

**Fe-catalyzed conversion of N₂ to N(SiMe₃)₃ via an
Fe-hydrazido resting state
Supplementary Information**

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1. Experimental details

All chemical manipulations were performed under an N₂ or Ar atmosphere using standard Schlenk-line techniques or a MBraun Labmaster DP glovebox, unless stated otherwise. Solvents were purchased from VWR: pentane was dried using an Innovative Technology Pure Solv™ SPS-400; Et₂O and THF were distilled from dark green Na/fluorenone indicator. Solvents were degassed by thorough sparging with N₂/Ar gas and stored in gas-tight ampoules; pentane and Et₂O were stored over a K mirror; THF was stored over 4 Å molecular sieves. Deuterated solvents were freeze-pump-thaw degassed, dried, and stored in gas-tight ampoules over 4 Å molecular sieves: DMSO-d₆ (VWR, 99.5 atom % D). ¹⁵N₂ (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, 98% ¹⁵N) was transferred from a breakseal flask using a Toepler pump. All glassware was dried in an oven at 160 °C overnight before use.

NMR spectroscopy

NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker AV-400 (400.4 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts, δ , are reported in parts per million (ppm). ^1H and ^{29}Si chemical shifts are given relative to Me_4Si and referenced internally to the residual proton shift of the deuterated solvent employed. ^{19}F , ^{31}P and ^{15}N chemical shifts were referenced ($\delta = 0$) externally to CFCl_3 , 85% H_3PO_4 (aq) and neat CH_3NO_2 , respectively. ^1H and ^{31}P NMR spectra of solutions prepared in non-deuterated solvents incorporate an internal reference capillary containing a solution of 0.1 M PPh_3 in C_6D_6 and are referenced to residual $\text{C}_6\text{D}_5\text{H}$ ($\delta = 7.15$ ppm) and PPh_3 ($\delta = -5.4$ ppm) resonances, respectively. Air or moisture sensitive samples were prepared inside a glovebox using NMR tubes fitted with J. Young valves.

Electrochemistry

Electrochemical experiments were carried out using an AutoLab potentiostat controlled by Nova. Measurements were performed inside an Ar glovebox on room temperature Et_2O solutions containing the sample (2 mM) and $[^\text{n}\text{Bu}_4\text{N}][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]$ electrolyte (50 mM). A three-electrode configuration was employed: a Pt working electrode (PWE; BASi, Indiana, USA); a Pt wire counter electrode (99.99 %; GoodFellow, Cambridge, UK); and a Ag wire pseudo-reference electrode (99.99 %; GoodFellow, Cambridge, UK). All electrodes were polished using alumina/ H_2O , followed by rinsing with acetone and then Et_2O , and drying in a 100 °C oven prior to each measurement. Measurements were calibrated to the ferrocenium/ferrocene couple at the end of each run, and iR compensated to within 80 ± 5 % of the solution uncompensated resistance.

UV-Visible spectroscopy

Electronic spectra were recorded using a Perkin Elmer Lambda 20 UV-visible spectrophotometer. Samples were prepared inside the glovebox using a quartz cuvette with an optical path length of 1 cm and fitted with a J. Young valve.

X-ray crystallography

Single crystal X-ray diffraction data was collected with an Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur unit; crystals were mounted on a nylon MicroLoop™ using perfluoropolyether oil and measured in a stream

of N₂ at 173 K. All structures were solved using the Superflip charge flipping package.¹ All data were subsequently refined with the ShelXL refinement package.²

Mass spectrometry

High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded using a Micromass Autospec Premier (ES+ or EI mode) by Dr Lisa Haigh at Imperial College London.

Gas chromatography

Gas chromatographic measurements were conducted using an Agilent 6890 G1530A GC System and the data processed by GC ChemStation Rev. B. 04. 02. Catalytic N₂ silylation reactions were conducted as detailed below, in either the presence or absence of **1^{Me/Et}**. A 1.2 mL aliquot of the relevant reaction mixture was taken after 72 hours, mixed with heptane (22 µL) (as an internal standard) and analysed.

Synthetic details

All chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich unless stated otherwise. Me₃SiCl and Me₃SiOTf were purified by distillation and stored on 4 Å molecular sieves.

The following chemicals were prepared according to modified literature procedures: KC₈,³ KBAr^F₄,⁴ [ⁿBu₄N][BAr^F₄],⁵ Hg(SiMe₃)₂,⁶ Fe(depe)₂(^{14/15}N₂),⁷ Fe(dmpe)₂(^{14/15}N₂),⁸ [Fe(depe)₂(^{14/15}N₂SiMe₃)][BAr^F₄], and [Fe(dmpe)₂(^{14/15}N₂SiMe₃)][BAr^F₄].⁹

Fe(dmpe)₂(NN(SiMe₃)₂) (3^{Me}): To a solution of Fe(dmpe)₂(N₂) (250 mg, 0.65 mmol) in Et₂O (20 mL) under an N₂ atmosphere was added Me₃SiCl (0.83 mL, 6.51 mmol) and KC₈ (879 mg, 6.51 mmol). The resulting suspension was stirred at RT for 30 min before being filtered. Volatiles were then removed *in vacuo*, leaving a dark red oil (220 mg, 83%). The ¹⁵N labelled analogue was similarly prepared from Fe(dmpe)₂(¹⁵N₂) under a ¹⁵N₂ atmosphere.

¹H NMR (400.4 MHz, C₆D₆) δ: 1.72 (m), 1.67(m), 1.31 (m), 1.21 (m) 1.18 (m), 1.12 (m), 0.30 (s, N-SiCH₃).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100.0 MHz, C₆D₆) δ: 33.5 (s), 25.0 (s), 23.5 (s), 22.8 (s), 22.4 (s), 14.0 (s), 0.36 (s).

$^{15}\text{N}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (40.55 MHz, Et₂O) δ : -22 (m, N_{α}), -248 (m, 16 Hz, N_{β}).

$^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (162.0 MHz, Et₂O) δ : 77.0 (2 P, d, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 8$ Hz), 46.8 (1 P, dt, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 8$ Hz $^3J_{\text{PP}} = 28$ Hz), -48.0 (1 P, d, $^3J_{\text{PP}} = 28$ Hz).

^{29}Si NMR (99.4 MHz, Et₂O, HMBC) δ : -0.1 (s, N-SiCH₃).

HRMS (EI): m/z found (calculated) for C₁₈H₅₀FeN₂P₄Si₂: 530.1829 (530.1812)

UV-Vis (pentane, nm {M⁻¹ cm⁻¹}): 488 {1130}

Fe(depe)₂[NN(SiMe₃)₂] (3^{Et}): To a solution of Fe(depe)₂(N₂) (1.00 g, 2.02 mmol) in Et₂O (20 mL) under an Ar atmosphere was added Me₃SiCl (2.56 mL, 20.2 mmol) and KC₈ (2.73 g, 20.2 mmol). The resulting suspension was stirred at RT for 2 hours before being filtered. Volatiles were then removed *in vacuo*, leaving a dark purple oil (1.20 g, 92%). The ¹⁵N labelled analogue was similarly prepared from Fe(depe)₂(¹⁵N₂) under a ¹⁵N₂ atmosphere.

^1H NMR (400.4 MHz, C₆D₆) δ : 2.03-1.81 (m, overlapping), 1.74-1.47 (m, overlapping), 1.46-1.35 (m), 1.27-1.03 (m, overlapping), 0.33 (s, N-SiCH₃).

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100.0 MHz, C₆D₆) δ : 26.6 (s), 26.4 (d, overlapping), 26.0 (d, $^1J_{\text{PP}} = 10$ Hz), 21.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{PP}} = 16$ Hz), 19.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{PP}} = 15$ Hz), 9.7 (d, $^1J_{\text{PP}} = 14$ Hz), 9.4 (s), 9.1 (s), 8.9 (s), 0.72 (s).

$^{15}\text{N}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (40.55 MHz, Et₂O) δ : -33 (dq, $^1J_{\text{NN}} = 16$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{NP}} = 5$ Hz, N_{α}), -260 (d, $^1J_{\text{NN}} = 16$ Hz, N_{β}).

$^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (162.0 MHz, Et₂O) δ : 102.1 (2 P, d, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 13$ Hz), 64.6 (1 P, dt, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 13$ Hz $^3J_{\text{PP}} = 22$ Hz), -17.6 (1 P, d, $^3J_{\text{PP}} = 22$ Hz).

$^{29}\text{Si}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (99.4 MHz, Et₂O) δ : -0.5 (s, N-SiCH₃).

HRMS (EI): m/z found (calculated) for C₂₆H₆₆FeN₂P₄Si₂: 642.3077 (642.3065)

UV-Vis (pentane, nm {M⁻¹ cm⁻¹}): 510 {1760}

[Fe(dmpe)₂(NN(SiMe₃)₂)·SiMe₃][BAr^F₄] [3^{Me}·SiMe₃][BAr^F₄]: To a solution of 3^{Me} (11 mg, 0.02 mmol) in Et₂O (1 mL) under an Ar atmosphere was added Me₃SiOTf (3.6 μ L, 0.02 mmol) and KBAr^F₄ (18 mg, 0.02 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 5 min, before being filtered and the volatiles removed *in vacuo*. The residue was redissolved in Et₂O (1.5 mL) and pentane (5 mL) added, precipitating a dark red solid which was isolated and dried *in vacuo* (22 mg, 77%). The ¹⁵N labelled analogue was similarly prepared from 3^{Me}-¹⁵N₂.

¹H NMR (400.4 MHz, Et₂O, silyl region) δ: 0.50 (br s, P-SiCH₃), 0.16 (s, N-SiCH₃).

¹¹B NMR (128.4 MHz, Et₂O) δ: -6.1 (s).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100.0 MHz, Et₂O) δ: 35.0 (s), 26.2 (s), 25.3 (s), 22.9 (s), 22.4 (s), 14.0 (s), 7.5 (s), 0.36 (s).

¹⁹F NMR (376.4 MHz, Et₂O) δ: -79.3 (s).

