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Abstract

The work is devoted to the preparation and photochemical investigations of the novel binuclear heterometallic complex $[Ru(NO)(NO_2)_2(\mu-NO_2)(\mu-CH_3COO)(\mu-O)VO(dbbpy)]^{-}CH_3CN (dbbpy - 4,4'-di-tert-butyl-2,2'-bipyridyl), which is obtained with quantitative yield. The structure of the complex is determined by single crystal X-ray diffraction and by DFT calculations. On the one hand, irradiation at 445 nm of an acetonitrile solution of the complex leads to a NO photo-release reaction. The light excitation induces the charge transfer from NO₂ and dbbpy ligands to the antibonding orbitals of ON-Ru-O-V chain, leading to the NO release, which is confirmed by the DFT. The quantum yield of the Ru-NO photo-cleavage is 0.57±0.05%. The products of the photolysis (NO and paramagnetic Ru^{III} complex) are confirmed by the Griess test and EPR-spectroscopy. On the other hand, the irradiation of the complex in the solid phase at 10 K results in the formation of the metastable bond isomer Ru-ON (MS1), which is detected by the infrared spectroscopy. The stretching vibration of the ground state GS (1900 cm⁻¹) is shifted by 150 cm⁻¹ to lower energy with respect to the v(NO) band of the ground state GS (1900 cm⁻¹). The population of the MS1 is about 5%. MS1 thermally decays at 120-140 K back to the GS. Hence, this complex represents a bifunctional platform, which can release nitric oxide in solution and reversibly switch the NO ligand coordination in the solid state. It is shown, that the presence of vanadium strongly influences the photochemical properties of ruthenium nitrosyl both in the solid phase and in solution.$

Keywords: ruthenium, vanadium, oxidovanadium complexes, nitrosyl, metastable states, isomerization

1. Introduction

One of the remarkable properties of nitrosyl ruthenium complexes is the ability to labilize the nitrosyl (NO) ligand under photoexcitation. Interestingly, that the outcome of NO labilization depends on the environment: in solution, light excitation of nitrosyl ruthenium leads predominantly to NO release [1], whereas in the solid state (crystal or powder) the formation of linkage isomers Ru-ON or Ru-(η^2 -(NO)) can be observed [2]. In some cases, both NO release and NO isomerization was observed in the solid state [3].

The NO release in solution is an appealing option for medical applications. It is known, that nitric oxide is a biological active molecule, which participates in many physiological processes, such as neurotransmission, blood pressure control, immunological responses, and antioxidant action [4–6]. The biologically relevant lifetime of the nitric oxide was estimated to be in the 0.09 - 2 s range depending on the distance from the blood vessels [7]. In this regard, ruthenium nitrosyl complexes are NO-bearing platforms enabling

phototriggered nitric oxide release, i.e. they can be applied in photodynamic therapy for targeted NO delivery. Moreover, ruthenium complexes can interact with DNA repair enzymes, thus, ruthenium nitrosyl complexes are considered as double bioactive species [8]. On the other hand, light irradiation of ruthenium nitrosyl complexes in solid phase induces the formation of metastable state isomers Ru-ON (MS1) or Ru-(η^2 -(NO)) (MS2) from the ground state Ru-NO (GS). Such isomerization is a reversible process – it is possible to drive MS1/MS2 back to the GS by heating or light irradiation [9–12]. It was shown, that the isomerization can find application in data storage based on holography technique [13].

Furthermore, the combination of ruthenium nitrosyl with a magnetic/optic/red-ox/catalytic building block leads to functional materials with photo-triggered properties. Particularly, mononuclear oxidovanadium complexes [14–18] are attractive species and can be used as building blocks for the design of bi- and polynuclear structures [19]. Oxidovanadium complexes attract considerable attention primarily due to their catalytic properties in diverse organic reactions and biological activity (insulin-enhancing effect, antidiabetic and antitumor activities) [20–24]. Complexes with V=O moiety have high activity in homo- and heterogeneous catalysis, for instance, oxidations of alkanes, alkenes, arenes, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, and sulfur species, as well as oxidative C–C and C–O bond cleavage, carbon–carbon bond formation, deoxydehydration, haloperoxidase, cyanation, hydrogenation, dehydrogenation, ring-opening metathesis polymerization, and oxo/imido heterometathesis, etc [25–34]. Oxidovanadium complexes with N-donor heterocycle ligands show activity towards DNA cleavage upon near-IR irradiation [35–37]. In some cases, selective binding to cancer cell DNA is observed [37–41]. Thus, such complexes can be used in cancer photodynamic therapy. Furthermore, in nature, vanadium-dependent haloperoxidases (VHPO) catalyze the oxidation of halides with hydrogen peroxide [42–44], while vanadium-dependent nitrogenases are involved in nitrogen fixation [45,46].

Heterometallic complexes combining both 3d-V and 4d-Ru metals are extremely rare. According to the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC), there are 6 known mixed vanadium-ruthenium complexes including only one heterometallic complex: $[L'Ru(\mu-O)(\mu-CH_3CO_2)_2VL](PF_6)_2$, where L' and L are N,N',N"-trimethyl-1,4,7-triazacyclononan and 1,4,7-triazacyclononane, respectively [47]. Since both metals, ruthenium and vanadium, poses biological activity, the combination of such metals in one complex can increase the biological and catalytic activity of the complex through a synergistic effect. The combination of nitrosyl photo-isomerization with a vanadium center might lead to new materials with photo-triggered properties, where the type of NO coordination affects the properties of the heterometallic complex [48].

Thus, this work is devoted to the preparation of the heterometallic complex combining nitrosyl ruthenium and oxidovanadium. The photochemical properties of the obtained complex were thoroughly studied by the combined spectroscopic (UV/vis, IR, EPR) and calculation (DFT) methods - the nitric oxide release during irradiation in solution and the formation of metastable state isomer Ru-ON (MS1) in solid state under irradiation have been investigated.

2. Materials and methods

2.1.Synthesis of $[Ru^{II}(NO)(NO_2)_2(\mu-NO_2)(\mu-CH_3COO)(\mu-O)V^VO(dbbpy)]CH_3CN(I)$

The complexes $[VO(dbbpy)(H_2O)Cl_2]$ and $Na_2[Ru(NO)(NO_2)_4(OH)]\cdot 2H_2O$ were synthesized according to the methods described in [16] and [49], respectively.

A mixture of 42 mg (100 µmol) of the complex [VO(dbbpy)(H₂O)Cl₂] and 41 mg (100 µmol) of the complex Na₂[Ru(NO)(NO₂)₄(OH)]·2H₂O in a 1:1 ratio was stirred in 3 ml of CH₃CN for 30 minutes with moderate heating (60°C). The initially formed brown precipitate readily dissolved during the reaction. Then the solution was filtered off from NaCl and evaporated in vacuum. As a result, a fine brown powder was obtained with a quantitative yield. Dark red crystals were obtained from a mixture of CH₃CN/CH₂Cl₂ (1/10) by the slow diffusion of hexane. IR-spectra at room temperature (KBr, cm⁻¹): 2967 (m), 1900 (vs), 1619 (m), 1585 (w), 1463 (s), 1450 (m), 1415 (s), 1326 (m), 1270 (m), 1252 (m), 1036 (m), 976 (s), 901 (w), 821 (s). UV-vis: 12400 M⁻¹cm⁻¹ (298 nm). Elemental analysis for C₂₀H₂₈N₆O₁₁RuV, the calculated %: C 35.3; N 12.4; H 4.1; obtained %: C 35.0; N 12.2; H 4.2. The structure model was determined by single crystal X-ray diffraction: P 2₁/n; a = 6.24 Å, b = 16.60 Å, c = 28.27 Å, $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$, $\beta = 92.30^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$.

2.2.Instrumental techniques

IR spectroscopic measurements with irradiation were performed using a Nicolet 5700 FT–IR spectrometer with a resolution of 2 cm⁻¹ in the range 400–4000 cm⁻¹. The sample was ground, mixed with KBr and pressed into pellets. The KBr pellets were bonded by silver paste onto the cold finger of a closed-cycle cryostat (Oxford Optistat V01) and irradiated through KBr windows by LED light of different wavelengths in the range 365–405 nm and 70–200 mW optical power (Thorlabs L and LP series). The cryostat has the temperature range of 9–320 K.

UV-vis spectra were recorded on a PG Instruments T60 UV-vis single-beam spectrophotometer. UV-vis spectra of the complex were obtained in DMSO and acetonitrile in a 1 cm cell. The absorbance of the pure solvents was taken in account. The evolution of the spectra in time was monitored during perpendicular exposure by the LED at 445 nm, 100 mW.

