

**Supplementary Information for**

**Synthesis of a Monocationic  $\mu$ -Nitrido-Bridged Iron  
Porphycene Dimer and its Methane Oxidation Activity**

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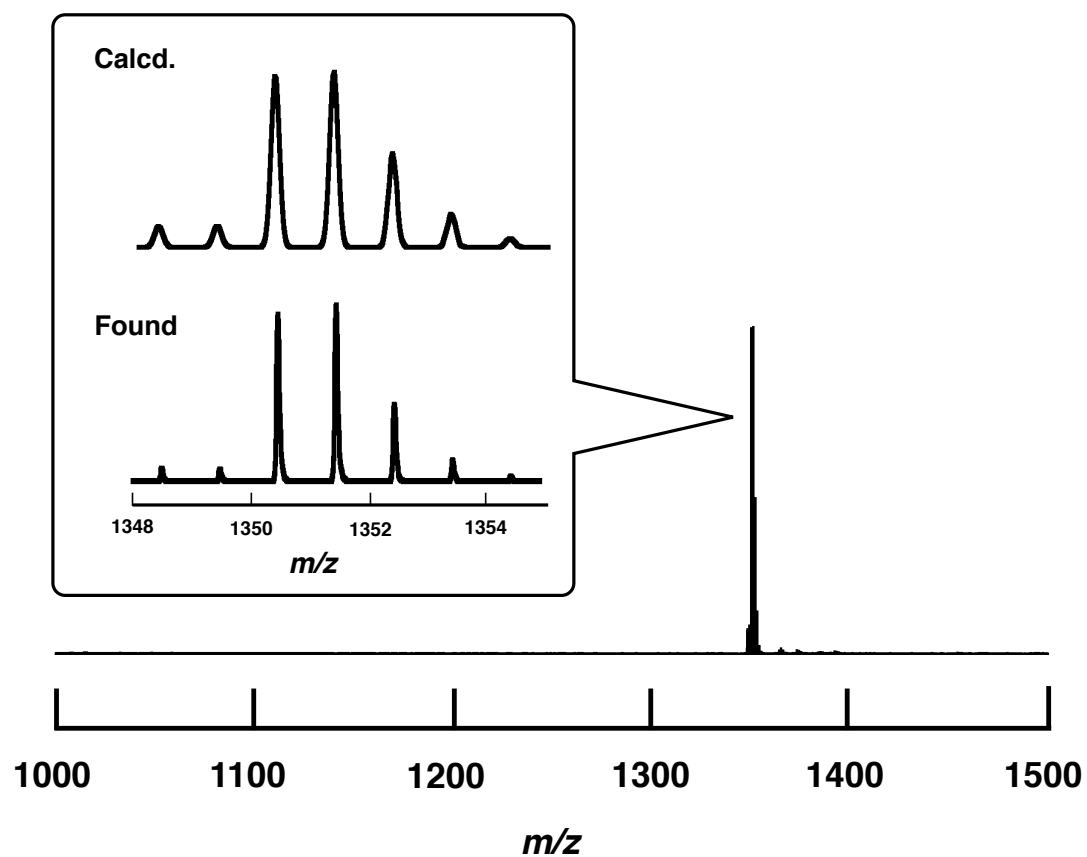
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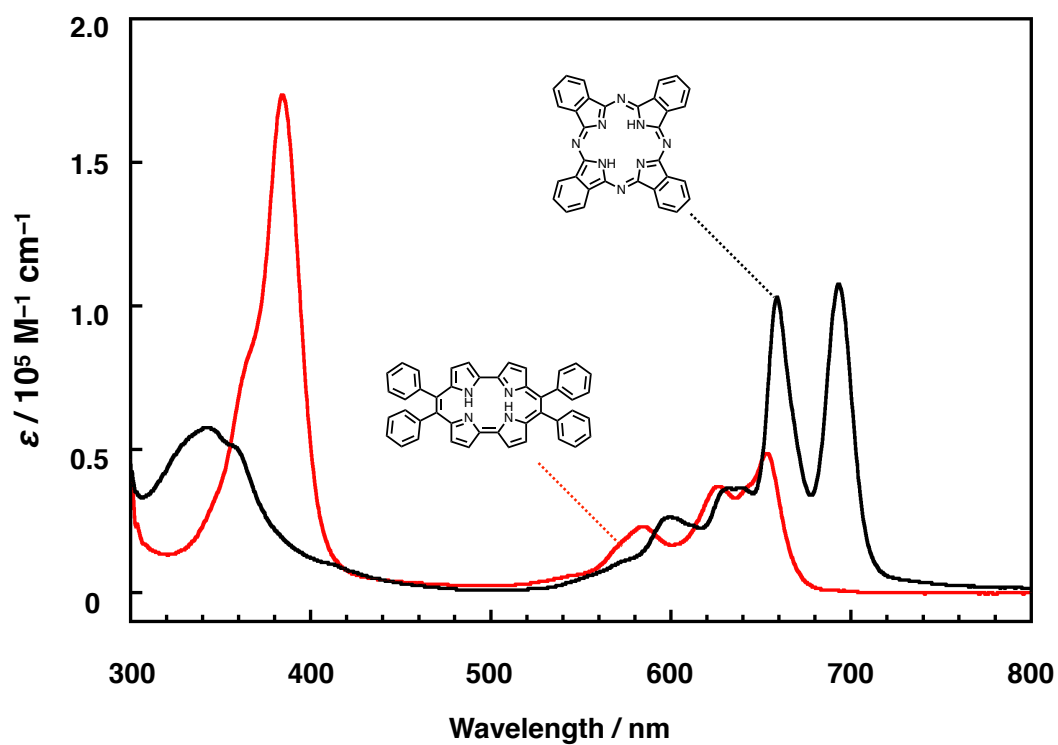
