

Electronic Supplementary Information

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Facile η^5 - η^3 hapticity interconversion in pentamethylcyclopentadienyl ruthenium(II) complexes containing a phenylmethallyl (“open indenyl”) ligand

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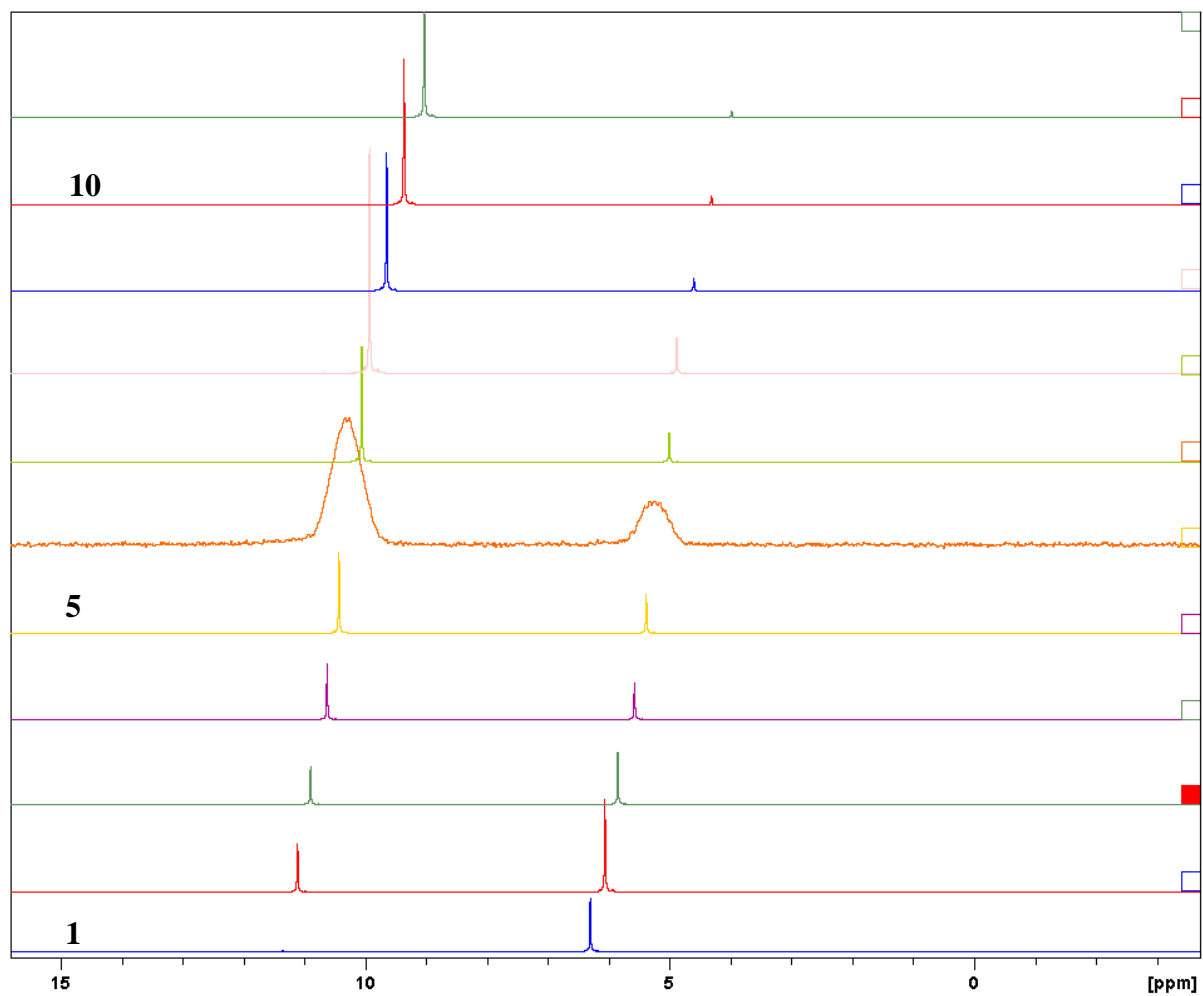
1. NMR study: Isomerization of *anti*-2 to *syn*-2

A sample of freshly prepared *anti*-[(η^5 -C₅Me₅)Ru(η^3 -oInd^{Me})(PMe₃)] (*anti*-2) in C₆D₆ was sealed in an NMR tube, and the ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra were measured (experiment No. 1). The NMR tube was placed in an oil bath with a constant temperature of 50° C; this time was set as the starting point of the kinetic study. For the following NMR measurements (No. 2 – No. 18), the time was stopped, and the NMR tube was cooled with an ice bath immediately after it was taken out of the oil bath.

