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Mechanism of N/O Bond Scission of N₂O by an Unsaturated Rhodium Transient

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Computational Details

All calculations were carried out using Density Functional Theory as implemented in the Jaguar 7.0 suite¹ of ab initio quantum chemistry programs. Geometry optimizations were performed with the B3LYP^{2, 3, 4} functional and the 6-31G** basis set with no symmetry restrictions, which has been shown to work well for many transition metal-containing systems.⁵ All transition metals were represented using the Los Alamos basis set (LACVP).^{6, 7} Some energies of optimized structures were successfully reevaluated by additional single-point calculations using Dunning's correlation-consistent triple- ζ basis set,⁸ cc-pVTZ(-f). Table S1 shows that the double ζ adequately mimic the triple ζ results for several monomeric species. For all transition metals we used a modified version of LACVP, designated LACV3P, in which the exponents were decontracted to match the effective core potential with the triple- ζ quality basis.

We used simplified models by replacing ^tBu groups with Me groups to make the problem more tractable when computing geometries and energies for dimetallic structures (approx. 90 atoms). All energies and geometries illustrated by drawings use these PMe₂ models. Table S2 compares the full (PtBu₂) models and small (PMe₂) models.

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Table S1. Comparison of energies of selected models using a DZ basis set compared with TZ basis set

Model	DZ (ΔE)	TZ (ΔE)
1	0.0	0.0
2	-25.5	-25.0
3	-22.0	-21.6
³ 8	-49.9	-47.1
6	-64.7	-67.9
9	-32.8	-31.6

Table S2. Comparison of energies of selected models using a truncated and an experimental full model

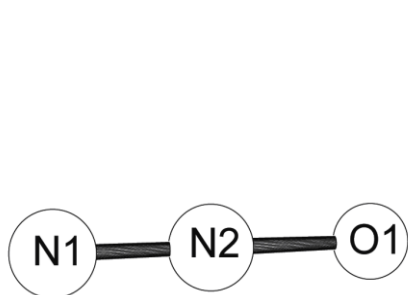
Model	Small (ΔE in kcal/mol)	Full (ΔE in kcal/mol)
1	0.0	0.0
2	-25.5	-19.0

3	-22.0	-16.2
5	-13.9	-8.0
6	-64.7	-59.0
9	-32.8	-26.4

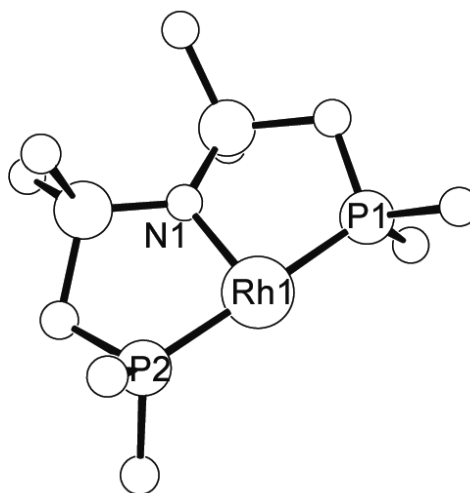
Table S3. Electronic energies of optimized structures (hartrees)

Model	(ΔE in kcal/mol)
N ₂ O	-184.6562508
1	-1824.0826958
2	-2008.7795366
73	-2008.7507366
3	-2008.7739888
5	-2008.7611404
³ 7 _a	-2008.7380988
4	-2008.7688023
¹ TS ₄₋₆	-2008.7393087
³ 7 _b	-2008.7437772
¹ TS ₃₋₆	-2008.7431564
³ 7 _c	-2008.7691029
6 _b	-1899.3326954
¹ 8	-3832.8897015
¹ TS ₈₋₆	-3832.8836417
³ 8	-3832.9011476
³ TS ₈₋₆	-3832.9015273
¹ 6	-1899.2684545
³ 6	-1899.2930778
9	-1933.6556371

Optimized structure of N₂O, PNP-Rh and N₂



N₂O



1

$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: kcal/mol

$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: 0.0 kcal/mol

$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: 0.0 kcal/mol

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

N1-N2 1.134
N2-O1 1.193
N1-N2-O1 179.96

1
Rh1-P1 2.336
Rh1-P2 2.336
Rh1-N1 2.085
P1-Rh1-P2 178.80

N₂
N1-N2 1.105

Coordinates of 1

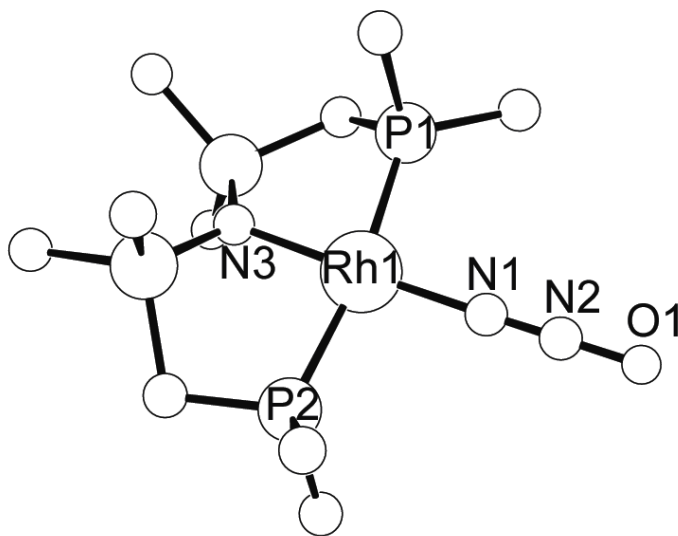
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P	14.810627440	3.649317583	17.257044550
Si	15.165866540	1.438159392	21.520151754
Si	13.527554357	3.505496510	19.969028843
N	14.776744316	2.303280094	20.065842189
C	16.412772905	2.339071554	22.634788413
H	15.973990279	3.257073557	23.041668274
H	17.307174914	2.633193326	22.074703252
H	16.729549747	1.718891626	23.482400063
C	13.653875052	1.008571330	22.592436325

H	13.150999452	1.889724762	23.003245197
H	13.962772337	0.387773090	23.442635946
H	12.913746005	0.440596997	22.018052650
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H	15.085436610	-0.885497719	20.701574063
C	17.071841918	-1.543371917	18.611952569
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C	14.002041785	4.681978324	18.539824360	H	19.296327724	0.486996349	19.234596103
H	13.172832482	5.278921335	18.141721167	H	18.966487563	-0.506638496	20.677375290
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C	15.809467733	4.821028279	16.220939482	H	12.698894121	2.612363274	16.583339650
H	15.191156467	5.635047777	15.826109848	H	13.839575294	2.677428412	15.233162161
C	13.437177827	3.240931837	16.080496070	H	16.261199831	4.281790719	15.381461646
H	17.715485641	-1.436629721	17.732175782	H	16.614845029	5.243148725	16.828023805

Optimized structure of PNP-Rh-N₂O N-end on linear (singlet)



2

$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: -25.5 kcal/mol
 $\Delta G(\text{gas})$: -14.8 kcal/mol

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

	2
N1-N2	1.140
N2-O1	1.209
N1-N2-O1	179.75
Rh1-N1	1.985
Rh1-N3	2.117
Rh1-P1	2.336
Rh1-P2	2.359

N3-Rh1-O1	178.58
P1-Rh1-P2	170.80
Rh1-N1-N2	178.81

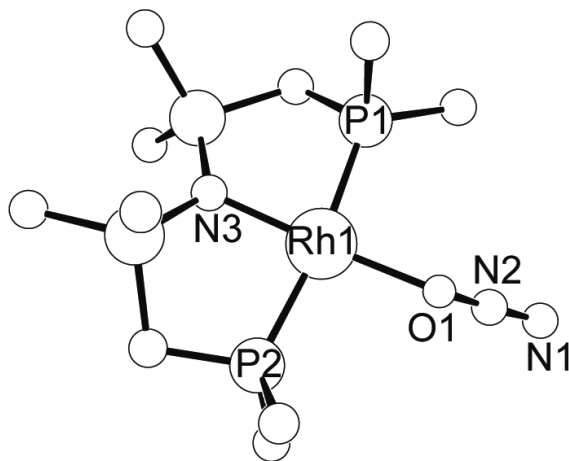
Coordinates of 2

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N	2.202699439	0.115606130	4.172073935
P	1.415435577	-2.308377033	2.384080613
Si	3.159305819	-1.259648320	4.585309784
C	2.124920358	-2.771997636	4.016814668
Si	1.671925508	1.406482078	5.189709540
C	1.145468318	2.836604195	4.015192276
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H	2.084872966	-3.052636960	0.149502210
H	-0.084555889	-4.273163077	2.425342955
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O	-0.049328615	0.040121203	-1.871113716

