

Supporting Information

Analysis of the contribution of the π -acidity of the *s*-tetrazine ring in the crystal packing of coordination polymers

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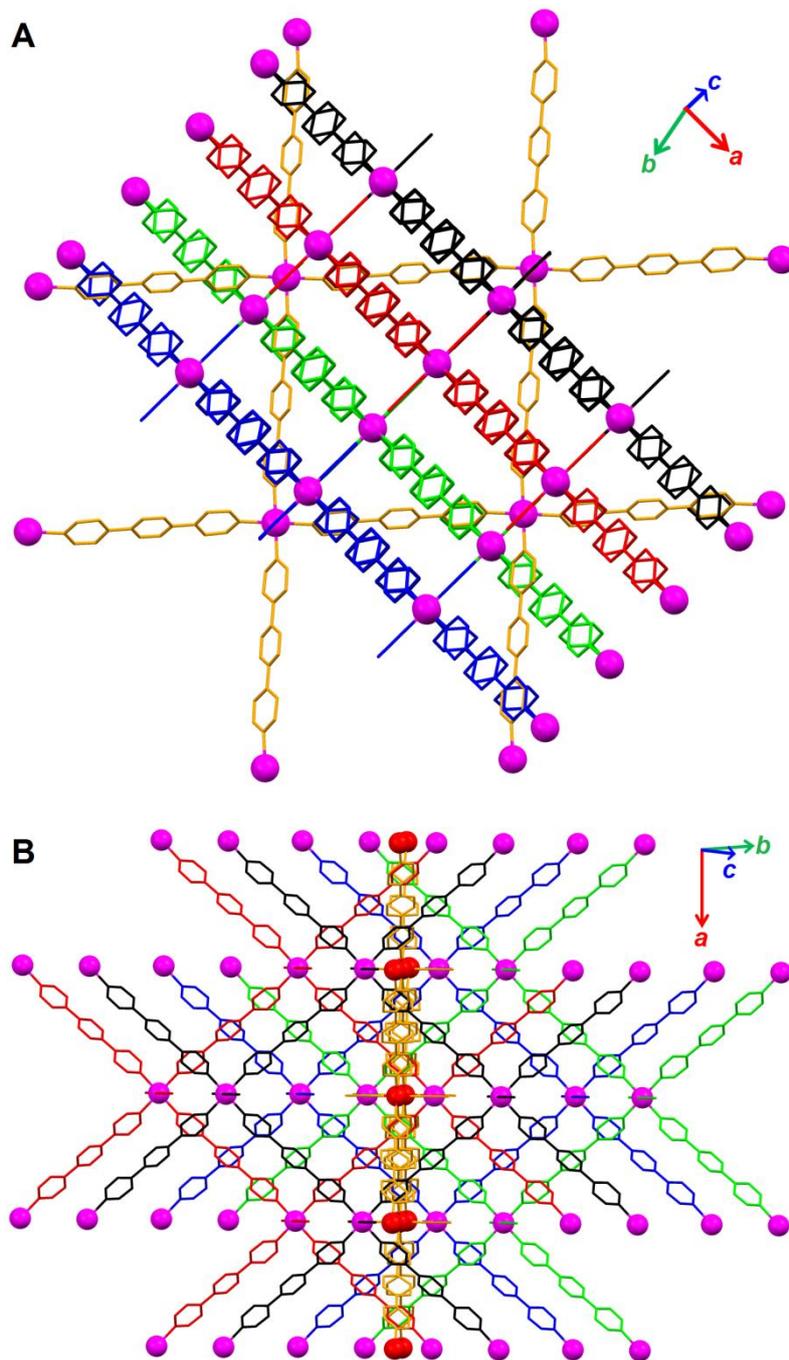


