

Supporting Information

Functionalized nickel(II)-iron(II) dithiolates as biomimetic models of [NiFe]-H₂ases

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1. IR and ^1H (^{13}C , ^{31}P) NMR spectra of $[1](\text{PF}_6)_2$

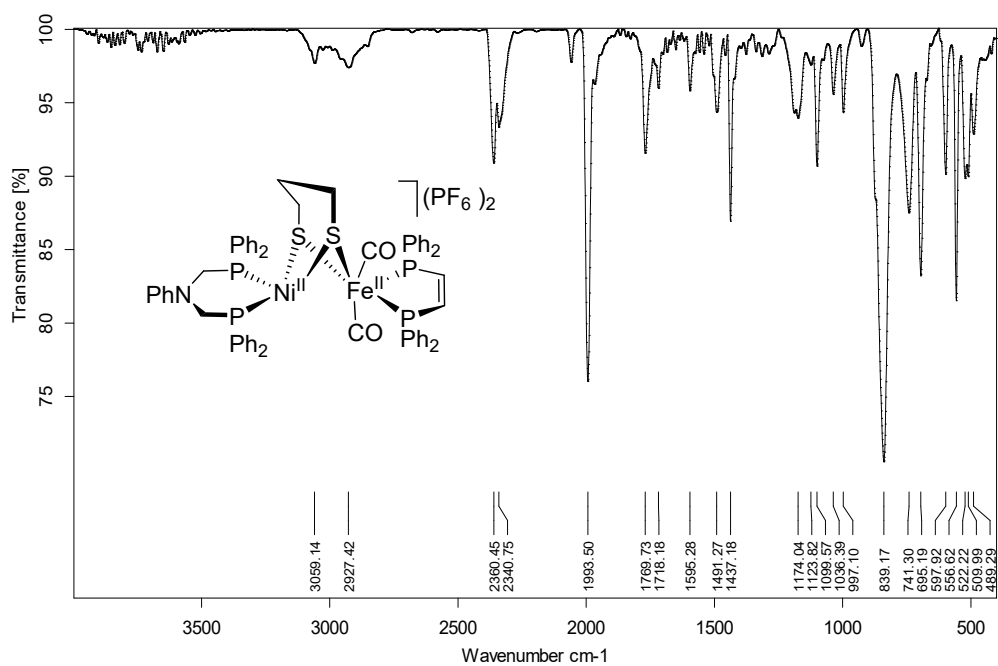


Fig. S1 IR spectrum of $[1](\text{PF}_6)_2$

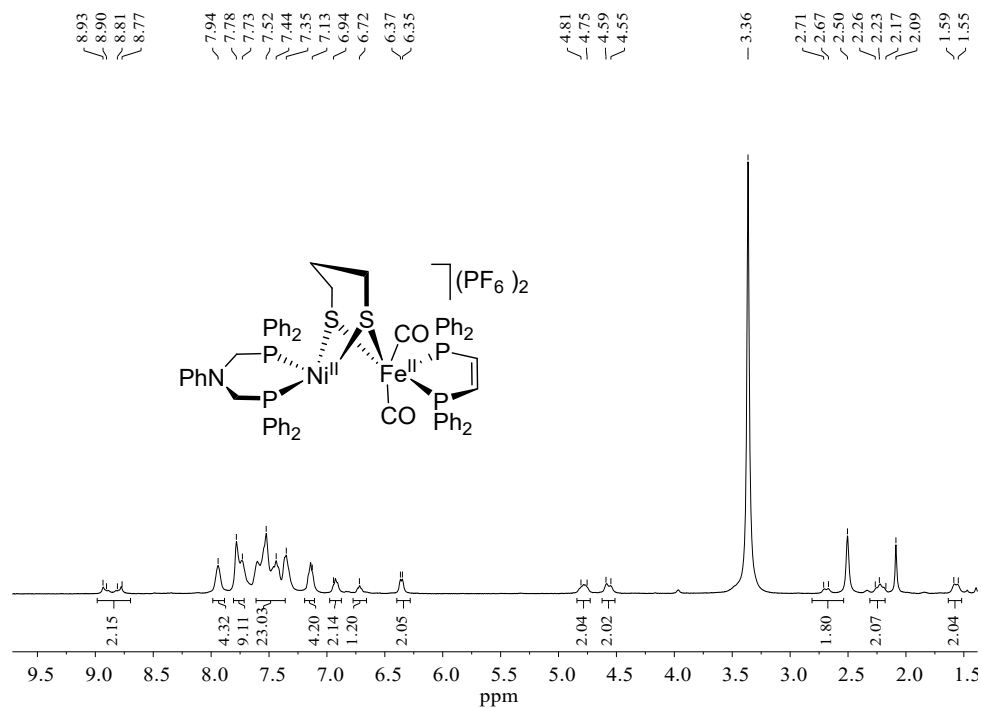


Fig. S2 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[1](\text{PF}_6)_2$

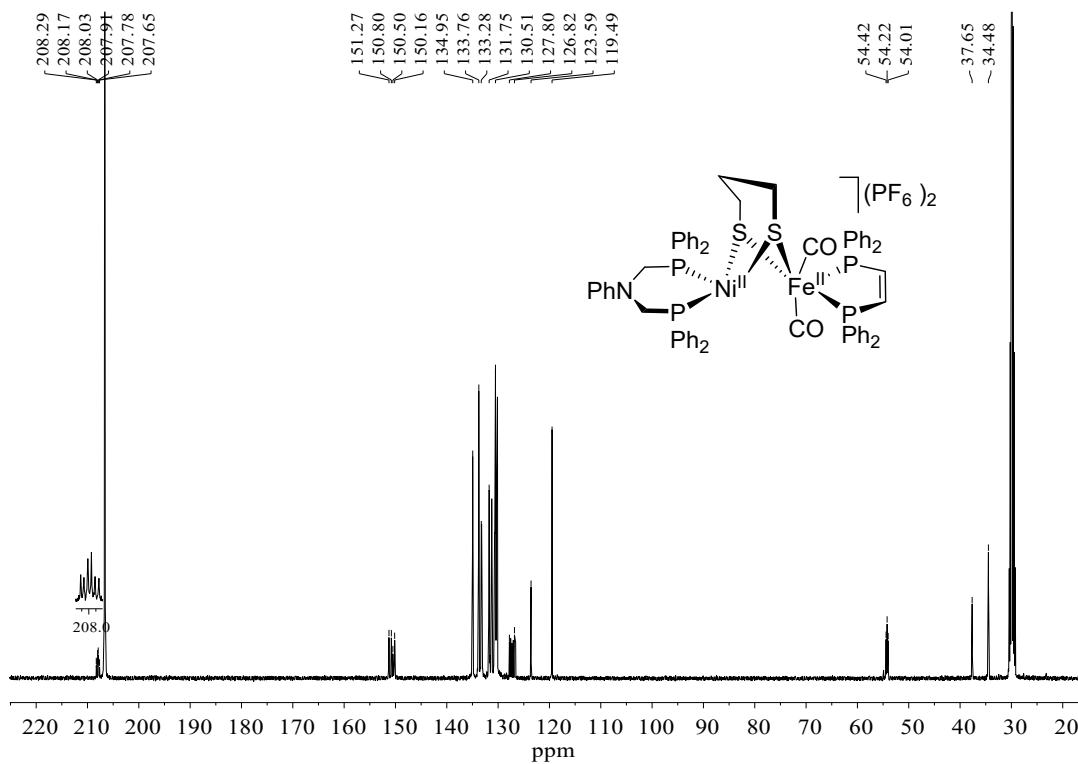


Fig. S3 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[1](PF_6)_2$

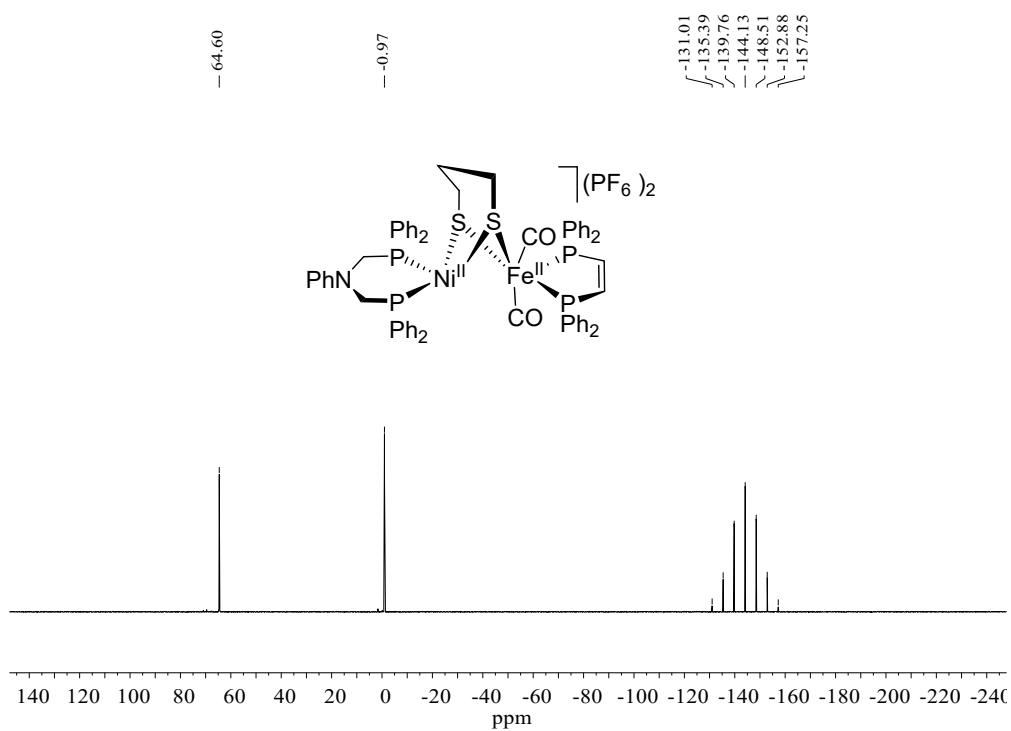


Fig. S4 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $[1](PF_6)_2$

2. In situ IR spectra showing the terminal CO changes of starting material $[\text{C}](\text{BF}_4)_2$, intermediate \mathbf{m}_2 and product $[\mathbf{3}]\text{BF}_4$ during reaction of $[\text{C}](\text{BF}_4)_2$ with Me_3NO in pyridine.

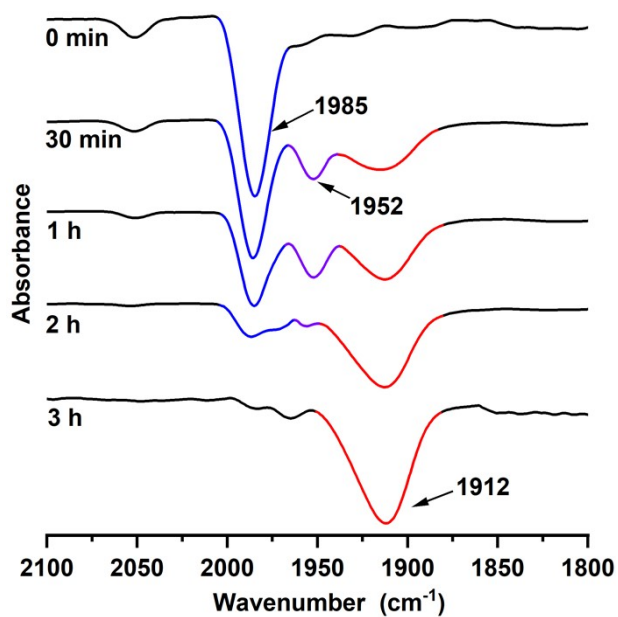


Fig. S5 In situ IR spectra showing the terminal CO changes of starting material $[\text{C}](\text{BF}_4)_2$, intermediate \mathbf{m}_2 and product $[\mathbf{3}]\text{BF}_4$ during reaction of $[\text{C}](\text{BF}_4)_2$ with Me_3NO in pyridine.

