

**Metal-Metal Interactions in Dinuclear Ruthenium
Complexes incorporating “Stepped-Parallel” Bridging
Ligands: Synthesis, Stereochemistry and Intervalence
Charge Transfer**

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Table S1. Reduction potentials (in mV relative to the Fc^+/Fc^0 couple) for the diastereoisomers of $[\{\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2\}_2(\mu\text{-BL})]^{4+}$ in 0.1 M $[(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_4\text{N}]\text{PF}_6/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$.^a

BL	Diastereoisomer	E _{red1}	E _{red2}	E _{red3}	E _{red4}	E _{red5}
2,5-dpp	<i>meso</i>	-980	-1530			
	<i>rac</i>	-978	-1522			
dpop	<i>meso</i>	-588	-1348	-1908 ^b	-2100	
	<i>rac</i>	-608	-1332	-1908 ^b	-2165	-2218
apy ^c	<i>meso</i>	35	-615	-1735 ^b	-2025	
	<i>rac</i>	25	-645	-1745 ^b	-2055	

^a Potentials are quoted ± 3 mV.

^b Two-electron reduction process.

^c Potentials measured in 0.1 M $[(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_4\text{N}]\text{ClO}_4/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ {L. S. Kelso, D. A. Reitsma, and F. R. Keene, *Inorg. Chem.*, 1996, **35**, 5144-5153}.

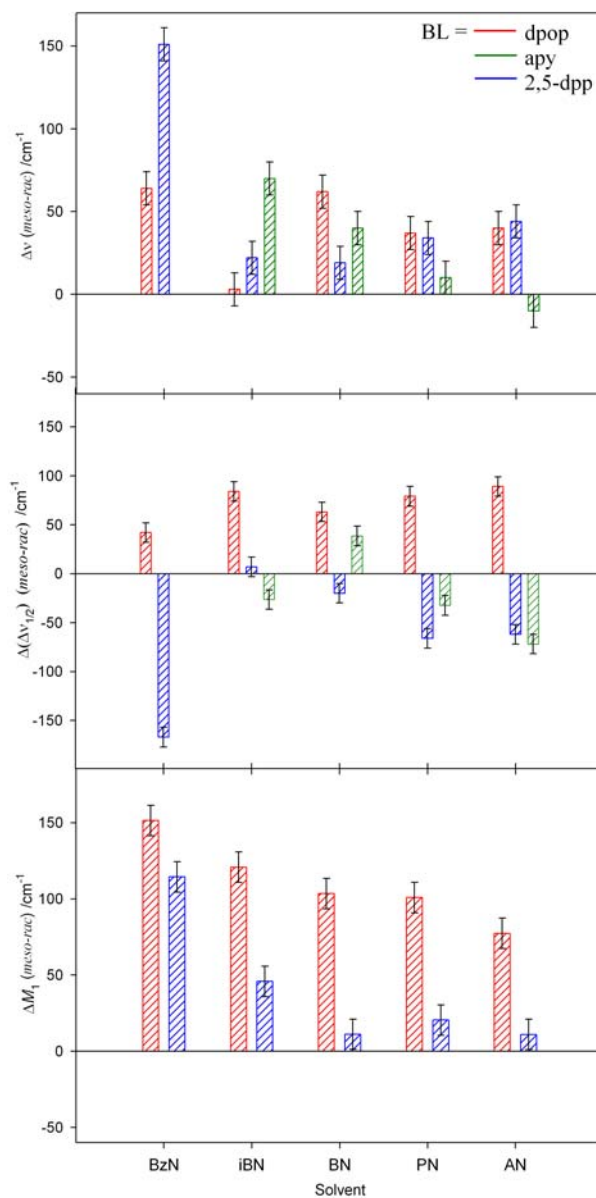


Figure S1. Differential energies, bandwidths and first moments of the IVCT transitions for the diastereoisomers.

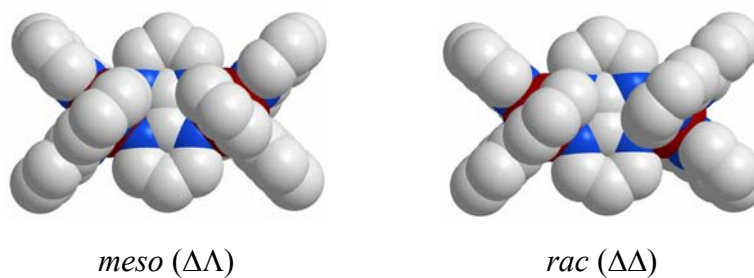


Figure S2. Top view of the *meso* ($\Lambda\Lambda$) and *rac* ($\Delta\Delta$) diastereoisomers of $[\{\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2\}_2(\mu\text{-bpm})]^{4+}$ illustrating the subtle variation in the dimensions of the clefts above and below the plane of the bridging ligand. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.