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## **Associated Content: Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

Table S1. Crystallographic data for compounds 1 and 2.

Compound	1	2
Empirical formula	$C_{176}H_{312}Mn_2Mo_{12}N_{34}O_{61}$	$C_{38}H_{44}Fe_2MnMo_6N_{14}O_{32}$
Formula weight	5141.74	1951.15
Crystal colour	Yellow	Red
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.16×0.10×0.06	0.06×0.05×0.04
Temperature (K)	120(2)	180(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system, Z	Monoclinic, 2	Monoclinic, 4
Space group	$P 2_1/n$	C 2/c
a (Å)	18.6735(2)	24.221(5)
<i>b</i> (Å)	21.7084(2)	16.600(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	28.6619(4)	16.512(3)
α (°)	90	90
ß (°)	108.8700(10)	97.76(2)
γ (°)	90	90
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	10994.3(2)	6578(2)
$\rho_{\rm calc}  ({\rm Mg/m^3})$	1.553	1.970
$\mu(Mo_{K_{\alpha}}) (mm^{-1})$	0.853	1.811
$\theta$ range (°)	2.807-27.511	2.947-24.667
Reflns collected	233469	13209
Independent reflns $(R_{int})$	18504(0.0936)	2398(0.1229)
L. S. parameters, $p/$ restraints, $r$	1310 / 0	280 / 2
$R1(F)$ , <sup>[a]</sup> $I > 2\sigma(I)$	0.0436	0.0953
$wR2(F^2)$ , <sup>[b]</sup> all data	0.1083	0.3045
$S(F^2)$ , [c] all data	1.034	0.991

 ${}^{a}RI(F) = \Sigma ||F_{0}| - |F_{C}||/\Sigma |F_{0}|; {}^{b}wR2(F^{2}) = [\Sigma w(F_{0}^{2} - F_{C}^{2})^{2}/\Sigma wF_{0}^{4}]^{\frac{1}{2}}; {}^{c}S(F^{2}) = [\Sigma w(F_{0}^{2} - F_{C}^{2})^{2}/(n + r - p)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ 

Table S2. High-frequency EPR spectra performed on compound 1.

v (GHz)	T (K)	Field range (T)
100	10	0-15
110	10	0-15
180	10	0-15
200	10	0-15
220	10	0-15
240	10	0-15
250	10	0-1
255	10	0-1
260	2, 5, 10, 20, 40	0-15
300	10	0-15
330	2, 5, 10, 20, 40	0-15
370	10	0-15

Table S3. Calculated values from the fitting to an Arrhenius law of the pre-exponential factors ( $\tau_0$ ) and the activation energies ( $E_a$ ) of 1, 2, 3 and 4 under an applied field of 0.5 Τ.

Compound	$ au_{0}\left(\mathrm{s} ight)$	$E_a (\mathrm{cm}^{-1})$
1	$7 \pm 1 \ 10^{-9}$	$13.1 \pm 0.4$
2	$1.1 \pm 0.5 \ 10^{-8}$	$13.1 \pm 0.3$
3	$3 \pm 2 \ 10^{-8}$	$11.4 \pm 2$
4	$2 \pm 1 \ 10^{-9}$	$16 \pm 2$



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of TRIS-bpp (up) and 1 (bottom).



Figure S2. IR spectrum of 1 (top) and 3 (bottom).



Figure S3. ESI mass spectrum of acetonitrile solutions of compound 1 recorded at Uc = 5 V.



Figure S4. Simulated (top) and experimental (bottom) isotopic distribution for the identified species,  $[1]^{3-}$  (left),  $[1 + H]^{2-}$  (center) and  $[1 + TBA]^{2-}$  (right).



Figure S5. Projection of the structure of **1** in the *ab* plane. (Mn (pink), Mo (white), C (black), N (blue), O (red)). Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.



Figure S6. Experimental (top) and simulated (bottom) X-ray powder diffraction patterns of 1.



Figure S7. Projection of the structure of **2** in the *ab* plane (Mn (pink), Mo (white), Fe (yellow), C (black), N (blue), O (red)) (top) and view of three covalently-bonded layers with different colours (bottom). Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Dashed lines correspond to the hydrogen bonds. O200 is the OH<sup>-</sup> group.





Figure S8. Temperature dependence of  $\chi_m T$  of 1 (a). The continuous line corresponds to the fit (see the text for details). Temperature dependence of the inphase AC susceptibility ( $\chi_m$ ') (filled symbols) and the out-of-phase AC susceptibility ( $\chi_m$ '') (empty symbols) of 1 under an applied field of 0.2 T (b). Arrhenius plots of AC measurements of 1 under an applied field of 0.2 T (full circles) and 0.5 T (empty circles) (c).



(b)





Figure S9. HF-EPR spectra of 1 (bold: experiment, thin: simulation) at 200 GHz (a), 220 GHz (b), 240 GHz (c), 260 GHz (d), 300 GHz (e) and 330 GHz (f) and 10 K. Note that the strong signals at 6.8 T (a), 7.6 T (b), 8.3 T (c), 9 T (d), 10.5 T (e) and 11.4 T (f) are at g = 2 and caused by some impurity.



Figure S10. Temperature dependence of the HF-EPR spectra of **1**. The left figures show the simulations for 330 GHz (upper) and 260 GHz (lower). The right figures show the experimental data at the same frequencies.



Figure S11. Cole-Cole plots at 2.1 K of 1 under applied magnetic fields of 0.2 T (empty circles) and 0.5 T (empty triangles). The red lines are the best fitcurves.





Figure S12. Temperature dependence of the in-phase AC susceptibility  $(\chi_m)$  (filled symbols) and the out-of-phase AC susceptibility  $(\chi_m)$  (empty symbols) of **3** (a) and **4** (b) under an applied field of 0.5 T. Arrhenius plots of **2** (full circles), **3** (empty circles) and **4** (red empty squares) under an applied field of 0.5 T (c).