

Supporting Information for:

**Highly Stereoselective Proton/Hydride-Exchange:
Assistance of Hydrogen-Bonding for the Heterolytic
Splitting of H₂.**

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Experimental Details

Materials and Methods. All experiments were carried out under an atmosphere of argon using Schlenk and glove-box techniques. d^8 -THF was dried by distillation from Na/K alloy and deoxygenated by three *freeze-pump-thaw* cycles. Water was deoxygenated by three *freeze-pump-thaw* cycles prior to use. $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})\text{PMe}_3(\text{PNP})]$ (**1**) was synthesized as reported earlier.¹ $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})_2\text{PMe}_3(\text{HPNP})]$ (**3**) was prepared in situ from reaction of **1** with H_2 in a *J-Young* NMR tube. For NMR exchange measurements the tube was subsequently evacuated and backfilled with Argon. NMR spectra were recorded on Jeol Lambda 400, Bruker Avance III 400, and Bruker DPX 500 spectrometers and calibrated to the residual proton resonance. T_1 measurements were performed by the inversion-recovery method with relaxation delays set to 5-10 times the expected T_1 times. ^1H 2D EXSY NMR spectra were obtained at 300 K in d^8 THF using the BRUKER pulse sequence *noesyph* with d1 set to 2s.

Synthesis of $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})_2\text{PMe}_3(\text{MePNP})]$ (5**).** MeOTf (42.3 mg; 0.258 mmol) is added dropwise to a vigorously stirred solution of **1** (104.3 g; 0.216 mmol) in pentane (5 mL) at r.t. and a yellow solid precipitates immediately. After filtration the residue is washed with pentane (2 x 5 mL) and dried *in vacuo* to give $[\text{RuH}(\text{PMe}_3)\text{OTf}(\text{MePNP})]$: NMR (C_6D_6 , r.t., [ppm]) ^1H NMR (399.8 MHz): δ = -27.20 (q, $^2J_{\text{HP}}$ = 25.0 Hz, 1H, RuH), 0.83-0.89 (m, 12H, CHCH₃), 1.10 (dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.1 Hz, $^3J_{\text{HP}}$ = 12.2 Hz, 6H, CHCH₃), 1.30 + 1.25-1.31 (d + m, $^2J_{\text{HP}}$ = 8.6 Hz, 15H, P(CH₃)₃ + CHCH₃), 1.40-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.96 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 1.96-2.03 (m, 2H), 2.24 (sp, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.3 Hz, 2H, CHCH₃), 2.35-2.47 (m, 2H, NCH₂). $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (161.83 MHz): δ = 61.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ = 28.7 Hz, P^{*i*}Pr₂), 11.4 (t, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ = 28.7 Hz, P(CH₃)₃). $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (376.17 MHz): δ = -77.4 (s, SO₃CF₃). $[\text{RuH}(\text{PMe}_3)\text{OTf}(\text{MePNP})]$ is redissolved in THF (10 mL) and NaH (23.8 g; 0.992 mmol) is added. After 5 h at room temperature the solvent is evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue is extracted with pentanes. Evaporation of the filtrate gives **5** as a bright yellow solid. Yield starting from **1**: 59.0 mg (0.118 mmol; 55 %). Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₅₀NP₃Ru (498.61): C, 48.18; H, 10.11; N, 2.81. Found: C 48.59; H, 9.83; N, 2.54. IR (cm⁻¹) ν = 1911 (w, Ru-H_{sym}), 1556 (s, Ru-H_{as}). NMR (C_6D_6 , r.t., [ppm]) ^1H NMR (399.8 MHz): δ = -8.31 (ddt, $^2J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.3 Hz, $^2J_{\text{HP}}$ = 17.1 Hz, $^2J_{\text{HP}}$ = 29.3 Hz, 1H, RuH), -7.43 (ddt, $^2J_{\text{HH}}$ =

7.3 Hz, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 16.5$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 31.1$ Hz, 1H, RuH), 1.13-1.18 (m, 12H, CHCH₃), 1.31 (d, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 7.3$ Hz, 9H, P(CH₃)₃), 1.35 (m, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, PCH₂), 1.44 (dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.3$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{HP}} = 13.4$ Hz, 6H, CHCH₃), 1.65 (m, 2H, PCH₂), 1.70 (dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.3$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{HP}} = 14.6$ Hz, 6H, CHCH₃), 1.98 (sp, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.3$ Hz, 4H, CHCH₃ + NCH₂), 2.07 (sp, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, CHCH₃), 2.22 (s + m, 5H, NCH₃ + NCH₂). $^{13}\text{C}\{-^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100.6 MHz): δ 16.4 (t, $J_{\text{CP}} = 2.0$ Hz, CHCH₃), 19.4 (t, $J_{\text{CP}} = 3.5$ Hz, CHCH₃), 19.7 (t, $J_{\text{CP}} = 2.5$ Hz, CHCH₃), 20.3 (t, $J_{\text{CP}} = 4.0$ Hz, CHCH₃), 24.6 (dt, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 8.0$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 2.0$ Hz, CHCH₃), 25.5 (dt, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 6.5$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 3.0$ Hz, PCH₂), 27.9 (t, $J_{\text{CP}} = 11.1$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 2.7$ Hz, CHCH₃), 30.2 (dt, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 24.1$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 3.0$ Hz, P(CH₃)₃), 54.05 (s, NCH₃), 65.3 (dt, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 5.0$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 1.0$ Hz, NCH₂). $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (161.83 MHz): δ = 85.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 34.7$ Hz, P^{*i*}Pr₂), 14.5 (t, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 34.7$ Hz, P(CH₃)₃). Assignments were confirmed by ^1H - ^1H COSY and ^1H - ^{13}C HMQC.

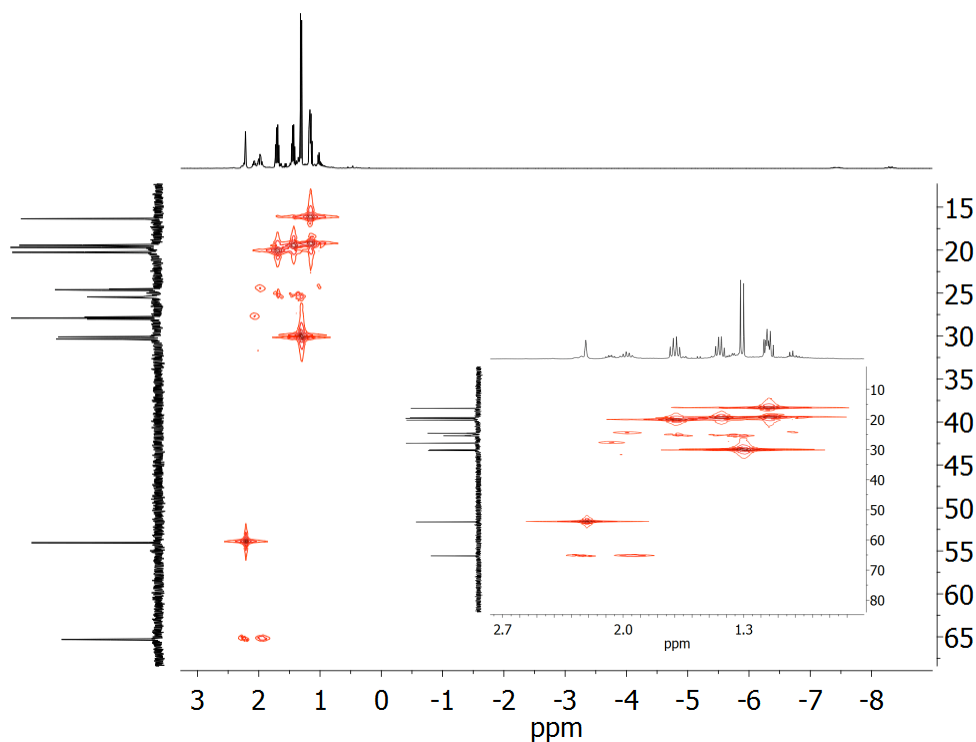


Figure S1. ^1H - ^{13}C HMQC NMR of **5** in benzene.

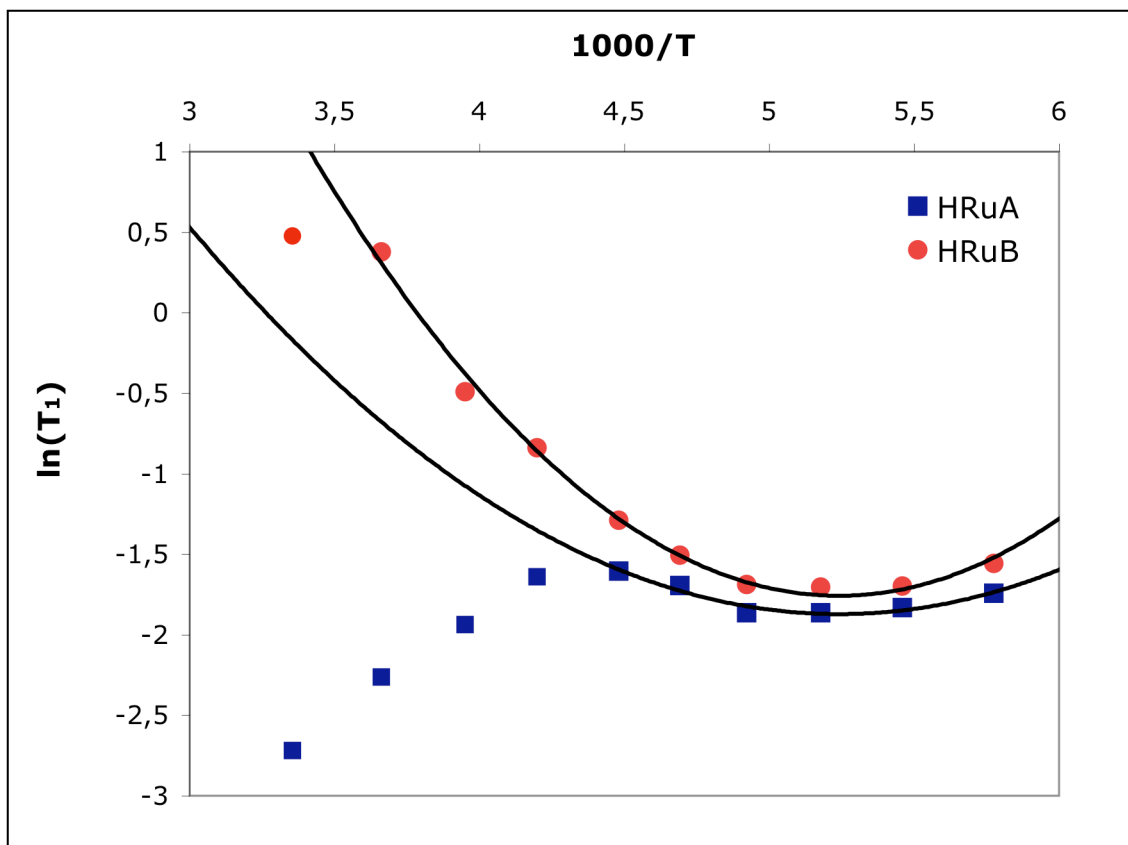


Figure S2. Plot of $\ln(T_1)$ vs $1/T$ (recorded at 400 MHz) of the two hydride signals H^{RuA} (■) and H^{RuB} (●) of **3** in the presence of 2 equiv. H_2O .

