

# General Synthetic Route to Double-Butterfly Fe/S Cluster Complexes via Reactions of the Dianions $\{[(\mu\text{-CO})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS-}\mu)\}^{2-}$ with Electrophiles<sup>†</sup>

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A simple and convenient route for the synthesis of linear and macrocyclic double-butterfly Fe/S cluster complexes has been developed, which involves a sequential reaction of  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$  with the dithiol HSZSH in the presence of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , followed by treatment of the intermediate  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  salts of dianions  $\{[(\mu\text{-CO})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS-}\mu)\}^{2-}$  (**4**) with electrophiles. For example, treatment of the  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  salts of dianions **4** with allyl bromide and  $\text{PhSBr}$  produces the linear complexes  $[(\mu\text{-CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2)\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS-}\mu)$  (**5a**,  $\text{Z} = (\text{CH}_2)_4$ ; **5b**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2$ ; **5c**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$ ) and  $[(\mu\text{-PhS})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS-}\mu)$  (**6a**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2$ ; **6b**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$ ), whereas treatment with  $\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{ClSZSCl}$  yields the macrocyclic complexes  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-S-S-}\mu)(\mu\text{-SZS-}\mu)$  (**7a**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2$ ; **7b**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$ ) and  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS-}\mu)_2$  (**8a**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2$ ; **8b**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$ ), respectively. In addition, while the  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  salts of dianions **4** react in situ with  $\text{PhNCS}$  and  $\text{SCN}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NCS}$  to give the linear complexes  $[(\mu\text{-PhNHC=S})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS-}\mu)$  (**9a**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ; **9b**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2$ ; **9c**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$ ) and macrocyclic complexes  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2[\mu\text{-S=CNH}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NHC=S-}\mu](\mu\text{-SZS-}\mu)$  (**10a**,  $\text{Z} = (\text{CH}_2)_4$ ; **10b**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2$ ), the in situ reactions with  $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CPh}$  and  $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CH}$  afford the linear complexes  $[(\mu\text{-}\sigma,\pi\text{-PhCH=CPh})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS-}\mu)$  (**11a**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2$ ; **11b**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$ ) and  $[(\mu\text{-}\sigma,\pi\text{-PhCH=CH})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS-}\mu)$  (**12a**,  $\text{Z} = (\text{CH}_2)_4$ ; **12b**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2$ ; **12c**,  $\text{Z} = \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$ ). The possible pathways for production of these linear and macrocyclic cluster complexes are suggested, and their structures have been characterized by elemental analysis and IR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy, as well as for **5a**, **7a**, **8a**, and **12a** by X-ray diffraction analysis.

## Introduction

Butterfly Fe/S cluster complexes have recently attracted growing interest, because of their novel chemistry<sup>1</sup> and the closely related biological relevance to the active site of the Fe-only hydrogenases.<sup>2</sup> Among them, the double-butterfly Fe/S cluster complexes<sup>3–11</sup> are of

particular interest. This is because that they might be expected, like double-tetrahedral  $\text{MoFeCoS}$  clusters,<sup>12</sup> to have new chemical reactivity patterns through the interactions between the two subcluster cores or, like double-cubane  $\text{MoFe}_3\text{S}_4$  clusters,<sup>13</sup> to become a new class of biologically relevant molecules. Previously, Seyferth's group and we reported a series of double-butterfly Fe/S cluster complexes, for instance **1–3**, which were prepared by reactions of  $(\mu\text{-S}_2)\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6$  with alkyl lithium

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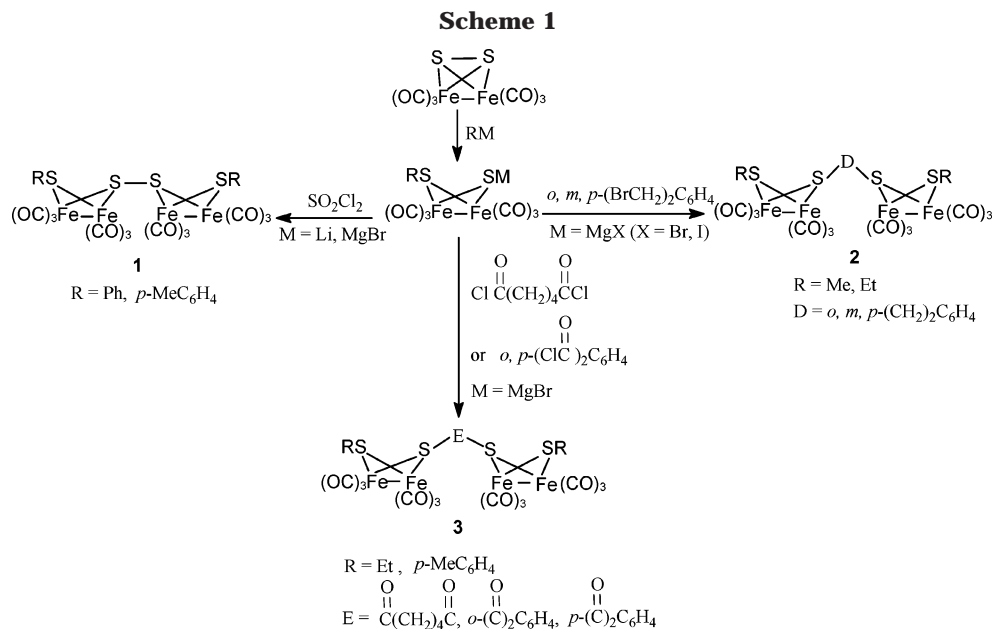
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or Grignard reagents and subsequent treatment of the S-centered monoanions  $(\mu\text{-RS})(\mu\text{-S}^-)\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6$  with organic or inorganic halides (Scheme 1).<sup>4-7</sup>

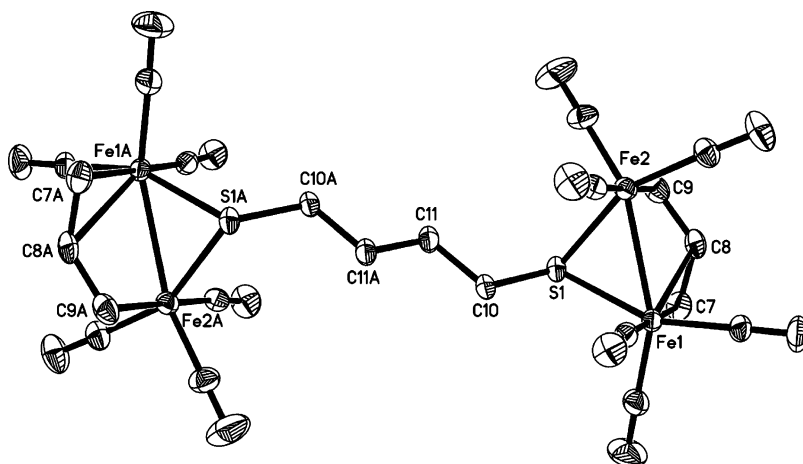
Another synthetic route to double-butterfly Fe/S cluster complexes has also been developed. It involves the reactions of a new type of double-butterfly, two  $\mu\text{-CO}$ -containing dianions  $\{[(\mu\text{-CO})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS}\mu)\}^{2-}$  (**4**) with electrophiles, such as  $\text{Ph}_2\text{PCl}$  and  $\text{PhC}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$ .<sup>14</sup> To further develop the chemistry of novel dianions **4** and to see if this route has generality for the synthesis of double-butterfly Fe/S cluster compounds, we carried out the reactions of dianions **4** with other types of electrophiles, such as  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{PhN}=\text{C}=\text{S}$ ,  $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CH}$ ,  $\text{SCN}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NCS}$ , etc. As a result, a series of linear and cyclic double-butterfly Fe/S cluster complexes were produced. It follows that the route involving dianions **4** is indeed a general route suitable for synthesizing a wide variety of double-butterfly Fe/S cluster complexes. Now, we report the interesting results obtained from this study.

