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**Thorium- and Uranium-Azide Reductions: A Transient Dithorium-Nitride *Versus*  
Isolable Diuranium-Nitrides**

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## Experimental

### *General*

All manipulations were carried out under an inert atmosphere of dry nitrogen using Schlenk techniques, or an MBraun UniLab glovebox. All glassware was dried either by overnight storage in an oven at 150 °C or by flame-drying with subsequent cooling under  $10^{-3}$  mm Hg vacuum followed by repeated alternate evacuation and purging with nitrogen. Oxygen-free nitrogen gas cylinders were supplied by BOC Gases UK. The solvents THF, diethyl ether, toluene and pentane were dried by passage through activated alumina towers and degassed before use. 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME), hexanes and benzene were distilled from potassium. All solvents were stored over potassium mirrors except for ethers, which were stored over activated 4 Å sieves. Deuterated NMR solvents ( $d_6$ -benzene,  $d_8$ -toluene,  $d_8$ -tetrahydrofuran) were purchased from Goss Scientific Ltd and were distilled from potassium, degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles and stored under nitrogen prior to use.  $\text{KN}_3$ ,  $\text{NaN}_3$ , and  $\text{AgBPh}_4$  were dried under vacuum for 6 hours prior to use.  $\text{UCl}_4$ ,<sup>1</sup>  $[\text{Th}(\text{Cl})_4(\text{THF})_{3.5}]$ ,<sup>2</sup>  $[\text{U}(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})(\text{I})]$ ,<sup>3</sup>  $[\text{Th}(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})(\text{I})]$ ,<sup>4</sup> and  $\text{KC}_8$ <sup>5</sup> were prepared using literature methods.

$^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ ,  $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 spectrometer operating at 400.1, 100.6, and 79.5 MHz, respectively; chemical shifts are quoted in ppm and are relative to TMS ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$   $^{29}\text{Si}$ ). FTIR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Alpha spectrometer with a Platinum-ATR module in the glovebox. UV/Vis/NIR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer L M D<sup>TM</sup> 750 spectrometer. Data were collected in a 1mm path-length cuvette loaded in an MBraun glovebox and were run versus the appropriate solvent. EPR spectra were measured using X- (9.39 GHz) and S-bands (ca. 3.8 GHz, 5 K) on a Bruker Eleksys E500 spectrometer with an ER4118SMS5 resonator at 5 K; K- (24.0 GHz) and Q-bands (34.0 GHz) were also investigated to confirm the spectral features, but since not all g-values are

observable in those frequency windows they are not included here. Static variable-temperature magnetic moment data were recorded in an applied dc field of 0.1 T on a Quantum Design MPMS XL7 superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID) magnetometer using doubly recrystallised powdered samples. Care was taken to ensure complete thermalisation of the sample before each data point was measured and samples were immobilised in an eicosane matrix to prevent sample reorientation during measurements. Diamagnetic corrections were applied for using tabulated Pascal constants and measurements were corrected for the effect of the blank sample holders (flame sealed Wilmad NMR tube and straw) and eicosane matrix. Crystals were examined variously on a Bruker APEX CCD area detector diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ), or on an Oxford Diffraction SuperNova Atlas CCD diffractometer using mirror-monochromated Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$ ). Cyclic voltammetry experiments were performed using a Metrohm Autolab UK Ltd. PGSTAT20 potentiostat with a three-electrode arrangement in a single compartment cell under N<sub>2</sub>, Pt wire working and secondary electrodes and Ag/AgCl reference electrode. Sample solutions were 5 mM in concentration of complex with 0.1 M dry [<sup>n</sup>Bu<sub>4</sub>N][BAR<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>] supporting electrolyte in dry THF, loaded into the cell in the glovebox. CHN microanalyses were carried out by Martin Jennings and Anne Davies (University of Manchester); low C values were often observed, likely the result of incomplete combustion and SiC formation.<sup>6</sup>

### ***Preparation of $\{[U(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})(\mu\text{-N}_3)_4]\}$ (3)***

THF (20 ml) was added slowly to a stirring mixture of [U(Tren<sup>DMBS</sup>)(I)] (4.00 mmol, 3.40 g) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (4.20 mmol, 0.27 g) at  $-78 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature with stirring over 16 h. Volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was extracted into hexanes (20 ml). The mixture was filtered to remove the NaI precipitate,

concentrated and stored at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to yield yellow crystals of **3**. Yield: 0.32 g, 35%. Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{96}\text{H}_{228}\text{N}_{28}\text{Si}_{12}\text{U}_4\cdot\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ : C, 38.89; H, 7.74; N, 12.45. Found: C, 39.09; H, 7.73; N, 12.16.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm) 12.33 (bs, 24H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.24 (s, 108H,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 1.33 (s, 72H,  $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ )  $-38.68$  (bs, 24H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ). FTIR  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2956 (vs), 2924 (vs), 2854 (vs), 2131 (vs,  $\text{N}_3^-$ ), 2096 (s), 1462 (s), 1404 (m), 1378 (m), 1260 (m), 1094 (m), 1021 (m), 900 (w), 802 (m), 722 (w).  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  (Evans method,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  solution, 298 K):  $4.28\ \mu_{\text{B}}$ . If  $[\{\text{U}(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})\}_4(\mu\text{:}\eta^1\text{:}\eta^1\text{-N}_3)_4]$  is extracted into pentane instead of hexane, solvent can be removed from the lattice by drying under vacuum for 4 hours.