¹H 2D EXSY NMR measurements. Mixing times (τ_m) of 500 and 1000 ms were used for **3** in dry *d*⁸-THF and for **5** in *d*⁸-THF with H₂O (2 equiv.). For **3** with 2 - 5 equiv. H₂O in *d*⁸-THF, τ_m was varied over a wide range (0.01, 0.1, 0.5, 1, 10, 100, 500, and 1000 ms) to account for the largely different exchange rates. Typical spectra are shown in Figures S3 – S5. Intensities were determined by integration of the exchange cross-peaks and diagonal peaks. In the next step, magnetization exchange rate constants were determined using two different approaches which are based on the peak intensities not the lineshapes in 2D EXSY spectra. In case of **5** the situation is simplified by the fact that the processes to be investigated have similarly slow rates, so analysis can be done following the eigenvalues eigenvectors method² implemented in EXSY Calc developed by Mestrelab Research.³ In case of **3** several processes with rate constants differing several orders of magnitudes take place. In such a situation a simple iterative scheme which considers the intensities of several 2D EXSY spectra at different mixing times is indicated,⁴ which was implemented in a home-written Fortran90 program which allows non-linear least square fitting using the MINUIT routines from the CERN library. The program minimizes the sum of the difference between experimental and calculates intensities of all peaks at different mixing times. If all peaks are given the same weight, small deviations in the diagonal peaks (for example the intense water peak) distort the fitted curves tremendously. For this reason, the residuals of each peak intensity were normalized on the square root of maximum intensity occurring in the time series of each peak. Nine times more weight was given to off-diagonal peaks than to diagonal peaks. The best-fit result is displayed in Figure S6 and the magnetization rate matrix in Table S1. The fit is numerically stable with acceptable correlation coefficients. Conversion to reaction rate constants for exchange of H^{H₂O} with H^{RuA} (k_A) and H^{NH} (k_B), respectively, were calculated assuming second order rate laws for the forward and reverse reactions:

$$r_1 = r_{-1} = k_1 \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{RuA}}] \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}] = k_{-1} \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{RuA}}] \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}]$$

$$r_2 = r_{-2} = k_2 \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{NH}}] \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}] = k_{-2} \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{NH}}] \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}]$$

$$k_A = k_1 \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}] = k_A' = k_{-1} \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{RuA}}]$$

$$k_B = k_2 \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}] = k_B' = k_{-2} \cdot [\text{H}^{\text{NH}}]$$

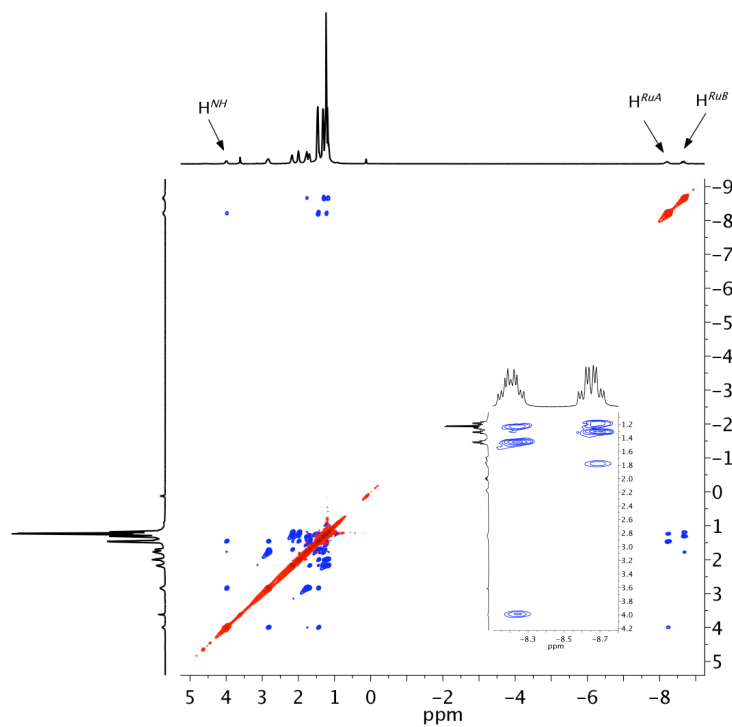


Figure S3. ^1H EXSY NMR of **3** in dry THF ($\tau_m = 1000$ ms).

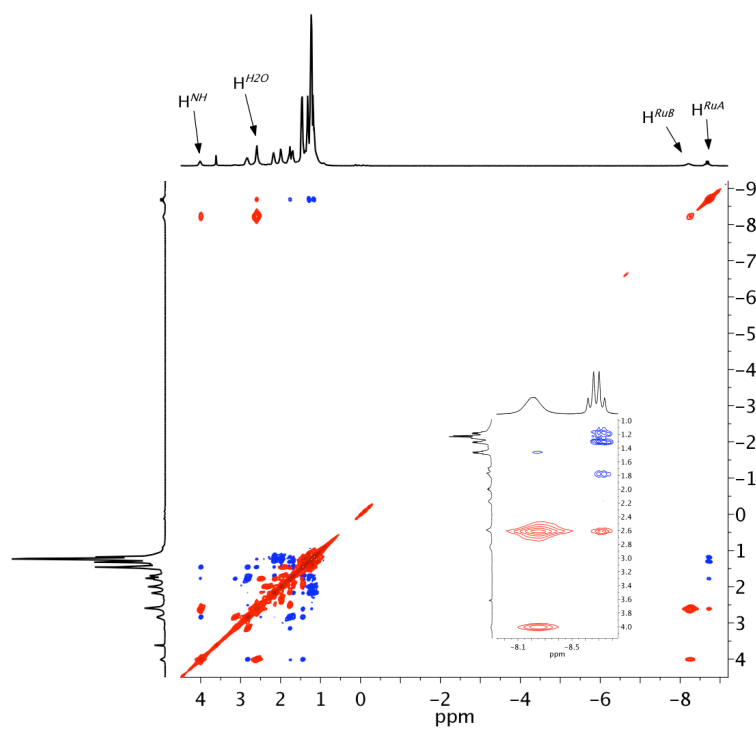


Figure S4. Typical ^1H EXSY NMR of **3** in the presence of 2 equiv. H_2O in THF ($\tau_m = 500$ ms).

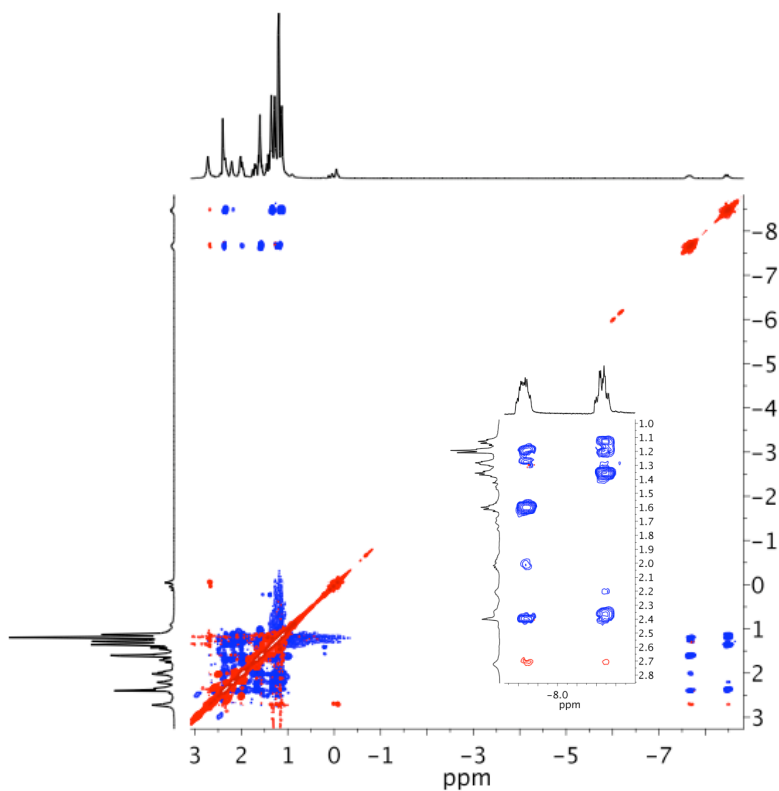


Figure S5. Typical ^1H EXSY NMR of **5** with 2 equiv. H_2O in THF ($\tau_m = 1000$ ms).

Table S1. Magnetization exchange rate matrix for **3** with H_2O (4.25 equiv.).

	H^{NH}	$\text{H}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$	H^{RuHA}	H^{RuHB}
H^{RuHB}	0 s^{-1}	0 s^{-1}	0.131 s^{-1}	--
H^{RuHA}	0.042 s^{-1}	16.5 s^{-1}	--	0.155 s^{-1}
$\text{H}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$	3.45 s^{-1}	--	154 s^{-1}	0 s^{-1}
H^{NH}	--	0.416 s^{-1}	0 s^{-1}	0 s^{-1}

Table S2. Reaction rate constant matrix for **3** with H_2O (4.25 equiv.).

