

**Binding small molecules and ions to $[\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]^{2-}$ modulates rate of
protonation of the cluster**

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FIG S1 Absorbance-time curve for the reaction of $[\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]^{2-}$ (0.2 mmol dm^{-3}) with PhS^- ($1.25 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$) in the presence of NHBu_3^+ (5.0 mmol dm^{-3}) in the presence of Bu^iNC ($10.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$) in MeCN at $25.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ($\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$). The experimental trace is shown in black and the exponential curves fit is in grey. The curve is defined by the equation $A_t = 0.313 - (0.15e^{-7.4t}) - (0.068e^{-1.1t})$.

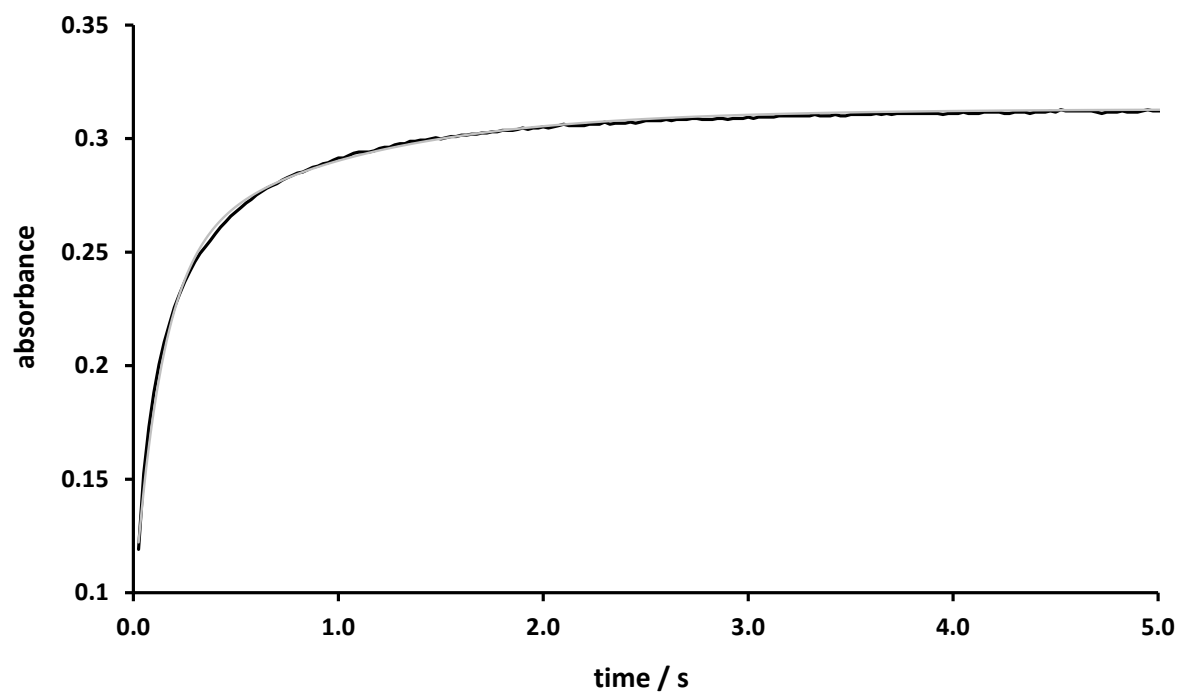


TABLE S1

Kinetic data for the Reaction of $[\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]^{2-}$ with PhSH in the Presence of NHBu_3^+ and X^- ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$, Br or I) in MeCN at 25.0 °C ($\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$).

