

A combined continuous wave electron paramagnetic resonance and DFT  
calculations of copper-doped  $\infty^3[\text{Cd}_{0.98}\text{Cu}_{0.02}(\text{prz} - \text{trz} - \text{ia})]$  metal–  
organic framework

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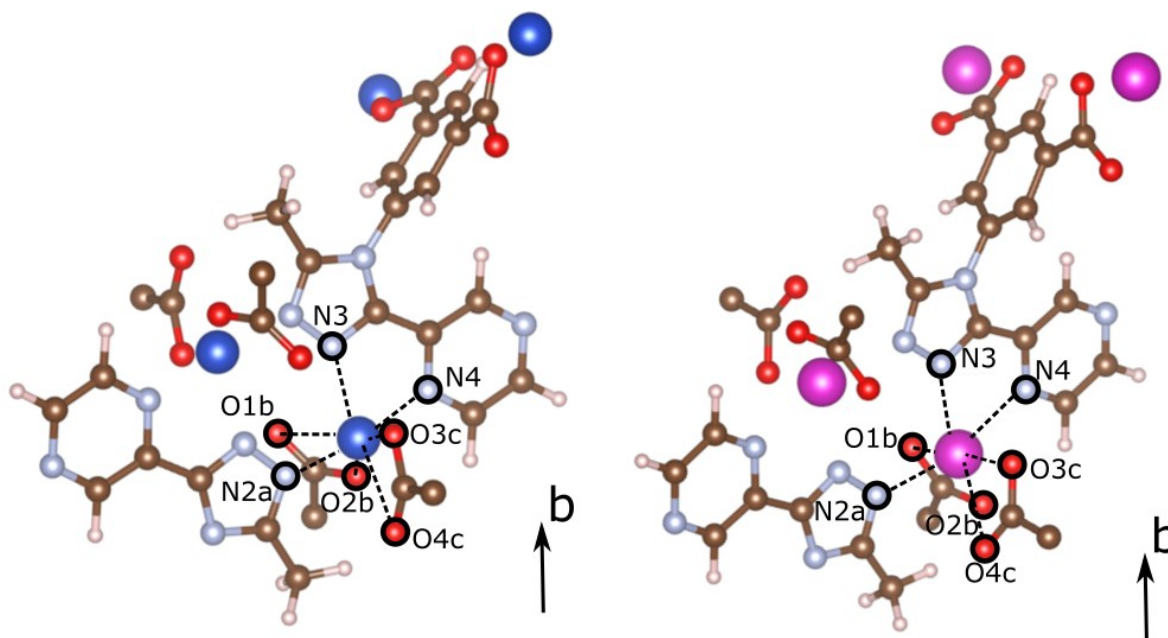
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Supporting Information

# 1. DFT calculations for pure ${}^3_{\infty}[\text{Cu}(\text{prz} - \text{trz} - \text{ia})]$ and ${}^3_{\infty}[\text{Cd}(\text{prz} - \text{trz} - \text{ia})]$ MOFs



**Figure S1.** Coordination of the metal ions in  ${}^3_{\infty}[\text{Cu}(\text{prz} - \text{trz} - \text{ia})]$  (left) and  ${}^3_{\infty}[\text{Cd}(\text{prz} - \text{trz} - \text{ia})]$  (right). Arrows show the direction of the crystallographic *b* axis. The coordinating atoms are denoted in accordance with those from ref. [S1]. For DFT calculations have been used  ${}^3_{\infty}[\text{Cd}(\text{prz} - \text{trz} - \text{ia})]$ .

**Table S1.** Comparison of DFT calculated structural parameters of  ${}^3_{\infty}[\text{Cu}(\text{prz} - \text{trz} - \text{ia})]$  and  ${}^3_{\infty}[\text{Cd}(\text{prz} - \text{trz} - \text{ia})]$  obtained with various computational methods (see Materials and Methods section of the main text), and the experimental data from ref. [S1].

