

## Supporting Information

### Molecular engineering for optical properties of 5-substituted-1,10-phenanthroline-based Ru(II) complexes

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# S1 $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra of Ru(II) complexes recorded at 250.1 MHz

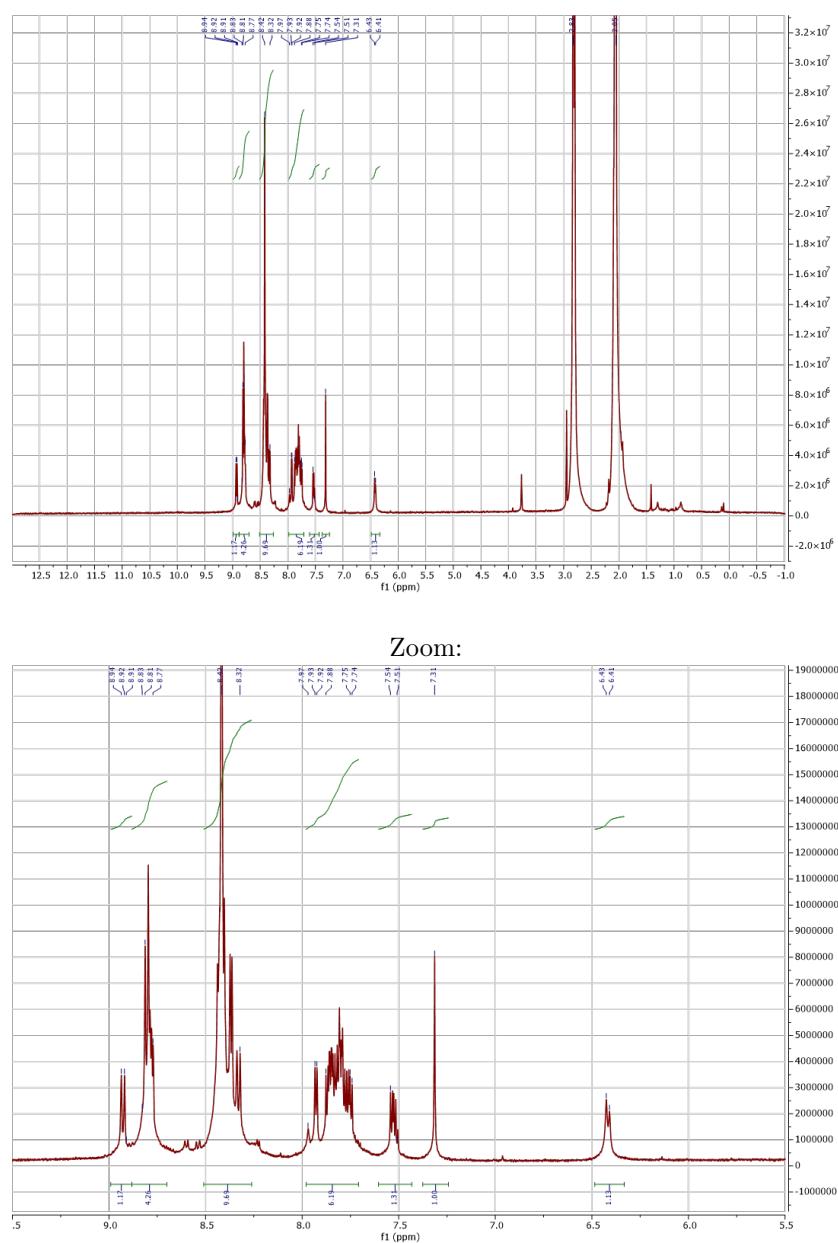


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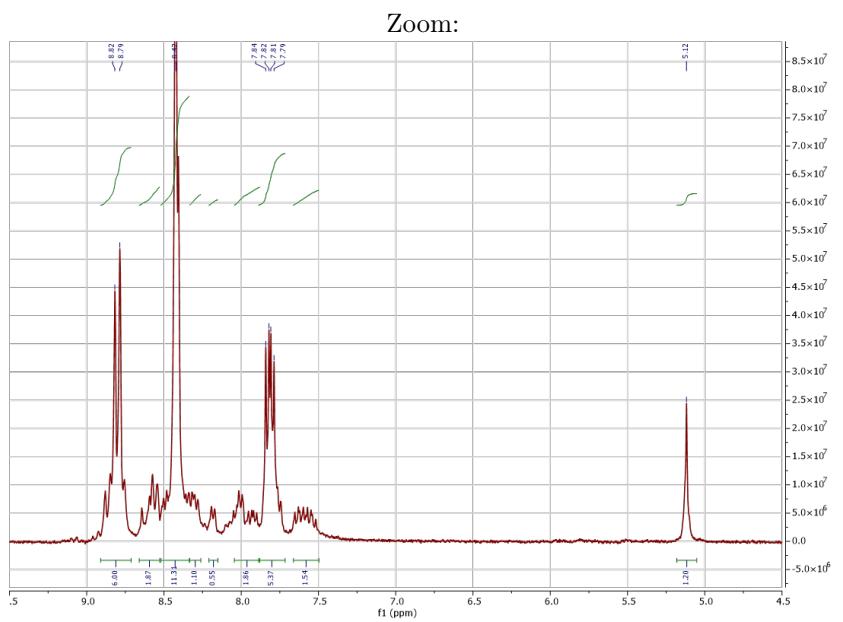
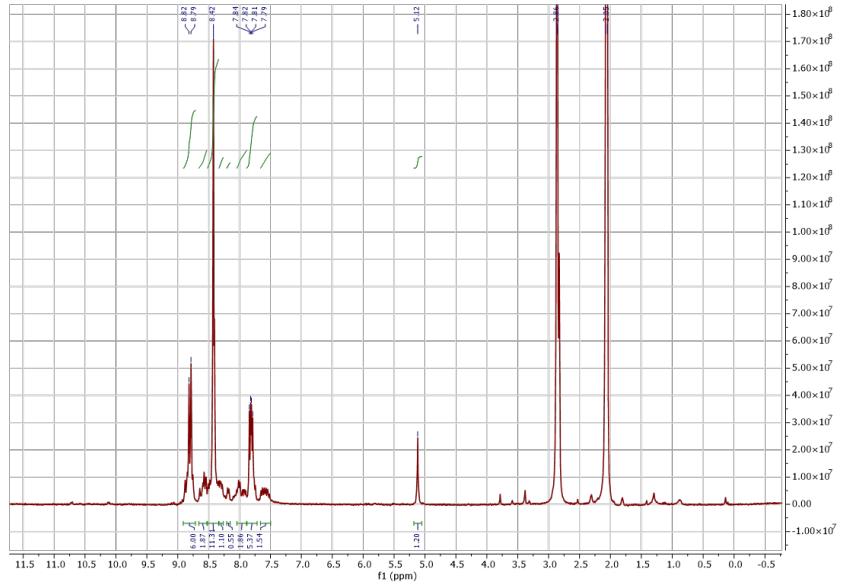
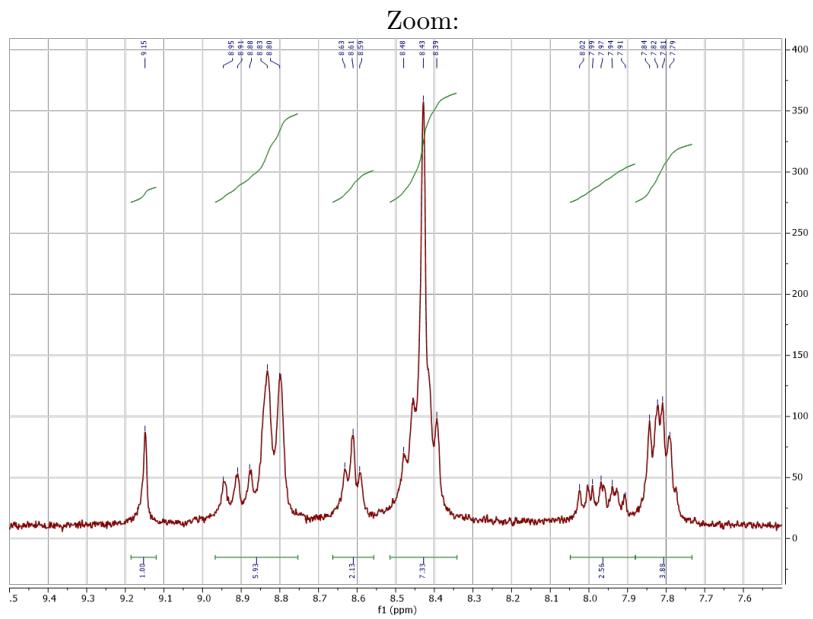
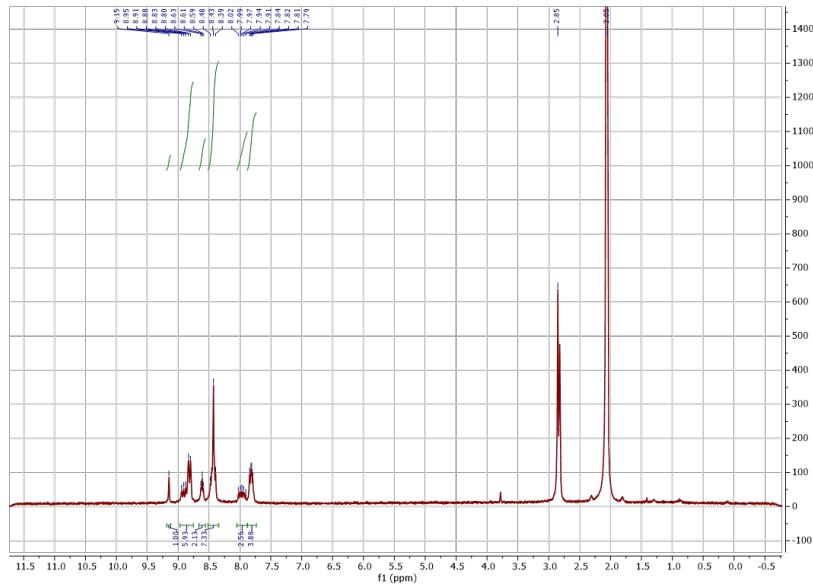


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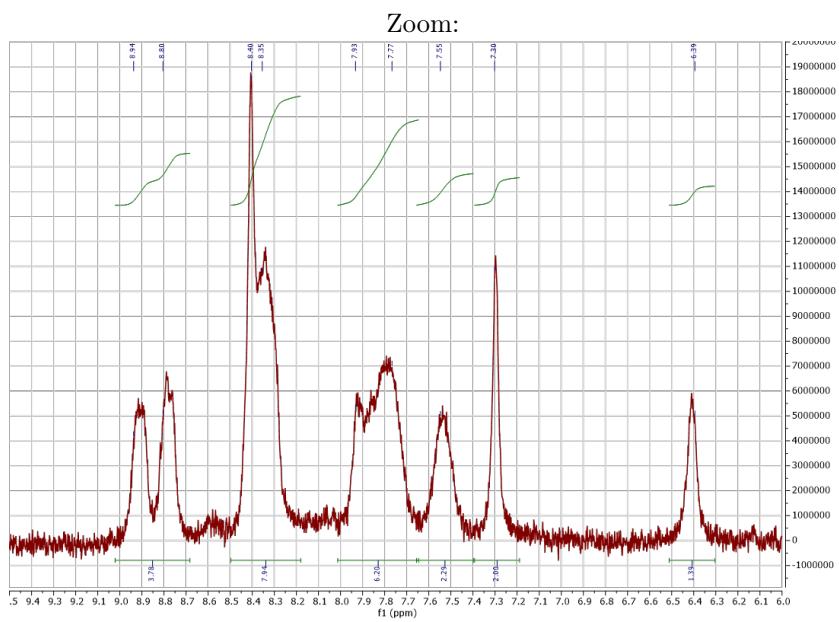
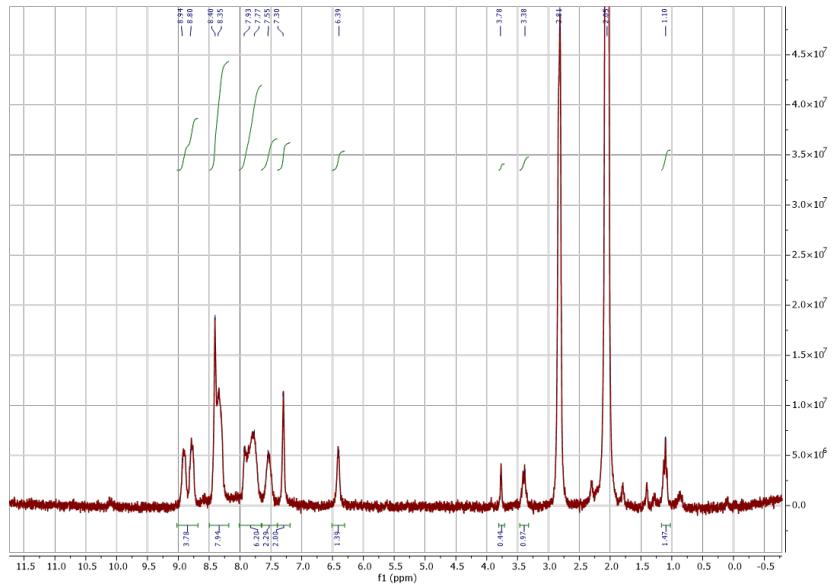


Figure S4:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})(\text{phen-NH}_2)_2](\text{PF}_6)_2$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CO}$ .

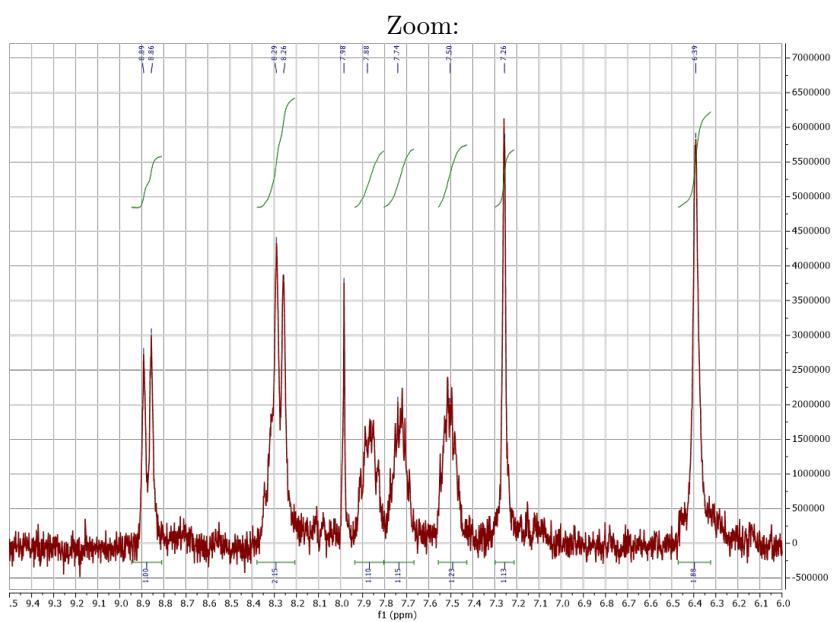
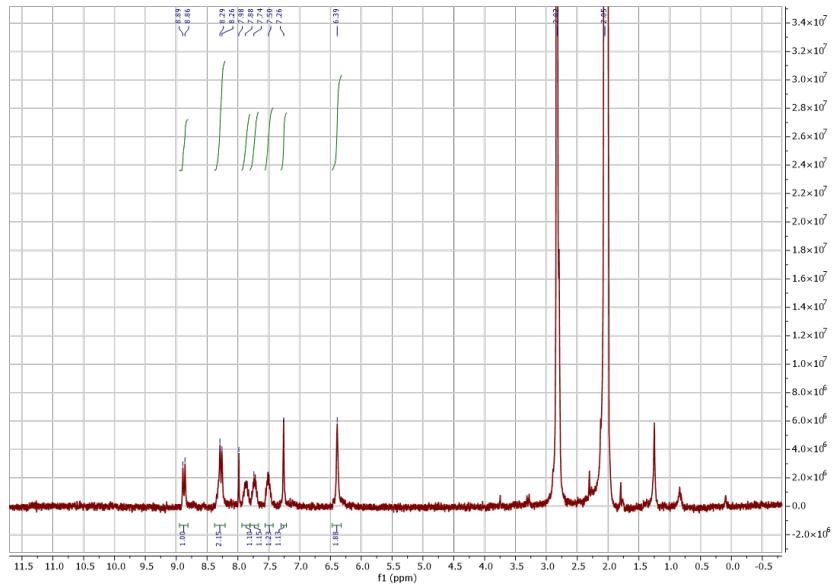


Figure S5:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen}-\text{NH}_2)_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CO}$ .

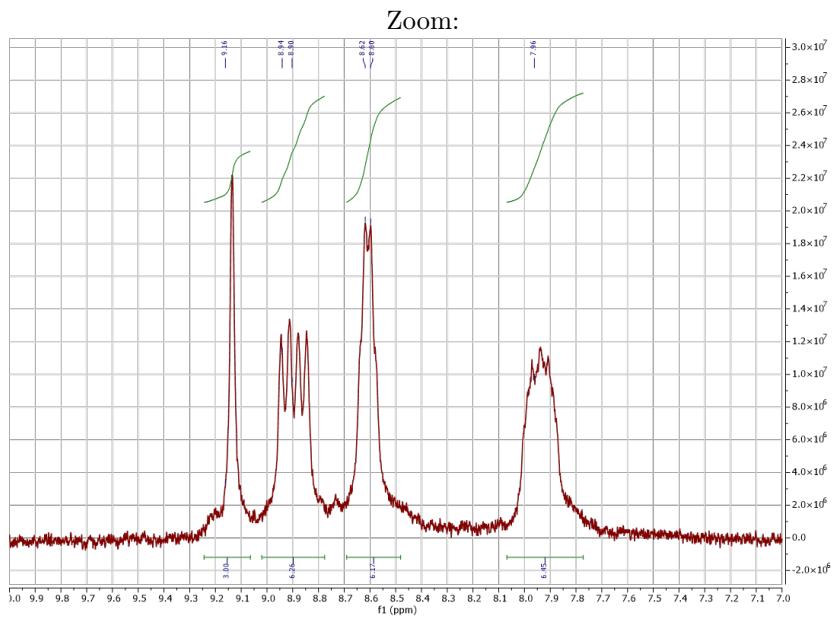
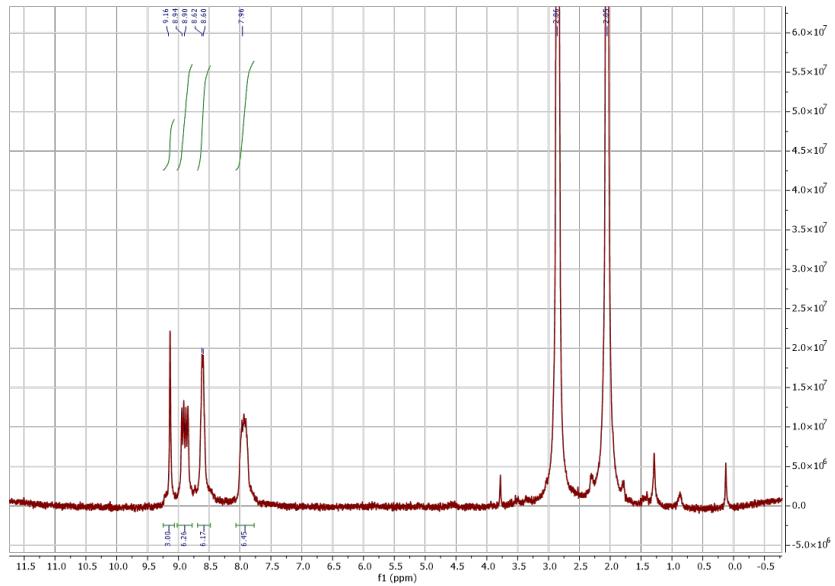


Figure S6:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen-CN})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CO}$ .

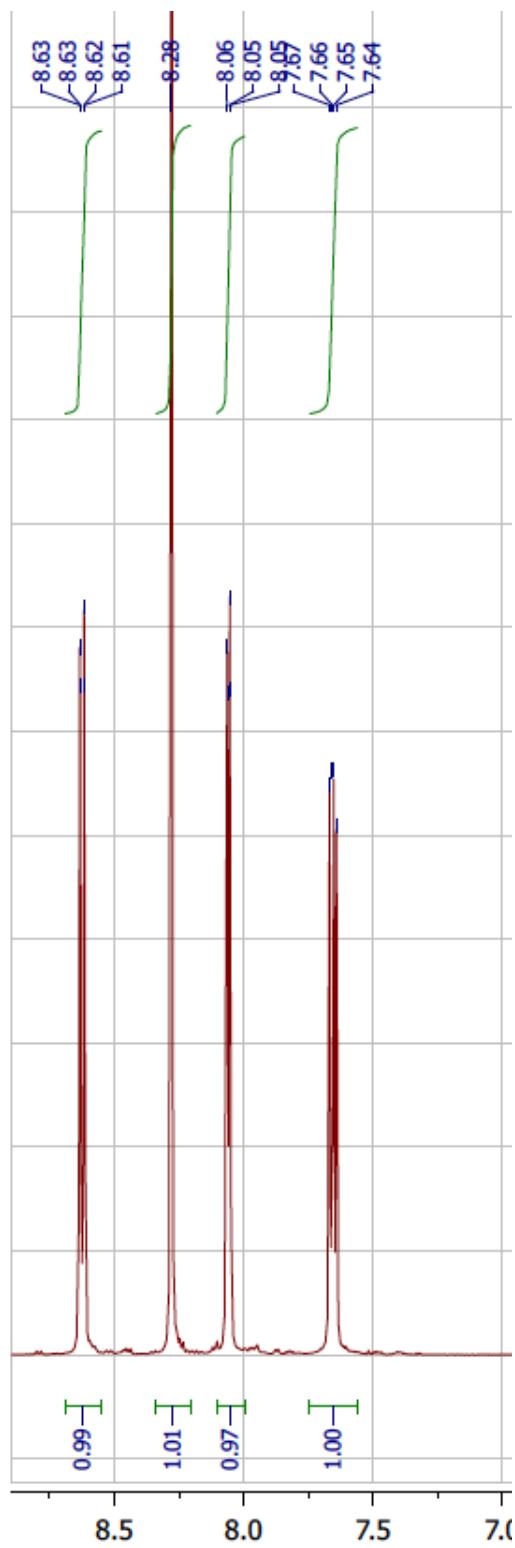


Figure S7:  ${}^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CO}$ .

## S2 Electrochemical measurements

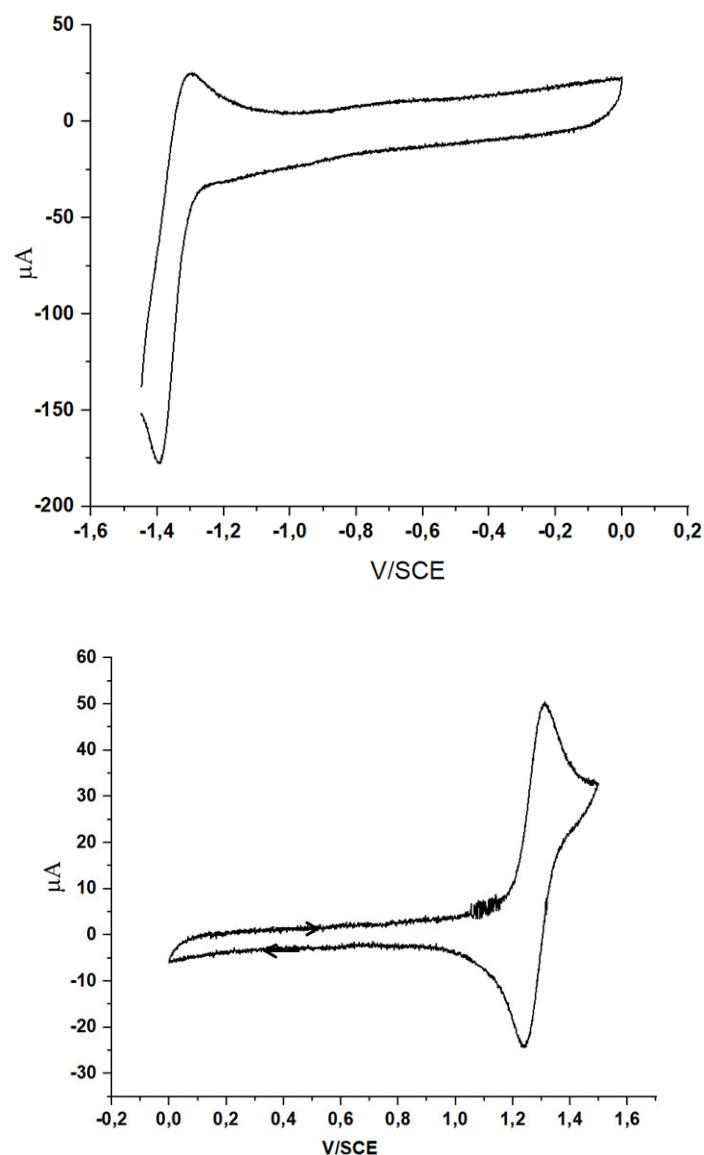


Figure S8: Cyclic voltammetry of complex  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3]^{2+}$ .

