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Two-step Phosphorescent Mechanochromism Due to Intramolecular Deformation

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Table S1. Crystallographic data of Pt₂Cu complex **1** with different solvate molecules.

	1 ·4CH ₂ Cl ₂	1 ·3acetone	1 ·4THF
empirical formula	C ₁₀₈ H ₉₉ Cl ₉ CuNO ₄ P ₆ Pt ₂	C ₁₁₃ H ₁₀₉ ClCuNO ₇ P ₆ Pt ₂	C ₁₂₀ H ₁₂₄ ClCuNO ₈ P ₆ Pt ₂
formula weight	2433.47	2268.00	2383.19
crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P2</i> ₁ / <i>n</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	15.370(5)	15.936(3)	15.2879(18)
<i>b</i> (Å)	26.440(8)	16.420(4)	25.337(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	25.463(8)	21.180(4)	28.373(4)
α (deg)	90	73.227(3)	90
β (deg)	91.741(5)	84.428(6)	94.403(3)
γ (deg)	90	88.948(6)	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	10343(5)	5280.6(19)	10958(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	2	4
ρ_{calcd} (g/cm ⁻³)	1.563	1.426	1.445
μ (mm ⁻¹)	3.279	3.012	2.908
radiation (λ , Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
temperature (K)	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)
completeness	99.0	99.0	99.6
GOF	1.040	1.104	1.128
R1 (<i>F</i> _o) ^a	0.0622	0.0464	0.0517
wR2 (<i>F</i> _o ²) ^b	0.2339	0.1389	0.1978

Table S2. Partial Molecular Orbital Compositions (%) in the Ground State for Pt₂Cu Complex **1** in the CH₂Cl₂ Solution by TD-DFT Method at the B3LYP Level.

orbital	energy (eV)	MO contribution (%)				
		Pt (s/p/d)	Cu (s/p/d)	dpmp	decz	C≡CC ₆ H ₅
LUMO+9	-1.02	14.57 (40/39/21)	3.20 (53/42/6)	52.01	22.06	8.17
LUMO+8	-1.09	8.61 (36/47/16)	2.85 (53/37/9)	58.06	26.68	3.80
LUMO+7	-1.13	15.42 (48/38/14)	1.97 (19/71/10)	76.30	2.76	3.55
LUMO+5	-1.27	23.35 (68/8/25)	6.44 (82/16/3)	58.03	5.99	6.19
LUMO+4	-1.29	8.36 (14/49/37)	1.64 (24/52/24)	83.21	2.59	4.20
LUMO+3	-1.37	20.87 (36/16/48)	6.61 (79/19/3)	63.98	5.33	3.22
LUMO+2	-1.40	11.54 (45/10/45)	2.69 (58/26/15)	78.39	2.35	5.02
LUMO+1	-1.64	24.28 (51/25/24)	6.75 (42/52/6)	57.91	3.63	7.42
LUMO	-1.87	14.07 (14/67/19)	9.13 (58/32/10)	61.22	5.84	9.74
HOMO	-5.15	5.95 (3/7/90)	0.31 (11/81/9)	5.64	87.04	1.07
HOMO-1	-5.65	17.15 (8/2/90)	4.50 (46/23/31)	4.93	48.13	25.30
HOMO-2	-5.73	16.12 (13/3/84)	10.66 (66/10/24)	7.61	36.58	29.04
HOMO-3	-5.89	22.52 (9/2/90)	18.25 (12/9/79)	11.78	10.55	36.90
HOMO-5	-6.31	27.63 (5/2/92)	13.73 (11/4/85)	13.37	28.03	17.24

Table S3. The Absorption Transitions for Pt₂Cu Complex **1** in the CH₂Cl₂ Solution by TD-DFT Method at the B3LYP Level.

state	<i>E</i> , nm (eV)	O.S.	transition (contri.)	assignment	exp. (nm)
S ₁	448 (2.77)	0.0036	HOMO→LUMO (95%)	¹ LLCT/ ¹ LMCT	
S ₂	409 (3.03)	0.0223	HOMO→LUMO+1 (92%)	¹ LLCT/ ¹ LMCT	405
S ₃	384 (3.23)	0.0700	HOMO-1→LUMO (63%) HOMO-3→LUMO (13%) HOMO→LUMO+3 (10%)	¹ LLCT/ ¹ MC ¹ LLCT/ ¹ MC/ ¹ MLCT/ ¹ IL ¹ LLCT/ ¹ LMCT	372
S ₈	364 (3.41)	0.0668	HOMO→LUMO+4 (44%) HOMO→LUMO+5 (34%)	¹ LLCT ¹ LLCT/ ¹ LMCT	
S ₁₀	357 (3.48)	0.0831	HOMO-1→LUMO+1 (45%) HOMO-2→LUMO+1 (20%) HOMO-2→LUMO (10%) HOMO→LUMO+5 (9%)	¹ LLCT/ ¹ MC/ ¹ LMCT ¹ LLCT/ ¹ MC ¹ LLCT/ ¹ MC ¹ LLCT/ ¹ LMCT	356
S ₁₂	349 (3.56)	0.1377	HOMO-2→LUMO+1 (35%) HOMO→LUMO+9 (14%) HOMO-1→LUMO+1 (12%)	¹ LLCT/ ¹ MC ¹ LLCT/ ¹ IL/ ¹ LMCT ¹ LLCT/ ¹ MC/ ¹ LMCT	
S ₁₃	345 (3.60)	0.1938	HOMO→LUMO+8 (30%) HOMO→LUMO+7 (14%) HOMO-3→LUMO+1 (13%) HOMO-2→LUMO+1 (9%)	¹ LLCT/ ¹ IL ¹ LLCT/ ¹ LMCT ¹ MC/ ¹ LLCT/ ¹ IL/ ¹ MLCT ¹ LLCT/ ¹ MC	
S ₂₄	322 (3.85)	0.1376	HOMO-3→LUMO+2 (28%) HOMO-5→LUMO+1 (11%)	¹ LLCT/ ¹ MLCT/ ¹ MC/ ¹ IL ¹ LLCT/ ¹ MC/ ¹ IL/ ¹ MLCT	312

Table S4. Partial Molecular Orbital Compositions (%) and Emission Transition in the Lowest Triplet State for Pt₂Cu Complex **1** in the CH₂Cl₂ Solution by TD-DFT Method at the B3LYP Level.

orbital	energy (eV)	MO contribution (%)				
		Pt (s/p/d)	Cu (s/p/d)	dpmp	decz	C≡CC ₆ H ₅
LUMO	-2.44	26.44 (41/19/40)	4.75 (48/42/10)	55.03	6.69	7.09
HOMO	-4.98	7.51 (4/12/85)	0.65 (2/90/8)	4.66	85.99	1.19

state	<i>E</i> , nm (eV)	O.S.	transition (Contri.)	assignment	exp. (nm)
T ₁	649 (1.91)	0.0000	HOMO→LUMO (89%)	³ LLCT/ ³ LMCT	672

Table S5. Partial Molecular Orbital Compositions (%) in the Lowest Triplet State for **1**·4THF, **1**·3acetone and **1**·4CH₂Cl₂ by TD-DFT Method at the B3LYP Level.

orbital	energy (eV)	MO contribution (%)				
		Pt (s/p/d)	Cu (s/p/d)	dpmp	decz	C≡CC ₆ H ₅
1 ·4THF						
LUMO	-3.20	17.99 (41/49/10)	9.87 (37/52/11)	65.55	3.78	2.81
HOMO	-6.33	6.51 (7/13/79)	0.31 (19/59/22)	5.24	86.54	1.40
1 ·3acetone						
LUMO	-3.43	28.80 (57/27/16)	9.55 (21/75/4)	52.09	4.95	4.61
HOMO	-6.36	5.97 (4/15/81)	0.59 (50/44/6)	4.17	88.25	1.03
1 ·4CH ₂ Cl ₂						
LUMO	-3.41	10.64 (6/83/12)	12.83 (68/21/11)	70.68	4.16	1.69
HOMO	-6.21	5.18 (2/4/94)	0.25 (0/85/15)	7.28	85.94	1.35

Table S6. The Emission Transitions for **1**·4THF, **1**·3acetone and **1**·4CH₂Cl₂ by TD-DFT Method at the B3LYP Level.

state	<i>E</i> , nm (eV)	O.S.	transition (contri.)	assignment	exp. (nm)
1 ·4THF	491 (2.52)	0.0000	HOMO→LUMO (80%)	³ LLCT/ ³ LMCT	525
1 ·3acetone	518 (2.39)	0.0000	HOMO→LUMO (95%)	³ LLCT/ ³ LMCT	556
1 ·4CH ₂ Cl ₂	560 (2.22)	0.0000	HOMO→LUMO (93%)	³ LLCT/ ³ LMCT	630

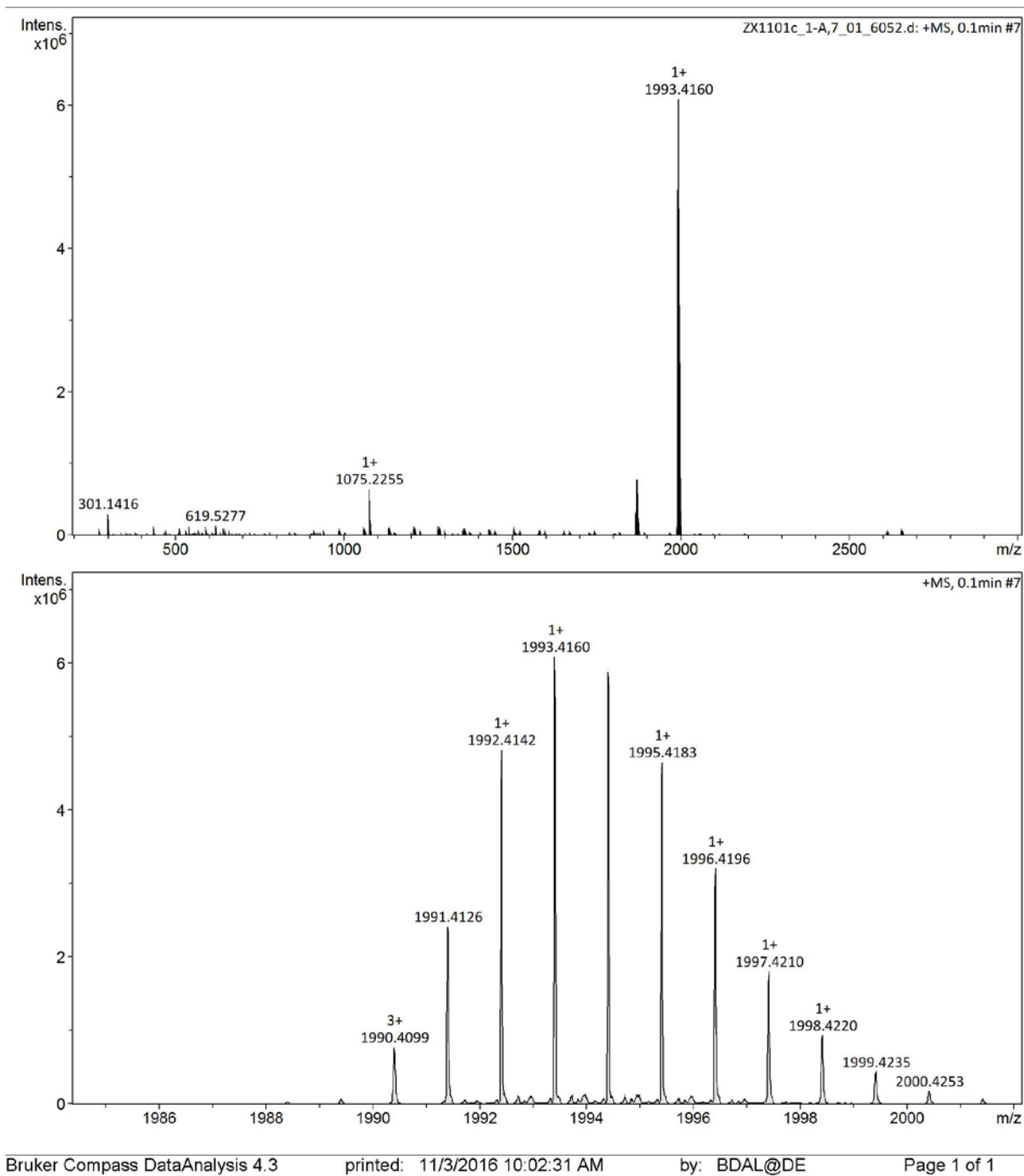


Fig. S1. High-resolution mass spectrometry of PtCu₂ complex **1**.