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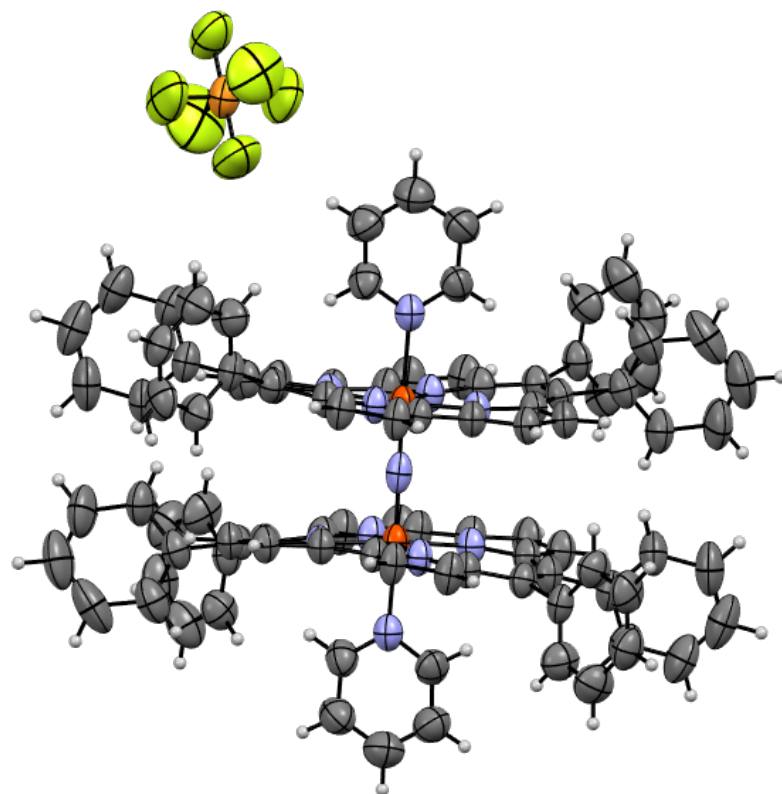
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**Figure S1.** MALDI-TOF spectrum of  $2^+\cdot\text{PF}_6^-$ . Inset: Comparison of the calculated and observed isotopic distribution patterns of  $[2]^+$ .