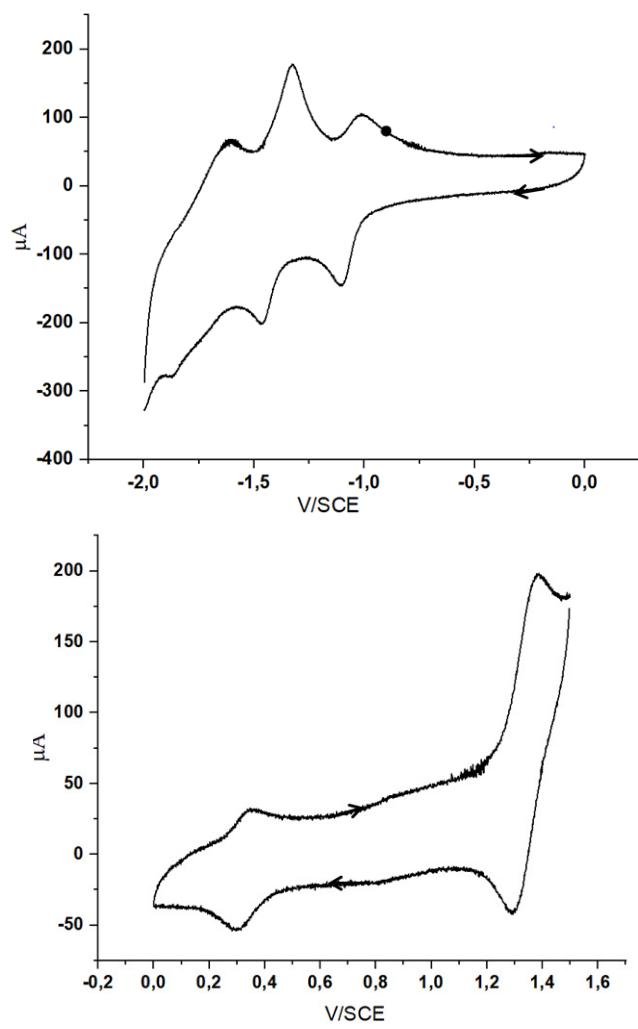


Figure S9: Cyclic voltammetry of complex  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-CN})]^{2+}$ .

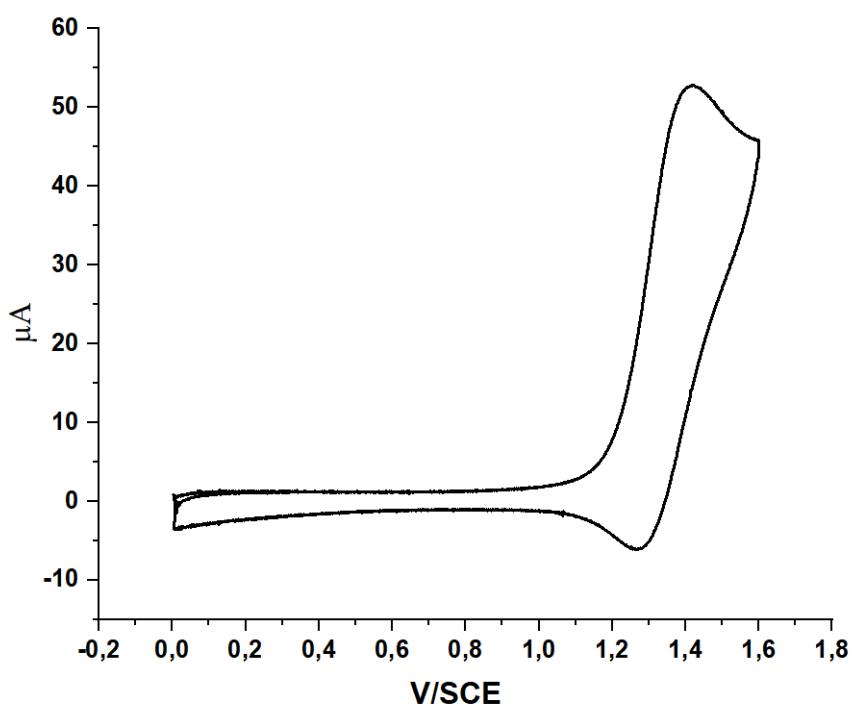
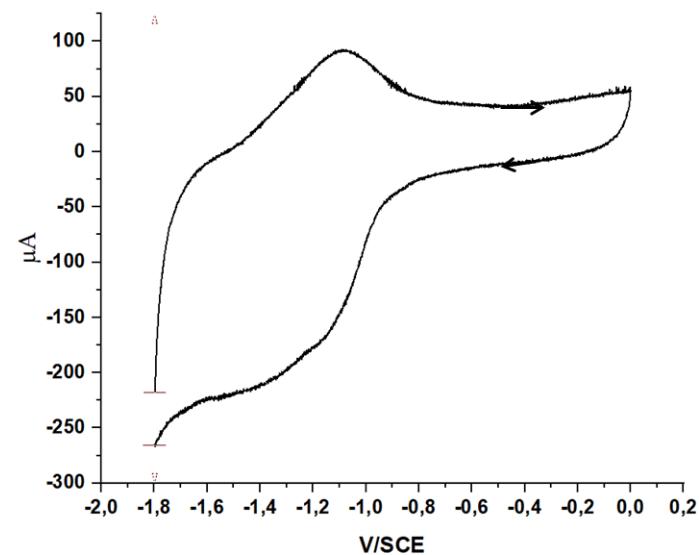


Figure S10: Cyclic voltammetry of complex  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen-CN})_3]^{2+}$ .

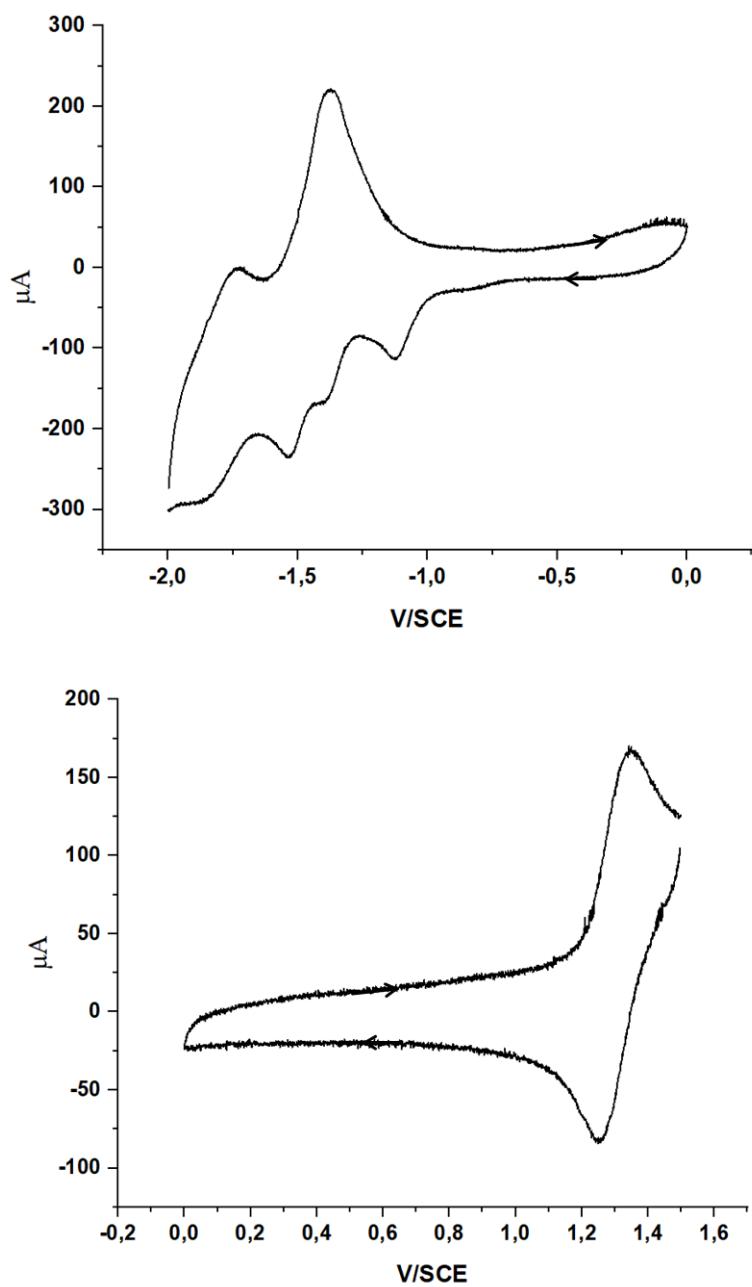


Figure S11: Cyclic voltammetry of complex  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-epoxy})]^{2+}$ .

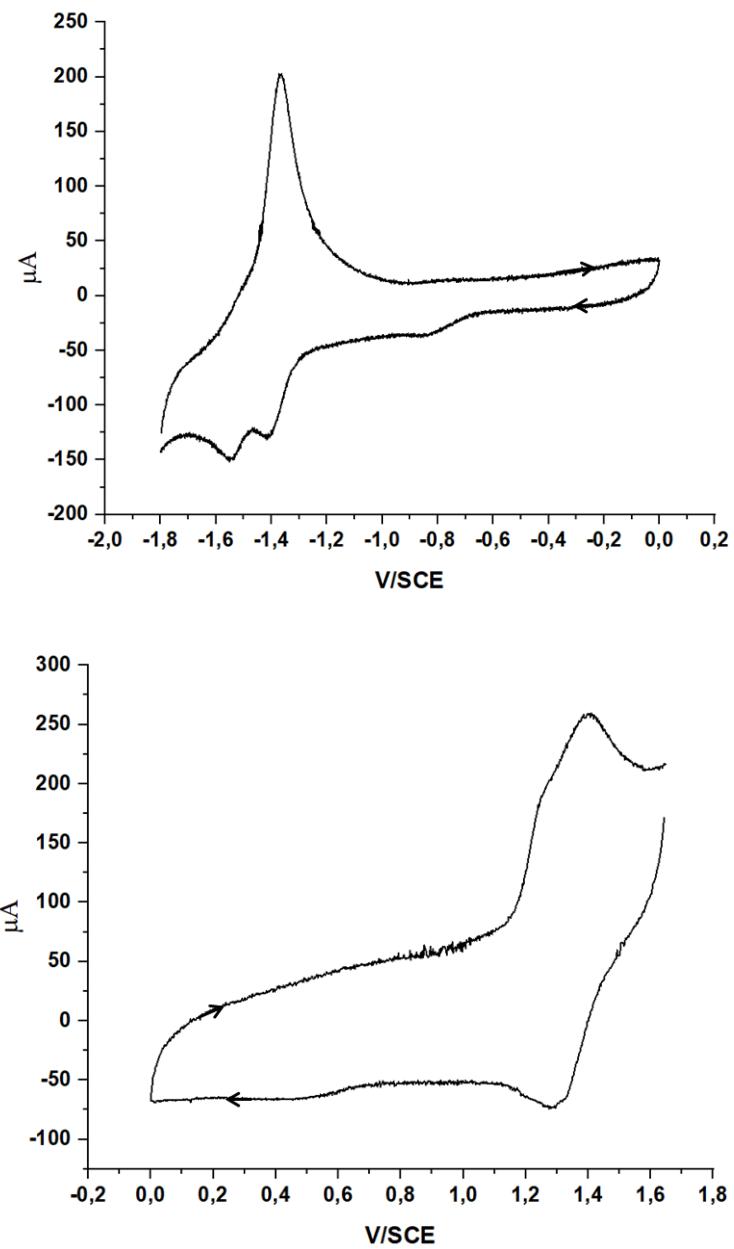


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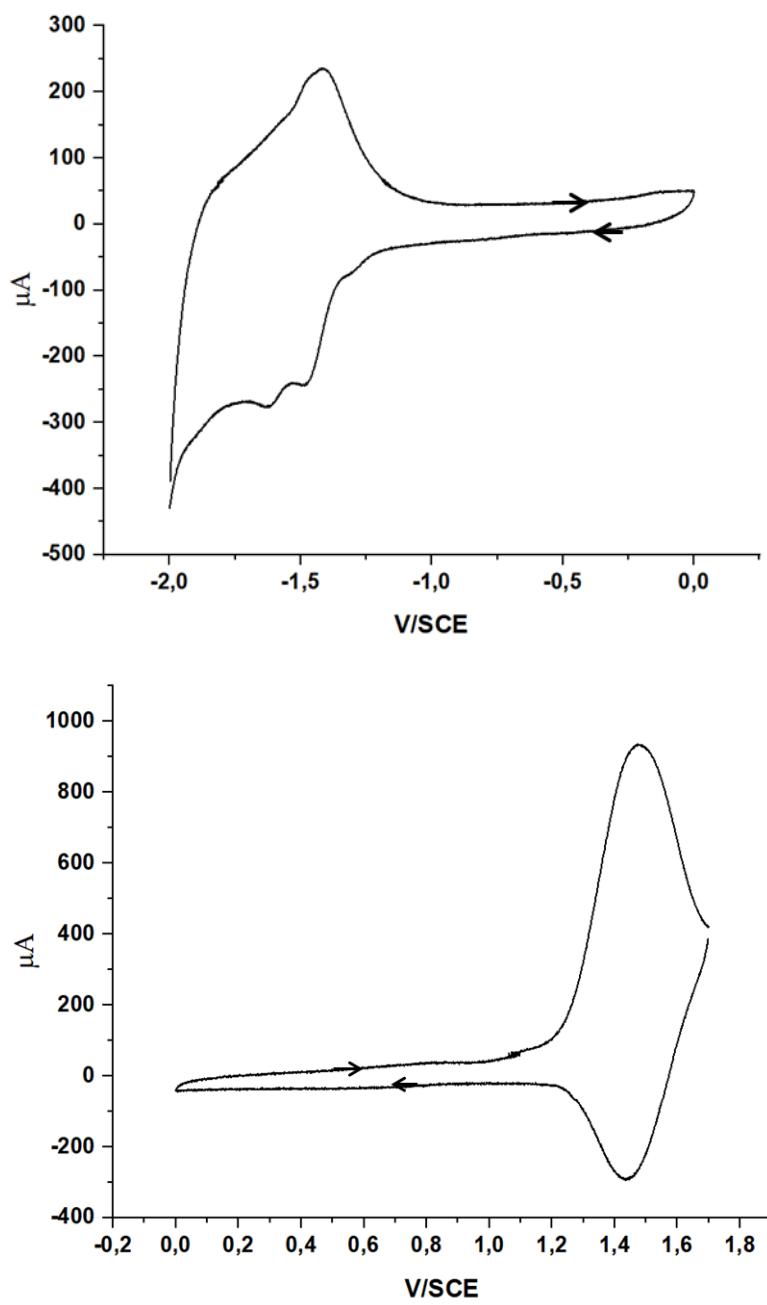


Figure S13: Cyclic voltammetry of complex  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen-NH}_2)_3]^{2+}$ .

### S3 Jablonski diagram

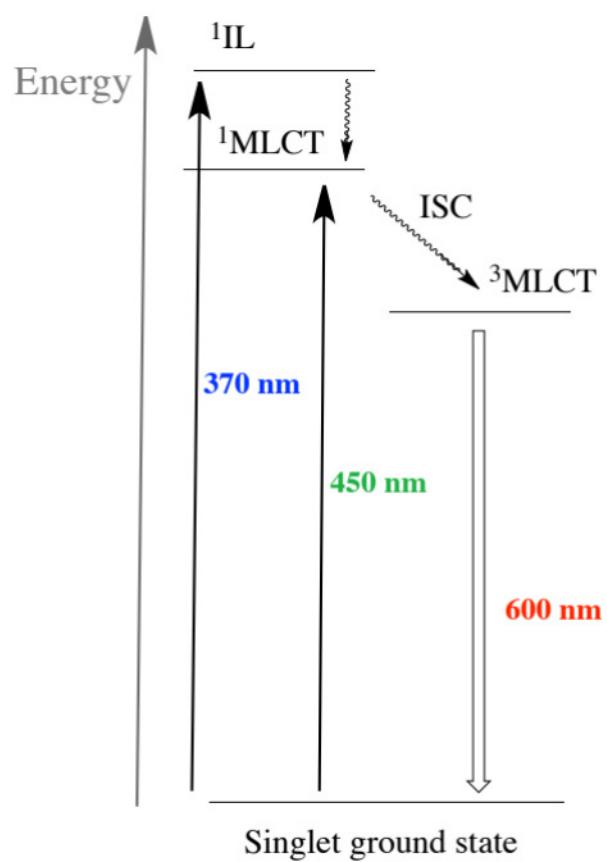


Figure S14: Simplified Jablonski diagram for Ru(II) complexes

**S4 Influence of the phen → phen-X ( $C = CN, NH_2$ ) substitution on the absorption spectrum of  $[Ru(phen)_3]^{2+}$**

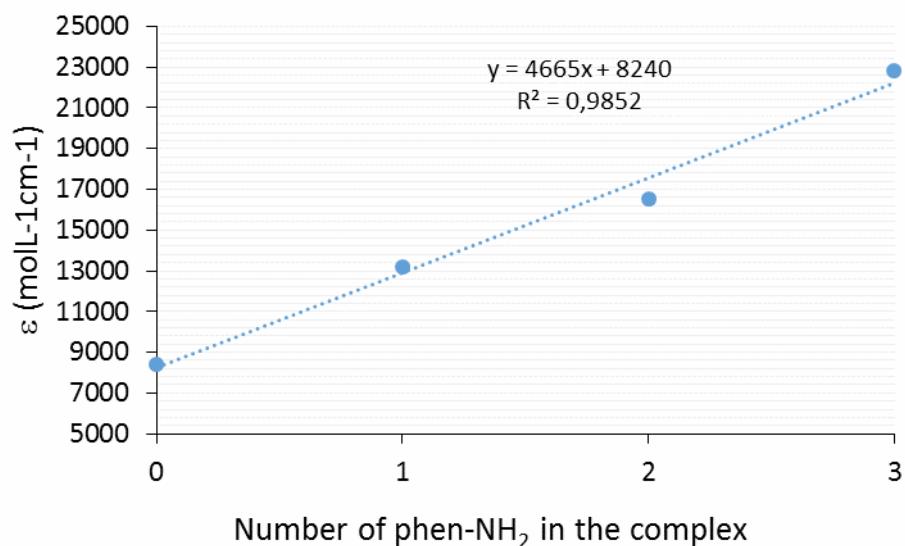


Figure S15: Evolution of the molar extinction coefficient of  $[Ru(phen)_{3-n}(phen-NH_2)_n]^{2+}$  at 370 nm with the number  $n$  of phen-NH<sub>2</sub> ligand.

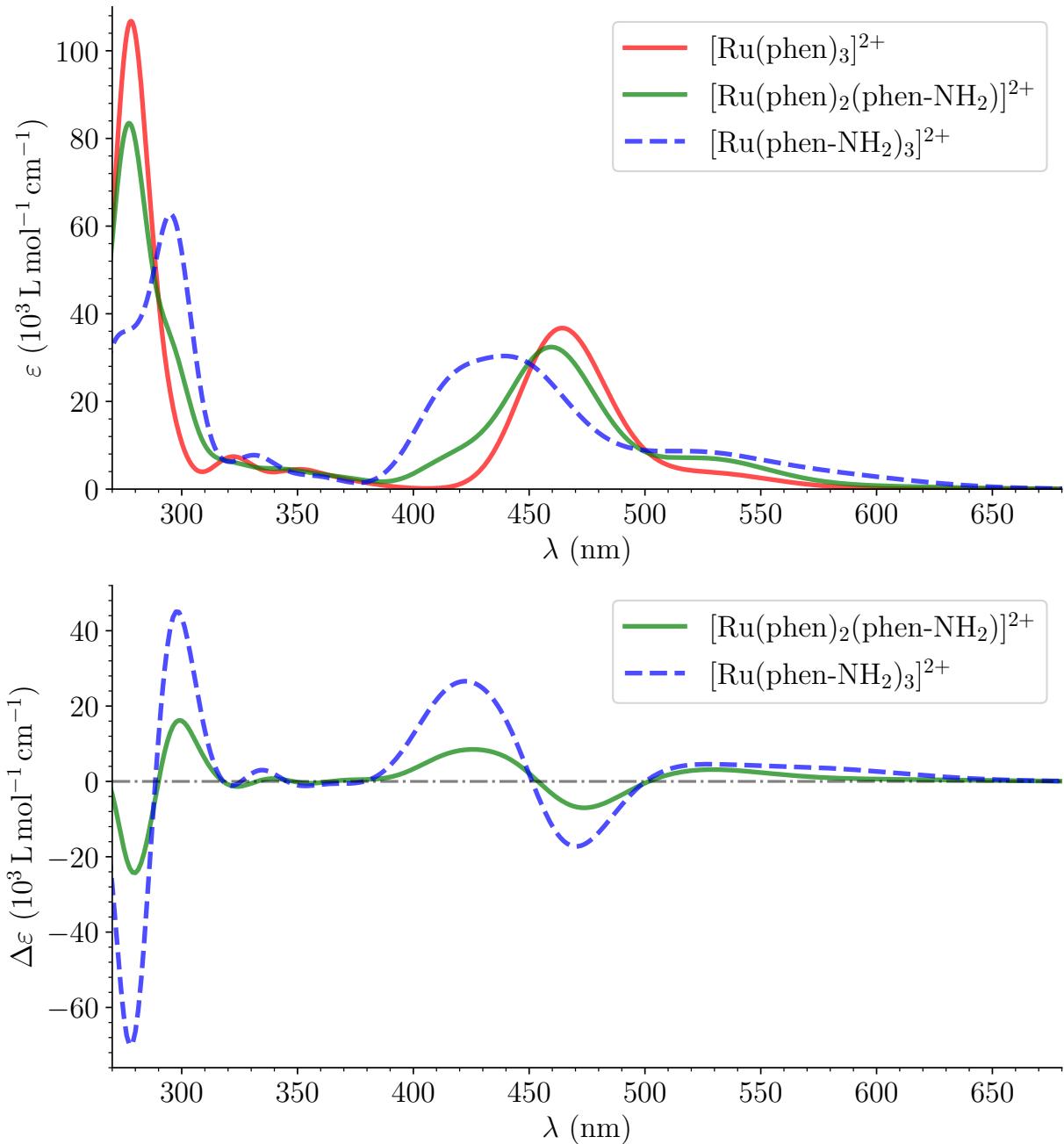


Figure S16: Calculated absorption spectra of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen}-\text{NH}_2)]^{2+}$  and  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen}-\text{NH}_2)_3]^{2+}$ : (Top) comparison of the spectra, (Bottom) difference spectra with respect to the one of the reference complex  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3]^{2+}$ .

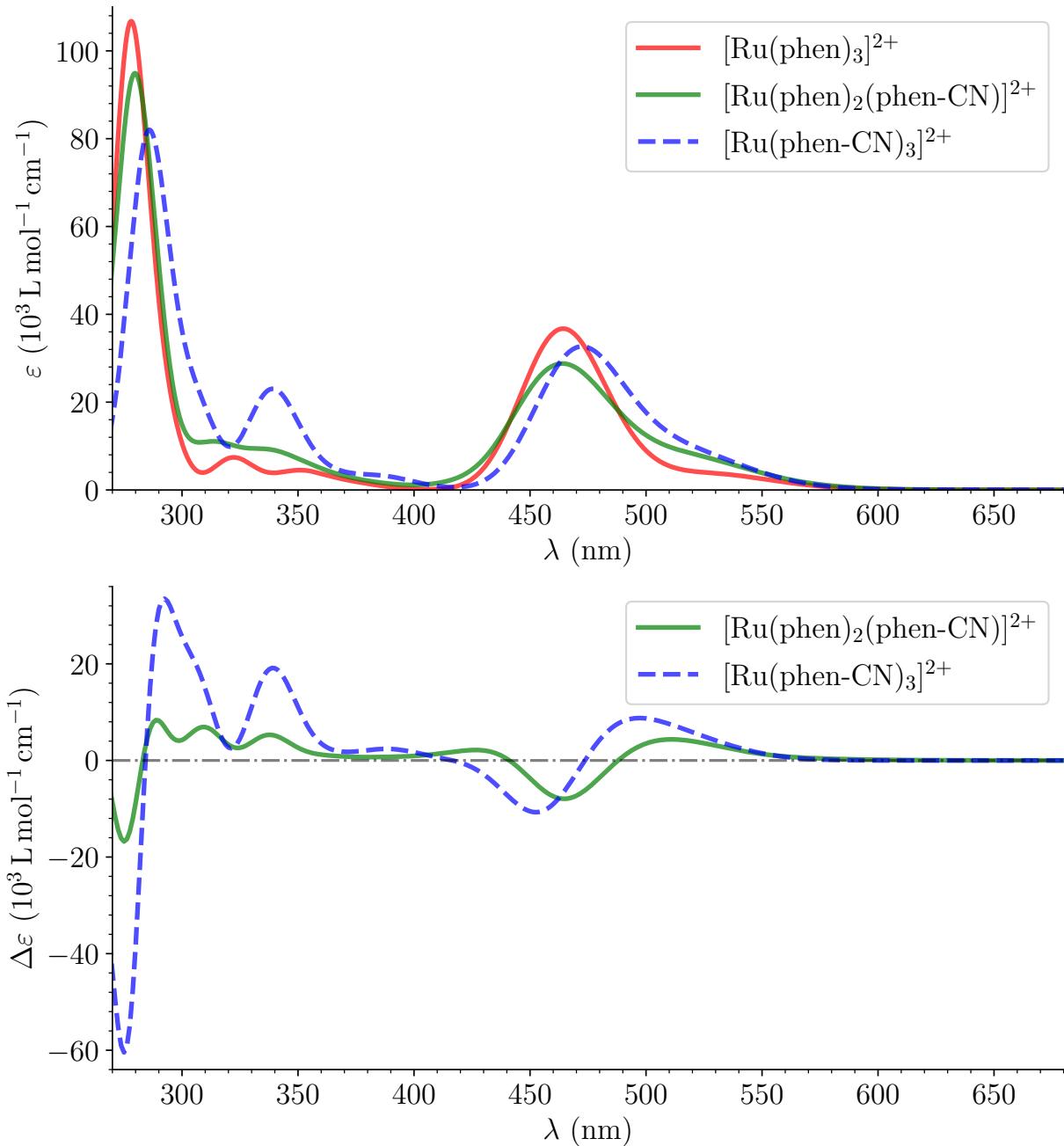


Figure S17: Calculated absorption spectra of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-CN})]^{2+}$  and  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen-CN})_3]^{2+}$ : (Top) comparison of the spectra, (Bottom) difference spectra with respect to the one of the reference complex  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3]^{2+}$ .

