

## Stabilization of Ni<sup>2+</sup> dimers in Prussian Blue derivatives built up from hexacyano Mo<sub>6</sub> cluster based compounds: experimental and theoretical investigations of magnetic properties

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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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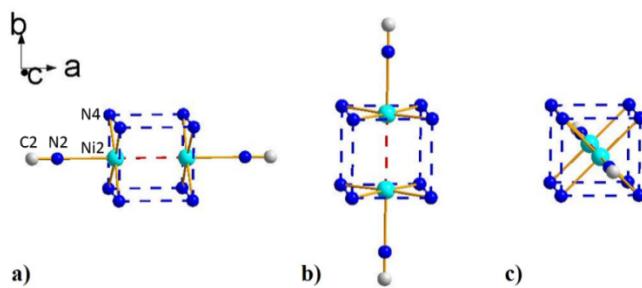
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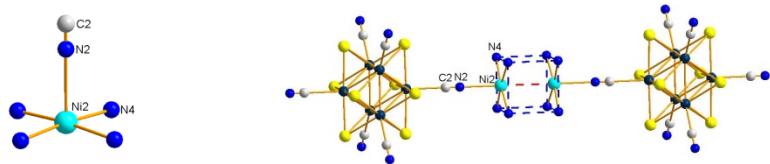
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**Table S1.** Cartesian coordinates of the  $[\text{Ni}_2(\text{NH}_3)_8]^{4+}$  dimer for which the atomic position of the Ni and N atoms are extracted from the X-ray structure and the hydrogen atom positions were optimized by DFT calculations.

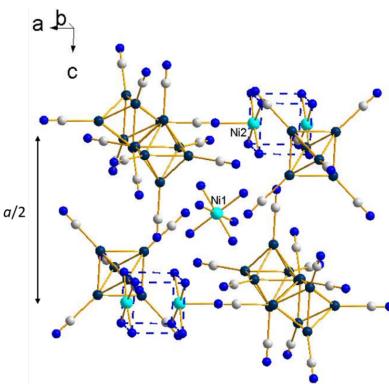
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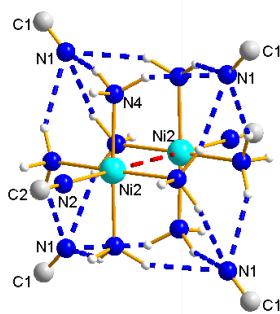
**Figure S1.** Representation of a  $\text{Ni}_2$  dimer-based  $[\text{Ni}_2(\text{NH}_3)_8]^{4+}$  cubic complex oriented along the a)  $a$  axis, b)  $b$  axis and c)  $c$  axis respectively.



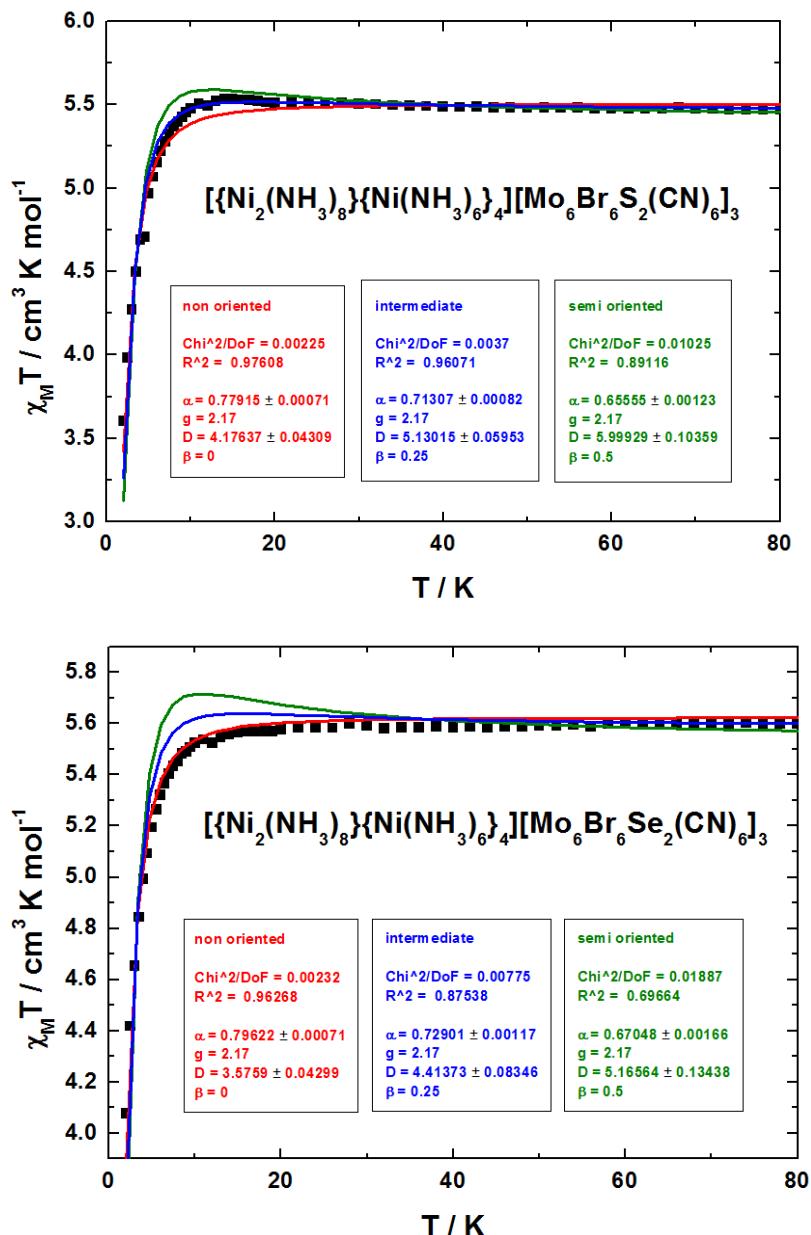
**Figure S3.** a) Representation of the Ni<sub>2</sub> atom environment. b) Environment of the  $[\text{Ni}_2(\text{NH}_3)_8]^{4+}$  cubic complex.



