

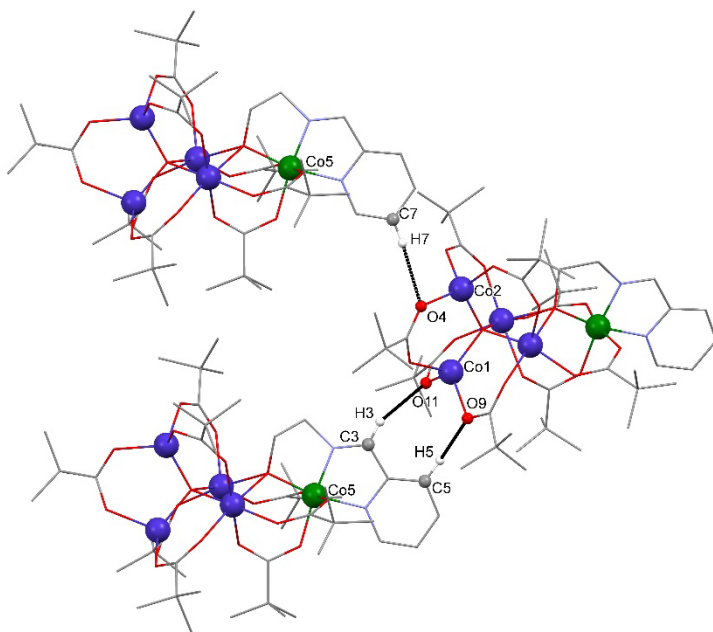
## Supplementary Information

### **Structural characterization and magnetic properties studies of a mixed-valence $\{\text{Co}^{\text{III}}\text{Co}^{\text{II}}_4\}$ complex with a $\mu_4$ -oxo tetrahedral $\{\text{Co}^{\text{II}}_4\}$ motif**

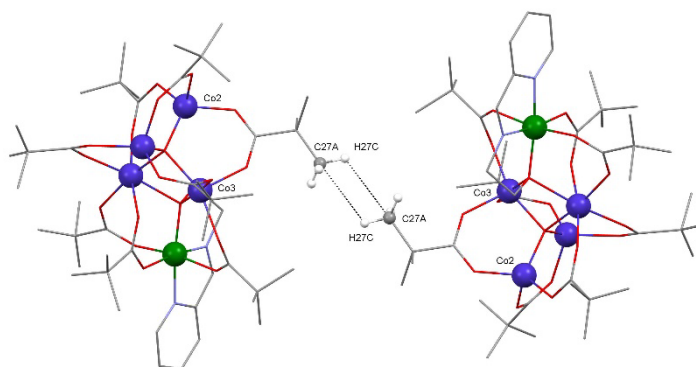
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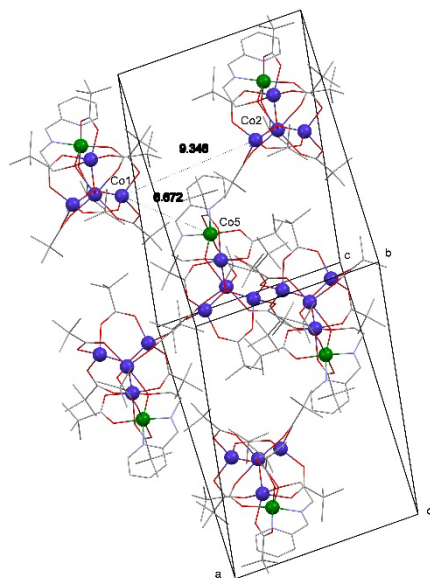
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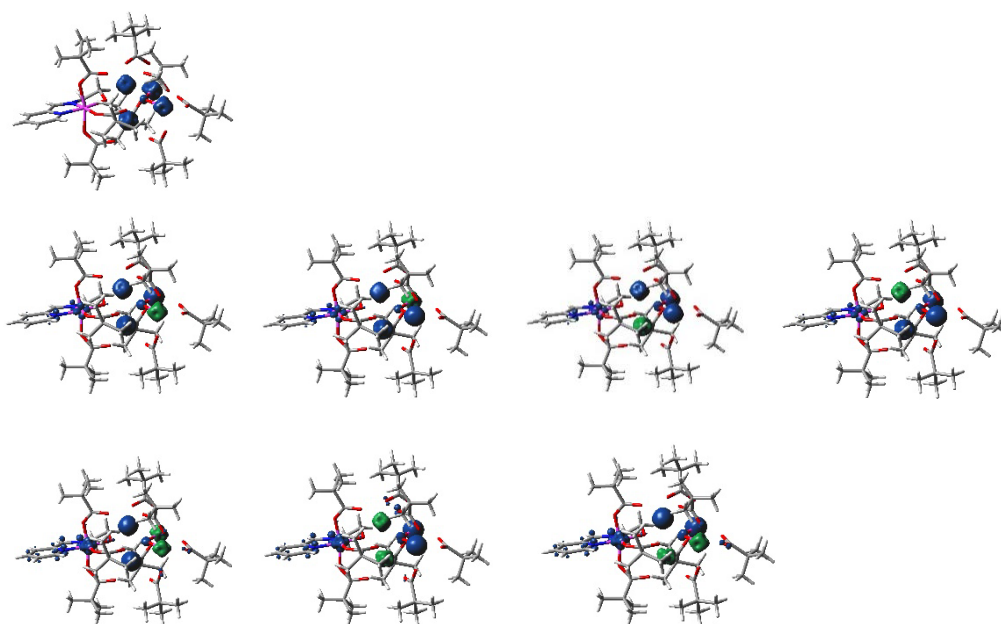
**Figure SI1.** Capped sticks molecular representation of complex **1** showing the C-H $\cdots$ O inter-molecular interactions pattern. H atoms have been removed for sake of clarity, except for the H atoms involved in the interactions. Colour code: Green: Co(III); Blue: Co(II); Red: O; Light Blue: N; Grey: C; White: H.



