

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Solvent-driven azide-induced mononuclear discrete versus one-dimensional polymeric aromatic Möbius cadmium(II) complexes of N<sub>6</sub> tetradentate helical ligand

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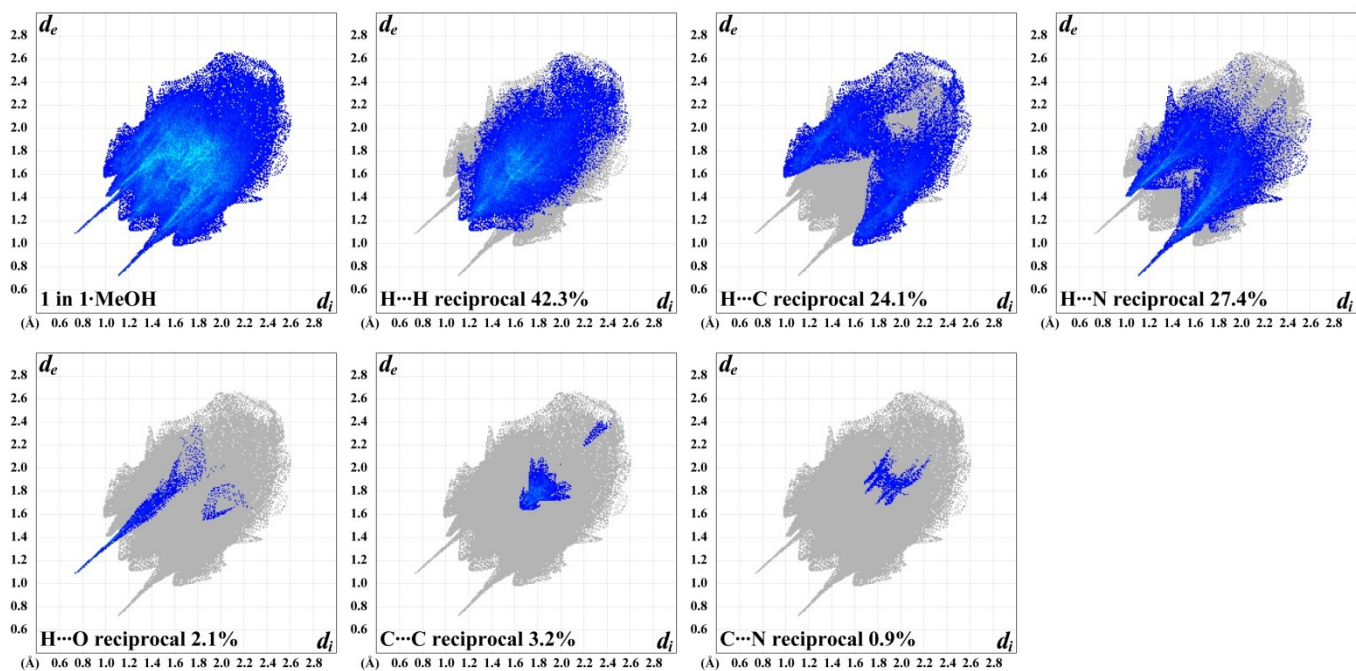
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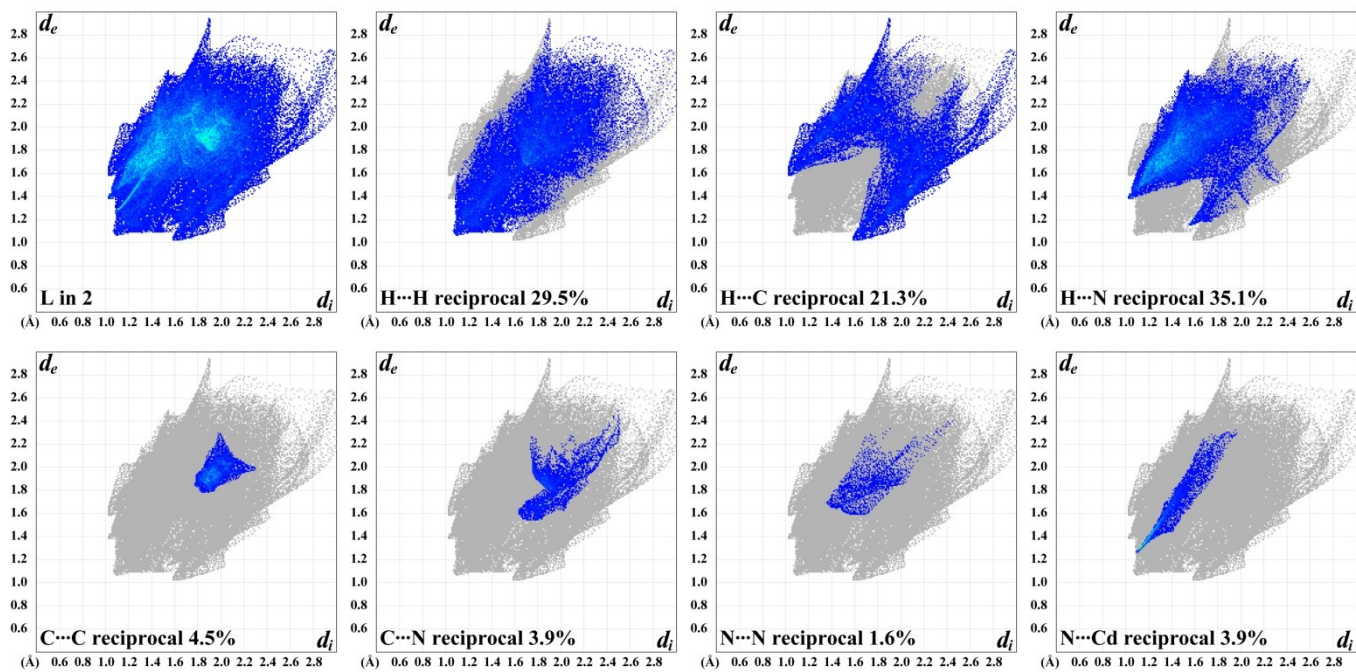
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**Fig. S1.** 2D and decomposed 2D fingerprint plots of observed contacts for **1** in 1-MeOH.



