

## Supporting Information for:

Pyrazolyl methyls prescribe the electronic properties of iron(II) tetra(pyrazolyl)lutidine chloride complexes.

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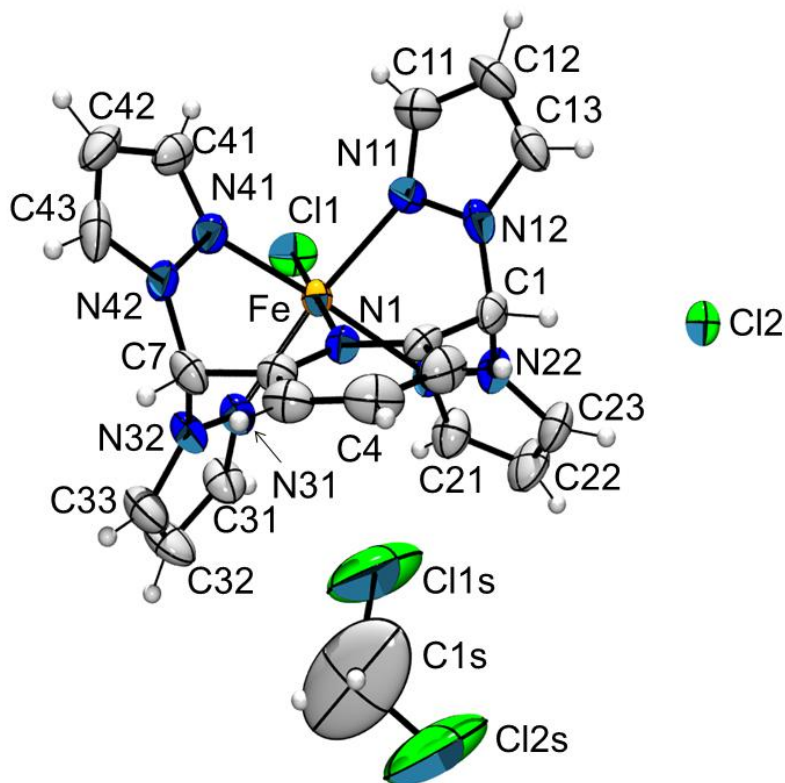
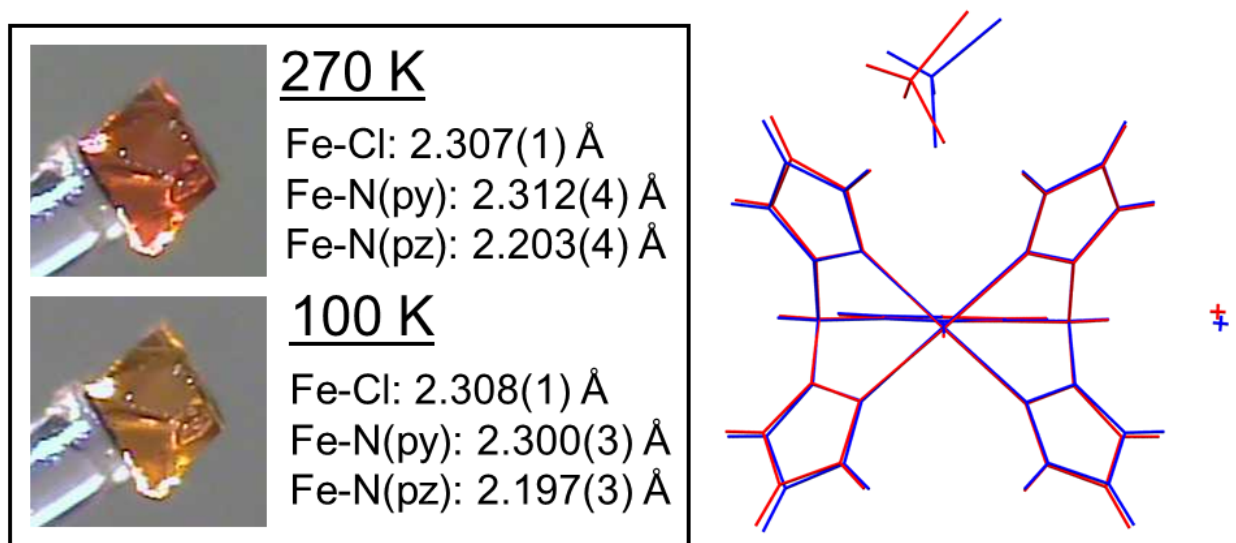
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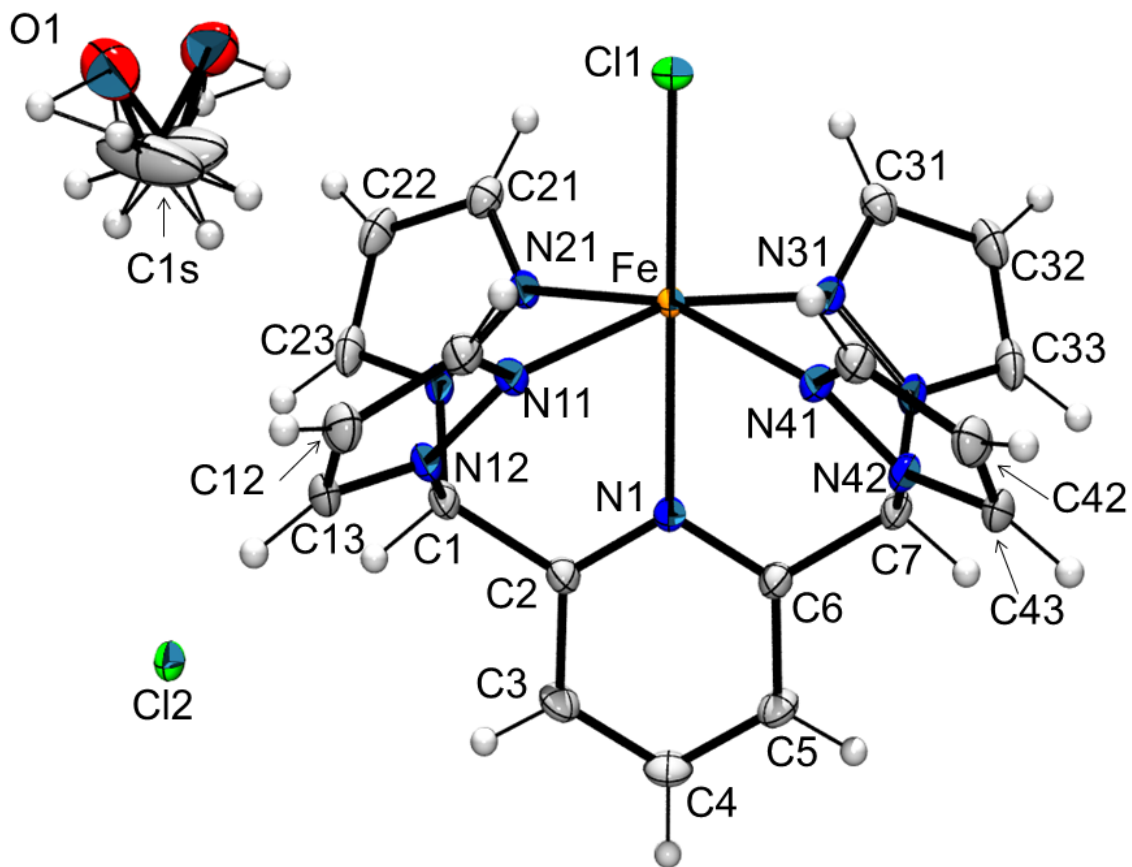