Optimized structure of PNP-Rh-ON₂ O-end-on (singlet)



073

$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: -7.4 kcal/mol

$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: 5.1 kcal/mol

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

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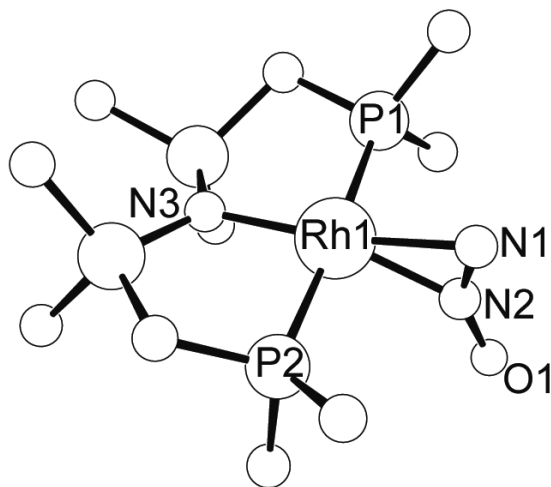
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N2-O1	1.204
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Rh1-O1	2.155
Rh1-N3	2.108
Rh1-P1	2.356
Rh1-P2	2.346
N3-Rh1-O1	175.35
P1-Rh1-P2	172.10
Rh1-O1-N2	135.02

Coordinates of 073

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N	0.188334854	0.175076056	-0.499475524	H	-0.457042126	-3.138038310	1.241633607
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Optimized structure of PNP-Rh-N₂O η^2 -N₂O (singlet)



3

$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: -22.0 kcal/mol

$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: -7.6 kcal/mol

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

3	
N1-N2	1.200
N2-O1	1.235
N1-N2-O1	145.97
Rh1-N1	2.192
Rh1-N2	2.062
Rh1-N3	2.080
Rh1-P1	2.373
Rh1-P2	2.348
N3-Rh1-N1	168.73
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N1-Rh1-N2	32.57

Coordinates of 3

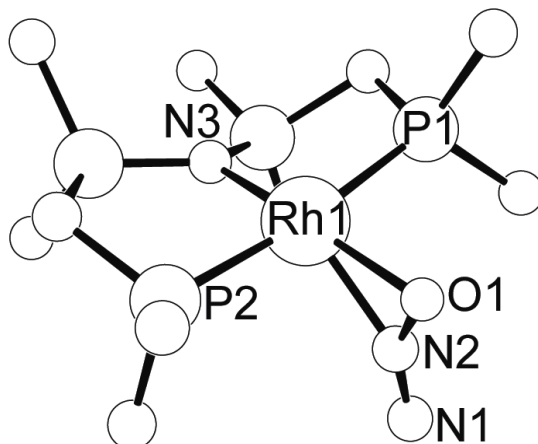
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N	2.056627085	0.048472322	4.147936236

P	1.478931163	-2.333313374	2.194459747
Si	2.887213126	-1.390998867	4.669625708
C	1.927149250	-2.857143438	3.896773767
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H	3.734057677	-2.778797782	1.371353621	H	1.556916095	3.860978734	4.242662487
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H	1.044514003	0.550807542	7.315062035	H	2.452319449	-3.818898936	3.912891978
H	0.511484526	2.220588143	7.088262860	N	0.361109853	-0.035085450	0.250249056
C	3.539134296	2.121510338	5.832921135	O	2.457506328	0.335653312	-0.691273832

Optimized structure of PNP-Rh-ON₂ η^2 -ON₂ (singlet)



5

$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: -13.9 kcal/mol

$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: -0.4 kcal/mol

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

5	
N1-N2	1.162
N2-O1	1.307
N1-N2-O1	144.13
Rh1-O1	2.188
Rh1-N2	2.103
Rh1-N3	2.080
Rh1-P1	2.371

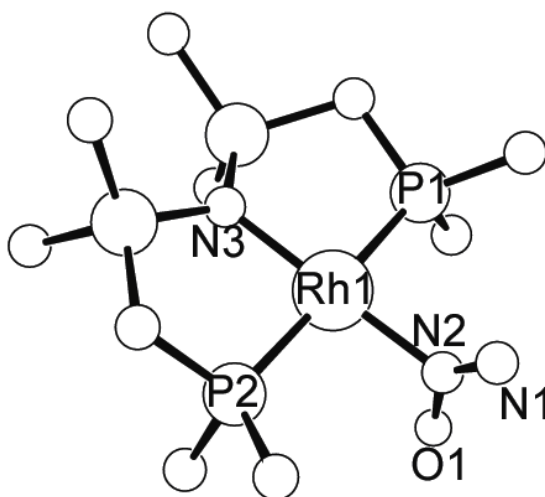
Rh1-P2	2.348
N3-Rh1-O1	175.34
P1-Rh1-P2	172.64
N2-O1-Rh1	68.73

Coordinates of 5

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N	2.406739372	0.093897385	0.249737955	H	3.230147435	3.137470305	0.880302524
Rh	1.465817292	0.049923151	2.129552186	H	-0.612368706	-2.767473001	0.801031264
P	1.366775793	2.392578782	2.260577151	H	3.480849576	-3.023812252	1.268112625
N	1.943174274	0.038677892	4.154018533	C	0.617711544	1.233683288	6.619935885
P	1.335199876	-2.316798228	2.196005632	H	-0.351121926	0.825481173	6.310591177
Si	2.798067524	-1.399760190	4.629689430	H	1.045751126	0.547852963	7.358575921
C	1.783319263	-2.851392245	3.899252205	H	0.434227832	2.188942195	7.127455347
Si	1.761045332	1.469819586	5.124132362	C	3.401742598	2.185186779	5.768705812
C	0.941538069	2.790096987	4.000708627	H	3.908141083	1.486406628	6.444259243
C	-0.327370266	-3.032714783	1.823221975	H	4.097263807	2.404377995	4.950864232
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H	-1.065256745	-2.604446855	2.506699303	H	5.180275431	-0.694417893	4.368620500
C	2.930766329	3.311145287	1.917492370	C	2.918596235	-1.666309785	6.506155954
C	0.144173410	3.266581640	1.186717427	H	1.931427659	-1.720071904	6.977050620
H	3.724895061	2.931507730	2.564484594	H	3.486000216	-0.874260532	7.007006377
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				N	3.470926938	0.158982423	-0.211388811

Optimized structure of PNP-Rh-N₂O η_1 -N₂O (triplet)



³7a

$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: 0.0 kcal/mol

$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: 12.4 kcal/mol

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

³ 7a		Spin Densities	
N1-N2	1.203	Rh1	0.86
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N1-N2-O1	135.02	O1	0.19
Rh1-O1	2.653	N3	0.19
Rh1-N1	2.922		
Rh1-N3	2.079		
Rh1-P1	2.367		
Rh1-P2	2.358		
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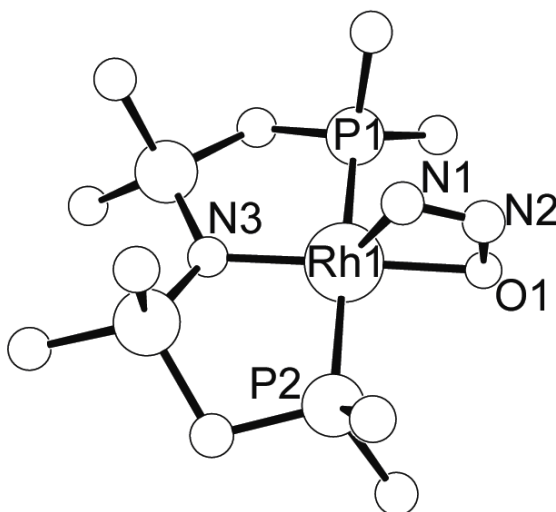
Coordinates of ³7a