	H^{NH}	$\text{H}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$	H^{RuHA}	H^{RuHB}
H^{RuHB}	0 s^{-1}	0 s^{-1}	0.131 s^{-1}	--
H^{RuHA}	0.042 s^{-1}	$320 \text{ Lmol}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	--	0.155 s^{-1}
$\text{H}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$	$7.91 \text{ Lmol}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	--	$354 \text{ Lmol}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	$0 \text{ Lmol}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$
H^{NH}	--	$8.11 \text{ Lmol}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	0 s^{-1}	0 s^{-1}

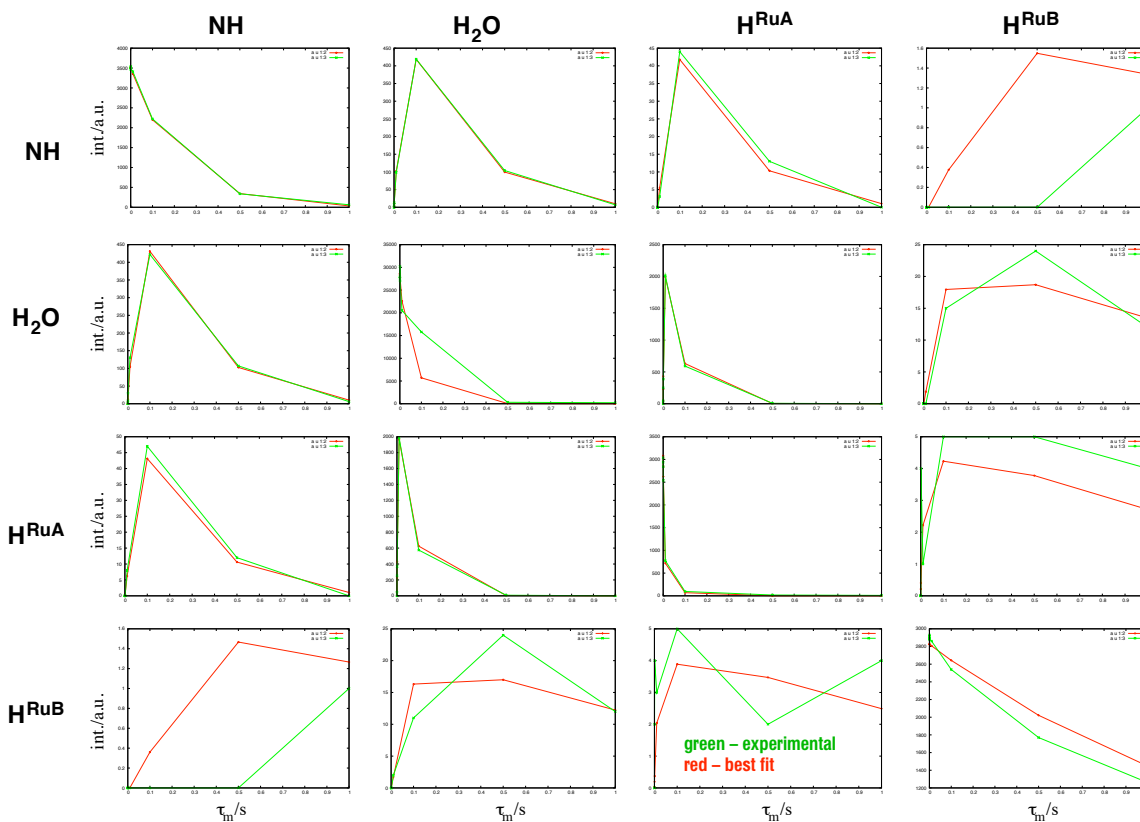


Figure S6. Magnetization exchange curves of H^{H_2O} , H^{RuA} , H^{RuB} , and H^{NH} of **3** with H_2O (4.25 equiv.); green: experimental data, red: simulated data; all curves are scaled to the maximum intensity found in the time series of the respective peak.

Computational results

The following theoretical studies were performed with the program package Gaussian-03.⁵ Reactions of $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})_2\text{PMe}_3(\text{PNP}^H)]$ (**3**) with H_2O were studied by DFT methods using a slightly simplified model bearing PMe_2 substituents on the pincer ligand (**3**^{Me}: $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})_2\text{PMe}_3\{\text{HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PMe}_2)_2\}]$ instead of P^iPr_2 , to save computational time. The hybrid functional B3LYP was utilized with Hay's and Wadt's ECP and corresponding basis set for ruthenium and the basis set 6-31+G** for all other atoms.^{6,7,8} Minima and transition states were distinguished by the number of imaginary frequencies (ground states: 0, transition states: 1). The transition states were found using the Berny algorithm as implemented in Gaussian03.⁹ The solvent influence was introduced applying the PCM model. Free energies are reported for standard conditions (298.15 K, 1 bar atmospheric pressure).

Optimized structures for water free H_2 -activation (Bond length in parantheses from PCM calculation)

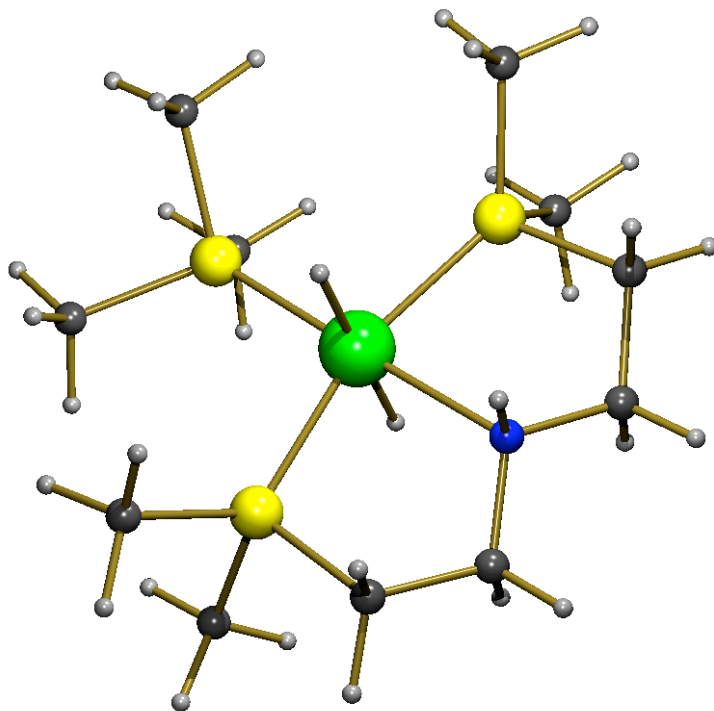


Figure S7. Optimized structure of **3**^{Me}.

Table S3. Coordinates and energy values of **3^{Me}**.

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			X	Y	Z
1	44	0	0.016629	-0.067828	-0.072159
2	15	0	-2.266126	-0.494964	-0.044655
3	15	0	2.322808	-0.312934	-0.044714
4	7	0	0.108009	-2.335356	-0.236220
5	6	0	-2.351303	-2.351965	-0.293533
6	6	0	-1.101141	-2.998926	0.297047
7	6	0	1.356692	-2.899148	0.318694
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9	6	0	-3.492744	0.067625	-1.324542
10	6	0	-3.294848	-0.275430	1.489599
11	6	0	3.326292	0.014052	1.486310
12	6	0	3.488902	0.326364	-1.343576
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Table S4. Coordinates and energy values of 3^{Me} (PCM).

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5	6	0	-2.355330	-2.353714	-0.280709
6	6	0	-1.103430	-2.995765	0.311249
7	6	0	1.353742	-2.900028	0.325612
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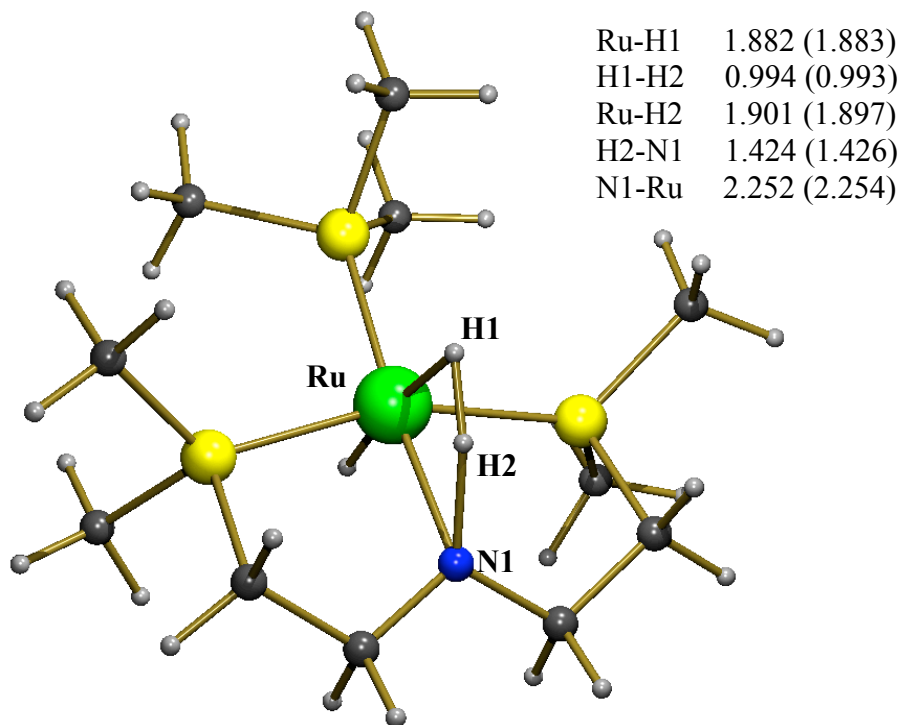


Figure S8. Optimized structure of TS($3^{\text{Me}} \leftrightarrow 1^{\text{Me}}\text{-H}_2$).

Table S5. Coordinates and energy values of TS($3^{\text{Me}} \leftrightarrow 1^{\text{Me}}\text{-H}_2$).

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32	1	0	2.119576	3.101281	-0.128920
33	6	0	-0.561230	3.076842	-1.646740
34	1	0	-0.639250	4.165315	-1.540520
35	1	0	0.225897	2.839037	-2.368214
36	1	0	-1.502963	2.685636	-2.042663
37	1	0	1.484578	-3.923212	-0.354909
38	1	0	2.682111	-2.110017	-1.505197
39	1	0	0.042407	-0.450584	-1.895420
40	1	0	0.105217	-1.340316	-1.455920
41	1	0	-4.109448	-1.034207	1.642926
42	1	0	-3.173221	0.415136	2.101668
43	1	0	-4.527651	-0.384587	-0.913559
44	1	0	-3.252492	0.115857	-2.057447
45	1	0	2.655045	-0.767735	2.423594
46	1	0	4.239786	-0.469897	1.646974
47	1	0	4.568703	0.071787	-0.972645
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Table S6. Coordinates and energy values of TS(3^{Me}↔1^{Me}-H₂) (PCM).