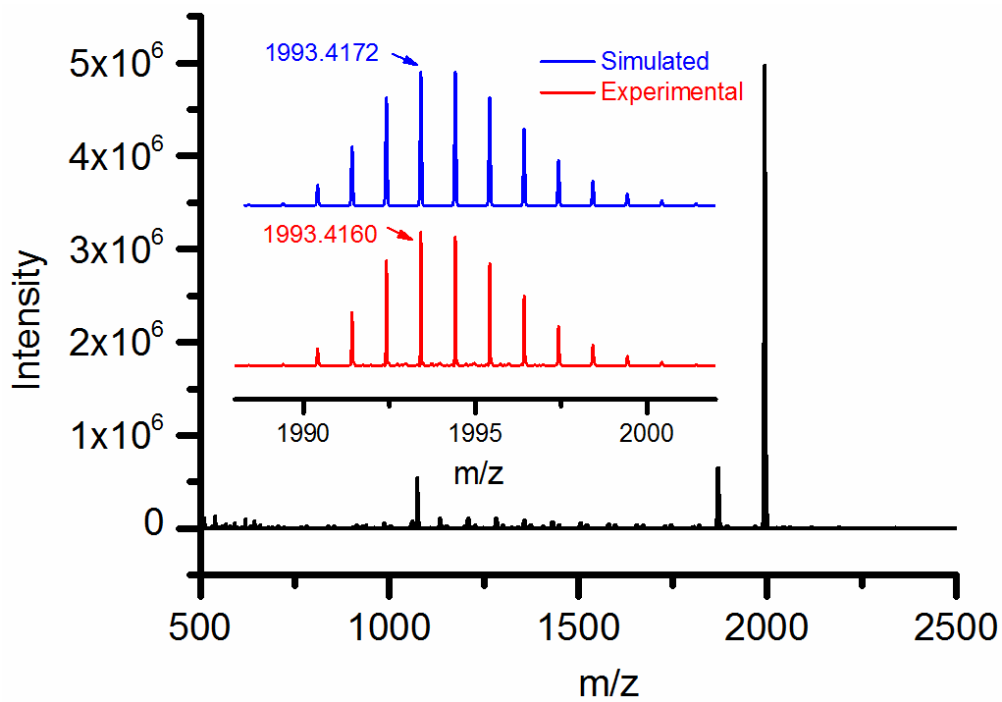


Fig. S2. High-resolution mass spectrometry of PtCu₂ complex **1**. Inset: The measured and simulated isotopic patterns.

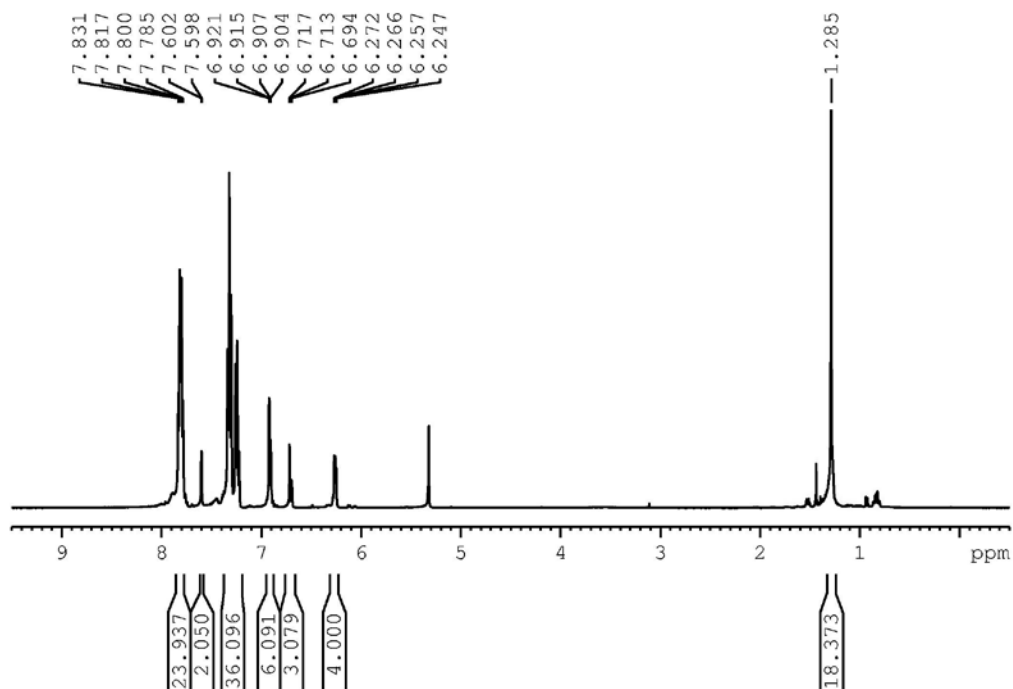


Fig. S3. The ¹H NMR spectrum of precursor complex Pt₂(PPh₃)₄(μ-decz)(C≡CPh)₂ in CD₂Cl₂ solution at ambient temperature.

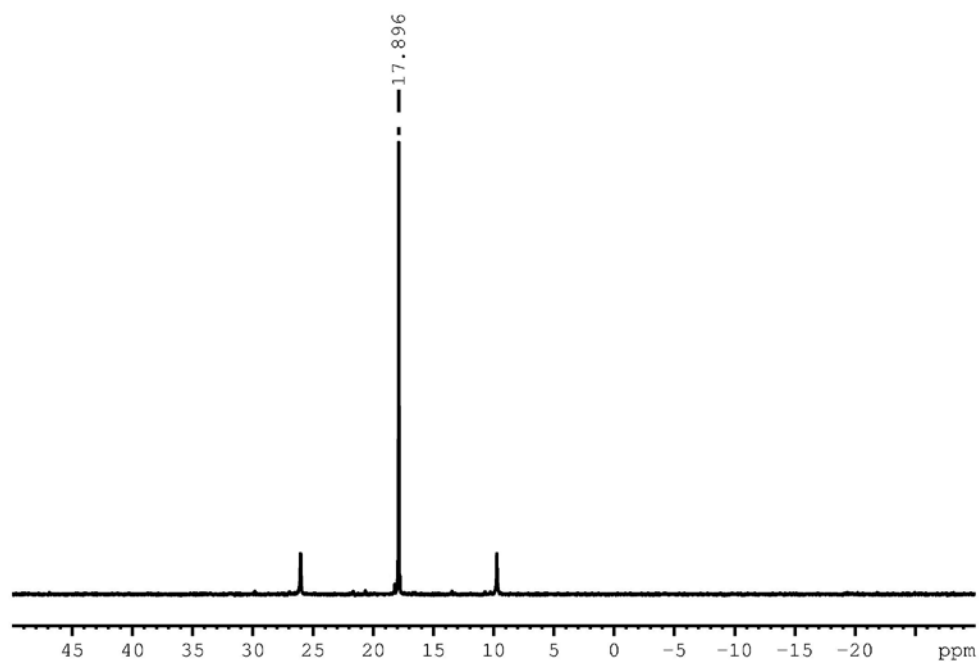


Fig. S4. The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of precursor complex $\text{Pt}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4(\mu\text{-decz})(\text{C}\equiv\text{CPh})_2$ in CDCl_3 solution at ambient temperature.

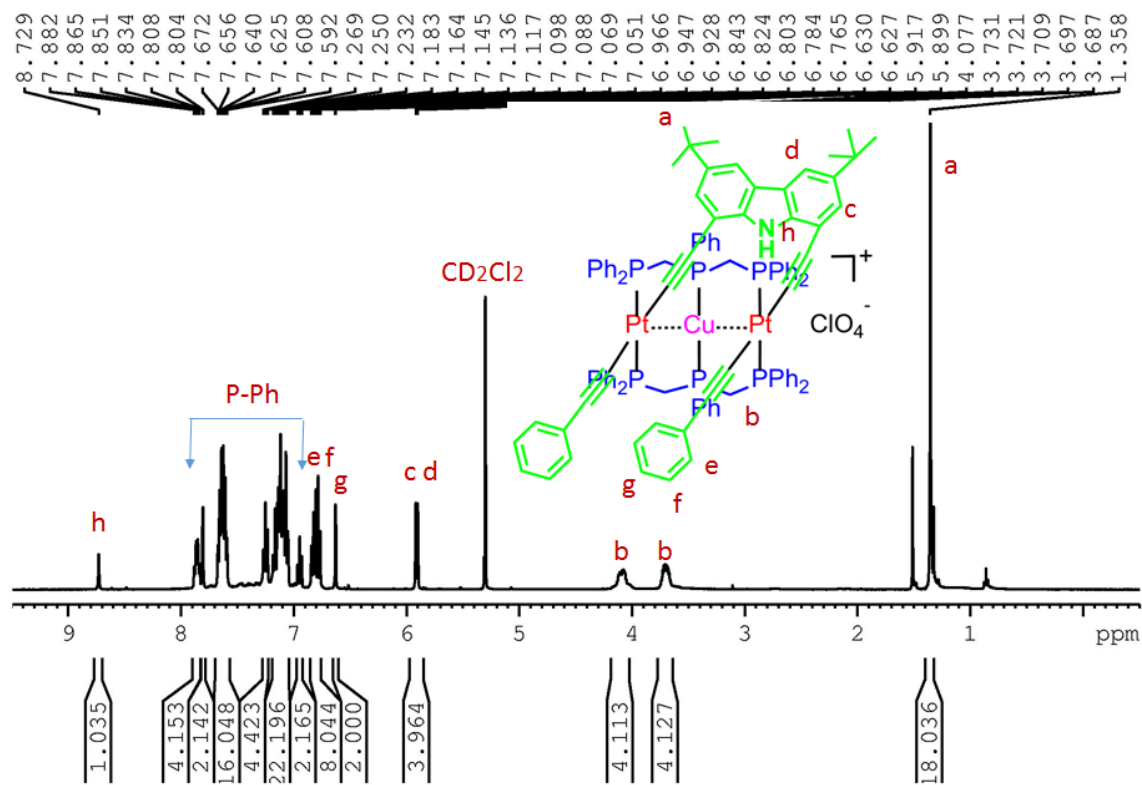


Fig. S5. The ^1H NMR spectrum of Pt_2Cu complex **1** in CD_2Cl_2 solution at ambient temperature.