Method	${}^3_{\infty}[\text{Cu}(\text{prz} - \text{trz} - \text{ia})]$						${}^3_{\infty}[\text{Cd}(\text{prz} - \text{trz} - \text{ia})]$		
	PBE	PBE-D2	PBE $U_{\text{Cu}}=4.0\text{eV}$	PBE-D2+ $U$ $U_{\text{Cu}}=4.0\text{eV}$	PBE-D2+ $U$ $U_{\text{Cu}}=10.5\text{eV}$ $U_{\text{N}}=8.6\text{eV}$	Expt.	PBE	PBE-D2	Expt.
Lattice parameters									
<i>a</i> , Å	10.111	10.106	10.122	10.118	10.030	10.080	10.031	9.916	9.9977
<i>b</i> , Å	17.142	17.166	17.120	17.130	17.196	17.451	18.583	18.669	18.289
<i>c</i> , Å	11.981	11.238	11.804	11.239	11.254	11.519	12.370	11.852	12.008
$\alpha$ , deg	90.10	89.93	90.10	89.93	90.11	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
$\beta$ , deg	98.17	102.35	98.65	102.28	100.49	99.78	95.87	97.60	100.58
$\gamma$ , deg	89.99	90.05	89.99	90.09	89.95	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	2055.4	1904.5	2031.1	1903.3	1907.1	1996.8	2293.7	2174.7	2158.3
Bond lengths, Å *									

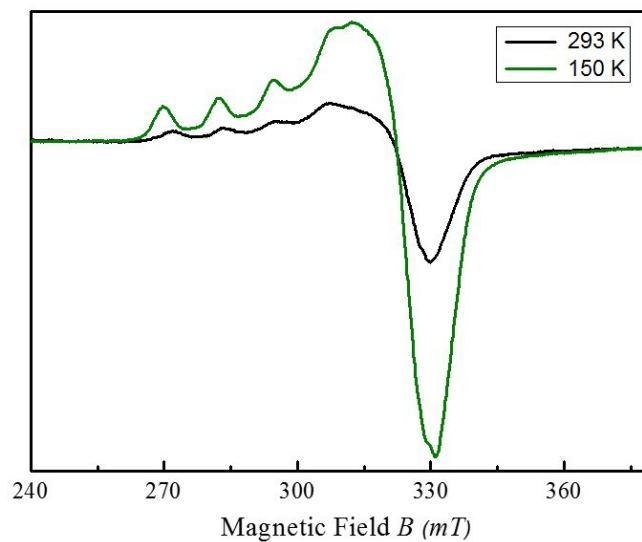
M-O1b	3.352	3.212	3.366	3.208	2.989	3.101	2.614	2.521	2.685
M-O2b	1.959	1.957	1.953	1.958	2.006	1.948	2.294	2.316	2.227
M-O3c	2.026	2.022	2.021	2.018	2.112	2.073	2.322	2.267	2.279
M-O4c	2.775	2.838	2.734	2.834	3.039	2.797	2.614	2.763	2.612
M-N2a	2.008	1.985	2.026	1.998	2.014	1.989	2.399	2.333	2.295
M-N3	2.289	2.240	2.305	2.263	2.137	2.214	2.414	2.376	2.338
M-N4	2.034	2.041	2.066	2.069	2.111	2.045	2.511	2.463	2.395
MAD <sub>length</sub>	0.062	0.035	0.076	0.042	0.088		0.068	0.080	
Bond angles, deg *									
O1b-M-O2b	41.27	44.43	40.83	44.51	49.24	45.5	53.96	55.17	52.44
O1b-M-O3c	158.23	168.43	158.23	166.77	176.05	172.3	165.99	170.73	169.42
O2b-M-N2a	89.10	92.85	88.97	93.20	93.78	92.3	101.45	101.22	95.92
O2b-M-N4	92.27	87.82	92.24	87.91	87.13	87.7	84.92	83.10	85.30
N2a-M-N3	96.62	96.56	96.95	96.68	98.27	97.6	96.81	99.50	99.28
N2a-M-N4	172.77	173.06	172.31	172.33	175.44	173.4	158.61	162.06	162.39
N3-M-N4	76.63	77.49	75.91	76.58	78.42	77.5	67.65	68.68	69.79
MAD <sub>angle</sub>	4.08	1.00	4.28	1.51	1.88		2.75	1.89	

