

Thomas J. Meyer

CAREER RETROSPECTIVE
LEVIN GROUP MEETING 4/16/20
PATRICK KELLY

Career Summary

1963-1966 – PhD Stanford University (Henry Taube)

1967 – NATO Postdoctoral fellowship University College, London

1968 – Joined faculty at University of North Carolina

1972 – Promoted to Associate Professor

1975 – Promoted to Full Professor

1982 – Smith Professor

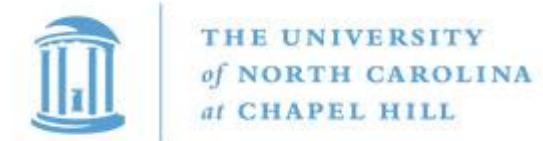
1985 – Kenan Professor

1994-1996 – Dean of the Graduate School UNC

2000-2004 – Los Alamos National Lab

2005-present – Arey Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, UNC

As of 2016 – 756 publications, 6 patents



Selected Awards

Alfred P. Sloan Fellow (1975-1977)

Medal of Merit Award, Ohio University Alumni Association, Ohio University (1988)

Dwyer Medalist, University of New South Wales, Australia (1989)

ACS Award in Inorganic Chemistry (1990)

Centenary Medalist, Royal Society of Chemistry (1991)

Southern Chemist of the Year Award, Memphis Section of ACS (1992)

American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, Massachusetts (1994)

National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC (1994)

Nyholm Award, Royal Australian Chemical Institute, Inorganic Division (1996)

Inter-American Photochemical Society Award in Photochemistry (1997)

Basolo Medalist, Northwestern University (1999)

ACS Award for Distinguished Service to Inorganic Chemistry (2002)

Research Triangle Institute President's Award (2008)

ACS Voices of Inorganic Chemistry Feature (2001)

Special Symposium to Honor Professor Thomas Meyer; Manipulating Energy and Electron Transfer in Molecules and Devices. Fall 2016 ACS National Meeting August 21-25, Philadelphia, PA

Electrochemistry 101: Basics

$$\Delta G = -nFE_{cell}$$

E_{cell} = cell potential in volts

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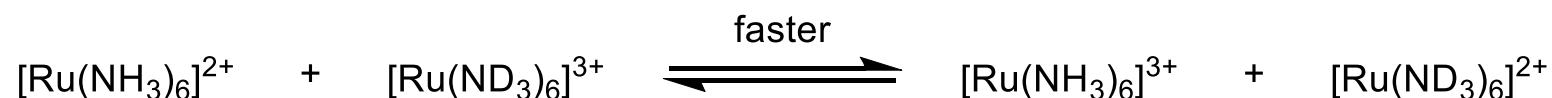
Graduate Work

Electron Transfer reactions of Ruthenium Amines

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Henry Taube



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Electrochemistry 201: Mechanism

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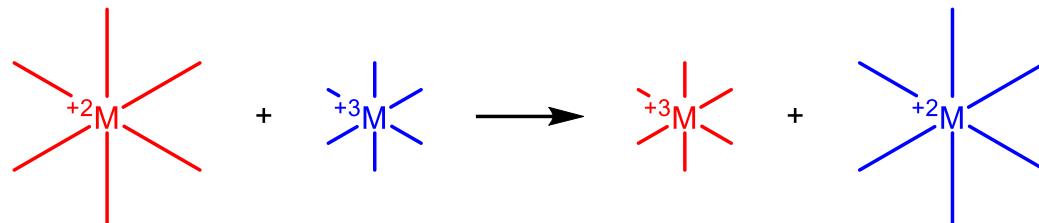
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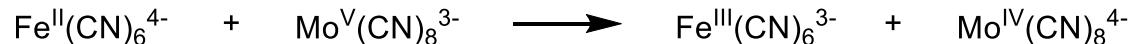
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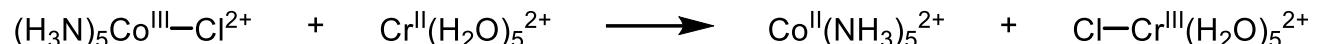


Outer Sphere Electron Transfer



No bonds made or formed
Penalty is reorganization

Inner Sphere Electron Transfer

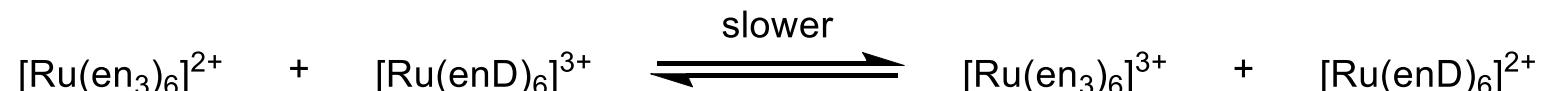
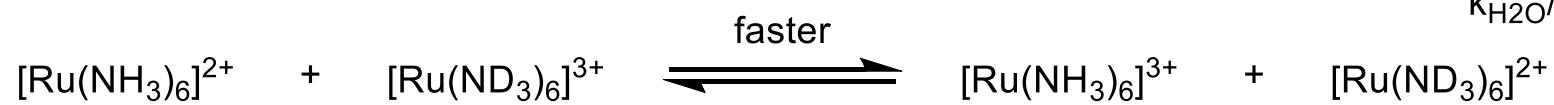


Bonds broken and formed
More complicated thermodynamics

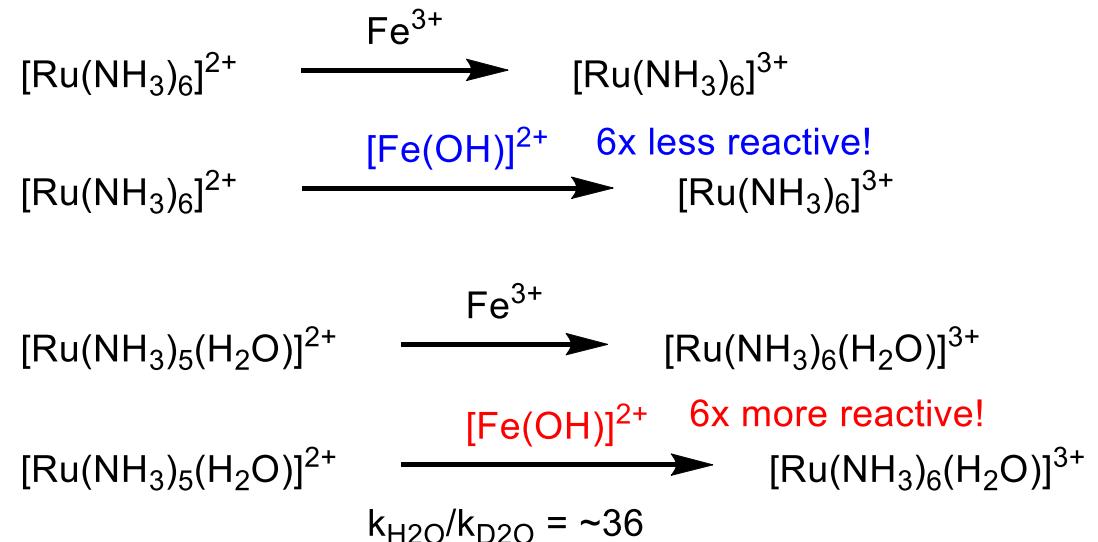
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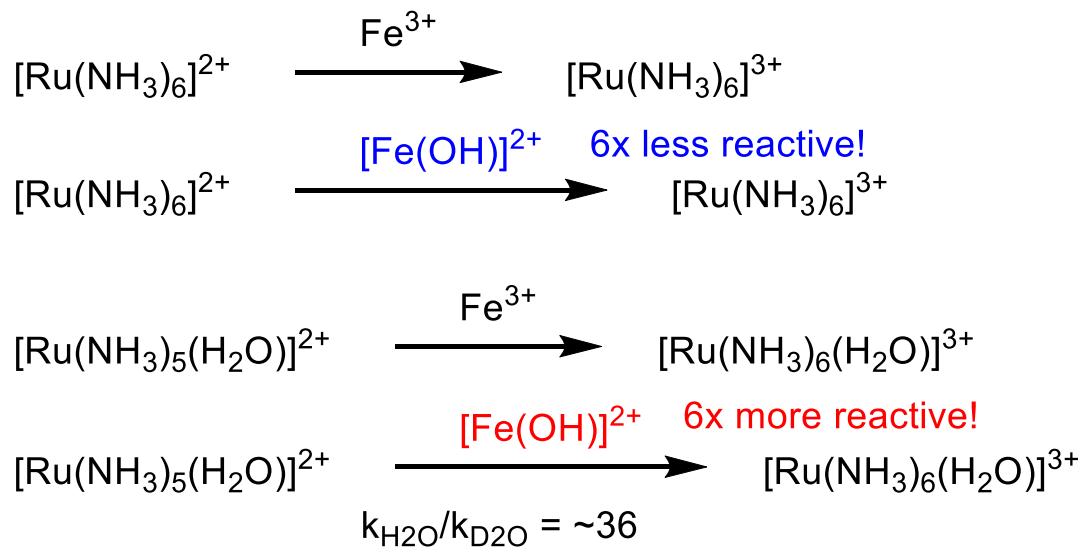


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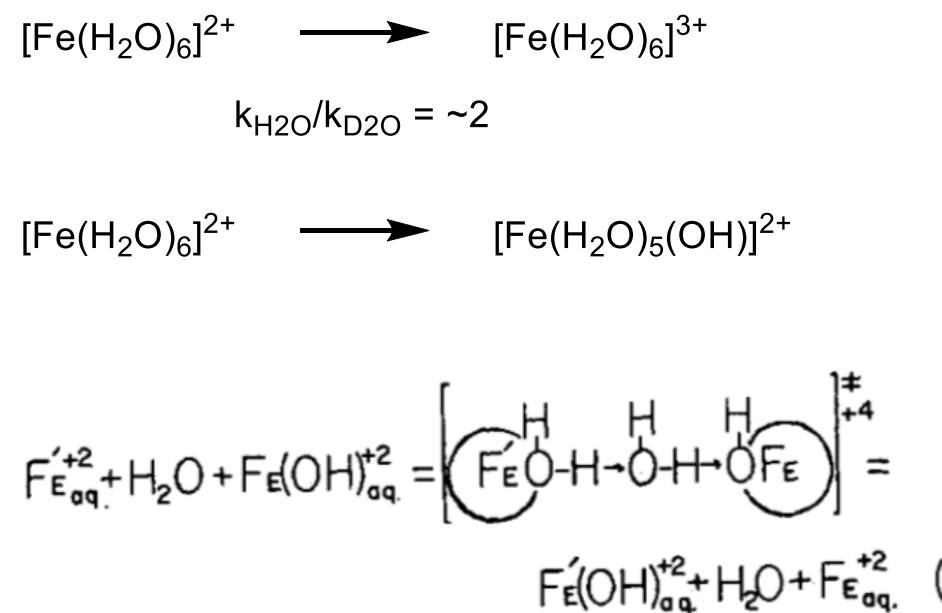