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			X	Y	Z
1	44	0	0.016912	-0.060803	-0.053383
2	15	0	-2.264286	-0.569817	0.057045
3	15	0	2.348672	-0.298132	0.052524
4	7	0	0.146497	-2.286844	-0.385397
5	6	0	-2.312738	-2.361108	-0.455436
6	6	0	-1.025195	-3.043435	0.016899
7	6	0	1.381951	-2.901459	0.061628
8	6	0	2.597502	-2.092729	-0.397914
9	6	0	-3.573983	0.169385	-1.031699
10	6	0	-3.123249	-0.576946	1.698321
11	6	0	3.207844	-0.144731	1.686384
12	6	0	3.578957	0.522422	-1.071418
13	1	0	-3.203883	-2.869851	-0.068996
14	1	0	-2.363220	-2.378686	-1.550994
15	1	0	-1.058079	-3.155399	1.120482
16	1	0	-0.989097	-4.069953	-0.394388
17	1	0	1.397302	-2.984249	1.168059
18	1	0	3.528313	-2.489120	0.025095
19	1	0	-3.735265	1.219994	-0.772122
20	1	0	-2.531082	-1.167537	2.401967

21	1	0	3.172069	0.895212	2.023712
22	1	0	3.227023	0.449601	-2.104253
23	1	0	-1.326684	2.682168	2.078020
24	1	0	0.014681	0.031031	1.578287
25	15	0	-0.165951	2.239024	-0.026163
26	6	0	-1.489053	2.991107	1.041598
27	1	0	-1.479590	4.085392	0.984854
28	1	0	-2.474313	2.632763	0.730205
29	6	0	1.276948	3.258833	0.552242
30	1	0	1.043526	4.329417	0.535336
31	1	0	1.540942	2.968712	1.573442
32	1	0	2.140882	3.079441	-0.093113
33	6	0	-0.525233	3.080069	-1.645904
34	1	0	-0.601280	4.168289	-1.537473
35	1	0	0.271945	2.842989	-2.356601
36	1	0	-1.463167	2.693259	-2.055093
37	1	0	1.469076	-3.934116	-0.326286
38	1	0	2.680725	-2.136863	-1.490782
39	1	0	0.039768	-0.454842	-1.894991
40	1	0	0.098405	-1.341128	-1.451435
41	1	0	-4.132688	-0.997077	1.624475
42	1	0	-3.185455	0.443240	2.087360
43	1	0	-4.525940	-0.364589	-0.933371
44	1	0	-3.241830	0.122550	-2.072629
45	1	0	2.677406	-0.754057	2.422346
46	1	0	4.253580	-0.466724	1.626593
47	1	0	4.563750	0.047764	-0.992397
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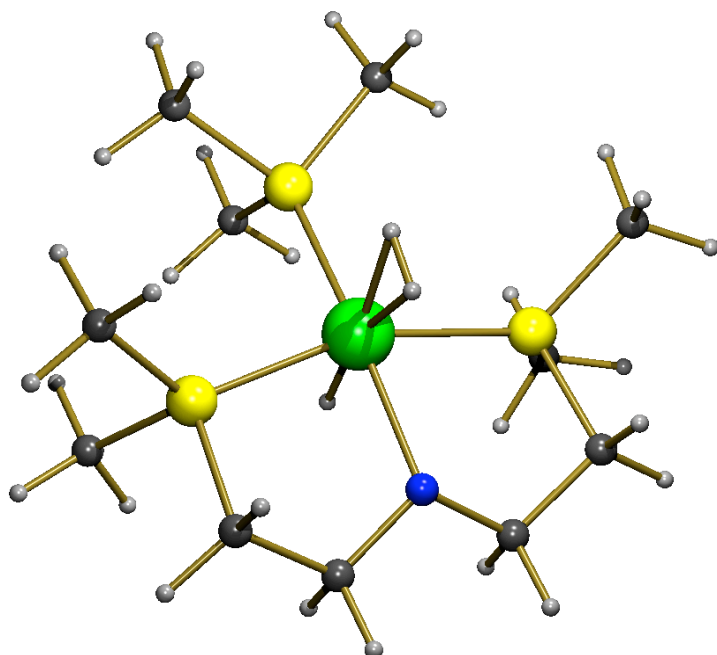


Figure S9. Optimized structure of 1^{Me}-H_2 .

Table S7. Coordinates and energy values of 1^{Me}-H_2 .

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	44	0	-0.006247	-0.092855	-0.196118
2	15	0	-2.322468	-0.429841	-0.054007
3	15	0	2.302966	-0.496736	-0.054885
4	7	0	-0.036641	-2.300097	-0.211751
5	6	0	-2.486734	-2.269450	-0.232659
6	6	0	-1.225644	-2.894895	0.366182
7	6	0	1.132564	-2.927109	0.372673
8	6	0	2.413471	-2.341198	-0.223648
9	6	0	-3.561485	0.210618	-1.281232
10	6	0	-3.189697	-0.070742	1.543780
11	6	0	3.180565	-0.149485	1.539689
12	6	0	3.562265	0.097932	-1.285200
13	1	0	-3.406364	-2.643559	0.234119
14	1	0	-2.528269	-2.489635	-1.306277
15	1	0	-1.265165	-2.790100	1.476269
16	1	0	-1.242360	-3.984781	0.171805
17	1	0	1.171324	-2.820199	1.482550
18	1	0	3.320231	-2.739721	0.248100
19	1	0	-3.664138	1.295838	-1.192823
20	1	0	-2.643708	-0.558217	2.355409
21	1	0	3.212072	0.929428	1.721035
22	1	0	3.207883	-0.118359	-2.297360
23	1	0	1.041529	2.437772	2.284892
24	1	0	-0.010214	-0.177415	1.405016
25	15	0	0.039916	2.239056	0.059837

26	6	0	0.140722	2.841595	1.814549
27	1	0	0.160870	3.936041	1.870271
28	1	0	-0.719311	2.465102	2.374897
29	6	0	1.431211	3.229279	-0.686582
30	1	0	1.301564	4.303648	-0.512264
31	1	0	2.382714	2.918682	-0.245913
32	1	0	1.479605	3.045314	-1.764077
33	6	0	-1.389402	3.274268	-0.538170
34	1	0	-1.224021	4.340303	-0.343334
35	1	0	-1.528920	3.126162	-1.613312
36	1	0	-2.307476	2.966289	-0.029839
37	1	0	1.118305	-4.017600	0.181615
38	1	0	2.452528	-2.566972	-1.296172
39	1	0	-0.011593	0.249289	-2.073387
40	1	0	-0.002837	-0.547841	-2.020059
41	1	0	-3.215917	-0.017923	-2.293770
42	1	0	-4.544501	-0.249975	-1.129123
43	1	0	-4.224222	-0.431895	1.531008
44	1	0	-3.192160	1.006609	1.736569
45	1	0	2.621677	-0.613575	2.356210
46	1	0	4.205019	-0.538360	1.530625
47	1	0	3.706363	1.178562	-1.198285
48	1	0	4.527602	-0.398688	-1.133410

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Table S8. Coordinates and energy values of **1^{Me}-H₂** (PCM).

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			X	Y	Z
1	44	0	-0.006249	-0.098414	-0.200778
2	15	0	-2.324790	-0.422785	-0.054816
3	15	0	2.304740	-0.492429	-0.056451
4	7	0	-0.037832	-2.315395	-0.223339
5	6	0	-2.493223	-2.265247	-0.215872
6	6	0	-1.227965	-2.892423	0.372713
7	6	0	1.130147	-2.924848	0.384470
8	6	0	2.418058	-2.340132	-0.198414
9	6	0	-3.558968	0.206744	-1.290740
10	6	0	-3.194225	-0.047611	1.537503
11	6	0	3.186073	-0.122541	1.530485
12	6	0	3.558463	0.085467	-1.298513
13	1	0	-3.408069	-2.633553	0.264598
14	1	0	-2.551490	-2.493467	-1.287236
15	1	0	-1.252771	-2.769867	1.481882
16	1	0	-1.257696	-3.986414	0.197243
17	1	0	1.150699	-2.797705	1.493123
18	1	0	3.317886	-2.731227	0.292274
19	1	0	-3.657964	1.293043	-1.213667
20	1	0	-2.652583	-0.528969	2.355736
21	1	0	3.215158	0.958456	1.698605
22	1	0	3.201937	-0.145635	-2.306619
23	1	0	1.038125	2.429200	2.290873

24	1	0	-0.009376	-0.190244	1.402388
25	15	0	0.041441	2.236417	0.063781
26	6	0	0.138577	2.834004	1.819042
27	1	0	0.160285	3.928177	1.874966
28	1	0	-0.724406	2.459435	2.376159
29	6	0	1.436004	3.218696	-0.682146
30	1	0	1.307483	4.293066	-0.508719
31	1	0	2.386675	2.907760	-0.240125
32	1	0	1.484111	3.034174	-1.759502
33	6	0	-1.386496	3.266798	-0.539937
34	1	0	-1.219143	4.332955	-0.348894
35	1	0	-1.524386	3.115095	-1.614755
36	1	0	-2.305546	2.963056	-0.030976
37	1	0	1.128096	-4.020061	0.214291
38	1	0	2.477839	-2.579374	-1.267310
39	1	0	-0.009006	0.275566	-2.061637
40	1	0	-0.004496	-0.524649	-2.022729
41	1	0	-3.212757	-0.033398	-2.300341
42	1	0	-4.543591	-0.248589	-1.134240
43	1	0	-4.229452	-0.406256	1.523883
44	1	0	-3.195287	1.031303	1.720662
45	1	0	2.632871	-0.578410	2.355545
46	1	0	4.211717	-0.507841	1.521028
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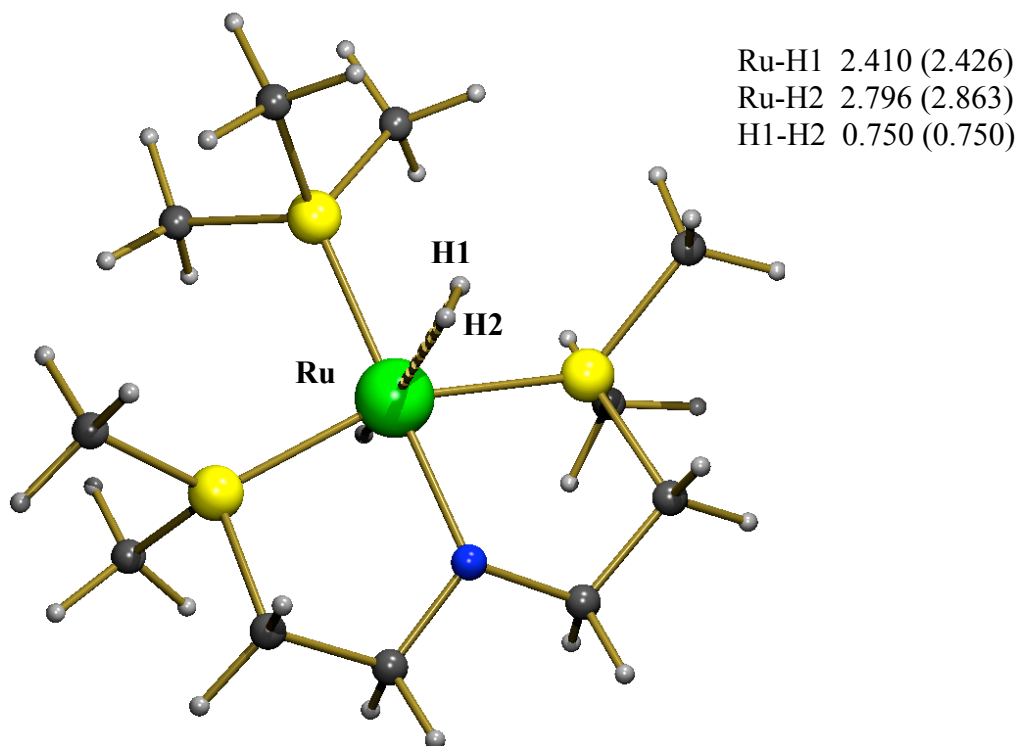


Figure S10. Optimized structure of TS($1^{\text{Me}}\text{-H}_2 \rightleftharpoons 1^{\text{Me}}$).

