

Supporting Information

π Back-Bonding of Iron(II) Complexes Supported by Tris(pyrid-2-ylmethyl)amine and its Nitro-Substituted Derivatives

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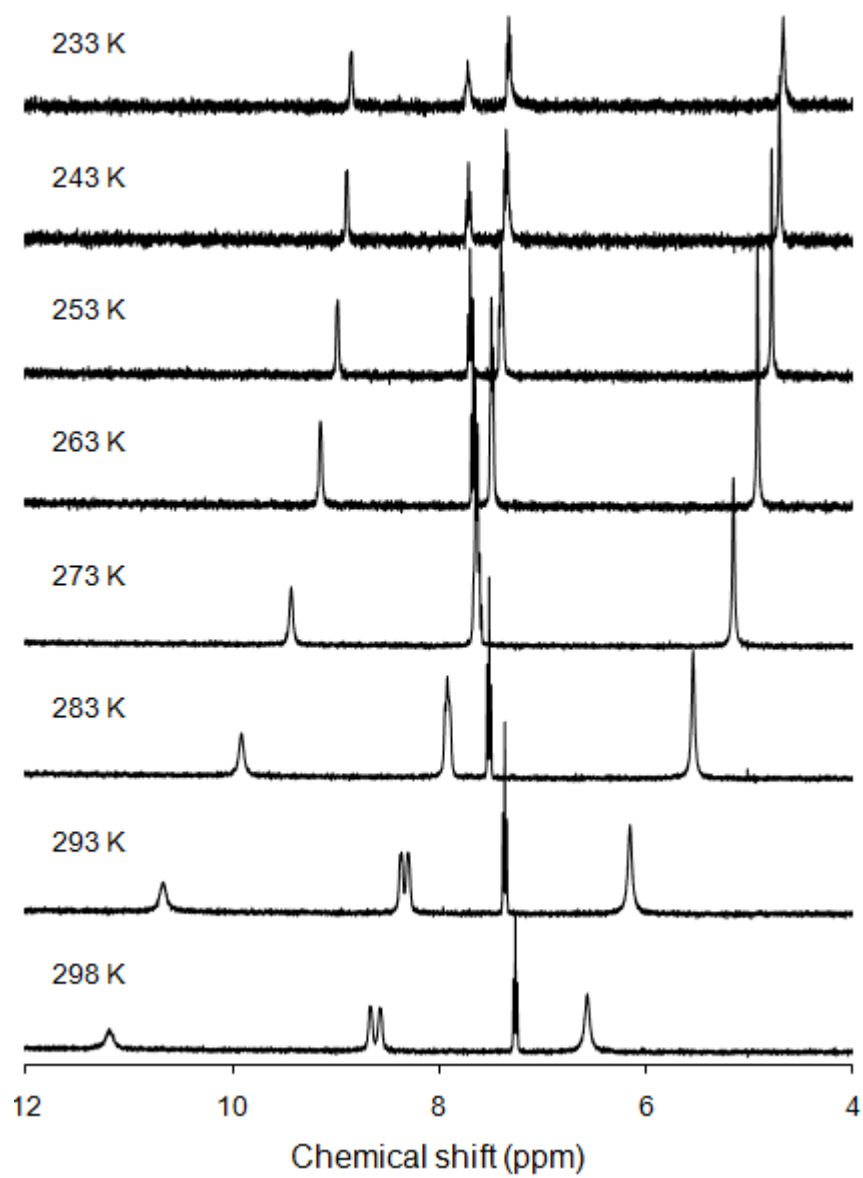


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectra of **1** in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at various temperatures (298 K to 233 K)