The Beginnings of PCET

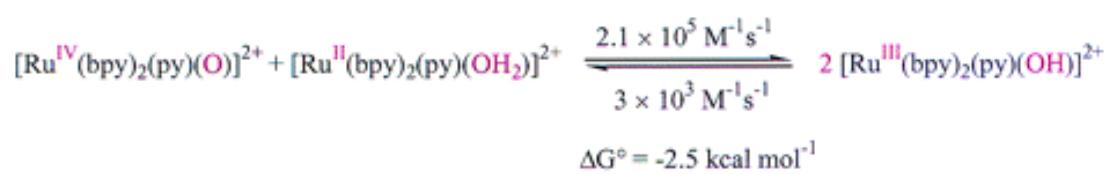
Meyer and Taube (1968) - Meyer's graduate work



Lumry (1955) and Dodson (1956)

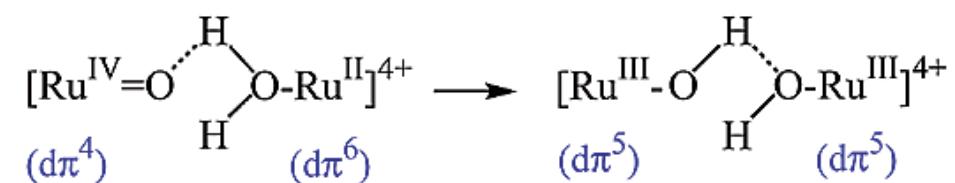
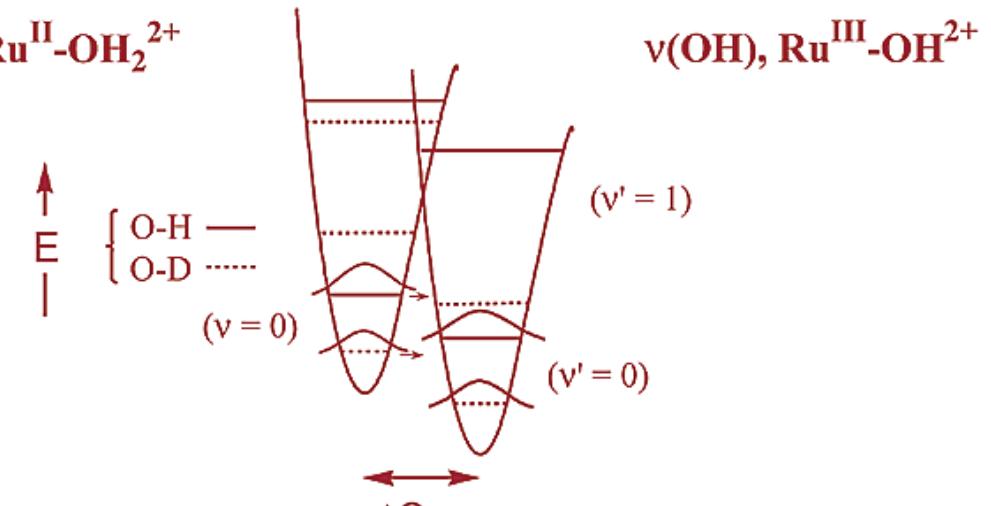
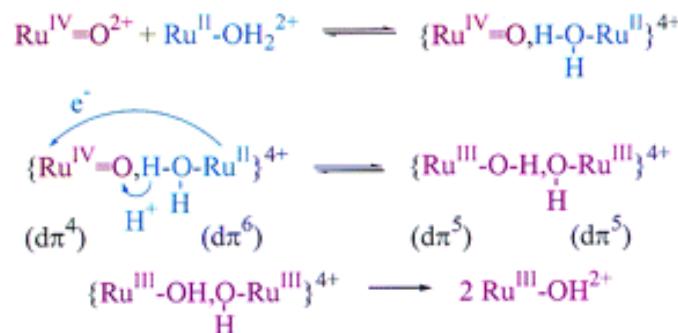


The first characterized PCET

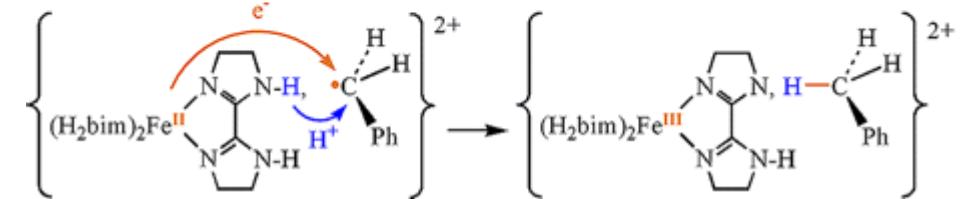
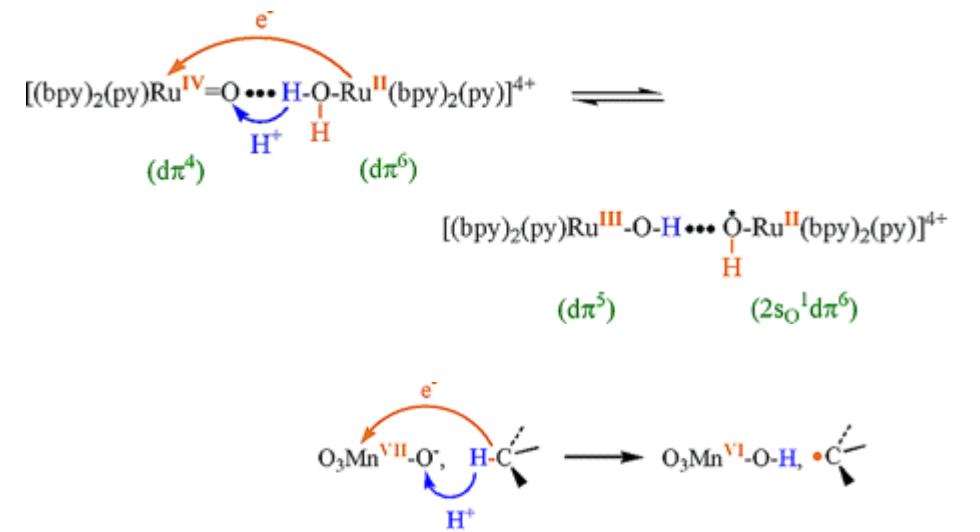
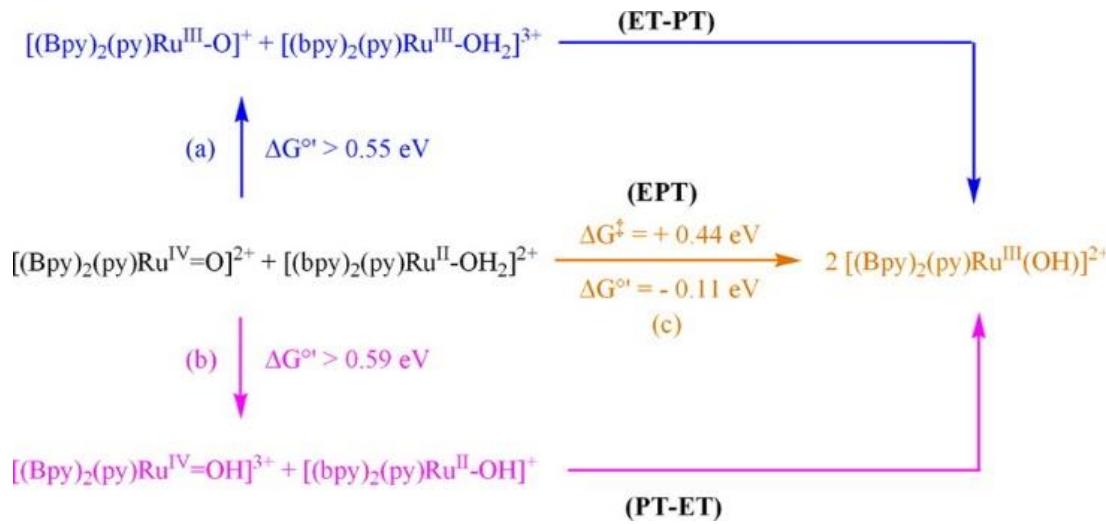


$$\text{Rate} = k_{\text{obs}} [\text{Ru}^{\text{IV}}=\text{O}^{2+}][\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}\text{-OH}_2^{2+}]$$

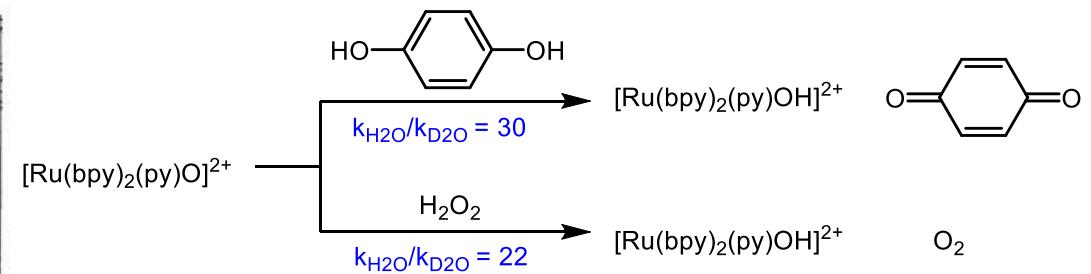
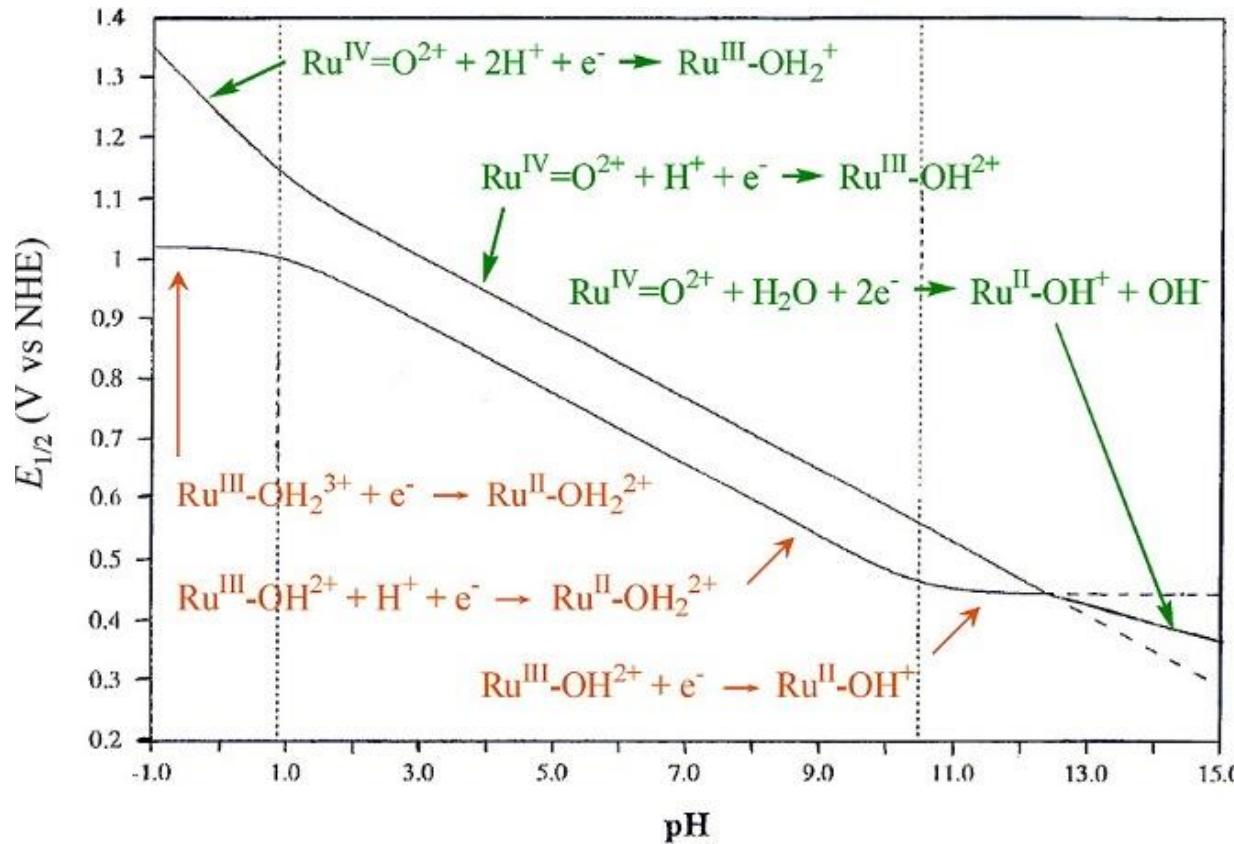
$$k_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}/k_{\text{D}_2\text{O}} = 16.1$$



