

Chip resistor



Pen nib



Jewelry



anode of electrochemical cells

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Ruthenium



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- KRuO_4
- $[\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_5]$
- RuO_2

Specific functionalities/applications

Group ► 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Period ▼ Noble gases

Basics and History

- Atomic number 44, group 8, period 5
- Origin of name: Latin “Rutenia”
- Silvery white metal
- Very hard and brittle

Some elements near the dashed staircase are sometimes called *metalloids*

1	H													2	He			
2	Li	Be																
3	B	C	N	O	F	Ne												
4	K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
5	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	44 Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
6	Cs	Ba	La to Yb	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
7	Fr	Ra	Ac to No	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Cn	Nh	Fl	Mc	Lv	Ts	Og

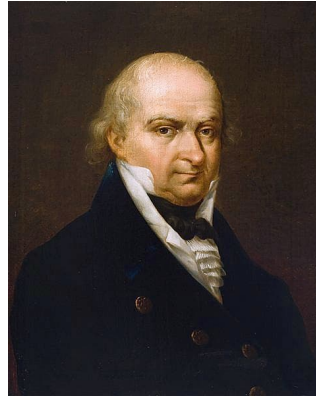
s-block (incl. He) | f-block | d-block | p-block (excl. He)

Lanthanides	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb
Actinides	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102
	Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No

Discoveries



Native south Americans



Jędrzej Andrei Śniadecki
1807-1808

Vesta -> vestium



Gottfried Wilhelm Osann
1825

Ruthenium

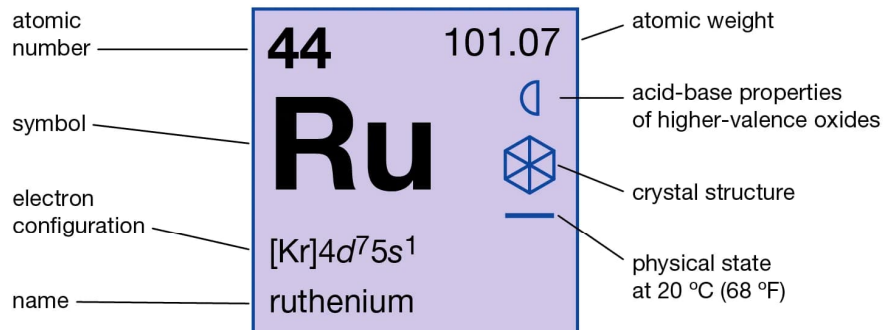


Karl Karlovich Klaus
1844

The Bogota Post, 2023

Chemistry of Ru

Ruthenium



Transition metals	Solid
Hexagonal	Weakly acidic

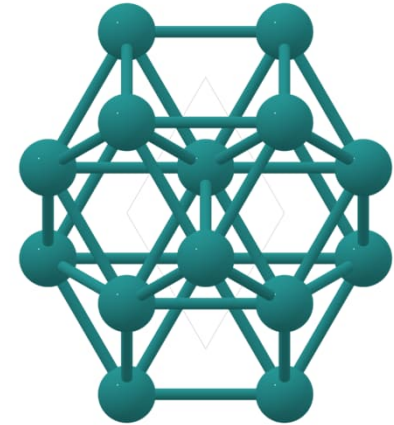
Chemical properties

- Electron configuration: [Kr] 4d⁷ 5s¹
 - Anomaly in its group
- Stable oxidation states: +III and +IV
- Can also be found in –II, +I, +II, +III, +IV, +V, +VI, +VII and +VIII
- Electronegativity: 2.2
- Reactivity:
 - Platinum group metal
 - Not oxidized by acids
 - “Attacked” by halogens and hydroxides:
$$\text{Ru(s)} + 3\text{F}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{RuF}_6(\text{s})$$

Chemical properties

- Hexagonal crystal structure: $P6_3/mmc$
- Melting point: 2333 °C
- Atomic mass: 101.07 ± 0.02 u
- Atomic radius (in metallic form): 1.34 Å

Species	atomic/ionic radii (Å)
Ru(s)	1,34
Ru ³⁺	0,68
Ru ⁴⁺	0,62
Ru ⁵⁺	0,565
Ru ⁷⁺	0,38
Ru ⁸⁺	0,36