3. IR and ^1H (^{13}C , ^{31}P) NMR spectra of $[\mathbf{2}]\text{PF}_6$

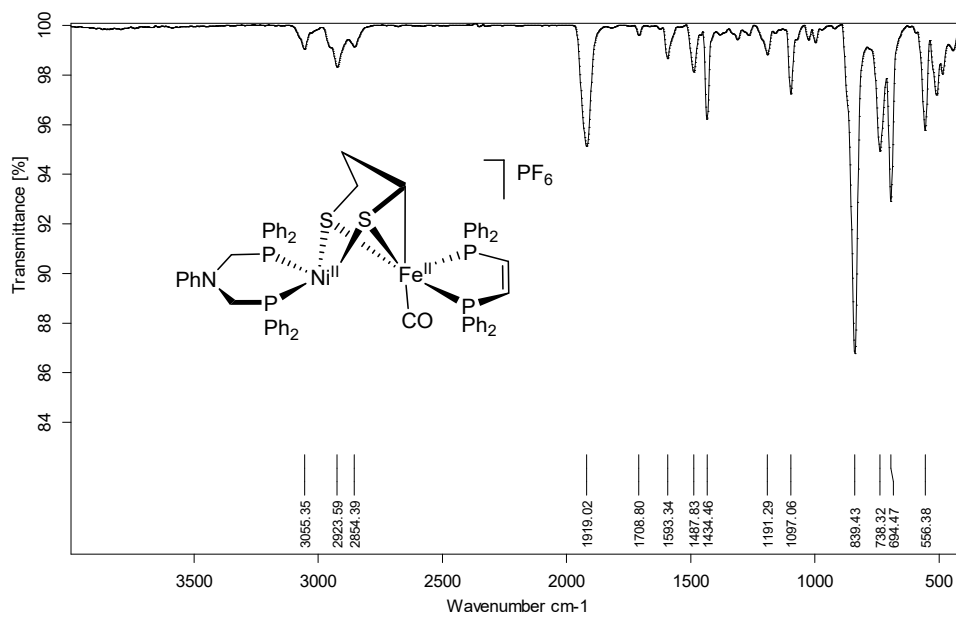


Fig. S6 IR spectrum of $[\mathbf{2}]\text{PF}_6$

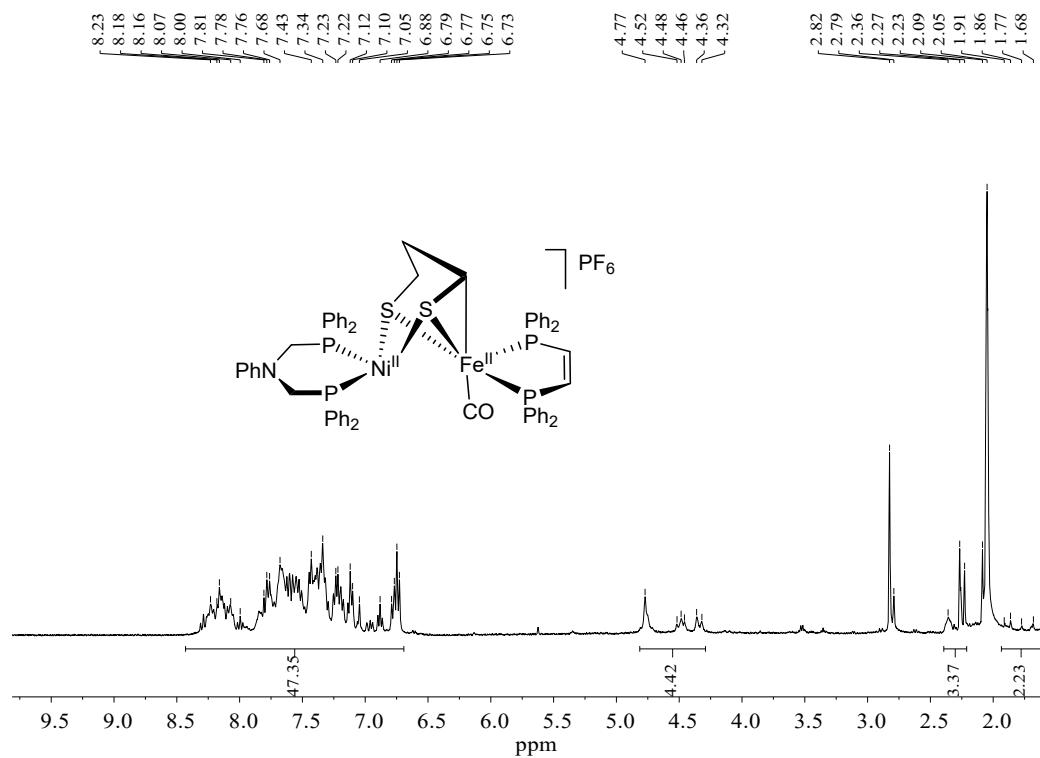


Fig. S7 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\mathbf{2}]\text{PF}_6$

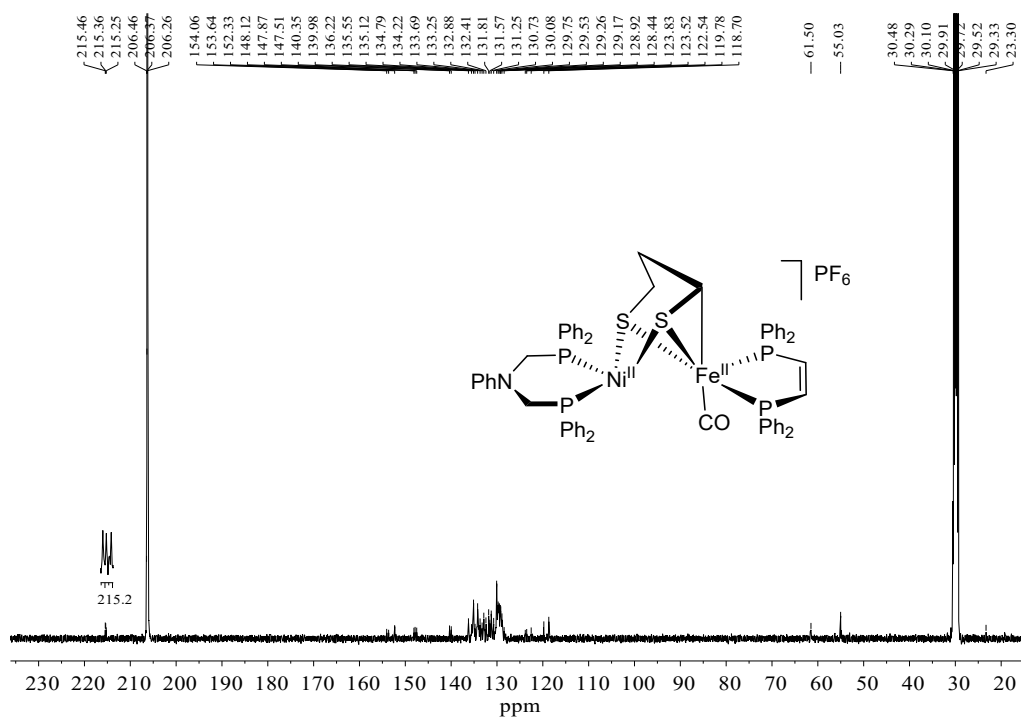


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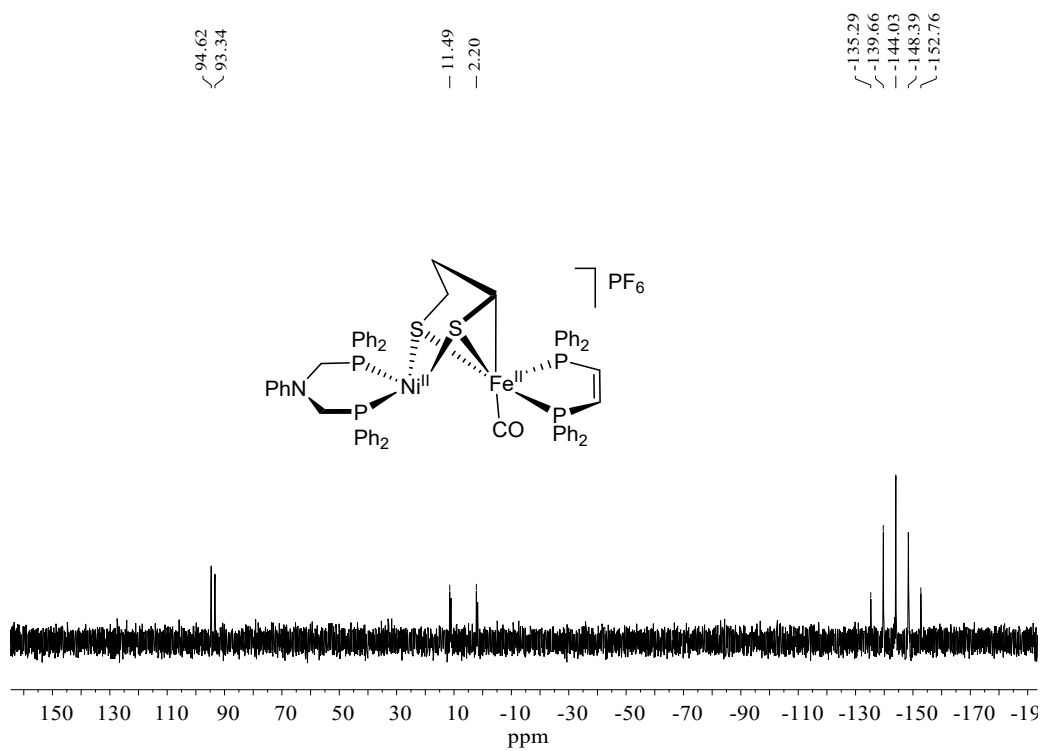


Fig. S9 ³¹P NMR spectrum of $[2]PF_6$

4. IR and ^1H (^{13}C , ^{31}P) NMR spectra of $[\mathbf{3}]\text{BF}_4$

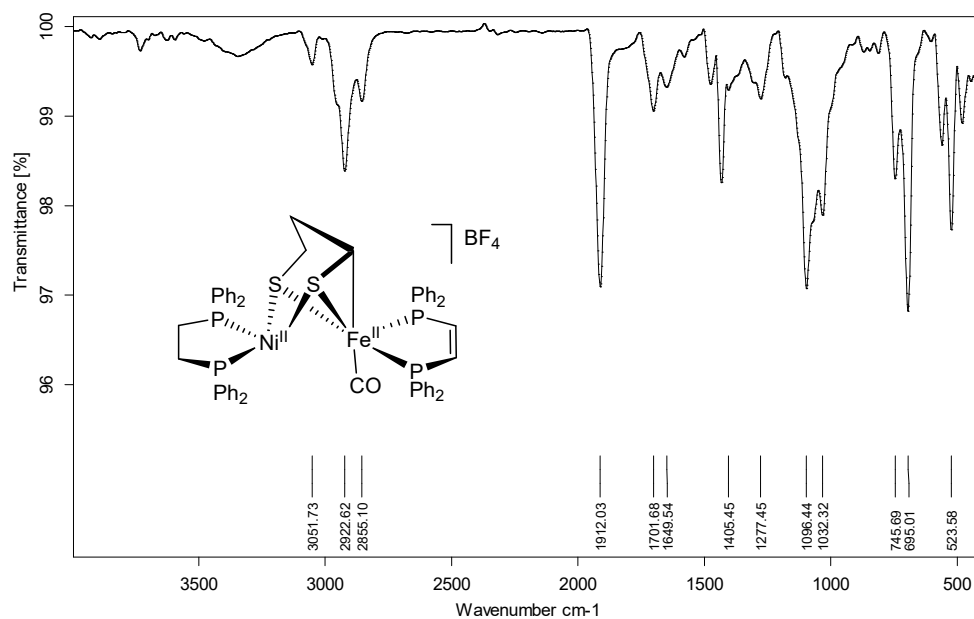


Fig. S10 IR spectrum of $[\mathbf{3}]\text{BF}_4$

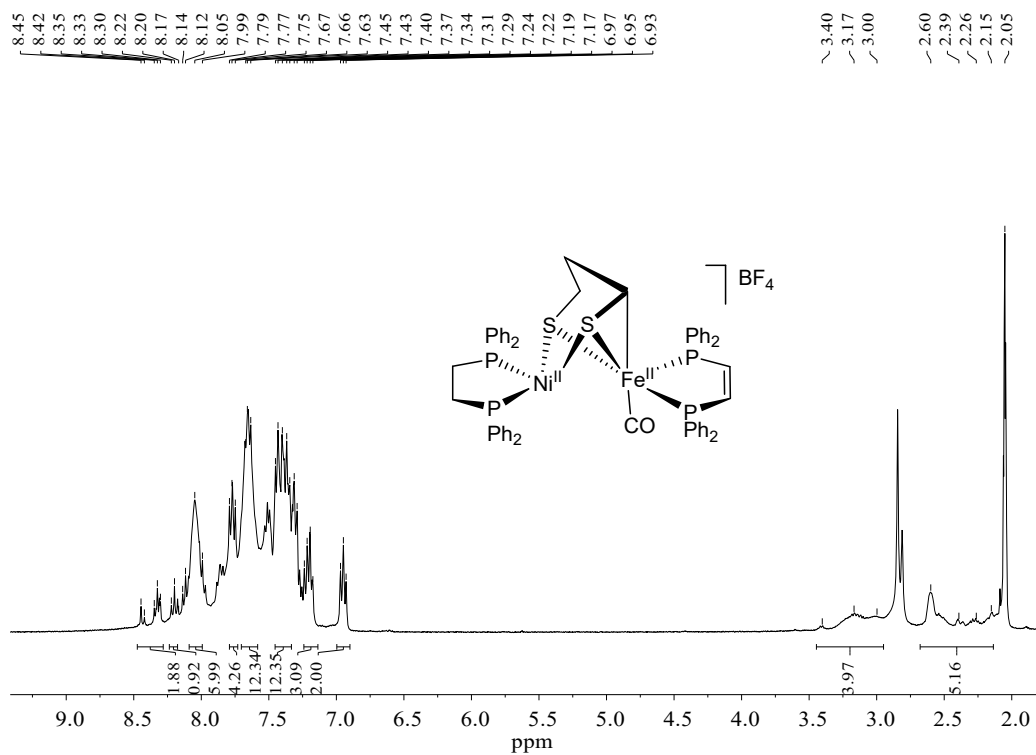


Fig. S11 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\mathbf{3}]\text{BF}_4$