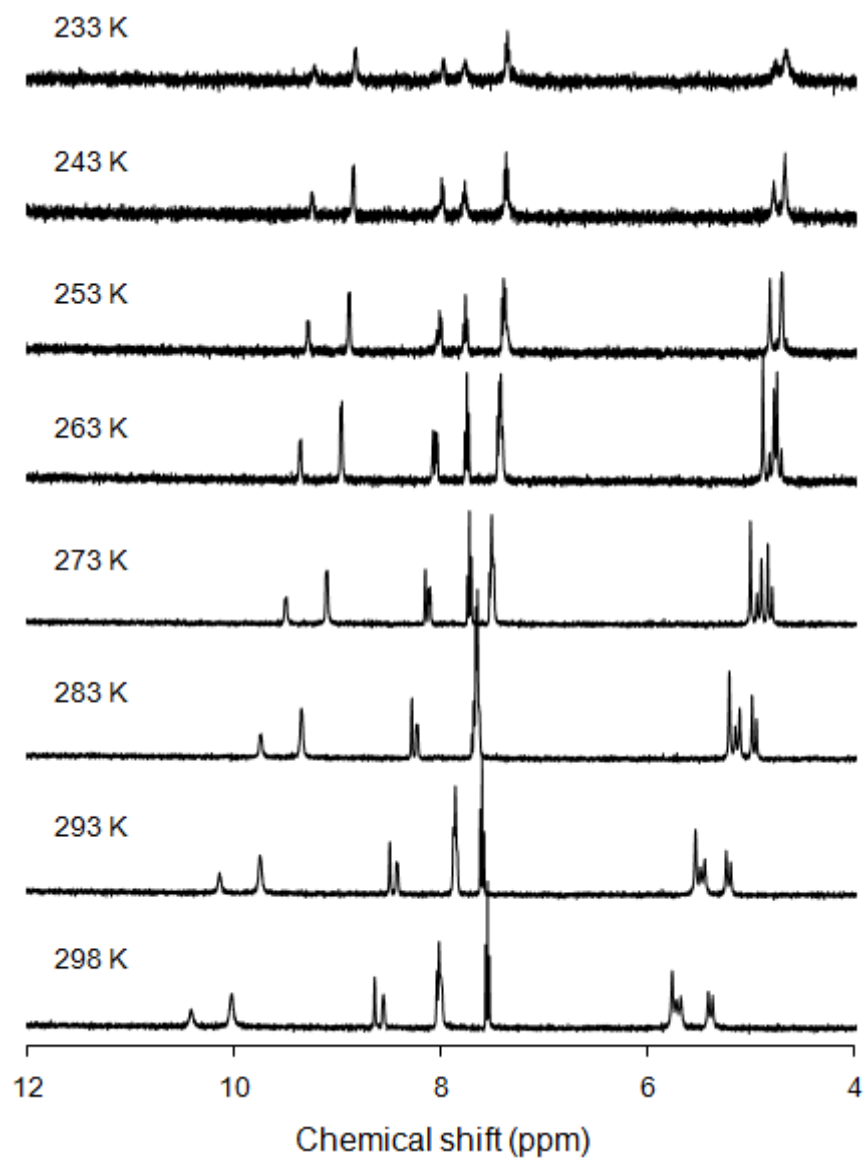


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectra of **2** in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at various temperatures (298 K to 233 K)