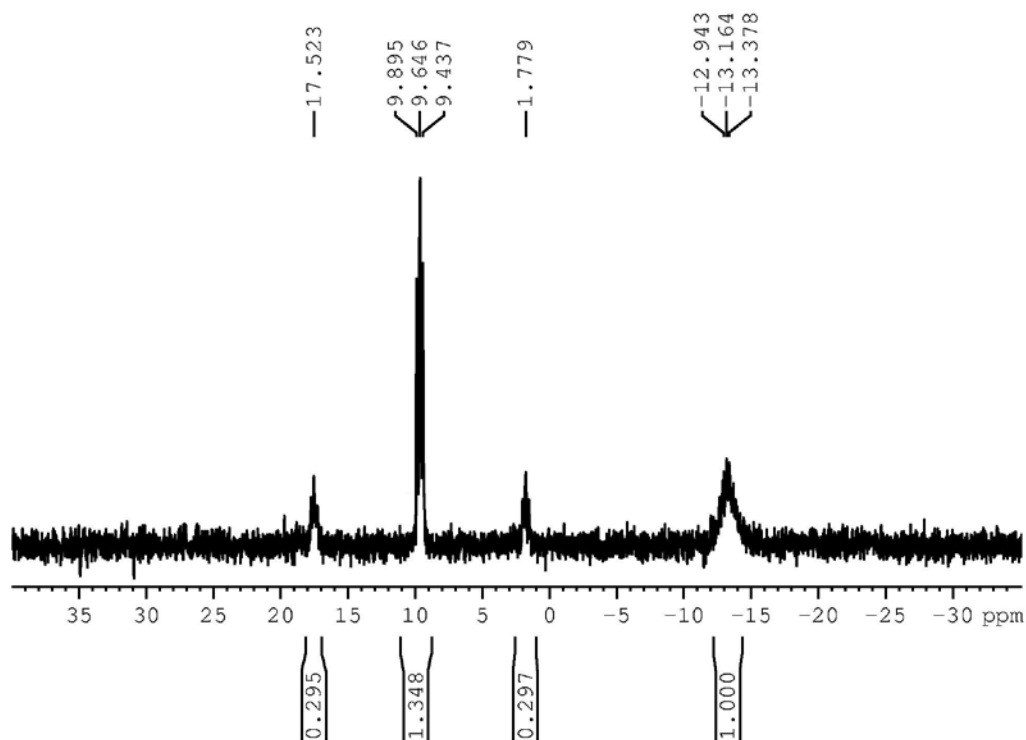


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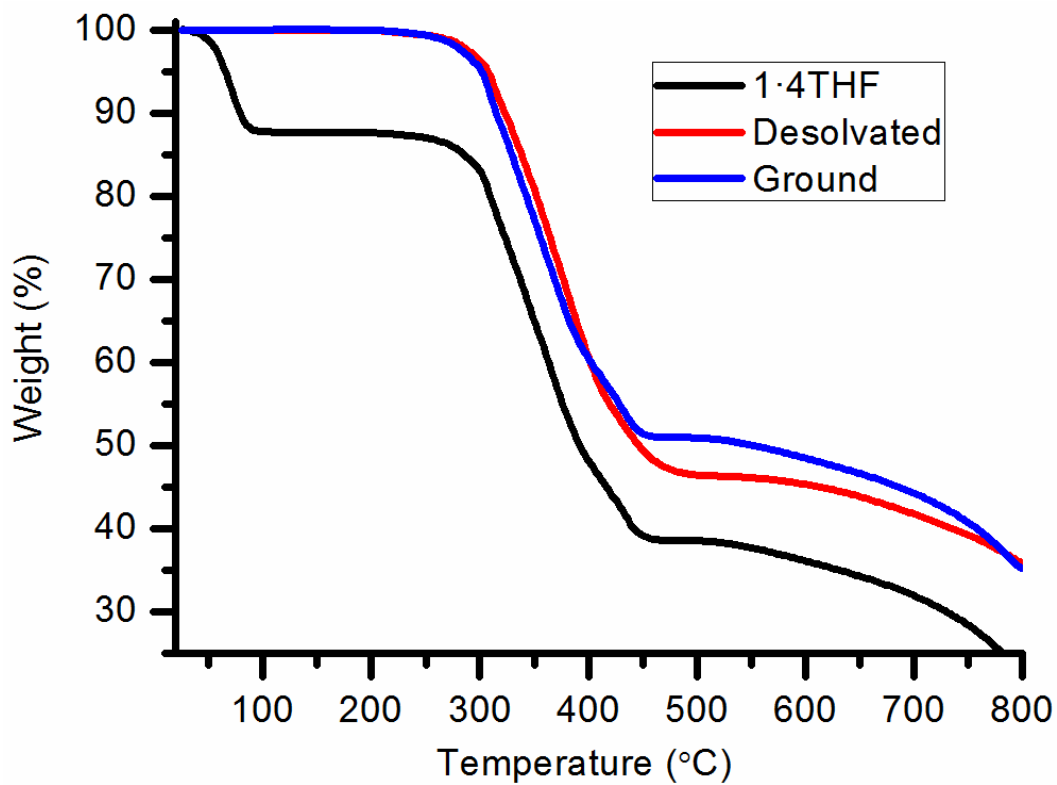


Fig. S7. The plots of thermogravimetric analyses of **1**·4THF, desolvated and ground species.

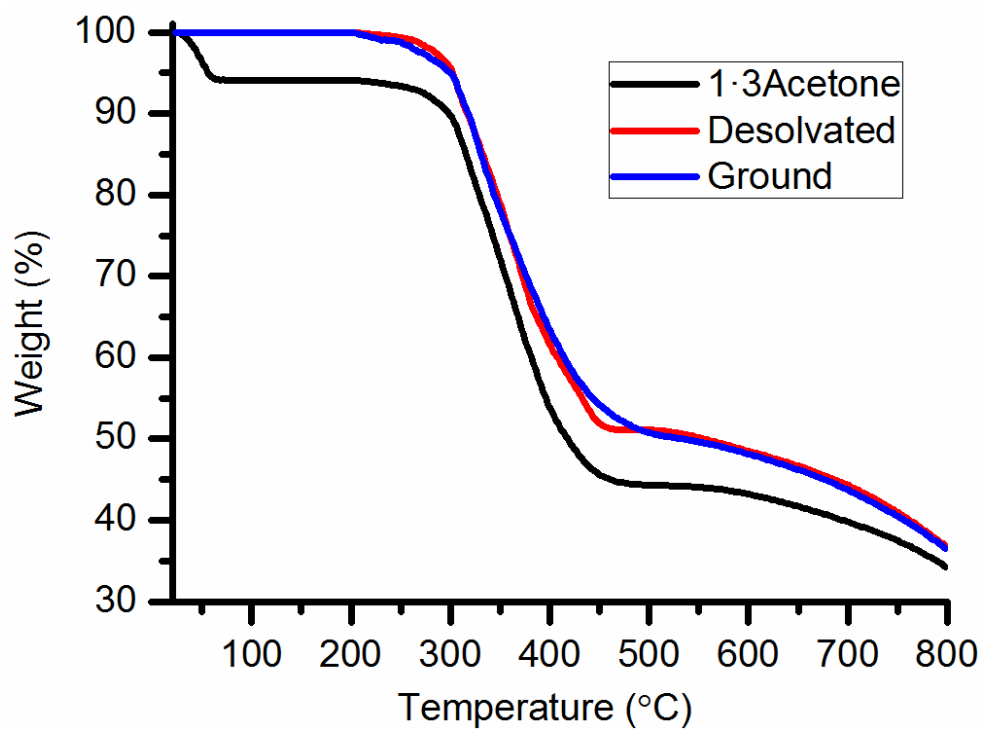


Fig. S8. The plots of thermogravimetric analyses of 1·3acetone, desolvated and ground species.

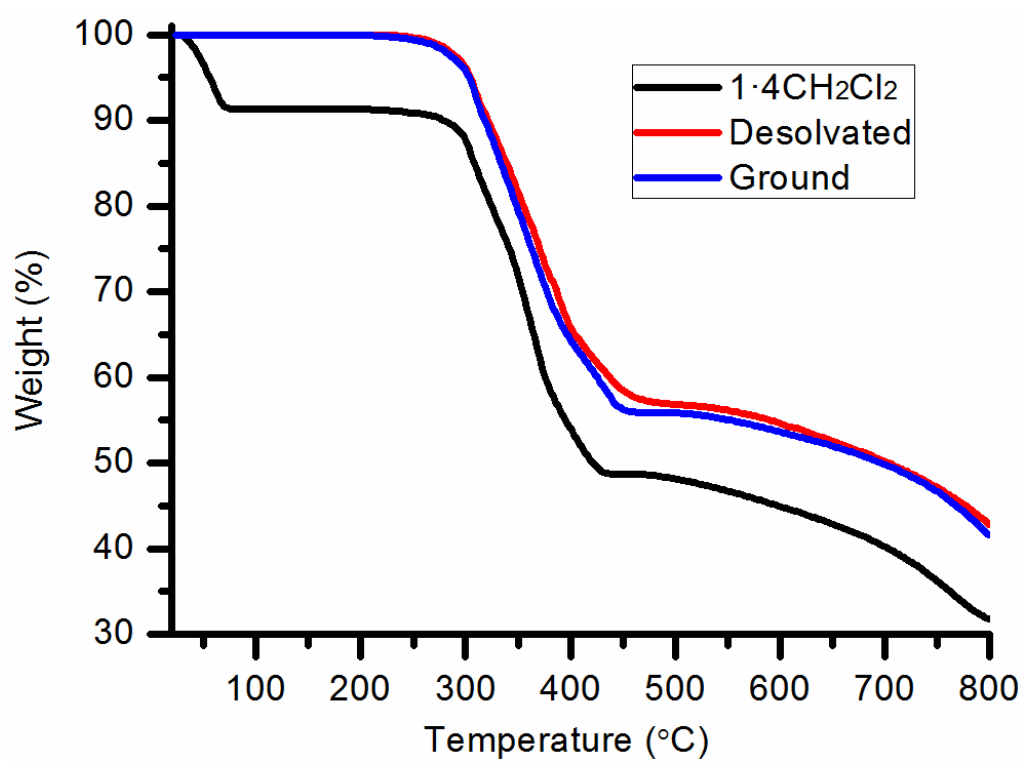


Fig. S9. The plots of thermogravimetric analyses of 1·4CH₂Cl₂, desolvated and ground species.