## Results and Discussion

**Synthesis and Characterization of  $[(\mu\text{-CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2)\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS}\mu)$  (**5a-c**).** The  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  salts of dianions **4** ( $\text{Z} = (\text{CH}_2)_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_{2,3}\text{CH}_2$ ) (generated from  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ ,  $\text{HSZSH}$ , and  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ) reacted in situ with an excess of allyl bromide in THF at room temperature (through nucleophilic attack of the two negatively charged Fe atoms of **4** at two molecules of allyl bromide followed by displacement of the two  $\mu\text{-CO}$  ligands in intermediate **m<sub>1</sub>**) to produce the series of double-butterfly cluster complexes **5a-c** (Scheme 2).

Products **5a-c** are red air-stable materials, whose elemental analysis and spectroscopic data are consistent with the structures shown in Scheme 2. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **5a-c** showed the  $\text{CH}_2$  proton signals of the allyl ligands as two doublets at ca. 0.5 ppm ( $J \approx 12$  Hz) and ca. 2 ppm ( $J \approx 6$  Hz), corresponding to the anti and syn hydrogens. An ORTEP drawing of **5a** is shown in Figure 1. Table 1 lists selected bond lengths and angles. Compound **5a** is a centrosymmetric double-butterfly cluster complex, in which two identical butterfly  $\text{Fe}_2\text{-SC}_3$  subcluster cores are joined together through its two

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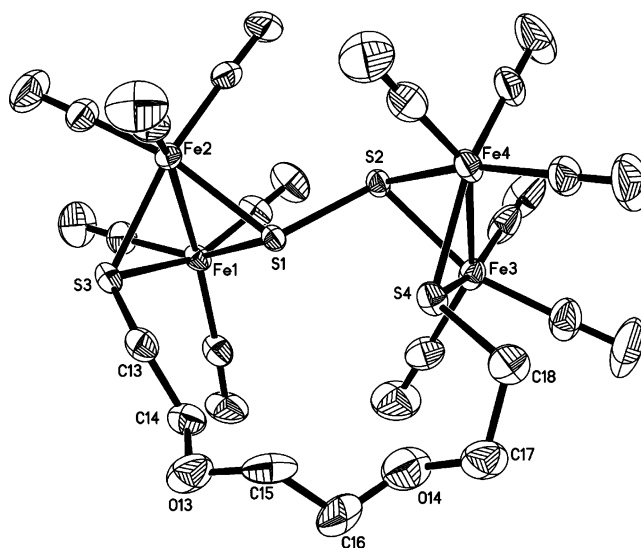
**Figure 1.** ORTEP drawing of **5a** with atom-labeling scheme.

**Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for 5a**

Fe(1)–C(1)	1.771(5)	Fe(2)–C(9)	2.096(4)
Fe(1)–C(7)	2.110(4)	Fe(2)–S(1)	2.2181(13)
Fe(1)–S(1)	2.2232(14)	S(1)–C(10)	1.800(4)
Fe(1)–C(8)	2.429(4)	C(7)–C(8)	1.383(6)
Fe(1)–Fe(2)	2.6530(12)	C(8)–C(9)	1.403(6)
C(7)–Fe(1)–S(1)	86.96(13)	Fe(2)–S(1)–Fe(1)	73.36(5)
C(7)–Fe(1)–C(8)	34.56(14)	C(7)–C(8)–Fe(1)	60.0(2)
S(1)–Fe(1)–C(8)	82.24(11)	C(9)–C(8)–Fe(1)	114.0(3)
C(7)–Fe(1)–Fe(2)	89.34(13)	C(8)–C(9)–Fe(2)	89.7(3)
S(1)–Fe(1)–Fe(2)	53.23(3)	C(9)–Fe(2)–Fe(1)	85.92(13)
C(8)–Fe(1)–Fe(2)	59.16(11)	S(1)–Fe(2)–Fe(1)	53.41(4)

S atoms by a butylene group. The two S atoms attached to the butylene group are bound symmetrically across the two iron atoms (Fe(1)–S(1) = 2.2232(14) Å; Fe(2)–S(1) = 2.2181(13) Å), as are the two terminal carbon atoms in each of the allyl ligands (Fe(1)–C(7) = 2.110(4) Å; Fe(2)–C(9) = 2.096(4) Å). The C–C bond lengths of the allyl ligands (C(7)–C(8) = 1.383(6) Å; C(8)–C(9) = 1.403(6) Å) lie between the values reported for C–C single and double bonds, indicating that the ligands are best regarded as delocalized  $\pi$ -allyl ligands.<sup>15</sup> In addition, the dihedral angle between two wings of each butterfly subcluster core is 87.4° and the butylene bridge is connected to S atoms (the angle C(10)–S(1)–C(8) = 160.9°) by an equatorial type of bond.<sup>16</sup> In fact, the basic geometry of the subcluster cores in this double-butterfly cluster complex is very similar to that of the single-butterfly cluster complex ( $\mu$ -EtS)( $\mu$ -CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>.<sup>17</sup>

**Synthesis and Characterization of [( $\mu$ -PhS)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -SZS- $\mu$ ) (**6a,b**), [Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -S–S- $\mu$ )( $\mu$ -SZS- $\mu$ ) (**7a,b**), and [Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -SZS- $\mu$ )<sub>2</sub> (**8a,b**).** While the [Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sup>+</sup> salts of dianions **4** (Z = CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2,3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>) reacted with PhSBr in THF at room temperature (through nucleophilic attack of the two negatively charged Fe atoms of **4** at two molecules of PhSBr and subsequent displacement of the two  $\mu$ -CO ligands in intermediate **m**<sub>2</sub>) to give the linear double-butterfly



**Figure 2.** ORTEP drawing of **7a** with atom-labeling scheme.

complexes **6a,b**, they reacted with S<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and ClSZSCl (Z = CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2,3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>) under similar conditions (through double nucleophilic attack of the two negatively charged Fe atoms of **4** at one molecule of S<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> or ClSZSCl followed by loss of two  $\mu$ -CO ligands from intermediate **m**<sub>3</sub> or **m**<sub>4</sub>) to afford the macrocyclic cluster complexes **7a,b** and **8a,b**, respectively (Scheme 3).

Products **6a,b**, **7a,b**, and **8a,b** may be regarded as new types of acyclic and cyclic cluster crown ethers, which have been characterized by elemental analyses and IR and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, as well as for **7a** and **8a** by X-ray diffraction analyses. While the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **6a,b**, **7a,b**, and **8a,b** displayed the corresponding H-containing organic groups, their IR spectra exhibited several absorption bands in the range 2081–1966 cm<sup>-1</sup> for their terminal carbonyls and one absorption band in the region 1128–1116 cm<sup>-1</sup> for their ether chain functionalities.