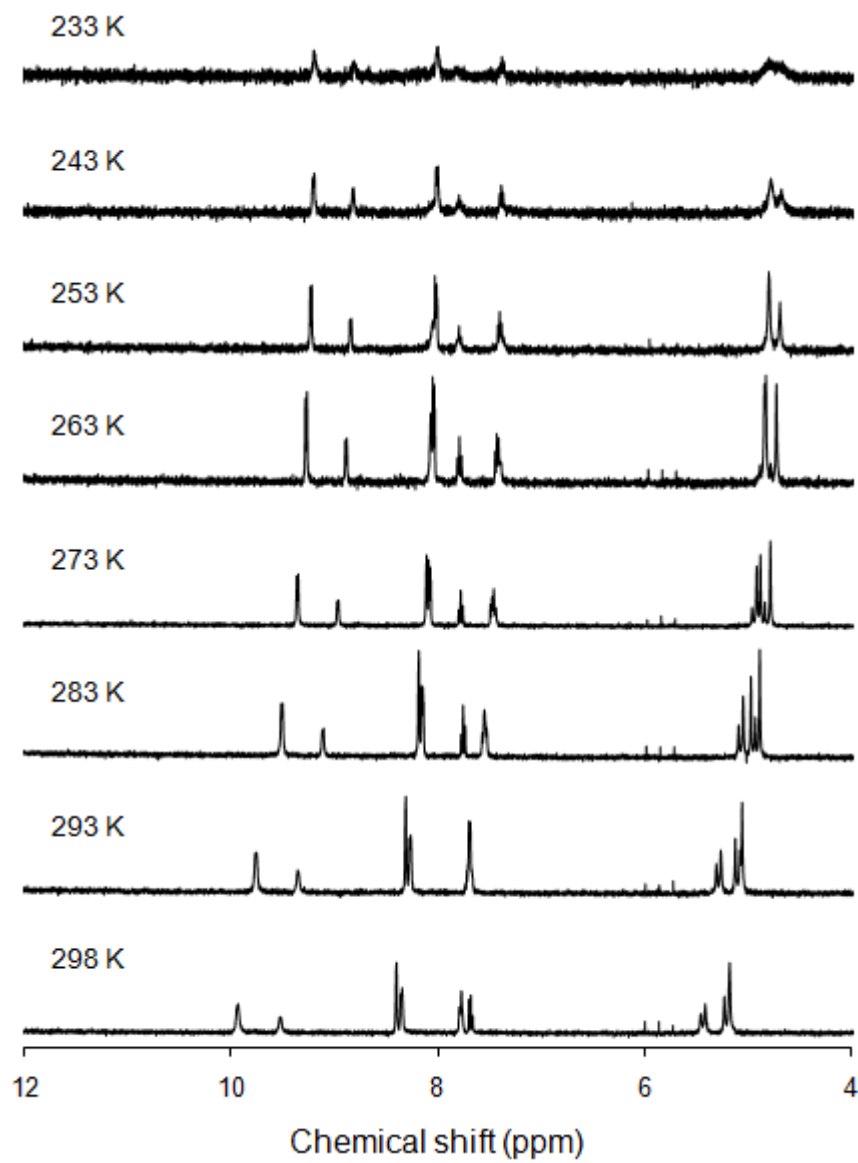


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectra of **3** in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at various temperatures (298 K to 233 K)

