

*Supporting Information for*

**Solar-driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction catalysed by Hybrid Supramolecular Photocathodes and enhanced by Ionic Liquids**

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## SI. General considerations

**Reagents:** Commercially available reagents and solvents were purchased at the highest commercial quality from Sigma-Aldrich, Fisher scientific, Alfa Aesar and were used as received, without further purification, unless otherwise stated.

**Analytical methods:**  $^1\text{H}$ , and  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra were recorded using a Varian Mercury VX 400 (400 and 100.6 MHz respectively). Chemical shift values ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm relative to TMS ( $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ ), and coupling constants are reported in Hertz. The following abbreviations are used to indicate the multiplicity: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; bs, broad signal.

High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent Time-of-Flight 6210 using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization-time of flight). Samples were introduced to the mass spectrometer ion source by direct injection using a syringe pump and were externally calibrated using sodium formate. The instrument was operating in the positive ion mode.

Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR) spectra were obtained by using a Bruker Vertex-70 instrument with Attenuated Total Reflectance (ATR) sample holder by acquiring 16 cumulative scans with resolution of  $4\text{ cm}^{-1}$  from  $4000$  to  $400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

Ultraviolet-visible (UV-Vis) absorption spectra (350 nm to 800 nm) were recorded of the synthesized molecules in standard solutions 30 mg/L in dichloromethane. Analyses were carried out using quartz cuvette with 1 cm of optical path using a UV-1800 Shimadzu apparatus.

Reactions were monitored by TLC carried out on 0.25 mm E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 glass or aluminum plates. Developed TLC plates were visualized under a short-wave UV lamp (254 nm) and by heating plates that were dipped in potassium permanganate. Flash column chromatography was carried out using forced flow of the indicated solvent on Merck silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh).

**Synthesis:** The following organic ligands were synthesized as described in the literature. 4,4'-Divinyl-2,2'-bipyridine[1], 1,2-bis(4'-methyl-[2,2'-bipyridin]-4-yl)ethane[2].

## SII. CuGaO<sub>2</sub> XRD

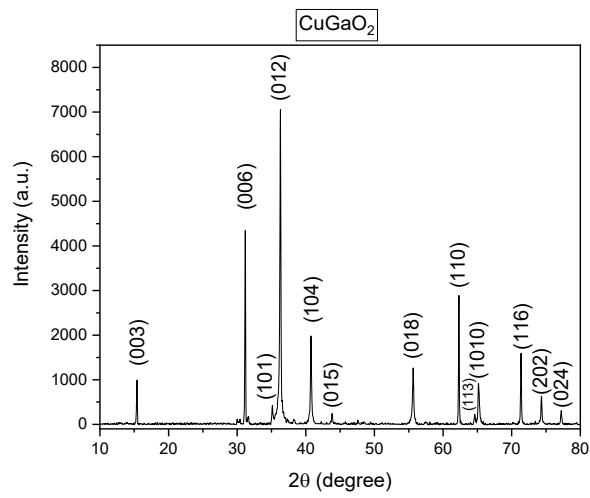


Figure S1: XRD analysis of CuGaO<sub>2</sub>. [3]

## SIII. EDX analysis of CuGaO<sub>2</sub>

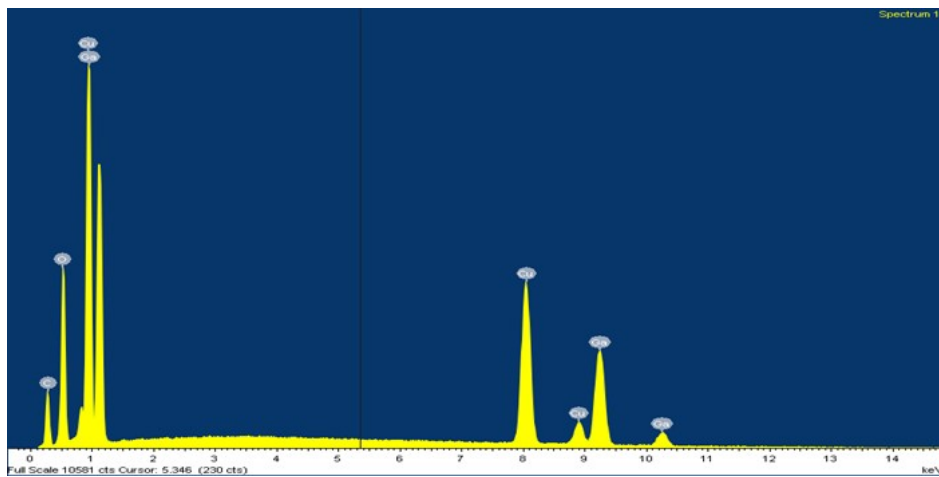


Figure S2: EDX analysis of CuGaO<sub>2</sub>.

## SIV. FESEM-EDX analysis of CuGaO<sub>2</sub>-VTES

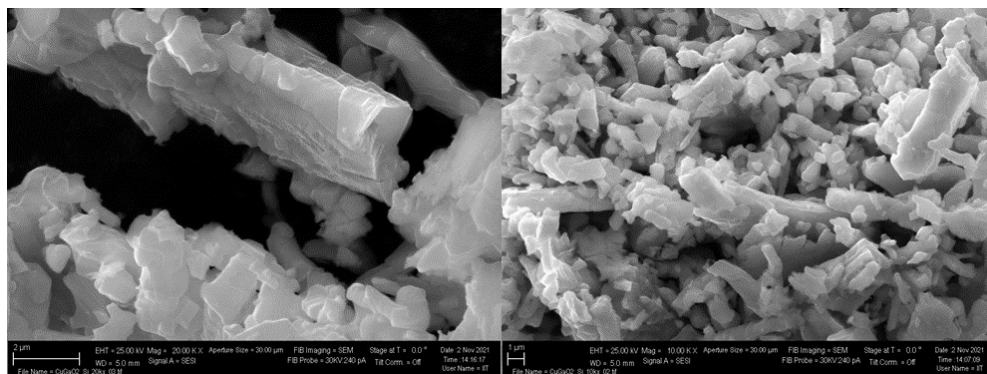


Figure S3: FESEM images of CuGaO<sub>2</sub>-VTES.

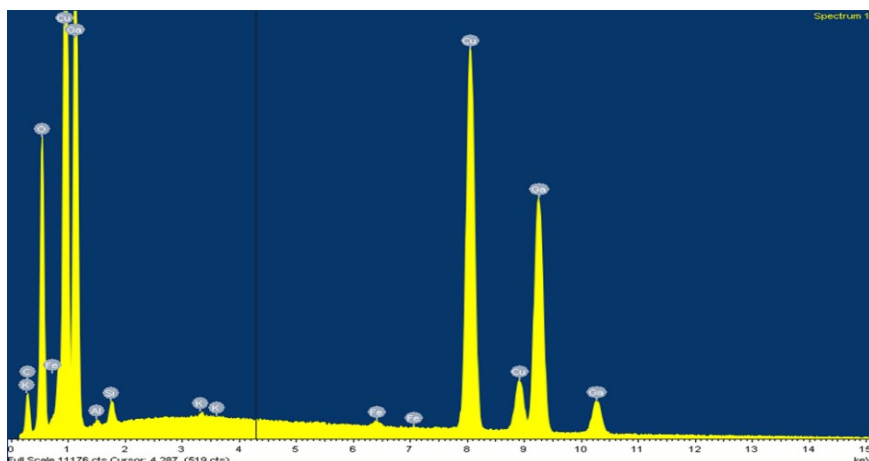


Figure S4: EDX analysis of  $\text{CuGaO}_2\text{-VTES}$ .

### SV. Ru visible light absorber synthesis.

The synthesis of the Ru visible light absorber ( $\text{Ru}_{\text{VLA}}$ ) was performed following the synthetic route of Figure S5. The  $\text{Ru}_{\text{VLA}}$  complex was synthesized with an overall isolated yield of 74%.

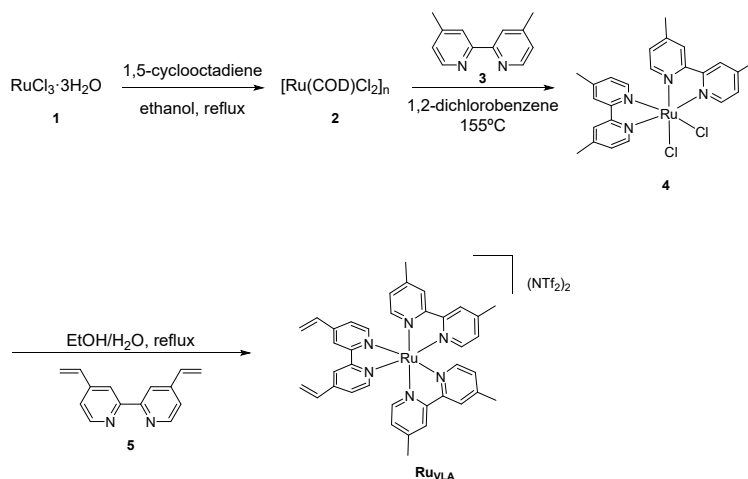


Figure S5: Ruthenium visible light absorber synthetic route

The synthesis starts with the commercial  $\text{RuCl}_3\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  precursor. The first step is the preparation of the polymeric  $[\text{Ru}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}_2]_n$  **2** where the  $\text{RuCl}_3$  is reduced to  $\text{Ru}(\text{II})$ . The next step is the substitution of the COD ligand for two bipyridines ligand **3** obtaining the corresponding  $[\text{Ru}(\text{Me}_2\text{bpy})_2\text{Cl}_2]$  **4**. Finally, the substitution of the two Cl ligands for the bipyridine with the vinyl group take place obtaining the final Ru visible light absorber.

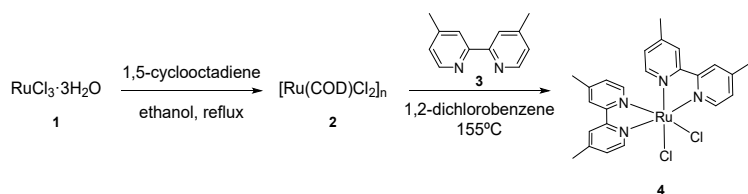
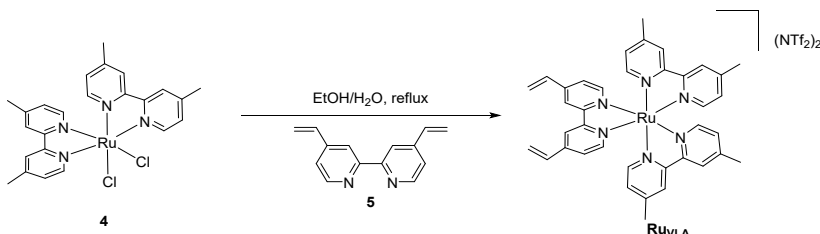


Figure S6: Synthesis of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{Me}_2\text{bpy})_2\text{Cl}_2]$  **4**, two-step procedure.