From the Materials Project for Ru (mp-33) 2022

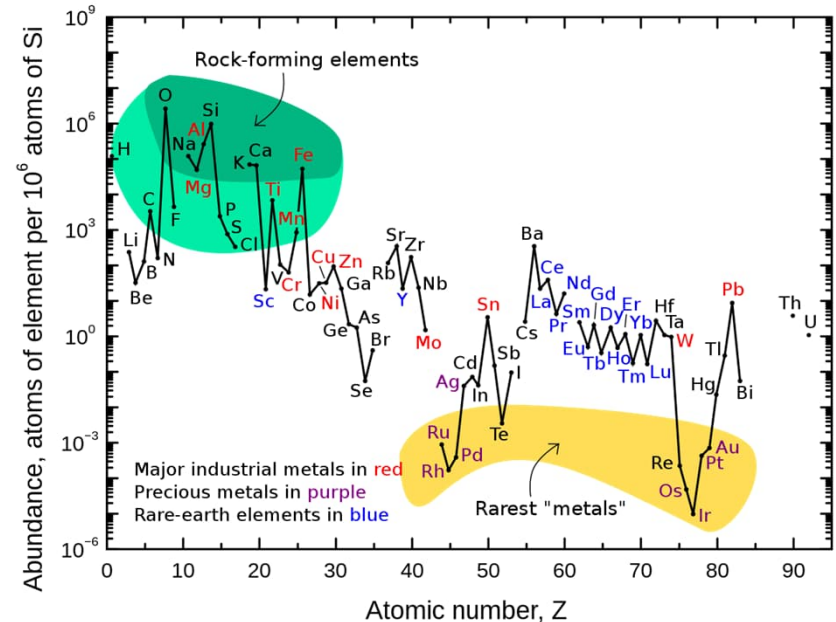
Isotopes

- '7' stable isotopes
- 27 radioactive isotopes

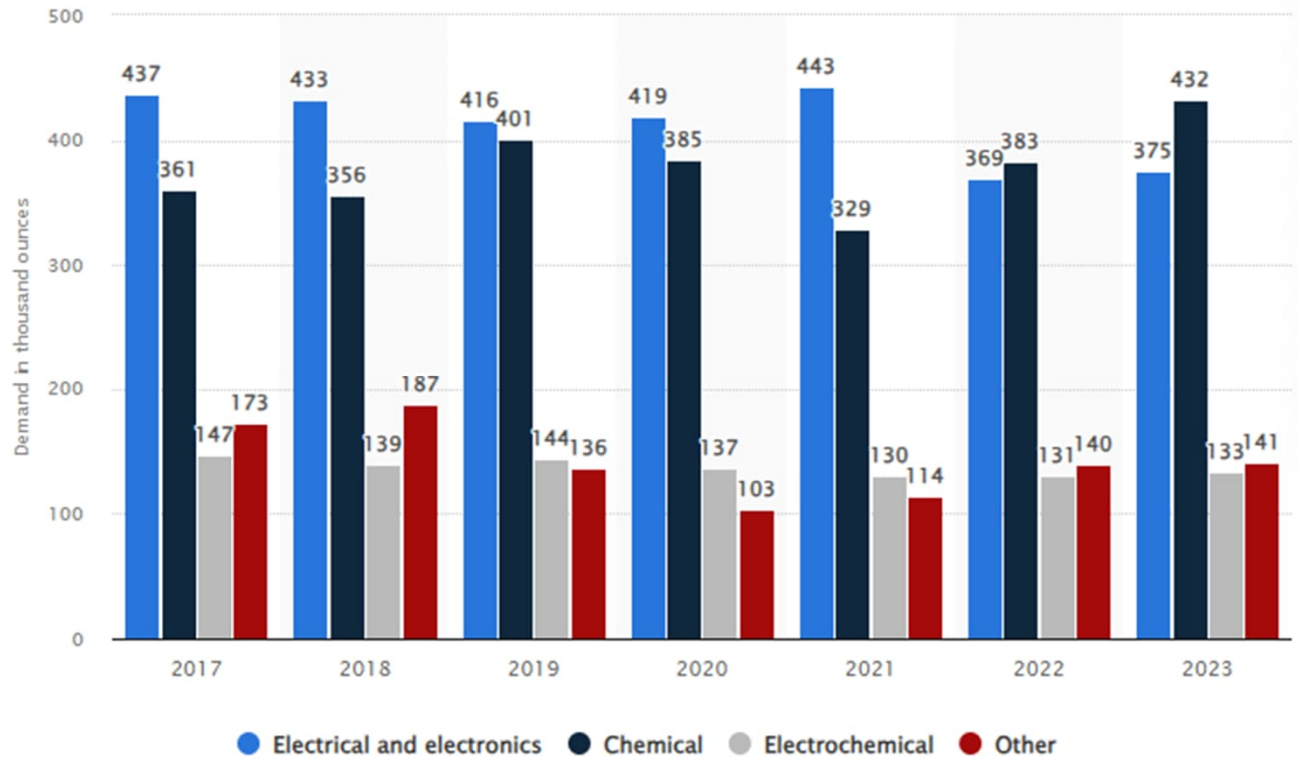
Isotope	Atomic mass	Natural abundance (%)	Half life	Mode of decay
⁹⁶ Ru	95,908	5,5	> 3.1 x 10 ¹⁶ y	β+β+
⁹⁸ Ru	97,905	1,87	-	-
⁹⁹ Ru	98,906	12,76	-	-
¹⁰⁰ Ru	99,904	12,6	-	-
¹⁰¹ Ru	100,906	17,06	-	-
¹⁰² Ru	101,904	31,55	-	-
¹⁰⁴ Ru	103,905	18,62	-	-