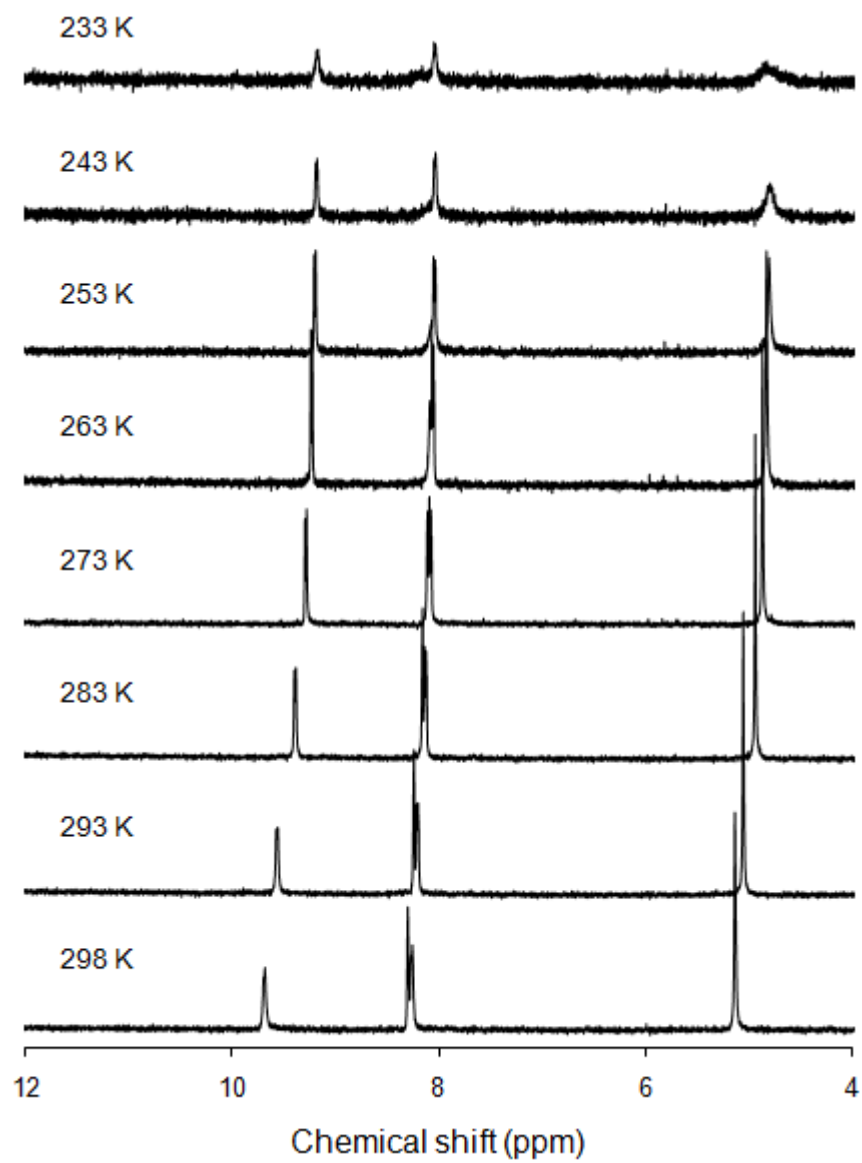


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectra of **4** in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at various temperatures (298 K to 233 K)

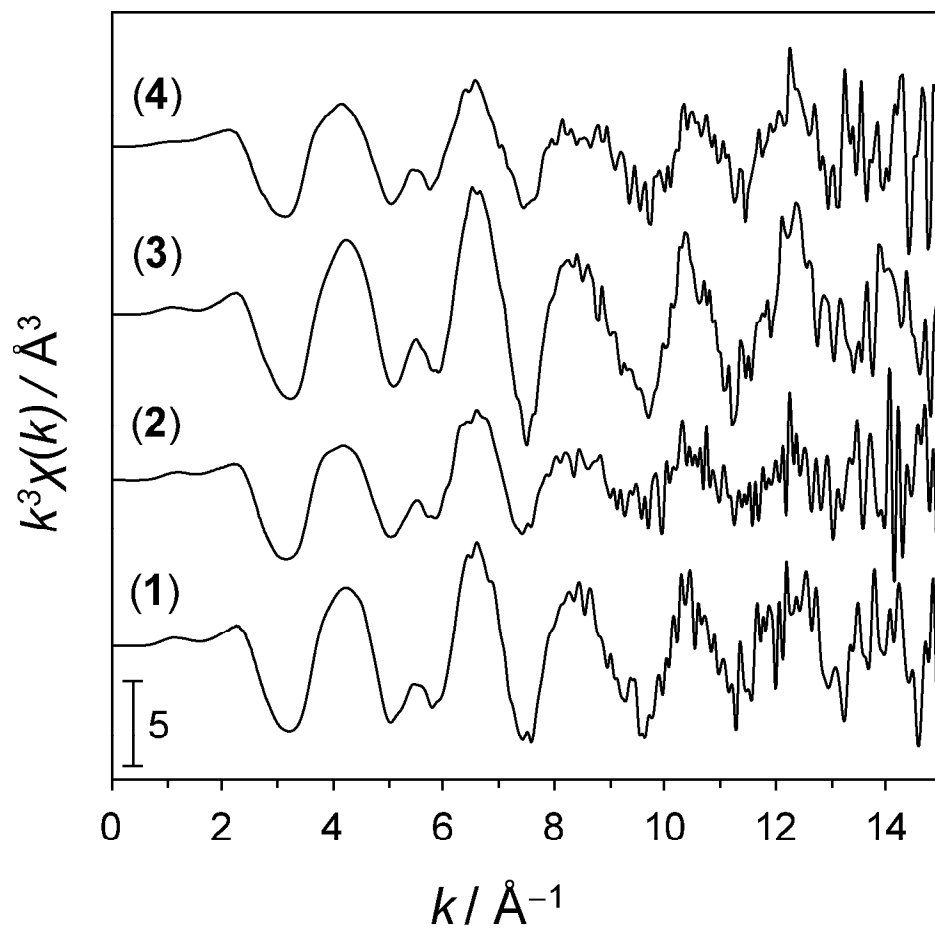


Figure S5. k^3 -Weighted EXAFS spectra of **1**–**4**.

