

Supplementary Information

“Divergent Lewis- and Bronsted-Basicities of Diiron Dithiolates:
Remarkable Effects of Ethane- vs. Propanedithiolate”

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I. Preparative Methods.

II. Spectroscopic Data.

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IV. Crystallography (CIF file is separate).

I. Preparative Work

General: Unless otherwise indicated, reactions were conducted using Schlenk techniques at room temperature. Chemicals were purchased from Aldrich, and solvents were either HPLC-grade from an alumina filtration system or distilled under nitrogen over an appropriate drying agent. NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature on a Varian Mercury 500 MHz spectrometer. NMR chemical shifts are quoted in ppm (δ scale); spectra are referenced to TMS for ^1H , $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ and 85% H_3PO_4 for $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$. FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Mattson Infinity Gold FTIR spectrometer. AlBr_3 (Aldrich) and $\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$ (Strem) were used as received but handled in a glovebox. CD_2Cl_2 was dried over P_2O_5 , distilled onto CaH_2 , and then redistilled.

$\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{CO})_2(\text{dppv})_2$, **1.** A solution of 0.50 g (0.702 mmol) of $\mathbf{1}(\text{CO})_4$ in 50 mL toluene was treated with 0.28 g (0.702 mmol) of dppv in 10 mL toluene. The mixture was photolyzed with a 100 W UV immersion lamp, $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 356$ nm (Spectroline), until the conversion was complete (~12 h) as indicated by IR spectroscopy. The solvent was

removed in vacuum, and product was extracted into 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The product precipitated as an olive-green powder upon the addition of 50 mL of hexanes. Crystals were grown by slow diffusion of hexanes into a CH₂Cl₂ solution. Yield: 0.56 g (76%). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 8.1 – 7.2 (m, 40H, P(C₆H₅)₂), 4.3 (s, 2H, P(CH)₂P), 1.2 (s, 4H, S(CH₂)₂S). ³¹P NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 93.2 at 20 °C; 95.8 (J_{P-P} = 21 Hz), 92.2 (J_{P-P} = 22 Hz) at -60 °C. IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν_{CO} = 1888, 1868 cm⁻¹. FD-MS: m/z = 1052.2 ([Fe₂(S₂C₂H₄)(CO)₂(dppv)₂]). Anal. Calcd for C₅₆H₄₈Fe₂O₂P₄S₂ (found): C, 63.87 (63.48); H, 4.60 (4.54).

Fe₂(S₂C₃H₆)(CO)₂(dppv)₂, **2** was prepared similarly. Yield: 0.52 g (72%). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 8.0 – 7.3 (m, 40H, P(C₆H₅)₂), 4.3 (s, 2H, P(CH)₂P), 1.2 (s, 4H, SCH₂CH₂), 0.9 (m, 2H, SCH₂CH₂). ³¹P NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 90.8, 79.8 at 20 °C, 97.0, 88.5, 80.9 at -80 °C. IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν_{CO} = 1888, 1868 cm⁻¹. FD-MS: m/z = 1066.6 ([Fe₂(S₂C₃H₆)(CO)₂(dppv)₂]). Anal. Calcd for C₅₇H₅₀Fe₂O₂P₄S₂ (found): C, 64.18 (63.42); H, 4.72 (4.65).

Reaction of 1 with AlBr₃. A J-Young NMR tube was charged with 15.0 mg (0.0142 mmol) of **1** and 4.0 mg (0.0142 mmol) of AlBr₃. The tube was evacuated and cooled to 78K to allow ~2 mL of CD₂Cl₂ to be distilled onto the mixture. The solution was allowed to warm up in a -40 °C bath. NMR data was then collected at -20 °C. ³¹P NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -20 °C): δ 91.7, 91.2, 90.6, 83.0.

Reaction of 2 with AlBr₃. A J-Young NMR tube was charged with 15.0 mg (0.0141 mmol) of **2** and 4.0 mg (0.0142 mmol) of AlBr₃. The tube was evacuated and cooled to 78K to allow ~2 mL of CD₂Cl₂ to be distilled onto the mixture. The solution

was allowed to warm up in a -40 °C bath. NMR data was then collected at -20 °C. ^{31}P NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , -20 °C): δ 100.4, 92.3, 86.7, 69.3.