$[\text{PhS}^-]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_e$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{X}^-]$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$k_{\text{obs}}(1) / \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obs}}(2) / \text{s}^{-1}$
X = Cl					
1.25	5.0	3.75	0.0	5.4	0.62
			1.0	3.7	0.57
			2.5	1.8	0.25
			5.0	2.0	0.27
			10.0	2.2	0.3
			20.0	2.95	0.39
			30.0	3.7	0.52
			40.0	4.4	0.64
			50.0	5.7	0.76
X = Br					
1.25	5.0	3.75	0.0	5.2	0.68
			1.0	5.1	0.72
			2.5	5.0	0.68
			5.0	5.2	0.66
			10.0	4.8	0.65
			20.0	4.7	0.64
X = I					
1.25	5.0	3.75	0.0	5.3	0.69
			1.0	5.5	0.70
			2.5	5.1	0.70
			5.0	5.1	0.67
			10.0	5.0	0.63
			20.0	4.8	0.62

TABLE S2

Kinetic data for the Reaction of $[\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]^{2-}$ with PhSH in the Presence of NHBu_3^+ and N_3^- in MeCN at 25.0 °C ($\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$).

$[\text{PhS}^-]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_e$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{N}_3^-]$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$k_{\text{obs}}(1) / \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obs}}(2) / \text{s}^{-1}$
1.25	5.0	3.75	0.0	5.1	0.60
			1.0	16	1.5
			2.5	20.1	1.9
			5.0	24.9	1.5
			10.0	34.6	1.2
			20.0	39.6	1.9
			30.0	45.6	1.2
			40.0	50.0	1.5
			50.0	50.0	1.6

TABLE S3

Kinetic data for the Reaction of $[\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]^{2-}$ with PhSH in the Presence of NHBu_3^+ and NCS^- in MeCN at 25.0 °C ($\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$).

$[\text{PhS}^-]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_e$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NCS}^-]$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$k_{\text{obs}}(1) / \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obs}}(2) / \text{s}^{-1}$
1.25	5.0	3.75	0	4.1	0.43
			1.0	11.9	1.2
			2.5	21.3	2.06
			5.0	26.6	2.7
			10.0	29.3	3.3
			20.0	37.5	3.6
			30.0	42.1	3.8
			40.0	44.1	3.9
			50.0	45.0	3.9
1.25	2.5	1.25	5.0	11.9	1.17
	5.0	3.75		25.4	2.4
	7.5	6.25		39.8	3.9
	10.0	8.75		45.6	4.8
	15.0	13.75		99.0	8.9
	25.0	23.75		116.0	12.2
	30.0	28.75		133.0	13.2
	40.0	38.75		146.0	12.9

TABLE S4

Kinetic data for the Reaction of $[\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]^{2-}$ with PhSH in the Presence of NHBu_3^+ and Bu^tNC in MeCN at 25.0 °C ($\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$).

$[\text{PhS}^-]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_e$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{Bu}^t\text{NC}]$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$k_{\text{obs}}(1) / \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obs}}(2) / \text{s}^{-1}$
1.25	5.0	3.75	0.0	5.2	0.60
			1.0	5.2	0.47
			2.5	5.6	0.47
			5.0	6.2	0.60
			10.0	7.4	1.1
			20.0	10.5	1.6
			30.0	12.9	1.6
			40.0	17.7	1.7
			50.0	19.3	1.7

TABLE S5

Kinetic data for the Reaction of $[\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]^{2-}$ with PhSH in the Presence of NHBu_3^+ and pyridine in MeCN at 25.0 °C ($\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$).

$[\text{PhS}^-]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_e$ / mmol dm^{-3}	[pyridine] / mmol dm^{-3}	$k_{\text{obs}}(1) / \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obs}}(2) / \text{s}^{-1}$
1.25	5.0	3.75	0.0	5.5	0.74
			1.0	7.0	0.90
			2.5	7.5	0.95
			5.0	8.5	1.09
			10.0	9.3	1.20
			20.0	10.9	1.48
			30.0	11.4	1.52
			40.0	13.0	1.8
			50.0	13.0	1.8

TABLE S6

Kinetic data for the Reaction of $[\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]^{2-}$ with PhSH in the Presence of NHBu_3^+ and substituted hydrazines (PhNHNH_2 , MeNHNH_2 and Me_2NNH_2) in MeCN at 25.0 °C ($\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$).