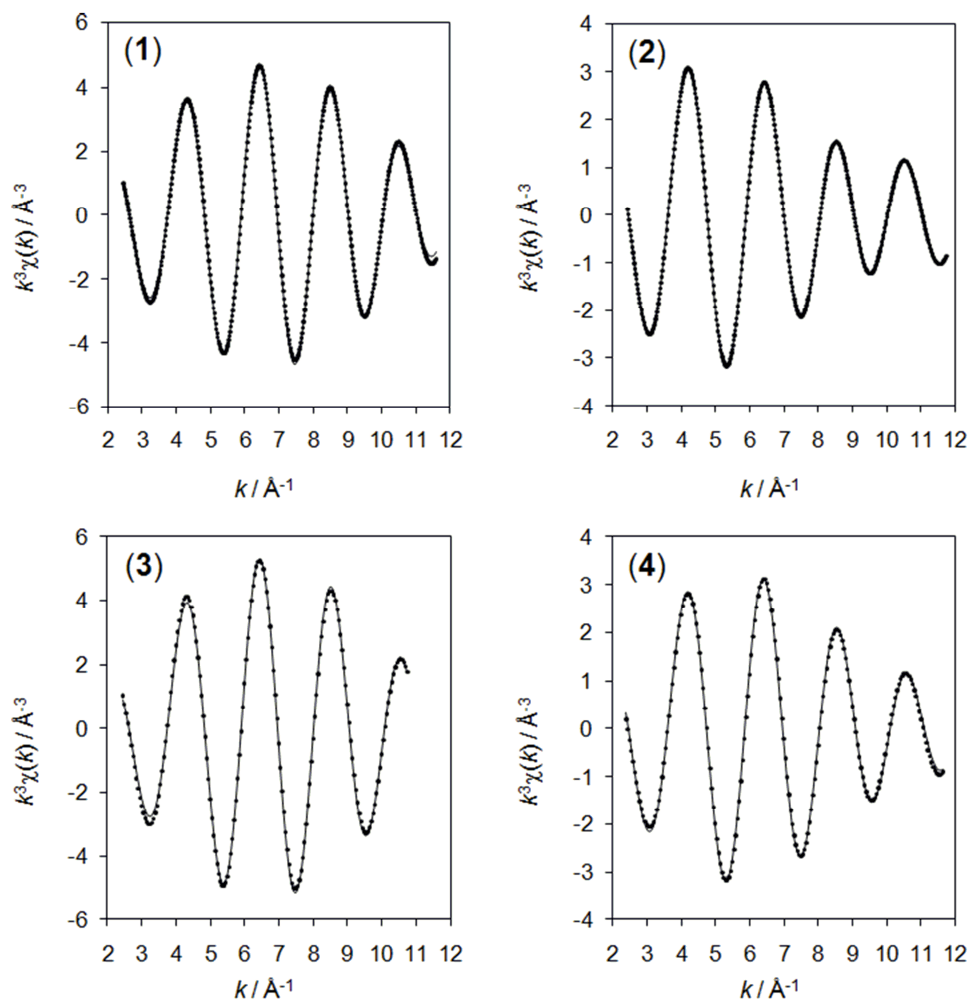


Figure S6. Fourier filtered EXAFS oscillations (solid curve) and the curve fit (circle) for complexes **1–4**.

Table S1. Energy levels of d orbitals of **1–4**.

complex	orbital energy / eV ^a		
	dσ	dπ	dσ – dπ
1	-0.577	-6.414	5.836
2a	-0.740	-6.611	5.871
2b	-0.737	-6.597	5.860
3a	-0.879	-6.772	5.893
3b	-0.879	-6.781	5.902
4	-1.021	-6.952	5.931

^a Energies of the highest dπ orbitals and the lowest dσ ones are listed.

Table S2. Orbital energies and atomic orbital contributions for frontier KSOs of the complexes **1–4**.