#### **Preparation of $[\{\text{Th}(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})(\mu\text{-N}_3)\}_3]$ (**4**)**

THF (50 ml,  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) was added to pre-cooled ( $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) solid  $[\text{Th}(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})(\text{I})]$  (8.45 g, 10.00 mmol) and  $\text{KN}_3$  (1.60 g, 20.00 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 1 hour and then left to warm to room temperature and stirred for an additional 24 hours. All volatiles were subsequently removed *in vacuo*. The remaining solids were then extracted in pentane (60 ml) and filtered through celite<sup>®</sup> to remove the KI precipitate and excess  $\text{KN}_3$ . All volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was washed with HMDSO (2 x 10 mL) and dried *in vacuo* to yield **3** as an analytically pure colourless solid. Yield: 6.54 g, 86%. Colourless crystals were obtained from slow evaporation of a saturated pentane solution at room temperature. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{72}\text{H}_{171}\text{N}_{21}\text{Si}_9\text{Th}_3$ : C, 37.93; H, 7.56; N, 12.90. Found: C, 37.62; H, 7.60; N, 12.75.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm) 0.49 (s, 18H,  $\text{Si}(\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3)(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.16 (s, 27H,  $\text{Si}(\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3)(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 2.49 (t,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 5.0$  Hz, 6H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ) 3.53 (t,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 5.0$  Hz, 6H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm)  $-4.04$  ( $\text{Si}(\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3)(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 20.22 ( $\text{Si}(\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3)(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 27.63 ( $\text{Si}(\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3)(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 47.05 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 62.59 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ).  $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (79 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm)  $-2.11$ . FTIR  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2950 (s), 2925 (s), 2881 (w), 2850 (s), 2131 (vs,  $\text{N}_3^-$ ), 1462 (s), 1401 (w), 1245 (s),

1078 (w), 1058 (w), 926 (vs), 823 (vs), 802 (vs), 785 (s), 770 (s), 714 (s), 657 (s), 546 (s), 631 (w), 446(w).

***Preparation of  $\{U(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})\}_2(\mu\text{-N})\}[\text{K}(\text{THF})_6]$  (5) and  $\{U(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})\}_2(\mu\text{-N})$  (6)***

THF (20 ml) was added slowly to a stirring mixture of **3** (2.568 g, 0.8 mmol) and  $\text{KC}_8$  (0.540 g, 4.0 mmol) at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature with stirring over 16 h and filtered away from the graphite. Volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was extracted into pentane (60 ml). The solution was filtered, concentrated to 10 ml and stored at  $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to yield a 66:34% mixture of **5:6** as a dark brown solid. The solid was isolated by filtration, washed with pentane (2 x 2 ml) and dried. Yield: 1.187 g, 41.8% (based on uranium; **5**, 27.6%; **6**, 14.2%). Repetition of this procedure, in DME, Toluene, THF, or Benzene using various ratios of  $\text{KC}_8$  (3 to 5 equivalents) always yielded mixtures of the two different bridging nitride species, in various ratios ranging from 77:23 to 50:50% **5:6**.

***Preparation of  $\{U(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})\}_2(\mu\text{-N})\}[\text{K}(\text{THF})_6]$  (5)***

THF (10 ml) was added slowly to a stirring mixture of 77:23% **5:6** (1.747 g) and  $\text{KC}_8$  (0.074 g, 0.5 mmol) at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature with stirring over 16 h and filtered away from the graphite. Volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was extracted into pentane (40 ml). The solution was filtered, concentrated to 5 ml and stored at  $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to yield **5** as dark red crystals. The crystals were isolated by filtration, washed with pentane (2 x 2 ml) and dried. Upon prolonged drying loss of 3 molecules of THF occurs. Yield: 1.173 g, 63%. Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{60}\text{H}_{138}\text{N}_9\text{KO}_3\text{Si}_6\text{U}_2$ : C, 41.96; H, 8.10; N, 7.34. Found: C, 41.45; H, 8.30; N, 7.48.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm) 95.53 (s, 12H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 15.92 (s, 12H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.65 (s, 24H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ),  $-14.47$  (s, 54H,  $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ),  $-33.56$  (s, 36H,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ). FTIR  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2955 (vs), 2924 (vs), 2854 (vs), 1582 (w), 1462 (s),

1377 (s), 1260 (s), 1246 (m), 1072 (s), 1026 (m), 936 (w), 897 (w), 806 (s), 767 (m), 723 (m), 670(w), 650 (w).  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  (Evans method,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  solution, 298 K): 4.02  $\mu_{\text{B}}$ .

### **Preparation of $\{[U(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})]_2(\mu\text{-N})\}$ (**6**)**

*Method 1:* Toluene (20 ml) was added slowly to a stirring mixture of 50:50 **5**:**6** (2.790 g) and  $\text{AgBPh}_4$  (0.65 g, 1.5 mmol) at  $-78$  °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature with stirring over 16 h and filtered. Volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was extracted into pentane (60 ml). The solution was filtered, concentrated to  $\sim 5$  ml and stored at  $-30$  °C to yield **6** as dark brown crystals. Yield: 1.388 g, 57%. *Method 2:* Toluene (20 ml) was added slowly to a stirring mixture of **5** (0.86 g, 0.5 mmol) and  $\text{AgBPh}_4$  (0.43 g, 1.00 mmol) at  $-78$  °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature with stirring over 16 h and filtered. Volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was extracted into hexanes (10 ml). The solution was filtered, concentrated to  $\sim 2$  ml and stored at  $-30$  °C to yield **6** as dark brown crystals. Yield: 0.21 g, 30%. *Method 3:* **3** (2.14 g, 0.70 mmol) in toluene (30 ml) was irradiated with a 125 W Hg-lamp in a submersion flask for 7 hours with stirring. The solution was filtered and volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Extraction into hexanes, concentration, and storage at  $5$  °C yielded **6** as dark brown crystals. Yield: 0.92 g, 45%. Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{114}\text{N}_9\text{Si}_6\text{U}_2$ : C, 39.43; H, 7.86; N, 8.62. Found: C, 39.36; H, 7.87; N, 8.36.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm) 24.86 (s, 12H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 8.76 (s, 12H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ),  $-1.19$  (s, 54H,  $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ),  $-13.31$  (s, 36H,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ).  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$   $-104.01$ . FTIR  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2955 (vs), 2924 (vs), 2854 (vs), 1599 (w), 1462 (s), 1403 (m), 1377 (s), 1260 (s), 1089 (s), 1021 (m), 926 (w), 801 (s), 722 (m), 669 (w).  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  (Evans method,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  solution, 298 K): 3.45  $\mu_{\text{B}}$ .

