

## Supporting Information

### Molecular Au(I) Complexes in the Photosensitized Photocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Reaction

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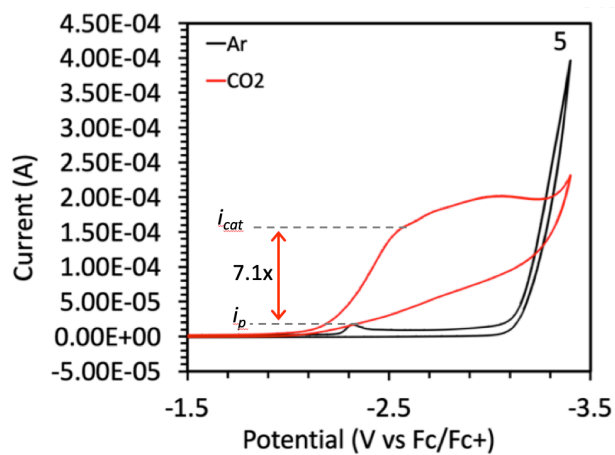
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**Table S1.** CV data of complexes **1-5**.

| Cat. | CO <sub>2</sub> $E_{(S/S^-)}$ peak [onset] (V) | argon $E_{(S/S^-)}$ peak [onset] (V) | $\eta$ (mV) | $i_{cat}/i_p$    |
|------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1    | -2.73 [-2.6]                                   | -3.00 [-2.9]                         | 530         | 32               |
| 2    | -2.40 (sh) [-2.2]                              | -3.04 (sh) [-2.8]                    | 740         | 1.2              |
| 3    | -2.70 (sh) [-2.4]                              | -2.99 [-2.7]                         | 590         | ---              |
| 4    | -1.80 [-1.7]                                   | -1.80 [-1.7]                         | 600         | 3.2 <sup>a</sup> |
| 5    | -2.58 (sh) [-2.2]                              | -2.33 [-2.3]                         | 690         | 7.1              |

"sh" is shoulder. An example illustrating how  $i_{cat}/i_p$  was determined is shown below. <sup>a</sup> indicates

this value was measured at a later reduction potential than the first reduction potential.

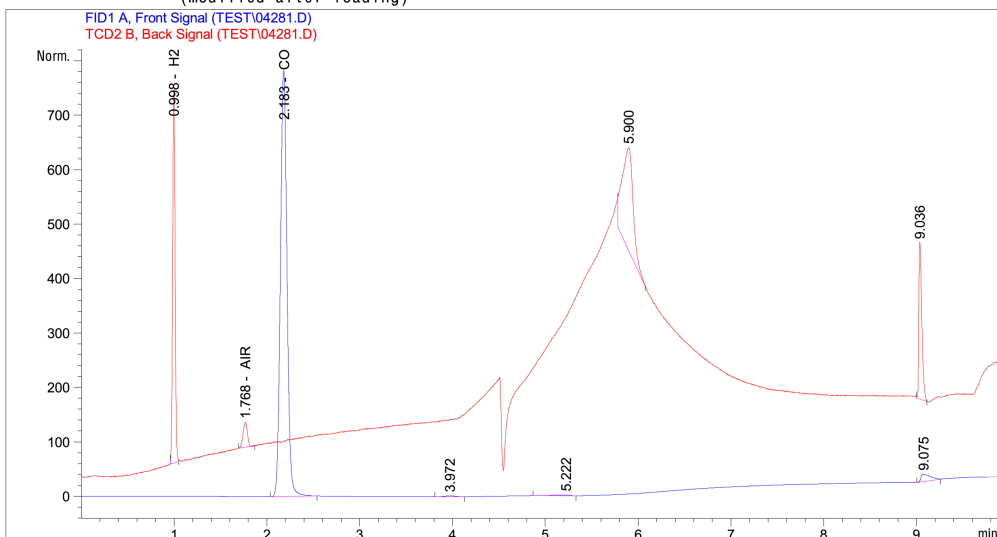


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Signal 1: FID1 A, Front Signal

| RetTime [min] | Type | Area [pA*s] | Amt/Area   | Amount [ng/ul] | Grp | Name |
|---------------|------|-------------|------------|----------------|-----|------|
| 2.183         | BB   | 3863.32617  | 1.15369e-1 | 445.70937      |     | CO   |
| 4.159         |      | -           | -          | -              |     | CH4  |

Totals : 445.70937

**Figure S1.** Example GC trace for a photoreaction with complex **1**. The blue trace is the FID trace after a methanizer which analyzes for CO and CH<sub>4</sub>. The red trace is a TCD trace which analyzes for H<sub>2</sub>. The TCD trace is zoomed in substantially so that peaks in the baseline can be observed. A backflush occurs at approximately 5 minutes and any peaks after this are from the oven bake. The peaks are calibrated manually via Excel due to software limitations. The second page of the report is below.

