

## Supporting Information for

Theoretical characterization of a Ru N-  
Heterocyclic Carbene derivative of a  
polyoxometalate. Enhanced  $\pi$ -interaction in  
oxide supported TM-organic linkages.

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**Table S1.** Selected topological parameters of the analysis of the electron density distribution for the all studied carbene complexes. Values in a.u.<sup>a</sup>

	Fisher	Ru-NHC					Schrock		
	4	2 <sub>C</sub>	2 <sub>P</sub>	2 <sub>Cl</sub>	2 <sub>O</sub>	2 <sub>N</sub>	3	1	5
M-C									
d (Å)	2.057	2.141	2.132	2.115	2.094	2.072	2.070	2.011	1.899
$\rho(r)$	.089	.096	.097	.106	.112	.114	.111	.128	.193
$\nabla^2\rho(r)$	.315	.254	.275	.226	.206	.269	.256	.310	.341
C <sub>carb-N</sub>									
$\rho(r)$	-	.310	.310	.314	.320	.310	.320	.306	-
$\nabla^2\rho(r)$	-	-.820	-.820	-.822	-.851	-.810	-.861	-.788	-

<sup>a</sup> For 2<sub>C</sub>, 2<sub>P</sub>, and 2<sub>N</sub>, we report average values.

**Table S2.** Energy Decomposition Analysis of Ru-NHC, Fischer- (4), and Schrock- type (5) carbene complexes at BP86/TZP level. Energies in kcal.mol<sup>-1</sup> and TM-C<sub>carbene</sub> distances in Å.<sup>a</sup>

	Fisher	Ru-NHC					Schrock		
	4	2 <sub>C</sub>	2 <sub>P</sub>	2 <sub>Cl</sub>	2 <sub>O</sub>	2 <sub>N</sub>	3	1	5
d (Å)	2.057	2.141	2.132	2.115	2.094	2.072	2.070	2.011	1.899
$\Delta E_{\text{int}}$	-48.1	-52.2	-53.4	-56.6	-114.7	-58.5	-58.1	-60.8	-129.5
$\Delta E_{\text{steric}}$	+7.9	+8.5	+10.4	+23.2	-14.9	+16.5	+16.4	+61.0	+66.1
$\Delta E_{\text{pauli}}$	109.6	144.6	155.8	182.1	152.8	174.6	176.6	268.8	248.4
$\Delta E_{\text{clstat}}$	-101.7	-136.1	-145.4	-158.9	-167.7	-158.1	-160.2	-207.8	-182.3
	(65%)	(69%)	(69%)	(67%)	(63%)	(67%)	(68%)	(63%)	(48%)
$\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$	-56	-60.6	-63.8	-79.7	-99.8	-76.5	-74.5	-121.8	-195.7
	(35%)	(31%)	(31%)	(33%)	(37%)	(33%)	(32%)	(37%)	(52%)

<sup>a</sup> For 2<sub>C</sub>, 2<sub>P</sub>, and 2<sub>N</sub>, we report average values. The values in parentheses give the percentage contribution to the total attractive energy

**Table S3** Decomposition of  $\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$  in terms of donation, back-donation and polarization for all studied carbenes.<sup>a</sup> Energies in kcal.mol<sup>-1</sup>.

	Fisher	Ru-NHC						
	4	2 <sub>C</sub>	2 <sub>P</sub>	2 <sub>Cl</sub>	2 <sub>O</sub>	2 <sub>N</sub>	3	1
$\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$	-56.0	-60.6	-63.8	-79.8	-99.8	-76.5	-74.5	-121.8
$\Delta E_{\sigma}(\text{L} \rightarrow \text{TM})$	-18.3	-24.3	-23.9	-33.3	-47.3	-31.6	-31.6	-32.8
	(69%)	(84%)	(78%)	(87%)	(90%)	(83%)	(85%)	(77%)
$\Delta E_{\pi}(\text{TM} \rightarrow \text{L})$	-8.3 (31%)	-4.5	-6.8	-4.8	-5.4 (10%)	-6.6	-5.4 (15%)	-9.9
		(16%)	(22%)	(13%)		(17%)		(23%)
$\Delta E_{\text{syn}}$	-6.9	-4.0	-4.7	-5.5	-8.0	-6.8	-6.8	-8.3
$\Delta E_{\text{pol}}$	-27.1	-32.4	-32.3	-41.5	-41.3	-37.1	-37.0	-82.3
$\Delta q_{\sigma}(\text{L} \rightarrow \text{TM})$	0.25	0.38	0.30	0.33	1.61	0.32	0.31	0.25
$\Delta q_{\pi}(\text{TM} \rightarrow \text{L})$	0.11	0.06	0.12	0.06	0.03	0.09	0.06	0.12

<sup>a</sup> For 2<sub>C</sub>, 2<sub>P</sub>, and 2<sub>N</sub>, we report average values. The values in parentheses give the percentage contribution to the sum of  $\sigma$ -donation and  $\pi$ -backdonation terms.