## S5 Influence of the solvent on the absorption and emission spectra of $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_{3-x}(\text{phen-NH}_2)_x](\text{PF}_6)_2$ ( $x = 1, 2, 3$ )

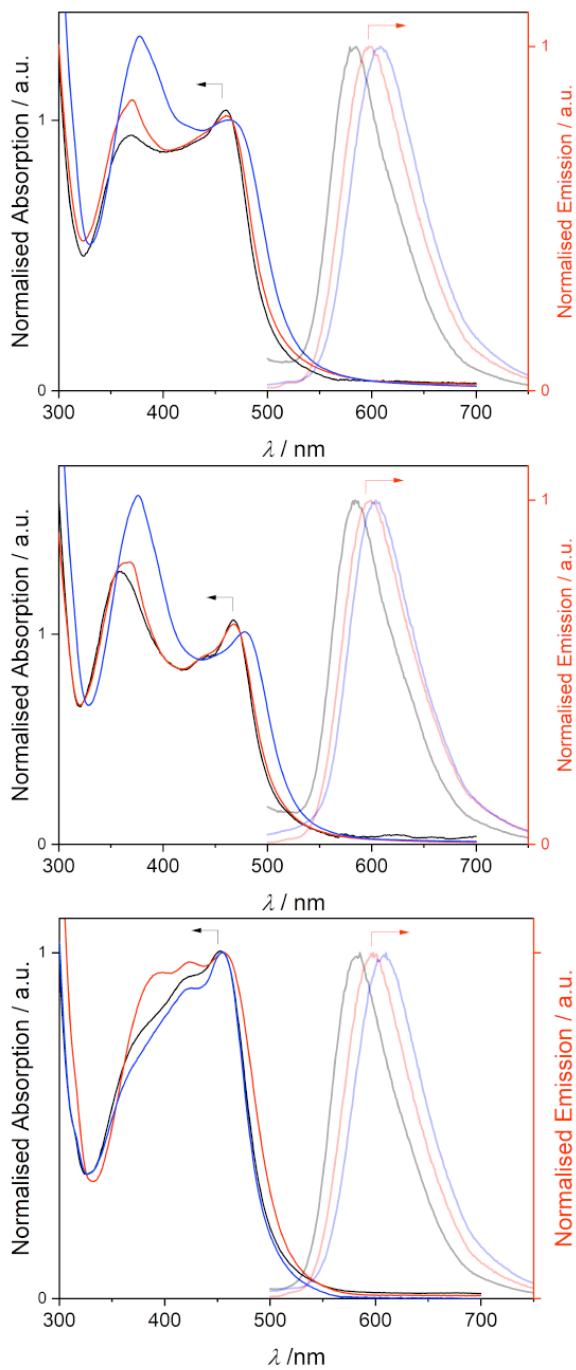


Figure S18: Absorption and emission spectra ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 460$  nm) in several solvents of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-NH}_2)](\text{PF}_6)_2$  (top),  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})(\text{phen-NH}_2)_2](\text{PF}_6)_2$  (middle) and  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen-NH}_2)_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$  (bottom). Spectra recorded in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (black/grey),  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (red/light red) and in DMSO (blue/light blue).

## S6 Time-Correlated Single Photon Counting (TCSPC) data

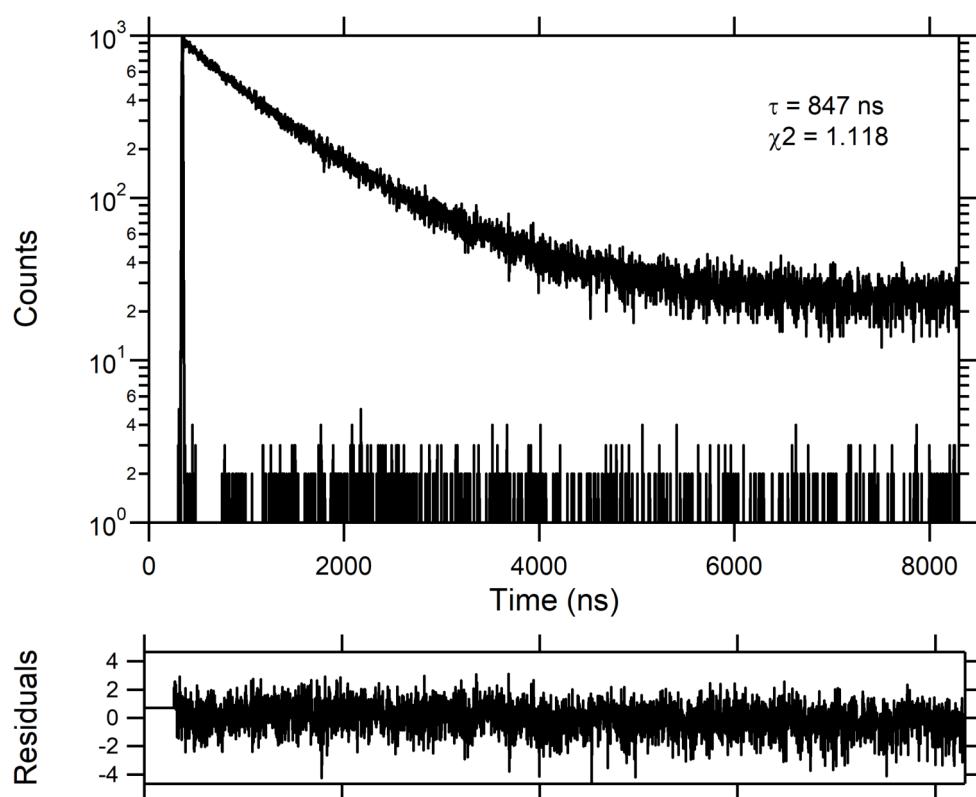


Figure S19: TCSPC data for  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-NH}_2)](\text{PF}_6)_2$  in deaerated  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

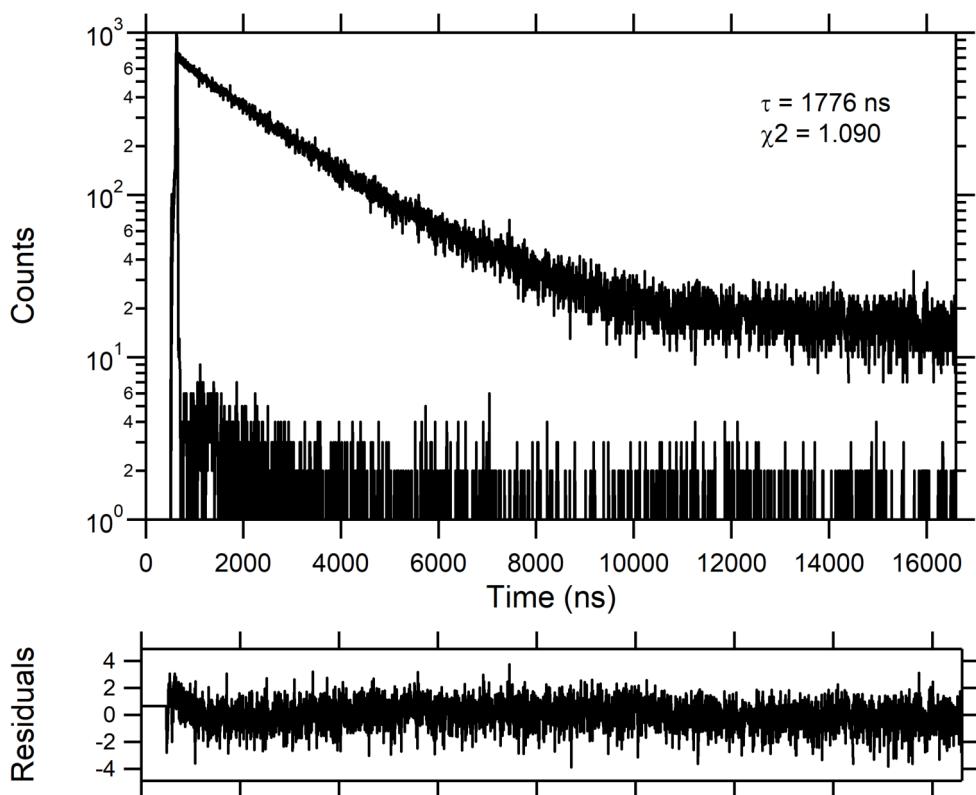


Figure S20: TCSPC data for  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-CN})](\text{PF}_6)_2$  in deaerated  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

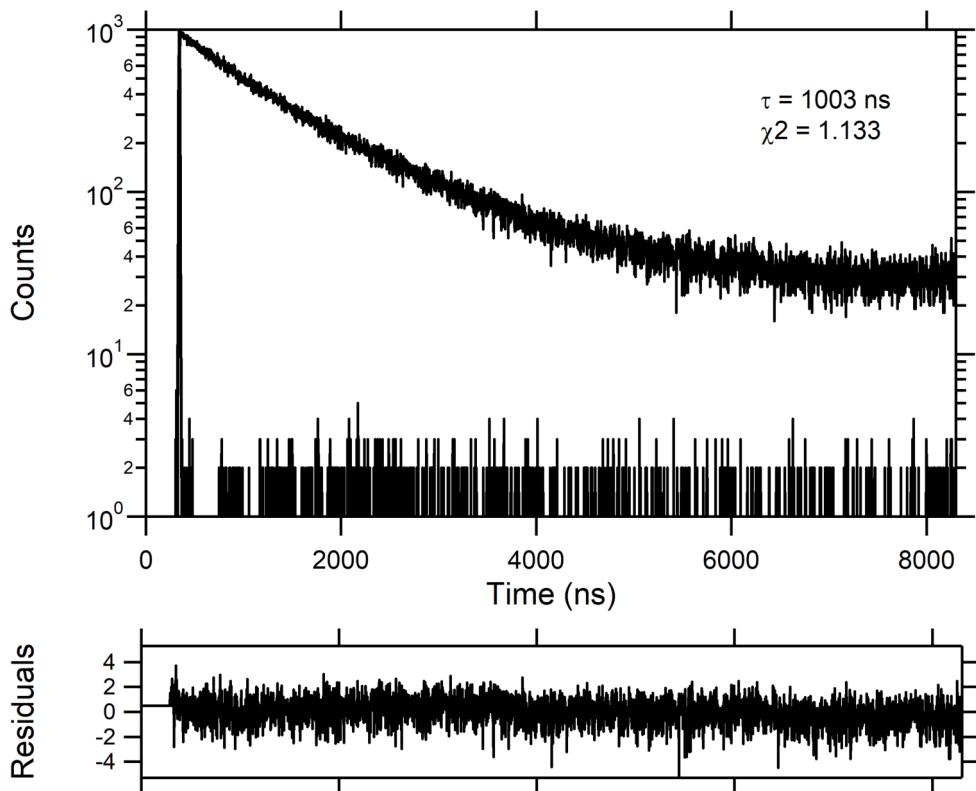


Figure S21: TCSPC data for  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})(\text{phen-NH}_2)_2](\text{PF}_6)_2$  in deaerated  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

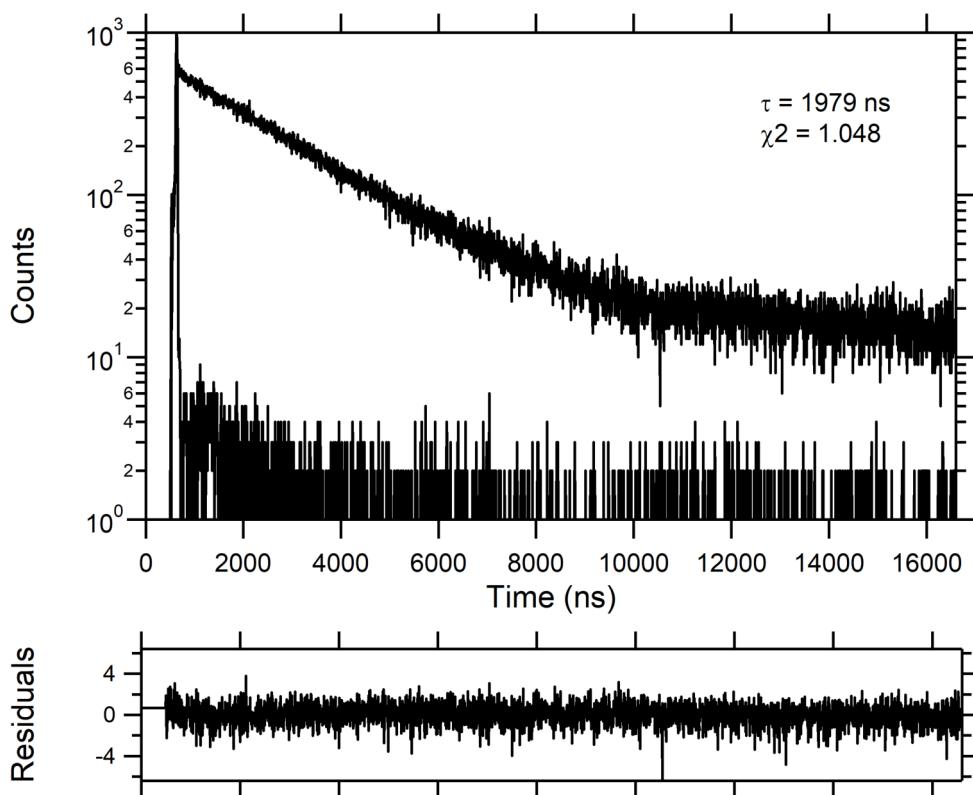


Figure S22: TCSPC data for  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen}-\text{NH}_2)_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$  in deaerated  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

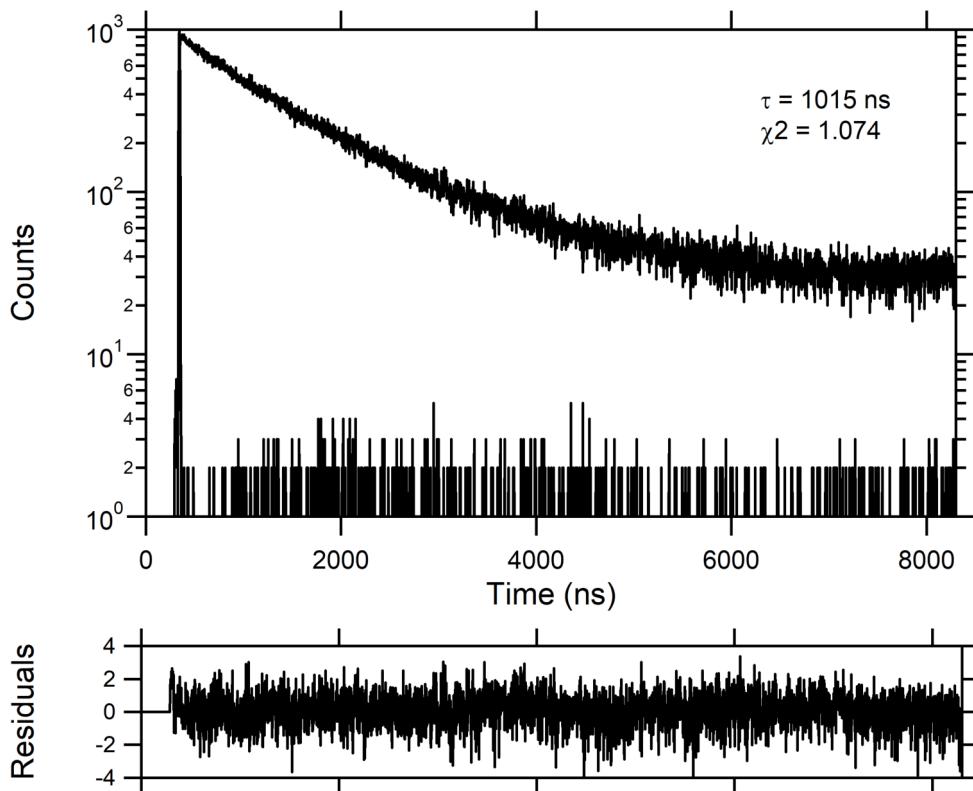
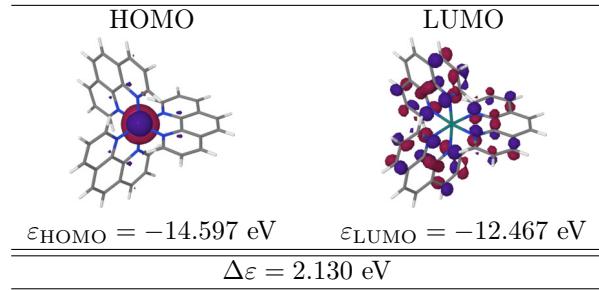


Figure S23: TCSPC data for  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen}-\text{CN})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$  in deaerated  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

## S7 Computational results: $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3]^{2+}$

### S7.1 HOMO-LUMO gap



### S7.2 Calculated absorption spectrum

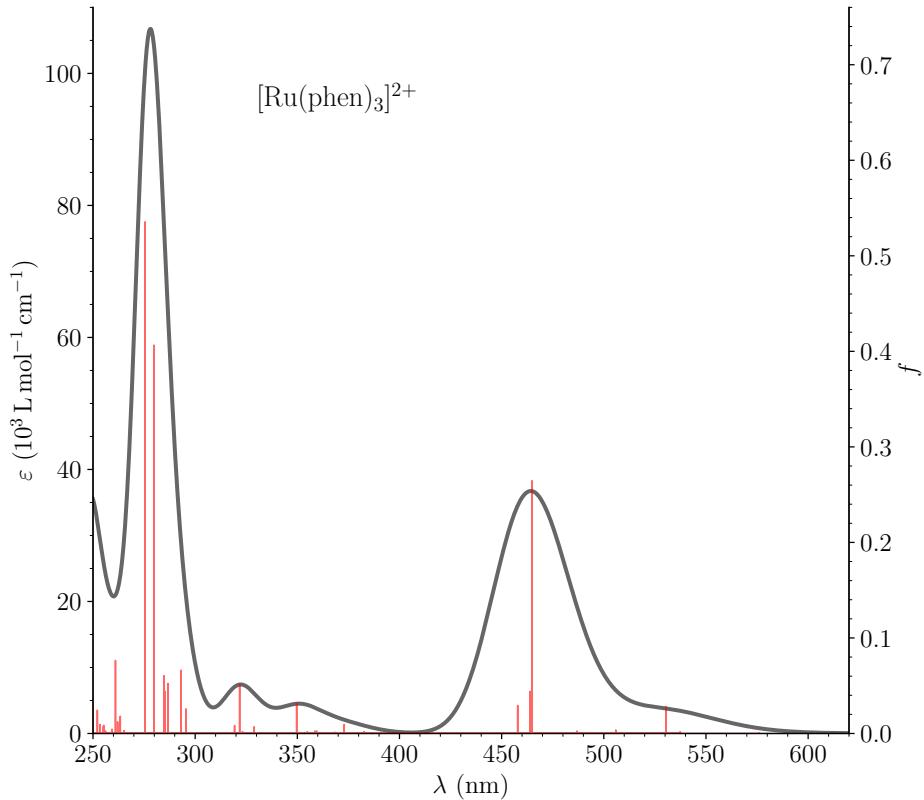
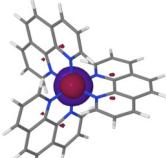
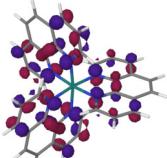
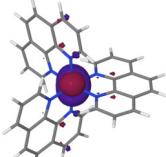
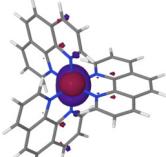
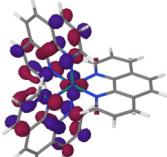
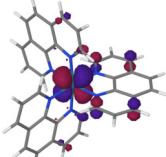
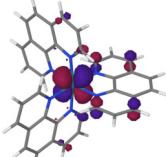
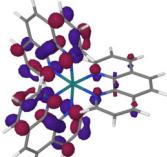
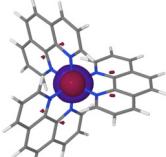
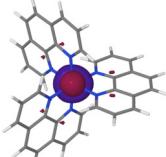
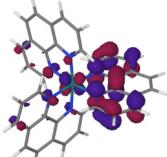
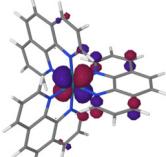
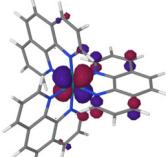
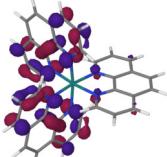
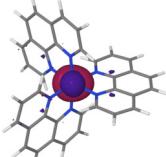
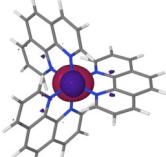
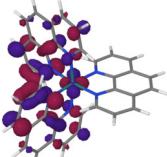
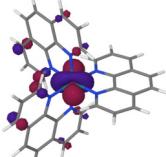
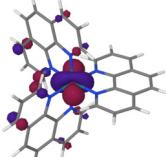
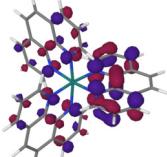
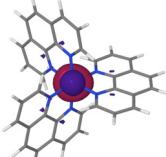
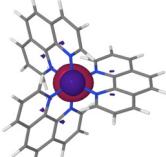
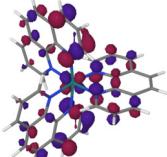
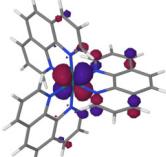
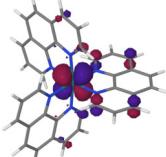
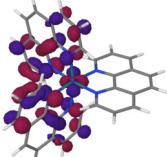


Figure S24: Absorption spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3]^{2+}$  ( $C_2$  symmetry) obtained by convoluting the calculated oscillators strengths  $f$  with Gaussian having a full-width-at-half-maximum of  $2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (SAOP/TZ2P results).