**Preparation of  $\{Th(Tren^{DMBS})\}_2(\mu-NH)$  (7)**

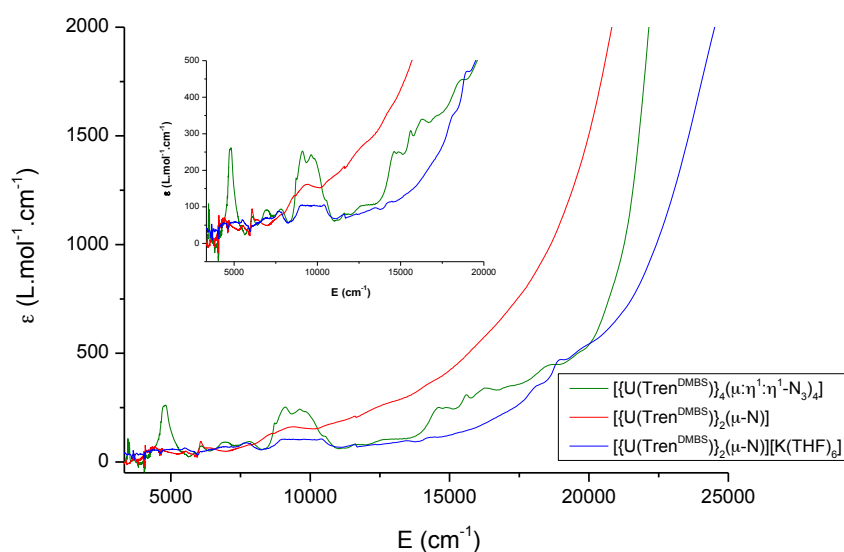
Benzene (40 ml) was added slowly to a pre-cooled ( $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) mixture of **4** (0.76 g, 0.33 mmol) and  $KC_8$  (0.13 g, 1.00 mmol), the mixture was frozen at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . After addition, the cold bath was removed and the mixture was thawed and warmed up to room temperature and kept stirring for 24 hours, during which the reaction turned into black suspension. After this time, the mixture was filtered, and a colourless filtrate was obtained. Volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the off-white product was extracted into pentane (10 ml). The solution was filtered, concentrated to 5 mL and stored at  $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , yielding **7** as colourless crystals. Yield: 0.20 g, 52%. The same product could be also obtained by using toluene as the solvent. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{48}H_{115}N_9Si_6Th_2$ : C, 39.73; H, 7.99; N, 8.69. Found: C, 39.76; H, 8.23; N, 8.67.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm) 0.52 (s, 36H,  $Si(C(CH_3)_3)(CH_3)_2$ ), 1.13 (s, 54H,  $Si(C(CH_3)_3)(CH_3)_2$ ), 2.50 (t,  $^3J_{HH} = 5.0$  Hz, 12H,  $CH_2CH_2$ ) 3.36 (t,  $^3J_{HH} = 5.0$  Hz, 12H,  $CH_2CH_2$ ), 5.55 (s, 1H, NH).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm)  $-3.17$  ( $Si(C(CH_3)_3)(CH_3)_2$ ), 20.64 ( $Si(C(CH_3)_3)(CH_3)_2$ ), 27.92 ( $Si(C(CH_3)_3)(CH_3)_2$ ), 46.28 ( $CH_2CH_2$ ), 64.20 ( $CH_2CH_2$ ).  $^{29}Si\{^1H\}$  NMR (79 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm)  $-1.34$ . FTIR  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 3390 (br and w, NH), 2950 (s), 2926 (s), 2851(s), 1462 (s), 1400 (w), 1387 (w), 1358 (w), 1247 (s), 1125 (w), 1110 (w), 1060 (s), 1005 (w), 927 (s), 823 (s), 804 (s), 767 (s), 714 (w), 655 (w), 562 (w), 504(w).