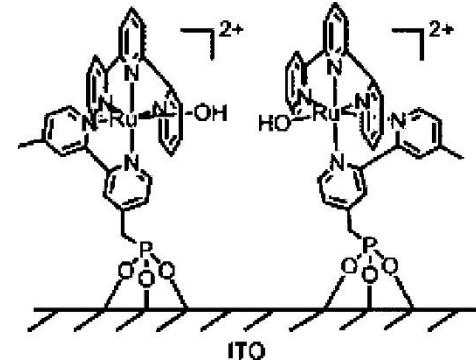
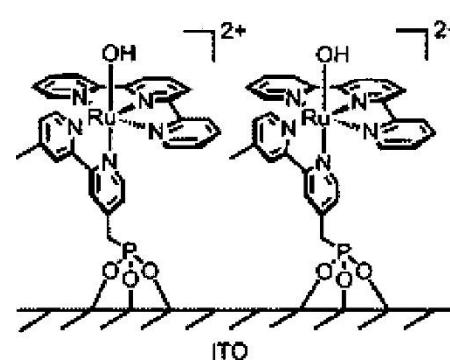
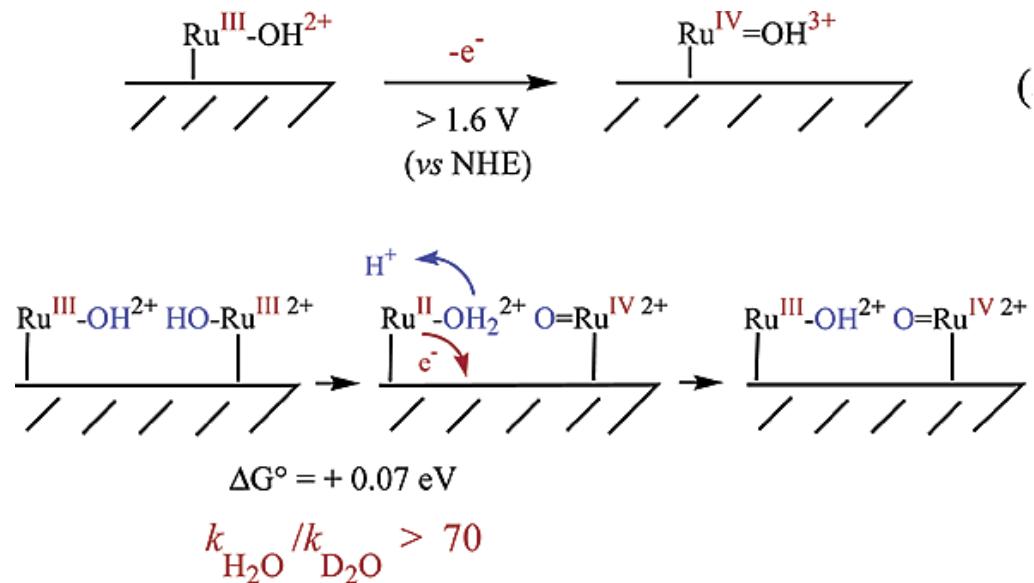
PCET Mechanisms



Coining the term PCET

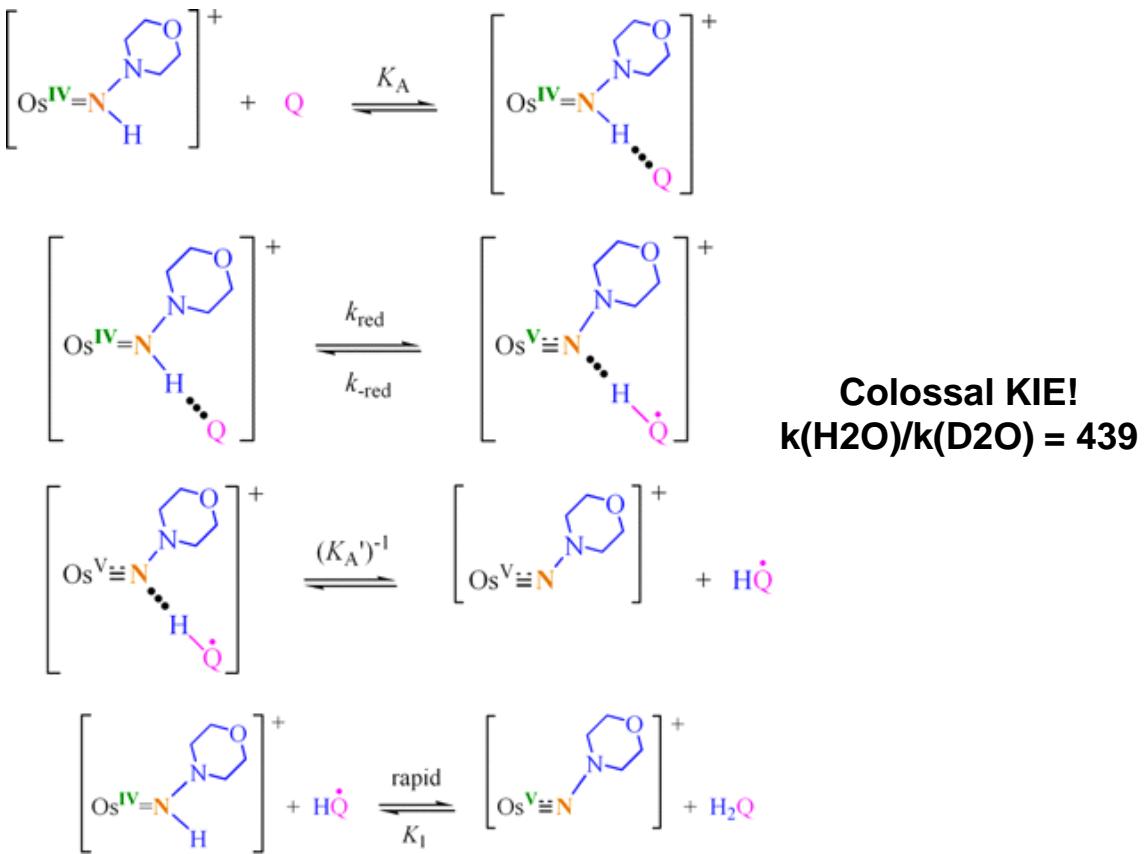


PCET on Surfaces

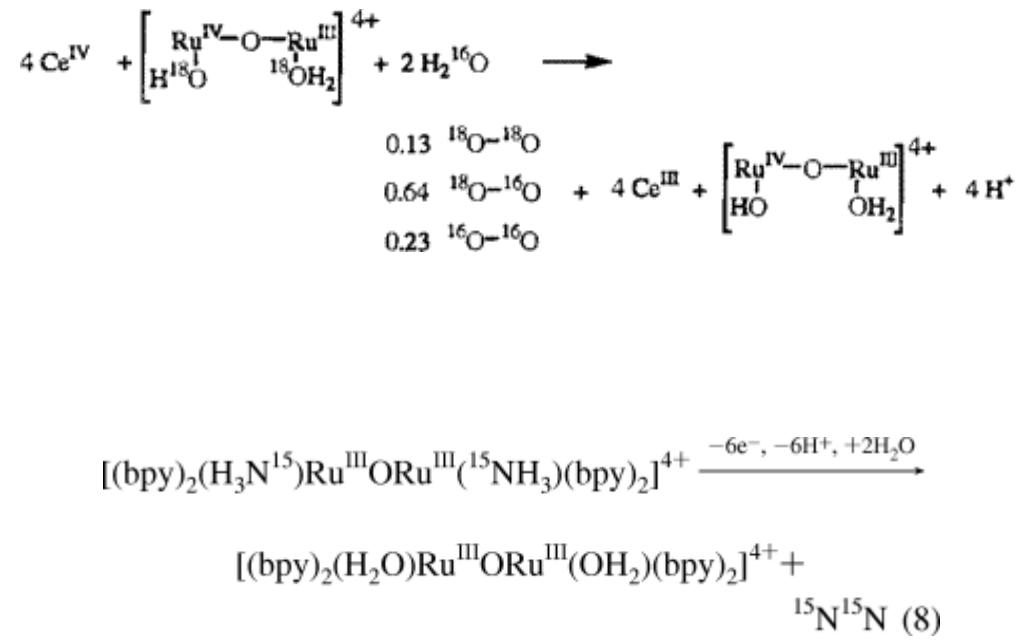
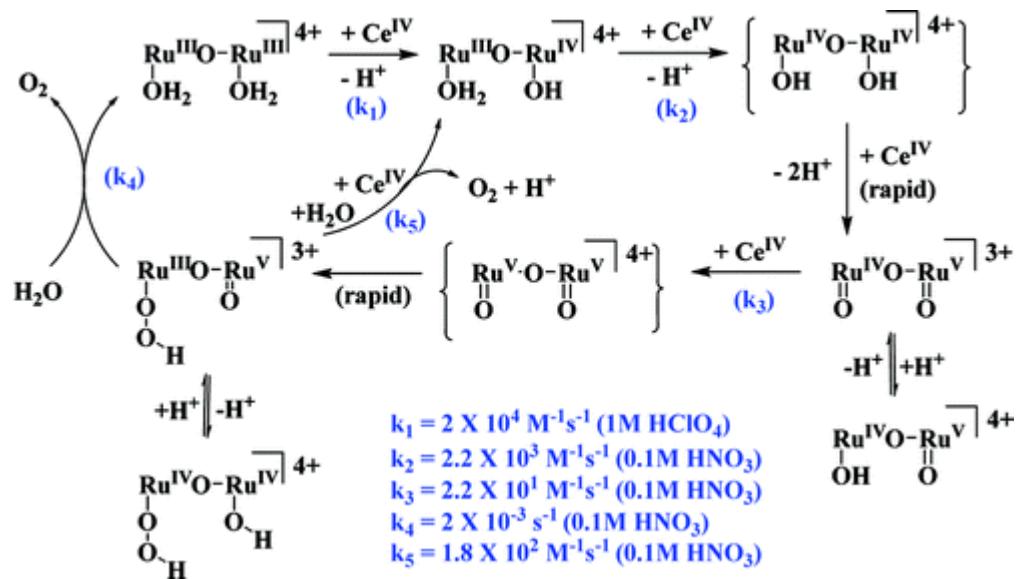
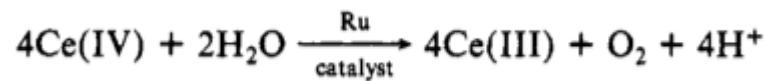


