

Supporting Information for the manuscript:

Influence of the pyrazine substituent on the structure and magnetic properties of dicyanamide-bridged cobalt(II) complexes

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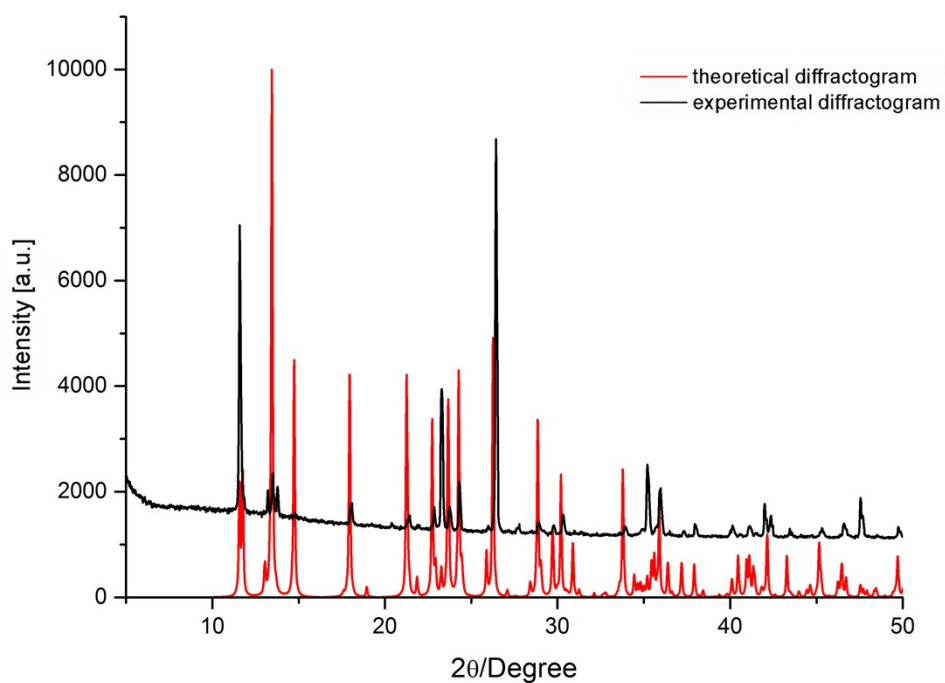


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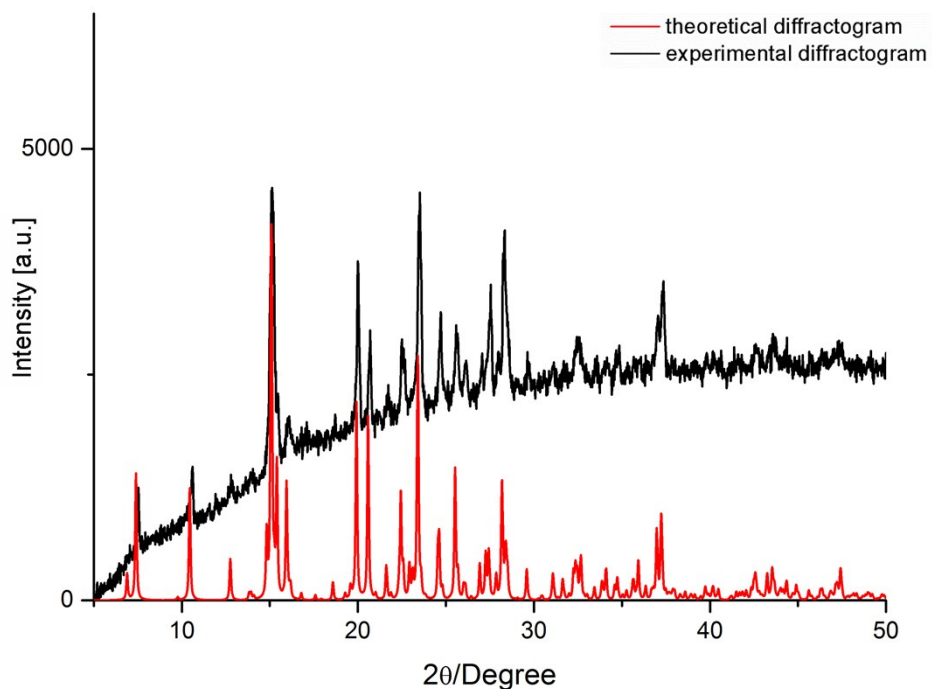


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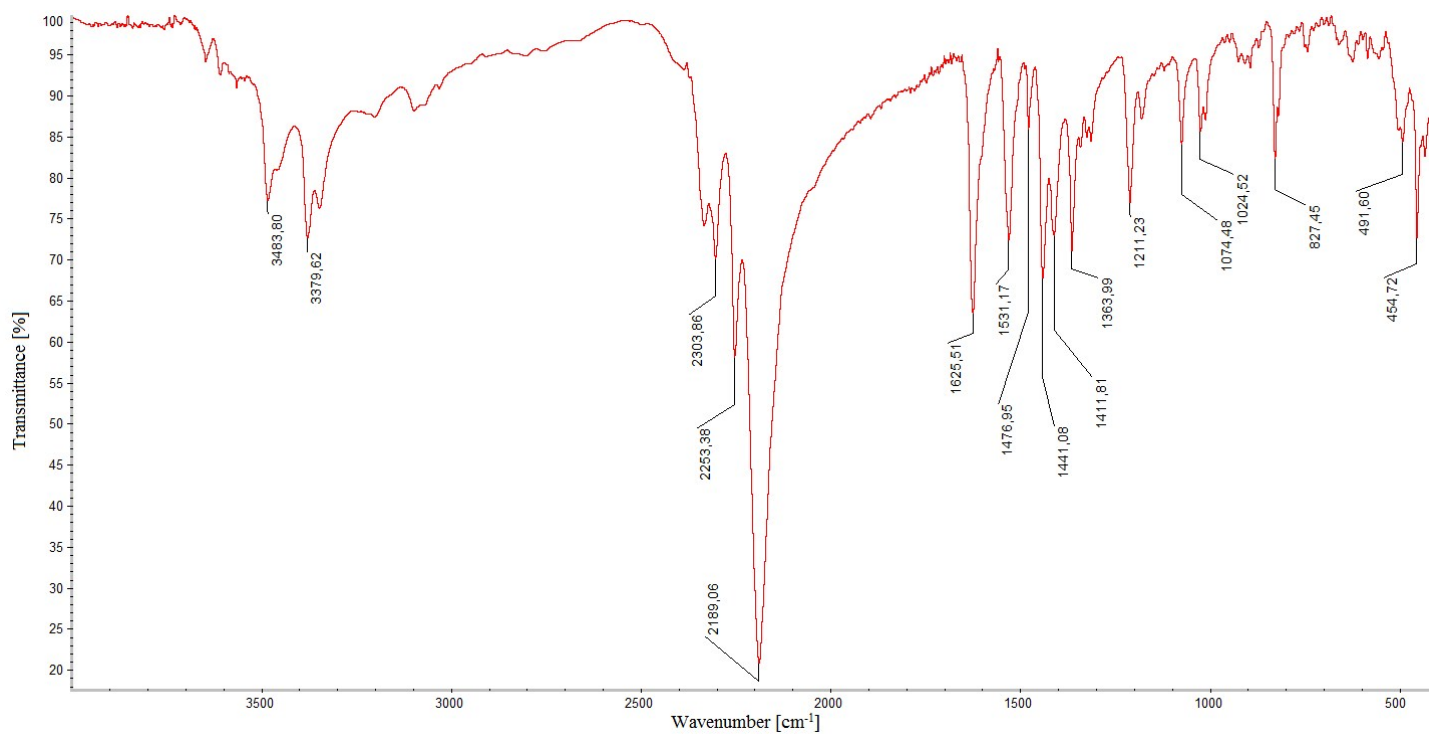


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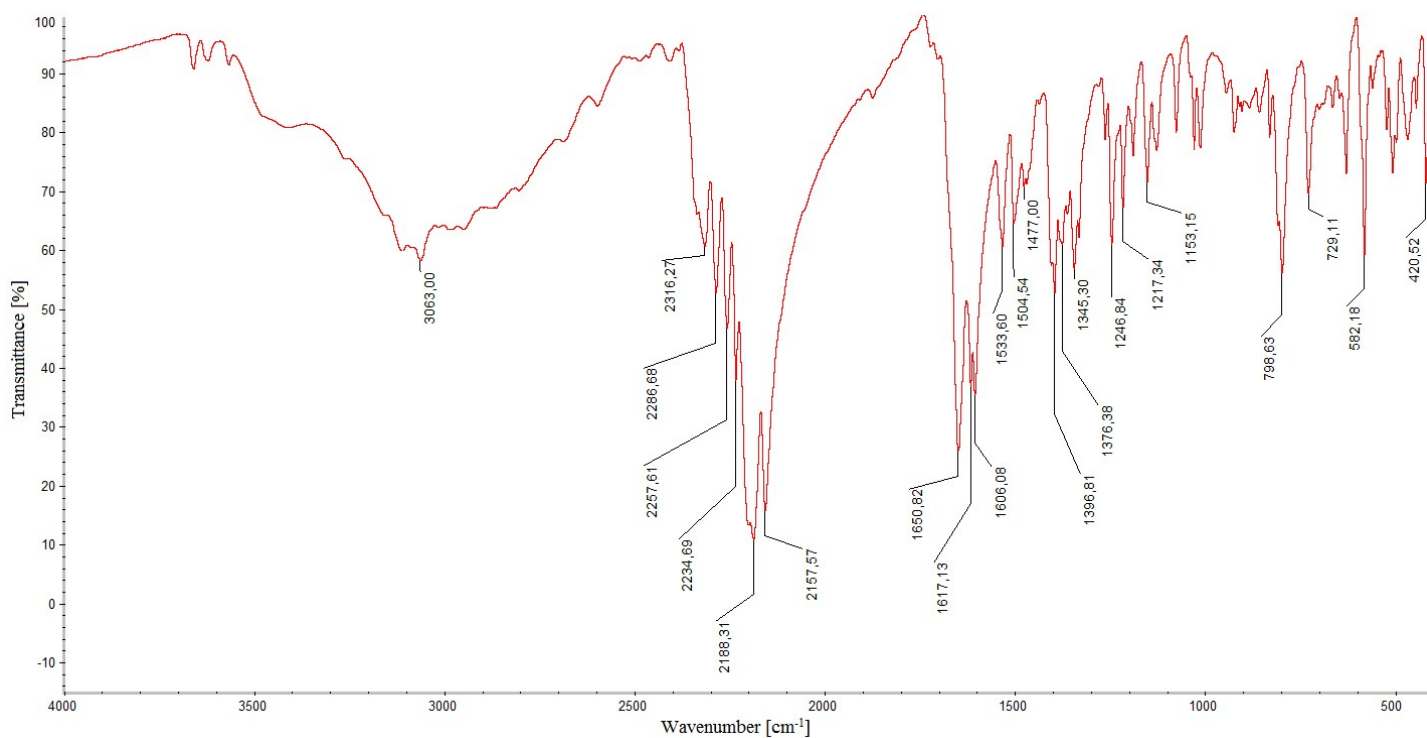