Griess reagent was prepared as an equimolar $(5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ mole})$ solution of 1-naphthylamine and sulfanilamide in acetic acid/acetonitrile (1:4) mixture. The solution of the complex ($\approx 10^{-4}$ M) and Griess reagent (10^{-2} M) in acetic acid/acetonitrile (1:4) mixture was irradiated by LED 445 nm, 100 mW in a 1 cm cuvette. After the light exposure, the red area was observed at the place of the light spot.

The EPR spectra were obtained at 77 K on a Varian E-109 spectrometer operating at X-band. g-values were calculated using 2,2-diphenil-1-picrylhydrazil (DPPH) with g = 2.0036 as a reference [50]. For the study of the photolysis product, on the first stage, the solution of the complex in acetonitrile (0.05 M) was irradiated at room temperature during 60 min by LED 445 nm, 100 mw, similar to UV-vis investigation. Then, the irradiated solution was cooled at 77 K and the EPR spectra was obtained.

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for the best crystal of I we have were collected using the graphite monochromatized MoK_{α}-radiation (λ =0.71073 Å) at 150(2) K on a Bruker APEX DUO diffractometer equipped with a 4K CCD area detector. The φ - and ω -scan technique was employed to measure intensities. Absorption corrections were applied empirically using the SADABS program [51]. Structure was solved by the direct methods of the difference Fourier synthesis and further refined by the full-matrix least squares method using the SHELXTL package [52]. Atomic thermal parameters for non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Atomic displacement parameters for some terminal carbon atoms in tert-buthyl substituents and in acetonitrile solvent molecule were restrained with the ISOR command. The positions of hydrogen atoms were calculated corresponding to their geometrical conditions and refined using the riding model. Two nitro-groups were restrained with the N-O distances. The experimental and refinement details are shown in Table S1. CIF-file of the complex has been deposited into CCDC with the numbers 2027275.

2.3.DFT Computational details

The molecular geometry of $[Ru(NO)(NO_2)_2(\mu-NO_2)(\mu-CH_3CO_2)(\mu-O)VO(bpy)]$ was fully optimized in the acetonitrile liquid phase at the Density Functional Theory (DFT) level. All calculations were performed using the ADF-2017 program package [53–55]. The hybrid B3LYP [56–59] or VWN [56] functionals were used coupled with the triple- ζ with two polarization functions all-electron TZ2P uncontracted Slater Type Orbitals (STOs) basis set for all elements [60]. The inner shells were included in calculations. The relativistic effects were taken into account at default scalar level in Zero Order Regular Approximation (ZORA) formalism [61–63]. Solvent effects were modeled via the implicit Conductor like Screening Model (COSMO) of solvation with acetonitrile as solvent [64]. For geometry optimizations and UV-vis absorption spectrum calculations, the COSMO molecular cavity was built according to the van der Waals radii from MM3 method [65] scaled down by 1.2. The standard values for dielectric constant and refractive indexes were always assumed.

The optimized geometries were submitted to the time-dependent DFT calculations [66]. The same basis sets were used as for the optimization. The first 400/150 excited states were included in the calculation of the UV-vis absorption spectrum (VWN/B3LYP). Only singlet-singlet excitations were computed.

The convergence criteria for Self-Consistent Field were used at default 10⁻⁶ settings for the error of the commutator of the Fock matrix and the P-matrix, which is the density matrix in the representation of the basis functions. The rest of SCF setting were the default ones as well. The convergence criteria for geometry optimizations were set to default values of 10⁻³ Hartree for energy change, 10⁻³ Hartree Å⁻¹ for nuclear gradients, 10⁻² of the Cartesian displacement, and 0.5 degree for change in angles.

3. Results and discussion

3.1.Synthesis and structure description

The oxidovanadium(IV) complex [VO(dbbpy)(H₂O)Cl₂] was obtained from vanadium trichloride by reaction with 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine in acetonitrile in the ratio 1:1. The mixture was refluxed for 4 hours in air. The resulting solution was evaporated to dryness and was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂/hexane mixture [16].

The nitrosyl ruthenium complex $Na_2[Ru(NO)(NO_2)_4(OH)] \cdot 2H_2O$ was obtained from ruthenium(III) chloride hydrate. Its synthesis consists of the interaction of $RuCl_3$ with sodium nitrite in boiling hydrochloric acid [49].

The binuclear $[Ru(NO)(NO_2)_2(\mu-NO_2)(\mu-CH_3COO)(\mu-O)VO(dbbpy)] \cdot CH_3CN (I)$ complex was obtained from the pre-organized ruthenium Na₂[Ru(NO)(NO₂)₄(OH)] \cdot 2H₂O and vanadium [VO(dbbpy)(H₂O)Cl₂] complexes (Fig. 1). The complex [VO(dbbpy)(H₂O)Cl₂] has one facet of an octahedron formed by labile ligands, which are replaced during the reaction in acetonitrile. This approach yielded a rare example of heterometallic nitrosyl ruthenium complex in quantitative yield. The +5 oxidation state of vanadium is in agreement with the complex I being EPR silent in dark. Similar to the synthesis of parent vanadium(IV) complex, vanadium center was oxidized by oxygen to give vanadium(V).

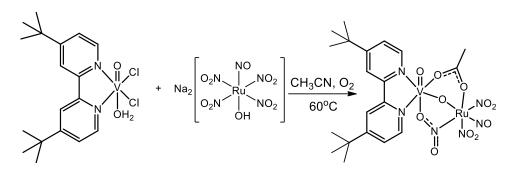


Fig. 1. The scheme of synthesis of [Ru(NO)(NO₂)₂(μ-NO₂)(μ-CH₃COO)(μ-O)VO(dbbpy)]·CH₃CN (I).

Single crystals of I were obtained by recrystallization of I from a mixture $CH_3CN/CH_2Cl_2/C_6H_{12}$ (1:10:30 ratio). Unfortunately, no high quality crystals could be obtained. These thin-plate shaped crystals diffracted only weakly leading to rather poor diffraction data. Therefore, the structure model found for this compound exhibits rather large agreement factors R. Nevertheless, this crystal model shows the interesting features in this bimetallic complex, and it is supported by DFT calculations.

The experimentally determined molecular structure of I is shown in Fig. 2. Selected bond distances are listed in Table 1. Each metal atom has a distorted octahedral environment. In the case of vanadium, the octahedral environment is defined by two N atoms from dbbpy and four O atoms from the bridging groups CH_3COO^- , NO_2^- , O^{2^-} and the terminal oxo ligand. In the case of ruthenium, it is defined by four N atoms from NO_2^- and NO^+ ligands and two O atoms from the bridging CH_3COO^- and O^{2^-} ligands. The metal atoms share a triangular face formed by the bridging groups CH_3COO^- , NO_2^- and O^{2^-} . We propose that the bridging acetate-ion was formed during the hydrolysis of acetonitrile during the reaction. Unexpected emergence of the coordinated acetate could be explained as intricate result of interaction of coordinated nitro group with acetonitrile solvent. A reaction of that kind was not reported for acetonitrile solution of starting $[Ru(NO)(NO_2)_4(OH)]^{2^-}$ complex, thus, we assume that the vanadium complex is involved in this transformation. In the starting vanadium complex $[VO(dbbpy)(H_2O)Cl_2]$, the V-O_{terminal} bond length is 1.589 Å. In the binuclear complex I this bond is the same and equals 1.57(1) Å. The V-µ-O bond length equals 1.70(1) Å indicating the coordinated with V-N distance 2.128(3) Å, whereas in the case of I, dbbpy is asymmetrically coordinated with V-N distances 2.11(1) Å and 2.17(1) Å due to the different *trans* influence of the μ_2 -oxo, and μ_2 -acetate ligands.

In order to support experimental X-Ray diffraction data, we performed quantum mechanical calculations, which provide a detailed picture of bonding and electronic structure in the studied complex. The initial structure for the calculations was based on the bonding pattern from single crystal X-ray studies. The geometry optimization was carried out at density functional theory (DFT) level with local density approximation functional (VWN) or in hybrid B3LYP functional. The basis set was TZ2P for all atoms. The solvation shell of acetonitrile was modeled as the implicit Conductor like Screening Model (COSMO). The coordination spheres are distorted octahedral for vanadium and ruthenium atoms (Table 1, Figure 2). The ruthenium atom is shifted from {N₃O} equatorial plane (nitro groups and acetate) toward the nitrosyl group in the axial position at 0.1 Å for VWN calculations (or 0.08 Å for B3LYP). The magnitude and direction of the shift is in agreement with the X-ray structural data of other known complexes [67,68]. Nitrosyl group and bridging oxo ligand occupy the axial positions. The VWN distances (1.74 (Ru-NO), 1.14 (N-O_{NO}) and 1.94 (Ru- μ -O) Å) are close to the experimental ones of related complexes [69-75], as well as the B3LYP data (1.76 (Ru-NO), 1.13 (N-O_{NO}) and 1.99 (Ru- μ -O) Å). In case of vanadium coordination sphere, the equatorial plane with dbbpy, μ_2 -oxo, and μ_2 acetate has bond lengths varying from 1.71₀ to 2.12_N Å. The axial positions are occupied by the terminal oxo and bridging nitrito groups. The vanadium-oxygen distance of the bridging nitrito ligand is noticeably elongated due to the trans influence of the terminal oxo ligand. This is in agreement with previous studies of VO³⁺ complexes [76–78] and our X-ray data.