Table S9. Coordinates and energy values of TS($1^{\text{Me}}\text{-H}_2 \rightleftharpoons 1^{\text{Me}}$).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	44	0	-0.026142	-0.077475	-0.080148
2	15	0	-2.361853	-0.242237	0.066281
3	15	0	2.226501	-0.687110	0.060302
4	7	0	-0.231834	-2.181551	-0.365686
5	6	0	-2.676358	-1.988733	-0.478140
6	6	0	-1.485594	-2.832829	-0.021542
7	6	0	0.872832	-3.058946	-0.011936
8	6	0	2.205546	-2.464906	-0.472196
9	6	0	-3.623936	0.707661	-0.915481
10	6	0	-3.117598	-0.171830	1.757187
11	6	0	3.002836	-0.758471	1.742556
12	6	0	3.624204	0.020271	-0.939871
13	1	0	-3.632168	-2.371785	-0.098744
14	1	0	-2.718712	-1.977174	-1.573870
15	1	0	-1.577691	-3.029745	1.070656
16	1	0	-1.546108	-3.827150	-0.503163
17	1	0	0.923162	-3.259297	1.082226
18	1	0	3.068554	-3.019218	-0.082395
19	1	0	-3.671253	1.745450	-0.573364
20	1	0	-2.579230	-0.859607	2.414342
21	1	0	3.101946	0.251052	2.151040
22	1	0	3.342341	0.032015	-1.996769
23	1	0	2.538294	2.505909	0.896785

24	1	0	-0.019838	0.013147	1.492201
25	15	0	0.267233	2.234479	-0.015448
26	6	0	1.551007	2.894954	1.162966
27	1	0	1.591366	3.990175	1.148940
28	1	0	1.315287	2.556734	2.176113
29	6	0	0.803222	3.117645	-1.570473
30	1	0	0.941908	4.192661	-1.405488
31	1	0	1.744222	2.688294	-1.927147
32	1	0	0.051551	2.973311	-2.352618
33	6	0	-1.148946	3.342223	0.473110
34	1	0	-0.836604	4.390987	0.535626
35	1	0	-1.952580	3.261682	-0.264127
36	1	0	-1.539425	3.031043	1.446567
37	1	0	0.741320	-4.050684	-0.484591
38	1	0	2.254078	-2.474446	-1.567658
39	1	0	-0.374834	0.333766	-2.429334
40	1	0	0.026844	-0.116296	-2.875814
41	1	0	4.538939	-0.572137	-0.821777
42	1	0	3.832775	1.049131	-0.630657
43	1	0	3.990759	-1.231611	1.709893
44	1	0	2.349659	-1.328201	2.408328
45	1	0	-4.179456	-0.441818	1.737712
46	1	0	-3.011389	0.837368	2.165834
47	1	0	-4.619771	0.260793	-0.813774
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Table S10. Coordinates and energy values of TS(1^{Me}-H₂↔1^{Me}) (PCM).

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1	44	0	-0.025935	-0.081305	-0.079152
2	15	0	-2.362750	-0.247326	0.065525
3	15	0	2.232102	-0.677059	0.060276
4	7	0	-0.224462	-2.187860	-0.373796
5	6	0	-2.672596	-2.000526	-0.463918
6	6	0	-1.474666	-2.837662	-0.013061
7	6	0	0.884964	-3.056240	-0.011078
8	6	0	2.217765	-2.457952	-0.465737
9	6	0	-3.624831	0.689239	-0.927285
10	6	0	-3.122880	-0.164865	1.753794
11	6	0	3.014855	-0.739039	1.739704
12	6	0	3.621250	0.032788	-0.948205
13	1	0	-3.623467	-2.384988	-0.073943
14	1	0	-2.726391	-1.996040	-1.559339
15	1	0	-1.555032	-3.023016	1.082685
16	1	0	-1.539557	-3.838375	-0.482859
17	1	0	0.930487	-3.248358	1.085382
18	1	0	3.080557	-3.008244	-0.070053
19	1	0	-3.677376	1.729147	-0.592776
20	1	0	-2.586410	-0.846912	2.418586
21	1	0	3.111206	0.272533	2.143666

22	1	0	3.336766	0.036002	-2.004449
23	1	0	2.528363	2.511908	0.901360
24	1	0	-0.022520	0.014675	1.492972
25	15	0	0.258954	2.234647	-0.012934
26	6	0	1.539579	2.898307	1.165656
27	1	0	1.576482	3.993454	1.149224
28	1	0	1.303546	2.562067	2.179416
29	6	0	0.791671	3.114298	-1.569456
30	1	0	0.927444	4.189505	-1.404606
31	1	0	1.733703	2.687249	-1.926023
32	1	0	0.039330	2.967558	-2.350405
33	6	0	-1.162787	3.334448	0.473396
34	1	0	-0.854581	4.384350	0.534892
35	1	0	-1.965103	3.250046	-0.264778
36	1	0	-1.552979	3.023116	1.446912
37	1	0	0.762785	-4.053531	-0.476612
38	1	0	2.273718	-2.470911	-1.560951
39	1	0	-0.389113	0.328322	-2.442918
40	1	0	0.028758	-0.045448	-2.941443
41	1	0	4.540130	-0.552546	-0.828188
42	1	0	3.823351	1.064889	-0.645837
43	1	0	4.004980	-1.207000	1.703672
44	1	0	2.368180	-1.309871	2.410994
45	1	0	-4.184236	-0.436234	1.732483
46	1	0	-3.019784	0.847872	2.154368
47	1	0	-4.618852	0.238910	-0.824247
48	1	0	-3.340534	0.681583	-1.983766

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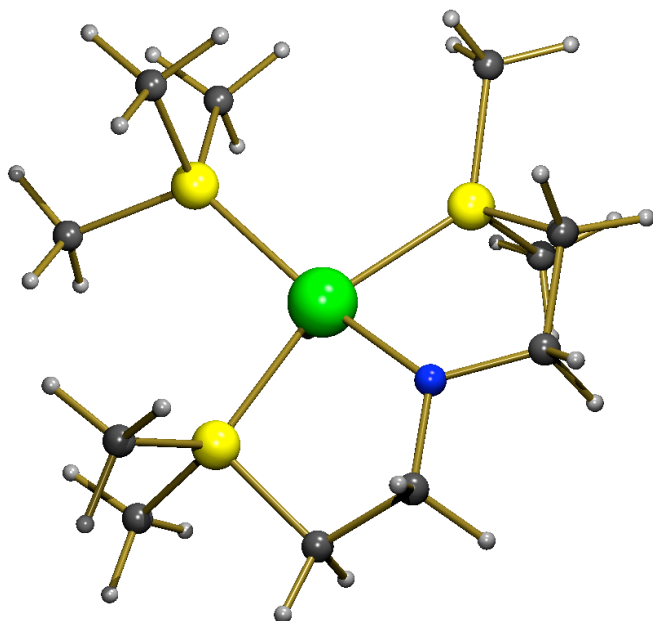


Figure S11. Optimized structure of **1^{Me}**.

Table S11. Coordinates and energy values of **1^{Me}**.

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1	44	0	-0.012327	-0.066652	0.114086
2	15	0	-2.330097	-0.336542	0.190405
3	15	0	2.252161	-0.595733	0.189041
4	7	0	-0.132848	-2.035804	-0.474527
5	6	0	-2.567627	-1.829583	-0.888166
6	6	0	-1.378556	-2.771303	-0.681130
7	6	0	0.999805	-2.966430	-0.493581
8	6	0	2.183139	-2.444851	0.331266
9	6	0	-3.691910	0.781138	-0.403783
10	6	0	-3.022916	-0.862746	1.827667
11	6	0	3.398036	-0.125810	1.567884
12	6	0	3.353187	-0.335952	-1.288953
13	1	0	-3.524798	-2.332968	-0.699370
14	1	0	-2.574939	-1.458486	-1.920225
15	1	0	-1.586684	-3.442204	0.177761
16	1	0	-1.290820	-3.436988	-1.558717
17	1	0	0.702219	-3.949260	-0.085057
18	1	0	3.130258	-2.920371	0.044036
19	1	0	-3.809275	1.628837	0.277464
20	1	0	-2.420335	-1.687316	2.216957
21	1	0	3.635602	0.940358	1.513403
22	1	0	2.856943	-0.736889	-2.177459
23	1	0	2.573459	2.670243	-0.100423
24	1	0	0.016557	0.386225	1.644931
25	15	0	0.155299	2.217942	-0.153018
26	6	0	1.701709	3.088854	0.411286

27	1	0	1.658746	4.164572	0.205827
28	1	0	1.828185	2.934523	1.486755
29	6	0	0.077169	2.834858	-1.910914
30	1	0	0.175562	3.925563	-1.971360
31	1	0	0.876974	2.369048	-2.494143
32	1	0	-0.876568	2.536899	-2.356593
33	6	0	-1.098571	3.351617	0.628886
34	1	0	-0.861170	4.405451	0.442973
35	1	0	-2.092700	3.142221	0.226295
36	1	0	-1.120776	3.172615	1.707713
37	1	0	1.325048	-3.163799	-1.532777
38	1	0	2.006198	-2.652911	1.393034
39	1	0	2.900153	-0.314446	2.522678
40	1	0	4.331507	-0.698430	1.524032
41	1	0	4.322336	-0.832634	-1.163741
42	1	0	3.523922	0.732733	-1.451362
43	1	0	-4.068954	-1.179904	1.746790
44	1	0	-2.948948	-0.031632	2.534778
45	1	0	-4.645087	0.242148	-0.452572
46	1	0	-3.451542	1.166363	-1.398914

