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**Comparative photo-release of nitric oxide from isomers of substituted terpyridinenitrosylruthenium(II) complexes: experimental and computational investigations.**

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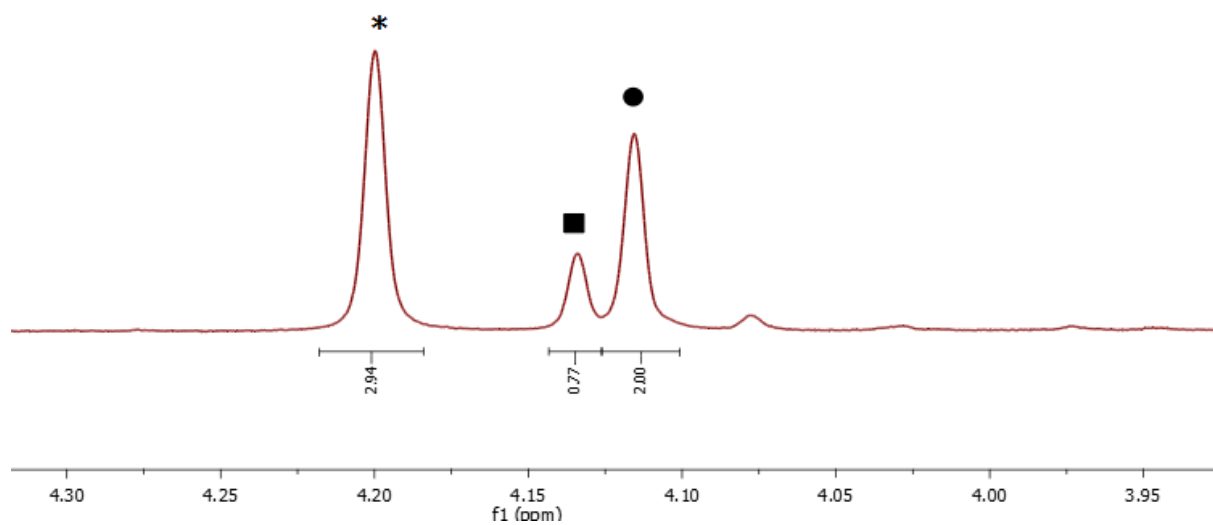
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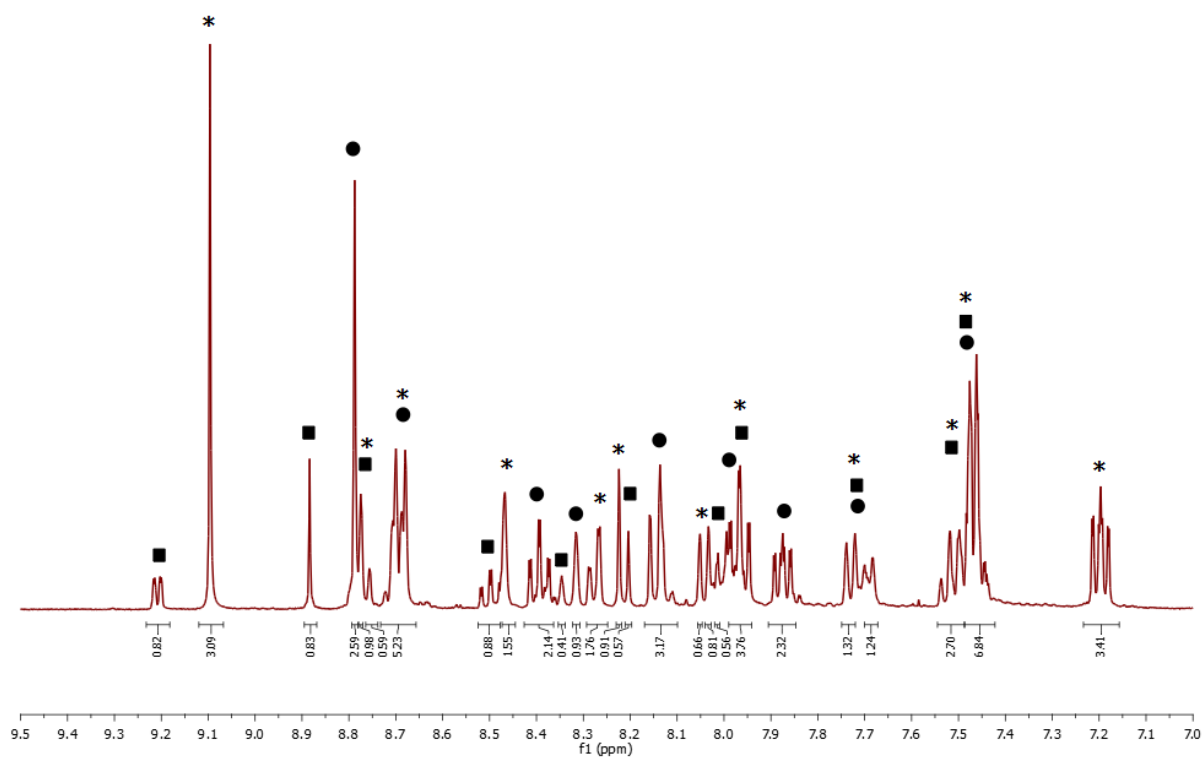
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S5. Voltamogram of *trans*(Cl-Cl)-[Ru(FT)Cl<sub>2</sub>(NO)](PF<sub>6</sub>)

