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ABSTRACT

This thesis describes the strategic application of electrochemistry in the development of catalytic systems for two challenging processes: alkyl halide reduction and ammonia oxidation. In the case of alkyl halide reduction, the ability to precisely tune electrochemical potential favored the use of electrochemistry as compared to chemical reagents. By contrast, for ammonia oxidation, electrochemistry was specifically targeted due to motivations in the eventual development of ammonia fuel cell technology. The first chapter introduces these and other advantages of electrochemistry, as well as details regarding the thermodynamic potentials and kinetic barriers associated with alkyl halide reduction or ammonia oxidation. The second chapter details our development of photoelectrochemical methodology to employ a strongly luminescent dicopper system for outer-sphere, single-electron transfer reduction of benzyl chlorides. The third chapter marks the beginning of our work in molecular iron-mediated ammonia oxidation catalysis, in which we develop our hypothesis that catalyst structures featuring cis-labile coordination sites should mediate ammonia oxidation. We disclose the first iron electrocatalyst ([(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]²⁺) as well as a framework for the analysis of metrics such as overpotential, catalytic rate, and catalyst stability. The fourth chapter introduces a hypothesis for catalyst improvement-favoring low-spin electronic structures—and a model system for testing: $([(BPM)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+})$. Using this second-generation catalyst, improved stability, enhanced activity, and lowered overpotential were observed. The fifth chapter explores the validity of the cis-labile and lowspin hypotheses via Hammett-type substituent studies on both the $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ and the $[(BPM)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ platforms. This study resulted in the development of a further enhanced molecular electrocatalyst for ammonia oxidation and revealed mechanistic information pertinent to the development of future catalytic systems.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

A. Area

- ANA. Ammonia Nucleophilic Attack
- AO. Ammonia Oxidation
- **BDD**. Boron Doped Diamond
- **BDFE**. Bond Dissociation Free Energy
- bpyPy2Me or BPM. 6-(1,1-bis(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine

C. Charge

- cm⁻¹. Wavenumbers
- **CPC**. Controlled Potential Coulometry
- CV. Cyclic Voltammetry (or Voltammogram)
- °C. Degrees Celsius
- **δ**. Isomer shift
- Δ_{eq} . Quadrupole splitting
- ΔG . Gibbs free energy
- dap. 2,9-dianisyl-1,10-phenanthroline
- DBU. 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene
- **DCA**. Dicyanoanthracene
- **DFT**. Density Functional Theory
- DME. 1,2-dimethoxyethane

DPV. Differential Pulse Voltammetry (or Voltammogram)

E. Potential

 $E_{1/2}$. Half-Wave Potential

 E° . Standard Potential

 E°_{cat} . Standard Potential for Catalysis

EC. Electrochemical-Chemical

Eonset. Onset Potential

 $E_{\rm p}$. Peak potential

 $E_{p/2}$. Half-peak potential

Eq. Equation

equiv. Equivalent

ET. Electron Transfer

eV. Electron Volt

η. Overpotential

F. Faraday's constant

Fc. Ferrocene

FE. Faradaic Efficiency

GC. Gas Chromatography or Glassy Carbon

GJ. Gigajoules

h. Hours

I2N. Interaction of Two Nitrogens

K. Kelvin

k'obs. Second order observed rate constant

kcal. Kilocalorie

L. Two-electron donor ligand

LFER. Linear Free Energy Relationship

LSV. Linear Sweep Voltammetry (or Voltammogram)

 λ . Wavelength

M. Molar

Me. Methyl

mL. Milliliters

mm. Millimeters

MS. Mass Spectrometry

µB. Bohr magneton

nm. Nanometers

NpMI. N-arylmaleimide

v. Frequency

R. Gas constant

RT. Room Temperature

s. Seconds

S. Electron Spin

SHE. Standard Hydrogen Electrode

SI. Supporting Information

SV. Stern-Volmer

T. Temperature

THF. Tetrahydrofuran

TOF. Turnover Frequency

TON. Turnover Number

TPA. Tris(2-pyridylmethyl)amine

 τ_0 . Fluorescence lifetime

UV-Vis. Ultraviolet-visible

V. Volt

XRD. X-ray Diffraction

Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Opening Remarks

Electron transfer is a common mechanistic step in a wide range of chemical reactions.¹ This step is so prevalent that its appearance is seen in contexts as diverse as pharmaceutical synthesis,² qubit engineering,³ biosensing,⁴ sustainable fuels,^{5,6} and many others. This is unsurprising given that, at least in our current conceptualization of physical reality, electrons are one of the primary subatomic particles, and their precise energies and arrangements in both atoms and molecules—the electronic structures—dictate chemical reactivity. Thus, by combining synthetic strategies to tune chemical structure with electrochemical methods that permit precise control over chemical potential, chemical reactions can be tuned in a well-controlled manner.^{7,8,9,10} In this thesis, I develop reactions that follow this framework: carefully selected electrochemical potentials to address the specific challenges of enabling single-electron reduction of alkyl halides and multi-electron oxidation of ammonia (Scheme 1.1).

Scheme 1.1. Electron transfer in alkyl halide reduction and ammonia oxidation.



1.2 Electron Transfer Methods

To physically mediate electron transfer, numerous strategies exist, of which I highlight three prevalent in synthesis and sustainability chemistry: (1) chemical electron transfer, (2) photocatalysis, and (3) electrochemical bias.^{2,11,12} Each strategy is distinct with respect to factors such as ease of tunability, electron transfer kinetics, and chemical compatibility, all of which can be influenced by characteristics such as the redox potential and the spatiotemporal availability of the electron transfer agent. We will first establish a framework for considering these principles using chemical reagents as an example, and then discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each strategy.

Chemical electron transfer reagents can be organic, inorganic, or organometallic in nature and typically promote either single- or multi-electron transfer in an irreversible fashion. Thus, they are commonly employed as stoichiometric reagents. As a simple example, an alkali metal such as lithium reacts via single-electron transfer with a proton, forming a lithium cation and a hydrogen atom (eventually released in the form of elemental hydrogen; Equation 1.1). To quantify the propensity of reagents to donate or receive electrons, their electrochemical potential can be analyzed versus a reference reaction, establishing a thermodynamic scale.¹³ One such reference is the half-reaction describing reduction of protons to hydrogen, a component of Equation 1.1, which comprises the standard hydrogen electrode (SHE) that determines the potential reference of 0 V vs SHE. Since the reduction potential for Li⁺/Li vs SHE is -3.1 V,¹⁴ the reaction is highly favorable.

$$2 \text{Li} + 2 \text{H}^+ \rightarrow 2 \text{Li}^+ + \text{H}_2 \text{ (Equation 1.1)}$$

The thermodynamic driving force can be related to the reaction kinetics for electron transfer. For example, several models, such as Marcus theory, exist to quantify this relationship.¹ Kinetic factors that can be categorized as spatiotemporal strongly influence the experimentally observable reaction rates. For a heterogeneous reductant like lithium, the reaction rate is a function of surface area, with higher surface area resulting in higher reaction rate due to mass transfer effects. Furthermore, the reacting substrate (for Equation 1.1, H⁺) must be brought within close proximity to the electron transfer agent. With soluble reaction components, this difficulty is obviated when the redox reagent is uniformly dispersed. Electron transfer is generally very fast, but temporal limitations can result in significantly reduced rates. For example, inner-sphere electron transfers that rely on complexation of the redox reagent and the substrate are regulated by the equilibrium between complexed and uncomplexed states.

An extensive discussion on advantages and disadvantages of chemical redox reagents, as well as details regarding their preparation and use, has been reviewed by Connelly and Geiger.¹¹ In brief, some advantages include superior applicability to large-scale reactions, compatibility with non-polar solvents, and, when soluble, extremely fast reaction rates. However, the greatest limitation of chemical redox reagents is their limited tunability, since any change in redox potential requires synthetic modifications. Such modifications may be challenging experimentally, and the resultant shifts in redox potential are discrete. While shifts can occasionally be brought about in a narrow capacity via solvent or electrolyte effects, more commonly, covalent modification via attachment of electron-donating or - withdrawing groups is required. Considering compatibility, chemical reagents can also be

problematic given that they are used in a stoichiometric fashion. Thus, for a reductant such as lithium or an oxidant such as a nitrosonium salt, the product species (lithium cation or nitric oxide) can interact chemically with other reaction components.

Electrochemical methods are the most developed alternatives to chemical reagents. Unlike chemical reagents that have discrete redox potentials, the electrochemical potential can be continuously tuned using a potentiostat. This allows for modifications to reaction driving force, small or large, to be readily interrogated. Furthermore, electrochemical cells can be engineered such that the byproducts of electron transfer do not come in contact with the reaction components of interest by utilizing a multi-compartment cell, since inert electrodes can serve solely as a conduit for electrons rather than as reagents themselves. This permits extensive engineering of the electrode surface to promote compatibility.¹⁵ Since the potentiostat records both potential and current, a large number of electroanalytical methods exist for mechanistic investigations, and even extremely fast reactions can routinely be studied using voltametric methods. Some limitations of electrochemistry include the requirement of electrolyte, the typical reliance on polar solvents, and the difficulty of reaction setup.

Finally, photocatalysis is a growing strategy for effecting electron transfer in both redox-neutral and net-reductive or -oxidative transformations. Photocatalysis, like chemical redox strategies, relies on chemical compounds with unique redox properties and excited state lifetimes. The primary advantages of photocatalysis are the ability to access extreme redox potentials without jeopardizing compatibility, as well as the ease of favoring single-electron over multi-electron transfer. Since photon energies are high—blue light (440 nm) is

equivalent to 65 kcal/mol (2.8 eV)—substrates that would typically be challenging to selectively activate using chemical reagents become accessible. The preference for singleelectron transfer arises from the fact that most photocatalyst structures are only photoactive in an oxidative or reductive capacity in a single oxidation state; upon gaining or losing an electron, their redox and photochemical properties become dramatically altered. This facilitates the generation of substrate-derived radical intermediates that are rapidly consumed in subsequent chemical steps. This prevents additional redox chemistry from occurring, since the photocatalyst must be turned over before an electron transfer of the same polarity occurs. One dual advantage/disadvantage is that in the quenched (i.e., post electron-transfer) state, the photocatalyst can again absorb energy via light and photosensitize a reaction of the opposite polarity. This establishes the basis for redox-neutral photocatalysis, an important and broad field, but can be detrimental to promoting purely reductive or oxidative transformations. Photocatalysts share the challenge of discrete redox potentials with chemical reagents but face the additional challenge that leveling effects are often observed when attempting to make a given photosensitizer more potent. That is, changing the ground state potential often compensatorily moves the excitation energy in the opposite direction, resulting in minimal perturbation of the net excited state redox potential. Additionally, the mass-transfer phenomena governing reaction rates with heterogeneous redox reagents find a parallel in photosensitizers in that photosensitizers are only active in the excited state, and excited state lifetimes are often short (less than several microseconds). While this can promote selectivity, it also challenges reaction scaleup and limits overall reaction rate.

1.3 Reaction-Specific Considerations

The specific reactions of interest, single-electron alkyl halide reduction and multielectron ammonia oxidation (AO), feature distinct thermodynamic and kinetic challenges. Both reactions typically incur high overpotential (the amount of input energy required in excess of the thermodynamic minimum), but the origin of the overpotential is distinct. In this section, we discuss the fundamental reaction-specific challenges and considerations for alkyl halide reduction and ammonia oxidation.

1.3.1 Alkyl halide reduction

The research objective of single-electron alkyl halide reduction to produce alkyl radicals (Equation 1.2) is substantially motivated by synthetic utility as the resultant radicals can be employed in a wide variety of transformations.^{16,17,18} As such, the primary constraints include chemoselectivity; amenability to primary, secondary, and tertiary alkyl halides; and compatibility with other reaction components (e.g., catalysts, other reagents, additives).

$$R-X + e^- \rightarrow R \bullet + X^-$$
 (Equation 1.2)

While large overpotential is a challenge inherent to the reaction class, it is limiting only insofar as it affects chemoselectivity, substrate applicability, and compatibility. Overpotential, and the requisite applied potential, vary dramatically depending on the precise structure of the alkyl halide.^{19,20,21}

Factors that contribute to the effective reduction potential of alkyl halides include halide identity, conjugation, and substitution pattern (Scheme 1.2). In general, reduction is

easier (i.e., E° is less negative) in the order I > Br > Cl > F. Thus, fluorides and chlorides are more challenging to reduce than are analogous bromides and iodides. When the halogenbearing carbon is in conjugation with π -bonds, as in allylic or benzylic systems, or with electron-withdrawing groups, the reduction event also becomes easier. Finally, increased substitution at the halogen-bearing carbon makes reduction easier in the order tertiary > secondary > primary. Generally, the effect of these factors on E° is in the range of 100–1000 mV, with halide identity being the most influential factor. Thus, the exact reaction outcome can be subject to many, potentially competing, factors.





The reaction outcome of electron transfer to alkyl halides is further complicated by the presence of two closely spaced redox events: single electron reduction of the alkyl halide to the alkyl radical (E^{I}) and subsequent single electron reduction of the alkyl radical to an alkyl anion (E^{II} ; Equation 1.3).^{19,22} Net, these are single-electron and two-electron reduction processes, respectively. For easily reduced alkyl halides, such as alkyl iodides, precise control over the electrochemical potential can readily afford selective single-electron reduction for production of alkyl radicals since often $E^{I} > E^{II}$ (both values are negative). However, the more negative reduction potentials of some bromide and most chloride or fluoride substrates is such that a potential inversion is observed, i.e., the reduction of the alkyl halide bond is more challenging than is the reduction of the resultant alkyl radical, $E^{I} < E^{II}$. Therefore, additional controls must be employed to favor single-electron transfer and mitigate two-electron reduction.

$$R \bullet + e^- \rightarrow R^-$$
 (Equation 1.3)

For alkyl halides susceptible to two-electron reduction, the primary means to control single- versus two-electron transfer is via the electron transfer method (see Sec 1.2). In direct electrolyses (i.e., without any electron transfer mediator), two-electron reduction to alkyl anions is almost always observed for bromide and chloride electrophiles that are not stabilized by conjugation due to the extremely negative potentials required for activation. Chemical reagents vary in their propensities to effect single- versus two-electron transfer. Simple, strongly reducing reagents such as alkali or alkaline metals or their adducts with polyaromatics (e.g., lithium napthalenide) generally promote two-electron reduction. Some specially designed reagents/catalysts that typically rely on inner-sphere Lewis-acid activation of the alkyl-halides can favor single-electron reduction by operating at lower reduction potentials, disfavoring reduction of the alkyl radical produced by the initial alkyl halide reduction.^{23,24,25} However, the most developed method by which to produce alkyl radicals from alkyl halides is photochemistry. Photocatalysts by design favor single-electron transfer processes, and a variety of complex transformations exist wherein alkyl iodide and bromide substrates are transformed into reactive alkyl radical intermediates. Unfortunately, photocatalysts are typically insufficiently reducing to activate alkyl chloride or fluoride substrates that are not adjacent to conjugated systems or electron-withdrawing groups. Thus,

the most efficacious method for alkyl radical generation is typically unsuitable for one of the broadest and most economical/environmentally friendly class of alkyl halides, chloride electrophiles.

The dearth of photocatalytic methodologies for single-electron reduction of chloride electrophiles motivated our group and others to explore electrophotocatalysis.²⁶ Electrophotocatalysis takes advantage of the benefits of electrochemistry and photochemistry. For single-electron processes, a photochemical electron-transfer mediator can be paired with an electrode; the photocatalyst provides the means to favor single-electron processes, and the electrode provides a convenient means to precisely tune the electrochemical potential. While most photocatalysts rely on both reductive and oxidative quenching cycles to effect redox neutral transformations, the use of an electrode to turn the photocatalyst over, rather than an additional quenching cycle, permits net-reductive or net-oxidative transformations to be readily performed at extreme redox potentials (Scheme 1.3). Considering the hypothesis that chloride electrophiles were generally inert due to inadequate photocatalyst redox potentials, the advantages of electrophotocatalysis promised a solution to this chemical challenge.



Scheme 1.3. Redox properties of various strongly reducing photocatalysts and their associated lifetimes. Redox neutral systems are highlighted in gray boxes, net-reductive or - oxidative systems are highlighted in blue boxes. Potentials of oxidative quenching (-) and reductive quenching (+) are marked with - and +, respectively.

Indeed, electrophotocatalytic activation of challenging to reduce chloride electrophiles was reported for the first time in 2020.^{27,28} Concurrently, in independent publications from the Wickens group and collaboratively the Lin and Lambert groups, protocols to convert aryl chlorides into aryl radicals were disclosed (Scheme 1.4A). Aryl chlorides incur similar challenges as discussed for alkyl chlorides, such as extremely negative

reduction potentials and the potential for two-electron reduction. In both examples, organic photocatalysts (N-arylmaleimide, NpMI; dicyanoanthracene, DCA) were made more reducing by single-electron cathodic reduction followed by photoexcitation, reaching excited-state potentials in excess of -3.2 V vs SCE, albeit with short lifetimes on the scale of 1 ns or lower. While the precise mechanistic course of the reactions (namely, the identity of the photoreductant) has been brought under question by the Nocera group as a result of short photoexcited state lifetimes,²⁹ products characteristic of aryl radicals can be generated in synthetically useful quantities by reaction with common radical trapping agents. Subsequent work by the Barham group using NpMI revealed that similar protocols effect C-O cleavage in phosphinated alcohols, although *alkyl* (*benzylic*) *chlorides* were not reduced (Scheme 1.4B).³⁰ One potential factor responsible for the inertness of alkyl chlorides to NpMI is that any chlorides have lower free energies of activation for reduction than do alkyl chlorides as a result of a stepwise reduction pathway, and the associated kinetic penalty may prevent the use of photocatalysts with short lifetimes. Thus, we became interested in developing a protocol for alkyl chloride reduction via electrophotocatalysis, the details of which comprise Chapter 2.



Scheme 1.4. Carbon radical generation via activation of challenging to reduce (A) aryl chloride and (B) alkyl phosphinate substrates under electrophotocatalysis.

1.3.2 Ammonia oxidation

Interest in ammonia oxidation, specifically the conversion of two equivalents of ammonia to dinitrogen, is burgeoning given recent appreciation for its capacity to serve as a method for carbon-free energy production.^{31,32,33,34,35} The notably high volumetric energy density of ammonia $(13.6 \text{ GJ} \cdot \text{m}^{-3})$ bests methanol, a comparable fuel that can also be readily produced in a carbon-neutral fashion, and it is more readily condensed and safer to transport than hydrogen.³⁶ Under a unified set of conditions, a complete technoeconomical analysis for hydrogen, methanol and ammonia produced using renewable energy found ammonia to feature the lowest source-to-tank cost (Scheme 1.5A).³⁷ While these beneficial attributes augur well for the future development of ammonia fuel technologies, high combustion temperatures for ammonia pose challenges to its immediate and widespread adoption.



Scheme 1.5. Sustainable fuel economic and thermodynamic metrics. (A) Source-to-tank costs for various fuels generated under carbon-neutral conditions with renewable energy. (B) Frost-Latimer diagram illustrating ammonia oxidation thermodynamics in acetonitrile using ammonia as base ($pK_a = 16.5$) with Fc/Fc⁺ as the reference potential.

A solution that promises to efficiently facilitate use of ammonia as fuel is electrochemical oxidation in a fuel cell. The theoretical potential for ammonia oxidation is very low, 0.09 V vs SHE (pH = 0) in aqueous conditions and -0.94 V vs Fc/Fc⁺ in acetonitrile using ammonia as base (Scheme 1.5B).³⁸ Thus, when ammonia oxidation is paired with oxygen reduction, the maximum cell potential is comparable to a hydrogen fuel cell. Unfortunately, highly efficacious catalysts are required for ammonia oxidation since anodic oxidation on inert electrodes typically incurs an overpotential in excess of 1 V. The overpotential often observed for ammonia oxidation is unsurprising given the complexity of this six-electron, six-proton process. By analyzing the overall reaction in one- or two-electron steps, key contributors to the overpotential become apparent.

The first one-electron oxidation of ammonia can be considered in two cases wherein electron-transfer is coupled to, or independent of, electron transfer. Experimental thermodynamic data indicates a gas-phase bond-dissociation free energy value of 99.4 kcal/mol.³⁹ Thus, the N–H bonds in ammonia are extremely strong; as an example, this value exceeds the C–H bond-dissociation free energy of methane. Under non-aqueous (acetonitrile) electrochemical conditions, the mechanism of the first electron transfer from ammonia has been extensively investigated by Manthiram and coworkers.⁴⁰ Their analysis indicated that the first electron transfer occurs *without* coupled proton transfer, and this electron transfer is the rate-determining step in ammonia oxidation at inert electrodes such as glassy carbon. From DFT calculations, this step occurs at a potential of 1.77 V vs the computational hydrogen electrode, a theoretical electrode that is analogous to the experimental SHE. This potential is notably above the thermodynamic potential for the entire six-electron ammonia oxidation reaction.

The oxidation of ammonia by two- or four-electrons is more challenging to study experimentally in a direct fashion, but available thermodynamic data allows for the construction of a Frost-Latimer diagram (Scheme 1.5B).³⁸ Looking at the Frost-Latimer diagram, the slope of a line between any two chemical intermediates gives the thermodynamic potential vs Fc/Fc⁺ for the given transformation. Thus, the line between NH₃ and N₂ has a slope of -0.94 V as previously discussed. Since most chemical processes proceed via one- or two-electron steps, it is interesting to consider the available two-electron pathways. The first available two-electron oxidation, the conversion of NH₃ to N₂H₄, has a potential of -0.08 V. Similar to the case of one-electron oxidation, this potential is

substantially above that of the overall six-electron process; therefore, it is expected that proceeding via this pathway would incur a substantial overpotential. For each subsequent two-electron transformation (N_2H_4 to N_2H_2 and N_2H_2 to N_2), oxidation becomes easier, which can be rationalized by the ability of the increasing N–N bond order to facilitate reactivity. If any of these N–N bond containing intermediates were generated, it is more easily oxidized than is ammonia. This motivates research into catalyst designs that lower the activation barrier for N–N formation.

The interplay of these thermodynamic factors can be integrated into an analysis of the available experimental data governing the mechanism of ammonia oxidation under catalytic conditions. Electrochemical ammonia oxidation underwent its first wave of intense interest in the 1960s, and the mechanistic hypotheses then established that persist to this day.^{41,42,43,44} Namely, the reaction course is proposed to follow either the Oswin-Salomon⁴¹ or the Gerischer-Mauerer⁴² mechanisms (Scheme 1.6). The Oswin-Salomon mechanism proposes that N–N bond formation during electrocatalytic ammonia oxidation with platinum electrodes proceeds via the coupling of two metal nitrides. By contrast, the Gerischer-Mauerer mechanism proposes that N–N formation proceeds prior to removal of all hydrogen atoms from the ammonia-derived nitrogen. The Gerischer-Mauerer mechanism is now widely accepted to be correct, i.e., early N-N coupling of nitrogenous, ammonia-derived fragments that still contain hydrogen is most efficient. If ammonia-derived nitrides are produced, these are instead considered catalyst poisons.⁴⁵ Unfortunately, even heterogeneous catalysts using the most recent, carefully designed platinum alloys incur high overpotential despite decades of concerted research into improving overpotential.^{46,47,48} Furthermore,

surface coverage by metal-nitrides still remains a substantial problem insofar as its contributes to catalyst poisoning that limits catalyst durability.



Scheme 1.6. Oswin-Salomon (slow) and Gerischer-Mauerer (fast) mechanisms of ammonia oxidation on platinum electrodes. The arrows represent N–N formation and, if necessary, further oxidation, to ultimately produce N_2 .

The dearth of suitable catalysts and associated design principles thus motivates research into homogeneous complexes that catalyze ammonia oxidation. This would facilitate mechanistic studies, permitting validation of previous mechanisms—r the uncovering of new mechanisms. These fundamental discoveries would then inspire mechanistically directed development of more efficient heterogeneous catalysts. Furthermore, such molecular complexes could serve as active catalysts in their own right.

Given this context, at the onset of our research in 2018, it was striking that there were no reported transition metal systems that catalyzed ammonia oxidation over multiple cycles. In a stoichiometric fashion, Mayer demonstrated in 1981 that ruthenium polypyridyl complexes (Scheme 1.7A) can convert ammonia into nitrite and nitrate under oxidative electrochemical conditions.⁴⁹ Importantly, this work provided the first mechanistic insight into pathways that may be operative for ammonia oxidation in molecular systems: a disproportionation mechanism was proposed to furnish a high-valent Ru^{IV}=NH imido



Scheme 1.7. Early precedent in molecular ammonia oxidation using ruthenium catalysts. (A) Generation of an electrophilic imide that captures a water nucleophile and (B) ammonia oxidation catalysts inspired thereof. (C) Additional ruthenium catalysts featuring alternative designs.

complex that exhibited electrophilic character at nitrogen. Thus, water could serve as a nucleophile to generate an N–O bond. In 2019, Smith and coworkers developed this chemistry into the first example of electrocatalytic ammonia oxidation mediated by a

molecular catalyst by working in anhydrous conditions, wherein N–N formation was proposed to follow an analogous mechanism (Scheme 1.7B).⁵⁰ Thus, at an applied potential of 0.2 V vs Fc/Fc⁺, two equivalents of N₂ relative to ruthenium could be produced after 3 h. Within a short time period throughout 2019, two additional ruthenium catalysts (Scheme 1.7C) were reported using both electrochemical and chemical oxidation strategies, reaching a maximum of up to 14 equiv. N₂ under chemical catalysis (i.e., not electrocatalysis).^{51,52,53}

Contemporaneous with the development of these early ammonia oxidation molecular catalysts, we were pursuing a catalyst design strategy that emulated the proposed mechanism for highly active ammonia oxidation heterogeneous catalysis: early coupling of NH_x and NH_y fragments (see Scheme 1.6). We became interested in a class of iron(II) water oxidation catalysts featuring neutral tetradentate ligands that enforce a coordination geometry marked by *cis* disposed, non-chelated coordination sites.⁵⁴ Using weakly coordinating triflate counterions in a high dielectric solvent such as acetonitrile, the triflate anions are completely displaced by acetonitrile.⁵⁵ Thus, we hypothesized that such a coordination sphere may be amenable to binding two ammonia-derived ligands *cis* to one another at an electrophilic metal, potentially allowing intramolecular N–N formation upon loss of protons following oxidation (Scheme 1.8). Since intermediates containing N–N bonds (e.g., hydrazine, diazene) are more readily oxidized than is ammonia, we considered it critical to intentionally design catalysts that feature properties capable of facilitating N–N coupling, the step that presumably would be rate- or potential-determining.



Scheme 1.8. Our motivation for investigating iron complexes featuring potential *cis* coordination sites for ammonia binding, and structures of our initial panel of proposed iron(II) ammonia-oxidation precatalysts.

Initially analyzing a panel of iron(II) complexes (Scheme 1.8), we found that $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ exhibited the most promising activity for ammonia oxidation. The details of our studies into *cis*-ammonia coordination, electrocatalytic ammonia oxidation and mechanistic studies thereof are found in Chapter 3. Further development of $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ inspired ammonia oxidation catalysts is the subject of Chapters 4 and 5.

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Chapter 2

Mechanism of a Luminescent Dicopper System That Facilitates Electrophotochemical Coupling of Benzyl Chlorides via a Strongly Reducing Excited State

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2.1 Introduction

Photochemistry, often in conjunction with transition-metal catalysis, is growing in prominence in modern synthetic methodology.^{1,2,3,4} Photochemical activation of widely available electrophiles can afford versatile reactive intermediates, such as organic radicals,^{5,6} which can be leveraged in a variety of transformations.^{7,8,9,10} For instance, a recent focus of a number of labs, including our own, has been to partner photochemically generated radical intermediates (R•) with copper(II)-bound N-nucleophiles in catalytic, photoinduced N-alkylations (Scheme 2.1, eqns 1 and 2; –N_{nuc} denotes an amide nucleophile).^{9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18}

Production of R• from alkyl halides is integral to many modern organic transformations,^{19,20,21} and hence there is considerable interest in expanding the types of alkyl halides compatible with R• generation under synthetically useful conditions.^{22,23,24} Alkyl chlorides, with potentials below -2 V vs SCE, are desirable electrophiles but are challenging to reduce;^{22,25} the limited examples of their outer-sphere photochemical activation typically feature harsh conditions.^{26,27,28} Phosphine-supported copper-amide excited states^{29,30,31,32,33} can be more reducing than those of typical ruthenium or iridium systems,³⁴ providing sufficient driving force for alkyl chloride reduction. To promote photoinduced R• generation via a copper species in a generalized fashion (e.g., avoiding the subsequent C–N coupling step as in Scheme 2.1, eqn 2), the copper byproduct of oxidative quenching must be recycled by a suitable reductant.