Abundance and production

- Roughly 30 tons / year
- Found with other platinum metals
- Trace metal in pentlandite and pyroxenite; nickel minerals
- Obtained from nickel refinement waste



Haxel et al. 2005

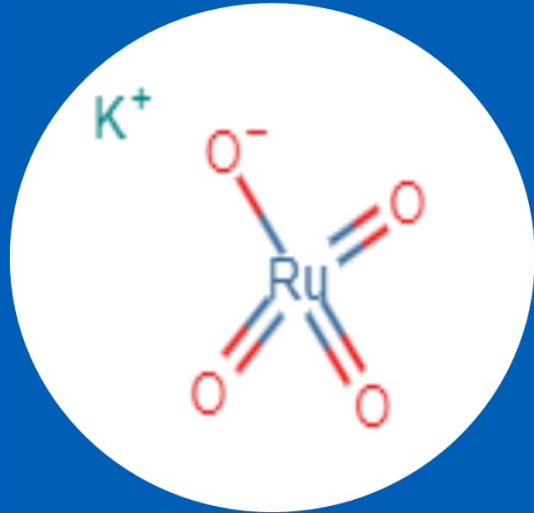


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0.02835 TONS

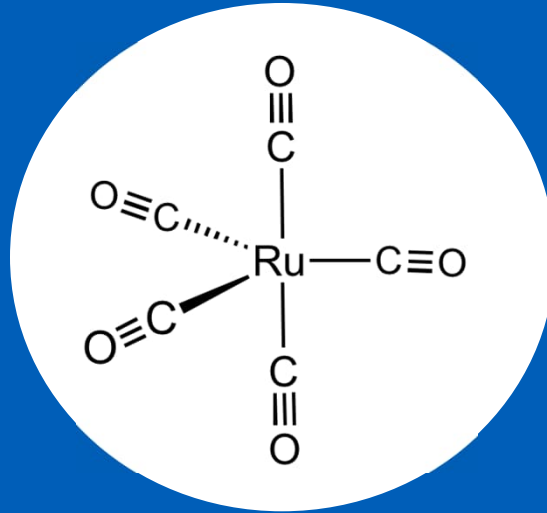
Uses

- Hardener for platinum and palladium
- Catalyst in hydrogenation reactions
 - Hydrogen dissociation
- Many of its compounds and complexes function as catalysts in several different reactions:
 - Dehydrogenation, oxidation, hydrogenation, amination of alcohols, *N*-alkylation of amines, olefin metathesis reaction, synthesis of *N*-heterocycles, and most importantly formation of α -alkylated ketones (intermediate organic synthesis)

