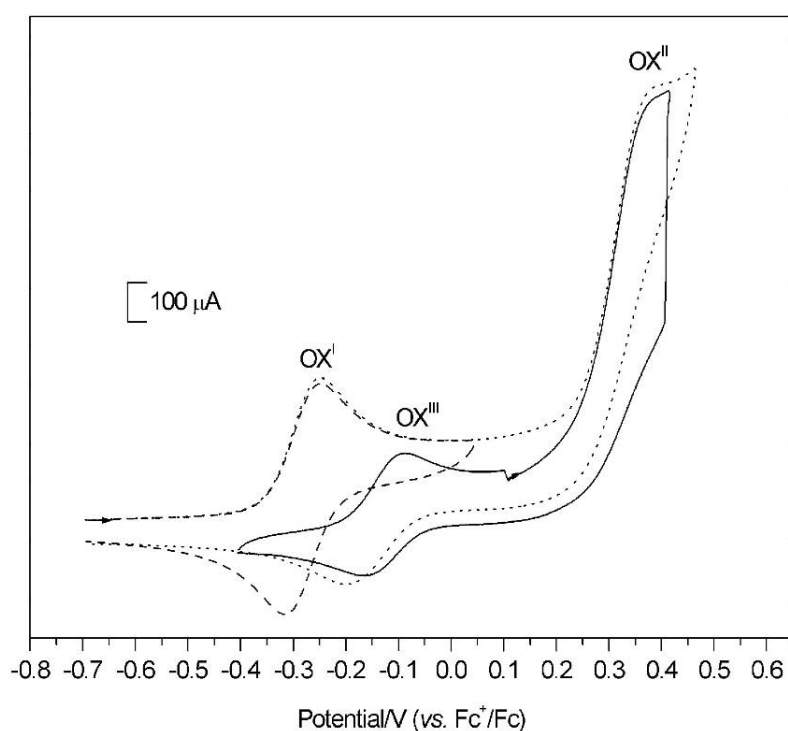


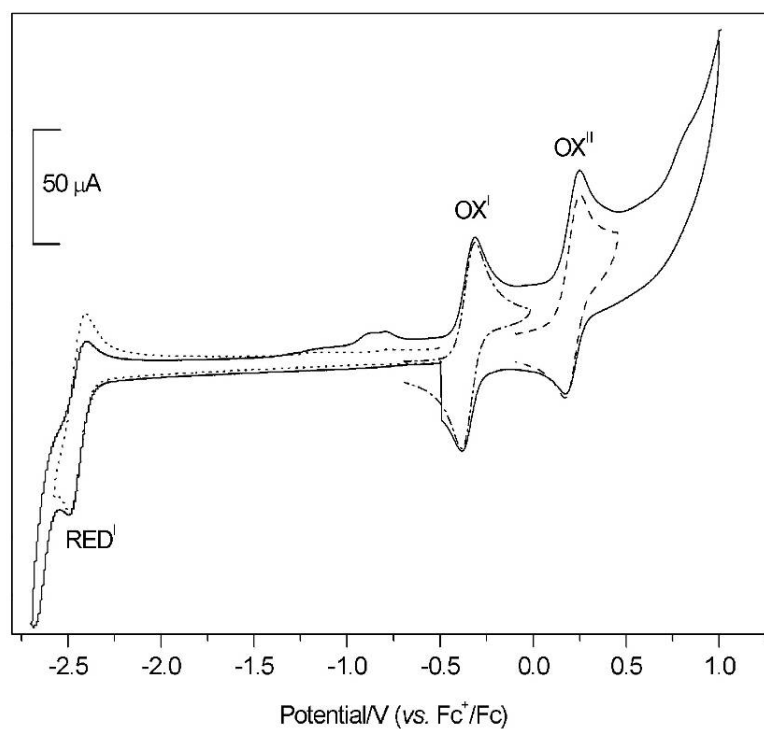
Supplementary information

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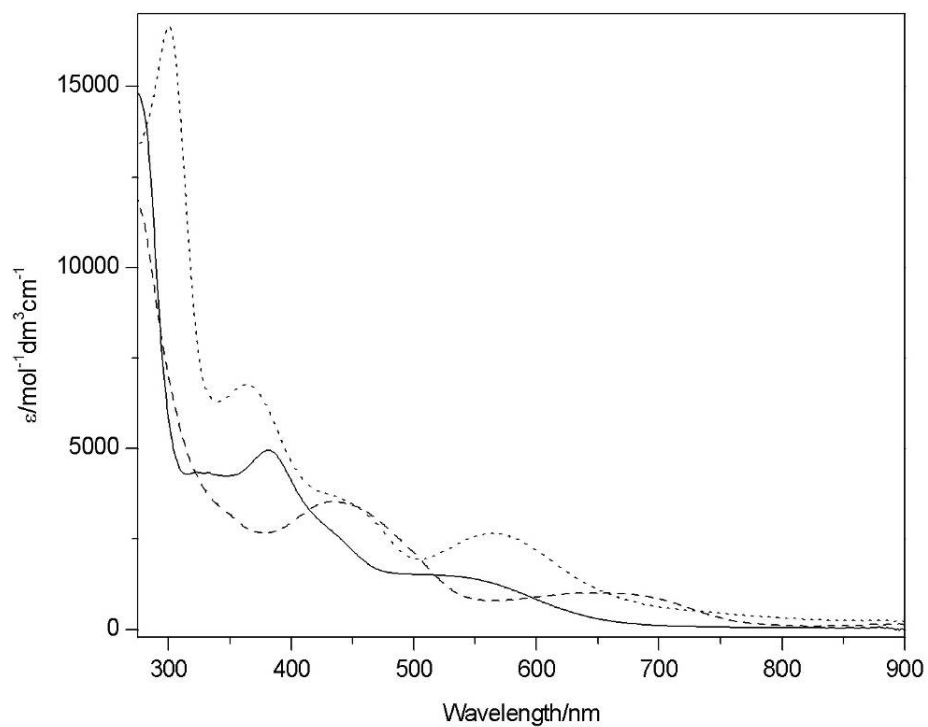
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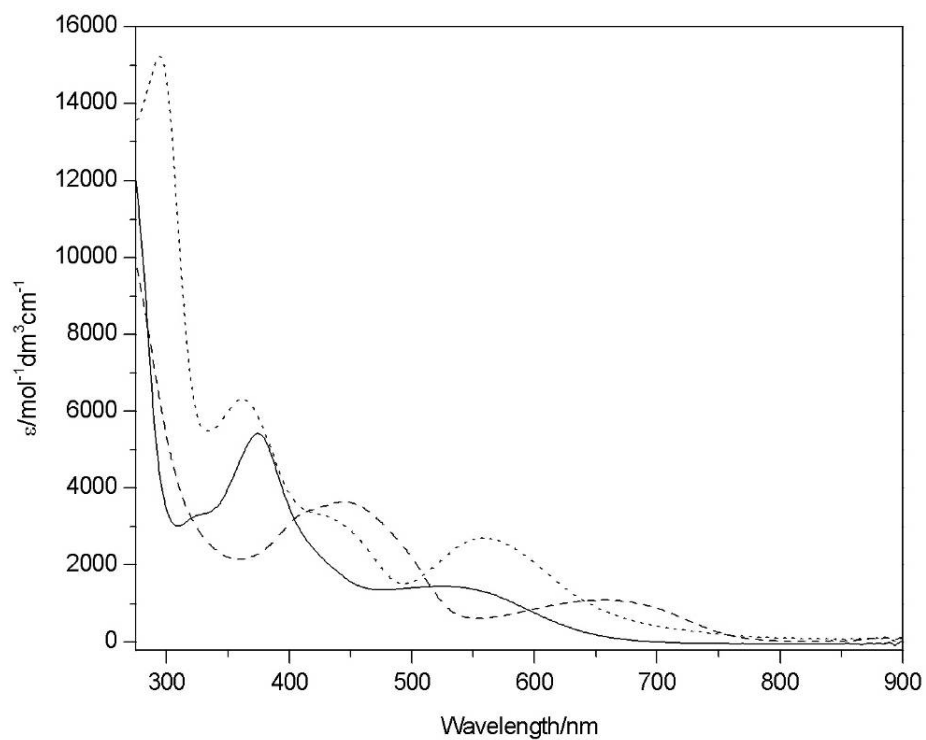
**Fig. S1** Cyclic voltammograms recorded for [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(2-pedt)] (2) (1 mmol) in dmf containing [tBu<sub>4</sub>N][BF<sub>4</sub>] (0.2 M) recorded at ambient temperature and a scan rate of 0.1 V s<sup>-1</sup>. The dashed line shows the current response for OX<sup>I</sup> when the direction of sweep is reversed at +0.04 V; the dotted line shows the effect on current response for OX<sup>I</sup> when the direction of sweep is reversed at +0.46 V; the solid line was generated by holding the potential at +0.41 V (ca. OX<sup>II</sup>, see Table 1) for 10 seconds before reversing the potential sweep, this resulted in the depletion of OX<sup>I</sup> and the generation of the new redox couple, OX<sup>III</sup>.