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Table S12. Coordinates and energy values of **1^{Me}** (PCM).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	44	0	-0.006448	-0.069441	0.120373
2	15	0	-2.322089	-0.375446	0.191485
3	15	0	2.269908	-0.554969	0.188342
4	7	0	-0.091401	-2.038415	-0.475364
5	6	0	-2.530392	-1.874907	-0.885189
6	6	0	-1.325507	-2.795670	-0.676444
7	6	0	1.059234	-2.947822	-0.498714
8	6	0	2.235574	-2.406254	0.323678
9	6	0	-3.694319	0.721045	-0.414788
10	6	0	-3.020110	-0.908968	1.824202
11	6	0	3.405662	-0.066131	1.568035
12	6	0	3.366395	-0.270853	-1.287276
13	1	0	-3.479264	-2.393911	-0.697310
14	1	0	-2.543749	-1.504965	-1.917707
15	1	0	-1.520664	-3.466485	0.185736
16	1	0	-1.228804	-3.463909	-1.551755
17	1	0	0.780658	-3.937008	-0.091503
18	1	0	3.190480	-2.862143	0.030864
19	1	0	-3.832148	1.567117	0.264595
20	1	0	-2.405058	-1.718669	2.225049
21	1	0	3.621223	1.004817	1.515576
22	1	0	2.878432	-0.674027	-2.179287
23	1	0	2.516398	2.723573	-0.223230
24	1	0	0.019842	0.391109	1.650656
25	15	0	0.107186	2.219434	-0.153648

26	6	0	1.661022	3.125375	0.327903
27	1	0	1.582419	4.198085	0.117664
28	1	0	1.844045	2.984466	1.397238
29	6	0	-0.077183	2.827180	-1.906228
30	1	0	-0.005224	3.919473	-1.972985
31	1	0	0.702065	2.377729	-2.529248
32	1	0	-1.047066	2.508012	-2.299974
33	6	0	-1.128099	3.323878	0.695600
34	1	0	-0.937039	4.381987	0.483048
35	1	0	-2.139798	3.077189	0.364009
36	1	0	-1.073041	3.158154	1.775396
37	1	0	1.386687	-3.137263	-1.538989
38	1	0	2.068079	-2.622588	1.385403
39	1	0	2.912201	-0.267929	2.522495
40	1	0	4.351054	-0.618778	1.523202
41	1	0	4.342123	-0.754396	-1.162267
42	1	0	3.522499	0.801009	-1.442675
43	1	0	-4.058185	-1.248560	1.733030
44	1	0	-2.974357	-0.071882	2.526958
45	1	0	-4.638665	0.167653	-0.472583
46	1	0	-3.450341	1.109906	-1.407629

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Optimized structures for water assisted H_2 -activation (Bond length in parantheses from PCM calculation)

Figure S12. Optimized structure of $3^{Me}-H_2O$.

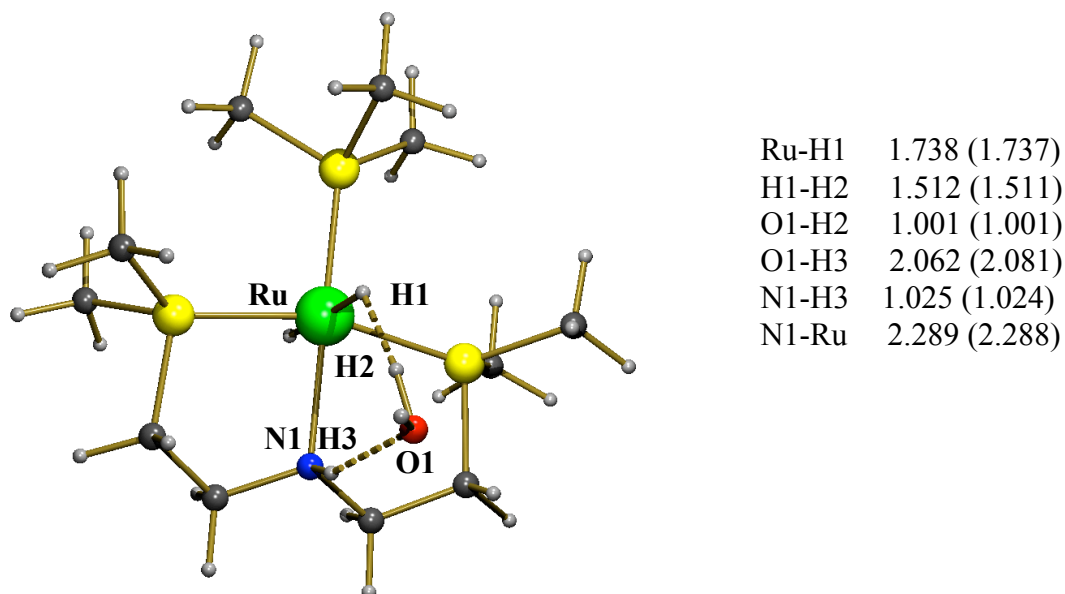


Table S13. Coordinates and energy values of $3^{Me}-H_2O$.

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	44	0	-0.034334	0.032477	-0.051915
2	15	0	2.290892	-0.047813	-0.215776
3	15	0	-2.277987	-0.563878	-0.095904
4	7	0	0.224485	-2.236629	-0.205414
5	6	0	2.656625	-1.882545	-0.233945
6	6	0	1.484561	-2.618664	-0.880662
7	6	0	-0.955742	-2.904795	-0.792250
8	6	0	-2.221508	-2.436006	-0.076674
9	6	0	3.458989	0.542363	1.101623
10	6	0	3.180340	0.529836	-1.742133
11	6	0	-3.344524	-0.239542	-1.583568
12	6	0	-3.497821	-0.227701	1.265266
13	1	0	3.594513	-2.100980	-0.757962
14	1	0	2.765929	-2.205682	0.807485
15	1	0	1.386709	-2.342926	-1.936303
16	1	0	1.636718	-3.708739	-0.825725
17	1	0	-0.991430	-2.635301	-1.853308
18	1	0	-3.116825	-2.874193	-0.533692
19	1	0	3.441476	1.635616	1.152045
20	1	0	2.686781	0.102154	-2.618617
21	1	0	-3.523719	0.834323	-1.684225

22	1	0	-3.038547	-0.487198	2.222721
23	1	0	1.041046	3.147597	-1.784269
24	1	0	-0.085700	0.131942	-1.740656
25	15	0	-0.280283	2.298627	0.092737
26	6	0	0.991545	3.388056	-0.718618
27	1	0	0.744366	4.449052	-0.598986
28	1	0	1.976009	3.207872	-0.277002
29	6	0	-1.806622	3.079248	-0.630836
30	1	0	-1.792790	4.168999	-0.514982
31	1	0	-1.865223	2.831528	-1.694247
32	1	0	-2.699196	2.687921	-0.134033
33	6	0	-0.308167	3.048758	1.792531
34	1	0	-0.415375	4.139750	1.764986
35	1	0	-1.135661	2.613697	2.359570
36	1	0	0.617392	2.783266	2.310372
37	1	0	-0.855668	-4.000316	-0.724435
38	1	0	-2.194688	-2.755887	0.972439
39	1	0	0.004105	-0.041436	1.683850
40	1	0	0.300656	-2.524419	0.774977
41	1	0	-2.808239	-0.570046	-2.476843
42	1	0	-4.309191	-0.756203	-1.516116
43	1	0	-3.744396	0.838516	1.287211
44	1	0	-4.425399	-0.797443	1.134852
45	1	0	3.124555	0.150377	2.065588
46	1	0	4.488550	0.217458	0.910720
47	1	0	3.115471	1.618076	-1.823354
48	1	0	4.236775	0.236888	-1.729763
49	1	0	0.542393	-1.265824	2.389273
50	8	0	0.866174	-2.152054	2.723091
51	1	0	0.493105	-2.262672	3.605596

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Table S14. Coordinates and energy values of **3^{Me}-H₂O** (PCM).

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1	44	0	-0.029523	0.034301	-0.058936
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3	15	0	-2.281058	-0.542901	-0.101996
4	7	0	0.206012	-2.236293	-0.214967
5	6	0	2.641397	-1.907628	-0.227977
6	6	0	1.466296	-2.632220	-0.882234
7	6	0	-0.978799	-2.893346	-0.806632
8	6	0	-2.241435	-2.415281	-0.091665
9	6	0	3.456559	0.507697	1.119144
10	6	0	3.205842	0.502431	-1.725933
11	6	0	-3.349691	-0.202345	-1.584306
12	6	0	-3.493002	-0.199989	1.264336
13	1	0	3.580690	-2.135616	-0.745237
14	1	0	2.741573	-2.232547	0.813976

15	1	0	1.378632	-2.356560	-1.938749
16	1	0	1.606596	-3.723646	-0.825883
17	1	0	-1.009879	-2.621522	-1.867201
18	1	0	-3.139961	-2.842612	-0.552419
19	1	0	3.454967	1.601261	1.166177
20	1	0	2.721898	0.075456	-2.608134
21	1	0	-3.516563	0.873670	-1.682529
22	1	0	-3.033800	-0.468120	2.219465
23	1	0	1.076538	3.147931	-1.777100
24	1	0	-0.077630	0.140375	-1.749551
25	15	0	-0.257861	2.302331	0.092614
26	6	0	1.024972	3.384746	-0.710696
27	1	0	0.785528	4.447149	-0.588102
28	1	0	2.006564	3.195219	-0.266642
29	6	0	-1.776649	3.097099	-0.631228
30	1	0	-1.754276	4.186253	-0.511556
31	1	0	-1.835342	2.853745	-1.695656
32	1	0	-2.673401	2.710909	-0.137834
33	6	0	-0.284720	3.047646	1.794810
34	1	0	-0.383185	4.139488	1.769781
35	1	0	-1.117820	2.617920	2.357761
36	1	0	0.637412	2.773707	2.314436
37	1	0	-0.888099	-3.989571	-0.740724
38	1	0	-2.220442	-2.740621	0.955957
39	1	0	0.013054	-0.048421	1.675418
40	1	0	0.272877	-2.525466	0.765552
41	1	0	-2.822201	-0.539113	-2.480537
42	1	0	-4.319865	-0.707807	-1.512879
43	1	0	-3.729359	0.868431	1.291195
44	1	0	-4.426147	-0.760442	1.134149
45	1	0	3.104762	0.124163	2.080366
46	1	0	4.483183	0.166923	0.940862
47	1	0	3.147090	1.590936	-1.808981
48	1	0	4.260422	0.203989	-1.700197
49	1	0	0.496104	-1.286583	2.395008
50	8	0	0.792196	-2.174216	2.750053
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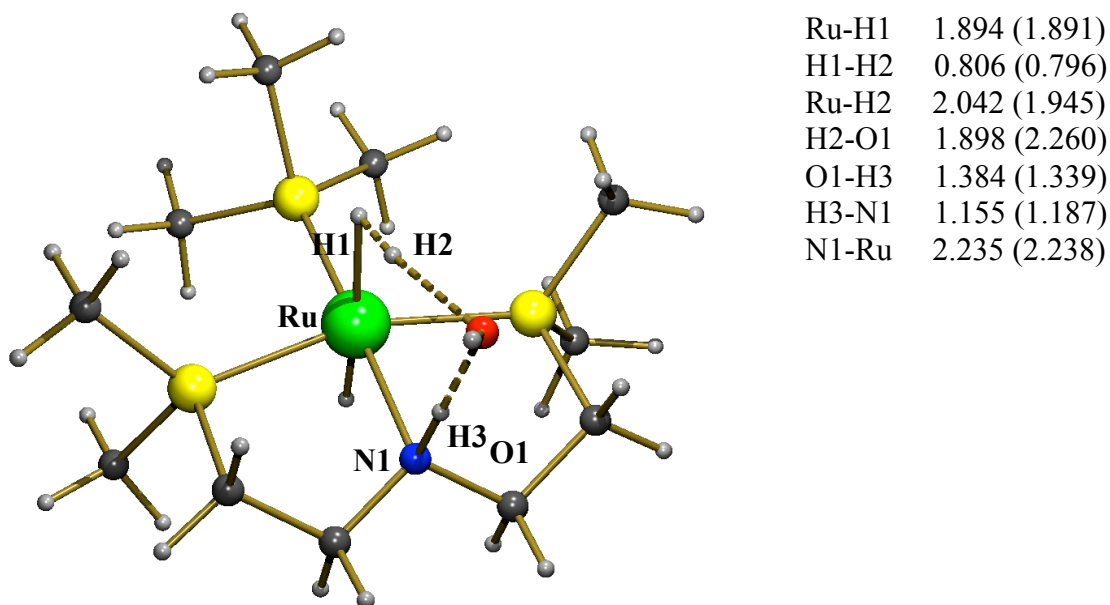