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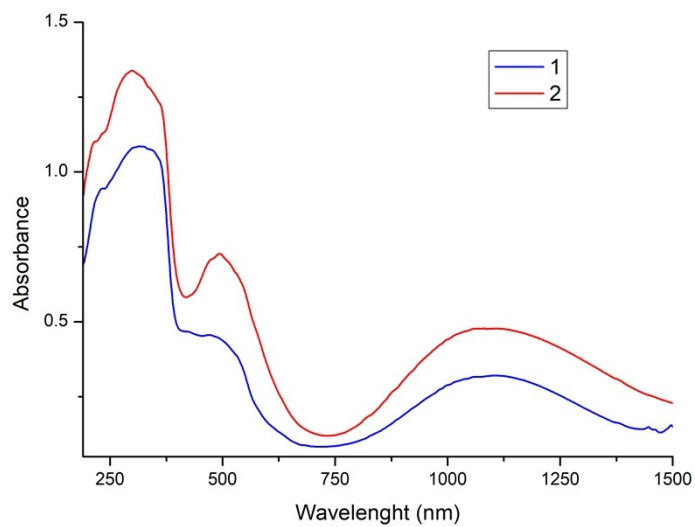


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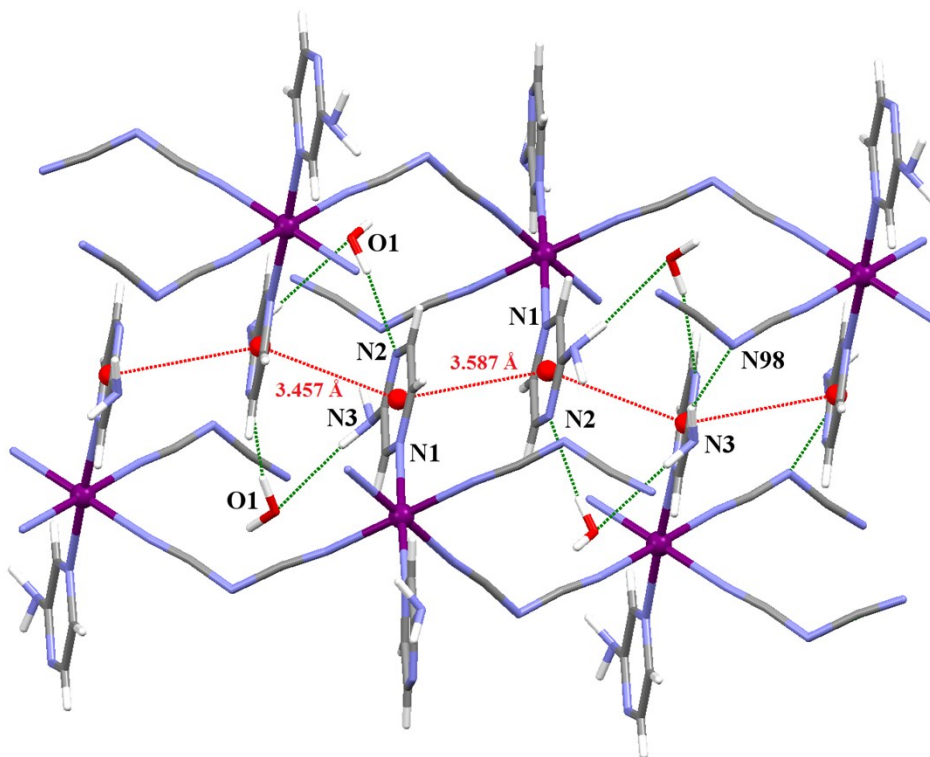


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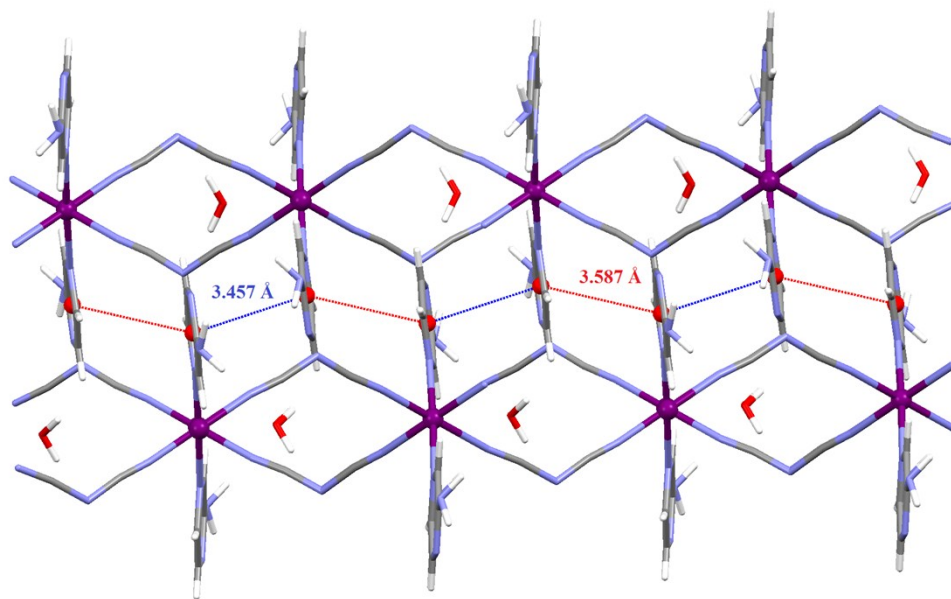


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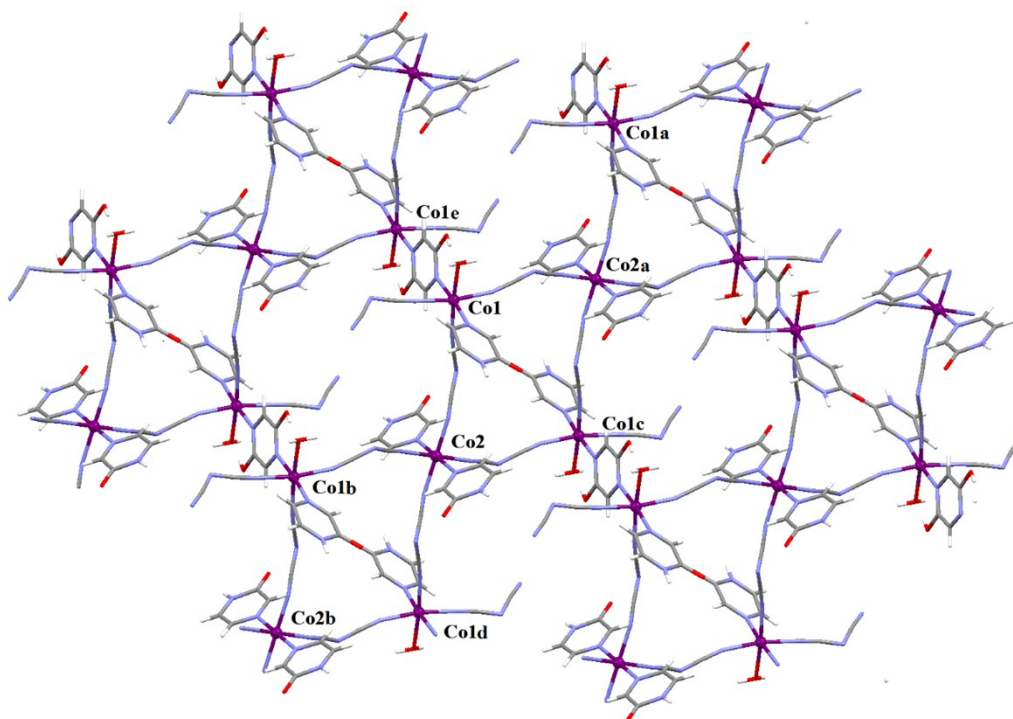


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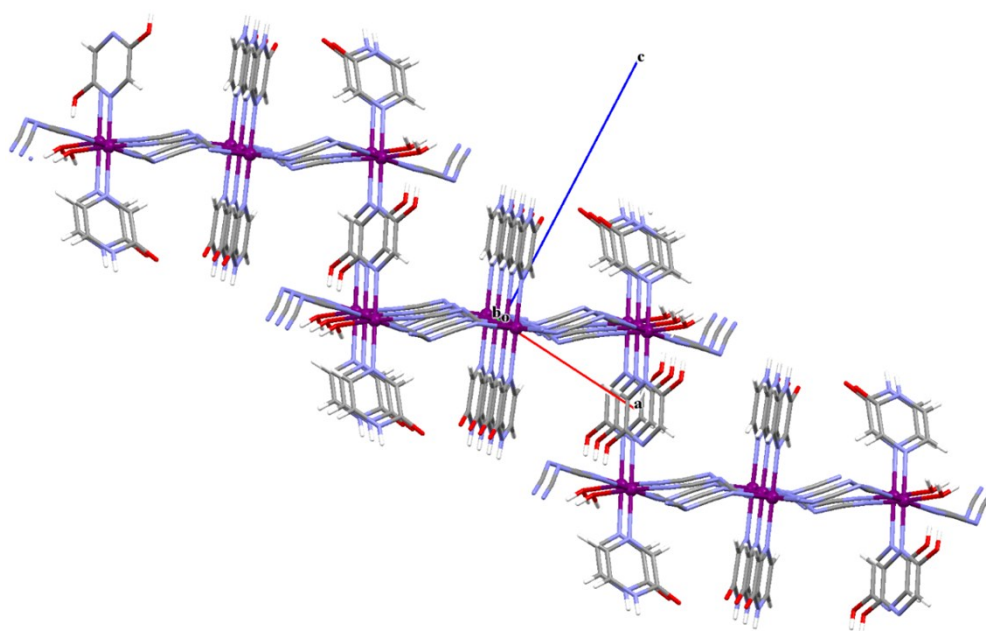