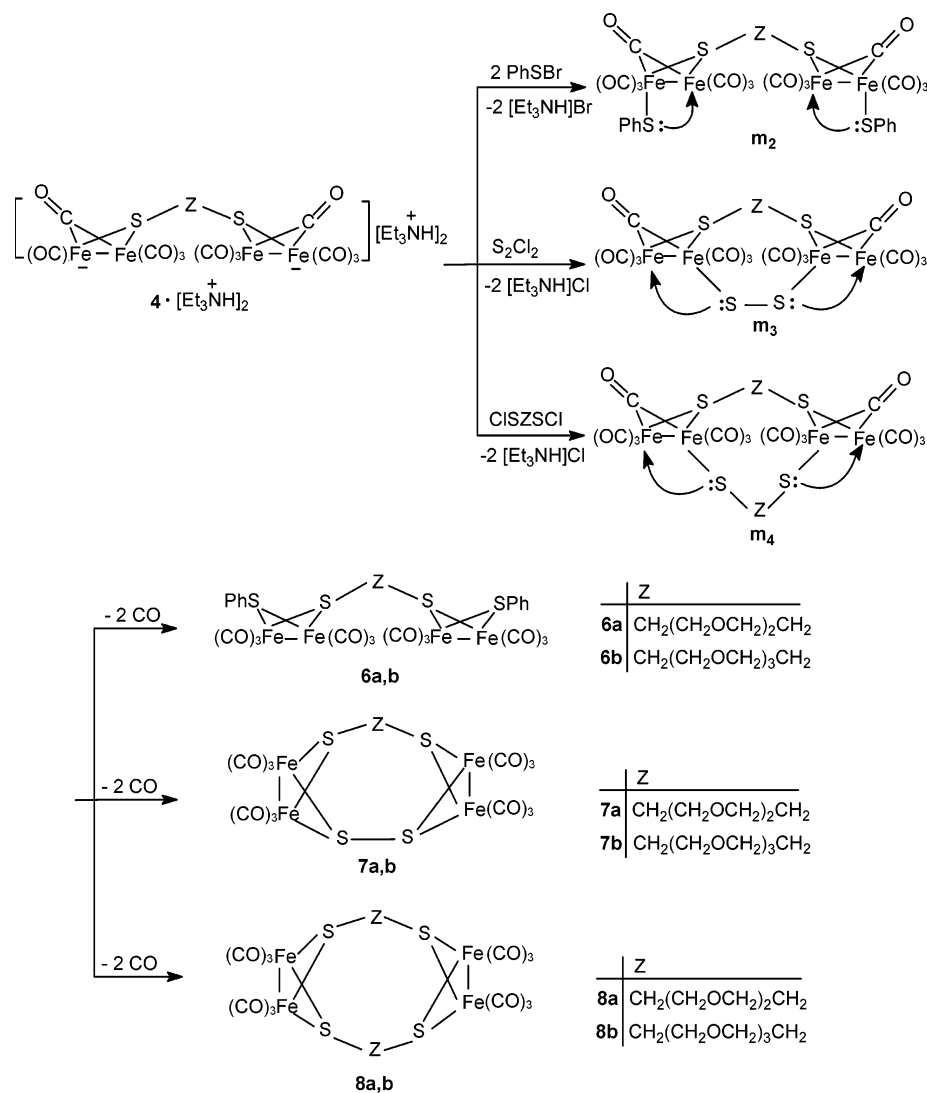
Figure 2 shows the molecular structure of **7a**, and Table 2 displays its bond lengths and angles. As can be seen in Figure 2, complex **7a** contains the two butterfly subcluster cores Fe(1)Fe(2)S(1)S(3) and Fe(3)Fe(4)S(2)S(4), which are connected by a S(1)–S(2) bond and the ether chain C(13)C(14)O(13)C(15)C(16)O(14)C(17)C(18) to afford a 16-membered macrocycle.

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Scheme 3

Table 2. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for **7a**

Fe(1)–C(1)	1.808(6)	Fe(1)–S(3)	2.286(2)
Fe(1)–C(2)	1.800(7)	Fe(2)–S(3)	2.2802(18)
Fe(1)–S(1)	2.239(2)	Fe(3)–S(4)	2.2581(19)
Fe(2)–S(1)	2.2428(18)	Fe(3)–Fe(4)	2.5304(17)
Fe(1)–Fe(2)	2.5103(16)	S(1)–S(2)	2.118(2)
S(1)–Fe(1)–S(3)	78.30(5)	S(1)–Fe(2)–S(3)	78.34(7)
S(1)–Fe(1)–Fe(2)	56.01(4)	S(1)–Fe(2)–Fe(1)	55.87(6)
S(3)–Fe(1)–Fe(2)	56.55(4)	S(2)–Fe(3)–S(4)	80.89(6)
S(4)–Fe(4)–S(2)	80.86(5)	S(2)–Fe(3)–Fe(4)	55.96(6)
S(4)–Fe(4)–Fe(3)	55.95(5)	Fe(1)–S(1)–Fe(2)	68.12(5)
S(2)–S(1)–Fe(1)	111.78(7)	S(2)–S(1)–Fe(2)	113.78(7)

In addition, the ether chain is bound to S(3) by the axial bond C(13)–S(3) (the angle C(13)–S(3)⋯S(1) = 77.9°) and to S(4) by the equatorial bond C(18)–S(4) (the angle C(18)–S(4)⋯S(2) = 158.0°), whereas the subcluster core Fe(1)Fe(2)S(1)S(3) is bonded to S(2) by its equatorial bond (the angle S(2)–S(1)⋯S(3) = 159.1°) and the subcluster core Fe(3)Fe(4)S(2)S(4) to S(1) by its axial bond (the angle S(1)–S(2)⋯S(4) = 74.4°),<sup>16</sup> respectively. The S–S bond (2.118(2) Å) of **7a** is lengthened from the single S–S bond (2.037(5) Å) in elemental sulfur.<sup>18</sup> It is

Table 3. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for **8a**

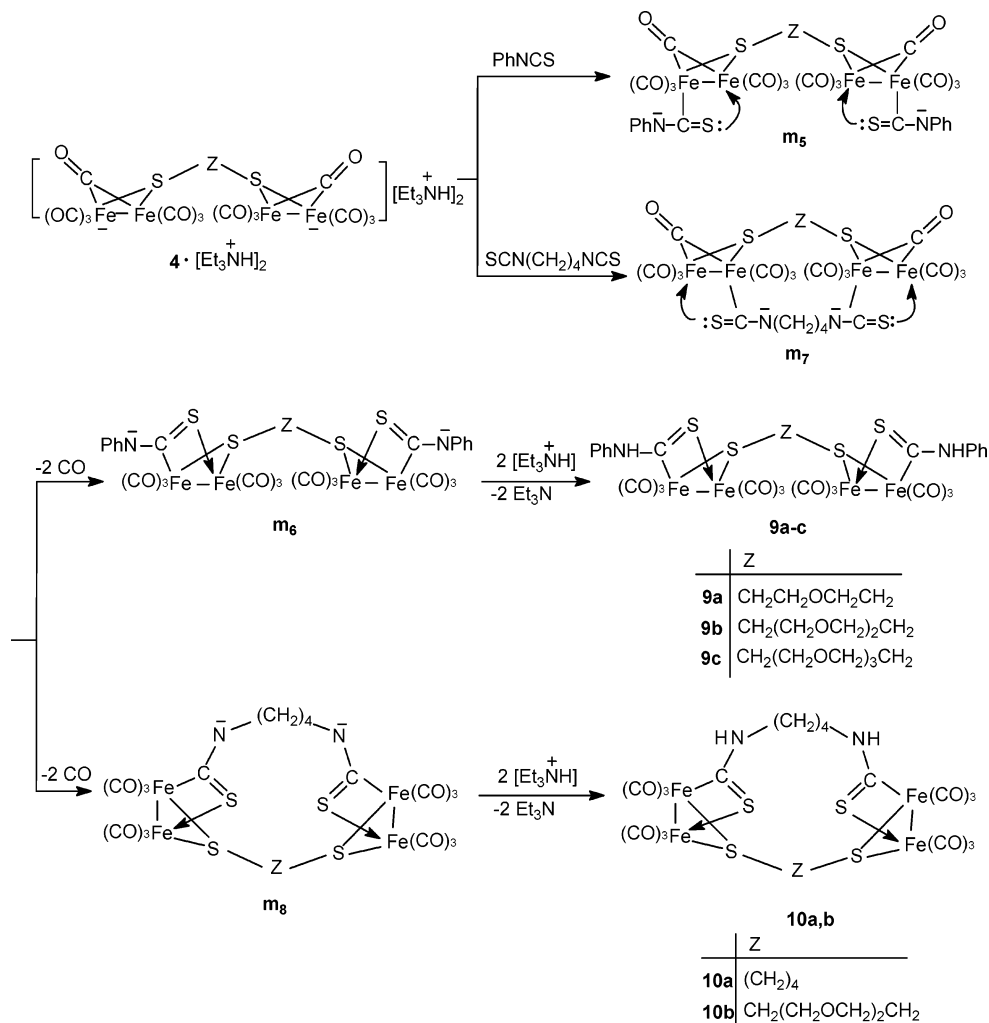
Fe(1)–C(1)	1.793(7)	Fe(2)–S(2A)	2.2592(19)
Fe(1)–S(1)	2.2468(19)	S(1)–C(7)	1.838(6)
Fe(2)–S(1)	2.2541(19)	S(2)–C(12)	1.842(6)
Fe(1)–S(2A)	2.2601(18)	Fe(2)–C(4)	1.788(7)
Fe(1)–Fe(2)	2.5130(14)	S(2)–Fe(1A)	2.2601(18)
C(1)–Fe(1)–S(1)	94.1(2)	S(1)–Fe(2)–S(2A)	80.32(7)
S(1)–Fe(1)–S(2A)	80.46(6)	S(1)–Fe(2)–Fe(1)	55.92(5)
C(1)–Fe(1)–Fe(2)	102.8(2)	S(2A)–Fe(2)–Fe(1)	56.23(5)
S(1)–Fe(1)–Fe(2)	56.20(5)	C(7)–S(1)–Fe(1)	114.6(2)
S(2A)–Fe(1)–Fe(2)	56.20(5)	Fe(1)–S(1)–Fe(2)	67.88(6)