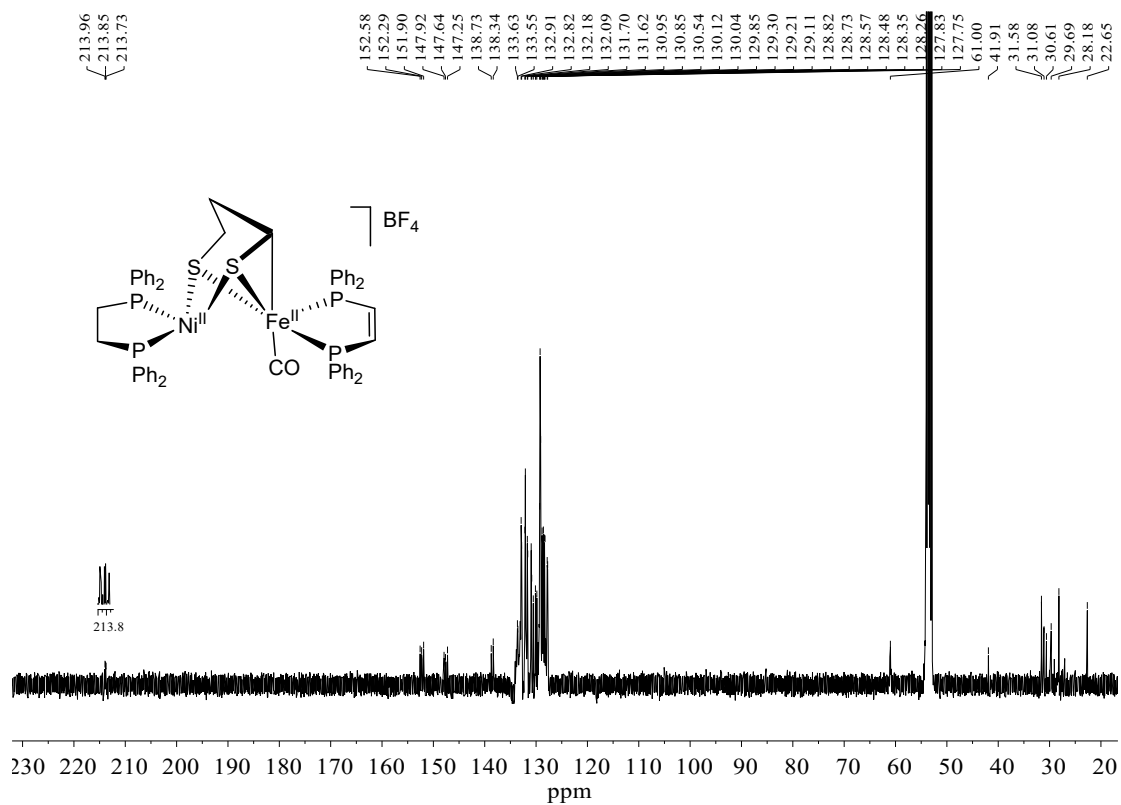


Fig. S12 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[3]BF_4$

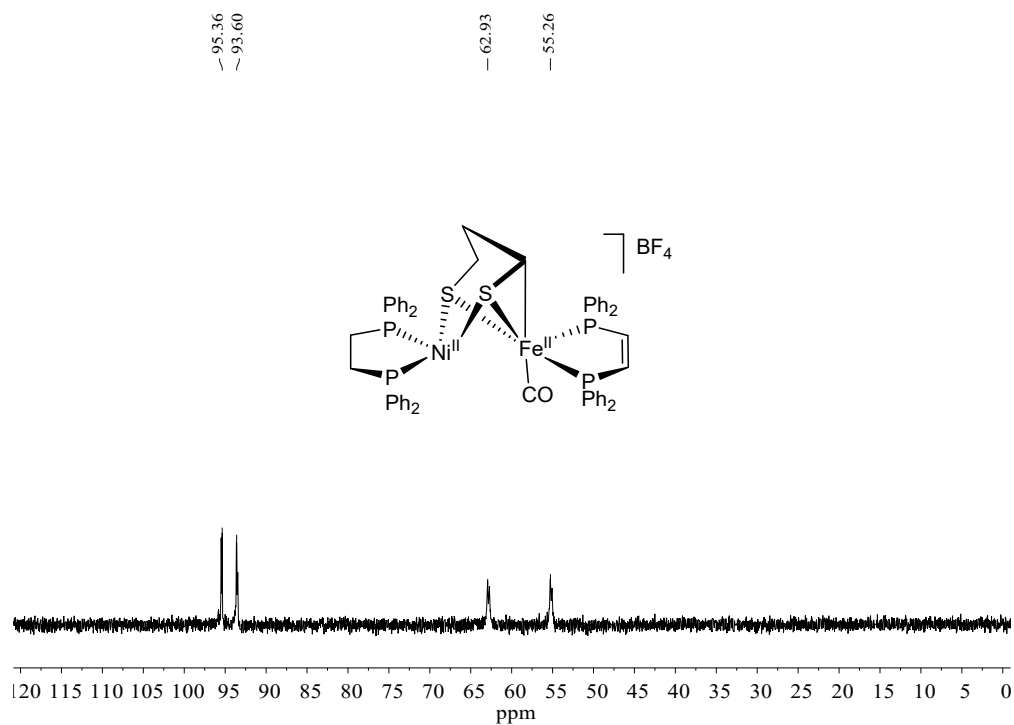


Fig. S13 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $[3]BF_4$

5. Bulk electrolysis for the two-electron reduction of $[\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})_2]_2$ and the one-electron reduction of $[\mathbf{2}]\text{PF}_6$

The reduction event for $[\mathbf{2}]\text{PF}_6$ is a one-electron process since their final Q values determined by bulk electrolysis are close to half that of the known two-electron reduction process of dimer $[\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})_2]_2$.^{1,2}

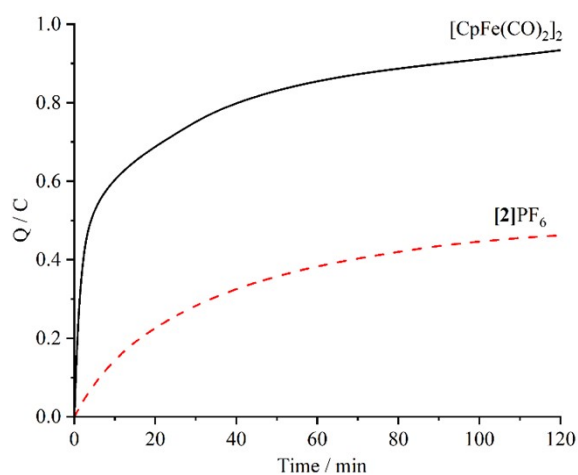


Fig. S14 Bulk electrolysis for the two-electron reduction of $[\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})_2]_2$ and the one-electron reductions for the first reduction event of $[\mathbf{2}]\text{PF}_6$.

6. Plots of i_p versus $v^{1/2}$ for the reduction peaks of $[\mathbf{2}]\text{PF}_6$

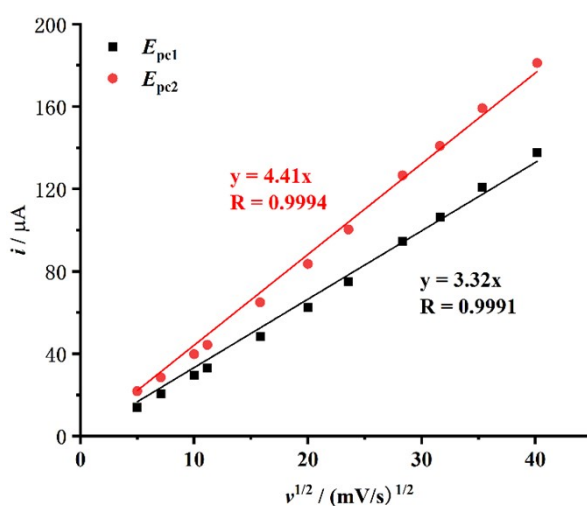


Fig. S15 Plots of i_p versus $v^{1/2}$ for the first and second reduction peaks of $[\mathbf{2}]\text{PF}_6$ with their correlation coefficient R values.

7. In situ IR spectra showing the terminal CO changes of starting material $[1](PF_6)_2$, intermediate m_3 and product $[4]PF_6$ during reaction of $[1](PF_6)_2$ with Me_3NO and HCO_2H in acetone.

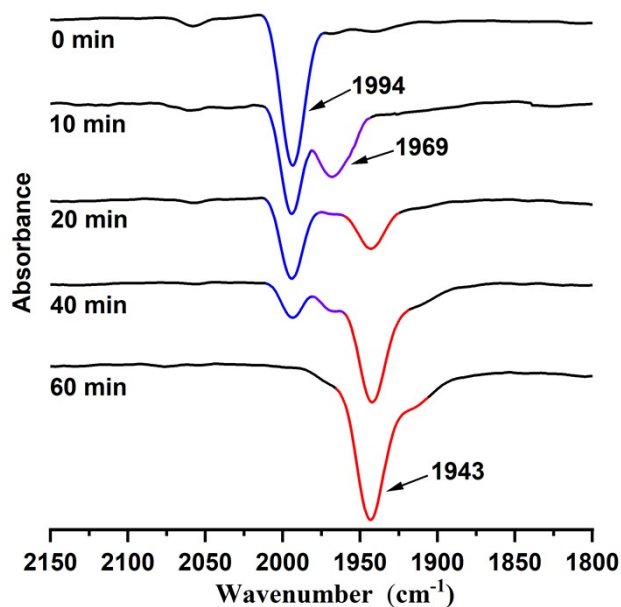


Fig. S16 In situ IR spectra showing the terminal CO changes of starting material $[1](PF_6)_2$, intermediate m_3 and product $[4]PF_6$ during reaction of $[1](PF_6)_2$ with Me_3NO and HCO_2H in acetone.

8. In situ IR spectra showing the terminal CO changes of starting material $[1](PF_6)_2$, intermediate m_3 and product $[6]PF_6$ during reaction of $[1](PF_6)_2$ with Me_3NO and $PhCO_2H$ in acetone.

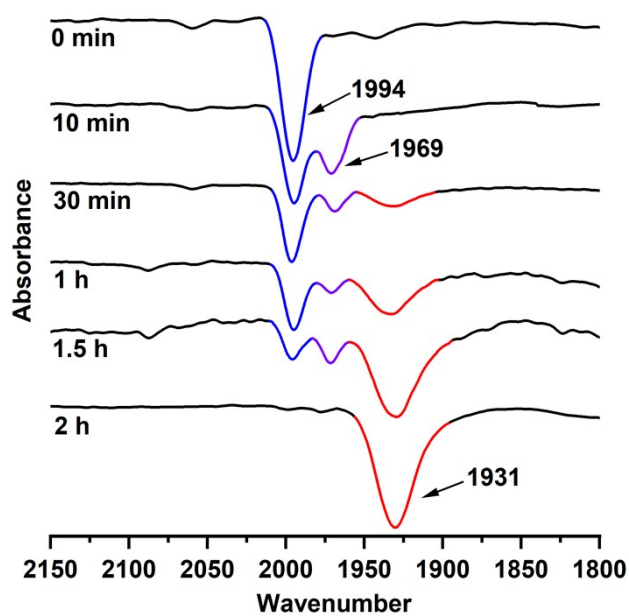


Fig. S17 In situ IR spectra showing the terminal CO changes of starting material $[1](PF_6)_2$, intermediate m_3 and product $[6]PF_6$ during reaction of $[1](PF_6)_2$ with Me_3NO and $PhCO_2H$ in acetone.