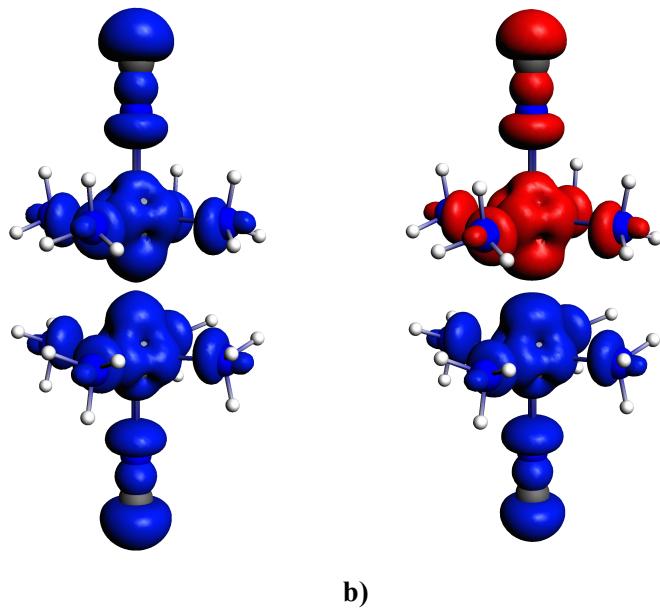
**Figure S4.** Representation of Ni1 environment. Inner ligands and crystallization water molecules have been omitted for clarity.



**Figure S5.** Representation of the  $\{[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})(\text{NH}_3)_4]\}_2^{2+}$  dimer after optimization of the hydrogen atoms positions by DFT calculations with the crystal structure environment of CN groups. It evidences that the stability of the dimer is due to hydrogen bonding between ammonia molecules and the surrounding cyanide ligands. Blue dashed lines represent the hydrogen bond network and the red dashed line represents the antiferromagnetic interaction between the monomers.



**Figure S6.** Thermal dependencies of  $\chi_M T$  for **1** and **2** with their respective fitted curves considering only zero-field splitting effects, fixing  $g$  to 2.17, in three cases: non oriented microcrystalline powder, and two level of partly orientated powder (partial orientation of crystallites).



**Figure S7.** Computed spin density plots: a) quintet spin state of  $[\{\text{Ni}(\text{CN})(\text{NH}_3)_4\}_2]^{2+}$ , b) BS states of  $[\{\text{Ni}(\text{CN})(\text{NH}_3)_4\}_2]^{2+}$ , (isosurface  $\pm 0.002 \text{ e.bohr}^{-3}$ ). Only the results obtained using the B3LYP functional are given, the two other functional giving really similar features.

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