Reactions of 1 with $\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$. A J-Young NMR tube was charged with 6.0 mg (0.0057 mmol) of **1** and 3.0 mg (0.0057 mmol) of $\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$. The tube was evacuated and cooled to 78K to allow ~1 mL of CD_2Cl_2 to be distilled onto the mixture. The solution was allowed to warm up in a -40 °C bath. NMR data was then collected at -20 °C.

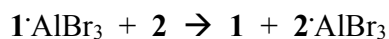
Reaction of 2 with $\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$. A J-Young NMR tube was charged with 6.0 mg (0.0056 mmol) of **2** and 3.0 mg (0.0057 mmol) of $\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$. The tube was evacuated and cooled to 78K to allow ~1 mL of CD_2Cl_2 to be distilled onto the mixture. The solution was allowed to warm up in a -40 °C bath. NMR data was then collected at -20 °C.

Reaction of 1 and 2 with $\text{H}(\text{OEt}_2)_2\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4$. A J-Young NMR tube was charged with 8.0 mg (0.0076 mmol) of **1** and 8.0 mg (0.0075 mmol) of **2**. The tube was evacuated and cooled to 78K to allow ~1 mL of CD_2Cl_2 to be distilled onto the mixture. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and the contents dissolved. The mixture was then cooled to 78K and 7.6 mg (0.0075 mmol) of solid $\text{H}(\text{OEt}_2)_2\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4$ placed on top of the frozen solution. The J-Young tube was evacuated and allowed to warm to room temperature. The ^1H NMR and ^{31}P NMR spectrum obtained after 30 min and 24 h were identical, indicating a mixture of unreacted **1**, **2** and 1H^+ , 2H^+ .

^{31}P NMR at t = 30 min: δ 93.1, 90.8 (**1** and **2**), 90.5, 90.4 ($[\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\mu\text{-H})(\text{CO})_2(\text{dppv})_2]^+$, 1H^+): 88.9, 87.9, 84.3, 82.7, 76.8 ($[\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)(\text{m-H})(\text{CO})_2(\text{dppv})_2]^+$, 2H^+).

Competition between 1 and 2 for AlBr_3 . Treatment of 10 equiv of **1**, 1 equiv of **2**, with 2 equiv AlBr_3 resulted in quantitative conversion of **2**:

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K_{eq} was calculated with the following assumptions:

1) $[\mathbf{2} \cdot \text{AlBr}_3] = 0.95$ (we conservatively assume that we cannot detect 5% of the original 1 equiv).

2) $[\mathbf{1}] = 8.95$ (1 equiv of a original 10 was consumed by AlBr_3 , plus the 0.05 equiv left that did not react fully with $\mathbf{2}$)

3) $[\mathbf{2}] = 0.05$ (we can detect 95% conversion of this one equivalent)

4) $[\mathbf{1} \cdot \text{AlBr}_3] = 1.05$, see #2

$$K = \frac{[\mathbf{2} \cdot \text{AlBr}_3][\mathbf{1}]}{[\mathbf{2}][\mathbf{1} \cdot \text{AlBr}_3]} = \frac{(0.95)(8.95)}{(0.05)(1.05)} = 162$$

Check #1 $[\mathbf{2} \cdot \text{AlBr}_3] + [\mathbf{2}] = 1$ (we started with 1 equiv $\mathbf{2}$)

Check #2 $[\mathbf{1}] + [\mathbf{1} \cdot \text{AlBr}_3] = 10$ (we started with 10 equiv $\mathbf{1}$)

Check #3 $[\mathbf{2} \cdot \text{AlBr}_3] + [\mathbf{1} \cdot \text{AlBr}_3] = 2$ (we started with 2 equiv AlBr_3)