**Figure S2.** Comparison of UV-Vis spectra of a metal-free phthalocyanine and a metal-free porphycene in pyridine at 20 °C. [Substrate] = 2.0  $\mu\text{M}$ .



**Figure S3.** ORTEP representation of  $2^+\cdot\text{PF}_6^-$ . Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at a 50% probability level. The solvents ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) and a distorted coordinating pyridine were omitted for clarity.

**Table S1.** Amounts of the oxidized products observed in the reactions under methane (1.0 MPa) atmosphere using  $\mathbf{2^+ \cdot PF_6^- / SiO_2}$  as a catalyst.

Entry	Catalyst	Reaction Time / h	Gas	Additive	[CH <sub>3</sub> OH] / mM	[HCHO] / mM	[HCOOH] / mM	TTN <sub>eff</sub>
1	$\mathbf{2^+ \cdot I^- / SiO_2}$	8	CH <sub>4</sub> (1.0 MPa)	...	0.21	0.18	0.32	8
2	$\mathbf{2^+ \cdot I^- / SiO_2}$	16	CH <sub>4</sub> (1.0 MPa)	...	0.27	0.32	1.00	31
3	$\mathbf{2^+ \cdot I^- / SiO_2}$	24	CH <sub>4</sub> (1.0 MPa)	...	0.29	0.29	1.74	69
4	$\mathbf{2^+ \cdot I^- / SiO_2}$	32	CH <sub>4</sub> (1.0 MPa)	...	0.30	0.49	1.90	99
5	$\mathbf{2^+ \cdot I^- / SiO_2}$	48	CH <sub>4</sub> (1.0 MPa)	...	0.27	0.35	3.43	179
6	$\mathbf{2^+ \cdot I^- / SiO_2}$	24	CH <sub>4</sub> (1.0 MPa)	100 mM Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	0.16	0.09	0.23	18

All reactions were performed in the presence of methane (1.0 MPa), H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (189 mM), and TFA (51 mM) in H<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mL) containing a  $\mathbf{2^+ \cdot PF_6^- / SiO_2}$  (55 μM as  $\mathbf{2^+ \cdot PF_6^-}$ ). Concentrations of the oxidized products observed in the presence of methane are the mean values of three different reactions. TTN<sub>eff</sub> values were calculated using equations (i) , (ii) in the main text.

**Table S2.** Amounts of the oxidized products observed in the reactions under N<sub>2</sub> (1.0 MPa) atmosphere (in the absence of methane) using **2<sup>+</sup>·PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>**/SiO<sub>2</sub> as a catalyst.

Entry	Catalyst	Reaction Time / h	Gas	Additive	[CH <sub>3</sub> OH] / mM	[HCHO] / mM	[HCOOH] / mM	TTN(N <sub>2</sub> )
1	<b>2<sup>+</sup>·I</b> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	8	N <sub>2</sub> (1.0 MPa)	...	0.11	0.15	0.23	20
2	<b>2<sup>+</sup>·I</b> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	16	N <sub>2</sub> (1.0 MPa)	...	0.13	0.08	0.64	39
3	<b>2<sup>+</sup>·I</b> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	24	N <sub>2</sub> (1.0 MPa)	...	0.11	0.10	0.64	40
4	<b>2<sup>+</sup>·I</b> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	32	N <sub>2</sub> (1.0 MPa)	...	0.11	0.05	0.40	25
5	<b>2<sup>+</sup>·I</b> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	48	N <sub>2</sub> (1.0 MPa)	...	0.10	0.06	0.34	22
6	<b>2<sup>+</sup>·I</b> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	24	N <sub>2</sub> (1.0 MPa)	100 mM Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	0.11	0.06	0.16	12

All reactions were performed in the absence of methane (under N<sub>2</sub> (1.0 MPa) atmosphere), H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (189 mM), and TFA (51 mM) in H<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mL) containing a **2<sup>+</sup>·PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>**/SiO<sub>2</sub> (55 μM as **2<sup>+</sup>·PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>**). Concentrations of the oxidized products observed in the presence of methane are the mean values of three different reactions. TTN(N<sub>2</sub>) values were calculated using equation (ii) in the main text.

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