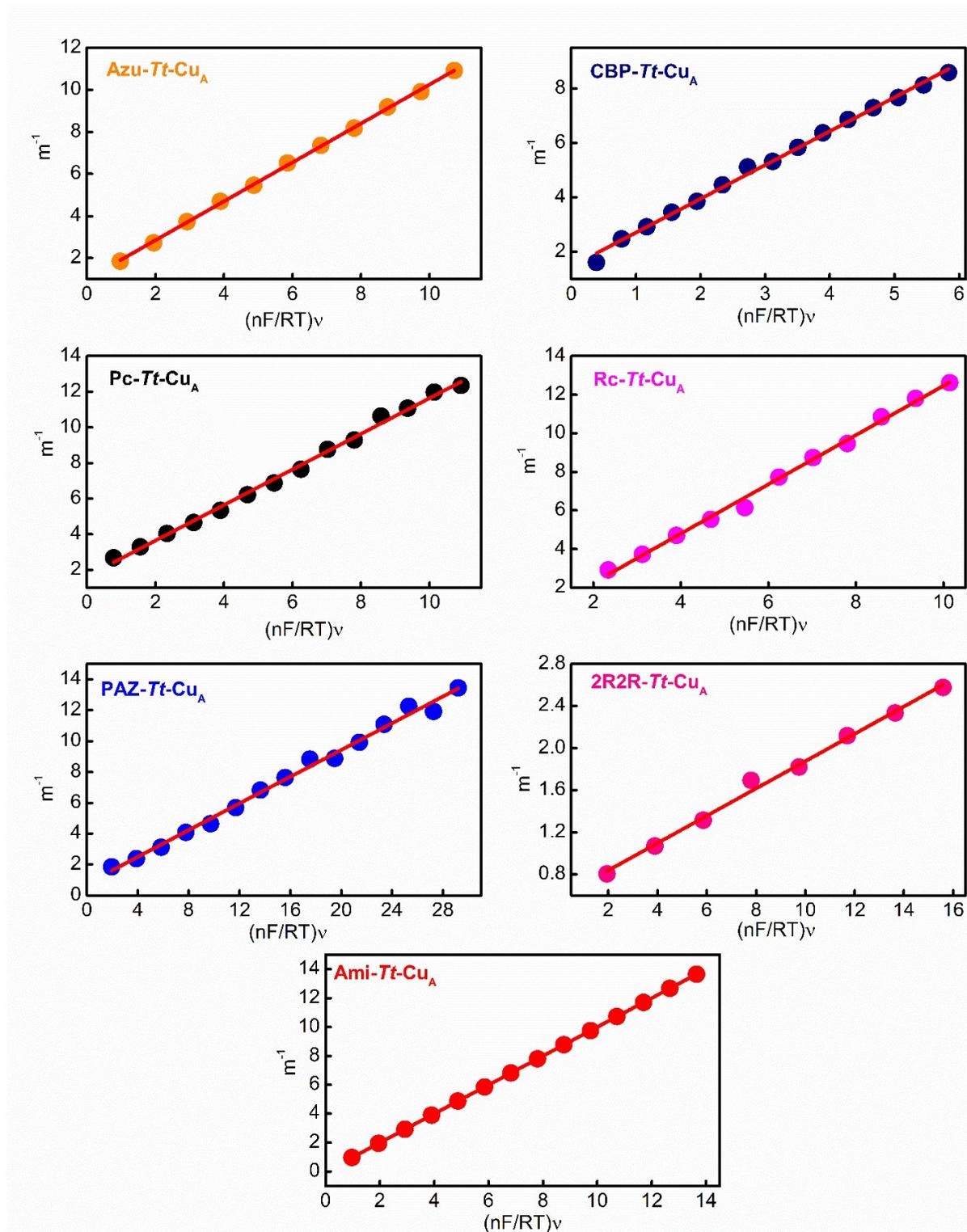


Figure S17. Representative Laviron's working curves obtained for determining k_{ET}^0 values for the chimeras adsorbed on Au electrodes coated with self-assembled monolayers (SAMs) of HS-(CH₂)₁₅-CH₂OH and HS-(CH₂)₁₅-CH₃ in 3:2 ratios. All measures were performed at 25°C in 10 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.0, 250 mM KNO₃). Scan rates were varied from 50 to 500 mV s⁻¹ to modify the peak-to-peak separation within the quasi-reversible regime (60-200mV) as required for the Laviron's method.