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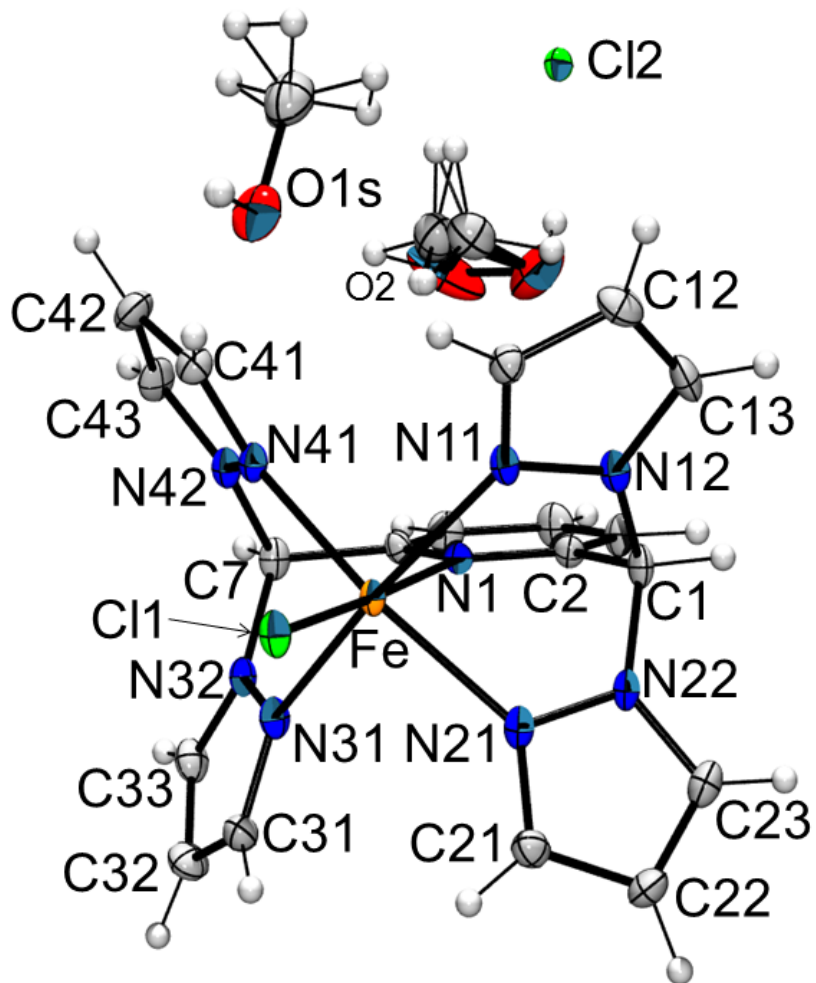
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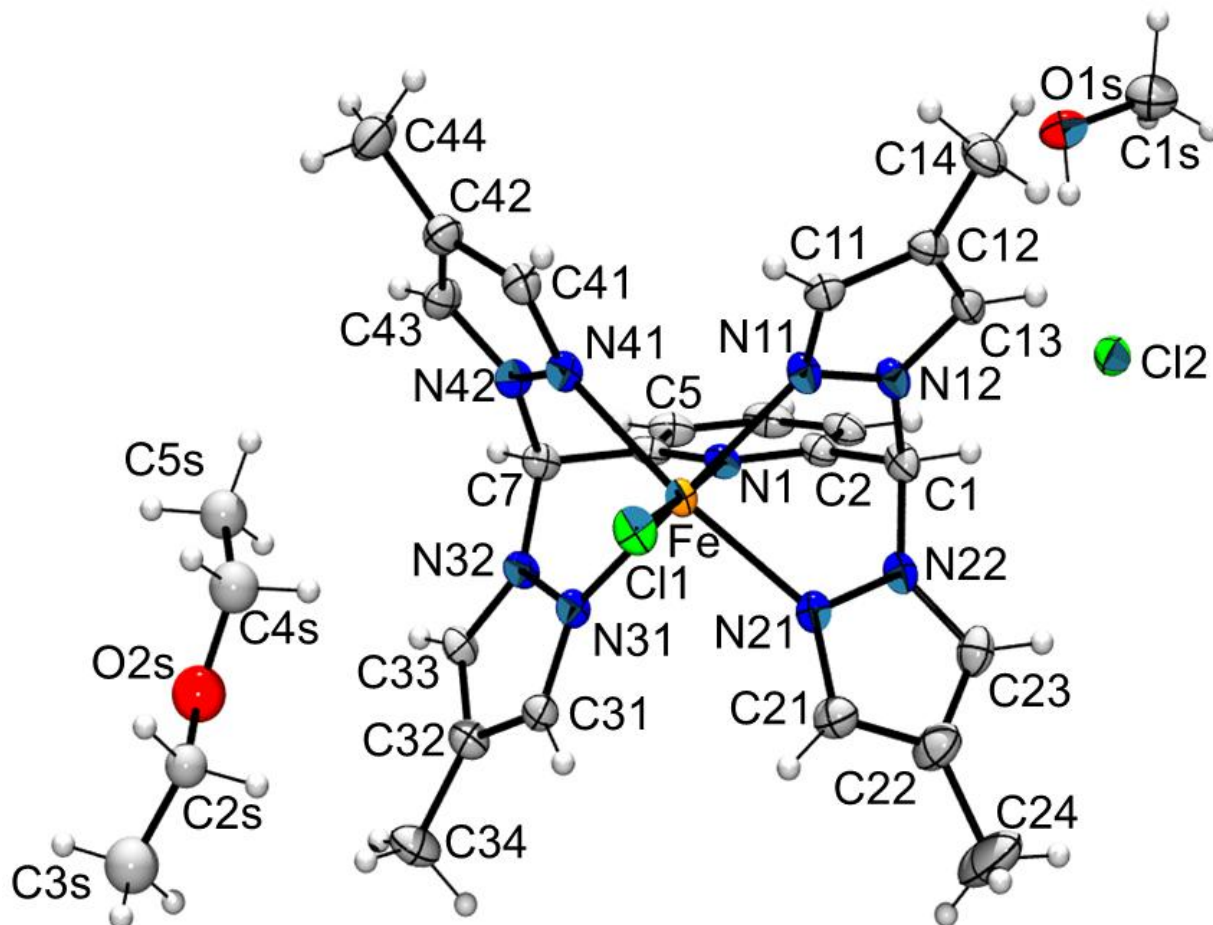
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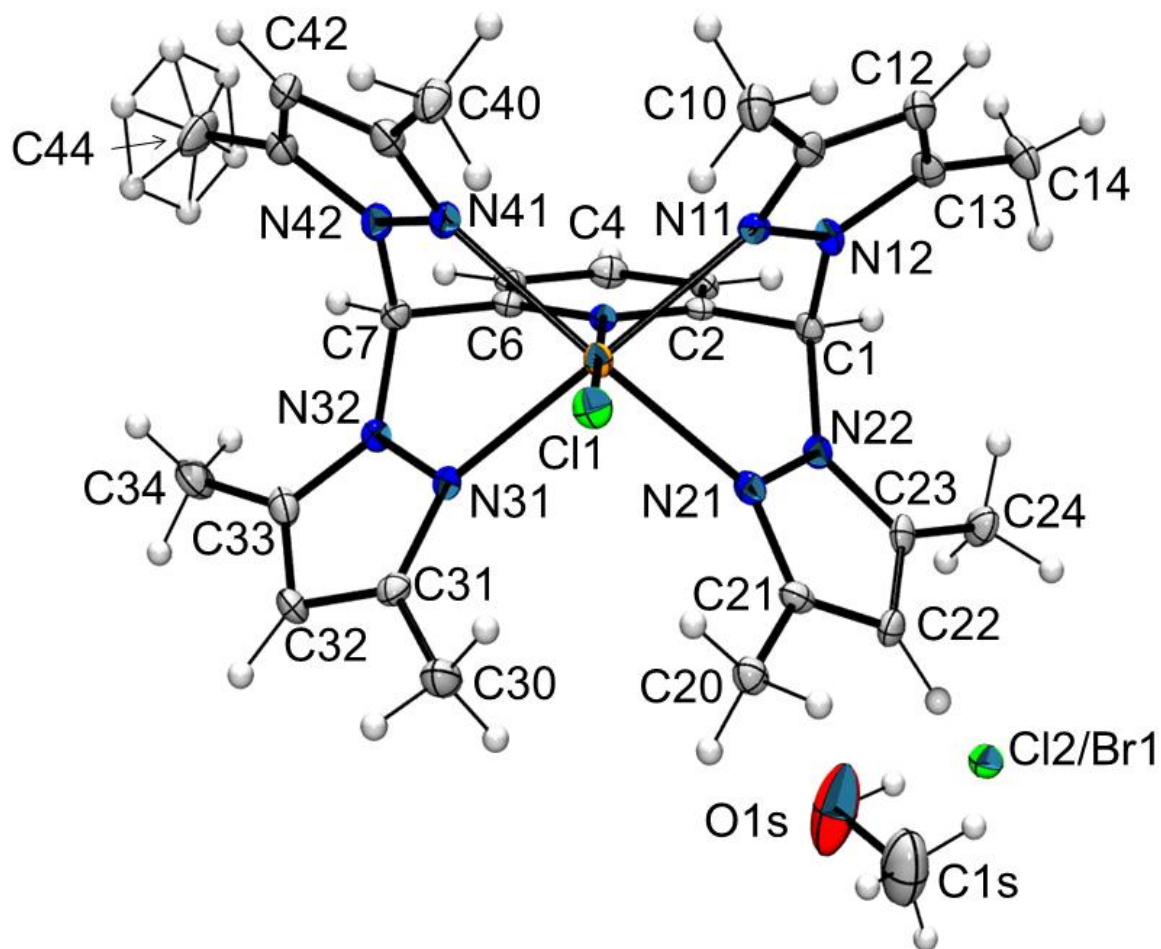
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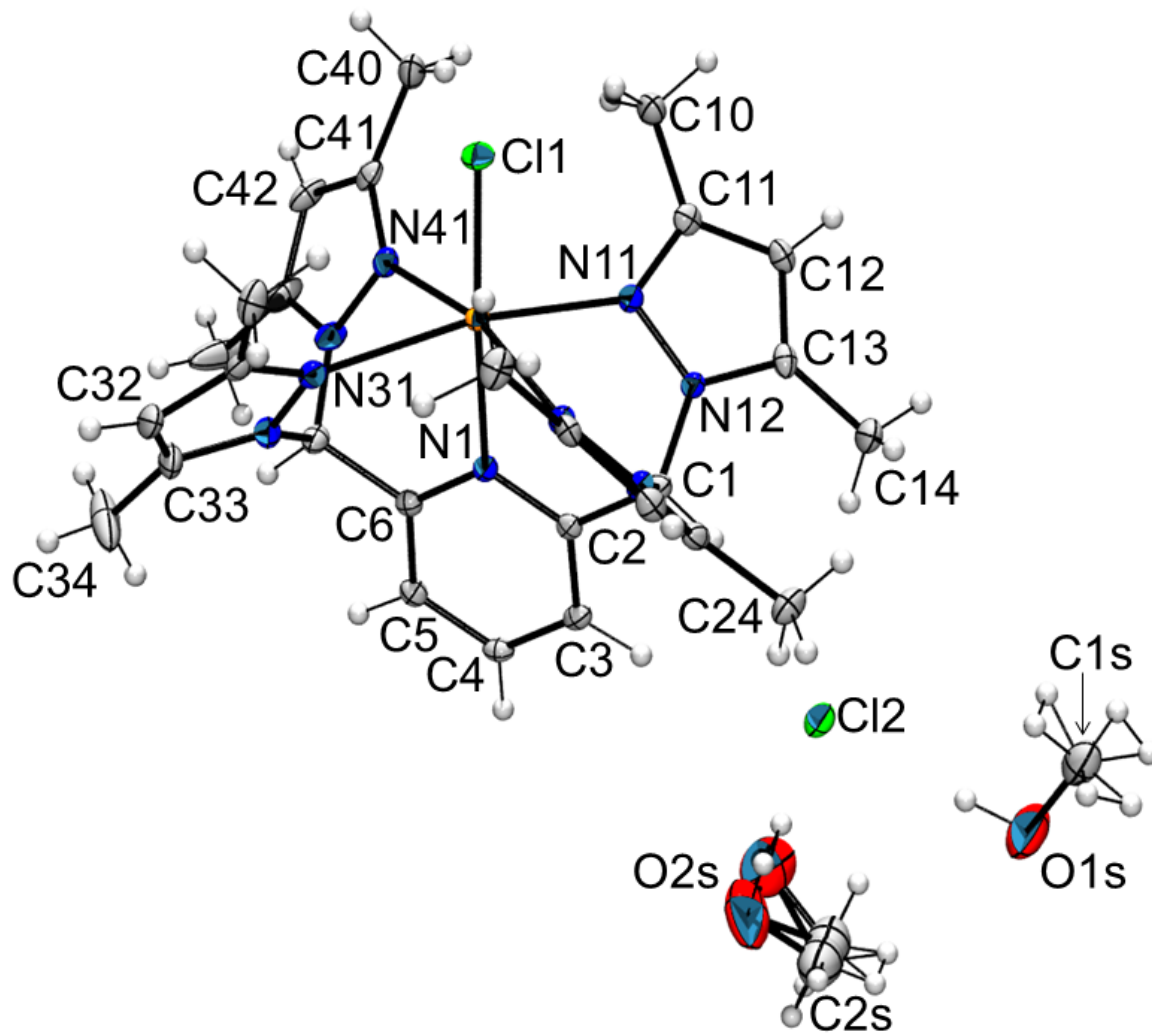
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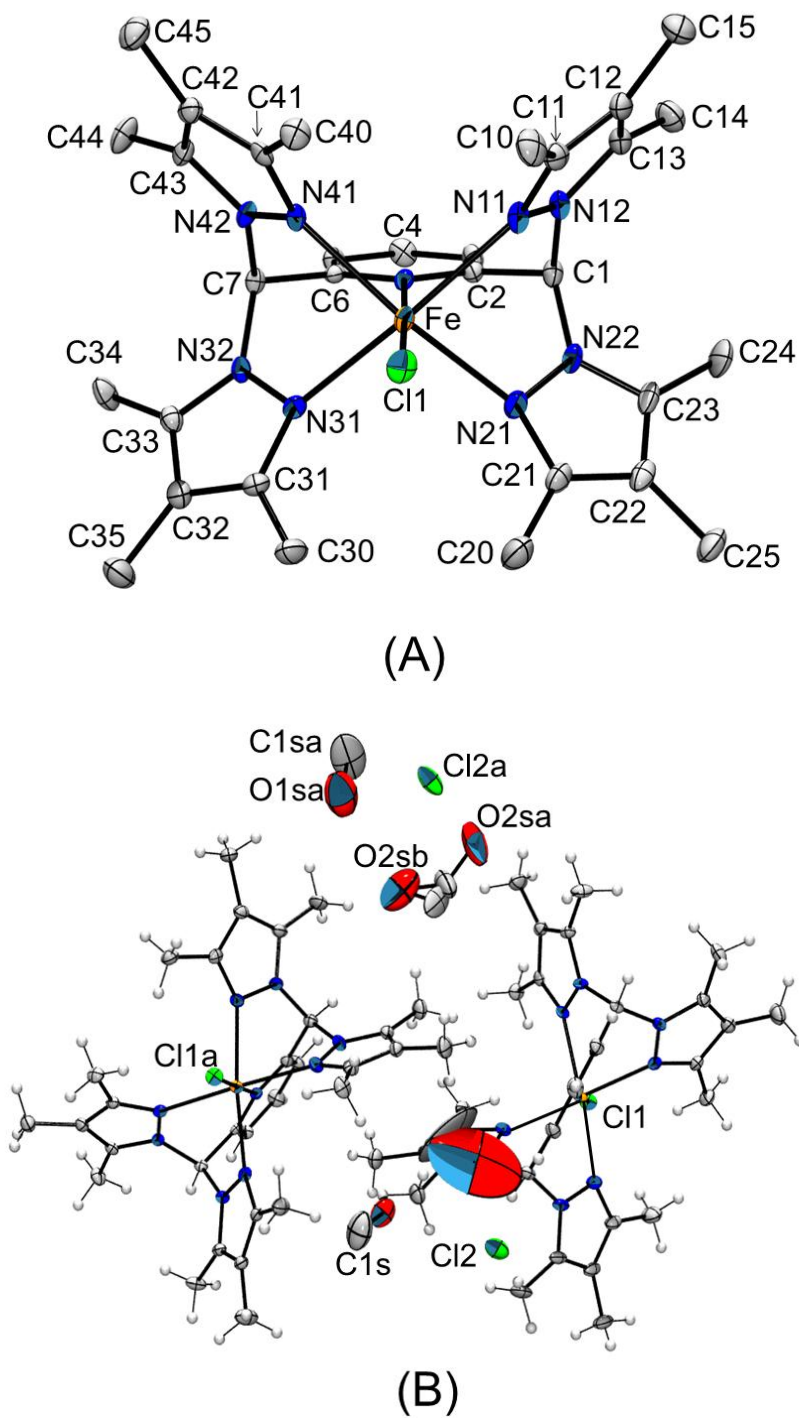