¹⁵N{¹H} NMR (40.55 MHz, Et₂O) δ: -31 (m, *N*_α), -258 (d, ¹J_{NN} = 16 Hz, *N*_β).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (162.0 MHz, Et₂O) δ: 102.1 (2 P, d, ²J_{PP} = 13 Hz), 58.0 (1 P, dt, ²J_{PP} = 8 Hz ³J_{PP} = 44 Hz), -17.2 (1 P, d, ³J_{PP} = 44 Hz).

²⁹Si NMR (99.4 MHz, Et₂O, HMBC) δ: -0.1 (s, N-SiCH₃).

HRMS (ES): *m/z* found (calculated) for C₂₁H₅₉FeN₂P₄Si₃: 603.2304 (603.2286)

UV-Vis (Et₂O, nm {M⁻¹ cm⁻¹}): 501 {1160}

[Fe(depe)₂(NN(SiMe₃)₂)·SiMe₃][BAr^F₄] [3^{Et}·SiMe₃][BAr^F₄]: To a solution of **3^{Et}** (13 mg, 0.02 mmol) in Et₂O (1 mL) under an Ar atmosphere was added Me₃SiOTf (3.6 μL, 0.02 mmol) and KBAr^F₄ (18 mg, 0.02 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 5 min, before being filtered and the volatiles removed *in vacuo*. The residue was redissolved in Et₂O (1.5 mL) and pentane (5 mL) added, precipitating a dark purple solid which was isolated by filtration and dried *in vacuo* (11.9 g, 83%). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown by layering of an Et₂O solution of [3^{Et}·SiMe₃][BAr^F₄] with pentane. The ¹⁵N labelled analogue was similarly prepared from **3^{Et}-¹⁵N₂**.

¹H NMR (400.4 MHz, Et₂O, silyl region) δ: 0.55 (br s, P-SiCH₃), 0.18 (s, N-SiCH₃).

¹¹B NMR (128.4 MHz, Et₂O) δ: -6.1 (s).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101.0 MHz, Et₂O) δ: 29.1 (s), 26.8 (s), 26.2 (s), 21.2 (s), 19.1 (s), 9.7 (s), 9.4 (s), 9.1 (s), 8.9 (s), 7.3 (s), 0.72 (s).

¹⁵N{¹H} NMR (40.55 MHz, Et₂O) δ: -33 (dq, ¹J_{NN} = 16 Hz, ²J_{NP} = 5 Hz, *N*_α), -260 (d, ¹J_{NN} = 16 Hz, *N*_β).

¹⁹F NMR (376.4 MHz, Et₂O) δ: -79.3 (s).

¹⁵N{¹H} NMR (40.55 MHz, Et₂O) δ: -32 (m, *N*_α), -258 (d, ¹J_{NN} = 16 Hz, *N*_β).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (162.0 MHz, Et₂O) δ: 99.6 (2 P, m), 70.7 (1 P, m), -5.4 (1 P, br s).

²⁹Si NMR (99.4 MHz, Et₂O, HMBC) δ: 1.6 (s, N-SiCH₃).

HRMS (ES): *m/z* found (calculated) for C₂₉H₇₅FeN₂P₄Si₃: 715.9270 (715.9281)

UV-Vis (Et₂O, nm {M⁻¹ cm⁻¹}): 509 {1040}

Reduction reactions of $[2^{\text{Me/Et}}][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}_4}]$: N.B. These reactions were performed under an Ar atmosphere. To a solution of either $[2^{\text{Me}}][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}_4}]$ or $[2^{\text{Et}}][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}_4}]$ (13.2 mg or 14.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) in Et₂O (0.5 mL) inside a J. Young's NMR tube was added KC₈ (1.5 mg, 0.011 mmol), and the resulting suspension shaken briefly. The solids were allowed to settle, and the reaction mixture analyzed by ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy, revealing the presence of **1^{Me/Et}** and **3^{Me/Et}** in a 1:1 ratio.

Reductive cleavage reactions of $3^{\text{Me/Et}}$: Inside a glovebox, **3^{Me/Et}** (0.1 mL of a 0.1 M solution in Et₂O, 0.01 mmol), Et₂O (0.4 mL) and either KC₈ or K_(s) (6.8 mg, 0.05 mmol; 50 mg, 1.28 mmol) were combined in a vial charged with a glass-coated stirrer bar. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 3 days, before being filtered into a J. Young's NMR tube and analysed by ¹H and ²⁹Si-¹H HMBC NMR, which revealed the presence of KN(SiMe₃)₂ (verified by comparison with the spectra of a commercial sample). The reactions, based on the intensity of the starting ¹H NMR resonance for the Me₃Si groups in **3^{Me/Et}**, provide a yield of KN(SiMe₃)₂ of 70-80% via ¹H NMR integration. Me₃SiCl (5.1 μL, 0.04 mmol) was then added, and the solutions re-analyzed by ¹H and ²⁹Si-¹H HMBC NMR spectroscopy, which revealed the presence of N(SiMe₃)₃ (verified by comparison with the spectra of a commercial sample).

Reactions of Fe species with Hg(SiMe₃)₂: To a solution of either **1^{Me/Et}** (3.2 mg or 5.0 mg, 0.01 mmol), $[2^{\text{Me/Et}}][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}_4}]$ (13.2 mg or 14.3 mg, 0.01 mmol), or **3^{Me/Et}** (0.1 mL of a 0.1 M solution in Et₂O, 0.01 mmol) in Et₂O (0.5 mL) inside a J. Young's NMR tube was added Hg(SiMe₃)₂ (7.6 mg, 0.022 mmol). The resulting solutions were either heated to 50 °C, or allowed to stand under ambient light for 12 hours, before being analyzed by ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy. In all cases no change in the resonances of the Fe-containing starting material was observed, but Me₃Si-SiMe₃ was visible in the ¹H NMR spectrum (as compared with an authentic sample, δ = 0.06 ppm) and a dark suspension of Hg⁰ could be seen inside the NMR tube.

Representative Procedure for Fe(PP)₂(N₂)-catalyzed (PP = dmpe, depe) conversion of N₂ to N(SiMe₃)₃

Inside an N₂ glovebox, a 250 ml Rotaflo® ampoule was charged with Fe(depe)₂(N₂) (2.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 1.0 eq.), KC₈ (680 mg, 5 mmol, 1000 eq.), Me₃SiCl (0.64 mL, 5 mmol, 1000 eq.), Et₂O (20

mL) and a stirrer bar. The ampoule was sealed and the mixture stirred for 72 h, after which a 5 mL portion of the reaction mixture was removed and filtered through Celite®. Any N(SiMe₃)₃ present was then converted to NH₄Cl by addition of 2 M HCl in Et₂O (2 mL, 4 mmol, 800 eq.)¹⁰ followed by stirring for 5 min. NH₄Cl was then converted to NH₃ by addition of excess KOH and quantified by our previously published method.⁷ Reaction times of greater than 72 h gave no improvement in yield of N(SiMe₃)₃, whilst reaction times of 24 or 48 h gave diminished yields (see Table S1.)

The electron yield of these reactions was calculated using the following formula:

$$e^- \text{ yield} = \frac{e^- \text{ used in } N(SiMe_3)_3 \text{ formation}}{e^- \text{ available}}$$

e⁻ used in N(SiMe₃)₃ formation = 6 × equivalents of N(SiMe₃)₃ formed

e⁻ available = Equivalents of KC₈ used + e⁻ available from starting complex

The final term was set at +2 for **1^{Me/Et}** and -4 for **3^{Me/Et}**. For **1^{Me/Et}**, this reflects the fact that the starting Fe(0) center in Fe(PP)₂(N₂) is assumed to supply 2e⁻ to a N₂ molecule for N₂ fixation and thus being oxidized to Fe(II) (as documented previously).^{7,8} For **3^{Me/Et}**, which formally contain Fe(II) and a [NN(SiMe₃)₂]²⁻ ligand, these are treated as [N₂]⁴⁻ and hence treated as if 4e⁻ reduction of a starting N₂ molecule has already taken place.¹¹

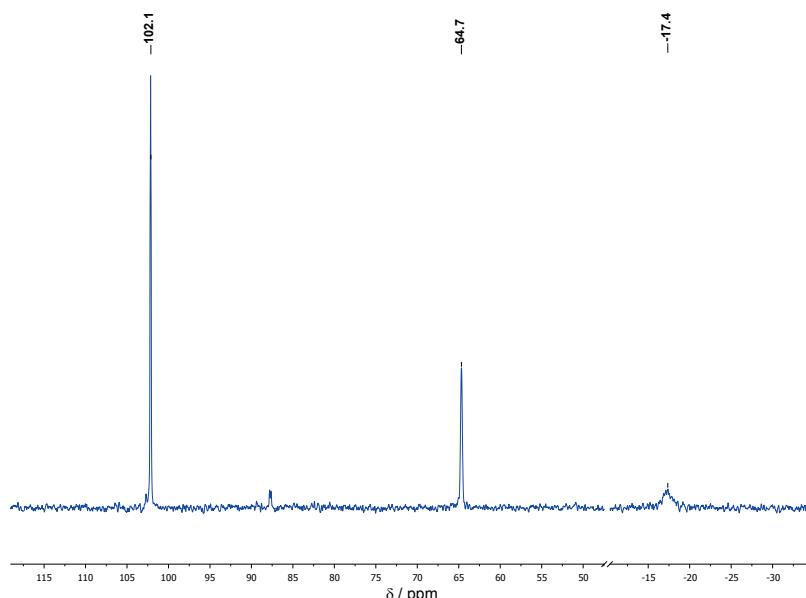


Figure S1. ³¹P NMR spectrum of an aliquot taken during a catalytic N₂ silylation experiment employing **1^{Et}** showing the presence of **3^{Et}**.

Complete results of catalysis reactions

Table 1 in the main text details the results of catalytic N₂ silylation experiments employing Fe(PP)₂(N₂), with yields reported as the average of two runs. For completeness we report in the below table the results of each catalytic reaction.