Figure S13. Optimized structure of TS($3^{\text{Me}} \rightleftharpoons 1^{\text{Me}}\text{-H}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$).

Table S15. Coordinates and energy values of TS($3^{\text{Me}} \rightleftharpoons 1^{\text{Me}}\text{-H}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	44	0	-0.022728	0.035774	-0.003145
2	15	0	2.325261	0.183846	-0.166725
3	15	0	-2.204952	-0.821628	-0.085812
4	7	0	0.474175	-2.136134	-0.185656
5	6	0	2.859180	-1.593289	-0.302069
6	6	0	1.720642	-2.404415	-0.922665
7	6	0	-0.617392	-2.996142	-0.662239
8	6	0	-1.916945	-2.653112	0.067663
9	6	0	3.354690	0.801190	1.241725
10	6	0	3.140529	0.975281	-1.631297
11	6	0	-3.208836	-0.694760	-1.639667
12	6	0	-3.501678	-0.513177	1.205048
13	1	0	3.789111	-1.692342	-0.874041
14	1	0	3.018940	-1.950785	0.721334
15	1	0	1.585213	-2.152298	-1.984596
16	1	0	1.967296	-3.477754	-0.866736
17	1	0	-0.744595	-2.867294	-1.747904
18	1	0	-2.764352	-3.234591	-0.315522
19	1	0	3.197629	1.874192	1.390326
20	1	0	2.701833	0.564465	-2.544811
21	1	0	-3.490611	0.345772	-1.821623
22	1	0	-3.066080	-0.671691	2.195603
23	1	0	0.873711	3.313483	-1.619073
24	1	0	-0.072873	0.160580	-1.609346
25	15	0	-0.559395	2.292581	0.081520
26	6	0	0.661277	3.532790	-0.569176
27	1	0	0.274115	4.554616	-0.488359

28	1	0	1.596103	3.466500	-0.005443
29	6	0	-2.065426	2.855707	-0.850272
30	1	0	-2.184558	3.943581	-0.798885
31	1	0	-1.975366	2.552450	-1.896900
32	1	0	-2.961465	2.388118	-0.432240
33	6	0	-0.911100	3.031505	1.750771
34	1	0	-1.165816	4.095434	1.683854
35	1	0	-1.740877	2.493443	2.218419
36	1	0	-0.032902	2.912462	2.392179
37	1	0	-0.365646	-4.056512	-0.492626
38	1	0	-1.803479	-2.873155	1.135685
39	1	0	-0.051487	0.131575	1.887898
40	1	0	0.697095	-2.350003	0.926998
41	1	0	-2.599561	-1.028505	-2.483548
42	1	0	-4.116483	-1.305693	-1.579315
43	1	0	-3.852744	0.522000	1.147229
44	1	0	-4.361376	-1.181299	1.079742
45	1	0	3.038923	0.268834	2.143512
46	1	0	4.421643	0.620170	1.069239
47	1	0	2.971217	2.054897	-1.629117
48	1	0	4.219881	0.786096	-1.630246
49	1	0	0.279338	-0.603311	1.912950
50	8	0	1.128442	-2.268594	2.239785
51	1	0	0.868144	-2.947255	2.873369

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Table S16. Coordinates and energy values of TS(**3^{Me}↔1^{Me}-H₂-H₂O**) (PCM).

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			X	Y	Z
1	44	0	-0.005702	0.056731	-0.073537
2	15	0	2.320092	0.325555	-0.258740
3	15	0	-2.146683	-0.881613	-0.248048
4	7	0	0.560161	-2.023019	-0.110623
5	6	0	2.946936	-1.420667	-0.144973
6	6	0	1.864096	-2.350656	-0.692858
7	6	0	-0.429477	-2.984666	-0.601222
8	6	0	-1.809889	-2.693655	-0.010073
9	6	0	3.430167	1.208177	0.941402
10	6	0	2.998982	0.926158	-1.875638
11	6	0	-2.992470	-0.823936	-1.896164
12	6	0	-3.575244	-0.580764	0.899227
13	1	0	3.903175	-1.543972	-0.667792
14	1	0	3.107110	-1.635191	0.918096
15	1	0	1.839895	-2.284766	-1.798917
16	1	0	2.137843	-3.396627	-0.458405
17	1	0	-0.493765	-2.971805	-1.708078
18	1	0	-2.592502	-3.319117	-0.456816
19	1	0	3.287486	2.290222	0.872560
20	1	0	2.561595	0.338321	-2.686898
21	1	0	-3.273727	0.205302	-2.135131
22	1	0	-3.243474	-0.707874	1.933668

23	1	0	0.914859	3.568715	-1.139534
24	1	0	-0.092837	0.383829	-1.606953
25	15	0	-0.658728	2.272951	0.227191
26	6	0	0.549370	3.647185	-0.111371
27	1	0	0.087761	4.631475	0.026037
28	1	0	1.403498	3.564655	0.566042
29	6	0	-2.082290	2.892892	-0.798421
30	1	0	-2.285728	3.952969	-0.609798
31	1	0	-1.847209	2.755892	-1.857882
32	1	0	-2.985561	2.318740	-0.573546
33	6	0	-1.236333	2.787532	1.922279
34	1	0	-1.551810	3.837124	1.943087
35	1	0	-2.075194	2.157619	2.233023
36	1	0	-0.424117	2.647732	2.642160
37	1	0	-0.130293	-4.016233	-0.333582
38	1	0	-1.798811	-2.879810	1.070724
39	1	0	-0.170942	0.098215	3.112591
40	1	0	0.793186	-2.470314	1.578130
41	1	0	-2.296783	-1.170046	-2.665038
42	1	0	-3.889259	-1.453157	-1.907606
43	1	0	-3.947650	0.441503	0.782035
44	1	0	-4.398136	-1.277092	0.701673
45	1	0	3.187877	0.891775	1.960065
46	1	0	4.483561	0.981785	0.740018
47	1	0	2.720707	1.972780	-2.028918
48	1	0	4.090473	0.836826	-1.909613
49	1	0	0.070260	-0.608721	3.103323
50	8	0	0.978503	-2.772107	2.525707
51	1	0	0.706969	-3.697928	2.566429

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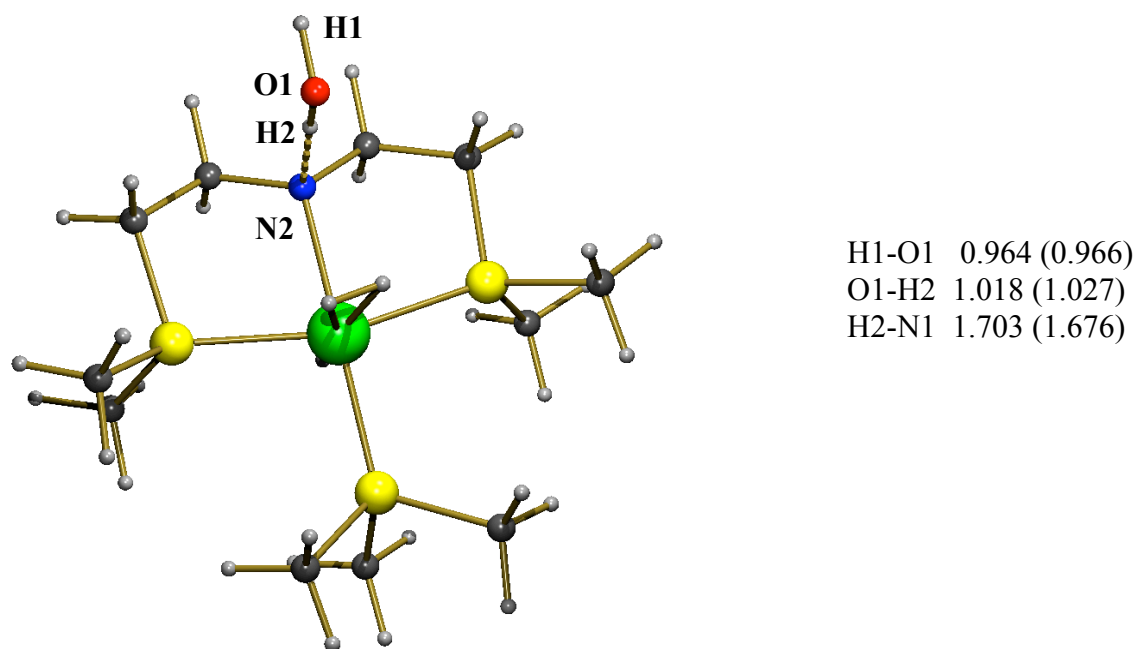


Figure S14. Optimized structure of $1^{\text{Me}}\text{-H}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$.

Table S17. Coordinates and energy values of $1^{\text{Me}}\text{-H}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$.