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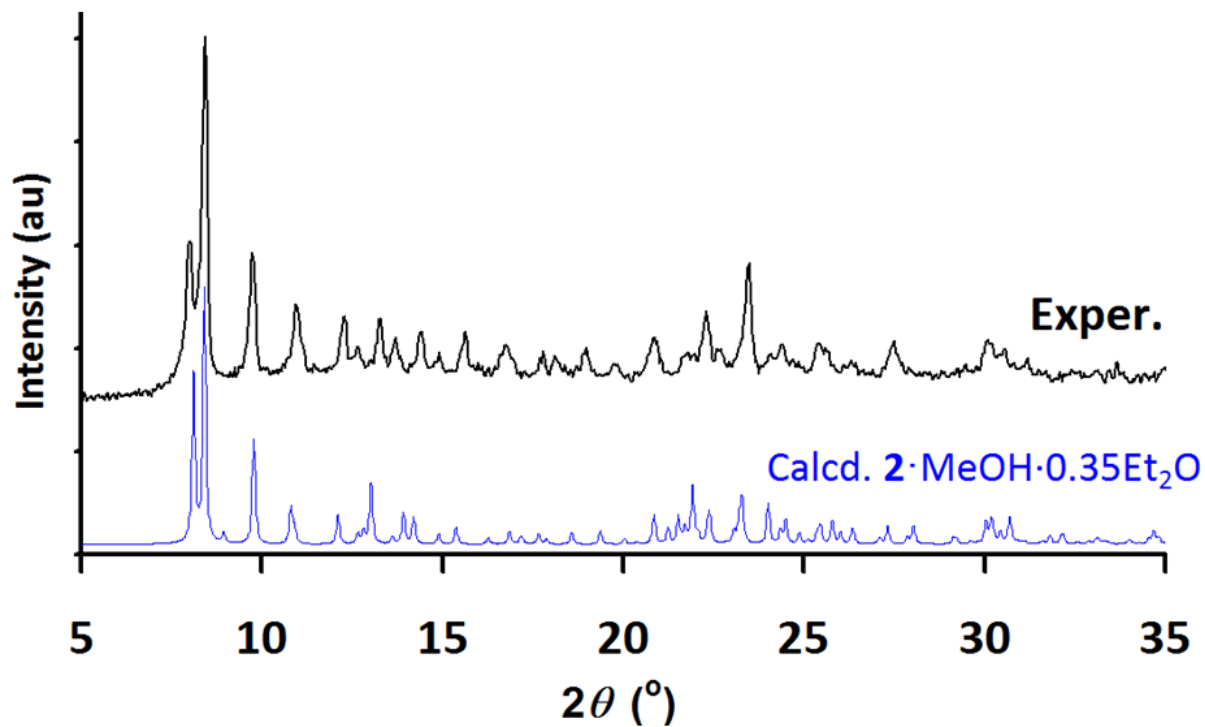


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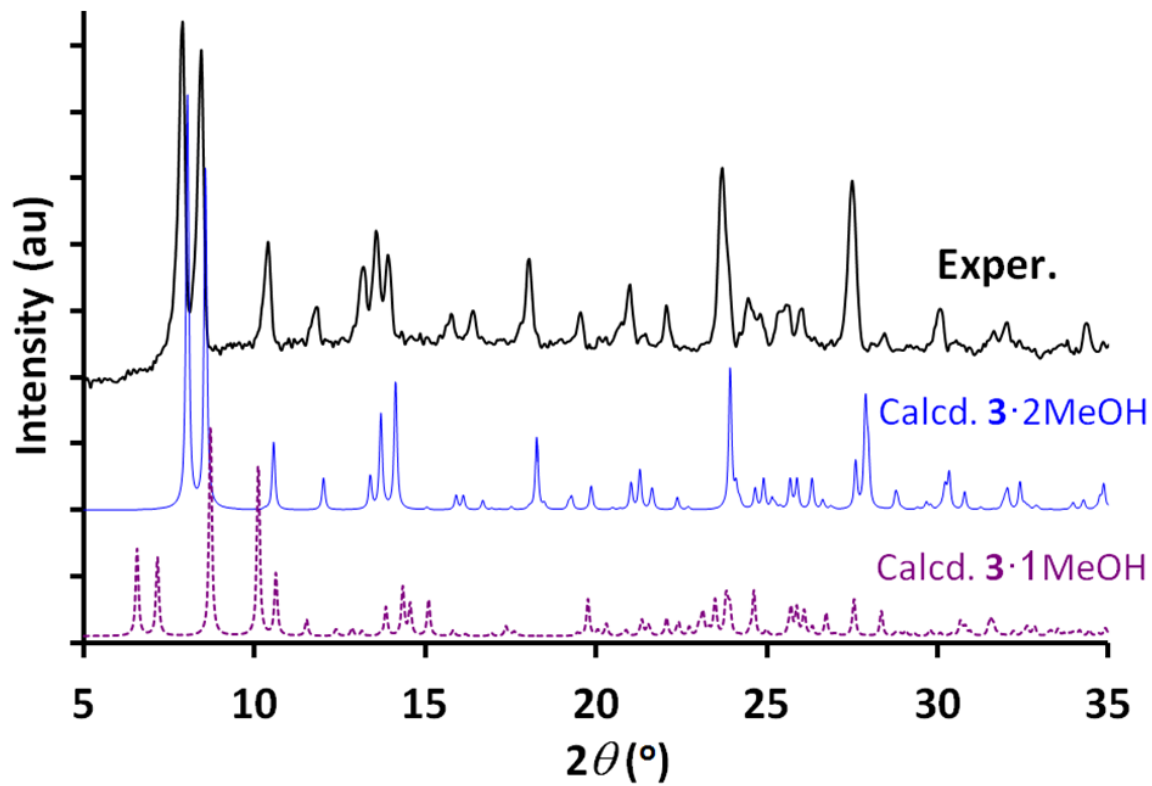


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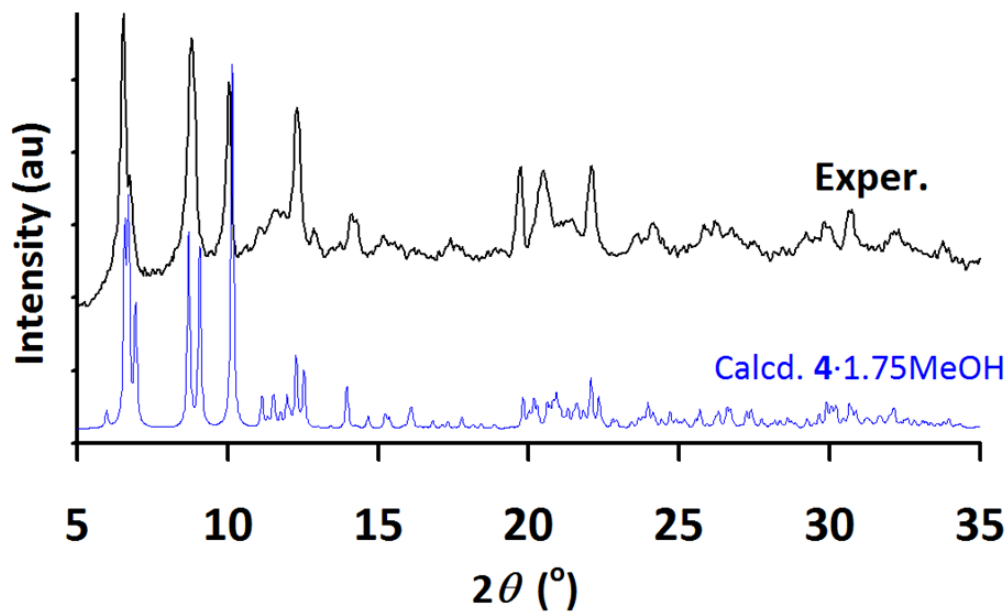
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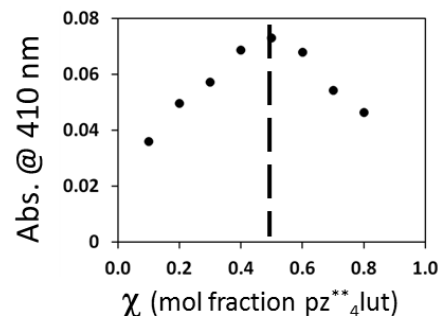
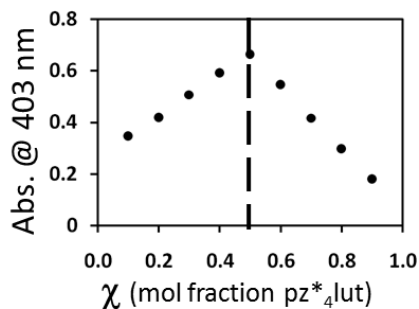