Table S1. Complete results of catalytic N₂ silylation reactions with Fe(pp)₂-based catalysts.^a

Entry	Catalyst	Me ₃ SiCl, KC ₈ (eq.)	N(SiMe ₃) ₃ (eq.) ^b	e ⁻ yield (%) ^c
1	1 ^{Me}	1000	45.3	13.8
2	1 ^{Me}	1000	49.3	14.8
3	1 ^{Et}	1000	41.7	12.2
4	1 ^{Et}	1000	42.1	12.7
5 ^d	1 ^{Me}	1000	82.5	24.6
6 ^d	1 ^{Me}	1000	89.1	26.6
7 ^d	1 ^{Et}	1000	67.2	20.0
8 ^d	1 ^{Et}	1000	73.4	21.8
9 ^d	1 ^{Me}	1500	129.2	25.8
10 ^d	1 ^{Me}	1500	113.2	22.6
11 ^d	1 ^{Et}	1500	105.3	19.9
12 ^d	1 ^{Et}	1500	100.1	21.0
13	3 ^{Me}	1000	58.7	17.6
14	3 ^{Me}	1000	54.0	16.2
15	3 ^{Et}	1000	40.9	12.2
16	3 ^{Et}	1000	40.6	12.2
17	[3 ^{Me} ·SiMe ₃][BAr ^F ₄]	1000	52.6	16.4
18	[3 ^{Et} ·SiMe ₃][BAr ^F ₄]	1000	40.3	12.1
19 ^e	-	1000	0.0	0.0
20 ^f	1 ^{Et}	1000	27.4	8.3
21 ^g	1 ^{Et}	1000	37.1	11.2
22 ^h	1 ^{Et}	1000	46.1	6.9

^aExperiments performed over 72 h using 0.005 mmol catalyst at 25 °C under 1 atm, unless otherwise stated. N₂, unless otherwise stated; eq. = equivalents. ^bDetermined by acid hydrolysis to NH₄⁺ and quantified using ¹H NMR (see SI); yield per mol Fe. ^cYield calculated as the proportion of available e⁻ used in productive formation of N(SiMe₃)₃ (see SI for details). ^dPerformed under 4 atm. N₂. ^eControl experiment with no catalyst added. ^fPerformed over 24 h. ^gPerformed over 48 h. ^hA further 1000 eq. of KC₈ and Me₃SiCl were added after 72 h, and the reaction stirred for a further 72 h.

2. NMR spectra

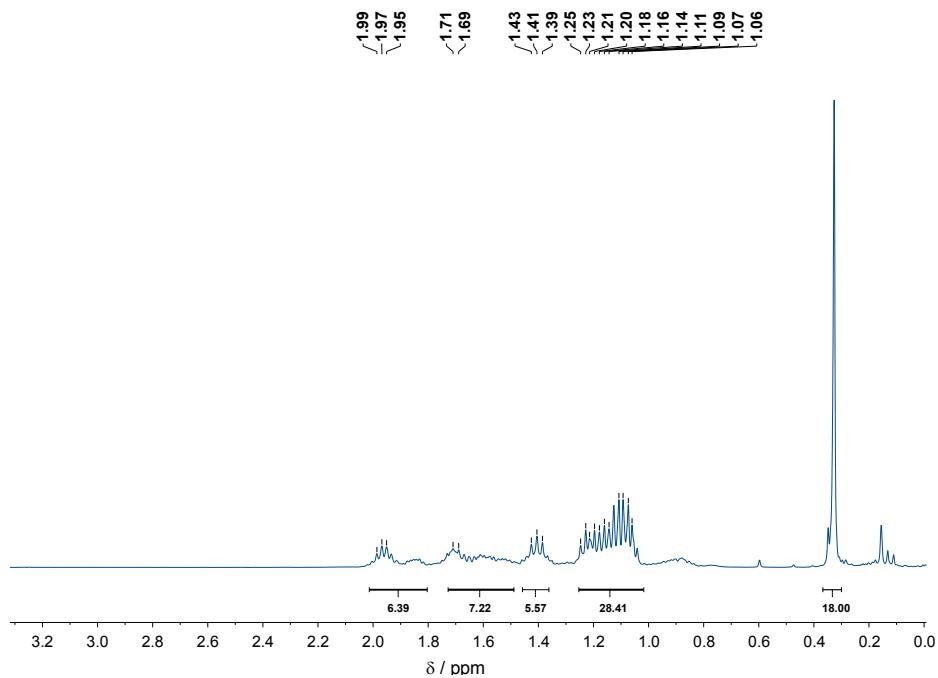


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{Fe}(\text{depe})_2(\text{NN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2)$ (**3^{Et}**) recorded as a C_6D_6 solution.

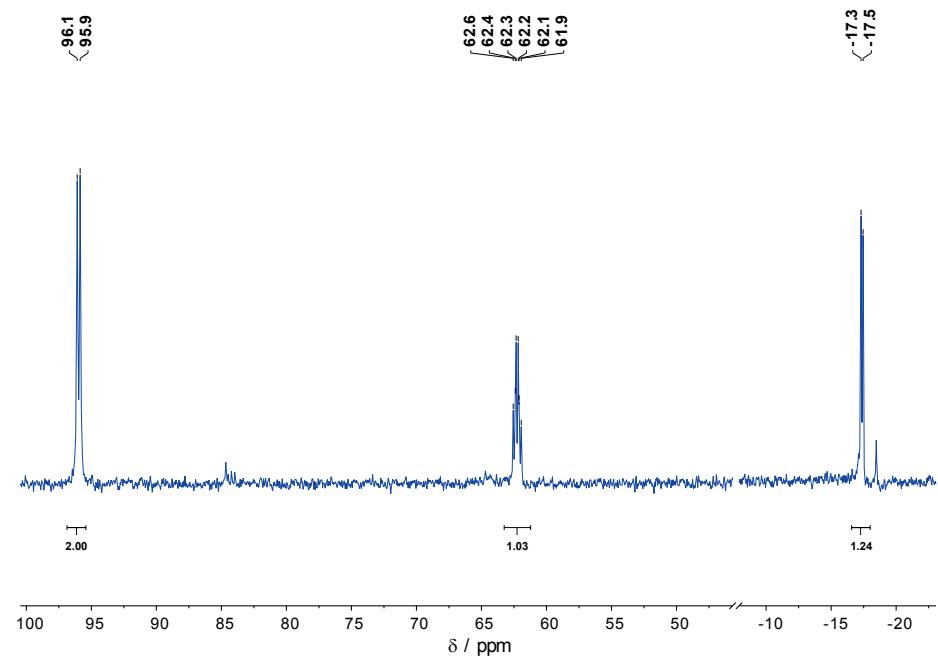


Figure S3. $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $\text{Fe}(\text{depe})_2(\text{NN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2)$ (**3^{Et}**) recorded as an Et_2O solution.

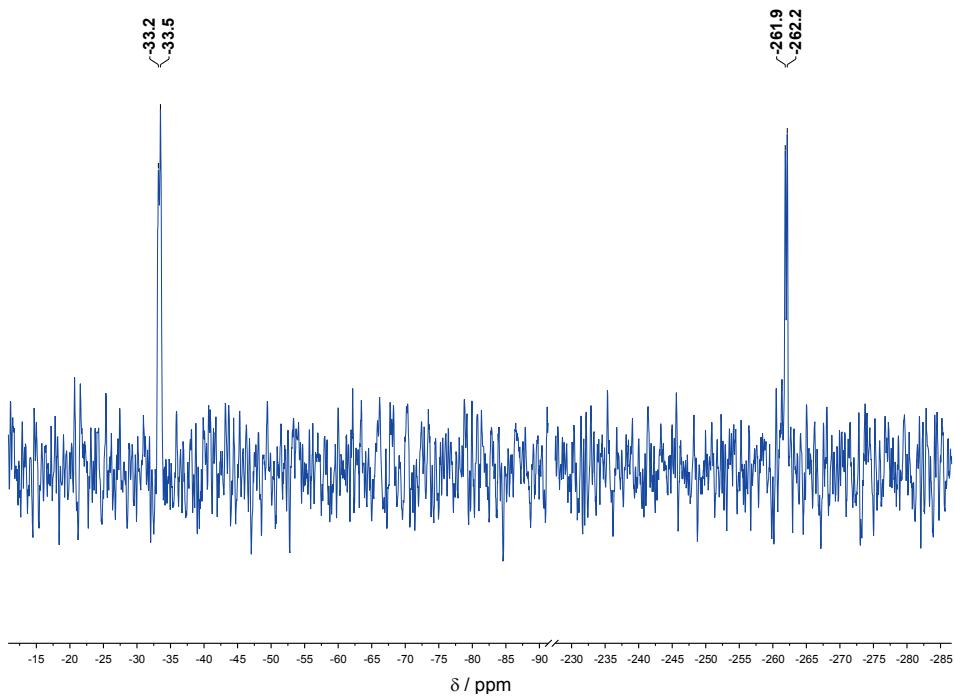


Figure S4. $^{15}\text{N}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $\text{Fe}(\text{depe})_2(\text{NN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2)$ (**3**^{Et}) recorded as an Et_2O solution.