\*For calculated bond lengths and bond angles, the values of mean average difference (MAD) are

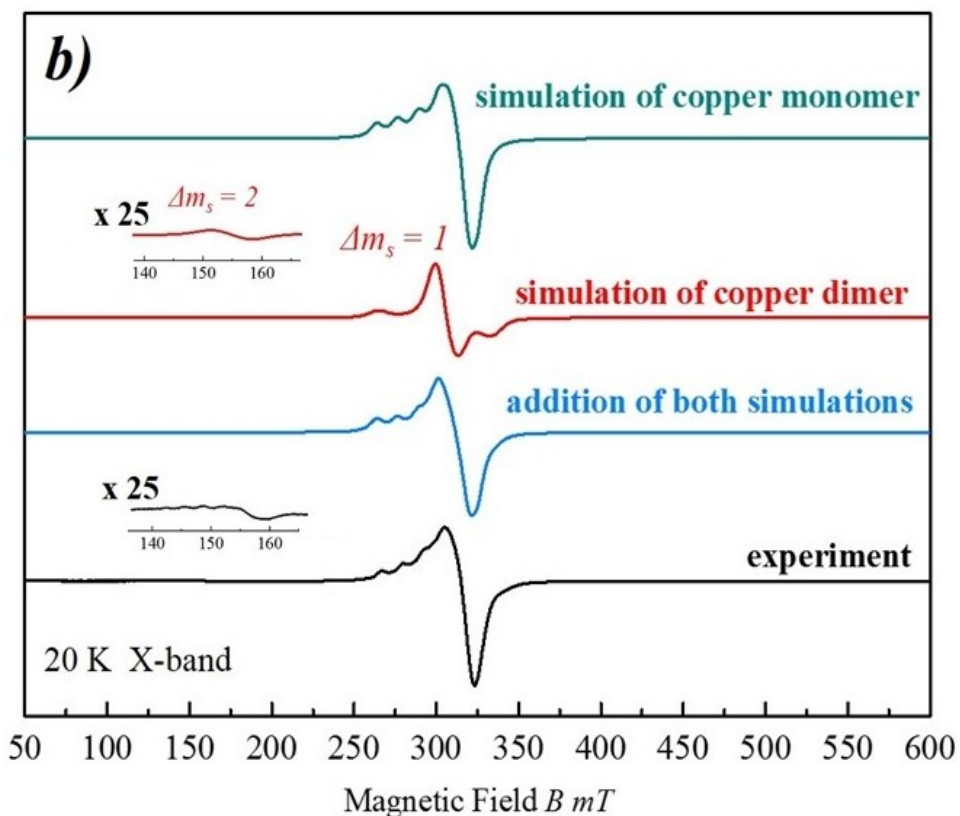
$$MAD = \sum_i^N \frac{abs(x_i - x_i^{expt})}{N}$$

also presented: , where  $x$  is either a bond length or a bond angle.