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Si	2.884281223	-1.417294404	4.724261970
C	1.976924652	-2.866806768	3.863858177
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C	1.280338940	2.885618685	3.982933040
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O	1.854305570	0.247863243	-0.445735146

Optimized structure of PNP-Rh-N₂O κ^2 -N₂O (singlet)



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$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: -18.8 kcal/mol

$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: -5.5 kcal/mol

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

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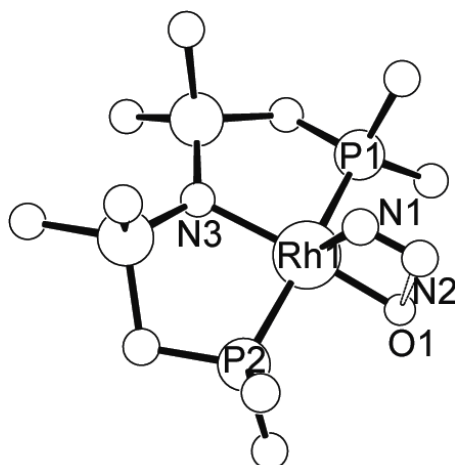
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Rh1-P1	2.355
Rh1-P2	2.369
N3-Rh1-O1	179.09
P1-Rh1-P2	176.01
N1-Rh1-O1	62.28

Coordinates of 4

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Optimized structure of TS to liberate N₂ from PNP-Rh-N₂O κ^2 -N₂O (singlet)



¹TS₄₋₆

$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: -0.2 kcal/mol

$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: 10.5 kcal/mol $\nu_{\text{N-O}} = 345 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

¹ TS ₄₋₆	
N1-N2	1.143
N2-O1	2.119
N1-N2-O1	91.99
Rh1-O1	1.925

Rh1-N1	2.061
Rh1-N3	2.204
Rh1-P1	2.367
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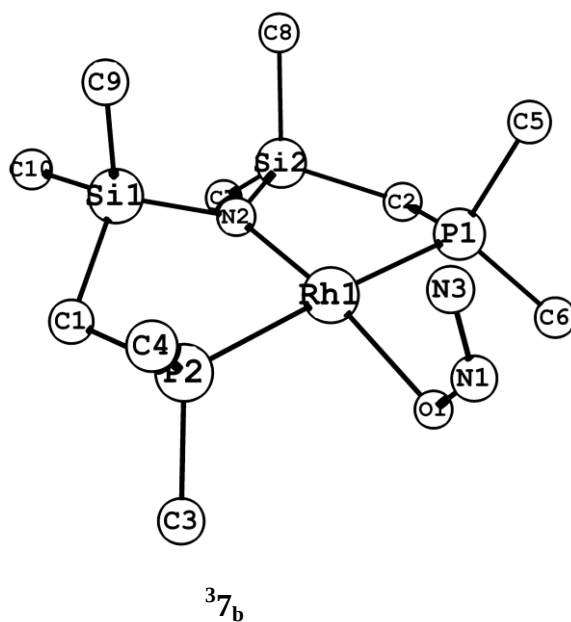
Coordinates of ¹TS₄₋₆

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P	1.939930665	-2.371546747	2.063601848
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Optimized structure of PNP-Rh-N₂O η_1 -N₂O (triplet)



$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: -3.1 kcal/mol

$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: 5.1 kcal/mol

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

	^{37}b		Spin Densities
N1-N3	1.185	Rh1	0.92
N1-O1	1.373	N1	0.13
N3-N1-O1	125.42	O1	0.11
Rh1-O1	2.115	N3	0.66
Rh1-N1	2.868	N2	0.19
Rh1-N3	2.929		
Rh1-P1	2.348		
Rh1-P2	2.364		
Rh1-O1-N1	108.74		
N3-Rh1-N2	168.00		
P1-Rh1-P2	176.37		

Coordinates of ^{37}b

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Rh1-N2	2.08
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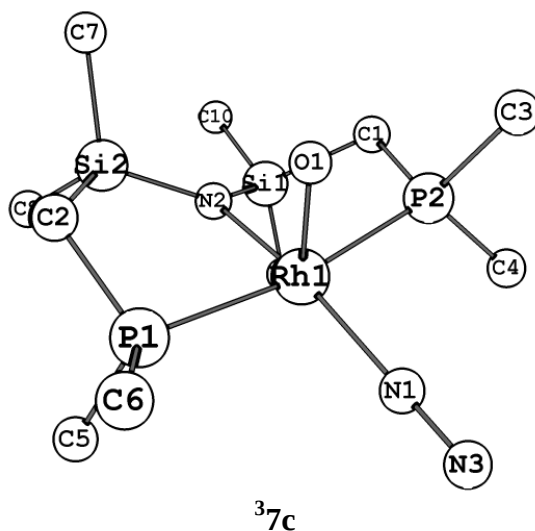
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P	1.909170244	-2.354292825	0.875881324
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C	3.625754616	-2.922271104	0.533423784
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Optimized structure of PNP-Rh-(O)N₂ (triplet)



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$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: -8.6 kcal/mol

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

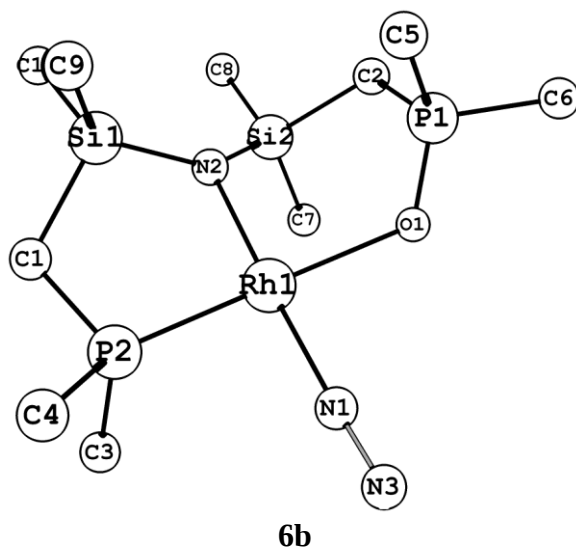
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Rh1-N1	2.011	Rh1	0.70
Rh1-N2	2.121		
Rh1-P1	2.355		
Rh1-P2	2.376		
N2-Rh1-O1	100.26		
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Coordinates of ^{37}c

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H	2.481666303	4.421076621	0.958986108	H	5.185921327	-1.696207718	4.588702906
				H	6.315884139	-0.749995212	3.608460242
				H	6.184844857	-2.491004999	3.365583529
				H	2.176807726	3.543858627	3.591388606

Optimized structure of PNP=O-Rh-N₂ (singlet)