**cis- $[\text{Ru}(\text{Me}_2\text{bpy})_2\text{Cl}_2]$  **4****: The synthesis was performed according to an adapted reported procedure.[4]  $\text{RuCl}_3\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.55 g, 2.7 mmol) was added to a mixture of 1,5-cyclooctadiene (3.25 mL, 27 mmol) and ethanol (12 mL), and refluxed under argon atmosphere for 64 h. After cooling

to room temperature, resulting precipitates were collected by filtration affording dichlorido(1,5-cyclooctadiene)ruthenium(II) polymer ( $[\text{Ru}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}_2]_n$ ) **2** as brown solid (0.52 g, 88%). A suspension of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}_2]_n$  **2** (0.251 g, 0.89 mmol) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{bpy}$  **3** (0.332 g, 1.8 mmol) in *o*-dichlorobenzene (3.8 mL) was stirred at 155°C under argon-gas atmosphere for 3.5 h. After cooling to room temperature, resulting precipitates were collected by filtration and dried in vacuo, afforded  $[\text{Ru}(\text{Me}_2\text{bpy})_2\text{Cl}_2]$  **4** as black powders (0.43 g, 84%). This compound was used in the following step without any purification and identification.

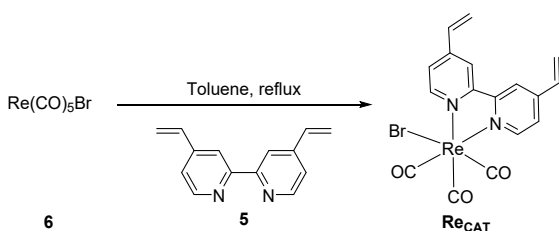


**Figure S7:** Second synthesis step of the  $\text{Ru}_{\text{VLA}}$ .

**$\text{Ru}_{\text{VLA}}$ :** The synthesis was performed according to an adapted reported procedure.[5] A solution of the ligand **5** (104.13 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (324.3 mg, 0.6 mmol) of **4** in a 50 mL mixture of EtOH/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (9:1 v:v) was heated at reflux in the dark under an argon atmosphere for 3 h. The solvents were removed, and the product was purified on silica gel column. Elution with an acetone/water mixture (8:2 v:v) removed the unreacted  $\text{Ru}(\text{Me}_2\text{bpy})_2\text{Cl}_2$ . More rinsing with an acetone/water/ $\text{KNO}_3$  saturated aqueous solution (10 drops of  $\text{KNO}_3$  added to a mixture of 80 mL of acetone and 20 mL of water) afforded the desired ester complex with  $\text{NO}_3^-$  as counteranion. The pure fractions of the product were collected and evaporated under reduced pressure. The product was redissolved with dichloromethane and 0.2 g of  $\text{AgNTf}_2$  was added and stirred during 10 min.  $\text{MgSO}_4$  was added and the organic phase was filtered and dried to give the  $\text{Ru}_{\text{VLA}}$  as a red powder (0.36 g, 49 %).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$ : 2.57 (d,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 2.5$  Hz, 12 H), 5.72 (d,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 10.8$  Hz, 2 H), 6.22 (d,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 17.5$  Hz, 2 H), 6.85 (dd,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 10.9, 17.5$  Hz, 2 H), 7.22 (t,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.8, 4$  H), 7.42 (dd,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.7, 6.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.51 (t,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5.5$  Hz, 4 H), 7.62 (d,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 6.0$  Hz, 2 H), 8.22 (s, 4 H), 8.34 (s, 2 H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$ : 21.5, 115.5, 118.6, 121.4, 121.8, 122.9, 124.6, 125.0, 125.3, 128.8, 129.1, 129.2, 133.1, 146.9, 150.6, 150.7, 150.8, 150.9, 151.4, 156.6, 156.7, 156.8, 157.5. **ESI-HRMS:** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_6\text{Ru}^{2+}$ . Exact:  $M^{2+}$ : 339.1017; Experimental:  $M^{2+}$ : 339.1026.

## SVI. Re $\text{CO}_2$ reduction co-catalyst synthesis

The synthesis of this Re complex ( $\text{Re}_{\text{CAT}}$ ) is performed via one step synthesis using the commercial  $\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$  precursor and performing the substitution of two CO ligands with one bipyridine ligand **5**.

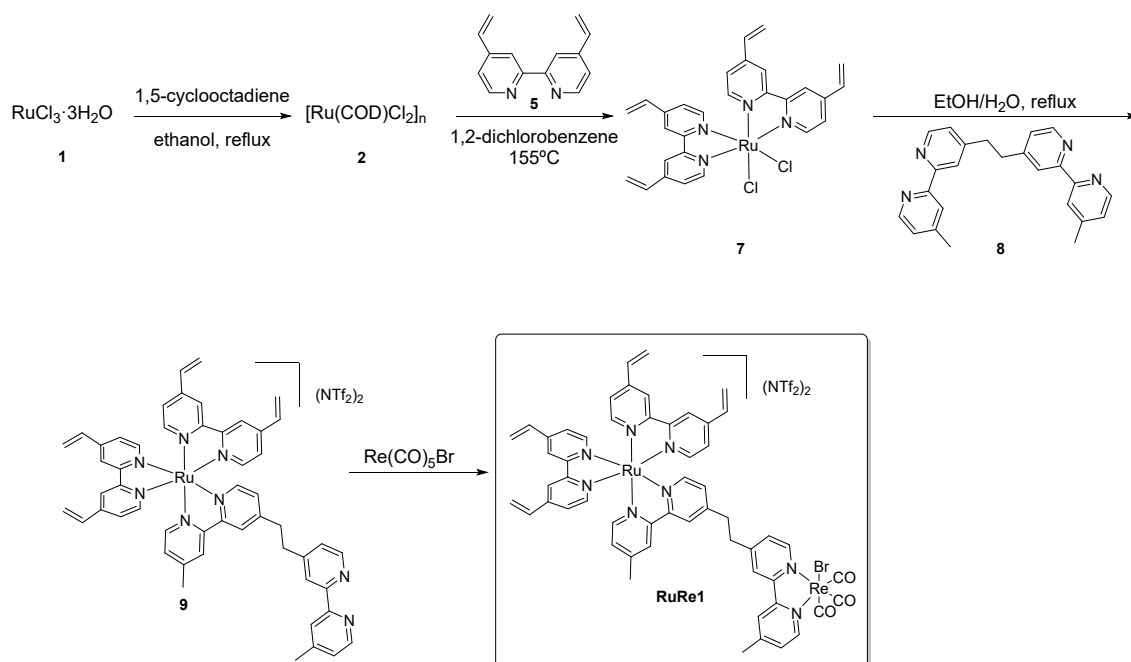


**Figure S8:** Synthesis scheme of the  $\text{Re}_{\text{CAT}}$  complex.

**Re<sub>CAT</sub>**: The synthesis was performed according to an adapted reported procedure.[6] The Re(CO)<sub>5</sub>Br **6** (0.1 g, 0.246 mmol) and the ligand **5** (51.21 mg, 0.246 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (60 mL) and stirred at reflux for 3 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the product precipitated upon the addition of Et<sub>2</sub>O. The precipitated was filtered and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O giving the Re complex as an orange solid. 114.7 mg, 84% isolated yield. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, dmsO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 5.86 (d, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 11.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.55 (d, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 17.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.95 (dd, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 10.9, 17.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.79 (dd, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.6, 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 8.90 (s, 2 H), 8.94 (d, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 5.8, 2 H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100.6 MHz, dmsO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 121.0, 124.0, 124.5, 133.2, 148.1, 153.2, 155.7, 189.6, 197.4. **ESI-HRMS**: Calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Re<sup>+</sup>. Exact: (M+NH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup>: 575.9927; Experimental: (M+NH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup>: 575.9901.

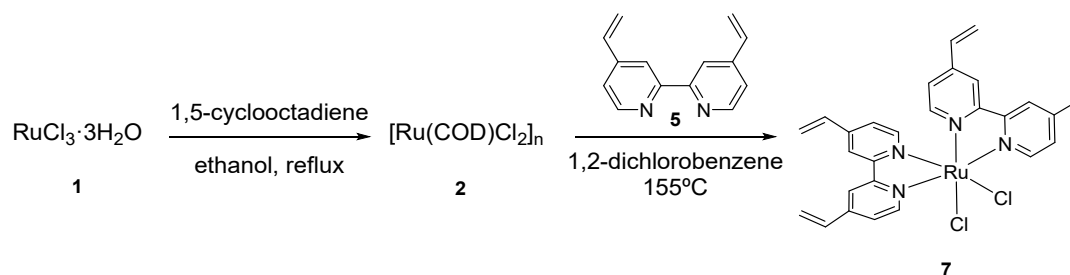
## SVII. Supramolecular RuRe1 complex synthesis

The first supramolecular Ru-Re (**RuRe1**) complex was synthesized with the ligand **8** as a linker between the Ru and the Re complex. In this case there is a bridge of two carbons between the Ru and Re. This complex was synthesized with four steps synthesis procedure with an overall isolated yield of 64%.



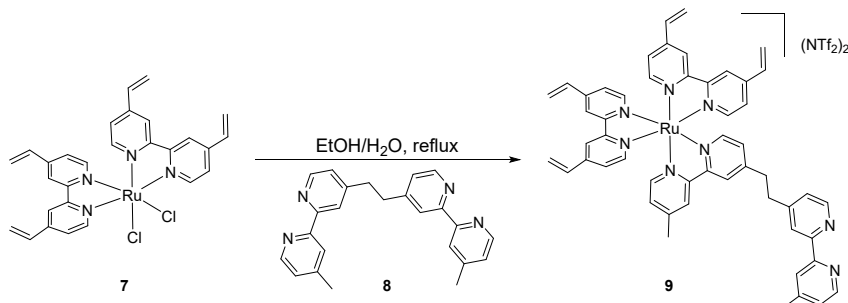
**Figure S9:** Synthetic strategy to synthesize the **RuRe1** complex.

To synthesize the Supramolecular **RuRe1** a similar strategy than for the synthesis of the Ru visible light absorber is followed but using different organic ligands. And the final step is the coordination of the Re precursor in the molecular complex **9**.



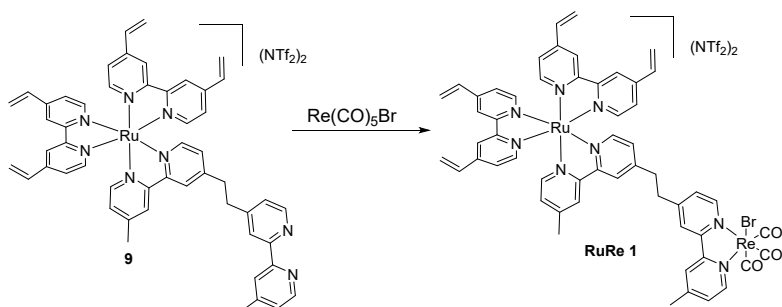
**Figure S10:** Ru complex **7** synthetic route.

**Ru complex 7:** The synthesis of the Ru complex is described in the section SV in the Figure S6 but using the ligand **5** (374.9 mg, 1.8 mmol) instead of the ligand **3**. The complex **7** was obtained with an 87% of isolated yield.