In 1987, Sauvage demonstrated an elegant solution to photocatalyst regeneration via the electrophotochemical reduction of 4-nitrobenzyl bromide with $[Cu(dap)_2]^+ (E_{ox}^* \sim$

-1.4 V; $\tau_0 = 0.27 \ \mu$ s; dap = 2,9-dianisyl-1,10-phenanthroline).³⁵ Organic photosensitizers have more recently been used to reduce (pseudo)halides under extremely reducing electrophotoredox conditions ($E_{ox}^* < -3 \ V$).^{36,37,38,39} The suggested lifetimes ($\tau_0 \sim 1 \ ns$) and nature of the photoreductant intermediates of these processes are still under investigation.⁴⁰

In this study, we explore a dicopper diamond core system (hereafter [Cu₂]), previously developed by our lab³³ and featuring a combination of terminal phosphine and bridging amide ligands, as an attractive electrophotoredox catalyst (Scheme 2.1, bottom).





[Cu₂] is an especially strong excited-state reductant ($E_{ox}^* \sim -2.7$ V), with a long-lived excited state in solution at RT ($\tau_0 \sim 10 \ \mu s$). Charge delocalization by the Cu₂(μ -N)₂ diamond core, as well as steric protection from ligand *iso*-butyl and *tert*-butyl groups, is expected to render the one-electron oxidized state [Cu₂]⁺ non-nucleophilic. Furthermore, [Cu₂]⁺ can be

electrochemically interconverted with $[Cu_2]$; $[Cu_2]^+$ has been isolated and characterized in the solid state.⁴¹

As a representative study of the excited state intermolecular photochemistry of Cu^I– amide systems, with an eye towards photoreductions using alkyl chlorides as R• precursors, we explore herein photochemically-driven, electrochemically-cycled, radical couplings using [Cu₂] and benzyl chloride substates (E_p up to -2.5 V vs SCE). The dicopper system described here is mechanistically well-defined, and as we show, it is the [Cu₂]^{*} excited state that serves as the outer-sphere photoreductant of benzyl chloride substrates; the groundstate oxidized byproduct, [Cu₂]⁺, is electrochemically recycled to afford a catalytic, electrophotochemical C–C coupling process.

2.2 Results and Discussion

We began by investigating the reactivity of 4-methylbenzyl chloride (1) ($E_p = -2.5$ V vs SCE) as a model substrate. Benzyl chlorides are important substrates in modern synthesis and methodology^{42,43,44} and also provide a convenient radical termination pathway via diffusion-limited dimerization, simplifying our mechanistic studies.⁴⁵ Exposing 1 to blue light irradiation (440 nm) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME), no reaction is observed. However, when [Cu₂] is added, bibenzyl product **1-D** is formed quantitatively (Figure 2.1A).

Benzyl chloride photoreduction was mechanistically interrogated via Stern-Volmer (SV) studies to establish outer-sphere electron transfer (ET) and to probe rates of ET. Timeresolved photoluminescence spectroscopy confirmed that electronically distinct benzyl chlorides **1–8** quench [Cu₂] in a dynamic (i.e., diffusional) process. The rates of quenching,



Figure 2.1. Photoreduction of benzyl chlorides. (A) Performed for 2 h with yield analyzed by ¹H NMR versus CH₂Br₂ internal standard. (B) Stern-Volmer quenching and (C) Marcus theory analysis in the presence of various benzyl chloride quenchers.

determined from linear SV plots (Figure 2.1B), were in the range of $\sim 10^8 - 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ for K_{SV}/ τ_0 . These values indicate rapid quenching, reaching diffusion-limited values with electron poor **2**. Using benzyl chloride peak potentials obtained from cyclic voltammetry ($E_p = -1.7 - 2.5 \text{ V}$; see SI), the quenching rates could be analyzed as a function of driving force, using $E_{\text{ox}}^* \sim -2.7 \text{ V}$. Notably, a quadratic relationship between log(K_{SV}) and driving

force was observed, consistent with the behavior predicted by Marcus theory for outersphere electron transfer (Figure 2.1C).⁴⁶ Although such outer-sphere dynamic quenching is commonly assumed in photoredox mechanisms, this contrasts with the behavior of some organic electrophotoredox catalysts hypothesized to involve preassembly of the photocatalyst and substrate to compensate for short lifetimes.³⁸ These photophysical measurements thus indicate a rapid dynamic oxidative quenching step in which [Cu₂] undergoes outer-sphere electron transfer to benzyl chloride electrophiles.

We expected oxidative quenching to produce the stable, red-brown, mono-oxidized species $[Cu_2]^+$ (Figure 2.2A).⁴¹ 440 nm irradiation of $[Cu_2]$ and 1 in DME produces a paleyellow solution, the UV-vis spectrum of which is mostly featureless (Figure 2.2B). Thus, the expected UV-vis features for $[Cu_2]^+$ at 520, 600, and 800 nm were not observed. Surprisingly, this suggests that the oxidative quenching reaction may involve either degradation following quenching or chemical steps at copper.

We hypothesized that the stability of $[Cu_2]^+$ could be compromised by chloride, a byproduct of benzyl chloride reductive C–Cl bond cleavage. Accordingly, addition of lithium chloride to a solution of $[Cu_2]^+$ in DME resulted in a loss of red-brown color over several hours, producing a yellow solution. Off-white crystals isolated from the reaction mixture were characterized by two ³¹P NMR peaks (Figure 2.2C), and single-crystal XRD revealed the presence of two independent dimers, each comprised of two CuCl (chlorocubane) or one CuCl (chloro-diamond) per H-PNP'Bu ligand equivalent, i.e., [(H-PNP'Bu)Cu₂(μ -Cl)₂]₂ or [(H-PNP'Bu)Cu(μ -Cl)]₂, respectively. Independent synthesis of chloro-cubane and chloro-diamond (SI), produced white solids whose ³¹P NMR resonances reproduced those of the co-crystalline material (Figure 2.2C), and the characterization of chloro-diamond enabled its identification as a reaction product in the stoichiometric reaction described in Figure 2.1A (SI).



Figure 2.2. Influence of chloride on oxidized copper products. UV-vis spectra in DME of: (A) $[Cu_2]^+$ and (B) a mixture of $[Cu_2]$ and 4-methylbenzyl chloride irradiated (440 nm) for 5 minutes. (C) ³¹P NMR spectra of chloride-bound copper products and (D) their structures.

We sought to detect and track the fate of $[Cu_2]^+$ in the presence of chloride via a UV-vis time course analysis, photolyzing $[Cu_2]$ and **1** under 440 nm irradiation (Figure 2.3A). Bands characteristic of $[Cu_2]^+$ grow in throughout 15–30 seconds, after which the 520 nm absorbance rapidly decreases. This accounts for our failure to observe the presence of $[Cu_2]^+$ in Figure 2.2B. Knowing that chloride in the form of lithium chloride slowly degrades $[Cu_2]^+$ over a period of several hours, we investigated whether lithium salts could sequester chloride via tight ion-pairing to mitigate degradation of $[Cu_2]^+$.⁴⁷



Figure 2.3. Stability and regeneration of $[Cu_2]^+$. Time course studies for a mixture of $[Cu_2]$ and **1** under 440 nm irradiation. (A) UV-vis spectra and (B) 520 nm absorbance vs time in the presence and absence of 0.2 M LiNTf₂. (C) 77 K EPR spectrum recorded after 15 s of irradiation in the presence of LiNTf₂. (D) UV-vis spectra pre- and post-irradiation, as well as following 5 minutes of -0.15 V applied potential in the dark.

When $[Cu_2]$ and **1** were irradiated in the presence of 0.2 M LiNTf₂, bands for $[Cu_2]^+$ became persistent, decreasing in intensity by only ~20% after 20 minutes (Figure 2.3B). This is consistent with kinetic measurements which indicate a rate of ~3 × 10⁻² M⁻¹ · s⁻¹ for the reaction between $[Cu_2]^+$ and tetrabutylammonium chloride in the presence of 0.2 M LiNTf₂; without LiNTf₂, the reaction is almost instantaneous (SI). Analysis of $[Cu_2]$ photolyzed in the presence of **1** and 0.2 M LiNTf₂ by EPR provided orthogonal support for assigning the product as $[Cu_2]^+$ (Figure 2.3C).⁴⁸ Thus, these analyses indicate $[Cu_2]^+$ to be the oxidative quenching product and corroborate its degradation by chloride.

Stabilizing $[Cu_2]^+$ enables the prospect of electrochemically regenerating $[Cu_2]$. $[Cu_2]^+$ was photochemically generated from $[Cu_2]$ and 1 in DME, with LiNTf₂ serving as both a chloride sequestrant and the electrolyte, then transferred into a two-compartment electrochemical cell. Applying $E_{app} = -0.15$ V for 5 minutes using a carbon cloth working electrode, cathodic of $E_{ox} = 0$ V for $[Cu_2]^{0/+}$, 0.76 e⁻ equivalents of current were passed (Figure 2.3D). One electron is required to fully reduce $[Cu_2]^+$ to its photoactive neutral state, thus up to 76% could be reduced. The UV-vis spectrum of this solution showed recovery of the 440 nm peak characteristic for $[Cu_2]$, albeit with ~60% of its original intensity, indicating successful, albeit incomplete, regeneration.⁴⁹ Electrochemical analysis of chloro-cubane and chloro-diamond indicated no electron transfer pathway for recovering $[Cu_2]$ at our operating potential, highlighting the importance of stabilizing $[Cu_2]^+$ and rationalizing the incomplete regeneration of $[Cu_2]$.

The described reactivity of the [Cu₂] system constitutes the requirements for an electrophotoredox cycle (Scheme 2.1), so we turned to catalytic investigations under controlled potential conditions (Table 2.1). Indeed, [Cu₂] is a competent electrophotoredox catalyst, generating **1-D** from **1** in 89% yield using 3 mol % [Cu₂] (entry 1). Additional substrates **2–8** proceeded in 68–91% yield (entries 12–18). No reaction was observed in

the absence of either $[Cu_2]$ or light (entries 2–3). In the absence of an applied potential, only the expected stoichiometric amount of **1-D** relative to $[Cu_2]$ was produced (entry 4).

The intermediacy of benzyl radicals during catalysis is supported by several pieces of circumstantial evidence. Production of **1-D** in the presence of added water (entry 5), as

	[Cu ₂] (3 mol %) 440 nm LiNTf ₂ (0.2 M), DME -0.15 V vs SCE C (-) Mg (+)	1-D
Entry	Variation	Yield ^b
1	none	90 ^c
2	no [Cu ₂]	0
3	no light	0
4	no applied potential	2
5	2 equiv. H ₂ O	62
6	5 mL air	4 {7} ^d
7	LiClO ₄ instead of LiNTf ₂	30
8	TBAPF ₆ instead of LiNTf ₂	10
9	TBANTf ₂ instead of LiNTf ₂	11
10	chloro-cubane instead of [Cu ₂]	0
11	chloro-diamond instead of [Cu ₂]	0
12	2 → 2-D	77 ^{<i>c</i>}
13	3 → 3-D	77 ^{<i>c</i>}
14	4 → 4-D	68 ^{<i>c</i>}
15	5 → 5-D	81 ^{<i>c</i>}
16	6 → 6-D	77 ^{<i>c</i>}
17	7 → 7-D	91 ^{<i>c</i>}
18	8 → 8-D	75 ^c

Table 2.1. Electrophotocatalytic Benzyl Chloride Reduction.^a

^{*a*}Performed for 1.5–3 h with 0.15 mmol benzyl chloride.

^{*b*}Yields of known products determined by 1H NMR versus CH₂Br₂ internal standard. ^{*c*}Average of two runs.

^{*d*}Value for 4-methylbenzaldehyde in {braces}.

well as dimerization of tertiary and ester-substituted benzyl chlorides, are inconsistent with the intermediacy of benzyl anions. Although the reaction is highly sensitive to air due to quenching of $[Cu_2]^*$ (entry 6), 4-methylbenzaldehyde becomes the major product (7% yield). Benzaldehydes are known products of the reaction between benzyl radicals and oxygen.^{35,50} Attempts to trap benzyl radicals with the radical trap TEMPO were unsuccessful as TEMPO quenches [Cu₂].⁵¹

The catalytic reaction is very sensitive to factors that alter chloride binding to $[Cu_2]^+$. Li⁺ from LiNTf₂ likely interacts with chloride through ion pairing as a Lewis acid; electrolytes expected to exhibit weaker ion pairing with chloride, such as tetrabutylammonium salts, performed notably worse (entries 7–9). The poorer performance of LiClO₄ (entry 7) is attributed to the fact that in DME ClO₄⁻ is more tightly associated to Li⁺ than is NTf₂⁻,⁵² possibly limiting sequestration of Cl⁻. Isolated chloro-cubane and chloro-diamond (Figure 2.2D) were catalytically inactive under the conditions (entries 10–11). Therefore, the detection of chloro-diamond by ³¹P NMR at the end of the standard reaction (entry 1) suggests one pathway by which catalysis ceases.

2.3 Conclusion

To close, we have described the electrophotochemical reactivity of $[Cu_2]$ in the presence of benzyl chloride substrates. Our mechanistic studies enable assignment of facile electron-transfer from the excited state $[Cu_2]^*$ with substrate to liberate $[Cu_2]^+$, Cl^- , and a benzyl radical that undergoes homocoupling to produce bibenzyl. By tracking down off-path copper-cubane and -diamond chloride sinks, and devising a means of sequestering the chloride produced, we are able to demonstrate the electrophotocatalytic chemistry of

interest. Our study complements other recent reports employing organo-photocatalysts for

R(Ar)-X electrophotochemical couplings where the nature of the photoreductants are still

being studied.

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Chapter 3

Electrocatalytic Ammonia Oxidation Mediated by a Polypyridyl Iron Catalyst

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3.1 Introduction

Ammonia is produced on a massive scale globally by industrial nitrogen fixation, primarily for use as fertilizer. New ammonia synthesis technologies may yet enable other vectors for ammonia use, for example as a transportation fuel. Accordingly, there are substantial efforts underway to explore whether electrocatalytic N₂-to-NH₃ (N₂RR) conversion, potentially coupled with renewable resources that generate electricity, could provide a new ammonia synthesis pathway (Equation 3.1) to be exploited in renewably formed fuel storage, transport, and on-site use.¹

$$N_2 + 6 H^+ + 6 e^- \rightleftharpoons 2 NH_3$$
 (Equation 3.1)

Commensurate with these goals, there has been long-standing interest in exploring heterogeneous catalysts for selective ammonia oxidation (AO), the microscopic reverse of N_2 -to-NH₃ conversion (Equation 3.1).² The realization of selective electrocatalysts for AO in principle could enable fuel cell applications for ammonia, akin to those currently being practiced or explored for hydrogen and methanol.³

Homogeneous (electro)catalysts for N₂RR and AO have much to offer in terms of fundamental mechanistic studies, and possibly longer-term practical applications if robust hybrid catalyst/electrode architectures can be realized. Indeed, the field of N₂RR catalysis mediated by molecular systems has witnessed a surge of activity in the past 10–15 years, in part motivated by a desire to explore hypotheses germane to the inorganic mechanism of biological nitrogen fixation.⁴ This has been matched by significant progress in defining catalysts (e.g., featuring Mo or Fe) that operate with (comparatively) impressive turnovers and selectivities, and in fundamental mechanistic understanding of how these transformations occur.⁵ Interest in translating this progress to electrocatalytic N_2RR using synthetic coordination complexes is growing.⁶

By contrast, homogeneous approaches to ammonia oxidation have been slower to attract significant attention from the coordination chemistry community. This is surprising given that biological ammonia oxidation, mediated by both aerobic and anaerobic ammonia-oxidizing bacteria, involves steps thought to occur at iron, copper, or molybdenum active sites, and is essential to the global nitrogen cycle.⁷ As a six-electron process with substantial kinetic barriers, this process presents fascinating challenges in energy conversion, electrochemistry, and coordination chemistry. Challenges associated with catalytically converting NH₃ to N₂ and proton/electron equivalents at a well-defined active site include the fact that NH₃ is a strong σ -donor ligand that features thermally robust N–H bonds (BDFE_{N-H} = 99.4 kcal/mol).⁸

Despite the comparatively limited activity in this area, stoichiometric oxidation of ammonia is well precedented. For instance, in 1979 Buhr and Taube initiated the study of ammonia oxidation by molecular complexes when they reported both chemical and electrochemical oxidation of ammonia in aqueous solution by $[Os(NH_3)_5(CO)]^{2+}$ to form N₂ in the μ -N₂-bridged product $[(Os(NH_3)_4(CO))_2N_2]^{4+}$ (Chart 3.1, A).⁹ Relatedly, Thompson and Meyer reported the stoichiometric electrochemical oxidation of ammonia to nitrite and nitrate by $[(trpy)(bpy)Ru(NH_3)]^{2+}$ (trpy = 2,2':6',2"-terpyridine, bpy = 2,2'-bipyridine) in aqueous solution (Chart 3.1, B),¹⁰ and reported electrochemical (though not electrocatalytic) ammonia oxidation N_2 by a similar ruthenium polypyridyl to system,

 $[(bpy)_2(NH_3)RuORu(NH_3)(bpy)_2]^{4+}$.¹¹ Collman and coworkers have studied chemical and electrochemical oxidation of ammonia at cofacial ruthenium porphyrins via hydrazine and diazene intermediates.¹² Most recently, Hamann, Smith, and coworkers demonstrated that modification of the Meyer system provides a bona fide electrocatalyst for ammonia oxidation to N₂, reporting the liberation of 2.1 eq N₂ at 0.2 V vs Fc/Fc⁺ (0.03 V onset potential) under the conditions used (Chart 3.1, C).¹³



Chart 3.1. Molecular complexes that mediate AO.

There has also been growing interest in exploring molecular catalysts for ammonia oxidation that operate via net H-atom abstraction chemistry. In this context, a number of fascinating recent reports describe H-atom abstraction (HAA) reactions from coordinated NH₃, which can lead to M(NH₂), M(NH), M(N), and in certain cases N₂ (via nitride coupling).¹⁴ Catalytic ammonia oxidation via HAA has also been recently demonstrated using a ruthenium complex and 2,4,6-tri(*t*-butyl)phenoxyl radical by Mock and coworkers

(Chart 3.1, D).¹⁵ Similarly, Nishibayashi and coworkers recently reported catalytic chemical oxidation of ammonia, again using a ruthenium system (Chart 3.1, E).¹⁶

Given the paucity of data available describing electrocatalytic ammonia oxidation, and the fact that biologically relevant first row metals such as iron have yet to be described for this process, we targeted the study of promising candidate iron (electro)catalysts as models well-suited to mechanistic interrogation. Noting that a number of polypyridyl iron complexes have been studied as potential water oxidation catalysts (WOC's),¹⁷ we felt such systems might provide a prudent starting point.

In this context, we now describe that a previously reported iron complex featuring a ligand (TPA) tetradentate polypyridyl supporting and two cis-labile sites. [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]^{2+,18} is highly active for electrocatalytic ammonia oxidation in acetonitrile under an applied bias. Important features of this system are that NH₃ can reversibly bind at the two labile sites, NH₃ itself is able to promote the proton-transfer steps needed for catalytic activity, and up to 16 eq of N₂ (per Fe) have been generated from NH₃ using this catalyst via controlled potential coulometry (CPC) experiments. At present, this is the highest TON to be verified for a molecular AO system. More importantly, the system is electrochemically well behaved and hence amenable to detailed study by a range of electrochemical experiments. Our data point to an observed rate constant, kobs, for NH₃ oxidation of $\sim 10^7$ M⁻¹·s⁻¹, with the catalytic process starting at an onset potential of ~ 0.7 V vs Fc/Fc⁺, whose rate-determining step (RDS) is first order in $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]^{2+}$ and NH₃. The $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_2)(NH_3)]^{2+}$ available data suggest also allow us to and $[(TPA)Fe^{IV}(NH_2)(NH_3)]^{3+}$ species as early intermediates en route to N–N bond formation.

3.2.1 Electrocatalytic conversion of NH³ **to N**² **and H**². The cyclic voltammogram of [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in acetonitrile using a boron-doped diamond (BDD) working electrode (see Figure 3.1A,B) has one reversible feature at 0.75 V vs Fc/Fc⁺ corresponding to the Fe²⁺/Fe³⁺ redox couple (Figure 3.1A). Two new redox features appeared (E_1 and E_2) in the presence of increasing amounts of added NH₃, and the reversible feature corresponding to [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ disappeared. Moreover, the wave at E_2 continuously increased with increasing amounts of concentration. As a reference, when 100 equivalents of NH₃ were added to the [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ solution in acetonitrile, E_1 and E_2 were centered at 0.4 V and 1.1 V, respectively, and E₂ featured dramatically increased current relative to that



Figure 3.1. Electrochemical data. (A) Cyclic voltammograms in acetonitrile solutions of background AO on BDD in presence of 0.25 M NH₃ (black), 2.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in the absence of NH₃ (red), and AO by [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ with 0.25 M NH₃ (green). (B) Cyclic voltammograms in acetonitrile with 50 mM NH₄OTf and 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ with varying [NH₃]. The inset highlights the shift in E_1 with [NH₃]. CVs were recorded with a BDD disk electrode, a Pt counter electrode, and a custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode corrected for the Fc/Fc⁺ couple.

observed for the one-electron Fe^{2+}/Fe^{3+} redox couple. These observations are consistent with fast electrocatalytic ammonia oxidation at E_2 .

To assess whether catalytic NH₃ oxidation occurs at the irreversible E_2 wave, CPC was performed using a BDD plate working electrode (1 cm²) and a Pt counter electrode to facilitate H₂ evolution, and the headspace was analyzed via gas chromatography. CPC of a 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ acetonitrile solution with 65 mM NH₃ was performed at 1.1 V vs Fc/Fc⁺. After 18 h, 33 C of charge had passed; headspace analysis indicated Faradaic efficiencies of 80% and 70% for the production of N₂ and H₂ (±10% error in gas quantification), respectively, correlating with the production of up to 16 equivalents of N₂.¹⁹ This turnover number is the highest yet reported for a molecular NH₃ oxidation (electro)catalyst. The measured H₂:N₂ ratio was 2.6:1, in good agreement with the 3:1 ratio expected for NH₃. When isotopically enriched ¹⁵NH₄OTf and ¹⁵NH₃ were employed, only ³⁰N₂ was observed by GC-MS, confirming ammonia to be the source of detected N₂ (see SI for details).

Further CPC experiments in the absence of a (TPA)Fe source, at the same applied potential of 1.1 V vs Fc/Fc⁺, suggest a critical role for (TPA)Fe-species in the catalysis. When CPC of a 65 mM NH₃ solution was performed, only 1.1 C of charge was passed, and only $0.5 \text{ eq } N_2$ were detected. Furthermore, when [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ was replaced with FeOTf₂ as the precatalyst, only 1.9 C of charge were passed along with $1.0 \text{ eq } N_2$ being detected in the headspace.

3.2.2 Investigation of catalyst stability. Over multiple independent CPC experiments, the current after 18 h at an applied potential of 1.1 V vs Fc/Fc⁺ had greatly attenuated. Such a

decrease in current typically suggests either catalyst decomposition or electrode passivation.²⁰ To study this phenomenon, X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy was performed on the BDD working electrode after CPC to try to identify potential degradation products. During CPC with 65 mM NH₃ and no added iron precatalyst, the current dropped to 10% of the initial current after only 3 h. XPS analysis of the BDD electrode revealed incorporation of nitrogen onto the electrode surface (see SI). This process passivates the electrode surface, as confirmed by measurements of the ferrocene/ferrocenium redox couple before and after CPC. This passivation is hence one process by which the catalysis can be arrested in the presence of NH₃ using BDD electrodes.

Although the chronoamperogram with [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ as a precatalyst in the presence of NH₃ also showed a time-dependent decrease in current, a much longer time scale, ~15 h, was required to reach 10% of the initial current. Measurement of the working electrode after CPC again revealed incorporation of nitrogen, but now also iron, on the surface. The detection of iron on the electrode surface by XPS raises the possibility that a heterogeneous iron catalyst may be responsible for (or contribute to) the electrocatalytic AO discussed above. Indeed, it is difficult, if not impossible, to reliably discount a contributing role for heterogenous (electro)catalysis.²¹ However, several lines of evidence lead us to suggest that a molecular, TPA-ligated iron catalyst dominates the aforementioned AO behavior. In the chronoamperogram for AO by the precatalyst [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, no induction period was observed. Furthermore, a rinse test was performed with the BDD electrode following CPC using a fresh acetonitrile-ammonia solution. No catalytic current was passed in this case, ruling out a heterogeneous catalyst that is strongly attached to the electrode. Measurement of the catalyst solution after CPC with a clean BDD disk electrode indicated a catalytic wave of similar intensity to that observed prior to CPC. To demonstrate the relative stability of the TPA-ligated Fe-species under catalytic conditions, 50 cycles of CV were performed, Figure 3.2A. Almost no reduction in catalytic current appeared between the first and last scan. While these experiments cannot reliably discount the possibility of a very rapidly formed, loosely bound and highly active heterogeneous catalyst forming under CPC experiments, we find such a scenario improbable.



Figure 3.2. Cycling of (A) 2.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, or (B) 2.5 mM FeOTf₂, with a BDD disk electrode in an acetonitrile solution containing 50 mM NH₃ and 50 mM NH₄OTf. Pt wire was used as the counter electrode with a custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode.

To probe this issue further, [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ was replaced by FeOTf₂ as the precatalyst during CPC with ammonia. In this case, the current rapidly dropped to 10% of the initial current after only 1 h. After CPC, the XPS spectrum of the BDD electrode was almost identical to the spectrum obtained after CPC with [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂. 50 cycles of CV were also performed with FeOTf₂ in ammonia, Figure 3.2B. A continuous decrease in peak current, correlated with passivation of the electrode, was observed. In acetonitrile-ammonia solutions, we presume FeOTf₂ exists primarily as [Fe(NH₃)₆]OTf₂. The decrease

in current observed by CPC and CV, in addition to the iron observed on the electrode surface by XPS, establish the instability of $[Fe(NH_3)_6]OTf_2$ under the present conditions.

Given the instability of $[Fe(NH_3)_6]OTf_2$ under electrocatalytic conditions, we wondered if the source of the iron observed on the electrode surface post-CPC could be due to partial demetallation of TPA-ligated Fe species by NH₃, thereby forming $Fe(NH_3)_6^{2+}$, which can then degrade at the BDD electrode. The speciation of $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ with varying ammonia concentrations was therefore studied by UV-vis spectroscopy (Figure 3.3A,B). A plot of absorbance at 400 nm vs [NH₃], Figure 3.3A, displays three distinct regions of different slopes. We assign these as regions of equilibria corresponding to the



Figure 3.3. UV-vis monitoring of speciation. (A) Plot of absorbance at $\lambda_{max} = 400$ nm versus [NH₃] demonstrating regions corresponding to mono-ammine, bis-ammine, and hexakis-ammine iron complexes. (B) UV-vis spectrum of 0.2 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ with 0, 20, 100, or 1500 eq NH₃ added in acetonitrile.

successive displacement by NH₃ of one MeCN (1–10 eq NH₃), a second MeCN (10–200 eq NH₃), and finally the additional displacement of TPA by NH₃ to form $Fe(NH_3)6^{2+}$. In accord with these equilibria being reversible, the addition of free TPA to FeOTf₂ in MeCN with

excess NH₃, to reproduce the electrocatalytic conditions, produces the E_1 and E_2 redox features as well as the UV-vis spectrum associated with $[(TPA)Fe(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$; in the absence of FeOTf₂, an irreversible oxidation wave for free TPA is instead observed at ~ 1.0 V. Consistent with the viability of [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂, we were able to obtain its solid-state X-ray structure via crystals grown by diffusing NH₃ gas into a THF solution of dissolved (TPA)FeOTf₂. The solid-state structure of [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂ features four independent molecules in the asymmetric unit and interestingly, bond lengths that are consistent with the presence of *both* high- and low-spin iron centers (two of each type; see Figure 3.4 and SI).²² Given [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂ is structurally well-defined, that as is [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂,¹⁸ an intermediate structure, [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)(MeCN)]OTf₂, is highly plausible and we presume the primary species present in the 1-10 eq NH₃ region.

Although the aforementioned electrocatalytic conditions include 130 eq NH₃, a regime in which $[(TPA)Fe(NH_3)_2]OTf_2$ dominates, there is likely a small population of $[Fe(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$ and also free TPA under these conditions. The source of iron on the electrode presumably results as $[Fe(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$ is continuously degraded, shifting the equilibrium toward further demetallation. Fortunately, degradation is slow, as evidenced by CV cycling experiments, the chronoamperogram as well as CVs and UV-vis acquired before and after CPC, (see SI).