The ratio of the *anti*- and *syn*-isomer was determined by the integration of the corresponding peaks in the ³¹P NMR, and, as a reference, by the integration of the peaks assigned to the methyl-groups of the C₅Me₅ ligand in the ¹H NMR. Both ratios for each time are listed below.

No.	Time			³¹ P NMR		¹ H NMR	
	days	hours	seconds	<i>anti</i>	<i>syn</i>	<i>anti</i>	<i>syn</i>
1	0.00	0.00	0	98.1%	1.9%	98.2%	1.8%
2	0.68	16.33	58800	67.4%	32.6%	68.0%	32.0%
3	0.95	22.87	82320	58.1%	41.9%	58.8%	41.2%
4	1.60	38.37	138120	41.0%	59.0%	42.1%	57.9%
5	1.94	46.62	167820	34.1%	65.9%	35.0%	65.0%
6	2.58	62.03	223320	23.7%	76.3%	24.4%	77.7%
7	2.85	68.32	245940	21.2%	78.8%	22.0%	78.0%
8	3.80	91.08	327900	13.4%	86.6%	13.9%	86.1%
9	4.75	113.95	410220	8.6%	91.4%	8.6%	91.4%
10	5.61	134.60	484560	6.0%	94.0%	6.3%	93.7%
11	6.52	156.38	562980	4.3%	95.7%	4.5%	95.5%
12	7.74	185.80	668880	3.3%	96.7%	3.5%	96.5%
13	8.73	209.57	754440	2.8%	97.2%	3.1%	96.9%
14	9.71	232.95	838620	2.5%	97.5%	2.7%	97.3%
15	11.48	275.57	992040	1.9%	98.1%	2.0%	98.0%
16	14.39	345.33	1243200	1.6%	98.4%	1.7%	98.3%
17	17.52	420.35	1513260	2.0%	98.0%	2.1%	97.9%
18	21.30	511.13	1840080	2.0%	98.0%	2.0%	98.0%