9. IR and ^1H (^{13}C , ^{31}P) NMR spectra of $[\mathbf{4}]\text{PF}_6$

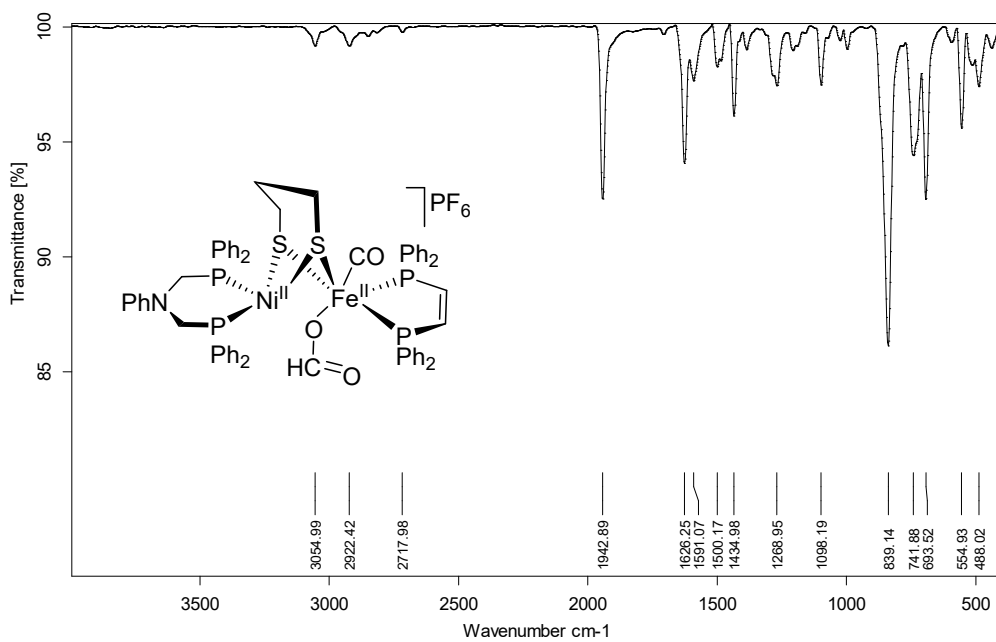


Fig. S18 IR spectrum of $[\mathbf{4}]\text{PF}_6$

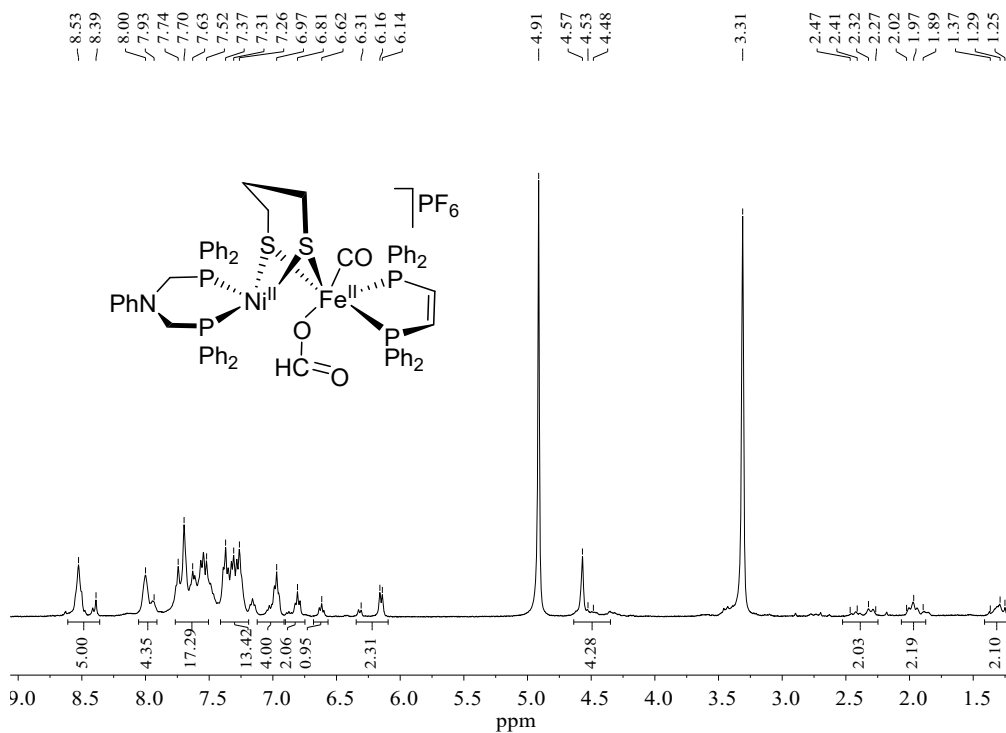


Fig. S19 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\mathbf{4}]\text{PF}_6$

