

The dataset contains:

Analytical characterisation of the complexes (CHN microanalysis)

X-ray Crystallographic data:

- Structure of L<sup>1</sup> (CCDC 2099823)
- Structure of L<sup>2</sup> (CCDC 2099824)
- Structure of L<sup>4</sup> (CCDC 2099825)
- Structure of L<sup>5</sup> (CCDC 2099826)
- Structure of [Fe(L<sup>1</sup>)<sub>4</sub>(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·2MeCN (**1[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·2MeCN** – CCDC 2099827)
- Structure of [Fe(NCS)<sub>2</sub>(L<sup>1</sup>)<sub>2</sub>(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·L<sup>1</sup> (**2·L<sup>1</sup>** – CCDC 2099828)
- Structure of [Cu(μ-L<sup>1</sup>)<sub>2</sub>(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·2MeCN (**3[BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·2MeCN** – CCDC 2099829)
- Structure of [Fe(L<sup>2</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·2MeNO<sub>2</sub> (**4[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·2MeNO<sub>2</sub>** – CCDC 2099835)
- Structure of [Fe(L<sup>3</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (**5[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O** – CCDC 2099836)
- Structure of [Fe(L<sup>3</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·2MeCN (**5[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·2MeCN** – CCDC 2099837)
- Structure of [Co(L<sup>3</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (**6[BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O** – CCDC 2099838)
- Structure of [Fe(L<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·3MeNO<sub>2</sub> (**7[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·3MeNO<sub>2</sub>** phase 1 – CCDC 2099839)
- Structure of [Fe(L<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·3MeNO<sub>2</sub> (**7[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·3MeNO<sub>2</sub>** phase 2 – CCDC 2099840)
- Structure of [Fe(L<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·xMeNO<sub>2</sub> (**7[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·xMeNO<sub>2</sub>**; x ≈ 0.93 – CCDC 2099869)
- Structure of [Fe(L<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (**7[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O** – CCDC 2099841)
- Structure of [Fe(L<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (**8[BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>** – CCDC 2099842)
- Structure of [Fe(L<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·MeCN·H<sub>2</sub>O (**8[BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·MeCN·H<sub>2</sub>O** – CCDC 2099843)
- Structure of [Fe(L<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·yMeCN (**8[BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·yMeCN**; x ≈ 2.3 – CCDC 2099844)

plus

- Structure of uncertain formula, either [Fe(L<sup>3</sup>)<sub>2</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·X·2H<sub>2</sub>O (**5[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·X·2H<sub>2</sub>O**, X<sup>-</sup> = a monoatomic anion) or [Fe(L<sup>3</sup>)(L<sup>3</sup>-H)]ClO<sub>4</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O (**[5-H]ClO<sub>4</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O** – not deposited with the CCDC)

X-ray powder diffraction data (measured and simulated)

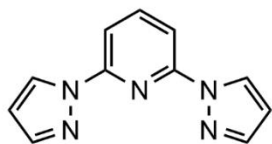
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (raw data and plotted spectra).

Solid state magnetic susceptibility measurements (raw and processed data).

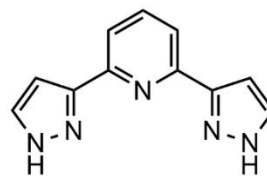
Solution magnetic susceptibility measurements (raw spectra and calculated  $\chi_{MT}$  values).

DFT calculations (*SPARTAN* files)

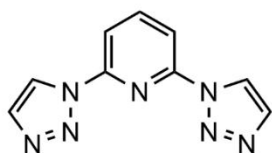
## Ligands referred to in this study



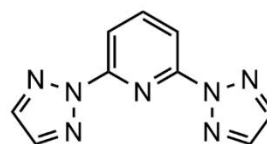
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 $C_{11}H_9N_5$   
 1-bpp



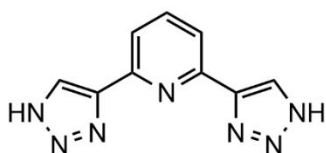
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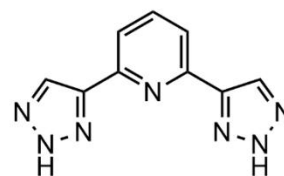
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 $C_9H_7N_7$   
 $L^1$