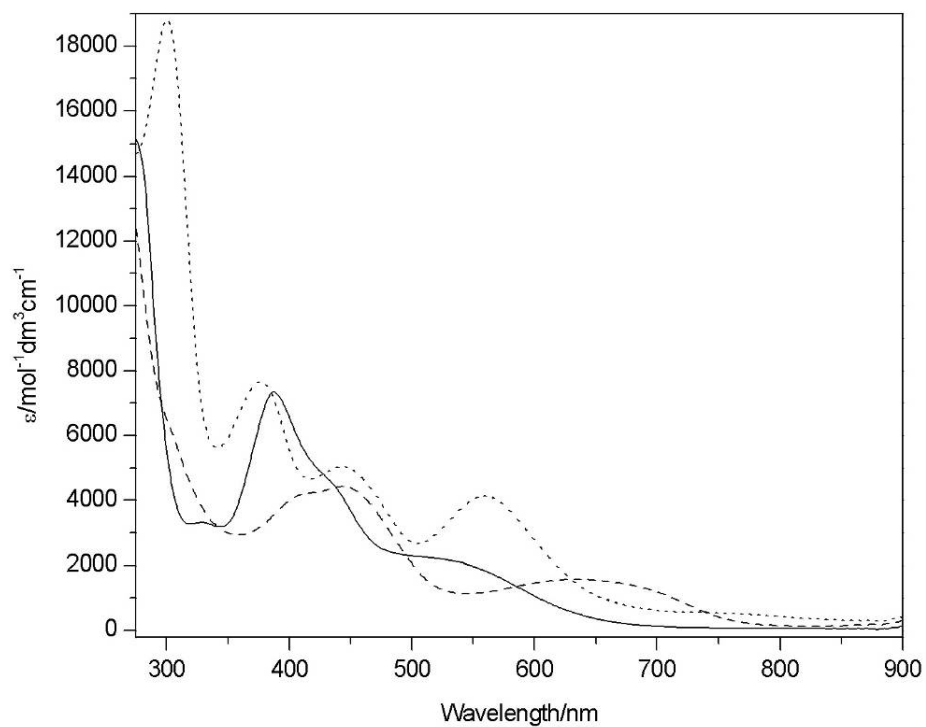
**Fig. S2** Cyclic voltammograms recorded for [Cp<sub>2</sub>W(sdt)] (**6**) (1 mmol) in dmf containing [tBu<sub>4</sub>N][BF<sub>4</sub>] (0.2 M) recorded at ambient temperature and a scan rate of 0.1 V s<sup>-1</sup>. Broken lines show the effect of switching potential on the current response for OX<sup>I</sup> (E<sub>λ</sub>; -0.02 V, dashed-dotted line), OX<sup>II</sup> (E<sub>λ</sub>; +0.45 V, dotted line) and RED<sup>I</sup> (E<sub>λ</sub>; -2.58 V, dashed line), all at 0.1 V s<sup>-1</sup>.



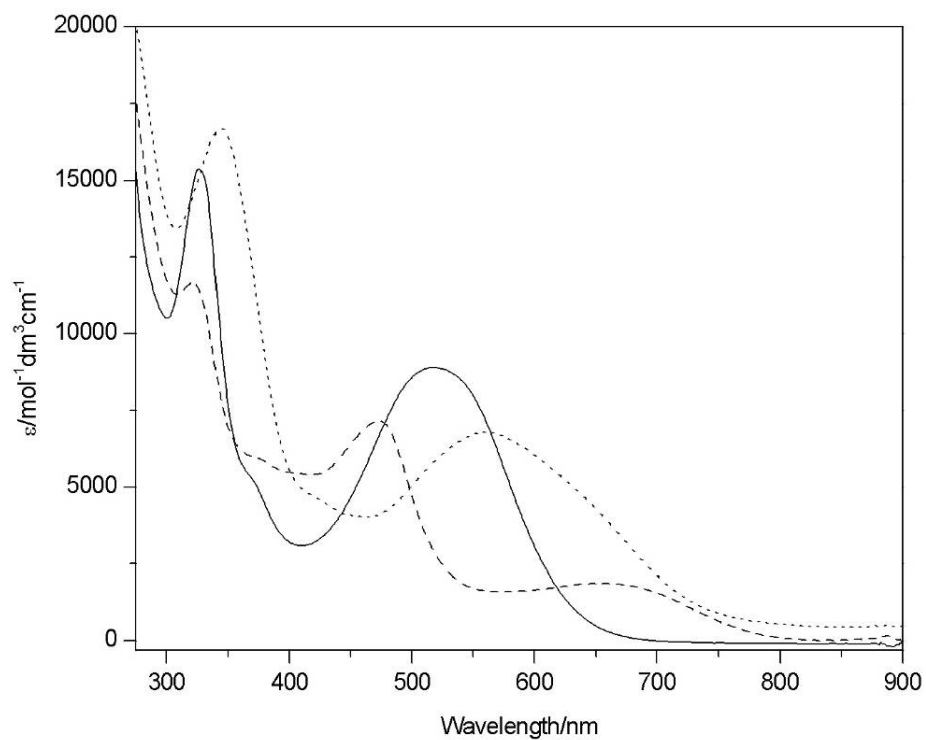
**Fig. S3** UV/vis spectra of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{2-pedt})]$  (**2**) (solid line) and electrochemically generated  $[\mathbf{2}]^+$  (dashed line) and  $[\mathbf{2}]^-$  (dotted line) in dmf containing  $[\text{nBu}_4\text{N}][\text{BF}_4]$  (0.2 M) at 273 K.