$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: -99.7 kcal/mol

$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: -84.9 kcal/mol

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

6b	
N1-N3	1.122
N1-O1	2.841
N3-N1-Rh1	177.53
Rh1-N1	1.936
Rh1-N2	2.124
Rh1-P1	2.221
Rh1-P2	2.251
N2-Rh1-O1	92.10
P1-Rh1-P2	179.03
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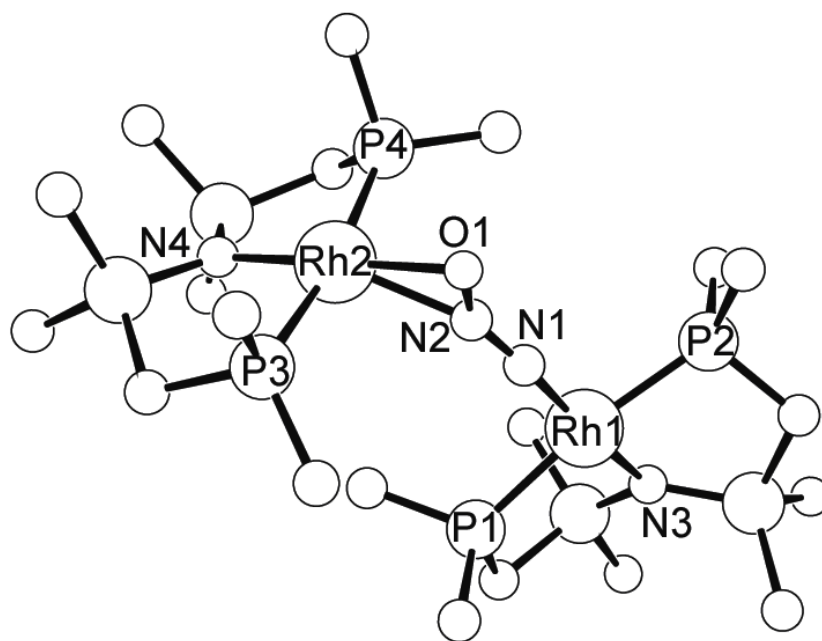
Coordinates of 6b_c

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Rh	1.204599712	-0.479743277	1.632975969	C	0.510513357	4.363182423	1.422805177
P	1.472875881	2.814813737	1.565332419	H	3.112807701	1.839419066	0.106593342
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H	5.426065654	1.771285218	4.085711399	C	6.006001348	-0.938914451	2.814818914
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Optimized structure of (PNP-Rh)₂-N₂O μ_2 -N₂O (singlet)



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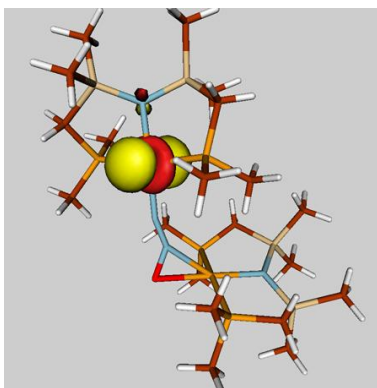
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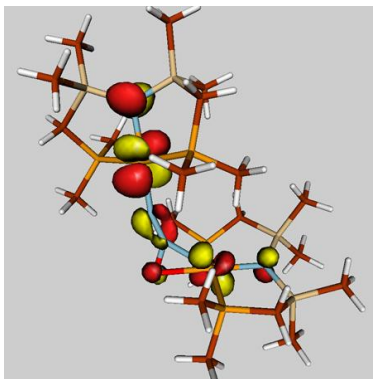
Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

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N2-O1	1.310	Rh2	0.132
N1-N2-O1	139.18	O1	-0.471
Rh2-O1	2.188	N2	0.227
Rh1-N1	1.967	N1	-0.133
Rh1-N3	2.125	Rh1	-0.069
Rh1-P1	2.347	N3	-1.608
Rh1-P2	2.347		
Rh2-N4	2.098		
P3-Rh2-P4	170.09		
Rh1-N1-N2	161.71		
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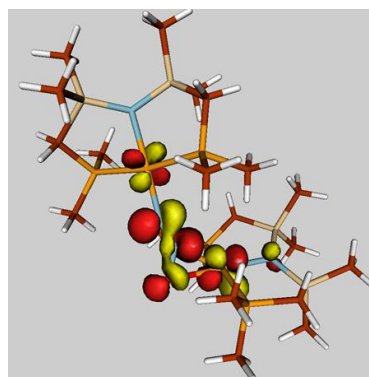
Isodensity MO Plots of ¹⁸



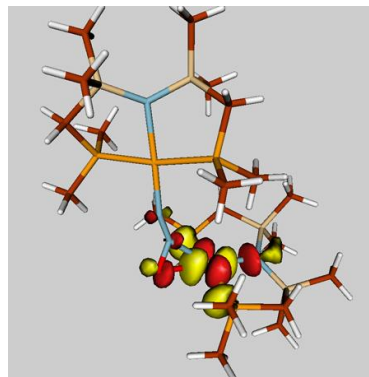
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LUMO = -1.705 eV



LUMO+1 = -0.570 eV

Coordinates of **18**

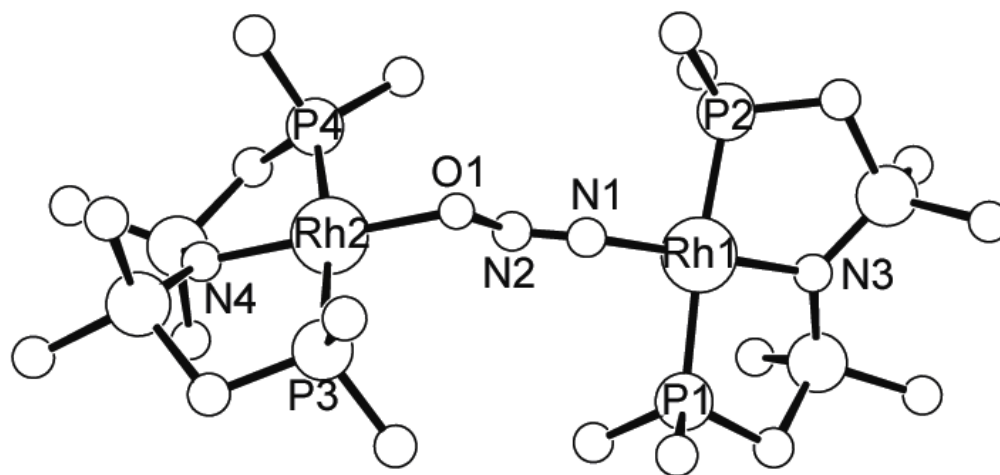
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C	0.971528647	0.651101832	-6.003758772
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Rh	2.182247066	-0.441022792	1.573838426	H	-1.821427728	1.263974609	2.543551550
P	2.584894404	1.860895718	1.391633004	H	-1.904737383	1.218661832	4.308622990
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Optimized structure of (PNP-Rh)₂-N₂O μ_2 -N₂O TS (ν_{O1-N2} = -357.7 cm⁻¹) (singlet)



¹TS₈₋₆

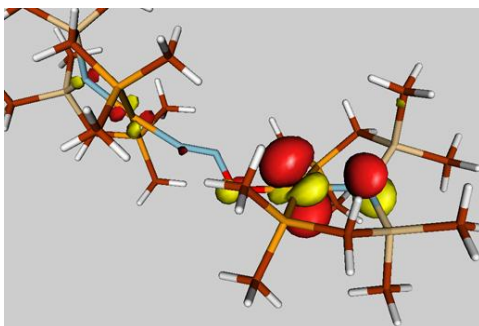
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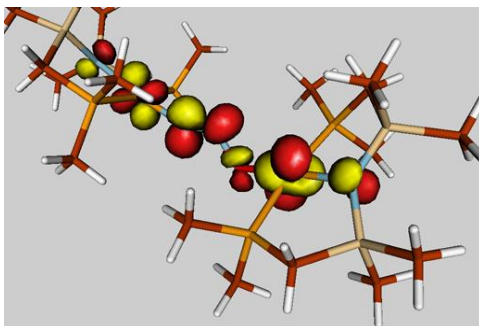
Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

¹ TS ₈₋₆		NPA Charges	
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N2-O1	1.352	Rh2	0.186
N1-N2-O1	127.20	O1	-0.524
Rh2-O1	2.188	N2	0.152
Rh1-N1	1.925	N1	-0.174
Rh1-N3	2.096	Rh1	0.060
Rh1-P1	2.358	N3	-1.586
Rh1-P2	2.347		
Rh2-N4	2.129		
P3-Rh2-P4	171.58		
Rh1-N1-N2	158.55		
Rh2-O1-N2	115.11		
N3-Rh1-N1	174.31		
N4-Rh2-O1	178.84		
P1-Rh1-P2	174.97		