Features of PCET

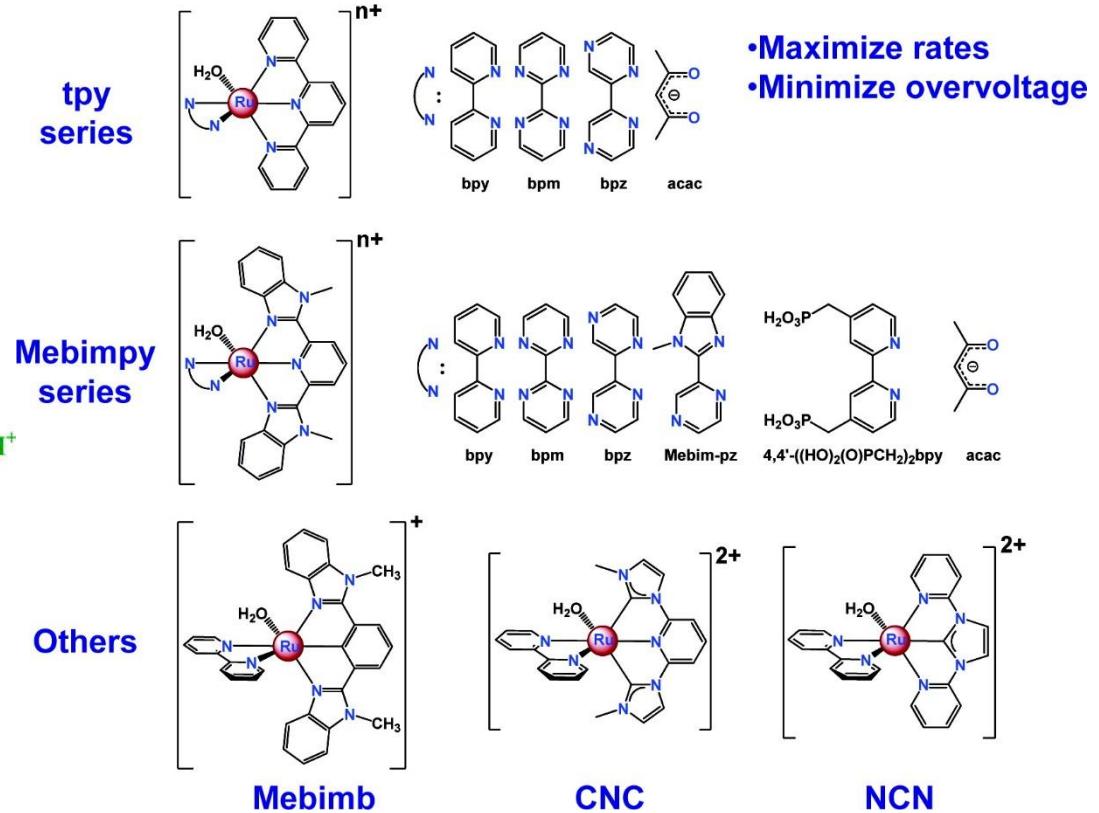
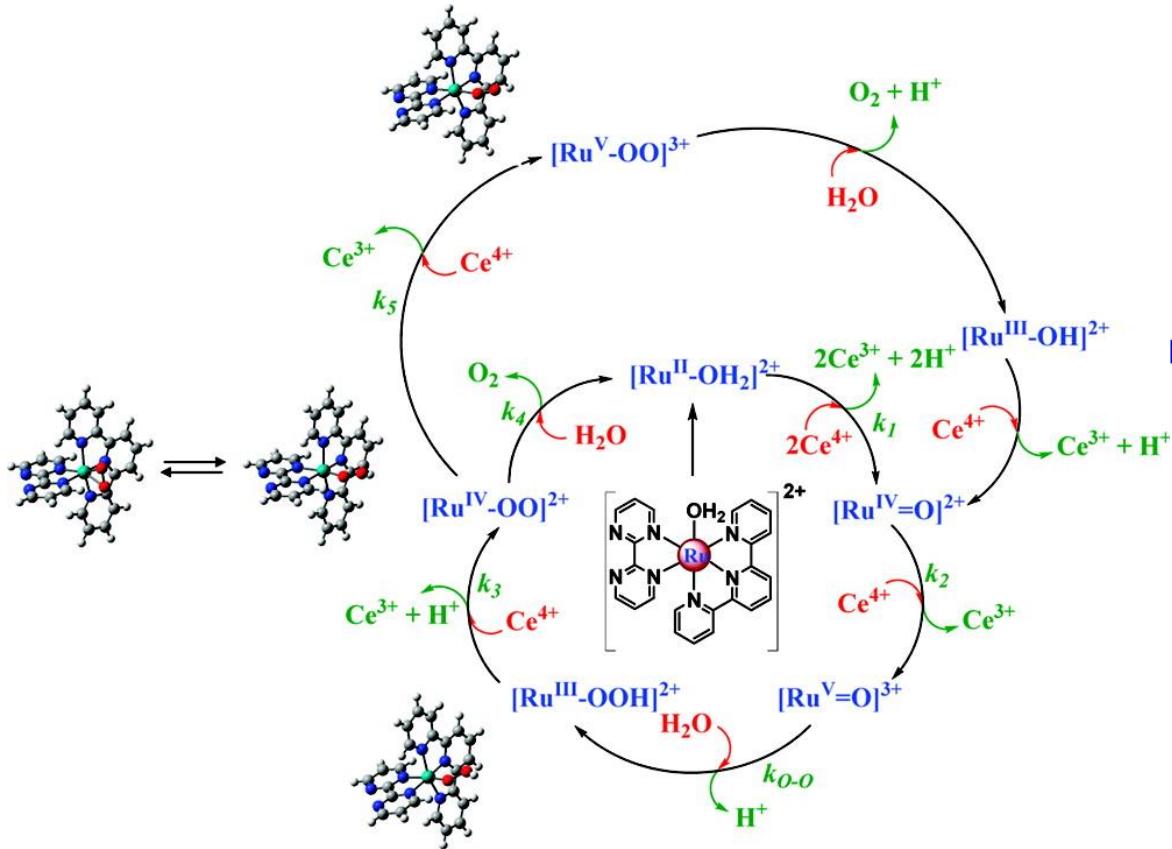
^aThe electronic configurations of the electron transfer donors and acceptors are indicated for the individual entries.