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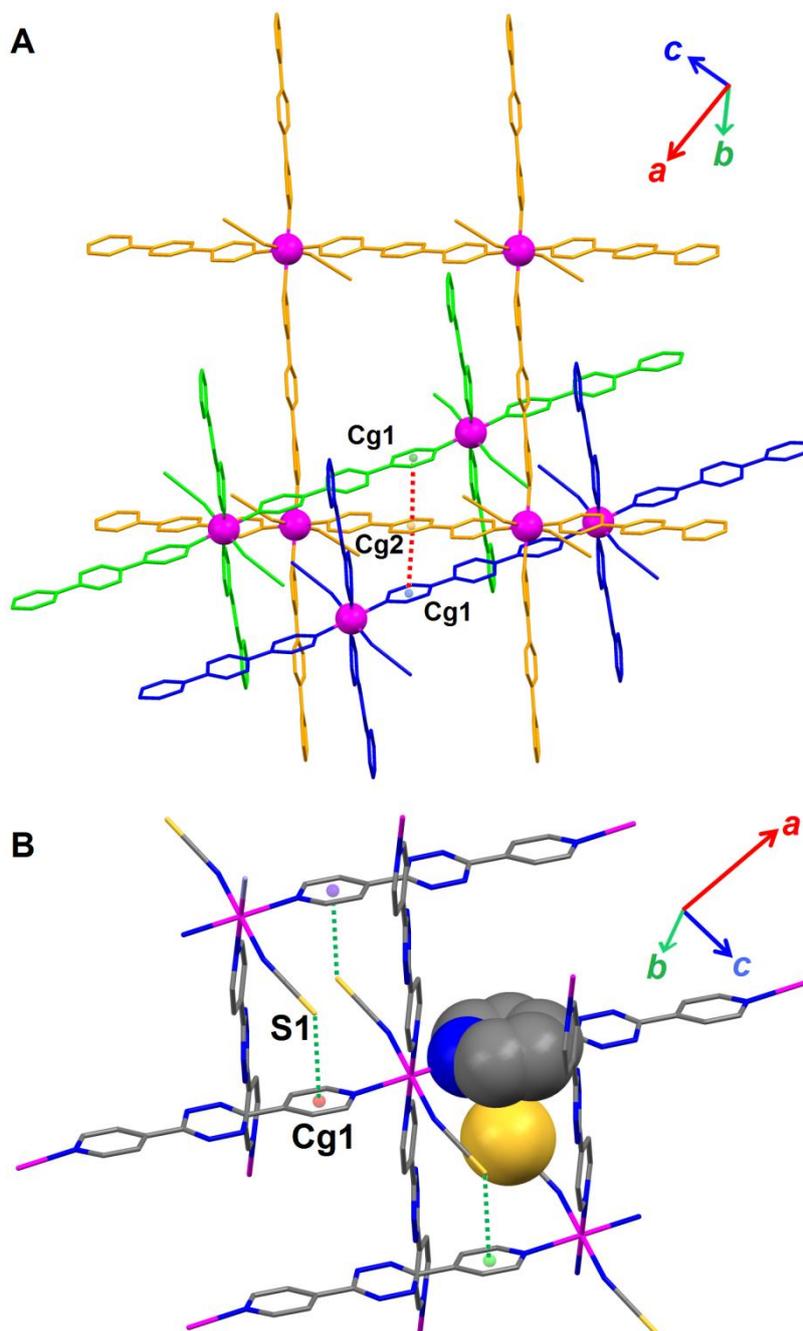


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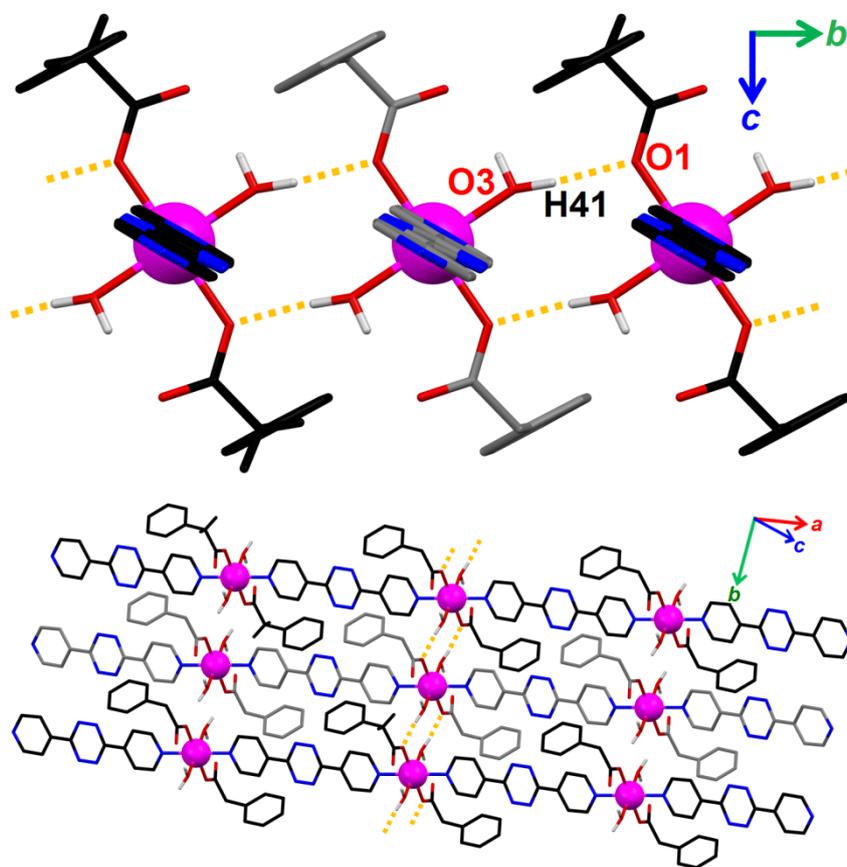