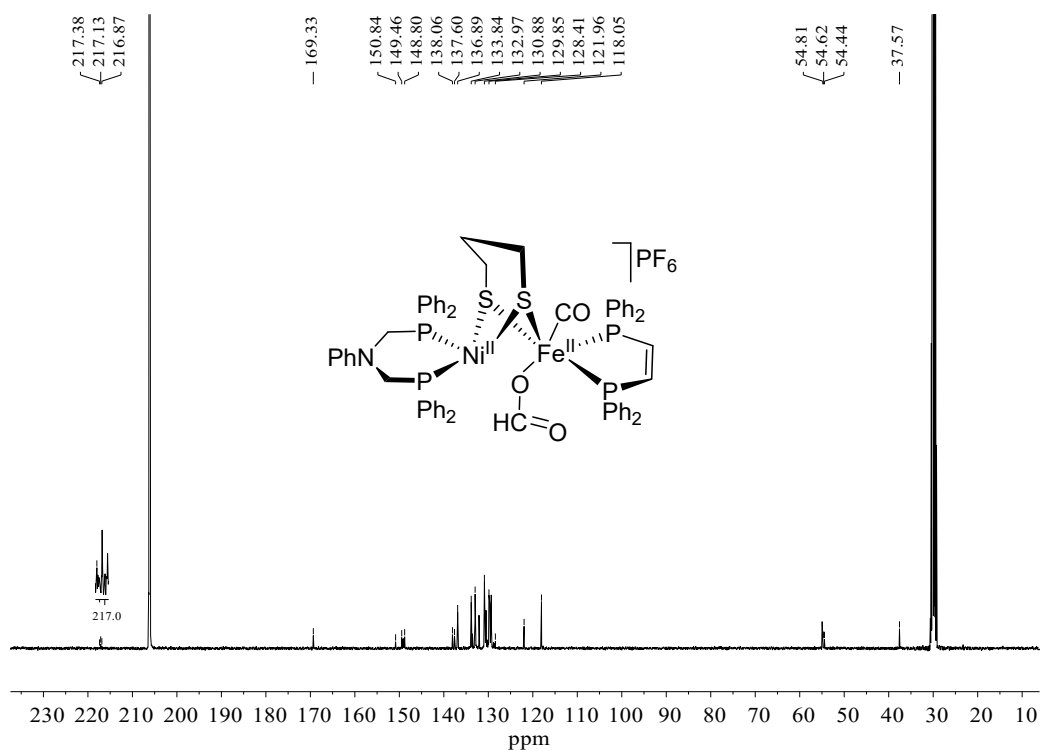


Fig. S20 ¹³C NMR spectrum of [4]PF₆

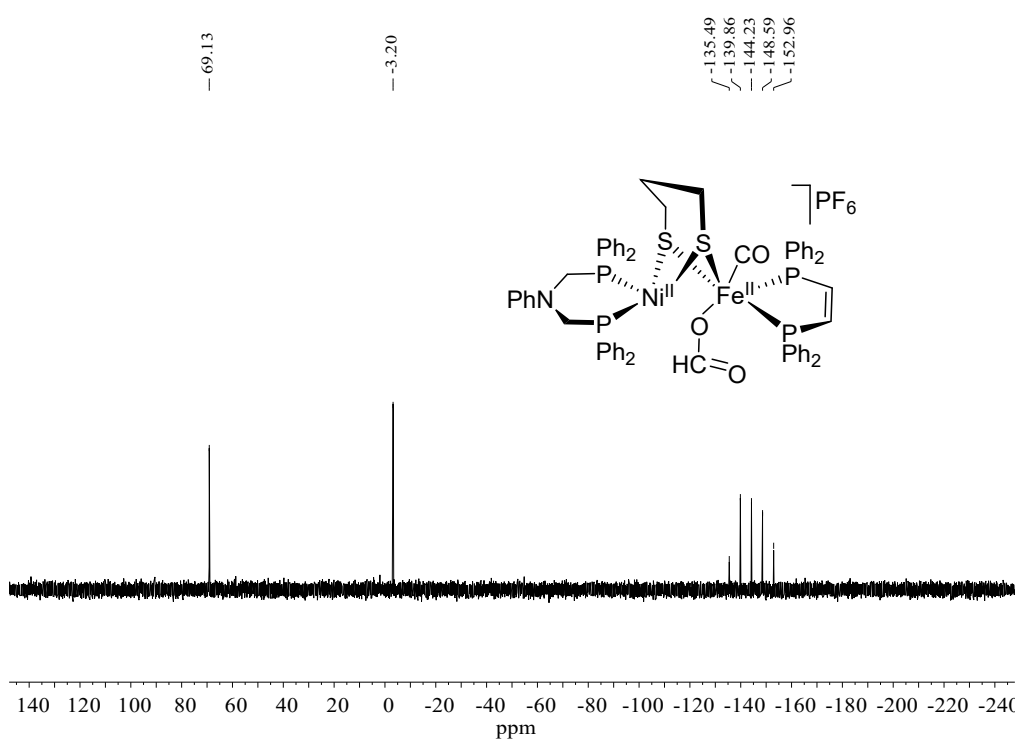


Fig. S21 ³¹P NMR spectrum of [4]PF₆

10. IR and ^1H (^{13}C , ^{31}P) NMR spectra of [5]PF₆

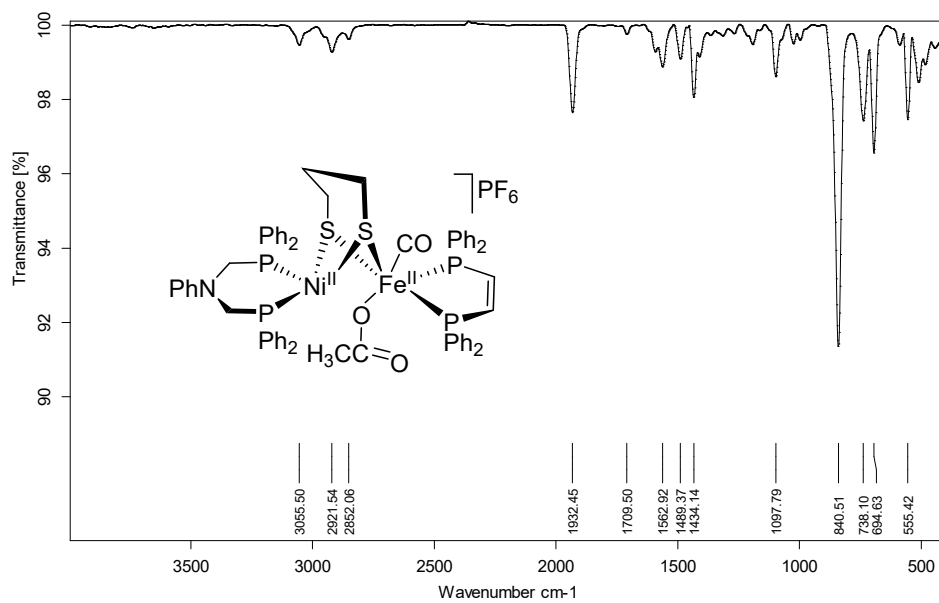


Fig. S22 IR spectrum of [5]PF₆

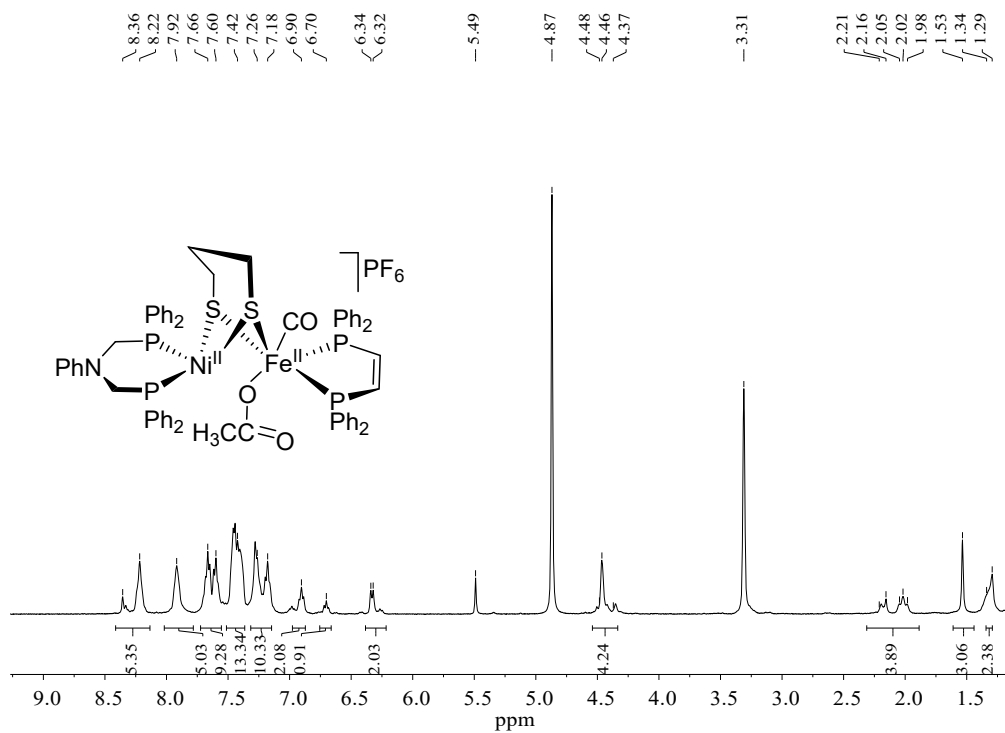


Fig. S23 ^1H NMR spectrum of [5]PF₆

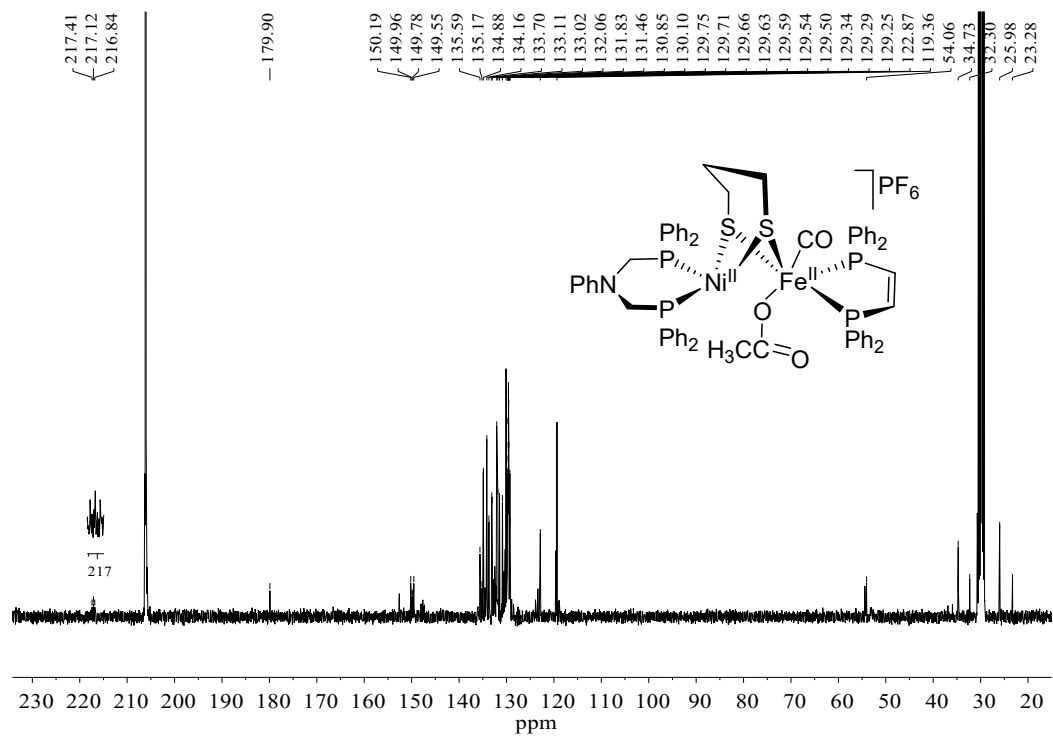


Fig. S24 ¹³C NMR spectrum of [5]PF₆

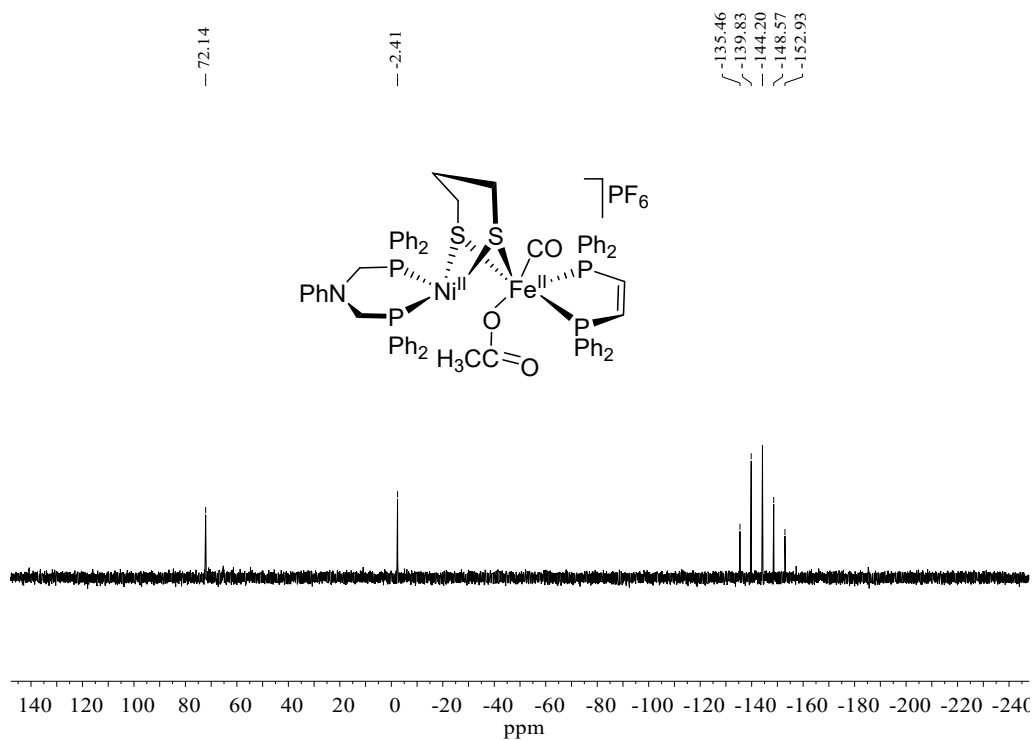


Fig. S25 ³¹P NMR spectrum of [5]PF₆

11. IR and ^1H (^{13}C , ^{31}P) NMR spectra of **[6]**PF₆

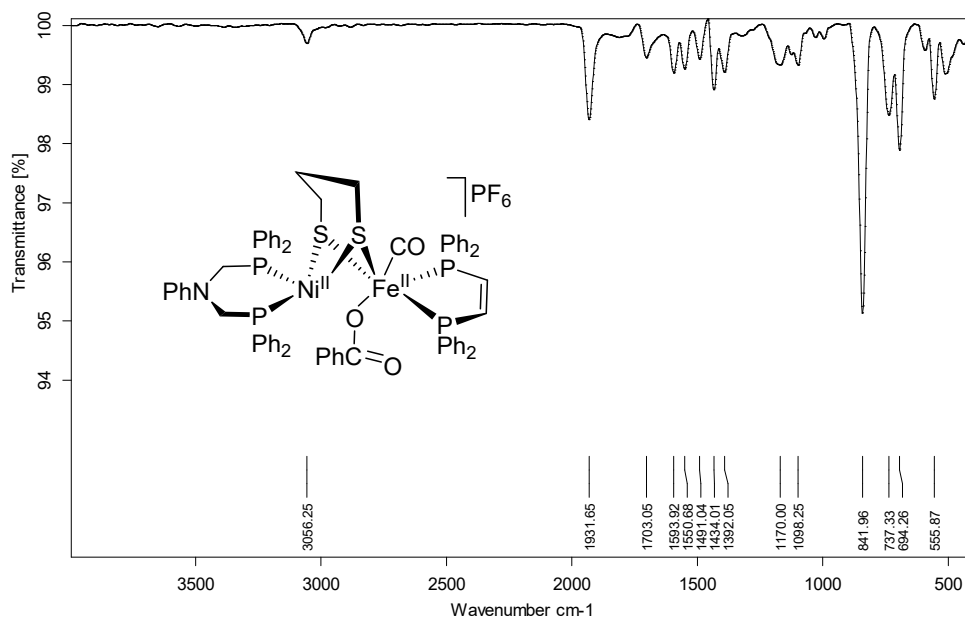


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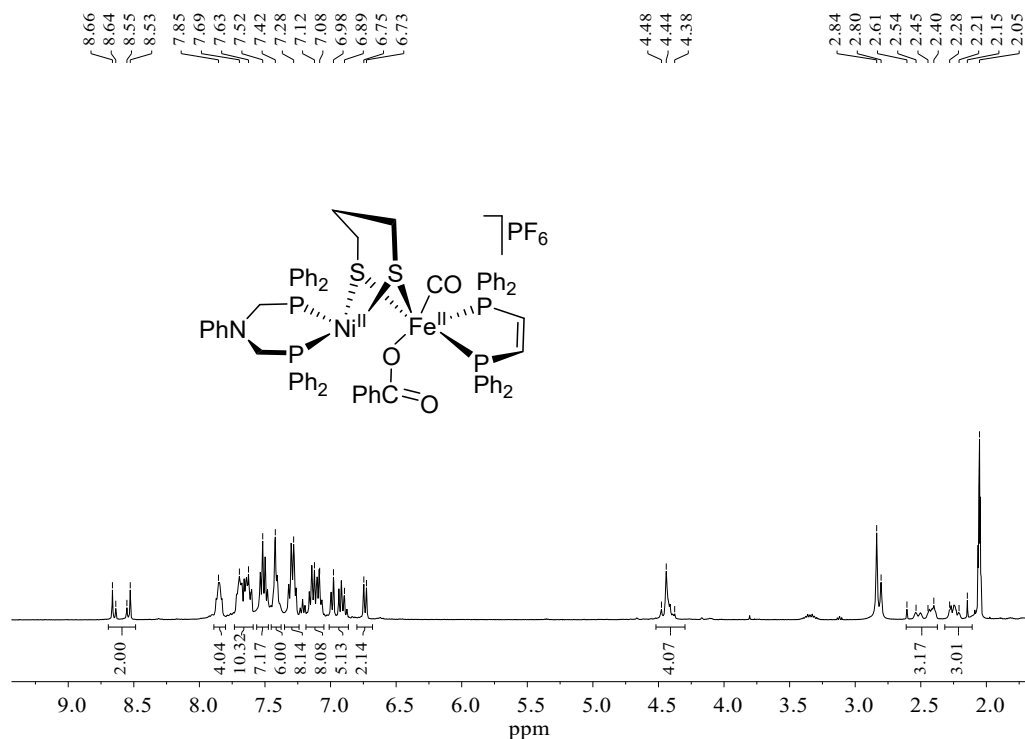


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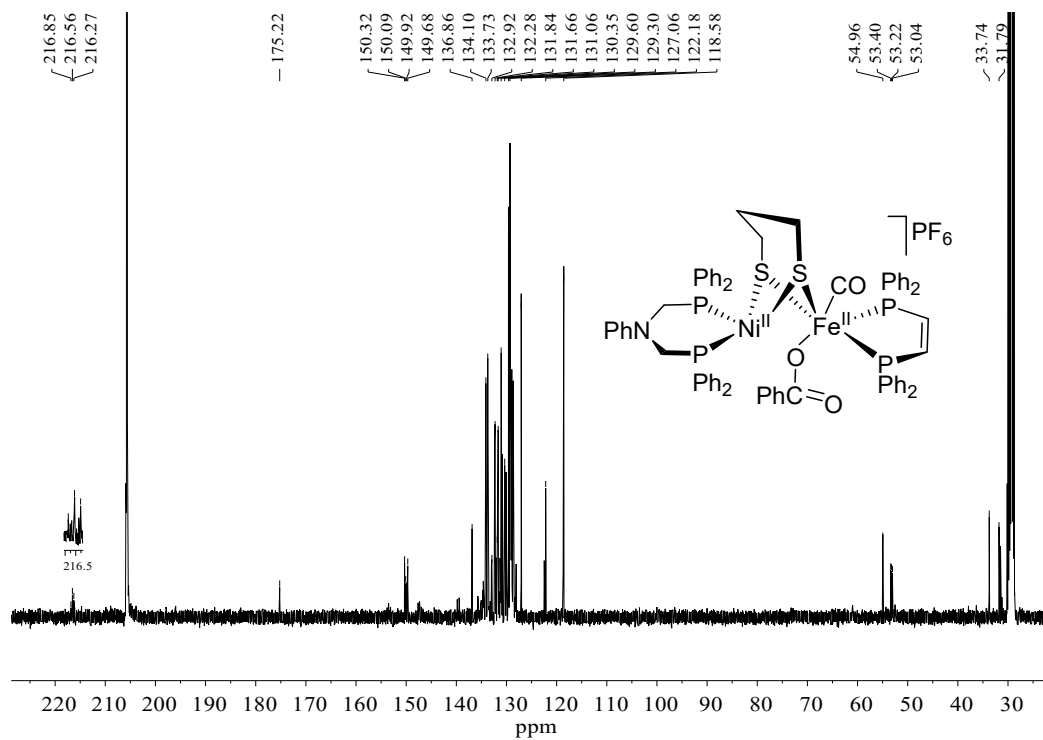


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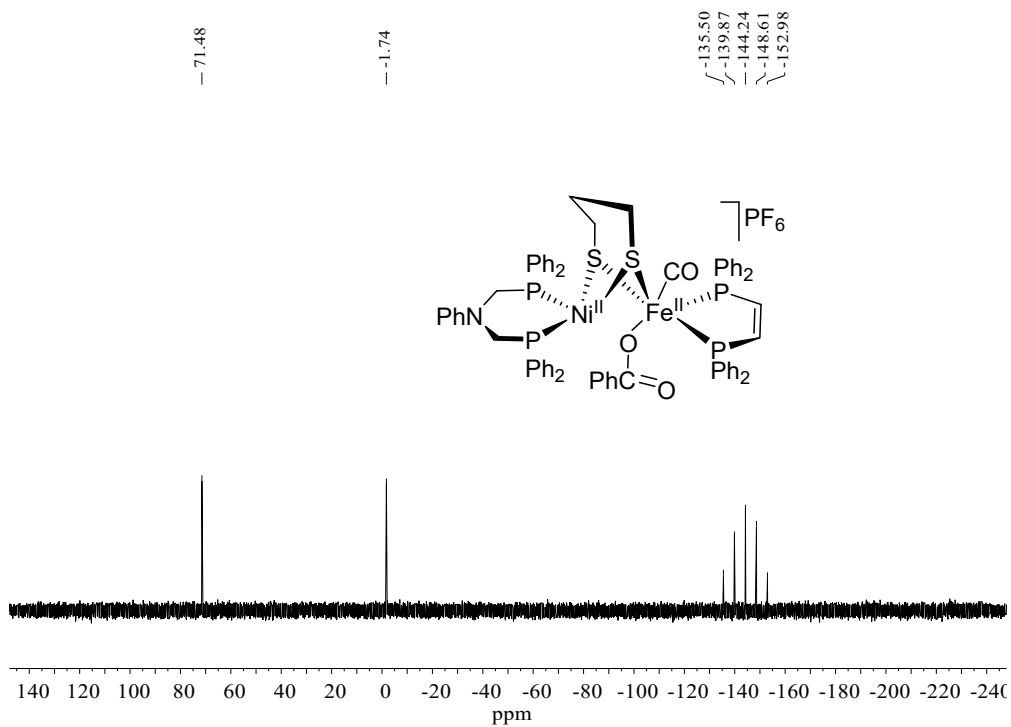