**Figure S11:** Synthesis of Ru complex **9**.

**Ru complex 9:** The synthesis was performed according to an adapted reported procedure.[5] A solution of the ligand **8** (259 mg, 0.71 mmol) and (530 mg, 0.85 mmol) of Ru complex **7** in a 71 mL mixture of EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (9:1 v:v) was heated at 95°C in the dark under an argon atmosphere for 3 h. The solvents were removed, and the product was purified on silica gel column. Eluting with an acetone/water mixture (8:2 v:v) containing KNO<sub>3</sub> saturated aqueous solution (10 drops of KNO<sub>3</sub> added to a mixture of 80 mL of acetone and 20 mL of water). The pure fractions of the product were collected and evaporated under reduced pressure. The product was redissolved with dichloromethane and 0.27 g of AgNTf<sub>2</sub> was added and stirred during 10 min. MgSO<sub>4</sub> was added and the organic phase was filtered and dried. The solid was redissolved with acetone and precipitated with diethyl ether to give the pure product **9** as a red powder (0.592 g, 58 %). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ: 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 3.24 (m, 4H), 5.73 (m, 4H), 6.23 (m, 4H), 6.85 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.50 (m, 8H), 7.63 (m, 5H), 8.19-8.52 (m, 10H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100.6 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ: 21.3, 21.4, 35.6, 36.0, 115.4, 118.6, 121.5, 121.6, 121.8, 122.8, 122.9, 123.4, 124.3, 124.7, 124.8, 125.0, 126.0, 126.9, 128.4, 129.1, 133.0, 133.1, 147.0, 147.1, 150.3, 150.7, 150.9, 151.1, 151.4, 151.5, 151.6, 151.9, 152.2, 152.8, 153.2, 153.6, 156.7, 157.1, 157.2, 157.3, 157.4, 157.5. **ESI-HRMS:** Calculated for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>8</sub>Ru<sup>2+</sup>. Exact: M<sup>2+</sup>: 442.1439; Experimental: M<sup>2+</sup>: 442.1437.



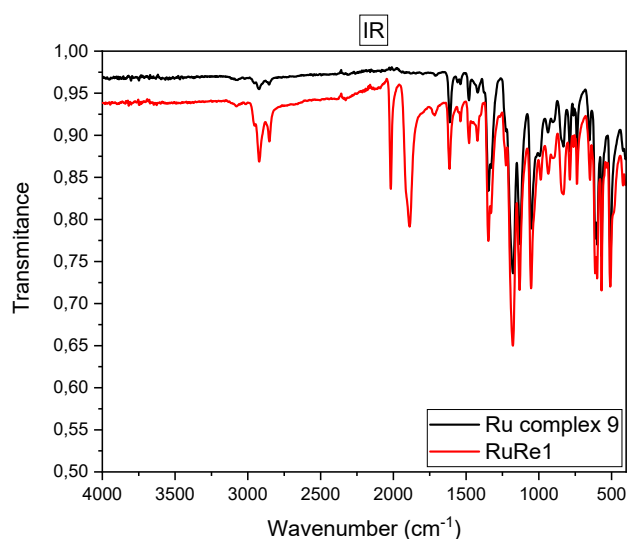
**Figure S12:** Synthesis of the RuRe**1** complex.

**RuRe1:** The synthesis was performed according to an adapted reported procedure.[7] 60.7 mg (0.042 mmol) of the Ru complex **9** and 34.12 mg (0.084 mmol) of Re(CO)<sub>5</sub>Br were refluxed in a 30 mL mixture acetone/ethanol 1:1 overnight. The solvent was evaporated and the solid was redissolved in the minimum amount of acetone and then precipitated with diethyl ether to obtain the pure RuRe **1** in 48% isolated yield (35.9 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ: 2.54 (m,



6H), 3.21 (m, 4H), 5.73 (dd,  $J_{H-H} = 1.9, 10.9$  Hz, 4H), 6.22 (m, 4H), 6.84 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.48 (m, 9H), 7.59 (m, 5H), 8.23-8.50 (m, 8H), 8.76 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$ : 21.3, 21.5, 35.6, 35.7, 115.4, 118.6, 121.4, 121.6, 121.8, 123.1, 124.4, 124.5, 124.6, 124.7, 124.9, 125.0, 125.2, 126.2, 127.4, 128.3, 128.5, 129.1, 130.0, 133.0, 133.1, 147.0, 147.1, 147.1, 150.2, 151.1, 151.3, 151.4, 151.5, 151.6, 152.4, 152.5, 152.8, 152.9, 154.1, 154.2, 155.6, 155.7, 156.4, 156.4, 156.6, 157.1, 157.3, 157.4, 157.5, 189.6, 197.9, 198.1. **ESI-HRMS**: Calculated for  $\text{C}_{55}\text{H}_{46}\text{BrN}_8\text{O}_3\text{ReRu}^{2+}$ . Exact:  $M^{2+}$ : 617.0733; Experimental:  $M^{2+}$ : 617.0722.

To confirm the correct coordination of the Re complex was performed an IR analysis of the complex before (Ru complex 9) and after the coordination of the Re complex (**RuRe1**).

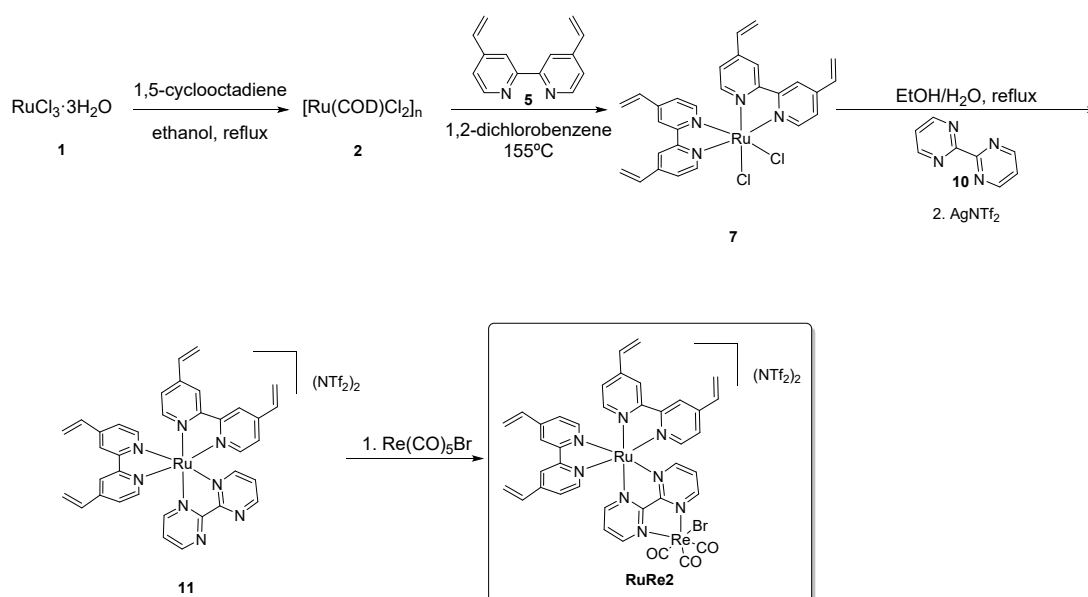


**Figure S13:** IR Spectrum of red) **RuRe1** and black) **Ru complex 9**.

As it can be observed in the Figure S13 in the IR spectrum of the Ru complex 9 there are not any characteristic peak of the CO bond, instead when the Re complex is coordinated is possible to observe two peaks corresponding to the CO bond in 2016 and 1889  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . These peaks confirm the good coordination of the Re complex.

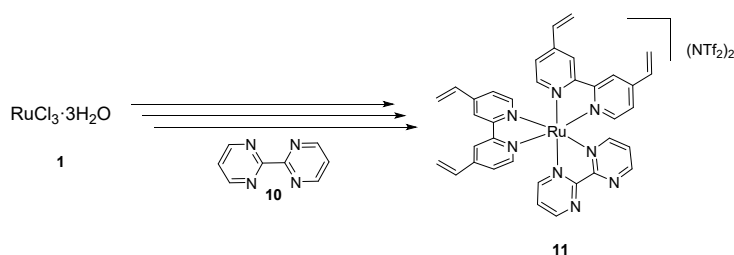
### **SVIII. Supramolecular RuRe2 complex synthesis**

To compare the effect of the ligand between the Ru and Re a new Supramolecular Ru-Re (**RuRe2**) complex was synthesized with the 2,2'-Bipyrimidine **10** as ligand.



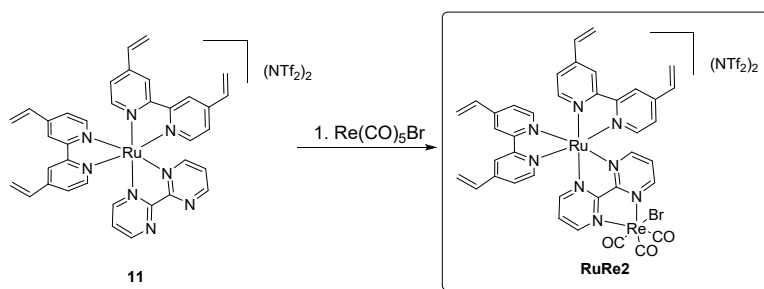
**Figure S14:** Synthesis scheme of the **RuRe2** complex.

The synthesis of the **RuRe2** complex is very similar than for the **RuRe1** complex. To synthesize the **RuRe2** the 2,2'-Bipyrimidine **10** ligand will be used instead of the ligand **8**. The **RuRe2** complex was obtained with an overall isolated yield of 67%.



**Figure S15:** Synthesis of Ru complex **11**.

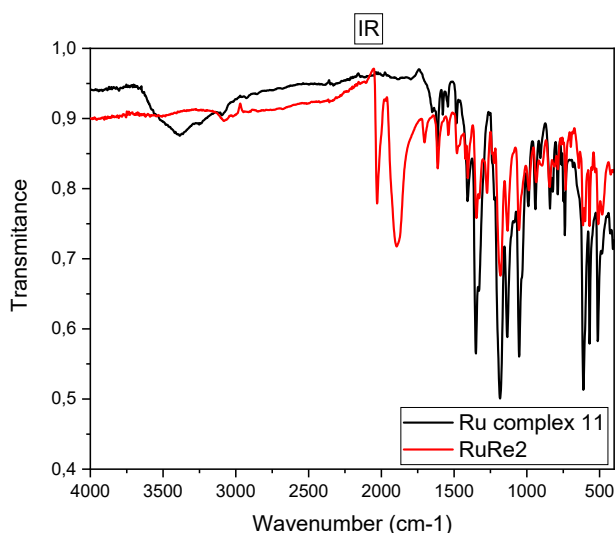
**Ru complex 11:** The synthesis procedure of the Ru complex **11** is described in the section SVII. To synthesize the complex **11** the synthesis is performed with the ligand **10** instead of the ligand **8**. The pure Ru complex **11** was obtained in 57% isolated yield (404.5 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ: 5.75 (dd, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 5.0, 10.9 Hz, 4H), 6.39 (dd, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 4.0, 17.6 Hz, 4H), 6.93 (m, 4H), 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.71 (d, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.80 (dd, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 5.0, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (dd, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.9, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 8.83 (s, 4H), 9.18 (dd, J<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.9, 4.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100.6 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ: 119.6, 122.7, 122.8, 122.9, 123.3, 125.6, 125.8, 126.8, 134.3, 134.3, 149.0, 152.5, 153.4, 158.5, 158.7, 159.2, 162.0, 162.7. **ESI-HRMS:** Calculated for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>8</sub>Ru<sup>2+</sup>. Exact: M<sup>2+</sup>: 338.0813; Experimental: M<sup>2+</sup>: 338.0816.