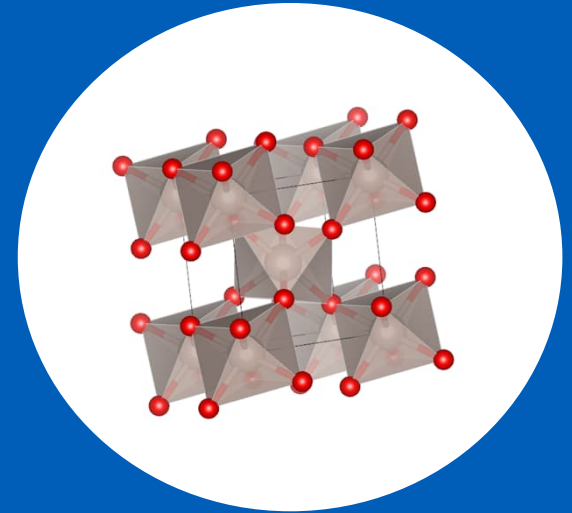
Compounds



KRuO_4



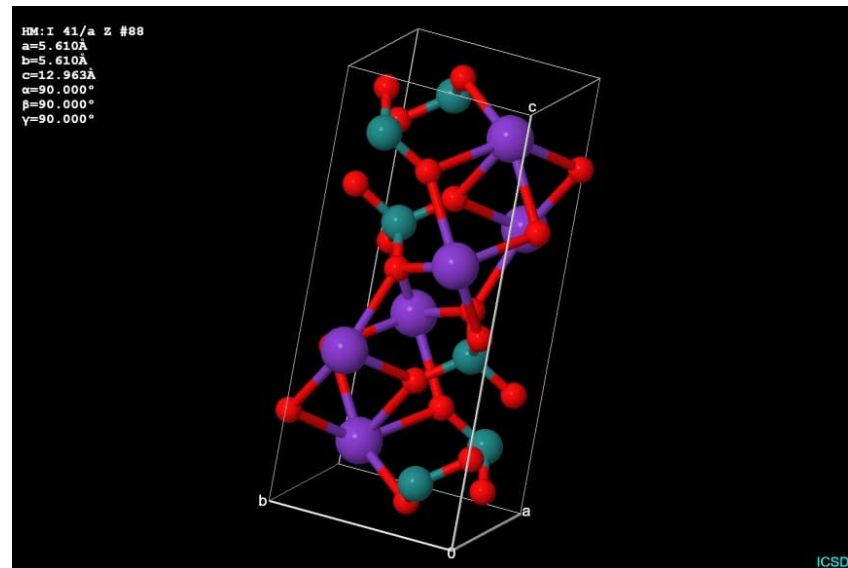
$\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_5$



RuO_2

KRuO₄

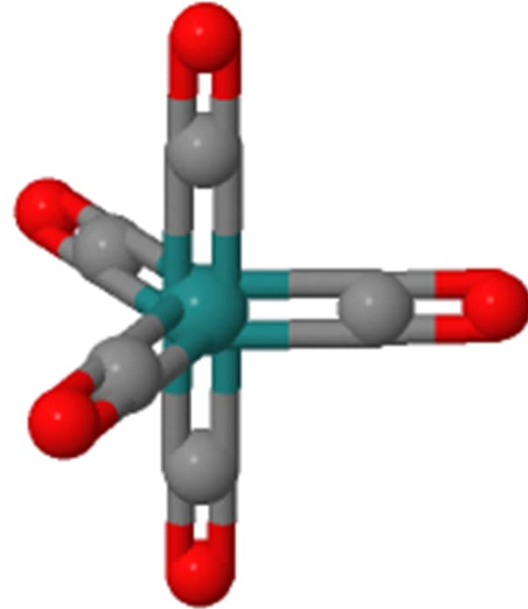
- Oxidation state +VII
- Antiferromagnetic
- Reagent in oxidizing primary alcohols to carbonyls