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$$\Delta G > -10.9$$

II. Selected Spectra

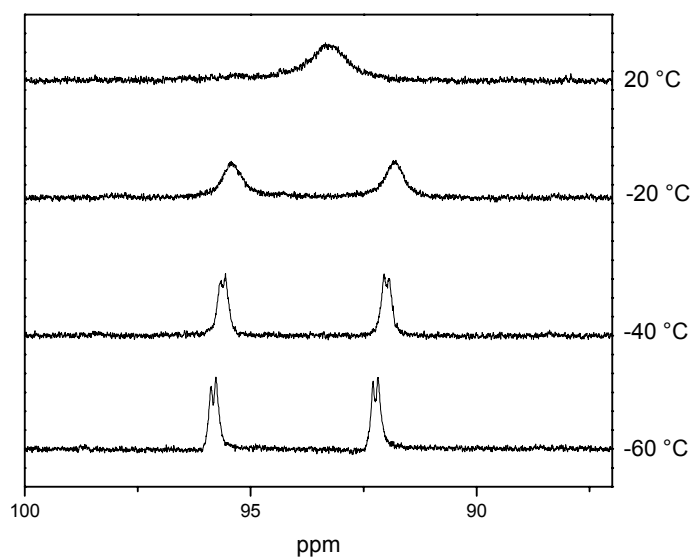


Figure 1S. 202 MHz ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{CO})_2(\text{dppv})_2$ (CD_2Cl_2) recorded at various temperatures.

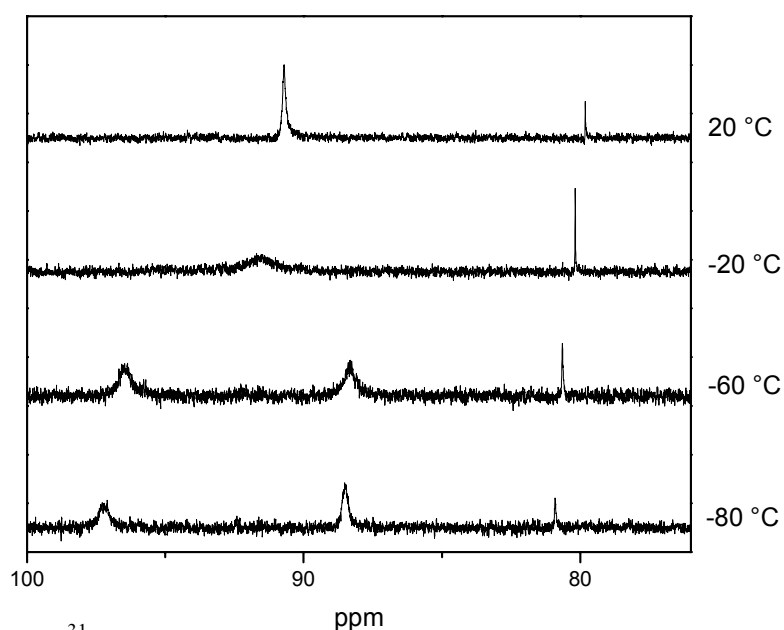


Figure 2S. 202 MHz ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)(\text{CO})_2(\text{dppv})_2$ (CD_2Cl_2) recorded at various temperatures.

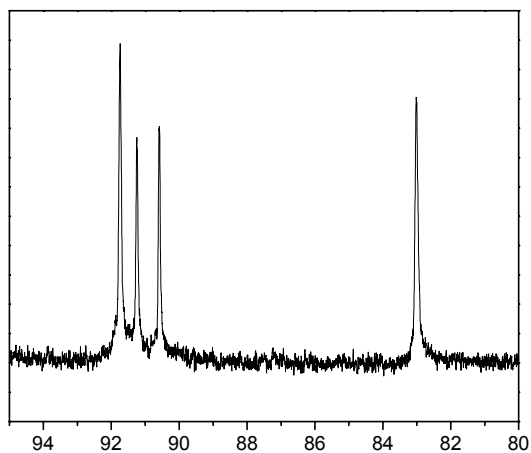


Figure 3S. 202 MHz ³¹P NMR spectrum of a 1:1 mixture of AlBr₃ + Fe₂(S₂C₂H₄)(CO)₂(dppv)₂ (CD₂Cl₂) at -20 °C.