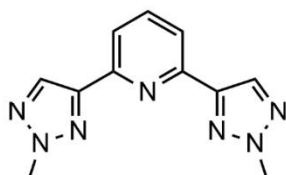
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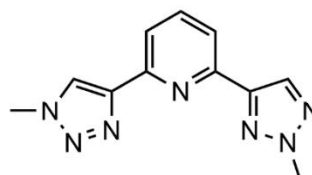
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 $C_9H_7N_7$   
 $L^3$



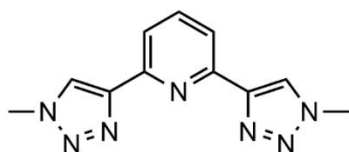
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 $L^{3'}$



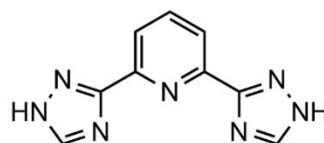
2,6-Di(2-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine  
 $C_{11}H_{11}N_7$   
 $L^4$



2-(1-Methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-6-(2-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine  
 $C_{11}H_{11}N_7$   
 $L^5$

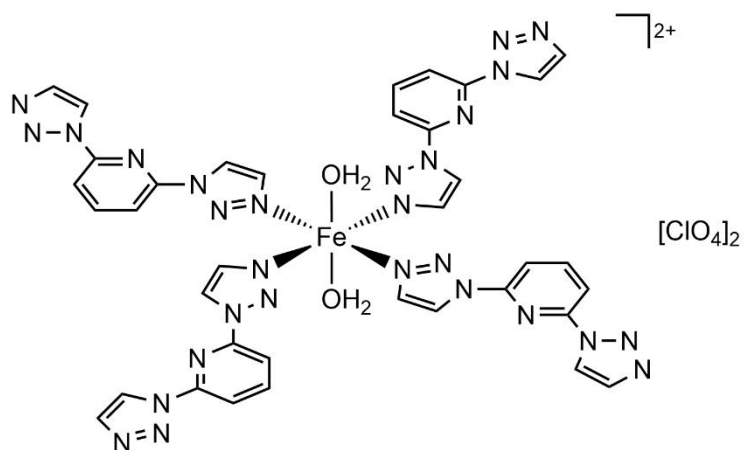


2,6-Di(1-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine  
 $C_{11}H_{11}N_7$   
 $b3tp^{Me}$

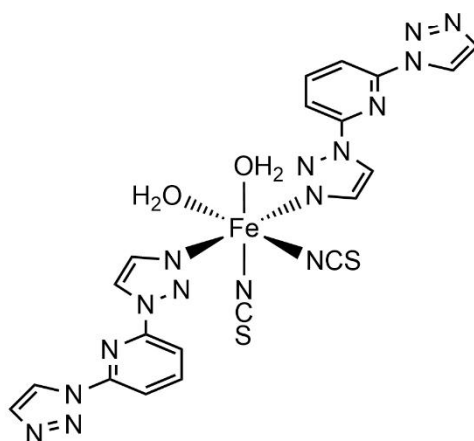


2,6-Di(1H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)pyridine  
 $C_9H_7N_7$   
 $b4tp^H$