### S7.3 Analysis of the electronic absorption spectrum

Table S1: Features of the  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  electronic transition in  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3]^{2+}$  ( $C_2$  symmetry): transition wavelength  $\lambda$ , oscillator strength  $f$ , description in terms of natural transition orbitals (NTO) with the weights  $\omega$  of the NTO  $\rightarrow$  NTO transitions (SAOP/TZ2P results)

Nr	Symm.	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	(%)	NTO		
					occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
1	$1^1\text{B}$	575	0.001	99			
2	$1^1\text{A}$	538	0.003	68			
				31			
3	$2^1\text{B}$	535	0.001	90			
4	$2^1\text{A}$	531	0.011	60			
				39			
5	$3^1\text{B}$	530	0.016	81			
				15			
6	$4^1\text{B}$	514	0.000	51			

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Table S1 *continued*

Nr	Symm.	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	(%)	NTO
					occ. → virt.
				48	
7	$3^1A$	513	0.000	88	
8	$5^1B$	505	0.002	79	
				12	
9	$4^1A$	505	0.001	81	
				12	
10	$6^1B$	490	0.002	76	
				23	
11	$5^1A$	486	0.000	81	
				18	

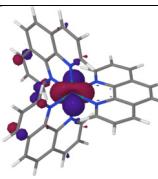
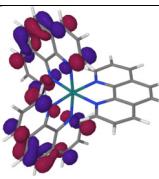
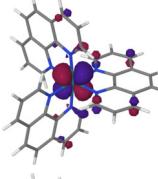
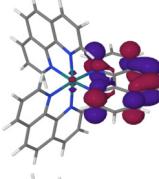
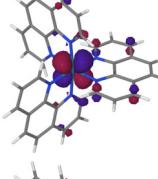
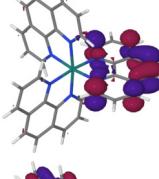
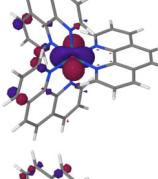
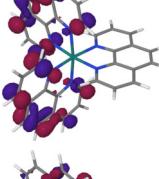
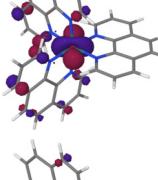
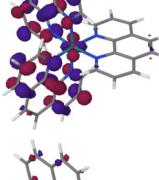
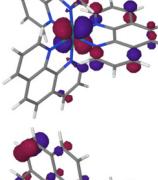
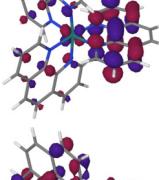
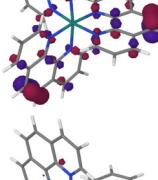
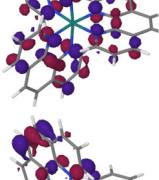
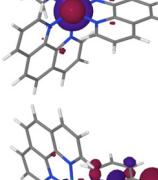
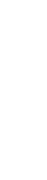
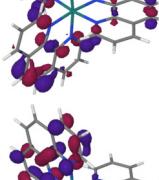
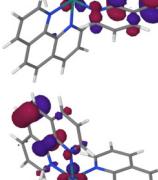
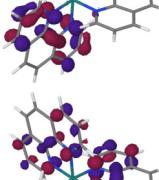
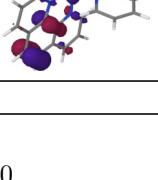
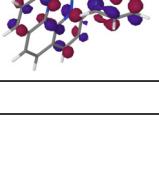
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					occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
12	$6^1A$	483	0.000	50			
13	$7^1B$	466	0.133	46			
14	$7^1A$	466	0.001	62			
15	$8^1A$	464	0.163	45			
				39			
				14			

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Table S1 *continued*

Nr	Symm.	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	(%)	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
16	$8^1\text{B}$	463	0.008	52			
				44			
17	$9^1\text{B}$	458	0.032	60			
				36			
18	$9^1\text{A}$	420	0.000	39			
				38			
19	$10^1\text{A}$	384	0.001	11			
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20	$10^1\text{B}$	382	0.001	92			
				79			

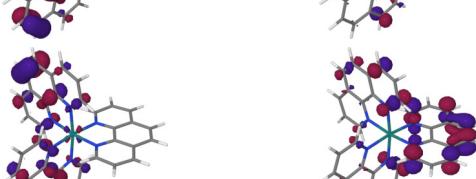
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					occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				20			
21	$11^1\text{A}$	381	0.000	76			
				13			
22	$11^1\text{B}$	373	0.003	94			
23	$12^1\text{A}$	373	0.006	78			
				21			
24	$12^1\text{B}$	371	0.001	73			
				26			
25	$13^1\text{B}$	368	0.001	96			
26	$14^1\text{B}$	360	0.002	78			

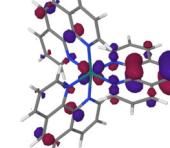
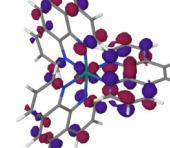
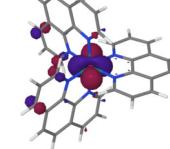
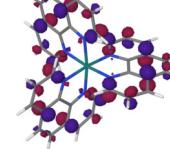
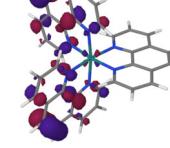
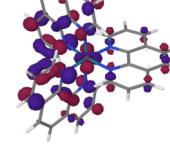
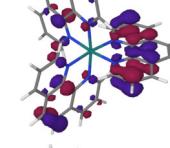
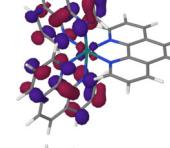
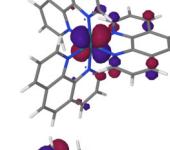
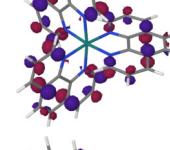
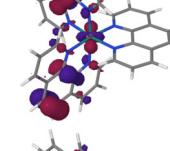
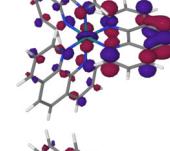
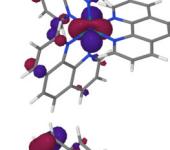
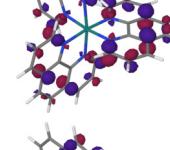
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Nr	Symm.	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	(%)	NTO
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27	$13^1\text{A}$	360	0.001	70	
				27	
28	$15^1\text{B}$	359	0.003	76	
				14	
29	$14^1\text{A}$	355	0.001	82	
				15	
30	$16^1\text{B}$	355	0.001	65	
				31	
31	$15^1\text{A}$	354	0.000	56	

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Nr	Symm.	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	(%)	occ.	NTO →	virt.
32	$17^1\text{B}$	353	0.000	42	37		
33	$16^1\text{A}$	352	0.000	71	27		
34	$18^1\text{B}$	350	0.015	55	22		
35	$17^1\text{A}$	349	0.012	33	12		
					19		
					19		
							

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Table S1 *continued*

Nr	Symm.	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	(%)	NTO		
					occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				23			
				20			
				11			
36	$18^1\text{A}$	349	0.003	53			
				28			
37	$19^1\text{B}$	344	0.000	82			
				12			
38	$19^1\text{A}$	343	0.000	71			
				18			
39	$20^1\text{B}$	341	0.000	71			

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Nr	Symm.	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	(%)	NTO		
					occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				21			
40	$20^1\text{A}$	339	0.000	94			
41	$21^1\text{B}$	338	0.000	94			
42	$21^1\text{A}$	335	0.000	75			
				22			
43	$22^1\text{A}$	335	0.000	58			
				41			
44	$22^1\text{B}$	334	0.001	72			
				25			
45	$23^1\text{B}$	329	0.003	38			

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Table S1 *continued*

Nr	Symm.	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	(%)	NTO		
					occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				34			
				11			
46	$23^1\text{A}$	329	0.000	54			
				27			
				11			
47	$24^1\text{B}$	328	0.004	64			
				17			
48	$25^1\text{B}$	327	0.001	52			
				32			
49	$24^1\text{A}$	324	0.002	59			

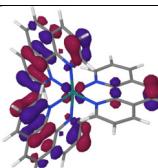
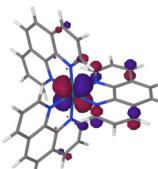
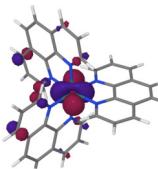
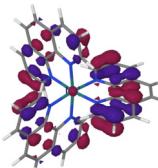
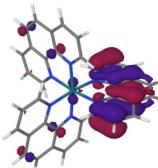
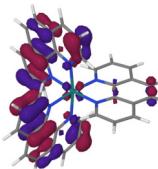
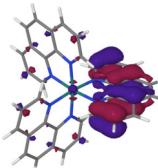
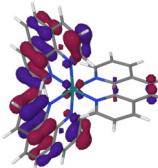
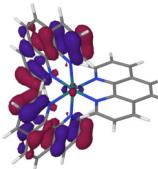
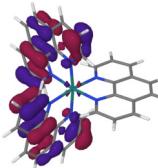
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					occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
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				15			
50	$26^1\text{B}$	323	0.000	52			
				17			
				15			
51	$25^1\text{A}$	322	0.005	51			
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52	$27^1\text{B}$	322	0.026	42			
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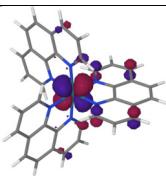
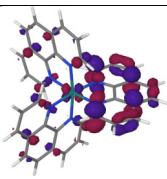
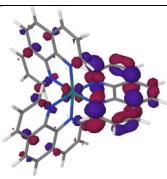
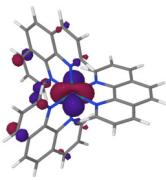
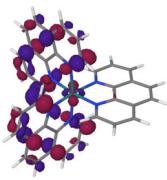
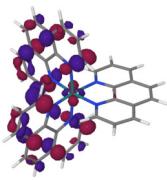
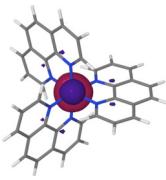
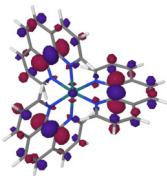
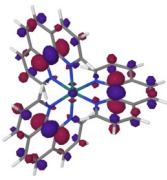
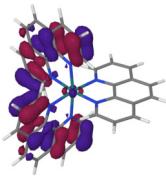
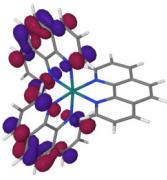
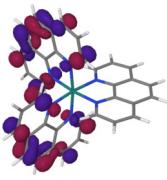
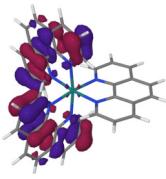
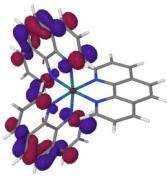
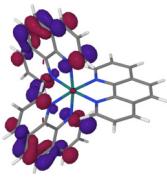
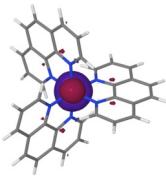
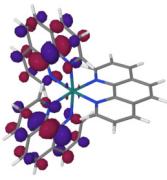
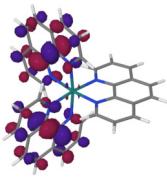
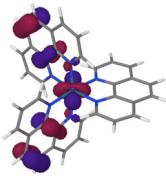
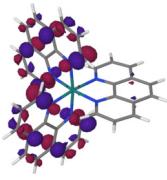
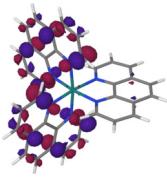
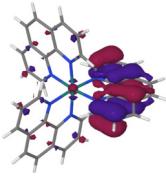
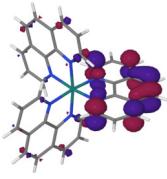
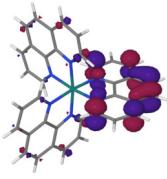
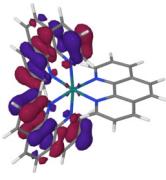
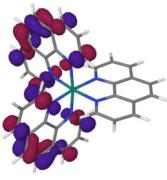
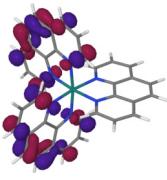
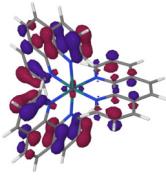
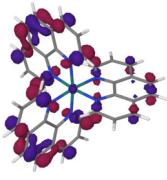
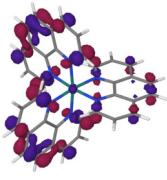
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Nr	Symm.	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	(%)	NTO
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53	$26^1\text{A}$	322	0.024	34	
				32	
				20	
54	$28^1\text{B}$	321	0.000	65	
				30	
55	$29^1\text{B}$	319	0.003	55	
				44	
56	$27^1\text{A}$	319	0.003	82	
				16	

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Table S1 *continued*

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					occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
57	$28^1\text{A}$	312	0.000	43			
				34			
				14			
58	$30^1\text{B}$	295	0.012	39			
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				15			

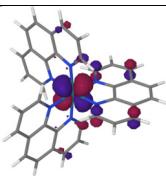
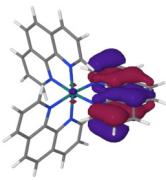
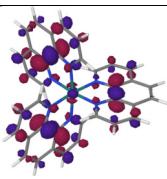
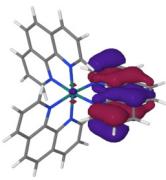
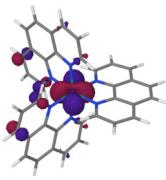
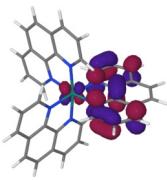
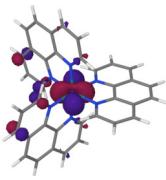
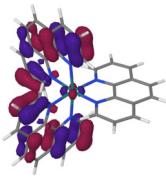
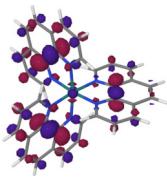
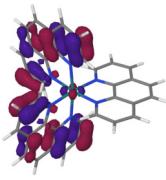
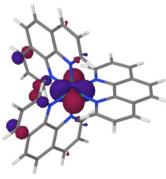
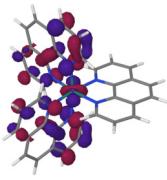
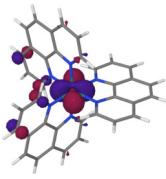
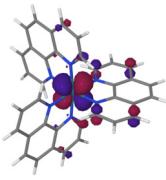
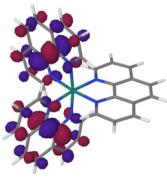
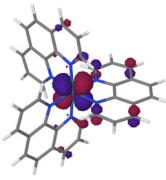
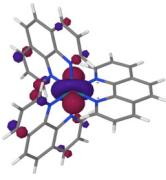
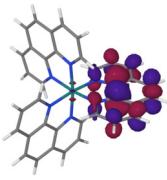
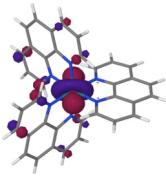
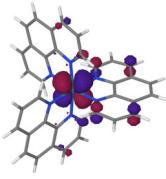
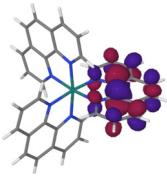
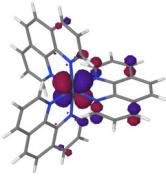
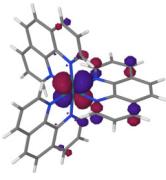
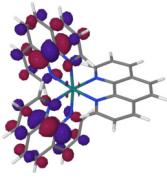
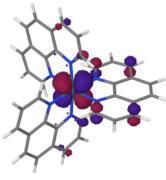
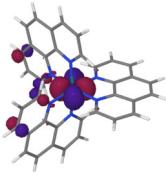
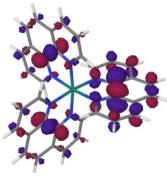
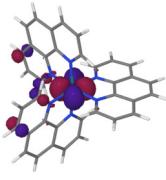
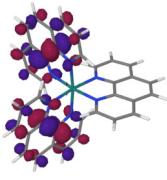
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Nr	Symm.	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	(%)	NTO
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				12	
60	$30^1\text{A}$	295	0.001	36	
				19	
				16	
				15	
61	$31^1\text{B}$	293	0.030	75	
62	$31^1\text{A}$	292	0.030	81	
63	$32^1\text{A}$	290	0.000	51	
				23	
				22	

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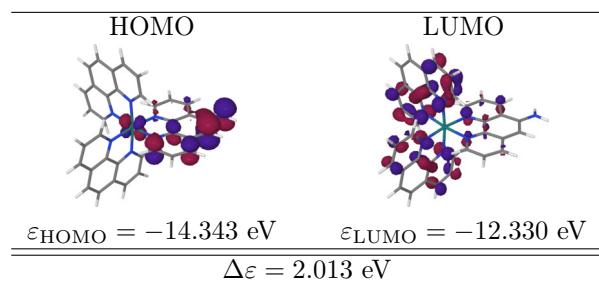
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					occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
64	$32^1\text{B}$	287	0.023	62			
							
65	$33^1\text{A}$	287	0.025	62			
							
66	$33^1\text{B}$	285	0.031	72			
							
67	$34^1\text{A}$	285	0.022	53			
							
68	$34^1\text{B}$	285	0.045	75			
							



## S8 Computational results: $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-NH}_2)]^{2+}$

### S8.1 HOMO-LUMO gap



### S8.2 Calculated absorption spectrum

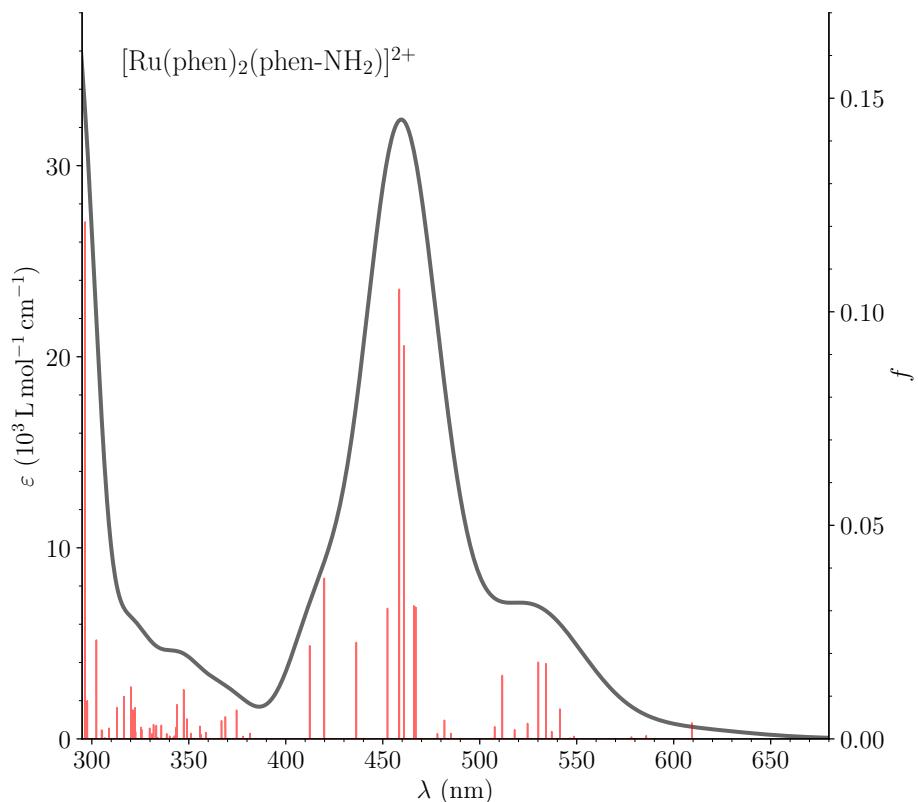
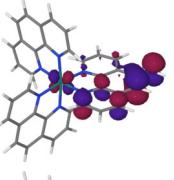
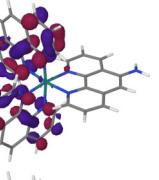
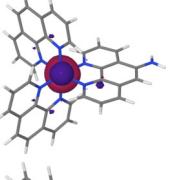
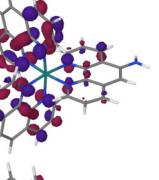
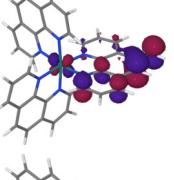
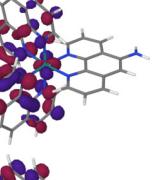
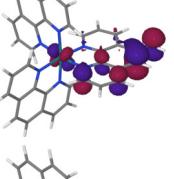
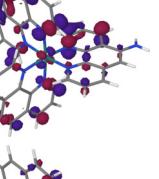
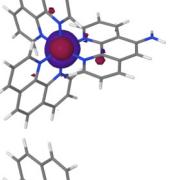
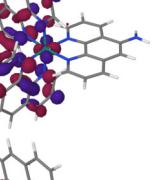
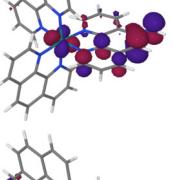
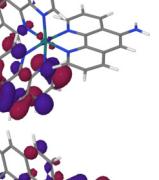
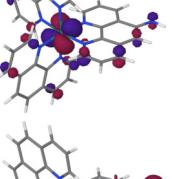
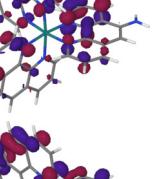
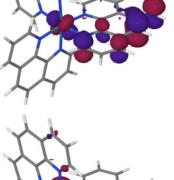
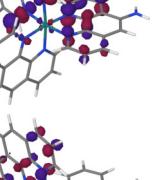
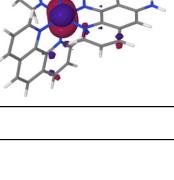
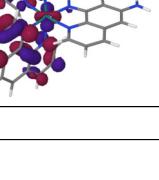


Figure S25: Absorption spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-NH}_2)]^{2+}$  obtained by convoluting the calculated oscillators strengths  $f$  with Gaussian having a full-with-at-half-maximum of  $2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (SAOP/TZ2P results).

### S8.3 Analysis of the electronic absorption spectrum

Table S2: Features of the  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  electronic transition in  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-NH}_2)]^{2+}$ : transition wavelength  $\lambda$ , oscillator strength  $f$ , description in terms of natural transition orbitals (NTO) with the weights  $\omega$  of NTO  $\rightarrow$  NTO transitions (SAOP/TZ2P results)

$n$	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	NTO		
			$\omega$ (%)	occ.	$\rightarrow$
1	609	0.004	99		
2	586	0.001	99		
3	578	0.000	99		
4	548	0.001	89		
5	546	0.000	51		
			28		
			21		
6	541	0.007	86		
7	537	0.002	52		

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Table S2: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
8	534	0.018	63	28			
9	530	0.018	66	19			
10	525	0.004	52	26			
11	518	0.002	49	25			
				46			
				35			

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Table S2: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				12			
12	512	0.015	83			$\rightarrow$	
				11			
13	508	0.003	44			$\rightarrow$	
				32			
				16			
14	485	0.001	51			$\rightarrow$	
				29			
				17			
15	482	0.004	56			$\rightarrow$	

*To be continued*

Table S2: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				37			
16	478	0.001	72				
				21			
17	467	0.031	74				
				20			
18	466	0.031	68				
				23			
19	461	0.092	70				
				14			
20	459	0.105	87				

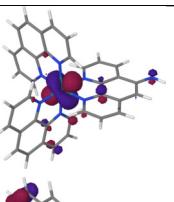
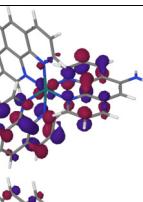
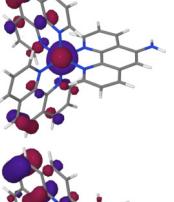
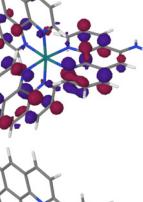
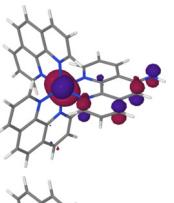
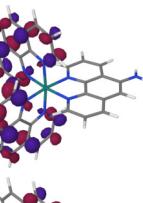
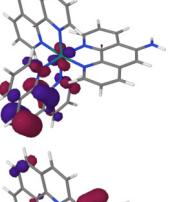
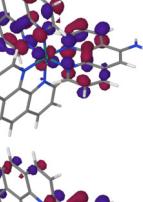
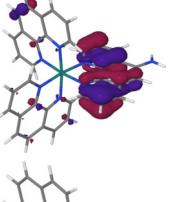
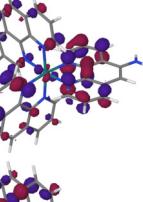
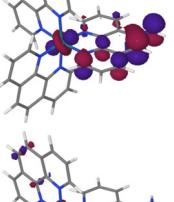
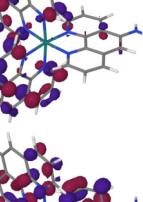
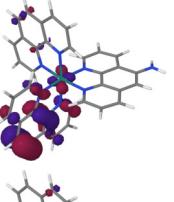
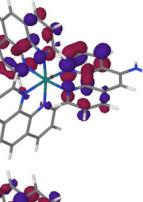
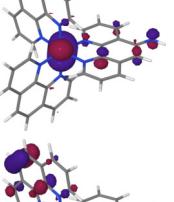
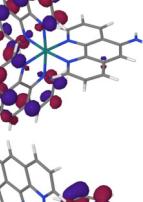
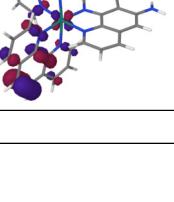
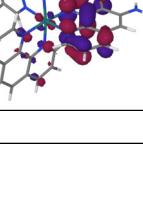
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				10			
22	436	0.023	49				
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23	420	0.038	76				
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24	412	0.022	73				
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25	382	0.001	39				

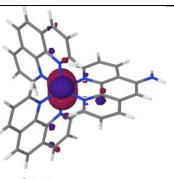
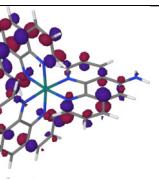
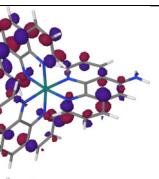
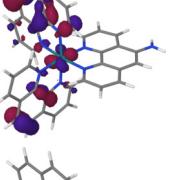
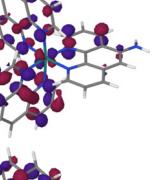
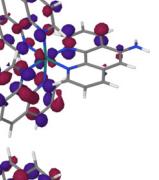
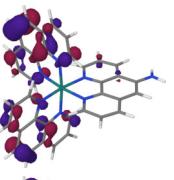
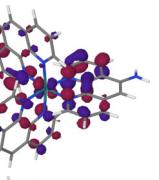
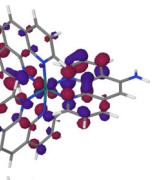
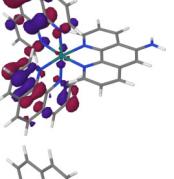
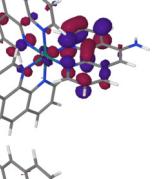
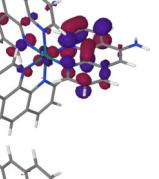
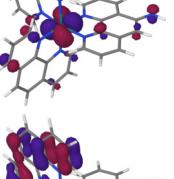
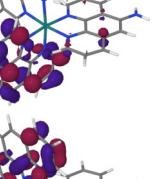
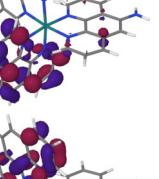
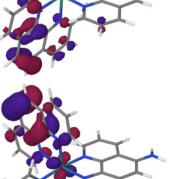
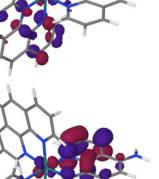
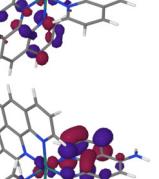
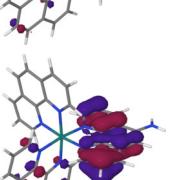
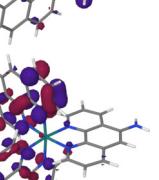
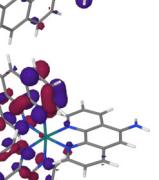
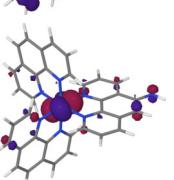
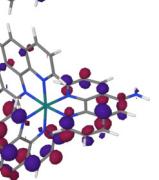
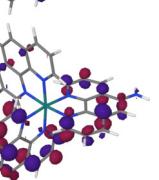
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26	378	0.001	52	32			
				11			
				22			
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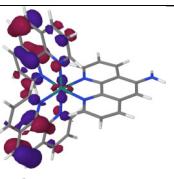
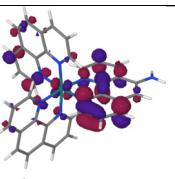
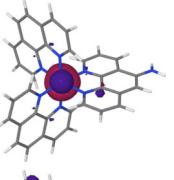
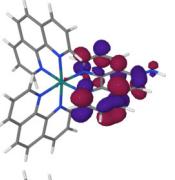
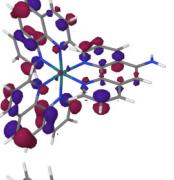
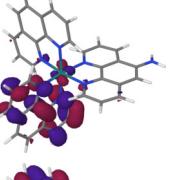
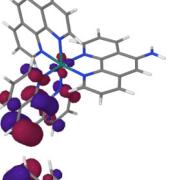
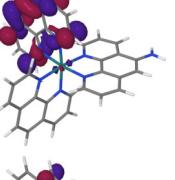
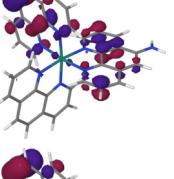
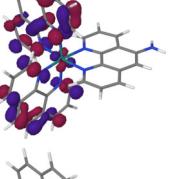
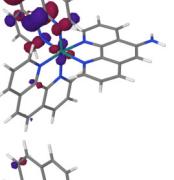
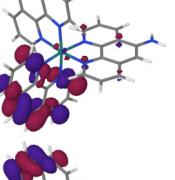
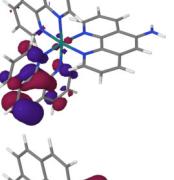
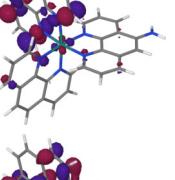
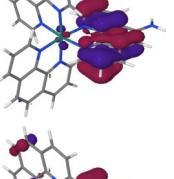
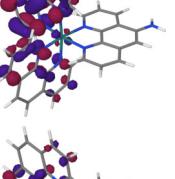
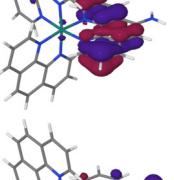
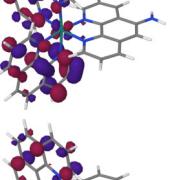
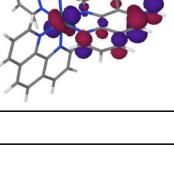
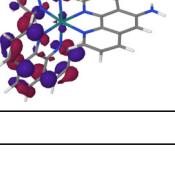
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30	367	0.004	70	15			
				11			
				17			
				42			
				25			
				15			
				18			
				16			

