## Highly active iminopyridine iron-based catalysts for the polymerization of isoprene

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of L6 (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 25 °C)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.35 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 4.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 1.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>), 8.25 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>b</sub>), 7.03 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 1.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>c</sub>), 6.63 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.8 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 4.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>d</sub>), 2.20 (s, 3H, H<sub>e</sub>).





<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 25 °C) δ (ppm) = 175.1, 154.9, 148.5, 139.7, 139.3, 139.1, 138.7, 135.9, 125.4, 121.8, 17.5. At this stage, we could not assign the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum



Figure S3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR of L6 (282 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 25 °C)

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 25 °C)  $\delta$  (ppm) = -152.5 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz, 2F, F<sub>meta</sub>), -163.1 (t, *J* = 21.7 Hz, 1F, F<sub>para</sub>), -163.6 (dd, *J* = 23.8, 21.7 Hz, 2F, F<sub>ortho</sub>).



Figure S4. 1H NMR of L1 (300 MHz, CDCl3, 25 °C)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR of L1 (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.71 (d broad, 1H,  $H_a$ ), 8.40 (dd broad, 1H,  $H_b$ ), 7.82 (dd broad, 1H,  $H_c$ ), 7.39 (dd broad, 1H,  $H_d$ ), 7.09-6.98 (m, 3H,  $H_{e,f}$ ), 2.20 (s, 3H,  $H_g$ ), 2.05 (s, 6H,  $H_b$ ). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L1 was poorly resolved; however, the chemical shifts and integrations of each proton are consistent with previous reported data.

Ref [33] *New J. Chem.* **2002**, *26* (4), 387–397: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.69 (ddd, <sup>3</sup> *J*(HH) = 4.9, <sup>4</sup> *J*(HH) = 1.8, <sup>5</sup> *J*(HH) = 0.9 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>6-py</sub>), 8.30 (ddd, <sup>3</sup> *J*(HH) = 7.7, <sup>4</sup> *J*(HH) = 1.3, <sup>5</sup> *J*(HH) = 0.9 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>3-py</sub>), 7.83 (td, <sup>3</sup> *J*(HH) = 7.7, <sup>4</sup> *J*(HH) = 1.8 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>4-py</sub>), 7.40 (ddd, <sup>3</sup> *J*(HH) = 7.7, 4.9, <sup>4</sup> *J*(HH) = 1.3 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>5-py</sub>), 6.91–7.10 (m, 3H, *H*<sub>phenyl</sub>), 2.20 (s, 3H, *H*<sub>bridge-Me</sub>), 2.05 (s, 6H, *H*<sub>Me</sub>).

Ref [34] *Org. Chem. Front.* **2014**, *1* (9), 1101–1106: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) = 8.68-8.66 (m, 1H, H<sub>6-py</sub>), 8.38-8.36 (m, 1H, H<sub>3-py</sub>), 7.82-7.78 (m, 1H, H<sub>4-py</sub>), 7.39-7.36 (m, 1H, H<sub>5-py</sub>), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, *H*<sub>phenyl</sub>), 6.93 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>phenyl</sub>), 2.19 (s, 3H, *H*<sub>bridge-Me</sub>), 2.04 (s, 6H, *H*<sub>Me</sub>).



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of L2 (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR of L2 (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.70 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 4.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.7 Hz, <sup>5</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 0.8 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>a</sub>), 8.41 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.1 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>b</sub>), 7.85 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.1 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.7 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>c</sub>), 7.42 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.1 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 4.8 Hz, <sup>5</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 0.8 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>d</sub>), 7.21-7.03 (m, 3H, *H*<sub>e,f</sub>), 2.74 (sept, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9 Hz, 2H, *H*<sub>g</sub>), 2.24 (s, 3H, *H*<sub>b</sub>), 1.15 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9 Hz, 12H, *H*<sub>i</sub>). The chemical shifts and integrations of each proton are consistent with previous reported data.