**Figure S16:** Synthesis of the *RuRe2*.

**RuRe 2:** The synthesis was performed according to an adapted reported procedure.[7] 100 mg (0.08 mmol) of the Ru complex **11** and 65 mg (0.16 mmol) of  $\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$  were refluxed in a 60 mL mixture acetone/ethanol 1:1 overnight. The solvent was evaporated and the solid was redissolved in the minimum amount of acetone and then precipitated with diethyl ether to obtain the pure **RuRe 2** in 59% isolated yield (74.2 mg).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 5.76 (dt,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 2.0, 10.8$  Hz, 4H), 6.41 (m, 4H), 6.95 (m, 4H), 7.65 (m, 4H), 8.00 (m, 5H), 8.58 (d,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.79 (dd,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.4, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.98 (m, 5H), 9.54 (dt,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.5, 5.5$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100.6 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 116.2, 119.4, 122.1, 122.3, 122.4, 122.6, 123.5, 123.6, 123.7, 125.1, 125.4, 125.6, 125.8, 127.1, 127.5, 134.0, 134.1, 134.2, 148.4, 148.5, 148.6, 152.9, 153.4, 154.2, 155.6, 158.0, 158.1, 158.4, 158.5, 160.0, 160.5, 162.4, 162.6, 162.7, 167.4, 167.8, 196.5. **ESI-HRMS:** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{30}\text{BrN}_8\text{O}_3\text{ReRu}^{2+}$ . Exact:  $M^{2+}$ : 513.0107; Experimental:  $M^{2+}$ : 513.0099.

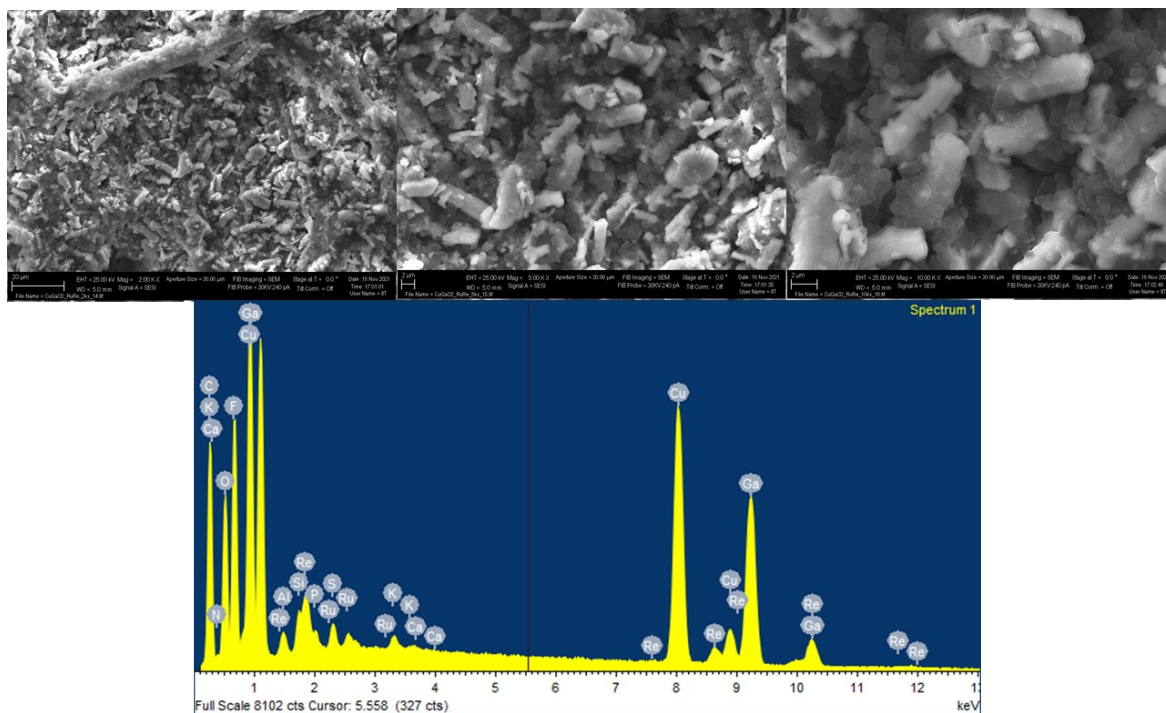
To confirm the coordination of the Re complex in the Ru complex **11** the same IR analysis performed for the **RuRe1** was performed for this complex. Was carried out an IR analysis of the complex before and after the coordination of the Re complex.



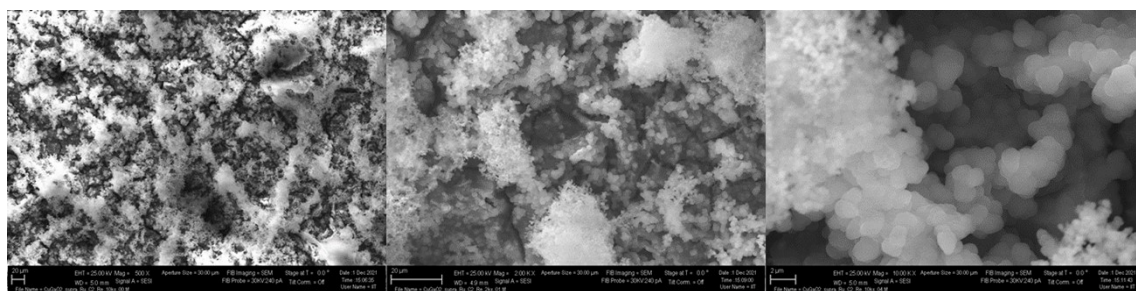
**Figure S17:** IR Spectrum of red) **RuRe2** black) Ru complex **11**.

As observed for the **RuRe1** the same behavior is observed for the **RuRe2**. In the Figure S17 in the IR spectrum of the Ru complex **11** there are not any characteristic peak of the CO bond, instead when the Re complex is coordinated is possible to observe two peaks corresponding to the CO bond in 2030 and 1895  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . These peaks confirms that the Re complex is well coordinated to the Ru complex **11**.

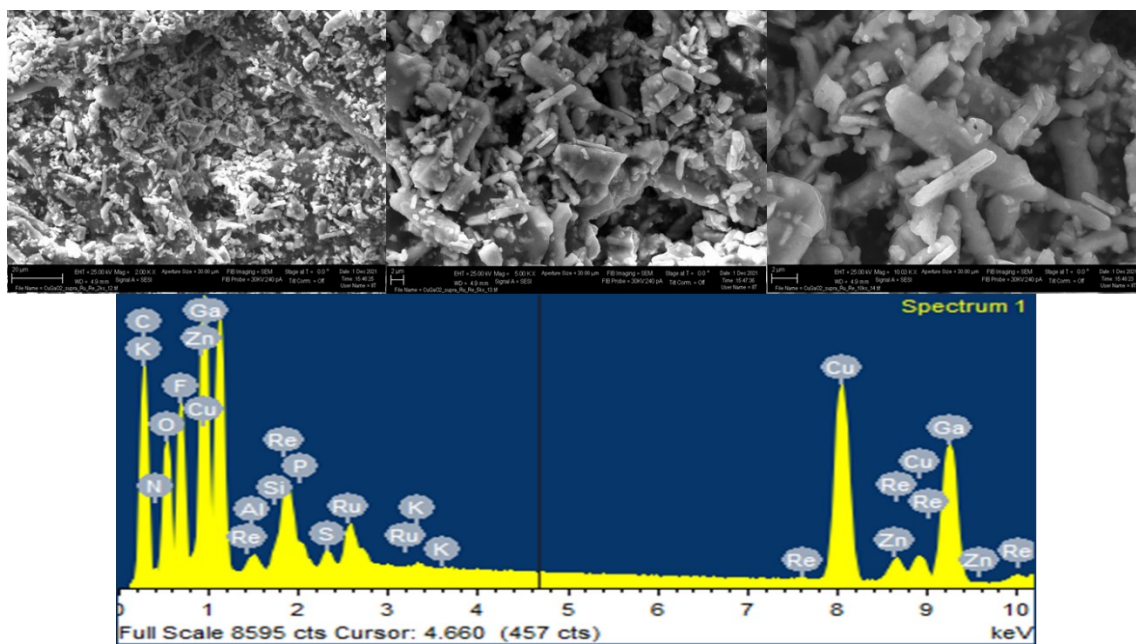




**Figure S20:** FESEM images and EDX analysis of the  $\text{CuGaO}_2$  electrode after the electropolymerization of the  $\text{Ru}_{\text{VLA}}$  complex and  $\text{Re}_{\text{CAT}}$  complex ( $\text{Ru}+\text{Re}@\text{CuGaO}_2$ ).



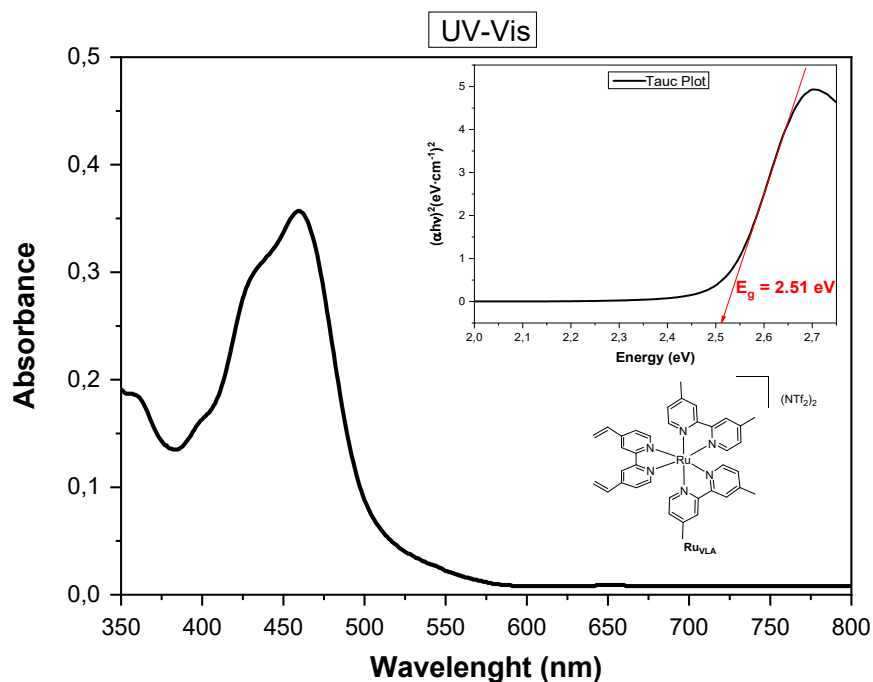
**Figure S21:** FESEM images of the  $\text{CuGaO}_2$  electrode after the electropolymerization of the  $\text{RuRe1}$  complex ( $\text{RuRe1}@\text{CuGaO}_2$ ).