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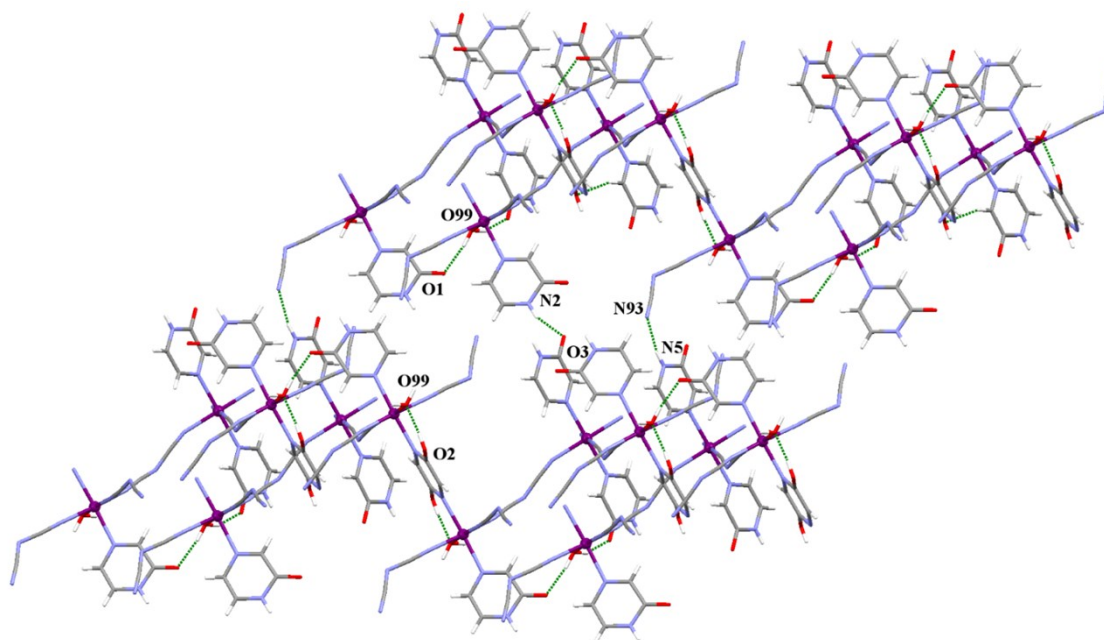


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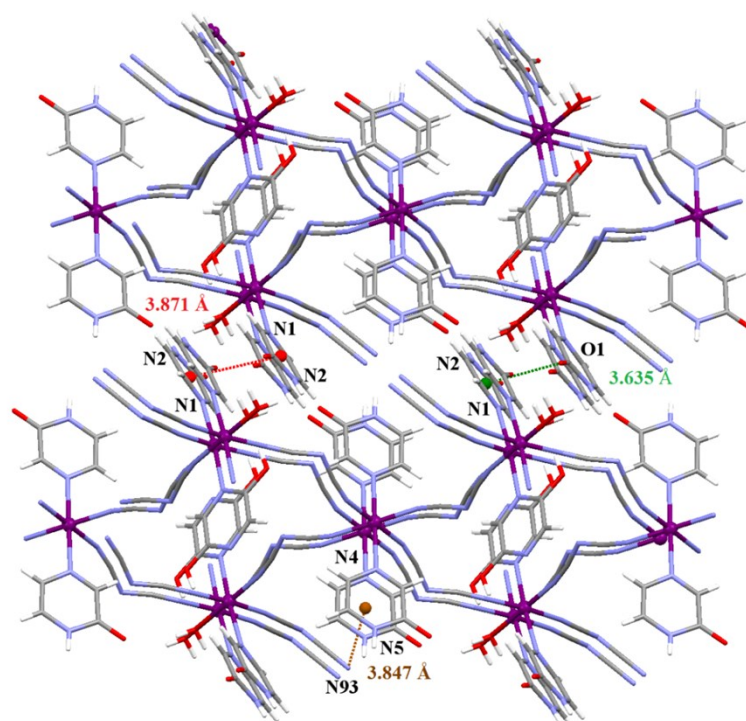


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1 Co(1)	2 Co(1)	2 Co(2)
S(OC-6) = 0.052	S(OC-6) = 0.376	S(OC-6) = 0.066

Figure S12. The cobalt environment in **1–2** together with shape values ($S_Q(P)$) with respect to the octahedral geometry (OC-6), calculated with SHAPE program. The shape measure $S_Q(P)$ is defined as $S_Q(P) = \min \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\vec{q}_i - \vec{p}_i|^2 \right) / \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\vec{q}_i - \vec{q}_0|^2 \right) \right] \times 100$, where $\vec{q}_i$ are N vectors that contain the $3N$ Cartesian coordinates of the problem structure Q ; $\vec{p}_i$ contain the coordinates of the ideal polyhedron P ; $\vec{q}_0$ is the position vector of the geometric centre that is chosen to be the same for the two polyhedra. [M. Llunell, D. Casanova, J. Cirera, P. Alemany, S. Alvarez, *SHAPE version 2.0.*, Universitat de Barcelona, **2010**; J. Cirera, P. Alemany and S. Alvarez, *Chem. Eur. J.*, 2004, **10**, 190; D. Casanova, J. Cirera, M. Llunell, P. Alemany, D. Avnir and S. Alvarez, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2004, **126**, 1755; J. Cirera, E. Ruiz and S. Alvarez, *Inorg. Chem.*, 2008, **47**, 2871].

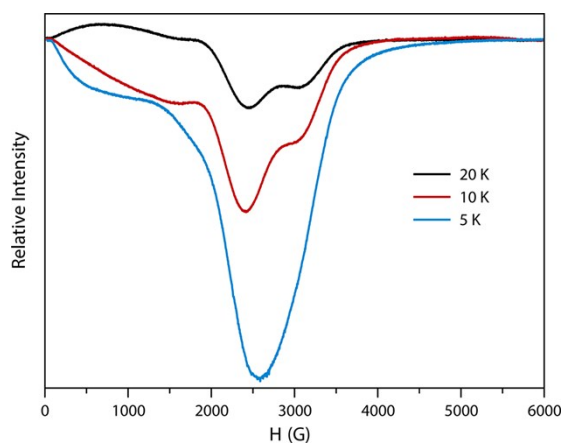


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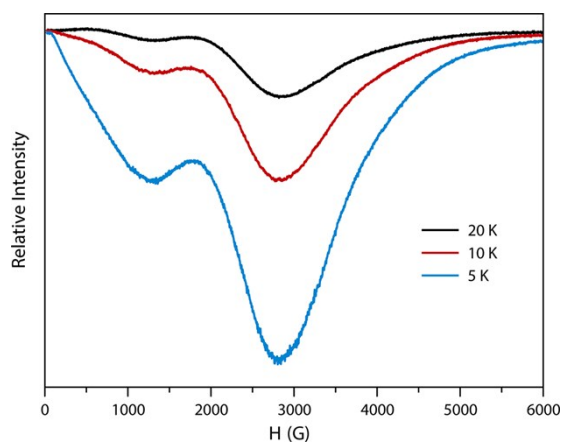


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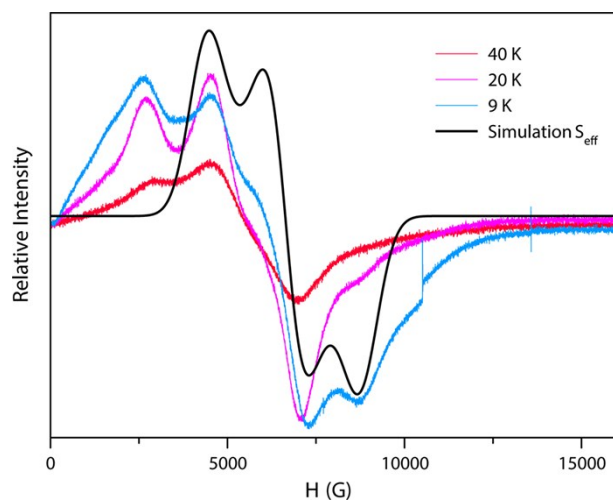