also lengthened compared to the S–S bond (2.108(3) Å) of the linear double cluster complex  $[(\mu\text{-PhS})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2$  ( $\mu\text{-S-S-}\mu$ ),<sup>3</sup> obviously due to formation of its 16-membered ring, in which the ether chain pulls the two butterfly  $\text{Fe}_2\text{S}_2$  cluster cores closer and thus makes the S–S bond longer.

The molecular structure of **8a** is shown in Figure 3, and its bond lengths and angles are displayed in Table 3. Similar to **7a**, product **8a** is composed of the two butterfly cluster cores Fe(1)Fe(2)S(1)S(2A) and Fe(1A)Fe(2A)S(2)S(1A) linked together by the two ether chains C(7)C(8)O(7)C(9)C(10)O(8)C(11)C(12) and C(7A)C(8A)O(7A)C(9A)C(10A)O(8A)C(11A)C(12A) to form a 24-membered macrocycle. The heteroatom distances

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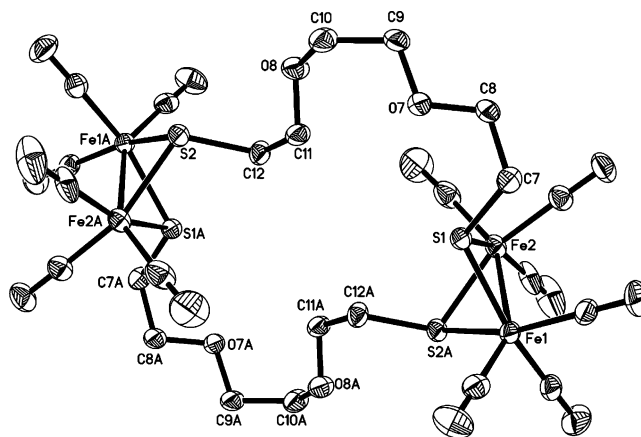
Scheme 4



S(1)–S(1A), S(2)–S(2A), O(7)–O(7A), and O(8)–O(8A) are in the range 7.122–8.815 Å. While one ether chain is bonded to S(1) and S(2) by the equatorial bond C(7)–S(1) (the angle C(7)–S(1)⋯S(2A) = 158.8°) and axial bond C(12)–S(2) (the angle C(12)–S(2)⋯S(1A) = 79.8°), the other ether chain is bound to S(1A) and S(2A) by the equatorial bond C(7A)–S(1A) (the angle C(7A)–S(1A)⋯S(2) = 158.5°) and axial bond C(12A)–S(2A) (the angle C(12A)–S(2A)⋯S(1) = 79.8°),<sup>16</sup> respectively. However, in contrast to **7a**, product **8a** has two identical ether chains, whose structure is centrosymmetric. To our knowledge, both **7a** and **8a** are so far the first crystallographically characterized cyclic double-butterfly Fe<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> clusters.

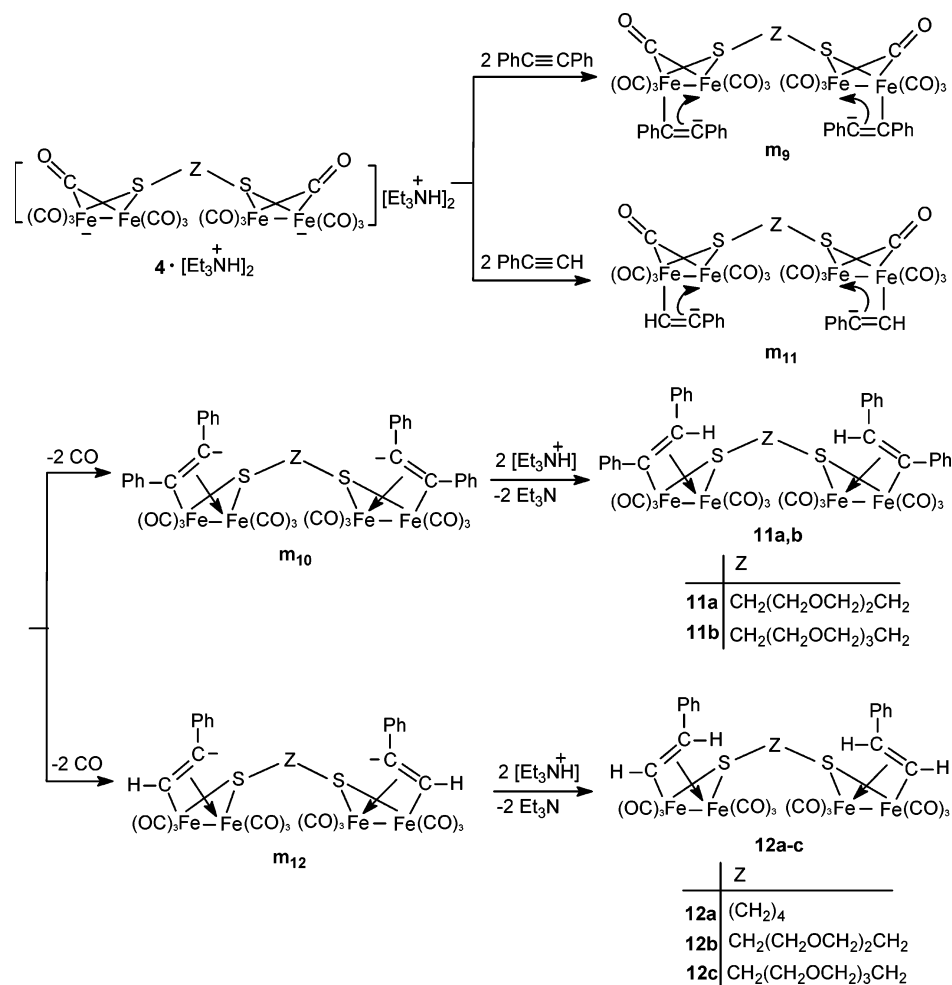
**Synthesis and Characterization of  $[(\mu\text{-PhNHC}=\text{S})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS}-\mu)$  (**9a-c**),  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-S}=\text{CNH}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NHC}=\text{S}-\mu)(\mu\text{-SZS}-\mu)$  (**10a,b**),  $[(\mu\text{-}\sigma,\pi\text{-PhCH}=\text{CPh})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS}-\mu)$  (**11a,b**), and  $[(\mu\text{-}\sigma,\pi\text{-PhCH}=\text{CH})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]_2(\mu\text{-SZS}-\mu)$  (**12a-c**).** We further found that the  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  salts of dianions **4** not only reacted with the electrophiles having one and two leaving groups to produce the linear and cyclic double-butterfly clusters of types **5–8** as described above, but also they could react with the electrophiles that have no leaving group to yield the corresponding linear and cyclic double-butterfly clusters. For example, the  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  salts of **4** (Z =  $\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_{1-3}\text{CH}_2$ ) reacted with phenyl isothiocyanate in THF at room temperature to

