

# THEORETICAL INVESTIGATION OF INORGANIC COMPLEXES IN SANDWICH FASHION (BONDING MODE AND ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE)

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## Introduction & Objectives:

Many bimetallic complexes containing metallic multiple bonds have been synthesized since the discovery of the quadrupole bond between Re(III)-Re(III) [1].

The aim of this study is to investigate the behaviour of the multiple bond in the presence of allylic ligands in the sandwich complexes (Ligand)[(Cl)Fe<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>] (Ligand = All<sup>-</sup>, Cp<sup>-</sup>, Ind<sup>-</sup>; L = CO, PEt<sub>3</sub>).

## Computational details:

Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were carried out using the 2012 version of the Amsterdam Density Functional (ADF) program [2]. The BP86 and the hybrid-type B3LYP\* functionals have been used for calculations.

## Results and Discussion:

Both the BP86 and B3LYP\* showed that all structures prefer the high spin state.

The small HOMO-LUMO gaps in all structures are consistent with the energy differences between the triplet and singlet spin states. However, the M-M bond distance of the singlet structures of the CO group stands in the range of 1.99-2.24 Å, and is slightly affected by the change of auxiliary ligands. Thus are verified by both the WIB and the MBO, which refers to a triple Fe-Fe bond in (All)[(Cl)Fe<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>2</sub>] structures and a double Fe-Fe bond in [(Cl)Fe(L)]<sub>2</sub>, (Cp)[(Cl)Fe<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>2</sub>], and (Ind)[(Cl)Fe<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>2</sub>] (L = CO, PEt<sub>3</sub>).

## Conclusion:

In the (μ-Cl)<sup>-</sup> and (η<sup>3</sup>-Allyl)<sup>-</sup> structures each Fe(I) receive 2-electrons vs. 3-electrons from (η<sup>5</sup>-Cp)<sup>-</sup> and (η<sup>5</sup>-Ind)<sup>-</sup> bridging ligands. The electronic structure shows the occupation of the π<sub>2</sub>\* orbital in the [(Cl)FeL]<sub>2</sub>, (Cp)[(Cl)Fe<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>] and (Ind)[(Cl)Fe<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>] complexes (L = CO, PEt<sub>3</sub>) which leads to the elongation of the bond length. Whereas, the Fe(1)-Fe(2) correspond to triple bond which agreed by the WIB and MBO in (All)[(Cl)Fe<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>] structures.

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