Fig. S29 ³¹P NMR spectrum of [6]PF₆

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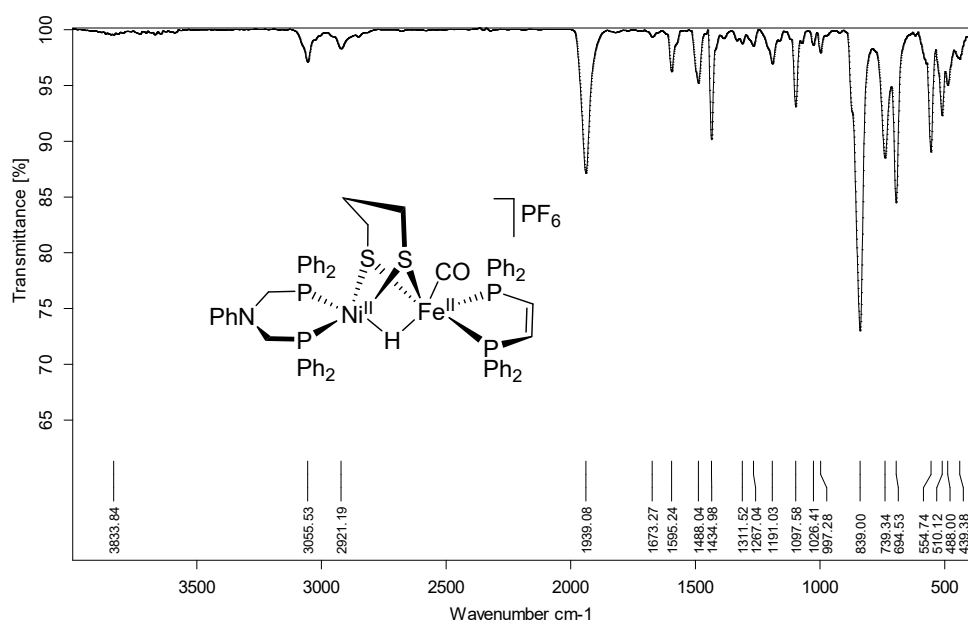


Fig. S30 IR spectrum of $[\mathbf{7}]\text{PF}_6$

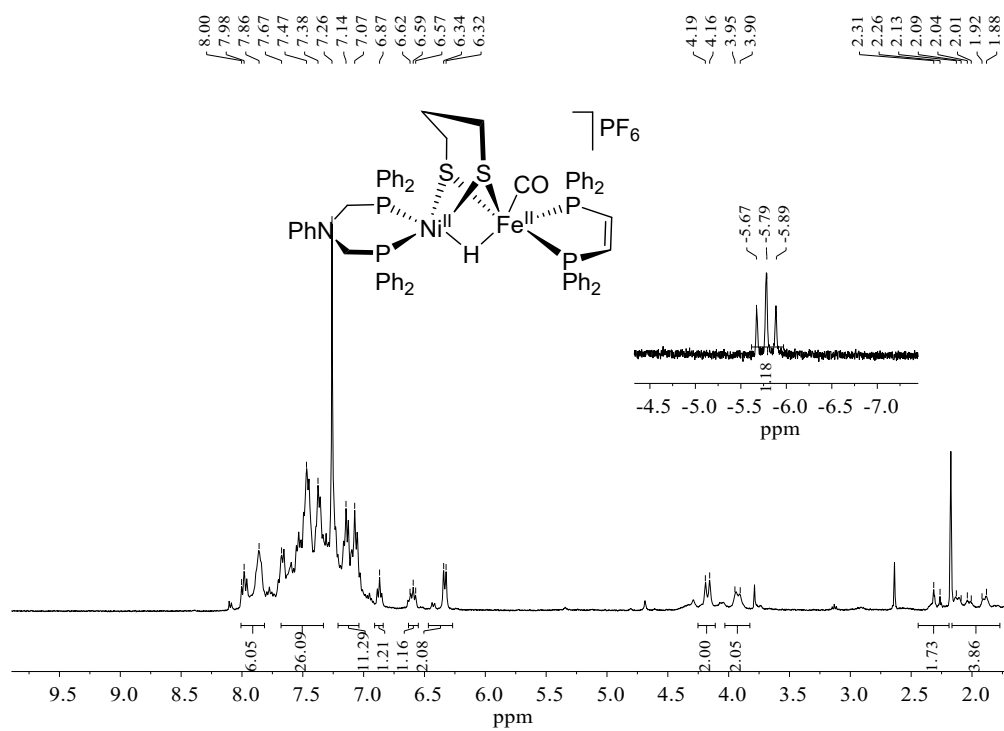


Fig. S31 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\mathbf{7}]\text{PF}_6$

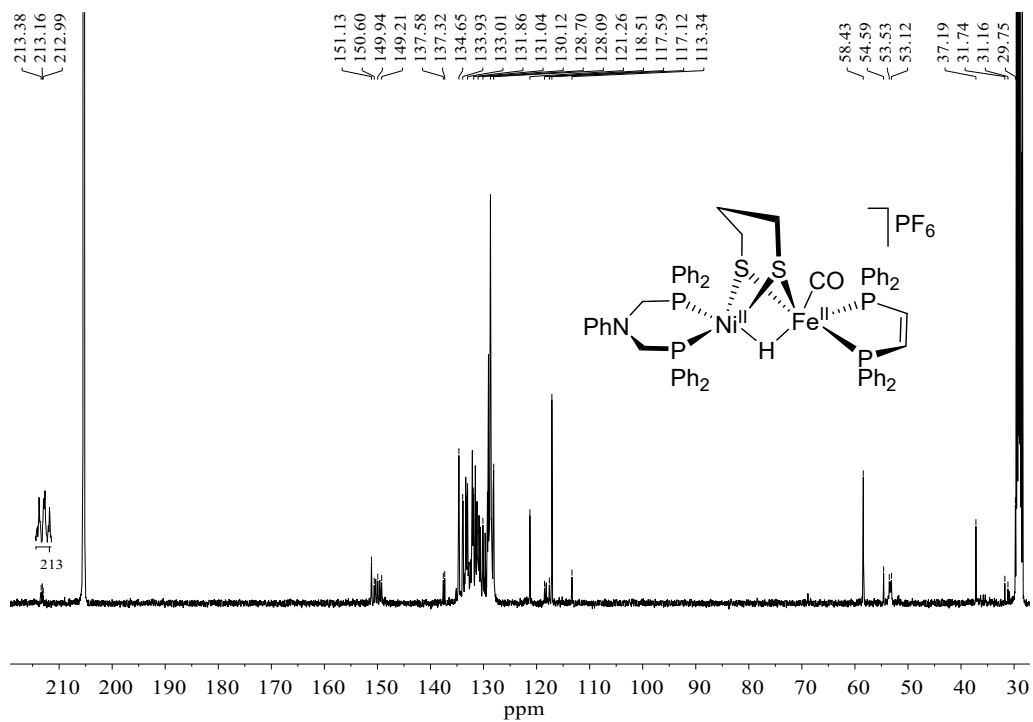


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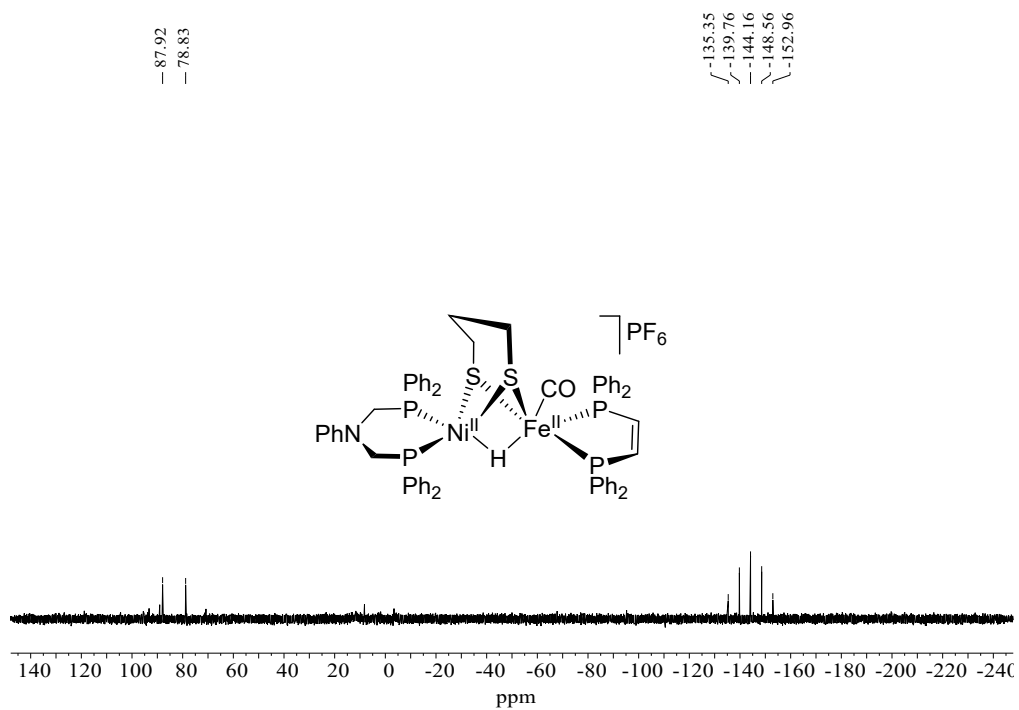


Fig. S33 ³¹P NMR spectrum of [7]PF₆

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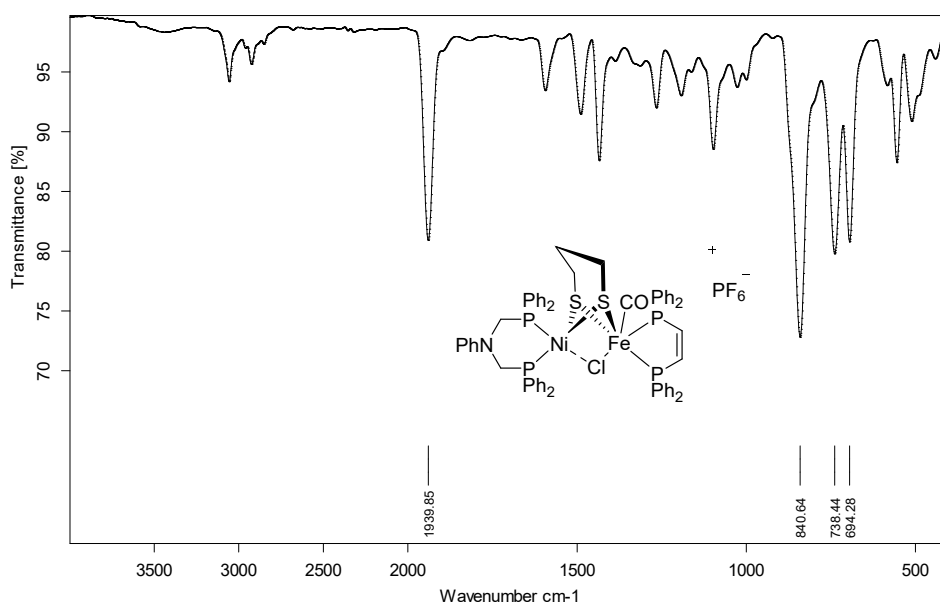