**Preparation of  $\{Th(Tren^{DMBS})\}_2\{Th(N[CH_2CH_2NSiMe_2Bu^t]_2CH_2CH_2NSi[\mu-CH_2]MeBu^t)\}(\mu-NH)[K(DME)_4]$  (8)**

DME (40 ml) was added slowly to a pre-cooled ( $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) mixture of **4** (0.76 g, 0.33 mmol) and  $KC_8$  (0.26 g, 2.00 mmol) at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . After addition, the cold bath was removed and the mixture warmed up to room temperature and kept stirring for 24 hours, during which the reaction turned into black suspension. After this time, the mixture was filtered, and a

colourless filtrate was obtained. Volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the off-white product was washed by pentane (2 x 10 ml) and then dissolved in DME (5 ml). Evaporation of the pale yellow solution in the glove box at room temperature yielded **8** as colourless crystals. Yield: 0.43 g, 46%. The same product could be also obtained by using THF as the solvent and recrystallized in DME. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{64}H_{154}KN_9O_8Si_6Th_2$ : C, 41.56; H, 8.39; N, 6.82. Found: C, 40.86; H, 8.42; N, 7.04.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm) 0.31-0.48 (m, 33H,  $Si(C(CH_3)_3)(CH_3)_2$ ), 0.96-1.30 (m, 56H,  $Si(C(CH_3)_3)(CH_2)$  and Th- $CH_2$ ), 2.33 (t,  $^3J_{HH} = 4.9$  Hz, 12H,  $CH_2CH_2$ ), 2.86 (s, 24H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.96 (s, 16H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.20 (t,  $^3J_{HH} = 4.9$  Hz, 12H,  $CH_2CH_2$ ), 5.39 (s, 1H, NH).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm) -3.16 ( $Si(C(CH_3)_3)(CH_3)_3$ ), 20.63 ( $Si(C(CH_3)_3)(CH_3)_3$ ), 27.92 ( $Si(C(CH_3)_3)(CH_3)_3$ ), 46.28 ( $CH_2CH_2$ ), 49.30 (Th- $CH_2$ ), 58.29 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 64.62 ( $CH_2CH_2$ ), 71.40 (OCH<sub>2</sub>).  $^{29}Si\{^1H\}$  NMR (79 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  (ppm) -1.33. FTIR  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 2922 (w), 2876 (w), 2842(m), 1496 (w), 1355 (w), 1238 (w), 1123 (w), 1084 (s), 1032 (w), 927 (s), 807 (s), 763 (s), 723 (s), 649 (w), 553 (w), 503 (s), 483(s). NH stretching absorption was not observed in the ATR-IR spectrum.

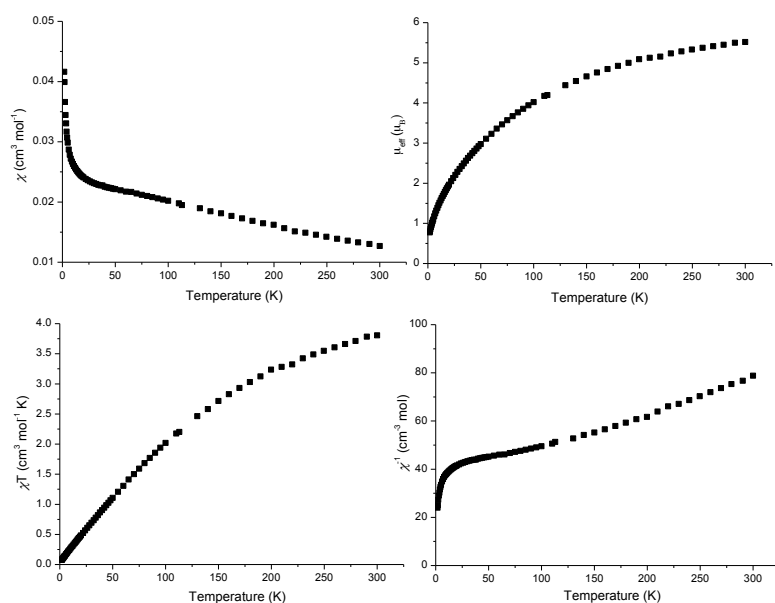
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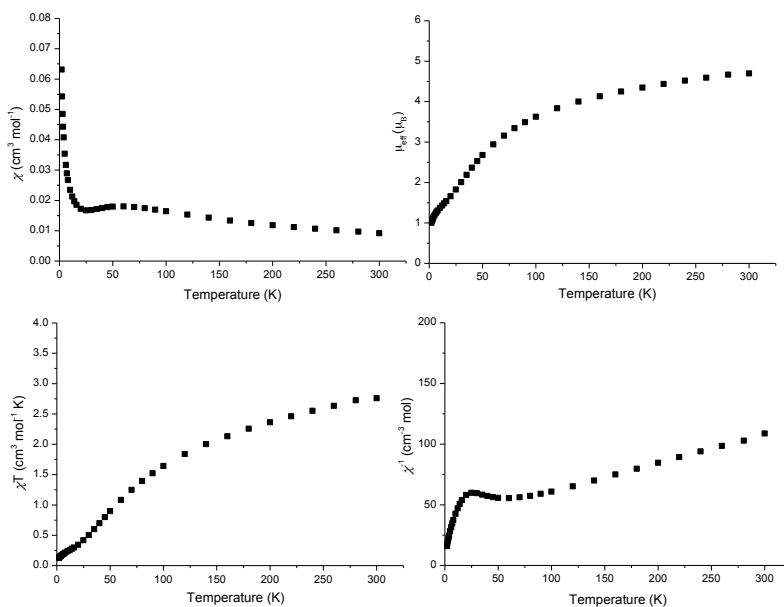
**Figure S1.** UV-visible-NIR spectra of toluene solutions of **3** (green), **5** (blue), and **6** (red).