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Table S2: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
33	356	0.003	54				
			11				
			10				
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			11				
36	349	0.005	52				
			20				

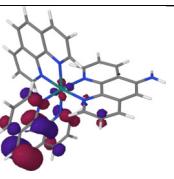
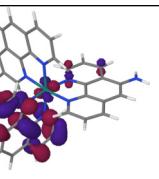
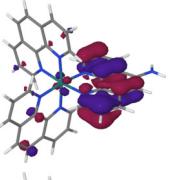
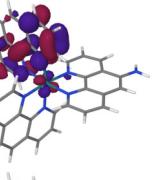
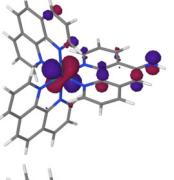
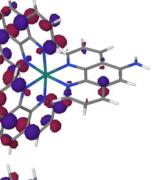
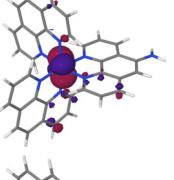
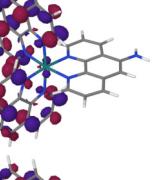
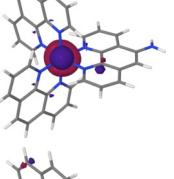
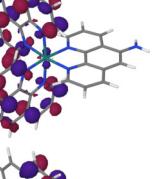
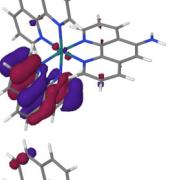
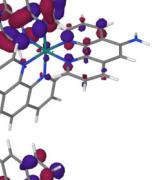
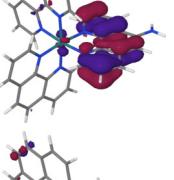
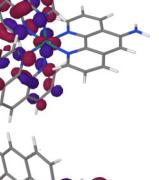
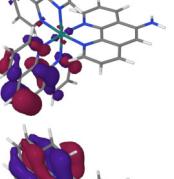
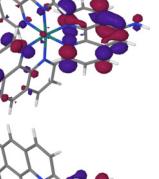
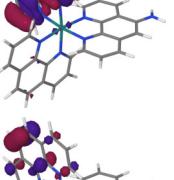
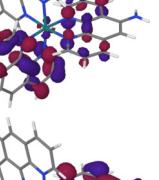
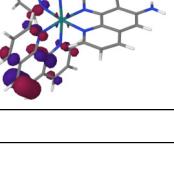
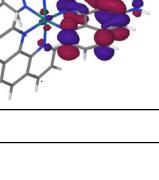
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37	347	0.012	45			$\rightarrow$	
				19			
				15			
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				20			

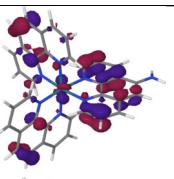
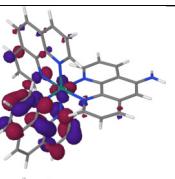
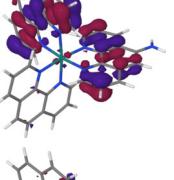
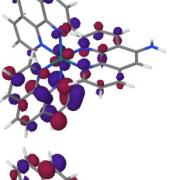
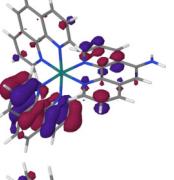
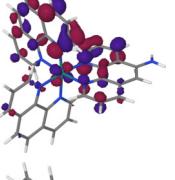
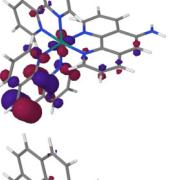
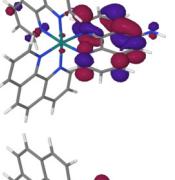
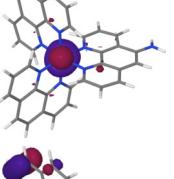
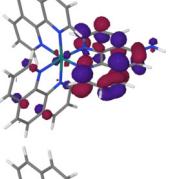
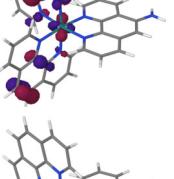
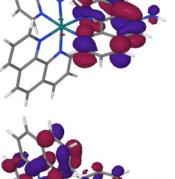
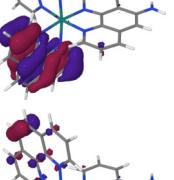
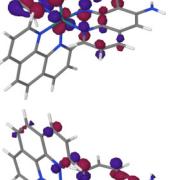
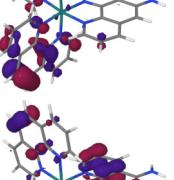
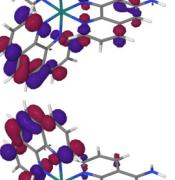
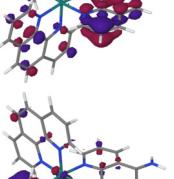
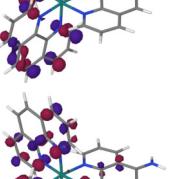
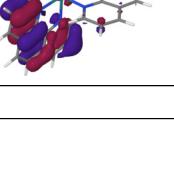
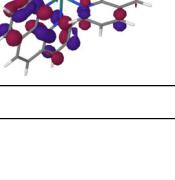
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42	340	0.001	66				
							
43	339	0.001	62				
							
44	336	0.003	86				
							

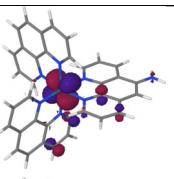
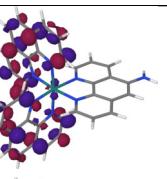
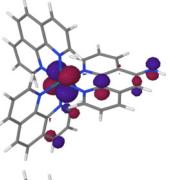
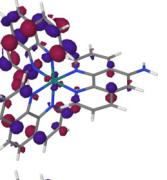
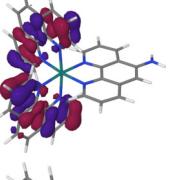
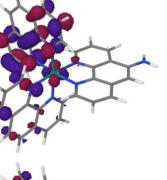
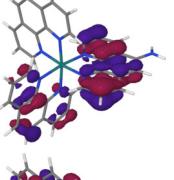
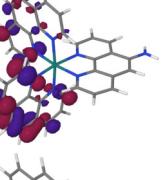
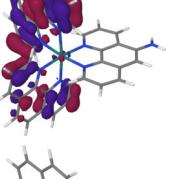
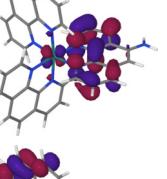
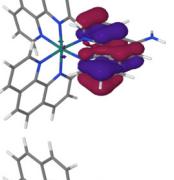
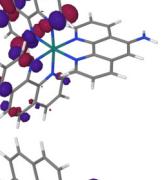
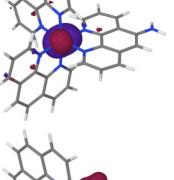
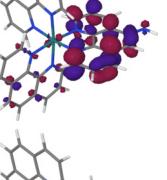
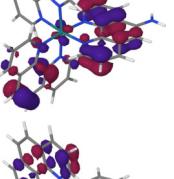
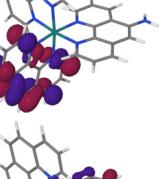
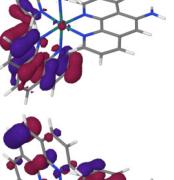
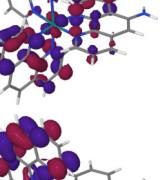
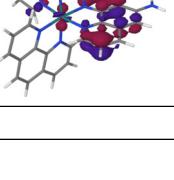
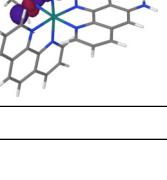
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<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				21		
46	333	0.003	35			
				31		
				16		
47	332	0.003	47			
				30		
				14		
48	331	0.001	38			
				26		
				12		

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Table S2: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				12			
49	330	0.002	39				
				30			
				14			
50	326	0.002	66				
				18			
				10			
51	325	0.003	67				
				14			
52	323	0.002	64				

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Table S2: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				19			
53	322	0.007	50				
				27			
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56	317	0.010	50				

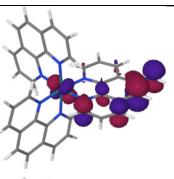
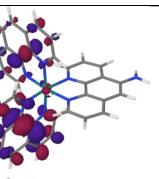
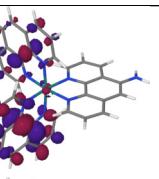
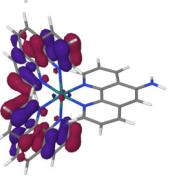
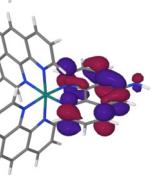
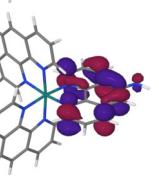
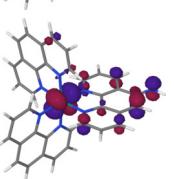
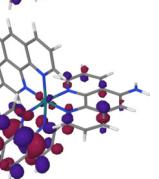
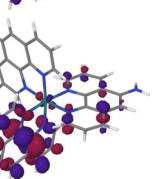
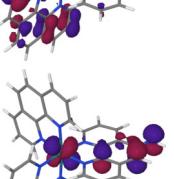
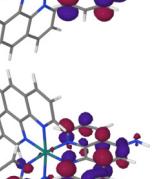
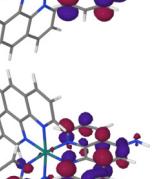
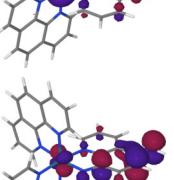
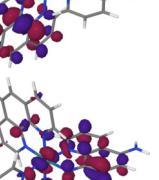
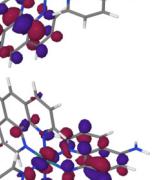
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57	313	0.007	76				
58	309	0.003	40				
			18				
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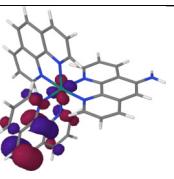
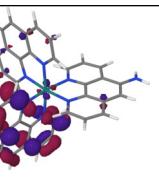
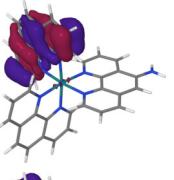
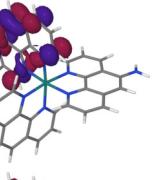
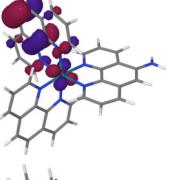
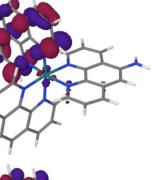
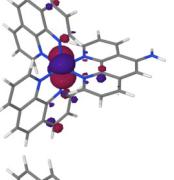
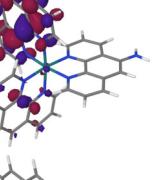
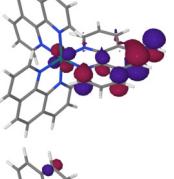
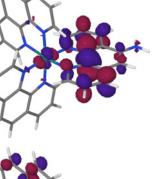
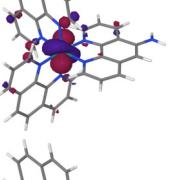
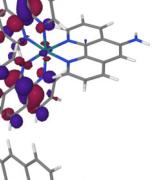
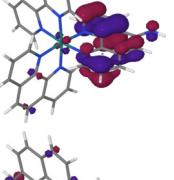
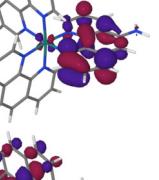
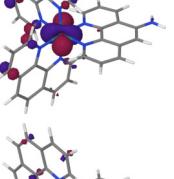
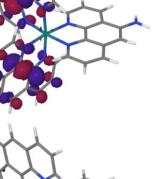
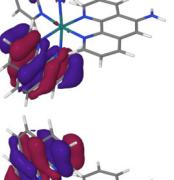
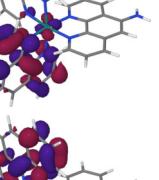
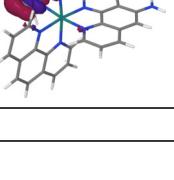
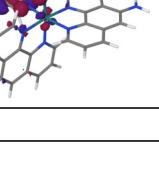
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61	305	0.002	72			$\rightarrow$	
62	302	0.023	54			$\rightarrow$	
63	298	0.009	32			$\rightarrow$	
64	297	0.121	47			$\rightarrow$	
65	295	0.013	58			$\rightarrow$	

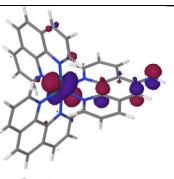
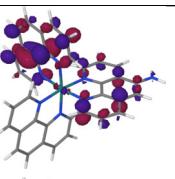
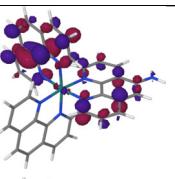
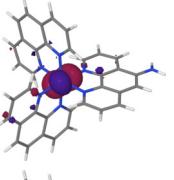
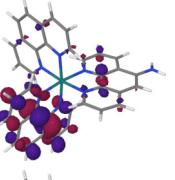
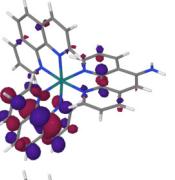
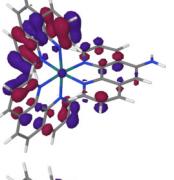
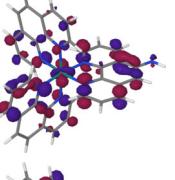
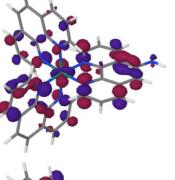
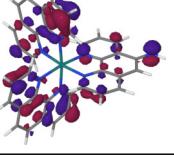
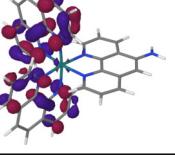
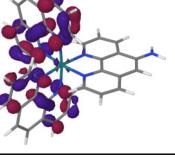
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66	295	0.068	62				
				15			
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69	287	0.026	38				
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				12			

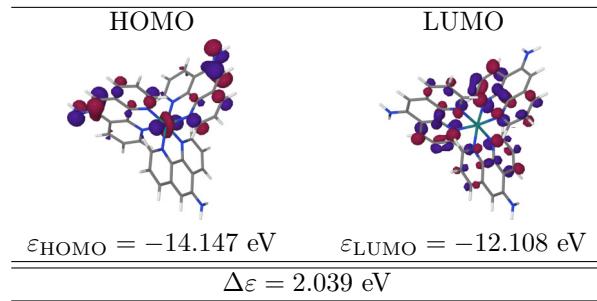
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70	286	0.013	24			$\rightarrow$	
			19			$\rightarrow$	
			15			$\rightarrow$	
			13			$\rightarrow$	

## S9 Computational results: $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen-NH}_2)_3]^{2+}$

### S9.1 HOMO-LUMO gap



### S9.2 Calculated absorption spectrum

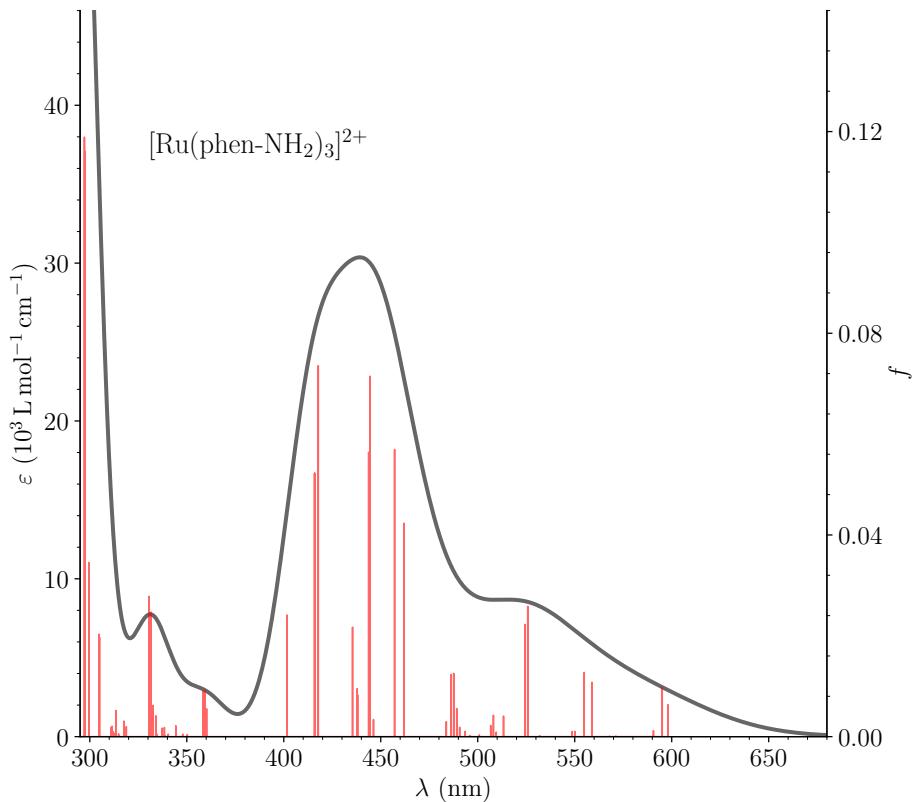
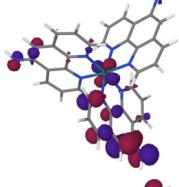
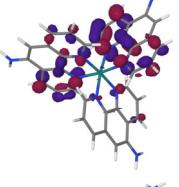
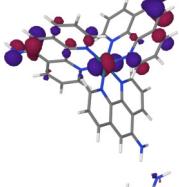
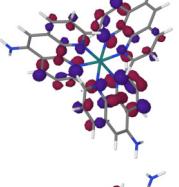
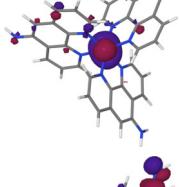
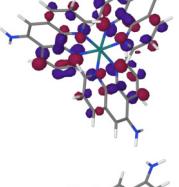
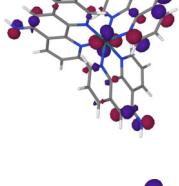
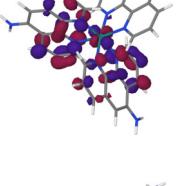
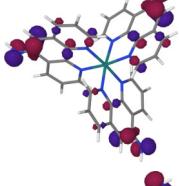
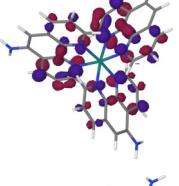
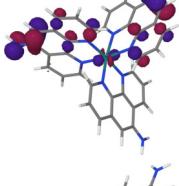
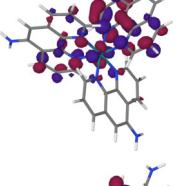
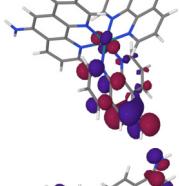
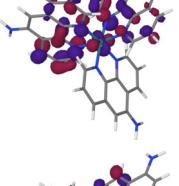
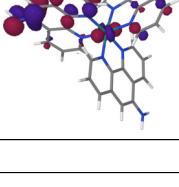
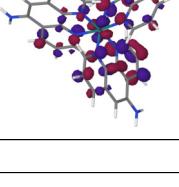


Figure S26: Absorption spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen-NH}_2)_3]^{2+}$  obtained by convoluting the calculated oscillators strengths  $f$  with Gaussian having a full-with-at-half-maximum of  $2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (SAOP/TZ2P results).

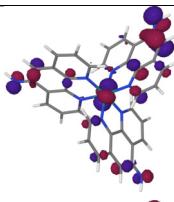
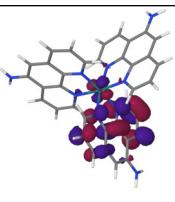
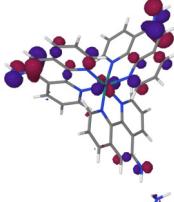
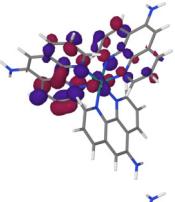
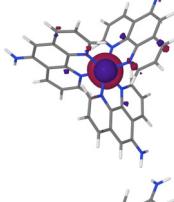
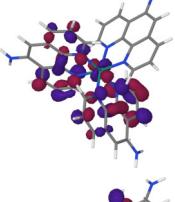
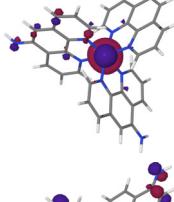
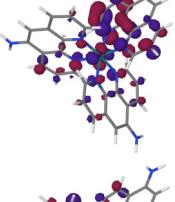
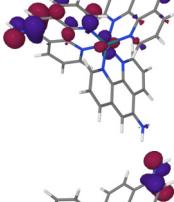
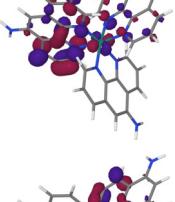
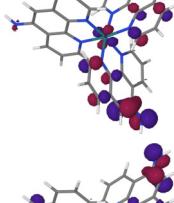
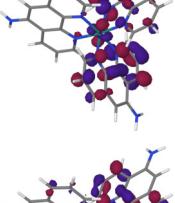
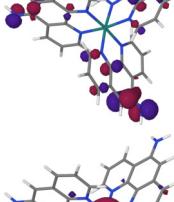
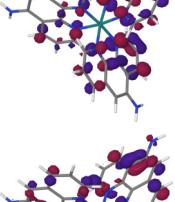
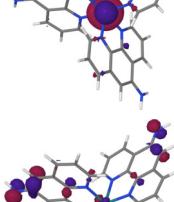
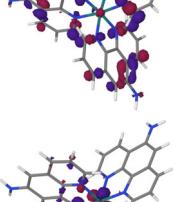
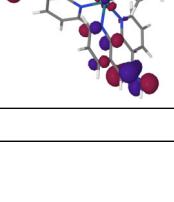
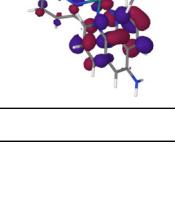
### S9.3 Analysis of the electronic absorption spectrum

Table S3: Features of the  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  electronic transition in  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen}-\text{NH}_2)_3]^{2+}$ : transition wavelength  $\lambda$ , oscillator strength  $f$ , description in terms of natural transition orbitals (NTO) with the weights  $\omega$  of NTO  $\rightarrow$  NTO transitions (SAOP/TZ2P results)

$n$	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	NTO		
			$\omega$ (%)	occ.	$\rightarrow$
1	598	0.006	95		
2	595	0.010	92		
3	591	0.001	98		
4	571	0.000	53		
			45		
5	568	0.000	71		
			22		
6	559	0.011	54		
			43		

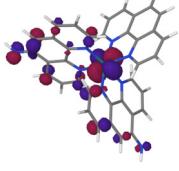
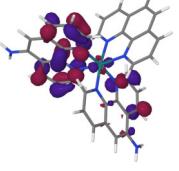
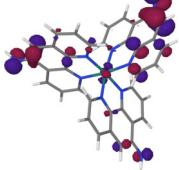
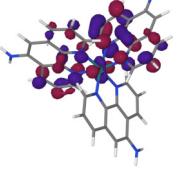
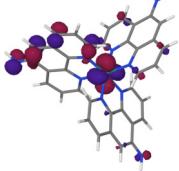
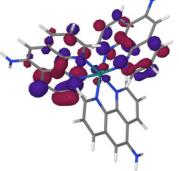
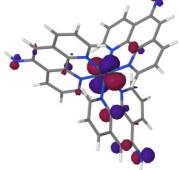
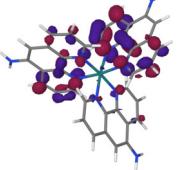
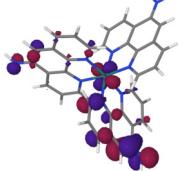
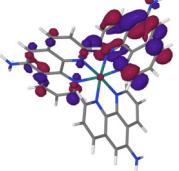
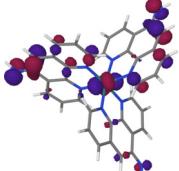
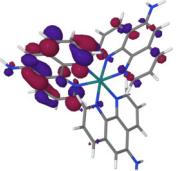
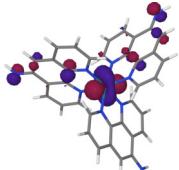
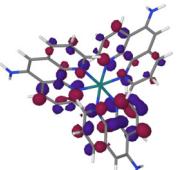
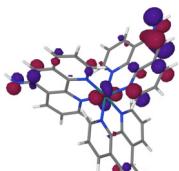
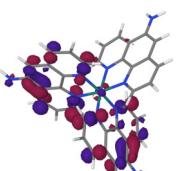
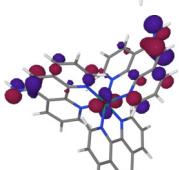
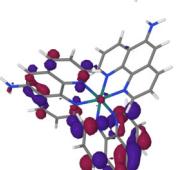
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7	555	0.013	66				
				33			
8	550	0.001	95				
				94			
9	549	0.001	94				
				34			
10	532	0.000	34				
				31			
11	526	0.026	81				
				21			

