# *trans*-Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(diphosphine)(diamine) complexes as alternative catalysts for the asymmetric hydrogenation of ketones? A DFT study

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			Ru <sup>II</sup> (H) <sub>2</sub> (diphosphine)(S,S-dpen)		Fe <sup>II</sup> (H) <sub>2</sub> (diphosphine)(S,S-dpen)			
Level of Theory	Basis Set		XylBINAP	BINAP	XylBINAP	BINAP		
			E [hartrees]					
PBE	DNP	trans	-3470.30091370	-3156.09229030	-3487.56174970	-3173.35331800		
		cis	-3470.29373690	-3156.08585710	-3487.54886050	-3173.34191670		
PBE	6-31G **/ LANL2DZ	trans	-3437.22883146	-3123.12551219	-3466.73778810	-3152.63437597		
		cis	-3437.22531492	-3123.12230077	-3466.73189327	-3152.62862365		
PBE0	6-31G **/ LANL2DZ	trans	-3437.60051060	-3123.42781561	-3467.05788122	-3152.88512492		
		cis	-3437.59421349	-3123.42183393	-3467.04447814	-3152.87192947		
B3LYP	6-31G **/ LANL2DZ	trans	-3441.02152492	-3126.46293057	-3470.52370552	-3155.96495900		
		cis	-3441.01676916	-3126.45879427	-3470.51062337	-3155.95234981		

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#### A-1 DMol<sup>3</sup>/PBE/DNP

A11. trans-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A12. cis-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A13. trans-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A14. cis-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A15. trans[-Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A16. cis-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A17. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A18. cis-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)]

#### A-2 Gaussian03/PBE/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ

A21. trans-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A22. cis-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A23. trans-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A24. cis-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A25. trans[-Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A26. cis-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A27. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A28. cis-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)]

#### A-3 Gaussian03/PBE0/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ

A31. trans-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A32. cis-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A33. trans-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A34. cis-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A35. trans[-Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A36. cis-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A37. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A38. cis-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)]

#### A-4 Gaussian03/B3LYP/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ

A41. trans-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A42. cis-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A43. trans-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A44. cis-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A45. trans[-Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A46. cis-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-XylBINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A47. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)] A48. cis-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-BINAP)(S,S-dpen)]

#### B. <u>Based on Table 2: Comparison of Spin States</u>

**Table B** Electronic energies of the *trans*- $[Ru^{II}(H)_2(S-xylbinap)(S,S-dpen)]$  and *trans*- $[Fe^{II}(H)_2(S-xylbinap)(S,S-dpen)]$  complexes with S=0, 2, and 4.

Spin Multiplicity	Ru-XylBINAP	Fe-XylBINAP	
Spin Multiplicity	E [hart	rees]	
Singlet	-3470.2639053	-3487.5236447	
Triplet	-3470.1966383	-3487.4802138	
Quintet	-3470.1077703	-3487.4320404	

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## B. DMol<sup>3</sup>/PBE/DNP

B1. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-xylbinap)(S,S-dpen)]– Singlet B2. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-xylbinap)(S,S-dpen)] – Triplet B3. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(S-xylbinap)(S,S-dpen)] – Quintet

B4. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(*S*-xylbinap)(*S*,*S*-dpen)] – Singlet B5. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(*S*-xylbinap)(*S*,*S*-dpen)] – Triplet B6. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(H)<sub>2</sub>(*S*-xylbinap)(*S*,*S*-dpen)] – Quintet

#### C. Based on Table 3 and Figure 2: Whole Catalytic Cycles in Simplifed Systems

**Table C** The electric energies (in hartrees) of reactant, TS, and product for the H<sub>2</sub>-hydrogenation of acetone catalysed by *trans*- $[M^{II}(H)_2(PH_3)_2(en)]$  model catalysts, where M = Ru and Fe.