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Signal 2: TCD2 B, Back Signal

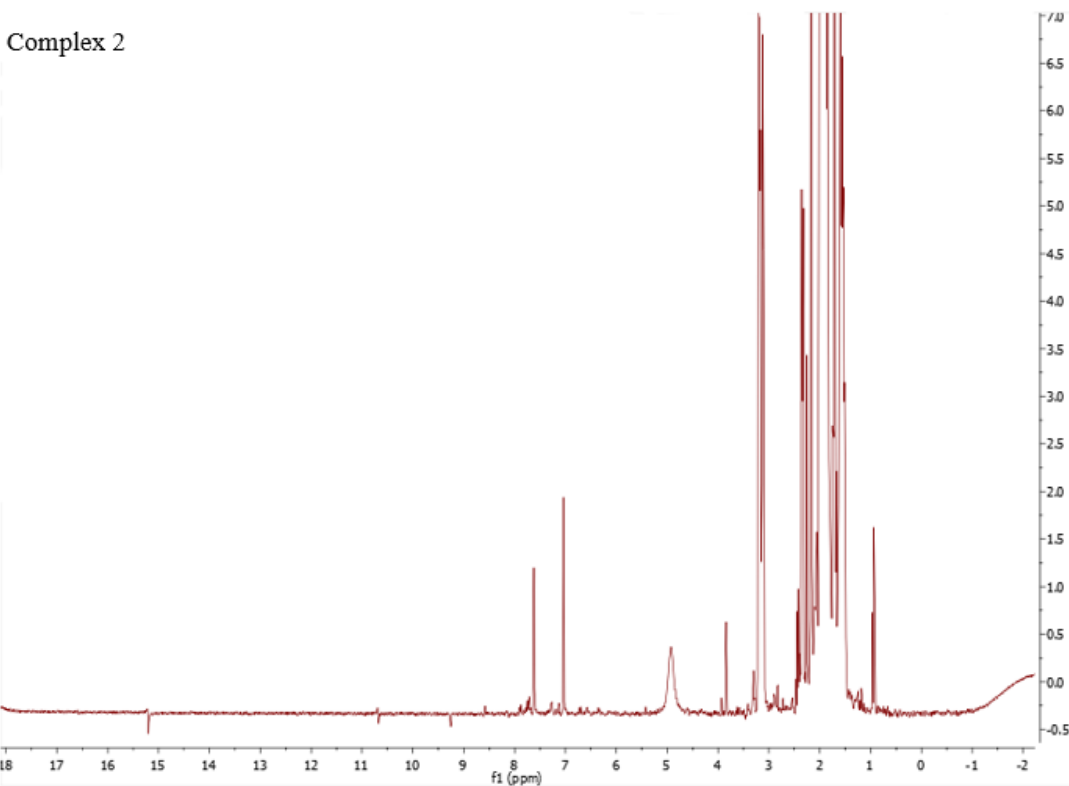
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|------------------|------|------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----|------|
| 0.998            | BB   | 29.75568               | 2.65015e-4 | 7.88571e-3        | H2  |      |
| 1.768            | BB   | 3.50677                | 6.02348e-2 | 2.11230e-1        | AIR |      |

Totals : 2.19115e-1

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**Figure S2.** Formate and methanol <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis spectrum in d<sub>3</sub>-MeCN for a photoreaction with complex 1. Formate would appear as a singlet at ~8.7 ppm and methanol would appear as a singlet at ~3.3 ppm. Trace formate and MeOH may be observed; however, significantly larger quantities would be necessary to observe a turnover. The peak at ~7.0 ppm is the internal standard, *p*-xylene.

**Table S2.** Quantum yields for CO production at 1 hour for each Au complex.

| Entry | Complex | Average mmol CO | Molecules CO             | QY (%) |
|-------|---------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 1     | 1       | 0.00063254      | $3.80916 \times 10^{17}$ | 0.103  |
| 2     | 2       | 0.00015826      | $9.53042 \times 10^{16}$ | 0.026  |
| 3     | 3       | 0.00000751      | $4.52252 \times 10^{15}$ | 0.001  |
| 4     | 4       | 0.00015006      | $9.03661 \times 10^{16}$ | 0.025  |
| 5     | 5       | 0.00017379      | $1.04656 \times 10^{17}$ | 0.028  |