Figure 3.4. Solid-state crystal structure of $[(TPA)Fe(NH_3)_2]OTf_2$ at 100 K. (A) View down the b-axis with 4 unit cells shown. Green/light green octahedra represent low spin Fe(II) sites, while blue/purple octahedra represent high spin Fe(II) sites. Representative low spin (B) and high spin (C) sites are shown, with bond lengths labeled in Å. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability. Triflate counterions, hydrogen, and co-solvent are omitted for clarity.

3.2.3 Mechanistic insight into the first redox process (E_1). The sequential addition of NH₃ to $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]^{2+}$ increased the catalytic current at E_2 (E_{cat}), Figure 3.1B. Another change observed in the cyclic voltammogram of $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]^{2+}$ in MeCN with increasing amounts of ammonia is a shift in the potential of the first redox process, E_1 , toward more cathodic values. This observation indicates that the electron transfer step (E) in the oxidation is

coupled to a chemical step (C) involving NH₃ as a reactant. This EC mechanism is further supported by an increasing irreversibility at E_1 concomitant with the appearance of a new reduction peak $E_{1'}$ at -0.4 V (Figure 3.5A), arising from the formation of a new species as [NH₃] is increased.

Scheme 3.1. Equilibria relevant to substitution of acetonitrile and TPA by ammonia in acetonitrile solution for $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]^{2+}$.



Interestingly, only one oxidation peak was observed at lower ammonia This fast equilibrium between concentrations. can be rationalized via a $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]^{2+}$ and $[(TPA)Fe(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$ as described in Scheme 3.1. The bisammine complex is expected to have a more cathodically shifted oxidation potential (NH₃ being a stronger donor than MeCN). Thus, as the population of $[(TPA)Fe(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$ is oxidized to Fe(III) near the electrode, the equilibrium shifts, driving coordination of a second NH_3 eq to $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]^{2+}$; the latter species should still be primarily in the Fe(II) oxidation state as it is expected to have a redox potential ~150 mV more positive than the $[(TPA)Fe(NH_3)_2]^{2+23}$ Rapid solvent equilibration is expected for high spin iron(II), on the order of $\sim 10^4 - 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$.²⁴

The voltammetric response of an EC mechanism is governed by the pseudo-first order equilibrium constant of the chemical step (K), as well as the competition between the pseudo-first order rate constant of the chemical step (k') and diffusion.^{25,26} Under our present conditions, the first redox event E_1 shows quasi-reversible character typical for the KE regime in the kinetic zone diagram, where the redox potential is governed by the following equation:

$$E_{ox} = E_{ox}^{0} - \frac{RT}{F} ln\left(\frac{k'_{1f}}{k'_{1b}}\right)$$
 (Equation 3.2)

F is the Faraday constant, R is the gas constant, T is the temperature, E_{ox} is the oxidation potential, E_{ox}^0 is the standard oxidation potential, and k'_{1f} and k'_{1b} are, respectively, the pseudo first order rate constants for the forward and backward chemical reaction. Using Equation 3.2, the change in peak potential with the natural logarithm of ammonia concentration reveals a linear dependence with a negative slope of -0.030, in good agreement with the theoretical value of -0.026 (Figure 3.5B). Due to its character as a Brønsted base, one plausible explanation for the role of NH_3 in the chemical step following oxidation is the abstraction of a proton from one of the NH₃ ligands coordinated to Fe(III). Such a mechanism would produce $\mathrm{NH_4^+}$ a product, together with the oxidized as iron complex $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)(NH_2)]^{2+}$. Accordingly, the E_1 potential with varying concentrations of NH4⁺ at a fixed concentration of NH₃ (Figure 3.5C) shows a linear relationship, with an observed slope of +0.024. This finding is in agreement with the predicted value of +0.026.



Figure 3.5. Evidence supporting an EC mechanism. (A) CV of an acetonitrile solution containing 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]²⁺, 50 mM NH₄OTf, and 10 (black dashed trace) or 50 (solid green trace) eq NH₃. (B) Plot of the potential for the first redox event E_1 versus the natural logarithm of [NH₃]. (C) Plot of the potential for the first redox event E_1 versus the natural logarithm of [NH₄⁺]. (D) CV of an acetonitrile solution containing 0.5 mM of [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]²⁺, 50 mM NH₄OTf, and 50 mM NH₃ at different scan rates. CVs recorded with a BDD disk electrode, a Pt counter electrode, and a custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode.

Hence, the proposed EC mechanism is consistent with the electrochemical behavior at E_1 as

reactant, NH₃, and product, NH₄⁺, concentrations are varied.

Using the above logic, we assign the reduction peak $E_{1'}$, appearing at -0.4 V in Figure 3.5A, to the one-electron reduction of $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)(NH_2)]^{2+}$. Upon its reduction, no return oxidation peak could be detected in the following anodic scan near -0.4 V, indicating fast protonation to regenerate $[(TPA)Fe^{II}(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$. This is consistent with the basic character that might be expected for an octahedral Fe–NH₂ species.²⁷ Therefore, this first E_1 redox event involves a square mechanism, with a preliminary E_1C_1 oxidation reaction (blue equations in Scheme 3.2) coupled to a second E_2C_2 reduction reaction (red equations in Scheme 3.2).

Scheme 3.2. Proposed square mechanism for the first redox event, E_1 , at 0.4 V. The presence of the TPA ligand is implied for the species shown.



We have further confirmed this mechanism by performing cyclic voltammetry at different scan rates, as depicted in Figure 3.5D. At low scan rates, where C_1 reaches equilibrium, two reductive peaks could be detected with similar intensities, corresponding to $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)_2]^{3+}$ and $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)(NH_2)]^{2+}$. However, when the scan rate was increased, the reduction peak at around 0.2 V showed greater intensity as compared to the

peak at -0.4 V. This is a consequence of the relatively slow forward reaction, C₁, as compared to the fast scan rate, such that C₁ does not reach equilibrium, and hence $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$ is the main species reduced at the electrode.

Analysis of the peak currents at E_1 obtained from CVs at different scan rates reveals a linear relationship with $v^{1/2}$, following the predicted behavior from the Randles-Sevcik equation for an electrochemically reversible electron transfer process of a freely diffusing molecule in solution.²⁸ Further analysis of the current corresponding to the oxidative peak with increasing concentrations of $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]^{2+}$ again reveals the linear dependence expected for a one electron oxidation. This data, in combination with the well-behaved shift in E_1 potential with both NH₃ and NH₄⁺ concentration, collectively support a primary process at E_1 to form a reactive Fe^{III}–NH₂ species.

3.2.4 Mechanistic insight into the catalytic process (E_2). We performed a similar analysis of the E_2 (E_{cat}) event where fast catalysis is observed. While a detailed analysis for this six-electron/six-proton process can in principle be performed,²⁹ in practice such an analysis quickly becomes intractable. A common mechanistic approximation is therefore to consider the simplest case scenario, where electron transfer from the catalyst to the electrode is

Scheme 3.3. A simplified catalytic mechanism for ammonia oxidation at $E_2 \approx 1.1$ V. P and Q represent the inferred intermediates $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)(NH_2)]^{2+}$ and its one-electron oxidized species $[Fe^{IV}(NH_3)(NH_2)]^{3+}$, respectively. The latter intermediate would then react with ammonia in a process that ultimately releases N₂. $E_{P/Q}$ is the potential for the P/Q redox couple, and k_{obs} is the apparent second-order rate constant of the catalytic chemical step.

$$P \xrightarrow{E_{P/Q}} Q + e^{-}$$

$$Q + NH_3 \xrightarrow{k_{obs}} P + N_2 + 6H^{+}$$

followed by a rate determining homogeneous catalytic reaction with the substrate, EC_{cat} , as shown in Scheme 3.3.^{25,30}

A related strategy has been previously applied to electrocatalytic redox processes for CO₂ reduction³¹ and water oxidation,³² and provides essential information regarding the mechanism and the overall kinetics for the catalytic process. Such an approach is justified here because the potential of the first EC step (E_1) is cathodically well separated from E_2 . Furthermore, oxidation following an N–N bond formation step is expected to occur at less oxidizing potentials. In support of this notion, we found that a CV of [(TPA)Fe(L)₂]²⁺ in acetonitrile with added hydrazine displayed a catalytic oxidation around 0.4 V. Our primary assumption is thus that electrocatalytic NH₃ oxidation to N₂ is triggered via a single electron transfer step that occurs at a substantially more oxidizing potential than all other steps. If correct, simplification to an EC mechanism is reasonable, and it then becomes possible to obtain a kinetic constant (k_{obs}) that reflects the overall rate of the catalytic reaction, after scaling for the number of electrons transferred (n).³³

To calculate k_{obs} , we performed a foot of the wave analysis (FOWA).³¹ Due to non-Nernstian behavior in the ET step (see Supporting Information for further details), the Butler-Volmer law, which includes a charge transfer coefficient (α) and the rate constant for interfacial electron transfer (k_s), was utilized:³⁴

$$FIT(E_{cat}^{0} - E) = \frac{\frac{i}{i_{p}}}{1 - 0.446 \frac{i}{i_{p}} \frac{\sqrt{D_{cat}}}{k_{s}} \sqrt{\frac{F}{R \cdot T} v} \exp\left[\alpha \frac{F}{R \cdot T}(E_{cat}^{0} - E)\right]}$$
$$= \frac{n \cdot 2.24 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{R \cdot T}{F \cdot v} \cdot k'_{obs}}}{1 + \exp\left[\frac{F}{R \cdot T}(E_{cat}^{0} - E)\right]}$$
(Equation 3.3)
Plotting the FIT equation versus $1/(1+\exp[F/(RT)(E_{cat}-E)]$ gives the value for pseudo firstorder constant $k'_{obs}=k_{obs}$ ·[NH₃] (see SI). To use these equations, α and k_s were determined from the precatalytic wave by analyzing the peak potential at different scan rates (see SI).²⁵ We found an α value of 0.66, close to the typical value when use of the Butler-Volmer equation is necessary,²⁵ and a diffusion coefficient D_{cat}: 9.5 · 10⁻¹⁰ (m²·s⁻¹), which is typical for molecular complexes in solution (see Supporting Information).³⁵ With these values, we could obtain the kinetic constant for the electron transfer k_s of around 111 m·s⁻¹. These data enable a FOWA according to Equation 3.3, which provides a second order apparent rate constant, k_{obs} , of $3.7 \cdot 10^7$ M⁻¹·s⁻¹ on average for different concentrations of catalyst (Figure 3.6A; see SI for details). Hence, this iron catalyst for AO is able to operate at a remarkably fast rate under a large applied bias of 1.1 V.

In addition to providing kinetic information, this method of analysis also offers important mechanistic information about the catalytic process, because the validity of these equations is intrinsically related to the validity of the assumed mechanism. Our assumed mechanism includes a rate-determining step which is first order both in catalyst and in NH₃. Accordingly, the calculated pseudo-first order rate constant, k'_{obs} , should be constant with respect to the [(TPA)Fe(L)₂]²⁺ concentration (because k'_{obs} is normalized by its molarity), and should respond linearly to the NH₃ concentration. We have confirmed both relationships by analysis at different concentrations of [(TPA)Fe(L)₂]²⁺ and [NH₃] (Figure 3.6A,B).



Figure 3.6. Rate law data. (A) Dependence of the calculated k'_{obs} on the concentration of $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ precatalyst. (B) Dependence of the calculated k'_{obs} on the concentration of NH₃. In both cases, k'_{obs} has been calculated using FOWA as described in the SI.

3.3 Conclusion

With interest growing in the study of molecular (electro)catalysts for AO, a fascinating multi-electron redox reaction that represents the microscopic reverse of N₂-to-NH₃ conversion, electrochemically well-defined model systems are needed. In this context we have described in detail the capacity of a polypyridyl iron catalyst, $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$, to perform AO at extremely fast rates (~10⁷ M⁻¹·s⁻¹ via FOWA) under the application of a 1.1 V applied bias. We have also used CPC to confirm that N₂ is selectively formed via this AO reaction, confirming as many as 16 eq of N₂ (32 eq NH₃ being consumed) per Fe. While TONs do not necessarily reflect overall efficiency of a catalyst, the value we measure is higher than other values reported to date. Mechanistic data extracted from a range of electrochemical studies suggest that an Fe^{III}–NH₂ species is generated at the first E_1 process (0.4 V vs Fc/Fc⁺) via net H-atom removal from intermediate $[(TPA)Fe(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$.

The first wave, E_1 at ~0.4 V vs Fc/Fc⁺, has been determined to correspond to a subsequent electron and proton transfer (EC) from a newly characterized [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]²⁺ species to generate a reactive terminal amide [(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH₂)(NH₃)]²⁺ intermediate. This intermediate then undergoes a subsequent EC step at E_2 around 1.1 V, and this is the feature associated with catalytic AO. We speculate that at this potential Fe(III) is oxidized to Fe(IV), possibly via an [(TPA)Fe^{IV}(NH₃)(NH₂)]³⁺ intermediate. Future studies will focus on the direct spectroscopic detection of these (or other) candidate intermediates. Regardless, we intuit that N–N bond forming steps occur subsequent to the generation of [(TPA)Fe^{IV}(NH₃)(NH₂)]³⁺ or some similar species. We cannot yet determine from the available data whether or not such steps are intramolecular (e.g., via N–N coupling from adjacent Fe–NH_x ligands) or intermolecular (e.g., via nucleophilic attack of NH₃ on Fe–NH_x). We are, however, able to say from FOWA that the overall catalytic reaction is first order in both [(TPA)Fe(L)₂]²⁺ and NH₃.

The catalysis is ultimately arrested due to passivation of the BDD working electrode surface, likely via a combination of incorporation of nitrogen and iron, which can be detected via analysis of the electrode post CPC. It may be that exploring less labile polydentate ligands, such as those possessing a negative charge, will attenuate the lability of TPA that is operative in this system and ultimately leads to catalyst degradation. Such approaches may also afford a catalyst that operates at less oxidizing potentials, though this may in turn attenuate the overall catalytic rate.

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Chapter 4

Enhanced Ammonia Oxidation Catalysis by a Low-Spin Iron Complex Featuring *Cis* Coordination Sites

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4.1 Introduction

Ammonia is produced at industrial scale for use in fertilizer and chemical synthesis,^{1,2} but could become a promising carbon-free fuel if its selective and efficient catalytic oxidation to nitrogen can be achieved. Catalysts sufficiently active and stable for fuel cell applications are still needed.^{2,3,4} Platinum-based materials, perhaps the current best current candidates,^{5,6,7} suffer from low current densities due to side reactions that can result at moderate applied bias.

Molecular systems offer several advantages with respect to fundamental studies that address both activity and selectivity in AO.⁸ The first molecular AO catalysts were reported in 2019.^{9,10,11,12,13} Thus far, ruthenium catalysts have shown the highest turnover number¹⁴ (TON; ~120 for [(TMP)Ru(NH₃)₂]²⁺ using phenoxyl HAA reagents),¹³ and the lowest demonstrated onset potential for electrocatalysis ($E_{onset} = 0.04$ V vs Fc/Fc⁺ for [(bpydma)(tpy)Ru(NH₃)]²⁺; TON = 2).⁹ We reported a distinct example of a first-row metal electrocatalyst, [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂, with a TON of 16 and a comparatively very fast rate (10⁷ M⁻¹·s⁻¹), but requiring a substantial E_{onset} bias of 0.7 V (all potentials are reported vs Fc/Fc⁺).¹²

To improve on the AO activity of [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂, we targeted an iron system that would display enhanced catalyst stability while showing higher activity at a lower applied bias. Catalyst degradation with [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂ appears to initiate from substitution of the TPA ligand, an equilibrium process under the catalytic conditions that is likely favored by the presence of a large excess of NH₃. The extent of TPA displacement from $[(TPA)Fe(NH_3)_2]OTf_2$ is likely increased by the complex's dominant high-spin population (*S* = 2) at RT, which results in more labile M–L bonds.

For the present system, given that the initial iron species in bulk solution during catalysis is $[(TPA)Fe(NH_3)_2]OTf_2$, we explored whether modifying the auxiliary ligand (L_{aux}) in such a fashion so as to support a low-spin (L_{aux})Fe(II)–NH₃ adduct might limit substitution by NH₃ and hence enhance overall stability, while maintaining high catalyst activity. We decided to replace the weak-field tertiary amine donor of TPA, along with one of its pyridyl arms, with a bipyridine ligand (Scheme 4.1); bipyridine has similar σ -donating properties to pyridine but enhanced π -accepting properties.^{15,16,17} We also sought to maintain the *cis*-labile sites present in [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂,^{18,19,20,21} which may facilitate intramolecular N–N bond formation. A rigid ligand containing each of these characteristics, bpyPy₂Me (Scheme 4.1), has been reported,²² as has its iron(II) complex, [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂. The latter has been studied in the context of alkane oxidation.²¹

Scheme 4.1. Targeting enhanced Fe-mediated AO via an alternative auxiliary ligand strategy.



Fe-mediated catalysts for Ammonia Oxidation (AO)

4.2 Results and Discussion

We first compared the electronic structure of both $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ in the presence of NH₃ in solution by the Evans method, using trimethoxybenzene as an inert reference signal. At room temperature in the absence of NH₃, both systems display NMR spectra with resonances in the typical diamagnetic window, and bulk magnetic moments of 0.7–0.8 μ_B (see SI), indicating a dominant low-spin population. In the presence of 75 equivalents NH₃ (~0.8 M at NMR concentrations), however, the solution prepared with $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ gives rise to a spin-only magnetic moment of 5.2 μ_B , indicative of a fully populated S = 2 state. By contrast, under identical conditions, a solution prepared with $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ produces a bulk magnetic moment of 1.2 μ_B . Assuming a mixture of S = 0 and S = 2 species at spin-only values, this moment corresponds to a 94:6 mixture in favor of the low-spin derivative in the presence of NH₃.

To assess the stability of $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ to substitution by NH₃ in MeCN, we monitored its speciation by UV-vis spectroscopy while titrating in NH₃. A monotonic decrease in the absorbance for $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), as well as a loss of isosbestic behavior, becomes discernable in the presence of > 600 equivalents NH₃ (see SI). By contrast, $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ begins showing demetallation with > 200 equivalents NH₃.¹²

We next assessed catalytic AO by [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ via cyclic voltammetry (CV) and controlled potential coulometry (CPC) using boron-doped diamond (BDD) working electrodes. CV of [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ with added NH₃ as

substrate shows a precatalytic one-electron feature E_1 at 0.24 V and an irreversible multielectron E_2 wave at 0.79 V (Figure 4.1; see SI for DPV data), which replace the reversible one-electron wave observed in the absence of NH₃ ($E_{1/2} = 0.82$ V); this behavior mirrors that of [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂.¹² The catalytic onset potential of 0.45 V for [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ is ~250 mV cathodic of that for [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, and the catalytic current is ~fourfold higher. By contrast, applying less potential bias most typically results in a concomitant decrease in catalytic current.^{23,24}



Figure 4.1. CV of MeCN solutions containing 0.2 M NH₃ (400 equivalents), 0.05 M NH₄OTf, and 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ or [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ with BDD working, Pt counter, and 5 mM Ag/AgOTf reference electrodes.

CPC confirms that $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ is a highly active AO catalyst. With a 0.05 mM $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ solution containing 400 equivalents NH₃ in MeCN with NH₄OTf supporting electrolyte (0.05 M), holding the bias at 0.85 V produces N₂ with a high faradaic efficiency (FE) of 87%. After 24 h, a TON of 93 (average of 4 runs; STD = 8) was measured. Furthermore, active catalyst remains after 24 h; a reload experiment was performed in which the BDD electrode was cleaned and the NH₃ concentration was reset to its original value; after an additional 24 h, another 56 equivalents N₂ were detected (average of 2 runs), resulting in a net TON of 149. With respect to TON, this value is a marked improvement on both the previously reported Ru AO electrocatalyst (TON of 2) and [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ (TON of 16).^{9,12} CPC with ¹⁵NH₃ (¹⁵N = 99%) produces >90% ³⁰N₂ by GC-MS, indicating NH₃ as the source of nitrogen in the liberated N₂. Post-catalysis, a thoroughly rinsed electrode showed no catalytic activity, under the same conditions but without added [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂.²⁵

To probe mechanistic issues for the $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ system, we further investigated the E_1 process. By CV, as the concentration of NH₃ is increased, the E_1 potential shifts cathodically. This is characteristic of an EC mechanism (single electron transfer followed by a chemical step).^{26,27} For an EC mechanism in the observed kinetic regime (KE), the peak potential of such a process obeys Eq. 1 (Scheme 4.2). Two plausible stoichiometries are provided, involving either one or two molecules of NH₃ in the forward reaction (Scheme 4.2a and 4.2b, respectively). Plotting E_1 versus either [NH₃] or [NH₄⁺] (Scheme 4.2c and 4.2d, respectively), the respective slopes support stoichiometries of two NH₃ in the forward reaction and one NH₄⁺ in the backward reaction, matching Scheme 4.2b. Taking the iron species to be [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH₃)]OTf₂, we thus propose that the product of this EC reaction is [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(NH₂)(NH₃)]OTf₂, formed via substitution and net hydrogen atom abstraction. This behavior parallels [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂, which follows Scheme 4.2a at a nearly identical potential.¹² **Scheme 4.2.** Evidence supporting an EC mechanism at the E_1 potential. Possible stoichiometries of the E_1 potential are shown in (a) and (b). Plots of E_1 potential versus the natural logarithm of (c) NH₃ or (d) NH₄⁺ concentration for [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂.

$$E_{OX} = E_{OX}^{\circ} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{k_{1f} [NH_3]^m}{k_{1b} [NH_4^+]}$$

= $E_{OX}^{\circ} - m \times 0.026 \ln(k_{1f} [NH_3]) + 0.026 \ln(k_{1b} [NH_4^+])$ (1)

$$Fe^{II}-NH_3 + NH_3 \xrightarrow{k_{1f}} Fe^{III}-NH_2 + NH_4^+ + e^-$$
 (a)

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
\text{MeCN} & & \text{NH}_2 \\
\text{I} & \text{Fe}^{\text{II}} - \text{NH}_3 + 2 \text{ NH}_3 & \underbrace{k_{1f}}_{k_{1b}} & \text{Fe}^{\text{III}} - \text{NH}_3 + \text{NH}_4^+ + \text{MeCN} + e^- & \text{(b)}
\end{array}$$



The iron speciation deduced from the above electrochemical data, favoring $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]OTf_2$ prior to E_1 , is notionally consistent with a solid-state XRD study of a crystal grown from an ammoniacal MeCN solution (Figure 4.2). The short

Fe–N_{bpy} bond length *trans* to MeCN of 1.89 Å also underscores tight binding of the bpyPy₂Me ligand.



Figure 4.2. Solid-state crystal structure of $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]OTf_2$ at 100 K, with select bond lengths labeled in angstroms. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability. Triflate counterions and L_{aux} hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

To understand the character of the turnover-limiting E_2 step, we studied the rate dependence on [Fe] and [NH₃] concentrations. [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH₃)]OTf₂ demonstrates first-order behavior for both [Fe] and [NH₃] (SI). The concentration ranges studied ([Fe] = 0.05–2 mM, [NH₃] = 0–0.5 M) span the conditions employed for both CV and CPC experiments. Using the foot-of-the-wave analysis with a standard EC_{cat} scheme to simplify the multi-electron, multi-proton wave, ^{28,29} the first-order dependence on iron was recapitulated; however, while a clear dependence on [NH₃] is evident from the FOWA, ascertaining the quantitative dependence on [NH₃] is hindered by uncertainty in E°_{cat} at high NH₃ concentrations. Still, we are able to compare the intrinsic AO reaction rates for [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]²⁺ and [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH₃)]²⁺. We previously reported a second-order rate constant (k'_{obs}) of $3.7 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ for [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]²⁺;¹² for the present catalyst [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH₃)]²⁺, the average k'_{obs} is $1.8 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$. Thus, [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH₃)]²⁺ is ca. 1.5 orders of magnitude faster than [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]²⁺.

The aforementioned electrochemical data are limited in mechanistic utility with respect to the various steps that follow E_2 , governing the pathway for N–N bond formation. Literature precedent for N–N formation in systems applied to AO, whether mono- or bimolecular in nature with respect to the metal complex, suggests two broad scenarios for consideration: (1) interaction of two nitrogen ligands (I2N), as via nitride,^{8,11,30,31,32} imide, or amide^{33,34} coupling, or (2) ammonia nucleophilic attack (ANA) on an electrophilic nitrido or imido ligand.^{9,10} To begin to explore these issues for the present iron system, we have undertaken a theoretical study (Schemes 4.3, 4.4), using density functional theory due to the size of the present system, and the TPSS functional owing to its minimal bias for Fe²⁺ versus Fe³⁺ states.^{35,36}

As an initial point of calibration, our chosen method reliably predicts the low-spin ground state of $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]^{2+}$ and also its E_1 potential (0.24 V calcd; see SI), which is analogous to that experimentally observed at 0.2 M NH₃. The latter result is encouraging as it involves both a change in oxidation state and a chemical step (to produce $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(NH_2)(NH_3)]^{2+}$, in accordance with our electrochemical data).



Scheme 4.3. Possible E_2 steps and calculated E (V) values. DFT-predicted ground spin-state values are shown.

From the E_1 product, $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(NH_2)(NH_3)]^{2+}$, one can consider a subsequent 1-electron oxidation step that determines the E_2 potential (0.79 V by DPV). Calculations suggest oxidation to $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(NH_2)(NH_3)]^{3+}$ requires a potential of 1.10 V, well above 0.79 V. However, a proton-coupled oxidation step to instead generate a *cis*-bis-amido complex, $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(NH_2)(NH_2)]^{2+}$, occurs at 0.81 V (Scheme 4.3, (a)). Alternatively, a proton-coupled oxidation to generate the imido complex $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(NH)(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$ occurs at 0.91 V (Scheme 4.3, (b)), from which a subsequent proton-coupled oxidation to produce the nitride species $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(N)(NH_3)]^{2+}$ can occur at much lower potential (0.24 V, Scheme 4.3, (c)). On thermodynamic grounds, both scenarios remain plausible in working towards a mechanistic model.

We have also probed subsequent N–N bond formation steps. For example, we investigated both reductive elimination (I2N) from the *cis*-bis-amido and ANA from the imido/nitrido species; the first scenario highlights a *cis*-labile catalyst design, as in [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂. From [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(NH₂)(NH₂)]²⁺, N–N reductive elimination to form the η^2 -hydrazine adduct [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(η^2 -N₂H₄)]²⁺ (Scheme 4.4, (d)) is exergonic by 6.3 kcal/mol. Alternatively, ANA at either the imido or nitrido (Scheme 4.4, (e) and (f)) is exergonic by 16.0 or 28.7 kcal/mol, respectively, affording another plausible path towards N–N bond formation. Other pathways, such as those including bimolecular N–N coupling (e.g., from NH₂, NH, or N intermediates), may also be plausible (see SI for additional details).



Scheme 4.4. Possible N–N coupling reactions; ΔG (kcal/mol). DFT-predicted ground spin-state values are shown.

4.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH₃)]OTf₂ is an effective AO catalyst, yielding a net TON of 149 after 48 h, which is the highest TON value reported to date for a molecular catalyst. Compared to its related iron congener, [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂, [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH₃)]OTf₂ is substantially more stable and operates at a higher rate

at significantly lower overpotential. While a number of mechanistic insights have been discussed, including a net H-atom abstraction at E_1 to furnish [(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(NH₂)(NH₃)]²⁺ prior to the onset of catalysis at E_2 , future efforts are needed to probe mechanistic aspects of the N–N bond-forming step(s), guided by the thermodynamic considerations from the experiments and theory discussed herein.

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Chapter 5

Improving Molecular Iron Ammonia Oxidation Electrocatalysts via Substituent Tuning

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5.1 Introduction

Ammonia oxidation (AO), and its mediation by transition metal catalysts, are burgeoning research topics across industry and academia.^{1,2,3,4} Simple catalysts such as platinum and other precious metals degrade due to metal-nitride formation,^{5,6} thus there is a pressing need for new catalysts that are both highly active and robust.^{7,8} This motivation has inspired research into molecular AO catalysis, with the first reports appearing in 2019.^{9,10,11,12} To date, a wide variety of catalyst structures have been reported, featuring ruthenium, iron, manganese, nickel, and copper catalysts with a wide variety of ligands.^{13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20} Strategies such as achieving "low and level" N–H bond strengths, promoting early N–N formation to hydrazine, or enabling intermolecular nitride homocoupling all require distinct catalyst designs. As of yet, molecular AO does not feature a prevailing strategy for catalyst improvement.