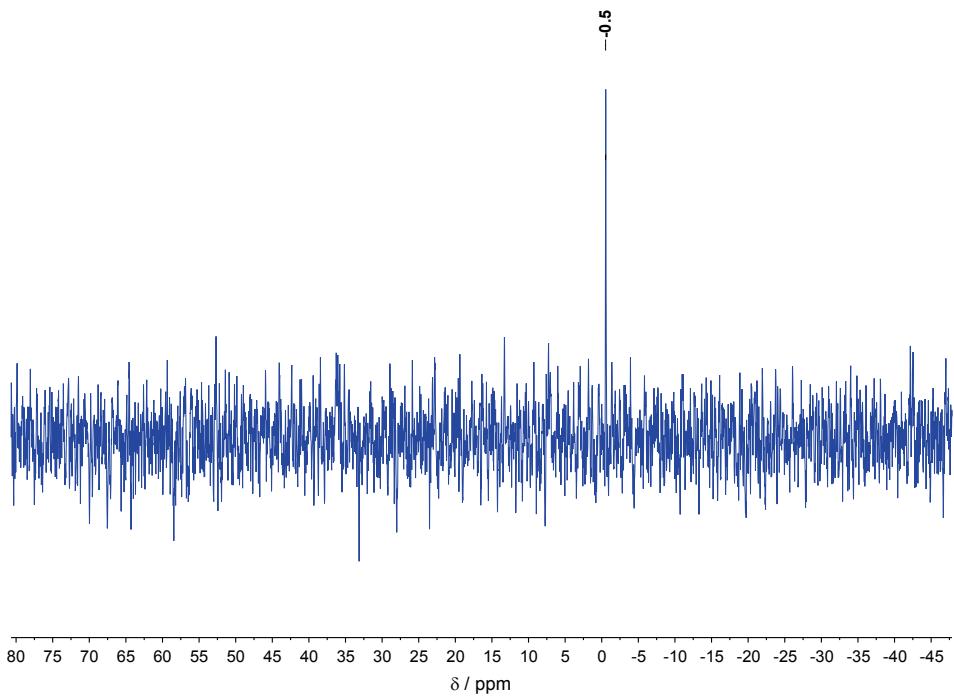


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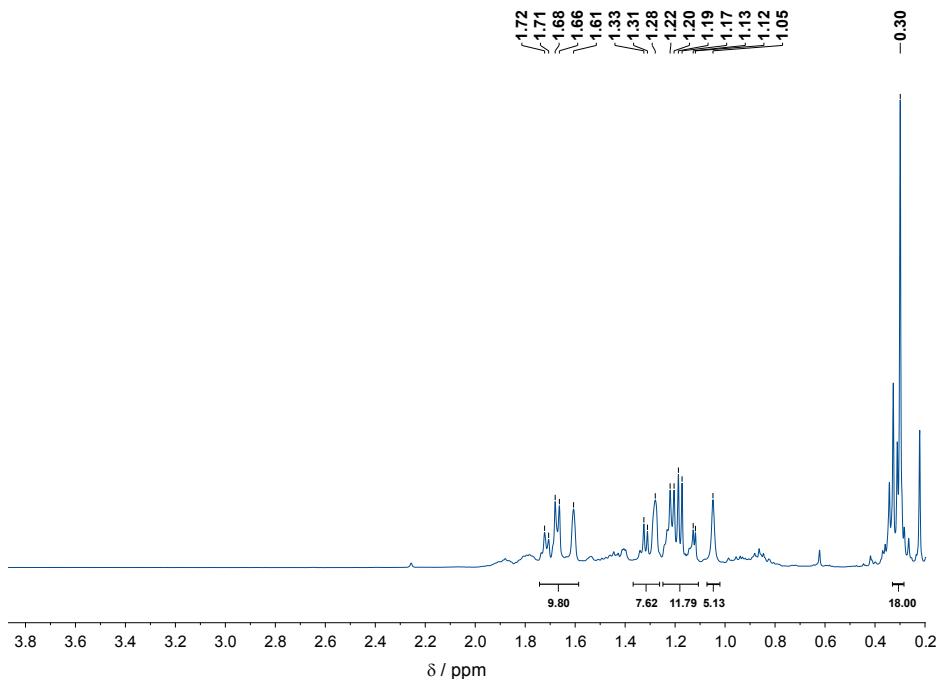


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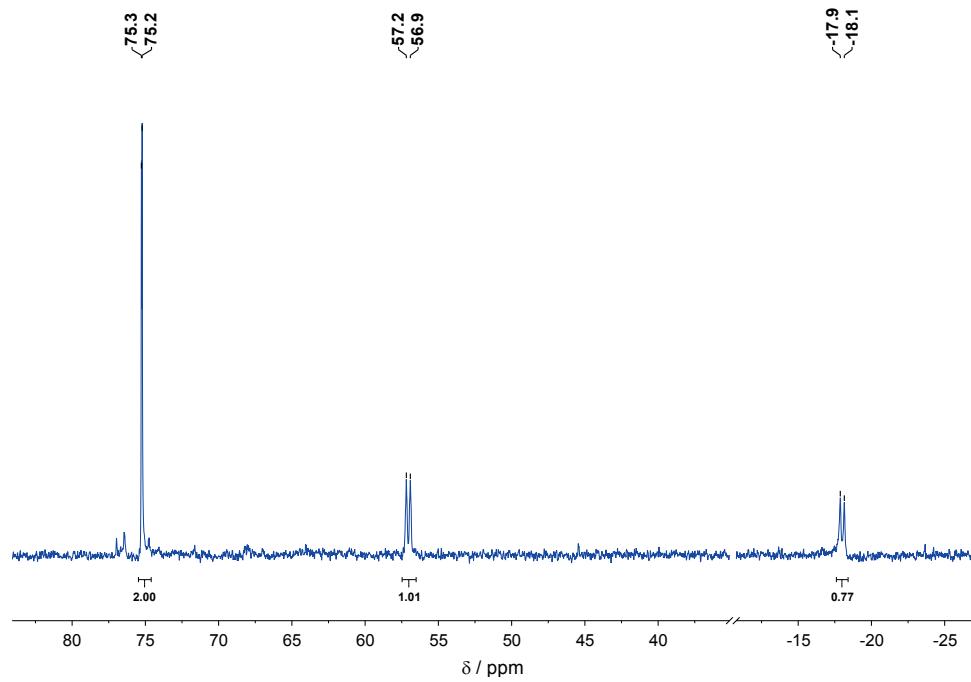


Figure S7. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $\text{Fe}(\text{dmpe})_2(\text{NN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2)$ (**3^{Me}**) recorded as an Et_2O solution.

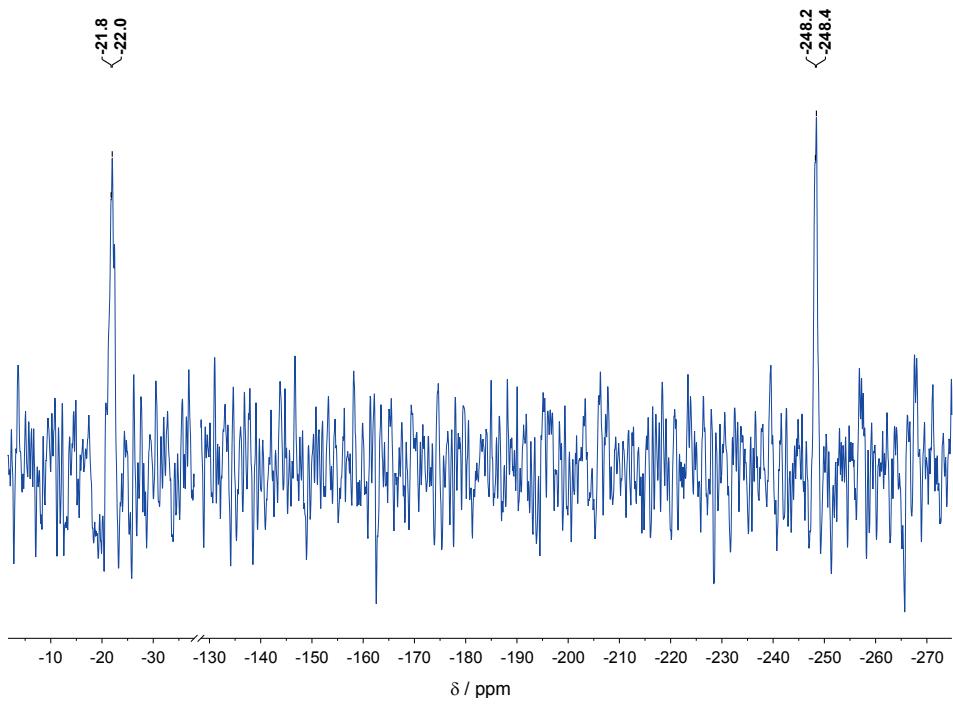


Figure S8. $^{15}\text{N}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $\text{Fe}(\text{dmpe})_2(\text{NN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2)$ (**3^{Me}**) recorded as an Et_2O solution.

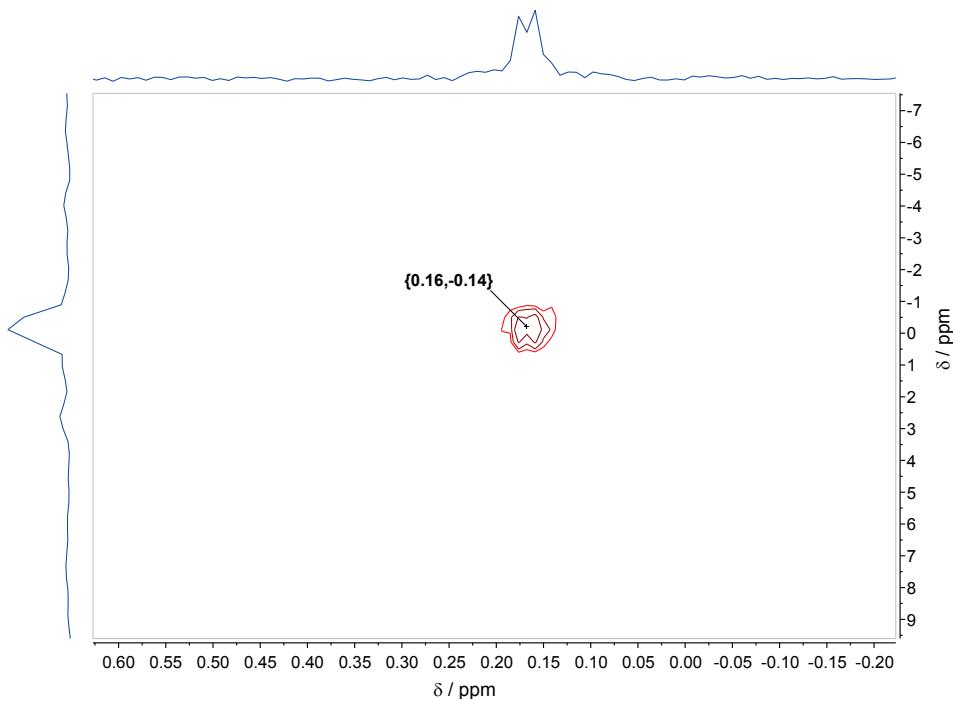


Figure S9. $^{29}\text{Si}-^1\text{H}$ HMBC NMR spectrum of $\text{Fe}(\text{dmpe})_2(\text{NN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2)$ (**3^{Me}**) recorded as an Et_2O solution.