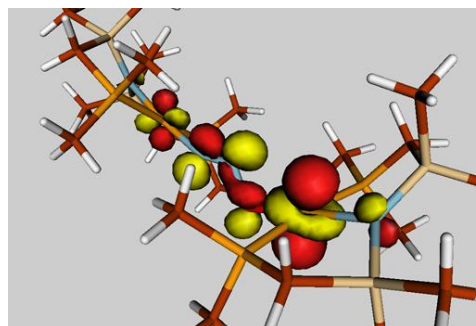
Isodensity MO Plots of $^1\text{TS}_{8-6}$



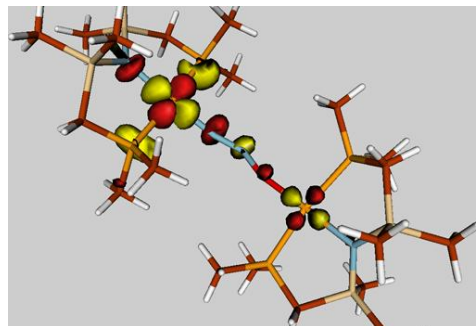
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LUMO = -2.538 eV



LUMO+1 = -0.153 eV

Coordinates of $^1\text{TS}_{8-6}$

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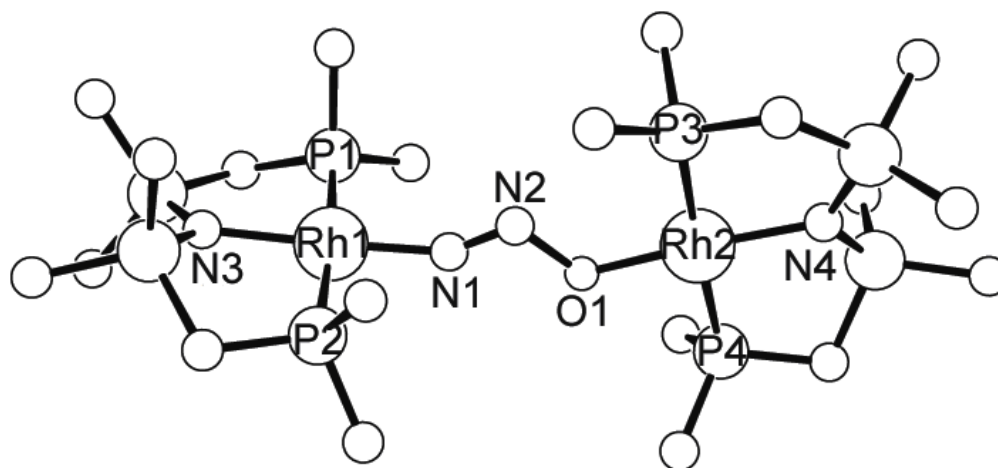
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Si	2.244331062	-1.181631644	-5.256521940
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Optimized structure of (PNP-Rh)₂-N₂O μ_2 -N₂O (triplet)



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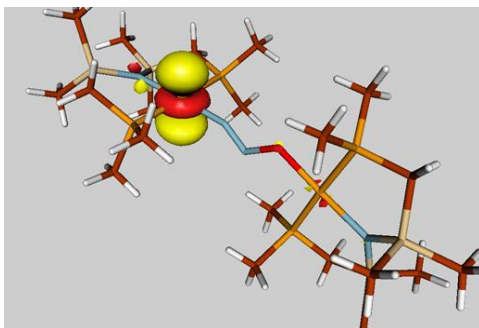
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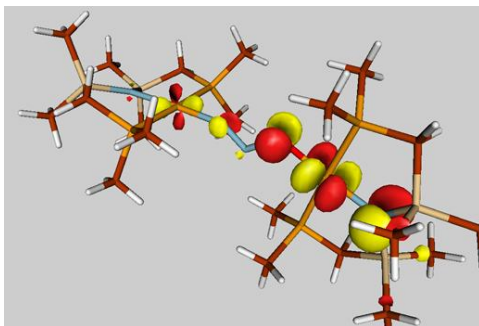
Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

³8		NPA Charges	
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N2-O1	1.450	Rh1	0.093
N1-N2-O1	113.22	N1	-0.222
Rh2-O1	1.988	N2	0.056
Rh1-N1	1.940	O1	-0.572
Rh1-N3	2.114	Rh2	0.294
Rh1-P1	2.342	N4	-1.556
Rh1-P2	2.355	Spin Densities	
Rh2-N4	2.080	Rh1	0.492
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Rh1-N1-N2	149.72	N1	0.367
Rh2-O1-N2	120.61	N2	-0.023
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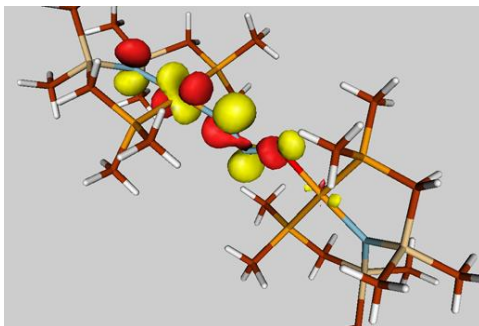
Isodensity MO Plots of **38**



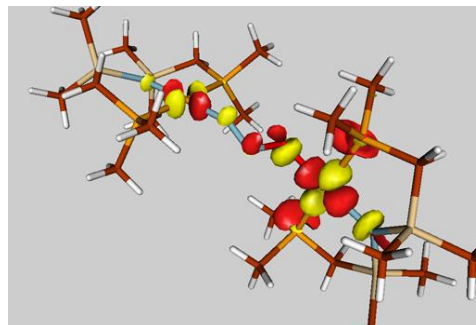
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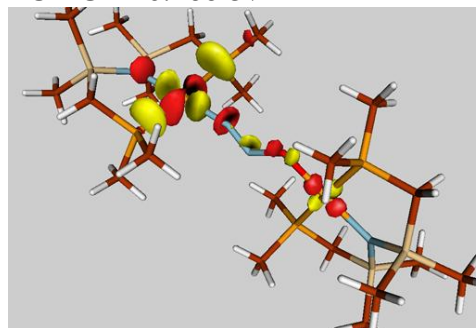
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LUMO = -0.266 eV



LUMO+1 = 0.109 eV

Coordinates of **38**

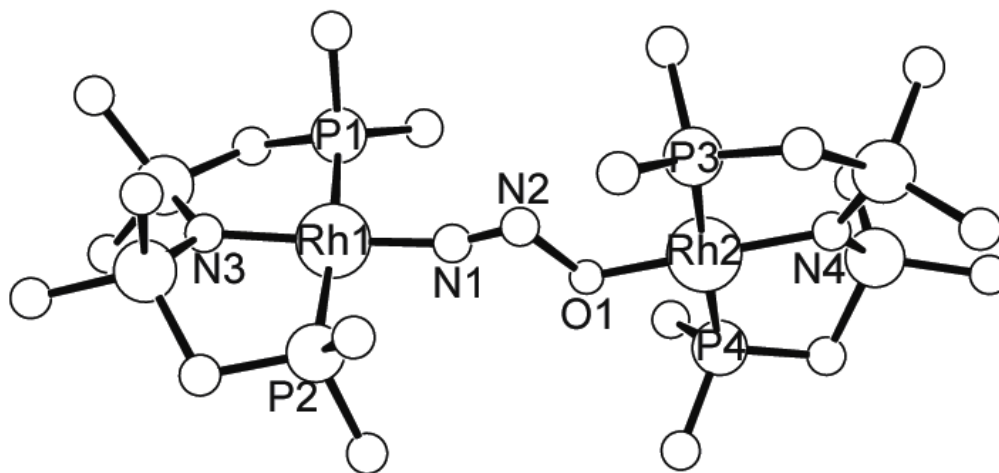
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Optimized structure of (PNP-Rh)₂-N₂O μ_2 -N₂O TS ($\nu_{\text{O1-N2}} = -200.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) (triplet)