Functional	PBE	PBE	PBE0	B3LYP	mPW1PW91
Basis Set	DNP	6-31G **	6-31G **	6-31G **	6-31G**
	N/A	LAND2DZ	LAND2DZ	LAND2DZ	SDD
E <sub>Ru, H2</sub> -Transfer,Rac	-1164.26200780	-1196.55122960	-1164.34210311	-1165.12374393	-1166.09124300
E <sub>Ru, H2</sub> -Transfer,TS	-1164.25858000	-1196.55473000	-1164.33769000	-1165.11832938	-1166.08696625
E <sub>Ru, H2</sub> -Transfer,Pro	-1164.27783649	-1196.56547550	-1164.35729089	-1165.13677073	-1166.10291681
E <sub>Ru, H2</sub> -Split,Rac	-1003.52607400	-971.31812421	-971.37115790	-971.93508966	-972.94276847
E <sub>Ru, H2</sub> -Split ,TS	-1003.51106900	-971.30260316	-971.35777253	-971.91315786	-972.92892000
E <sub>Ru, H2</sub> -Split ,Pro	-1003.54132350	-971.33261145	-971.39466548	-971.94956287	-972.96704523
E <sub>Fe, H2</sub> -Transfer,Rac	-1213.81182060	-1193.77010136	-1193.79858433	-1194.62549177	-1195.00752196
E <sub>Fe, H22-Transfer,TS</sub>	-1213.80860000	-1193.76692000	-1193.79475000	-1194.62043710	-1195.00382898
E <sub>Fe, H2-Transfer,Pro</sub>	-1213.82691190	-1193.78690418	-1193.81450050	-1194.64003965	-1195.02283078
E <sub>Fe, H2</sub> -Split,Rac	-1020.79219140	-1000.83011247	-1000.83141714	-1001.43909777	-1001.86446393
E <sub>Fe, H2-Split,TS</sub>	-1020.77919000	-1000.81538361	-1000.81856000	-1001.41870838	-1001.85085000
E <sub>Fe, H2</sub> -Split ,Pro	-1020.80302440	-1000.84137447	-1000.85190975	-1001.45212437	-1001.88441044

•  $\Delta E_{M, H_2-Transfer, X}$  is the electric energy hydrogen transfers in the acetone/isopropanol reaction catalysed by the 18electron hydride-amino metal complex;

•  $\Delta E_{M, H_2-Split,X}$  is the electric energy for the heterolytic dihydrogen splitting on the 16-electron hydrido-amido metal complex.

• M = Ru and Fe; X = Rac, TS, and Pro which stand for Reactant, Transition-State Structure, and Product, respectively.

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#### C-1 DMol<sup>3</sup>/PBE/DNP

C11Ru-Re. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Rac C11Ru-TS. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,TS C11Ru-Pr. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Pro C12Ru-Re. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Rac C12Ru-TS. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS C12Ru-Pr. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Pro C11Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Rac C11Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,TS C11Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Pro C12Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Rac C12Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS C12Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Pro

#### C-2 Gaussian03/PBE/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ

C21Ru-Re. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Rac C21Ru-TS. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,TS C21Ru-Pr. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Pro C22Ru-Re. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Rac C22Ru-TS. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS C22Ru-Pr. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Pro

C21Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Rac C21Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,TS C21Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Pro C22Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Rac C22Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS C22Fe. trans-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Pro

#### C-3 Gaussian03/PBE0/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ

C31Ru-Re. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Rac C31Ru-TS. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,TS C31Ru-Pr. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Pro C32Ru-Re. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Rac C32Ru-TS. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS C32Ru-Pr. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Pro

C31Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Rac C31Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,TS C31Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Pro C32Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Rac C32Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS C32Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS

#### C-4 Gaussian03/B3LYP/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ

C41Ru-Re. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Rac C41Ru-TS. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,TS C41Ru-Pr. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Pro C42Ru-Re. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Rac C42Ru-TS. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS C42Ru-Pr. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Pro

C41Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Rac C41Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,TS C41Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Pro C42Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Rac C42Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS C42Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS

#### C-5 Gaussian03/B3LYP/6-31G\*\*/SDD

C51Ru-Re. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Rac C51Ru-TS. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,TS C51Ru-Pr. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Pro C52Ru-Re. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Rac C52Ru-TS. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS C52Ru-Pr. *trans*-[Ru<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Pro

C51Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Rac C51Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,TS C51Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer,Pro C52Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Rac C52Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,TS C52Fe. *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>M(H)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(en)] H<sub>2</sub>-Split,Pro

#### D. <u>Based on Figure 5: H<sub>2</sub>-Transfer in Real Systems</u>

There are seven real structures in the Ru system and Fe systems, respectively. The XYZ files are shown in the attached Zip-archive.

### D. DMol<sup>3</sup>/PBE/DNP

D01. [Acetophenone + 18e- dihydride-amino  $Ru^{II}$  complex] D02. INT- $I_{Ru}$ D03. INT- $II_{Ru}$ D04. Hydrog.  $TS_{Ru}$ D05. ADDUCT- $I_{Ru}$ D06. ADDUCT- $II_{Ru}$ D07. [Phenylenthanol + 16e- hydrido-amido  $Ru^{II}$  complex] D08. [Acetophenone + 18e- dihydride-amino Fe<sup>II</sup> complex] D09. INT- $I_{Fe}$ D10. INT- $II_{Fe}$ 

D11. Hydrog. TS<sub>Fe</sub>

- D12. ADDUCT-I<sub>Fe</sub>
- D13. ADDUCT-II<sub>Fe</sub>
- D14. [Phenylenthanol + 16e- hydrido-amido  $Fe^{II}$  complex]