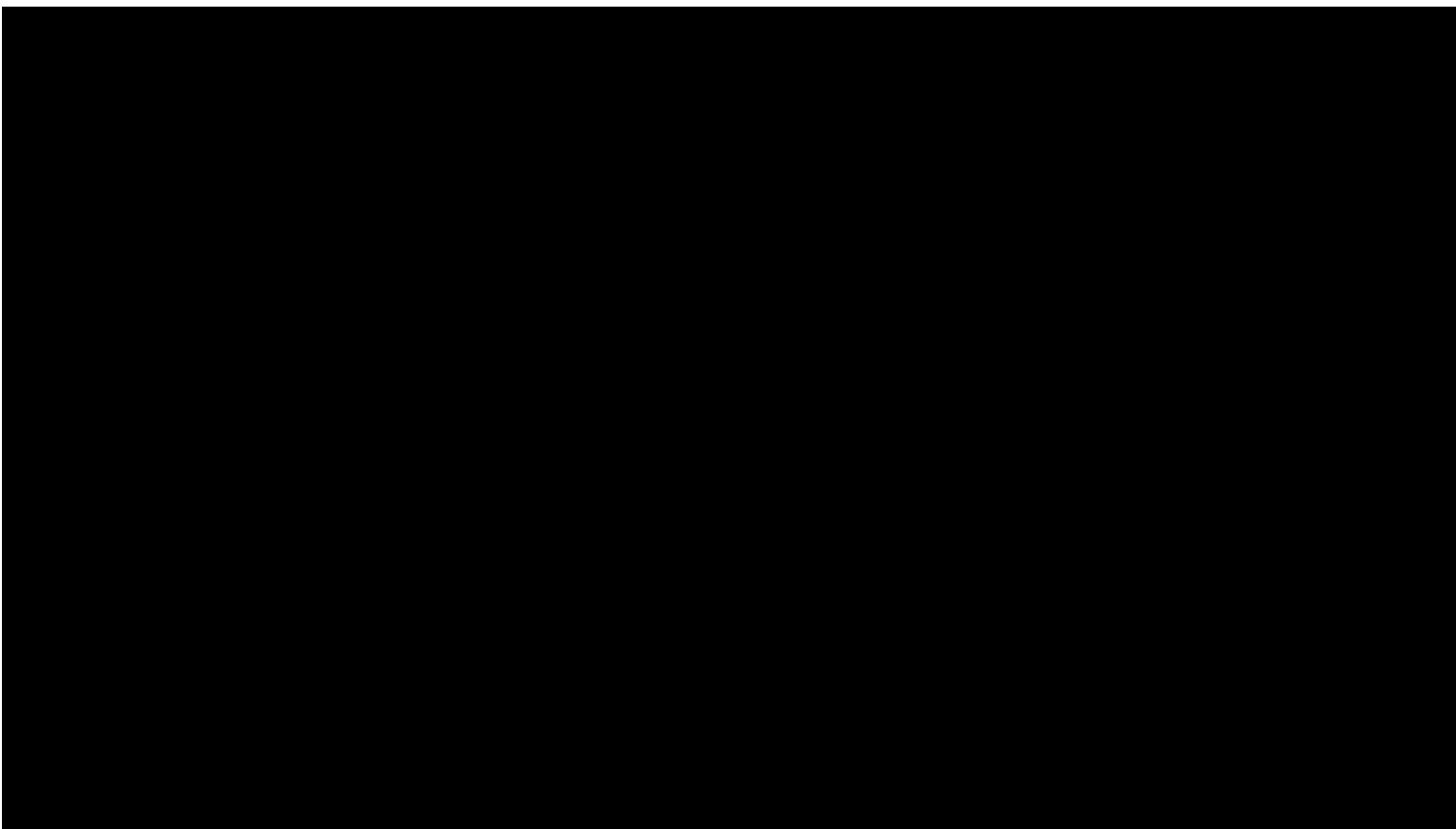
Water oxidation



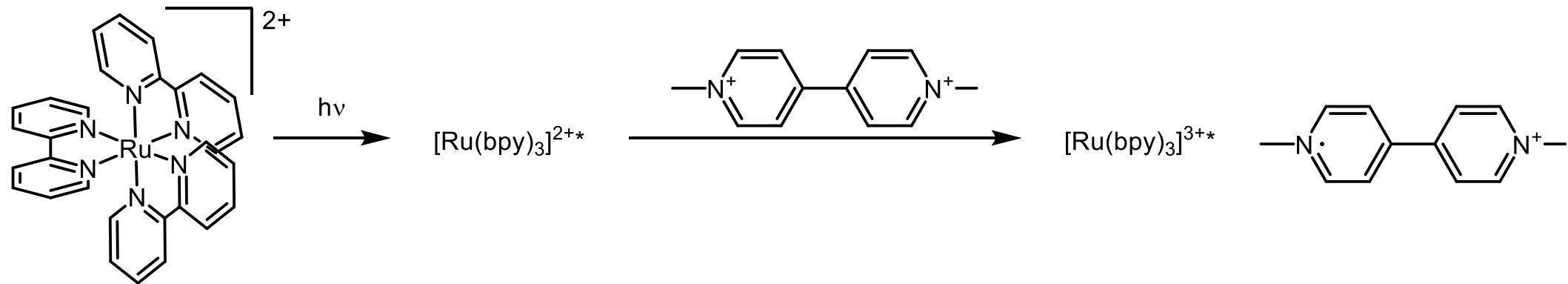
Single Site Water Oxidation



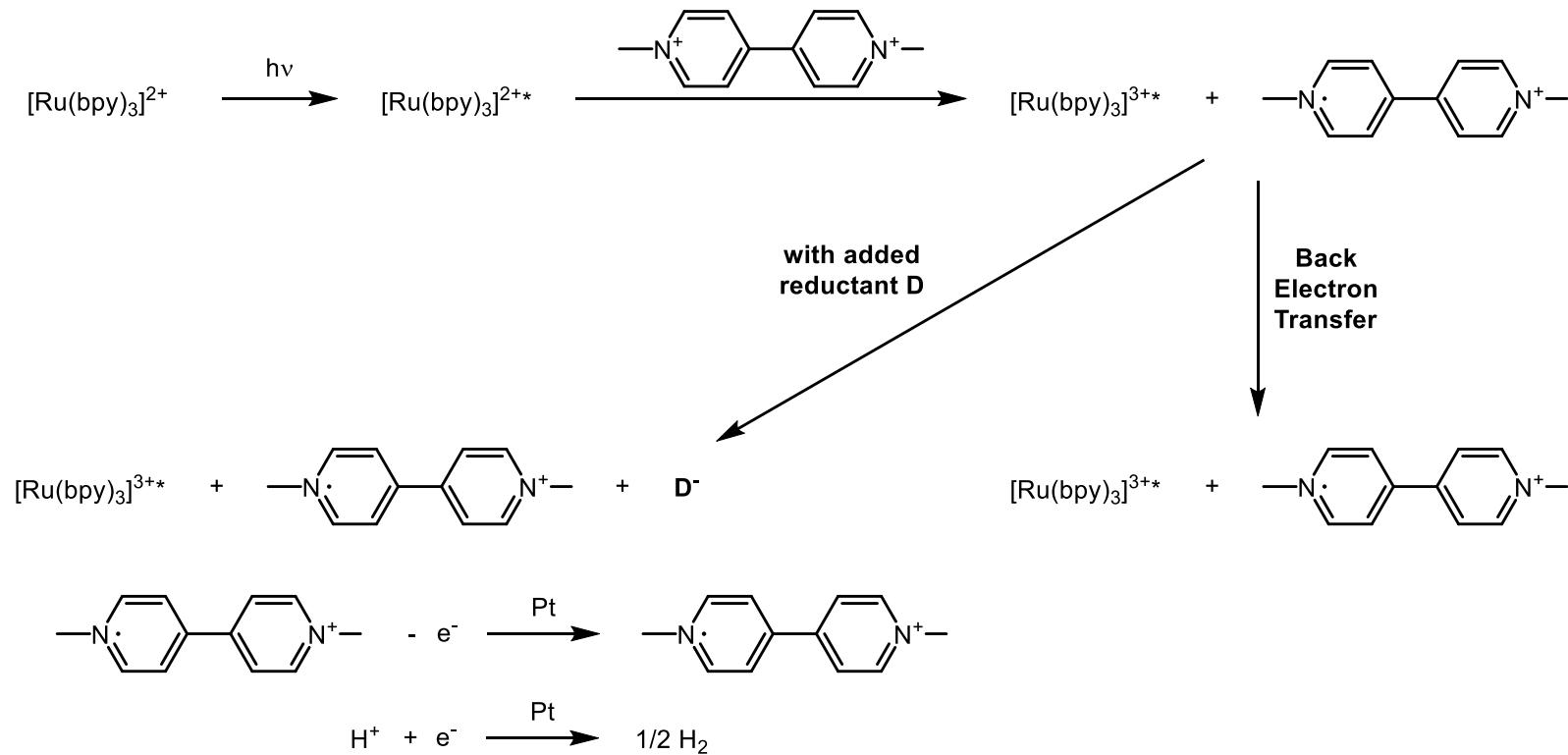
Early work



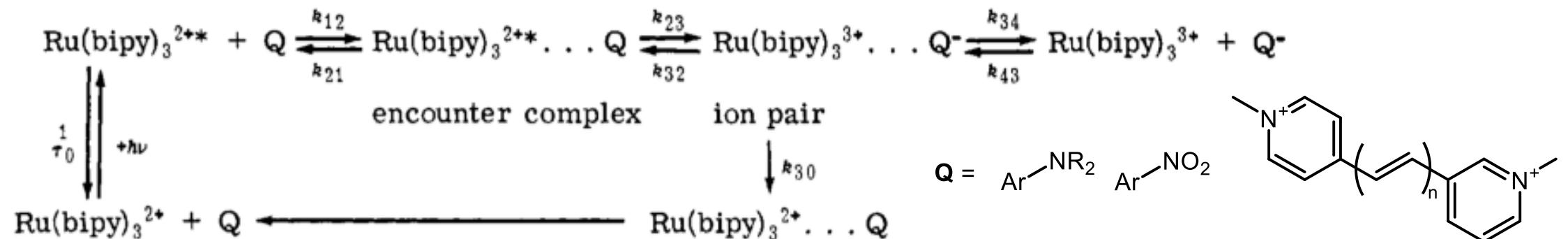
Excited State Charge Transfer



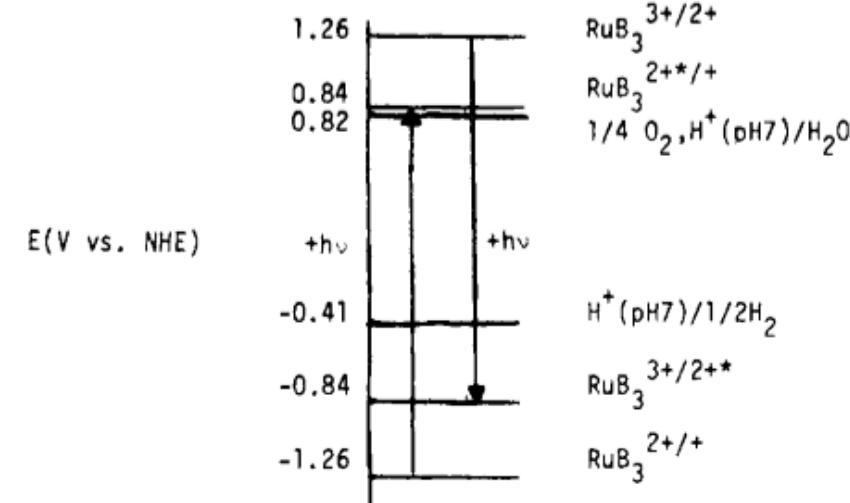
Making Stuff with Excited State Charge Transfer



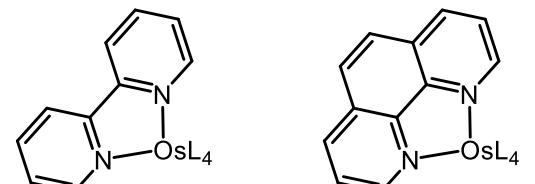
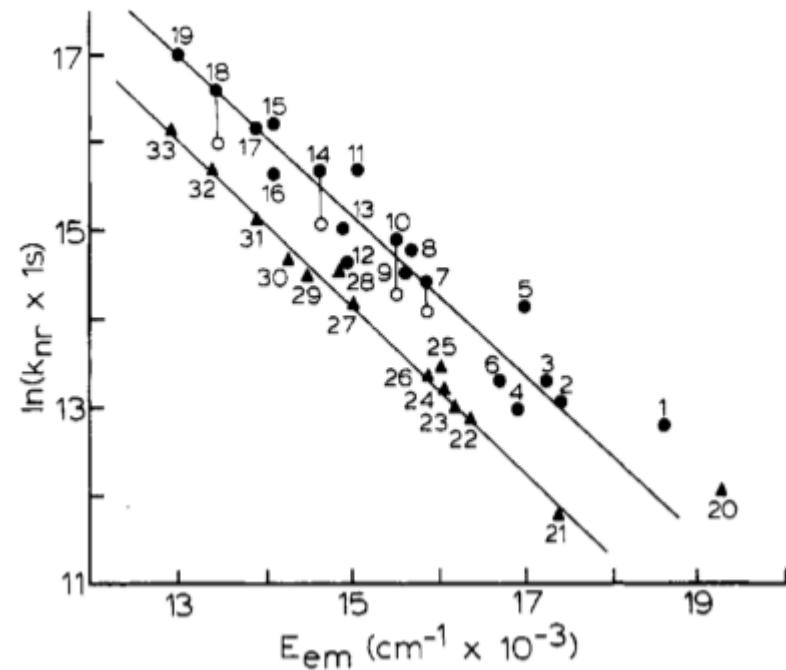
Mechanistic photoredox



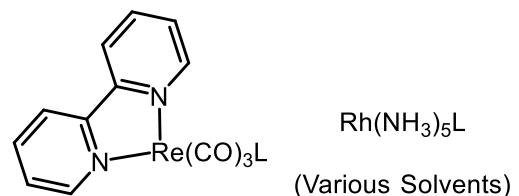
couple	$E, \text{ V} (\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ vs. SCE)	$E, \text{ V} (\text{H}_2\text{O}$ vs. NHE) ^a
Ru(bpy) ₃ ^{3+/2+}	1.29 ± 0.07	1.26
Ru(bpy) ₃ ^{2+*/+}	0.77 ± 0.07	0.84
Ru(bpy) ₃ ^{3+/2+*}	-0.81 ± 0.07	-0.84
Ru(bpy) ₃ ^{2+/+}	-1.33 ± 0.07	-1.26