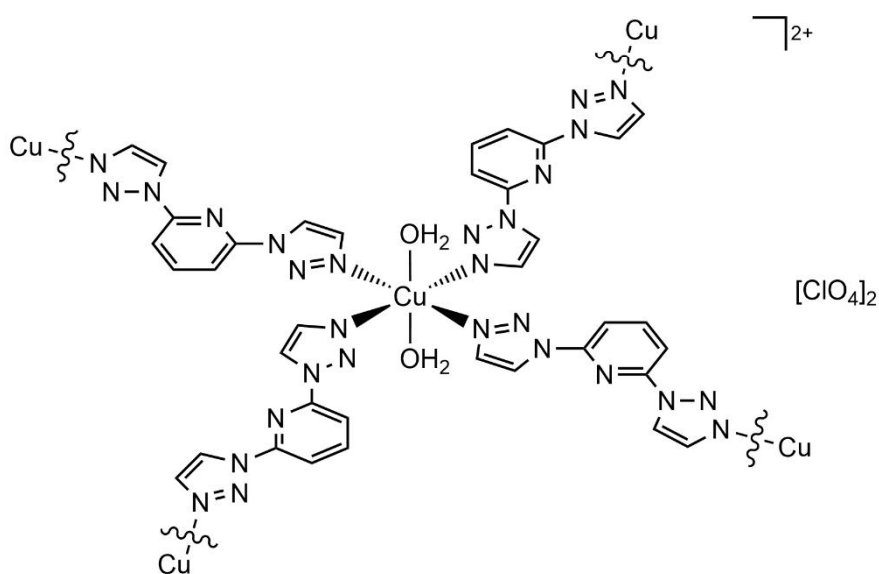
## Complexes referred to in this study



Tetrakis[2,6-bis(1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)pyridine]diaqua-iron(II) diperchlorate  
 $C_{36}H_{32}Cl_2FeN_{28}O_{10}$   
**1** $[ClO_4]_2$

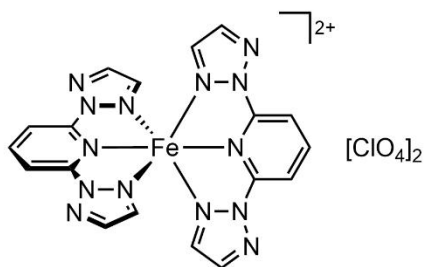


Di(isothiocanato)bis[2,6-bis(1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)pyridine]diaqua-iron(II)  
 $C_{20}H_{18}FeN_{16}O_2S_2$   
**2**

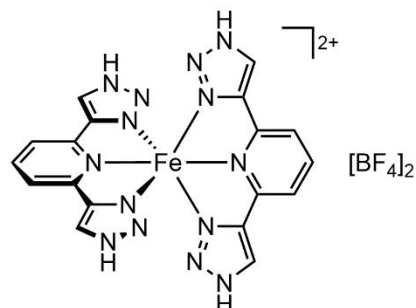


Bis[2,6-bis(1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)pyridine]diaqua-copper(II) di(tetrafluoroborate)  
 $C_{18}H_{18}B_2CuF_8N_{14}O_2$   
**3** $[BF_4]_2$

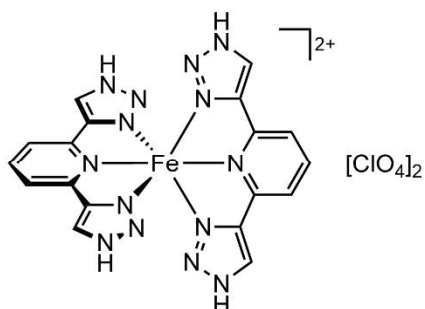
## Complexes referred to in this study (continued)



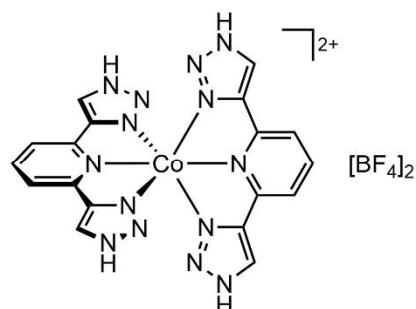
Bis[2,6-bis(1,2,3-triazol-2-yl)pyridine]iron(II)  
diperchlorate  
 $C_{18}H_{14}Cl_2FeN_{14}O_8$   
**4[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**



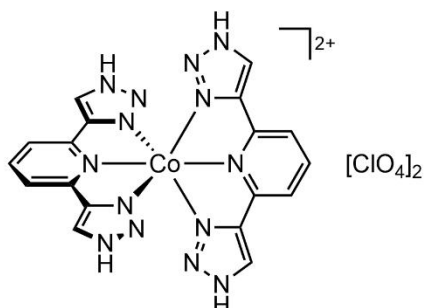
Bis[2,6-bis(1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine]iron(II)  
di(tetrafluoroborate)  
 $C_{18}H_{14}B_2F_8FeN_{14}$   
**5[BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**