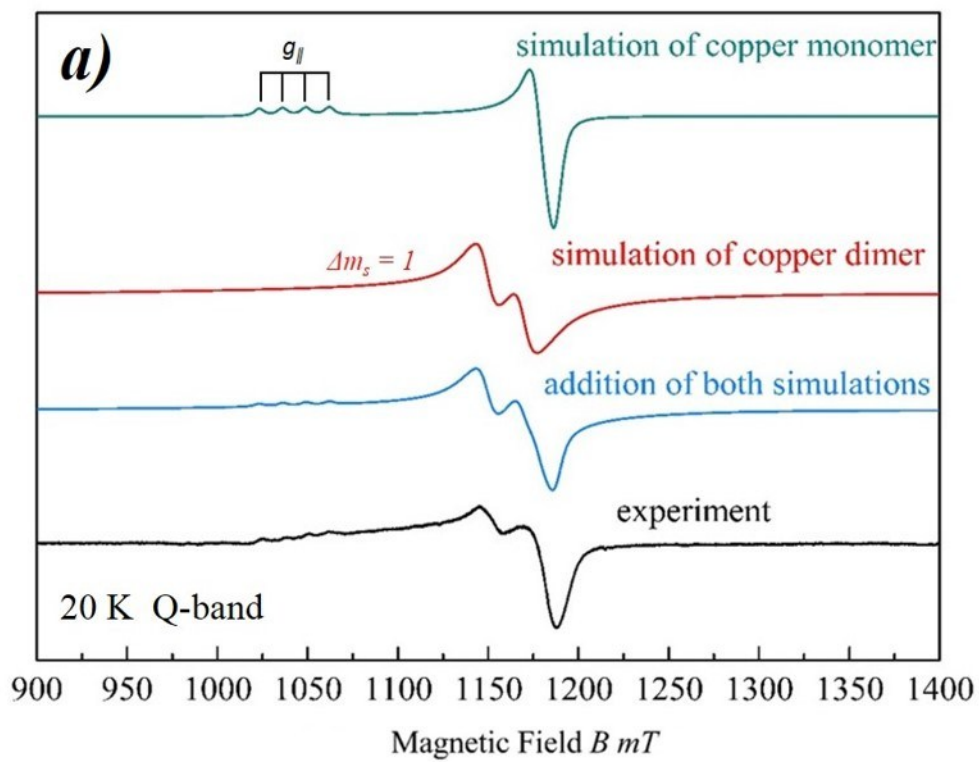
## 2.EPR spectroscopy of $^3[Cd_{0.98}Cu_{0.02}(prz - trz - ia)]$