Our lab has been interested in dicationic polypyridyl iron complexes $[(L_{aux})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ (L_{aux} = tetradentate ligand; N' = MeCN or NH₃) containing *cis*-coordination sites that bind ammonia-derived ligands (Scheme 5.1). First-generation $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ featured high catalytic rates, but it was subject to degradation proceeding via displacement of the TPA ligand by excess ammonia (Eq. 1), limiting the demonstrated turnover number $(TON)^{21}$ to 16.¹² Considering the high-spin (S = 2) state of $[(TPA)Fe(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$, the primary species present during electrocatalysis, we hypothesized that degradation could be mitigated by favoring a low-spin electronic structure; indeed, use of stronger field **b**py**P**y2**M**e (BPM) led to a low-spin (S = 0) state for $[(BPM)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]^{2+}$ and an increased TON of 149 was demonstrated.¹⁴

$$[(L_{aux})Fe(NH_3)_2]^{2+} + 4 NH_3 \rightleftharpoons L_{aux} + [Fe(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$$
(Eq. 5.1)

Scheme 5.1. Molecular AO Catalysts Under Study Herein.^a



^aParent protio (reported) and 4-pyridyl substituted (new) complexes.

Second-generation $[(BPM)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]^{2+}$ also featured enhanced intrinsic catalytic rate and lowered overpotential. To rationalize this improved performance,^{22,23,24,25} we consider (a) the standard potentials (E°) of $[(L_{aux})Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ and (b) the stability of $[(L_{aux})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ to demetallation. Following standard linear free energy relationships (LFER), more oxidizing complexes typically catalyze oxidative processes more rapidly, and E° is greater for $L_{aux} = BPM$ than for TPA.^{26,27,28,29} In addition, demetallation of $[(L_{aux})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ is reduced for $L_{aux} = BPM$ compared to TPA, potentially increasing the concentration of active, ligated L_{aux} –Fe catalyst. In this work, we investigate these hypotheses with the goal of understanding general design principles for AO and ultimately developing an improved electrocatalyst.

5.2 Results and Discussion

To enable systematic investigation of the effect of E° on catalysis, we prepared a series 4-pyridyl-substituted auxiliary ligands and the corresponding of $[(TPA^R)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ and $[(BPM^R)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ complexes (R = NMe₂, OMe, H, CF₃). Substitution in the 4-pyridyl position manipulates electronic structure via resonance and inductive effects without impacting the steric environment of the inner-coordination sphere. The TPA^{CF3} and substituted BPM^R ligands had not been previously synthesized. Synthetic routes analogous to the parent protio ligands furnished the trifluoromethyl derivatives but were unsuccessful for BPM^{OMe} and BPM^{NMe2}, for which we report new protocols (see SI for details).

The electronic structures of the iron complexes were quantitatively analyzed by cyclic voltametric measurement of $Fe^{2+/3+}$ redox couples (Figure 5.1). Both $[(TPA^R)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ and $[(BPM^R)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ exhibited reversible redox events for R = NMe₂, OMe, and H; for R = CF₃, ostensibly irreversible waves were observed. Given that the peak currents for R = CF₃ derivatives minimally change with scan number, and that reverse current is observed at more cathodic potentials (see SI), irreversibility most likely arises from a reversible change in inner-coordination sphere upon oxidation (e.g., by triflate coordination). The standard potentials were estimated using the half-wave potential (*E*_{1/2}),

except for R = CF₃, for which the half-peak potential ($E_{p/2}$) was used instead. Since halfwave and half-peak potentials for all complexes are within ±0.03 V, this approximation appears reasonable. For both [(TPA^R)Fe(MeCN)₂]²⁺ and [(BPM^R)Fe(MeCN)₂]²⁺, linear relationships between E° and Hammett σ_p (para) values³⁰ were observed (see SI). The wide range of E° , 880 mV for TPA^R and 510 mV for BPM^R, reflects substantial variation in redox character due to 4-pyridyl substituents.



5.1. (A) $[(TPA^{R})Fe(MeCN)_{2}]^{2+}$ and **(B)** Figure Cyclic voltammograms of $[(BPM^R)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ in acetonitrile using 0.1 Μ tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate as supporting electrolyte at 100 mV/s with BDD WE.

To probe AO performance as a function of E° , we obtained cyclic voltammograms (CVs) in the presence of NH₃ (Figure 5.2A). Both $[(TPA^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ and $[(BPM^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ (N' = NH₃ or MeCN) exhibit two features in their voltammetry, E_1 and E_2 , in the presence of NH₃. The lower-potential E_1 feature has been demonstrated via previous mechanistic studies

to involve net loss of a hydrogen atom from a coordinated ammine ligand (Eq. 5.2).^{12,14} At the E_2 feature, these catalysts fully convert NH₃ to N₂ (Eq. 5.3).

$$E_1: \quad \text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{NH}_3 + \text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{\text{III}}-\text{NH}_2 + \text{NH}_4^+ + \text{e}^- \qquad (\text{Eq. 5.2})$$

*E*₂: Fe^{III}–NH₂ + NH₃
$$\rightarrow$$
 Fe^{II} + N₂ + 5 H⁺ + 5 e⁻ (Eq. 5.3)

The precatalytic wave potential (E_1) was determined using differential pulse voltammetry and analyzed as a function of E° (Figure 5.2B; see SI for details). For both $[(TPA^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ and $[(BPM^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$, linear correlations between E_1 and E° were observed, and these correlations feature nearly identical slopes. Thus, 4-pyridyl substitution appears to exert similar influence on both catalyst series at E_1 , indicating that an alteration in the first hydrogen-atom transfer in AO is not responsible for the improved performance of $[(BPM^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$.

The effective turnover frequency (TOF) for the E_2 catalytic wave was similarly analyzed as a function of E° (Figure 5.2C).³¹ For $[(TPA^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$, the datapoints are colinear. The small slope of this linear regression indicates that while E° may affect AO performance within this ligand series, it does so to a very modest degree. Notably, the datapoint for $[(BPM^H)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ (boxed) is a clear outlier, i.e., its TOF is substantially greater than what would be predicted based upon its E° value if the $[(TPA^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ regression were used. This behavior is consistent for each BPM^R complex, regardless of E° . However, the $[(BPM^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ series does not display an obvious correlation between TOF and E° , and the dataset does not indicate whether this results from an outlier versus a real trend.



Figure 5.2. Electrochemical data. (A) Cyclic voltammograms, (B) E_1 potentials, and (C) catalytic activity at E_2 for $[(TPA^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ and $[(BPM^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ in acetonitrile with 50 equiv. NH₃ using 0.05 M ammonium triflate as supporting electrolyte with BDD WE.

We next studied the L_{aux} demetallation behavior of $[(L_{aux})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$. To investigate ammonia coordination and potential displacement of L_{aux}, we titrated NH₃ into acetonitrile solutions of $[(L_{aux})Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ and monitored speciation by UV-vis spectroscopy. Following previous work, we analyzed the onset of demetallation, a metric we assign upon loss of isosbestic behavior (Figure 5.3A). The unsubstituted $[(TPA^H)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ and $[(BPM^H)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ AO catalysts begin to demetallate with 200 and 600 equiv. NH₃, respectively (Figure 5.3B).^{12,14} The electron-withdrawing CF₃-substitutent on both ligand scaffolds engenders substantially enhanced demetallation. By contrast, NMe₂ and OMe substituents increased the coordinating ability of the respective TPA^R and BPM^R ligands. These electron-donating groups uniformly push the measurable demetallation onset to >>2000 equivalents of NH₃. Interestingly, for L_{aux} = TPA^{NMe2} and TPA^{OMe}, stability to demetallation in the presence of ammonia is maintained despite each complex featuring of a high-spin (*S* = 2; see SI for details) ground state. Thus, electron-donating groups greatly reduce demetallation of catalytically relevant L_{aux}–Fe species.



Figure 5.3. Qualitatively analyzed onset of demetallation as identified by loss of isosbestic behavior for $[(L_{aux})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ subjected to varying equiv. NH₃ in MeCN. (A) Example raw data for $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ with isosbestic points marked by arrows and (B) compiled data.

By analyzing the catalysis data (Figure 5.2C) and the demetallation data (Figure 5.3) together, it is possible to rule out the hypothesis that enhanced catalysis owes to greater equilibrium catalyst concentration for $[(BPM^{H})Fe(N')_{2}]^{2+}$. It is important to note that our previously reported intrinsic catalytic rates ($\sim 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ and $\sim 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ for $L_{aux} = \text{TPA}^{\text{H}}$ and BPM^H, respectively), as well as the effective TOF data reported in Figure 2C, were obtained under ammonia concentration regimes well below the onset of demetallation. This should mitigate the influence of demetallation, if present, on catalytic rate. Three comparisons all corroborate that such a hypothesis is invalid. First, $[(TPA^{NMe2})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ and $[(TPA^{OMe})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ are both more resistant to demetallation but less active than $[(TPA^{H})Fe(N')_{2}]^{2+}$ or $[(TPA^{CF3})Fe(N')_{2}]^{2+}$. This is more readily explained as arising from the intuitive LFER between TOF and E° which predicts that more oxidizing complexes operate at higher rates for oxidative processes. Second, $[(BPM^{CF3})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ is less resistant to demetallation than are $[(TPA^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ for $R = \{NMe_2, OMe, or H\}$, but it features the highest TOF of these four complexes. This too could be explained by a TOF vs E° LFER. However, the third comparison also invalidates any hypothesis concerning E° . Although $[(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ and $[(TPA^{OMe})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ feature *similar stability* to demetallation, and $[(TPA^{OMe})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ is more oxidizing than $[(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$, $[(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ features a higher TOF. Therefore, some remaining, yet unidentified factor strongly influences catalysis.

While the aforementioned data indicate that the catalytic rate enhancement conferred by the BPM^R ligand scaffolds is not directly due to altered E° or increased stability, increased stability is likely beneficial for achieving improved catalysis on a preparative scale, as reflected by TON. Thus, we were interested in demonstrating the practical value of these mechanistic studies by way of improving net TON. We selected $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ for further analysis since its TOF is minimally reduced as compared to $[(BPM^{H})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ (Figure 5.2C) but its stability to demetallation is substantially increased (Figure 5.3). Controlled potential coulometry data for $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ is shown in Figure 5.4. Using the same potential as previously investigated with $[(BPM^{H})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ (0.85 V) allows for direct comparison. At this potential, no background electrode-mediated AO is observed.¹⁴ In the presence of 2000 equiv. NH₃, catalytic AO proceeded for at least 48 hours, after which time 381 equiv. N₂ were measured with a quantitative faradaic efficiency (FE; within \pm 5%) of 100 \pm 5%. Furthermore, some catalytic activity remained after 48 hours, with a reload experiment producing 52 additional equiv. N₂. Post-catalysis, no activity is observed in a rinse test of the electrode. As $[(BPM^H)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ previously demarcated the highest TON of 149 in molecular AO, this three-fold increase marks a considerable improvement. In addition to increased net activity, the higher NH₃ concentration lowered the onset potential to 0.29 V as compared to 0.45 V for $[(BPM^H)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$.



Figure 5.4. Catalyst characteristics. (A) Design elements and (B) performance of $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$. Coulometry experiments were performed with 0.05 mM [Fe] in acetonitrile with 2000 equiv. NH₃ using 0.05 M ammonium triflate as supporting electrolyte with BDD WE.

5.3 Conclusion

systematically investigating $[(TPA^{R})Fe(N')_{2}]^{2+}$ In conclusion, by and $[(BPM^R)Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ complexes, we have conclusively demonstrated that BPM^R ligands imbue superior performance for AO. Based on our studies of catalytic rate as a function of E° , we disfavor the hypothesis that enhanced catalysis in the case of R = H is solely a result of the BPM^R ligand producing a more oxidizing iron complex. Furthermore, we have validated the role of a low-spin electronic structure in mitigating demetallation but invalidated reduced demetallation as a rationale for the enhanced catalytic rate of $[(BPM^{H})Fe(N')_{2}]^{2+}$. demetallation mitigation via electron-donating substituents, Nevertheless, as in $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$, enabled the development of a third-generation AO catalyst featuring improved net performance as characterized by the highest TON to date. While the precise origin of enhanced catalytic rate for BPM^R ligands remains elusive, we expect that these results related to the interplay of substituent effects on activity, stability, and spin state will aid in the development of new first-row metal AO catalysts with still greater performance, as demonstrated here for $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$.

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Appendix A

Supplementary Information for Chapter 2

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A.1 General procedures

General Considerations: All manipulations were carried out using standard Schlenk or glovebox techniques under an N₂ or Ar atmosphere. Unless otherwise noted, solvents were deoxygenated and dried by thoroughly sparging with N₂ gas followed by passage through an activated alumina column in a solvent purification system (SG Water, USA LLC). All solvents were stored over activated 3 or 4 Å molecular sieves prior to use. Electrolytes were dried by heating (>100 °C) under vacuum (<1 torr) for at least 12 hours. All reagents were purchased from commercial vendors and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. [Cu₂] (also known as [(PNP^{*i*Bu})Cu]₂) and its constituent protonated ligand (H-PNP^{*i*Bu}) were prepared as previously described.^{1 1}H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane, using residual solvent resonances as internal standards.

Electrochemistry: Voltammetry experiments were carried out with a Biologic VSP or CH Instruments 600B potentiostat using a one-compartment three-electrode cell, and coulometry experiments were carried out with a Biologic VSP potentiostat using a two-compartment three-electrode cell. For voltammetry, a glassy carbon (GC) working electrode (3 mm diameter), a Pt wire counter electrode, and a Ag/AgOTf reference electrode (5 mM AgOTf and 0.2 M LiNTf₂ in DME) were employed. For CPC, the same reference electrode was used, but a carbon cloth (geometric area: 5 cm²) and a Mg coil were used respectively as working and counter electrode. All redox potentials in the present work are reported versus SCE. Redox potentials were calibrated against Fc/Fc⁺ and converted to SCE using $E_{SCE} = E_{Fc/Fc+} +$ 0.51 V (Equation A1).² CVs were collected at 100 mV·s⁻¹ unless specified otherwise. $E_{1/2}$ values for the reversible waves were obtained from the half potential between the oxidative and reductive peaks. Irreversible waves have potentials reported as their peak potential (E_p).

NMR: NMR spectroscopy was performed using Varian and Bruker 400 or 600 MHz NMR spectrometers equipped with broadband auto-tune probes. ¹H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane, using residual solvent resonances as internal standards.

UV-Vis: Spectra were collected using a Cary 60 instrument with Cary WinUV software. Spectra were background corrected.

Mass Spectrometry: Mass spectra were obtained in direct infusion mode with electrospray ionization on a Thermo Fisher LTQ Linear Ion Trap Mass Spectrometer. Ions were measured in the range 150–2000 m/z, and product ions were isolated and further analyzed by collision-induced dissociation to further corroborate identification.

X-ray Crystallography: XRD studies were carried out at the Beckman Institute Crystallography Facility on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer (Cu K α radiation). Structures were solved using direct methods with SHELXS or SHELXT and refined against F² on all data by full-matrix least squares with SHELXL.³ All of the solutions were performed in the Olex2 program.⁴ The crystals were mounted on a glass fiber under Paratone N oil.

Luminescence: Steady-state and time-resolved luminescence measurements were carried out in the Beckman Institute Laser Resource Center at Caltech and performed under an Ar atmosphere at room temperature. Samples were prepared in 1 cm path length quartz cuvettes in a dark, argon-filled glovebox. Prior to measurement, all samples were protected from light by wrapping in aluminum foil.

Steady-state emission spectra were recorded on a modified Jobin Yvon Spex Fluorolog-3. A xenon arc lamp was used for sample excitation, with wavelength selection performed by a monochromator. Luminescence was collected at 90° to the excitation direction and directed by a bifurcated optical fiber bundle to two Ocean Optics QEPro CCD spectrometers spanning 300 to 930 nm. Spectra were corrected for instrument response.

For time-resolved measurements, laser excitation was provided by 8 ns pulses from a Q-switched Nd:YAG laser (Spectra-Physics Quanta-Ray PRO-Series) operating at 10 Hz. The first harmonic was used to provide laser pulses at 355 nm. Probe wavelengths were selected for detection by a double monochromator (Instruments SA DH-10) with 1 mm slits. All instruments and electronics in these systems were controlled by software written in LabVIEW (National Instruments). Luminescence decay traces were fit to a single exponential (after an appropriate time delay to remove scattered excitation light).

For each Stern-Volmer series, 5 cuvettes were prepared with 20 μ M [Cu₂] and quencher (40-320 μ M) in DME in a dark argon glovebox. The cuvettes were sealed with a threaded Teflon valve and covered in aluminum foil to prevent ambient light exposure. Fluorescence lifetime measurements were carried out with excitation wavelength of λ_{ex} = 355 nm and a recording wavelength of λ_{em} = 510 nm at 25 °C. A long pass filter λ >500 was used to diminish scattered excitation light. The emission decay was averaged over 50 laser pulses and was fit to a monoexponential function. The lifetime was determined to occur when the intensity was 1/e its initial value, or I_0/e .

Chromatography: All chromatography experiments were performed using standard silica gel unless otherwise indicated. For column chromatography, F60, $40 - 63 \mu m$, 60 Å silica from SiliCycle (R10030B) was used. For thin layer chromatography, aluminum-backed 60 Å silica gel coated with a 254 nm fluorescent indicator was used (MilliporeSigma, EM1.05554.0001).

A.2 Luminescence data for [Cu₂]



Figure A1. Emission spectra for 160 μ M [Cu₂] in DME with excitation at 440 nm (left) or 355 nm (right).



Figure A2. Example time-resolved luminescence decays for 20 μ M [Cu₂] in DME with excitation at 355 nm. The teal trace has no additives; the yellow trace is in the presence of a quencher, 160 μ M 4-cyanobenzyl chloride. Gray vertical lines are plotted at the timepoint at which the luminescence intensity is reduced to 1/e of the initial value, representing the lifetime (τ).



A.3 Stern-Volmer plots and Marcus theory analysis

Figure A3. Stern-Volmer plots of 20 μ M [Cu₂] in DME in the presence of various benzyl chloride quenchers at 25 °C. This data is presented in the main text as one plot with all eight SV plots overlaid.

Based on these quenching rates and the driving force as estimated using various redox potential data for the benzyl chloride quenchers, an analysis following Marcus theory was performed. Using non-linear regression (Levenberg–Marquardt) and the simplified Marcus equation (Equation A2) for transfer between neutral molecules,⁵ relating k_{obs} and ΔG (defined as K_{SV}/τ_0 and $E_{quencher}-E_{ox}^*$, respectively), the reorganization energy (λ) was obtained and compared using $E_{quencher}$ values from: peak potentials (E_p), half-peak potentials ($E_{p/2}$), and potentials from differential pulse voltammetry (DPV).

$$\ln(k_{obs}) = -\left[\frac{\lambda}{4RT} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta G}{\lambda}\right)^2\right] + \text{Const.}$$
(Equation A2)

The data using peak potentials is presented in the main text, but all data sets yield qualitatively identical results. All fits are presented below. These various $E_{quencher}$ values result in different reorganization energies in the range: $\lambda = 18.8-37.1$ kcal/mol, which are low to modest in magnitude. Using E_p data to model driving force better reproduces the low driving force regime, whereas using DPV data better reproduces the high driving force regime. The deviations at high driving force for the E_p data set could result from nearing the diffusion limit, a challenge first discussed by Rehm and Weller, whereupon the inverted region is not observed in certain photoinduced charge transfer reactions.⁶



Figure A4. Rate-driving force relationships modelled using Marcus theory at T = 25 °C.



A.4 Cyclic voltammograms of benzyl chloride quenchers

Figure A5. Cyclic voltammograms of various benzyl chlorides. Recorded in DME with 5 mM benzyl chloride and 0.2 M TBAPF₆. Glassy carbon working electrode, Ag/AgOTf reference electrode, and Pt counter electrode. Scan rate: 100 mV/s.

Note that these cyclic voltammograms were recorded in DME with $TBAPF_6$ supporting electrolyte instead of LiNTf₂, the optimum electrolyte for controlled potential coulometry. Unfortunately, the solvent window with 0.2 M LiNTf₂ was too narrow and thus the benzyl chloride reduction waves were masked.

A.5 UV-vis time-course data



Figure A6. UV-vis spectra of 160 μ M [Cu₂] in DME taken after 440 nm irradiation for 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 30, and 300 cumulative seconds. The colors change from greens (0–3 s) to blues (4–10 s) to reds (15–300 s). A subset of this data is presented in the main text.



Figure A7. UV-vis spectra of 160 μ M [Cu₂] in DME with 0.2 M LiNTf₂ taken after 440 nm irradiation for 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 30, and 300 cumulative seconds. The colors change from greens (0–3 s) to blues (4–10 s) to reds (15–300 s). A subset of this data is presented in the main text.

A.6 Synthesis and characterization of chloro-cubane and chloro-diamond

Chloro-cubane, [(H-PNP'^{Bu})Cu₂Cl₂]₂



In a glovebox, H-PNP^{*t*Bu} (50 mg, 1 eq) and copper(I) chloride (17.4 mg, 2 eq) were combined in tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and stirred for 1 day. The solution remained colorless. The solution was concentrated and triturated with pentane prior to being dissolved in pentane:tetrahydrofuran (2 mL, 9:1) and filtered through a glass microfilter. After concentration, the product was afforded as a white solid (Yield: 65.0 mg, 99%).

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 2.83 – 1.68 (m, 12H), 1.33–0.72 (m, 42H).

³¹P NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz): δ (ppm) = -28.5 (s).

MS (FD, *m/z*): [M]⁺ calculated: 1530.44911, found: 1530.44884.



Figure A8. ¹H (left) and ³¹P (right) NMR spectra for chloro-cubane in C_6D_6 . The broadness of the peaks may be attributed to fluxionality in solution.



Figure A9. UV-vis absorption spectrum for 130 µM chloro-cubane in DME.



Figure A10. Emission spectra for $130 \,\mu\text{M}$ chloro-cubane in DME with excitation at 440 nm (left) or 355 nm (right).



Figure A11. Cyclic voltammogram for ~1 mM chloro-cubane in DME with 0.2 M LiNTf2 supporting electrolyte, GC working, Pt counter, and Ag/AgOTf reference electrodes. Scan rate: 100 mV/s.

Chloro-diamond, [(H-PNP^{tBu})CuCl]₂



In a glovebox, H-PNP^{*t*Bu} (50 mg, 1 eq) and copper(I) chloride (8.7 mg, 1 eq) were combined in tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and stirred for 1 day. The solution remained colorless. The solution was concentrated and triturated with pentane prior to being dissolved in pentane:tetrahydrofuran (2 mL, 9:1) and filtered through a glass microfilter. After concentration, the product was afforded as a white solid (Yield: 56.1 mg, 96%).

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 10.96 (t, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (q, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (m, 8H), 1.80 – 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 12H), 0.84 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 12H).

³¹P NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz): δ (ppm) = -42.5 (s).

MS (FD, *m/z*): [M]⁺ calculated: 1334.65221, found: 1334.65070.



Figure A12. ¹H (left) and ³¹P (right) NMR spectra for chloro-diamond in C₆D₆.



Figure A13. UV-vis absorption spectrum for $120 \,\mu M$ chloro-diamond in DME.



Figure A14. Emission spectra for 120 μ M chloro-diamond in DME with excitation at 440 nm (left) or 355 nm (right).



Figure A15. Cyclic voltammogram for ~1 mM chloro-diamond in DME with 0.2 M LiNTf2 supporting electrolyte, GC working, Pt counter, and Ag/AgOTf reference electrodes. Scan rate: 100 mV/s.

A.7 X-ray crystallography of chloro-cubane and chloro-diamond

The structures for chloro-cubane and chloro-diamond (see Figure 2 of maintext) were obtained in a single crystal containing each independent molecule. Due to the limited quality of the data obtained we do not provide detailed discussion of bond metrics. Still, the structures obtained corroborate their assignments and are of value to the discussion in the maintext.

Chloro-cubane and chloro-diamond crystallize together in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$ with one molecule each in the asymmetric unit. The structure was strongly disordered (see refinement details below). The program PLATON⁷ revealed the presence of large voids which were not able to be refined, and the program SQUEEZE⁸ was used to remove the contribution of the disordered electron density inside this void from the structure factors.

Whole molecule disorder was modeled for chloro-cubane. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All hydrogen atoms were included into the model at geometrically calculated positions and refined using a riding model. Although hydrogen atoms bound to the diphenylamine nitrogens were not located in the difference map, their presence was experimentally corroborated by high-res mass spec and ¹H NMR. The isotropic displacement parameters of all hydrogen atoms were fixed to 1.2 times the *U* value of the atoms they are linked to (1.5 times for methyl groups). All disordered atoms were refined with the help of similarity restraints on the 1,2- and 1,3-distances. All atoms were refined with the help of similarity restraints on the displacement parameters as well as rigid bond restraints for anisotropic displacement parameters.



Figure A16. Solid-state structure of cocrystallized chloro-cubane and chloro-diamond with thermal ellipsoids shown at 50%. Hydrogen-atoms are not shown for clarity. The whole molecule disorder model for chloro-cubane is shown.



Figure A17. Solid-state structures of chloro-cubane (top) and chloro-diamond (bottom) extracted from the cocrystalline structure with thermal ellipsoids shown at 50%. Hydrogenatoms are not shown for clarity. Only one of the two disordered sites is shown for chloro-cubane for clarity.

A.8 NMR and luminescence data of irradiated reaction mixtures



Figure A18. ³¹P NMR spectra recorded in DME. The top three spectra are for isolated [Cu₂], chloro-cubane, and chloro-diamond. The bottom three spectra correspond to an NMR experiment containing [Cu₂] in the presence of 30 equivalents of 4-methylbenzyl chloride. Pre-irradiation, only starting material is observed. After 5 minutes of 440 nm irradiation, an unknown peak at 24.5 ppm, starting material, and chloro-diamond are observed. After 10 minutes, the unknown 24.5 ppm peak and chloro-diamond are the major phosphorus containing diamagnetic products.



Figure A19. Emission spectra for a solution of 160 μ M [Cu₂] in DME with 30 equivalents 4-methylbenzyl chloride after 440 nm irradiation for 5 minutes. Excitation was performed at 440 nm (left) or 355 nm (right).

A.9 Kinetics data for interaction of chloride and [Cu₂]⁺



Figure A20. UV-vis traces for a mixture of $[Cu_2]^+$ (560 µM) and tetrabutylammonium chloride (5.6 mM, 10 eq) in DME at 30 s (green), 60 s (blue), and 90 s (red) at room temperature. Loss of $[Cu_2]^+$ absorbances is almost instantaneous upon mixing; thus, under these conditions, kinetics measurements were not possible due to the rapid rate of the reaction. Note that no change is observed over at least 1 hour for UV-vis spectra of $[Cu_2]^+$ in DME in the absence of tetrabutylammonium chloride.



Figure A21. UV-vis traces for a mixture of $[Cu_2]^+$ (560 μ M) and tetrabutylammonium chloride (5.6 mM, 10 eq) in DME with 0.2 M LiNTf₂ at 30 s intervals (green to blue to red) at room temperature.



Figure A22. Kinetic trace monitoring absorbance at 958 nm versus time for a mixture of $[Cu_2]^+$ (560 µM) and tetrabutylammonium chloride (5.6 mM, 10 eq) in DME with 0.2 M LiNTf₂ at room temperature. The linear initial rate (highlighted as blue points) observed in the plot of log(Abs) versus time is characteristic of a first-order process.



Figure A23. Analysis of the reaction rate for $[Cu_2]^+$ (560 μ M) and tetrabutylammonium chloride (TBACl; 10–30 eq) in DME with 0.2 M LiNTf₂ at room temperature. A linear relationship between k_{obs} and TBACl concentration is observed.

A.10 Controlled potential coulometry procedures

General Procedure: In a glovebox, 4 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane solution containing lithium bis(trifluoromethane)sulfonimide electrolyte (0.2 M) is added to each side of an oven-dried two compartment (H-type) cell equipped with a fine porosity glass frit. The anode side is equipped with a coiled magnesium ribbon (3 mm x 0.2 mm x 5 cm) counter electrode. Prior to use, the magnesium electrode is rinsed with dilute (~1 M) HCl, water, and acetone. The 1,2-dimethoxyethane solution from the cathode side is used to transfer the benzyl chloride electrophile (0.15 mmol) and [Cu₂] photoredox catalyst (2.8 mg, 1.5 mol %) into the cathode compartment. The cathode compartment is fitted with a carbon cloth working electrode and Ag/AgOTf reference electrode.

The cell is removed from the glovebox, a nitrogen line is fitted, a fan is directed toward the cell, and the electrodes are connected to a potentiostat. The cell is polarized to a constant potential of -0.15 V vs SCE and a 440 nm Kessil lamp (Kessil PR160, intensity 50) placed 3 inches from the cathode compartment is turned on.