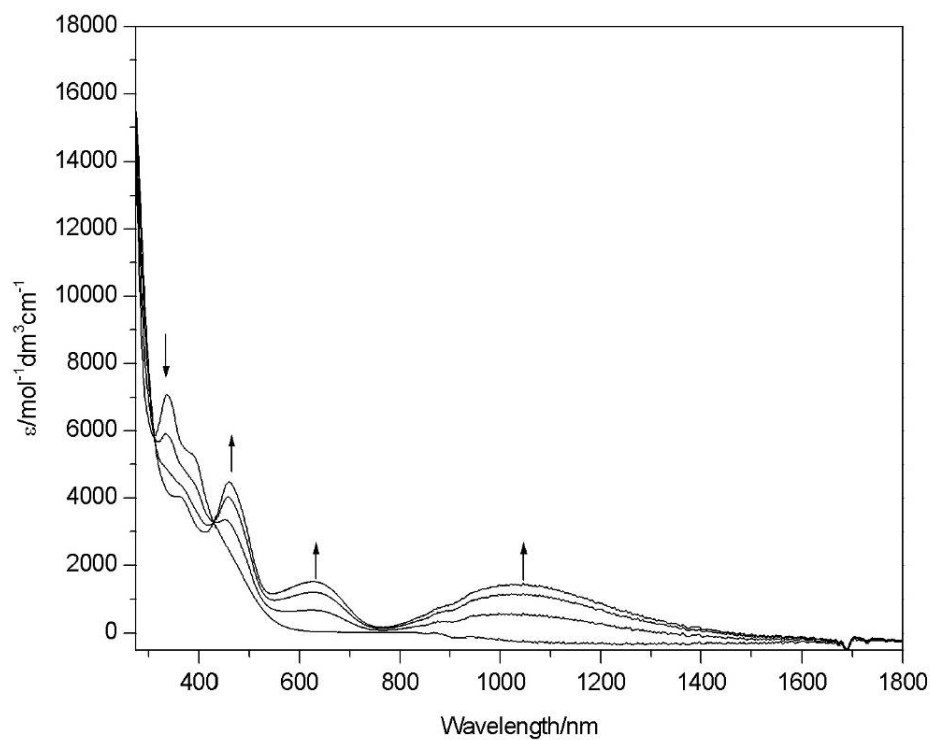
**Fig. S4** UV/vis spectra of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{3-pedt})]$  (**3**) (solid line) and electrochemically generated  $[\mathbf{3}]^+$  (dashed line) and  $[\mathbf{3}]^-$  (dotted line) in dmf containing  $[\text{nBu}_4\text{N}][\text{BF}_4]$  (0.2 M) at 273 K. For  $[\mathbf{3}]^+$  an absorption at 1142 nm was observed analogous to that of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{sdt})]^+$  (see Fig. 2).



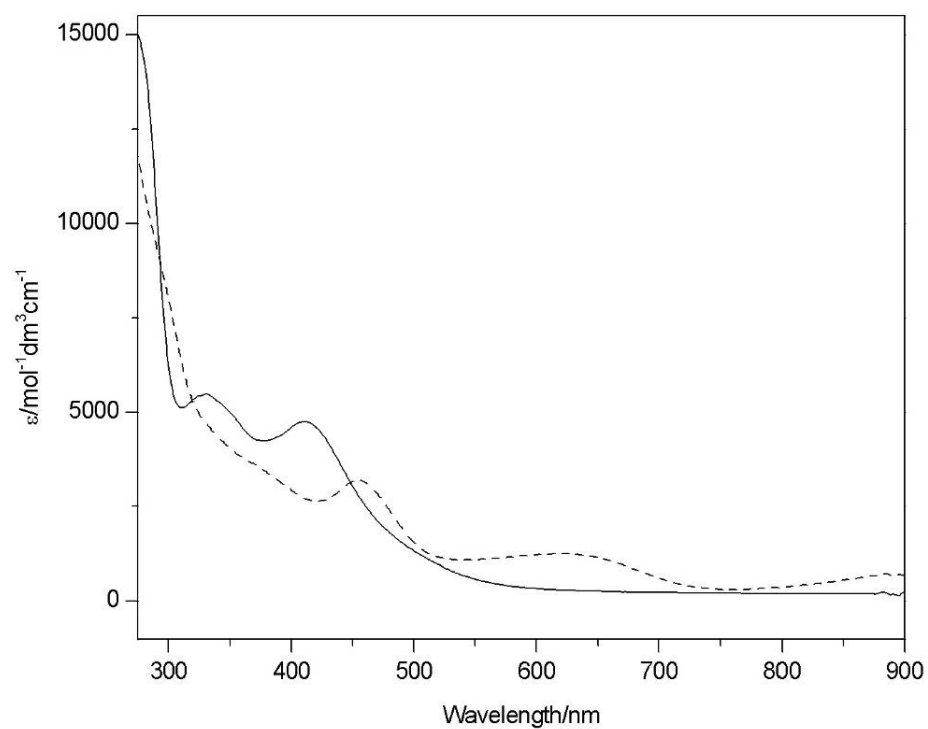
**Fig. S5** UV/vis spectra of [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(4-pedt)] (**4**) (solid line) and electrochemically generated [4]<sup>+</sup> (dashed line) and [4]<sup>-</sup> (dotted line) in dmf containing [nBu<sub>4</sub>N][BF<sub>4</sub>] (0.2 M) at 273 K.



**Fig. S6** UV/vis spectra of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{qedt})]$  (**5**) (solid line) and electrochemically generated  $[\mathbf{5}]^+$  (dashed line) and  $[\mathbf{5}]^-$  (dotted line) in dmf containing  $[\text{tBu}_4\text{N}][\text{BF}_4]$  (0.2 M) at 273 K. For  $[\mathbf{5}]^+$  an absorption at 1142 nm was observed analogous to that of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{sdt})]^+$  (see Fig. 2).