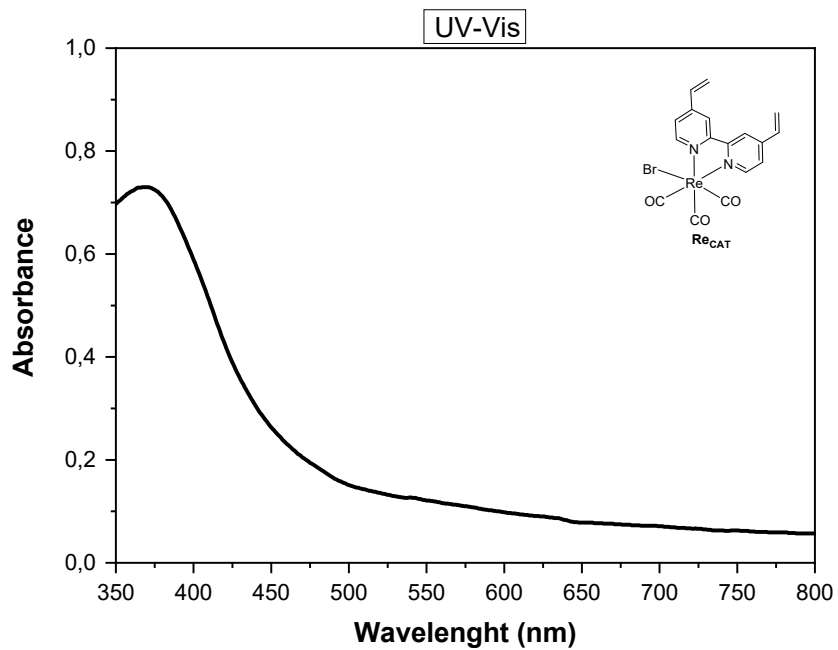
**Figure S22:** FESEM images and EDX analysis of the  $\text{CuGaO}_2$  electrode after the electropolymerization of the  $\text{RuRe}_2$  complex ( $\text{RuRe}_2@ \text{CuGaO}_2$ ).

### SX. UV-Vis spectra of the molecular complexes

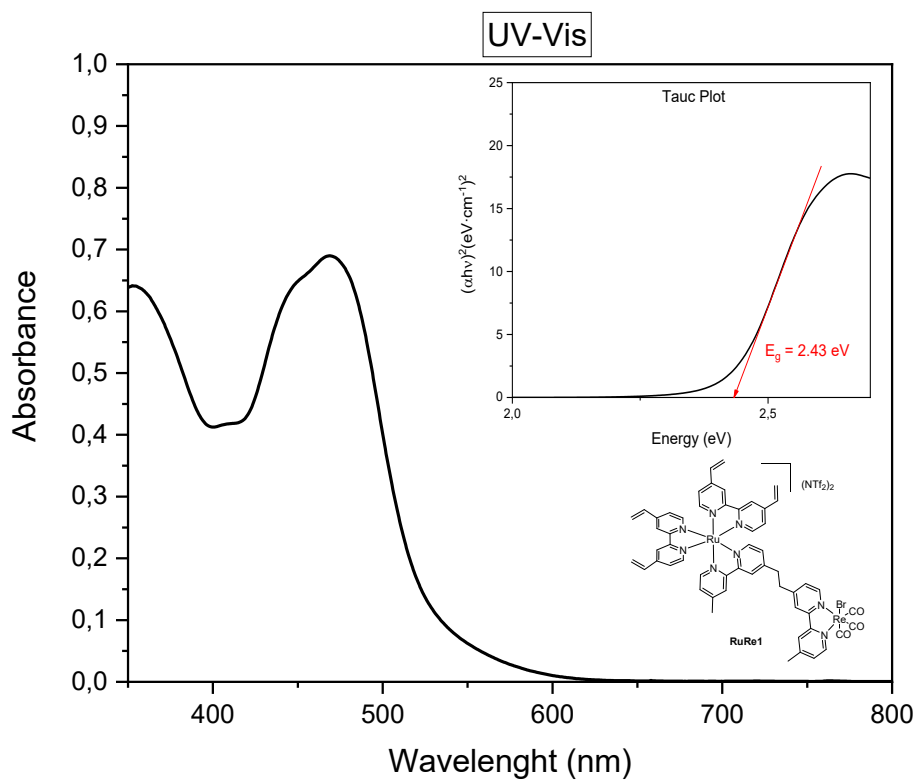
The UV-Vis of the different molecular complexes were performed to check the absorbance wavelength of each complex.



**Figure S23:** UV-Vis spectra and Tauc plot of the  $\text{Ru}_{\text{VLA}}$  complex.



**Figure S24:** UV-Vis spectra and Tauc plot of the **Re<sub>CAT</sub>** complex.



**Figure S25:** UV-Vis spectra and Tauc plot of the **RuRe1**.

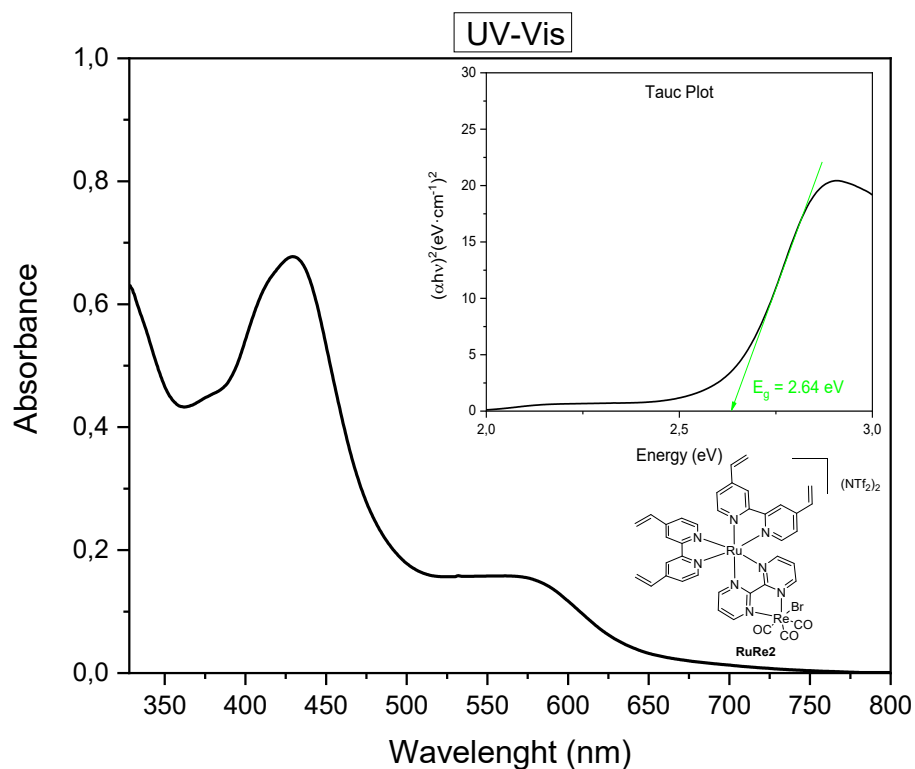


Figure S26: UV-Vis spectra and Tauc plot of the **RuRe2**.

### SXI. Cyclic voltammetry graphics

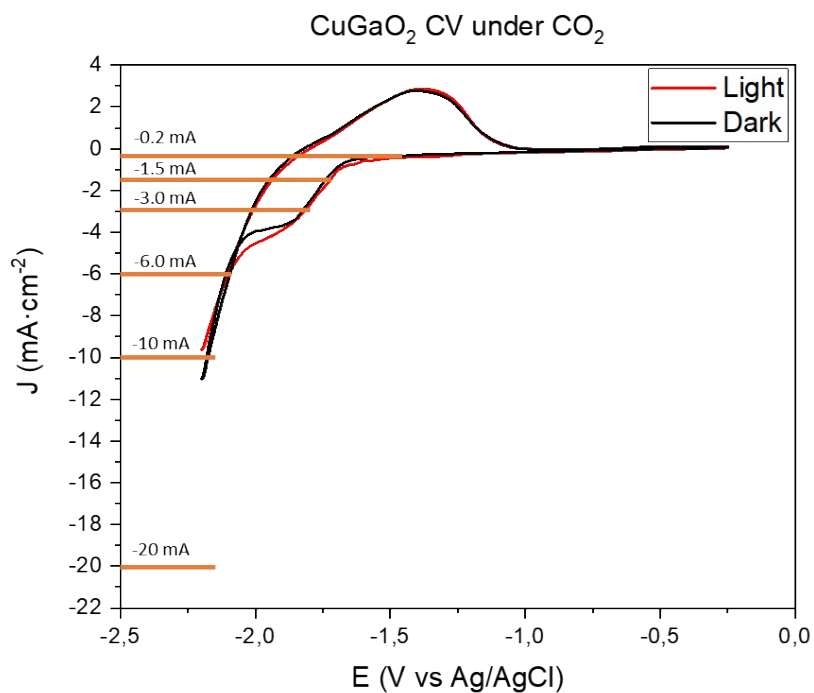


Figure S27: Cyclic voltammetry graphic of CuGaO<sub>2</sub> in an acetonitrile 0.3M BMIM-triflate solution CO<sub>2</sub> saturated with (red) and without (black) simulated sunlight irradiation.



## SXII. Results of all CO<sub>2</sub> reduction tests

**Table S1:**  $\mu\text{mol}$  of gas and liquid products produced in a 30 min chronopotentiometry at different current intensities in an acetonitrile 0.3 M BMIM-TfO solution saturated with CO<sub>2</sub> under simulated sunlight irradiation with different samples. Values in brackets are the Faradaic Efficiencies (%). <sup>a</sup>Experiments performed at dark conditions. <sup>b</sup>Experiment performed in an acetonitrile 0.3 M BMIM-TfO solution saturated with N<sub>2</sub>.