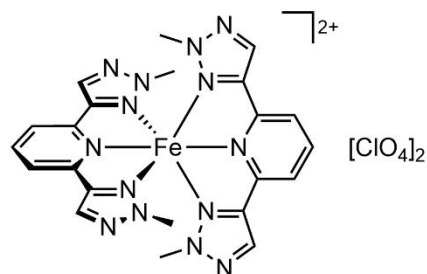
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diperchlorate  
 $C_{18}H_{14}Cl_2FeN_{14}O_8$   
**5[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**



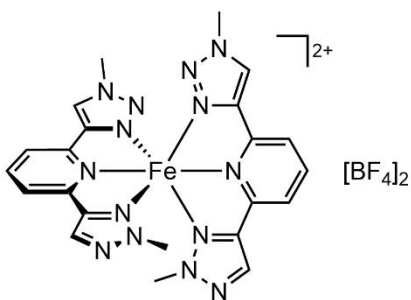
Bis[2,6-bis(1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine]cobalt(II)  
di(tetrafluoroborate)  
 $C_{18}H_{14}B_2CoF_8N_{14}$   
**6[BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**



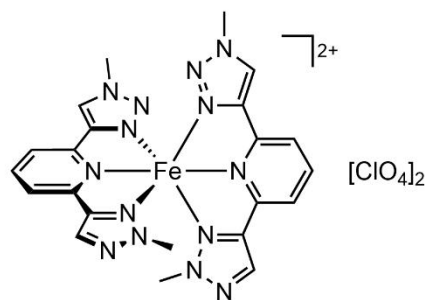
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diperchlorate  
 $C_{18}H_{14}Cl_2CoN_{14}O_8$   
**6[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**



Bis[2,6-bis(2-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine]iron(II)  
diperchlorate  
 $C_{22}H_{22}Cl_2FeN_{14}O_8$   
**7[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**

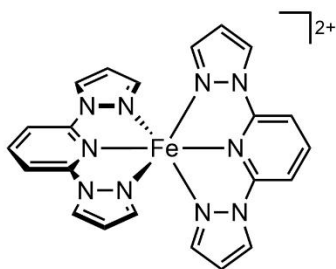


Bis[2-(1-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-  
6-(2-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine]-  
iron(II) di(tetrafluoroborate)  
 $C_{22}H_{22}B_2F_8FeN_{14}$   
**8[BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**

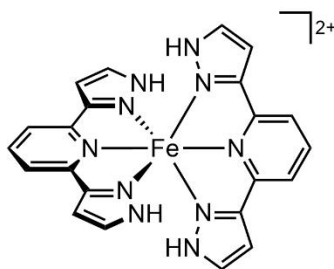


Bis[2-(1-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-6-  
(2-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine]-  
iron(II) diperchlorate  
 $C_{22}H_{22}Cl_2FeN_{14}O_8$   
**8[ClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**

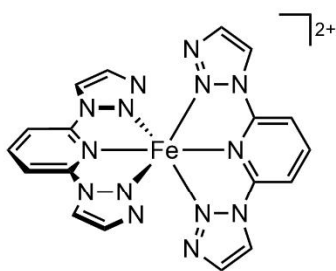
## Complex cations studied by DFT calculations



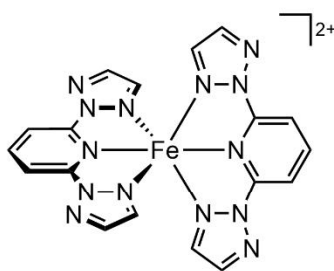
Bis[2,6-bis(pyrazol-1-yl)pyridine]iron(II)  
 $C_{22}H_{18}FeN_{10}$   
 $[Fe(1-bpp)_2]^{2+}$