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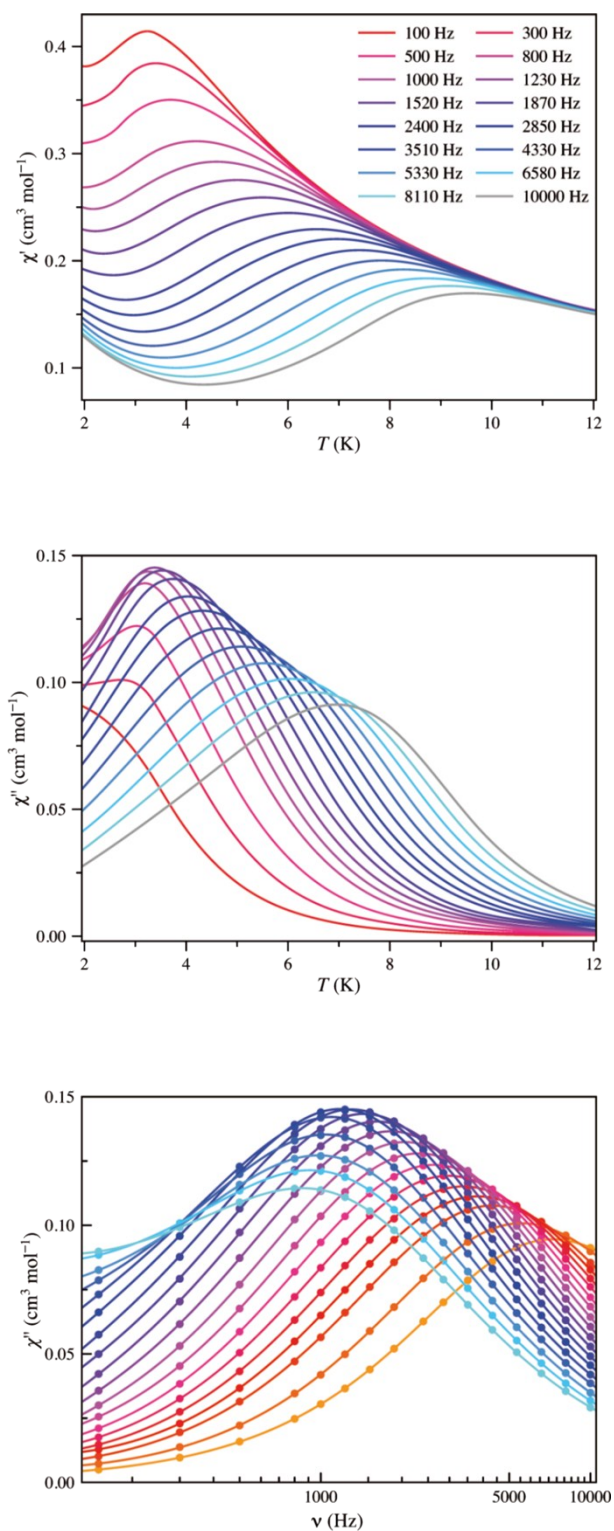


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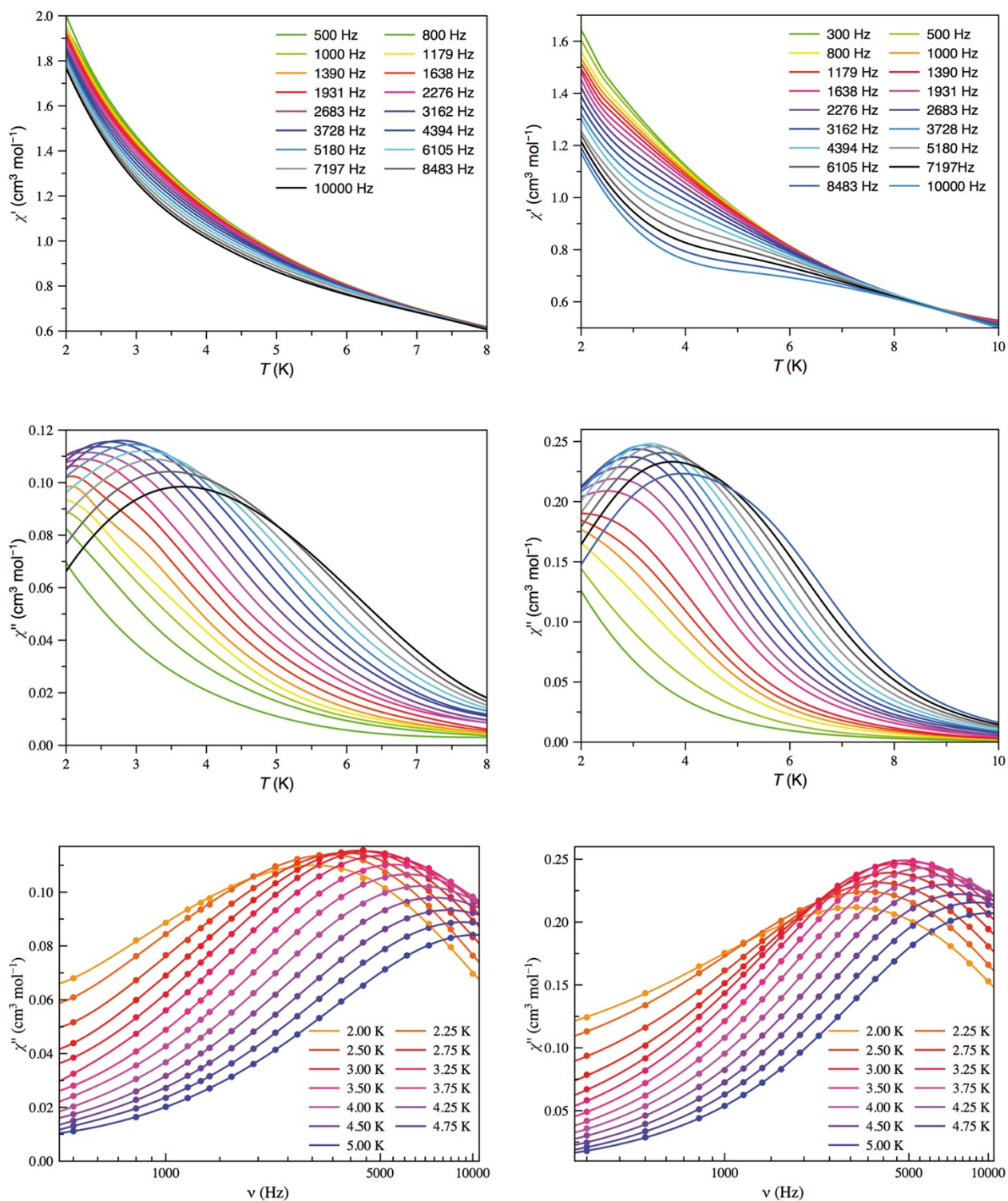


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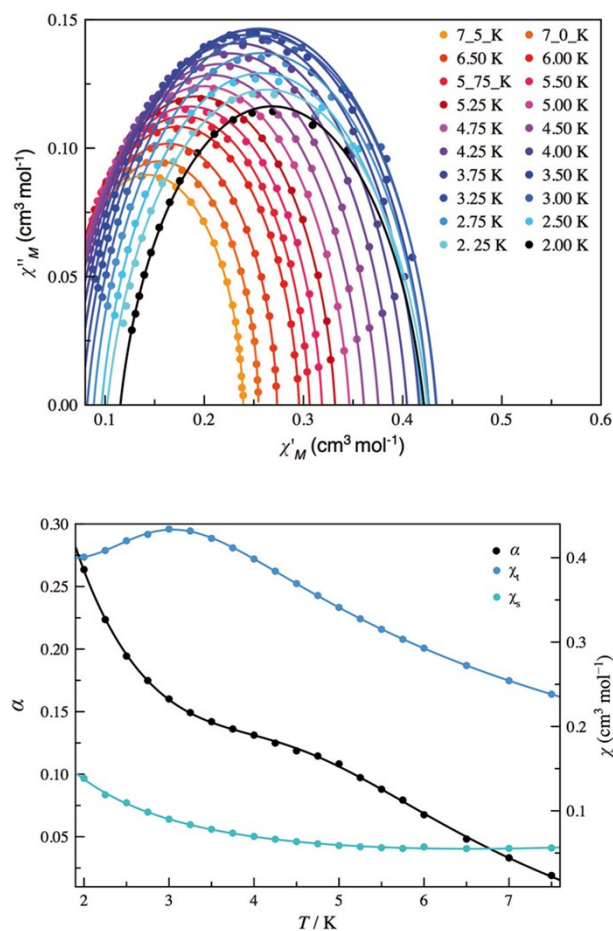


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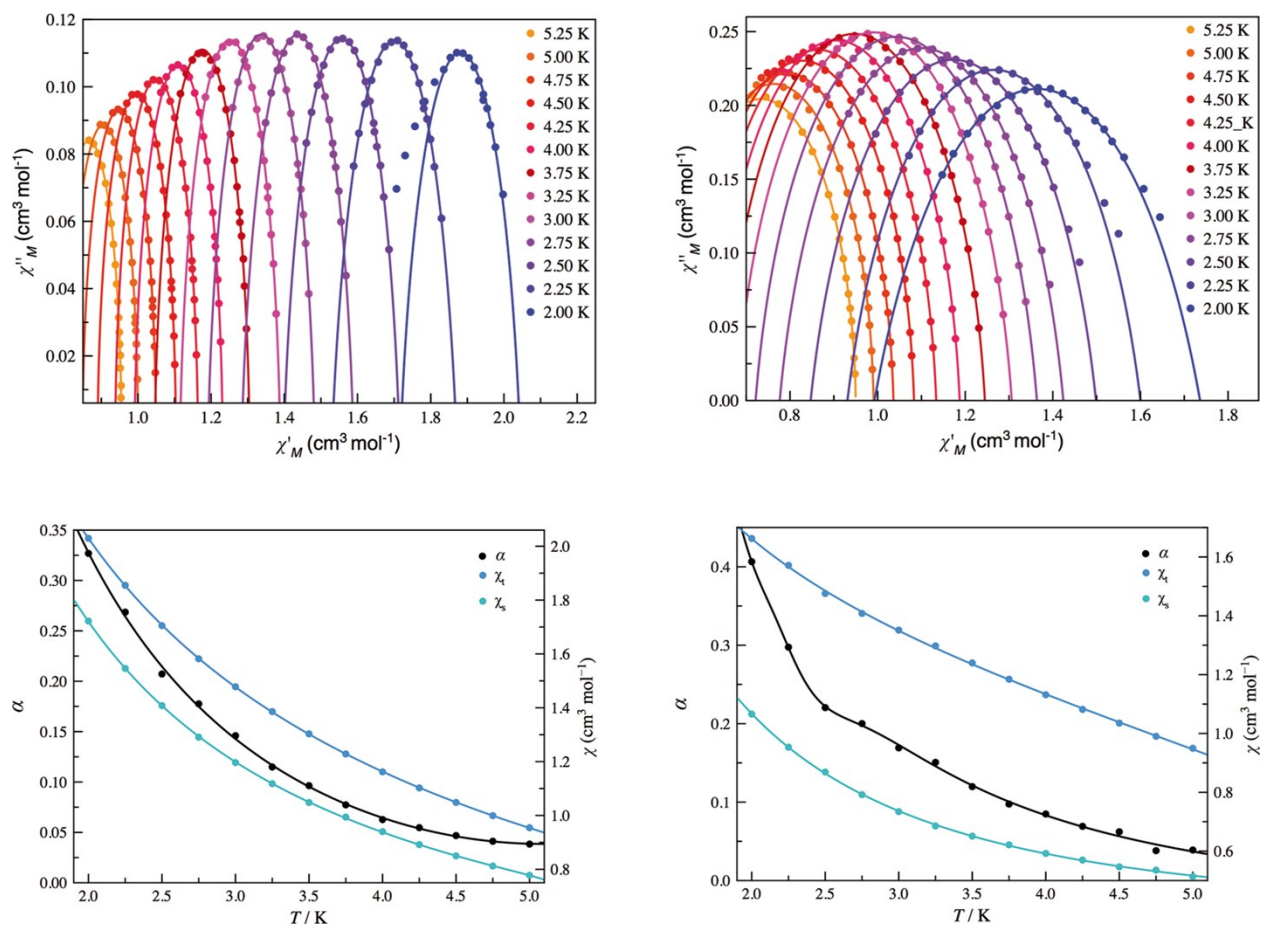