The Energy Gap Law

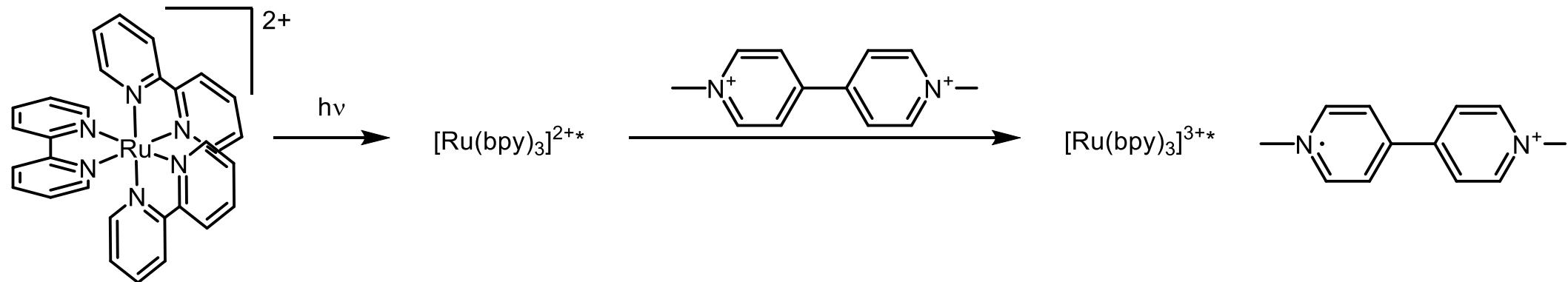


$L = \text{CO}, \text{X}, \text{PR}_3, \text{NR}_x$



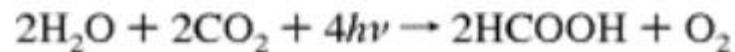
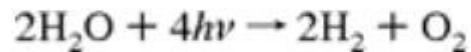
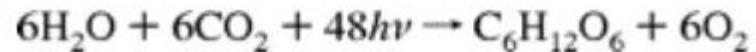
$\text{Rh}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{L}$
(Various Solvents)

Excited State Charge Transfer

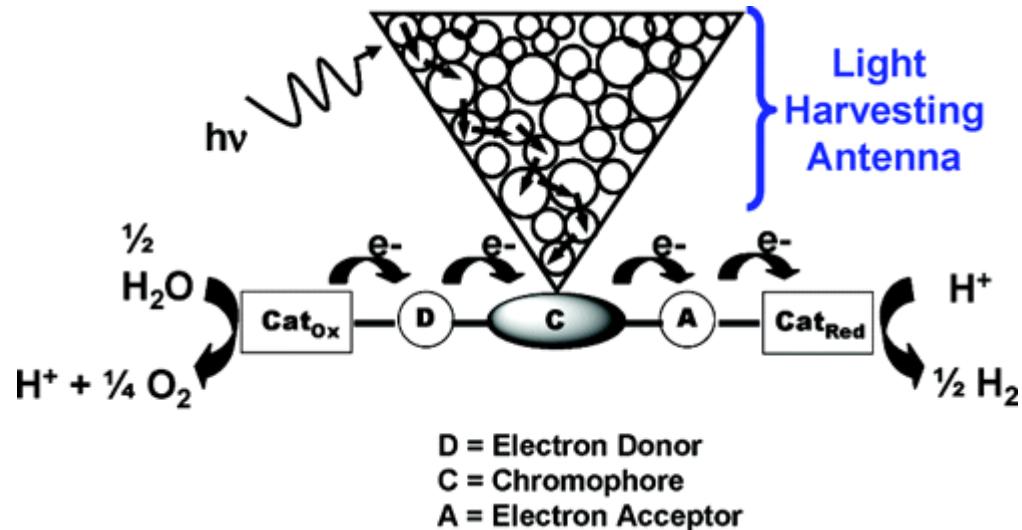


Ultimately, a related sequence
of reactions may lead to the permanent storage of light en-
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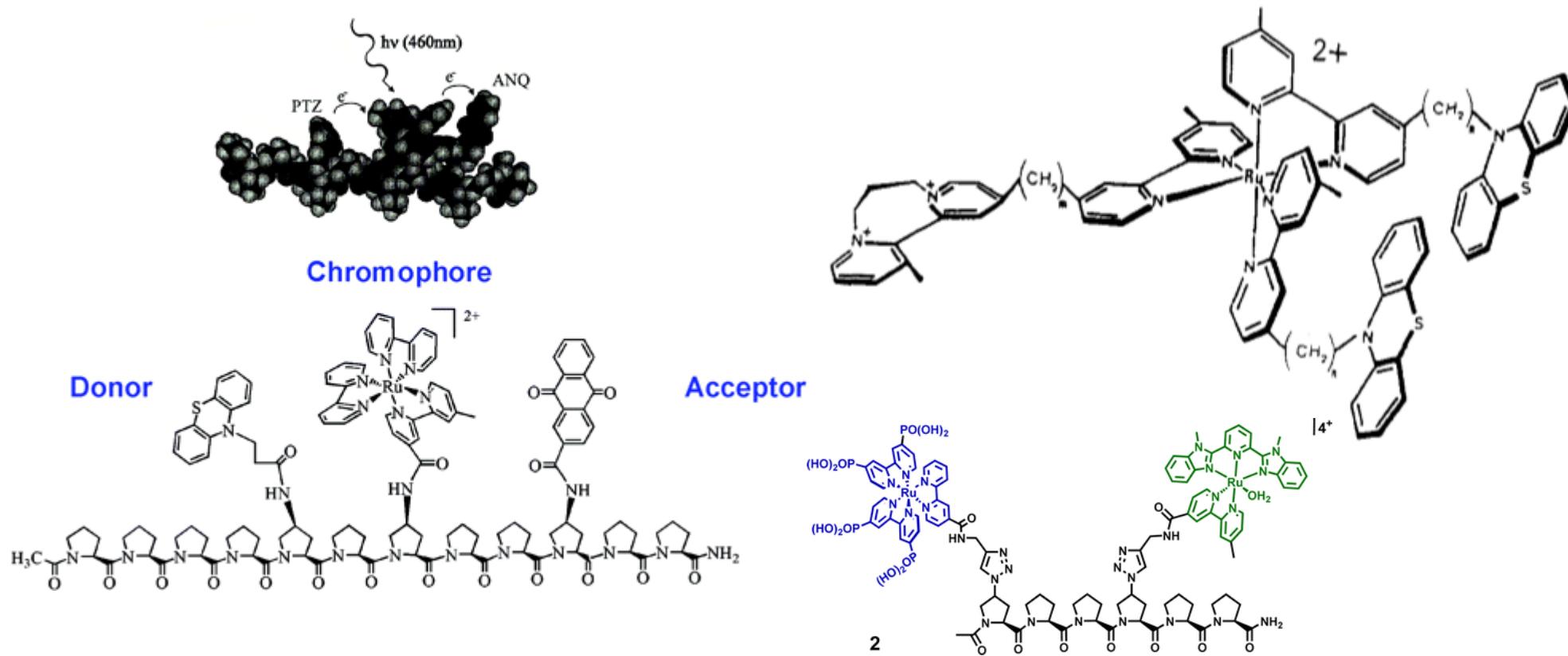
Solar Fuel Cells



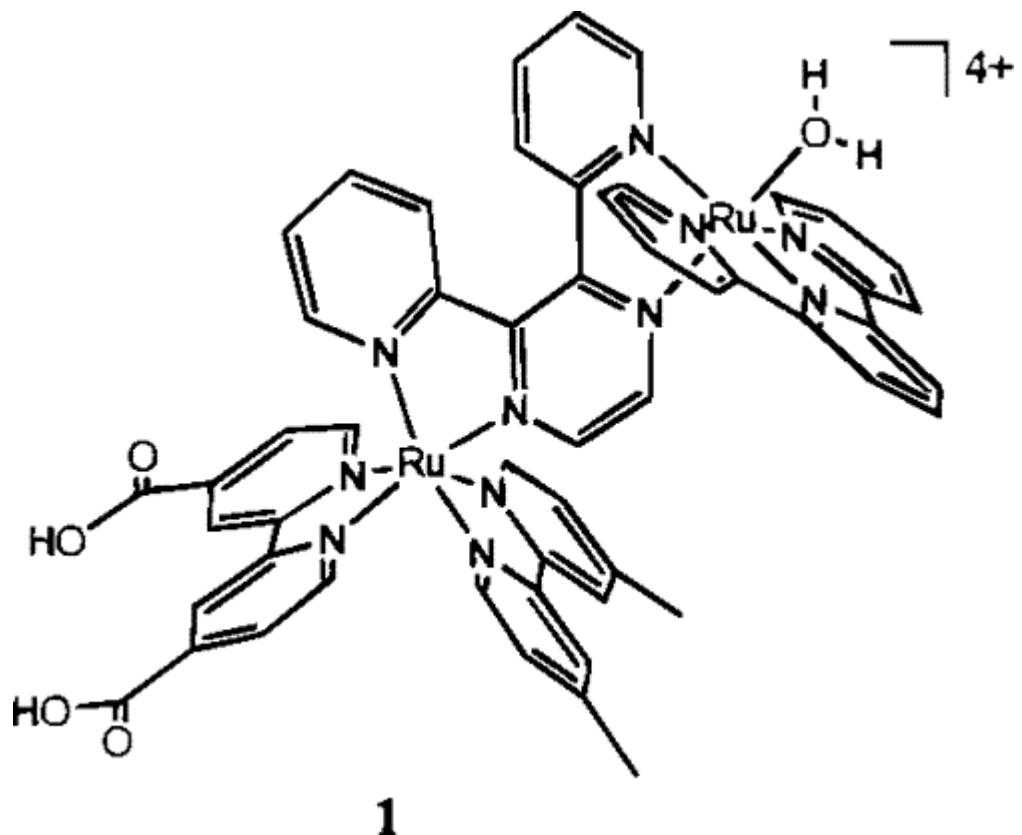
Water Oxidation is KEY to
artificial photosynthesis!!