**Figure S2.** 2D and decomposed 2D fingerprint plots of observed contacts for **L** in **2**.

**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **1·MeOH** and **2**

	Complex 1·MeOH	Complex 2
<i>Bond lengths</i>		
Cd–N <sub>Py</sub>	2.372(2), 2.378(2)	2.3512(14), 2.3866(14)
Cd–N <sub>imine</sub>	2.480(2), 2.533(2)	2.3874(13), 2.3894(13)
Cd–N <sub>azide</sub>	2.270(2), 2.327(2)	2.283(2), 2.304(2)
Cd–O <sub>methanol</sub>	2.539(2)	—
Cd(L)···Cd(L)	7.941 (the shortest separation)	8.912
Cd(L)···Cd(N <sub>azide</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	—	5.618, 5.892
Cd(N <sub>azide</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ···Cd(N <sub>azide</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	—	3.538, 5.404
Cd–μ <sub>1,3</sub> -N <sub>azide</sub> (–CdL)	—	2.320(2), 2.330(2)
Cd–μ <sub>1,1</sub> -N <sub>azide</sub>	—	2.2702(13), 2.2801(13)
Cd–μ <sub>1,1,1</sub> -N <sub>azide</sub>	—	2.3933(13), 2.4033(12), 2.4428(13)
Cd–μ <sub>1,3</sub> -N <sub>azide</sub>	—	2.304(2), 2.308(2)
Cd–μ <sub>1,1,3</sub> -N <sub>azide</sub>	—	2.3359(14), 2.363(2), 2.4329(13)
<i>Bond Angles</i>		
N <sub>Py</sub> –Cd–N <sub>Py</sub>	168.91(6)	163.35(5)
N <sub>Py</sub> –Cd–N <sub>imine</sub>	65.56(6), 66.53(6), 124.03(6), 124.08(6)	67.72(4), 67.81(5), 124.96(5), 128.45(5)
N <sub>Py</sub> –Cd–N <sub>azide</sub>	85.57(6), 88.26(7), 88.76(7), 93.18(6)	81.09(6), 87.08(6), 87.27(6), 90.04(6)
N <sub>Py</sub> –Cd–O <sub>methanol</sub>	82.04(6), 87.00(6)	—
N <sub>imine</sub> –Cd–N <sub>imine</sub>	168.91(6)	77.52(4)
N <sub>imine</sub> –Cd–N <sub>azide</sub>	77.25(6), 82.64(6), 118.28(7), 119.03(6)	88.06(6), 93.05(5), 130.95(6), 139.09(5)
N <sub>imine</sub> –Cd–O <sub>methanol</sub>	140.16(6), 146.41(6)	—
N <sub>azide</sub> –Cd(L)–N <sub>azide</sub>	157.64(7)	125.13(6)
N <sub>azide</sub> –Cd–O <sub>methanol</sub>	75.03(6), 83.21(6)	—
N <sub>azide</sub> –Cd–N <sub>azide</sub>	—	75.94(4), 77.58(4), 79.66(4), 80.01(5), 81.28(5), 85.89(5), 86.10(6), 87.86(5), 89.99(5), 90.01(7), 90.16(4), 90.28(5), 90.80(6), 91.37(6), 92.50(6), 92.73(6), 93.45(5), 93.58(5), 94.71(5), 94.88(6), 96.70(6), 96.76(5), 103.96(5), 105.75(7), 162.69(6), 163.23(5), 167.72(5), 169.94(6), 174.49(5), 176.08(6)
<i>Torsion angles</i>		
N–C(Ph)–C(Ph)–N	75.03(6)	76.5(2)
C(Ph)–N–N–C	121.7(2), 137.72(19)	119.18(15), 125.21(16)
Py···Py	69.00(10)	60.47(9)
Py···Ph	51.00(10), 68.65(10), 68.79(10), 76.56(10)	62.21(9), 66.81(9), 67.46(9), 83.39(10)
Ph···Ph	86.46(10)	88.44(9)