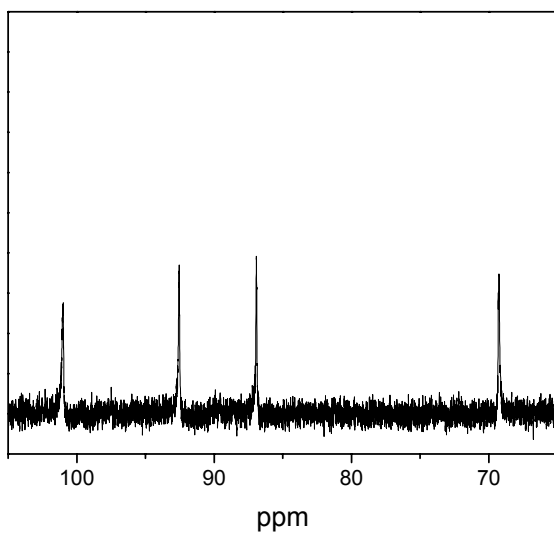


Figure 4S. 202 MHz ³¹P NMR spectrum of a 1:1 mixture of AlBr₃ + Fe₂(S₂C₃H₆)(CO)₂(dppv)₂ (CD₂Cl₂) at -20 °C.

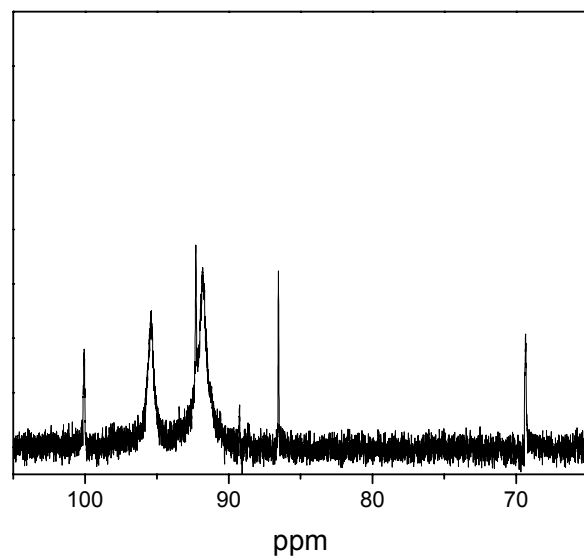


Figure 5S. 202 MHz ³¹P NMR spectrum of a 1:1 mixture of $\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{CO})_2(\text{dppv})_2$ + $\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)(\text{CO})_2(\text{dppv})_2$ with 1 equiv. of $\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$ at -20°C .

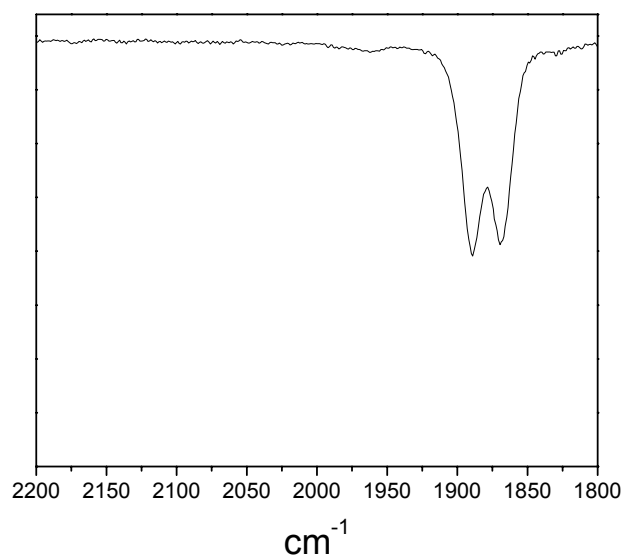


Figure 6S. IR spectrum of $\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)(\text{CO})_2(\text{dppv})_2$ in CH_2Cl_2 .