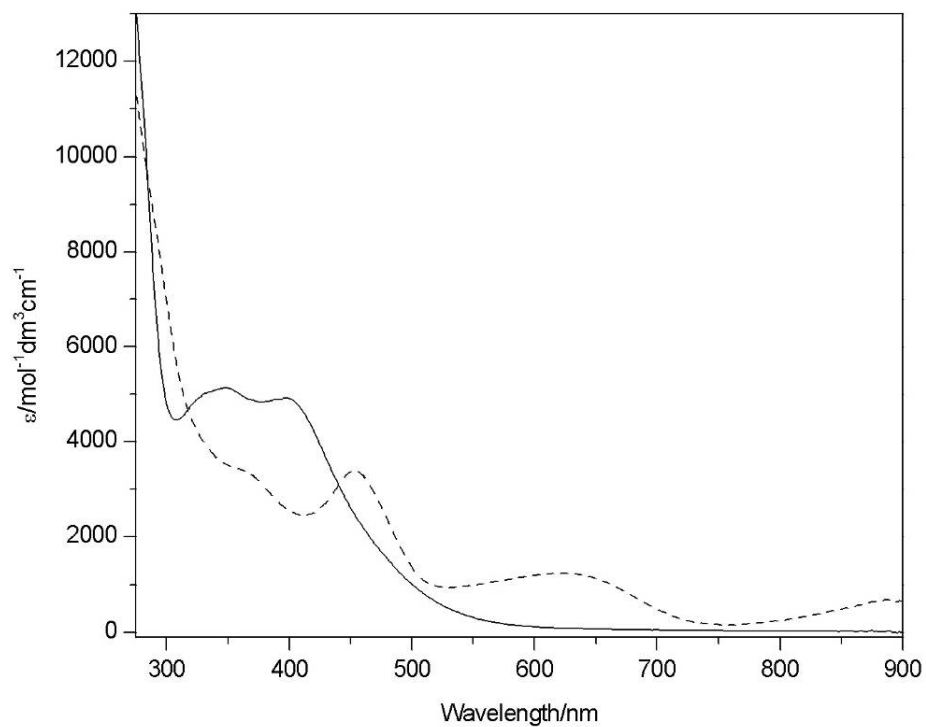


**Fig. S7** Changes in the UV/vis/NIR spectra observed for the electrochemical conversion of [Cp<sub>2</sub>W(sdt)] (**6**) to [6]<sup>+</sup> in dmf containing [tBu<sub>4</sub>N][BF<sub>4</sub>] (0.2 M) at 273 K.

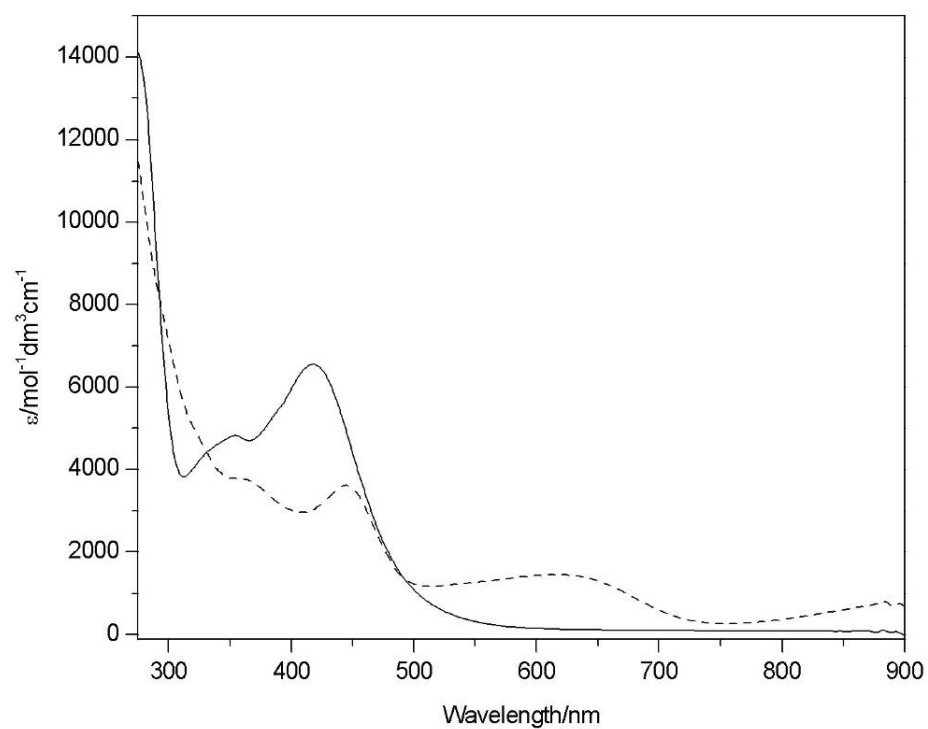


**Fig. S8** UV/vis spectra of [Cp<sub>2</sub>W(2-pedt)] (7) (solid line) and electrochemically generated [7]<sup>+</sup> (dashed line) in dmf containing [tBu<sub>4</sub>N][BF<sub>4</sub>] (0.2 M) at 273 K.