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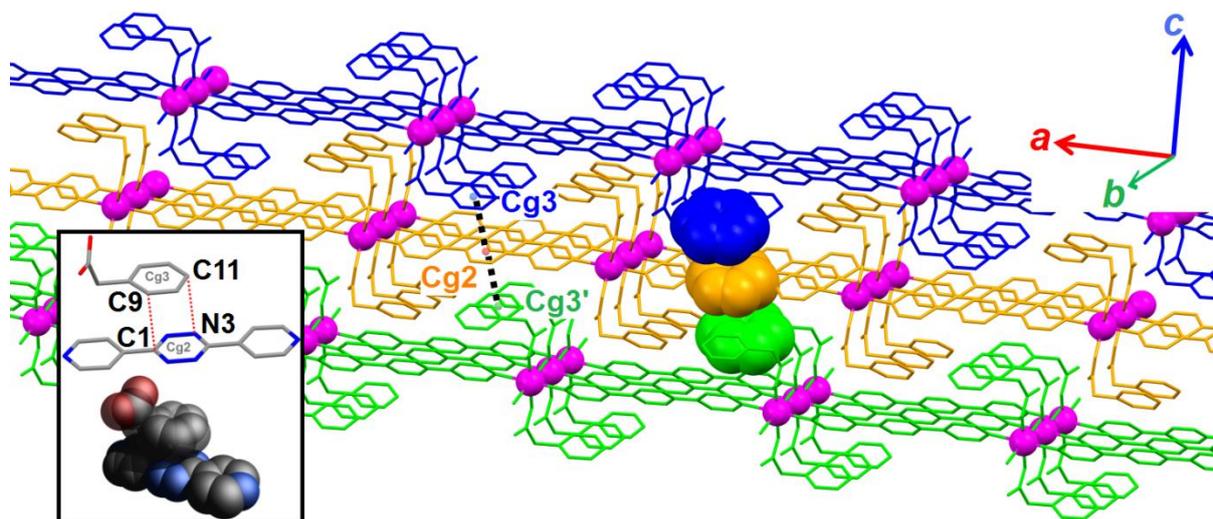