After ~1 h, a second portion of $[Cu_2]$ photoredox catalyst (2.8 mg, 1.5 mol %) is transferred via syringe to the cell using an additional 0.2 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane solution containing lithium bis(trifluoromethane)sulfonimide electrolyte (0.2 M). This was found to increase yields by ~10% as compared to adding all of the catalyst in the beginning.

When the current decreases to $\sim 5\%$ of the initial current (1.5–3 hours), the lamp is turned off and the cell is disconnected from the potentiostat. The working and reference electrodes are removed from the cell and rinsed into the cell with 1,2-dimethoxyethane. The

solution from the cathode compartment is removed and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. Once concentrated, drying under high vacuum (<1 torr) is critical to reduce the 1,2dimethoxyethane 1,2-dimethoxyethane coordinate lithium content as can bis(trifluoromethane)sulfonimide and facilitate its passage through chromatography media. This residue is dissolved in ethanol-free chloroform and eluted through a plug of neutral alumina to remove the lithium bis(trifluoromethane)sulfonimide electrolyte. Dichloromethane better solubilizes lithium bis(trifluoromethane)sulfonimide and should not be used. The eluant is concentrated and transferred to an NMR tube using CDCl₃. Dibromomethane (5 μ L) is added as an internal standard, and a one-pulse ¹H qNMR spectrum is acquired.

Graphical Procedure:



- 1. Place empty, oven-dried two compartment cell in glovebox.
- 2. Fill each compartment with 4 mL of 0.2 M LiNTf₂ in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME).
- 3. Fit counter electrode compartment with magnesium coil electrode.
- 4. Dissolve [Cu₂] in working electrode compartment using the DME electrolyte solution.



- Transfer [Cu₂] solution into working electrode compartment. At this stage, the rest of the steps are performed with the lights off (lights left on here for clarity).
- 6. Dissolve benzyl chloride electrophile using working electrode compartment solution.
- 7. Transfer electrophile solution into working electrode compartment.
- 8. Fill reference electrode shell with 5 mM Ag^+ solution.



- 9. Fit reference electrode shell to wire cap; carbon cloth working electrode shown on right hand side.
- 10. Fit working and reference electrodes into working electrode compartment.
- 11. Remove cell from glovebox and insert nitrogen inlet through septum.
- 12. Protect upper part of reference electrode with aluminum foil (Ag^+ is light sensitive).



- 13. Attach electrode leads to working, reference, and counter electrode wires.
- 14. Apply a potential of -0.15 V vs SCE and irradiate reaction (440 nm).
- After ~1 hour (when current has decreased ~75%), in a glovebox, dissolve the second catalyst portion in ~0.3 mL of 0.2 M LiNTf₂ in DME and transfer it to a syringe.
- 16. Remove the syringe from the glovebox and add the catalyst solution to the working electrode compartment.

A.11 Controlled potential coulometry traces



Figure A24. Current trace for a representative catalytic controlled potential coulometry experiment. Notice the increase in current in the first 5 seconds; the light is turned on after 5 seconds. At ~3600 seconds, the second portion of $[Cu_2]$ is added, and an increase in current is observed.



Figure A25. Current trace for the catalyst regeneration experiment described in the main text. After irradiating (440 nm) a solution of $[Cu_2]$ and 4-methylbenzyl chloride in DME containing 0.2 M LiNTf₂ for 5 minutes, the solution was reduced at a carbon cloth electrode at -0.15 V vs SCE. The charge passed corresponds to 0.8 e⁻ per $[Cu_2]$ equivalent.
A.12 Open circuit potential during irradiation



Figure A26. Open circuit potential (OCP) measurement for the control experiment in which no potential was applied in the presence of both catalyst and light (Scheme 5, Entry 4). Notice that the effective reaction rate can be intuited from the rapid decrease in OCP over the period of ~150 s at time = 0 s and time ~ 3200 s, corresponding to the beginning of the reaction and the addition of a second [Cu₂] catalyst portion, respectively.

A.13 Speciation after controlled potential coulometry

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Figure A27. ³¹P NMR spectrum of a crude reaction mixture post controlled potential coulometry. The reaction mixture was transferred from the two-compartment electrochemical cell into an NMR tube using inert-atmosphere syringe techniques. The chemical shift is that of chloro-diamond.

10 5 0 -5 -10 -15 -20 -25 -30 -35 -40 -45 f1 (pom)

-50 -55 -60



Figure A28. Electro-photocatalytic reduction of substituted benzyl chlorides featuring various substituents. NMR yields for the average of two runs are reported.

Substrates	Ref
1, 2, 5, 7	9
3, 8	10
6	11
4	12

References for reported NMR characterization data



The general procedure from A.10 was used, employing 4-methylbenzyl chloride (21.1 mg, 0.15 mmol) as the electrophile. The reaction was worked up after 2 hours (89% NMR yield, 90% FE) and purified via column chromatography using ethyl acetate:hexane (0:1 to 1:100) as eluant to afford the product as a white solid (14.4 mg, 91%). TLC plates were visualized with ceric ammonium molybdate (blue spot; hexane, $R_f = 0.4$). Spectroscopic data was consistent with reported data.⁹

¹H NMR (qNMR left, isolated right):







210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1(ppm)

2-D (4,4'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)dibenzonitrile)



The general procedure from A.10 was used, employing 4-cyanobenzyl chloride (22.7 mg, 0.15 mmol) as the electrophile. The reaction was worked up after 1.5 hours (74% NMR yield, 78% FE) and purified via column chromatography using dichloromethane as eluant to afford the product as a white solid (12.7 mg, 74%). TLC plates were visualized by UV (dichloromethane, $R_f = 0.4$). Spectroscopic data was consistent with reported data.⁹









3-D (dimethyl 4,4'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)dibenzoate)



The general procedure from A.10 was used, employing methyl 4-(chloromethyl)benzoate (27.7 mg, 0.15 mmol) as the electrophile. The reaction was worked up after 2.5 hours (76% NMR yield, 78% FE) and purified via column chromatography using ethyl acetate:hexane (1:9 to 1:4) as eluant to afford the product as a white solid (16.5 mg, 74%). TLC plates were visualized by UV (ethyl acetate:hexane (1:9), $R_f = 0.2$). Spectroscopic data was consistent with reported data.¹⁰









^{210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10} f1(ppm)

4-D (1,2-bis(4-ethynylphenyl)ethane)



The general procedure from A.10 was used, employing 1-(chloromethyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (22.6 mg, 0.15 mmol) as the electrophile. The reaction was worked up after 1.5 hours (73% NMR yield, 77% FE) and purified via column chromatography using ethyl acetate:hexane (2:98) as eluant to afford the product as a white solid (12.6 mg, 73%). TLC plates were visualized by UV (ethyl acetate:hexane (2:98), $R_f = 0.4$). Spectroscopic data was consistent with reported data.¹²









210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1(x00m)

5-D (1,2-diphenylethane)



The general procedure from A.10 was used, employing benzyl chloride (19.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) as the electrophile. The reaction was worked up after 2 hours (82% NMR yield, 84% FE) and purified via column chromatography using ethyl acetate:hexane (0:1 to 1:100) as eluant to afford the product as a white solid (11.0 mg, 80%). TLC plates were visualized with ceric ammonium molybdate (blue spot; hexane, $R_f = 0.4$). Spectroscopic data was consistent with reported data.⁹









210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 11(ppm)

6-D (2,3-dimethyl-2,3-diphenylbutane)



The general procedure from A.10 was used, employing (1-chloro-1-methylethyl)benzene (23.2 mg, 0.15 mmol) as the electrophile. The reaction was worked up after 1.5 hours (79% NMR yield, 99% FE) and purified via column chromatography using hexane as eluant to afford the product as a white solid (15.5 mg, 87%). TLC plates were visualized with ceric ammonium molybdate (blue spot; hexane, $R_f = 0.4$). Spectroscopic data was consistent with reported data.¹³









7-D (2,3-diphenylbutane)



The general procedure from A.10 was used, employing (1-chloroethyl)benzene (21.1 mg, 0.15 mmol) as the electrophile. The reaction was worked up after 2 hours (92% NMR yield, 96% FE) and purified via column chromatography using hexane as eluant to afford the product as a white solid (12.2 mg, 77%). The product was isolated as an approximately equimolar mixture of diastereomers. TLC plates were visualized with ceric ammonium molybdate (blue spot; hexane, $R_f = 0.4$). Spectroscopic data was consistent with reported data.⁹

¹H NMR (qNMR left, isolated right):



210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (norm)

8-D (1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)ethane)



The general procedure from A.10 was used, employing 4-methoxybenzyl chloride (23.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) as the electrophile. The reaction was worked up after 2.5 hours (79% NMR yield, 93% FE) and purified via column chromatography using ethyl acetate:hexane (1:20) as eluant to afford the product as a white solid (14.3 mg, 79%). TLC plates were visualized with ceric ammonium molybdate (blue spot; ethyl acetate:hexane (1:20)), $R_f = 0.3$). Spectroscopic data was consistent with reported data.¹⁰





 ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR:



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A.15 Synthesis and characterization of known electrophiles

1-(chloromethyl)-4-ethynylbenzene



This compound was made by following a literature procedure,¹⁴ and its spectroscopic data is consistent with reported data.¹⁵

¹H NMR:







210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 11 (com)



This compound was made by following a literature procedure, and its spectroscopic data is consistent with reported data.¹⁶

¹H NMR:



 $^{13}C{^{1}H} NMR:$



210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)

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Appendix B

Supplementary Information for Chapter 3

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General Considerations: All manipulations were carried out using standard Schlenk or glovebox techniques under an N₂ or Ar atmosphere. Unless otherwise noted, solvents were deoxygenated and dried by thoroughly sparging with N₂ gas followed by passage through an activated alumina column in the solvent purification system by SG Water, USA LLC. For electrochemical measurements under an Ar atmosphere, solvents were further degassed and then left under Ar. All solvents were stored over activated 4 Å molecular sieves prior to use. Anhydrous ammonia gas was dried by passage through a calcium oxide drying tube. All reagents were purchased from commercial vendors and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Tris(2-pyridylmethyl)amine (TPA)¹ and tris(2-pyridylmethylamine) iron(II) triflate bis acetonitrile² were synthesized according to literature procedures. ¹⁵NH4OTf was prepared from ¹⁵NH4Cl (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories) by anion exchange with silver triflate followed by repeated recrystallization from acetonitrile. ¹H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane, using residual solvent resonances as internal standards.

Electrochemistry: Cyclic Voltammetry (CV), Linear Sweep Voltammetry (LSV), Differential Pulse Voltammetry (DPV) and Controlled Potential Coulometry (CPC) experiments were carried out with a Biologic VSP-300 potentiostat using a one-compartment three-electrode cell. For CV, LSV and DPV, a Boron Doped Diamond (BDD) disk electrode (3 mm diameter) was used as the working electrode, Pt wire as the counter electrode, and a Ag/AgOTf reference electrode was employed using an acetonitrile solution containing 5 mM AgOTf and 0.1 M TBAPF₆. For CPE, the same reference electrode was used, but a BDD plate (geometric area: 1 cm^2) and a Pt mesh were used respectively as working and counter electrode. All redox potentials in the present work are reported versus the Fc/Fc⁺ couple, measured before each experiment to be +0.115 V versus our Ag/AgOTf reference electrode.

CVs and LSVs were collected at 100 mV·s⁻¹ unless specified otherwise. DPVs were obtained with the following parameters: amplitude = 50 mV, step height = 4 mV, pulse width = 0.05 s, pulse period = 0.5 s and sampling width = 0.0167 s. $E_{1/2}$ values for the reversible waves were obtained from the half potential between the oxidative and reductive peaks. All measurements were performed applying IR compensation, compensating 85% of the resistance measured at one high frequency value (100 kHz).

Gas Chromatography: Gas chromatography was performed in the Environmental Analysis Center using HP 5890 Series II instruments. Gas quantification was performed using a molecular sieve column attached to a thermal conductivity detector. Argon was the carrier gas. Standard curves were generated by direct injection of hydrogen or nitrogen gas. Quantification of background nitrogen was determined using the background oxygen signal. Isotopic measurements were performed with a separate HP 5890 Series II equipped with a GasPro column using helium as the carrier gas.

NMR: NMR spectroscopy was performed using a Varian 400 MHz NMR spectrometer equipped with a broadband auto-tune probe. ¹H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane, using residual solvent resonances as internal standards.

Mössbauer: Spectra were recorded on a spectrometer from SEE Co. operating in the constant acceleration mode in a transmission geometry. Spectra were recorded with the

temperature of the sample maintained at 80 K or 100 K. The sample was kept in an SVT-400 Dewar from Janis. The quoted isomer shifts are relative to the centroid of the spectrum of a metallic foil of α -Fe at room temperature. Data analysis was performed using the program WMOSS (www.wmoss.org) and quadrupole doublets were fit to Lorentzian lineshapes.

UV-vis: Spectra were collected using a Cary 60 instrument with Cary WinUV software.

IR: Spectra were obtained using a Bruker Alpha Platinum ATR spectrometer with OPUS software in a glovebox under an N₂ atmosphere.

X-Ray Crystallography: XRD studies were carried out at the Beckman Institute Crystallography Facility on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer (Cu K α radiation). Structures were solved using direct methods with SHELXS or SHELXT and refined against F² on all data by full-matrix least squares with SHELXL.³ All of the solutions were performed in the Olex2 program.⁴ The crystals were mounted on a glass fiber under Paratone N oil.

B2. Catalytic controlled potential coulometry experiments

Procedures for controlled potential coulometry

Preparation of the BDD electrode: A 2 cm² boron-doped diamond (BDD) plate electrode (Element Six Technologies, Santa Clara, CA) was connected to standard electrical wire using conductive silver epoxy. The silver epoxy was then covered in Loctite 9460 (Hysol) epoxy to protect the electrical connection from contact with chemical reagents. After covering with epoxy, the total exposed surface geometric area decreased to around 1 cm².

BDD has a surface that exists in various states of reduction (H-terminated) and oxidation (O-terminated).⁵ In order to remove attached nitrogen and iron generated during controlled potential coulometry experiments and to ensure a reliable electrode surface prior to CPC measurements, the BDD plate electrode was oxidatively treated prior to use. First, the electrode was soaked in concentrated nitric acid for 5 minutes. Then, a potential of 3.0 V vs Ag/AgCl was applied to the BDD electrode in a 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution for 10 minutes. The electrode was then thoroughly rinsed with water prior to use.

Preparation of the platinum counter electrode: In order to ensure a highly active Pt surface for HER prior to CPC experiments, the Pt mesh counter electrode was soaked in concentrated hydrochloric acid for at least 5 minutes prior to usage.

Preparation of the custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode: To ensure reliable potential measurements, the custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode was prepared prior to each CPC experiment and then a CV of ferrocene was measured. In a glass tube fitted with a Vycor porous glass frit attached by Teflon heatshrink tubing, an acetonitrile solution containing 5

mM AgOTf and 0.1 M TBAPF $_6$ was added. A silver wire was placed inside and the electrode was sealed.

Preparation of ammonia solutions. For experiments with natural abundance ammonia, saturated 2 M solutions⁶ in acetonitrile were prepared by bubbling anhydrous ammonia through acetonitrile in a Schlenk tube under an argon atmosphere. For experiments with labeled ¹⁵NH3, ammonia was liberated from ¹⁵NH4OTf by addition of 1.1 equivalents of 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) to ammonium triflate dissolved in acetonitrile in a Schlenk tube inside of an argon glovebox. This solution was then vacuum transferred to a separate clean Schlenk tube.

CPC: Inside an argon glovebox, a gas-tight electrochemical cell equipped with a 24/40 cap containing three tungsten rods for electrical contacts and a 14/20 joint carefully sealed with a Suba-Seal septum was prepared. A BDD plate electrode (A = 1 cm²), high surface area platinum mesh electrode, and custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode were connected to the 24/40 cap. All chemical reagents were then rapidly added to the cell to prevent evaporation of ammonia and then the cell was sealed with the 24/40 cap. Prior to each CPC, a ZIR and CV were taken. Then, manual IR compensation using 85% of the uncompensated resistance determined by the ZIR measurement was applied and the CPC was started. At the end of the CPC experiment, another CV was taken to assess any difference in current pre- and post-CPC. The cell was then removed from the glovebox for analysis by gas chromatography. For headspace analysis, 100 μ L of the headspace was injected into a GC-TCD for quantification using a lockable Hamilton syringe with a 26S gauge needle. For GC-MS, only 50 μ L of the headspace was injected.

For each experiment, a 10 mL solution containing 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ (3.6 mg), 65 mM NH₃ (0.33 mL of 2.0 M solution), and 50 mM NH₄OTf (83.6 mg) was prepared in acetonitrile. For experiments with 2.5 μ mol [Fe], 5.0 mL of this solution was added to the electrochemical cell. Otherwise, the entire 10 mL portion was added.

Entry	Fe Source	Eq. N ₂	µmol [Fe]	Charge (C)	FE N ₂ (%)	FE H ₂ (%)
1	(TPA)Fe	18.1	2.5	37.1	70	62
2	(TPA)Fe	16.4	2.5	29.7	79	66
3	(TPA)Fe	9.4	5	30.8	87	70
4	(TPA)Fe	10.6	5	40.6	75	72
5*	(TPA)Fe	9.6	5	29.8	93	74
6*	(TPA)Fe	7.5	5	28.6	75	69

Table B1: Results of catalytic CPC experiments.

* Experiment performed with ¹⁵NH₃ and ¹⁵NH₄OTf

Table B2: Results of control CPC experiments. For control experiments, the electrochemical cell was filled with the entire 10 mL acetonitrile solution of 65 mM NH_3 and 50 mM NH_4OTf .

Entry	Fe Source	Eq. N ₂	μmol [Fe]	Charge (C)
1	None	0.5^{\dagger}	0	1.05
2	FeOTf ₂	1.0	5	1.89

[†] For the NH₃ only control experiment, one equivalent is set equal to the number of moles of iron in the corresponding catalytic experiment, i.e., 5 mmol.



B3. Chronoamperograms for catalytic and control experiments

Figure B1: Chronoamperograms corresponding to 18 h CPC background measurements with 50 mM NH₄OTf supporting electrolyte with (black) only 65 mM NH₃ and (blue) 65 mM NH₃ with 0.5 mM FeOTf₂.



Figure B2: Chronoamperogram corresponding to 18 h CPC catalytic experiment with 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 65 mM NH₃, and 50 mM NH₄OTf supporting electrolyte.





Figure B3: CVs of 65 mM NH₃ solution with 50 mM NH₄OTf supporting electrolyte before (black trace) and after (blue trace) 18 hours of controlled potential coulometry at 1.1 V vs Fc/Fc^+ . The decrease in current is due to passivation of the electrode surface.



Figure B4: CVs of 0.5 mM FeOTf₂ solution with 65 mM NH₃ and 50 mM NH₄OTf supporting electrolyte before (black trace) and after (blue trace) 18 hours of controlled potential coulometry at 1.1 V vs Fc/Fc⁺. The decrease in current is due to passivation of the electrode surface.



Figure B5: CVs of 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ solution with 65 mM NH₃ and 50 mM NH₄OTf supporting electrolyte before (black trace) and after (blue trace) 18 hours of controlled potential coulometry at 1.1 V vs Fc/Fc⁺. The decrease in current is due to passivation of the electrode surface.



Figure B6: Cyclic voltammograms of 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ solution with BDD disk electrode before and after 18 h CPC experiment.

B5. UV-Vis spectra of catalytic mixture pre- and post-CPC



Figure B7: UV-Vis spectrum of 0.2 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ solution diluted from 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ solution before and after 18 h CPC experiment.

Figures B6 and B7 provide evidence that after 18 h of CPC, the $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ solution from catalytic experiments still contains active $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]^{2+}$. Exact quantification of catalyst present before and after catalysis is difficult due to the speciation of $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ with varying ammonia concentrations. As the ammonia concentration decreases, the absorbance at 400 nm increases in this concentration range, further complicating analysis.



Figure B8: GC-MS data for representative catalytic experiment with 5 μ mol [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ performed with ¹⁵NH₃ and ¹⁵NH₄OTf.



Figure B9: GC-MS data for representative catalytic experiment with 5 μ mol [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ performed with natural abundance NH₃ and NH₄OTf.



Figure B10: Representative GC-TCD trace showing H_2 (RT = 2.3 min), O_2 (RT = 2.6 min), and N_2 (RT = 3.3 min).

B7. Standard curves for quantification of $N_{\rm 2}$ and $H_{\rm 2}$



Figure B11: Standard curve for quantification of N_2 generated by direct injection of N_2 gas from a Suba-Seal rubber septum capped Schlenk tube.



Figure B12: Standard curve for quantification of H_2 generated by direct injection of H_2 gas from a Suba-Seal rubber septum capped Schlenk tube.

B8. CV cycling experiments and rinse tests



Figure B13: Cyclic voltammograms of acetonitrile solution containing 1 mM Fc using the rinsed BDD disk electrode before and after 50 CV cycles in acetonitrile solution with 2.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 0.05 M NH₃ and 0.05 M NH₄OTf. The scan rate was set to 0.1 V·s⁻¹, Pt was used as the counter electrode, with a custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode.



Figure B14: Cyclic voltammograms of acetonitrile solution containing 0.05 M NH₃ and 0.05 M NH₄OTf using a clean BDD electrode (black trace) or the rinsed BDD disk electrode after 50 CV cycles with [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ (red trace), showing that no active material was deposited. The green trace depicts the CV of 2.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ under the same conditions.



Figure B15: Cyclic voltammograms of acetonitrile solution containing 1 mM Fc using the rinsed BDD disk electrode before and after 50 CV cycles in acetonitrile solution with 2.5 mM FeOTf₂, 0.05 M NH₃ and 0.05 M NH₄OTf. The scan rate was set to 0.1 V·s⁻¹, Pt was used as the counter electrode, with a custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode.



Figure B16: Cyclic voltammograms of acetonitrile solution containing 0.05 M NH_3 and 0.05 M NH_4 OTf using a clean BDD electrode (black trace) or the rinsed BDD disk electrode after 50 CV cycles with FeOTf₂ (red trace), showing that no active material was deposited. The green trace depicts the CV of a 2.5 mM FeOTf₂ under the same conditions.



Figure B17: Cyclic voltammograms of acetonitrile solution containing 0.05 M NH₃ and 0.05 M NH₄OTf using a clean BDD electrode (black trace) and the rinsed BDD disk electrode after CPC for 18 hours using 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ as catalyst (red trace). Results show that no active material was deposited, but significant passivation is observed.

Procedures for XPS: For XPS measurements, the BDD plate electrode was dipped into fresh acetonitrile twice to remove any soluble components. Then, the electrode was left in a 60° C vacuum oven overnight to decrease off-gassing in the sample chamber. XPS measurements are corrected for surface charging by setting the binding energy of the carbon 1s peak to be 285 eV. This correction was always less than 1 eV. A full scan from 0-1000 eV was acquired, and then scans at the binding energies typical for carbon (274-294 eV), boron (176-196 eV), nitrogen (389-409 eV), oxygen (522-542 eV), and iron (690-730 eV) were measured.



Figure B18: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode before AO conditions. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.



Figure B19: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode before AO conditions centered on the region characteristic for Fe 2p. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.



Figure B20: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode before AO conditions centered on the region characteristic for N 1s. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.



Figure B21: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode after 18 h CPC with 65 mM NH₃ solution. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.



Figure B22: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode after 18 h CPC with 65 mM NH₃ solution centered on the region characteristic for Fe 2p. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.



Figure B23: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode after 18 h CPC with 65 mM NH₃ solution centered on the region characteristic for N 1s. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.



Figure B24: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode after 18 h CPC with 0.5 mM $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and 65 mM NH₃ solution. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.



Figure B25: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode after 18 h CPC with 0.5 mM $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and 65 mM NH₃ solution centered on the region characteristic for Fe 2p. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.



Figure B26: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode after 18 h CPC with 0.5 mM $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and 65 mM NH₃ solution centered on the region characteristic for N 1s. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.


Figure B27: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode after 18 h CPC with 0.5 mM FeOTf₂ and 65 mM NH₃ solution. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.



Figure B28: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode after 18 h CPC with 0.5 mM FeOTf₂ and 65 mM NH₃ solution centered on the region characteristic for Fe 2p. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.



Figure B29: XPS spectrum of BDD plate electrode after 18 h CPC with 0.5 mM FeOTf₂ and 65 mM NH₃ solution centered on the region characteristic for N 1s. Binding energy is corrected for surface charging by setting C1s to be 285 eV.

B10. Synthesis and solid-state structure of [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂

The title compound was prepared by slow diffusion of ammonia gas from a saturated ammonia- THF solution into an acetonitrile free solution of (TPA)FeOTf₂ in THF at room temperature. Over the course of 12-24 hours, the clear yellow solution gradually turned orange and orange needles precipitated. These orange needles were confirmed by SC-XRD to be [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂. Upon cooling the needles to 100 K under the cold stream, they changed color from orange to red, evidence of spin-crossover behavior. The color change was reversible.

 $[(TPA)Fe(NH_3)_2]OTf_2$ crystallizes in the space group P 2₁/n with four independent cations in the asymmetric unit. At 100 K, two of the iron sites are low spin based on their bond distances (and corresponding solid-state Mössbauer analysis) and the other two sites are high spin. The cations in the crystal structure suffer from disorder at only one of the four iron sites. Unsurprisingly, the triflates are also disordered. Hydrogen atoms were not refined but were placed using a riding model.

To model the disorder at the one disordered iron site, SADI, SIMU, and RIGU restraints were used to model a separate iron unit with head-to-tail like disorder. Positional and rotational disorder of the triflate anions was also modeled with the help of SADI, SIMU, and RIGU restraints. Remaining unmodeled electron density is primarily located near the triflate anions and THF solvent molecules.

Further details are provided in the CIF file that has been electronically uploaded as additional Supporting Information.

Temperature/K	99.99
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
a/Å	31.690(8)
b/Å	12.063(5)
c/Å	34.405(5)
α/°	90
β/°	109.475(13)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å ³	12399(6)
Z	16
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.573
μ/mm^{-1}	5.952
F(000)	6033.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.287\times0.281\times0.144$
Radiation	$CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54178)$
2Θ range for data collection/°	4.642 to 159.956
Index ranges	$-40 \le h \le 38, -14 \le k \le 15, -42 \le l \le 43$
Reflections collected	316748
Independent reflections	26746 [$R_{int} = 0.0838$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0384$]
Data/restraints/parameters	26746/2397/1991
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.097
Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0739, wR_2 = 0.1587$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0812, wR_2 = 0.1623$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.83/-0.89



Figure B30: UV-vis spectra of 0.2 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in MeCN with increasing concentrations of NH₃.



Figure B31: ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN.



Figure B32: ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN with 0, 1, 2, 5, and 10 equivalents of NH₃ added via calibrated bulb to a J. Young NMR tube.



190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 f1 (ppm)





Figure B34: Mössbauer spectrum of $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ recorded at 80 K. The isomer shift δ (mm/s) is 0.44, and the absolute value of the quadrupole splitting $|\Delta EQ|$ (mm/s) is 0.34.



Figure B35: Mössbauer spectrum of crystalline [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂ recorded at 100 K.

The Mössbauer spectrum at 100 K, the temperature that diffraction data was collected at, can be fit by two quadrupole doublets. One doublet has isomer shift 1.06 mm/s and quadrupole splitting 2.38 mm/s, and the second has isomer shift 0.52 mm/s and quadrupole splitting 0.47 mm/s. Asymmetry in the quadrupole doublets is observed; this is likely due to the anisotropic orientation of the needle-like crystalline sample in the Mössbauer cup. The relative peak areas of these quadrupole doublets are 0.45:0.55, respectively. These quadrupole doublets are in agreement with the presence of both high spin and low spin Fe(II) in similar abundance; this is in agreement with the observed ratio of high spin and low spin Fe(II) in the solid state structure.



Figure B36: ATR-IR spectrum of a solid sample of crystalline [(TPA)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂.



Figure B37: UV-Vis spectrum of 0.4 mM [Fe(NH₃)₆]OTf₂ formed by dissolving FeOTf₂ in a 2 M NH₃ solution.

B16. Electrochemistry of the first redox process (E_1)



Figure B38: Differential pulse voltammograms in acetonitrile with 0.5 mM $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and 0.05 M NH₄OTf at low ammonia concentrations reflecting the equilibrium character in the substitution of MeCN by NH₃ in the coordination sphere of $[(TPA)Fe]^{2+}$, since the feature at 0.65 V corresponds to remaining $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$.



Figure B39: Differential pulse voltammograms in acetonitrile with 0.5 mM $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and 0.05 M NH₄OTf with varying ammonia concentrations.



Figure B40: Differential pulse voltammograms in acetonitrile with 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 0.025 M NH₃, and varying NH₄OTf concentration.