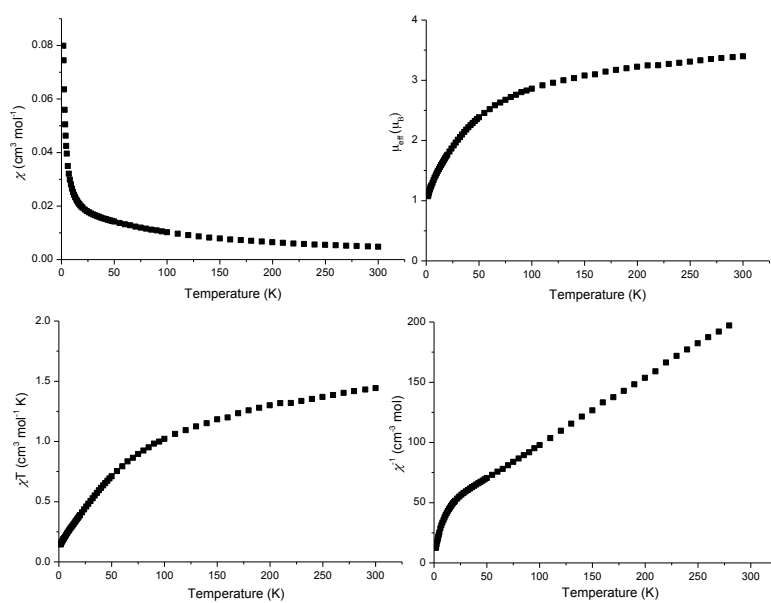
## Magnetometry



**Figure S2.** Magnetic susceptibility  $\chi$ ,  $\chi T$ , magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  and  $1/\chi$  data vs T for **3**.

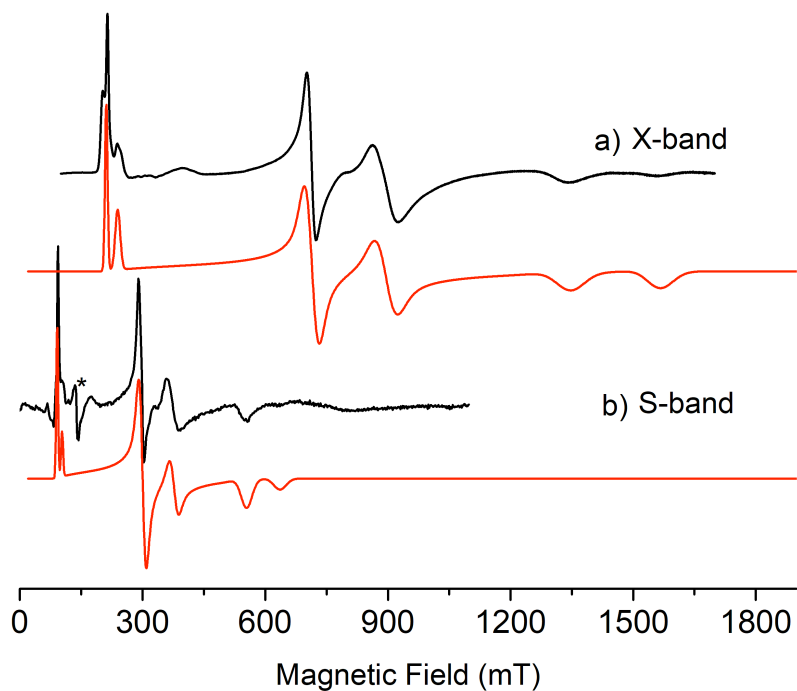


**Figure S3.** Magnetic susceptibility  $\chi$ ,  $\chi T$ , magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  and  $1/\chi$  data vs T for **5**.



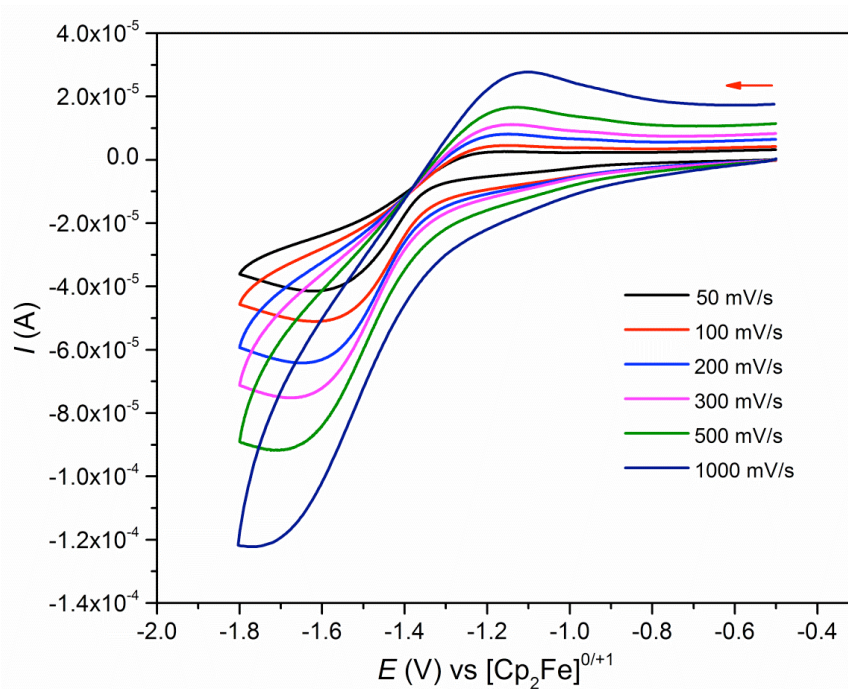
**Figure S4.** Magnetic susceptibility  $\chi$ ,  $\chi T$ , magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  and  $1/\chi$  data vs T for **6**.

