

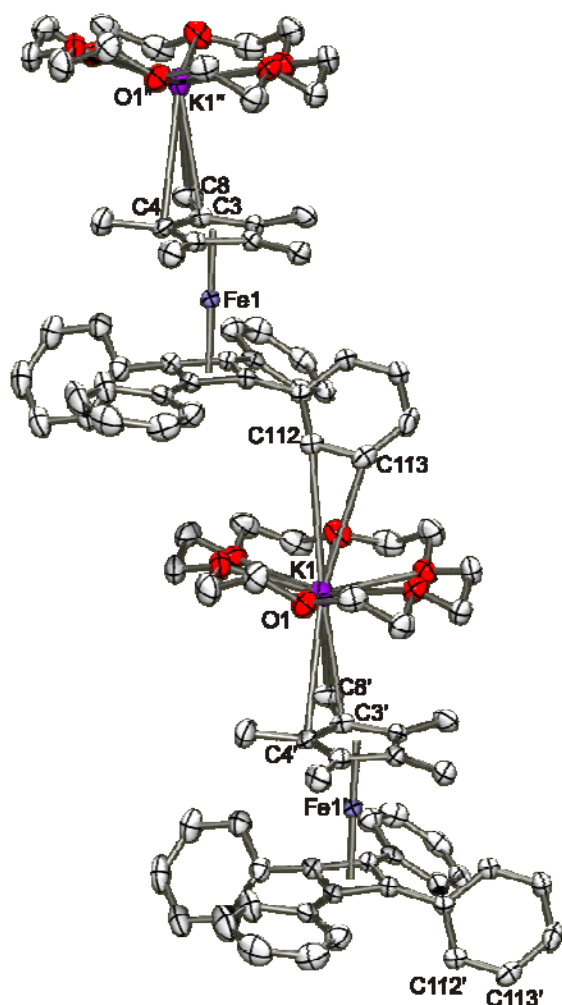
ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

A reactive iron naphthalene complex provides convenient access to the Cp^*Fe^- synthon ($\text{Cp}^* = \text{C}_5\text{Me}_5$)

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1. Graphical representation of the polymeric arrangement of **2** in the solid state.



Selected bond lengths (Å):

K1–C112 3.539(3), K1–C113 3.478(3) Å
K1–C3' 3.270(3) Å, K1–C4' 3.373(3) Å,
K1–C8' 3.435(3) Å