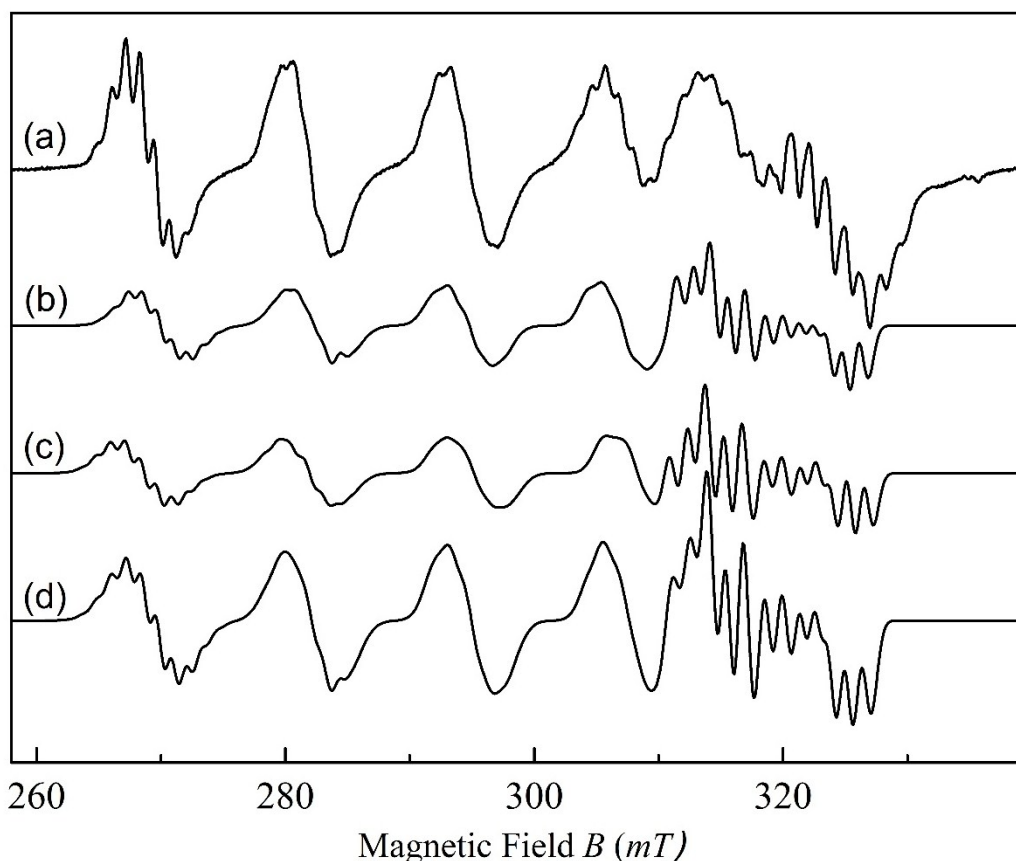


**Figure S2.** Experimental X-band CW EPR spectra of **asCu<sub>0.02</sub>Cd** recorded at 150 K and 293 K.



**Figure S3:** Experimental and simulated Q-band (a) and X-band (b) CW EPR spectra of  $\text{asCu}_{0.02}\text{Cd}$  recorded at 20K. The simulation of copper dimer with  $S = 1$  was performed by using EasySpin program with the following spin Hamiltonian parameters  $g_{zz} = 2.33(1)$ ,  $g_{xx,yy} = 2.09(1)$ ,  $|D| = 600$  MHz.





**Figure S4:** X-band EPR spectrum of an  $asCu_{0.02}Cd$  crystal at 20K for  $B_0$  within the  $bc^*$  plane and  $\angle(B_0, b) = 45^\circ$ : (a) experimental spectrum, (d) sum of simulated spectra of (b) the  $^{63}Cu$ , and (c)  $^{65}Cu$  isotopes. The  $^{14}N$  shf splitting into more than five lines results from the inequivalence of the two  $^{14}N$  nuclei and depends crucial on the difference in their isotropic shf interaction constants  $A_{iso,1}^N$  and  $A_{iso,2}^N$ . Both  $Cu^{2+}$  species A and B have been included in the simulation. For corresponding simulation parameters see Table I.

### 3. DFT calculations for a single substitutional Cu atom in MOF

For all the methods applied for structural optimization, initial geometries were built from the relaxed  ${}^3[Cd(prz - trz - ia)]$  supercell with one cadmium ion being further substituted with copper ion. For all the obtained geometries, the EPR parameters were calculated within the same computational framework in Orca package (for details, see Materials and Methods section of the main text).

**Table S2.** DFT calculated EPR parameters, spin density localization and structural information for a single substitutional Cu atom in MOF supercell (containing 272 atoms) with the geometry optimized by the various computational schemes considered in this work.

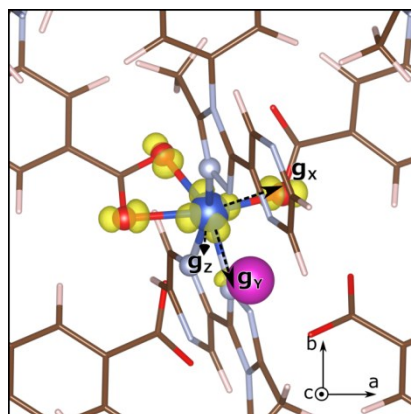
	PBE	PBE-D2	PBE+U $U_{Cu} = 4.0$ eV	PBE-D2+U $U_{Cu} = 4.0$ eV	PBE-D2+U $U_{Cu} = 10.5$ eV $U_N = 8.6$ eV
EPR parameters					