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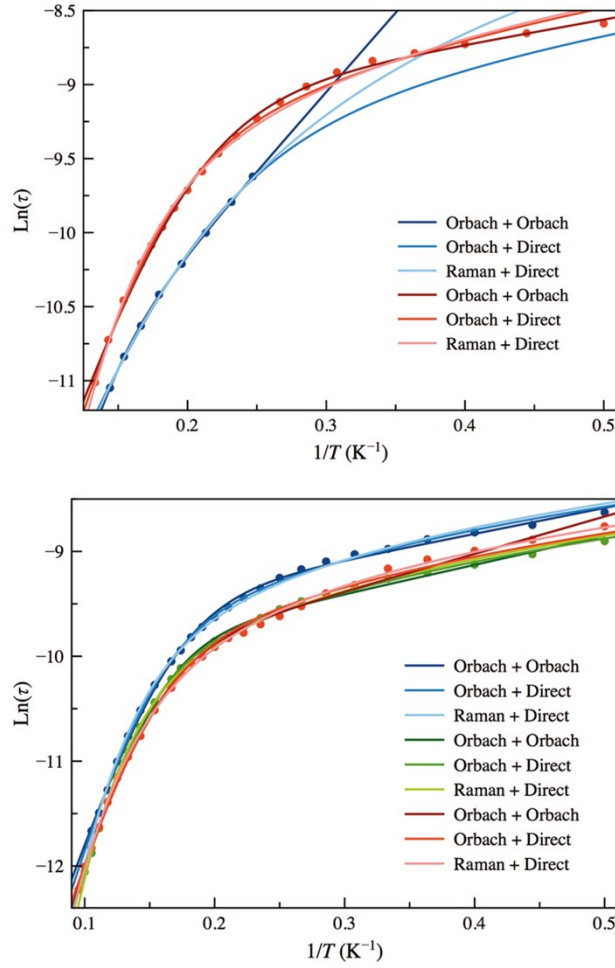


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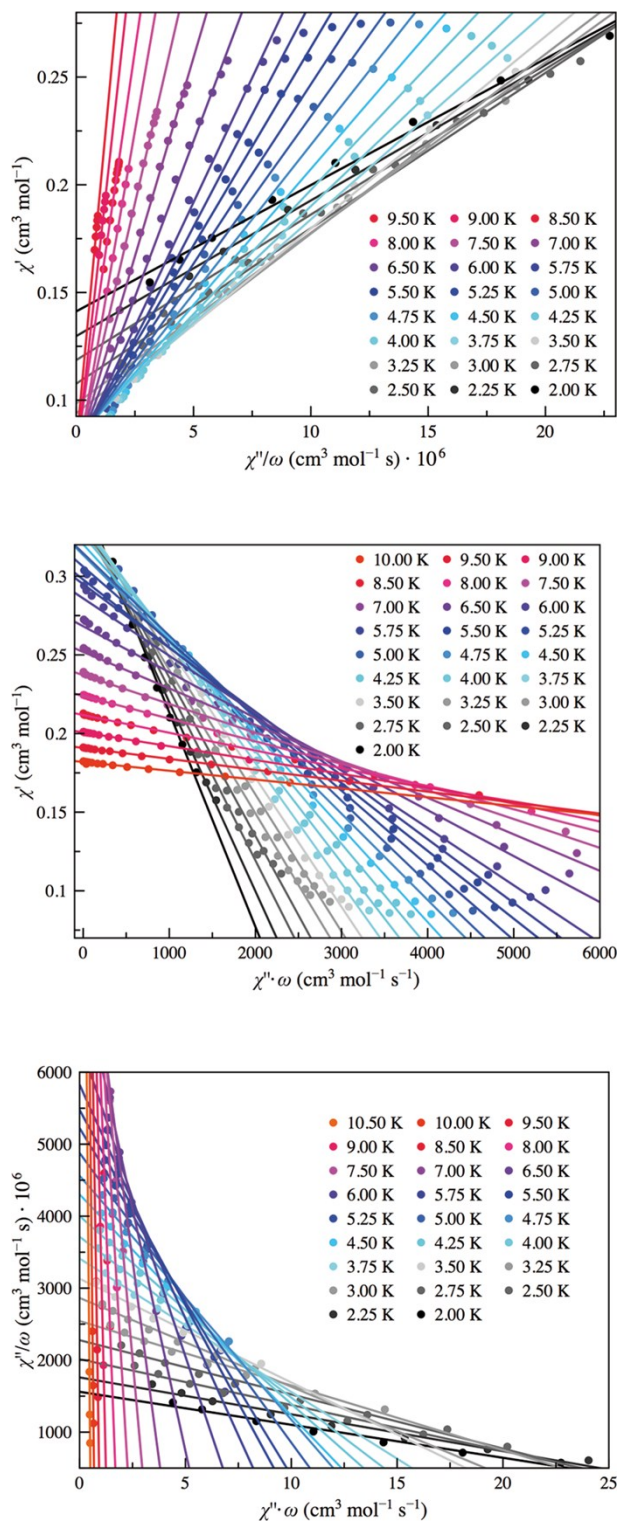


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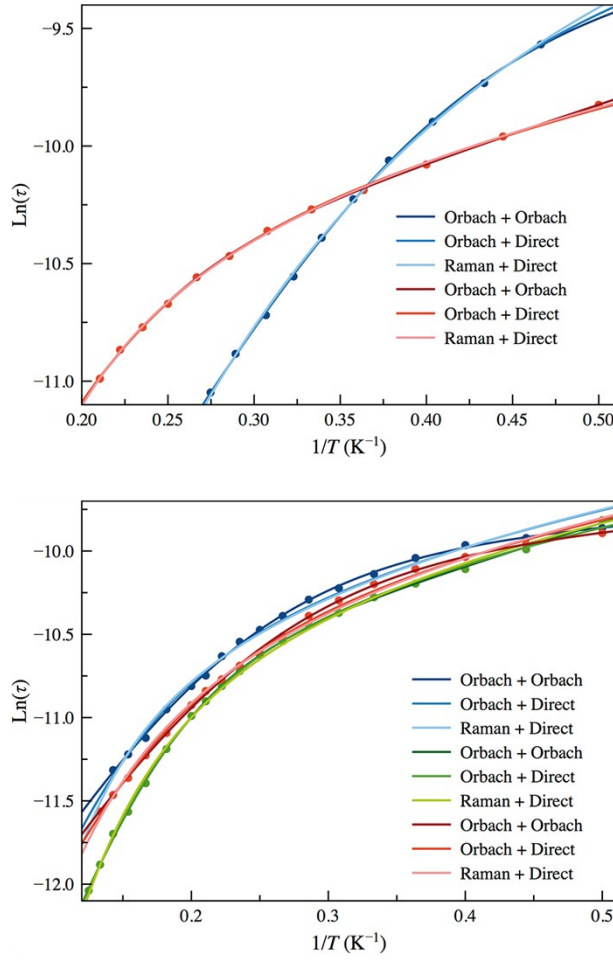


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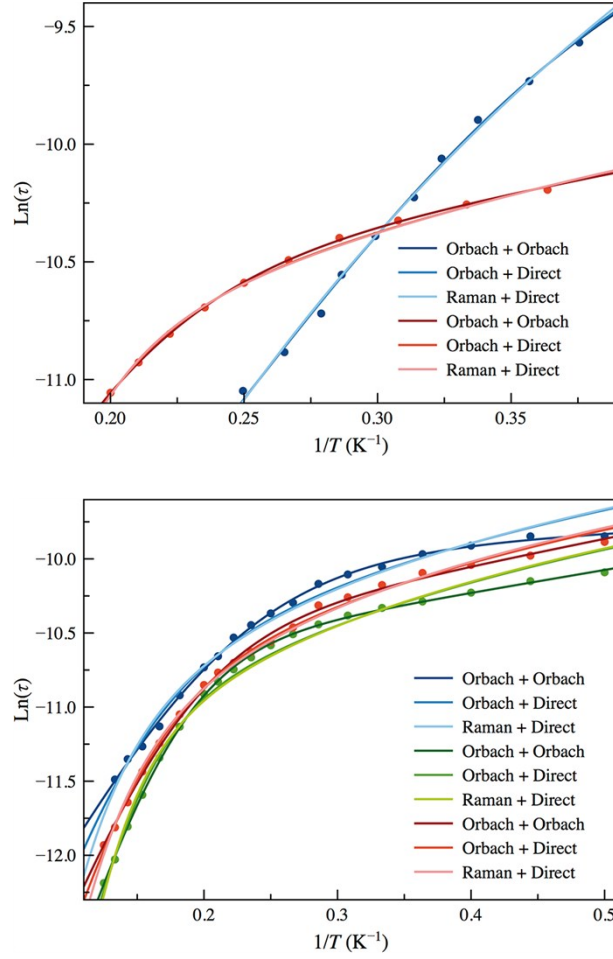


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Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement of **1** and **2**.