Ref [32] *J. Organomet. Chem.* **2000**, 606 (2), 112–124: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) = 8.69 (d, 1H, *H*<sub>6-Py</sub>), 8.36 (d, 1H, *H*<sub>3-Py</sub>), 7.82 (t, 1H, *H*<sub>4-Py</sub>), 7.39 (m, 1H, *H*<sub>5-Py</sub>), 7.11-7.20 (m, 3H, *H*<sub>phenyl</sub>), 2.75 (m, 2H, CHMe<sub>2</sub>), 2.21 (s, 3H, *H*<sub>bridge-Me</sub>), 1.15 (d, 12H, *H*<sub>Me</sub>)

Ref [33] *New J. Chem.* **2002**, *26* (4), 387–397: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.70 (ddd, <sup>3</sup> *J*(HH) = 5.0, <sup>4</sup> *J*(HH) = 1.8, <sup>5</sup> *J*(HH) = 0.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6-py</sub>), 8.37 (ddd, <sup>3</sup> *J*(HH) = 7.7, <sup>4</sup> *J*(HH) = 1.3, <sup>5</sup> *J*(HH) = 0.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3-py</sub>), 7.83 (td, <sup>3</sup> *J*(HH) = 7.7, <sup>4</sup> *J*(HH) = 1.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4-py</sub>), 7.41 (ddd, <sup>3</sup> *J*(HH) = 7.7, 5.0, <sup>4</sup> *J*(HH) = 1.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5-py</sub>), 7.01– 7.21 (m, 3H, *H*<sub>phenyl</sub>), 2.76 (sept., <sup>3</sup> *J*(HH) = 7.0 Hz, 2H, *CH*Me<sub>2</sub>), 2.23 (s, 3H, *H*<sub>bridge-Me</sub>), 1.16 (d, <sup>3</sup> *J*(HH) = 7.0 Hz, 12H, *H*<sub>Me</sub>).



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of L3 (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR of **L3** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.76 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 4.7 Hz, 1H,  $H_a$ ), 8.42 (s, 1H,  $H_b$ ), 8.34 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 1H,  $H_c$ ), 7.85 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H,  $H_d$ ), 7.46-7.37 (m, 1H,  $H_e$ ), 7.14-6.96 (m, 3H,  $H_{fg}$ ), 2.23 (s, 6H,  $H_b$ ). The chemical shifts and integrations of each proton are consistent with previous reported data

Ref [33] *New J. Chem.* **2002**, *26* (4), 387–397: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.73 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 4.9, <sup>4</sup> *J*(HH) = 1.8, <sup>5</sup>*J*(HH) = 1.0 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>6-py</sub>), 8.36 (s, 1H, C(H)=N), 8.30 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 7.7, <sup>4</sup>*J*(HH) = 1.4, <sup>5</sup>*J*(HH) = 1.0 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>3-py</sub>), 7.85 (td, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 7.7, <sup>4</sup>*J*(HH) = 1.8 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>4-py</sub>), 7.42 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 7.7, 4.9, <sup>4</sup>*J*(HH) = 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>5-py</sub>), 6.95–7.13 (m, 3H, *H*<sub>phenyl</sub>), 2.18 (s, 6H, *H*<sub>Me</sub>).



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of L4 (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 25 °C)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR of L4 (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 25 °C)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.59 (s, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>), 8.46 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 4.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 1.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>b</sub>), 8.27 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>c</sub>), 7.13-7.04 (m, 4H, H<sub>e,f,g</sub>), 6.65 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>d</sub>), 3.15 (sept, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.8 Hz, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>), 1.15 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.8 Hz, 12H, H<sub>i</sub>). We encountered hydrolysis of the product when the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum was performed in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, probably due to the presence of traces of acid in the deuterated solvent. The integrations are consistent with the molecular formula of L4.

Ref [33] *New J. Chem.* **2002**, *26* (4), 387–39: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.73 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 5.0, <sup>4</sup>*J*(HH) = 1.8, <sup>5</sup>*J*(HH) = 0.9 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>6-py</sub>), 8.31 (s, 1H, C(H)=N), 8.27 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 7.7, <sup>4</sup>*J*(HH) = 1.3, <sup>5</sup>*J*(HH) = 0.9 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>3-py</sub>], 7.86 (td, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 7.7, <sup>4</sup>*J*(HH) = 1.8 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>4-py</sub>), 7.42 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 7.7, 5.0, <sup>4</sup>*J*(HH) = 1.3 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>5-py</sub>), 7.05–7.23 (m, 3H, *H*<sub>phenyl</sub>), 2.97 (sept., <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 7.0 Hz, 2H, CHMe<sub>2</sub>), 1.16 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 7.0 Hz, 12H, *H*<sub>Me</sub>).