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Table S3: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				10			
12	524	0.022	80				
				12			
13	513	0.004	85				
				84			
14	510	0.001					
				12			
15	508	0.004	66				
				18			
16	507	0.002	57				

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Table S3: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				14			
20	491	0.002	69				
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22	488	0.013	80				
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24	484	0.003	84				

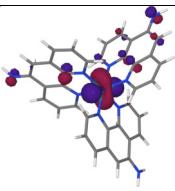
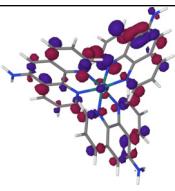
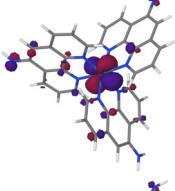
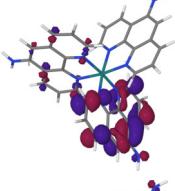
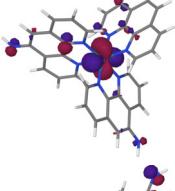
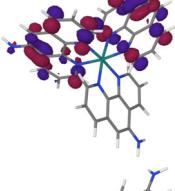
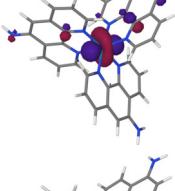
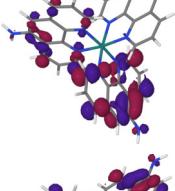
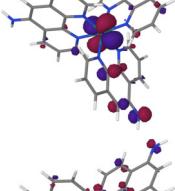
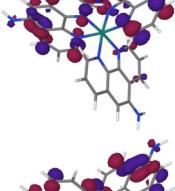
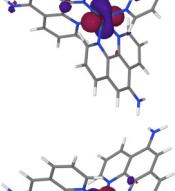
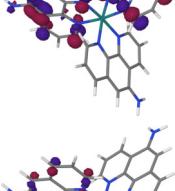
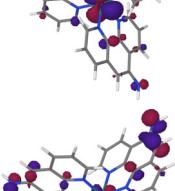
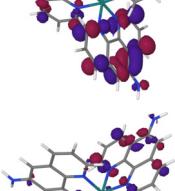
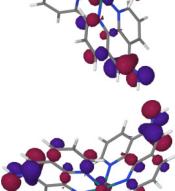
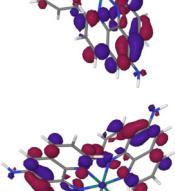
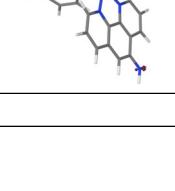
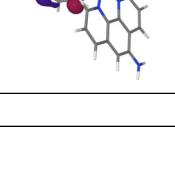
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25	462	0.042	49				
				41			
26	457	0.057	48				
				41			
27	446	0.003	61				
				36			
28	445	0.071	81				
				12			

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<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
29	444	0.056	85				
30	438	0.008	73				
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33	418	0.074	32				
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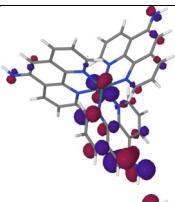
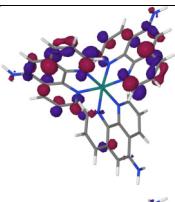
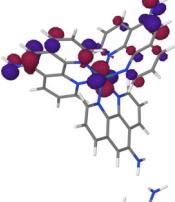
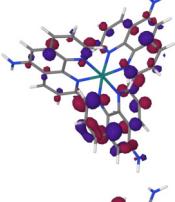
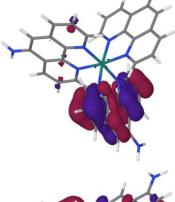
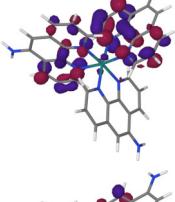
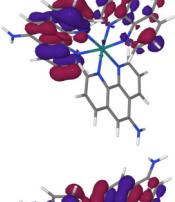
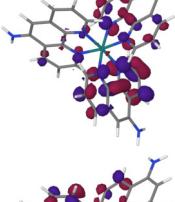
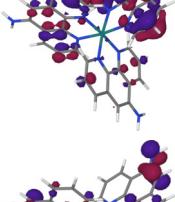
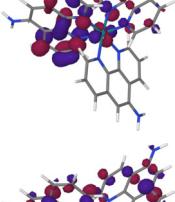
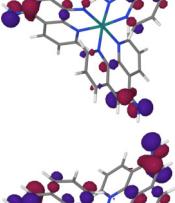
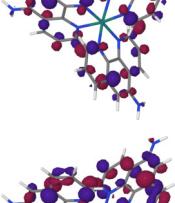
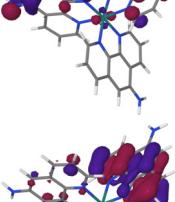
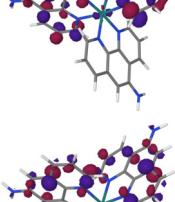
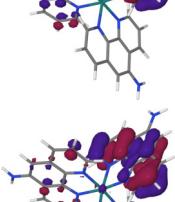
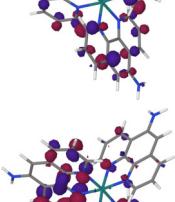
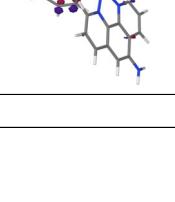
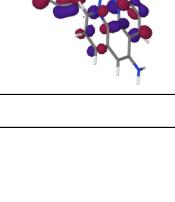
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				25			
34	416	0.052	54				
				19			
				17			
35	416	0.052	53				
				36			
36	402	0.024	37				
				33			
37	360	0.006	93				

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Table S3: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
38	359	0.009	91				
39	358	0.009	90				
40	350	0.000	92				
41	348	0.000	73				
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42	348	0.001	69				
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			11				
43	344	0.002	65				

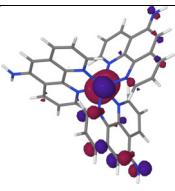
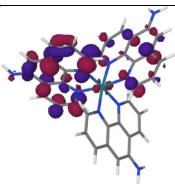
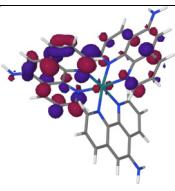
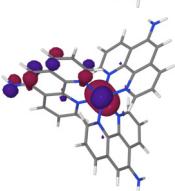
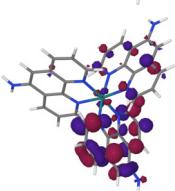
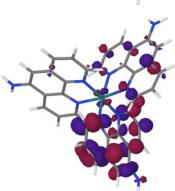
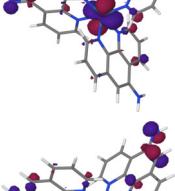
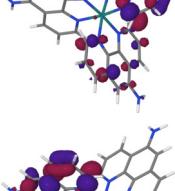
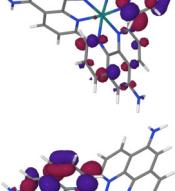
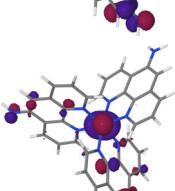
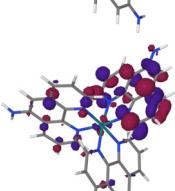
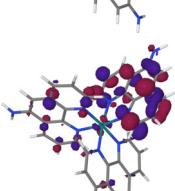
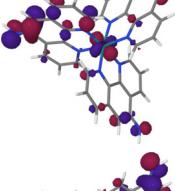
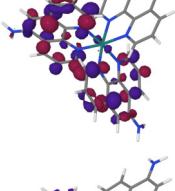
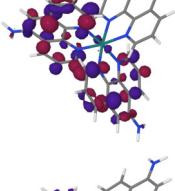
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				26			
44	340	0.001	53				
				41			
45	339	0.000	58				
				39			
46	338	0.002	63				
				35			
47	337	0.002	80				
				17			

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Table S3: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
48	336	0.000	71			$\rightarrow$	
49	335	0.000	73			$\rightarrow$	
50	334	0.004	76			$\rightarrow$	
51	332	0.006	73			$\rightarrow$	
51	332	0.006	17			$\rightarrow$	

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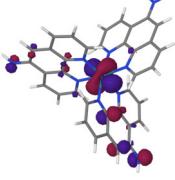
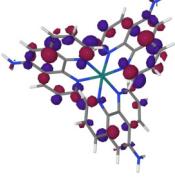
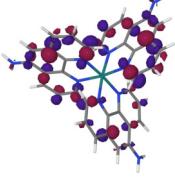
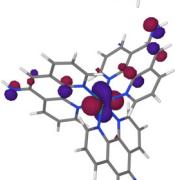
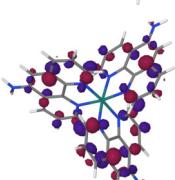
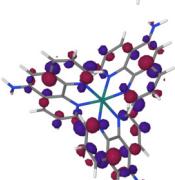
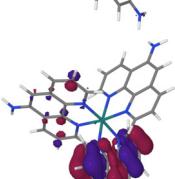
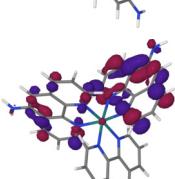
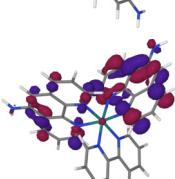
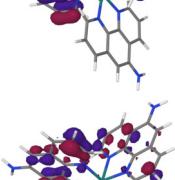
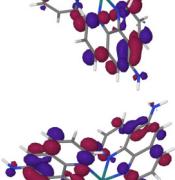
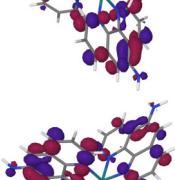
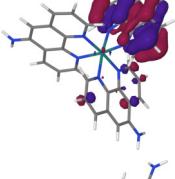
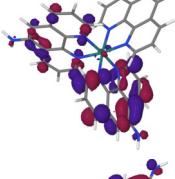
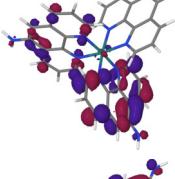
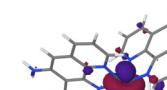
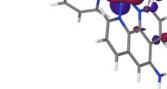
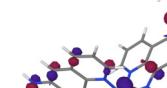
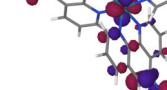
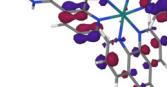
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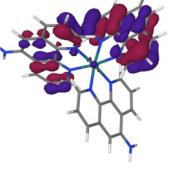
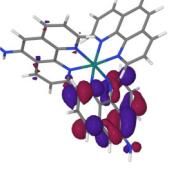
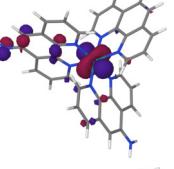
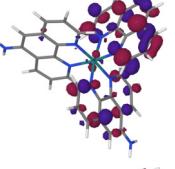
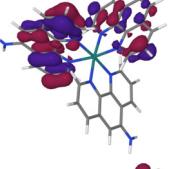
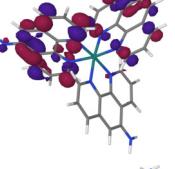
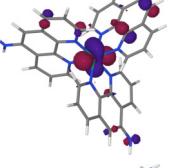
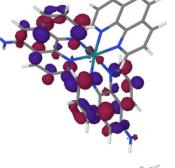
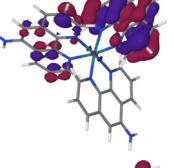
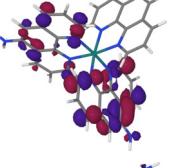
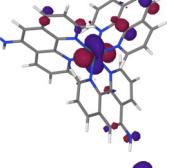
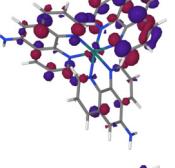
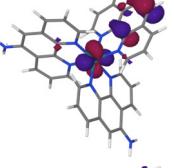
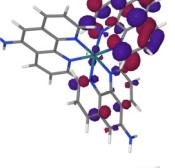
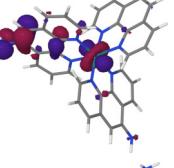
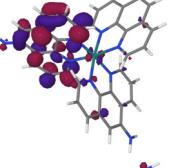
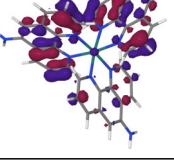
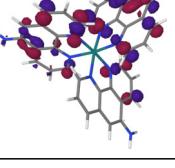
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			$\omega$ (%)	occ.	
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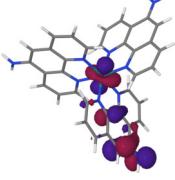
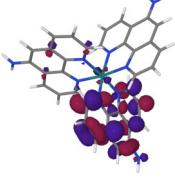
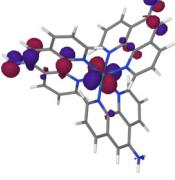
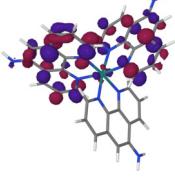
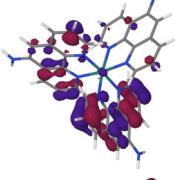
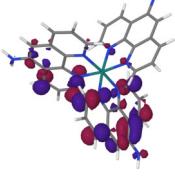
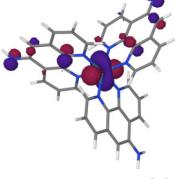
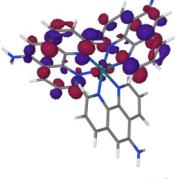
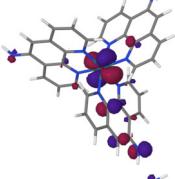
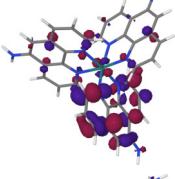
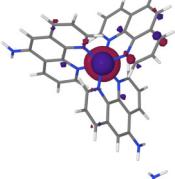
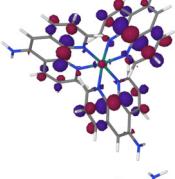
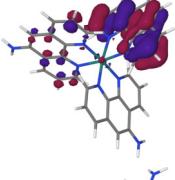
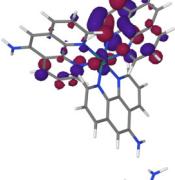
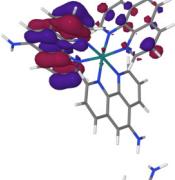
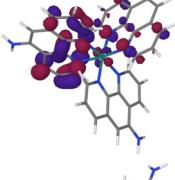
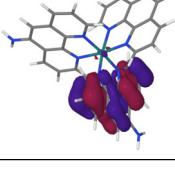
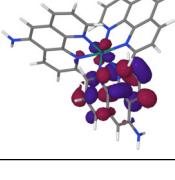
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62	311	0.002	55				
				19			
				16			
63	311	0.002	41				
				29			
				19			
64	305	0.020	41				
				33			
				15			

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Table S3: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
65	305	0.020	44				
							
							
66	300	0.035	30				
							
							
67	297	0.116	42				
							
68	297	0.119	42				

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Table S3: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				18			
69	294	0.256	20				
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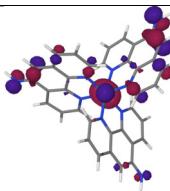
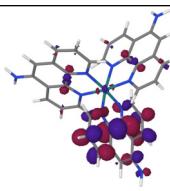
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74	288	0.008	72				
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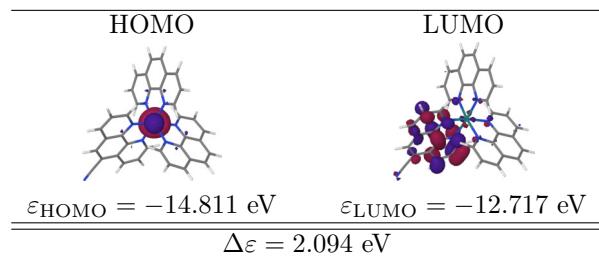
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<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
78	285	0.003	69			$\rightarrow$	

## S10 Computational results: $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-CN})]^{2+}$

### S10.1 HOMO-LUMO gap



### S10.2 Calculated absorption spectrum

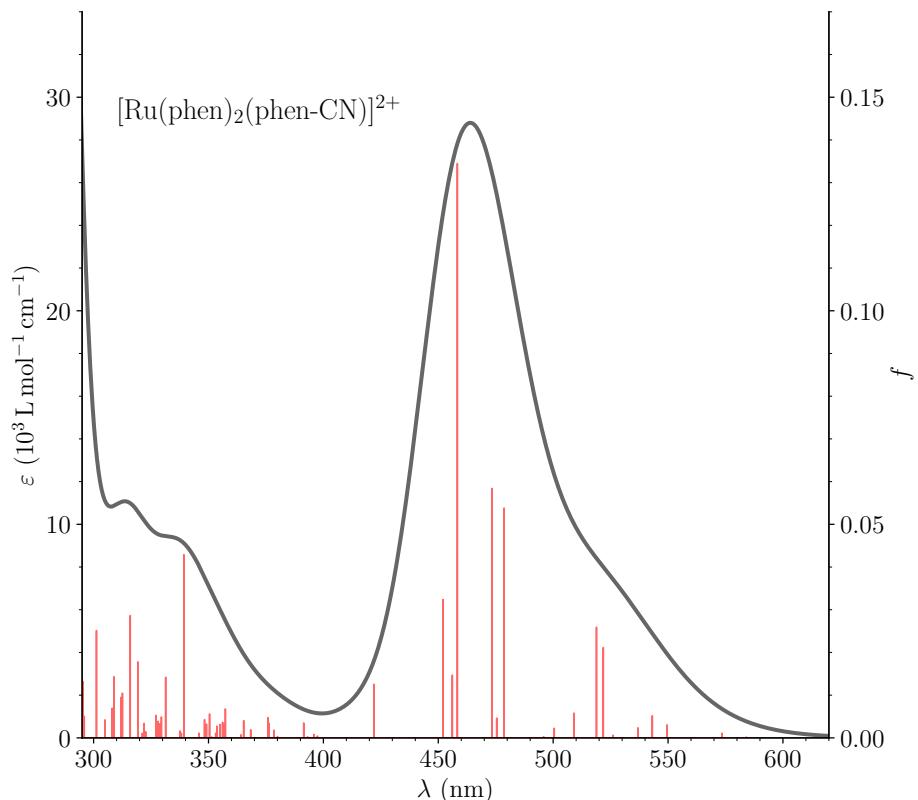


Figure S27: Absorption spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-CN})]^{2+}$  obtained by convoluting the calculated oscillators strengths  $f$  with Gaussian having a full-with-at-half-maximum of  $2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (SAOP/TZ2P results).

### S10.3 Analysis of the electronic absorption spectrum

Table S4: Features of the  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  electronic transition in  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{phen-CN})]^{2+}$ : transition wavelength  $\lambda$ , oscillator strength  $f$ , description in terms of natural transition orbitals (NTO) with the weights  $\omega$  of NTO  $\rightarrow$  NTO transitions (SAOP/TZ2P results)

Nr	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	NTO			
			$\omega$ (%)	occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
1	584	0.000	99			
2	573	0.001	92			
3	550	0.003	63			
			31			
4	543	0.005	97			
5	537	0.002	55			
			30			
			14			
6	526	0.001	72			
			24			
7	522	0.021	55			

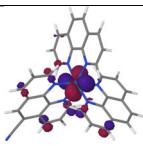
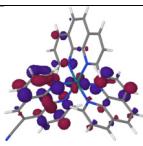
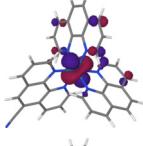
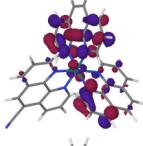
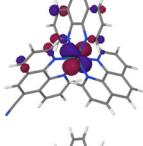
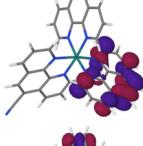
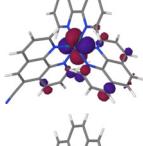
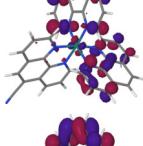
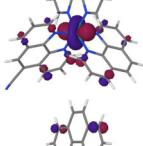
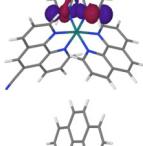
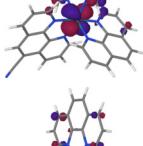
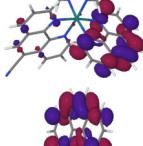
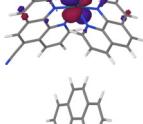
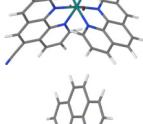
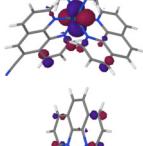
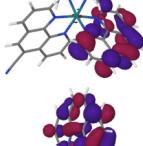
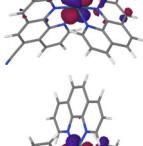
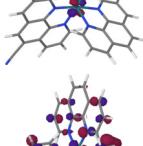
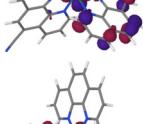
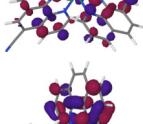
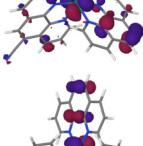
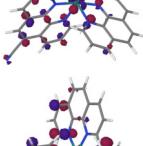
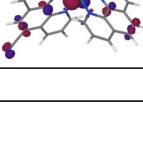
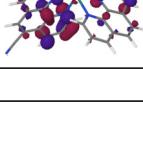
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			35			
9	509	0.006	58			
			35			
10	500	0.002	79			
			19			
11	496	0.000	62			
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12	479	0.054	49			
			27			
			20			

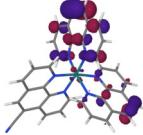
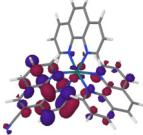
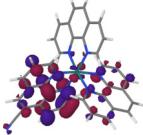
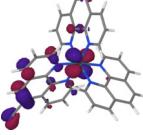
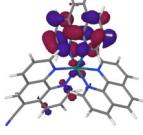
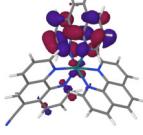
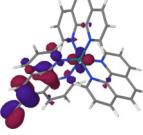
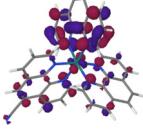
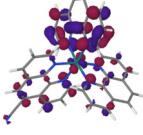
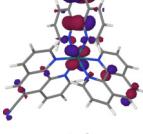
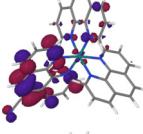
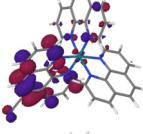
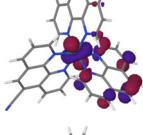
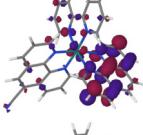
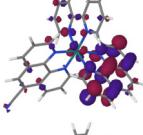
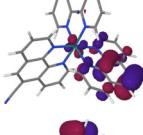
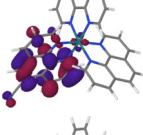
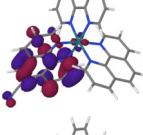
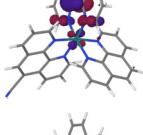
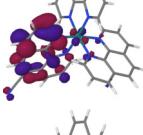
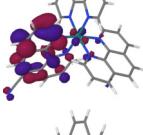
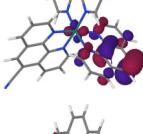
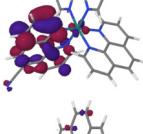
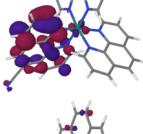
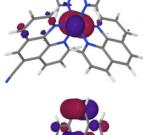
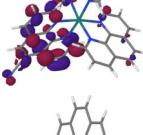
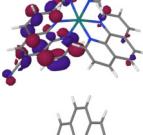
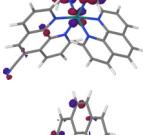
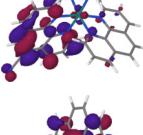
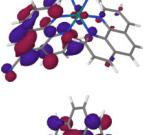
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14	473	0.058	84		
					
15	458	0.135	85		
					
16	456	0.015	91		
					
17	452	0.032	77		
					
18	422	0.013	40		
					

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Nr	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	$\omega$ (%)	NTO		
				occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
19	397	0.000	57			
						
