

Supporting Information

Spectra and chemical shift assignment

Complex 1:

Table S1: Chemical shifts [ppm] of pyridine in the presence of **complex 1** (Scheme 1) obtained in a SABRE experiment.

δ /ppm	ortho	meta	para
catalyst bound pyridine	8.27	-	7.05
free pyridine	8.50	7.39	7.81

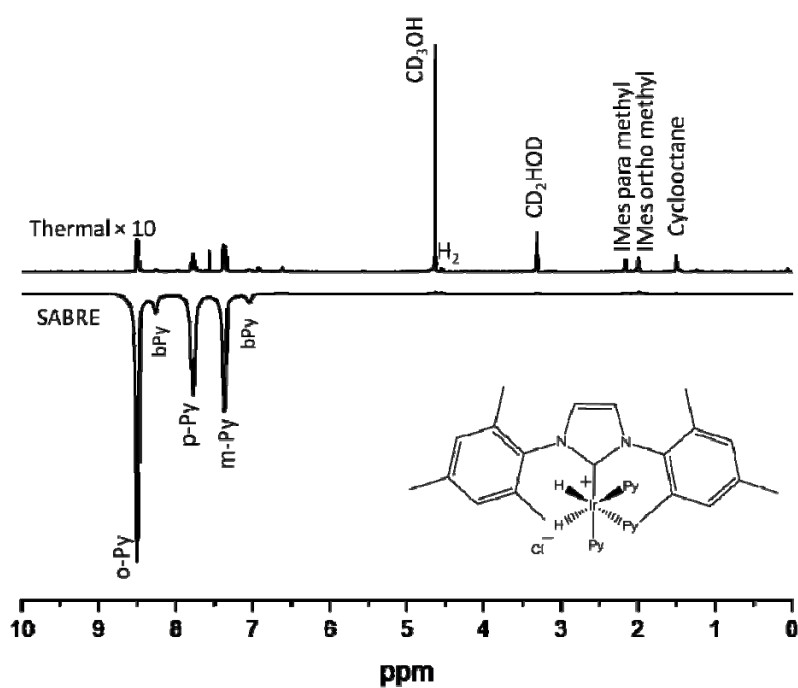


Fig. S1: Comparison of the ^1H SABRE spectrum and the thermal spectrum of pyridine (py) in the presence of complex 1 in $\text{CDCl}_3:\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ (1:1). Both spectra were measured at 300 MHz using a 90° single pulse experiment. 1 mg (2.6 mM) catalyst + 3.3 μl (68.1 mM) pyridine + 600 μl solvent (solvent mixture $\text{CDCl}_3:\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ (1:1)). $T = 296.9$ K

Complex 2:

Table S2: Chemical shifts [ppm] of pyridine in the presence of **complex 2** (Scheme 1) obtained in a SABRE experiment.

δ /ppm	ortho	meta	para
catalyst bound pyridine	8.33	-	7.24
free pyridine	8.51	7.39	7.80

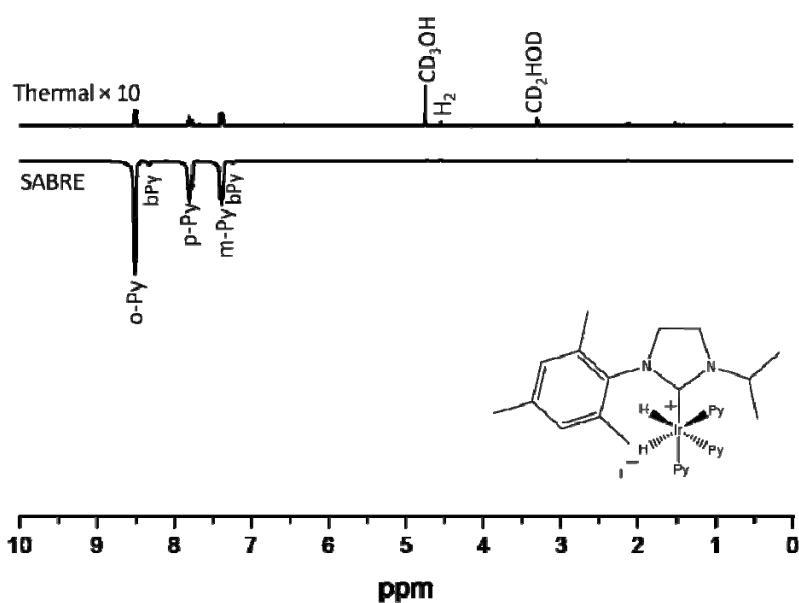


Fig. S2: Comparison of the ¹H SABRE spectrum and the thermal spectrum of pyridine (py) in the presence of complex **2** in CDCl₃:CD₃OD (1:1). Both spectra were measured at 300 MHz using a 90° single pulse experiment. 1 mg (2.5 mM) catalyst + 3.3 μl (68.1 mM) pyridine + 600 μl solvent (solvent mixture CDCl₃:CD₃OD (1:1)). T = 297.3 K