Compound	1	2
Empirical formula	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ CoN ₁₂ O	C ₃₂ H ₂₃ Co ₃ N ₂₈ O ₇
Formula weight	399.27	1088.7
<i>T</i> [K]	295.0(2)	295.0(2)
Wavelength [Å]	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>Pnna</i>	<i>P</i> 1
Unit cell dimensions [Å, °]		
<i>a</i>	13.5668(6)	6.9942(3)
<i>b</i>	12.9364(6)	12.0232(4)
<i>c</i>	9.2522(4)	12.8819(6)
<i>α</i>		93.330(3)
<i>β</i>		95.046(4)
<i>γ</i>		95.499(3)
<i>V</i> [Å ³]	1623.81(12)	1071.70(8)
<i>Z</i>	4	1
<i>D_c</i> [Mg m ⁻³]	1.633	1.687
Absorption coefficient [mm ⁻¹]	1.090	1.231
<i>F</i> (000)	812.0	548.0
Crystal size [mm]	0.177×0.112×0.080	0.158×0.112×0.099
<i>θ</i> range for data collection [°]	3.39 to 25.05	3.41 to 25.05
	-15 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 16	-6 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 8
Index ranges	-15 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12	-14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12
	-8 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 11	-15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 14
Reflections collected	4437	7963
Independent reflections	1441 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0267)	3781 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0228)
Completeness to 2 θ [%]	99.7	99.8
Min. and max. transm.	0.860 and 1.000	0.677 and 1.000
Data/restraints/parameters	1441/0/123	3781/0/333
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.030	1.035
Final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]		
<i>R</i> 1	0.0293	0.0304
<i>wR</i> 2	0.0742	0.0676
<i>R</i> indices (all data)		
<i>R</i> 1	0.0386	0.0381
<i>wR</i> 2	0.0789	0.0703
Largest diff. peak/hole [e Å ⁻³]	0.29 and -0.22	0.28 and -0.25

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for **1**.

Bond lengths		Bond angles	
Co(1)–N(1)	2.1712(17)	N(1)–Co(1)–N(1e)	178.36(9)
Co(1)–N(97)	2.1098(18)	N(1)–Co(1)–N(97)	88.18(6)
Co(1)–N(99)	2.1194(18)	N(1)–Co(1)–N(99)	90.84(6)
		N(1)–Co(1)–N(97e)	90.68(6)
		N(1)–Co(1)–N(97e)	90.33(6)
		N(97)–Co(1)–N(97e)	92.18(10)
		N(97)–Co(1)–N(99)	89.63(7)
		N(97)–Co(1)–N(99e)	177.67(7)
		N(99)–Co(1)–N(99e)	88.60(10)
		Co(1)–N(97)–C(98)	173.67(17)
		Co(1)–N(99)–C(99)	169.84(18)
		N(97)–C(98)–N(98)	172.6(2)
		C(98)–N(98)–C(99b)	122.31(19)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (b) = $1/2+x, y, 1-z$; (e) = $x, 1/2-y, 3/2-z$.

Table S3. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for **2**.

Bond lengths		Bond angles	
Co(1)–N(1)	2.2213(18)	N(1)–Co(1)–N(3)	175.82(7)
Co(1)–N(3)	2.2024(18)	N(1)–Co(1)–N(91)	90.95(7)
Co(1)–N(91)	2.056(2)	N(1)–Co(1)–N(94)	92.42(7)
Co(1)–N(94)	2.078(2)	N(1)–Co(1)–N(97)	86.15(7)
Co(1)–N(97)	2.071(2)	N(1)–Co(1)–O(99)	91.20(7)
Co(1)–O(99)	2.1653(16)	N(3)–Co(1)–N(91)	85.96(7)
Co(2)–N(4)	2.1868(19)	N(3)–Co(1)–N(94)	91.07(7)
Co(2)–N(96a)	2.114(2)	N(3)–Co(1)–N(97)	91.42(7)
Co(2)–N(99)	2.073(2)	N(3)–Co(1)–O(99)	91.45(7)
		N(91)–Co(1)–N(94)	170.58(9)
		N(91)–Co(1)–N(97)	97.02(9)
		N(91)–Co(1)–O(99)	86.97(7)
		N(94)–Co(1)–N(97)	91.98(8)
		N(94)–Co(1)–O(99)	84.17(7)
		N(97)–Co(1)–O(99)	175.24(7)
		N(4)–Co(2)–N(4d)	180.0
		N(4)–Co(2)–N(96b)	88.42(8)
		N(4)–Co(2)–N(96c)	91.58(8)
		N(4d)–Co(2)–N(96b)	91.57(8)
		N(4d)–Co(2)–N(96c)	88.43(8)
		N(4)–Co(2)–N(99)	91.12(8)
		N(4)–Co(2)–N(99d)	88.88(8)
		N(96c)–Co(2)–N(96b)	180.00(12)
		N(96c)–Co(2)–N(99)	90.37(9)
		N(96c)–Co(2)–N(99d)	89.63(9)
		N(99d)–Co(2)–N(99)	180.0
		Co(1)–N(91)–C(94)	174.0(2)
		Co(1)–N(94)–C(96)	167.2(2)
		Co(1)–N(97)–C(98)	170.2(2)
		Co(2)–N(99)–C(99)	166.4(2)
		Co(2b)–N(96)–C(97)	159.4(2)
		N(91)–C(94)–N(92)	174.2(3)
		N(93)–C(95)–N(92)	173.6(4)
		N(94)–C(96)–N(95)	171.9(3)
		N(96)–C(97)–N(95)	172.4(3)
		N(97)–C(98)–N(98)	171.3(3)
		N(99)–C(99)–N(98)	171.5(3)
		C(94)–N(92)–C(95)	120.2(2)
		C(96)–N(95)–C(97)	123.8(2)
		C(98)–N(99)–C(99)	126.8(2)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (a) = $x, -1+y, z$; (b) = $x, 1+y, z$; (c) = $-x, -y, -z$; (d) = $-x, 1-y, -z$.

Table S4. Hydrogen bonds and C–H···N type interactions in **1** and **2**^a

D	A	D—H [Å]	H···A [Å]	D···A [Å]	D—H···A [°]
1					
O(1)	N(2) ^f	0.85	2.37	3.190(2)	162.0
O(1)	N(2)	0.85	2.47	3.190(2)	143.0
N(3)	O(1) ^g	0.86	2.32	3.137(3)	158.0
N(3)	N(98) ⁱ	0.86	2.37	3.130(3)	147.0
C(4)	N(98) ^j	0.93	2.58	3.470(3)	159.0
2					
O(2)	O(99)	0.82	1.68	2.500(4)	175.0
N(2)	O(3) ^k	0.85	2.02	2.813(3)	157.0
N(5)	N(93) ^l	0.80	2.21	2.2975(4)	161.0
O(99)	O(3) ^m	0.87	2.26	3.066(2)	154.0
O(99)	O(1) ⁿ	0.87	2.44	2.963(2)	119.0
O(99)	O(1) ^o	0.87	1.80	2.667(2)	170.0
C(1)	N(94)	0.93	2.61	3.188(3)	121.0
C(6)	N(97)	0.93	2.49	3.093(3)	122.0

^a Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (f) = $x, 3/2-y, 1/2-z$; (g) = $1/2-x, 1-y, z$; (h) = $1-x, 1/2+y, -1/2+z$; (i) = $1-x, 1/2+y, 1/2+z$; (j) = $2-x, -y, -z$; (k) = $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (l) = $1+x, -1+y, z$; (m) = $1-x, -y, 1-z$; (n) = $1+x, y, z$; (o) = $1/2-x, -1/2+y, 3/2-z$.

Table S5. Short $\pi\cdots\pi$ interactions for **1** and **2**^a

Cg(I)···Cg(J)	Cg(I)···Cg(J) [Å]	α [°] ^b	β [°] ^c	γ [°] ^d	Cg(I)–Perp [Å] ^e	Cg(J)–Perp [Å] ^f
1						
Cg(1)···Cg(1q) ^g	3.4575(12)	8	12.11	12.11	-3.3805(8)	-3.3805(8)
Cg(1)···Cg(1p)	3.5870(12)	0	19.81	19.81	3.3748(8)	3.3748(8)
2						
Cg(1)···Cg(1r)	3.8706(12)	0	30.49	30.49	-3.3352(9)	-3.3352(9)

^a Symmetry code: (q) = $1/2-x, 1-y, z$; (p) = $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (r) = $1-x, -y, 1-z$; (s) = $3/2-x, -1/2+y, 3/2-z$. ^b α = dihedral angle between Cg(I) and Cg(J). ^c β = angle Cg(I)→Cg(J) vector and normal to ring I. ^d γ = angle between the Cg(I)→Cg(J) vector and the normal to plane J. ^e Cg(I)–Perp = Perpendicular distance of Cg(I) on ring J. ^f Cg(J)–Perp = perpendicular distance of Cg(J) on ring I. ^g Cg1 is the centroid of the N(1)/C(1)/C(2)/N(2)/C(3)/C(4) set of atoms.

Table S6. C—X···Cg(J)(π -ring) (X = O, N) interactions for **2**^a

C—X(I)···Cg(J)	X(I)···Cg(J) [Å]	X–Perp [Å]	γ [°] ^b
C(2)–O(1)···Cg(1r) ^c	3.6346(19)	-3.224	27.49
C(95)–N(93)···Cg(2t) ^d	3.847(3)	3.755	12.56

^a Symmetry codes: (r) = $1-x, -y, 1-z$; (t) = $1+x, y, z$. ^b γ = angle X(I)→Cg(J) vector and normal to plane J. ^c Cg1 is the centroid of the N(1)/C(1)/C(2)/N(2)/C(3)/C(4) set of atoms. ^d Cg2 is the centroid of the N(4)/C(7)/C(8)/N(5)/C(9)/C(10) set of atoms.

Table S7. Energy of all calculated excited states and their contributions to the D and E values for the real geometries of Co1 in **1** and Co2 in **2** obtained from CASSCF/NEVPT2 calculations.