Table 1

Functional/	VWN	B3LYP	Exp.
bond length (Å)			
Ru-N _{NO}	1.74	1.76	1.73(1)
N-O _{NO}	1.14	1.13	1.16(2)
avg. Ru-NO _{2 (terminal)}	2.04	2.10	2.21(2)
avg. ON-O (terminal)	1.23	1.23	1.14(3)
Ru-µ-NO₂	2.06	2.13	2.07(1)
V-μ-ΟΝΟ	2.26	2.43	2.26(1)
Ο-Ν-(μ-Ο)	1.21 (1.26)	1.22 (1.26)	1.19(2) (1.31(1)
Ru(V)-OCOCH₃	2.09 (1.90)	2.14 (1.93)	2.10(1) (1.90(1)
Ru(V)-µ-O	1.94 (1.71)	1.99 (1.70)	2.00(1) (1.70(1)
V-O (terminal)	1.59	1.58	1.57(1)
V-dbbpy	2.06; 2.12	2.11; 2.18	2.10(1); 2.17(1)

Selected computed and experimental bond distances of the studied complex.

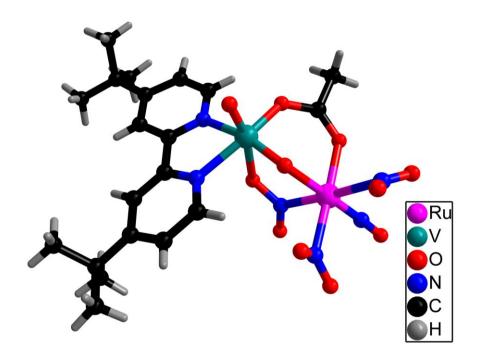


Fig. 2. The structure of the complex I determined by the single crystal X-Ray diffraction.

3.2.NO release in solution

The unique feature of the metal nitrosyl complexes is the metal-to-ligand charge transfer (MLCT) from the t_{2g} -like *d* orbitals of *d*⁶ ruthenium to the π^* antibonding nitrosyl orbital [79,80]. After the excitation, the relaxation of the MLCT state leads to metastable states (side-on and κ O-coordination of the nitrosyl [10]) or to nitric oxide being released from the complex [1]. In the case of the studied ruthenium-vanadium complex, the MLCT transition is enhanced by antibonding interactions with bridging oxo ligand and vanadium. Thus, the electron density is transferred to the antibonding MO of ON-Ru-O-V or ON-Ru-O-V-O chains. Intense transitions promote the electron density from lone pairs in the two *trans* nitro groups or π -orbitals of the dbbpy ligand (Tables S2-S4) to the antibonding orbitals of the ON-Ru-O-V chain. These key transitions for NO labilization correspond to the 400-500 nm range of the spectrum, which causes the choice of 445 nm light source.

From the orbital point of view (Tables S2-S4), the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) (Fig. 3) contains atomic orbitals of nitrosyl group, ruthenium, bridging oxo ligand, and vanadium interacting in the antibonding fashion on the curved ON-Ru-O-V chain. Unoccupied orbitals involving orbitals of the whole ON-Ru-O-V-O chain are located next in energy (LUMO+1 and LUMO+2). Unoccupied orbitals with contributions of nitro, acetate, and dbbpy ligands are found at even higher energy. However, these orbitals do not play a role in the visible transitions. The nature of the highest occupied orbital (HOMO) (Fig. 3) depends on the functional choice. Oxygens' lone pairs in the two *trans* nitro groups are the HOMO-1 and HOMO for VWN and B3LYP functionals, respectively. For the VWN functional, the HOMO orbital is only 0.025 eV higher than HOMO-1 and it is constructed from the π -orbitals of the dbbpy ligand. For the B3LYP data, the occupied orbitals with

contribution from dbbpy π -system are lower in energy (HOMO-3, HOMO-4). The ruthenium t_{2g} -like d orbitals play an important role in the HOMO-2 orbital.

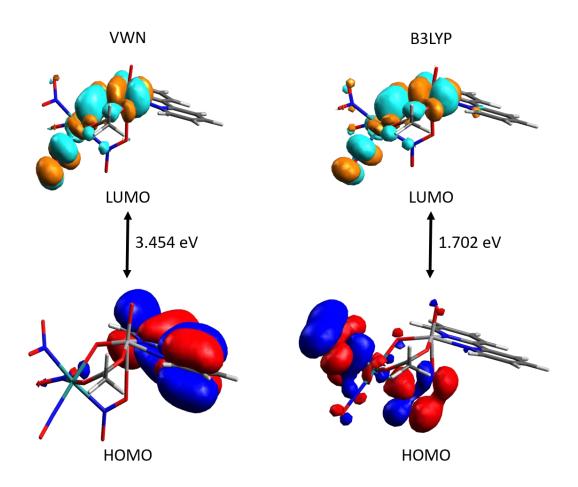


Fig. 3. The HOMO and LUMO orbitals by DFT calculations using VWN and B3LYP functionals.

The experimental absorption spectrum of the compound I in the acetonitrile solution is shown in Fig. 4. The compound I strongly absorbs in the UV region with the band maxima at 308 nm (13700±500 M⁻¹·cm⁻¹, Fig. 4). According to the DFT calculations the band corresponds to the inter- and intra-ligand transitions. Low-energy shoulder at 400-500 nm corresponds to the charge transfer from NO₂ and dbbpy ligands to the orbitals of the ON-Ru-O-V chain. The acetonitrile solution of I is stable in time, while a decomposition of I occurred in DMSO solution (Fig. S1).

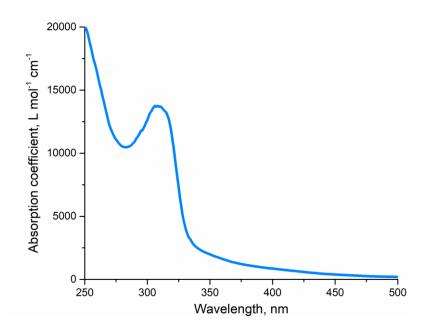


Fig. 4. The absorption spectrum of the compound I in the acetonitrile solution.

Ruthenium nitrosyl complexes release coordinated nitrogen monooxyde upon photolysis according to the equation:

 ${Ru^{II}NO^{+}} + hv + solvent \rightarrow {Ru^{III}(solvent)} + NO^{0}.$

Regardless of the ligand environment, the {Ru^{II}NO⁺} species are shown as promising NO donors [1][81]. Commonly, in the absorption spectrum the decrease in the UV-blue range and the corresponding increase of the absorption in red range after light exposure of the complexes in solutions is observed [8,50,82,83]. Since five-coordinated ruthenium complexes are not stable, the free coordination place after NO photo-release is occupied by the solvent molecule [1]. In some cases, the structures determined by the single crystal X-ray diffraction of the photo-products with the coordinated acetonitrile ligand were obtained [84,85].

The photolysis of I in acetonitrile solution is promoted by the 445 nm irradiation (Fig. 5). Unlike the case of decomposition of I in DMSO solution, the 308 nm absorption peak had no significant change through the photolysis in acetonitrile solution. The spectral differences are manifested as decrease in the ultraviolet absorption and the formation of the 388 nm band. The latter slightly loses intensity in the dark.

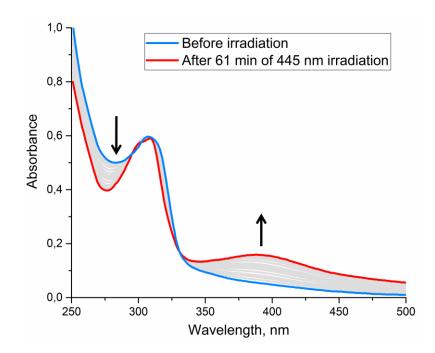


Fig. 5. Photolysis of the $4.35 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M solution of I in acetonitrile under 445 nm irradiation: blue line – before irradiation; red line – after 61 min of irradiation.

The spectral change of the freshly photolyzed solution stored in the dark resembles the nitrogen dioxide spectrum [86] (Fig. S2). This band undergoes single-exponential decay with the kinetic constant equal to $1.6\pm0.5\cdot10^{-3}$ s⁻¹. It is known, that NO₂ is in the equilibrium with N₂O₄ [87,88]. Nevertheless, reported rate constant of NO₂ disproportionation in water is significantly greater than $1.6\pm0.5\cdot10^{-3}$ s⁻¹ [89]. Hence, the assignment of the spectral evolution of the irradiated sample to the NO₂ is doubtful.