afford the double-butterfly cluster compounds **9a-c**, whereas the  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  salts of dianions **4** (Z =  $(\text{CH}_2)_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2$ ) reacted with diisothiocyanate  $\text{SCN}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NCS}$  under similar conditions to yield the macrocyclic double-butterfly clusters **10a,b** (Scheme 4). Clusters **9a-c** might be suggested as being derived from nucleophilic attack of the two negatively charged Fe atoms of **4** at the central C atoms of two molecules of PhNCS followed by loss of two  $\mu\text{-CO}$  ligands of dianions **m<sub>5</sub>** and protonation of the N-centered dianions **m<sub>6</sub>** by



**Figure 3.** ORTEP drawing of **8a** with atom-labeling scheme.

Scheme 5



the counterion  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$ ; similarly, clusters **10a,b** could be regarded as produced through nucleophilic attack of the two negatively charged Fe atoms of **4** at the central C atoms in two  $\text{N}=\text{C}=\text{S}$  functional groups of one molecule of the diisothiocyanate followed by loss of two  $\mu\text{-CO}$  ligands from dianions **m<sub>7</sub>** and protonation of the N-centered dianions **m<sub>8</sub>** by the  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  cation (Scheme 4).

Clusters **9a–c** and **10a,b** have been characterized by elemental analysis and spectroscopy. For example, while their  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra showed one singlet at about 9 ppm for **9a–c** and about 7 ppm for **10a,b** assigned to their NH groups, their IR spectra displayed one absorption band in the range  $940\text{--}1026\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for their coordinated thiocarbonyl  $\text{C}=\text{S}$  groups.<sup>19</sup> In fact, the formation of  $\text{PhNHC}=\text{S}$  and  $\text{S}=\text{CHN}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NHC}=\text{S}$  ligands in the above-mentioned reactions could be strongly supported by the crystal structure of the single-butterfly cluster ( $\mu\text{-}p\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Se})(\mu\text{-PhCH}_2\text{NHC}=\text{S})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6$ , produced from reaction of the  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  salt of the monoanion  $[(\mu\text{-}p\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Se})(\mu\text{-CO})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]^-$  with  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{NCS}$ .<sup>20</sup>

Similarly, the  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  salts of dianions **4** ( $\text{Z} = (\text{CH}_2)_4, \text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2)_{2,3}\text{CH}_2$ ) reacted with diphenyl-

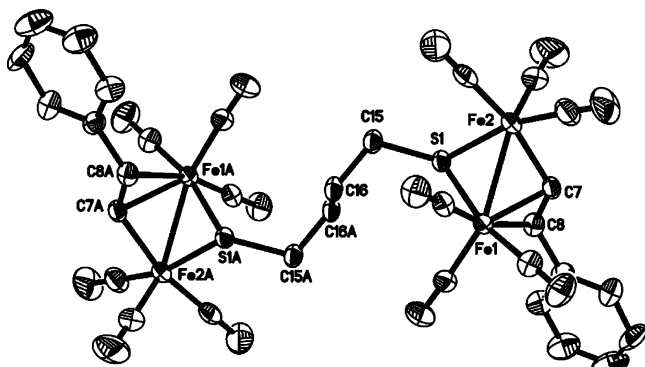
acetylene and phenylacetylene in refluxing THF to give the double-butterfly cluster complexes **11a,b** and **12a–c**, respectively (Scheme 5).

Apparently, **11a,b** were presumably formed by nucleophilic attack of the two negatively charged Fe atoms in **4** at the triply bonded C atoms of two molecules of diphenylacetylene, followed by loss of two  $\mu\text{-CO}$  ligands from the C-centered dianions **m<sub>9</sub>** and protonation of another C-centered dianion **m<sub>10</sub>** by the  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  cation; similarly, **12a–c** might be produced by protonation of the C-centered dianions **m<sub>12</sub>** by the  $[\text{Et}_3\text{NH}]^+$  cation, which were formed by nucleophilic attack of the two negatively charged Fe atoms of **4** at  $\beta\text{-C}$  atoms of two phenylacetylene molecules (both steric considerations and the ability of the phenyl group to stabilize  $\alpha\text{-carbanions}$  favor  $\beta\text{-attack}$  of the iron nucleophile), followed by loss of two  $\mu\text{-CO}$  ligands from the initially formed C-centered dianions **m<sub>11</sub>** (Scheme 5).

In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of complexes **11a,b** and **12a–c**, the *endo*-PhCH signals for **11a,b** are overlapped with their  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  signals as a multiplet from 3.6 to 3.7 ppm, whereas the *endo*-PhCH signals for **12a–c** are found as an upfield doublet ( $\delta_{\text{H}} \sim 4.3\text{ ppm}$ ,  $J_{\text{trans}} \approx 13\text{ Hz}$ ) and the *endo*-FeCH signals for **12a–c** appear as a low-field doublet ( $\delta_{\text{H}} \sim 8.4\text{ ppm}$ ,  $J_{\text{trans}} \approx 13\text{ Hz}$ ). These data agree with the corresponding data reported by Seyferth and King for the single-butterfly complexes ( $\mu\text{-}\sigma,\pi\text{-PhCH}=\text{CH})(\mu\text{-}^t\text{BuS})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6$ ,<sup>21</sup> ( $\mu\text{-}\sigma,\pi\text{-PhCH}=\text{CPh})(\mu\text{-}^t\text{BuS})\text{Fe}_2\text{-}$

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**Figure 4.** ORTEP drawing of **12a** with atom-labeling scheme.

**Table 4.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for **12a**

Fe(1)–C(8)	2.235(6)	Fe(3)–Fe(4)	2.5517(13)
Fe(1)–S(1)	2.2737(17)	Fe(4)–S(2)	2.2563(17)
Fe(1)–Fe(2)	2.5395(14)	S(1)–C(15)	1.824(5)
Fe(2)–C(7)	1.974(6)	C(7)–C(8)	1.393(8)
Fe(3)–S(2)	2.2751(17)	C(8)–C(9)	1.502(8)
S(1)–Fe(1)–Fe(2)	55.43(5)	S(2)–Fe(4)–Fe(3)	56.08(5)
S(1)–Fe(2)–Fe(1)	56.28(5)	Fe(2)–S(1)–Fe(1)	68.28(5)
C(7)–C(8)–C(9)	126.2(6)	Fe(4)–S(2)–Fe(3)	68.54(5)
C(7)–C(8)–Fe(1)	65.5(3)	C(8)–C(7)–Fe(2)	127.9(4)
C(9)–C(8)–Fe(1)	121.3(4)	C(8)–C(7)–Fe(1)	77.1(3)
S(2)–Fe(3)–Fe(4)	55.38(5)	Fe(2)–C(7)–Fe(1)	77.4(2)