Complex 3:

Table S3: Chemical shifts [ppm] of pyridine in the presence of **complex 3** (Scheme 1) obtained in a SABRE experiment.

δ /ppm	ortho	meta	para
catalyst bound pyridine	8.21	-	-
free pyridine	8.49	7.37	7.77

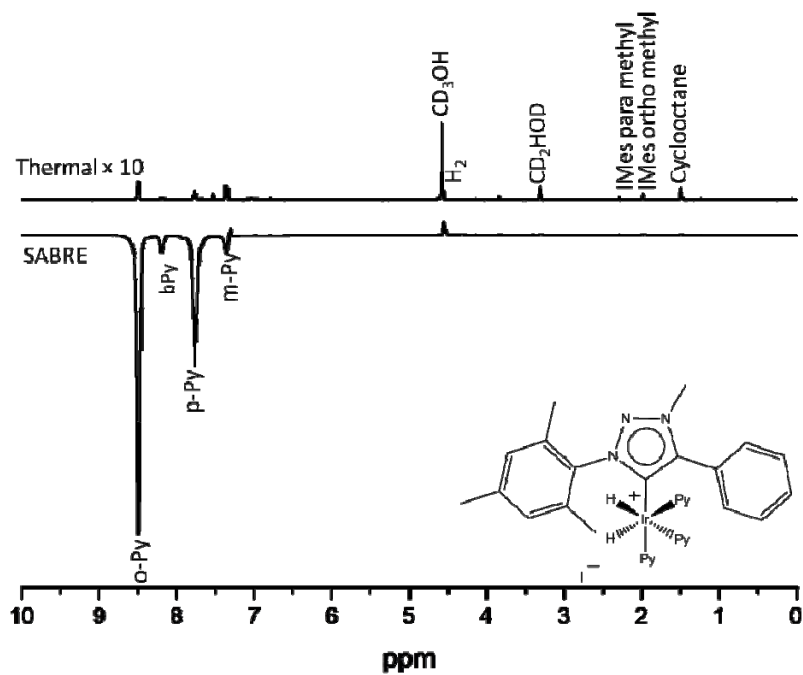


Fig. S3 Comparison of the ^1H SABRE spectrum and the thermal spectrum of pyridine (py) in the presence of complex **3** in $\text{CDCl}_3:\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ (1:1). Both spectra were measured at 300 MHz using a 90° single pulse experiment. 1 mg (2.4 mM) catalyst + $3.5\ \mu\text{l}$ (72.3 mM) pyridine + 600 μl solvent (solvent mixture $\text{CDCl}_3:\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ (1:1)). $T = 297.3\ \text{K}$.

Complex 4:

Table S4: Chemical shifts [ppm] of pyridine in the presence of **complex 4** (Scheme 1) obtained in a SABRE experiment.

δ /ppm	ortho	meta	para
catalyst bound pyridine	8.40	7.29	-
free pyridine	8.50	7.39	7.81