Ref [35] *Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.* **1999**, 959-964: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) = 1.17 (d, 12 H, *H*<sub>Me</sub>), 2.97 (m, 2 H, *CH*Me<sub>2</sub>), 7.16 (m, 3 H, *H*<sub>phenyl</sub>), 7.42 (m, 1 H, *H*<sub>5-py</sub>), 7.86 (t, 1 H, *H*<sub>4-py</sub>), 8.27 (d, 1 H, *H*<sub>3-py</sub>), 8.31 (s, 1 H, *C*(H)=N), 8.73 (d, 1 H, *H*<sub>6-py</sub>).





<sup>1</sup>H NMR of **L5** (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.67 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 4.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 1.7 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>a</sub>), 8.25 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.8 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>c</sub>), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>d</sub>), 7.65 (s, 1H, *H*<sub>b</sub>), 7.42 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>c</sub>), 7.30 (s, 2H, *H*<sub>f</sub>), 2.37 (s, 3H, *H*<sub>g</sub>). We encountered hydrolysis of the product when the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum was performed in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, probably due to the presence of traces of acid in the deuterated solvent. The integrations are consistent with the molecular formula of L5.

Ref [36] *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2018**, 57 (37), 12111–12115: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) = 8.69 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>6-pyridine</sub>), 8.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, *H*<sub>phenyl</sub>), 7.90-7.74 (m, 1H, *H*<sub>3-pyridine</sub>), 7.63 (s, 1H, *H*<sub>4-pyridine</sub>), 7.48-7.33 (m, 1H, *H*<sub>5-pyridine</sub>), 7.27 (s, 2H, *H*<sub>phenyl</sub>), 2.39 (s, 3H, *H*<sub>bridge-Me</sub>);



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex C1 (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C)

 $\delta \text{ (ppm)} = 102.7 \text{ } (\Delta v_{1/2} = 80 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}), 72.6 \text{ } (\Delta v_{1/2} = 54 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 65.5 \text{ } (\Delta v_{1/2} = 1089 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 49.1 \text{ } (\Delta v_{1/2} = 61 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 10.6 \text{ } (\Delta v_{1/2} = 194 \text{ Hz}, 6\text{H}), 3.0 \text{ } (\Delta v_{1/2} = 28 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), -18.4 \text{ } (2\text{H}).$ 



Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex C2 (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C)

δ (ppm) = 99.0 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 134 Hz, 1H), 75.1 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 55 Hz, 1H), 51.0 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 48 Hz, 1H), 3.1 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 34 Hz, 3H), 2.4 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 28 Hz, 12H), 0.4 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 39 Hz, 1H), -5.6 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 94 Hz, 2H), -17.8 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 29 Hz, 2H), -19.3 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 42 Hz, 1H).



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex C3 (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C)

 $\delta$  (ppm) = 85.9 ( $\Delta v_{1/2}$  = 183 Hz, 1H), 64.4 ( $\Delta v_{1/2}$  = 1526 Hz 1H), 54.2 ( $\Delta v_{1/2}$  = 62 Hz, 1H), 50.5 ( $\Delta v_{1/2}$  = 77 Hz, 1H), 11.3 ( $\Delta v_{1/2}$  = 228 Hz, 6H), 5.1 (1H), -13.5 ( $\Delta v_{1/2}$  = 31 Hz, 2H), -17.3 ( $\Delta v_{1/2}$  = 47 Hz, 1H).



Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex C4 (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C)

δ (ppm) = 85.6 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 156 Hz, 1H), 62.5 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 2300 Hz, 1H), 54.8 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 61 Hz, 1H), 51.1 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 75 Hz, 1H), 3.8 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 50 Hz, 12H), 2.2 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 447 Hz, 1H), -3.1 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 95 Hz, 2H), -13.0 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 34 Hz, 2H), -18.0 ( $Δν_{1/2}$  = 48 Hz, 1H).



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex C5 (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C)

δ (ppm) = 72.7 (Δν<sub>1/2</sub> = 496 Hz, 1H), 67.1 (Δν<sub>1/2</sub> = 611 Hz, 1H), 53.2 & 50.65 (1H), 12.4 (Δν<sub>1/2</sub> = 1146 Hz, 1H), -7.5 (Δν<sub>1/2</sub> = 215 Hz, 3H), -11.6 (Δν<sub>1/2</sub> = 162 Hz, 1H), -16.6 (Δν<sub>1/2</sub> = 1711 Hz, 1H).



Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex C6 (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C)

δ (ppm) = 70.1 ( $\Delta$ ν<sub>1/2</sub> = 809 Hz, 2H), 53.6 ( $\Delta$ ν<sub>1/2</sub> = 555 Hz, 1H), 48.8 ( $\Delta$ ν<sub>1/2</sub> = 304 Hz, 1H), -19.4 ( $\Delta$ ν<sub>1/2</sub> = 487 Hz, 3H).



Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complexes C1- C6 stacked (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C)

Entry	Committee	Conv.	$M_{ m n(exp)}$ b	Đь	Microstructure <sup>c</sup> (%)	
	Complex	(%)	(g/mol)	_	1,4 (trans/cis)	3,4
1	C1	>99	63,000 <sup>d</sup>	1.6	90 (57/33)	10
2	C2	>99	19,000 <sup>d</sup>	1.5	91 (79/12)	9
3	C3	>99	45,000	1.9	79 (25/54)	21
4	C4	>99	47,000	1.5	75 (32/43)	25
5	C5	>99	342,000	1.5	58 (0/58)	42
6	C6	>99	385,500	1.3	54 (0/54)	46

Table S1. Polymerization of isoprene using C1–C6/AlEt3/[Ph3C][B(C6F5)4] (1/10/1) catalytic systems a

<sup>a</sup> Polymerization conditions: 10 µmol of Fe(II) complex; Isoprene/Fe/AlEt<sub>3</sub>/[Ph<sub>3</sub>C][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] = 500/1/10/1; toluene = 5mL; time = 1 h; temperature = 25 °C; <sup>b</sup> determined by size exclusion chromatography (SEC); <sup>c</sup> determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR;  $M_{n(th)}$  = 33 700 g/mol (considering one growing chain per metal center); Activity = 34 x 10<sup>3</sup> g(Pl).mol<sub>(cat)</sub>-<sup>1</sup>h<sup>-1</sup> or TOF = 500 h<sup>-1</sup> for all; <sup>d</sup> contribution of a low amount (< 5 %) of a second fraction displaying high  $M_n$ 

Table S2. Polymerization of isoprene using C1-C6/MAO (1/500) catalytic systems <sup>a</sup>

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		Conv.	$M_{ m n(exp)}$ b	Đь	Microstructure <sup>c</sup> (%)		
Entry	Complex	(%)	(g/mol)		1,4	3,4	
					(trans/cis)		
1	C1	>99	21,000	2.2	81 (50/31)	19	
2	C2	>99	13,000 <sup>d</sup>	1.3	91 (77/14)	9	
3	C3	>99	33,500	1.9	89 (32/57)	11	
4	C4	>99	29,000 <sup>d</sup>	1.4	76 (30/46)	24	
5	C5	>99	184,000	1.3	58 (0/58)	42	
6	C6	>99	223,000 <sup>e</sup>	1.8	54 (0/54)	46	

<sup>a</sup> Polymerization conditions: 10 µmol of Fe(II) complex; Isoprene/Fe/MAO = 500/1/500; toluene = 5 mL; time = 1 h; temperature = 25 °C; <sup>b</sup> determined by size exclusion chromatography (SEC); <sup>c</sup> determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR;  $M_{n(the)} = 33,700$  g/mol (considering one growing chain per metal center); Activity = 34 x 10<sup>3</sup> g(Pl).mol<sub>(cat)</sub>-1 h<sup>-1</sup> or TOF = 500 h<sup>-1</sup> for all; <sup>d</sup> contribution of a low amount (< 5 %) of a second fraction displaying high  $M_{n}$ ; <sup>e</sup> bimodal

Entry	Committee	Conv.	Microstructure <sup>b</sup> (%)		
	Complex	(%)	1,4 (trans/cis)	3,4	
1	C1	>99	91 (76/15)	9	
2	C2	>99	92 (76/16)	8	
3	C3	>99	78 (28/50)	22	
4	C4	>99	75 (26/49)	25	
5	C5	>99	59 (0/59)	41	
6	C6	>99	54 (0/54)	46	

Table S3. Polymerization of isoprene using C1 – C6/Al/Bu3/[Ph3C][B(C6F5)4] (1/3/1) catalytic systems<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Polymerization conditions: 10 µmol of Fe(II) complex; Isoprene/Fe/AlEt<sub>3</sub>/[Ph<sub>3</sub>C][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] = 500/1/3/1; toluene = 5mL; time = 1 h; temperature = 25 °C; <sup>b</sup> determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR; Activity = 34 x 10<sup>3</sup> g(Pl).mol<sub>(cat)</sub>-<sup>1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> or TOF = 500 h<sup>-1</sup> for all.