Figure B41: Intensity of the cathodic peaks at the potential $E_{I,c}$ and $E_{I',c}$ depending on the scan rate. At low scan rates, both peaks show similar intensities corresponding to similar concentrations of species $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)_2]^{3+}$ and $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)(NH_2)]^{2+}$. As the scan rate increases, the intensity of the $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)_2]^{3+}$ reductive peak at around 0.2 V decreases faster than the one corresponding to $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)(NH_2)]^{2+}$, indicating higher concentrations of the former due to the scan rate being faster than the deprotonation equilibrium. Both intensity values were measured with respect to the anodic baseline due to difficulties in establishing the baseline from the cathodic scan arising from the proximity of both redox events E_I and E_2 .



Figure B42: CV of an acetonitrile solution containing 0.5 mM (TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 0.05 M NH₄OTf, and 0.05 M NH₃ performed at two scan rates to show the different ratio of the intensities at $E_{I,c}$ and $E_{I',c}$.



Figure B43: Plot of the intensity of the anodic (blue) and cathodic (red) scans in the precatalytic wave centered at E_1 versus the square root of the scan rate according to the Randles-Sevcik equation. Both intensity values were measured with respect to the anodic baseline due to difficulties in establishing the baseline from the cathodic scan arising from

the proximity of both redox events E_1 and E_2 . This fact, together with the equilibrium between $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)_2]^{3+}$ and $[(TPA)Fe^{III}(NH_3)(NH_2)]^{2+}$, accounts for the difference in the cathodic and anodic intensities.



Figure B44: Linear sweep voltammograms recorded at 100 mV·s⁻¹ in a MeCN solution containing, 0.05 M NH₃, 0.05 M NH₄OTf, and different concentrations of $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$.



Figure B45: Plot of the intensity of the precatalytic wave E_1 at different [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ concentrations.



Figure B46: Successive cyclic voltammograms in an acetonitrile solution containing 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 0.05 M NH₃, and 0.05 M NH₄OTf, showing the high stability of the first redox event.

B17. Electrochemistry of the catalytic process (E_2) based on Nernstian behavior



Figure B47: Differential pulse voltammograms in acetonitrile of 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 0.05 M NH₄OTf, and varying ammonia concentrations.



Figure B48: Differential pulse voltammograms in acetonitrile of 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 0.025 M NH₃, and varying NH₄OTf concentration.



Figure B49: Plot of the potential for the first redox event E_2 versus the natural logarithm of the ammonia concentration. E_2 values were estimated from DPV experiments. At low ammonia concentrations the constant value of E_2 is consistent with an EC_{cat} mechanism.⁷ The increase in E_2 at higher concentrations of ammonia suggests a non-Nernstian behavior arising from a chemical step faster than electron transfer.⁸



Figure B50: Plot of the potential for the first redox event E_2 versus the natural logarithm of the NH₄OTf concentration. E_2 values were estimated from DPV experiments. The increase in E_2 at higher concentrations of ammonia suggests a non-Nernstian behavior arising from a chemical step faster than electron transfer.



Figure B51: Background corrected CV recorded at (A) 0.01 V·s⁻¹, (B) 0.1 V·s⁻¹, (C) 1 V·s⁻¹, and (D) 10 V·s⁻¹ in a MeCN solution containing 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 0.05 M NH₃, and 0.05 M NH₄OTf. Results show the deviation from ideal S-shape response in the whole range of studied scan rates.



Figure B52: Plot of the intensity of the catalytic wave (i_{cat}) in CVs obtained at (A) 10 V·s⁻¹, (B) 1 V·s⁻¹, (C) 0.1 V·s⁻¹, and (D) 0.01 V·s⁻¹ at different [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ concentrations. In all cases, the apparent order of reaction in [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ is lower than 1 and does not seem to change with the scan rate. This behavior is consistent with the electron transfer to the electrode being the rate determining step of the catalytic process resulting in non-Nernstian behavior.



Figure B53: Background corrected linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) recorded at 100 mV·s⁻¹ in a MeCN solution containing 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 0.05 M NH₃, and 0.05 M NH₄OTf. Red trace shows the data range employed for performing the FOWA.



Figure B54: FOWA for a EC_{cat} mechanism⁹ calculated from the previous linear sweep voltammetry (Figure B53) recorded at 100 mV·s⁻¹ in a MeCN solution containing 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 0.05 M NH₃, and 0.05 M NH₄OTf. The convex form obtained in the curve is consistent with a non-Nernstian behavior as previously reported.⁸ E_{cat} was determined as the potential for the half-wave catalytic current.



Figure B55: Plot of the intensity of the catalytic wave (i_{cat}) from CV obtained at 100 mV·s⁻¹ at different NH₃ concentrations using 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ and 0.05 M NH₄OTf. For the low ammonia concentration, the catalytic current follows a linear trend suggesting first order in NH₃. At higher ammonia concentration, the fast catalysis obtained deviates from Nernstian behavior as previously evidenced and the apparent order of reaction is lower than 1.

B18. Discussion of the non-Nernstian behavior in catalytic process (*E*₂)

The equations governing the electrochemical behavior of an EC_{cat} mechanism depend again on the regime of the voltammetry response in the kinetic zone diagram for catalytic processes. The easiest mathematical treatment is obtained with the S-shape response when the intensity of the catalytic wave purely depends on the kinetics of the process rather than the diffusion of substrate to the electrode.⁷ Unfortunately, no pure S-shape has been found in the whole range of analyzed scan rates as previously shown. In fact, analysis of the dependence of the catalytic current i_{cat} on the catalyst concentration revealed a non-linear relationship with an apparent order of reaction close to 0.5 for all of the different scan rate values. This is in contrast with the linear response expected for a pseudo-first order reaction according to the following equation:

$$i_{pl} = 6FSC_{cat}^0 \sqrt{D_{cat}} \sqrt{k_e C_{NH_3}^0}$$
 (Equation B1)

Influence of a fast deactivation process as responsible for the apparent order of reaction lower than 1 can be ruled out in the CV time scale based on the reproducibility of the CV upon 50 cycles. The deactivation process found during CPC experiments leading to Fe deposition on the electrode operates at a much longer timescale so that it is unlikely to affect the order of reaction obtained by CV. Moreover, in the EC_{cat} mechanism, the potential for the half wave of the catalytic process ($E_{cat/2}$) should be constant and independent of the concentration of substrate (NH₃). However, we have found a linear dependence between the E_{cat/2} and the ln[NH₃], which features a positive slope of 0.06. Only at very low concentrations of NH₃, the potential is constant as expected. Proper treatment of the obtained

diffusion controlled waves by the foot of the wave analysis (FOWA) leads to a convex curvature in the FOWA plot which, together with the observed increase in the $E_{cat/2}$ with increasing [NH₃], is typical from a non-Nernstian behavior in the electron transfer step.⁸ In such cases, other theories such as the Butler-Volmer law or Marcus-Husch model have to be applied to model the electron transfer between the catalyst and the electrode.¹⁰ This fact might be explained by a catalytic process with a large kinetic rate so that the kinetic of the electron transfer starts to have an influence in the overall response. The influence of the electron transfer rate might also account for the apparent 0.5 order of reaction, as only a fraction of the catalyst is oxidized to the active species. In such cases, equations have been derived using the Butler-Volmer law that includes the charge transfer coefficient (α) and the rate constant for interfacial electron transfer (k_s).

B19. Electrochemistry of the catalytic process (E_2) based on Butler-Volmer law

Determination of α , k_s and D_{cat} can be achieved based on the following equations describing the CV response of an electron transfer following the Butler-Volmer law:

$$i_p = 0.496FSC_{cat}^0 \sqrt{D_{cat}} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha F v}{RT}}$$
 (Equation B2)

$$E_{p,c} = E^0 + 0.78 \frac{RT}{\alpha F} - \frac{RT}{\alpha F} \ln\left(k_s \sqrt{\frac{RT}{\alpha F v D_{cat}}}\right)$$
(Equation B3)

Due to the extremely fast catalytic character of the wave at E_2 and the impossibility of obtaining reversible behavior at that potential, we have used the precatalytic wave E_1 as a reference to obtain those values as the species involved in both processes are expected to have similar properties.



Figure B56: Plot of the E_1 potential of the anodic peak in the precatalytic wave versus $Ln(1/v^{-1/2})$ following the equation for the potential using the Butler-Volmer law. The slope of that plot allows a value of 0.66 for α to be obtained.



Figure B57: Plot of the intensity of the anodic scans in the precatalytic wave centered at E_1 versus the square root of the scan rate.

D_{cat} has been determined from the slope in previous plot of the intensity of the peak at E_1 versus the square root of the scan rate, resulting in a value of $9.5 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$. Then, using α , D_{cat} and the equation for the previous anodic peak potential with an E⁰ of 0.3 V determined from $E_{1/2} = (E_{1,a}+E_{1,c})/2$, the calculated value of k_s is 111 m·s⁻¹.



Figure B58: Cyclic voltammograms recorded at 10 mV·s⁻¹ in a MeCN solution containing, 0.05 M NH_3 , $0.05 \text{ M NH}_4\text{OTf}$, and different concentrations of [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂.

Procedure for the Foot-of-the-wave analysis performed in each condition:

Foot-of-the-wave analysis was performed by using the equations deducted for EC_{cat} obeying the Butler –Volmer law¹¹, following the next equation:

$$FIT(E_{P/Q}^{0} - E) = \frac{\frac{i}{i_{p}}}{1 - 0.446 \frac{i}{i_{p}} \sqrt{\frac{D_{cat}}{k_{s}}} \sqrt{\frac{F}{R \cdot T}} v \exp\left[\alpha \frac{F}{R \cdot T}(E_{cat}^{0} - E)\right]}$$
$$= \frac{n \cdot 2.24 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{R \cdot T}{F \cdot v} \cdot k'_{obs}}}{1 + \exp\left[\frac{F}{R \cdot T}(E_{cat}^{0} - E)\right]}$$
(Equation B4)

F is the Faraday constant, R is the gas constant, T is the temperature. The parameters α , k_s and D_{cat} have been previously obtained using the precatalytic wave as model for the electron transfer. In this case, n = 6 due to the 6 electrons involved in the catalytic ammonia oxidation to molecular nitrogen. The intensity of the one-electron wave (i_p) has been estimated from the one-electron oxidation precatalytic wave at E_1 for each condition. E_{cat}^0 has been determined as the potential of the half-wave for the catalytic process. For each condition, involving concentration of catalyst, concentration of NH₃ and scan rate (ν), the FOWA has been performed in similar regions of the potential range in order to allow a fair comparison upon changing the conditions. This region has been selected as the foot of the wave region where the plot of FIT versus $1/(1+\exp[F/(RT)(E_{cat}-E)])$ behaves linearly (R² > 0.85). Then, from the slope of that plot, the apparent pseudo-first order rate constant k_{obs}. A representative example of this methodology is shown below for one specific condition.



Figure B59: Background corrected linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) recorded at 10 mV·s⁻¹ in a MeCN solution containing 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 0.05 M NH₃, and 0.05 M NH₄OTf. Red trace shows the data range employed for performing the FOWA.



Figure B60: FOWA for an EC_{cat} mechanism obeying the Butler–Volmer law calculated from previous linear sweep voltammetry recorded at $10 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ in a MeCN solution containing 0.5 mM [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂, 0.05 M NH₃, and 0.05 M NH₄OTf.



Figure B61: Plot of the k'_{obs} calculated by FOWA from LSV using 0.5 mM $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$, 0.05 M NH₃, and 0.05 M NH₄OTf at different scan rates versus the natural logarithm of the scan rate. The observed independence leading to an average value of $1.98 \cdot 10^6$ s⁻¹ is consistent with the assumed mechanism.

B20. Reversible binding of TPA to FeOTf₂



Figure B62: Cyclic voltammograms in acetonitrile with 50 mM NH₄OTf and (black) free TPA, (red) free TPA and 65 mM NH₃, and (blue) free TPA, 65 mM NH₃, and 0.5 mM FeOTf₂ added sequentially to demonstrate the ability of FeOTf₂ to rebind TPA after demetallation.



Figure B63: Cyclic voltammograms in acetonitrile with 0.5 mM FeOTf₂, 50 mM NH₃, and 50 mM NH₄OTf in the absence of added TPA (black) and in the presence of TPA (blue). Free TPA was added to the iron(II) triflate solution to show that it can rebind after demetallation and coordination of ammonia.



Figure B64: UV-Vis spectra in acetonitrile with 0.5 mM FeOTf₂, 50 mM NH₃, and 50 mM NH₄OTf in the absence of added TPA (black) and in the presence of TPA (blue). Free TPA was added to the iron(II) triflate solution to show that it can rebind after demetallation and coordination of ammonia.

B21. Electrochemistry of (TPA)Fe in presence of hydrazine



Figure B65. CV experiments of an acetonitrile solution containing 2.5 mM of $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ with increasing concentrations of N₂H₄. The grey dashed line shows the background current using 10 equivalents of hydrazine in the absence of (TPA)Fe complex. BDD was used as the working electrode, and the scan rate was set to 100 mV·s⁻¹.
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Appendix C

Supplementary Information for Chapter 4

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General Considerations: All manipulations were carried out using standard Schlenk or glovebox techniques under an N2 or Ar atmosphere. Unless otherwise noted, solvents were deoxygenated and dried by thoroughly sparging with N₂ gas followed by passage through an activated alumina column in a solvent purification system (SG Water, USA LLC). For electrochemical measurements under an Ar atmosphere, solvents were further degassed and then left under Ar. All solvents were stored over activated 3 or 4 Å molecular sieves prior to use. Anhydrous ammonia gas was dried by passage through a calcium oxide drying tube. All reagents were purchased from commercial vendors and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Tris(2-pyridylmethyl)amine (TPA),¹ tris(2-pyridylmethylamine) iron(II) triflate bis-acetonitrile ([(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂),² 6-(1,1-di(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine (bpyPy₂Me),³ and 6-(1,1-di(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine iron(II) triflate bis-acetonitrile ([(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂)^{4 15}NH₄OTf was prepared from ¹⁵NH₄Cl (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories) by anion exchange with silver triflate or metathesis with triflic acid, followed by repeated recrystallization from boiling acetonitrile. ¹H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane, using residual solvent resonances as internal standards.

Electrochemistry: Voltammetry experiments were carried out with a Biologic VSP-300 or CH Instruments 600B potentiostat using a one-compartment three-electrode cell, and coulometry experiments were carried out with a Biologic VSP-300 potentiostat using a onecompartment three-electrode cell with a septum capped 14/20 joint for headspace analysis. For voltammetry, a boron-doped diamond (BDD) working electrode (3 mm diameter), a Pt wire counter electrode, and a Ag/AgOTf reference electrode (5 mM AgOTf and 0.1 M TBAPF₆ in MeCN) were employed. For CPC, the same reference electrode was used, but a BDD plate (geometric area: 4 cm²) and a Pt mesh were used respectively as working and counter electrode. All redox potentials in the present work are reported versus the Fc/Fc⁺ couple, measured before each experiment to be approximately +0.12 V versus our Ag/AgOTf reference electrode.

CVs were collected at 100 mV·s⁻¹ unless specified otherwise. $E_{1/2}$ values for the reversible waves were obtained from the half potential between the oxidative and reductive peaks. CV measurements were performed applying IR compensation, compensating 85% of the resistance measured at one high frequency value (100 kHz). Potential values for waves that are not fully reversible were obtained as the apparent standard potential from differential pulse voltammetry measurements

Gas Chromatography: Gas chromatography was performed in the Environmental Analysis Center using HP 5890 Series II instruments. Gas quantification was performed using a molecular sieve column attached to a thermal conductivity detector. Argon was the carrier gas. Standard curves were generated by direct injection of hydrogen or nitrogen gas. Quantification of background nitrogen was determined using the background oxygen signal. Isotopic measurements were performed with a separate HP 5890 Series II equipped with a GasPro column using helium as the carrier gas.

NMR: NMR spectroscopy was performed using Varian and Bruker 400 MHz NMR spectrometers equipped with broadband auto-tune probes. ¹H NMR chemical shifts are

reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane, using residual solvent resonances as internal standards.

UV-vis: Spectra were collected using a Cary 60 instrument with Cary WinUV software.

X-ray Crystallography: XRD studies were carried out at the Beckman Institute Crystallography Facility on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer (Cu K α radiation). Structures were solved using direct methods with SHELXS or SHELXT and refined against F² on all data by full-matrix least squares with SHELXL.⁵ All of the solutions were performed in the Olex2 program.⁶ The crystals were mounted on a glass fiber under Paratone N oil.

X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy: XPS measurements were carried out in the Caltech Molecular Materials Resource Center using a Surface Science Instruments M-Probe ESCA spectrometer with the sample held at ultra-high vacuum (< 2×10^{-9} Torr), using the Al K α line at 1486.6 eV as a monochromatic X-ray source. XPS measurements were checked for surface charging effects, and the diamond carbon (sp3) 1s peak was verified to be within ± 0.3 eV of 285 eV. A full scan from 0–1000 eV was acquired, and then scans at the binding energies typical for carbon (274-294 eV), boron (176-196 eV), nitrogen (389-409 eV), oxygen (522-542 eV), and iron (690-730 eV) were measured. For measurements of the BDD plate electrode after catalysis, the electrode was rinsed with acetonitrile and air dried prior to data collection.

C.2 NMR spectra for electronic structure elucidation



Figure C1. ¹H NMR spectrum of [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. Spectrum also shows 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene used for Evan's method.



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Figure C2. 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, Δf = 3.46 Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu = 0.68\mu_B$.



Figure C3. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃) formed by mixing $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. Spectrum also shows 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene used for Evan's method.



Figure C4. 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 200$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu = 5.2\mu_B$.



Figure C5. ¹H NMR spectrum of [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. Spectrum also shows 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene used for Evan's method.



Figure C6. 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, Δf = 4.62 Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu = 0.79\mu_B$.



Figure C7. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃) formed by mixing $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. Spectrum also shows 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene used for Evan's method.



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1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene Figure C8. signals used for Evan's method for [(bpyPy2Me)Fe(L)2]OTf2 (L MeCN, NH3), formed mixing = by $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 11.0$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu = 1.2\mu_B$.

C.3 UV-vis spectra



Figure C9. UV-vis spectra of acetonitrile solutions containing 0.12 mM

[(bpyPy2Me)Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2 and varying equivalents NH3 in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure C10. UV-vis spectra of acetonitrile solutions containing 0.12 mM $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 250 (black), 400 (blue), 600 (green), or 1000 (red) equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette. This shows the onset of demetallation around 600 equivalents NH₃.



Figure C11. UV-vis spectra of acetonitrile solutions containing 0.12 mM $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 0 (black), 10 (blue), 600 (green), or 1000 (red) equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette. An arrow highlights an isosbestic point ~500 nm which is maintained for 0, 10, and 600 equivalents but has begun to show deviations assigned to demetallation at 1000 equivalents.

C.4 Catalytic controlled potential coulometry experiments

Procedures for controlled potential coulometry:

Preparation of the BDD electrode: A 10 cm^2 boron-doped diamond (BDD) plate electrode (IKA) was physically attached to standard electrical wire coated with chemical-resistant insulation, and the connection was covered with Teflon tape. The surface area of the electrode submerged in solution was around 4 cm².

BDD has a surface that exists in various states of reduction (H-terminated) and oxidation (O-terminated).⁷ In order to remove attached nitrogen and iron generated during controlled potential coulometry experiments and to ensure a reliable electrode surface prior to CPC measurements, the BDD plate electrode was oxidatively treated prior to use. First, the electrode was soaked in concentrated nitric acid for 5 minutes. Then, a potential of 3.0 V vs Ag/AgCl was applied to the BDD electrode in a 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution for 10 minutes. The electrode was then thoroughly rinsed with water prior to use.

Preparation of the platinum counter electrode: In order to ensure a highly active Pt surface for hydrogen evolution prior to CPC experiments, the Pt mesh counter electrode was soaked in concentrated hydrochloric acid for at least 5 minutes prior to usage.

Preparation of the custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode: To ensure reliable potential measurements, the custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode was prepared prior to each CPC experiment and then a CV of ferrocene was measured. In a glass tube fitted with a Vycor porous glass frit attached by Teflon heatshrink tubing, an acetonitrile solution containing 5

mM AgOTf and 0.1 M TBAPF $_6$ was added. A silver wire was placed inside and the electrode was sealed.

Preparation of ammonia solutions. For experiments with natural abundance ammonia, saturated 2 M solutions⁸ in acetonitrile were prepared by bubbling anhydrous ammonia through acetonitrile in a Schlenk tube under an argon/ammonia atmosphere. For experiments with labeled ¹⁵NH₃, ammonia was liberated from ¹⁵NH₄OTf by addition of 1.1 equivalents of 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) to ¹⁵N labeled ammonium triflate dissolved in acetonitrile in a Schlenk tube inside of an argon glovebox. This solution was then vacuum transferred to a separate, clean Schlenk tube.

CPC: Inside an argon glovebox, a gas-tight electrochemical cell equipped with a 24/40 cap containing three tungsten rods for electrical contacts and a valved 14/20 joint carefully sealed with a Suba-Seal septum was prepared. A BDD plate electrode (A = 4 cm²), high surface area platinum mesh electrode, and custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode were connected to the 24/40 cap. All chemical reagents were then rapidly added to the cell to prevent evaporation of ammonia, and then, the cell was sealed with the 24/40 cap. Prior to each CPC experiment, a ZIR and CV were taken. No IR compensation was applied for CPC measurements. The CPC experiment was then conducted for 24 h. The cell was then removed from the glovebox for analysis by gas chromatography. For headspace analysis, 100 μ L of the headspace was injected into a GC-TCD for quantification using a lockable Hamilton syringe with a 26S gauge needle. For GC-MS, only 50 μ L of the headspace was injected.

For each experiment, a 10 mL solution containing 0.05 mM [Fe], 20 mM NH_3 (1.0 mL of 0.2 M solution), and 50 mM NH_4OTf (84 mg) was prepared in acetonitrile.

Reload experiments: After a completed CPC experiment, the valved 14/20 joint on the electrochemical cell was sealed, the septum was removed, and a 14/20 joint-to-tubing adapter was connected. This joint was connected to a double-manifold Schlenk line and put under an argon atmosphere. Under a positive counter-flow of argon, the 24/40 electrode cap was removed and replaced with a ground-glass stopper. The cell was then carefully evaporated to dryness under vacuum and brought into an argon glovebox. To this cell containing ammonium triflate electrolyte and used catalyst was added 9 mL acetonitrile and 1.0 mL of a 0.2 M NH₃ solution to reset the ammonia concentration to the initial value. Then, the CPC experiment was performed following our standard procedures.

Table B1. Results of catalytic CPC experiments performed at 0.85 V vs Fc/Fc⁺ for 24 h with 0.05 mM [Fe] and 20 mM NH₃ (400 equivalents). For entries where reload experiments were conducted, the entries are listed as x.1 and x.2 for the initial and subsequent reload experiment, respectively. LOQ indicates that the amount of gas produced was below the limit of quantification.

Entry	Fe Source	Eq. N ₂	Charge (C)	FE N ₂ (%)	FE H ₂ (%)
1.1	[(bpyPy2Me)Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2	89	29.9	86	77
2.1	[(bpyPy2Me)Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2	83	26.5	91	80
3	[(bpyPy2Me)Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2	97	31.1	91	93
4*	[(bpyPy2Me)Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2	102	36.5	81	84
Avg. 1.1–4	[(bpyPy2Me)Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2	93	-	87	84
1.2	[(bpyPy2Me)Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2	55	21.1	77	78
2.2	[(bpyPy2Me)Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2	57	19.7	84	67
Avg. Reload	[(bpyPy2Me)Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2	56	-	81	73
3	None (NH ₃ only)	LOQ	0.86	LOQ	73
4.1	FeOTf ₂ · 2 MeCN	7.7	8.2	27	74
5	$FeOTf_2 \cdot 2 MeCN$	7.1	7.5	28	33
Avg. 4.1–5	FeOTf ₂ · 2 MeCN	7.4	-	28	54
4.2	$FeOTf_2 \cdot 2 MeCN$	LOQ	1.2	LOQ	65

* Experiment performed with ¹⁵NH₃ and ¹⁵NH₄OTf

NMR spectra showing active catalyst after CPC:



Figure C12. ¹H NMR spectra of [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ precatalyst (top) and a sample extracted after a CPC experiment (bottom) in CD₃CN. The bottom spectrum shows that active catalyst remains after CPC experiments, as corroborated by reload experiments.

C.5 Electrode rinse test after CPC



Figure C13. CVs of treated BDD plate electrode and the same electrode after CPC and rinsing with MeCN, recorded in MeCN with 0.05 M NH₄OTf and 20 mM NH₃; Pt counter and Ag/AgOTf reference electrodes. The rinsed electrode corresponds to the electrode after a 2 hour CPC experiment containing the new [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ electrocatalyst under the optimized conditions detailed in Table C1. These measurements do not support the possibility of deposition of catalytically active material onto the electrode. This is in agreement with our previous investigation of the electrode after CPC with [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂.⁹

C.6 GC-MS data for ¹⁵NH₃ experiment



Figure C14. GC mass spectrum of headspace after CPC experiment using $^{15}NH_3$, showing $^{30}N_2$ as the major product.

C.7 XPS spectra of BDD plate electrode



Figure C15. Full XPS spectrum of clean, treated BDD plate electrode and higher resolution spectra centered on the regions characteristic for Fe 2p and N 1s.



Figure C16. Full XPS spectrum of rinsed BDD plate electrode after 24 h CPC with 0.05 mM $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and 20 mM NH₃ solution and higher resolution spectra centered on the regions characteristic for Fe 2p and N 1s.



Figure C17. Full XPS spectrum of rinsed BDD plate electrode after 24 h CPC with 0.05 mM $FeOTf_2 \cdot 2$ MeCN and 20 mM NH₃ solution and higher resolution spectra centered on the regions characteristic for Fe 2p and N 1s.

C.8 DPV data for E₁ analysis



Figure C18. DPVs of 0.5 mM [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ with varying NH₃ concentration in order to study the EC process at E_1 . Recorded in MeCN with 0.05 M NH₄OTf using BDD working, Pt counter, and Ag/AgOTf reference electrodes.



Figure C19. DPVs of 0.5 mM [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ with varying NH_{4^+} concentration in order to study the EC process at E₁. Recorded in MeCN with 0.2 M NH_{3^-} and 0.1 M TBAPF₆ using BDD working, Pt counter, and Ag/AgOTf reference electrodes.

C.9 Further analysis of speciation related to E1

In addition to the electrochemical and crystallographic data presented in the main text, we provide additional support for the assignment of the E_1 process here. We first further address the speciation at Fe(II), prior to E₁. The predominance of [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH₃)]OTf₂ prior to E₁ in MeCN containing NH₃ is corroborated by SC-XRD (Fig. C20). From MeCN/NH₃ mixtures, [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH₃)]OTf₂ can be isolated; alternatively, only [(bpyPy2Me)Fe(NH3)2]OTf2 has been crystallized in DCM/NH₃ mixtures 2 MeCN from containing equivalents the [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ starting material. Isolation of the bis-ammine in DCM is compatible with DFT calculations which indicate a slight (3 kcal/mol) thermodynamic preference versus the mono-ammine; however, in MeCN solvent the large excess of MeCN relative NH₃ likely favors mono-acetonitrile to the adduct. Thus, $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]OTf_2$ is likely the primary iron species in bulk solution under our catalytic conditions.



Figure C20. Solid-state crystal structure of (**A**) [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH₃)]OTf₂ and (**B**) [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(NH₃)₂]OTf₂ at 100 K, with select bond lengths labeled in angstroms. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability. Triflate counterions and L_{aux} hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. The acetonitrile in (**A**) is truncated at nitrogen.

As mentioned in the main text, we have assigned the E_1 process to the proton-coupled oxidation of $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]^{2+}$ to $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(NH_2)(NH_3)]^{2+}$. This conclusion is in excellent agreement with our DFT results (Fig. C21) which show identical experimental and predicted potentials. However, two other likely pathways from $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]^{2+}$ are proton-coupled oxidation without additional ammonia substitution (Scheme 4.2a in main text) or oxidation without proton transfer. Based on our DFT results, oxidation without proton transfer is the next lowest energy process, generating $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]^{3+}$. The computed oxidation potential is 0.61 V, and we label this process E_1^* .



Figure C21. Possible E₁ processes and their calculated E (V) values.