Plot of the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ spectra

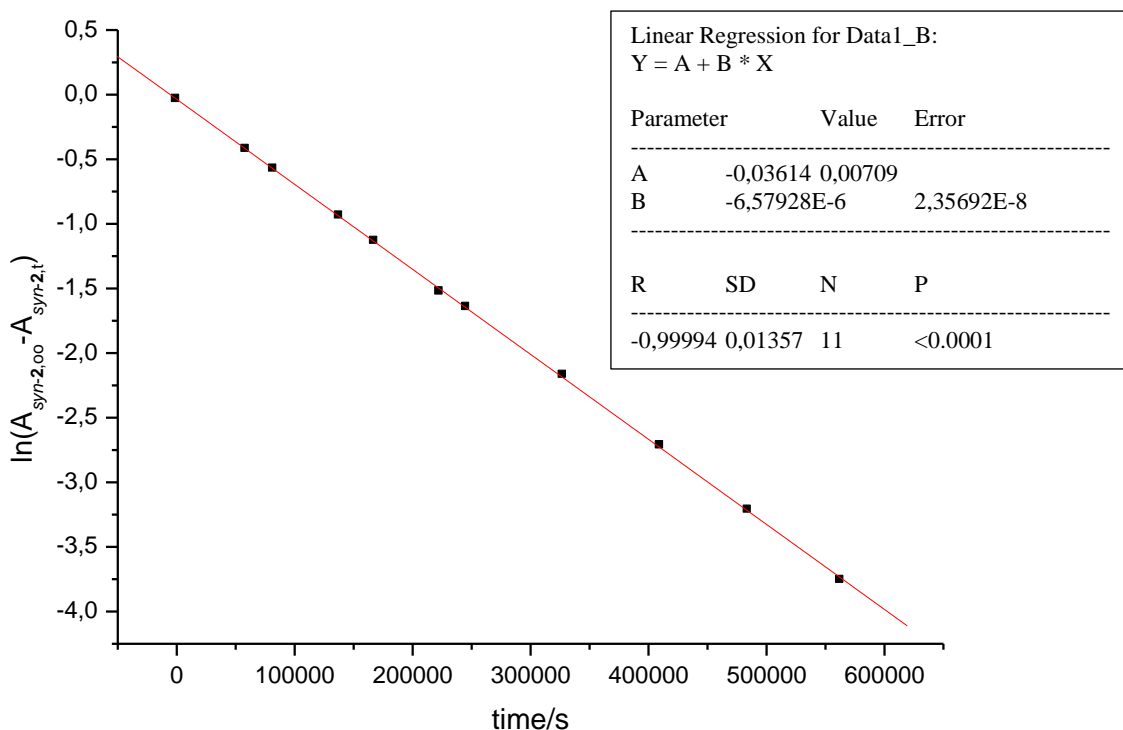


For all, except spectra 6 (Bruker DPX 200), a Bruker AV 300 spectrometer was used.

Origin Plot for the determination of the rate constant

For the calculations, the results from the first eleven $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ spectra were used.

In case of a first-order reaction proceeding to equilibrium, a plot of $\ln(A_{\text{syn-2},\infty} - A_{\text{syn-2},t})$ against the time gives the rate constant k from the slope.¹ A represents the relative integrals of the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR signals, with $A_{\text{syn-2},\infty}$ and $A_{\text{syn-2},t}$ being the relative integrals at equilibrium and at the time of the measurement, respectively.



Calculation of the half-life:

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k} \Rightarrow t_{1/2} = 105353\text{s} \approx 29,3\text{h}$$

Calculation of the free activation energy:

$$k = \frac{k_B T}{h} e^{-\Delta G^\ddagger / RT} \Leftrightarrow \Delta G^\ddagger = -\ln\left(\frac{kh}{k_B T}\right) RT \Rightarrow \Delta G^\ddagger = -\ln(9.69 \cdot 10^{-19}) RT = 112\text{kJ/mol}$$

$$k = 6.57 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$h = 6.62 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

$$k_B = 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$$

$$T = 325.15 \text{ K}$$

$$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

¹ J. R. Chipperfield, *J. Organomet. Chem.*, 1989, **363**, 253.