Sample	Current intensity (mA·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\mu\text{mol H}_2$	$\mu\text{mol CO}$	$\mu\text{mol Formate}$	$\mu\text{mol Methanol}$	$\mu\text{mol Ethanol}$	$\mu\text{mol 2-Propanol}$
<sup>a</sup> CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-0.2	0.81 (43)	-	-	-	-	-
<sup>a</sup> CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-1.5	1.24 (9)	3.49 (25)	5.64 (40)	0.05 (1)	0.12 (5)	0.11 (7)
<sup>a</sup> CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-3.0	1.14 (4)	6.08 (22)	9.51 (34)	-	0.11 (3)	0.13 (4)
<sup>a</sup> CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-6.0	1.58 (3)	9.92 (18)	10.67 (19)	0.06 (<1)	0.13 (1)	0.39 (6)
<sup>a</sup> CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-10.0	2.91 (3)	10.04 (11)	35.75 (38)	-	0.12 (1)	0.28 (3)
<sup>a</sup> CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-20.0	5.86 (3)	3.99 (2)	28.46 (15)	-	0.13 (<1)	0.29 (1)
CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-0.2	0.21 (11)	0.18 (10)	-	-	-	-
CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-1.5	3.29 (24)	1.97 (14)	5.57 (40)	-	-	0.02 (1)
CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-3.0	9.41 (34)	3.90 (14)	6.79 (24)	-	-	0.04 (1)
CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-6.0	18.31 (33)	10.09 (18)	24.17 (43)	-	-	0.09 (1)
CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-10.0	12.07 (13)	6.08 (7)	17.83 (19)	-	0.67 (4)	0.15 (1)
CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-20.0	14.95 (8)	24.11 (13)	18.88 (10)	-	0.56 (2)	0.24 (1)
<sup>b</sup> Ru+Re@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ru+Re@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-0.2	0.13 (7)	0.07 (4)	-	-	-	-
Ru+Re@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-1.5	0.95 (7)	6.08 (43)	5.97 (43)	-	-	0.11 (7)
Ru+Re@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-3.0	4.56 (16)	5.46 (20)	5.74 (21)	-	0.16 (3)	0.37 (12)
Ru+Re@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-6.0	7.17 (13)	8.16 (15)	11.18 (20)	-	-	0.21 (3)
Ru+Re@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-10.0	14.71 (16)	9.42 (10)	14.20 (15)	-	-	1.30 (13)
Ru+Re@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	-20.0	21.26 (11)	6.59 (4)	17.37 (9)	-	0.06 (<1)	1.42 (7)

**Table S2:**  $\mu\text{mol}$  of gas and liquid products produced in 120 min chronopotentiometry tests at  $-1.5 \text{ mA}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ , under continuous simulated sunlight irradiation in an acetonitrile 0.3 M BMI-TfO  $\text{CO}_2$  saturated solution using different samples. Values in brackets are the Faradaic Efficiencies (%). <sup>a</sup>Experiment performed at dark conditions. <sup>b</sup>Experiment performed in an acetonitrile 0.3 M  $\text{Et}_4\text{N}\cdot\text{PF}_6$  solution saturated with  $\text{CO}_2$ . <sup>c</sup>Experiment performed in an aqueous 0.1 M  $\text{KHCO}_3$  solution saturated with  $\text{CO}_2$ .

Sample	$\mu\text{mol H}_2$	$\mu\text{mol CO}$	$\mu\text{mol Formate}$	$\mu\text{mol Methanol}$	$\mu\text{mol Ethanol}$	$\mu\text{mol 2-Propanol}$
<sup>a</sup> CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	5.81 (10)	4.95 (9)	20.55 (37)	0.07 (<1)	0.20 (2)	0.76 (12)
CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	5.74 (10)	3.10 (6)	18.44 (33)	0.08 (<1)	0.04 (<1)	0.17 (3)
<sup>b</sup> Ru+Re@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	11.08 (20)	8.64 (16)	9.94 (18)	-	0.19 (2)	0.42 (7)
<sup>c</sup> Ru+Re@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	44.67 (80)	-	7.67 (14)	-	0.07 (1)	-
Ru+Re@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	7.70 (14)	3.25 (6)	24.49 (44)	0.06 (<1)	0.14 (2)	0.77 (13)
RuRe1@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	10.66 (19)	1.83 (3)	24.30 (43)	0.07 (<1)	0.22 (2)	0.33 (5)
RuRe2@CuGaO <sub>2</sub>	8.98 (16)	3.25 (6)	19.50 (35)	-	0.09 (1)	1.45 (23)

### SXIII. FESEM images and EDX analysis of the tested electrodes

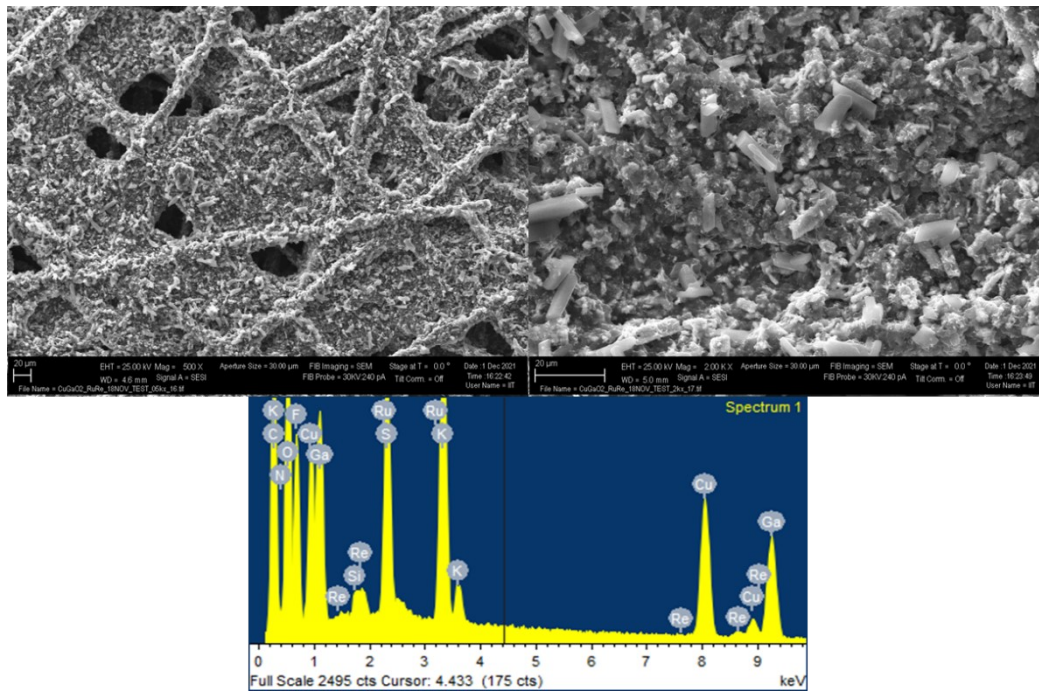


Figure S28: FESEM images and EDX analysis of the tested  $Ru+Re@CuGaO_2$  electrode.

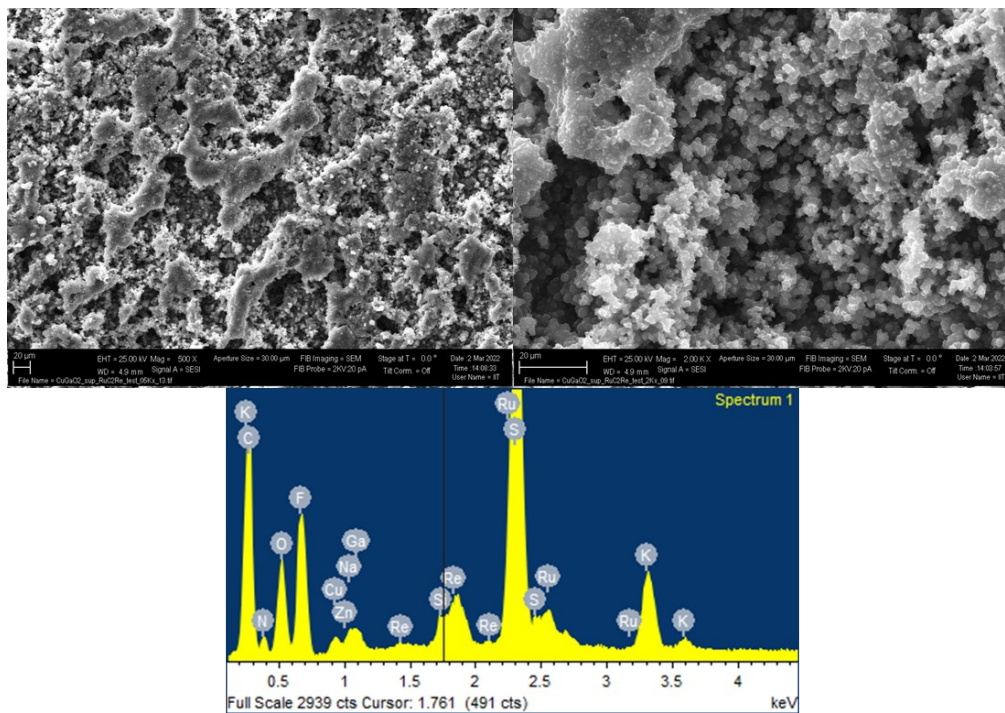


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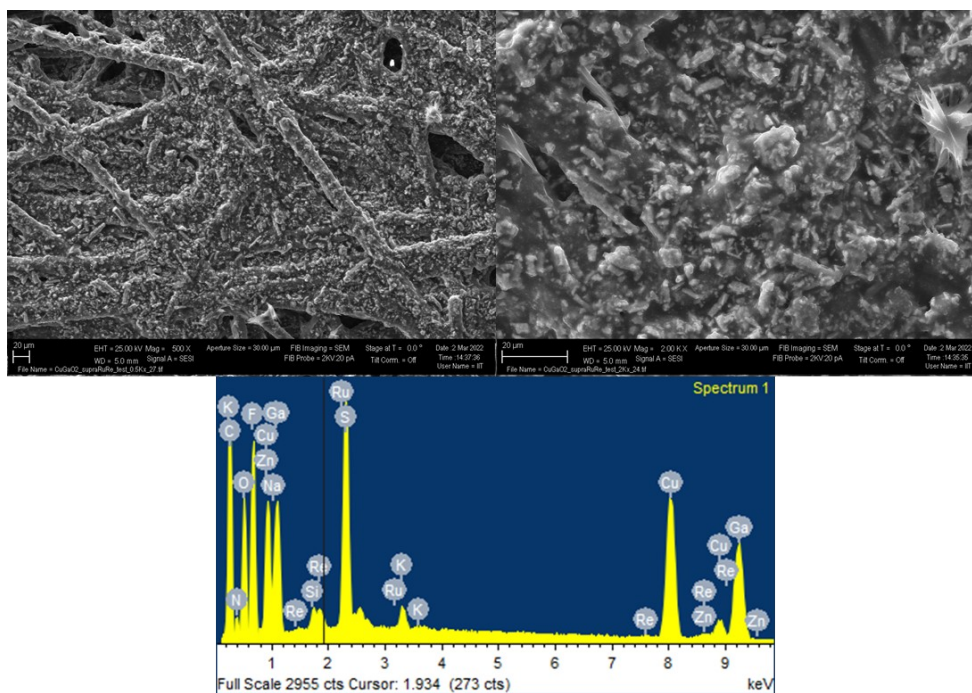
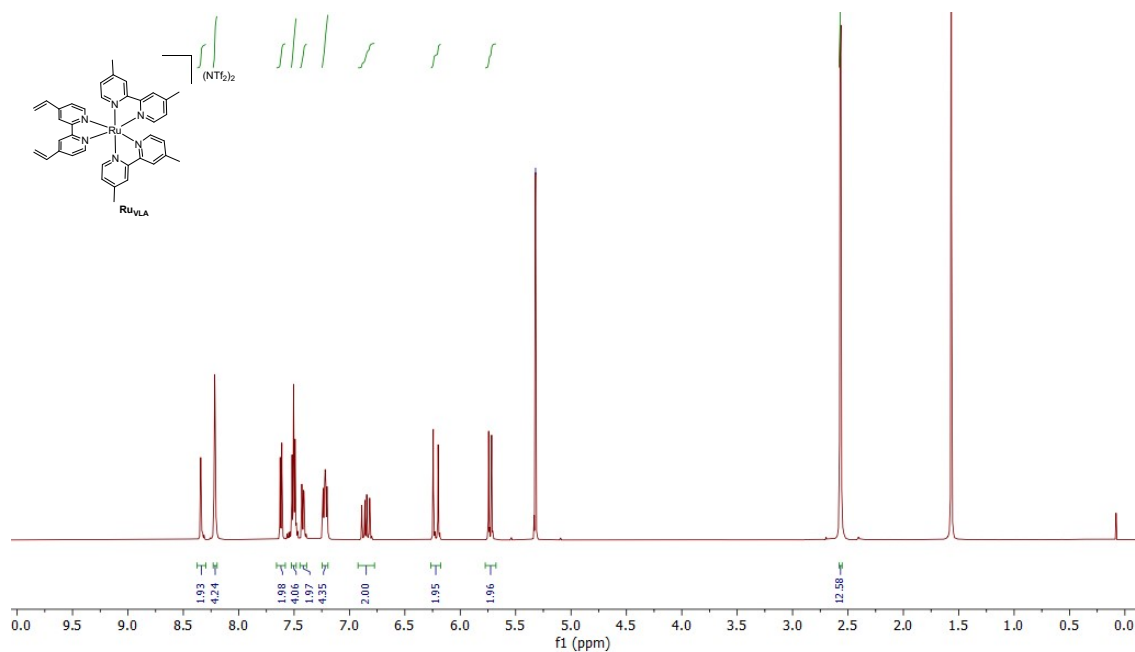


