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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Organic matrix-induced formation of a discrete cyclic [Cl<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>cluster

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**Fig. S1** 2D fingerprint plots and decomposed 2D fingerprint plots of observed contacts for the  $[Cl_2(H_2O)_2]^{2-}$  cluster in the structure of **1**.



**Fig. S2** 2D fingerprint plots and decomposed 2D fingerprint plots of observed contacts for the 2,6-di(4*H*-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl)pyridine in the structure of **1**.



**Fig. S3** 2D fingerprint plots and decomposed 2D fingerprint plots of observed contacts for the 2,6diaminopyridinium in the structure of **1**.

Bond lengths					
N(2)-C(3)	1.329(3)	N(13)-C(14)	1.365(3)	N(21)–C(22)	1.363(3)
N(2)-C(7)	1.332(3)	N(13)-C(17)	1.363(3)	N(21)–C(26)	1.365(3)
N(8)–C(3)	1.429(3)	N(15)–N(16)	1.393(3)	N(27)–C(22)	1.348(3)
N(8)–C(9)	1.367(3)	N(15)-C(14)	1.315(3)	N(28)–C(26)	1.338(3)
N(8)–C(12)	1.359(3)	N(16)-C(17)	1.307(3)	C(22)-C(23)	1.387(4)
N(10)-N(11)	1.388(3)	C(3)–C(4)	1.380(3)	C(23)-C(24)	1.375(4)
N(10)-C(9)	1.301(3)	C(4)–C(5)	1.382(3)	C(24)–C(25)	1.367(4)
N(11)-C(12)	1.311(3)	C(5)–C(6)	1.387(3)	C(25)–C(26)	1.391(3)
N(13)–C(7)	1.425(3)	C(6)–C(7)	1.369(3)		
Bond angles					
C(3)–N(2)–C(7)	116.76(19)	N(2)-C(3)-C(4)	124.5(2)	N(13)-C(17)-N(16)	110.1(2)
C(3)–N(8)–C(9)	127.0(2)	N(8)–C(3)–C(4)	122.0(2)	C(22)-N(21)-C(26)	122.9(2)
C(3)-N(8)-C(12)	128.90(19)	C(3)–C(4)–C(5)	116.9(2)	N(21)-C(22)-N(27)	117.1(2)
C(9)–N(8)–C(12)	104.08(19)	C(4)–C(5)–C(6)	120.2(2)	N(21)-C(22)-C(23)	119.0(2)
N(11)-N(10)-C(9)	107.4(2)	C(5)–C(6)–C(7)	117.4(2)	N(27)–C(22)–C(23)	123.9(2)
N(10)-N(11)-C(12)	106.5(2)	N(2)–C(7)–N(13)	113.03(18)	C(22)-C(23)-C(24)	118.3(2)
C(7)–N(13)–C(14)	129.91(18)	N(2)–C(7)–C(6)	124.3(2)	C(23)-C(24)-C(25)	122.7(2)
C(7)–N(13)–C(17)	125.41(18)	N(13)–C(7)–C(6)	122.6(2)	C(24)–C(25)–C(26)	118.6(2)
C(14)-N(13)-C(17)	104.68(18)	N(8)-C(9)-N(10)	110.8(2)	N(21)-C(26)-N(28)	117.9(2)
N(16)-N(15)-C(14)	105.80(18)	N(8)-C(12)-N(11)	111.2(2)	N(21)–C(26)–C(25)	118.6(2)
N(15)-N(16)-C(17)	108.21(19)	N(13)-C(14)-N(15)	111.21(19)	N(28)–C(26)–C(25)	123.5(2)
N(2)-C(3)-N(8)	113.52(19)				
Torsion angles					
C(7)–N(2)–C(3)–N(8)	-178.99(18)	N(10)-N(11)-C(12)-N(8)	0.1(3)	C(3)–C(4)–C(5)–C(6)	-0.6(4)
C(7)–N(2)–C(3)–C(4)	0.4(3)	C(14)–N(13)–C(7)–N(2)	172.2(2)	C(4)–C(5)–C(6)–C(7)	0.4(4)
C(3)–N(2)–C(7)–N(13)	179.49(18)	C(14)–N(13)–C(7)–C(6)	-7.7(4)	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)-N(2)	0.3(4)
C(3)–N(2)–C(7)–C(6)	-0.7(3)	C(17)–N(13)–C(7)–N(2)	-7.2(3)	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)-N(13)	-179.9(2)
C(9)–N(8)–C(3)–N(2)	3.2(3)	C(17)–N(13)–C(7)–C(6)	172.9(3)	C(26)-N(21)-C(22)-N(27)	179.7(3)
C(9)–N(8)–C(3)–C(4)	-176.3(3)	C(7)–N(13)–C(14)–N(15)	-179.6(2)	C(26)-N(21)-C(22)-C(23)	0.0(4)
C(12)-N(8)-C(3)-N(2)	-174.0(2)	C(17)–N(13)–C(14)–N(15)	-0.1(3)	C(22)-N(21)-C(26)-N(28)	178.9(2)
C(12)-N(8)-C(3)-C(4)	6.6(4)	C(7)–N(13)–C(17)–N(16)	179.2(2)	C(22)-N(21)-C(26)-C(25)	-0.3(4)
C(3)–N(8)–C(9)–N(10)	-178.7(2)	C(14)-N(13)-C(17)-N(16)	-0.3(3)	N(21)-C(22)-C(23)-C(24)	0.1(4)
C(12)-N(8)-C(9)-N(10)	-0.9(3)	C(14)-N(15)-N(16)-C(17)	-0.7(3)	N(27)–C(22)–C(23)–C(24)	-179.6(3)
C(3)-N(8)-C(12)-N(11)	178.2(2)	N(16)-N(15)-C(14)-N(13)	0.5(3)	C(22)–C(23)–C(24)–C(25)	0.1(5)
C(9)-N(8)-C(12)-N(11)	0.5(3)	N(15)-N(16)-C(17)-N(13)	0.6(3)	C(23)–C(24)–C(25)–C(26)	-0.4(5)
C(9)-N(10)-N(11)-C(12)	-0.7(3)	N(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	0.2(4)	C(24)-C(25)-C(26)-N(21)	0.4(4)
N(11)-N(10)-C(9)-N(8)	1.0(3)	N(8)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	179.6(2)	C(24)-C(25)-C(26)-N(28)	-178.7(3)

Table S1 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for  ${\bf 1}$