( $g_{xx}$ $g_{yy}$ $g_{zz}$ )	2.0540 2.0948 2.2356	2.0659 2.0694 2.2168	2.0459 2.1090 2.2400	2.0600 2.0828 2.2239	2.0726 2.0802 2.2329
( $\alpha$ $\beta$ $\gamma$ ) <sub>g</sub> , deg *	-88.59 154.14 71.60	-84.05 60.40 125.50	-87.88 152.41 73.82	-83.35 60.85 94.13	-80.74 59.87 103.59
Cu: ( $A_{xx}$ $A_{yy}$ $A_{zz}$ ), MHz	23.25 125.52 -474.02	94.82 59.10 -491.70	14.40 171.20 -439.83	84.51 115.00 -463.82	112.20 81.93 -455.32
( $\alpha$ $\beta$ $\gamma$ ) <sub>A</sub> , deg **	-22.9 2.7 -68.6	22.3 1.6 98.6	-16.6 3.0 -74.2	23.1 1.8 75.1	15.6 1.8 82.8
N2a: ( $A_{xx}$ $A_{yy}$ $A_{zz}$ ), MHz	0.10 -0.73 -0.77	44.46 45.69 53.99	0.07 0.11 1.05	42.66 43.84 51.89	40.25 41.28 49.77
N3: ( $A_{xx}$ $A_{yy}$ $A_{zz}$ ), MHz	28.74 29.67 35.35	-0.20 -1.21 -1.35	26.99 27.85 33.17	-0.56 -1.50 -1.62	-0.30 -1.29 -1.38
N4: ( $A_{xx}$ $A_{yy}$ $A_{zz}$ ), MHz	-0.70 -1.32 -1.43	31.01 32.19 40.75	-0.59 -1.24 -1.32	28.50 29.58 37.60	25.26 26.19 35.11
Spin densities at the nuclei of ligand atoms, a.u./Å <sup>3</sup>					
O1b	-0.004	-0.009	-0.004	-0.008	-0.009
O2b	0.338	0.313	0.324	0.309	0.282
O3c	0.306	0.347	0.307	0.336	0.294
O4c	0.351	0.007	0.329	0.012	0.006
N2a	-0.010	1.004	0.009	0.964	0.914
N3	0.653	-0.019	0.613	-0.026	-0.021
N4	-0.024	0.724	-0.022	0.666	0.603
Bond lengths, Å					
M-O1b	3.070	3.076	3.058	3.061	3.165
M-O2b	1.980	2.011	1.981	2.007	2.037
M-O3c	2.160	2.055	2.138	2.057	2.111
M-O4c	2.067	2.671	2.093	2.624	2.607
M-N2a	2.445	2.046	2.464	2.071	2.072
M-N3	2.043	2.264	2.091	2.285	2.208
M-N4	2.552	2.138	2.521	2.181	2.211

Bond angles, deg					
O1b-M-O2b	47.64	47.61	47.89	47.91	45.76
O1b-M-O3c	125.41	116.21	125.19	117.23	117.82
O2b-M-N2a	99.62	97.34	99.06	97.47	97.25
O2b-M-N4	92.36	88.60	92.20	88.59	88.97
N2a-M-N3	105.31	99.32	103.20	99.08	101.22
N2a-M-N4	167.88	172.10	168.05	171.25	173.18
N3-M-N4	72.49	75.25	72.37	74.42	75.51

\*Orientations of the  $g$ -tensor are determined with respect to an  $a$ - $b$ - $c$ \* coordinate frame. Euler angles specify  $z$ - $y$ - $z$  rotation. The orientations are provided for a chosen  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  site, while the principle axes directions for symmetry inequivalent sites are implied by the symmetry operations of  $\text{P2}_{1/n}$  space group.

\*\*Orientation of Cu hyperfine coupling tensor is defined with respect to the  $g$ -tensor. The principle axes  $A_X$ ,  $A_Y$ ,  $A_Z$  are assigned such that the Euler rotation is minimal.