S1.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of the mixture of isomers:  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{FT})_2](\text{PF}_6)_2$  (star), *cis*(Cl,Cl)- $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{FT})\text{Cl}_2(\text{NO})](\text{PF}_6)$  (square), and *trans*(Cl,Cl)- $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{FT})\text{Cl}_2(\text{NO})](\text{PF}_6)$  (circle).

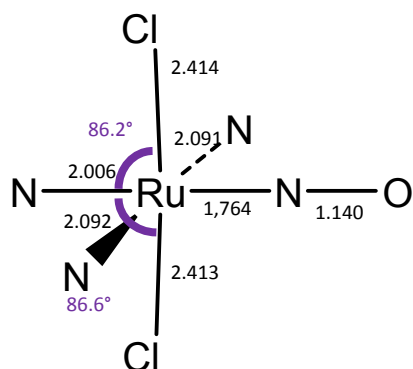


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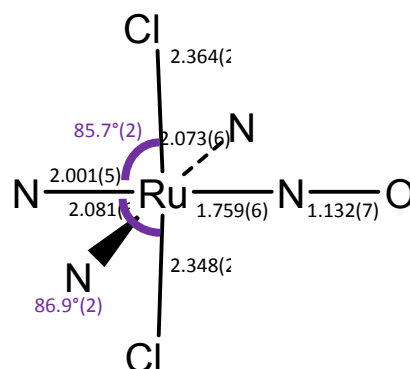


b) aromatic part

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B3PW91/6-31G\*



X-ray diffraction

- S3. Computed coordinates for FT,  $trans(Cl-Cl)-[Ru^{II}(FT)(Cl)_2(NO)]^+$ , and  $cis(Cl-Cl)-[Ru^{II}(FT)(Cl)_2(NO)]^+$ , and  $trans(Cl-Cl)-[Ru(terpyridine)(Cl)_2(NO)]^+$ .

4'-(2-fluorenyl)-2,2':6',2''-terpyridine (FT).