(CO)<sub>6</sub>,<sup>21</sup> and (*μ*-σ,π-CH=CH)(*μ*-RS)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>.<sup>22</sup> Thus, from the <sup>1</sup>H NMR data for the vinyl ligand in double-cluster complexes **11a,b** and **12a–c**, it was determined that overall addition of the diiron unit and the proton to the two molecules of acetylenes occurred in a cis fashion. This is completely consistent with the addition mode between the [Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sup>+</sup> salts of single-butterfly anions [(*μ*-RS)(*μ*-CO)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>−</sup> and acetylenes to form the corresponding single-butterfly complexes (*μ*-σ,π-R<sup>1</sup>-CH=CR<sup>2</sup>)(*μ*-RS)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>.<sup>21</sup>

The molecular structure of **12a** is shown in Figure 4, while selected bond lengths and angles are presented in Table 4. Complex **12a**, similar to **5a**, is also a centrosymmetric double-butterfly cluster complex, which contains two butterfly Fe<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>2</sub> subcluster cores coupled together by a butylene group. However, in contrast to **5a**, the two S atoms attached to the butylene group and the two C atoms of substituted vinyl ligands in **12a** are asymmetrically bonded to the two iron atoms (Fe(1)–S(1) = 2.2737(17) Å; Fe(2)–S(1) = 2.2509(17) Å; Fe(1)–C(8) = 2.235(6) Å; Fe(2)–C(7) = 1.974(6) Å). It is noteworthy that the C–C bond length of the substituted vinyl ligand (C(7)–C(8) = 1.393(8) Å) is obviously longer than the normal value for a C–C double bond, which demonstrates that the C–C double bond in each of the substituted vinyl ligands is coordinated to the two iron atoms in a σ,π-manner (Fe(2)–C(7) σ-bond length 1.974(6) Å; Fe(1)–C(7) and Fe(1)–C(8) π-bond lengths 2.087(6) and 2.235(6) Å, respectively). Finally, it is also worth noting that the dihedral angle between the two butterfly wings Fe(2)–Fe(1)–S(1) and Fe(1)–Fe(2)–C(7)–C(8) (109.5°) is much larger than the correspond-

ing angle in **5a** (87.4°) and the subcluster cores are also linked through S atoms by an equatorial type of bond<sup>16</sup> (the angle C(15)–S(1)⋯C(7) = C(15A)–S(1A)⋯C(7A) = 151.4°).

## Experimental Section

**General Comments.** All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of prepurified nitrogen by using standard Schlenk and vacuum-line techniques. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from Na/benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen and bubbled for ca. 30 min before use. Fe<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>,<sup>23</sup> HSZSH (Z = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> (n = 1–3)),<sup>24</sup> PhSBr,<sup>25</sup> ClSZSCl (Z = CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> (n = 2, 3)),<sup>26</sup> SCN(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>NCS,<sup>27</sup> and PhC≡CH<sup>28</sup> were prepared according to literature procedures. CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>Br, S<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and PhNCS were of commercial origin and used without further purification. Preparative TLC was carried out on glass plates (25 × 15 × 0.25) coated with silica gel G (10–40 μm). IR spectra were recorded on a Bio-Rad FTS 135 infrared spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were taken on a Bruker AC-P200 NMR spectrometer. C/H analyses were performed with an Elementar Vario EL analyzer. Melting points were determined on a Yanaco MP-500 apparatus and were uncorrected.

**Standard in Situ Preparation of the [Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sup>+</sup> Salts of Dianions** {[(*μ*-CO)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>(*μ*-SZS-*μ*)}<sup>2−</sup> (**4**·[Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sub>2</sub>). A 100 mL three-necked flask fitted with a magnetic stir bar, a rubber septum, and a nitrogen inlet tube was charged with 1.00 g (2.0 mmol) of Fe<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>, 30 mL of THF, 1.0 mmol of HSZSH (Z = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> (n = 1–3)) and 0.28 mL (2.0 mmol) of Et<sub>3</sub>N. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 45 min to give a brown-red solution of ca. 1 mmol of the intermediate salts **4**·[Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sub>2</sub>, which was utilized immediately in the following preparations.

**Preparation of [(*μ*-CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[*μ*-S(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>S-*μ*] (**5a**).** To the above-prepared solution of **4**·[Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sub>2</sub> (Z = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>) was added 0.70 mL (8.0 mmol) of CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>Br, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to TLC separation using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/petroleum ether (1/4 v/v) as eluent. From the main red band, 0.190 g (25%) of **5a** was obtained as a red solid, mp 125 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 34.68; H, 2.38. Found: C, 34.45; H, 2.28. IR (KBr disk): ν<sub>C=O</sub> 2059 (vs), 2025 (vs), 1965 (vs) cm<sup>−1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.48 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 4H, 4 anti-FeCHH), 1.69 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.98 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 4H, 4 syn-FeCHH), 2.44 (s, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>S), 4.70–4.85 (m, 2H, 2 allylic CH) ppm.

**Preparation of [(*μ*-CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[*μ*-SCH<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S-*μ*] (**5b**).** The same procedure was followed as for **5a**, but **4**·[Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sub>2</sub> (Z = CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>) was used. From the main red band, 0.259 g (32%) of **5b** was obtained as a red oil. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub>O<sub>14</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 35.07; H, 2.70. Found: C, 34.48; H, 2.96. IR (KBr disk): ν<sub>C=O</sub> 2061 (s), 2020 (vs), 1950 (vs); ν<sub>C–O–C</sub> 1110 (m) cm<sup>−1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.51 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 4H, 4 anti-FeCHH), 1.97 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 4H, 4 syn-FeCHH), 2.65 (s, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>S), 3.62 (s, 8H, 4CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.60–5.05 (m, 2H, 2 allylic CH) ppm.

**Preparation of [(*μ*-CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[*μ*-SCH<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S-*μ*] (**5c**).** The same procedure was followed as for **5a**, but **4**·[Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sub>2</sub> (Z = CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>) was utilized. From the main red band, 0.208 g (24%) of **5c** was