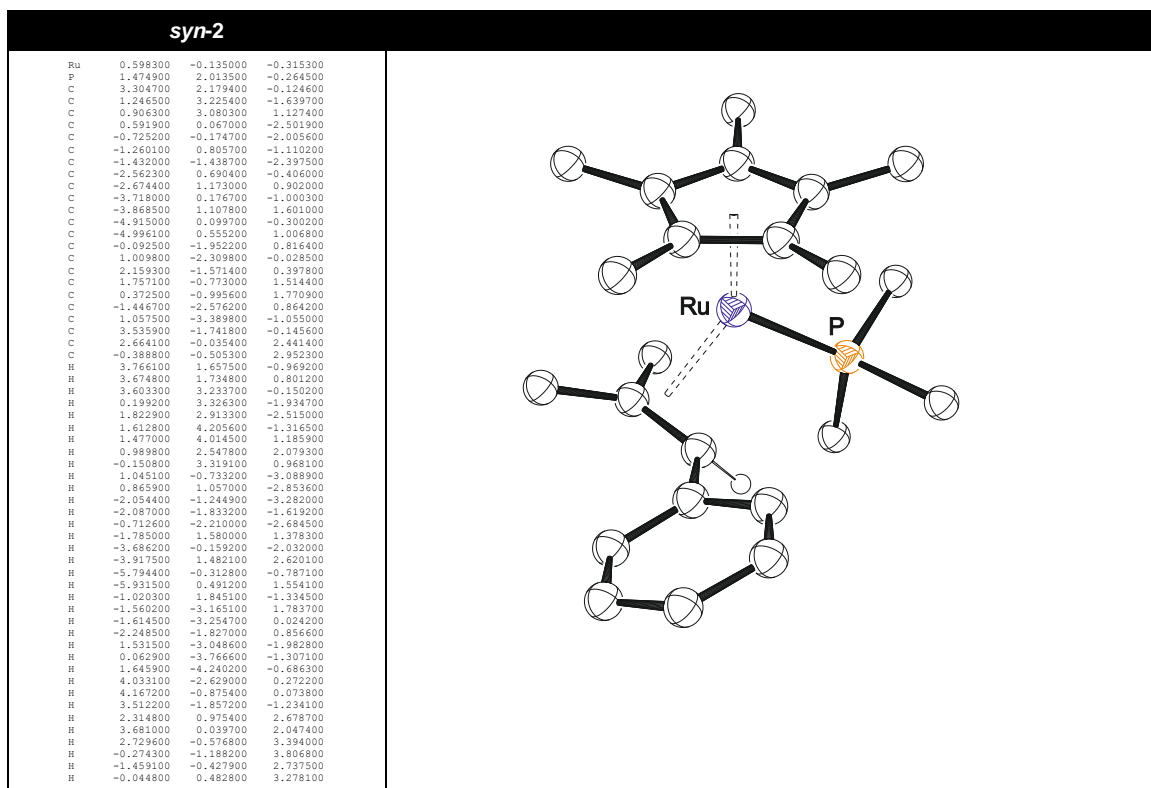
4. Computational Details

Energies for the optimized structures:

	Compound		E(0 K) ^a [Ha]	H(298 K) ^b [Ha]	G(298 K) ^b [Ha]
<i>syn</i>	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Ru}(\eta^3\text{-oInd}^{\text{Me}})(\text{PMe}_3)]$	(2)	-1332.821236	-1332.790840	-1332.876667
<i>anti</i>	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Ru}(\eta^3\text{-oInd}^{\text{Me}})(\text{PMe}_3)]$	(2)	-1332.819061	-1332.788613	-1332.874206
<i>syn</i>	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Ru}(\eta^3\text{-oInd}^{\text{Me}})(\text{CO})]$	(3)	-985.210587	-985.184905	-985.262905
<i>anti</i>	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Ru}(\eta^3\text{-oInd}^{\text{Me}})(\text{CO})]$	(3)	-985.208179	-985.182693	-985.260128

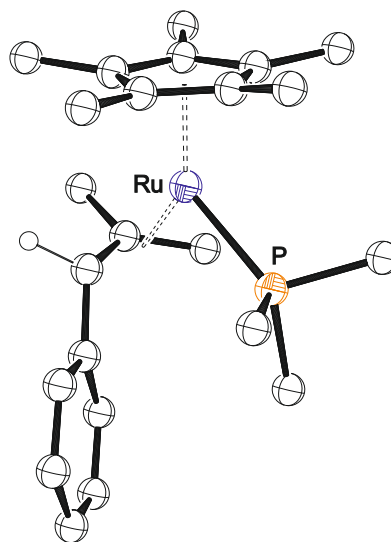
^aDFT energy incl. ZPE.

^bstandard conditions T = 298.15 K and p = 1 atm.



anti-2

Ru	0.622000	-0.141800	-0.183600
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C	-2.248500	1.811300	-1.562500
C	-1.342800	2.658600	0.926700
C	-0.292200	-0.901400	-2.050900
C	-0.393000	-1.841900	-0.987700
C	-1.086600	-1.473000	0.216600
C	-2.490100	-1.027000	0.297800
C	-3.414000	-1.286300	-0.717900
C	-4.742200	-0.901000	-0.595000
C	-5.184300	-0.259000	0.552900
C	-4.284800	-0.022300	1.587300
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C	2.771200	0.551000	-0.369000
C	2.227900	1.107900	0.830900
C	1.834100	0.047100	1.698700
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syn-3

Ru	-0.770700	0.020600	0.527400
O	-1.263800	-1.909600	2.791200
C	-1.052000	-1.157600	2.942600
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