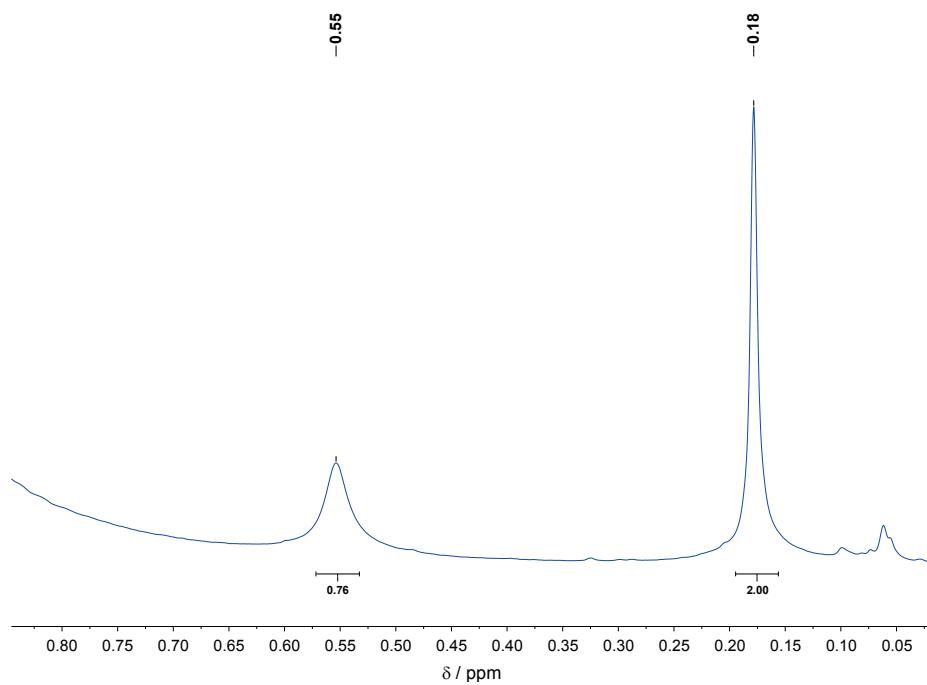


Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectrum (silyl region only) of $[\text{Fe}(\text{depe})_2(\text{NN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2)\cdot\text{SiMe}_3][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]$ ($[\text{3}^{\text{Et}}\cdot\text{SiMe}_3][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]$) recorded as an Et_2O solution.

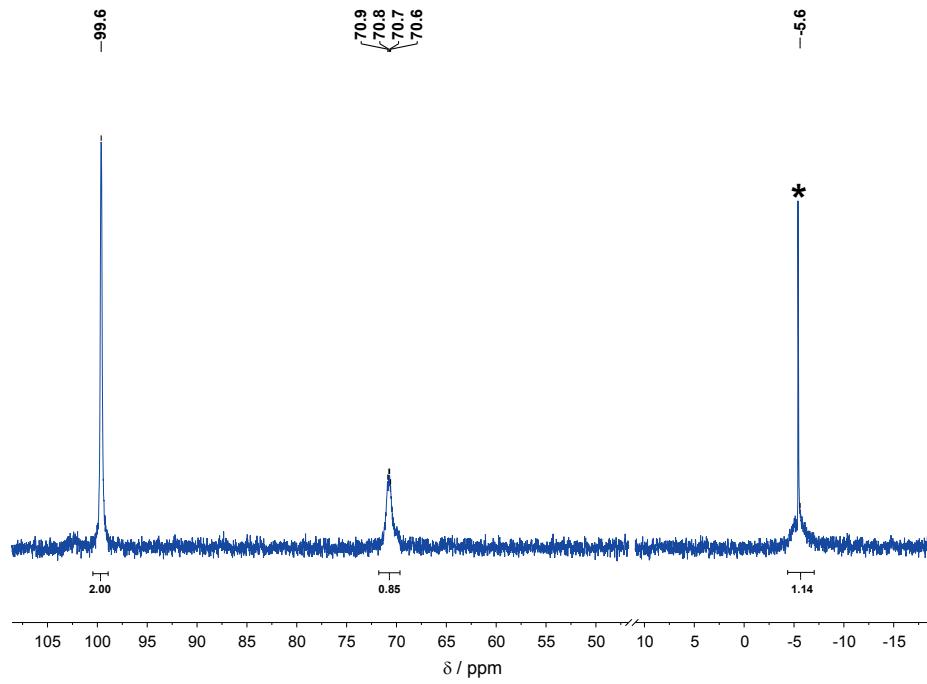


Figure S10. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $[\text{Fe}(\text{depe})_2(\text{NN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2)\cdot\text{SiMe}_3][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]$ ($[\text{3}^{\text{Et}}\cdot\text{SiMe}_3][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]$) recorded as an Et_2O solution. The sharp resonance denoted with a * originates from a PPh_3 internal standard.

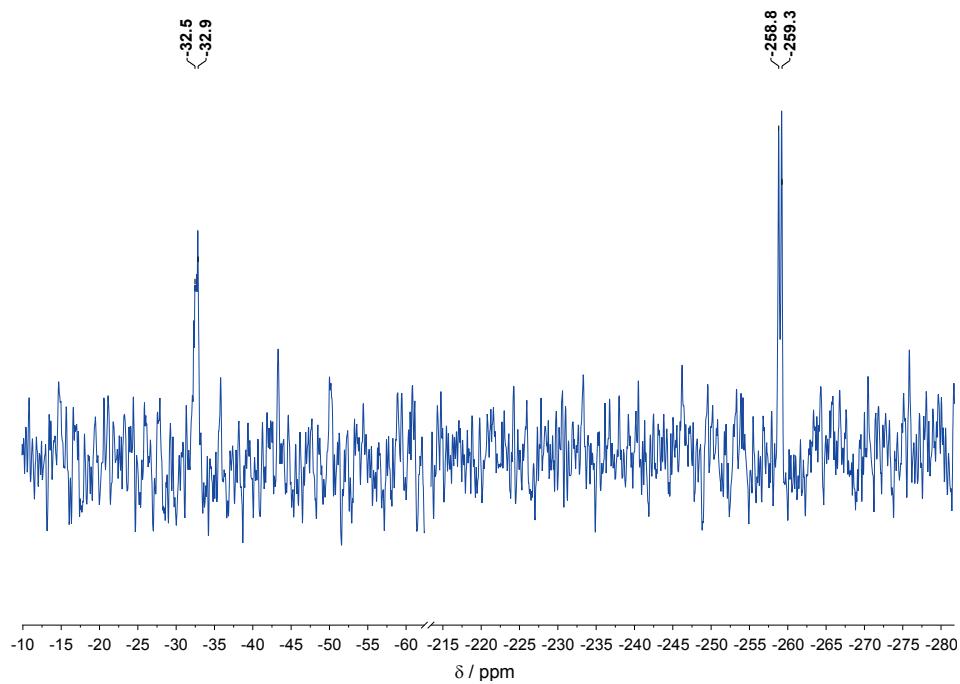


Figure S12. $^{15}\text{N}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $[\text{Fe}(\text{depe})_2(\text{NN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2)\cdot\text{SiMe}_3][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]$ ($[\text{3}^{\text{Et}}\cdot\text{SiMe}_3][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]$) recorded as an Et_2O solution.

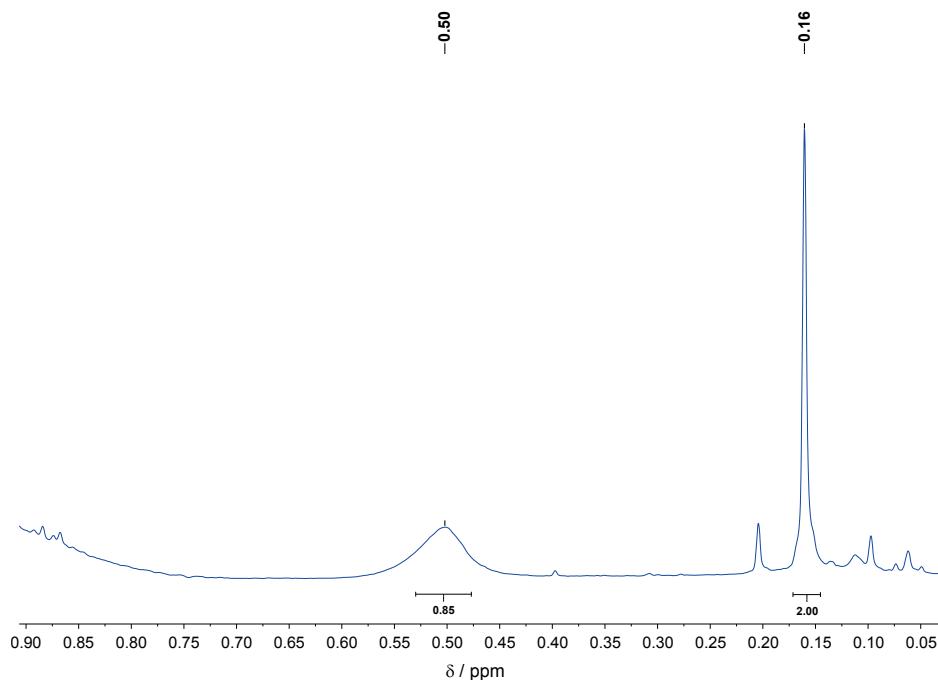


Figure S13. ^1H NMR spectrum (silyl region only) of $[\text{Fe}(\text{dmpe})_2(\text{NN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2)\cdot\text{SiMe}_3][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]$ ($[\text{3}^{\text{Me}}\cdot\text{SiMe}_3][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]$) recorded as an Et_2O solution.