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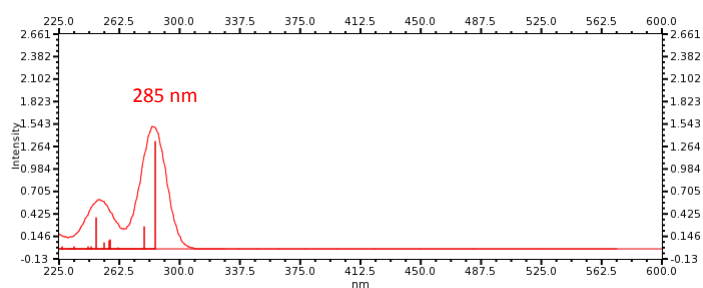
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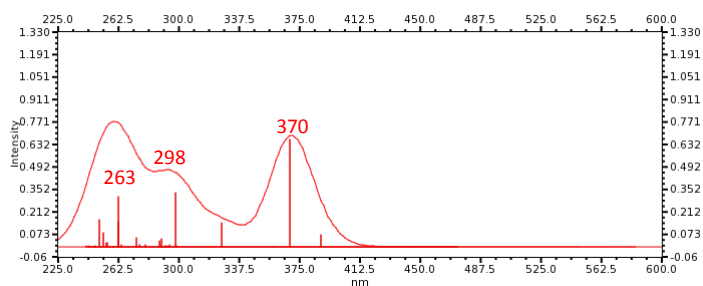
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S4. CAM-B3LYP computed DFT spectra for FT, *trans*(Cl-Cl)-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(FT)(Cl)<sub>2</sub>(NO)]<sup>+</sup>, and *cis*(Cl-Cl)-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(FT)(Cl)<sub>2</sub>(NO)]<sup>+</sup>.

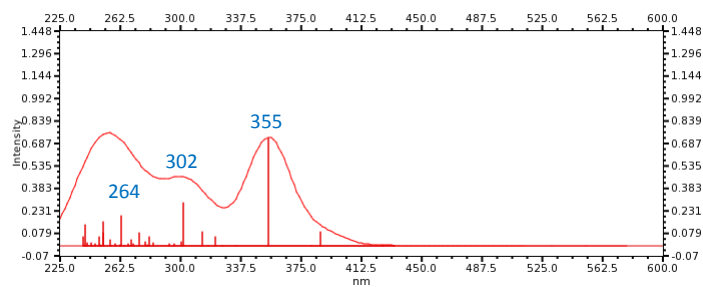
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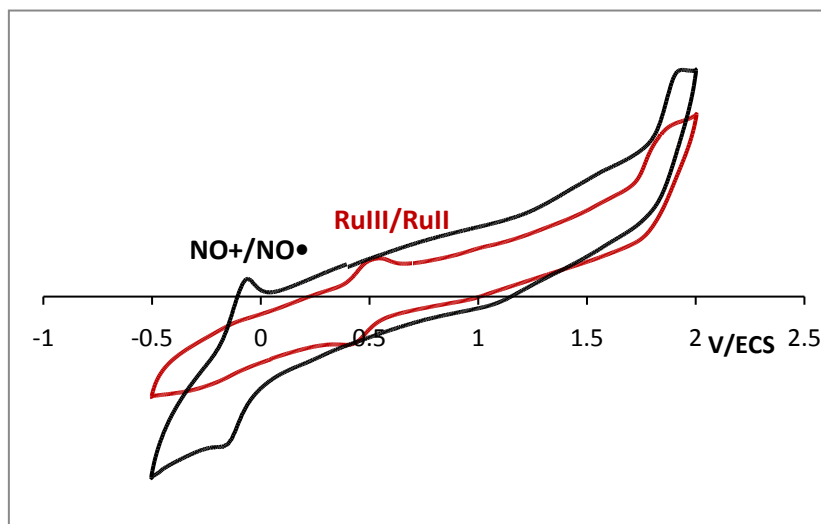


*cis*(Cl-Cl)-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(FT)(Cl)<sub>2</sub>(NO)]<sup>+</sup>





S5. Voltamogram of  $\text{trans}(\text{Cl},\text{Cl})\text{-}[\text{Ru}(\text{FT})\text{Cl}_2(\text{NO})](\text{PF}_6)$



$\text{Trans}(\text{Cl},\text{Cl})\text{-}[\text{Ru}(\text{FT})\text{Cl}_2(\text{NO})](\text{PF}_6)$  (black) and photoproduct (red)