KSO	1					
	E (eV)	%Fe	%Py	%NO ₂ -Py	%MeCN	symmetry ^{a)}
LUKS+8	−0.340	44.0	12.9	—	42.1	$\pi^*(\text{MeCN}) - d_{x^2-y^2}$
LUKS+7	−0.477	33.3	7.3	—	57.5	$d_{x^2-y^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+6	−0.577	63.9	9.5	—	17.9	$d_{z^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+5	−1.045	0.2	96.1	—	0.5	$\pi^*(\text{Py})$
LUKS+4	−1.360	1.0	93.4	—	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{Py})$
LUKS+3	−1.399	0.1	95.8	—	0.1	$\pi^*(\text{Py})$
LUKS+2	−1.711	1.0	95.0	—	0.9	$\pi^*(\text{Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+1	−1.828	4.9	94.0	—	0.1	$\pi^*(\text{Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS	−1.987	0.9	93.5	—	0.3	$\pi^*(\text{Py})$
HOKS	−6.414	79.1	15.8	—	4.7	$d_{xy} - \pi(\text{Py})$
HOKS-1	−6.647	87.4	4.3	—	7.2	$d_{yz} - \pi(\text{MeCN})$
HOKS-2	−6.680	85.0	1.8	—	11.4	$d_{zx} - \pi(\text{MeCN})$
KSO	2a					
	E (eV)	%Fe	%Py	%NO ₂ -Py	%MeCN	symmetry
LUKS+9	−0.464	20.9	4.9	0.9	72.2	$\pi^*(\text{MeCN}) - d_{x^2-y^2}$
LUKS+8	−0.615	56.3	10.9	2.8	27.8	$d_{x^2-y^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+7	−0.740	66.2	9.9	1.3	14.0	$d_{z^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+6	−1.194	0.2	86.7	9.7	0.3	$\pi^*(\text{Py})$
LUKS+5	−1.394	1.1	87.1	5.6	0.5	$\pi^*(\text{Py})$
LUKS+4	−1.440	1.3	22.5	73.9	0.9	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+3	−1.727	2.1	58.0	37.5	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+2	−1.892	2.5	54.9	39.0	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+1	−2.068	0.8	84.9	7.8	0.3	$\pi^*(\text{Py})$
LUKS	−3.657	2.3	10.6	86.5	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
HOKS	−6.611	78.1	11.2	6.0	4.3	$d_{xy} - \pi(\text{Py}) - \pi(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
HOKS-1	−6.830	87.2	3.5	0.6	7.4	$d_{yz} - \pi(\text{MeCN})$
HOKS-2	−6.883	85.2	1.2	1.0	11.0	$d_{zx} - \pi(\text{MeCN})$
KSO	2b					
	E (eV)	%Fe	%Py	%NO ₂ -Py	%MeCN	symmetry
LUKS+9	−0.467	20.1	4.1	1.8	73.0	$\pi^*(\text{MeCN}) - d_{x^2-y^2}$
LUKS+8	−0.594	58.1	10.4	4.7	25.1	$d_{x^2-y^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+7	−0.737	65.7	6.3	2.7	16.3	$d_{z^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+6	−1.171	0.3	88.1	7.2	0.5	$\pi^*(\text{Py})$
LUKS+5	−1.357	0.9	45.4	51.5	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
LUKS+4	−1.535	1.5	54.2	38.0	0.4	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+3	−1.736	0.3	36.0	61.4	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
LUKS+2	−1.856	2.0	80.7	14.5	0.6	$\pi^*(\text{Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+1	−1.972	2.0	73.5	18.4	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS	−3.658	2.3	0.4	96.7	0.1	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
HOKS	−6.597	78.1	10.5	6.2	4.7	$d_{xy} - \pi(\text{Py}) - \pi(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
HOKS-1	−6.841	87.4	2.6	1.7	7.1	$d_{yz} - \pi(\text{MeCN})$
HOKS-2	−6.857	85.2	1.5	0.3	11.3	$d_{zx} - \pi(\text{MeCN})$