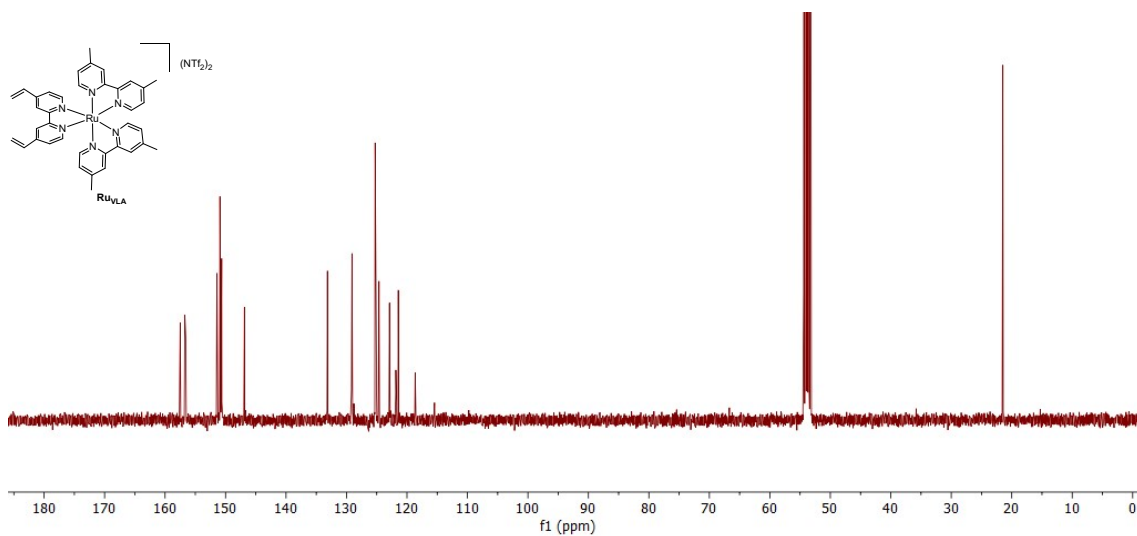
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### SXIV. $^1H$ and $^{13}C$ NMR spectra