Additionally, the photolysis of the I in the presence of the Griess reagent (the reagent for the nitrite ion detection) was performed (Fig. S3) [90]. The oxidation of the photogenerated NO gives the nitrite ion via the quantitative reaction $4NO + O_2 + 2H_2O = 4HNO_2$ [91] or disproportionation reaction $2NO_2 + H_2O = HNO_2 + HNO_3$ [92]. The reaction of nitrite with the reagent produce the dye, characterized by the absorption band at around 500 nm (Fig. S3).

Hence, we propose the following scheme of the compound I photolysis:

{Ru^{II}NO⁺V^V} + hv + CH₃CN \rightarrow {Ru^{III}(CH₃CN)V^V} + NO⁰;

The coordination of acetonitrile is not explicitly demonstrated, however its coordination is very likely due to previous reports and low stability of five-coordinated ruthenium species [1]. Thus, the absorbance at a given time and wavelength can be expressed as $A = \varepsilon_{RuNOV} \cdot I \cdot C_{RuNOV} + \varepsilon_{RuV} \cdot I \cdot (C_0 - C_{RuNOV})$. Concentrations of ruthenium complexes are derived from the photolysis equation. In the model, the quantum yield and extinction coefficients are refined by means of the least squares method to fit the experimental data. The quantum yield value is 0.57±0.05%. Earlier, ruthenium nitrosyl complexes [RuNOL₂(NO₂)₂OH] (L = pyridine, β -picoline) have been studied on the NO release in solution upon irradiation [8,50]. It was shown, the quantum yield of the nitric oxide release reaction was 6-20% depending on the solvent and the excitation wavelength. In the current case, the presence of vanadium sufficiently decreases the efficiency of NO photo-release, which is in an agreement with DFT calculations: the light excitation induces the charge transfer to the antibonding orbitals of ON-Ru-O-V chain, in which the presence of vanadium (LUMO occupancy is about 70%) decreases the probability of a distortion of the Ru-NO bond.

We used EPR spectroscopy to detect the paramagnetic photolysis products in the solution after light irradiation. The light exposure of the acetonitrile solution of the I by the 445 nm light for 60 min induce the formation of the paramagnetic species. The EPR spectrum after irradiation is presented in the Fig. 6. The spectrum presents a characteristic signal for paramagnetic Ru(III) complex with parameters $g_1 = 2.627$, $g_2 = g_3 = 2.20$ [93,94], which is consistent with the proposed photolysis scheme in which a ruthenium(III) complex with the $\{V^V-Ru^{III}(solvent)\}$ fragment is formed. Thereby, the vacant coordination site after NO release is apparently occupied by the solvent molecule.

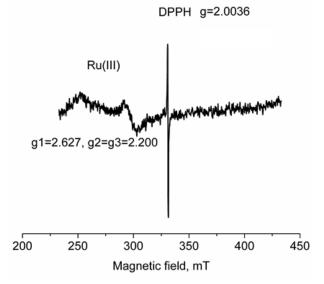


Fig. 6. EPR spectrum of complex I in acetonitrile after 60 min of 445 nm irradiation.

3.3.Photo-induced nitrosyl isomerization in solid state

The light irradiation of I in solution leads to the labilization of the NO⁺ ligand followed by NO⁰ release, whereas at temperatures below 273 K the bond isomers of nitrosyl ligand could exist. IR spectroscopy is an extremely sensitive method to verify the appearance of such isomers (MS1 or/and MS2).

The IR spectrum of complex I at 10 K contains bands related to the $\delta(NO_2)$ frequency vibration at 821 cm⁻¹, v(V-O) band at 973 cm⁻¹, bands of v(μ -NO₂) bridge ligand at 1252, 1270 and 1585 cm⁻¹, v(NO₂) bands at 1326, 1416, and 1467 cm⁻¹, v(C-C) band of dbbpy ligand at 1618 cm⁻¹ and the most intense v(NO) band at 1900 cm⁻¹

(Fig. 7 and Fig. S4). Irradiation of the complex by light in the spectral range 365-405 nm results in the formation of a new band with maximum at 1750 cm⁻¹, assigned to the v(NO) stretching vibration of the MS1 isomer and accompanied by the decrease of the v(NO) band of GS (Fig. 7). The population of MS1 is about 5%. The band exhibits a shift to lower energies compared to the GS band by 150 cm⁻¹, which is characteristic for nitrosyl ruthenium complexes [2,12,71,95–97]. The concomitant decrease of intensities of the NO₂ bands is most probably related to the nitrosyl isomerization and partial NO release (see below) (Fig. S4). The sensitivity of NO₂ bands to the change of NO linkage was shown in [68].

According to DFT calculations, the formation of bond isomers can be described as follows. After the light excitation, the excited singlet state of MLCT nature tends to undergo inter-system crossing (ISC) to the triplet MLCT of the same nature [98,99]. The triplet as well as first excited singlet states are known to have bended Ru-N-O fragment [100]. The relaxation of triplet state ends up in a point on the ground state potential energy surface, which is far from equilibrium linear geometry. From here the majority of the population relaxes to the ground state, however, a small fraction of molecules can hop to the side-on coordinated nitrosyl state (MS2). This state can be excited in a similar fashion with two different triplets as a long-living intermediate; one is O-coordinated and another is N-coordinated. The N-coordinated triplet of MS2 relaxes to GS or MS2 while the O-coordinated triplet can end up as MS2 or as O-coordinated nitrosyl with an almost linear Ru-O-N fragment (MS1). The ratio of the ground state, metastable states and generated triplets depends on the relaxation dynamics on the triplet and singlet energy surfaces, ISC process, and absorptive properties of the metastable states. The MS2 needs a special protocol to be accumulated because it absorbs excitation more readily than O- or N-coordinated nitrosyl states. On the other hand, absorptive properties of the MS1 are similar to the GS absorption; thus, the MS1 can have a decent fraction [9] or even a dominative one [10] in a solid sample.

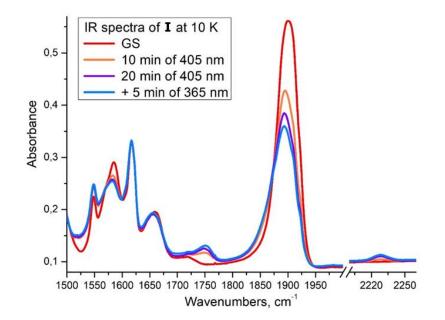


Fig. 7. IR spectra of I at 10 K in GS (red line), after 10 min of 405 nm irradiation (orange line), 20 min of 405 nm irradiation (purple line) and after subsequent 5 min of 365 nm irradiation (blue line).

The heating of MS1 from 10 to 140 K induces a decrease of the v(NO) band of MS1 and an increase of the corresponding GS band, indicating the complete decay of MS1 at 120-140 K (Fig. 8). The change of absorption bands corresponds to the back MS1 \rightarrow GS reaction [101]. Compared to related A₂[RuNO(NO₂)₄OH] (A = NH₄⁺ and K⁺) and heterometallic [{RuNO(NO₂)₄OH}₂Dy₂(H₂O)₂(NO₃)₂] complexes [102–104], where MS1 decay occurs at 190-200 K, the thermal stability of MS1 isomer of I is much lower (120-140 K), which is likely due to presence of vanadium. An influence of a *trans*-to-NO ligand on the thermal stability of the MS1 was shown earlier [10,67,105]. According to that, higher electronegativity of *trans*-to-NO ligand increases the thermal stability of the MS1 isomer. On the other hand, a change of the ligands in *cis*-position to NO can lead to a decrease of the MS1 thermal stability as well. For example, the MS1 decay temperature of *trans*-[RuNOPy₄OH](PF₆)₂ (200-220 K) is much lower compared to *trans*-[RuNO(NH₃)₄OH]Cl₂ (260-280 K), in which pyridines (Py) are changed to ammine ligands [2,11]. Apparently, the decrease of the MS1 thermal stability of I is due to low activation energy of the MS1 \rightarrow GS transformation [9].

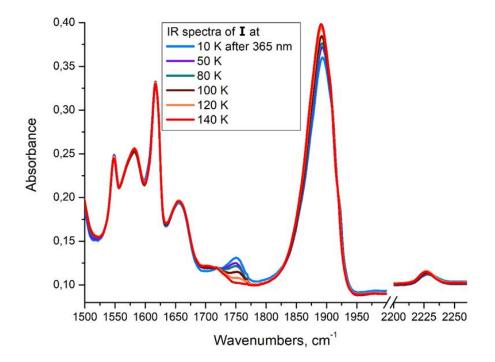


Fig. 8. IR spectra of **I** after MS1 generation (405 + 365 nm irradiation) at different temperatures: 10 K (blue line), 50 K (purple line), 80 K (green line), 100 K (brown line), 120 K (orange line) and 140 K (red line).