Co1 in 1					Co2 in 2				
State	Energy ^a	S	D^a	E^a	State	Energy ^a	S	D^a	E^a
D_{SS}		4	1.874	0.007	D_{SS}		4	1.762	0.046
D_Q		4	80.905	16.961	D_Q		4	81.737	15.839
D_D		2	14.527	−0.129	D_D		2	12.425	0.582
Q_1	564.7	4	43.604	43.620	Q_1	581.4	4	44.434	43.241
Q_2	1089.3	4	26.264	−26.264	Q_2	973.9	4	29.632	−27.792
Q_3	9461.7	4	5.838	−5.838	Q_3	9204.4	4	0.879	−0.549
Q_4	9636.2	4	4.172	4.476	Q_4	9470.1	4	3.645	1.632
Q_5	9822.5	4	0.898	0.979	Q_5	10213.4	4	3.053	−0.682
Q_6	19845.4	4	0.000	0.000	Q_6	20065.4	4	−0.001	0.000
Q_7	22730.4	4	0.070	−0.070	Q_7	22104.0	4	0.048	−0.027
Q_8	22776.0	4	0.058	0.059	Q_8	23095.5	4	0.041	0.010
Q_9	24441.7	4	0.001	−0.001	Q_9	25006.9	4	0.006	0.006
D_1	10559.8	2	12.521	−0.113	D_1	9666.7	2	10.712	0.778
D_2	11404.9	2	−0.046	0.046	D_2	11856.5	2	0.279	−0.213
D_3	19187.2	2	−0.001	0.001	D_3	18537.4	2	−0.016	−0.014
D_4	19760.1	2	−1.136	−1.136	D_4	19054.1	2	−0.090	0.073
D_5	19809.4	2	−0.667	0.667	D_5	19436.2	2	−0.867	−0.584
D_6	19873.5	2	−0.087	−0.088	D_6	20021.1	2	−0.848	0.014
D_7	19897.1	2	−0.010	−0.010	D_7	20277.2	2	−0.510	0.481
D_8	20240.6	2	−0.513	0.513	D_8	20480.4	2	−0.018	0.018
D_9	22728.8	2	3.228	0.000	D_9	22939.5	2	2.780	0.004
D_{10}	23546.5	2	−0.002	0.002	D_{10}	23086.3	2	−0.133	−0.104

D ₁₁	23573.1	2	−0.105	−0.106	D ₁₁	23566.0	2	−0.057	−0.046
D ₁₂	26811.2	2	−0.116	0.116	D ₁₂	26870.6	2	−0.122	0.114
D ₁₃	29647.4	2	−0.191	0.191	D ₁₃	29565.4	2	0.053	0.018
D ₁₄	29898.0	2	−0.060	−0.072	D ₁₄	29829.2	2	0.024	0.001
D ₁₅	30061.2	2	−0.026	−0.041	D ₁₅	30213.0	2	−0.032	0.057
D ₁₆	31480.3	2	−0.405	0.405	D ₁₆	31536.9	2	−0.047	−0.048
D ₁₇	31565.3	2	−0.492	−0.496	D ₁₇	31617.3	2	−0.562	0.158
D ₁₈	31903.3	2	−0.003	0.003	D ₁₈	31897.0	2	−0.547	−0.220
D ₁₉	32642.1	2	2.644	−0.017	D ₁₉	32760.7	2	2.377	0.124
D ₂₀	33504.8	2	−0.006	0.006	D ₂₀	33371.4	2	0.049	−0.029

^aValues in cm^{−1}.

Table S8. Energy of all calculated excited states and their contributions to the D and E values for the real geometries of Co1 and Co1e in **2** obtained from CASSCF/NEVPT2 calculations.

Co1					Co1e				
State	Energy ^a	S	D^a	E^a	State	Energy ^a	S	D^a	E^a
D_{SS}		4	1.859	0.046	D_{SS}		4	1.857	0.052
D_Q		4	92.234	19.658	D_Q		4	95.549	29.759
D_D		2	14.383	−0.114	D_D		2	14.569	−0.166
Q_1	521.0	4	49.809	49.270	Q_1	389.7	4	56.517	56.487
Q_2	820.0	4	31.029	−30.073	Q_2	925.7	4	27.254	−27.199
Q_3	8533.2	4	4.800	4.895	Q_3	8465.7	4	5.852	6.028
Q_4	8746.7	4	1.198	0.801	Q_4	8791.2	4	0.256	0.002
Q_5	9644.5	4	5.304	−5.225	Q_5	9578.7	4	5.572	−5.548
Q_6	18748.0	4	−0.009	−0.000	Q_6	18766.4	4	−0.012	−0.000
Q_7	21237.8	4	0.056	−0.054	Q_7	20999.6	4	0.060	−0.060
Q_8	23098.7	4	0.045	0.044	Q_8	23452.4	4	0.049	0.049
Q_9	24140.1	4	0.002	0.000	Q_9	24008.8	4	0.001	0.000
D_1	10220.6	2	10.858	0.023	D_1	10109.9	2	10.393	−0.009
D_2	12439.4	2	1.617	−0.042	D_2	12452.6	2	2.221	−0.053
D_3	18373.6	2	−0.002	0.002	D_3	18348.3	2	−0.001	0.001
D_4	19008.1	2	−0.005	0.003	D_4	18963.9	2	−0.003	0.000
D_5	19479.3	2	−1.134	−1.105	D_5	19349.9	2	−1.159	−1.152
D_6	20157.4	2	−1.180	1.120	D_6	20157.5	2	−0.851	0.840
D_7	20216.7	2	−0.087	0.044	D_7	20220.2	2	−0.367	0.360
D_8	20245.6	2	−0.025	0.017	D_8	20268.7	2	−0.078	0.073
D_9	22581.6	2	2.967	−0.001	D_9	22532.2	2	3.026	−0.000
D_{10}	23009.8	2	−0.011	−0.011	D_{10}	22855.4	2	−0.004	−0.005

D ₁₁	23541.5	2	−0.211	−0.210	D ₁₁	23620.0	2	−0.213	−0.216
D ₁₂	26231.1	2	−0.073	0.073	D ₁₂	26232.0	2	−0.052	0.052
D ₁₃	29192.8	2	−0.000	0.007	D ₁₃	29255.9	2	−0.011	0.021
D ₁₄	29369.1	2	−0.010	0.012	D ₁₄	29373.4	2	0.002	0.001
D ₁₅	29896.4	2	−0.145	0.169	D ₁₅	29833.8	2	−0.205	0.213
D ₁₆	30961.8	2	−0.272	−0.267	D ₁₆	30842.7	2	−0.557	−0.545
D ₁₇	30974.0	2	−0.365	−0.306	D ₁₇	31066.6	2	−0.172	0.043
D ₁₈	31155.7	2	−0.365	0.363	D ₁₈	31073.1	2	−0.212	0.218
D ₁₉	32129.9	2	2.544	−0.001	D ₁₉	32007.6	2	2.383	−0.003
D ₂₀	32897.5	2	0.282	−0.004	D ₂₀	32964.6	2	0.429	−0.005

^aValues in cm^{−1}.

Table S9. Energies of the low-lying Kramers doublets corresponding to the ground and first excited states, which should be related to those generated from the 1st order spin-orbit coupling, of the real geometries of Co1 in **1** and Co1, Co1e and Co2 in **2** obtained from CASSCF/NEVPT2 calculations.

Kramers doublet	Energy ^a			
	Co1 in 1	Co2 in 2	Co1 in 2	Co1e in 2
Ground	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1st	196.2	196.9	220.1	239.4
2nd	720.5	737.9	687.4	639.9
3rd	1029.9	1055.0	1040.1	975.3
4th	1461.2	1368.4	1275.6	1381.0
5th	1556.1	1467.6	1360.6	1436.6

^aValues in cm⁻¹.

Table S10. Selected ac magnetic data for **1** under $H_{dc} = 1000$ G

Method	Model ^a	$\tau_0^b \times 10^7$ (s)	E_{a1}^b (cm ⁻¹)	$\tau_0^b \times 10^5$ (s)	E_{a2}^b (cm ⁻¹)	A^c (s ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)	C^d (s ⁻¹ K ⁻ⁿ)	n^d
χ_M' vs. T	O-O	14.7 ± 1.44	9.2 ± 0.4	13 ± 6	0.4 ± 0.6			
	O-D	13.1 ± 0.3	10.26 ± 0.21			3090 ± 70		
	R-D					1600 ± 400	330 ± 120	3.00 ± 0.18
χ_M' vs. ν	O-O	9.66 ± 0.05	14.2 ± 0.3	3.20 ± 0.15	2.71 ± 0.07			
	O-D	17.8 ± 1.8	11.5 ± 0.4			2350 ± 60		
	R-D					1580 ± 30	170 ± 8	3.065 ± 0.023
χ_M' vs. χ_M''/ϖ	O-O	7.7 ± 1.0	17.8 ± 0.8	2.66 ± 0.25	2.81 ± 0.16			
	O-D	13.7 ± 1.5	14.6 ± 0.6			2900 ± 90		
	R-D					2110 ± 100	140 ± 22	2.89 ± 0.07
χ_M' vs. $\chi_M'' \cdot \varpi$	O-O	2.6 ± 0.4	21.81 ± 0.10	2.01 ± 0.18	2.66 ± 0.16			
	O-D	3.8 ± 0.6	19.7 ± 0.9			4370 ± 110		
	R-D					3850 ± 70	25 ± 4	3.84 ± 0.07
χ_M''/ϖ vs. $\chi_M'' \cdot \varpi$	O-O	4.7 ± 0.7	19.0 ± 1.0	1.93 ± 0.20	3.04 ± 0.18			
	O-D	9.1 ± 1.2	15.2 ± 0.7			3540 ± 120		
	R-D					2660 ± 90	131 ± 17	3.05 ± 0.06

^a O-O, O-D, and R-D stand for Orbach-Orbach, Orbach-Direct, and Raman-Direct combinations, respectively. ^b The values of the preexponential factor (τ_0) and activation energy (E_a) are calculated through the Arrhenius law [$\tau^{-1} = \tau_0^{-1} \exp(-E_a/k_B T)$]. ^c The preexponential coefficient for the Direct mechanism [$\tau^{-1} = AT$]. ^d The preexponential and exponential coefficients for the Raman mechanism [$\tau^{-1} = CT^n$].