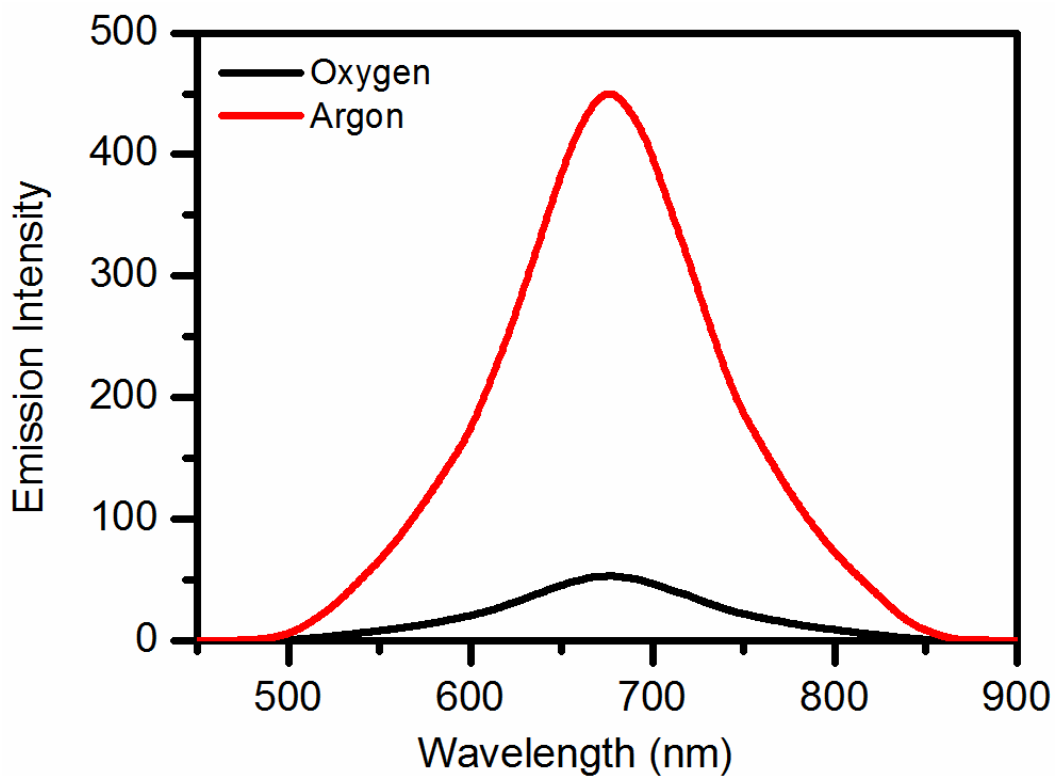


Fig. S10. The emission spectra of complex **1** in argon-bubbled and oxygen-bubbled CH₂Cl₂ solution.

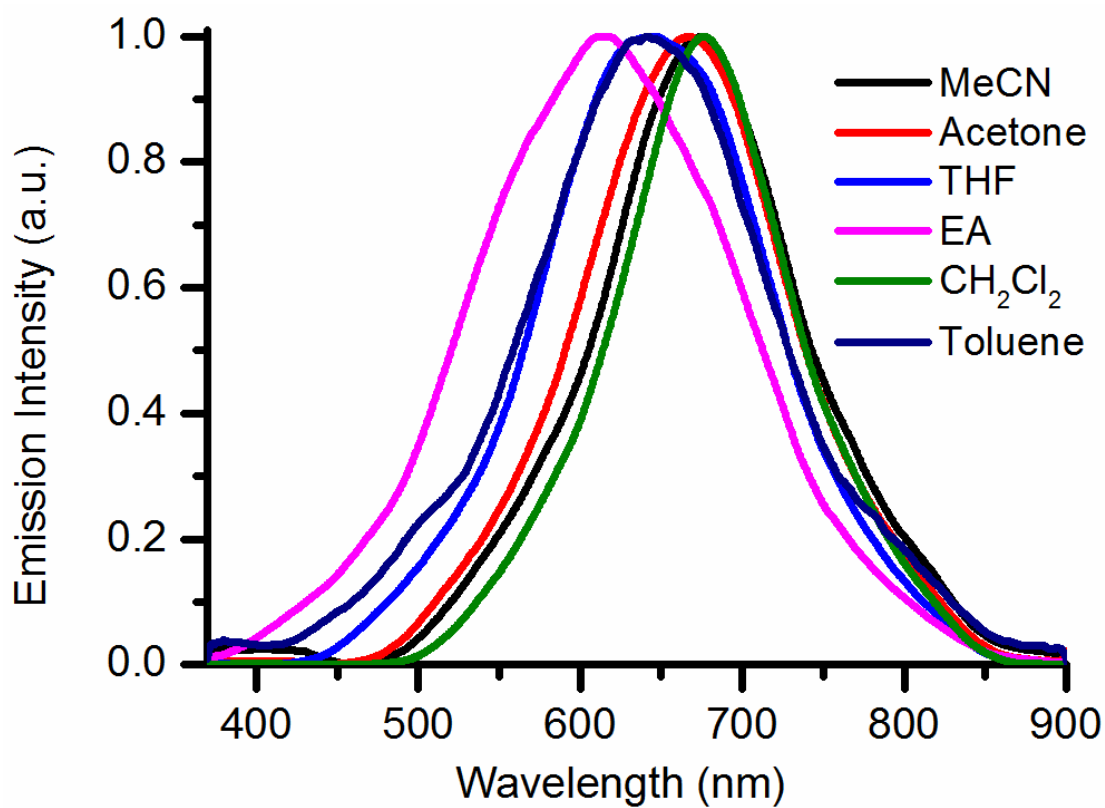


Fig. S11. The emission spectra of complex **1** in various solvent solution.

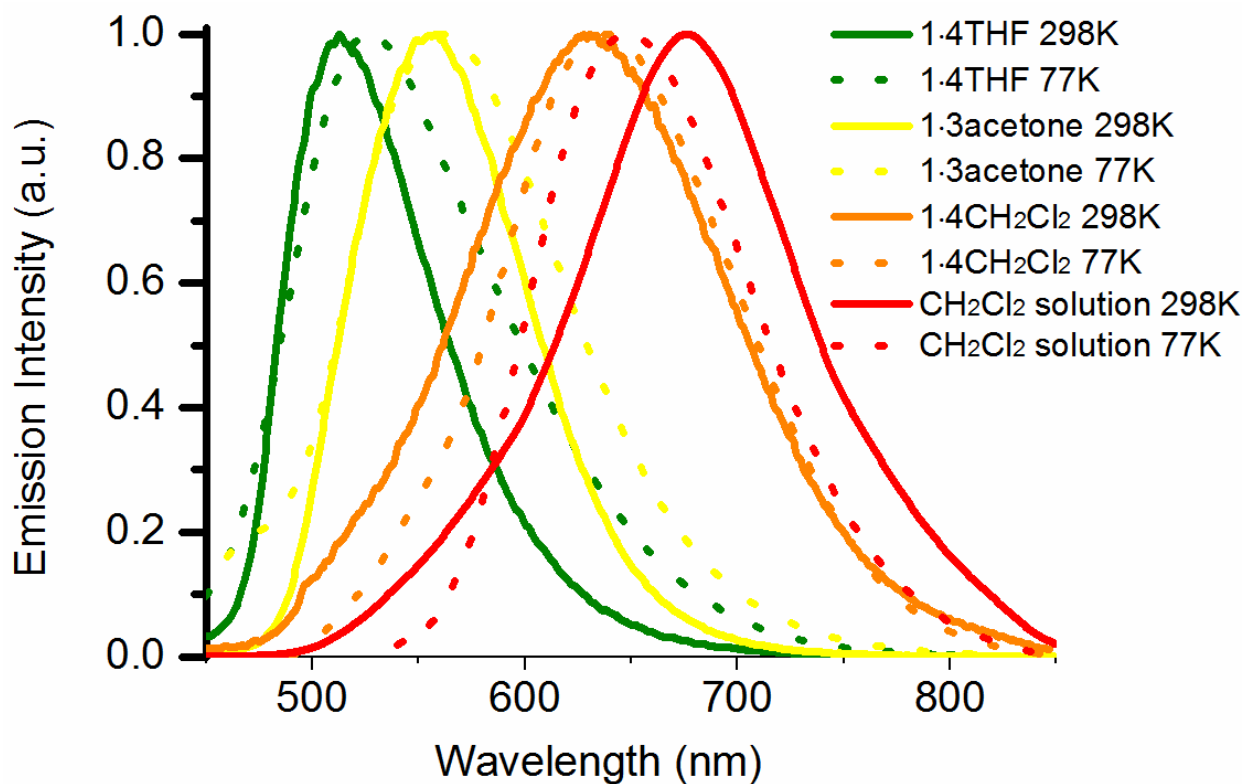


Fig. S12. The emission spectra of complex 1 in various states at 298K and 77K.

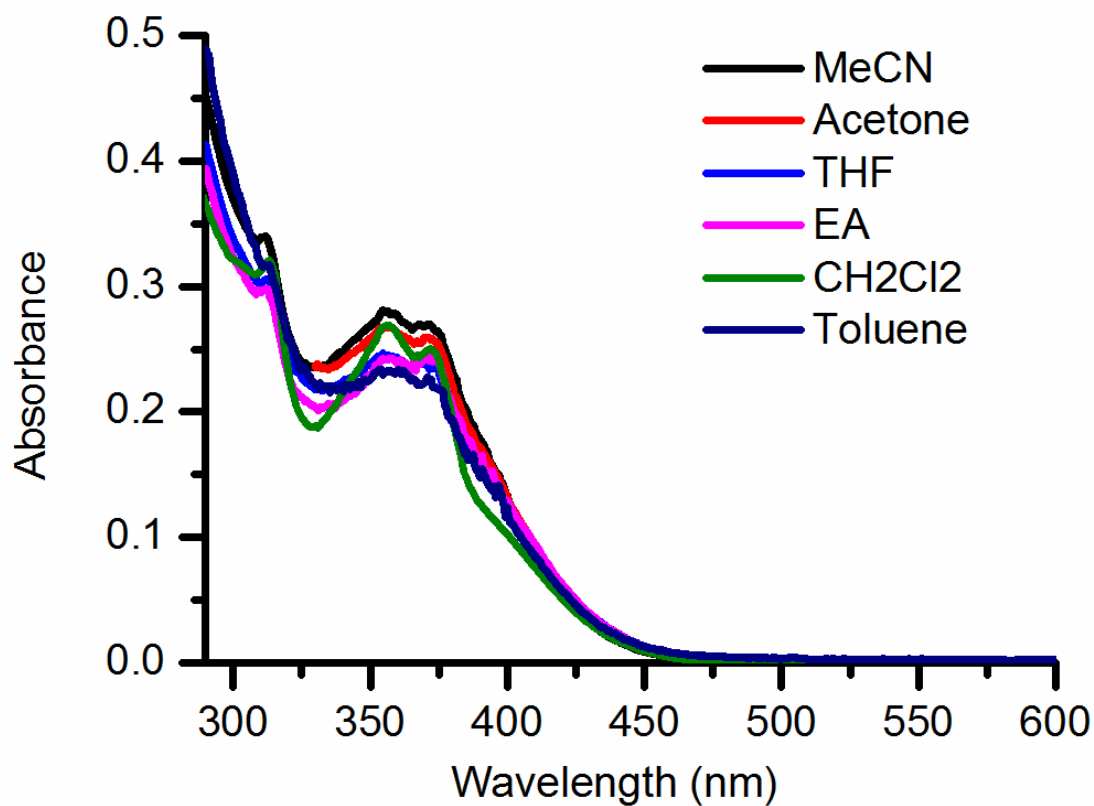


Fig. S13. UV-vis spectra of complex 1 in various solvent solution at 298K.

