Supporting Information

Shape-Persistent Ruthenium (II)- and Iron (II)-Bisterpyridine Metallodendrimers: Synthesis, Traveling-Wave Ion-Mobility Mass Spectrometry, and Photophysical Properties

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1. ESI mass spectra, ESI-TWIM MS plots, and drift time distributions of Ru(II) complex G0.



Figure S1. (a) ESI mass spectrum of **G0.** The insets in the mass spectrum show experimental (top) and 5 calculated (bottom) isotope distributions. (b) Two-dimensional ESI-TWIM MS plot (mass-to-charge ratio *vs.* drift time) of **G0** measured at a traveling wave velocity of 350 m/s and traveling wave height of 8.5 V. The charge states of intact assemblies are marked.

2. ESI MS, ESI-TWIM MS plots, drift time distributions, and gradient tandem MS of Ru(II)/Fe(II) complex G1Ru4Fe1.





Figure S2. (a) ESI MS of G1Ru4Fe1. The insets in the mass spectrum show experimental (top) and calculated (bottom) isotope distributions. (b) Two-dimensional ESI-TWIM MS plot (mass-to-charge ratio vs. drift time) of G1Ru4Fe1 measured at a traveling wave velocity of 350 m/s and a traveling 5 wave height of 8.5 V. The charge states of intact assemblies are marked. (c) Two-dimensional ESI gMS² TWIM plot of m/z 1058 (4+) from G1Ru4Fe1 (PF₆⁻, as counterion). The m/z-1058 ion was mass-selected by the Q analyzer and subjected to CAD with Ar atoms in the trap cell at collision energies varying between 6-50 eV. The ions exiting the trap were separated by size through the TWIM device at a traveling wave velocity of 350 m/s and a traveling wave height of 8.5 V, and the separated 10 ions were transferred to the ToF region for m/z analysis. The plots display a narrow m/z window around m/z 1058 to show how the intensity of the assembly G1Ru4Fe1 (PF₆⁻, as counterion) is depleted as it undergoes increasingly energetic collisions.

3. Gradient tandem MS of Ru(II) complexes G1Ru5.



Figure S3. Two-dimensional ESI gMS² TWIM plot of m/z 1069 (4+) from **G1Ru5** (PF₆⁻, as counterion). The m/z-1069 ion was mass-selected by the Q analyzer and subjected to CAD with Ar 5 atoms in the trap cell at collision energies varying between 6-65 eV. The ions exiting the trap were separated by size through the TWIM device at a traveling wave velocity of 350 m/s and a traveling wave height of 8.5 V, and the separated ions were transferred to the ToF region for m/z analysis. The plots display a narrow m/z window around m/z 1069 to show how the intensity of the assembly **G1Ru5** (PF₆⁻, as counterion) is depleted as it undergoes increasingly energetic collisions.

4. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, MALDI-ToF MS, and COSY NMR spectra of the ligands and metallostructures.



¹H NMR spectrum of **T3**.





¹³C NMR spectrum of **T3**.



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772.328 m/z

MALDI-ToF mass spectrum of T3.



¹H NMR spectrum of **MT3**.



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¹³C NMR spectrum of MT3



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950

1000

1050

1100

m/z

MALDI-ToF mass spectrum of MT3.







¹³C NMR spectrum of **G0**.

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MALDI-ToF mass spectrum of G0.







¹³C NMR spectrum of **T2Ru1**.









COSY NMR spectrum of T2Ru1.



¹H NMR spectrum of **T1Ru2**.



¹³C NMR spectrum of **T1Ru2**.



MALDI-ToF mass spectrum of T1Ru2.



COSY NMR spectrum of T1Ru2.



¹H NMR spectrum of **G1Ru5**.



¹³C NMR spectrum of **G1Ru5**.



MALDI-ToF mass spectrum of G1Ru5.

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COSY NMR spectrum of G1Ru5.



¹H NMR spectrum of G1Ru4Fe1.



¹³C NMR spectrum of G1Ru4Fe1.



COSY NMR spectrum of G1Ru4Fe1.

5. Pertinent X-ray data for G0 and MT3.

Diffraction data for MT3 were collected at T=100K on a Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer 5 equipped with Mo Kα radiation (λ=0.71073 Å). Refinement was by full-matrix least squares using SHELXL, with H atoms in idealized positions, and one Me group having its H atoms disordered into two sets of positions. Crystal data for MT3: C₅₄H₃₉N₉ · 2 CHCl₃, monoclinic space group C2/c, a=16.380(3), b=13.469(2), c=22.139(4) Å, β=95.722(6)°, V=4860.0(14) Å³, T=100.0(5) K , Z=4, ρ_{calcd}=1.439 g cm⁻³, μ(MoKα)=0.40 mm⁻¹. A total of 32,549 data was collected at θ=30.5°, R_{int}=0.026.
10 Refinement yielded R=0.044 for 5849 data with I>2σ(I) of 7390 unique data and 324 refined parameters. The molecule lies on a crystallographic twofold axis.

Diffraction data for **G0** were collected at T=100K on a Bruker CCD diffractometer equipped with graphite-monochromated Mo Kα radiation (λ=0.71073 Å). The structure of **G0** which lies about a threefold rotation axis was refined by full-matrix least squares using SHELXTL, with H atoms in 15 idealized positions. Crystal data for **G0**: C₁₂₀H₉₀N₁₈O₃Ru₃, 6(NO₃) · 12 CH₃OH, trigonal space group R3c, a =31.823(7), b=31.823(7), c=21.495(5) Å (hexagonal axes), V=18851(8) Å³, T=100(2) K, Z=6, ρ_{calcd}=1.528 g cm⁻³, μ(MoKα)=0.448 mm⁻¹. A total of 37,791 data was collected to θ=23.5°, R_{int}=0.124. Refinement yielded R=0.0603 and an absolute structure parameter (Flack) of 0.32(6) for 3126 data with I>2σ(I) of 4121 unique data and 472 refined parameters. Contribution to the structure factors from the disordered solvent and one of the two independent nitrate ions was removed for refinement using the SQUEEZE technique.