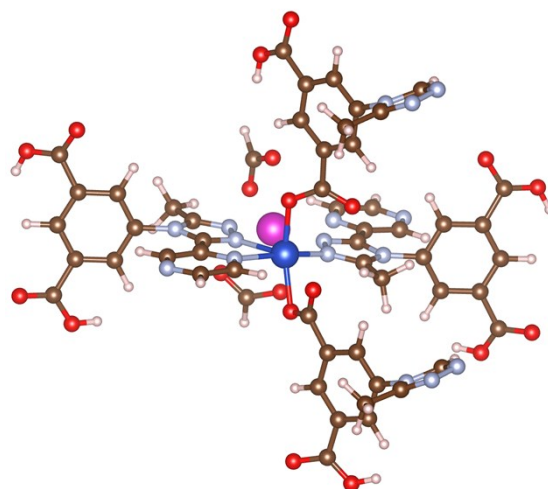


**Figure S5.**  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  center in  $\text{asCu}_{0.02}\text{Cd}$  as optimized using DFT-PBE+ $U$  method (without dispersion correction) viewed along the crystallographic  $c$  axis. The principal axes frame of the calculated tensor  $g$  is indicated by dashed arrows. Isosurfaces (isovalue of 0.05 electron/ $\text{\AA}^3$ ) illustrate the spin density distribution.



**Table S3.** An example of a hydrogen-terminated molecular cluster cut from the structure optimised with Quantum Espresso (PBE-D2+U with  $U_{\text{Cu}} = 4$  eV) and used for calculating the EPR parameters in ORCA. The coordinates are in angstroms.

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Cu	3.71543	10.18480	4.09106
Cd	4.32261	8.38832	8.07501
C	2.72307	1.80243	2.83195
C	5.33417	16.83230	9.11827
C	1.56408	11.30265	3.03482
C	11.02482	10.86071	3.58549
C	6.79057	7.53204	8.91351
C	7.74843	2.49302	2.59820
C	0.30939	16.14936	9.37879
C	6.00859	11.84746	3.89164
C	-3.55228	11.50897	3.36604
C	1.90080	7.07146	8.40568
C	5.23074	2.16542	2.74713
C	2.82230	16.48950	9.18501
C	8.52455	11.31623	3.64124
C	-1.01192	11.40219	3.25128
H	5.34398	1.15454	2.34653
H	2.72230	17.47032	9.65741
H	8.39552	10.32212	4.07945
H	-1.05516	10.38189	3.64307
C	3.95403	2.63229	3.08395
C	4.09255	16.04167	8.79873
C	0.21638	11.97371	2.89025
C	9.81950	11.73339	3.29195
C	6.35411	2.98269	2.90893
C	1.69335	15.68489	8.99592
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C	4.22473	14.79357	8.18289
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C	10.01070	13.00136	2.73119
H	2.81655	4.26400	3.92066
H	5.21176	14.44978	7.86154
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H	8.45857	14.87506	-1.32553



H	-1.50573	14.98246	-1.63920
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C	4.01580	6.71570	1.40006
C	3.92441	12.28424	10.47920
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H	3.59887	13.30630	10.27389
C	3.44488	8.42891	0.00600
C	4.62860	10.75694	12.03473
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O	2.52340	11.77745	2.37958
O	12.16279	11.36240	3.21484
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#### 4. Correlated g and A strain effects

For the simulations of the single crystal spectra with nitrogen **shfs** (see Figure 6 in main manuscript) we have assumed a Gaussian distribution of the  $g_{zz}(i)$  values. The **hf coupling** parameters  $A_{zz}(i)$  are in first approximation assumed to be correlated with the Gaussian distributed values  $g_{zz}(i)$  by

$$A_{zz}(i) = -m \cdot g_{zz}(i) + k$$

where  $m$  and  $k$  are fitted to the respective EPR spectra.

The following values for the spectral simulations with correlated g and A strain effects have been taken:  $\Delta g_{\parallel} = 0.009$ ,  $m = 900$  MHz,  $k = 1674$  MHz.

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