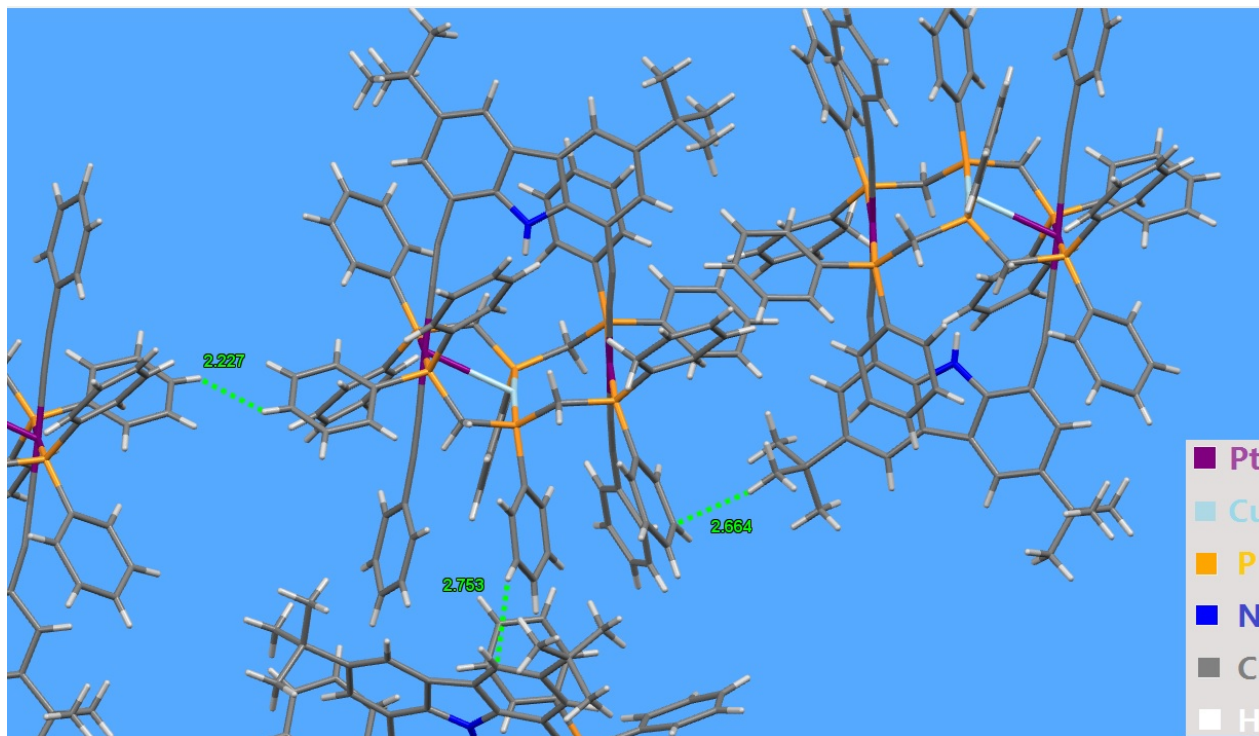


Fig. S14. Plot of molecular stacking in 1·4THF, showing weak intermolecular contacts.

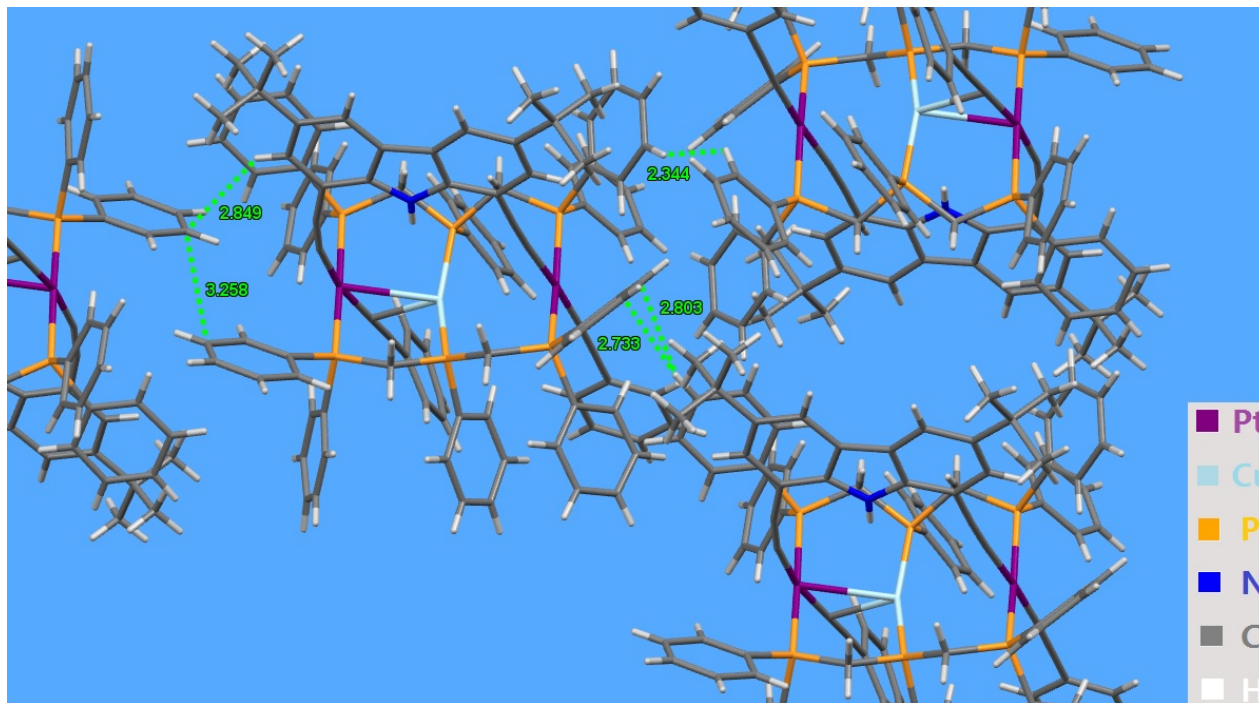


Fig. S15. Plot of molecular stacking in 1·3acetone, showing weak intermolecular contacts.

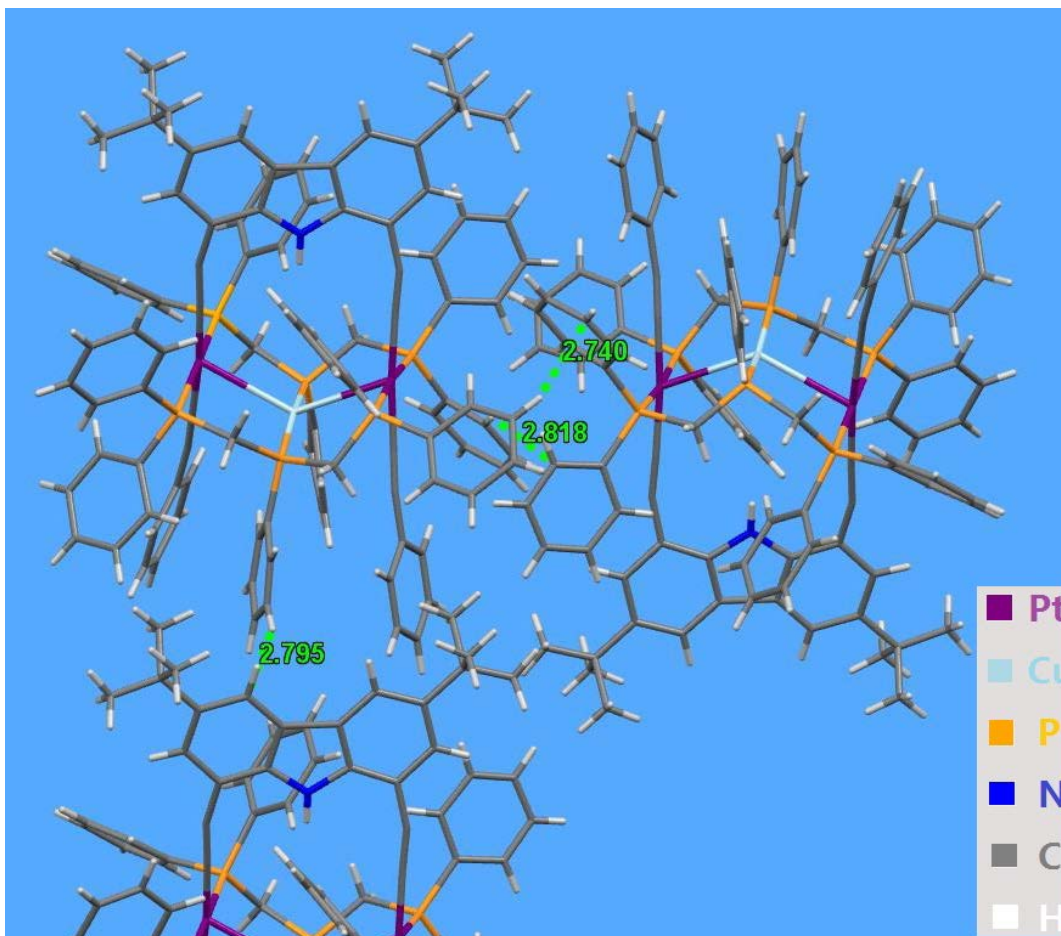


Fig. S16. Plot of molecular stacking in $1 \cdot 4\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$, showing weak intermolecular contacts.