### EPR spectroscopy

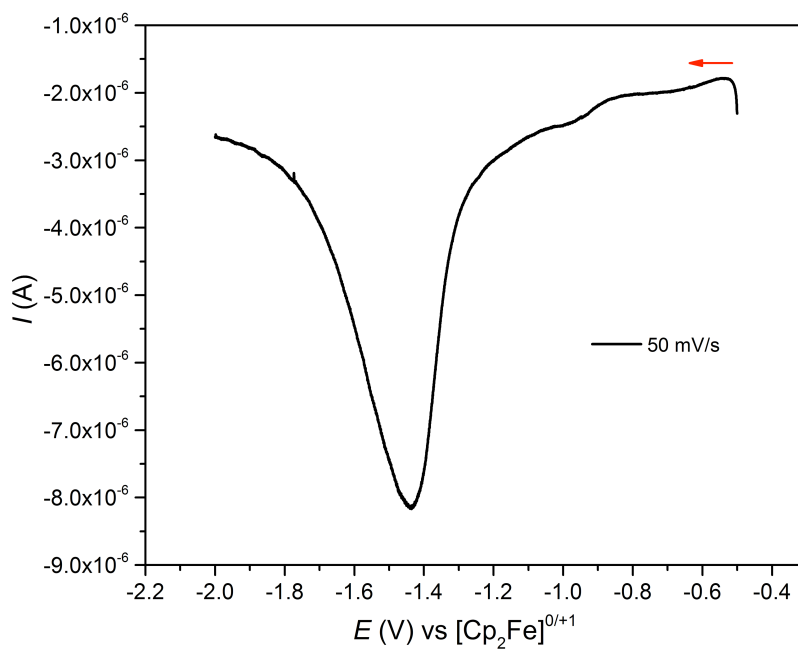


**Figure S5.** a) X-band (9.39 GHz) and b) S-band (3.87 GHz) EPR spectra of polycrystalline samples of **6** at 5 K. \* = cavity signal.

## Electrochemistry



**Figure S6.** Cyclic voltammogram of 0.1 M **6** in THF at selected sweep rates (0.5 M  $[\text{N}(\text{nBu})_4][\text{BAR}^{\text{F}}_4]$  supporting electrolyte) vs.  $[\text{Fe}(\text{Cp})_2]^{+/0}$  showing a single irreversible redox process. Test solutions of **5** or **6** in THF with  $[\text{N}(\text{nBu})_4][\text{BAR}^{\text{F}}_4]$  show no evidence of stability issues.



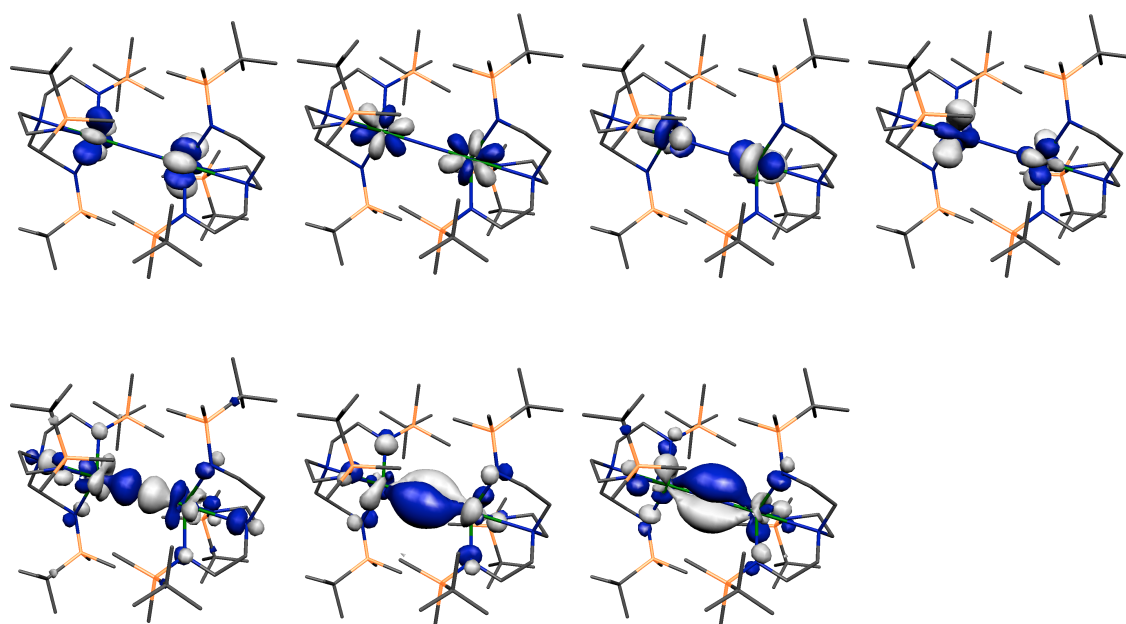
**Figure S7.** Square wave voltammogram of 0.1 M **6** in THF (0.5 M  $[\text{N}(\text{nBu})_4][\text{BAR}^{\text{F}}_4]$  supporting electrolyte) vs.  $[\text{Fe}(\text{Cp})_2]^{+/0}$ .