Table S11. Selected ac magnetic data for **1** under $H_{dc} = 2500$ G

Method	Model ^a	$\tau_0^b \times 10^7$ (s)	E_{a1}^b (cm ⁻¹)	$\tau_0^b \times 10^5$ (s)	E_{a2}^b (cm ⁻¹)	A^c (s ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)	C^d (s ⁻¹ K ⁻ⁿ)	n^d
χ_M' vs. T	O-O	0.29 ± 0.13	37 ± 3	0.47 ± 0.04	7.44 ± 0.22			
	O-D	7.7 ± 1.7	16.6 ± 1.2			2920 ± 21		
	R-D					1500 ± 400	100 ± 50	3.22 ± 0.22
χ_M' vs. ν	O-O	5.8 ± 0.8	18.8 ± 0.6	8.3 ± 0.6	1.17 ± 0.13			
	O-D	2.5 ± 0.6	24.0 ± 1.0			2410 ± 40		
	R-D					2350 ± 50	0.5 ± 0.3	5.7 ± 0.3
χ_M' vs. χ_M''/ϖ	O-O	2.5 ± 0.3	24.5 ± 0.7	5.7 ± 0.3	1.62 ± 0.11			
	O-D	1.27 ± 0.16	29.3 ± 0.7			2660 ± 80		
	R-D					2580 ± 50	0.27 ± 11	5.70 ± 0.20
χ_M' vs. $\chi_M'' \cdot \varpi$	O-O	1.19 ± 0.16	28.2 ± 0.8	3.56 ± 0.16	1.94 ± 0.09			
	O-D	0.65 ± 0.05	32.8 ± 0.5			3583 ± 21		
	R-D					3480 ± 40	0.16 ± 0.05	5.97 ± 0.14
χ_M''/ϖ vs. $\chi_M'' \cdot \varpi$	O-O	1.48 ± 0.24	27.0 ± 1.0	3.03 ± 0.20	2.37 ± 0.13			
	O-D	1.38 ± 0.19	28.0 ± 0.8			3440 ± 50		
	R-D					3230 ± 40	1.4 ± 0.3	4.99 ± 0.10

^a O-O, O-D, and R-D stand for Orbach-Orbach, Orbach-Direct, and Raman-Direct combinations, respectively. ^b The values of the preexponential factor (τ_0) and activation energy (E_a) are calculated through the Arrhenius law [$\tau^{-1} = \tau_0^{-1} \exp(-E_a/k_B T)$]. ^c The preexponential coefficient for the Direct mechanism [$\tau^{-1} = AT$]. ^d The preexponential and exponential coefficients for the Raman mechanism [$\tau^{-1} = CT^n$].

Table S12. Selected ac magnetic data for **2** under $H_{dc} = 1000$ G

Method	Model ^a	$\tau_0^b \times 10^7$ (s)	E_a^b (cm ⁻¹)	$\tau_0^b \times 10^5$ (s)	E_a^b (cm ⁻¹)	A^c (s ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)	C^d (s ⁻¹ K ⁻ⁿ)	n^d
χ_M' vs. T	O-O	4.7 ± 1.3	9.4 ± 0.9	7 ± 7	0.3 ± 1.1			
	O-D	0.36 ± 0.04	10.5 ± 0.3			5600 ± 130		
	R-D					4000 ± 400	250 ± 70	4.10 ± 0.21
χ_M' vs. ν	O-O	4.0 ± 1.0	15.6 ± 0.9	1.62 ± 0.07	1.68 ± 0.06			
	O-D	3.6 ± 1.2	17.4 ± 1.1			9400 ± 50		
	R-D					9300 ± 60	2.0 ± 1.0	5.7 ± 0.3
χ_M' vs. χ_M''/ω	O-O	23.2 ± 1.7	9.6 ± 0.4	4.0 ± 0.4	0.41 ± 0.15			
	O-D	10 ± 7	18 ± 3			8610 ± 150		
	R-D					8140 ± 230	3 ± 7	4.6 ± 0.9
χ_M' vs. $\chi_M'' \cdot \omega$	O-O	4.1 ± 0.3	16.8 ± 0.4	1.48 ± 0.05	1.79 ± 0.06			
	O-D	3.7 ± 0.4	18.8 ± 0.5			9570 ± 60		
	R-D					9170 ± 140	17 ± 6	4.18 ± 0.17
χ_M''/ω vs. $\chi_M'' \cdot \omega$	O-O	21.1 ± 1.0	9.3 ± 0.3	3.7 ± 0.3	0.48 ± 0.18			
	O-D	16 ± 4	14.4 ± 1.2			9130 ± 140		
	R-D					8800 ± 4300	40 ± 40	3.4 ± 0.4

^a O-O, O-D, and R-D stand for Orbach-Orbach, Orbach-Direct, and Raman-Direct combinations, respectively. ^b The values of the preexponential factor (τ_0) and activation energy (E_a) are calculated through the Arrhenius law [$\tau^{-1} = \tau_0^{-1} \exp(-E_a/k_B T)$]. ^c The preexponential coefficient for the Direct mechanism [$\tau^{-1} = AT$]. ^d The preexponential and exponential coefficients for the Raman mechanism [$\tau^{-1} = CT^n$].

Table S13. Selected ac magnetic data for **2** under $H_{dc} = 2000$ G

Method	Model ^a	$\tau_0^b \times 10^7$ (s)	E_{a1}^b (cm ⁻¹)	$\tau_0^b \times 10^5$ (s)	E_{a2}^b (cm ⁻¹)	A^c (s ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)	C^d (s ⁻¹ K ⁻ⁿ)	n^d
χ_M' vs. T	O-O	3 ± 4	11 ± 6	10 ± 150	0 ± 16			
	O-D	2.5 ± 1.0	12.0 ± 1.1			3000 ± 700		
	R-D					700 ± 1500	230 ± 200	4.0 ± 0.6
χ_M' vs. ν	O-O	1.2 ± 0.3	20.0 ± 0.8	1.75 ± 0.05	1.49 ± 0.04			
	O-D	0.06 ± 0.06	32 ± 4			9570 ± 70		
	R-D					9560 ± 30	0.0011 ± 0.0023	10.2 ± 1.3
χ_M' vs. χ_M''/ω	O-O	14.1 ± 1.3	11.6 ± 0.5	4.3 ± 0.4	0.33 ± 0.16			
	O-D	5 ± 3	20 ± 3			7920 ± 200		
	R-D					7800 ± 300	2 ± 4	4.9 ± 1.0
χ_M' vs. $\chi_M'' \cdot \omega$	O-O	1.73 ± 0.12	20.1 ± 0.4	1.96 ± 0.06	1.07 ± 0.05			
	O-D	0.39 ± 0.23	30 ± 3			10340 ± 210		
	R-D					10300 ± 300	0.2 ± 0.3	6.5 ± 0.8
χ_M''/ω vs. $\chi_M'' \cdot \omega$	O-O	4.7 ± 0.7	16.2 ± 0.8	2.09 ± 0.17	1.26 ± 0.14			
	O-D	2.0 ± 0.6	22.7 ± 1.4			9060 ± 120		
	R-D					8890 ± 190	2.4 ± 2.0	5.1 ± 0.4

^a O-O, O-D, and R-D stand for Orbach-Orbach, Orbach-Direct, and Raman-Direct combinations, respectively. ^b The values of the preexponential factor (τ_0) and activation energy (E_a) are calculated through the Arrhenius law [$\tau^{-1} = \tau_0^{-1} \exp(-E_a/k_B T)$]. ^c The preexponential coefficient for the Direct mechanism [$\tau^{-1} = AT$]. ^d The preexponential and exponential coefficients for the Raman mechanism [$\tau^{-1} = CT^n$].

Table S14. Selected ac magnetic data for **2** under $H_{dc} = 3500$ G

Method	Model ^a	$\tau_0^b \times 10^7$ (s)	E_a^b (cm ⁻¹)	$\tau_0^b \times 10^5$ (s)	E_a^b (cm ⁻¹)	A^c (s ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)	C^d (s ⁻¹ K ⁻ⁿ)	n^d
χ_M' vs. T	O-O	1.9 ± 0.4	12.4 ± 0.5	12.5 ± 0.8	0 ± 0.07			
	O-D	1.2 ± 0.3	14.1 ± 0.6			3830 ± 160		
	R-D					3000 ± 300	36 ± 17	5.3 ± 0.3
χ_M' vs. ν	O-O	4.0 ± 0.4	15.9 ± 0.4	1.93 ± 0.04	1.36 ± 0.03			
	O-D	0.3 ± 0.3	27 ± 3			9520 ± 60		
	R-D					9500 ± 80	0.012 ± 0.021	8.7 ± 1.1
χ_M' vs. χ_M''/ω	O-O	2.7 ± 0.4	20.0 ± 0.7	2.15 ± 0.09	1.37 ± 0.08			
	O-D	0.6 ± 0.4	30 ± 3			8090 ± 120		
	R-D					8040 ± 160	0.08 ± 0.11	6.7 ± 0.7
χ_M' vs. $\chi_M'' \cdot \omega$	O-O	0.90 ± 0.05	23.9 ± 0.3	2.27 ± 0.07	0.51 ± 0.05			
	O-D	0.15 ± 0.12	37 ± 5			11000 ± 400		
	R-D					10900 ± 500	0.04 ± 0.08	7.0 ± 1.0
χ_M''/ω vs. $\chi_M'' \cdot \omega$	O-O	2.9 ± 0.5	29.1 ± 1.0	2.16 ± 0.17	1.00 ± 0.14			
	O-D	0.7 ± 0.5	30 ± 4			9580 ± 230		
	R-D					9500 ± 300	0.2 ± 0.3	6.2 ± 0.9

^a O-O, O-D, and R-D stand for Orbach-Orbach, Orbach-Direct, and Raman-Direct combinations, respectively. ^b The values of the preexponential factor (τ_0) and activation energy (E_a) are calculated through the Arrhenius law [$\tau^{-1} = \tau_0^{-1} \exp(-E_a/k_B T)$]. ^c The preexponential coefficient for the Direct mechanism [$\tau^{-1} = AT$]. ^d The preexponential and exponential coefficients for the Raman mechanism [$\tau^{-1} = CT^n$].