### Cartesian coordinates in Å:



W	1.362462	-3.659441	-0.241467
W	-1.544611	-2.944058	-1.952882
W	-1.466020	-2.900208	-5.762918
W	1.507169	-3.499620	-7.373733
W	4.771677	-4.266725	-5.488630
W	4.715935	-4.334955	-1.980272
W	1.793589	-6.951214	-2.087563
W	-1.174627	-6.234342	-3.875210
W	1.854265	-6.865498	-5.605337
W	0.000000	0.000000	-7.777383
Ru	0.000000	0.000000	-0.070080
P	1.567522	-3.780005	-3.796571
N	-2.592332	-0.746381	1.291277
N	-0.883807	-1.639524	2.369934
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O	1.201615	-1.723703	-0.029227
O	-3.231850	-2.989445	-1.370088
O	-1.073094	-1.163670	-1.558328
O	-3.124113	-2.940014	-6.378028
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O	5.478239	-2.722205	-1.923560
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O	-1.115858	-0.779959	-8.918934
O	-0.618809	-3.595282	-0.365625
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O	3.442146	-6.080810	-2.127242
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C	-3.179187	-1.778415	2.143546
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W	1.466020	2.900208	-5.762918
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W	-4.771677	4.266725	-5.488630
W	-4.715935	4.334955	-1.980272
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W	1.174627	6.234342	-3.875210
W	-1.854265	6.865498	-5.605337
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N	2.592332	0.746381	1.291277
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O	3.231850	2.989445	-1.370088
O	1.073094	1.163670	-1.558328
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O	-2.070863	8.361073	-0.994631
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O	1.115858	0.779959	-8.918934
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O	1.676379	2.519417	-3.844767
O	1.529976	4.888427	-2.553192
O	0.465841	3.551864	-7.283452
O	1.477511	4.859358	-5.160183
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C	1.218643	0.830983	1.296378
C	3.179187	1.778415	2.143546
C	2.035373	2.101035	3.109486
C	-0.432768	1.815216	2.924291
C	3.420680	0.243926	0.189058
H	3.447616	2.656258	1.520398
H	4.091065	1.403457	2.659431
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**(3) [Cl<sub>2</sub>Ru(LMe)(PH<sub>3</sub>)(C(H)Ph)]**

Ru	19.768779	9.598368	16.969741
Cl	19.384166	10.122015	14.569199
Cl	19.780791	8.465248	19.120454
P	17.541958	10.405792	17.347551
C	21.430097	8.474951	16.437425
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H	21.918268	16.061078	16.313578
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H	22.233843	15.290137	18.664273
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H	21.539769	12.992906	19.317068
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H	16.886475	10.150170	18.591805
C	20.007613	6.701769	15.414066
H	19.336760	6.673730	16.286786
H	19.528045	7.258386	14.597036
H	20.188028	5.669180	15.092180
C	23.351186	9.805716	17.357073
H	23.220254	10.735353	16.785872
H	22.923538	9.932494	18.359736
H	24.424985	9.608538	17.459534

**(4) [Cr(CO)<sub>5</sub>(C(OH)<sub>2</sub>)]**

Cr	0.000000	0.000000	0.940148
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C	1.369999	-1.344530	0.939495
C	1.369999	1.344530	0.939495
C	-1.369999	1.344530	0.939495
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O	2.199419	-2.155167	0.945878
O	2.199419	2.155167	0.945878
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O	-2.199419	2.155167	0.945878
C	0.000000	0.000000	-1.119634
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O	0.000000	1.063072	-1.925882
H	0.000000	-1.853113	-1.350361
H	0.000000	1.853113	-1.350361

**(5) [F<sub>4</sub>W(C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)]**

C	-0.416860	1.066061	0.000087
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H	0.251322	2.371628	1.624896
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