**Table S2.** Classic hydrogen bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **1·MeOH**

D–H···A	<i>d</i> (D–H)	<i>d</i> (H···A)	<i>d</i> (D···A)	∠(DHA)
O(1)–H(1)···O(2) <sup>a</sup>	0.88(4)	1.93(4)	2.781(2)	164(3)
O(2)–H(2)···N(4)	0.88(4)	1.94(4)	2.787(3)	161(4)

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:  $-x, 1-y, 1-z$ .

**Table S3.**  $\pi$ ··· $\pi$  interaction distances (Å) and angles (°) for **1·MeOH** and **2<sup>c</sup>**

Complex	Cg( <i>l</i> )	Cg( <i>J</i> )	<i>d</i> [Cg( <i>l</i> )–Cg( <i>J</i> )]	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	slippage
<b>1·MeOH<sup>b</sup></b>	Cg(1)	Cg(1) <sup>#1</sup>	3.6360(12)	0.02(10)	20.9	20.9	1.298
	Cg(2)	Cg(2) <sup>#2</sup>	3.7038(12)	0.00(10)	25.5	25.5	1.592
<b>2<sup>c</sup></b>	Cg(15)	Cg(16) <sup>#1</sup>	3.7242(11)	0.00(10)	12.1	12.1	0.783
	Cg(16)	Cg(15) <sup>#2</sup>	3.7003(10)	0.00(8)	14.9	14.9	0.954

<sup>a</sup>Cg(*l*)–Cg(*J*): distance between ring centroids;  $\alpha$ : dihedral angle between planes Cg(*l*) and Cg(*J*);  $\beta$ : angle Cg(*l*) → Cg(*J*) vector and normal to plane *l*;  $\gamma$ : angle Cg(*l*) → Cg(*J*) vector and normal to plane *J*; slippage: distance between Cg(*l*) and perpendicular projection of Cg(*J*) on ring *l*.

<sup>b</sup>Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1  $-x, 1-y, -z$ ; #2  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ . Cg(1): N(11)–C(12)–C(13)–C(14)–C(15)–C(16), Cg(2): N(30)–C(25)–C(26)–C(27)–C(28)–C(29).

<sup>c</sup>Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; #2  $1-x, -y, 1-z$ . Cg(15): N(1)–C(2)–C(3)–C(4)–C(5)–C(6), Cg(16): N(6)–C(24)–C(25)–C(26)–C(27)–C(28).

**Table S4.** C–H··· $\pi$  and N–N··· $\pi$  interaction distances (Å) and angles (°) for **1·MeOH** and **2<sup>a</sup>**

Complex	X–Y( <i>l</i> )	Cg( <i>J</i> )	<i>d</i> [Y( <i>l</i> )–Cg( <i>J</i> )]	<i>d</i> [X–Cg( <i>J</i> )]	∠XYCg)	$\gamma$
<b>1·MeOH<sup>b</sup></b>	C(13)–H(13)	Cg(4) <sup>#1</sup>	2.48	3.320(2)	147	7.97
	C(33)–H(33)	Cg(2) <sup>#2</sup>	2.76	3.655(2)	156	11.62
	C(40)–H(40)	Cg(3) <sup>#3</sup>	2.70(3)	3.604(2)	163(3)	8.84
<b>2<sup>c</sup></b>	C(2)–H(2)	Cg(18) <sup>#1</sup>	2.70	3.589(2)	158	14.83
	N(17)–N(18)	Cg(17) <sup>#2</sup>	3.580(2)	3.9426(17)	100.04(12)	28.11

<sup>a</sup>Y(*l*)–Cg(*J*): distance of Y to ring centroid; X–Cg(*J*): distance of X to ring centroid; ∠(XYCg): angle X–Y–Cg;  $\gamma$ : angle Y(*l*) → Cg(*J*) vector and normal to plane *J*.

<sup>b</sup>Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1  $-x, 1-y, -z$ ; #2  $x, -1+y, z$ ; #3  $1-x, -y, -z$ . Cg(2): N(30)–C(25)–C(26)–C(27)–C(28)–C(29), Cg(3): C(31)–C(32)–C(33)–C(34)–C(35)–C(36), Cg(4): C(37)–C(38)–C(39)–C(40)–C(41)–C(42).

<sup>c</sup>Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1  $2-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; #2  $1-x, -y, 1-z$ . Cg(17): C(9)–C(10)–C(11)–C(12)–C(13)–C(14), Cg(18): C(16)–C(17)–C(18)–C(19)–C(20)–C(21).