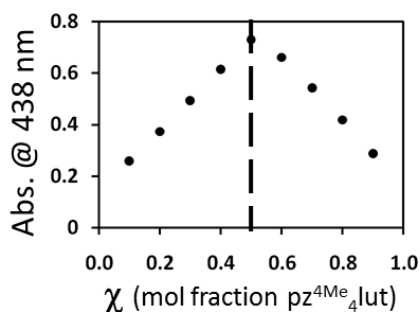
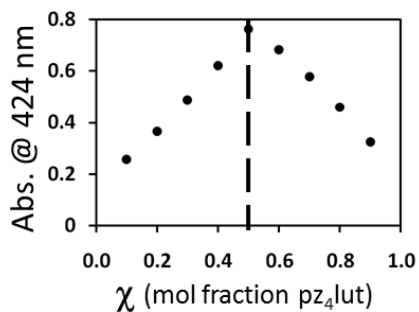
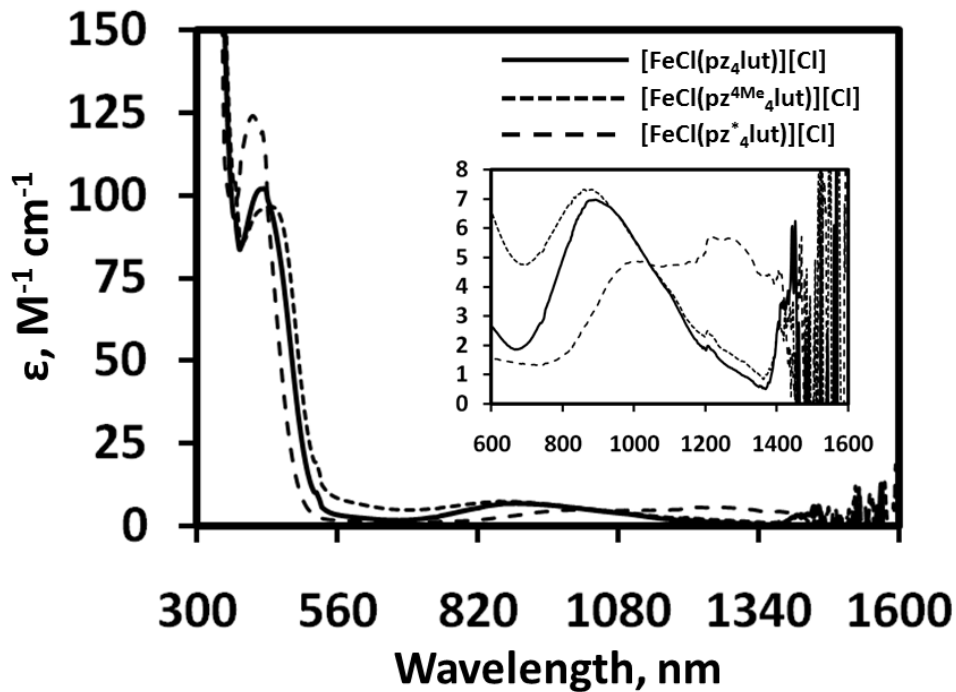


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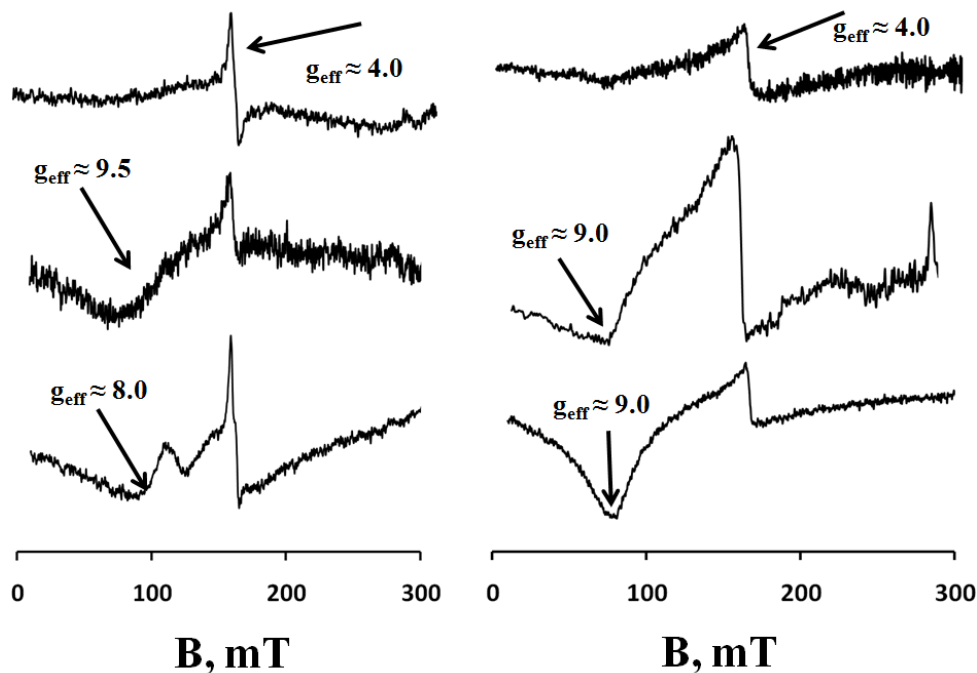
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**[D] EPR Spectroscopy.**

EPR measurements were obtained using a Bruker ELEXSYS E600 equipped with an ER4116DM cavity resonating