Besides of MS1 formation after light exposure, a band at 2228 cm⁻¹ has appeared. The band reflects the formation of free nitrous oxide N₂O via NO release from the complex [106]. The N₂O formation after light exposure of nitrosyl ruthenium complexes in the solid state was reported earlier [10,69,107], however the mechanism of the formation is still obscure. The possible mechanism of N₂O formation in solution could comprise the formation of M-(κ^2 -ONNO) intermediates (bonding through two oxygen atoms) [108]. In this regard, MS1 formation should favor M-(κ^2 -ONNO) coordination, however further investigation is needed to clarify the mechanism.

It is worth mentioning that the GS \leftrightarrow MS1 reaction is a reversible process, meanwhile NO release with N₂O formation is an irreversible reaction. Thus, from the difference of the area under v(NO) of GS before and after irradiation we estimated the amount of released NO, which is 40% from initial (Fig. S4). Complex I shows thus a noticeable sensitivity to the incident light. A similar behavior was found earlier in monomeric complexes (PyH)[Ru(NO)(NO₂)₂(ONO)Py(OH)] and [Ru(NO)(NO₂)(ONO)Py₂(OH)], where amount of NO release was found 50 and 20% respectively [69].

4. Conclusions

In this work, the binuclear $[Ru(NO)(NO_2)_3(CH_3COO)(O)VO(dbbpy)]$ complex is obtained from the preorganized ruthenium $Na_2[Ru(NO)(NO_2)_4(OH)]\cdot 2H_2O$ and vanadium $[VO(dbbpy)(H_2O)Cl_2]$ precursors. This approach yielded a rare example of heterometallic nitrosyl ruthenium complex in quantitative yield. The complex is characterized by the single crystal X-ray diffraction and the structure of the complex is supported by the DFT calculations.

The complex is stable in acetonitrile solution, while light irradiation of the complex solution in the blue spectral range induces NO release. According to DFT, the light irradiation at 445 nm induces the charge transfer from NO₂ and dbbpy ligands to the antibonding orbitals of ON-Ru-O-V chain, which leads to the NO release reaction. The quantum yield of the Ru-NO photo-cleavage is 0.57±0.05%, which is relatively low with respect to the similar monomeric ruthenium nitrosyls. This peculiarity is due to the nature of antibonding orbitals, in which the presence of vanadium decreases the probability of a breaking of the Ru-NO bond, leading to a decrease of the efficiency of NO photo-release reaction. By the Griess test and EPR-spectroscopy the products of the photolysis (NO and paramagnetic Ru^{III} complex) are confirmed. The irradiation of the complex in a solid phase at 10 K results in the formation of a metastable bond isomer Ru-ON (MS1) as detected by IR-spectroscopy. The stretching vibration of v(NO) band of MS1 (1750 cm⁻¹) is shifted by 150 cm⁻¹ to lower energy with respect to the v(NO) band of GS (1900 cm⁻¹). The population of the MS1 is about 5%. MS1 thermally decays at 120-140 K back to the GS, which is much lower compared to related monomeric complexes, in which MS1 decays at 190-200 K. Again, this feature is likely due to the presence of vanadium in the heterometallic complex. Besides of the MS1 formation, a partial formation of nitrous oxide N₂O via NO release is confirmed, however the mechanism of the reaction is uncertain.

In conclusion, the complex I represents a bifunctional platform, which can release nitric oxide in solution and reversibly switch the NO ligand coordination in the solid state. Though partial NO release in solid state is found, the degradation of the sample can be overcome by the adjustment of optical power. It is shown, that the presence of vanadium strongly influences the photochemical properties of ruthenium nitrosyl both in the solid phase and in solution. We suggest, that since unoccupied orbitals of an almost linear ON-Ru-O-V chain are found responsible for the efficiency of the nitric oxide release, the change of the arrangement of the vanadium center towards the Ru-N-O linkage will lead to the unprecedented change in the photochemical properties in any phase.

Declaration of Competing Interest

The authors declare no competing financial interest.

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Solution and solid-state light-induced transformations in heterometallic vanadium-ruthenium nitrosyl

complex

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Quantum yield calculation

DMSO solutions:

In the dissociative model for the DMSO dark case, the unimolecular kinetic was implemented as the reagent's concentration depends on time $C = C_0 \cdot e^{-kt}$. Total absorbance is equal to the sum of reagent (A) and products (B) absorbances:

 $A_{tot} = \varepsilon_a \cdot l \cdot C_a + \varepsilon_b \cdot l \cdot C_b \ (Eq. \ 1)$

Taking in account mentioned time-dependency, one can derive the following:

$$A_{\text{tot}} = \varepsilon_a \cdot l \cdot C_0 \cdot e^{-kt} + \varepsilon_b \cdot l \cdot C_0 \cdot (1 - e^{-kt}) = \varepsilon_b \cdot l \cdot C_0 + (\varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_b) \cdot l \cdot C_0 \cdot e^{-kt} \text{ (Eq. 2)}$$

The data were fitted at 283 and 318 nm where located the most pronounced changes. The best fit was achieved with the following parameters: $\varepsilon_a(318) = \varepsilon_a(283) = 12790$, $\varepsilon_b(318) = 6300$, $\varepsilon_b(283) = 18200 \text{ M}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$, k = $3.4 \pm 0.1 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

Acetonitrile solutions:

In order to investigate dark reaction, firstly the acetonitrile solution was irradiated for several minutes in the spectrometer. The spectral changes were monitored during irradiation, Fig. 5. After that, the solution was kept in the instrument without irradiation and he spectral evolution was monitored over 0 - 50 minutes. The model absorbance for each data point in the 350-450 nm range was calculated from equation 2 of the Supplemental Information. The unknown spectrum at infinite time was fitted as four-polynomial function and it was different for different preparatory irradiation time. The first-order kinetic constant was wavelength independent. Thus, total 4040 experimental data points were fitted using six parameters only, which were five absorptions at 350, 375, 400, 425, and 450 nm at infinite time and one kinetic constant. These parameters were adjusted to minimize sum of squared residuals. The loss of absorbance as first experimental spectrum minus modeled spectrum at infinite time was plotted in Fig. S2.

The photolysis equation of the compound I as $\{RuNOV\} + hv => \{RuV\} + NO$ can be kinetically described as:

$$-\frac{d\{\text{RuNOV}\}}{dt} = q \cdot I_{\text{abs}} \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{RuNOV}} \cdot l \cdot \{\text{RuNOV}\} / (A_{\text{total}} \cdot V_{\text{total}}) = q \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{RuNOV}} \cdot l \cdot \{\text{RuNOV}\} \cdot I \cdot (1 - 10^{-\text{Atotal}}) / (A_{\text{total}} \cdot V_{\text{total}}) = q \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{RuNOV}} \cdot l \cdot \{\text{RuNOV}\} \cdot I \cdot (1 - 10^{-\text{Atotal}}) / (A_{\text{total}} \cdot V_{\text{total}}) = q \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{RuNOV}} \cdot l \cdot \{\text{RuNOV}\} \cdot I \cdot (1 - 10^{-\text{Atotal}}) / (A_{\text{total}} \cdot V_{\text{total}}) = q \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{RuNOV}} \cdot l \cdot \{\text{RuNOV}\} \cdot I \cdot (1 - 10^{-\text{Atotal}}) / (A_{\text{total}} \cdot V_{\text{total}}) = q \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{RuNOV}} \cdot l \cdot \{\text{RuNOV}\} \cdot I \cdot (1 - 10^{-\text{Atotal}}) / (A_{\text{total}} \cdot V_{\text{total}}) = q \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{RuNOV}} \cdot l \cdot \{\text{RuNOV}\} \cdot I \cdot \{\text{RuNOV}\}$$

where q is quantum yield, ε_{RuNOV} is extinction coefficient of the compound I at the excitation wavelength, l is light pass length, I_{abs} is amount of absorbed light, I is light intensity, A_{total} is total absorbance at the excitation wavelength. The term $\frac{1-10^{-A_{total}}}{A_{total}}$ was approximated based on the experimental data as $f(t) = a_I \cdot e^{-bI \cdot t} + a_2 \cdot e^{-b^2 \cdot t} + a_3 \cdot (t - b_3)^2 - a_4 \cdot (t - b_3) + c$ with 99% accuracy which is better than numerical error of absorbance values at excitation wavelength. Solving the differential equation gives the compound I concentration:

 $\{\text{RuNOV}\} = C_0 \cdot \exp(-q \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{RuNOV}} \cdot l \cdot I \cdot (t \cdot (c + a_3 \cdot b_3^2 + a_4 \cdot b_3) - t^2 \cdot (a_3 \cdot b_3 + a_4/2) + a_3 \cdot t^3/3 + a_1 \cdot (1 - e^{-b1 \cdot t})/b_1 + a_2 \cdot (1 - e^{-b2 \cdot t})/b_2)/V_{\text{total}}\}, \text{ where } C_0 \text{ is the initial concentration of the complex I. The product concentration is } \{\text{RuV}\} = C_0 - \{\text{RuNOV}\}.$

Empirical formula	$C_{22}H_{30}N_7O_{11}RuV$	
Formula weight	720.54	
Temperature/K	150(2)	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P2 ₁ /n	
a/Å	6.2399(12)	
b/Å	16.601(3)	
c/Å	28.271(5)	
α/°	90	
β/°	92.297(6)	
γ/°	90	
Volume/Å ³	2926.2(9)	
Z	4	
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.636	
µ/mm⁻¹	0.903	
F(000)	1464.0	
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.140 \times 0.140 \times 0.010$	
Radiation	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)	
20 range for data collection/°	3.786 to 55.388	
Index ranges	-8 ≤ h ≤ 7, -21 ≤ k ≤ 21, -35 ≤ l ≤ 36	
Reflections collected	23713	
Independent reflections	6761 [R _{int} = 0.0807, R _{sigma} = 0.0994]	
Data/restraints/parameters	6761/58/387	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.163	
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.1590, wR ₂ = 0.3298	
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.1995, wR ₂ = 0.3434	
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	2.27/-1.82	

Table S1. Experimental and refinement details of the $[Ru(NO)(NO_2)_2(\mu-NO_2)(\mu-CH_3COO)(\mu-O)VO(dbbpy)]$ O)VO(dbbpy)]CH_3CN.

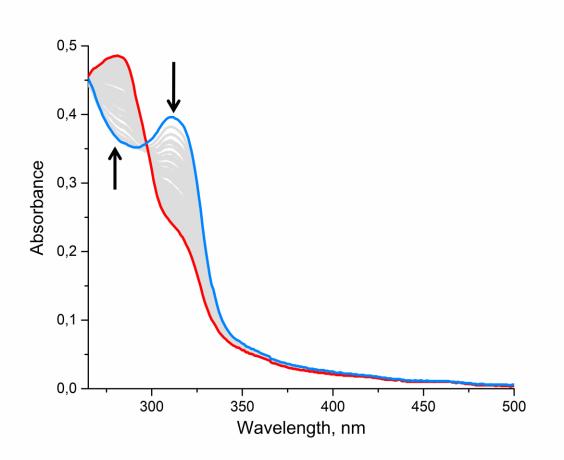


Fig. S1. The evolution of the $2.83 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M I in DMSO. Time interval between spectra is 77 seconds. The isosbestic point is observable at 298 nm with $12,400\pm400$ M⁻¹·cm⁻¹ molar absorptivity. For the decomposition process, the highest degree of change occurred at 318 nm for depression and at 283 nm for suppression of the absorbance. Implemented kinetic model took in account a unimolecular decomposition reaction fitted by a single exponential term. Estimated characteristic first-order constant was $3.4\pm0.1\cdot10^{-4}$ s⁻¹.

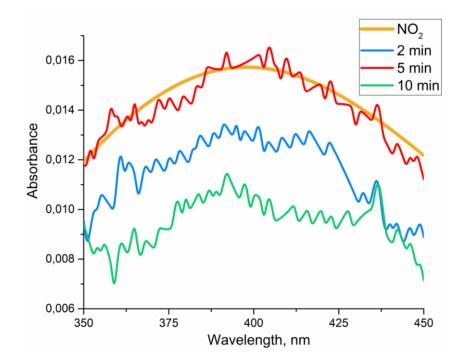


Fig. S2. The absorbance's loss of the solution kept in the dark, which was photolysed I for 2, 5, or 10 minutes. The smoothed data is scaled gas phase absorption data of nitrogen dioxide.

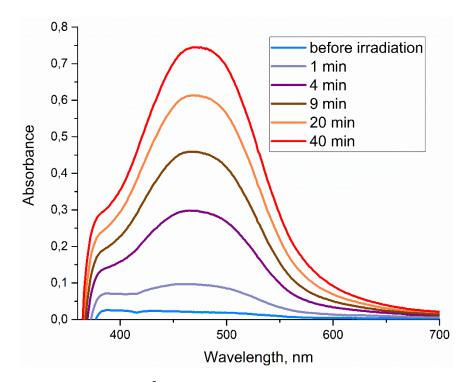


Fig. S3. The photolysis of the I ($4.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M) in the presence of Griess reagent after 445 nm light exposure.

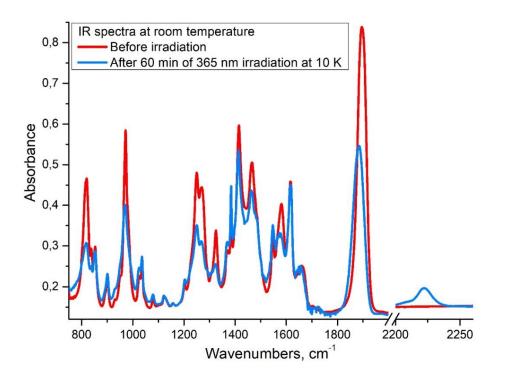


Fig. S4. IR spectra of **I** at room temperature (300 K) before (red line) and after 60 min 365 nm exposure at 10 K (blue line).

Table S2.

HOMO – 140, LUMO – 141. Zero energy – HOMO, shift is +6.517 eV for VWN, +7.457 eV for B3LYP

	B3LYP		VWN	
Ν	Energy, eV	MO	Energy, eV	MO
105			-5.116	
106			-5.02	
107			-4.896	
108			-4.717	

109		-4.607	
110		-4.192	
111		-4.016	
112		-3.876	
113	-3.816	-3.81	
114	-3.652	-3.504	
115	-3.605	-3.407	
116	-3.48	-3.29	
117	-3.416	-3.206	
118	-3.248	-3.145	

119	-2.773	-2.724	
120	-2.709	-2.695	
121	-2.37	-2.346	
122	-2.212	-2.299	
123	-2.194	-2.262	-
124	-2.003	-2.104	
125	-1.795	-1.993	
126	-1.616	-1.943	K
127	-1.565	-1.859	
128	-1.526	-1.783	

129	-1.421	-1.712	V
130	-1.391	-1.632	
131	-1.383	-1.525	
132	-1.334	-1.336	
133	-1.189	-1.167	
134	-1.09	-1.12	
135	-0.977	-0.937	
136	-0.802	-0.689	
137	-0.537	-0.593	
138	-0.459	-0.495	

139	-0.025	-0.273	
140	0	0	
141	3.454	1.702	
142	3.928	2.318	
143	4.112	2.384	
144	4.333	2.537	
145	4.621	2.824	
146	4.915	3.046	
147	5.149	3.185	
148	5.414	3.376	

149	5.435	3.598	
150	5.586	3.686	
151	5.677	3.883	
152	5.775	3.958	
153	5.858	4.237	
154	6.165	4.443	
155		4.9	
156		5.11	
157		5.722	
158		6.016	

159		6.416	
160		6.576	

Table S3.

DFT calculations using VWN functional

Ν	Transition Energy, eV	Oscillator strength, 10 ³ a.u.	Origin of the transferred electron density, weighted sum of the occupied MO	Destination of the transferred electron density, weighted sum of the occupied MO
1	1.71347	0.0391		
2	1.99859	0.1850		
3	2.22164	0.2814		
4	2.30817	0.5378		
5	2.38746	0.3777		

6	2.40292	0.1043	
7	2.41708	1.9290	
8	2.5455	1.0540	
9	2.6519	0.4587	
10	2.66393	0.0998	
11	2.71823	1.0170	
12	2.8282	0.1188	
13	2.8363	0.0536	
14	2.84837	0.7903	
15	2.85321	0.4501	

16	2.91382	1.0380	
17	2.92602	0.4158	
18	2.98006	4.0040	
19	3.00253	1.1710	
20	3.04135	0.0263	
21	3.04791	0.5007	
22	3.10168	1.2700	
23	3.12148	0.3191	
24	3.12395	1.7100	
25	3.1629	2.3240	

26	3.20248	6.1640	*	
27	3.22519	2.4640		Second Second
28	3.25845	2.8850		
29	3.30091	7.2760		
30	3.30522	1.5700		
31	3.33485	1.8990		
32	3.35779	0.6567		
33	3.37465	6.6350		
34	3.40264	1.9960		
35	3.4288	0.0595		

36	3.4311	1.6890	
37	3.47818	4.4030	
38	3.49581	0.1731	
39	3.50352	0.6918	
40	3.50718	2.5610	
41	3.52385	1.4740	
42	3.56766	0.2099	
43	3.57241	0.1837	
44	3.58107	0.2364	
45	3.61319	17.0800	