When $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH_3)]^{2+}$ is investigated by CV at high scan rates under certain concentration regimes, an additional feature appears in the cyclic voltammogram as a shoulder in the catalytic E_2 wave at about 0.55 V (Fig. C22). This shoulder is minor at 200 mV/s but becomes clear at higher scan rates, e.g., 10000 mV/s. By DPV, this shoulder is more easily identified (Fig. C23). Given that the E_1 process, a protoncoupled oxidation associated with an additional ammonia substitution, could be slow due to the second order dependence on NH₃, it is unsurprising that this second feature can be observed. Interestingly, this shoulder does not move with varying NH₃ concentration as would be expected if it were also coupled to proton transfer. Furthermore, an increase in current at E1* (Fig. C21, 2000 mV/s) results in an increase in return current at E₁, indicating that they are linked via a square mechanism, i.e., E₁ and E₁* generate the same product upon reduction. All of these data points agree with our assignment of E₁* as oxidation without proton transfer to generate [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)(NH₃)]³⁺.



Figure C22. CVs of 0.5 mM [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ with 0.2 M NH₃ at varying scan rates. Recorded in MeCN with 0.05 M NH₄OTf using BDD working, Pt counter, and Ag/AgOTf reference electrodes. The shoulder that appears at ~0.55 V is discussed above.



Figure C23. DPVs of 0.5 mM $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with varying NH₃ concentration in order to study the EC process at E₁. Recorded in MeCN with 0.05 M NH₄OTf using BDD working, Pt counter, and Ag/AgOTf reference electrodes. Labels highlight the E₁* and E^o_{cat} processes discussed above.

C.10 Catalytic rate versus iron and NH₃ concentrations (E₂)



Figure C24. Rate dependence as measured by catalytic current at 1.08 V with varying concentrations of [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in MeCN with 0.05 M NH₄OTf and 0.2 M NH₃ with BDD working, Pt counter, and Ag/AgOTf reference electrodes.



Figure C25. Rate dependence as measured by catalytic current at 1.08 V with varying concentrations of NH₃ and 0.5 mM [(bpyPy₂Me)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in MeCN with 0.05 M NH₄OTf with BDD working, Pt counter, and Ag/AgOTf reference electrodes. The linear regression lines indicate a first-order dependence on [NH₃]. The low [NH₃] regime is perfectly linear ($R^2 = 0.99$), but at higher concentrations the higher rate likely results in substrate depletion manifested by the mild concave behavior for the overall fit ($R^2 = 0.95$).



Figure C26. FOWA calculated k_{obs} for AO using varying concentrations of $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ in MeCN with 0.05 M NH₄OTf and 0.2 M NH₃ with BDD working, Pt counter, and Ag/AgOTf reference electrodes. A first-order dependence on [Fe] is incorporated into k_{obs} , thus the zero-order dependence of k_{obs} on [Fe] in this plot indicates an overall first-order dependence on [Fe].

C.11 Procedure for FOWA

Foot of the wave analysis was performed by using the equations deducted for EC_{cat}:

$$\frac{i}{i_p} = \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot 2.24 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T}}{\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{\text{obs}}}}{1 + \exp\left[\frac{\mathbf{F}}{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T}} (\mathbf{E}^{\circ}_{\text{cat}} - \mathbf{E})\right]}$$

F is Faraday's constant, R is the gas constant, and T is the temperature. In this case, n = 6 due to the 6 electrons involved in ammonia oxidation to dinitrogen. The intensity of the oneelectron wave (i_p) has been estimated from the one-electron oxidation precatalytic wave at E₁ for each condition. E^o_{cat} was determined via differential pulse voltammetry. For each condition, the FOWA was performed in similar regions of the potential range in order to ensure a fair comparison. This region was selected as the foot-of-the-wave region where the plot of i/i_p versus $1/(1+\exp[F/(RT)(E^o_{cat}-E)])$ behaves linearly (R² > 0.85). Then, from the slope of that plot, the apparent pseudo-first order rate constant k_{obs} can be obtained and thus the value of the apparent second-order rate constant k'_{obs}. A representative example of this methodology is shown below for one condition.



Figure C27. Linear sweep voltammogram with red trace showing the data range employed for performing the FOWA.



Figure C28. FOWA for an EC_{cat} mechanism calculated from the above linear sweep voltammogram showing strong concavity. The highlighted section and dotted line show the data employed for FOWA.

C.12 Further reactivity considered at E₂



Figure C29. Further E_2 processes considered and their calculated E(V) values. All estimated E values are above the experimental E°_{cat} value. This data supports the hypothesis that N–N bond formation occurs after formation of the species presented in the main text, prior to further removal of protons and electrons.

C.13 Computational methodology

All computations were performed using the ORCA software package, version 4.0 or above.¹⁰ The DFT functional used was TPSS with the def2-SVP basis set for all atoms except iron, for which an augmented def2-TZVP basis set was used. An acetonitrile solvation model (conductor-like polarizable continuum model, CPCM) was used as implemented in ORCA. The RI-J approximation was used to speed up Coulomb integrals (as default). The convergence criteria employed were "tightscf" and "veryslowconv" as defined by ORCA. The Gibbs free energy at 298.15 K was computed in ORCA using harmonic vibrational frequencies computed numerically via "NumFreq".

Sample input header:

! RI TPSS def2-SVP def2/J Opt NumFreq PAL8 tightscf veryslowconv
! CPCM(acetonitrile)
%basis
newgto Fe "def2-TZVP" end
end

To determine thermochemical values, oxidations are referenced to ferrocene/ferrocenium (Fc/Fc⁺), and reactions involving net hydrogen atom transfer are computed using TEMPO as a reference value (BDFE = 66.5 kcal/mol) and the acetonitrile C_G value of 54.9 kcal/mol.¹¹

For oxidations:

 $Ox^- + Fc \rightarrow Ox + Fc^+ \Delta G_{ox}$

 $E(V) = \Delta G_{ox} / F$, where F (Faraday's constant) is in units of Hartree. 1 Hartree = 27.211 eV.

For reactions involving net hydrogen atom transfer:

Reactants + TEMPO \rightarrow Products + TEMPOH ΔG_{BDFE}

E (V) = $[\Delta G_{BDFE} - 54.9 + 66.5 - 1.37 \text{ pK}_a] / 23.06$, where ΔG_{BDFE} is in units of kcal/mol (1 Hartree = 627.51 kcal/mol). The pK_a is derived from that of NH₃, 16.5 in MeCN,⁸ and adjusted by the Henderson–Hasselbalch equation to match the standard experimental CV conditions of 0.2 M NH₃ and 0.05 M NH₄⁺, resulting in pK_a = 17.1.



Figure C30. Relative energies for multiplicities of $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(L_{ax})(L_{eq})]^{n+}$ complexes with formal oxidation states of +2. L_{ax} and L_{eq} represent ligands axial/*trans* to bipyridine and equatorial/*trans* to pyridine, respectively, in accordance with the orientation defined in the main-text. The lowest energy multiplicity is defined as 0.



Figure C31. Relative energies for multiplicities of $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(L_{ax})(L_{eq})]^{n+}$ complexes with formal oxidation states of +3. L_{ax} and L_{eq} represent ligands axial/*trans* to bipyridine and equatorial/*trans* to pyridine, respectively, in accordance with the orientation defined in the main-text. The lowest energy multiplicity is defined as 0.


 $(NH_2)(NH_2)$ $(NH)(NH_3)$ $(NH_3)(NH)$ $(NH_2)(NH_3)$ **Figure C32.** Relative energies for multiplicities of $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(L_{ax})(L_{eq})]^{n+}$ complexes with formal oxidation states of +4. L_{ax} and L_{eq} represent ligands axial/*trans* to bipyridine and equatorial/*trans* to pyridine, respectively, in accordance with the orientation defined in the main-text. The lowest energy multiplicity is defined as 0.



Figure C33. Relative energies for multiplicities of $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(L_{ax})(L_{eq})]^{n+}$ complexes with formal oxidation states of +5. L_{ax} and L_{eq} represent ligands axial/*trans* to bipyridine and equatorial/*trans* to pyridine, respectively, in accordance with the orientation defined in the main-text. The lowest energy multiplicity is defined as 0.

Table C2. Gibbs free energy, oxidation state (O.S.), charge, and multiplicity for each compound studied in this work. The naming convention for $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(L_{ax})(L_{eq})]^{n+}$, where L_{ax} and L_{eq} represent ligands axial/*trans* to bipyridine and equatorial/*trans* to pyridine, respectively, in accordance with the orientation defined in the main-text, is Fe(L_{ax})(L_{eq}).

Compound	O.S.	Charge	Multiplicity	Gibbs Free Energy (Fr)
Fe(MeCN)(NH ₂)	2	2	1	$-2520\ 170506$
Fe(MeCN)(NH ₃)	2	2	3	-2520.134781
Fe(MeCN)(NH ₃)	$\frac{2}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	-2520.126099
$Fe(N_2H_4)(NH_3)$	2	2	1	-2499.275282
$Fe(N_2H_4)(NH_3)$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	-2499.239539
$Fe(N_2H_4)(NH_3)$	2	$\frac{-}{2}$	5	-2499.231216
$Fe(NH_3)(N_2H_4)$	2	2	1	-2499.280876
$Fe(NH_3)(N_2H_4)$	2	2	3	-2499.247766
$Fe(NH_3)(N_2H_4)$	2	2	5	-2499.236084
$Fe(\eta^2 - N_2H_4)$	2	2	1	-2442.758364
$Fe(\eta^1 - N_2H_4)^*$	2	2	3	-2442.747149
$Fe(\eta^1-N_2H_4)^*$	2	2	5	-2442.727913
Fe(NH ₃) ₂	2	2	1	-2444.013227
Fe(NH ₃) ₂	2	2	3	-2443.981207
$Fe(NH_3)_2$	2	2	5	-2443.973412
$Fe(NH_2)(NH_3)$	3	2	2	-2443.388803
Fe(NH ₂)(NH ₃)	3	2	4	-2443.357443
Fe(NH ₂)(NH ₃)	3	2	6	-2443.34405
Fe(NH ₃)(NH ₂)	3	2	2	-2443.383476
Fe(NH ₃)(NH ₂)	3	2	4	-2443.352874
$Fe(NH_3)(NH_2)$	3	2	6	-2443.337927
Fe(MeCN)(NH ₃)	3	3	2	-2519.973567
Fe(MeCN)(NH ₃)	3	3	4	-2519.933032
Fe(MeCN)(NH ₃)	3	3	6	-2519.918134
Fe(NH ₃)(NHNH ₂)	3	2	2	-2498.67244
Fe(NH ₃)(NHNH ₂)	3	2	4	-2498.635561
Fe(NH ₃)(NHNH ₂)	3	2	6	-2498.628327
Fe(NHNH ₂)(NH ₃)	3	2	2	-2498.676109
Fe(NHNH ₂)(NH ₃)	3	2	4	-2498.639554
Fe(NHNH ₂)(NH ₃)	3	2	6	-2498.628596
Fe(MeCN)(NH ₂)	3	2	2	-2519.534136
Fe(MeCN)(NH ₂)	3	2	4	-2519.498649
Fe(MeCN)(NH ₂)	3	2	6	-2519.48518
$Fe(NH_2)(NH_2)$	4	2	3	-2442.748256
$Fe(NH_2)(NH_2)$	4	2	1	-2442.739497

Compound	O.S.	Charge	Multiplicity	Gibbs Free Energy (E _h)
$Fe(NH_2)(NH_2)$	4	2	5	-2442.713299
Fe(NH)(NH ₃)	4	2	3	-2442.74475
Fe(NH)(NH ₃)	4	2	1	-2442.737322
Fe(NH)(NH ₃)	4	2	5	-2442.680746
Fe(NH ₃)(NH)	4	2	3	-2442.734741
Fe(NH ₃)(NH)	4	2	1	-2442.72829
Fe(NH ₃)(NH)	4	2	5	-2442.707865
Fe(NH ₂)(NH ₃)	4	3	3	-2443.173804
Fe(NH ₂)(NH ₃)	4	3	1	-2443.170371
Fe(NH ₂)(NH ₃)	4	3	5	-2443.137346
$Fe(N)(NH_3)$	5	2	2	-2442.125412
Fe(N)(NH ₃)	5	2	4	-2442.090902
$Fe(NH_3)(N)$	5	2	2	-2442.11944
$Fe(NH_3)(N)$	5	2	4	-2442.088784
Fe(NH)(NH ₂)	5	2	4	-2442.099408
Fe(NH)(NH ₂)	5	2	2	-2442.097272
Fe(NH)(NH ₃)	5	3	2	-2442.526792
Fe(NH)(NH ₃)	5	3	4	-2442.519145
$Fe(NH_2)(NH_2)$	5	3	4	-2442.516784
Fe(NH ₂)(NH ₂)	5	3	2	-2442.514531
MeCN	_	0	1	-132.6671601
NH_3	—	0	1	-56.50501517
N_2H_4	_	0	1	-111.7692421
Ferrocene	2	0	1	-1650.613945
Ferrocenium	3	1	2	-1650.439308
TEMPO	_	0	2	-483.24406649
TEMPOH	_	0	1	-483.83585272

* For Fe(N₂H₄), calculations with multiplicities of 3 or 5 resulted in optimized geometries containing η^1 -N₂H₄ moieities; η^2 -N₂H₄ coordination was only observed for the lowest energy singlet state.

Cartesian coordinates in angstrom units are provided. The naming convention is $[(bpyPy_2Me)Fe(L_{ax})(L_{eq})]^{n+}$, where L_{ax} and L_{eq} represent ligands axial/*trans* to bipyridine and equatorial/*trans* to pyridine, respectively, in accordance with the orientation defined in the main-text.

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MeCN, multiplicity = 1

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NH₃, multiplicity = 1

N -3.4062600000 2.0314360000 -0.0471600000

H -2.3807850000 1.9549480000 0.0223060000 H -3.6991510000 2.1535560000 0.9330710000

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N_2H_4 , multiplicity = 1

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Η	-5.08293721478638	1.08382092202259	0.79073703827746
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Η	-4.69565325326846	-0.98783209975199	-0.16372998040384
Η	-6.16110020380625	-0.97258000455531	-0.79073473880964
Η	-6.16110020380625	-0.97258000455531	-0.7907347388096

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Supplementary Information for Chapter 5

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D.1 General procedures

General Considerations: All manipulations of inorganic complexes were carried out using standard Schlenk or glovebox techniques under an N2 or Ar atmosphere. Unless otherwise noted, solvents were deoxygenated and dried by thoroughly sparging with N₂ gas followed by passage through an activated alumina column in a solvent purification system (SG Water, USA LLC). For electrochemical measurements under an Ar atmosphere, solvents were further degassed and then stored under Ar. All solvents were stored over activated 3 or 4 Å molecular sieves prior to use. Anhydrous ammonia gas was dried by passage through a calcium oxide drying tube. All reagents were purchased from commercial vendors and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Tris(2-pyridylmethyl)amine (TPA),¹ tris(2-pyridylmethylamine) iron(II) triflate bis-acetonitrile ([(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂),² 6- $(BPM)^3$ (1,1-di(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine 6-(1,1-di(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'bipyridine iron(II) triflate bis-acetonitrile $([(BPM)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2),^4$ bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridin-2-yl)methanone.⁵ tris(4-(dimethylamino)-2-picolyl)amine (TPA^{NMe2}),⁶ tris(4-methoxy-2-picolyl)amine (TPA^{OMe}),⁶ 4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine-2carboxaldehyde,⁷ 4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-ethylpyridine,⁸ bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridin-2vl)methanone,⁹ and methylenetriphenylphosphorane¹⁰ were synthesized according to literature procedures.

Electrochemistry: Voltammetry experiments were carried out with a Biologic VSP-300 or CH Instruments 600B potentiostat using a one-compartment three-electrode cell, and coulometry experiments were carried out with a Biologic VSP-300 potentiostat using a one-compartment three-electrode cell with a septum capped 14/20 joint for headspace analysis.

For voltammetry, a boron-doped diamond (BDD) working electrode (3 mm diameter), a Pt wire counter electrode, and an Ag/AgOTf reference electrode (5 mM AgOTf and 0.1 M TBAPF₆ in MeCN) were employed. For controlled potential coulometry (CPC), the same reference electrode was used, but a BDD plate (geometric area: 4 cm²) and a Pt mesh were used as working and counter electrodes, respectively. All redox potentials in the present work are reported versus the Fc/Fc⁺ couple, measured before each experiment to be approximately +0.12 V versus the Ag/AgOTf reference electrode.

Cyclic voltammograms (CVs) were collected at 100 mV·s⁻¹ unless otherwise specified. $E_{1/2}$ values for the reversible waves were obtained from the half potential between the oxidative and reductive peaks. CV measurements were performed applying IR compensation, compensating 85% of the resistance measured at one high frequency value (100 kHz).

Gas Chromatography: Gas chromatography was performed in the Caltech Environmental Analysis Center using HP 5890 Series II instruments. Gas quantification was performed with a molecular sieve column attached to a thermal conductivity detector using argon as the carrier gas. Standard curves were generated by direct injection of hydrogen or nitrogen gas. Quantification of background nitrogen was determined using the background oxygen signal. Isotopic measurements were performed with a separate HP 5890 Series II instrument equipped with a GasPro column using helium as the carrier gas.

NMR: NMR spectroscopy was performed using Varian and Bruker 400 MHz NMR spectrometers equipped with broadband auto-tune probes. ¹H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane, using residual solvent resonances as internal standards.

UV-Vis: Spectra were collected using a Cary 60 instrument with Cary WinUV software.

X-ray Crystallography: XRD studies were carried out at the Caltech Beckman Institute Crystallography Facility on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer (Cu K α radiation). The crystals were mounted on a glass fiber under Paratone N oil. Structures were solved using direct methods with SHELXS or SHELXT and refined against F² on all data by full-matrix least squares with SHELXL.¹¹ All of the solutions were performed in the Olex2 program.¹²

TPA derivatives

TPA^{CF3} (tris(4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-picolyl)amine)



Ammonium chloride (15 mg, 1 eq), 4-(trifluoromethyl)-pyridine-2-carbaldehyde (250 mg, 5 eq), and triethylamine (44 μ L, 1.1 eq) were combined in dichloromethane (5 mL). Sodium triacetoxyborohydride (270 mg, 4.5 eq) was added as a solid, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h. A saturated aqueous solution of sodium carbonate was added, and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted twice with dichloromethane, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The remaining oil was dissolved in ethyl acetate and added to a silica plug. The silica plug was eluted with ethyl acetate until the eluent was colorless, then the product was eluted with methanol, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield a yellow oil (48 mg, 34% yield).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.71 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 3H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 4.07 (s, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) = 160.55 (s), 150.19 (s), 138.85 (q, J = 34.1 Hz), 122.74 (q, J = 273.3 Hz), 118.82 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 117.87 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 60.55 (s).

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) = -65.1 (s).

MS (ESI, UHPLC-MS (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₂₁H₁₅F₉N₄ + H, [M+H]⁺: 495.1, found: 495.1.

General note about the synthesis of iron compounds: For the preparation of the following iron complexes, only the crystalline yield for the first crop of crystals is reported. Higher yields can be obtained if the supernatant is concentrated and recrystallized.

[(TPA^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2



White solids TPA^{NMe2} (tris(4-(dimethylamino)-2-picolyl)amine) (30 mg, 1 eq) and FeOTf₂ \cdot 2 MeCN (31 mg, 1 eq) were each dissolved in 0.4 mL acetonitrile. The solution of FeOTf₂ was added to the solution of TPA^{NMe2}, instantly producing a pale orange-brown solution. The solution was filtered through Celite, and diethyl ether (2 mL) was layered on top of the filtrate. This mixture was placed in a freezer (-30 °C) until a purple-gray (this compound changes color with varying temperature) precipitate appeared. The precipitate was isolated by decanting the supernatant and drying under vacuum (50.7 mg, 83% yield).

¹H NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 400.15 MHz): δ (ppm) = 94.92 (s), 93.33 (s), 43.73 (s), 35.32 (s), 15.88 (s).

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) = -77.1.

UV-vis (MeCN): nm [cm⁻¹M⁻¹]): 225 [20000], 283 [40000], 342 [3900].

MS (ESI, direct injection in MeCN, m/z): calculated for C₂₅H₃₃N₇O₃F₃SFe, [M]⁺: 624.2, found: 624.3.

Electrochemistry: $E_{1/2} = 0.21$ V vs Fc/Fc⁺ (MeCN, 0.1 M TBAPF₆, BDD disk electrode).

[(TPA^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2



White solids TPA^{OMe} (tris(4-methoxy-2-picolyl)amine) (25 mg, 1 eq) and FeOTf₂ · 2 MeCN (29 mg, 1 eq) were each dissolved in 0.25 mL acetonitrile. The solution of FeOTf₂ was added to the solution of TPA^{OMe}, instantly producing a purple-red solution. The solution was filtered through Celite, and diethyl ether (2 mL) was layered on top of the filtrate. This mixture was placed in a freezer (-30 °C) until dark purple needle-shaped crystals appeared. The precipitate was isolated by decanting the supernatant and drying under vacuum (34.7 mg, 64% yield).

¹H NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 400.15 MHz): δ (ppm) = 38.51 (s), 30.31 (s), 22.62 (s), 20.02 (s), 4.63 (s).

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) = -78.1.

UV-vis (MeCN): nm [cm⁻¹M⁻¹]): 235 [24000], 339 [5100], 375 [4700].

MS (ESI, direct injection in MeCN, m/z): calculated for C₂₂H₂₄N₄O₆F₃SFe, [M]⁺: 585.1, found: 585.2.

Electrochemistry: $E_{1/2} = 0.55$ V vs Fc/Fc⁺ (MeCN, 0.1 M TBAPF₆, BDD disk electrode).

[(TPACF3)Fe(MeCN)2]OTf2



Yellow oil TPA^{CF3} (tris(4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-picolyl)amine) (72 mg, 1 eq) and white solid FeOTf₂ · 2 MeCN (63 mg, 1 eq) were each dissolved in 0.5 mL acetonitrile. The solution of FeOTf₂ was added to the solution of TPA^{CF3}, instantly producing a purple-red solution. The solution was filtered through Celite, and diethyl ether (2 mL) was layered on top of the filtrate. This mixture was placed in a freezer (-30 °C) until dark red-brown crystals appeared. The precipitate was isolated by decanting the supernatant and drying under vacuum (47.5 mg, 35% yield).

¹H NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 400.15 MHz): δ (ppm) = 11.07 (s), 8.43 (s), 5.86 (s), 3.66 (s). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) = -65.9 (s), -78.9 (s). UV-vis (MeCN): nm [cm⁻¹M⁻¹]): 225 [9900], 262 [13000], 388 [6600], 428 [8900].

MS (ESI, direct injection in MeCN, m/z): calculated for C₂₂H₁₅N₄O₃F₁₂SFe, [M]⁺: 699.0, found: 699.0.

Electrochemistry: $E_{p/2} = 1.09 \text{ V}$ (irreversible) vs Fc/Fc⁺ (MeCN, 0.1 M TBAPF₆, BDD disk electrode).

<u>BPM – dipyridyl substitution</u>

2,2'-(ethene-1,1-diyl)bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridine)



Note: This compound was prepared with modifications to the literature procedure for 2,2'- (ethene-1,1-diyl)dipyridine.¹³ Notably, poor performance was observed when methylenetriphenylphosphorane was generated *in situ*, presumably due to residual potassium salts (i.e., KBr).

Bis(4-dimethylaminopyridin-2-yl)methanone (406 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1 eq) was suspended in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (15 mL, 0.1 M) in a glovebox and cooled to -30 °C, after which isolated methylenetriphenylphosphorane (435 mg, 1.58 mmol, 1.05 eq) was added in one portion. This mixture was warmed to room temperature and allowed to react for at least 4 h (reaction times up to overnight have no deleterious impact). Outside of the glovebox, the reaction was quenched with minimal water and concentrated to yield a viscous orange-red oil. The oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography by loading with dichloromethane, eluting the triphenylphosphine oxide with 3:1 ethyl acetate:acetone plus 1% triethylamine, then eluting the product with acetone plus 1% triethylamine to afford a white crystalline solid (346 mg, 86% yield).

 $R_f = 0.3$ (acetone plus 1% triethylamine; TLC plates treated with triethylamine).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.29 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 3.00 (s, 12H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) = 158.66 (s), 154.77 (s), 150.57 (s), 149.32 (s), 118.66 (s), 106.38 (s), 105.47 (s), 39.18 (s).

HRMS (ESI, TOF (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₁₆H₂₀N₄ + H, [M+H]⁺: 269.1761, found: 269.1763.

2,2'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridine)



2,2'-(ethene-1,1-diyl)bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridine) (268 mg, 1 mmol, 1 eq), Pd/C (43 mg, 5% by mass Pd, 0.02 eq), and activated carbon (134 mg, 0.5 mass eq) were suspended in methanol (10 mL, 0.1 M). The headspace of this mixture was purged with nitrogen and then hydrogen. A hydrogen atmosphere was maintained using a balloon, and the mixture was allowed to react for 12 h. The suspension was allowed to settle, and the solution was filtered through Celite. The remaining solids were washed with methanol, and the supernatant was filtered through Celite. The combined solution was concentrated, dissolved in dichloromethane, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated again to afford an off-white

crystalline solid after gentle heating under vacuum. (247 mg, 91% yield). This material was used without further purification.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.19 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (s, 12H), 1.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) = 164.30 (s), 154.84 (s), 149.03 (s), 105.02 (s), 104.81 (s), 50.39 (s), 39.13 (s), 19.94 (s).

MS (ESI, UHPLC-MS (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₁₆H₂₂N₄ + H, [M+H]⁺: 271.2, found: 271.2.

HRMS (ESI, TOF (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₁₆H₂₂N₄ + H, [M+H]⁺: 271.1917, found: 271.1919.

BPM^{NMe2} (6-(1,1-bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine)



This compound was prepared by analogy to the parent ligand.³ In a Schlenk tube under nitrogen, 2,2'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (135 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq) was

dissolved in 2 mL dry tetrahydrofuran and cooled in a dry ice/acetone bath. A 1.6 M *n*-BuLi solution in hexanes (0.31 mL, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq) was added dropwise via syringe, and the solution turned yellow-orange. The mixture was stirred for 45 additional minutes, then 6-bromo-2,2'-bipyridine (118 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq) was added as a solution in 0.5 mL tetrahydrofuran. The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 16 h, after which time the reaction was quenched with water. The solution was concentrated, transferred to a separatory funnel, and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic fractions were concentrated and purified via column chromatography on neutral alumina using methanol:dichloromethane (1:49) to afford a waxy colorless solid. (163 mg, 77% yield).

 $R_f = 0.2$ (methanol; TLC plates treated with methanol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.56 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dt, J = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, J = 5.8, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.31 – 6.25 (m, 4H), 2.79 (s, 12H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) = 166.41 (s), 165.44 (s), 156.89 (s), 154.50 (s), 154.27 (s), 148.86 (s), 148.79 (s), 136.66 (s), 136.48 (s), 124.42 (s), 123.30 (s), 121.47 (s), 117.99 (s), 106.72 (s), 104.38 (s), 60.37 (s), 39.04 (s), 27.16 (s).

MS (ESI, UHPLC-MS (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₂₆H₂₈N₆ + H, [M+H]⁺: 425.3, found: 425.3.

HRMS (ESI, TOF (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₂₆H₂₈N₆ + H, [M+H]⁺: 425.2448, found: 425.2448.

bis(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)methanone



This compound was prepared by analogy to the known analogue, bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridin-2-yl)methanone.⁵ In a 100 mL flask under nitrogen, 2-bromo-4methoxypyridine (0.7 g, 3.7 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in 30 mL dry diethyl ether and cooled in a dry ice/acetone bath. A 1.7 M t-BuLi solution in pentane (4.4 mL, 7.4 mmol, 2 eq) was added dropwise via syringe, and the solution slowly turned red-orange. The mixture was stirred for 5 additional minutes before neat ethyl chloroformate (0.18 mL, 1.8 mmol, 0.5 eq) was added all at once via syringe, after which the solution darkened. The solution was stirred 30 additional minutes in the dry ice/acetone bath, warmed to approximately 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and then quenched with water. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with additional diethyl ether. The combined organic fractions were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was eluted through a plug of silica using acetone and then purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:1 ethyl acetate: acetone plus 1% triethylamine; $R_f = 0.3$) to yield an off-white solid (0.267 g, 59%) yield). This material can be crystallized from cold 1:3 acetone:diethyl ether.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.56 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 0.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 0.5 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) = 193.11 (s), 166.28 (s), 156.11 (s), 150.42 (s), 112.73 (s), 110.93 (s), 55.53 (s).

MS (ESI, UHPLC-MS (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₁₃H₁₂N₂O₃ + H, [M+H]⁺: 245.1, found: 245.1.

HRMS (ESI, TOF (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₁₃H₁₂N₂O₃ + H, [M+H]⁺: 245.0921, found: 245.0927.