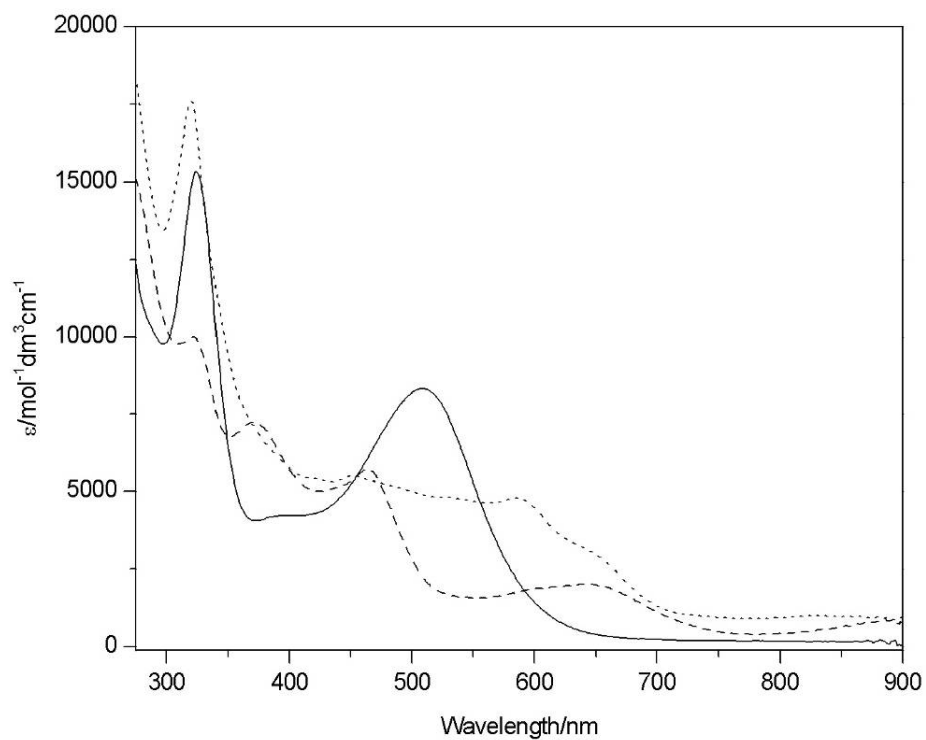




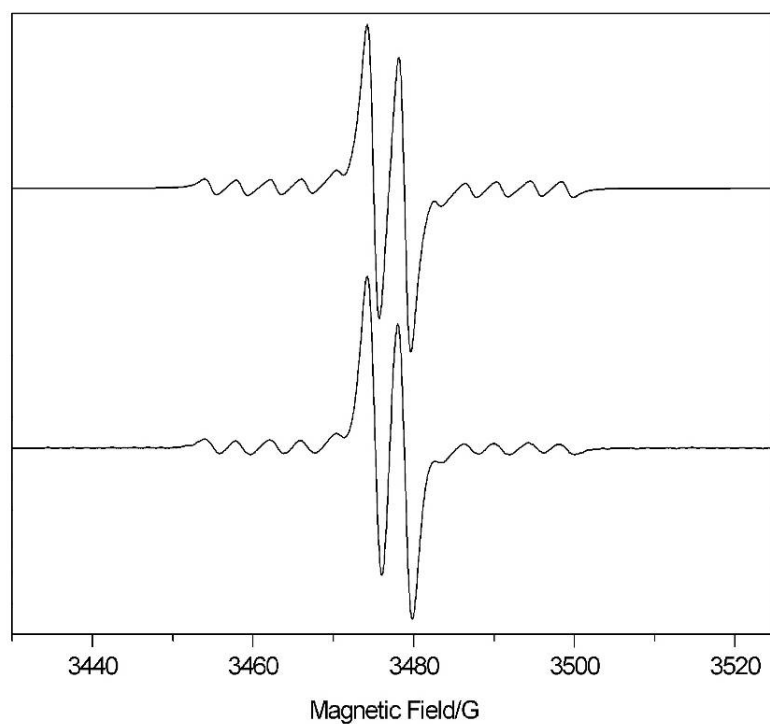
**Fig. S9** UV/vis spectra of [Cp<sub>2</sub>W(3-pedt)] (**8**) (solid line) and electrochemically generated [**8**]<sup>+</sup> (dashed line) in dmf containing [tBu<sub>4</sub>N][BF<sub>4</sub>] (0.2 M) at 273 K. For [**8**]<sup>+</sup> a NIR absorption at 1030 nm was observed analogous to that of [Cp<sub>2</sub>W(sdt)]<sup>+</sup> ([**6**]<sup>+</sup>) (see Fig. S7).