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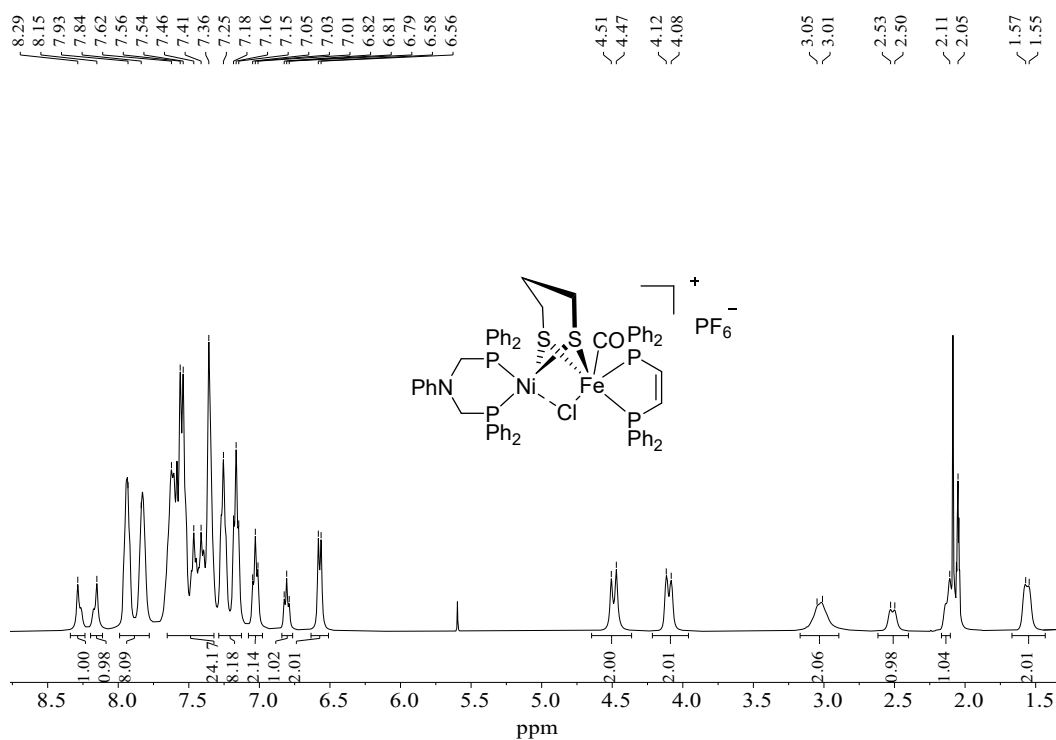


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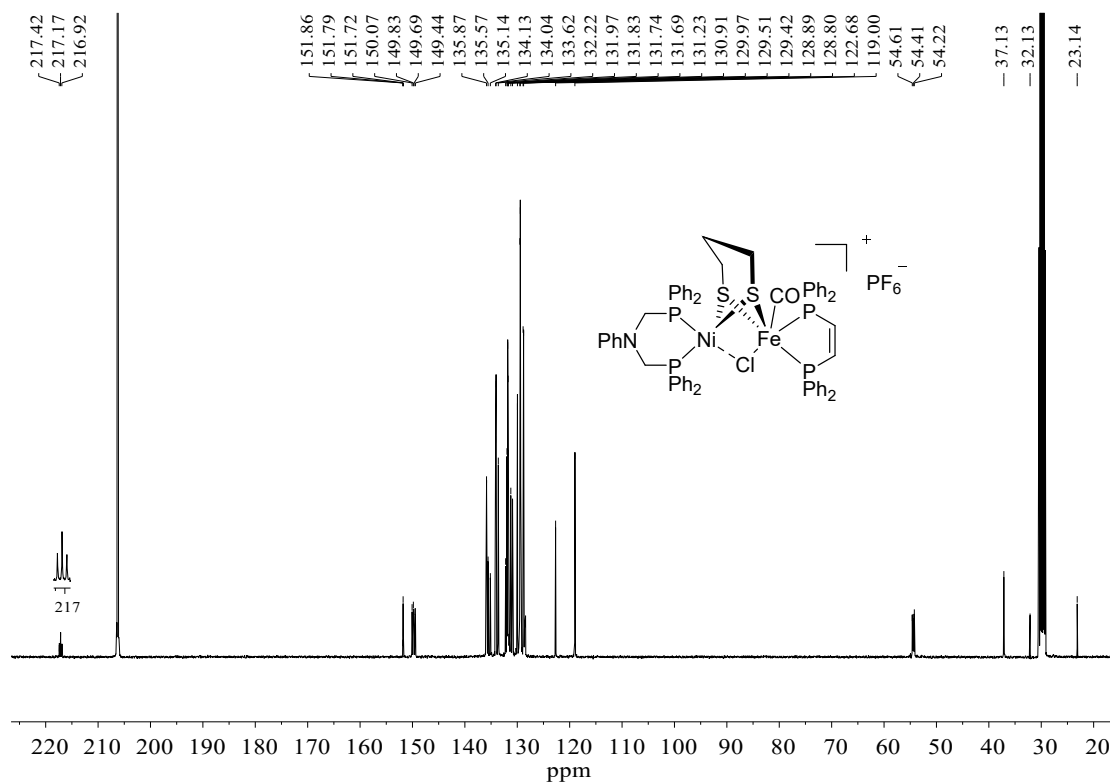


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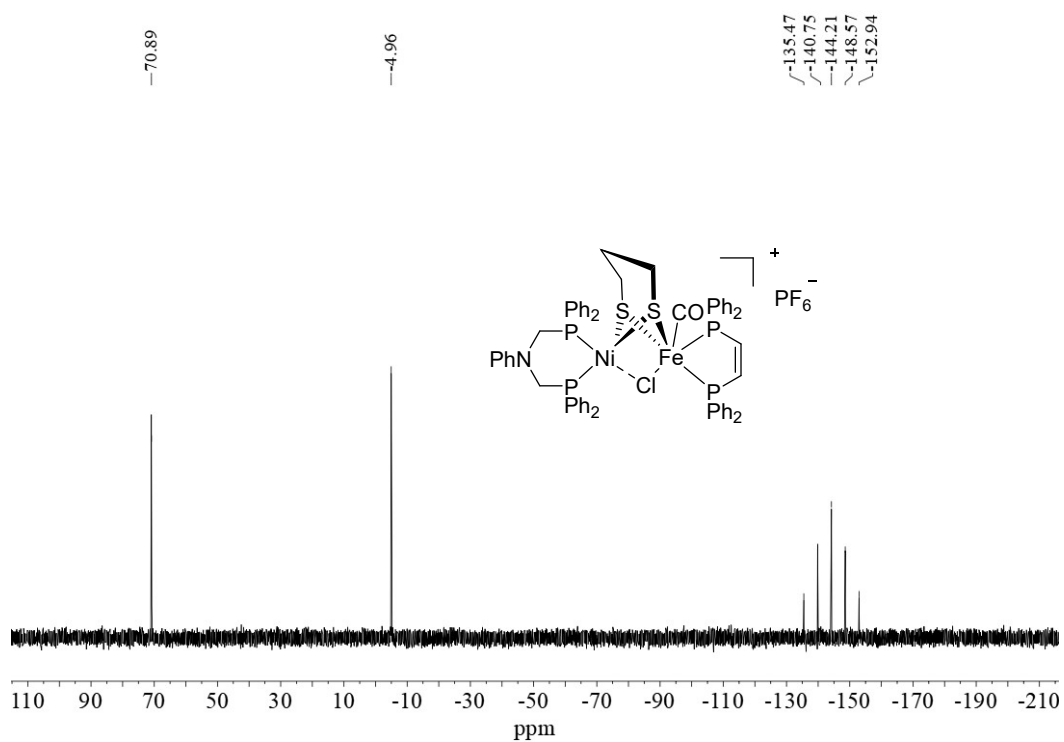


Fig. S37 ³¹P NMR spectrum of [8]PF₆

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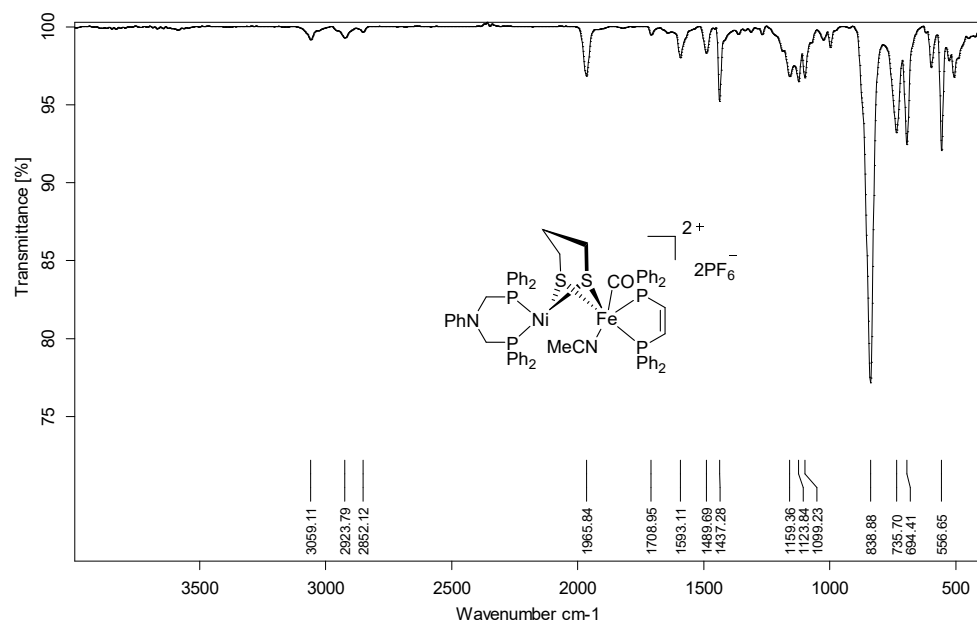


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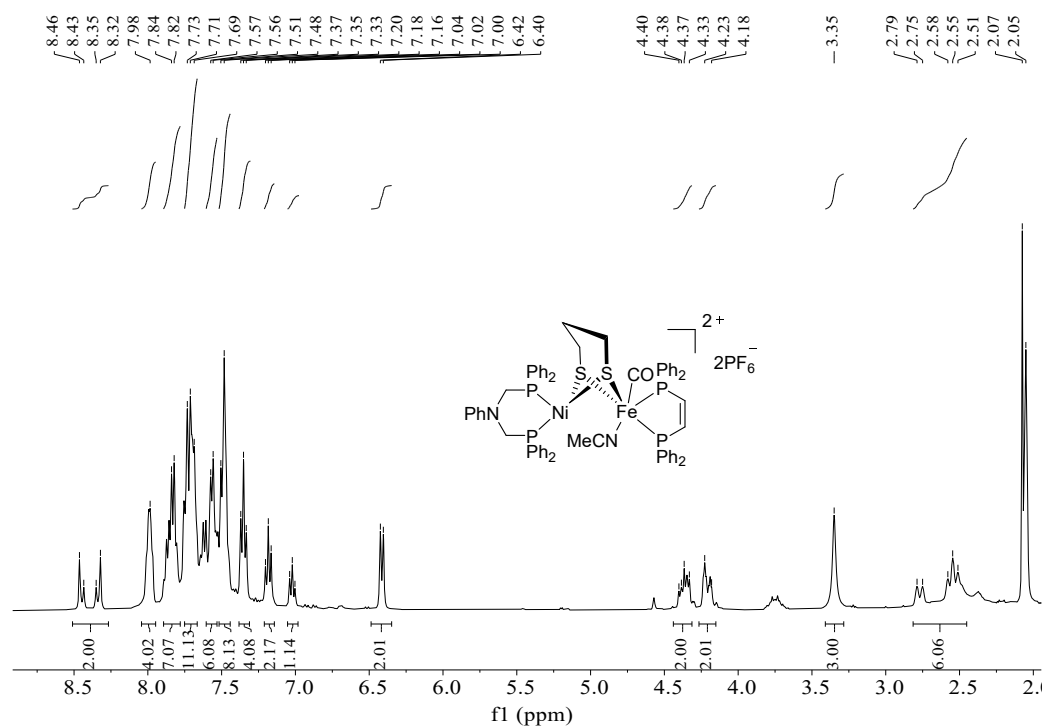
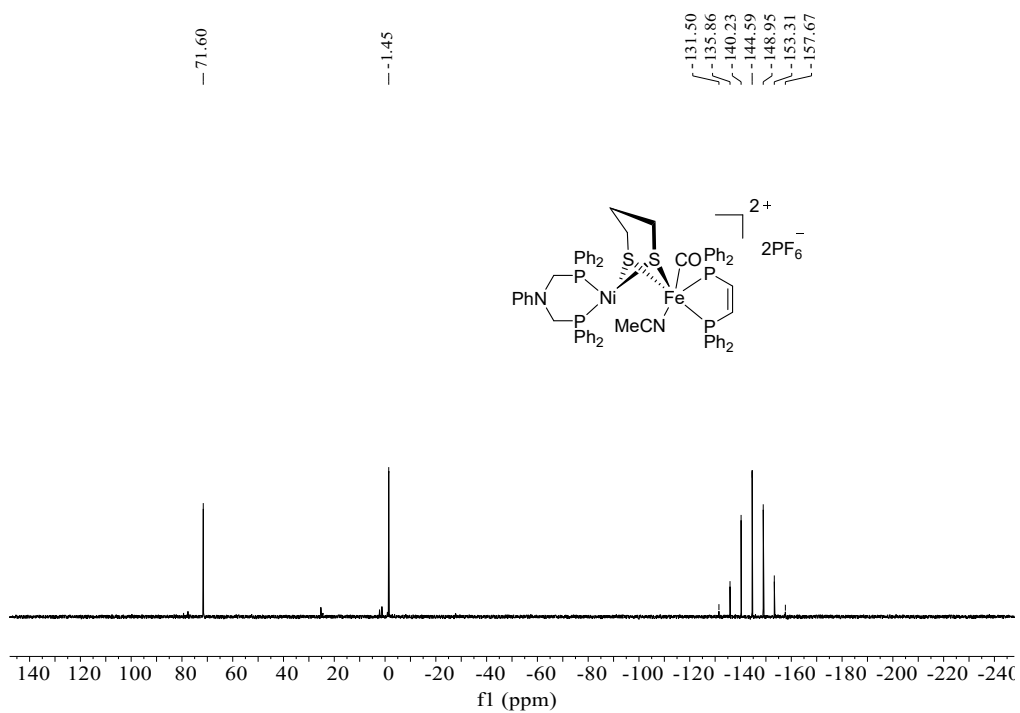
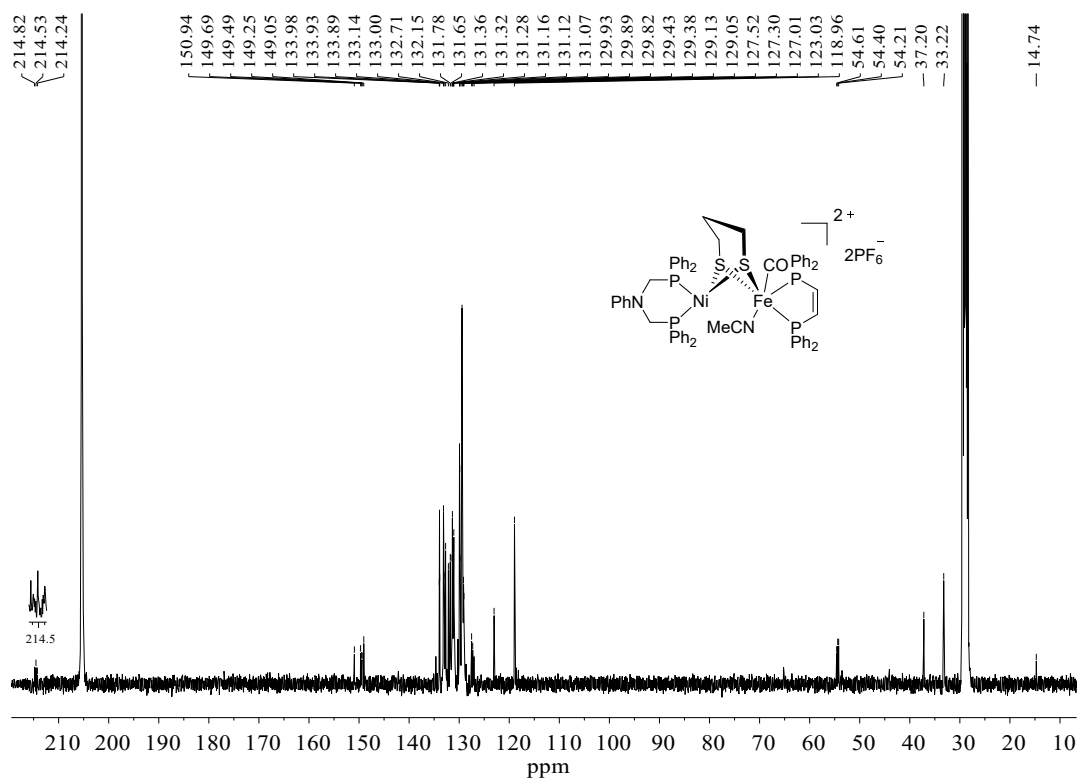