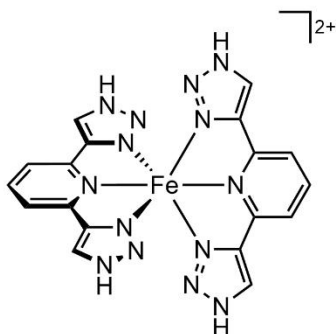
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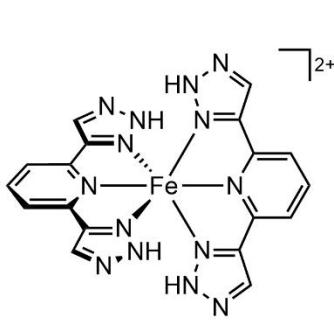
Bis[2,6-bis(1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)pyridine]iron(II)  
 $C_{18}H_{14}FeN_{14}$   
 $[Fe(L^1)_2]^{2+}$



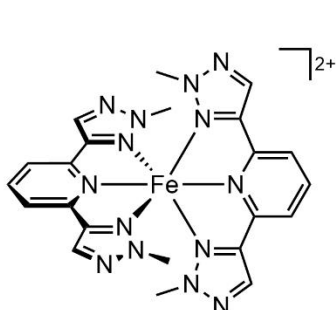
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 $C_{18}H_{14}FeN_{14}$   
 $[Fe(L^2)_2]^{2+}$



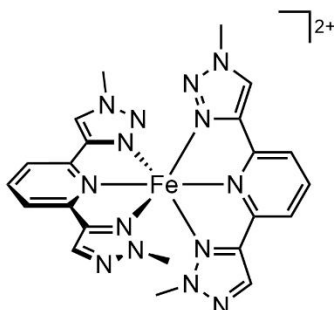
Bis[2,6-bis(1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine]iron(II)  
 $C_{18}H_{14}FeN_{14}$   
 $[Fe(L^3)_2]^{2+}$



Bis[2,6-bis(2*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine]iron(II)  
 $C_{18}H_{14}FeN_{14}$   
 $[Fe(L^3)_2]^{2+}$

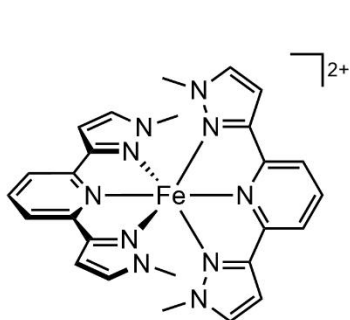


Bis[2,6-bis(2-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine]iron(II)  
 $C_{22}H_{22}FeN_{14}$   
 $[Fe(L^4)_2]^{2+}$

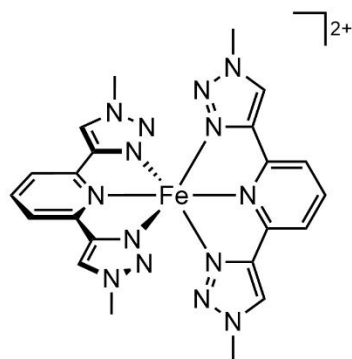
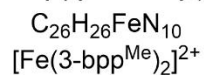


Bis[2-(1-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-6-(2-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine]iron(II)  
 $C_{22}H_{22}FeN_{14}$   
 $[Fe(L^5)_2]^{2+}$

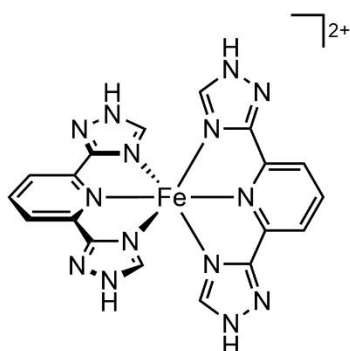
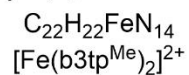
## Complex cations studied by DFT calculations (continued)



Bis[2,6-bis(1-methylpyrazol-3-yl)pyridine]iron(II)



Bis[2,6-bis(1-methyl-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine]iron(II)



Bis[2,6-bis(1H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)pyridine]iron(II)