## Computational Details

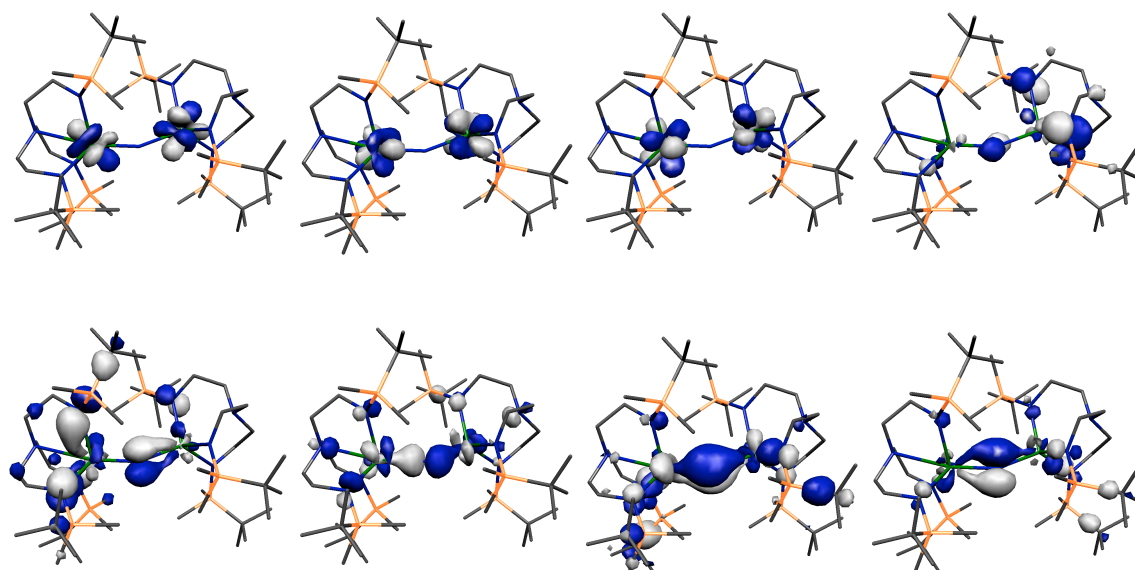
### *General*

Unrestricted geometry optimisations for [ $\{\text{U}(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})\}_2(\mu\text{-N})\text{]}^-$  (**5**) and [ $\{\text{U}(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})\}_2(\mu\text{-N})$ ] (**6**) were performed using coordinates derived from crystal structures; for [ $\{\text{Th}(\text{Tren}^{\text{DMBS}})\}_2(\mu\text{-N})\text{]}^-$  (**9**), **5** was used with Th substituted for U. No constraints were imposed during the geometry optimisations. Calculations were performed using the Amsterdam Density Functional (ADF) suite version 2012.01.<sup>7,8</sup> The DFT geometry optimisations employed Slater type orbital (STO) triple- $\zeta$ -plus polarisation all-electron basis sets (from the ZORA/TZP database of the ADF suite). Scalar relativistic approaches were used within the ZORA Hamiltonian for the inclusion of relativistic effects and the local density approximation (LDA) with the correlation potential due to Vosko *et al.*<sup>9</sup> Gradient corrections were performed using the functionals of Becke and Perdew.<sup>10,11</sup> MOLEKEL<sup>12</sup> was used to prepare the three-dimensional plots of the electron density. The Atoms in Molecules analysis<sup>13,14</sup> was carried out with Xaim-1.0.<sup>15</sup> NBO returned ionic bonding combinations with N-localised lone pairs so these data are not discussed. The enthalpy profile was carried out with the Gaussian 09 suite of programs.<sup>16</sup> Geometries were fully optimised in the gas phase without symmetry constraints, employing the B3PW91 functional.<sup>17,18</sup> The nature of the extrema was verified by analytical frequency calculations. The calculation of electronic energies and enthalpies of the extrema of the potential energy surface (minima and transition states) were performed at the same level of theory as the geometry optimisations. IRC calculations were performed to confirm the connections of the optimised transition states. Th atoms were treated with a small core effective core potential (60MWB), associated with its adapted basis set.<sup>19-21</sup> For the other elements (H, C, O, N and P), Pople's double- $\zeta$  basis set 6-31G(d,p) was used.<sup>22,23</sup> This approach follows published methodologies.<sup>24,25</sup>

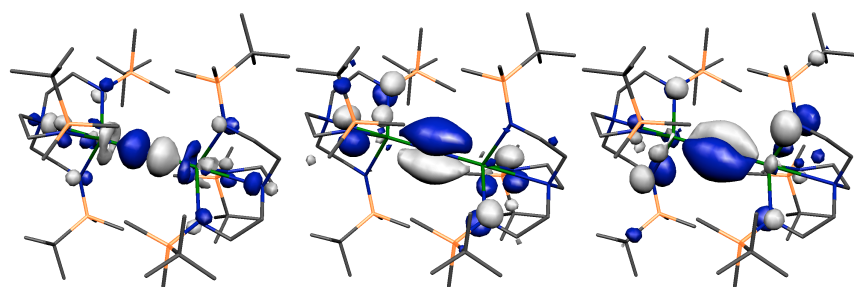
*Kohn Sham Figures*



**Figure S8. Kohn Sham molecular orbital representations computed by ADF of the principal frontier orbitals of  $5^-$  with hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity. Top left to bottom right: HOMO (369a, 0.004 eV), HOMO-1 (368a, -0.015 eV), HOMO-2 (367a, -0.016 eV), HOMO-3 (366a, -0.053 eV), HOMO-10 (359a, -2.912 eV), HOMO-11 (358a, -2.985 eV), HOMO-12 (357a, -2.985 eV).**



**Figure S9.** Kohn Sham molecular orbital representations computed by ADF of the principal frontier orbitals of **6** with hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity. Top left to bottom right: HOMO (368a,  $-2.817$  eV), HOMO-1 (367a,  $-2.854$  eV), HOMO-2 (366a,  $-2.871$  eV), HOMO-7 (361a,  $-4.907$  eV), HOMO-8 (360a,  $-4.984$  eV), HOMO-9 (359a,  $-5.395$  eV), HOMO-10 (358a,  $-5.562$  eV), HOMO-11 (357a,  $-5.582$  eV).