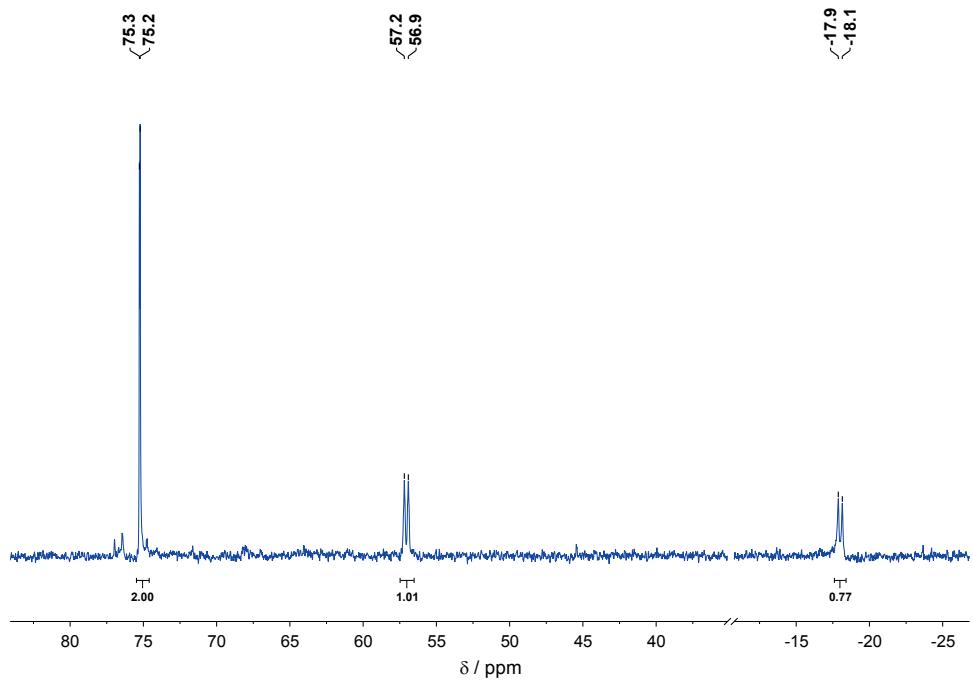


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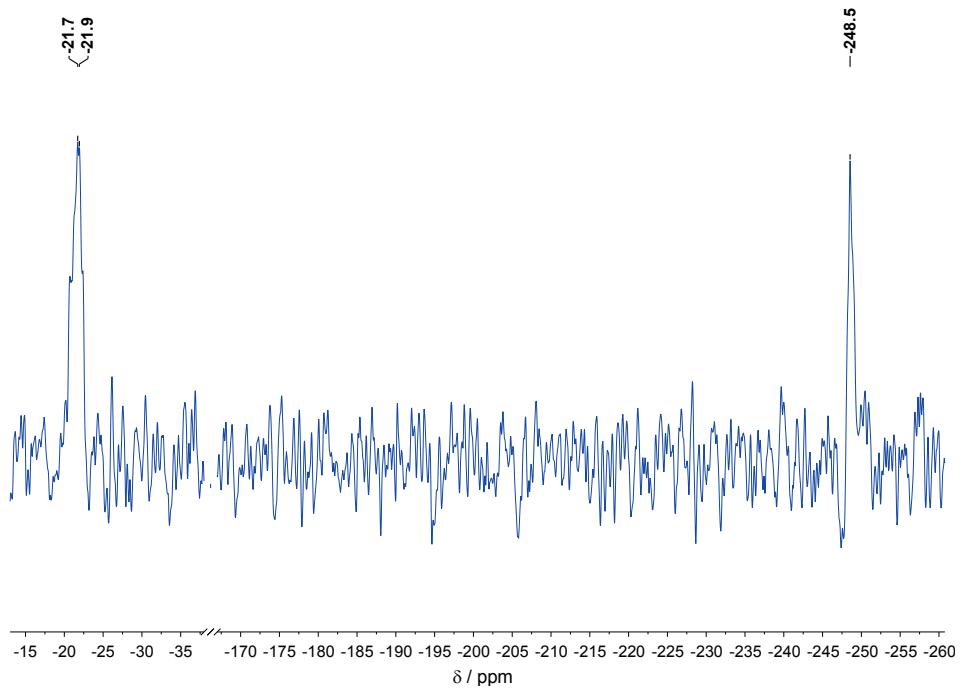


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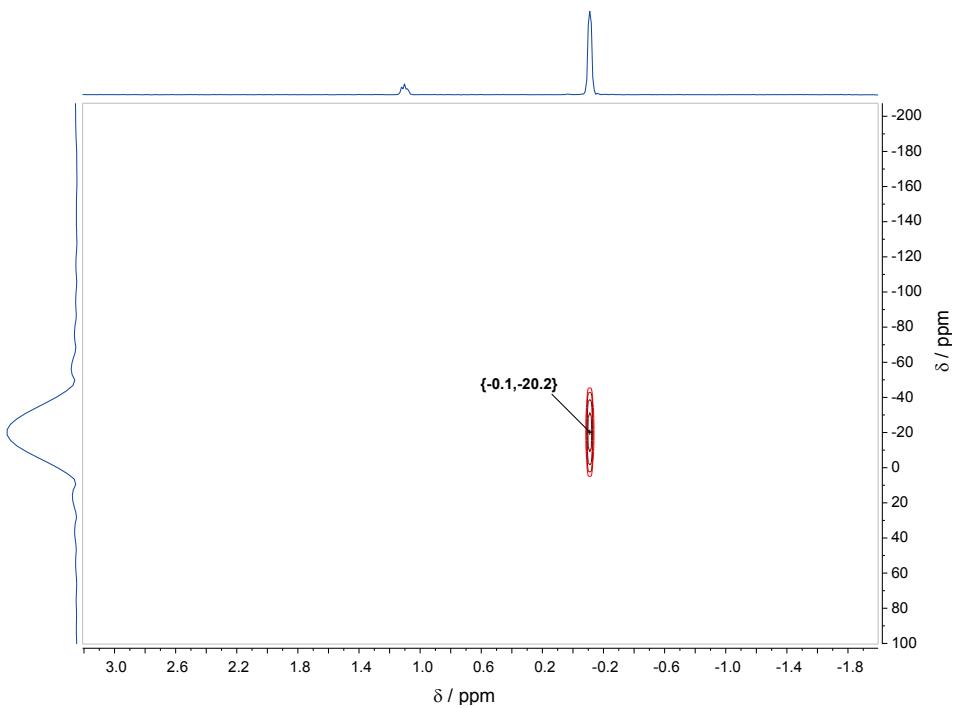


Figure S16. ^{29}Si - ^1H HMBC NMR spectrum of a commercial sample of $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ recorded as an Et_2O solution at 20 °C.

3. Cyclic voltammetry

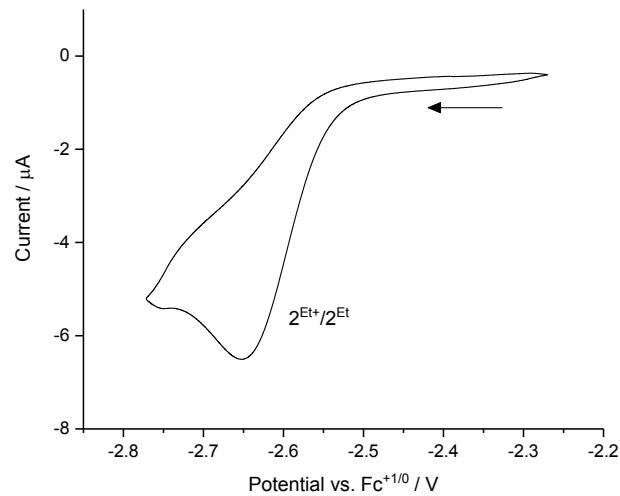


Figure S17. Cyclic voltammogram of $[\text{Fe}(\text{depe})_2(\text{NNSiMe}_3)] [\text{BArF}_4]$ ($[2^{\text{Et}}][\text{BArF}_4]$) (2 mM) recorded as an Et_2O solution under an Ar atmosphere; $[{}^n\text{Bu}_4\text{N}][\text{BArF}_4]$ electrolyte (50 mM).

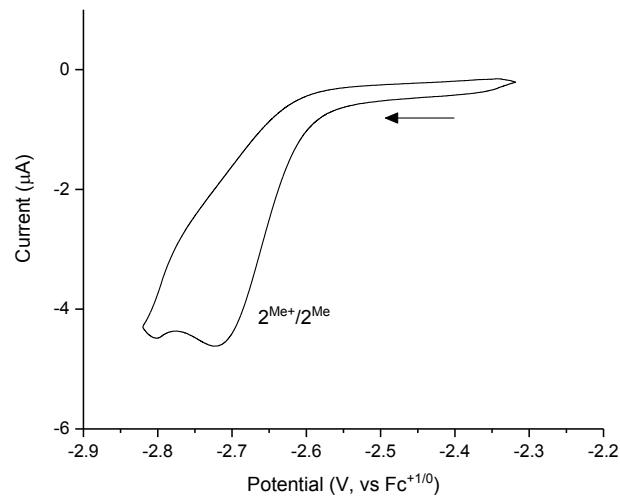


Figure S18. Cyclic voltammogram of $[\text{Fe}(\text{dmpe})_2(\text{NNSiMe}_3)] [\text{BArF}_4]$ ($[2^{\text{Me}}][\text{BArF}_4]$) (2 mM) recorded as an Et_2O solution under an Ar atmosphere; $[{}^n\text{Bu}_4\text{N}][\text{BArF}_4]$ electrolyte (50 mM).