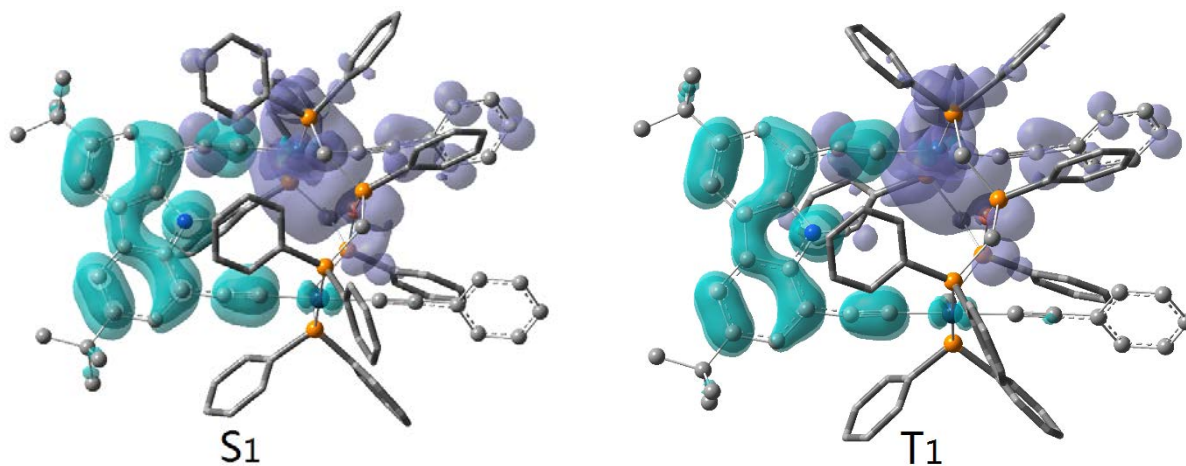


Fig. S17. The transition orbital distribution in the lowest singlet and triplet states for Pt_2Cu complex **1** in CH_2Cl_2 by TD-DFT method at the B3LYP level (isovalue = 0.0006). The blue-green represents electron depletion (ED) region, and the purple stands for electron accumulation (EA) region. For clarity, the hydrogen atoms are omitted.

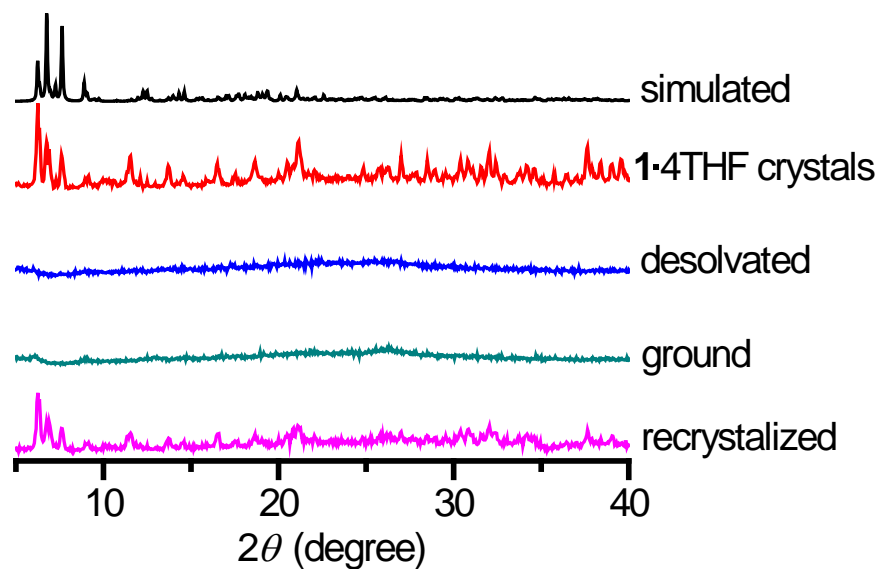


Fig. S18. The changes of X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns for crystalline morp 1·4THF and the corresponding desolvated species in response to mechanical grinding, showing reversible reversion to the crystalline state upon recrystallization in THF.

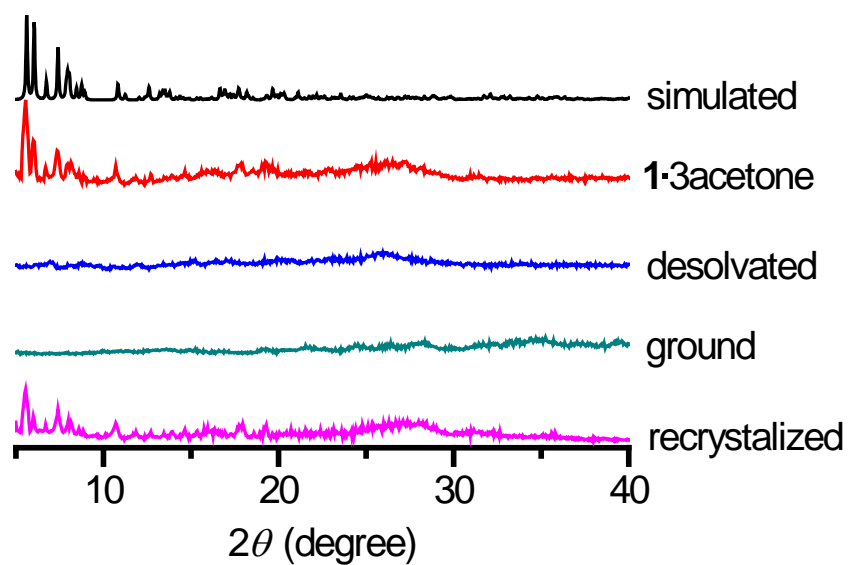


Fig. S19. The changes of X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns for crystalline morp 1·3acetone and the corresponding desolvated species in response to mechanical grinding, showing reversible reversion to the crystalline state upon recrystallization in acetone.

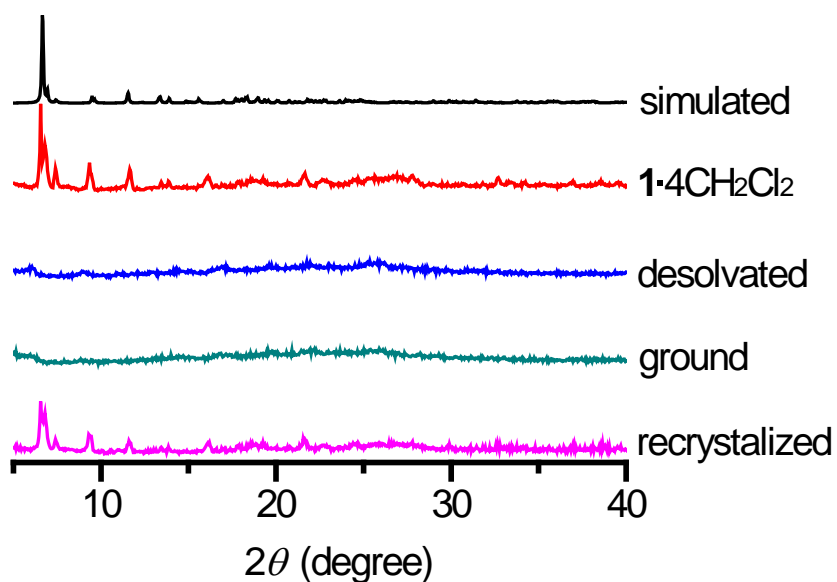


Fig. S20. The changes of X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns for crystalline morph $1 \cdot 4\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ and the corresponding desolvated species in response to mechanical grinding, showing reversible reversion to the crystalline state upon recrystallization in CH_2Cl_2 .

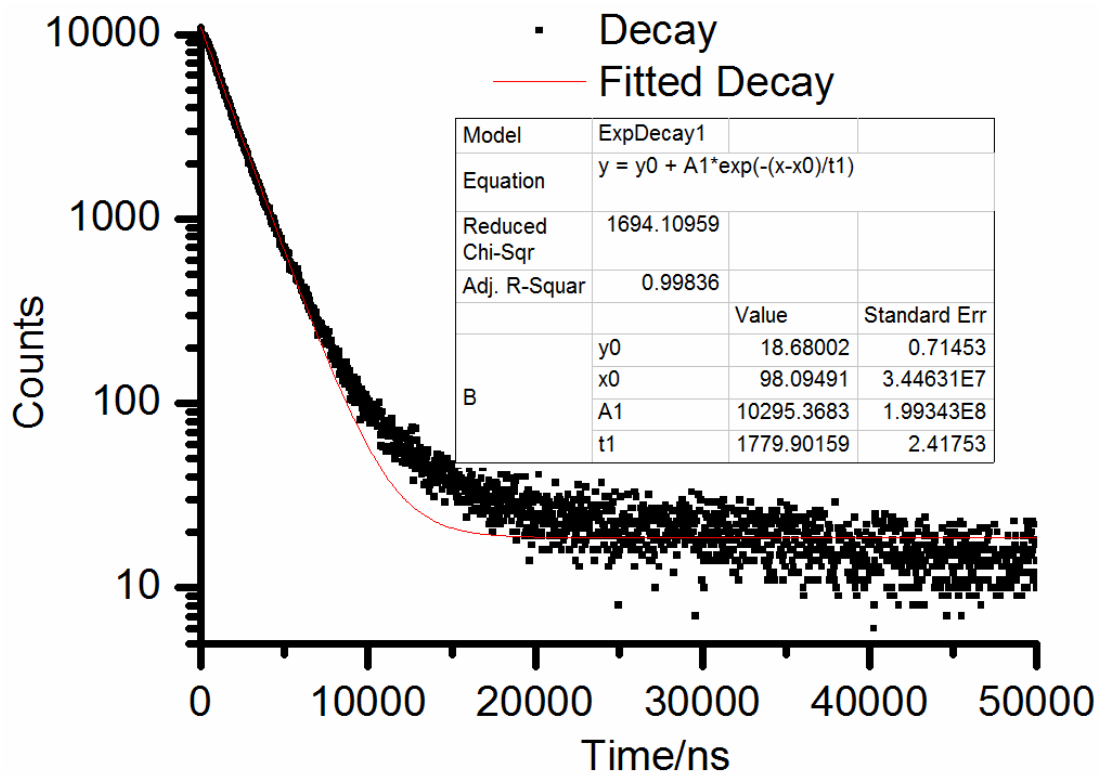


Fig. S21. The decay curve of crystal sample of $1 \cdot 4\text{THF}$.

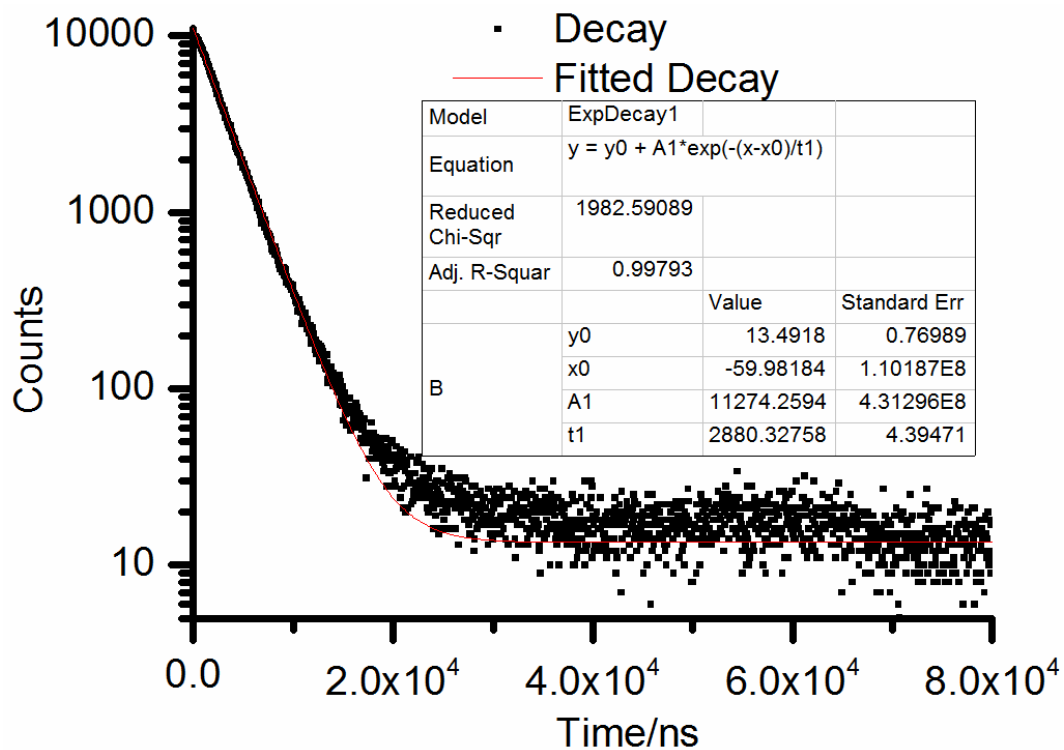


Fig. S22. The decay curve of desolvated sample of 1·4THF.