Table S4. Reduction potentials at adsorbed state and Reorganization energies estimated from different methodologies.

| | Ami-Tt-Cu _A | PAz-Tt-Cu _A | Pc-Tt-Cu _A | Azu-Tt-Cu _A | CBP-Tt-Cu _A | Rc-Tt-Cu _A | 2R2R-Tt-Cu _A |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| $E^{\circ'}$ (mV vs NHE) | 0.448 (±0.005) | 0.484 (±0.005) | 0.448 (±0.005) | 0.496 (±0.005) | 0.457 (±0.005) | 0.434 (±0.005) | 0.563 (±0.001) |
| $\lambda_{Exp}^{Arrhenius}$ (eV) | 0.29 (±0.05) | 0.28 (±0.01) | 0.31 (±0.05) | 0.47 (±0.04) | 0.63 (±0.05) | 0.56 (±0.07) | 0.3 (±0.1) |
| λ_{Exp}^{Marcus} (eV) | 0.18 (±0.1) | 0.17 (±0.1) | 0.17 (±0.1) | 0.54 (±0.2) | 0.69 (±0.2) | 0.43 (±0.2) | --- |

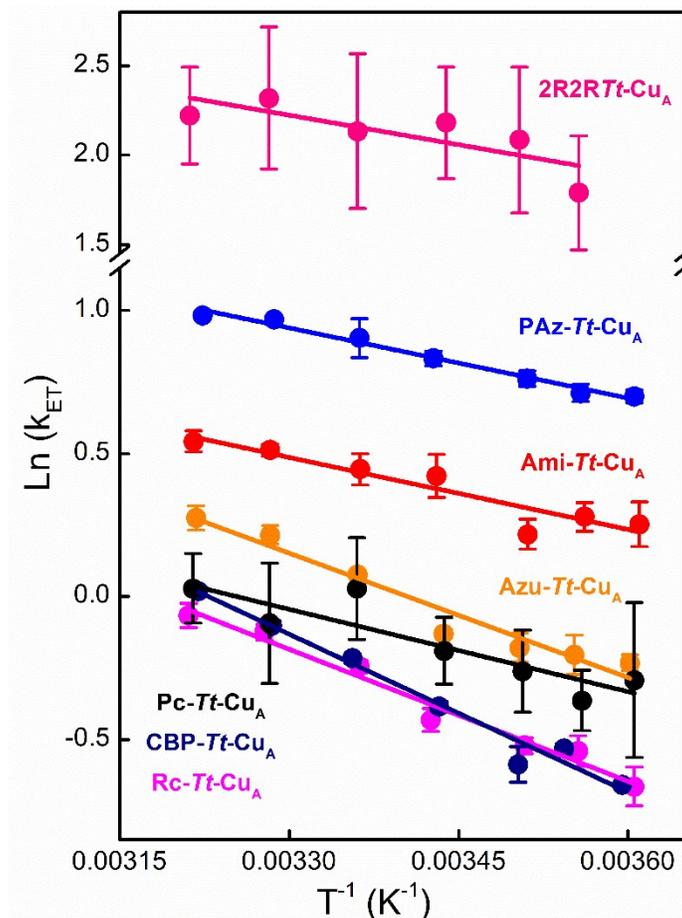


Figure S18. Arrhenius plots obtained from the temperature dependence of k_{ET}^0 values for the chimeras adsorbed on Au coated electrodes. All measures were performed in the temperature range of 4-40°C in 10 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.0, 250 mM KNO₃).

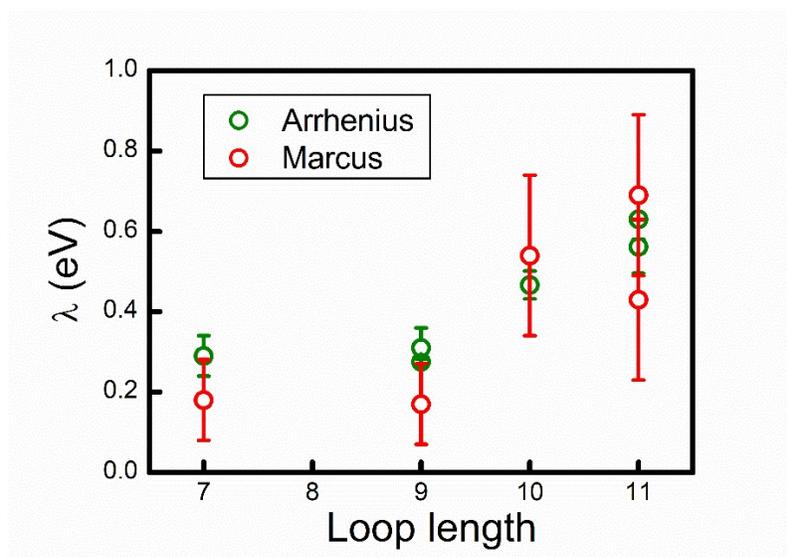


Figure S19. Comparison between Reorganization energies obtained by Arrhenius plot and direct fit of Marcus equation. Both data set show the same trend with the loop length, despite the bigger uncertainty of the second method.