4. UV-Vis spectra

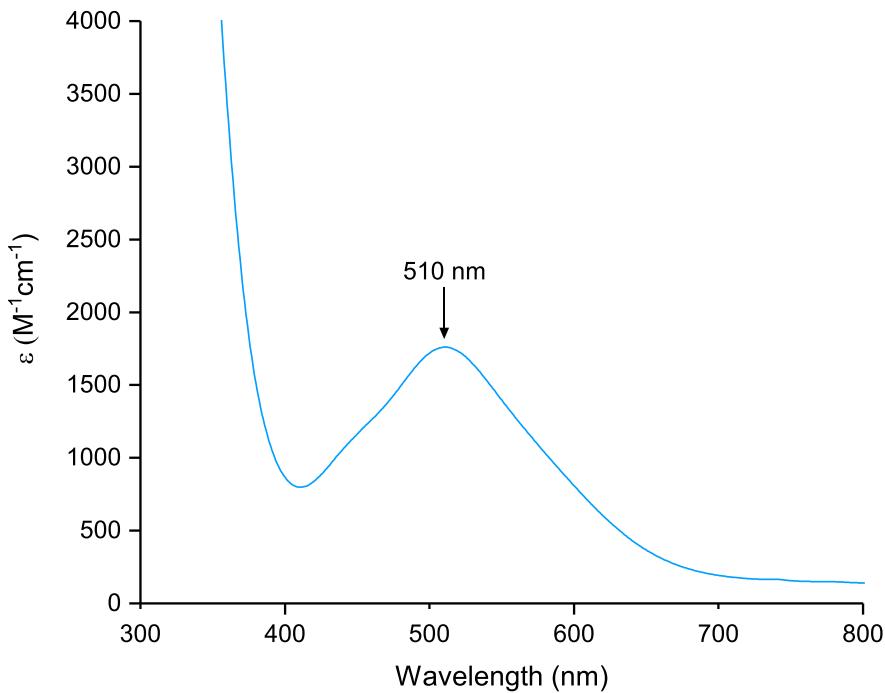


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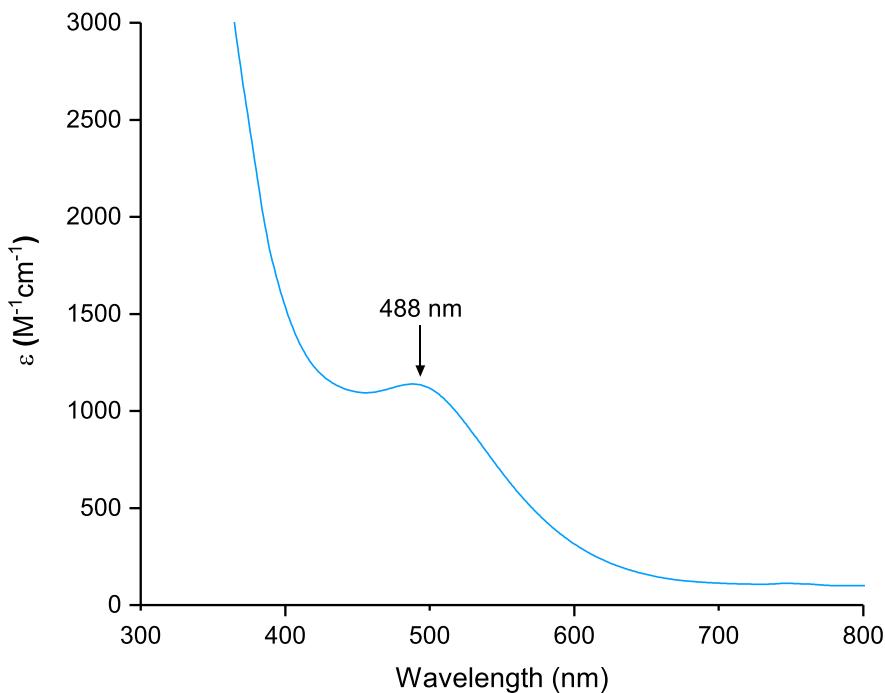


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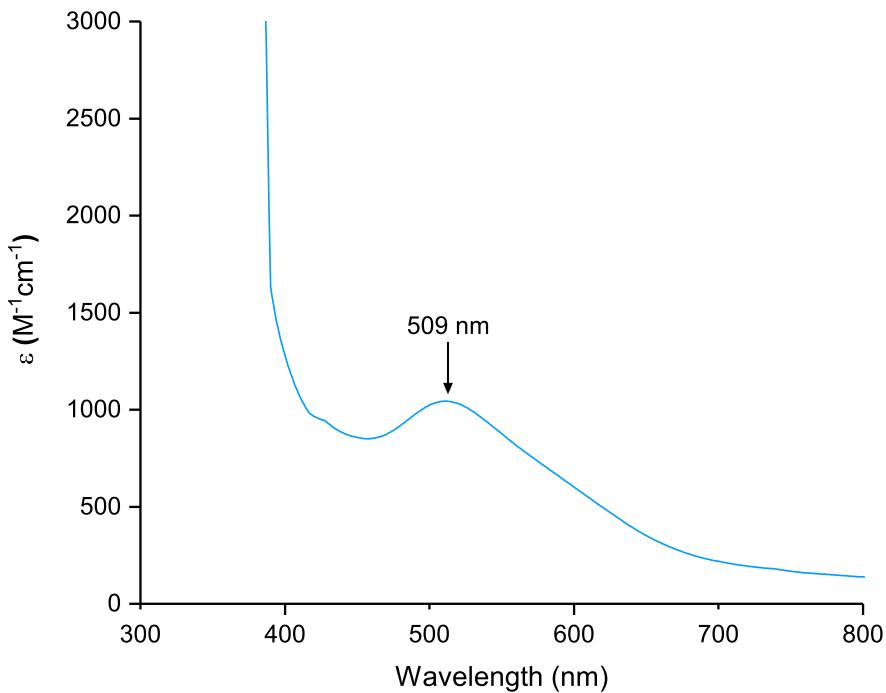


Figure S21. UV spectrum of $[Fe(depe)_2(NN(SiMe_3)_2)\cdot SiMe_3][BAr^F_4]$ ($[3^{Et}\cdot SiMe_3][BAr^F_4]$) recorded as an Et₂O solution under an N₂ atmosphere.

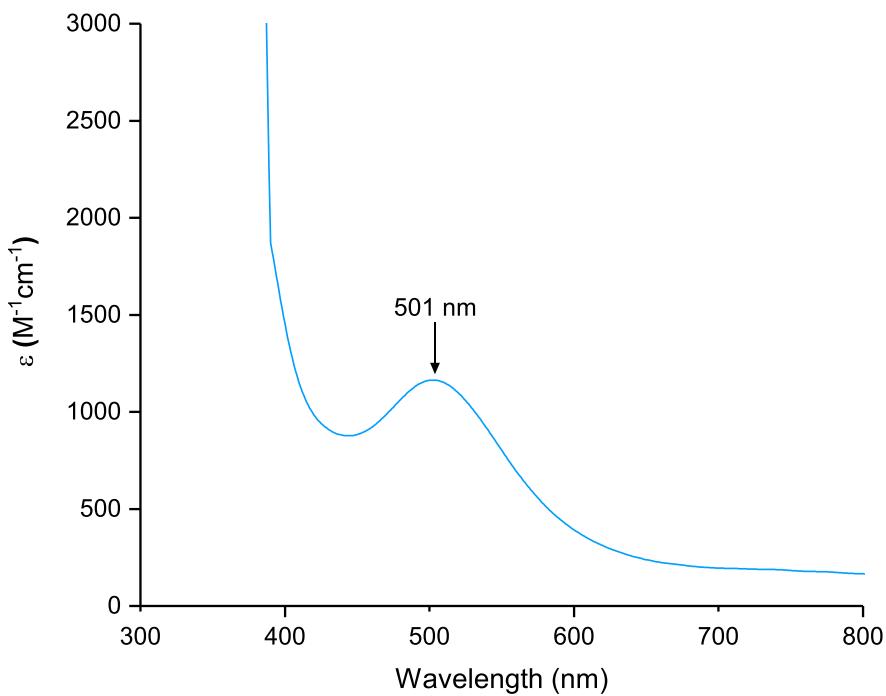
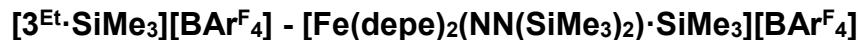


Figure S22. UV spectrum of $[Fe(dmpe)_2(NN(SiMe_3)_2)\cdot SiMe_3][BAr^F_4]$ ($[3^{Me}\cdot SiMe_3][BAr^F_4]$) recorded as an Et₂O solution under an N₂ atmosphere.

5. X-Ray diffraction data



This data set was modelled as a two-component twin in an approximate 77:23 ratio. Some CF₃ groups of the [BAr^F₄]⁻ counterion were found to be disordered over two orientations and were modelled as such, with suitable bond length restraints applied. One ethyl group of a depe ligand was found to be disordered over two positions and was modelled as two components in a 50:50 ratio. Cif data may be retrieved from the Cambridge Structural Database (CCDC 1850110).

Formula	C ₆₁ H ₈₇ BF ₂₄ FeN ₂ P ₄ Si ₂	
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Diffractometer, Wavelength	Agilent Xcalibur 3E, 0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.9577(6) Å	α = 94.728(4)°
	b = 16.1735(5) Å	β = 105.621(5)°
	c = 20.8289(13) Å	γ = 95.118(3)°
Volume, Z	3840.1(3), 2	
Density (calculated)	1.366 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.422 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1632	
Crystal color / morphology	Purple plates	
Crystal size	0.438 × 0.377 × 0.094 mm ³	
2θ range for data collection	4.4 to 56.6°	
Index Ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -23 ≤ l ≤ 27	
Reflections collected	15949	

Independent Reflections	15949 [R _{int} = N/A]
Absorption correction	Analytical
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	15949/216/1001
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.026
Final R indices [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.080, wR ₂ = 0.20
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.143, wR ₂ = 0.222
Largest diff. peak, hole	0.96, -0.56 eÅ ⁻³

6. Computational details

Density functional calculations were carried out using the ADF program suite, version 2014.1.¹² The Slater-type orbital (STO) basis sets were of triple- ζ quality augmented with one polarization function (ADF basis TZP). Core electrons were frozen (C, N 1s; Fe 2p) in our model of the electronic configuration for each atom. The local density approximation (LDA) by Vosko, Wilk and Nusair (VWN)¹³ was used together with the exchange correlation corrections of Becke and Perdew (BP86).¹⁴ Optimized geometries were confirmed as local mimima via frequency calculations.