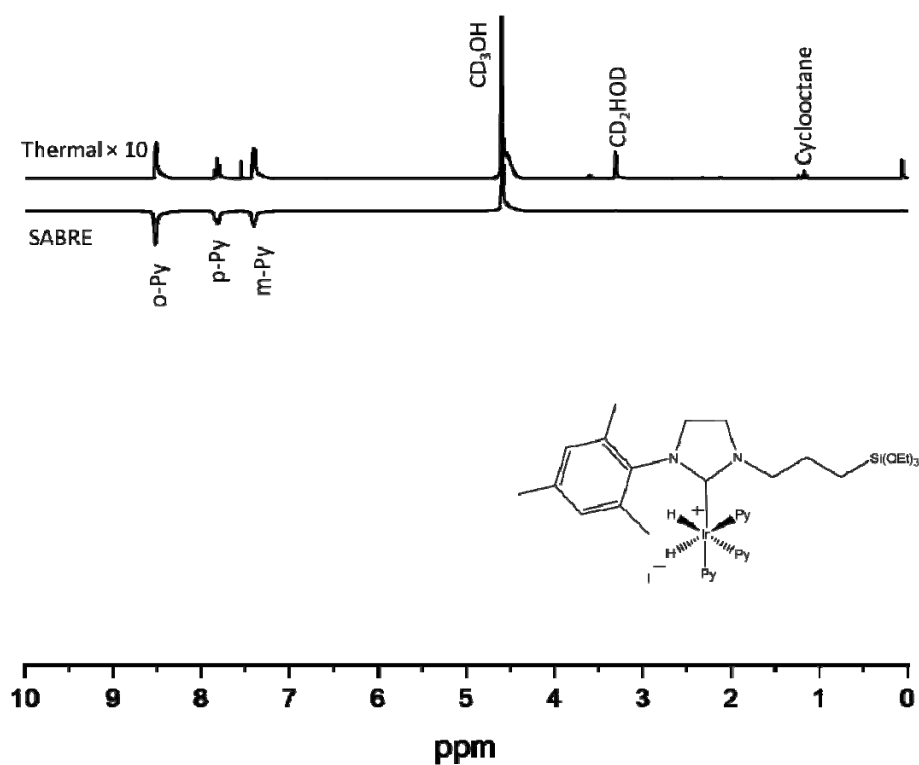


Fig. S4: ¹H SABRE spectrum of pyridine in the presence of complex 4 in CDCl₃:CD₃OD (1:1). The spectrum were measured at 300 MHz with 90° single pulse. 1.24 mg (2.5 mM) catalyst + 2.6 μl (53.7 mM) pyridine + 600 μl solvents (solvent mixture CDCl₃:CD₃OD (1:1)). T = 296.9 K.

Complex 5:

Table S5: Chemical shifts [ppm] of pyridine in the presence of **complex 5** (Scheme 1) obtained in a SABRE experiment.

δ /ppm	ortho	meta	para
catalyst bound pyridine	-	-	-
free pyridine	8.50	7.35	7.76

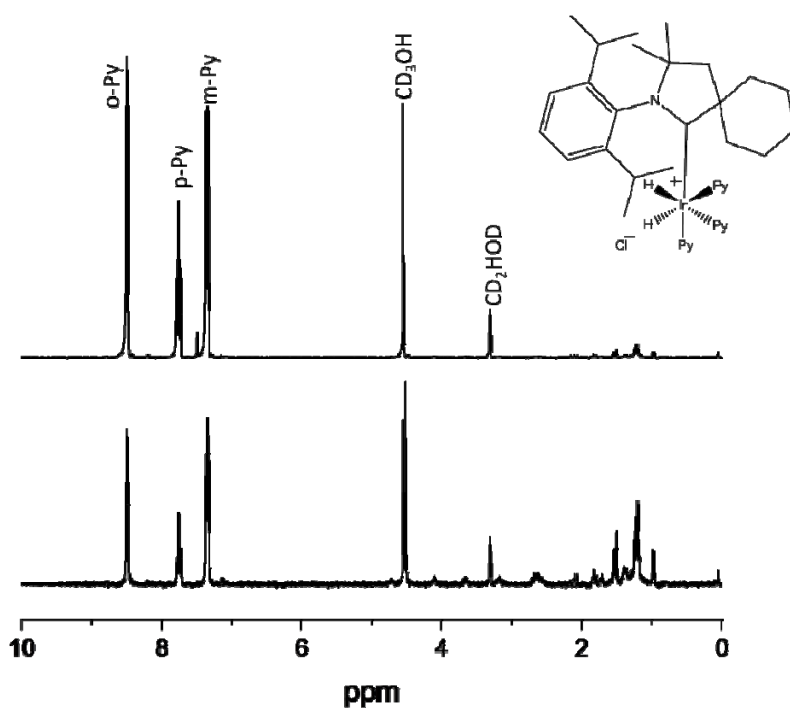


Fig. S5: Comparison of the ^1H SABRE spectrum and the thermal spectrum of pyridine (py) in the presence of complex **5** in $\text{CDCl}_3:\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ (1:1). Both spectra were measured at 300 MHz using a 90° single pulse experiment. 1 mg (2.5 mM) catalyst + 3.5 μl (72.3 mM) pyridine + 600 μl solvent (solvent mixture $\text{CDCl}_3:\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ (1:1)). $T = 297.8$ K.