$[\text{PhS}^-]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_e$ / mmol dm^{-3}	[hydrazine] / mmol dm^{-3}	$k_{\text{obs}}(1) / \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obs}}(2) / \text{s}^{-1}$
hydrazine = PhNHNH_2					
1.25	5.0	3.75	0.0	5.1	0.60
			1.0	6.7	0.91
			2.0	5.4	0.76
			3.0	6.0	0.88
			4.0	7.7	0.97
			5.0	8.2	1.09
			7.5	9.2	1.10
			10.0	10.5	1.59
			15.0	10.5	1.62
			25.0	10.5	1.65
hydrazine = MeNHNH_2					
1.25	5.0	3.75	0.0	5.0	0.60
			1.0	27.6	3.3
			2.0	36.0	4.2
			3.0	45.9	3.9
			4.0	53.3	5.6
			5.0	59.4	6.5
			7.5	70.0	11.6
hydrazine = Me_2NNH_2					
1.25	5.0	3.75	0.0	5.0	0.6
			1.0	15.0	1.7
			2.0	17.0	2.1
			3.0	19.5	2.2
			4.0	21.0	2.6
			5.0	22.5	2.6
			7.5	24.5	3.2
			10.0	28.0	3.2
			15.0	30.0	3.5
			25.0	32.5	3.9

TABLE S7Kinetic data for the Reaction of $[\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]^{2-}$ with PhSH in the Presence of NHBu_3^+ and CN^- in MeCN at 25.0 °C ($\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$).

$[\text{PhS}^-]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_e$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{CN}^-]_i$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{CN}^-]_e$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$[\text{HCN}]_e$ / mmol dm^{-3}	$k_{\text{obs}}(1) / \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obs}}(2) / \text{s}^{-1}$
$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_i \leq ([\text{PhS}^-]_i + [\text{CN}^-]_i)$							
1.25	2.5	0.0	1.75	0.50	1.25	34.4	3.7
			2.0	0.75		47.3	3.1
			2.25	1.00		61.7	4.7
2.50	5.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	2.50	43	3.7
			3.5	1.0		61	4.4
			3.75	1.25		93.7	7.0
			4.0	1.50		97.5	8.4
			4.25	1.75		128.5	13.7
			4.5	2.00		159.8	25.1
5.0	10.0	0.0	5.50	0.50	5.0	33.4	3.2
			5.75	0.75		50.1	5.4
			6.0	1.00		70.4	7.3
			6.25	1.25		83.3	8.2
			6.5	1.50		118.2	11.2
			6.75	1.75		138.4	12.5
			7.0	2.00		145.0	13.2

$[\text{PhS}^-]_i$ / mmol dm ⁻³	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_i$ / mmol dm ⁻³	$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_e$ / mmol dm ⁻³	$[\text{CN}^-]_i$ / mmol dm ⁻³	$[\text{CN}^-]_e$ / mmol dm ⁻³	$[\text{HCN}]_e$ / mmol dm ⁻³	$k_{\text{obs}}(1) / \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obs}}(2) / \text{s}^{-1}$
$[\text{NHBu}_3^+]_i \geq ([\text{PhS}^-]_i + [\text{CN}^-]_i)$							
1.25	2.50	0.25	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.92	0.23
	5.00	2.75				4.0	0.50
	10.0	7.75				6.0	0.71
	15.0	12.75				8.5	0.88
	25.0	22.75				11.5	1.18
	30.0	27.75				13.5	1.34
	40.0	37.75				18.7	1.60
1.25	10.0	5.75	3.0	0.0	3.0	5.5	0.64
	15.0	10.75				9.4	0.90
	25.0	20.75				13.2	1.47
	30.0	25.75				15.1	1.60
	40.0	35.75				18.0	2.15