46	3.62025	3.7100		
47	3.66082	1.3040		
48	3.66495	0.2857		X
49	3.66848	1.4770	Sector Contraction	
50	3.68113	1.9130		
51	3.69937	0.8175		
52	3.71321	0.6818		
53	3.72269	3.1150		
54	3.74347	2.1020		
55	3.7477	0.6063		

56	3.75255	1.1120	
57	3.76689	0.8562	
58	3.79063	1.2600	
59	3.80073	1.1430	
60	3.82054	1.8460	
61	3.8583	6.2920	Sec.
62	3.87532	6.5890	
63	3.88474	0.2443	
64	3.8975	4.3700	
65	3.92594	0.6206	

66	3.92726	0.4194	
67	3.96114	2.3220	
68	3.96488	2.0860	
69	3.97308	0.6956	
70	3.99173	2.4580	
71	3.99754	0.5430	
72	4.00683	3.5610	
73	4.02083	2.2990	
74	4.03145	2.9430	
75	4.03947	1.0040	

76	4.0509	1.8520		
77	4.06949	2.4350		
78	4.07501	3.5760	1 Alton	
79	4.09189	3.4030		
80	4.11126	17.3000		
81	4.11445	32.6700		
82	4.13764	1.8810		
83	4.14836	2.2550		
84	4.15646	3.6900		
85	4.15836	17.7700		

86	4.16081	1.5390	Ge	
87	4.16519	12.9900		
88	4.1805	0.8220		
89	4.19138	19.3600		
90	4.19984	9.1600		
91	4.20787	4.7700		
92	4.21936	10.0400		
93	4.23954	2.4150		
94	4.25104	2.1750		
95	4.25342	4.8840		A CONTRACTOR

96	4.26417	1.1900	
97	4.28317	1.4010	
98	4.30866	3.7690	
99	4.31557	8.2490	
100	4.33144	1.2790	
101	4.33576	2.7060	
102	4.3519	3.9690	
103	4.35703	2.5900	
104	4.36737	3.1130	
105	4.37078	3.7020	

106	4.38133	0.3936	
107	4.38642	3.2920	
108	4.39375	8.4270	
109	4.4122	0.4537	
110	4.42809	0.6103	
111	4.43523	2.6310	
112	4.44059	1.9310	
113	4.45425	1.5520	
114	4.46475	0.5480	
115	4.47372	9.4660	

116	4.47614	21.8700	
117	4.50223	2.4860	
118	4.50906	1.7150	
119	4.53154	4.2940	
120	4.54227	0.6143	
121	4.54772	2.3430	
122	4.55669	7.2610	
123	4.56274	1.1540	
124	4.57053	5.4230	
125	4.57723	4.3300	

126	4.59628	11.1200		
127	4.60394	0.1766		
128	4.61264	1.0800		
129	4.61833	10.3300	Sector Contraction	
130	4.62446	2.3480		
131	4.6314	4.4820		
132	4.64339	33.2700		
133	4.6463	2.7030		A CONTRACT OF A
134	4.668	7.1220		
135	4.66909	2.8370		

136	4.69017	3.3120	Sector Contraction	
137	4.69773	5.9620	e como	
138	4.70379	6.6350	2 Alerton	
139	4.7063	3.0790		
140	4.73491	11.2100		
141	4.74184	8.3360		A CONTRACTOR
142	4.74926	1.2650		
143	4.75823	6.2460		
144	4.76271	0.3744		
145	4.76731	6.8130		

146	4.77428	7.0050	
147	4.79004	2.6250	
148	4.80325	3.8080	
149	4.81904	6.2560	
150	4.82127	31.9900	
151	4.82707	8.8710	
152	4.83208	3.4250	
153	4.83674	19.1900	A CONTRACTOR
154	4.85106	7.2140	
155	4.85266	2.7500	

156	4.86146	5.3020	
157	4.86481	17.1800	
158	4.87592	27.0700	
159	4.88502	1.9120	
160	4.88781	10.0900	Horas and a second
161	4.91948	5.1520	
162	4.92304	4.3860	
163	4.93399	2.9740	
164	4.93768	3.4070	
165	4.94375	3.7140	

166	4.9493	7.7390	
167	4.95161	0.4532	
168	4.96404	1.5930	
169	4.97143	6.2600	
170	4.97681	4.8640	
171	4.98853	6.9910	and the second sec
172	4.99737	7.2310	
173	5.01314	2.3630	
174	5.01837	17.9900	A CONTRACT
175	5.0314	10.6600	

176	5.04054	12.2900	*	
177	5.04805	1.2490		
178	5.05507	4.2170		
179	5.05914	5.0880		
180	5.06758	10.0500		
181	5.08418	14.5500		A CONTRACT OF A
182	5.0953	7.1820		
183	5.10238	7.0900		
184	5.11337	4.3960		
185	5.11491	8.9450		

186	5.12045	16.4500	*	
187	5.13143	11.2500		
188	5.133	14.3300		A REAL PROPERTY AND A REAL
189	5.1476	33.9400		and the second s
190	5.15498	16.6400		
191	5.16087	20.0000		
192	5.16589	6.8760		
193	5.17107	4.2560		
194	5.1854	9.1980		
195	5.19623	35.1300		Jugar -

196	5.20446	3.5840		
197	5.21189	11.0700		
198	5.21971	3.8240		
199	5.22413	6.6020		
200	5.23457	5.0030		
201	5.24144	9.2540		
202	5.24638	1.5900	*	
203	5.25607	15.8300		
204	5.26327	27.7900		
205	5.27988	12.7400		

206	5.28741	2.4040	
207	5.28973	12.9600	
208	5.3056	3.6120	
209	5.31483	21.1100	
210	5.32824	20.8600	A CONTRACT OF A
211	5.33152	1.2560	
212	5.34293	14.6500	
213	5.34914	10.5200	
214	5.3647	4.4170	
215	5.3862	2.1460	

216	5.39497	3.1320		
217	5.39661	4.7920		
218	5.40194	11.7000		
219	5.41959	0.8911	***	
220	5.42945	5.7430		
221	5.43379	13.0100		
222	5.45299	8.0880		
223	5.45783	12.2600		A CONTRACTOR
224	5.46139	8.9420		
225	5.46858	36.3900		

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226	5.47757	7.5710	
227	5.48582	19.2100	
228	5.49784	6.7270	
229	5.50312	0.5587	
230	5.51156	2.3650	
231	5.51686	0.1053	
232	5.51801	1.4100	
233	5.52899	10.0900	
234	5.54183	16.3200	
235	5.55117	23.2200	A CONTRACT OF A

236	5.56196	9.6790	
237	5.5727	25.8700	Je Contraction
238	5.58456	0.8759	
239	5.58877	5.3380	
240	5.59819	4.9650	
241	5.60174	3.5430	
242	5.60883	9.6790	
243	5.61358	3.5700	
244	5.61547	3.6150	
245	5.62321	12.5000	

246	5.62776	13.4900	
247	5.63698	2.4730	
248	5.64353	7.6600	
249	5.65384	4.9460	
250	5.6645	1.1260	
251	5.67407	3.8100	
252	5.67714	7.7550	
253	5.6807	45.1500	
254	5.68773	0.3722	
255	5.70261	2.6770	

256	5.70593	3.2580	
257	5.7083	19.9400	
258	5.71601	9.7360	
259	5.72969	0.1579	
260	5.7321	9.4200	
261	5.74652	34.7800	
262	5.76432	2.1460	
263	5.76622	3.6220	
264	5.77716	1.7120	
265	5.78398	9.4840	A CONTRACTOR

266	5.78983	1.1610	
267	5.79229	1.5980	
268	5.7986	4.7630	×
269	5.80795	18.0700	
270	5.81664	36.9900	
271	5.82801	0.1630	
272	5.83657	37.7000	
273	5.838	11.3000	
274	5.8482	4.9450	
275	5.85404	27.1200	

276	5.86551	4.0510		
277	5.86778	5.5150	-	
278	5.87831	5.3900		
279	5.88293	50.9100		
280	5.89113	0.5754		
281	5.90734	4.7300		
282	5.91813	0.5069	Sector Contraction	
283	5.92774	8.8390		
284	5.93757	3.8970		
285	5.95242	7.4660		

286	5.96015	0.3483	
			S. S.
287	5.96742	4.9390	Service Services
288	5.97237	12.4600	
289	5.9789	7.3860	
290	5.98538	0.8353	Japan State
291	5.99154	12.6300	
292	6.00288	12.7400	
293	6.01198	13.1700	Jer Hanne
294	6.0163	3.0180	
295	6.02349	39.4800	