**Figure S10.** Kohn Sham molecular orbital representations computed by ADF of the principal frontier orbitals of **9'** with hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity. Left to right: HOMO (365a,  $-1.884$  eV), HOMO-7 (358a,  $-2.598$  eV), HOMO-8 (357a,  $-2.599$  eV).

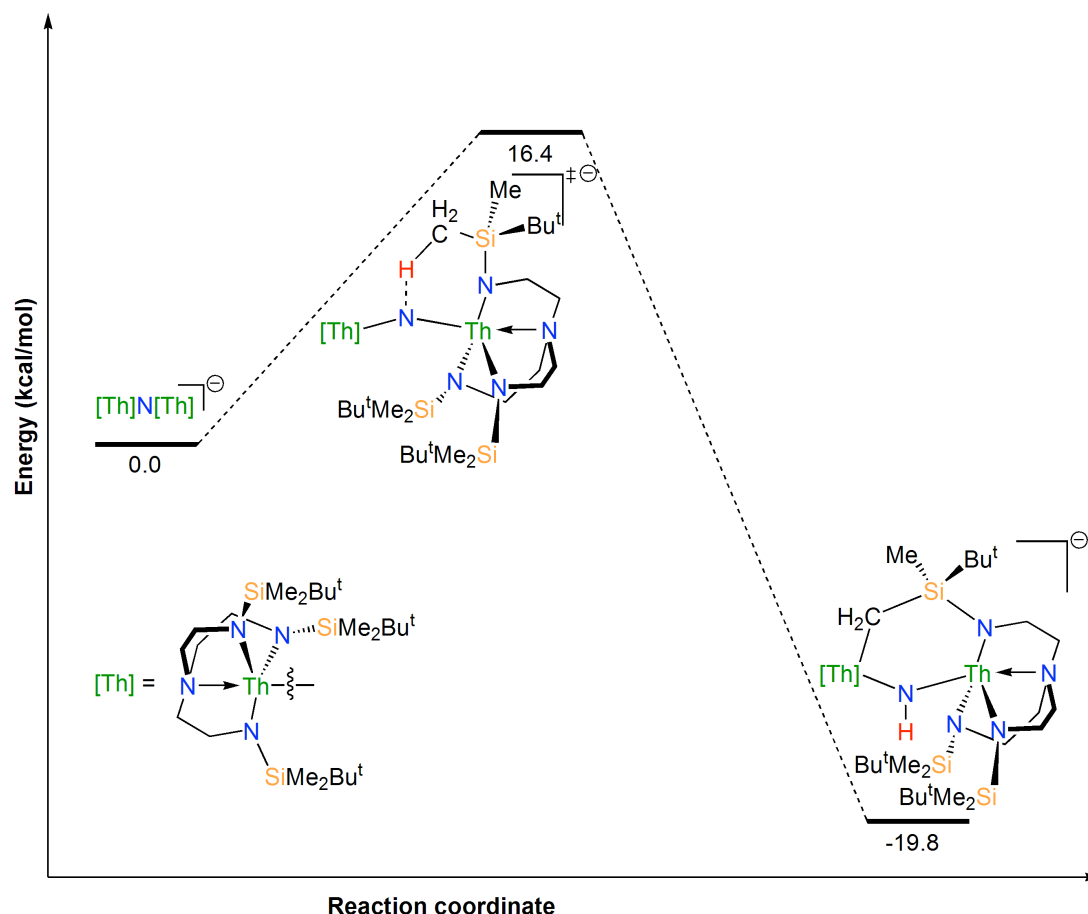


Figure S11. Enthalpy profile computed by Gaussian for the internal proton transfer at 298 K.

Table S1. Selected computed DFT (ADF) and QTAIM data.

Entry <sup>a</sup>	Bond lengths and indices		MDC atomic charges		QTAIM parameters <sup>f</sup>			
	M-N <sup>b</sup>	BI <sup>c</sup>	$q_M^d$	$Q_N^e$	$\rho(\mathbf{r})$	$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})$	$H(\mathbf{r})$	$\varepsilon(\mathbf{r})$
5 <sup>-</sup>	2.065	1.31	2.32	-1.36	0.15	0.35	-0.08	0.01
	2.065	1.31	2.32		0.15	0.35	-0.08	0.01
6	2.090	1.62	2.39	-1.30	0.16	0.33	-0.08	0.22
	2.084	1.65	2.59		0.16	0.33	-0.08	0.29
9 <sup>-</sup>	2.138	1.24	2.16	-1.11	0.14	0.29	-0.07	0.01
	2.138	1.24	2.16		0.14	0.29	-0.07	0.01

<sup>a</sup> All molecules geometry optimised without symmetry constraints at the LDA VWN BP TZP/ZORA level. <sup>b</sup> Calculated M-N<sub>nitride</sub> distances (Å). <sup>c</sup> Mayer bond indices. <sup>d</sup> MDC-q charges on metals. <sup>e</sup> MDC-q charges on nitrides. <sup>f</sup> QTAIM topological electron density [ $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ ], Laplacian [ $\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})$ ], electronic energy density [ $H(\mathbf{r})$ ], and ellipticity [ $\varepsilon(\mathbf{r})$ ] bond critical point data. For reference, the M-N<sub>amide</sub> and M-N<sub>amine</sub> Mayer bond orders average 0.7 and 0.20, respectively.

## *Final Coordinates and Energies of Computed Structures*

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Si	-1.847243	1.382528	3.841025
Th	2.108851	0.030876	-0.300317
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**[ThNTh]<sup>-</sup> start (9<sup>-</sup>) (from Gaussian)**

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**Final product<sup>-</sup> (8<sup>-</sup>) (from Gaussian)**

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