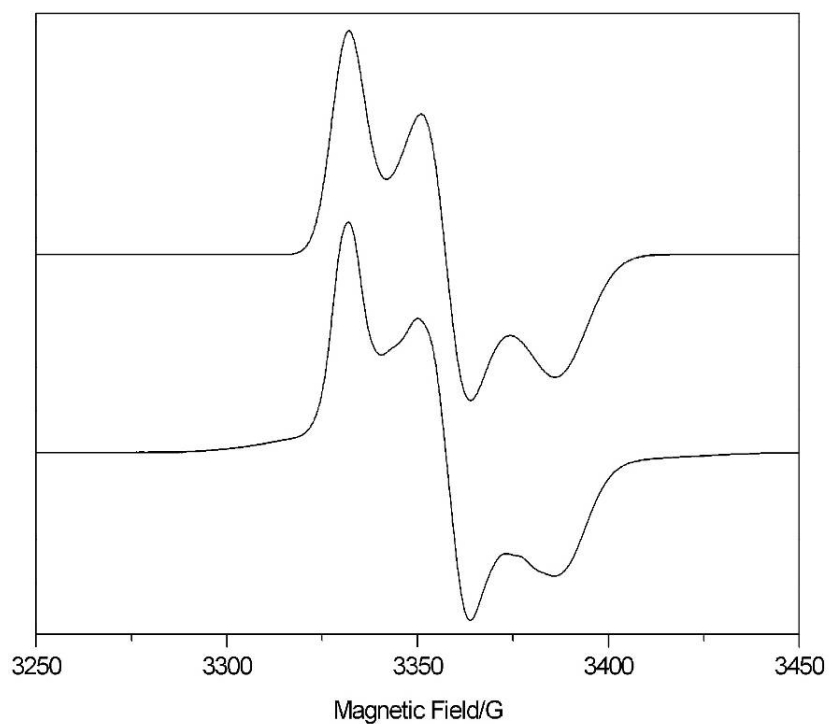
**Fig. S10** UV/vis spectra of [Cp<sub>2</sub>W(4-pedt)] (**9**) (solid line) and electrochemically generated [9]<sup>+</sup> (dashed line) in dmf containing [tBu<sub>4</sub>N][BF<sub>4</sub>] (0.2 M) at 273 K.



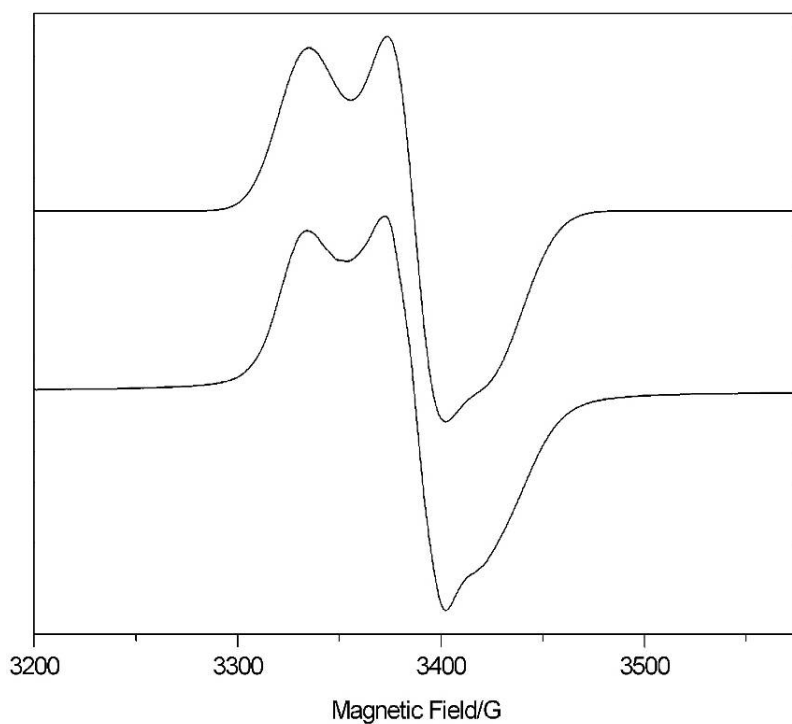
**Fig. S11** UV/vis spectra of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{W}(\text{qedt})]$  (**10**) (solid line) and electrochemically generated  $[\mathbf{10}]^+$  (dashed line) and  $[\mathbf{10}]^-$  (dotted line) in dmf containing  $[\text{tBu}_4\text{N}][\text{BF}_4]$  (0.2 M) at 273 K. For  $[\mathbf{2}]^+$  an absorption at 1046 nm was observed analogous to that of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{W}(\text{sdt})]^+$  (see Fig. S7).



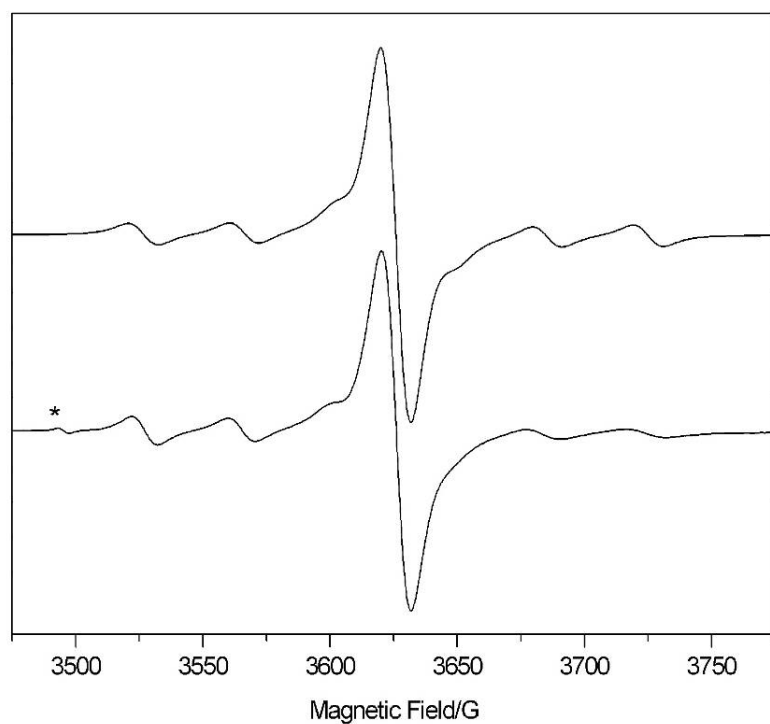
**Fig. S12** X-band EPR spectra of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{sdt})]^+$  ( $[\mathbf{1}]^+$ ): lower trace, spectrum recorded for electrochemically generated  $[\mathbf{1}]^+$  (1 mM) in dmf containing  $[\text{nBu}_4\text{N}][\text{BF}_4]$  (0.2 M) at 273 K; upper trace, simulation of the experimental spectrum using the parameters given in Table 4 and a Lorentzian line shape.