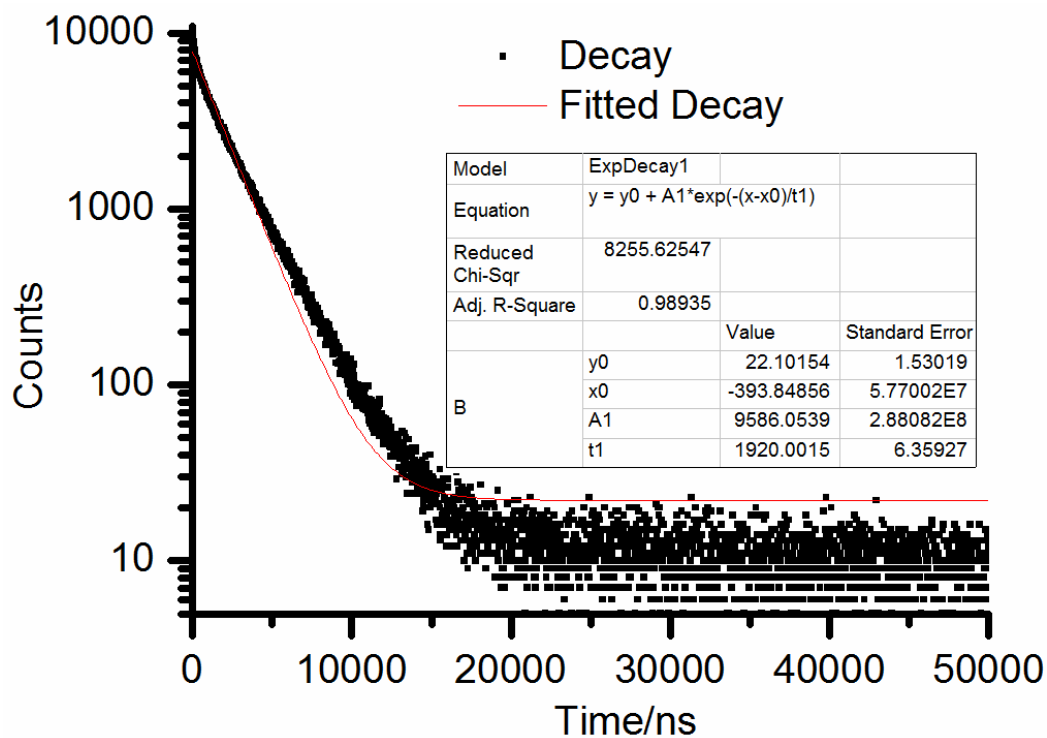


Fig. S23. The decay curve of ground sample of 1·4THF.

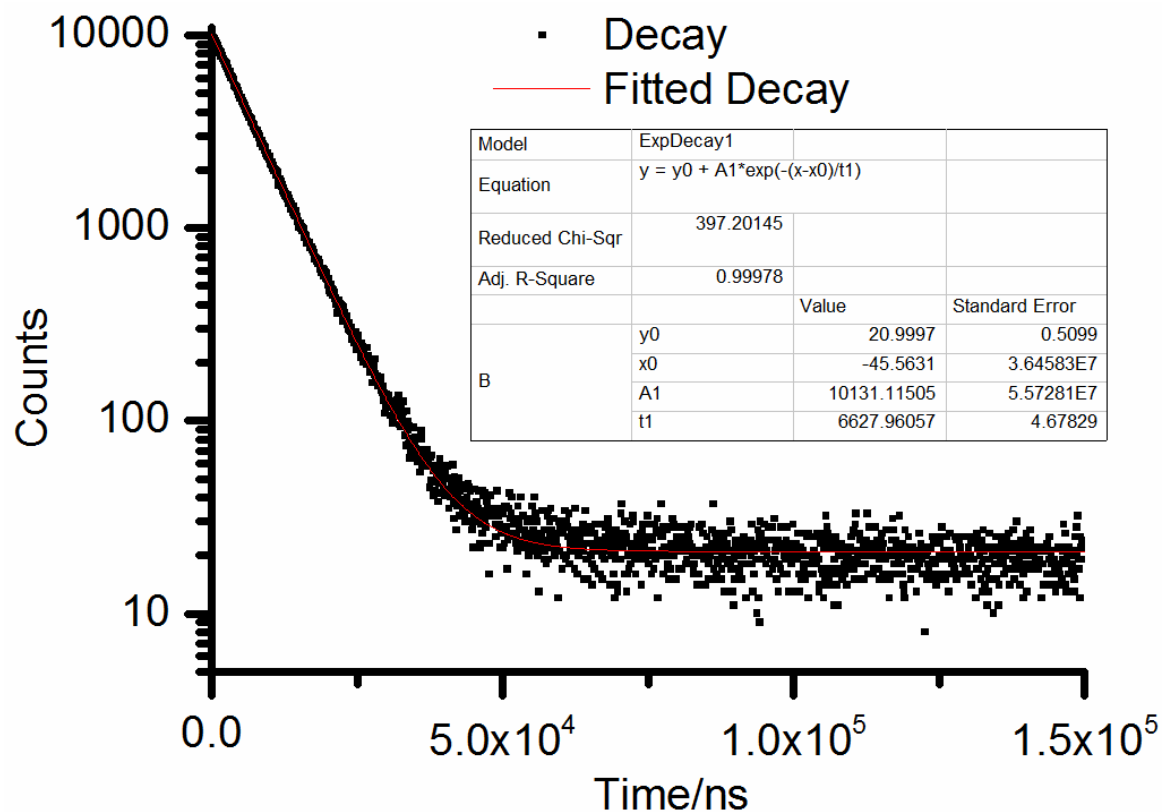


Fig. S24. The decay curve of crystal sample of 1·3acetone.

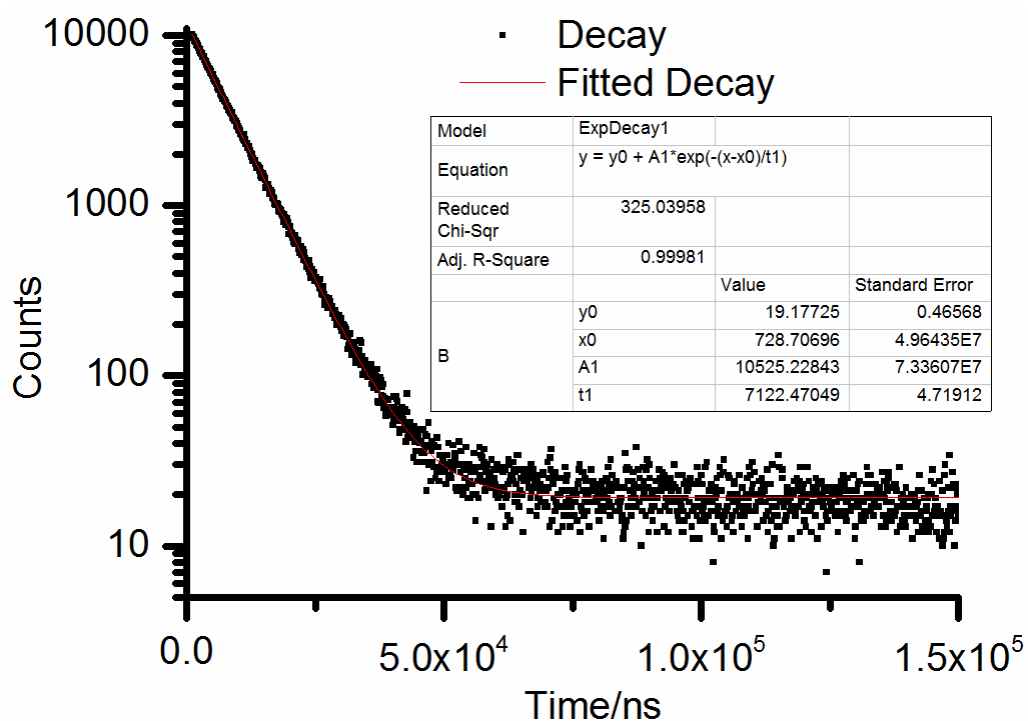


Fig. S25. The decay curve of desolvated sample of 1·3acetone.