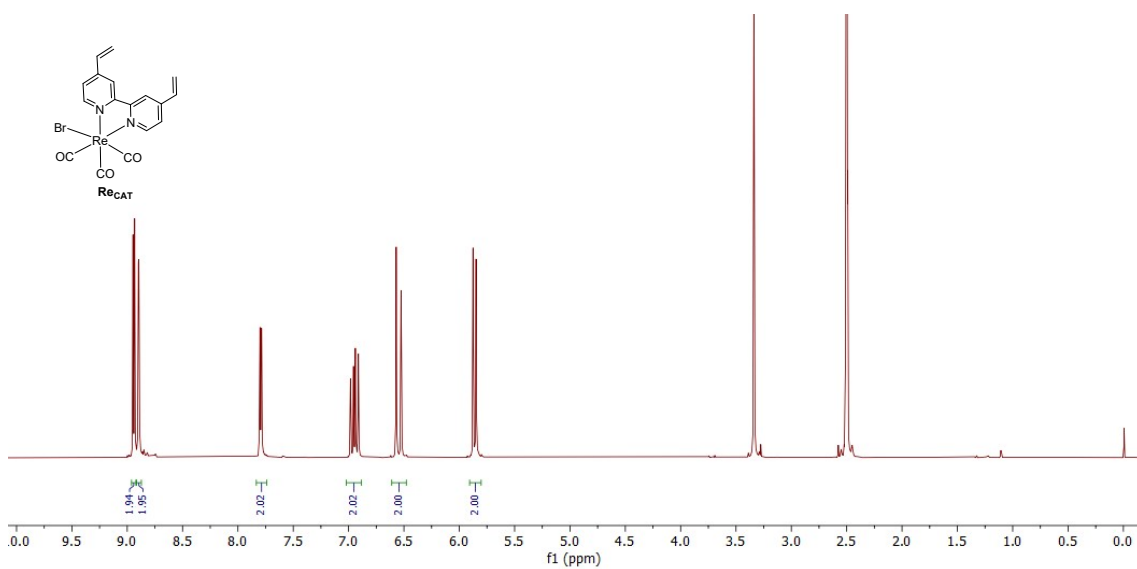
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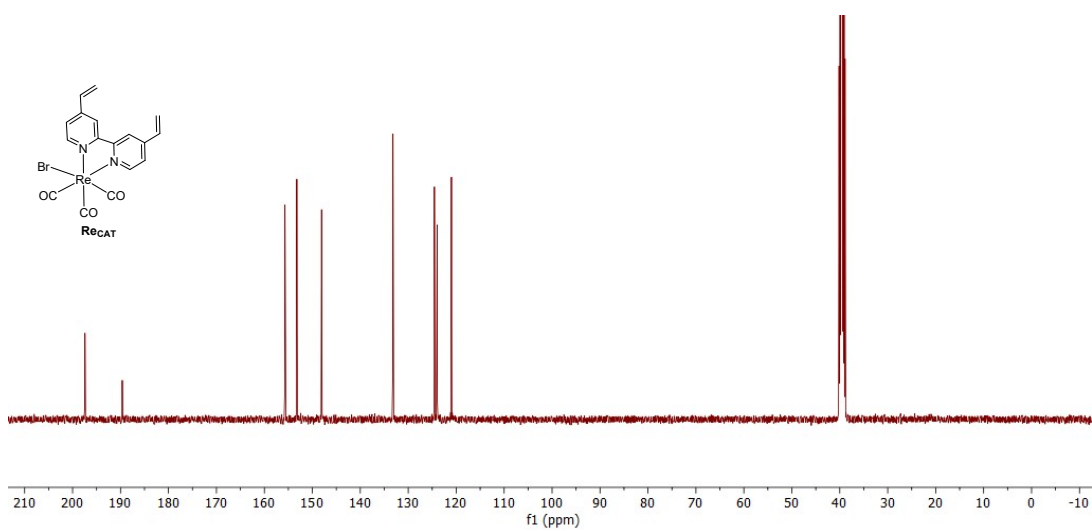
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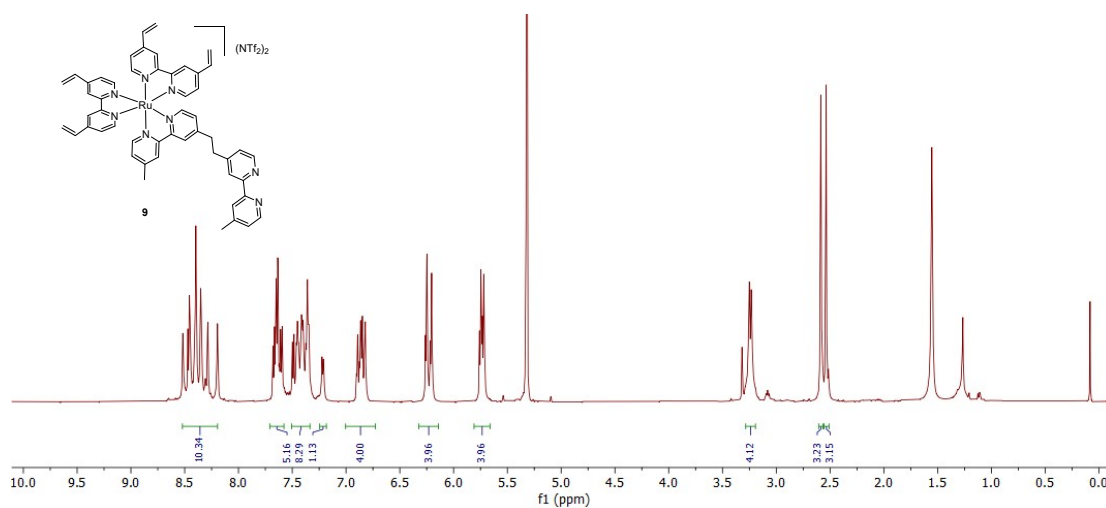
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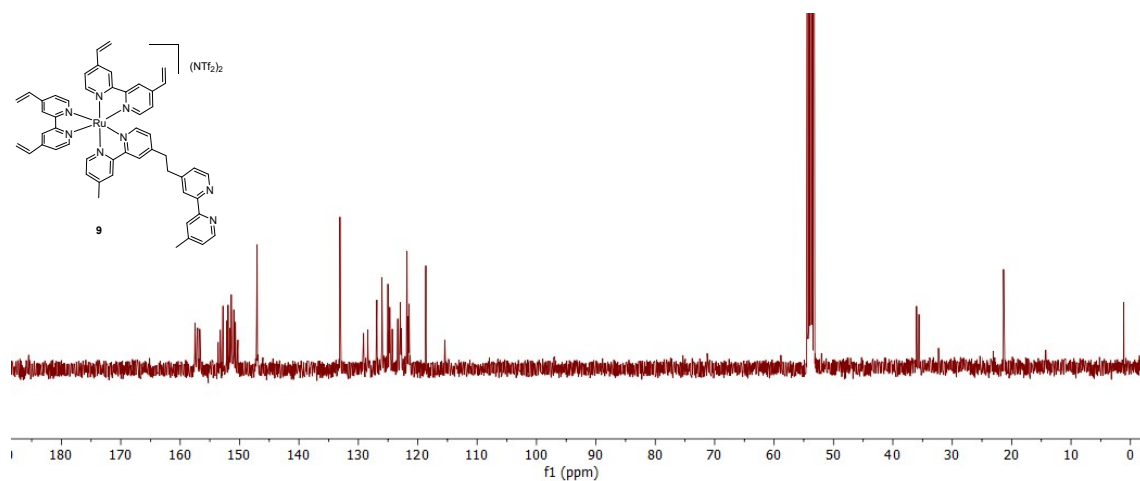
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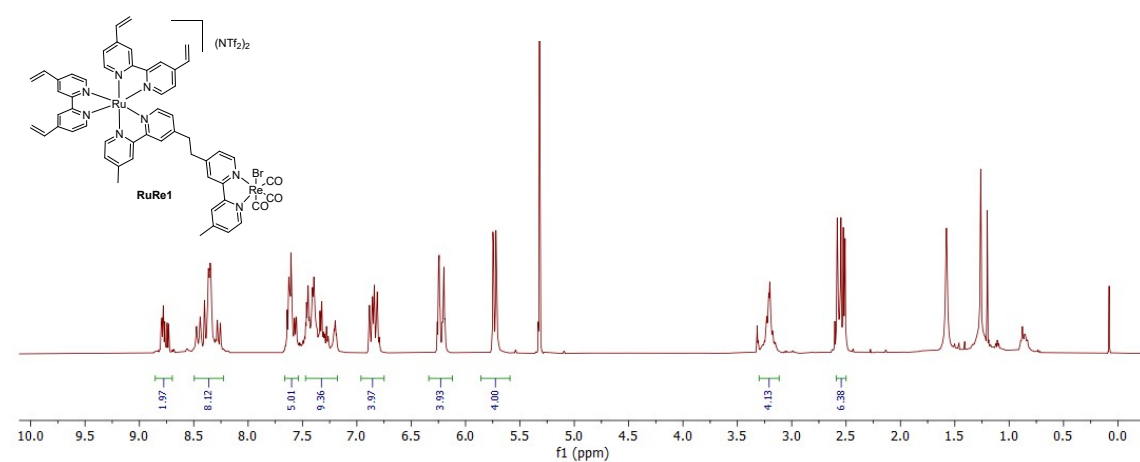
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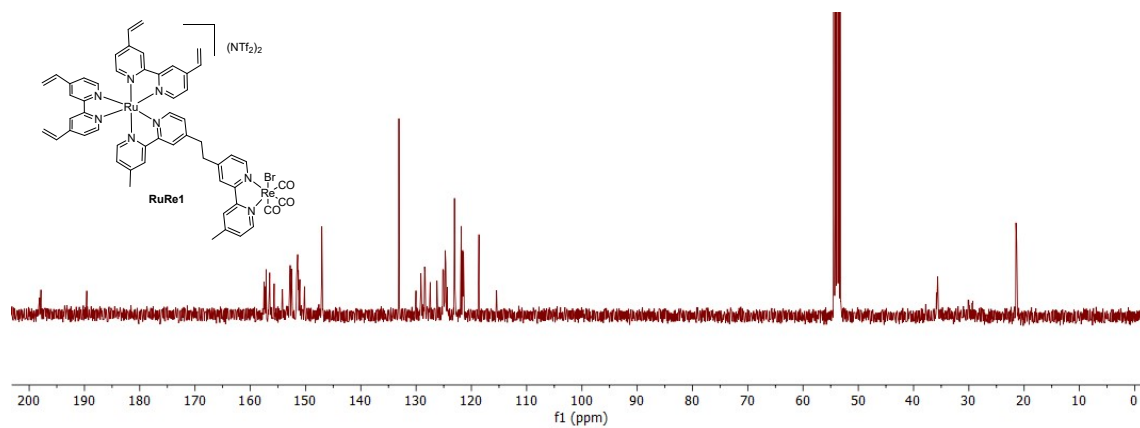
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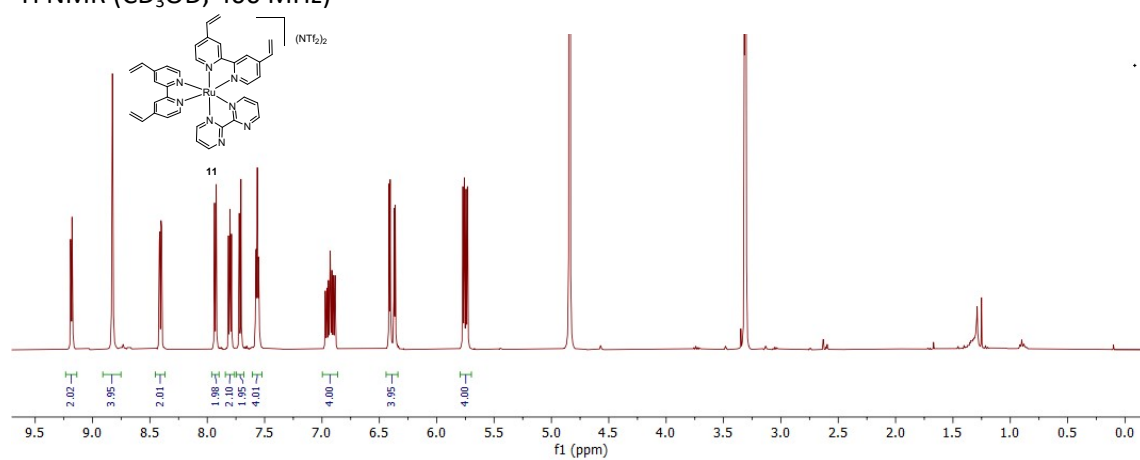
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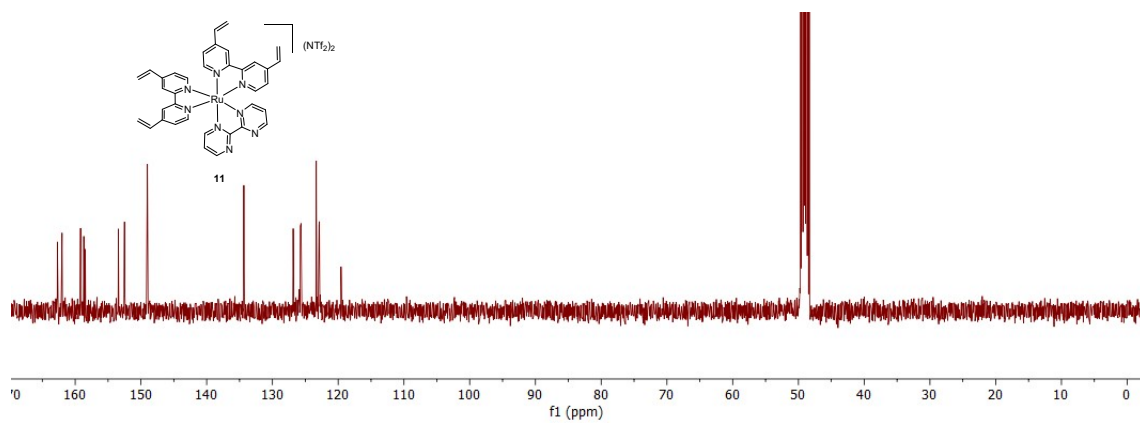
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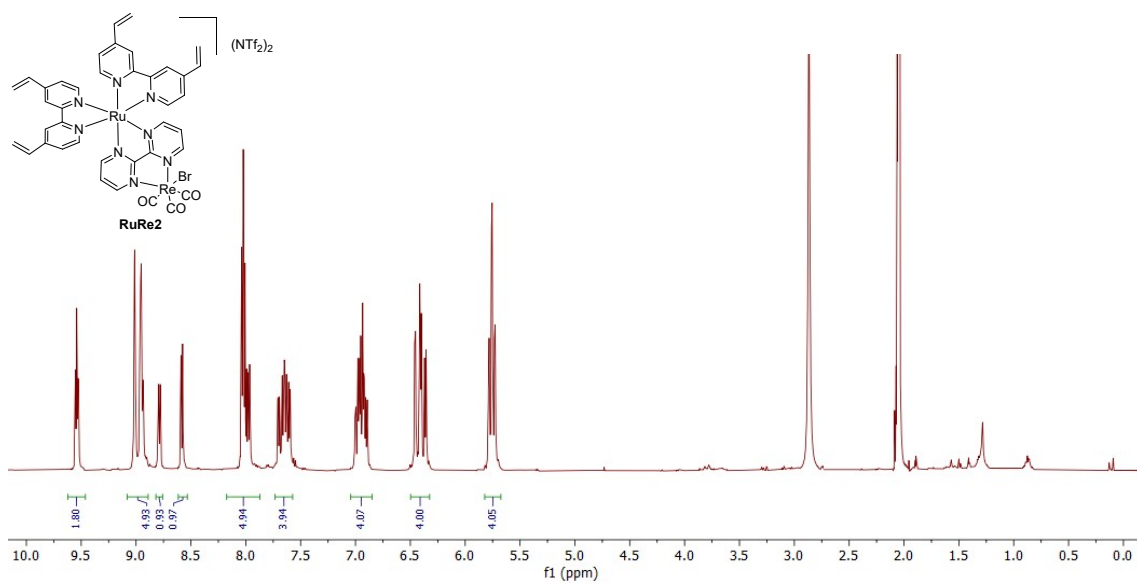
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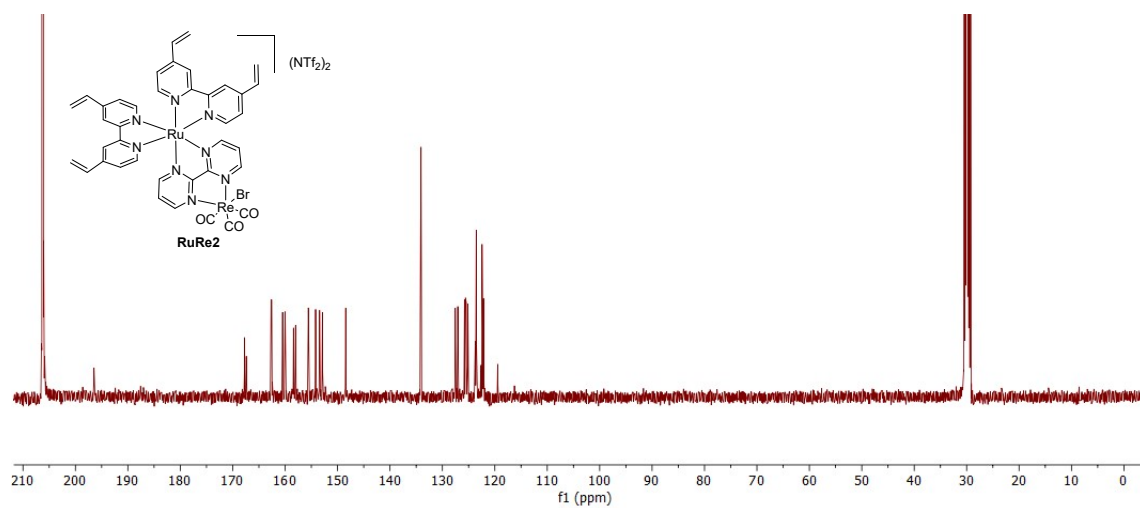
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$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (acetone- $d_6$ , 100.6 MHz)





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