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obtained as a red oil. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}Fe_4O_{15}S_2$ : C, 36.06; H, 3.02. Found: C, 36.00; H, 2.95. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2061 (s), 2016 (vs), 1955 (vs);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1108 (m)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 0.49 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz, 4H, 4 anti- $FeCHH$ ), 1.98 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 4H, 4 syn- $FeCHH$ ), 2.62–2.67 (m, 4H,  $2CH_2S$ ), 3.63 (s, 12H,  $6CH_2O$ ), 4.70–4.85 (m, 2H, 2 allylic CH) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[(\mu-PhS)Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-SCH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_2-CH_2S-\mu]$  (6a).** To the above-prepared solution of  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = CH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_2CH_2$ ) was added 0.378 g (2.0 mmol) of PhSBr, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to TLC separation using  $CH_2Cl_2$ /petroleum ether (1/1 v/v) as eluent. From the main red band, 0.342 g (36%) of **6a** was obtained as a red solid, mp 146 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{30}H_{22}Fe_4O_{14}S_4$ : C, 37.61; H, 2.31. Found: C, 37.53; H, 2.25. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2070 (s), 2032 (vs), 1990 (vs), 1968 (vs);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1125 (s)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 2.52 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 4H,  $2CH_2S$ ), 3.50–3.62 (m, 8H,  $4CH_2O$ ), 7.13–7.24 (m, 10H,  $2C_6H_5$ ) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[(\mu-PhS)Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-SCH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_3-CH_2S-\mu]$  (6b).** The same procedure was followed as for **6a**, but  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = CH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_3CH_2$ ) was used. From the main red band, 0.410 g (41%) of **6b** was obtained as a red oil. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{26}Fe_4O_{15}S_4$ : C, 38.35; H, 2.61. Found: C, 38.22; H, 2.55. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2071 (s), 2033 (vs), 1993 (vs);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1116 (m)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 2.56 (s, 4H,  $2CH_2S$ ), 3.58 (s, 12H,  $6CH_2O$ ), 7.24 (s, 10H,  $2C_6H_5$ ) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-S-S-\mu][\mu-SCH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_2-CH_2S-\mu]$  (7a).** To the above-prepared solution of  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = CH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_2CH_2$ ) was added 0.16 mL (2.0 mmol) of  $S_2Cl_2$ , and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to TLC separation using acetone/petroleum ether (1/10 v/v) as eluent. From the main red band, 0.103 (13% yield) of **7a** was obtained as a red solid, mp 155 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{12}Fe_4O_{14}S_4$ : C, 26.89; H, 1.50. Found: C, 26.85; H, 1.45. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2080 (s), 2067 (s), 2045 (vs), 2022 (vs), 1998 (vs), 1980 (vs);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1127 (m)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 2.24–2.30, 2.70–2.75 (m, m, 4H,  $2CH_2S$ ), 3.27–3.78 (m, 8H,  $4CH_2O$ ) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-S-S-\mu][\mu-SCH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_3-CH_2S-\mu]$  (7b).** The same procedure was followed as for **7a**, but  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = CH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_3CH_2$ ) was employed. From the main red band, 0.149 g (18% yield) of **7b** was obtained as a red solid, mp 148 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{16}Fe_4O_{15}S_4$ : C, 28.33; H, 1.90. Found: C, 28.20; H, 1.91. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2081 (s), 2069 (s), 2046 (vs), 2022 (vs), 1999 (vs), 1980 (vs);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1128 (m)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 2.13–2.20, 2.70–2.79 (m, m, 4H,  $2CH_2S$ ), 3.26–3.83 (m, 12H,  $6CH_2O$ ) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-SCH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_2CH_2S-\mu]_2$  (8a).** After the above-prepared solution of  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = CH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_2CH_2$ ) was cooled to  $-10$  °C, 0.252 g (1.0 mmol) of  $ClCH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_2CH_2S-Cl$  was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to TLC separation using acetone/petroleum ether (1/3 v/v) as eluent. From the main red band, 0.132 g (14%) of **8a** was obtained as a red solid, mp 146–148 °C. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{24}H_{24}Fe_4O_{16}S_4$ : C, 31.33; H, 2.63. Found: C, 31.19; H, 2.89. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2071 (s), 2036 (vs), 1995 (vs), 1966 (vs);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1119 (s)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 2.27–2.71 (m, 8H,  $4CH_2S$ ), 3.44–3.96 (m, 16H,  $8CH_2O$ ) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-SCH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_3CH_2S-\mu]_2$  (8b).** The same procedure was followed as for **8a**, but  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = CH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_3CH_2$ ) was employed. From the main red band, 0.148 g (15%) of **8b** was obtained as a red solid, mp 148 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{32}Fe_4O_{18}S_4$ : C, 33.36; H, 3.20. Found: C, 33.30; H, 3.15. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2068 (s), 2031 (vs), 1994 (vs), 1975 (s);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1127 (s)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR

(200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 2.32–2.68 (m, 8H,  $4CH_2S$ ), 3.38–3.87 (m, 24H,  $12CH_2O$ ) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[(\mu-PhNHC=S)Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-SCH_2CH_2-OCH_2CH_2S-\mu]$  (9a).** To the above-prepared solution of  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2$ ) was added 0.24 mL (2.0 mmol) of  $PhN=C=S$ , and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to TLC separation. Acetone/petroleum ether (1/4 v/v) eluted the first main red band, which gave 0.387 g (40%) of **9a** as an orange solid, mp 68–70 °C. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{30}H_{20}Fe_4N_2O_{13}S_4$ : C, 37.22; H, 2.08; N, 2.89. Found: C, 37.21; H, 2.11; N, 2.85. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2065 (vs), 2024 (vs), 1989 (vs);  $\nu_{N-H}$  3380 (m);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1107 (m);  $\nu_{C-S}$  943 (w)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 2.86–2.94 (m, 4H,  $2CH_2S$ ), 3.93 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 4H,  $2CH_2O$ ), 7.24–7.31 (m, 10H,  $2C_6H_5$ ), 8.73 (s, 2H, 2NH) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[(\mu-PhNHC=S)Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-SCH_2-(CH_2OCH_2)_2CH_2S-\mu]$  (9b).** The same procedure was followed as for **9a**, but  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = CH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_2CH_2$ ) was utilized. The residue was subjected to TLC separation using acetone/petroleum ether (1/10 v/v) as eluent. From the main red band, 0.705 g (70%) of **9b** was obtained as an orange solid, mp 68–71 °C. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{24}Fe_4N_2O_{14}S_4$ : C, 37.97; H, 2.39; N, 2.77. Found: C, 37.85; H, 2.48; N, 3.04. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2064 (vs), 2024 (vs), 1989 (vs);  $\nu_{N-H}$  3379 (m);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1113 (m);  $\nu_{C-S}$  940 (w)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 2.80 (s, 4H,  $2CH_2S$ ), 3.63–3.85 (m, 8H,  $4CH_2O$ ), 7.26 (s, 10H,  $2C_6H_5$ ), 8.69 (s, 2H, 2NH) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[(\mu-PhNHC=S)Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-SCH_2-(CH_2OCH_2)_3CH_2S-\mu]$  (9c).** The same procedure was followed as for **9a**, but  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = CH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_3CH_2$ ) was employed. From the main red band, 0.698 g (66%) of **9c** was obtained as an orange solid, mp 55–57 °C. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{34}H_{28}Fe_4N_2O_{15}S_4$ : C, 38.66; H, 2.67; N, 2.65. Found: C, 38.74; H, 2.78; N, 3.04. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2064 (vs), 2024 (vs), 1988 (vs);  $\nu_{N-H}$  3379 (m);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1111 (m);  $\nu_{C-S}$  941 (w)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 2.84 (s, 4H,  $2CH_2S$ ), 3.65–3.95 (m, 12H,  $6CH_2O$ ), 7.30 (s, 10H,  $2C_6H_5$ ), 8.74 (s, 2H, 2NH) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-S=CNH(CH_2)_4NHC=S-\mu]-(\mu-SCH_2)_4S-\mu]$  (10a).** To the above-prepared solution of  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = (CH_2)_4$ ) was added 0.172 g (1.0 mmol) of  $SCN(CH_2)_4NCS$ , and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to TLC separation using acetone/petroleum ether (1/1 v/v) as eluent. From the main red band, 0.146 g (17%) of **10a** was obtained as a red oil. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{22}H_{18}Fe_4N_2O_{12}S_4$ : C, 30.94; H, 2.12; N, 3.28. Found: C, 31.11; H, 2.19; N, 3.39. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2069 (v), 2025 (vs), 1963 (vs);  $\nu_{C-S}$  1026 (m)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 1.35–2.10 (m, 8H,  $2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2$ ), 2.40–2.65 (m, 4H,  $2CH_2S$ ), 2.80–2.95 (m, 4H,  $2CH_2N$ ), 6.56 (s, 2H, 2HN) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-S=CNH(CH_2)_4NHC=S-\mu]-(\mu-SCH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_2CH_2S-\mu)$  (10b).** The same procedure was followed as for **10a**, but  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = CH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_2CH_2$ ) was utilized. From the main red band, 0.118 g (13%) of **10b** was obtained as a red oil. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{24}H_{22}Fe_4N_2O_{12}S_4$ : C, 31.54; H, 2.43; N, 3.06. Found: C, 31.70; H, 2.22; N, 3.25. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2063 (s), 2017 (vs), 1944 (vs);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1093 (m);  $\nu_{C-S}$  1025 (m)  $cm^{-1}$ .  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 1.35–2.12 (m, 4H,  $CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2$ ), 2.24–2.80 (m, 4H,  $2CH_2S$ ), 2.75–3.18 (m, 4H,  $2CH_2N$ ), 3.71 (br.s, 8H,  $4CH_2O$ ), 6.62 (s, 2H, 2HN) ppm.