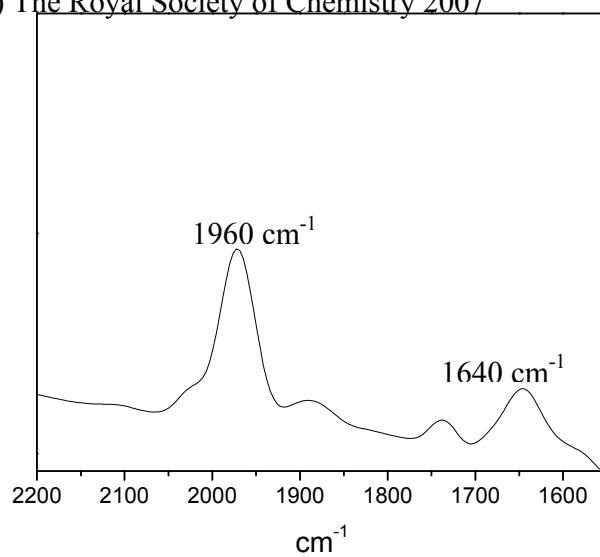


Figure 7S. IR spectrum of $\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{CO})_2(\text{dppv})_2$ and AlBr_3 in CH_2Cl_2 at $-30 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

III. Computational work

DFT calculations were carried out using the pure B-P86 functional [A. D. Becke, *Phys. Rev. A* **1988**, 38, 3098; J. P. Perdew, *Phys. Rev. B* **1986**, 33, 8822] along with a valence triple- ζ basis set plus polarization functions on all atoms [A. Schafer, C. Huber, R. Ahlrichs, *J. Chem. Phys.* **1994**, 100, 5829]. Stationary points of the energy hypersurface were located using energy gradient techniques and full vibrational analysis has been carried out to further characterize each stationary point.

1. *Prototypical input parameters (i.e. "control" file) used for RI-DFT energy minimization calculations (for keyword meaning, please refer to any TURBOMOLE manual which is freely available on-line; only the bottom line is explicitly described since it concerns the energy convergence criterion)*
- 2.

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Gradient are evaluated only if the integer in $scfconv is > 6)
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2. *Coordinates (XYZ) of the optimized structures (stationary point of the PES, subsequently characterized as minima) discussed throughout the paper.*

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$\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PH}_3)_4(\text{CO})(\text{COAlBr}_3)$, μ -CO isomer

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$\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{CO})_2(\text{dppv})_2$ (**1**)

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H	6.552664	5.779949	5.452334
H	7.554830	4.175947	7.046416

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H	7.604987	1.739534	6.506447
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H	9.947845	5.917072	-2.453271
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$\text{Fe}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)(\text{CO})_2(\text{dppv})_2$ (**2**)

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1-AlBr₃ adduct (μ -CO isomer)

C	4.811004	6.125373	5.655030
C	4.550765	5.178402	4.648562
C	3.771264	4.056435	4.947279
C	3.257774	3.875215	6.235494
C	3.525041	4.813922	7.233663
C	4.303063	5.940441	6.941780
P	5.277279	5.407908	2.951218
C	4.826365	7.194658	2.631387
C	3.533113	7.656612	2.935677
C	3.166513	8.975010	2.652004

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C	4.084253	9.851479	2.062687
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C	7.088275	5.534744	3.285083
Fe	2.961958	2.388418	0.628137
S	2.746264	4.515620	1.433701
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C	3.194410	5.018939	-1.290775
S	4.297302	3.572132	-0.849468
P	0.971850	2.151755	-0.351329
C	0.767859	0.360919	-0.776635
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P	3.471413	0.336925	-0.213889
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C	0.076894	4.161088	-4.486890
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O	1.917115	1.320397	3.137466
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O	5.497725	1.507621	2.883473
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C	8.262664	2.937565	0.407965
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C	6.638148	6.417785	-1.015293
Br	4.417809	0.050765	5.729167
Br	7.556656	-1.009733	3.738941
H	0.370735	3.618954	2.158770
H	-1.717677	4.037113	3.427210

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H	6.096773	10.075704	1.301256
H	6.746458	7.738925	1.787871
H	3.568253	3.314938	4.175103
H	2.666443	2.985543	6.454026
H	3.133140	4.667167	8.241645
H	4.517264	6.676246	7.719267
H	5.401942	7.016504	5.433293

2-AlBr₃ adduct (μ -CO isomer)