Modelling the disproportionation of **2^{Me}** to **1^{Me}** and **3^{Me}**

Modelling the mechanism of the proposed bimolecular disproportionation of **2^{Me}** to **1^{Me}** and **3^{Me}** was challenging, a result of the change of complex spin during the course of reaction (two S = 1/2 species forming S = 0 products). Nevertheless, the free energy of the disproportionation reaction was calculated to be highly favorable ($\Delta_r G = -179 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$), and a possible transition state involving an S_N2-type reaction between N_B of one **2^{Me}** molecule with the Me₃Si group of another (Si-N_B···Si distance = 3.20 Å) on the singlet surface was identified, displaying a feasible activation energy (76 kJ mol⁻¹). Confirmation of this transition state as a saddle point on the potential energy surface was obtained by a frequency calculation.

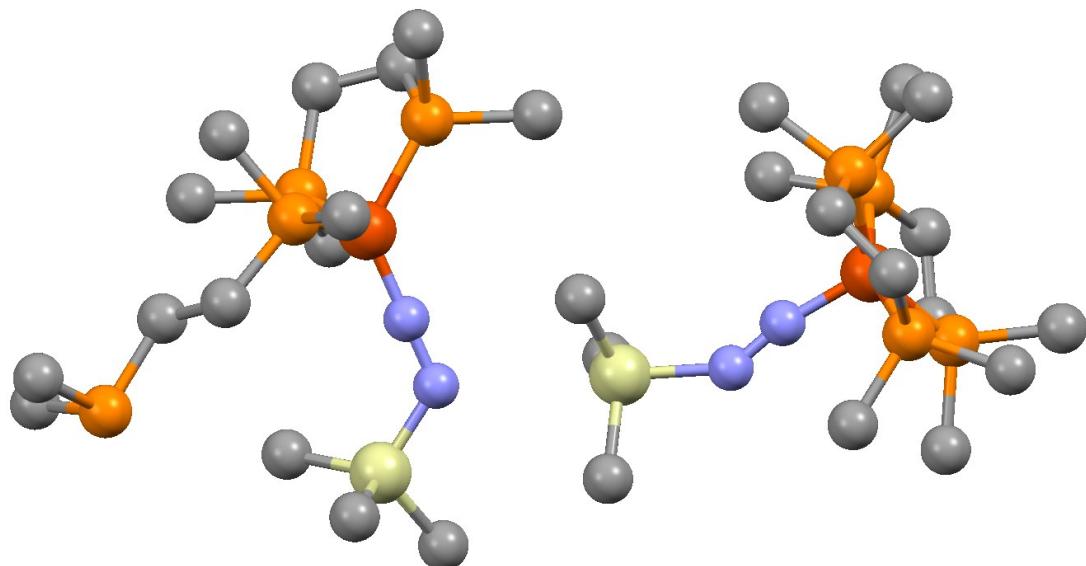


Figure S23. The structure of the transition state for the disproportionation of Fe(dmpe)₂(N₂SiMe₃) (**2^{Me}**).

Cartesian coordinates of the transition state for the disproportionation of 2^{Me}

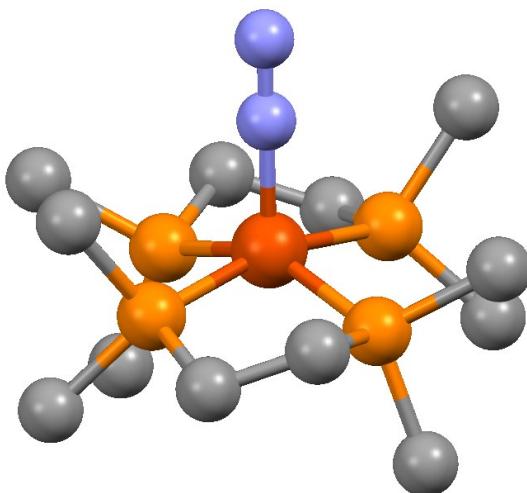
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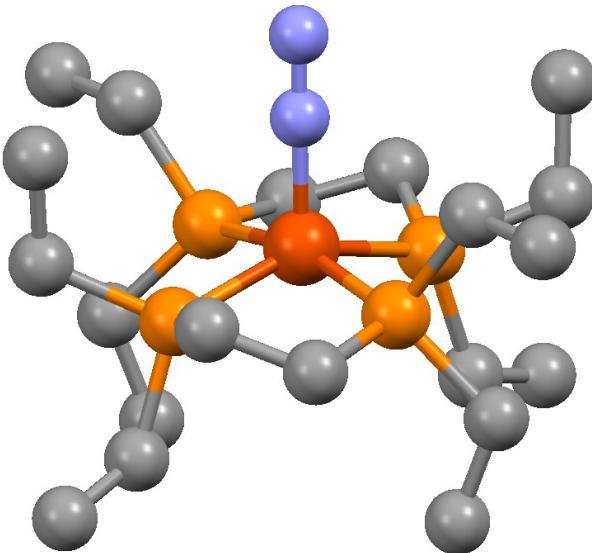


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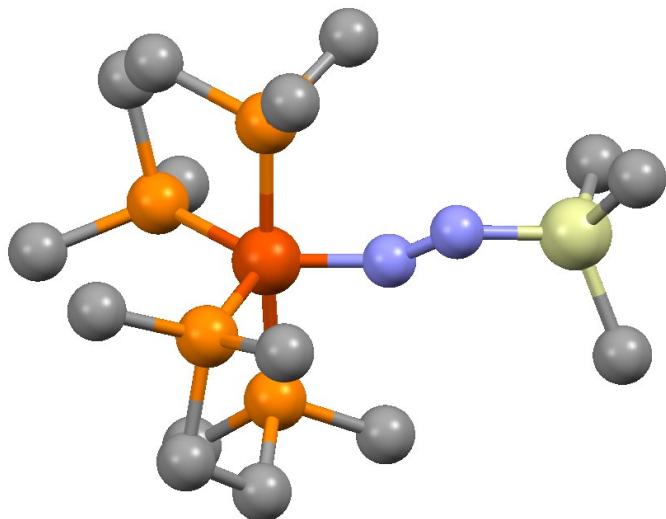


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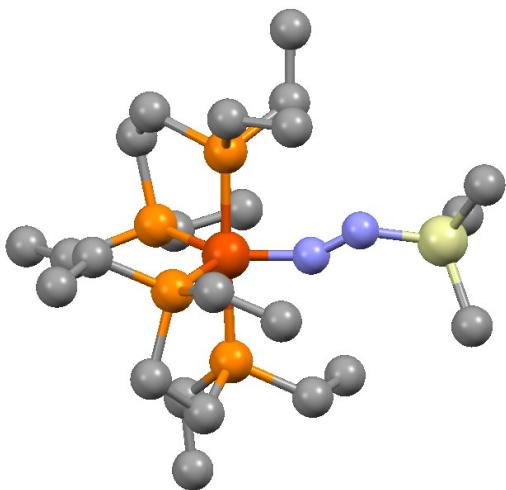


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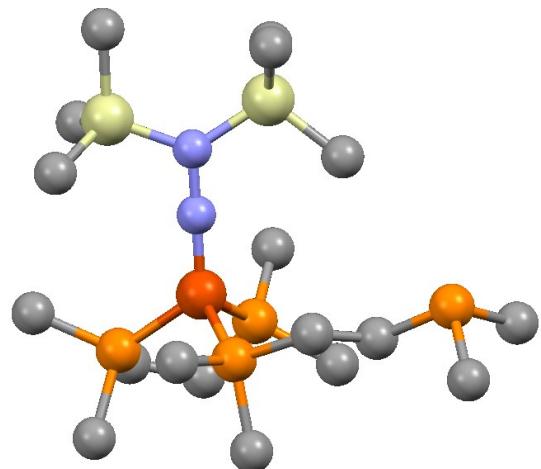
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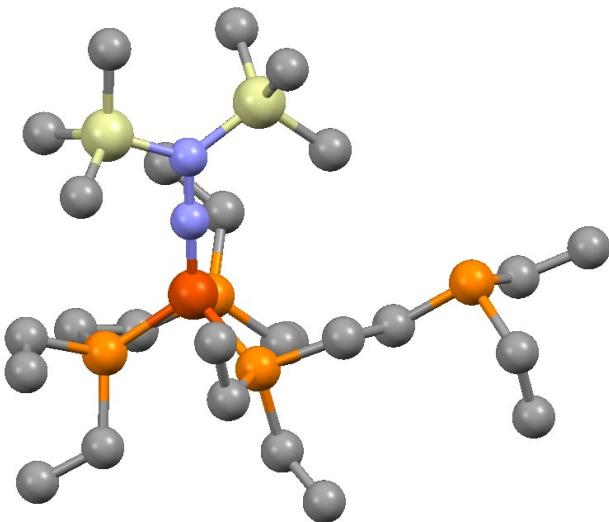


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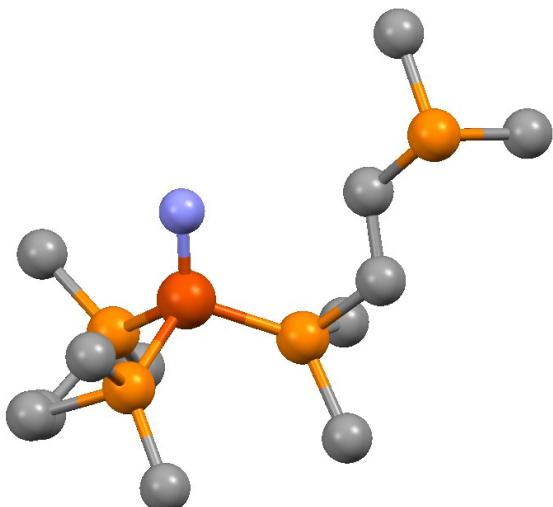
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