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			X	Y	Z
1	44	0	-0.000541	0.043684	0.061967
2	15	0	2.329832	-0.150540	-0.170857
3	15	0	-2.292422	-0.450042	-0.164158
4	7	0	0.144867	-2.157417	-0.191276
5	6	0	2.593060	-1.985450	-0.239703
6	6	0	1.351357	-2.608034	-0.875933
7	6	0	-1.009099	-2.767576	-0.843638
8	6	0	-2.308218	-2.303716	-0.184696
9	6	0	3.568692	0.371499	1.108570
10	6	0	3.133253	0.472681	-1.719146
11	6	0	-3.159642	0.014096	-1.734144
12	6	0	-3.597522	-0.059582	1.096058
13	1	0	3.512338	-2.243048	-0.779813
14	1	0	2.689050	-2.333034	0.795456
15	1	0	1.328995	-2.360635	-1.957841
16	1	0	1.435347	-3.710492	-0.821310
17	1	0	-1.041830	-2.532726	-1.928338
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24	1	0	-0.009526	0.190643	-1.537788
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26	6	0	1.143012	3.335719	1.091693

27	1	0	0.933541	4.411459	1.078755
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29	6	0	-0.144714	3.266688	-1.444987
30	1	0	-0.238325	4.351110	-1.317063
31	1	0	0.788840	3.042597	-1.968213
32	1	0	-0.966322	2.901404	-2.067162
33	6	0	-1.670873	3.152422	0.949192
34	1	0	-1.588996	4.245209	0.967697
35	1	0	-2.563445	2.881304	0.378164
36	1	0	-1.794979	2.786862	1.972642
37	1	0	-0.948280	-3.870935	-0.777968
38	1	0	-2.326469	-2.635101	0.860365
39	1	0	-0.370264	-0.321266	1.881729
40	1	0	0.201753	-2.699364	1.422375
41	1	0	-2.557376	-0.319555	-2.582773
42	1	0	-4.154936	-0.440685	-1.789932
43	1	0	-3.789494	1.015627	1.136915
44	1	0	-4.535021	-0.575866	0.860049
45	1	0	3.268798	-0.029589	2.080935
46	1	0	4.568209	-0.004406	0.861777
47	1	0	3.078189	1.565140	-1.755944
48	1	0	4.184356	0.168517	-1.775600
49	1	0	0.409101	-0.143435	1.897205
50	8	0	0.239368	-2.978413	2.400585
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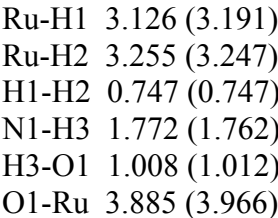
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Table S18. Coordinates and energy values of $1^{\text{Me}}\text{-H}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ (PCM).

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1	44	0	0.000661	0.054977	0.039880
2	15	0	2.305038	-0.351398	-0.211645
3	15	0	-2.319164	-0.229779	-0.214107
4	7	0	-0.056368	-2.159615	-0.115872
5	6	0	2.403071	-2.201569	-0.129256
6	6	0	1.117536	-2.757418	-0.745149
7	6	0	-1.254361	-2.692698	-0.757594
8	6	0	-2.514141	-2.073483	-0.148802
9	6	0	3.615643	0.185913	0.986415
10	6	0	3.114269	0.045197	-1.829283
11	6	0	-3.108288	0.222084	-1.827165
12	6	0	-3.598530	0.364581	0.990142
13	1	0	3.302749	-2.582915	-0.627432
14	1	0	2.449549	-2.478203	0.930724
15	1	0	1.130912	-2.585066	-1.841657
16	1	0	1.105577	-3.857227	-0.615694
17	1	0	-1.249665	-2.513609	-1.853029
18	1	0	-3.427604	-2.402636	-0.659013
19	1	0	3.741859	1.272175	0.955395
20	1	0	2.516015	-0.380947	-2.638433

21	1	0	-3.096704	1.306848	-1.962472
22	1	0	-3.318675	0.050770	1.999905
23	1	0	1.589144	3.050715	-1.589812
24	1	0	0.005643	0.203269	-1.563274
25	15	0	0.065763	2.385569	0.208320
26	6	0	1.509103	3.296665	-0.527323
27	1	0	1.391861	4.380578	-0.420746
28	1	0	2.436686	2.997606	-0.031778
29	6	0	-1.308251	3.373362	-0.560404
30	1	0	-1.138826	4.449483	-0.444474
31	1	0	-1.373189	3.136117	-1.626067
32	1	0	-2.262425	3.119061	-0.091014
33	6	0	0.063124	3.108149	1.922618
34	1	0	0.091174	4.203684	1.907509
35	1	0	-0.836767	2.781836	2.452662
36	1	0	0.931225	2.737128	2.475982
37	1	0	-1.300782	-3.792361	-0.634258
38	1	0	-2.586244	-2.356178	0.908081
39	1	0	-0.407337	-0.190043	1.861987
40	1	0	-0.080867	-2.713090	1.465235
41	1	0	-2.532790	-0.226864	-2.640557
42	1	0	-4.143706	-0.132840	-1.873194
43	1	0	-3.659569	1.456784	0.975105
44	1	0	-4.587081	-0.043536	0.751271
45	1	0	3.316553	-0.095357	2.000257
46	1	0	4.578579	-0.283432	0.755687
47	1	0	3.157015	1.127960	-1.973757
48	1	0	4.130514	-0.361760	-1.873976
49	1	0	0.396057	-0.200496	1.862971
50	8	0	-0.097742	-3.078777	2.424679
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27	1	0	0.086349	4.625789	-0.012425
28	1	0	1.402210	3.562942	0.535858
29	6	0	-2.079151	2.875746	-0.831690
30	1	0	-2.282638	3.938711	-0.659180
31	1	0	-1.840700	2.722585	-1.888125
32	1	0	-2.983627	2.305400	-0.601634
33	6	0	-1.248086	2.806120	1.892560
34	1	0	-1.564971	3.855651	1.897151
35	1	0	-2.087695	2.179255	2.207379
36	1	0	-0.441338	2.676002	2.620138
37	1	0	-0.126557	-4.021616	-0.331706
38	1	0	-1.770978	-2.881401	1.092705
39	1	0	-0.255946	0.134994	3.037820
40	1	0	0.800268	-2.417668	1.586118
41	1	0	-2.321438	-1.190602	-2.646022
42	1	0	-3.904963	-1.477446	-1.871099
43	1	0	-3.934247	0.435413	0.813769
44	1	0	-4.386893	-1.283738	0.747228
45	1	0	3.164432	0.839478	1.980900
46	1	0	4.472248	0.961924	0.776905
47	1	0	2.740142	1.994292	-1.991101
48	1	0	4.101534	0.847010	-1.887979
49	1	0	0.020299	-0.554320	3.121569
50	8	0	0.982750	-2.631592	2.553674
51	1	0	1.010078	-3.592673	2.623816

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Table S20. Coordinates and energy values of TS(1^{Me}-H₂-H₂O⇌1^{Me}-H₂O) (PCM).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	44	0	-0.005702	0.056731	-0.073537
2	15	0	2.320092	0.325555	-0.258740
3	15	0	-2.146683	-0.881613	-0.248048
4	7	0	0.560161	-2.023019	-0.110623
5	6	0	2.946936	-1.420667	-0.144973
6	6	0	1.864096	-2.350656	-0.692858
7	6	0	-0.429477	-2.984666	-0.601222
8	6	0	-1.809889	-2.693655	-0.010073
9	6	0	3.430167	1.208177	0.941402
10	6	0	2.998982	0.926158	-1.875638
11	6	0	-2.992470	-0.823936	-1.896164
12	6	0	-3.575244	-0.580764	0.899227
13	1	0	3.903175	-1.543972	-0.667792
14	1	0	3.107110	-1.635191	0.918096
15	1	0	1.839895	-2.284766	-1.798917
16	1	0	2.137843	-3.396627	-0.458405
17	1	0	-0.493765	-2.971805	-1.708078
18	1	0	-2.592502	-3.319117	-0.456816

19	1	0	3.287486	2.290222	0.872560
20	1	0	2.561595	0.338321	-2.686898
21	1	0	-3.273727	0.205302	-2.135131
22	1	0	-3.243474	-0.707874	1.933668
23	1	0	0.914859	3.568715	-1.139534
24	1	0	-0.092837	0.383829	-1.606953
25	15	0	-0.658728	2.272951	0.227191
26	6	0	0.549370	3.647185	-0.111371
27	1	0	0.087761	4.631475	0.026037
28	1	0	1.403498	3.564655	0.566042
29	6	0	-2.082290	2.892892	-0.798421
30	1	0	-2.285728	3.952969	-0.609798
31	1	0	-1.847209	2.755892	-1.857882
32	1	0	-2.985561	2.318740	-0.573546
33	6	0	-1.236333	2.787532	1.922279
34	1	0	-1.551810	3.837124	1.943087
35	1	0	-2.075194	2.157619	2.233023
36	1	0	-0.424117	2.647732	2.642160
37	1	0	-0.130293	-4.016233	-0.333582
38	1	0	-1.798811	-2.879810	1.070724
39	1	0	-0.170942	0.098215	3.112591
40	1	0	0.793186	-2.470314	1.578130
41	1	0	-2.296783	-1.170046	-2.665038
42	1	0	-3.889259	-1.453157	-1.907606
43	1	0	-3.947650	0.441503	0.782035
44	1	0	-4.398136	-1.277092	0.701673
45	1	0	3.187877	0.891775	1.960065
46	1	0	4.483561	0.981785	0.740018
47	1	0	2.720707	1.972780	-2.028918
48	1	0	4.090473	0.836826	-1.909613
49	1	0	0.070260	-0.608721	3.103323
50	8	0	0.978503	-2.772107	2.525707
51	1	0	0.706969	-3.697928	2.566429

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Optimized structures for H₂O and H₂

Table S21. Coordinates and energy values of **H₂O**.

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	8	0	0.000000	0.110785	0.000000
2	1	0	0.783146	-0.459308	0.000000
3	1	0	-0.783146	-0.426972	0.000000

HF=-76.4331183 / Enthalpies= -76.408028 / Free Energies= -76.430110
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Table S22. Coordinates and energy values of **H₂O (PCM)**.

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			X	Y	Z
1	8	0	0.000000	0.117519	0.000000
2	1	0	0.768221	-0.470004	0.000000
3	1	0	-0.768221	-0.470149	0.000000

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Table S23. Coordinates and energy values of **H₂**.

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			X	Y	Z
1	1	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.350000
2	1	0	0.000000	0.000000	-0.350000

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Table S24. Coordinates and energy values of **H₂ (PCM)**.

H₂ – Hydrogen

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			X	Y	Z
1	1	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.371461
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