³TS₈₋₆

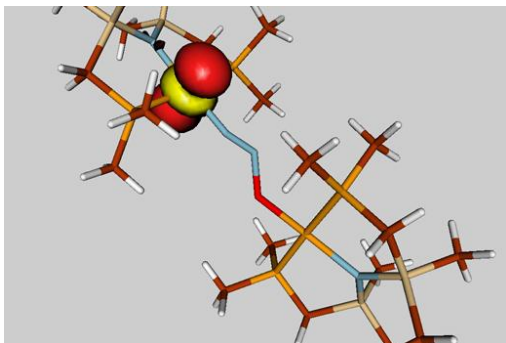
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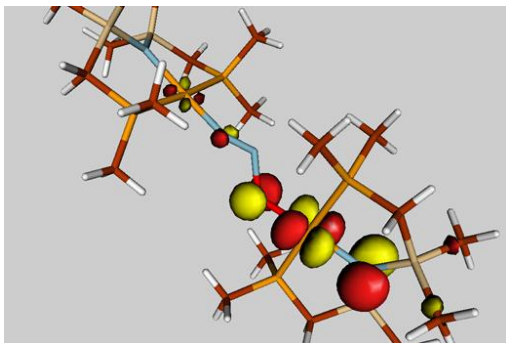
Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

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N1-N2-O1	113.19	N1	-0.192
Rh2-O1	1.970	N2	0.049
Rh1-N1	1.941	O1	-0.580
Rh1-N3	2.105	Rh2	0.294
Rh1-P1	2.343	N4	-1.566
Rh1-P2	2.356	Spin Densities	
Rh2-N4	2.089	Rh1	0.459
P3-Rh2-P4	177.22	Rh2	0.761
Rh1-N1-N2	159.67	N1	0.321
Rh2-O1-N2	119.21	N2	-0.046
N3-Rh1-N1	176.94	O1	0.326
N4-Rh2-O1	170.43	N4	0.122
P1-Rh1-P2	175.55	N3	0.067

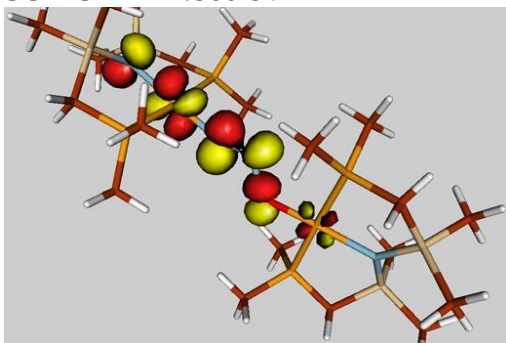
Isodensity MO Plots of $^3\text{TS}_{8-6}$



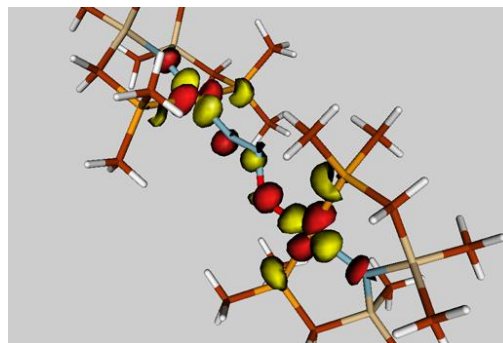
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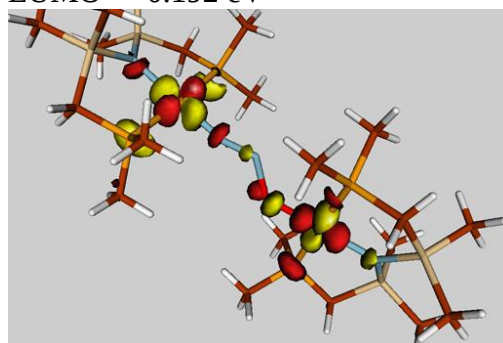
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SOMO = -4.209 eV



LUMO = -0.192 eV



LUMO+1 = 0.024 eV

Coordinates of $^3\text{TS}_{8-6}$

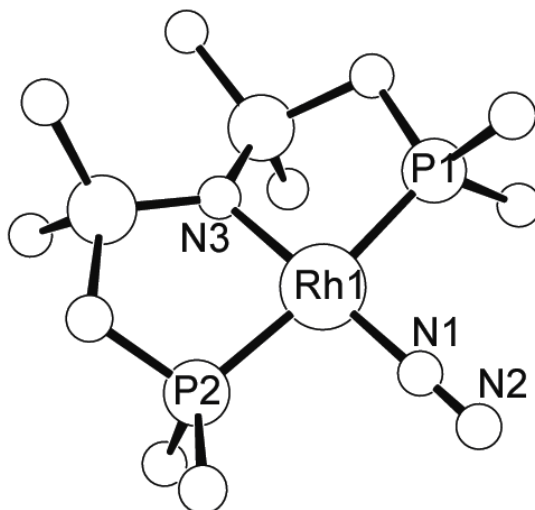
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P	-0.243606510	-0.062922650	4.244040062	N	0.835113184	-0.125758116	-0.693539970

Optimized structure of PNP-Rh-N₂ η^1 -N₂ (singlet)



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$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: -32.8 kcal/mol vs. **1** + N₂

$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: -20.2 kcal/mol vs. **1** + N₂

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

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N1-N2	1.124
Rh1-N1	1.924
Rh1-N3	2.117
Rh1-P1	2.362
Rh1-P2	2.340
Rh1-N1-N2	179.13
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P1-Rh1-P2	173.80

Coordinates of 9

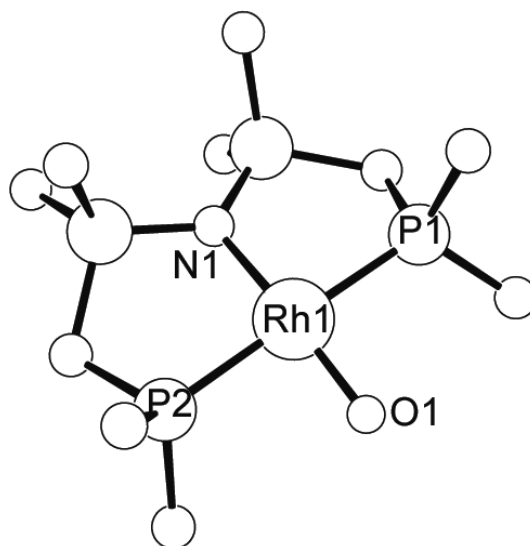
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Optimized structure of PNP-Rh=O (singlet)



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$\Delta E(\text{SCF})$: -64.3 kcal/mol (2x **1** + N₂O → ¹6 + **9**)

$\Delta G(\text{gas})$: -53.4 kcal/mol (2x **1** + N₂O → ¹6 + **9**)

Calculated $\nu_{\text{Rh-O}}$ 728 cm⁻¹

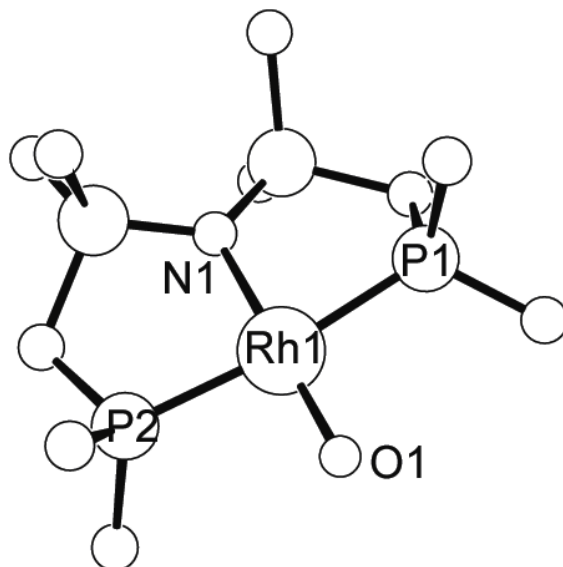
Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

	¹⁶
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Rh1-N1	2.061
Rh1-P1	2.356
Rh1-P2	2.364
N1-Rh1-O1	170.18
P1-Rh1-P2	178.64

Coordinates of ¹⁶

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Optimized structure of PNP-Rh=O (triplet)