**Preparation of  $[(\mu-\sigma,\pi-PhCH=CPh)Fe_2(CO)_6]_2[\mu-SCH_2-(CH_2OCH_2)_2CH_2S-\mu]$  (11a).** To the above-prepared solution of  $4 \cdot [Et_3NH]_2$  ( $Z = CH_2(CH_2OCH_2)_2CH_2$ ) was added 0.356 g (2.0 mmol) of  $PhC\equiv CPh$ . The mixture was refluxed for 45 min. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to TLC separation using acetone/petroleum ether (1/10 v/v) as eluent. From the main red band, 0.200 g (18%) of **11a** was obtained as a red solid, mp 67–69 °C. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{46}H_{32}Fe_4O_{14}S_2$ : C, 50.40; H, 2.94. Found: C, 50.08; H, 3.13.



Table 5. Crystal Data and Structural Refinement Details for 5a, 7a, 8a, and 12a

	5a	7a	8a	12a
mol formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> O <sub>12</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> O <sub>14</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>24</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> O <sub>16</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>22</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> O <sub>12</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
mol wt	761.8	803.92	920.07	886.02
temp/K	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)
cryst syst	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> /Å	7.949(4)	9.301(6)	8.224(3)	7.689(2)
<i>b</i> /Å	8.814(4)	11.760(8)	9.766(3)	13.441(4)
<i>c</i> /Å	11.157(5)	14.532(10)	11.153(4)	19.125(6)
$\alpha$ /deg	98.568(8)	103.889(11)	88.962(6)	75.116(5)
$\beta$ /deg	98.011(8)	97.842(11)	81.064(6)	87.337(5)
$\gamma$ /deg	110.770(8)	104.773(10)	88.230(6)	74.286(6)
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	706.9(6)	1458.5(17)	884.4(5)	1838.3(9)
<i>Z</i>	1	2	1	2
<i>D</i> <sub>c</sub> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.790	1.831	1.728	1.601
abs coeff/mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.218	2.298	1.911	1.719
<i>F</i> (000)	382	800	464	892
limiting indices	-7 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 9 -10 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 11 -10 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 13	-11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 10 -9 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 13 -17 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 10	-10 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 10 -12 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 6 -13 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 13	-9 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 8 -11 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 15 -18 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 22
scan type	$\omega$ -2 $\theta$	$\omega$ -2 $\theta$	$\omega$ -2 $\theta$	$\omega$ -2 $\theta$
no. of rflns	3350	7291	5103	7198
no. of indep rflns	2643	5041	3574	6370
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0243	0.0204	0.0331	0.0324
2 $\theta$ <sub>max</sub> /deg	52.88	50.00	52.86	50.06
no. of data/restraints/params	2643/0/181	5041/304/399	3574/0/217	6370/0/451
<i>R</i>	0.0392	0.0434	0.0504	0.0516
<i>R</i> <sub>w</sub>	0.0706	0.1437	0.1161	0.1025
goodness of fit	0.931	1.087	1.065	1.014
largest diff peak and hole/e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.501 and -0.323	0.816 and -0.783	0.515 and -0.411	0.381 and -0.320

IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2066 (s), 2036 (vs), 1990 (vs);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1125 (m);  $\nu_{C=C}$  1001 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.63 (s, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>S), 3.66–3.77 (m, 10H, 4CH<sub>2</sub>O, 2PhCH), 6.69–7.24 (m, 20H, 4C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) ppm.

**Preparation of [( $\mu$ - $\sigma$ , $\pi$ -PhCH=CPh)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[ $\mu$ -SCH<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S- $\mu$ ] (11b).** The same procedure was followed as for 11a, but 4·[Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sub>2</sub> (Z = CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>) was used. From the main red band, 0.182 g (16%) of 11b was obtained as a red solid, mp 54–55 °C. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>36</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub>O<sub>15</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 50.56; H, 3.18. Found: C, 50.54; H, 3.38. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2064 (s), 2033 (vs), 1990 (vs);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1116 (m);  $\nu_{C=C}$  992 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.62 (s, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>S), 3.64–3.75 (m, 14H, 6CH<sub>2</sub>O, 2PhCH), 6.69–7.24 (m, 20H, 4C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) ppm.

**Preparation of [( $\mu$ - $\sigma$ , $\pi$ -PhCH=CH)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[ $\mu$ -S(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>S- $\mu$ ] (12a).** To the above-prepared solution of 4·[Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sub>2</sub> (Z = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>) was added 0.408 g (4.0 mmol) of PhC≡CH. The mixture was refluxed for 1 h and stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to TLC separation using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/petroleum ether (1/1 v/v) as eluent. From the main red band, 0.450 g (51%) of 12a was obtained as a red solid, mp 167 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 43.38; H, 2.50. Found: C, 43.42; H, 2.49. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2068 (vs), 2036 (vs), 1985 (vs);  $\nu_{C=C}$  1597 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.82 (s, 4H, SCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 2.38 (s, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>S), 4.35 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2H, 2 endo-PhCH), 7.27 (s, 10H, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 8.46 (d, 2H, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2 exo-FeCH) ppm.

**Preparation of [( $\mu$ - $\sigma$ , $\pi$ -PhCH=CH)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[ $\mu$ -SCH<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S- $\mu$ ] (12b).** The same procedure was followed as for 12a, but 4·[Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sub>2</sub> (Z = CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>) was used. From the main red band, 0.374 g (40%) of 12b was obtained as a red solid, mp 121 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>26</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub>O<sub>14</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 43.16; H, 2.77. Found: C, 42.97; H, 3.01. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2069 (vs), 2038 (vs), 1988 (vs);  $\nu_{C=C}$  1597 (w);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1126 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.57 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>S), 3.70 (s, 4H, 4CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.33 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2H, 2 endo-PhCH), 7.26 (s, 10H, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 8.45 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2H, 2 exo-FeCH) ppm.

**Preparation of [( $\mu$ - $\sigma$ , $\pi$ -PhCH=CH)Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[ $\mu$ -SCH<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S- $\mu$ ] (12c).** The same procedure was followed as for 12a, but 4·[Et<sub>3</sub>NH]<sub>2</sub> (Z = CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>) was utilized. From the main red band, 0.444 g (45%) of 12c was obtained as a red solid, mp 135 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>30</sub>-Fe<sub>4</sub>O<sub>15</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 43.67; H, 3.05. Found: C, 43.60; H, 3.06. IR (KBr disk):  $\nu_{C=O}$  2068 (vs), 2036 (vs), 1988 (vs);  $\nu_{C=C}$  1596 (w);  $\nu_{C-O-C}$  1124 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.57 (s, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>S), 3.69 (s, 12H, 6CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.32 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2H, 2 endo-PhCH), 7.24 (s, 10H, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 8.44 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2H, 2 exo-FeCH) ppm.

**X-ray Structure Determinations of 5a, 7a, 8a, and 12a.** Single crystals of 5a, 7a, 8a, and 12a suitable for X-ray diffraction analyses were grown by slow evaporation of their CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/petroleum ether solutions at -20 °C for 7a and at about 4 °C for 5a, 8a, and 12a. Each crystal was mounted on a Bruker SMART 1000 automated diffractometer with a graphite monochromator with Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.710 73 Å). The structures were solved by direct methods and expanded by Fourier techniques. The final refinements were accomplished by the full-matrix least-squares method with anisotropic thermal parameters for non-hydrogen atoms. The calculations were performed using the SHELXTL-97 program. Details of the crystal data, data collections, and structure refinements are summarized in Table 5.

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