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C	3.282130	3.887705	6.268992
C	3.554094	4.824047	7.268146
C	4.327277	5.952939	6.973663
P	5.266587	5.443554	2.971174
C	4.826125	7.236513	2.669452
C	3.546009	7.712987	3.003133
C	3.184436	9.032281	2.718107
C	4.095756	9.895952	2.100298
C	5.371641	9.430142	1.769104

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C	7.880253	5.053893	2.347896
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Fe	2.964102	2.392082	0.645657
S	2.671048	4.478910	1.570436
C	1.987647	5.690484	0.331724
C	3.404436	4.985052	-1.668584
C	2.966594	6.114696	-0.747731
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S	4.310119	3.561444	-0.869587
P	0.970228	2.134245	-0.344466
C	0.778968	0.338378	-0.749838
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P	3.488199	0.331198	-0.207974
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C	2.347965	1.680962	2.122887
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O	5.461006	1.570307	2.813913
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Br	4.397316	0.093993	5.659534
Br	7.524009	-0.952437	3.650784
H	0.341871	3.518418	2.216143

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H	1.578799	2.699767	-5.261037
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H	10.536247	7.123927	-1.513205
H	8.880558	8.501193	-2.774906
H	6.440699	8.049274	-2.508302
H	5.674734	6.242803	-0.974563
H	8.258733	3.344768	-1.721950

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H	9.857757	1.515158	-2.217309
H	10.730759	0.078647	-0.376373
H	9.976913	0.485831	1.972852
H	8.420685	2.326992	2.478865
H	8.971065	5.069246	2.424164
H	7.454113	6.021630	4.206417
H	2.834828	7.051175	3.500669
H	2.188924	9.389214	2.989175
H	3.814224	10.927981	1.884632
H	6.093268	10.097226	1.293944
H	6.731632	7.756939	1.779759
H	3.573006	3.336442	4.204040
H	2.695788	2.995384	6.489878
H	3.170415	4.673395	8.278757
H	4.546622	6.686682	7.751565
H	5.411610	7.036325	5.460314

IV. X-ray Crystallography

Crystals were mounted using Paratone-N oil (Exxon) to a thin glass fiber. Data, collected at 198 K on a Siemens CCD diffractometer, were filtered to remove statistical outliers. The integration software (SAINT) was used to test for crystal decay as a bi-linear function of X-ray exposure time and $\sin(\Theta)$. The data were solved using SHELXTL by Direct Methods; atomic positions were deduced from an E map or by an unweighted difference Fourier synthesis. H atom U^s were assigned as $1.2U_{eq}$ for adjacent C atoms. Non-H atoms were refined anisotropically. Successful convergence of the full-matrix least-squares refinement of F^2 was indicated by the maximum shift/error for the final cycle. Crystallographic data is listed in Table 1S.

Table 1S. Details of data collection and structure refinement for **1**.

Compound	1
Chemical formula	$C_{56}H_{48}Fe_2O_2P_4S_2$
Temperature (K)	193(2)
Crystal size (mm^3)	0.36 x 0.09 x 0.03
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
a (Å)	10.9417(7)
b (Å)	17.3546(10)
c (Å)	26.1713(15)
α (°)	90.0
β (°)	97.901 (2)
γ (°)	90.0
V (Å ³)	4922.5 (5)
Z	4
Density calcd ($Mg\ m^{-3}$)	1.420
μ (Mo K_{α} , mm^{-1})	0.71073
max./min. trans'n	0.9750/0.7444
reflections meas'd/Indep.	21096/20391
data/restraints/parameters	20391/0/598
GOF on F^2	0.808
R_{int}	0.00 ^c
R_1 [$I > 2\sigma$] (all data) ^a	0.0374 (0.0797)
WR_2 [$I > 2\sigma$] (all data) ^b	0.0506 (0.0569)
max. peak/hole ($e^{-}/\text{Å}^3$)	0.463/-0.433

$$^a R_1 = \Sigma |F_o| - |F_c| / \Sigma |F_o|$$

$$^b wR_2 = \{ [w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2] / \Sigma [wF_o^2] \}^{1/2}, \text{ where } w = 1/\sigma^2(F_o)$$