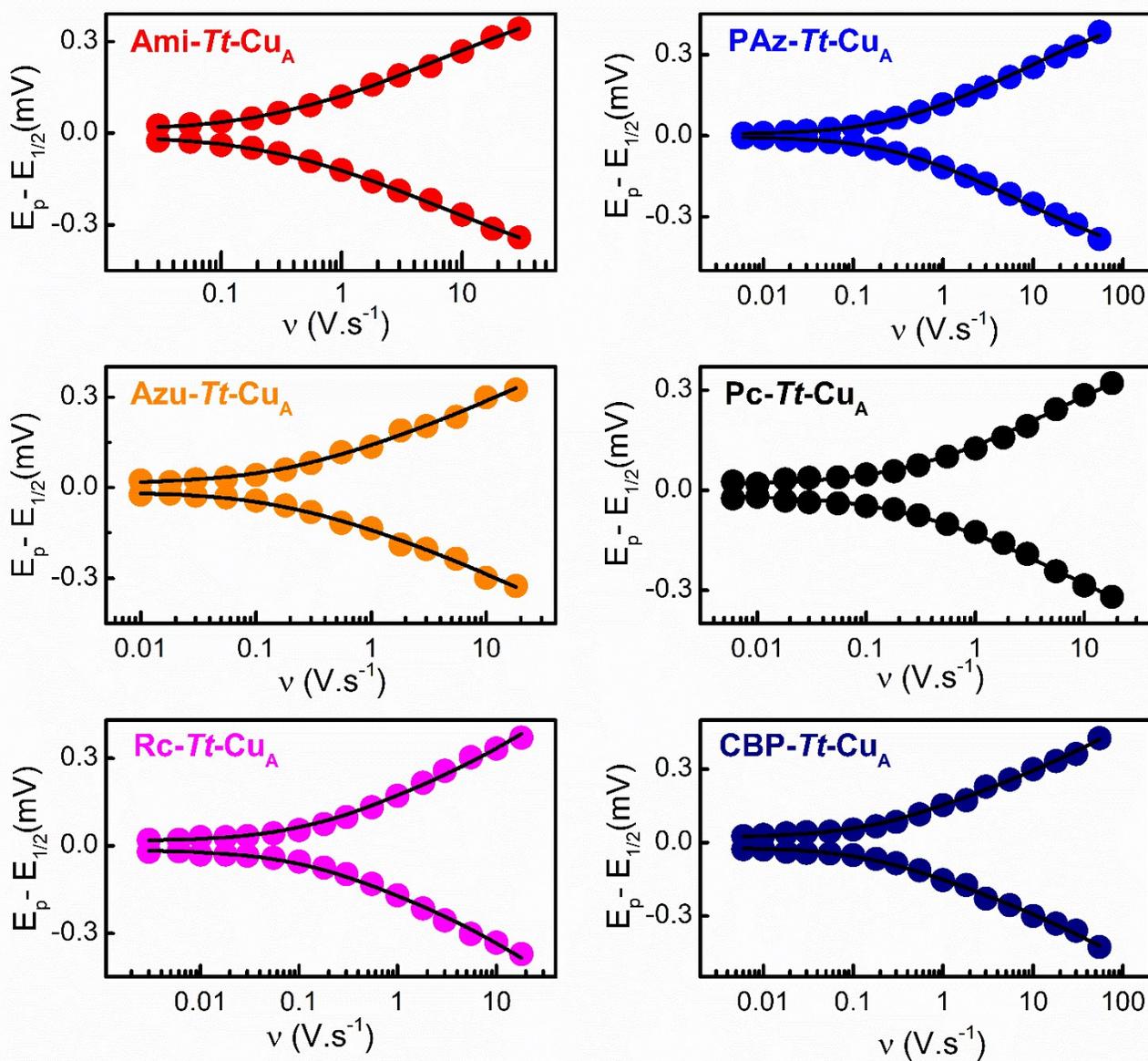


Figure S20. Representative trumpet plots obtained for determining reorganization energies (λ) values by fitting Marcus equation for the chimeras adsorbed on Au electrodes coated with self-assembled monolayers (SAMs) of HS-(CH₂)₁₅-CH₂OH and HS-(CH₂)₁₅-CH₃ in 3:2 ratios. All measures were performed at 25°C in 10 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.0, 250 mM KNO₃). Fittings (shown in black) were obtained using a homemade software. Scan rates were varied up to 70 V s⁻¹ to achieve sufficiently high peak-to-peak separations (well above 200 mV) that allow for reliable fittings.