at 9.63 GHz, an Oxford Instruments ITC503 temperature controller and ESR-900 helium-flow cryostat. The EPR spectra were recorded with 100 kHz field modulation. It was previously discovered that  $1 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was a rare example of a non-Kramer's ( $S = 2$ ) system that gave a detectable EPR signal owing to some proportion of the zero-field splitting envelope satisfying the condition  $\Delta < 0.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>[S1]</sup> Therefore, the X-band (9.6 GHz) electron paramagnetic resonance spectra for the high-spin complexes **2-4** were obtained at 10 K in 9:1 MeOH:EtOH in both perpendicular and parallel modes. The EPR spectra for each complex (Figure S12) gave a broad signal with  $g \gg 2$  consistent with high-spin iron(II); hyperfine structure was not observed. The sharp signal near  $g = 4$  observed in the perpendicular mode spectrum of each complex broadens in the parallel mode, indicative of a minor Fe(III) impurity in the samples. The  $g$ -values decreases with decreasing ligand field strength with  $g \sim 9.5$  for  $2 \cdot \text{MeOH} \cdot 0.35\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\sim 8.0$  for  $1 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\sim 4.0$  for  $3 \cdot 2\text{MeOH}$ .

**Figure S12.** Perpendicular mode (left) and parallel mode (right) X-band EPR of  $1 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , bottom,  $2 \cdot \text{MeOH} \cdot 0.35\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , middle, and  $3 \cdot 2\text{MeOH}$ , top, at 3 mW and 10 K.



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