Fig. S39 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\mathbf{9}](\text{PF}_6)_2$



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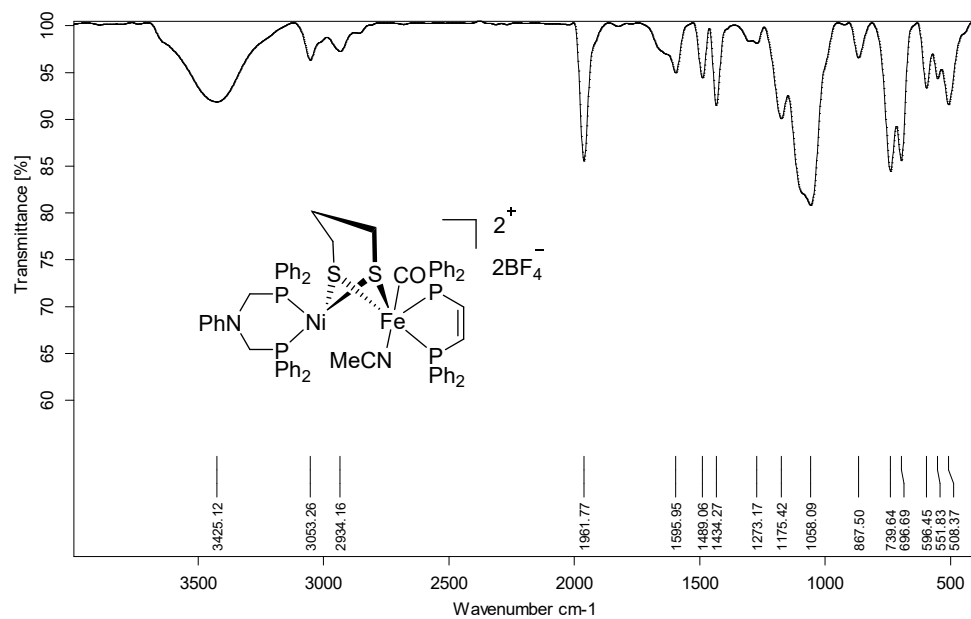


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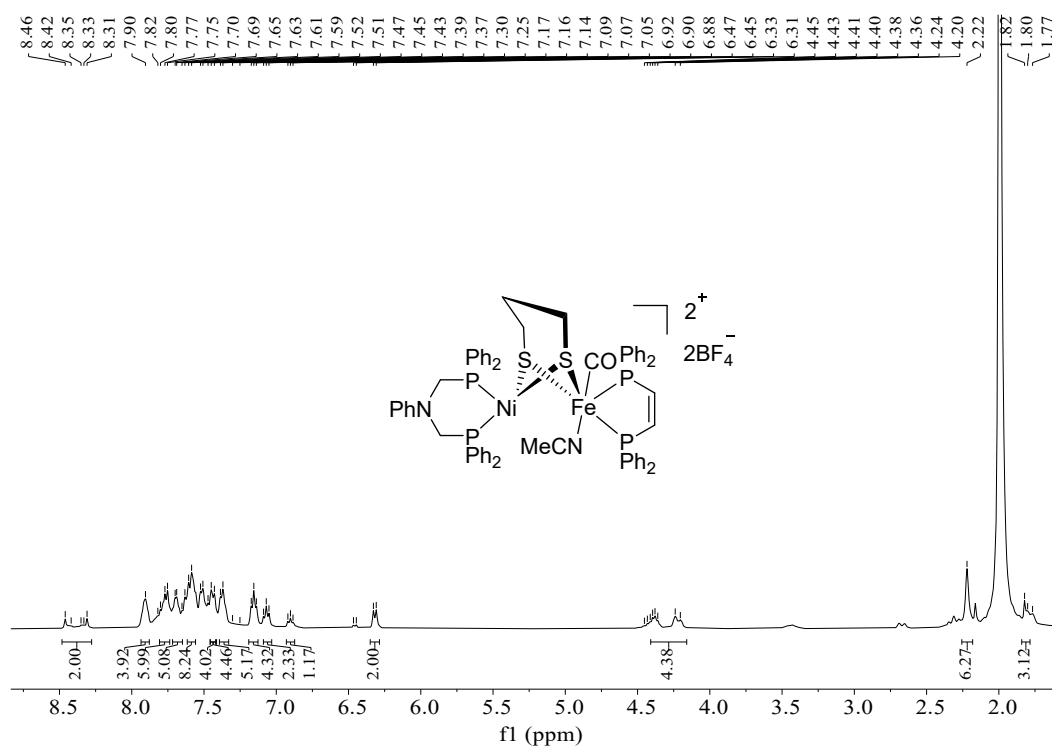


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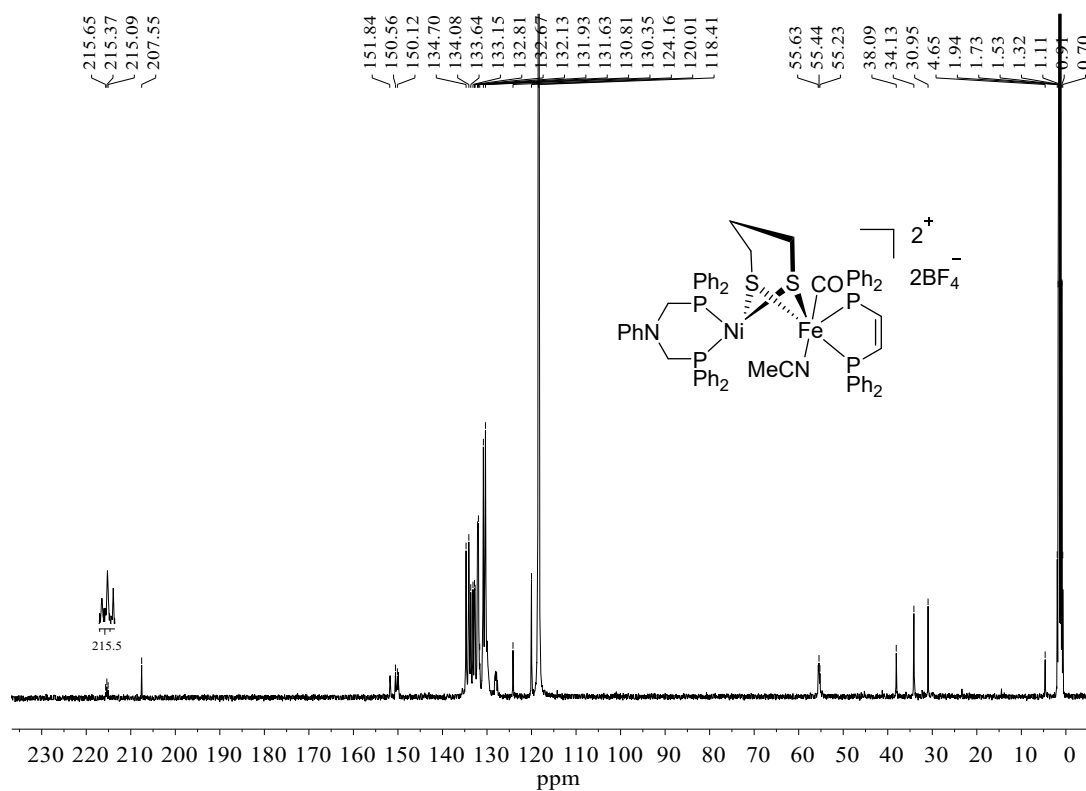


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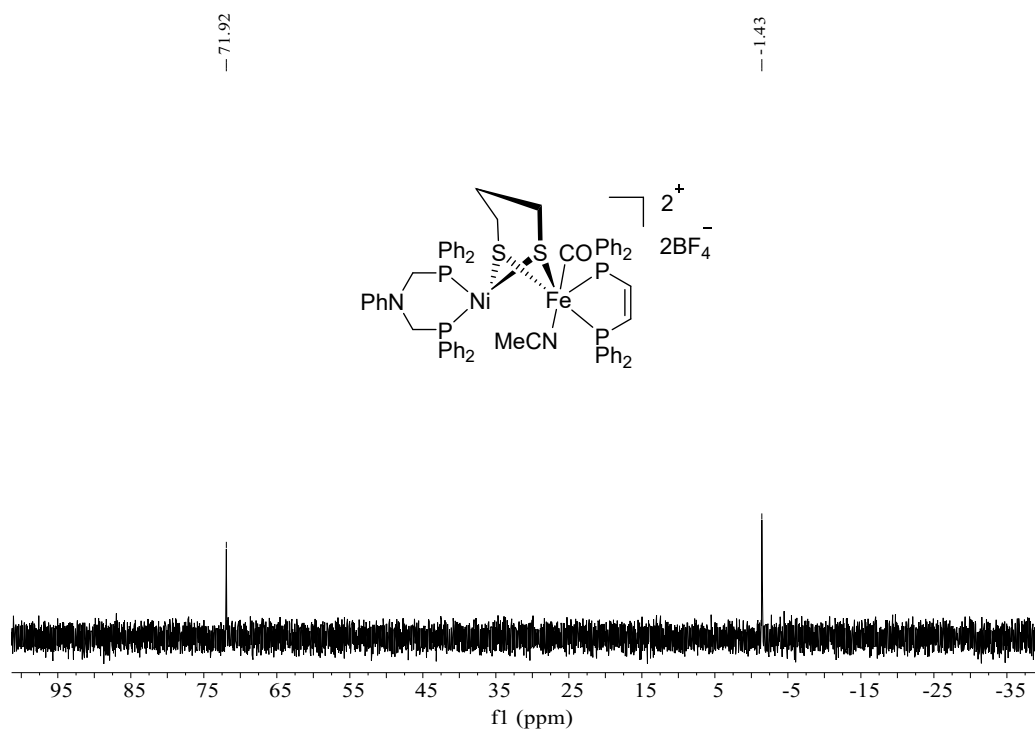


Fig. S45 ³¹P NMR spectrum of [9](BF₄)₂

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