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21	393	0.000	73			
						
22	391	0.003	79			
						
23	380	0.000	54			
						

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Nr	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	$\omega$ (%)	NTO		
				occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
			14			
24	379	0.002	43			
			28			
			20			
25	376	0.003	43			
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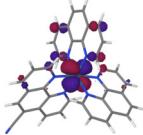
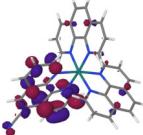
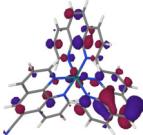
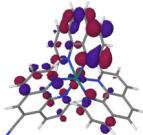
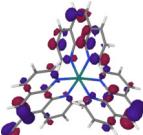
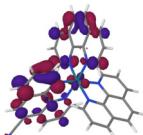
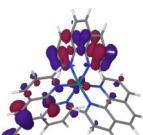
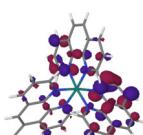
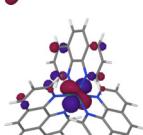
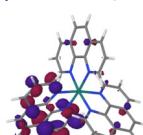
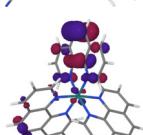
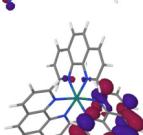
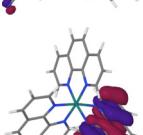
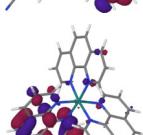
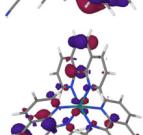
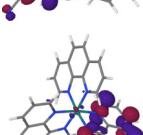
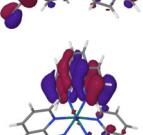
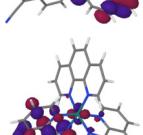
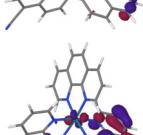
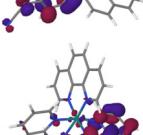
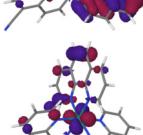
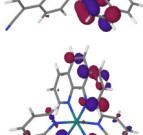
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			25			
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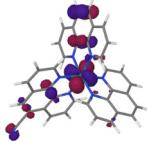
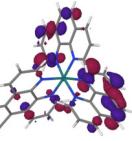
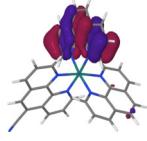
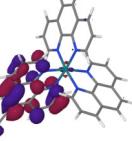
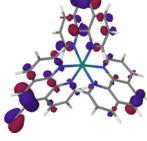
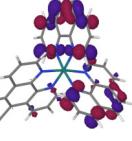
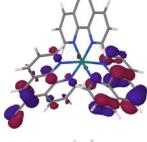
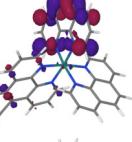
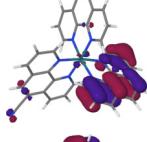
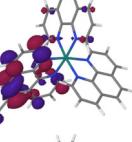
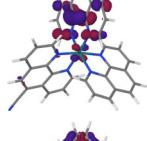
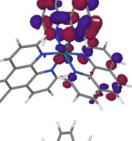
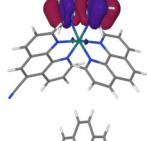
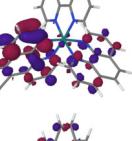
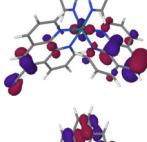
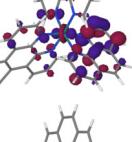
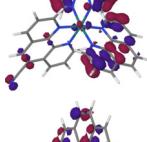
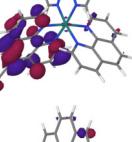
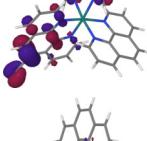
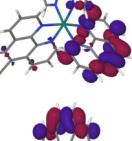
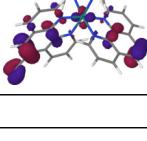
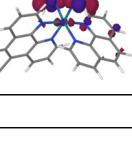
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				occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
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			15			
			11			
			11			
34	355	0.003	49			
			27			
35	354	0.003	45			
			23			
			20			
36	353	0.001	30			

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			$\omega$ (%)	occ.	$\rightarrow$
37	351	0.000	30		
			17		
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40	348	0.004	45		

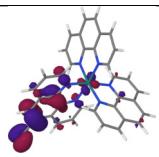
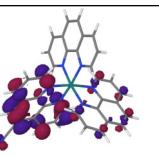
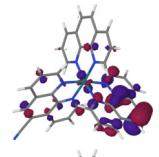
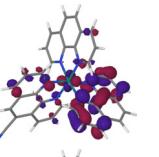
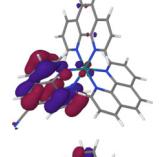
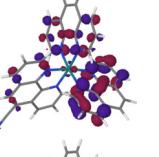
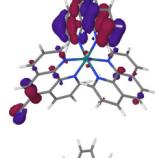
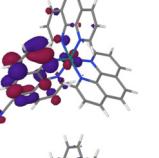
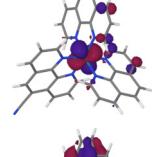
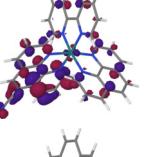
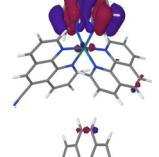
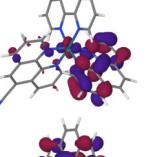
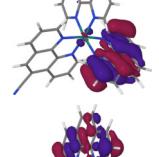
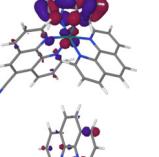
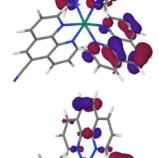
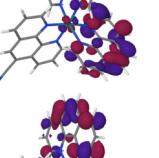
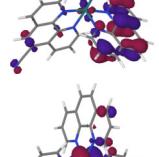
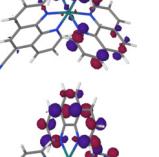
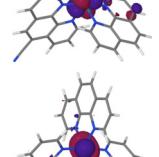
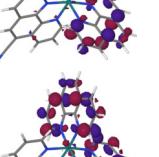
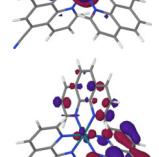
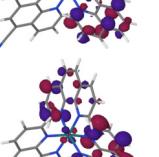
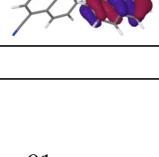
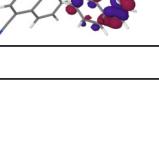
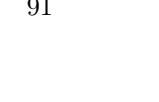
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			38			
			25			
			16			
			30			
			19			
			17			
			13			
			69			
42	339	0.043	14			

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				occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
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			18			
45	334	0.000	42			
			17			
			16			
46	331	0.014	92			
			92			
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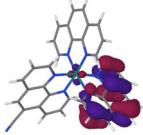
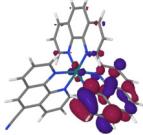
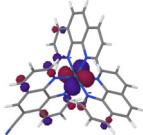
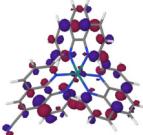
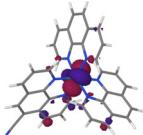
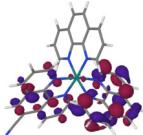
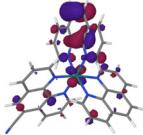
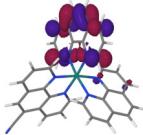
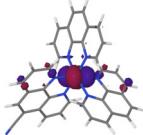
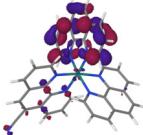
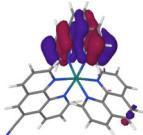
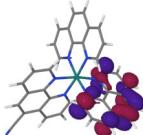
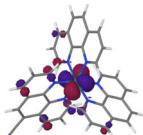
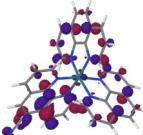
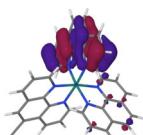
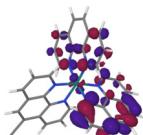
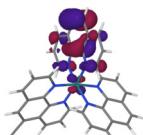
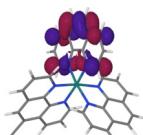
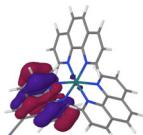
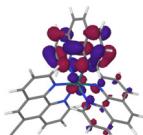
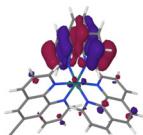
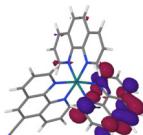
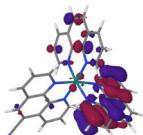
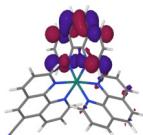
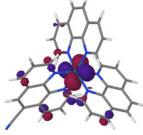
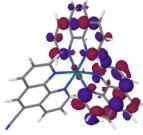
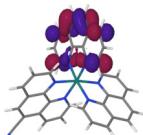
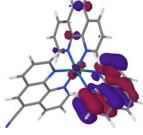
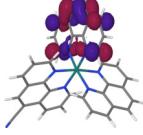
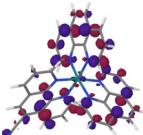
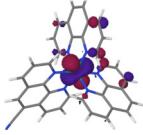
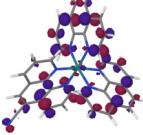
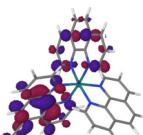
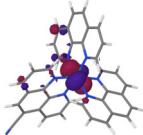
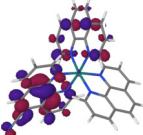
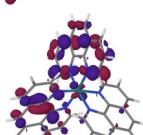
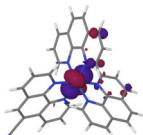
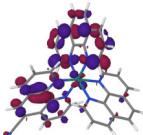
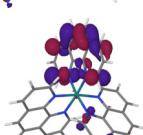
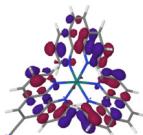
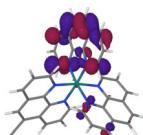
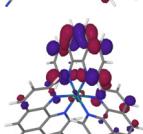
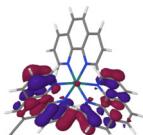
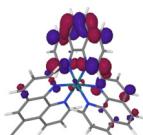
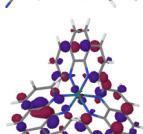
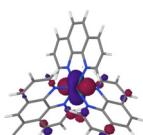
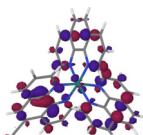
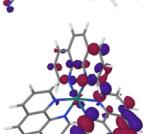
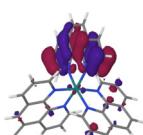
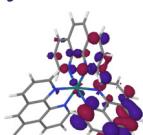
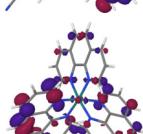
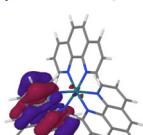
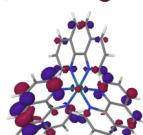
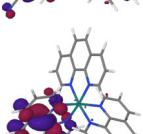
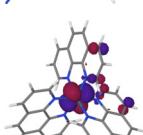
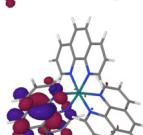
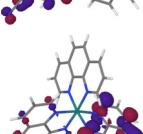
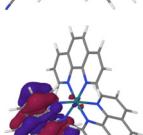
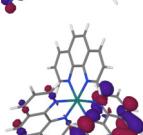
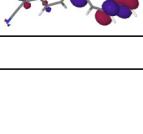
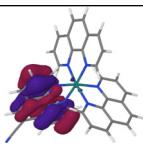
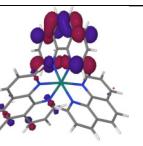
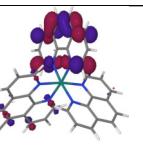
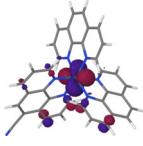
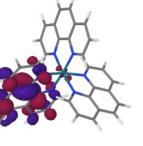
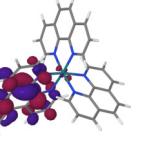
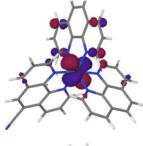
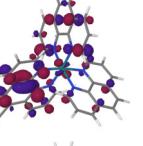
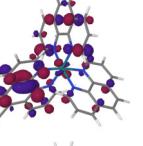
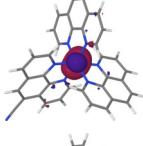
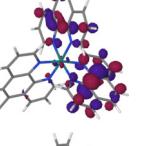
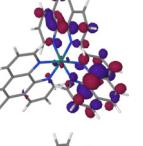
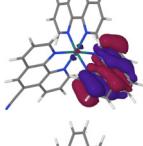
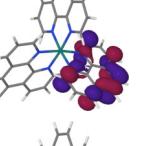
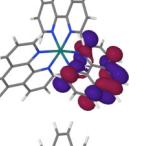
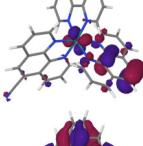
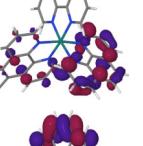
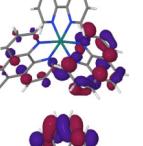
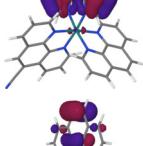
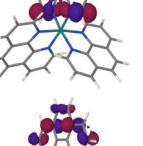
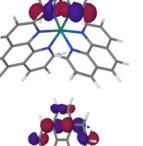
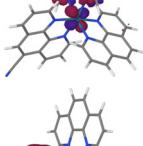
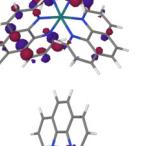
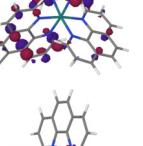
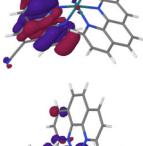
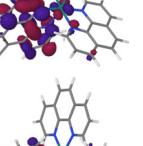
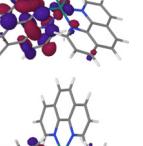
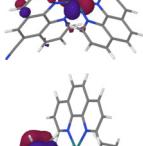
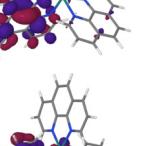
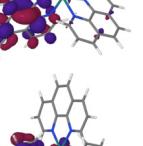
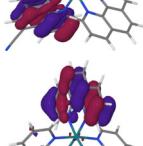
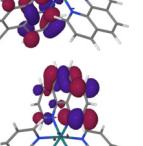
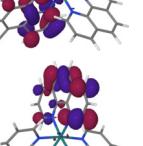
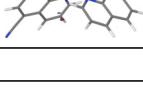
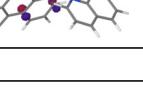
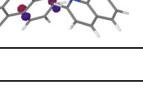
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				occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
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			12			
			25			
			22			
			20			
			18			
			42			
			21			
			20			
			80			
51	323	0.001	45			
			40			
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Nr	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	$\omega$ (%)	NTO		
				occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
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			18			
			10			
55	316	0.029	45			
			26			
			16			
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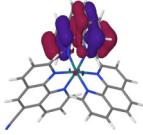
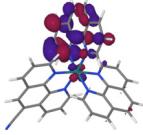
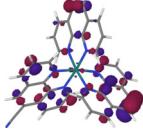
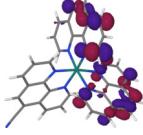
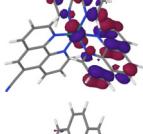
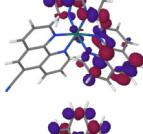
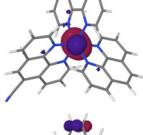
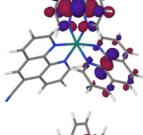
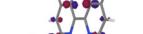
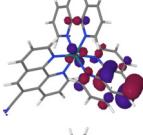
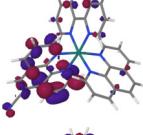
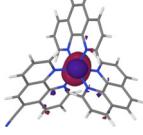
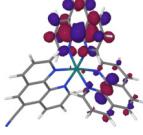
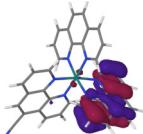
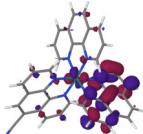
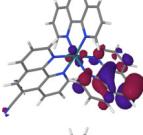
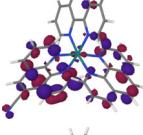
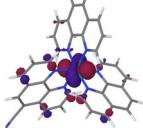
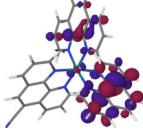
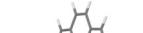
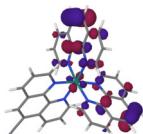
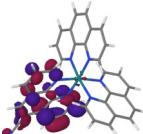
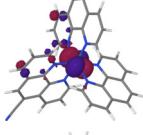
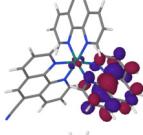
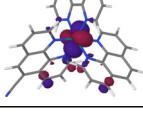
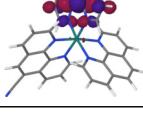
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Nr	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	$\omega$ (%)	NTO		
				occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
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			42			
61	301	0.025	51			
			12			
62	296	0.005	59			
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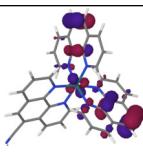
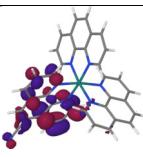
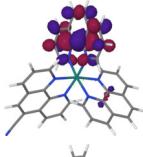
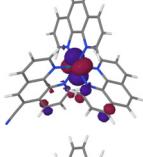
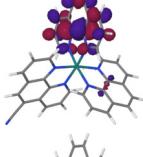
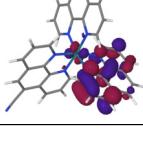
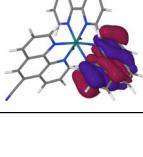
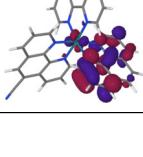
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			15			
			12			
66	287	0.063	44			
			28			
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			21			

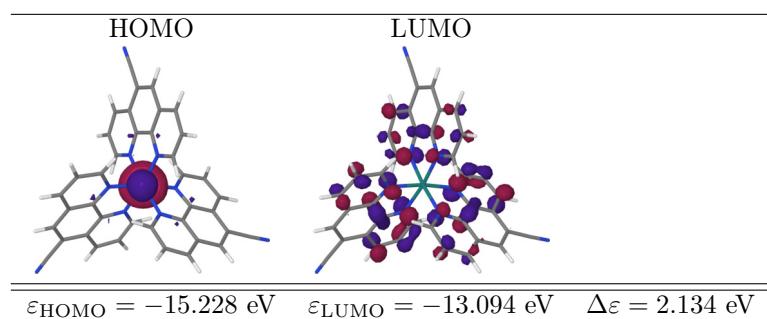
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				occ.	$\rightarrow$	virt.
70	282	0.063	40			
						
						

## S11 Computational results: $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen-CN})_3]^{2+}$

### S11.1 HOMO-LUMO gap



### S11.2 Calculated absorption spectrum

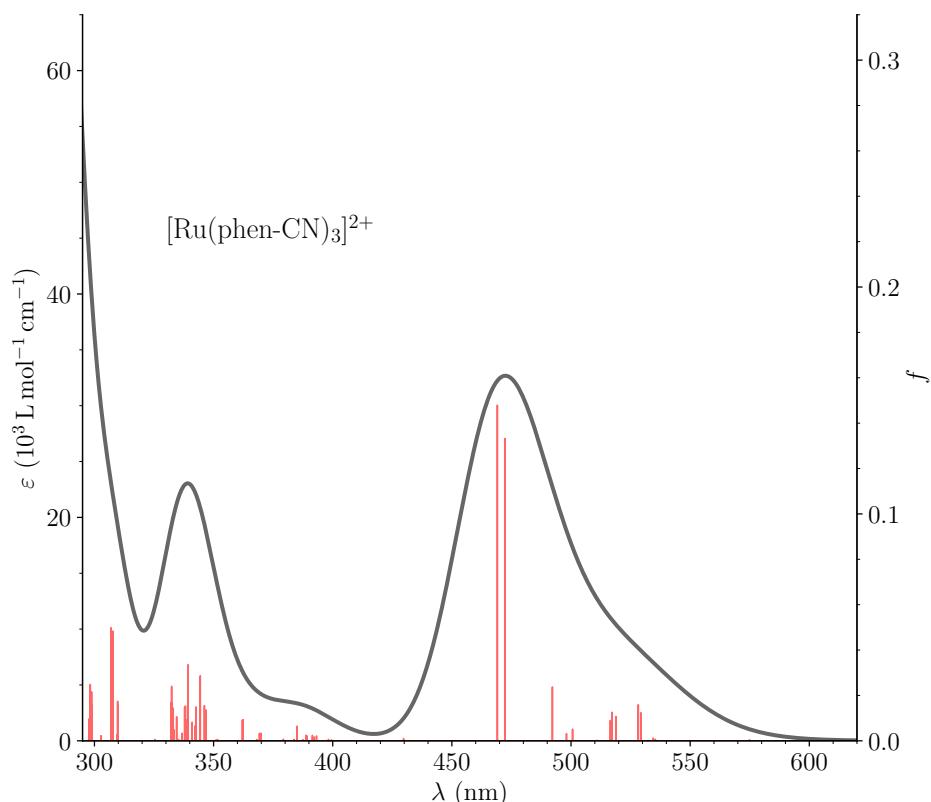
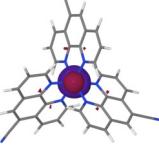
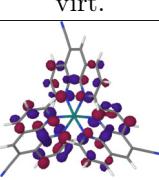
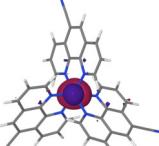
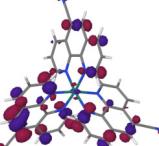
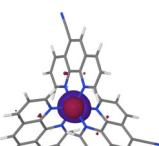
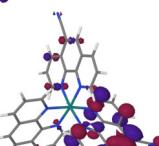
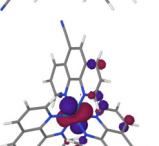
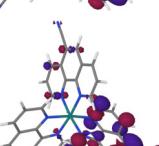
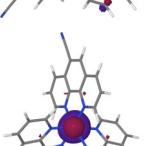
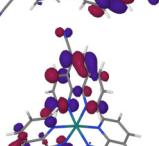
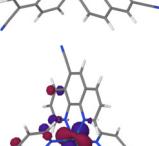
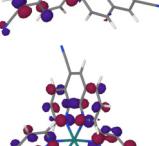
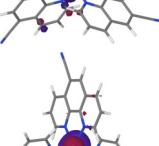
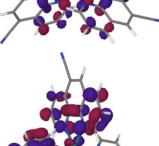
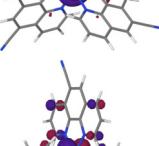
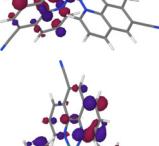
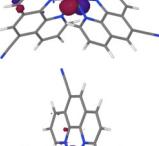
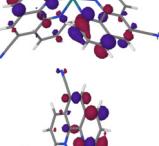


Figure S28: Absorption spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen-CN})_3]^{2+}$  obtained by convoluting the calculated oscillators strengths  $f$  with Gaussian having a full-width-at-half-maximum of  $2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (SAOP/TZ2P results).

### S11.3 Analysis of the electronic absorption spectrum

Table S5: Features of the  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  electronic transition in  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen}-\text{CN}_2)_3]^{2+}$ : transition wavelength  $\lambda$ , oscillator strength  $f$ , description in terms of natural transition orbitals (NTO) with the weights  $\omega$  of NTO  $\rightarrow$  NTO transitions (SAOP/TZ2P results).