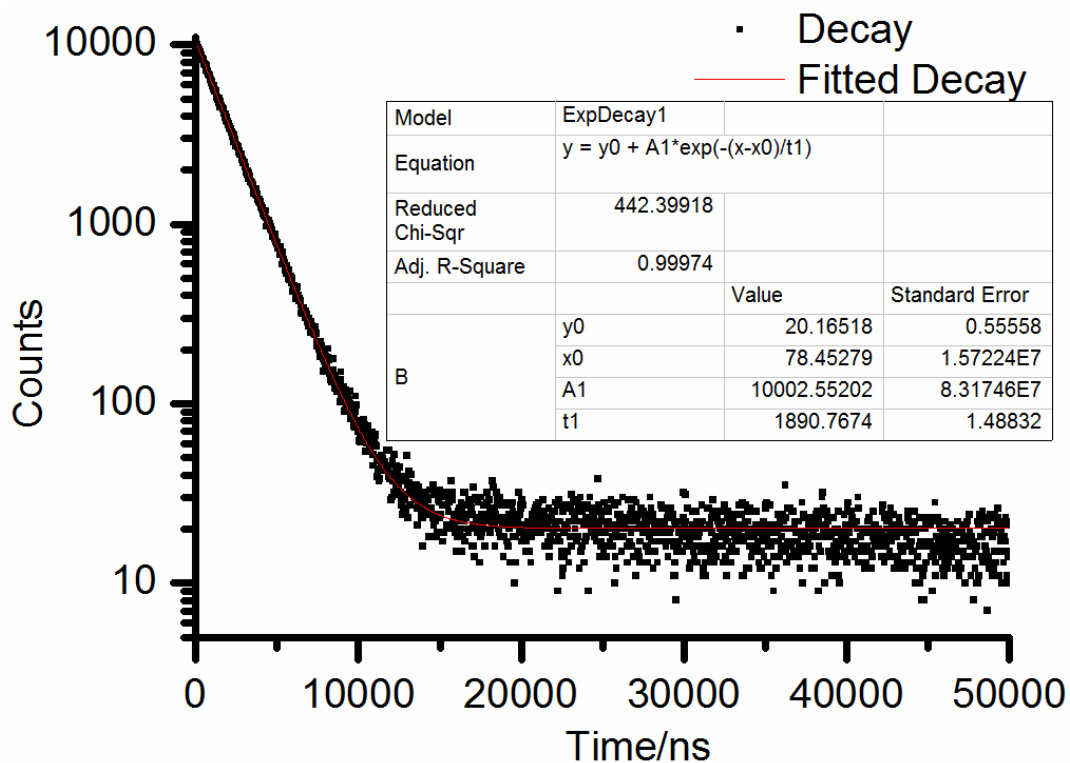


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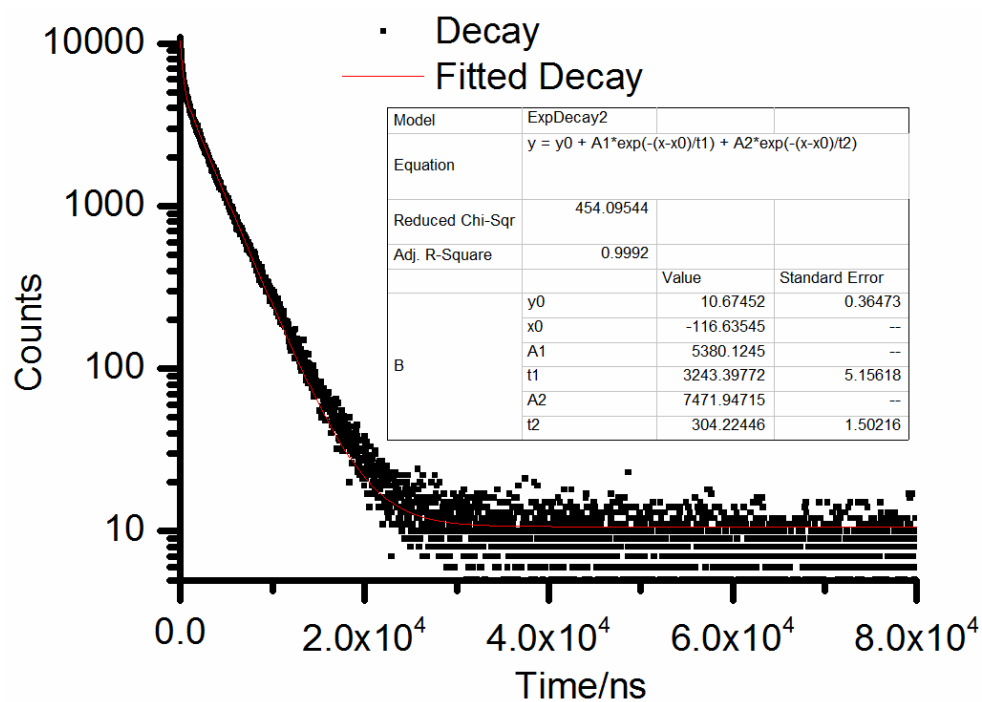


Fig. S27. The decay curve of crystal sample of 1·4CH₂Cl₂.

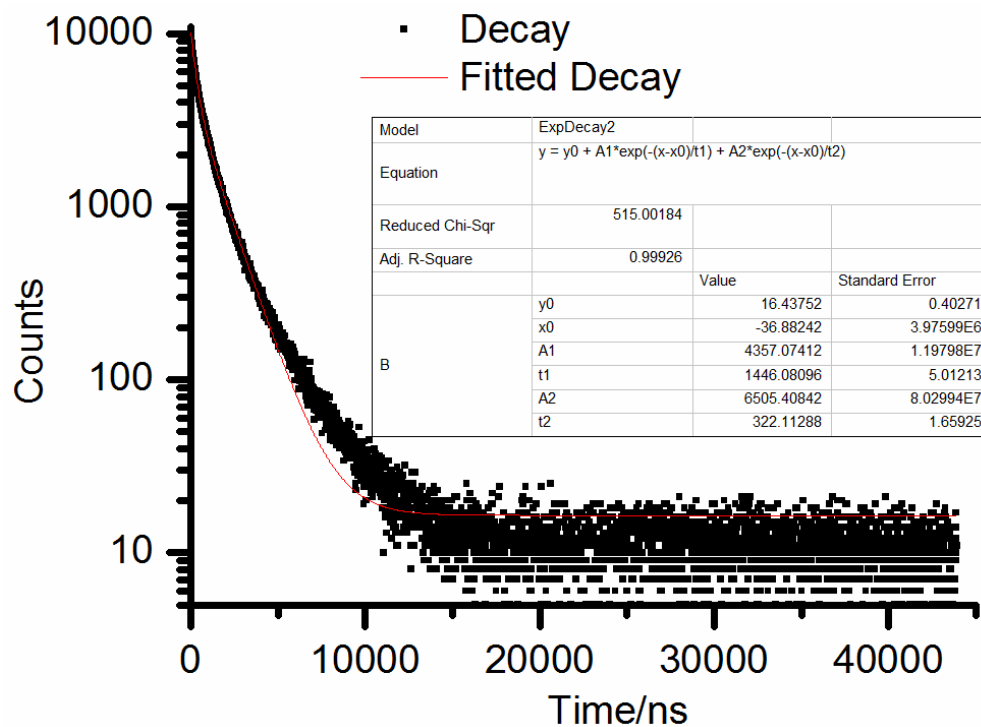


Fig. S28. The decay curve of desolvated sample of $1 \cdot 4\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$.

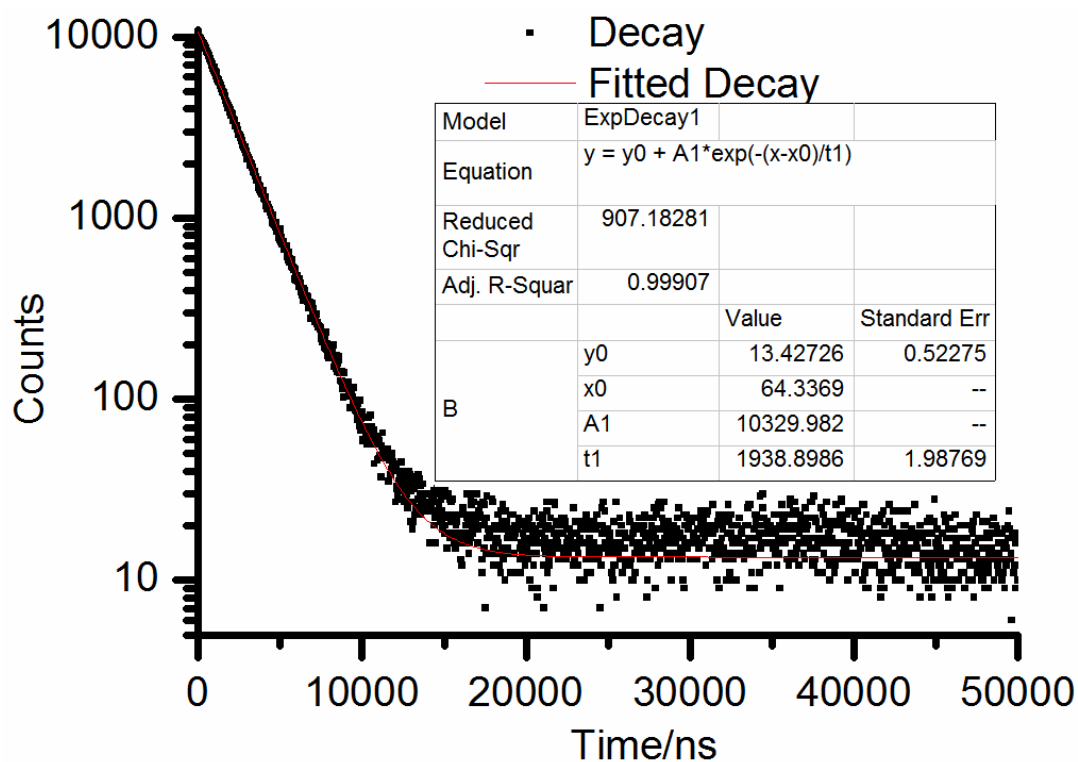


Fig. S29. The decay curve of ground sample of $1 \cdot 4\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$.

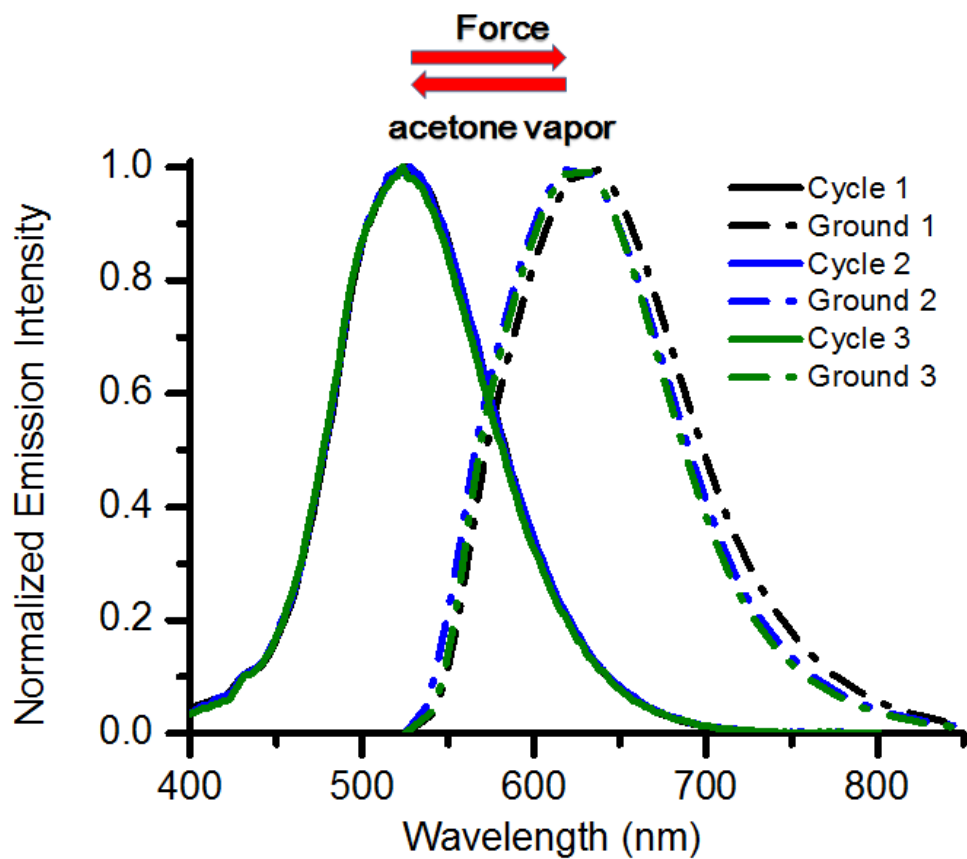


Fig. S30. The emission spectra of PMMA film doped with 3% complex **1** for three pressing-restoring cycles.