296	6.03375	5.8260	
297	6.03529	0.8796	
298	6.04451	4.1370	
299	6.05418	12.6700	
300	6.05505	10.1400	
301	6.05939	5.9340	
302	6.07918	4.4010	
303	6.0831	0.9282	
304	6.08915	19.6600	A CONTRACTOR OF A CONTRACTOR OFTA CONTRACTOR O
305	6.09745	23.4100	-

306	6.11169	13.0200	
307	6.12074	18.0200	A REAL PROPERTY AND A REAL
308	6.12791	10.4200	
309	6.14636	19.6700	
310	6.15186	7.5200	
311	6.17006	8.4000	
312	6.17454	4.8320	
313	6.17749	13.2300	
314	6.18863	1.4550	
315	6.20205	11.3900	

316	6.21021	36.2000	
317	6.21765	12.5000	A CONTRACTOR OF THE OWNER
318	6.22345	8.6210	
319	6.22892	3.4180	
320	6.23742	8.6750	×
321	6.24392	7.4580	A REAL PROPERTY AND A REAL
322	6.24966	4.9620	
323	6.25917	2.7220	
324	6.26019	8.3980	
325	6.26734	24.5100	

326	6.27584	23.4700	
327	6.28009	3.4350	
328	6.2822	2.3570	Jan Barris
329	6.28843	3.1500	
330	6.29315	4.6090	
331	6.29436	4.0870	
332	6.30448	10.8600	
333	6.30821	3.1730	
334	6.32553	1.8460	
335	6.33402	11.8400	

336	6.34182	4.1600		
337	6.34774	1.6060		
338	6.35449	11.2000		
339	6.36538	1.9950		
340	6.37385	18.1300		
341	6.38192	0.3723		
342	6.38329	16.2200		
343	6.40165	2.8990	*	
344	6.41408	14.2200		X
345	6.41795	1.6900		

346	6.42103	3.1870	
347	6.42771	7.3370	
348	6.43377	11.6700	You want
349	6.43616	21.5800	
350	6.43942	3.8130	
351	6.4455	15.9800	
352	6.45014	5.6410	
353	6.46585	3.6460	
354	6.46982	31.7800	
355	6.47954	13.6600	Horas and the second se

356	6.48529	92.3600	
357	6.50133	3.0060	
358	6.51394	5.5270	
359	6.51666	5.0800	
360	6.52054	3.4400	
361	6.53519	5.2070	
362	6.54213	0.5940	
363	6.55147	8.5860	
364	6.55766	2.1540	
365	6.55856	3.9250	

366	6.58108	3.1710		
367	6.58412	36.6100		and the second s
368	6.58728	6.5390		
369	6.60244	5.5460		
370	6.6065	6.0630		
371	6.61057	1.6230		
372	6.61326	5.5110		
373	6.62522	8.5920		
374	6.63151	17.0200	Sector Contraction	
375	6.64141	15.3700	K	

376	6.64553	4.4650		
377	6.65419	4.0340		
378	6.66458	24.6800	y and a second s	
379	6.66846	3.8150		
380	6.67668	5.0190		
381	6.67936	1.8150		
382	6.69127	0.4689		
383	6.69508	15.2100		
384	6.70598	1.4570		
385	6.71446	1.5830		

386	6.72484	16.8300	
387	6.73566	4.6590	
388	6.74182	0.7458	
389	6.74735	12.4200	
390	6.75416	4.2530	
391	6.76603	12.5400	
392	6.76668	10.3100	
393	6.78276	1.5270	
394	6.78347	9.8890	
395	6.78555	12.8400	

396	6.79552	8.4450	
397	6.80087	47.3400	
398	6.82518	31.7700	
399	6.83265	3.4070	
400	6.84727	4.4730	

Table S4.

DFT calculations using B3LYP functional

N	Transition Energy, eV	Oscillator strength, 10 ³ a.u.	Origin of the transferred electron density, weighted sum of the occupied MO	Destination of the transferred electron density, weighted sum of the occupied MO
1	2.67786	0.4078		
2	2.78304	0.0077		
3	2.95455	0.4771		

4	3.02389	0.6156	
5	3.12507	0.0837	
6	3.14237	0.9721	
7	3.183	0.2292	
8	3.28456	1.7370	
9	3.41255	1.0750	
10	3.4589	0.5025	
11	3.47688	0.9552	
12	3.48987	1.4830	
13	3.53082	2.5650	

14	3.54217	12.2500	
15	3.58493	1.2090	
16	3.67005	0.4375	
17	3.71037	1.1170	
18	3.71764	28.3100	
19	3.78114	2.9140	
20	3.82163	0.7424	
21	3.88591	6.4600	
22	3.89911	0.3882	
23	3.94155	1.9430	

24	3.94675	2.9390		J.
25	3.966	17.8400		
26	3.97481	1.3550		
27	4.01317	3.8930		
28	4.02192	1.5250	the second se	
29	4.04996	0.2411		
30	4.0763	1.0470		
31	4.09549	0.1044		
32	4.11431	0.7174		
33	4.133	0.7139		

34	4.14714	1.1560	
35	4.17593	2.6570	
36	4.21134	0.6016	
37	4.22324	0.2327	
38	4.24817	1.8300	
39	4.25488	1.0890	
40	4.28313	1.7060	
41	4.29906	0.0807	
42	4.31307	7.5470	
43	4.32301	4.8170	

44	4.33617	2.7660	
45	4.36639	69.3900	
46	4.36927	62.4300	
47	4.40386	0.9012	
48	4.41766	0.9628	
49	4.43122	13.3800	
50	4.44146	6.8500	
51	4.47073	2.6980	
52	4.47165	2.9460	
53	4.50012	11.6500	

54	4.52963	3.7480	
55	4.55384	0.3494	
56	4.5695	12.6600	
57	4.57812	6.4710	
58	4.59846	3.8160	
59	4.60684	23.5800	
60	4.61164	3.7870	
61	4.63352	0.5288	
62	4.64958	3.1310	
63	4.68803	3.5620	

64	4.70424	1.8200		
65	4.72462	4.1290		-
66	4.73752	9.0690		
67	4.74696	0.3229	the second s	
68	4.75396	0.4954		-
69	4.76689	1.4560		
70	4.77301	1.7140		
71	4.78564	1.4390		
72	4.79165	38.6400		
73	4.81665	5.2260		

74	4.82913	9.2310	
75	4.85705	1.6590	
76	4.8598	3.2010	
77	4.88653	28.9900	
78	4.89826	2.8740	
79	4.90494	1.6650	
80	4.90904	1.4740	
81	4.93322	4.4960	
82	4.93513	1.9030	
83	4.94869	6.2800	

84	4.96281	2.0240		
85	4.97315	9.6890		
86	4.98656	7.7020		
87	5.00118	10.6500		
88	5.00652	4.6130		
89	5.02737	12.3000	*	
90	5.04122	4.3860		
91	5.05446	7.9660		
92	5.07096	13.3000	*	
93	5.07333	34.6200		

94	5.08021	15.4200	
95	5.08957	7.0190	A COMPANY
96	5.09487	3.5020	
97	5.12066	16.9700	
98	5.12447	14.2300	A CONTRACTOR
99	5.13979	8.5270	
100	5.15666	15.8000	
101	5.16843	16.7500	
102	5.17166	3.3720	
103	5.1826	6.6790	

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104	5.19547	17.3300	
105	5.19674	13.1900	
106	5.2169	2.0740	No contraction of the second sec
107	5.22157	5.9450	
108	5.22288	12.2400	
109	5.23839	1.7060	
110	5.24563	1.3890	
111	5.25367	3.9870	
112	5.26299	5.7540	
113	5.27046	14.2000	

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114	5.27527	34.8200	
115	5.28167	14.1900	
116	5.29095	15.8400	
117	5.30805	13.7500	
118	5.31751	10.8300	
119	5.32565	4.9080	
120	5.33453	6.5790	
121	5.34322	1.9600	
122	5.35979	4.9250	
123	5.36776	9.4370	

124	5.38008	6.6590		
125	5.38374	8.7960		
126	5.39904	28.9500		the second se
127	5.40434	9.1740		
128	5.40896	10.1400		
129	5.4206	18.3900		
130	5.43337	0.6896		X
131	5.45337	17.3800		
132	5.4715	40.2500	X	1000 - Contraction of the second seco
133	5.48062	19.7100	Sector Contraction	1 miles

134	5.50693	56.8800	A Contraction of the second se	and the second s
135	5.51872	5.9760		
136	5.52385	66.5300		X
137	5.54579	5.4780		
138	5.55768	1.8910		
139	5.5637	19.8000		
140	5.57065	0.5322		
141	5.57924	4.7250		
142	5.58247	11.2900		
143	5.59416	9.5750		

144	5.60296	0.1805		-
145	5.61553	8.6190	8	
146	5.62143	23.8000		
147	5.63308	13.0500		
148	5.63794	2.7270		- Here
149	5.65031	15.7900		-
150	5.66379	35.6000		