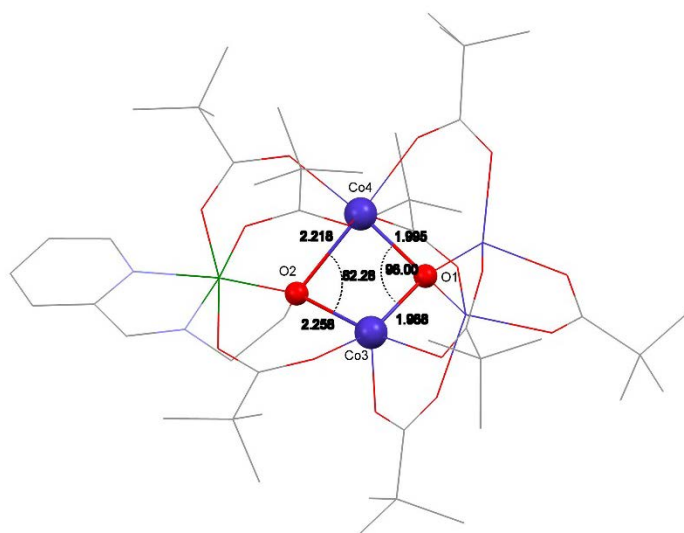
**Figure SI2.** Capped sticks molecular representation of complex **1** showing the C-H $\cdots$ C-H pivalates inter-molecular interactions pattern. H atoms have been removed for sake of clarity, except for the H atoms involved in the interactions. Colour code: Green: Co(III); Blue: Co(II); Red: O; Light Blue: N; Grey: C; White: H.



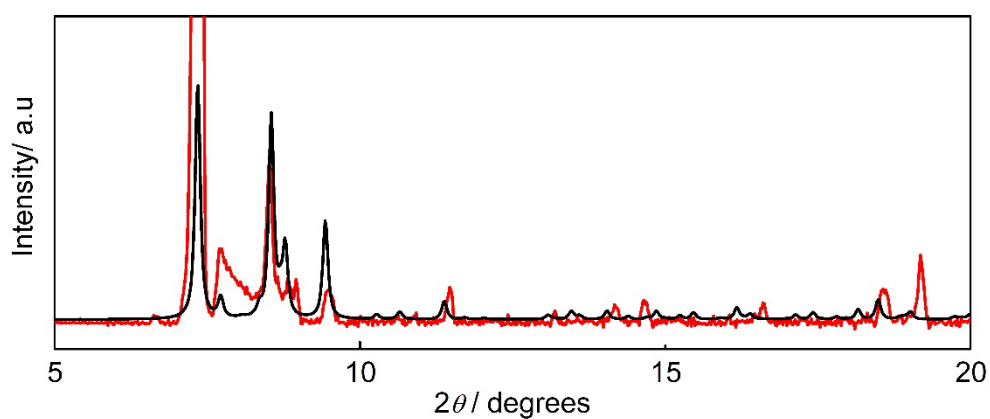
**Figure SI3.** Capped sticks molecular representation of complex **1** crystal packing showing the closest Co $\cdots$ Co inter-molecular distances (Å). H atoms have been removed for sake of clarity. Colour code: Green: Co(III); Blue: Co(II); Red: O; Light Blue: N; Grey: C.



**Figure SI4.** Spin density iso-surfaces (0.02 a.u.), as arising from BS calculations of complex **1** (see details in text). Top: HS state; Middle: BS states converged after sequentially flipping each Co(II) site spin density; Bottom: BS states converged after sequentially flipping three Co(II)-Co(II) sites pair spin density.



**Figure SI5.** Main metrics describing the Co(3)-Co(4) exchange interaction pathway in complex **1**. Angles in degrees, distances in Å.



**Figure SI6.** Powder X-ray diffractogram collected at room temperature of polycrystalline sample of complex **1**. Red line: experimental; Black line: simulated from single crystal structural information.