2,2'-(ethene-1,1-diyl)bis(4-(methoxypyridine)



Note: This compound was prepared with modifications to the literature procedure for 2,2'- (ethene-1,1-diyl)dipyridine.¹³ Notably, poor performance was observed when methylenetriphenylphosphorane was generated *in-situ*, presumably due to residual potassium salts (i.e., KBr).

Bis(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)methanone (366 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (15 mL, 0.1 M) in a glovebox and cooled to -30 °C, after which isolated methylenetriphenylphosphorane (435 mg, 1.58 mmol, 1.05 eq) was added in one portion.

This mixture was warmed to room temperature and allowed to react for at least 4 h (reaction times up to overnight have no deleterious impact). Outside of the glovebox, the reaction was quenched with minimal water and concentrated to yield a viscous orange-red oil. The oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography by loading with dichloromethane, eluting the triphenylphosphine oxide with 4:1 ethyl acetate:acetone plus 1% triethylamine, then eluting the product with 3:1 ethyl acetate:acetone plus 1% triethylamine to afford an off-white crystalline solid (269 mg, 74% yield).

 $R_{\rm f}=0.3$ (4:1 ethyl acetate:acetone plus 1% triethylamine; TLC plates treated with triethylamine).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.49 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.04 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) = 166.05 (s), 159.50 (s), 150.57 (s), 148.72 (s), 120.38 (s), 109.55 (s), 108.54 (s), 55.14 (s).

HRMS (ESI, TOF (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₁₄H₁₄N₂O₂ + H, [M+H]⁺: 243.1128, found: 243.1133.

2,2'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4-methoxypyridine)



2,2'-(ethene-1,1-diyl)bis(4-methoxypyridine) (242 mg, 1 mmol, 1 eq), Pd/C (43 mg, 5% by mass Pd, 0.02 eq), and activated carbon (121 mg, 0.5 mass eq) were suspended in methanol (10 mL, 0.1 M). The headspace of this mixture was purged with nitrogen and then hydrogen. A hydrogen atmosphere was maintained using a balloon, and the mixture was allowed to react for 12 h. The suspension was allowed to settle, and the solution was filtered through Celite. The remaining solids were washed with methanol, and the supernatant was filtered through Celite. The combined solution was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford a white solid (127 mg, 52% yield).

Chromatography: Silica was slurry-packed with 1:19 methanol:dichloromethane then equilibrated with 1:49 methanol:dichloromethane. A gradient of 1:49 to 1:19 methanol:dichloromethane was used to elute the product, as well as a dimeric product characterized below.

 $R_f = 0.3$ (1:19 methanol:dichloromethane).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.36 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 1.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) = 166.09 (s), 165.52 (s), 150.34 (s), 108.26 (s), 107.90 (s), 55.03 (s), 49.99 (s), 19.67 (s).

MS (ESI, UHPLC-MS (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₁₄H₁₆N₂O₂ + H, [M+H]⁺: 245.1, found: 245.1.

HRMS (ESI, TOF (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₁₄H₁₆N₂O₂ + H, [M+H]⁺: 245.1285, found: 245.1287.

Byproduct from synthesis of 2,2'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4-methoxypyridine):

2,2',2'',2'''- 2,2',2'''-(butane-1,1,3,3-tetrayl)tetrakis(4-methoxypyridine)



Isolated from the above reaction as a pale oil (75.6 mg, 31% yield).

 $R_f = 0.1$ (1:19 methanol:dichloromethane).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.31 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) = 168.19 (s), 165.72 (s), 165.58 (s), 165.11 (s), 149.76 (s), 149.64 (s), 108.52 (s), 108.12 (s), 107.20 (s), 54.96 (s), 54.87 (s), 52.99 (s), 51.92 (s), 44.21 (s), 25.63 (s).

HRMS (ESI, TOF (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₂₈H₃₀N₄O₄ + H, [M+H]⁺: 487.2340, found: 487.2361.

BPM^{OMe} (6-(1,1-bis(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine)



This compound was prepared by analogy to the parent ligand.³ In a Schlenk tube under nitrogen, 2,2'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4-methoxypyridine (122 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in 2 mL dry tetrahydrofuran and cooled in a dry ice/acetone bath. A 1.6 M *n*-BuLi solution in hexanes (0.31 mL, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq) was added dropwise via syringe, and the solution turned yellow-orange. The mixture was stirred for 45 additional minutes, then 6-bromo-2,2'-bipyridine (118 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq) was added as a solution in 0.5 mL tetrahydrofuran. The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 24 h, after which time the reaction was quenched with water. The solution was concentrated, transferred to a separatory funnel, and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic fractions were concentrated and purified via column chromatography to afford a white solid (166 mg, 83% yield).

Chromatography: Silica was slurry-packed with 1:49 methanol:dichloromethane then equilibrated with 1:99 methanol:dichloromethane. A gradient of 1:99 to 1:19 methanol:dichloromethane was used to elute the product.

 $R_{\rm f} = 0.3$ (1:9 methanol:dichloromethane).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.56 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 1.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 8.20 (ddt, *J* = 8.8, 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (td, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (ddd, *J* = 5.6, 2.4, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 6H), 2.32 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) = 167.66 (s), 165.72 (s), 164.37 (s), 156.55 (s), 154.55 (s), 150.12 (s), 148.88 (s), 136.87 (s), 136.71 (s), 123.94 (s), 123.46 (s), 121.30 (s), 118.37 (s), 110.37 (s), 106.96 (s), 60.23 (s), 54.96 (s), 27.10 (s).

MS (ESI, UHPLC-MS (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₂₄H₂₂N₄O₂ + H, [M+H]⁺: 399.2, found: 399.1.

HRMS (ESI, TOF (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₂₄H₂₂N₄O₂ + H, [M+H]⁺: 399.1816, found: 399.1821.

2,2'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine)



This compound was prepared by analogy to the procedure reported for the parent dipyridylethane.¹⁴ In a Schlenk tube under nitrogen, 2-ethyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (876 mg, 2 eq) was dissolved in THF (7 mL) and cooled to -78 °C while stirring. A 2.0 M solution of lithium diisopropylamide in THF/heptane/ethylbenzene (2.5 mL, 2 eq) was added dropwise via syringe, and the solution turned dark purple. The solution was warmed to room temperature for 5 minutes then cooled to -78 °C prior to dropwise addition of a cooled solution of 2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (413 mg, 1 eq) in THF (3 mL). The reaction was warmed to room temperature after which it was stirred for 30 minutes then quenched with water. The mixture was concentrated, diluted in water, and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic extract was dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated, subjected to a silica plug with 1:4 ethyl acetate:hexane, and concentrated to a yellow oil that was used without further purification (0.15 g, 19% yield).

 $R_f = 0.3$ (1:9 ethyl acetate:hexane).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.73 (dt, *J* = 5.1, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.37 (ddd, *J* = 5.1, 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): 164.46 (s), 150.34 (s), 138.89 (q, *J* = 33.9 Hz), 122.80 (q, *J* = 273.3 Hz), 118.10 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 117.49 (q, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 49.90 (s), 19.79 (s).

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) = -64.8 (s).

MS (ESI, UHPLC-MS (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₁₄H₁₀N₂F₆ + H, [M+H]⁺: 321.1, found: 321.1.





This compound was prepared by analogy to the parent ligand.³ In a Schlenk tube under nitrogen, 2,2'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4-trifluoromethyl)pyridine (0.1 g, 1 eq) was dissolved in 3 mL tetrahydrofuran and cooled in a dry ice/acetone bath. A 2.0 M lithium diisopropylamide solution in THF/heptane/ethylbenzene (0.16 mL, 1.05 eq) was added dropwise via syringe, and the solution turned red. The mixture was stirred for 5 additional minutes then warmed to room temperature. The solution was returned to the dry ice/acetone bath before 6-bromo-2,2'-bipyridine (0.073 g, 1 eq) was added as a solid. The solution was warmed to room temperature then heated to 70 °C for 1.5 d, after which time the reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with water. The solution was concentrated, transferred to a separatory funnel, and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic fractions were dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated, and purified via silica gel column chromatography using 1:4 ethyl acetate:hexane to afford a viscous yellow oil (0.075 g, 51% yield).

 $R_f = 0.2$ (1:4 ethyl acetate:hexane).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.68 (dt, *J* = 5.1, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 8.57 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 7.9)

Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dt, *J* = 1.6, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (ddd, *J* = 5.1, 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) = 167.10 (s), 162.96 (s), 155.88 (s), 154.91 (s), 149.53 (s), 148.97 (s), 138.11 (q, *J* = 33.7 Hz), 137.60 (s), 136.83 (s), 123.78 (s), 123.09 (s), 122.92 (q, *J* = 273.6 Hz), 121.08 (s), 119.57 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 118.96 (s), 117.13 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 60.54 (s), 27.10 (s).

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) = -64.7 (s).

MS (ESI, UHPLC-MS (CH₃CO₂H), m/z): calculated for C₂₄H₁₆N₄F₆ + H, [M+H]⁺: 475.1, found: 475.1.

[(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂



White solids BPM^{NMe2} (6-(1,1-bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine) (30 mg, 1 eq) and FeOTf₂ · 2 MeCN (31 mg, 1 eq) were each dissolved in 0.5 mL acetonitrile. The solution of FeOTf₂ was added to the solution of BPM^{NMe2}, instantly producing a purple solution. The solution was filtered through a glass microfilter, and diethyl ether (2 mL) was layered on top of the filtrate. This mixture was placed in a freezer (-30 °C) until a purple precipitate appeared. The precipitate was isolated by decanting the supernatant and drying under vacuum (50.7 mg, 83% yield).

¹H NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 400.15 MHz): δ (ppm) = 9.55 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (td, *J* = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 12H), 2.70 (s, 3H).

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) = -79.3.

UV-vis (MeCN): nm [cm⁻¹M⁻¹]): 331 [12000], 393 [4400], 498 [2800], 528 [3200].

MS (ESI, direct injection in MeCN, m/z): calculated for C₂₇H₂₈N₆O₃F₃SFe, [M]⁺: 629.1, found: 629.2.

Electrochemistry: $E_{1/2} = 0.45$ V vs Fc/Fc⁺ (MeCN, 0.1 M TBAPF₆, BDD disk electrode).

[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂



White solids BPM^{OMe} (6-(1,1-bis(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine) (26 mg, 1 eq) and FeOTf₂ · 2 MeCN (28.5 mg, 1 eq) were each dissolved in 0.3 mL acetonitrile. The solution of FeOTf₂ was added to the solution of BPM^{OMe}, instantly producing a purple solution. The solution was filtered through a glass microfilter, and diethyl ether (1.5 mL) was layered on top of the filtrate. This mixture was placed in a freezer (-30 °C) until a purple precipitate appeared. The precipitate was isolated by decanting the supernatant and drying under vacuum (50.2 mg, 92% yield).

¹H NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 400.15 MHz): δ (ppm) = 9.57 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.94 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dt, *J* = 13.5, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 6H), 2.74 (s, 3H).

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) = -79.3.

UV-vis (MeCN): nm [cm⁻¹M⁻¹]): 305 [24000], 338 [5500], 387 [3500], 496 [2900].

MS (ESI, direct injection in MeCN, m/z): calculated for C₂₅H₂₂N₄O₅F₃SFe, [M]⁺: 603.1, found: 603.2.

Electrochemistry: $E_{1/2} = 0.69$ V vs Fc/Fc⁺ (MeCN, 0.1 M TBAPF₆, BDD disk electrode).

[(BPM^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂



Yellow oil BPM^{CF3} (6-(1,1-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine) (87.8 mg, 1 eq) and white solid FeOTf₂ · 2 MeCN (80.6 mg, 1 eq) were each dissolved in 0.3 mL acetonitrile. The solution of FeOTf₂ was added to the solution of BPM^{CF3}, instantly producing an orange solution. The solution was filtered through a glass microfilter, and diethyl ether (1.5 mL) was layered on top of the filtrate. This mixture was placed in a freezer (-30 °C) until an orange-red precipitate appeared. The precipitate was isolated by decanting the supernatant and drying under vacuum (163.8 mg, 97% yield).

¹H NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 400.15 MHz): δ (ppm) = 9.57 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 9.53 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dt, *J* = 15.7, 7.9 Hz, 3H), 8.15 (s, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H).

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (25 °C, CD₃CN, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) = -65.3, -79.3.

UV-vis (MeCN): nm [cm⁻¹M⁻¹]): 259 [16000], 301 [19000], 361 [4100], 425 [6000], 463 [5000].

MS (ESI, direct injection in MeCN, m/z): calculated for C₂₅H₁₆N₄O₃F₉SFe: 679.0, found: 679.2.

Electrochemistry: $E_{p/2} = 0.96$ V (irreversible) vs Fc/Fc⁺ (MeCN, 0.1 M TBAPF₆, BDD disk electrode).

D3. Additional voltammetry data related to E°



Figure D1. Correlation between half-wave $(E_{1/2})$ and half-peak $(E_{p/2})$ potentials for both $[(TPA^R)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ and $[(BPM^R)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ for $R = NMe_2$, OMe, H. Potentials are reported versus Fc/Fc⁺.



Figure D2. Electrochemical data for $[(TPA^R)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ (left) and $[(BPM^R)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ (right) analyzed using a Hammett parameter. E° represents $E_{1/2}$ or $E_{p/2}$ and is plotted as a function of Hammett σ_p . From left to right, R = NMe₂, OMe, H, CF₃.

D4. Additional voltammetry data for R = CF₃



Figure D3. Cyclic voltammetry (2 scans at 100 mV/s) of $[(TPA^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ in acetonitrile using 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate as supporting electrolyte.



Figure D4. Randles–Ševčík plot from cyclic voltammograms of $[(TPA^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ in acetonitrile using 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate as supporting electrolyte. The linear behavior is indicative of a freely diffusing, non-catalytic electroactive species, which, when combined with similar peak currents between scans, corroborates assignment of this redox feature as reversible.



Figure D5. Cyclic voltammetry (2 scans at 100 mV/s) of $[(BPM^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ in acetonitrile using 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate as supporting electrolyte.



Figure D6. Randles–Ševčík plot from cyclic voltammograms of $[(BPM^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ in acetonitrile using 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate as supporting electrolyte. The linear behavior is indicative of a freely diffusing, non-catalytic electroactive species, which, when combined with similar peak currents between scans, corroborates assignment of this redox feature as reversible.

D5. *E*¹ voltammetry



Figure D7. Differential pulse voltammetry of $[(TPA^R)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ in acetonitrile with 50 equiv. NH₃ using 0.05 M ammonium triflate as supporting electrolyte with BDD WE. Peak locations (indicated by vertical bars in plot) were picked using the peak picking function in EC-Lab.


Figure D8. Differential pulse voltammetry of $[(BPM^R)Fe(MeCN)_2]^{2+}$ in acetonitrile with 50 equiv. NH₃ using 0.05 M ammonium triflate as supporting electrolyte with BDD WE. Peak locations (indicated by vertical bars in plot) were picked using the peak picking function in EC-Lab.

D6. Catalytic controlled potential coulometry experiments

The data in the main text related to catalytic activity versus E° was obtained coulometrically. While such data is typically obtained from an assessment of catalytic current via voltammetric methods, the low faradaic efficiencies observed with some of the catalysts under our catalytic conditions make such analyses unadvisable. Lowered faradaic efficiencies are observed with more electron-donating R-substituents that also result in lower overall activity. This is partially due to the catalytic conditions required for uniform comparison of the systems, i.e., low overall ammonia concentration to prevent ligand demetallation for CF₃-substituted catalysts. Since the catalytic rate is dependent on ammonia concentration, using only 50 equiv. NH₃ results in lower rates and facilitates unproductive, reversible redox processes with early intermediates, for example Fe^{II}–NH₃ \rightleftharpoons Fe^{III}–NH₂, thus lowering the faradaic efficiency for N₂.

Coulometric analysis of turnover frequency can accurately reflect the intrinsic turnover frequency, provided that catalyst decomposition is negligible or equivalent between systems. Employing a high catalyst concentration (0.4 mM) as compared to the optimal concentration (0.05 mM) and a relatively short reaction time (8 h vs 48 h) both serve to mitigate effects related to catalyst loss.

Procedures for controlled potential coulometry (CPC)

Preparation of the BDD electrode: A 10 cm² boron-doped diamond (BDD) plate electrode (IKA) was physically attached to standard electrical wire, and the connection was covered

with Teflon tape. The surface area of the electrode submerged in solution was approximately 4 cm^2 .

BDD has a surface that exists in various states of reduction (H-terminated) and oxidation (O-terminated).¹⁵ In order to remove attached nitrogen and iron generated during controlled potential coulometry experiments and to ensure a reliable electrode surface prior to CPC measurements, the BDD plate electrode was oxidatively treated prior to use. First, the electrode was soaked in dilute nitric acid (~2 M) for 5 minutes. Then, a potential of 3.0 V vs Ag/AgCl was applied to the BDD electrode in a 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution for 10 minutes. The electrode was then thoroughly rinsed with water prior to use.

Preparation of the platinum counter electrode: In order to ensure a highly active Pt surface for HER prior to CPC experiments, the Pt mesh counter electrode was soaked in concentrated hydrochloric acid for at least 5 minutes prior to usage.

Preparation of the custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode: To ensure reliable potential measurements, the custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode was prepared prior to each CPC experiment then a CV of ferrocene was measured. In a glass tube fitted with a Vycor porous glass frit attached by Teflon heatshrink tubing, an acetonitrile solution containing 5 mM AgOTf and 0.1 M TBAPF₆ or 0.05 M NH₄OTf was added. A silver wire was placed inside and the electrode was sealed.

Preparation of ammonia solutions: Saturated 2 M solutions¹⁶ in acetonitrile were prepared by bubbling anhydrous ammonia through acetonitrile in a Schlenk tube under an

argon/ammonia atmosphere. More dilute stock solutions were immediately prepared from this saturated solution.

CPC: Inside an argon glovebox, a gas-tight electrochemical cell equipped with a 24/40 cap containing three tungsten rods for electrical contacts and a 14/20 joint carefully sealed with a Suba-Seal septum was prepared. A BDD plate electrode ($A = 4 \text{ cm}^2$), high surface area platinum mesh electrode, and custom Ag/AgOTf reference electrode were connected to the 24/40 cap. All chemical reagents were then rapidly added to the cell to prevent evaporation of ammonia, then the cell was sealed with the 24/40 cap. Prior to each CPC experiment, a ZIR and CV were taken. No IR compensation was applied for CPC measurements. The CPC experiment was conducted for 8–48 h, then the cell was removed from the glovebox for analysis by gas chromatography. For headspace analysis, 100 µL of the headspace was injected into a GC-TCD for quantification using a lockable Hamilton syringe with a 26S gauge needle.

Table D1. Results of catalytic CPC experiments performed at 0.85 V vs Fc/Fc⁺ for 8 h for examining the E_2 LFER with 0.4 mM [Fe] and 20 mM NH₃ (50 equivalents) in 10 mL acetonitrile total. Low ammonia concentrations were used to prevent demetallation.

Entry	Fe Source	Eq. N ₂	Charge (C)	FE N ₂ (%)	FE H ₂ (%)
1	[(TPA ^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	0.73	3.9	44	16
2	[(TPA ^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	0.51	8.2	14	14
3	[(TPA ^{OMe})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	1.5	24.8	14	16
4	[(TPA ^{OMe})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	1.4	25	13	18
5	[(TPA ^H)Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	3.3	18.3	42	44
6	[(TPA ^H)Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	2.9	15.6	44	42
7	[(TPA ^{CF3})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	4.0	14.4	65	56
8	[(TPA ^{CF3})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	3.7	19.7	43	51
9	[(BPM ^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	6.0	22.2	63	55
10	[(BPM ^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	6.3	24.1	61	55
11	[(BPM ^{OMe})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	12.8	34.4	87	75
12	[(BPM ^{OMe})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	12.7	39.1	76	68
13	[(BPM ^H)Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	14.4	41.0	82	73
14	[(BPM ^H)Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	12.6	39.2	75	67
15	[(BPM ^{CF3})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	7.4	18.5	94	82
16	[(BPM ^{CF3})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	9.4	24.3	90	84

Table D2. Results of catalytic CPC experiments performed at 0.85 V vs Fc/Fc⁺ for 48 h with 0.05 mM [Fe] and 100 mM NH₃ (2000 equivalents) in 10 mL acetonitrile total. Reload experiments are listed as x.1 and x.2 for the first and second experiment, respectively. The reload was stopped after 24 h when current ceased. LOQ indicates that too little gas was produced to exceed the limit of quantification.

Entry	Fe Source	Eq. N ₂	Charge (C)	FE N ₂ (%)	FE H ₂ (%)
1	[(BPM ^{OMe})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	383	108.9	102	83
1.1	[(BPM ^{OMe})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	52	17.8	85	75
2	[(BPM ^{OMe})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	381	113.9	98	86
3	[(BPM ^{OMe})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	rinse test	113.7	rinse test	rinse test
3 – rinse test	[(BPM ^{OMe})Fe(MeCN) ₂]OTf ₂	LOQ	1.5	LOQ	LOQ

Rinse test procedure: After performing 48 h of CPC (entry 3), the electrochemical cell was purged and opened inside of the glovebox to prevent exposure of the working electrode to ambient conditions. The working electrode was thoroughly rinsed with acetonitrile. Then, fresh acetonitrile containing 0.05 M NH₄OTf and 100 mM NH₃ (2000 equivalents) was added to the electrochemical cell, and the cell was resubjected to a potential of 0.85 V vs Fc/Fc^+ for 48 h (entry 3 – rinse test).



Figure D7. Cyclic voltammogram of 0.05 mM $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(N')_2]^{2+}$ in acetonitrile containing 0.05 M ammonium triflate electrolyte and 2000 equiv. NH₃ (0.1 M). A BDD plate working electrode, platinum mesh counter electrode, and Ag/AgOTf reference electrode were used.

D8. NMR spectra of iron complexes used for Evans method



Figure D8. ¹H NMR spectrum of [(TPA^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



6.3 6.2 6.1 6.0 5.9 5.8 5.7 5.6 5.5 5.4 5.3 5.2 5.1 5.0 4.9 4.8 4.7 4.6 4.5 4.4 4.3 4.2 4.1 4.0 3.9 3.8 3.7 3.8 3.5 3.4 3.3 3.2 ft (ppm)

Figure D9. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(TPA^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 145$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 4.4$.



Figure D10. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[(TPA^{NMe2})Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(TPA^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



Figure D11. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(TPA^{NMe2})Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(TPA^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 182$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 4.9$.



Figure D12. ¹H NMR spectrum of [(TPA^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



6.3 6.2 6.1 6.0 5.9 5.8 5.7 5.6 5.5 5.4 5.3 5.2 5.1 5.0 4.9 4.8 4.7 4.6 4.5 4.4 4.3 4.2 4.1 4.0 3.9 3.8 3.7 3.6 3. f1 (ppm)

Figure D13. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(TPA^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 62.9$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 2.9$.



Figure D14. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[(TPA^{OMe})Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(TPA^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



Figure D15. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(TPA^{OMe})Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(TPA^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 212$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 5.4$.



Figure D16. ¹H NMR spectrum of [(TPA)Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



65 64 63 62 61 60 59 58 57 56 55 54 53 52 51 50 49 48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41 40 39 38 37 36 35 f1(ppm)

Figure D17. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, Δf = 3.46 Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 0.68$.



Figure D18. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



Figure D19. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(TPA)Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(TPA)Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 200$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 5.2$.



Figure D20. ¹H NMR spectrum of [(TPA^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



6.3 6.2 6.1 6.0 5.9 5.8 5.7 5.6 5.5 5.4 5.3 5.2 5.1 5.0 4.9 4.8 4.7 4.6 4.5 4.4 4.3 4.2 4.1 4.0 3.9 3.8 3.7 3.6 3. ff (ppm)

Figure D21. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(TPA^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 4.74$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 0.78$.

Note: At the total NH₃/[Fe] concentrations required for NMR experiments, the TPA^{CF3} ligand dissociates, thus NMR data for $[(TPA^{CF3})Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ is unavailable.



Figure D22. ¹H NMR spectrum of [(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



6.4 6.3 6.2 6.1 6.0 5.9 5.8 5.7 5.6 5.5 5.4 5.3 5.2 5.1 5.0 4.9 4.8 4.7 4.6 4.5 4.4 4.3 4.2 4.1 4.0 3.9 3.8 3.7 3.6 3.5 3.4 f1 (com)

Figure D23. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 1.4$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 0.43$.



Figure D24. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



Figure D25. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for [(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(L)₂]OTf₂ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing [(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 7.0$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 0.96$.



Figure D26. ¹H NMR spectrum of [(BPM^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



3.5 6.4 6.3 6.2 6.1 6.0 5.9 5.8 5.7 5.6 5.5 5.4 5.3 5.2 5.1 5.0 4.9 4.8 4.7 4.6 4.5 4.4 4.3 4.2 4.1 4.0 3.9 3.8 3.7 3.6 3.5 3.4 3.3 fl(nom)

Figure D27. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 1.8$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 0.48$.



Figure D28. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



Figure D29. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 75 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 88.9$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 3.4$.



Figure D30. ¹H NMR spectrum of [(BPM^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in CD₃CN at 25 °C.



6.7 6.6 6.5 6.4 6.3 6.2 6.1 6.0 5.9 5.8 5.7 5.6 5.5 5.4 5.3 5.2 5.1 5.0 4.9 4.8 4.7 4.6 4.5 4.4 4.3 4.2 4.1 4.0 3.9 3.8 3.7 3.6 3.5 f1 (pm)

Figure D31. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(BPM^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 1.5$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 0.45$.



Figure D32. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[(BPM^{CF3})Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(BPM^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 5 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. Demetallation occurs with 75 equivalents.



Figure D33. Trimethoxybenzene signals used for Evan's method for $[(BPM^{CF3})Fe(L)_2]OTf_2$ (L = MeCN, NH₃), formed by mixing $[(BPM^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ with 5 equivalents of NH₃ in CD₃CN at 25 °C. Demetallation occurs with 75 equivalents. [Fe] = 0.011 M, $\Delta f = 1.2$ Hz, f = 400.15 MHz, $\mu_B = 0.40$.

D9. UV-vis titration data for stability against demetallation



Figure D34. UV-vis spectra of acetonitrile solution containing 0.12 mM $[(TPA^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D35. Selected UV-vis spectra used for determining the onset of demetallation for acetonitrile solution containing 0.12 mM $[(TPA^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D36. UV-vis spectra of acetonitrile solution containing 0.12 mM $[(TPA^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D37. Selected UV-vis spectra used for determining the onset of demetallation for acetonitrile solution containing $0.12 \text{ mM} [(TPA^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D38. UV-vis spectra of acetonitrile solution containing 0.12 mM [(TPA^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D39. Selected UV-vis spectra used for determining the onset of demetallation for acetonitrile solution containing $0.12 \text{ mM} [(TPA^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D40. UV-vis spectra of acetonitrile solution containing 0.12 mM $[(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D41. Selected UV-vis spectra used for determining the onset of demetallation for acetonitrile solution containing 0.12 mM $[(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D42. UV-vis spectra of acetonitrile solution containing 0.12 mM [(BPM^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D43. Selected UV-vis spectra used for determining the onset of demetallation for acetonitrile solution containing 0.12 mM $[(BPM^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D44. UV-vis spectra of acetonitrile solution containing 0.12 mM [(BPM^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D45. Selected UV-vis spectra used for determining the onset of demetallation for acetonitrile solution containing 0.12 mM $[(BPM^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)_2]OTf_2$ and varying equivalents NH₃ in a 1 cm cuvette.



Figure D47. ESI mass spectrum of [(TPA^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in acetonitrile.



Figure D48. ESI mass spectrum of [(TPA^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in acetonitrile.



Figure D49. ESI mass spectrum of [(TPA^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in acetonitrile.



Figure D50. ESI mass spectrum of [(BPM^{CF3})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in acetonitrile.



Figure D51. ESI mass spectrum of [(BPM^{OMe})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in acetonitrile.



Figure D52. ESI mass spectrum of [(BPM^{NMe2})Fe(MeCN)₂]OTf₂ in acetonitrile.

D11. NMR spectra

TPA^{CF3} (tris(4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-picolyl)amine)

¹H NMR:



2,2'-(ethene-1,1-diyl)bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridine)

¹H NMR:



2,2'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridine)

¹H NMR:



BPM^{NMe2} (6-(1,1-bis(4-(dimethylamino)pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine)

¹H NMR:



210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)




2.5

2.0 1.5

1.0 0.5 0.0

40 230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -4 f1 (ppm)



210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)



^{210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10} f1 (ppm)

2,2',2'',2'''- 2,2',2'''-(butane-1,1,3,3-tetrayl)tetrakis(4-methoxypyridine) ¹H NMR:



¹³C{¹H} NMR:



BPM^{OMe} (6-(1,1-bis(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine)



2,2'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine)







BPM^{CF3} (6-(1,1-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine)







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