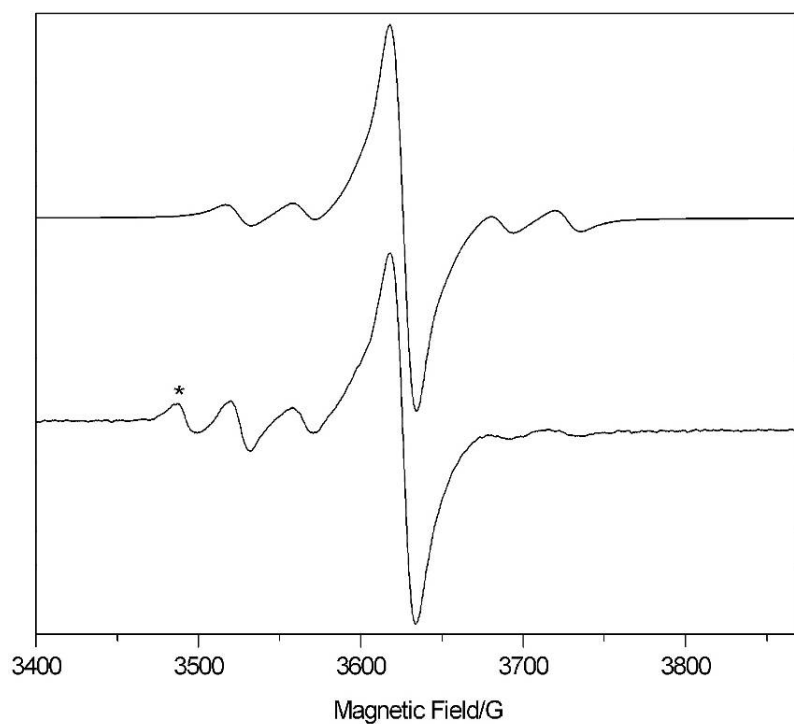
**Fig. S13** X-band EPR spectra of  $[1]^+$ : lower trace, spectrum recorded for  $[1]^+$  (1 mM) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ :dmf (4:1 v/v) at 77 K,  $[1]^+$  was generated by the oxidation of **1** with *ca.* 1 equivalent of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}][\text{BF}_4]$ ; upper trace, simulation of the experimental spectrum using the parameters given in Table 4 and a Gaussian line shape.



**Fig. S14** X-band EPR spectra of  $[6]^+$ : lower trace, spectrum recorded for  $[6]^+$  (1 mM) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ :dmf (4:1 v/v) at 77 K,  $[6]^+$  was generated by the oxidation of **6** with *ca.* 1 equivalent of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}][\text{BF}_4]$ ; upper trace, simulation of the experimental spectrum using the parameters given in Table 4 and a Gaussian line shape.



**Fig. S15** X-band EPR spectra of  $[3]^-$ : lower trace, spectrum recorded for electrochemically generated  $[3]^-$  (1 mM) in dmf containing  $[n\text{Bu}_4\text{N}][\text{BF}_4]$  (0.2 M) at 273 K; upper trace, simulation of the experimental spectrum using the parameters given in Table 4 and a Lorentzian line shape. \* indicates a small quantity of  $[3]^+$  generated at the secondary electrode during the *in situ* generation of  $[3]^-$



**Fig. S16** X-band EPR spectra of  $[5]^-$ : lower trace, spectrum recorded for electrochemically generated  $[5]^-$  (1 mM) in dmf containing  $[n\text{Bu}_4\text{N}][\text{BF}_4]$  (0.2 M) at 273 K; upper trace, simulation of the experimental spectrum using the parameters given in Table 4 and a Lorentzian line shape. \* indicates a small quantity of  $[5]^+$  generated at the secondary electrode during the *in situ* generation of  $[5]^-$ .



Geometry optimised structure of **1**

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H	1.25617	-1.18996	-2.69051
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**Energy:** -233.49440977 eV

Geometry optimised structure of [1]<sup>+</sup>

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**Energy:** -227.66471372 eV

Geometry optimised structure of [1]<sup>-</sup>

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**Energy:** -234.82671100 eV

Geometry optimised structure of **6**

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S	-1.60353	-0.00000	1.82297
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**Energy:** -233.58852039 eV

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**Energy:** -227.81724062 eV

Geometry optimised structure of [6]<sup>-</sup>

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**Energy:** -234.36972160 eV

Geometry optimised structure of **5**

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**Energy:** -266.93764740 eV

Geometry optimised structure of **10**

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