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$\Delta E(\text{SCF}): -79.7 \text{ kcal/mol}$ ($2 \times \mathbf{1} + \text{N}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \mathbf{3_6} + \mathbf{9}$) (-15.0 kcal/mol vs. $\mathbf{1_6}$)

$\Delta G(\text{gas}): -69.3 \text{ kcal/mol}$ ($2 \times \mathbf{1} + \text{N}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \mathbf{1_6} + \mathbf{9}$) Calculated $\nu_{\text{Rh-O}}$ 722 cm^{-1}

Selected bond lengths (in Å) and bond angles (in °):

³ 6			Spin Densities	
Rh1-O1	1.809	Rh1	0.868	
Rh1-N1	2.141	O1	1.024	
Rh1-P1	2.373	N1	0.074	
Rh1-P2	2.378			
N1-Rh1-O1	178.68			
P1-Rh1-P2	173.20			

Coordinates of ³6

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P -1.159070835 2.944284987 0.191986680

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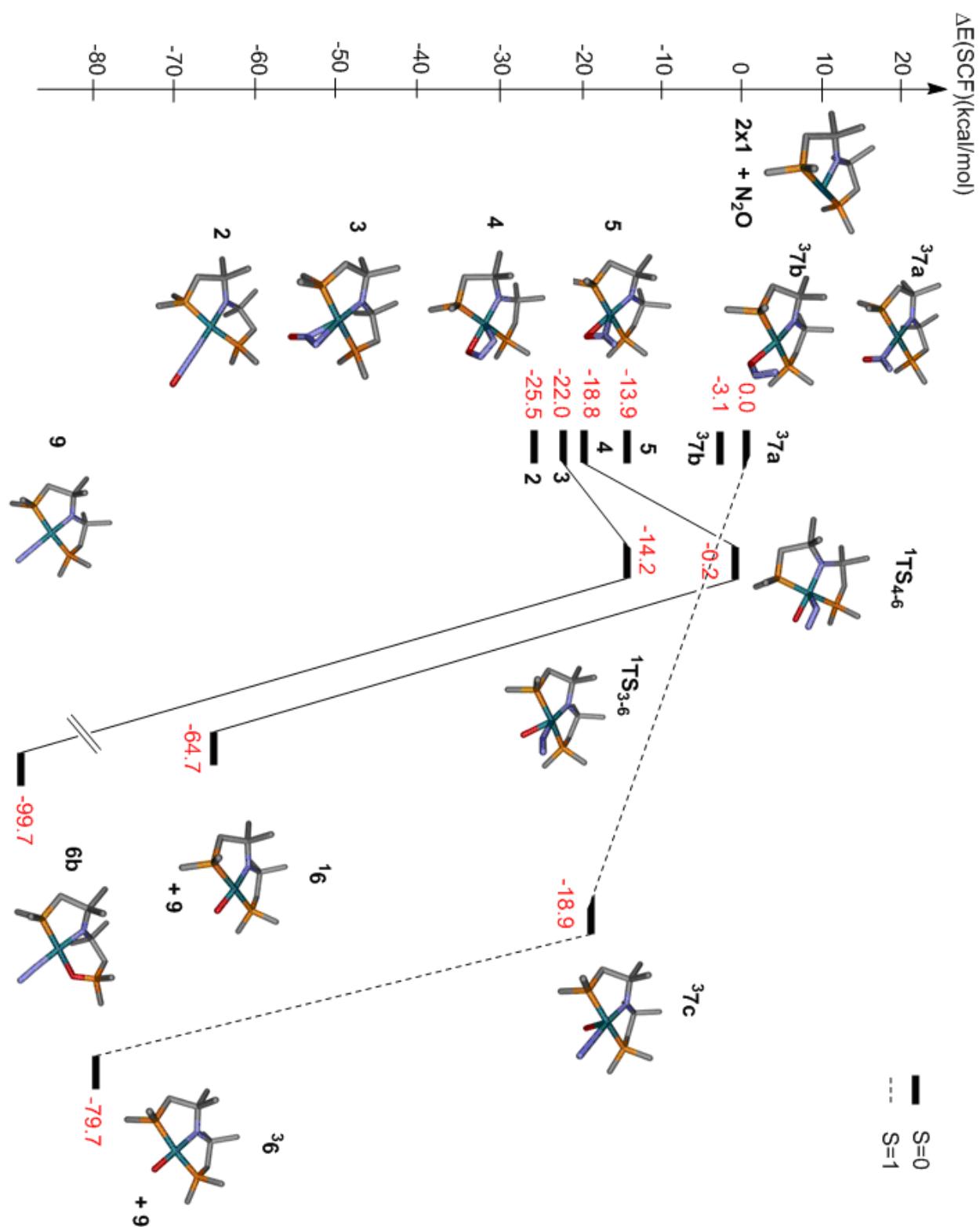