$n$	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	NTO		
			$\omega$ (%)	occ.	$\rightarrow$
1	575	0.000	99		
2	553	0.000	95		
3	547	0.000	86		
			14		
4	547	0.000	87		
			13		
5	535	0.001	79		
			17		
6	534	0.001	77		

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Table S5: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				12			
				11			
7	529	0.012	62				
				32			
8	528	0.016	70				
				23			
9	519	0.011	73				
				22			
10	517	0.013	79				
				16			

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Table S5: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
11	516	0.009	73			$\rightarrow$	
						$\rightarrow$	
12	511	0.000	59			$\rightarrow$	
						$\rightarrow$	
13	501	0.005	61			$\rightarrow$	
						$\rightarrow$	
14	498	0.003	53			$\rightarrow$	
						$\rightarrow$	
15	492	0.024	56			$\rightarrow$	
						$\rightarrow$	

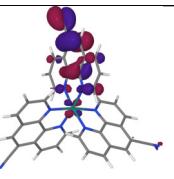
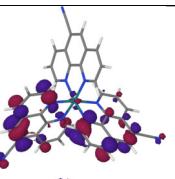
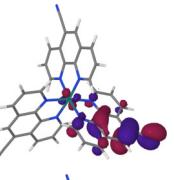
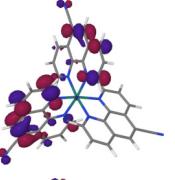
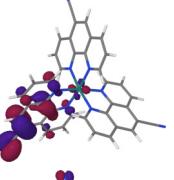
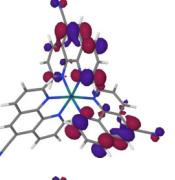
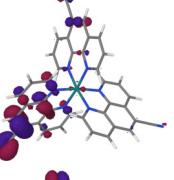
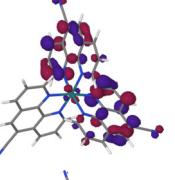
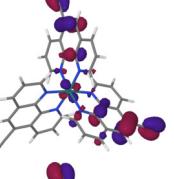
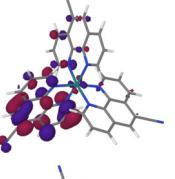
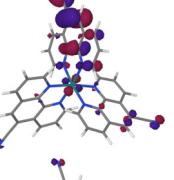
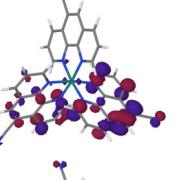
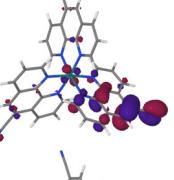
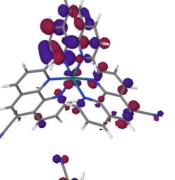
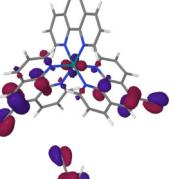
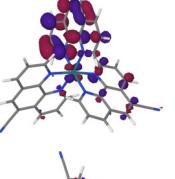
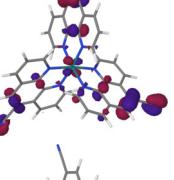
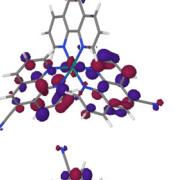
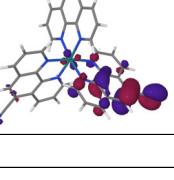
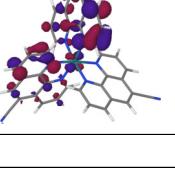
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17	469	0.148	54				
18	430	0.001	39				
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20	398	0.001	91				
21	397	0.000	89				

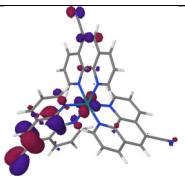
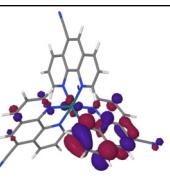
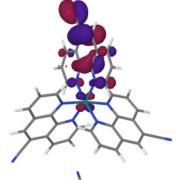
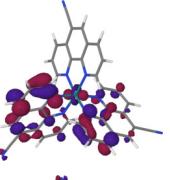
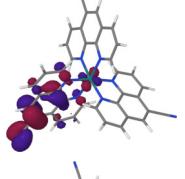
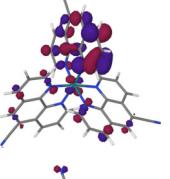
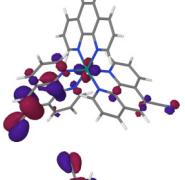
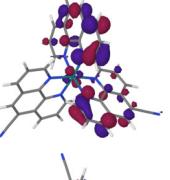
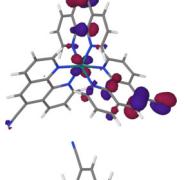
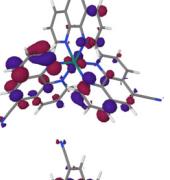
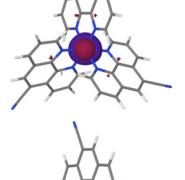
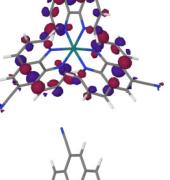
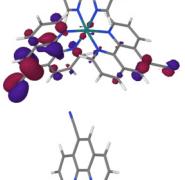
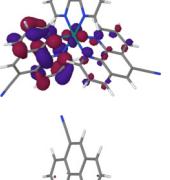
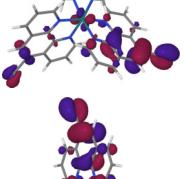
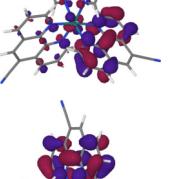
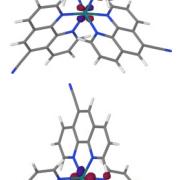
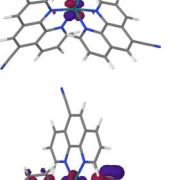
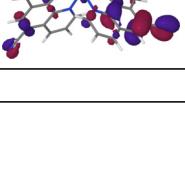
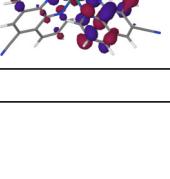
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23	392	0.002	92			$\rightarrow$	
24	391	0.002	90			$\rightarrow$	
25	389	0.002	60			$\rightarrow$	
			38			$\rightarrow$	
26	389	0.002	64			$\rightarrow$	
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27	387	0.000	66			$\rightarrow$	
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28	385	0.006	83			$\rightarrow$	

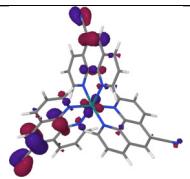
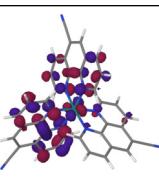
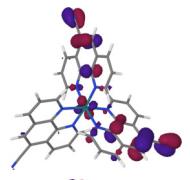
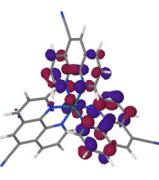
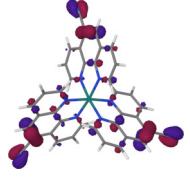
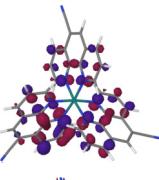
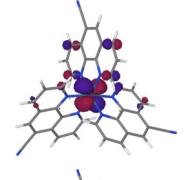
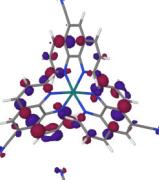
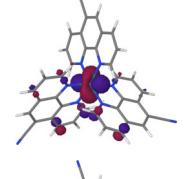
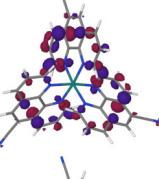
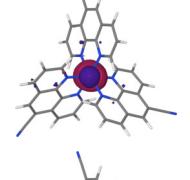
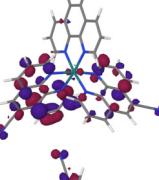
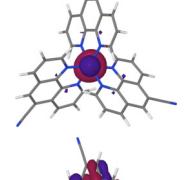
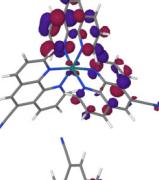
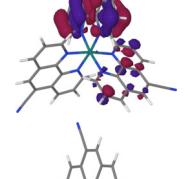
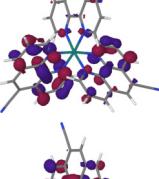
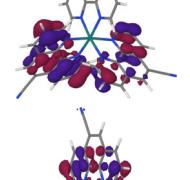
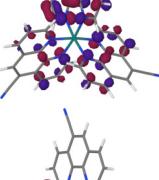
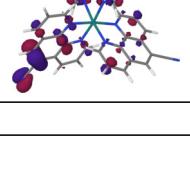
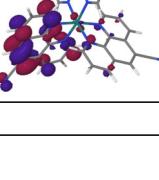
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29	385	0.006	87				
				11			
30	384	0.001	76				
				19			
31	379	0.001	92				
				58			
32	370	0.003	58				
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33	369	0.003	59				
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Table S5: *continued*

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34	368	0.001	43				
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35	362	0.009	94				
36	362	0.009	94				
37	352	0.001	85				
38	351	0.000	82				
39	347	0.014	76				
40	346	0.016	62				
			17				

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Table S5: *continued*

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41	344	0.029	29				
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			17				
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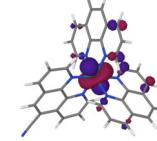
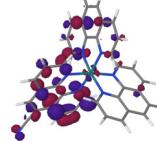
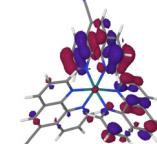
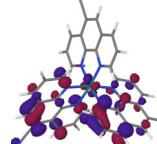
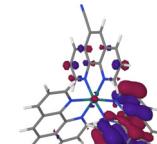
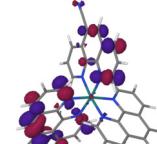
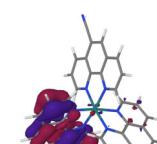
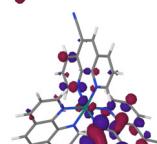
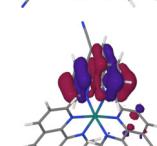
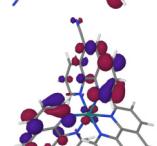
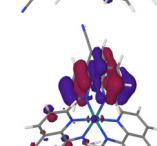
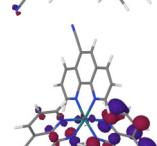
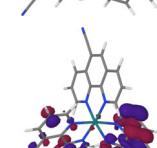
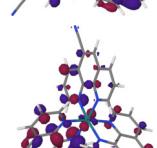
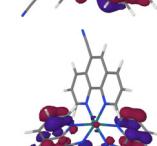
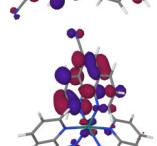
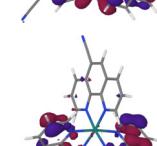
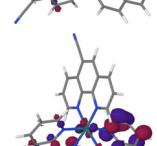
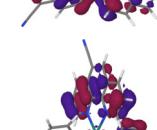
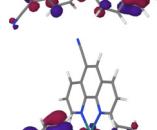
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<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				21			
				20			
45	339	0.034	67				
				11			
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				29			
				18			
47	338	0.015	71				
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48	338	0.015	49				

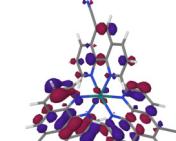
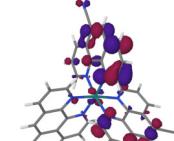
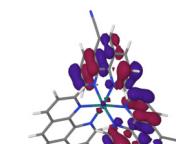
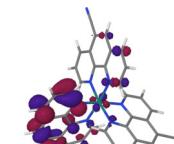
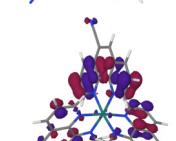
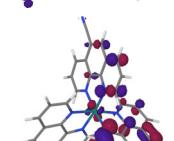
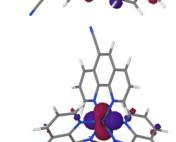
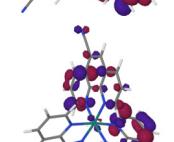
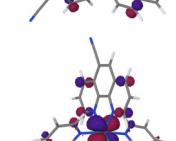
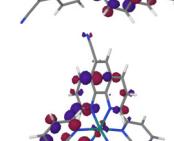
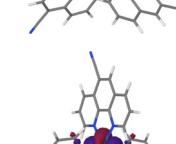
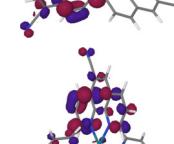
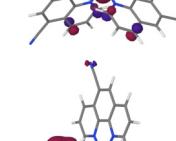
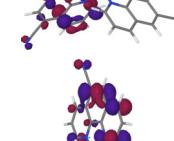
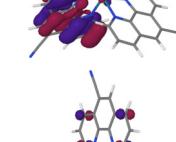
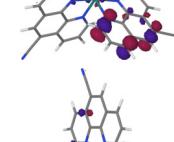
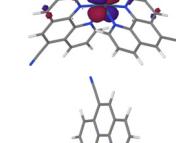
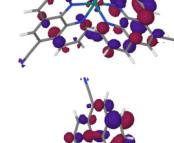
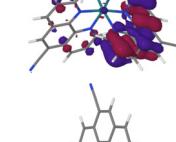
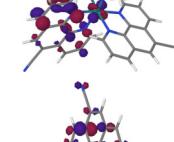
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n	$\lambda$ (nm)	f	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
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49	337	0.003	13			$\rightarrow$	
49	337	0.003	55			$\rightarrow$	
49	337	0.003	27			$\rightarrow$	
49	337	0.003	11			$\rightarrow$	
50	336	0.000	69			$\rightarrow$	
50	336	0.000	19			$\rightarrow$	
51	335	0.000	73			$\rightarrow$	
51	335	0.000	13			$\rightarrow$	
52	334	0.011	55			$\rightarrow$	

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Table S5: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
			28				
53	333	0.005	51				
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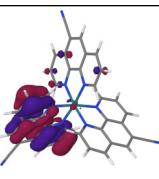
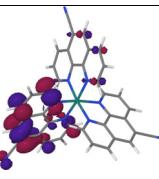
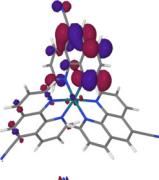
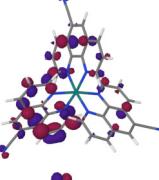
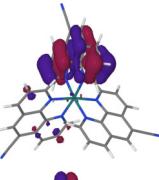
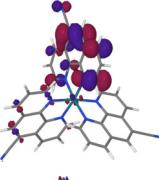
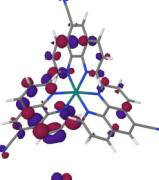
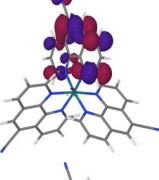
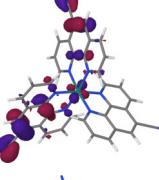
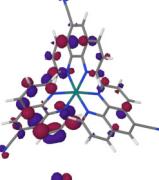
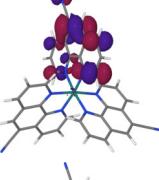
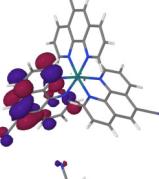
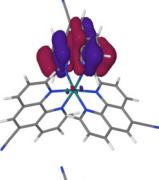
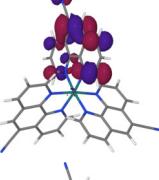
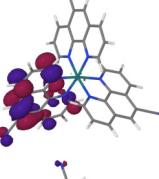
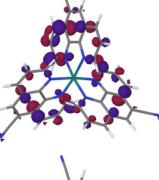
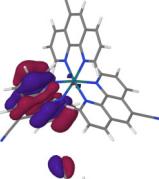
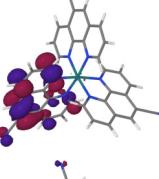
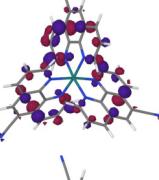
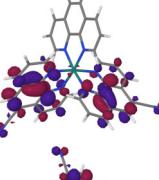
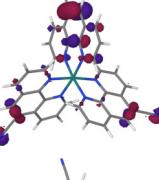
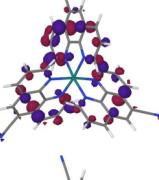
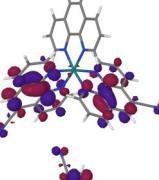
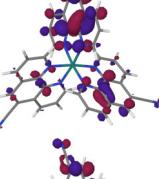
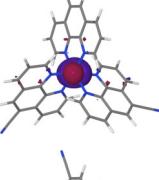
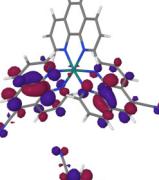
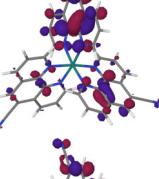
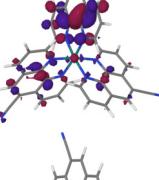
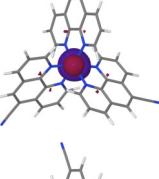
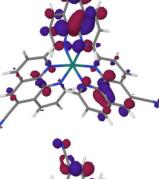
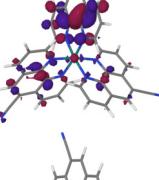
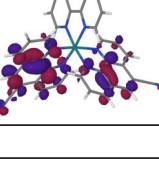
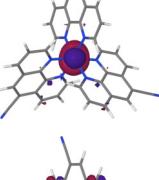
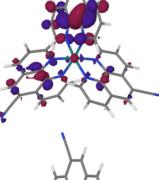
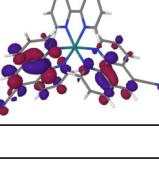
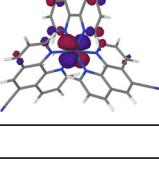
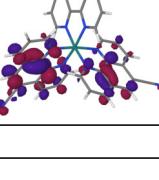
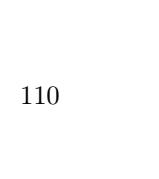
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<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
56	332	0.017	53	21			
				15			
				18			
				15			
				41			
				33			
				14			
				61			
<i>To be continued</i>							

Table S5: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
59	310	0.017	49				
							
							
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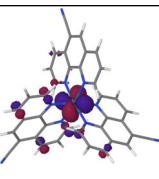
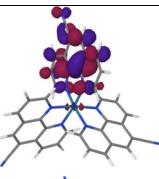
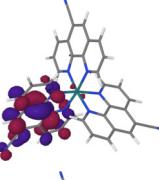
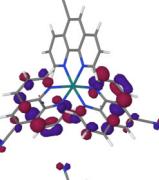
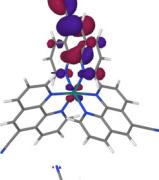
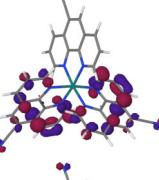
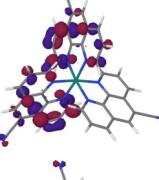
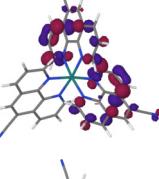
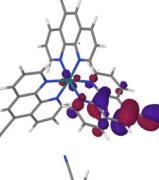
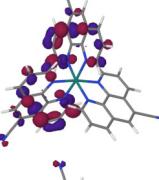
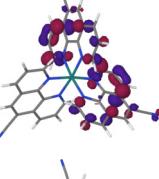
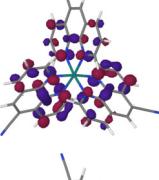
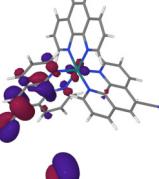
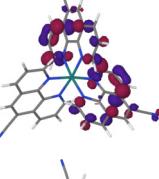
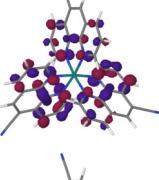
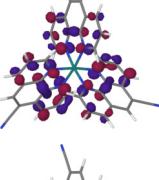
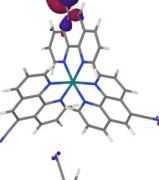
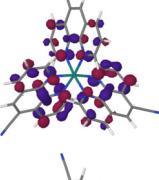
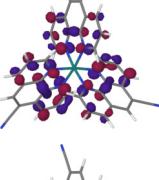
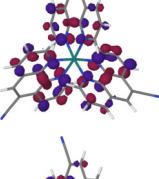
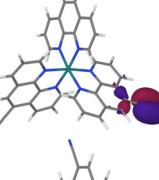
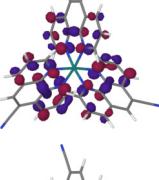
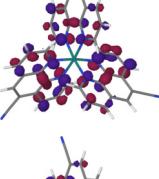
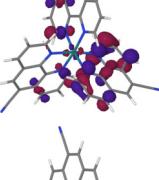
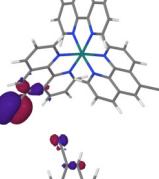
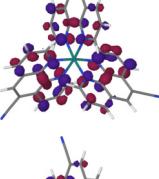
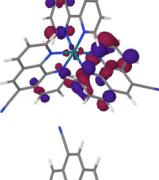
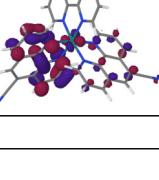
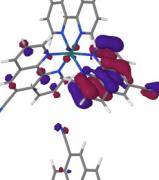
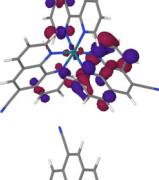
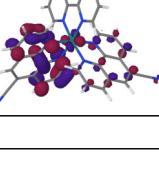
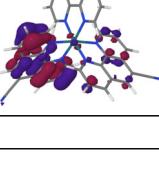
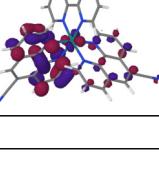
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Table S5: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
				24			
64	299	0.016	63				
				21			
65	299	0.022	55				
				21			
				11			
66	298	0.025	76				
				14			
67	298	0.010	65				
				28			

*To be continued*

Table S5: *continued*

<i>n</i>	$\lambda$ (nm)	<i>f</i>	$\omega$ (%)	occ.	NTO	$\rightarrow$	virt.
68	298	0.010	67				
69	291	0.055	79				
70	291	0.085	77				
71	291	0.107	78				
72	288	0.001	100				
73	288	0.001	100				
74	287	0.001	99				
75	285	0.094	18				
			17				

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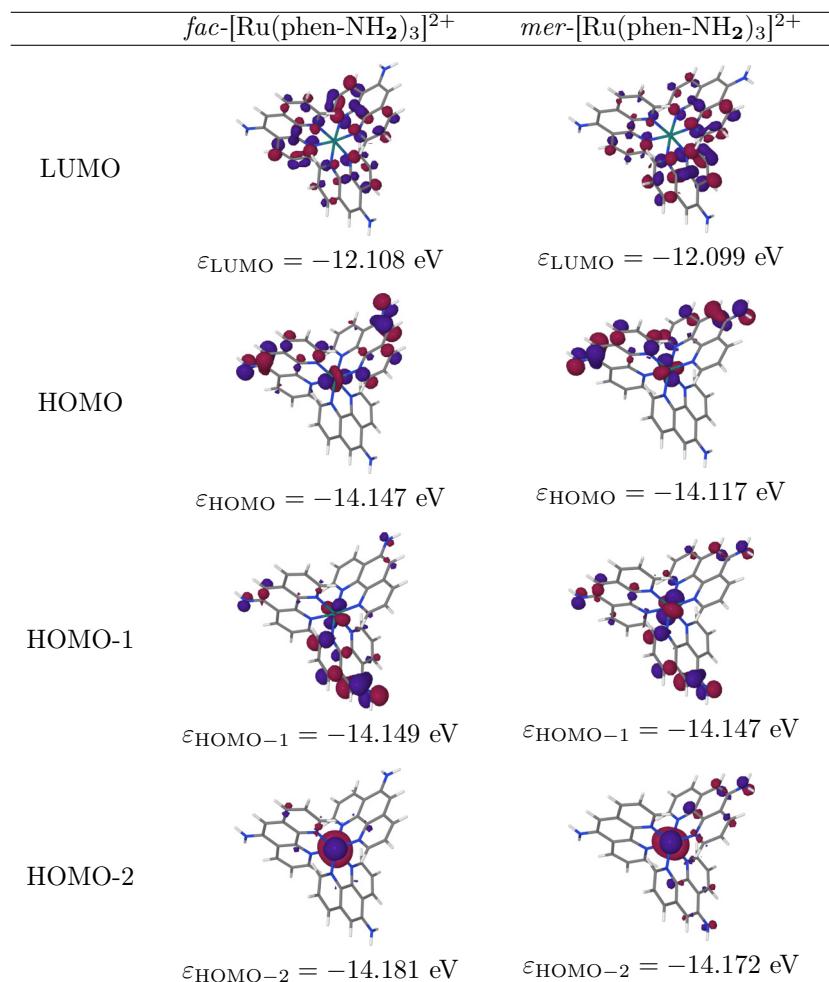
Table S5: *continued*

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				12			
76	285	0.123	17				
			17				
77	285	0.088	26				
			12				
			12				
			11				

## S12 Comparison of the computational results obtained for the *mer* and *fac* stereoisomers of $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen-NH}_2)_3]^{2+}$

The comparison of the computational results obtained for the frontiers orbitals (Section S12.1) and absorption spectra (Section S12.2) of the *mer* and *fac* stereoisomers of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen-NH}_2)_3]^{2+}$  indicates that the *mer*/*fac* isomerism has a weak influence on the properties of the investigated homoleptic complexes of substituted phen ligands.

### S12.1 Frontier molecular orbitals



The frontiers MOs of the two stereoisomers are very similar and their HOMO-LUMO gaps are very close:  $\Delta\varepsilon_{\text{fac}} = 2.039 \text{ eV}$  and  $\Delta\varepsilon_{\text{mer}} = 2.018 \text{ eV}$  (SR-SAOP/TZ2P results).

## S12.2 Calculated absorption spectra

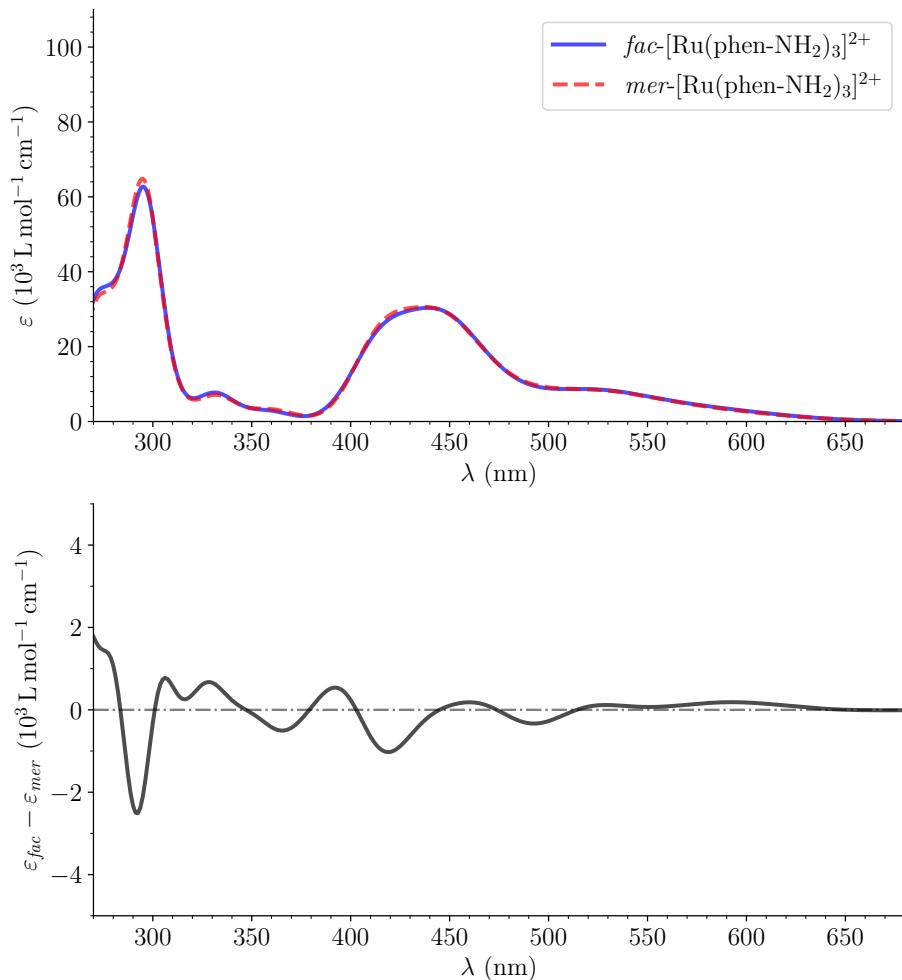


Figure S29: Comparison of the calculated absorption spectra of the *mer* and *fac* isomers of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen}-\text{NH}_2)_3]^{2+}$ : (Top) spectra obtained by convoluting the calculated oscillators strengths  $f$  with Gaussian having a full-with-at-half-maximum of  $2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , (Bottom) the difference absorption spectrum (SAOP/TZ2P results).