Bringing Parts Together

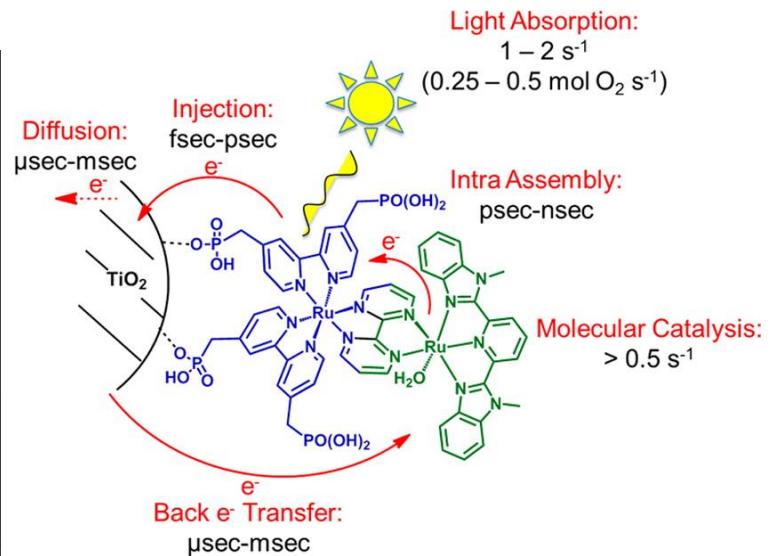
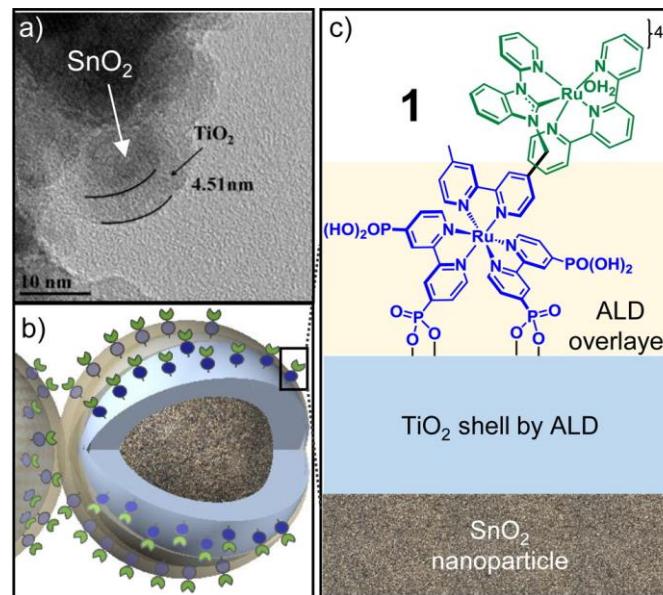
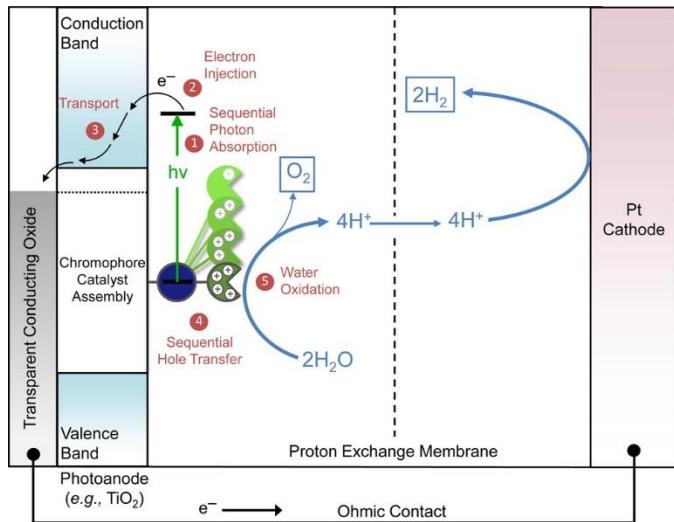


The First Dye-Sensitized Photoelectrosynthetic Cell

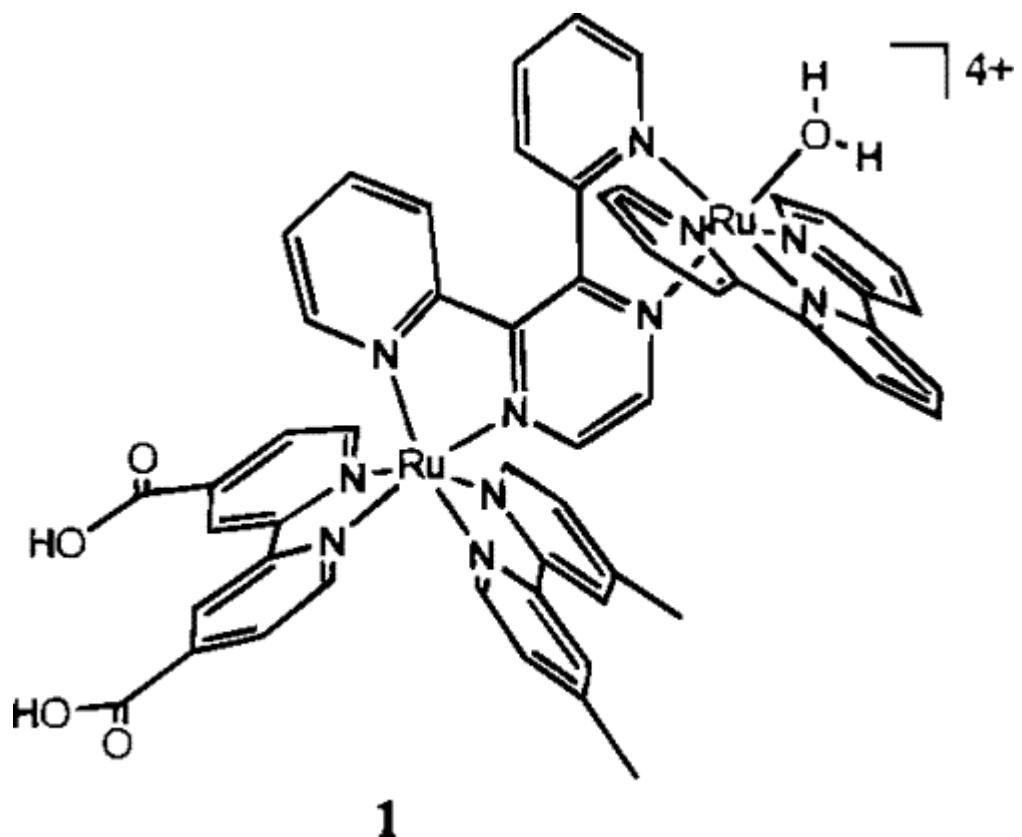


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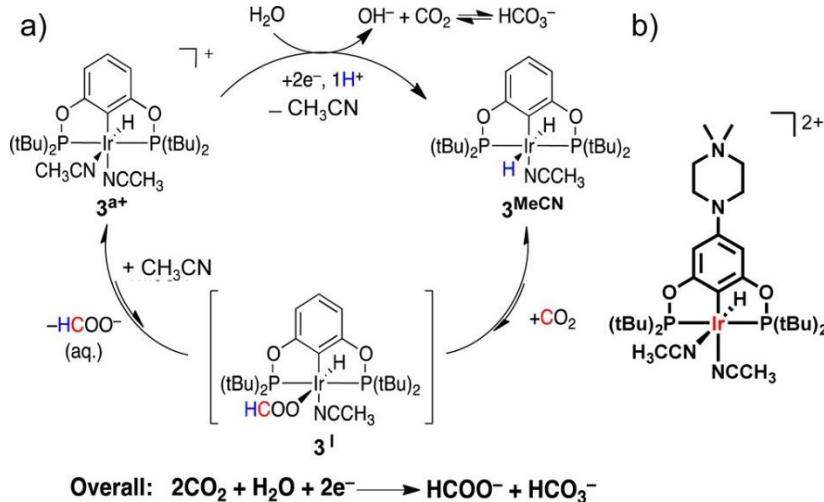
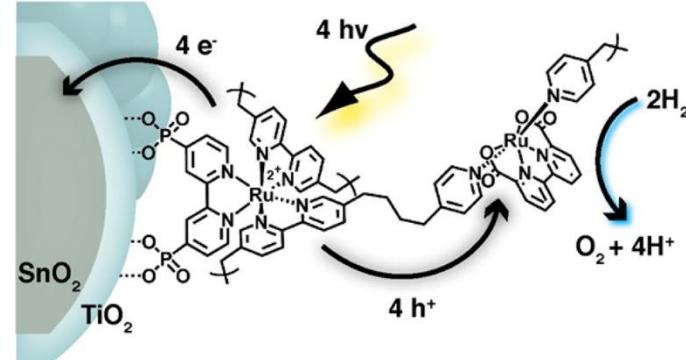
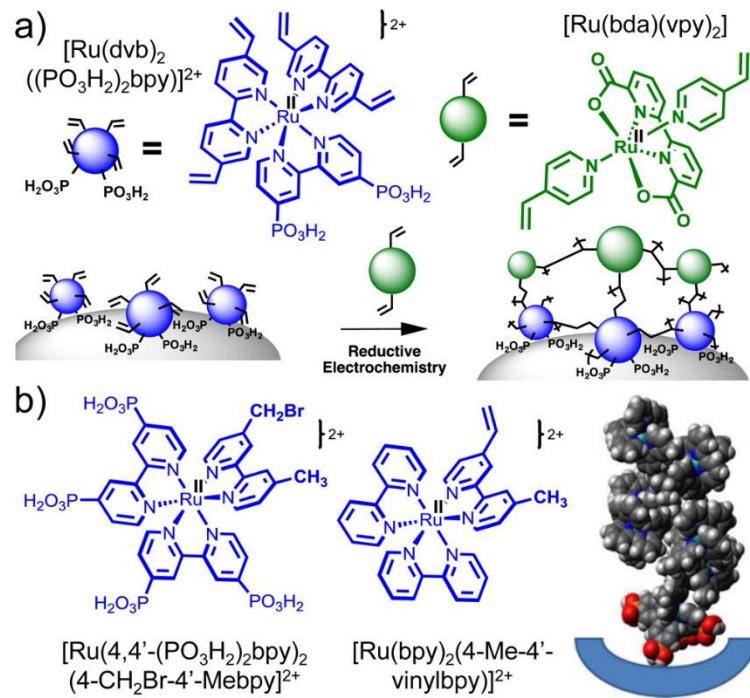