KSO	3a					
	E (eV)	%Fe	%Py	%NO ₂ -Py	%MeCN	symmetry
LUKS+10	-0.540	15.2	1.7	2.2	80.0	$\pi^*(\text{MeCN}) - d_{x^2-y^2}$
LUKS+9	-0.767	63.5	5.6	11.0	18.2	$d_{x^2-y^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+8	-0.879	67.9	3.2	5.9	13.6	$d_{z^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+7	-1.286	0.5	68.0	27.9	0.6	$\pi^*(\text{Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+6	-1.433	1.7	10.9	83.3	0.4	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+5	-1.573	0.4	0.2	97.6	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
LUKS+4	-1.794	0.5	23.0	73.8	0.0	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+3	-1.905	1.7	87.2	8.5	0.7	$\pi^*(\text{Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+2	-1.925	1.0	0.0	90.3	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
LUKS+1	-3.605	3.6	0.0	96.0	0.0	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS	-3.725	0.2	0.2	98.8	0.1	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
HOKS	-6.772	78.0	5.8	11.1	4.8	$d_{xy} - \pi(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - \pi(\text{Py})$
HOKS-1	-7.008	85.5	1.2	0.9	10.9	$d_{yz} - \pi(\text{MeCN})$
HOKS-2	-7.008	87.1	0.8	3.2	7.6	$d_{zx} - \pi(\text{MeCN})$
KSO	3b					
	E (eV)	%Fe	%Py	%NO ₂ -Py	%MeCN	symmetry
LUKS+10	-0.541	12.5	1.1	2.1	83.4	$\pi^*(\text{MeCN}) - d_{x^2-y^2}$
LUKS+9	-0.762	65.3	5.4	11.7	15.9	$d_{x^2-y^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+8	-0.879	67.6	3.9	6.8	12.6	$d_{z^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+7	-1.285	0.6	78.9	16.3	0.3	$\pi^*(\text{Py})$
LUKS+6	-1.477	1.9	3.6	92.6	0.4	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+5	-1.479	1.5	4.8	91.5	1.0	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+4	-1.796	0.8	17.8	77.6	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
LUKS+3	-1.910	0.4	10.8	83.4	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
LUKS+2	-2.025	1.9	73.1	19.0	0.3	$\pi^*(\text{Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+1	-3.651	3.6	0.1	95.8	0.1	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS	-3.693	0.3	0.4	98.6	0.1	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
HOKS	-6.781	77.9	5.4	11.8	4.5	$d_{xy} - \pi(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - \pi(\text{Py})$
HOKS-1	-6.997	87.1	1.6	2.4	7.6	d_{yz}
HOKS-2	-7.033	85.5	0.6	1.6	10.7	d_{zx}
KSO	4					
	E (eV)	%Fe	%Py	%NO ₂ -Py	%MeCN	symmetry
LUKS+11	-0.621	10.4	—	2.3	86.2	$\pi^*(\text{MeCN}) - d_{x^2-y^2}$
LUKS+10	-0.914	67.7	—	17.9	12.7	$d_{x^2-y^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+9	-1.021	68.7	—	10.8	11.3	$d_{z^2} - \pi^*(\text{MeCN})$
LUKS+8	-1.446	1.6	—	95.6	1.2	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+7	-1.519	2.5	—	95.5	0.3	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+6	-1.648	1.0	—	97.1	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+5	-1.657	0.3	—	96.2	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
LUKS+4	-1.915	0.6	—	93.2	0.3	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
LUKS+3	-2.088	0.5	—	92.8	0.1	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
LUKS+2	-3.636	3.0	—	96.5	0.0	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS+1	-3.685	1.7	—	97.9	0.2	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py}) - d_{xy}$
LUKS	-3.761	0.6	—	98.4	0.1	$\pi^*(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
HOKS	-6.952	78.0	—	16.9	4.6	$d_{xy} - \pi(\text{NO}_2\text{-Py})$
HOKS-1	-7.158	86.8	—	3.6	8.4	d_{yz}
HOKS-2	-7.181	85.9	—	2.4	10.2	d_{zx}

Table S3. Fe–N distances in the optimized structures of **1'**–**4'**. ^{a)}

N atom		1'	2a'	2b'	3a'	3b'	4'
N ¹	R ¹ = H	2.179	2.179				
	R ¹ = NO ₂			2.154	2.185	2.156	2.183
N ²	R ² = H	2.175		2.176	2.174		
	R ² = NO ₂		2.177			2.189	2.172
N ³	R ³ = H	2.180	2.163	2.171		2.178	
	R ³ = NO ₂				2.143		2.155
N ⁴		2.269	2.247	2.250	2.240	2.253	2.237
N ⁵		2.090	2.102	2.108	2.105	2.104	2.106
N ⁶		2.167	2.158	2.159	2.155	2.143	2.145