Table S4. Polymerization of isoprene (2,500 equiv./Fe) using C4/MAO (1/500) catalytic systems<sup>a</sup>

Entre	Commlan	Conv.	(%)	
Entry	Complex	(%)	1,4 (trans/cis)	3,4
1	C4	> 99	73 (21/52)	27
Reference*	C4	83	74.4 (4.5/70)	25.6

<sup>a</sup> Polymerization conditions: 8  $\mu$ mol of Fe(II) complex; Isoprene/Fe/MAO = 2 500/1/500; toluene = 7 mL and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

= 1 mL; time = 2 h; temperature = 25 °C; <sup>b</sup> determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR; \* ref. Guo, L.; Jing, X.; Xiong, S.; Liu, W.; Liu, Y.; Liu, Z.; Chen, C. Influences of Alkyl and Aryl Substituents on Iminopyridine Fe(II)- and Co(II)-Catalyzed Isoprene Polymerization. *Polymers* **2016**, *8* (11), 389

Complex	Time (min)	Conversion <sup>b</sup> (%)	Complex	Time (min)	Conversion <sup>b</sup> (%)
	4	17		1	21
C1	10	44	C3	3	70
	15	59		6	82
	20	83		8	86
	5	3		10	89
	10	5		2	15
C2	15	9	C4	5	42
	30	12		7	60
	60	25		10	78

Table S5. Polymerization of 5,000 equiv. of isoprene/Fe using  $C1 - C4/Al^{1}Bu_{3}/[Ph_{3}C][B(C_{6}F_{5})_{4}]$  catalytic systems a

<sup>a</sup> : Polymerization conditions: 5 µmol of Fe(II) complex; Isoprene/Al<sup>i</sup>Bu<sub>3</sub>/[Ph<sub>3</sub>C][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]/Fe = 5,000/3/1/1; toluene = 25 mL; temperature = 25 °C; <sup>b</sup> determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



Figure S16. First-order kinetic plots for pre-catalysts C1 – C4 (Isoprene/Al/Bu<sub>3</sub>/[Ph<sub>3</sub>C][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]/Fe = 5,000/3/1/1).



Figure S17.  $^{1}$ H (top) and  $^{13}$ C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 1 of Table 1.



Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 2 of Table 1.



Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 3 of Table 1.



Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 4 of Table 1.



Figure S21. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 5 of Table 1.



Figure S22. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 6 of Table 1.



Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 1 of Table S1.



Figure S24. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 2 of Table S1.



Figure S25. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 3 of Table S1.



Figure S26. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 4 of Table S1.



Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 5 of Table S1.



Figure S28. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 6 of Table S1.



Figure S29. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 1 of Table S2.



Figure S30.  $^{1}$ H (top) and  $^{13}$ C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 2 of Table S2.



Figure S31. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 3 of Table S2.



Figure S32. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 4 of Table S2.



Figure S33. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 5 of Table S2.



Figure S34. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 6 of Table S2.



Figure S35. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 1 of Table S3.



Figure S36. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 2 of Table S3.



Figure S37. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 3 of Table S3.



Figure S38. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 4 of Table S3.



Figure S39. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 5 of Table S3.



Figure S40. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 6 of Table S3.



Figure S41. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 1 of Table S4.



Figure S42. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 1 of Table 2.



Figure S43. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 2 of Table 2.



Figure S44. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 3 of Table 2.



Figure S45. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 4 of Table 2.



Figure S46. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 5 of Table 2.



Figure S47. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 6 of Table 2.



Figure S48. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 1 of Table 4.



Figure S49. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 2 of Table 4.



Figure S50.  $^{1}$ H (top) and  $^{13}$ C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 3 of Table 4



Figure S51. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 5 of Table 4



Figure S52. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 7 of Table 4



Figure S53. <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the polymer obtained with the Entry 8 of Table 4



Figure S54. SEC traces of polymerization experiments







