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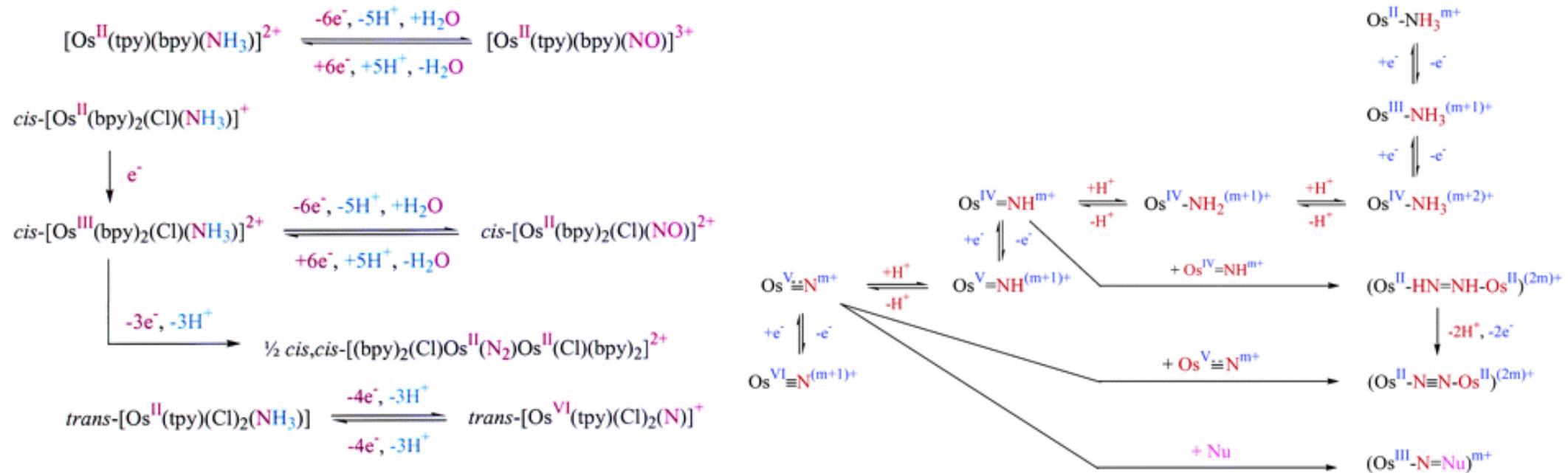


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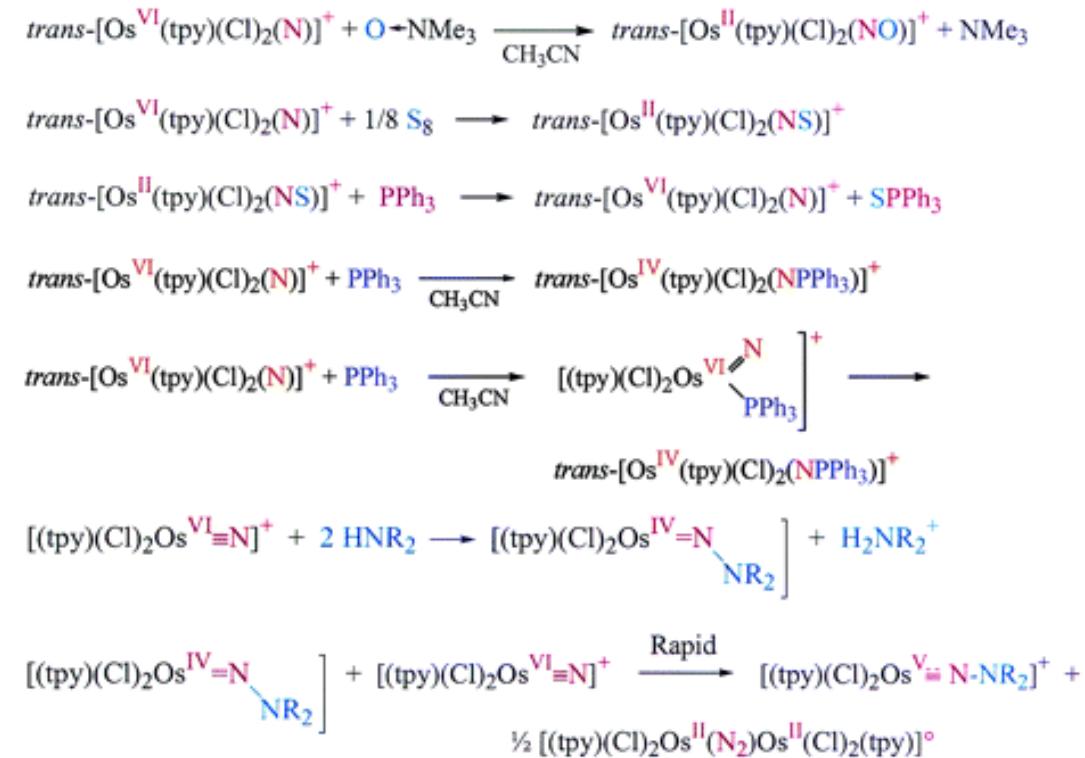
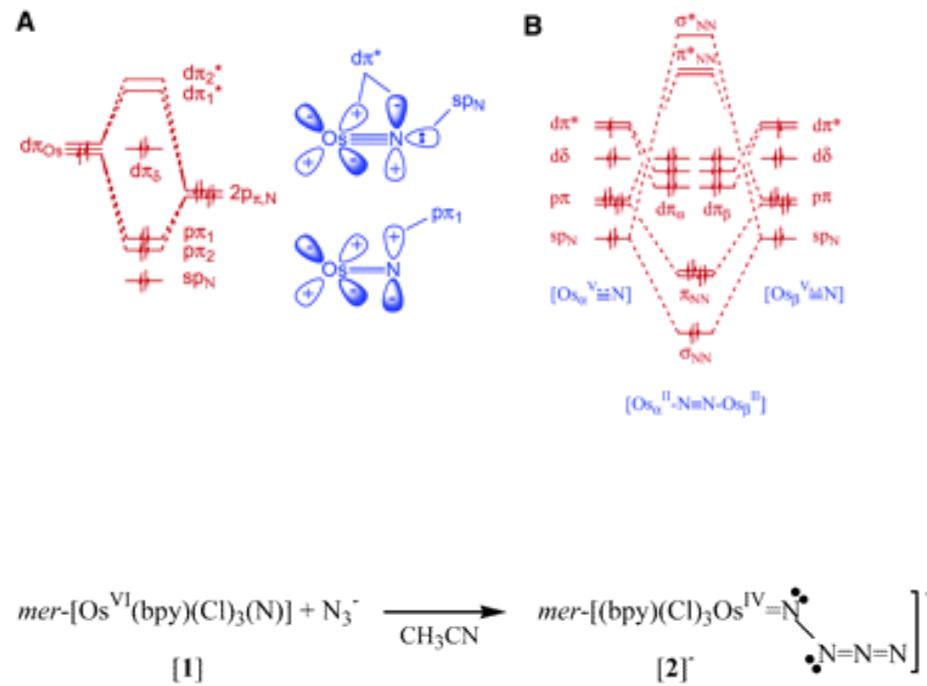
Current Research



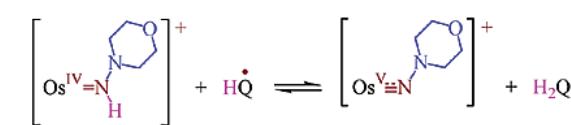
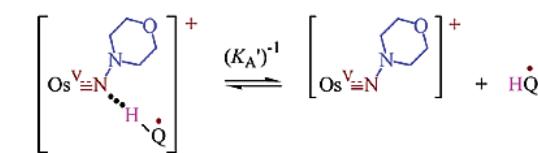
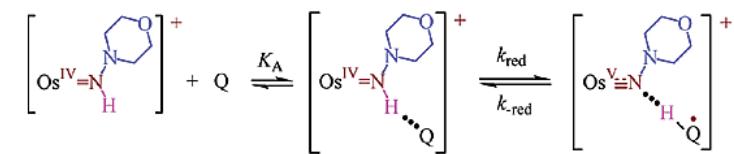
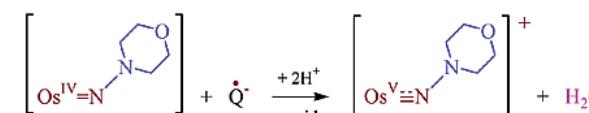
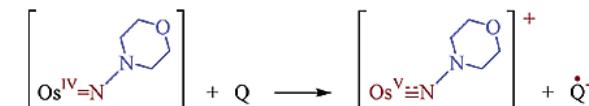
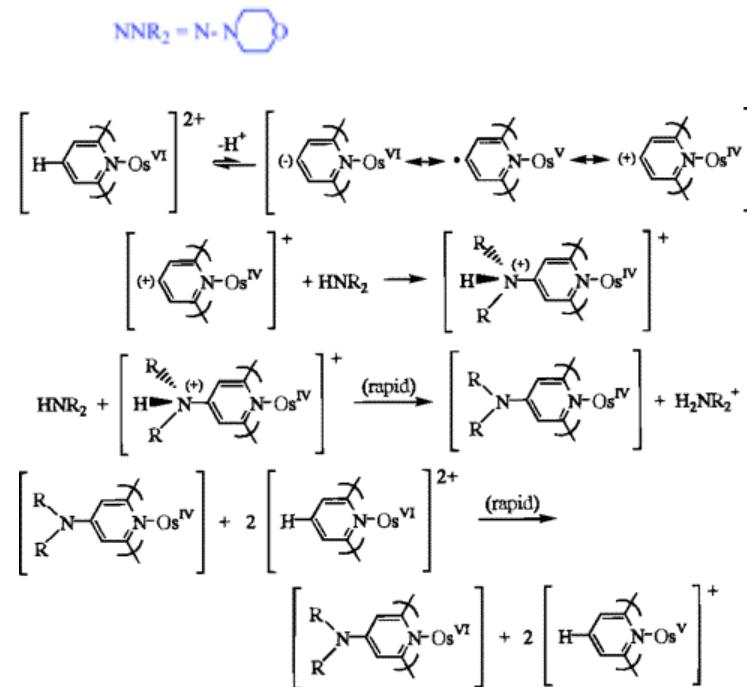
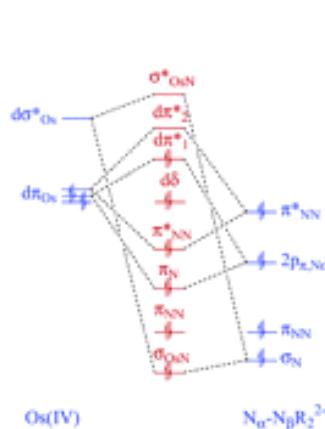
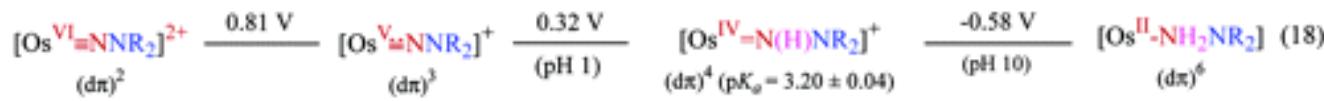
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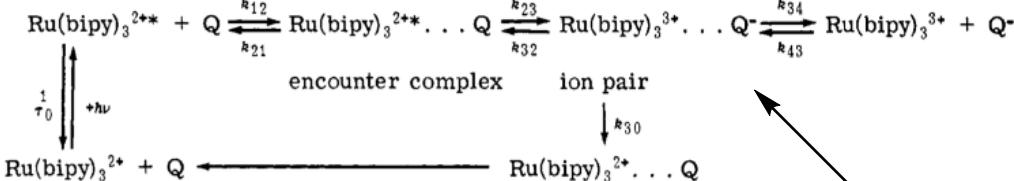
Osmium Nitrido Complexes



Osmium Hydrazido Complexes



Summary



Firsts:

- Characterized PCET
- Electron transfer quenching
- Molecular water oxidation catalyst
- Dye sensitized photoelectrosynthetic cell

