

Further Plots Showing the Luminescence Decay and Transient Absorbance of Wire:NOS Conjugates:

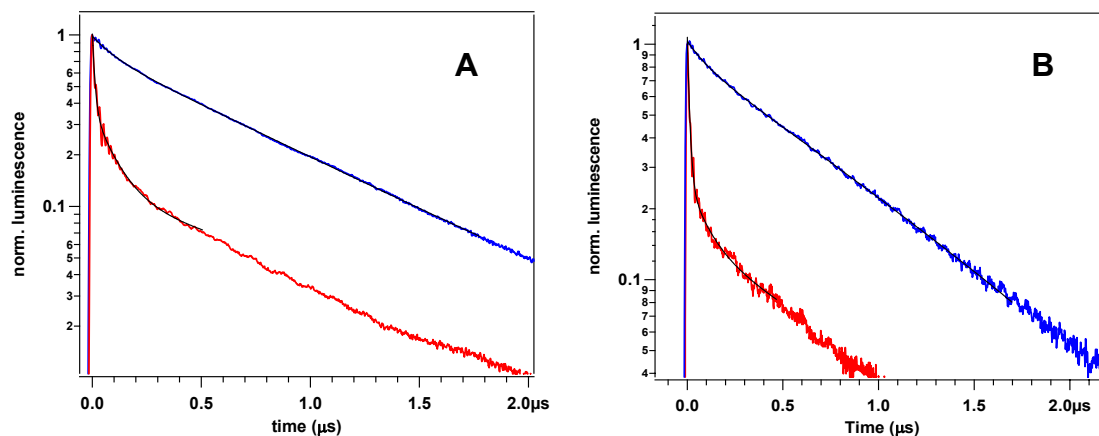


Figure S1. Semilog plot of luminescence at 560 nm vs. time for a) **2** (blue) and a 1:1 mixture of **2** and $\Delta 65$ (red) and b) **4** (blue) and a 1:1 mixture of **4** and $\Delta 65$ (red). The wire-only traces were fit to a bi-exponential decay with $k_{em1} = 1.0(1) \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $k_{em2} = 1.35(5) \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$. The protein plus wire traces were fit to three exponentials with k_{em1} and k_{em2} held constant at the values found for the wire-only traces. In the fits shown in black above, $k_{em3} = 9.1(6) \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$, a number that is indistinguishable from the instrument response.

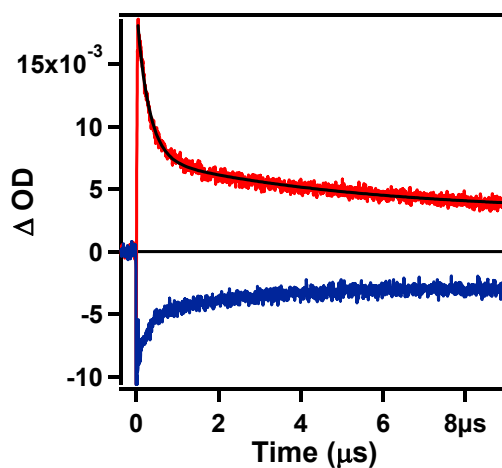


Figure S2. Transient absorbance of an approximate 1:1 mixture of **2** and $\Delta 65$ ($5 \mu\text{M}$) showing the prompt formation and initial decay of Fe(II). $\lambda_{ex} = 355 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{obs} = 445 \text{ nm}$ (red), $\lambda_{obs} = 422 \text{ nm}$ (blue), bi-exponential fit ($k_{b1} = 4(1) \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $k_{b2} = 2.1(1) \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$, black).

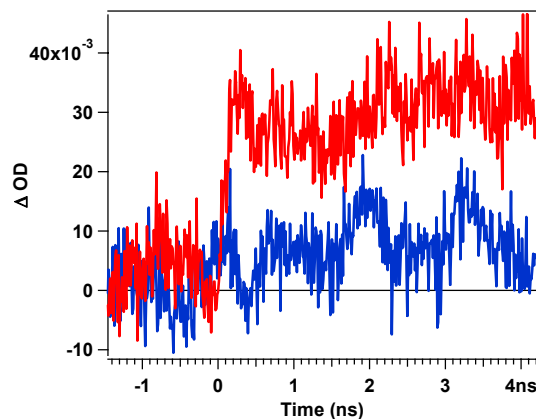


Figure S3. Transient absorbance at 442 nm of $\Delta 65$ (16 μM) bound to approximately 1.5 eq. **2** (red) or **4** (blue). The red trace shows the rapid formation (≤ 300 ps) of hemeFe(II) while the blue trace shows no indication of Fe(II) formation. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$ nm.

Simulation of the Proposed Electron Hopping Kinetics in Wire:NOS Conjugates:

The proposed electron hopping mechanism was simulated according to the expanded model shown in Scheme S1, leading to the following differential equations:

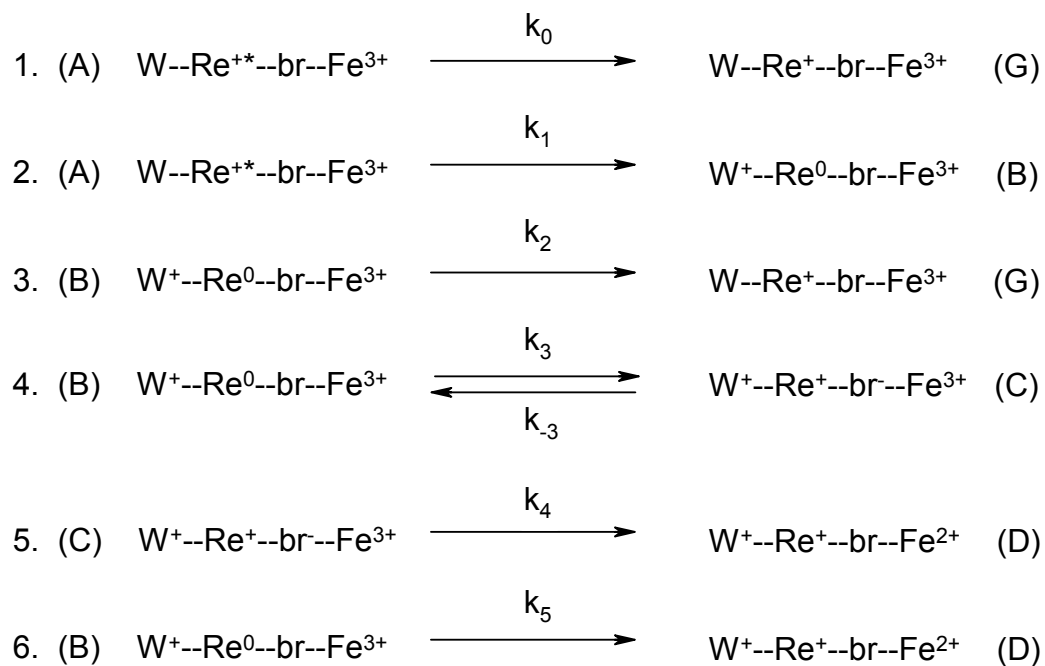
$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = -(k_0 + k_1)A \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = k_1A - (k_2 + k_3 + k_5)B + k_{-3}C \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = k_3B - (k_{-3} + k_4)C \quad (\text{S3})$$

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial t} = k_4C + k_5B \quad (\text{S4})$$

These equations were solved numerically in Matlab using the estimated distance and driving force parameters shown in Table S1 and $\lambda = 0.8$ V. The resulting ET kinetics are shown graphically in Figure S4.



Scheme S1. Expanded model for simulation of the hopping kinetics in photoexcited Re-Im-F₈bp-Im:Δ65.
br ≡ perfluorobiphenyl bridge.

Table S1. Distance and driving force parameters for simulation of hopping kinetics.

<i>Reaction (Scheme S1)</i>	<i>estimated r (Å)</i>	<i>estimated $-\Delta G$ (V)</i>
1	NA	NA
2	3	0.35
3	3	2.4
4	6	-0.1-0.2
4 (reverse)	6	0.1-0.2
5	6	1.15-1.25
6	20	1.05

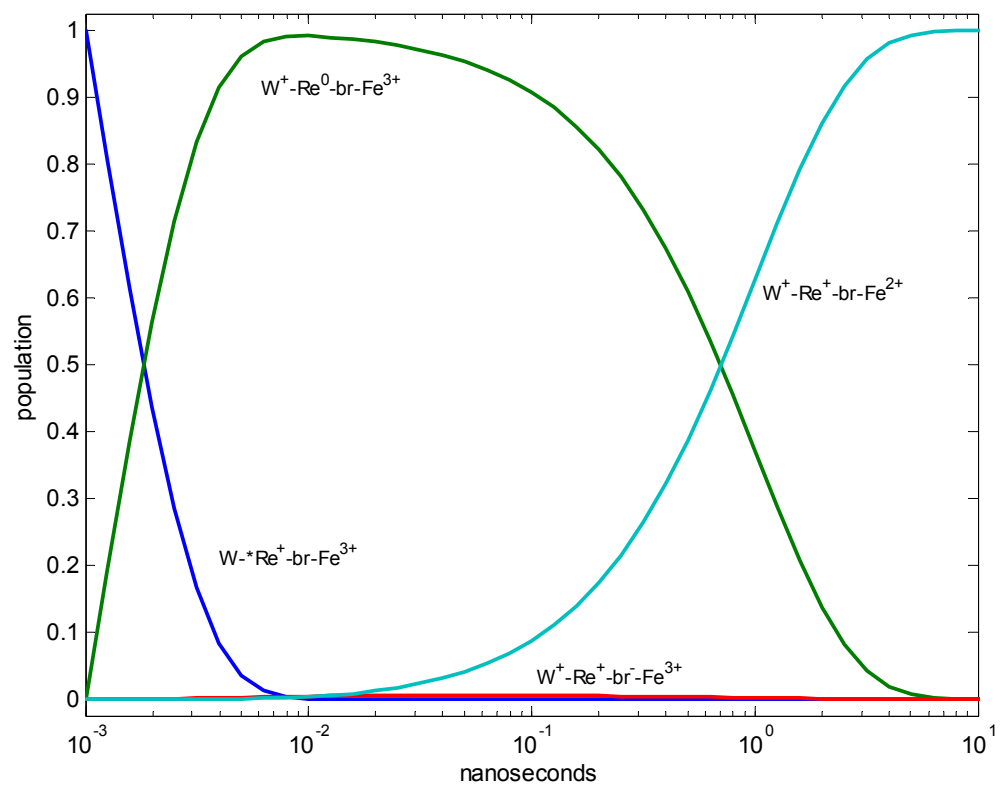


Figure S4. Simulation of the kinetics of formation and decay of the various redox states in the proposed hopping mechanism for ultrafast formation of Fe(II) (light blue trace).