Fig S1. Energy Profile of possible pathways using a single metal complex

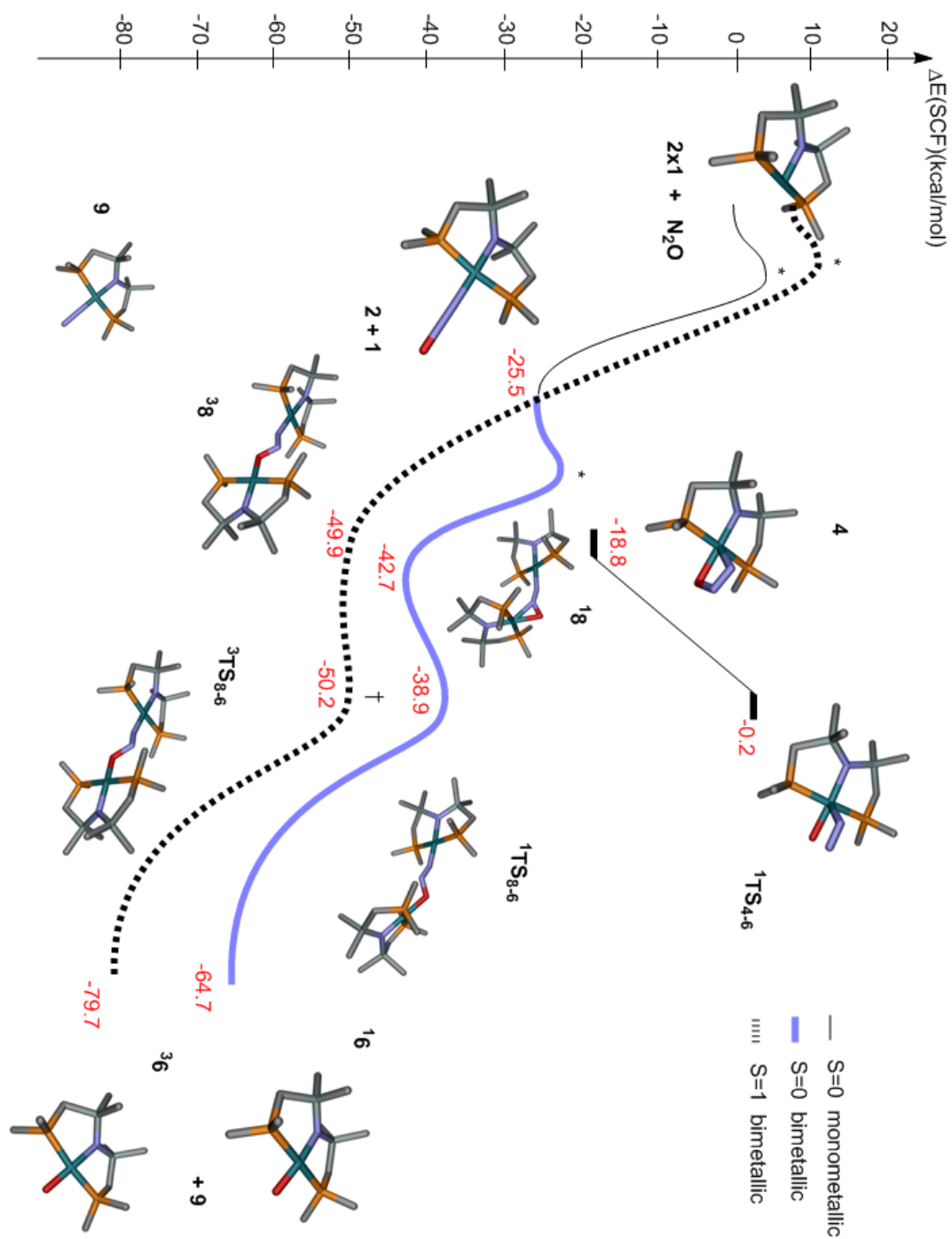


Fig S2. Energy Profile of possible pathways using two metal complexes

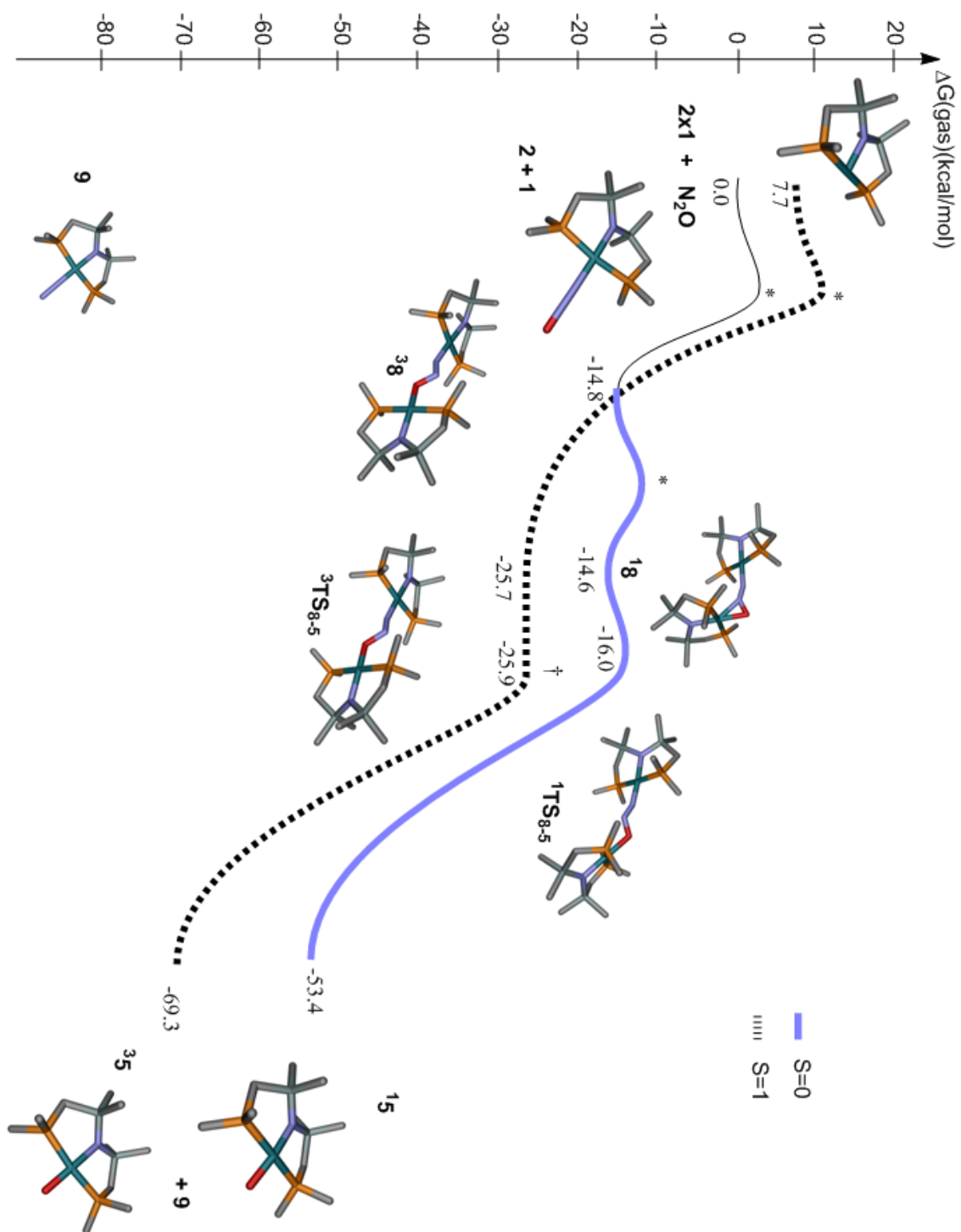


Fig S3. Gas-phase Free Energy Profile of possible pathways using two metal complexes

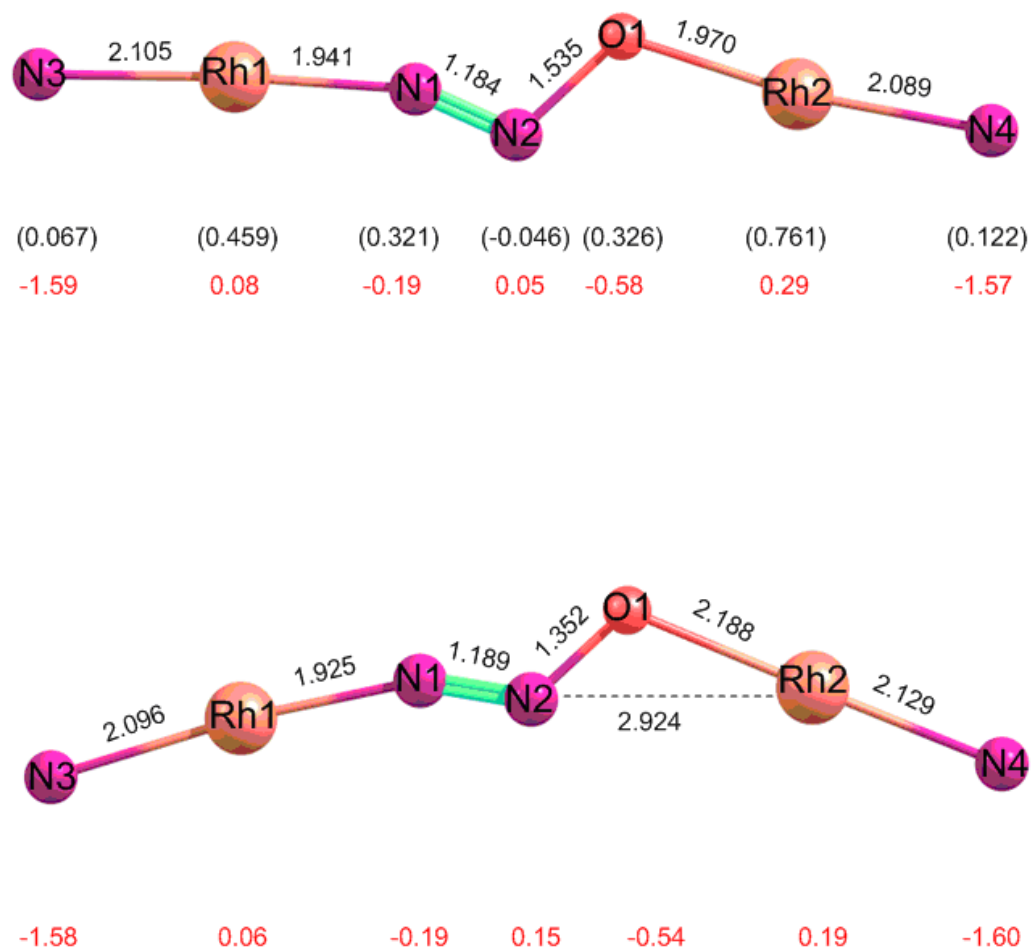


Fig S4. Bond lengths (Å, black), NPA charges (red) and spin densities (in parentheses) in triplet ($^3\text{TS}_{8-6}$, upper) and singlet ($^1\text{TS}_{8-6}$, lower) (PNP)RhNNORh(PNP).