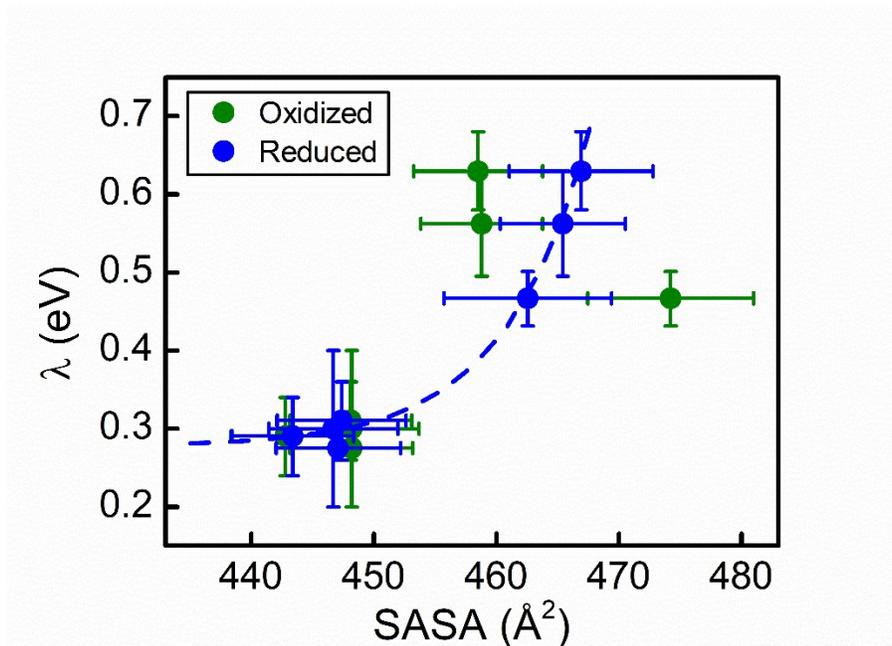


Figure S21. Correlation of SASA (both for oxidized and reduced states) with the reorganization energy for the entire set of chimeras. Error bars for SASA values represent de standard deviation of the MD trajectories, while for the lambda values represent standard deviations of no less than 3 independent measures.

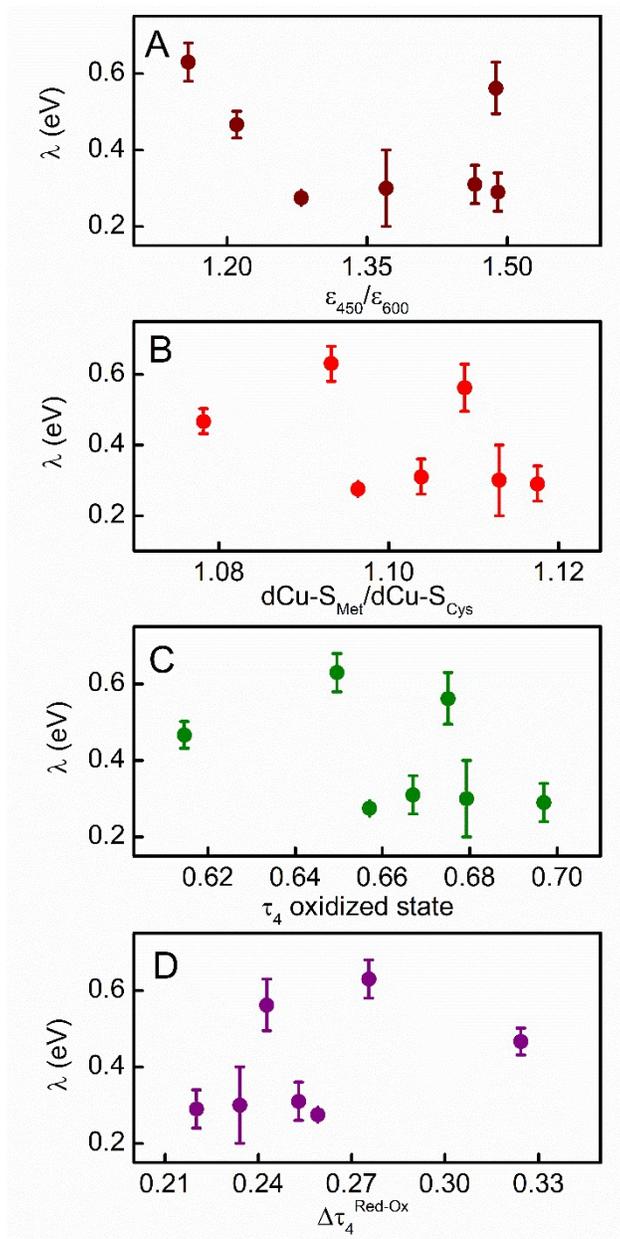


Figure S22. Reorganization energies plotted against (A) $\epsilon_{450}/\epsilon_{600}$ ratio, (B) $dCu-S(Met)/dCu-S(Cys)$ ratio, (C) τ_4 parameter and (D) the difference of τ_4 for reduced and oxidized states.