C. A. Marjerrison et al., "Structure and Magnetic Properties of KRuO₄," 2016

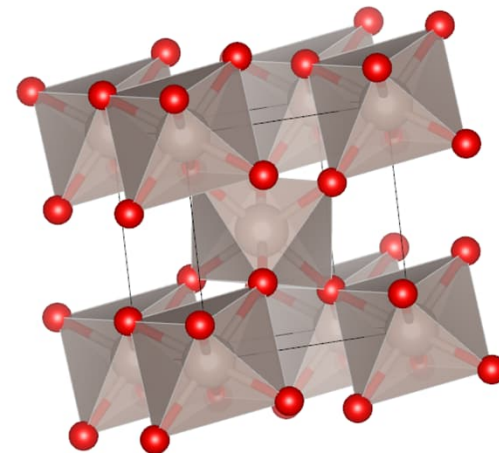
Ru(CO)₅

- Intermediate for the synthesis of metal carbonyl complexes.
- Colorless and light-sensitive liquid that readily decarbonylates upon standing at room temperature
- Relatively unstable Ru compounds



RuO₂

- Electrically conductive
- Used as supercapacitor cathode
 - Pseudo-capacitor
 - $\text{Ru(IV)O}_2 + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ru(III)OH}^-$
- Used as catalyst in Cl₂ recovery reaction
 - $4\text{HCl} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
 - Adsorbs oxygen
- Used as catalyst in oxygen evolution reaction
 - Binds and deprotonates H₂O

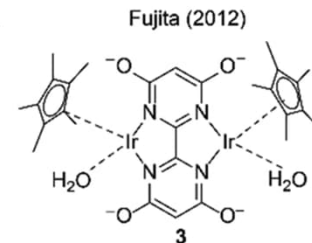
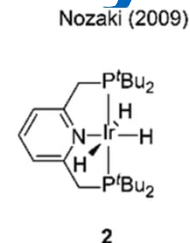
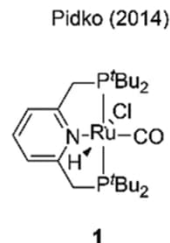
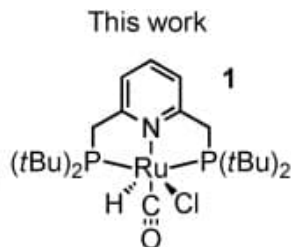
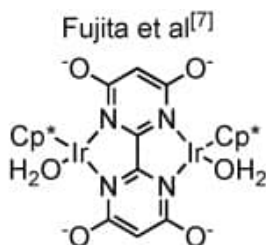
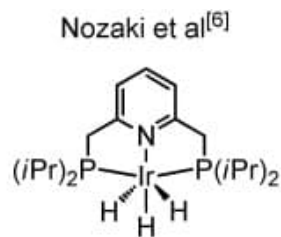




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Promising research

Homogeneous hydrogenation of saturated bicarbonate slurry to formates using multiphase catalysis

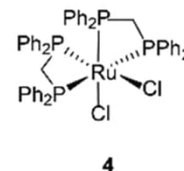


T / P 120 °C / 40 bar
solvent/base DMF / DBU
TON 206 000

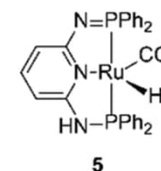
200 °C / 80 bar
H₂O, THF / KOH
3,5 x 10⁶

RT, 1 bar
H₂O / KHCO₃
2230

Leitner (2017)



Huang (2018)



T / P 70 °C / 90 bar
solvent/base H₂O, MIBC / MEA
TON 150 000

130 °C / 110 bar
H₂O, THF / NaHCO₃
33 000

Hydrogenation:

T / P 200 °C / 80 bar
solvent / base H₂O, THF / KOH
TOF, h⁻¹ 150 000^[6a,b]

80 °C / 50 bar
H₂O / KHCO₃
54 000^[7]

120 °C / 40 bar
DMF / DBU
1 100 000

Dehydrogenation:

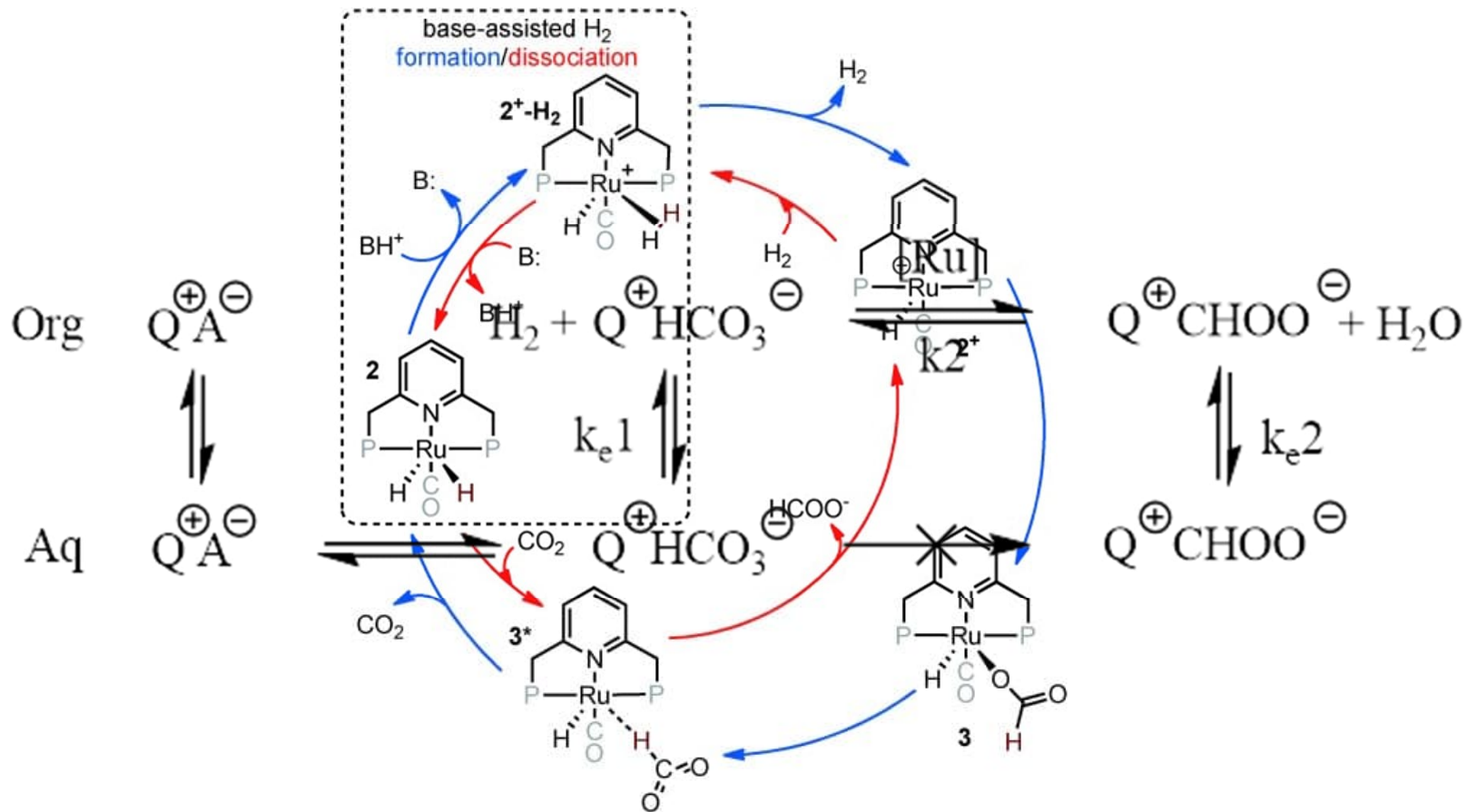
T 80 °C
solvent / base *t*BuOH / NEt₃
TOF, h⁻¹ 120 000^[6b]

90 °C
H₂O / HCO₂Na
228 000^[7]

90 °C
DMF / NEt₃
257 000

G. A. Filonenko, et al. "Highly efficient reversible hydrogenation of carbon dioxide to formates using a ruthenium PNP-pincer catalyst," 2014

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Flexible supercapacitor cathode with thin film RuN

- Carbon nanotubes coated with RuN
 - High surface area and flexibility
- RuN instead of RuO₂
 - Not studied because difficult to synthesize
- Probably $\text{Ru(III)N}_x\text{O}_y + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{Ru(IV)N}_x\text{O}_y\text{OH} + \text{e}^-$
 - Where did the oxygen come from?
 - What is the actual oxidation state
- The role of Ru...

H. Kazari et al. "Dry Synthesis of Binder-Free Ruthenium Nitride-Coated Carbon Nanotubes as a Flexible Supercapacitor Electrode," 2022



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Thank you

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Chlorine evolution



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