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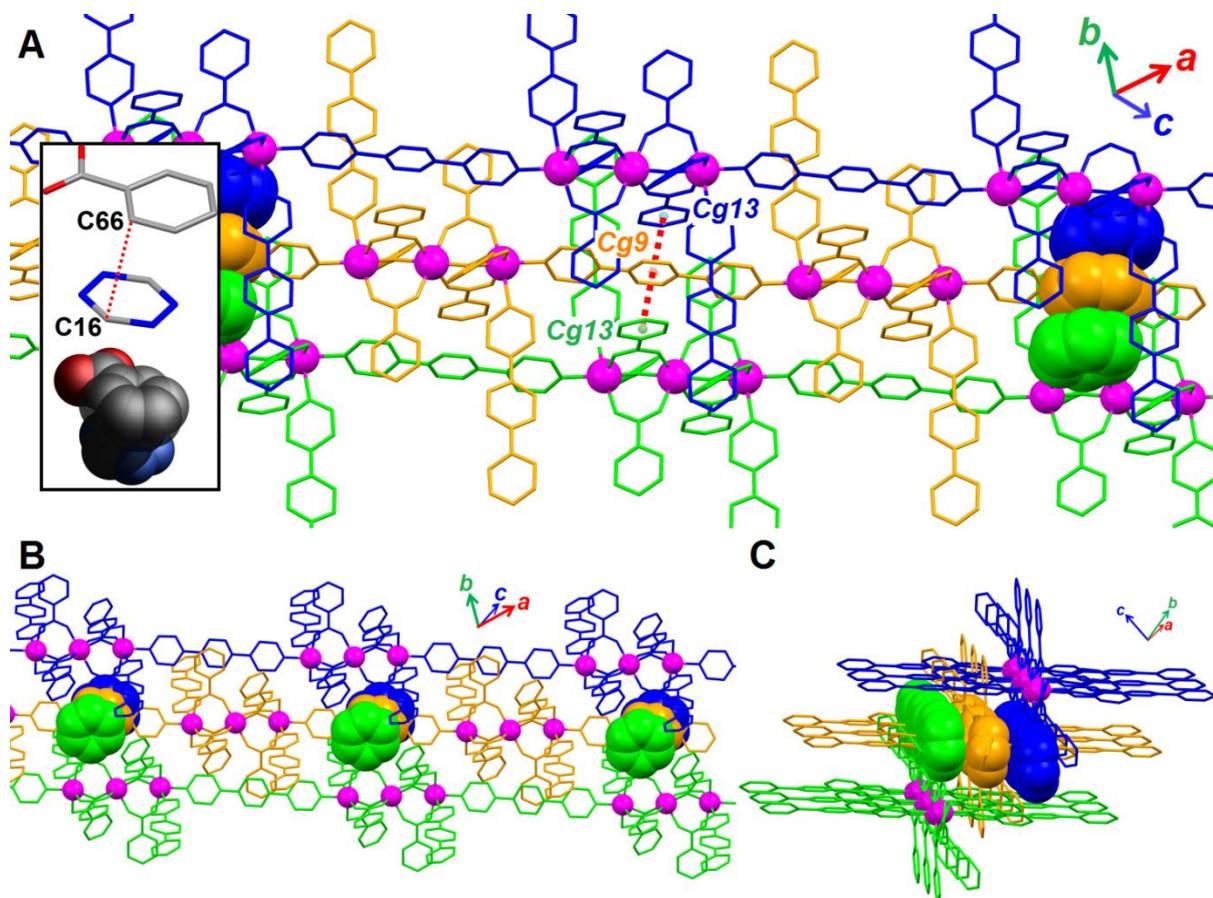


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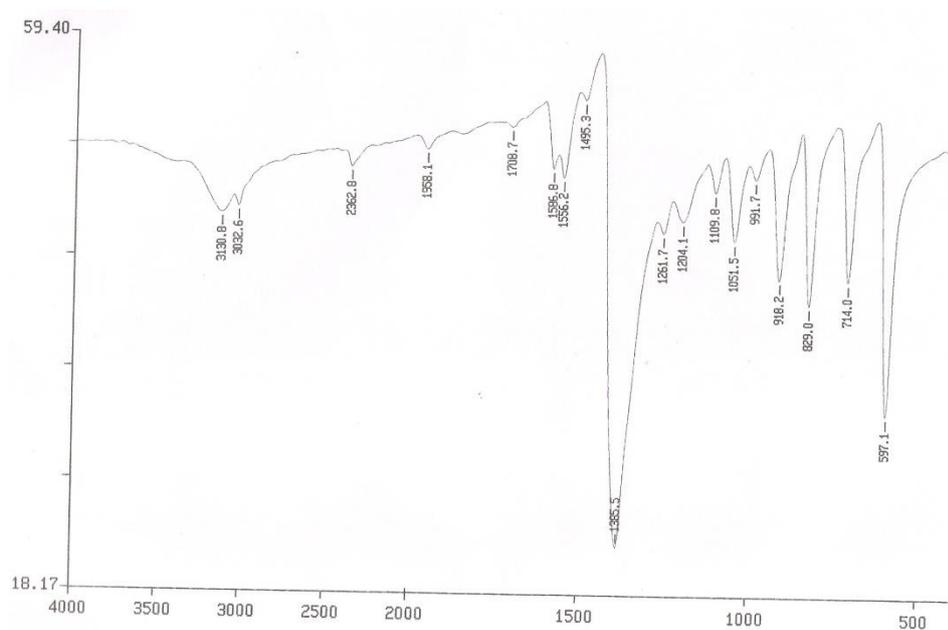


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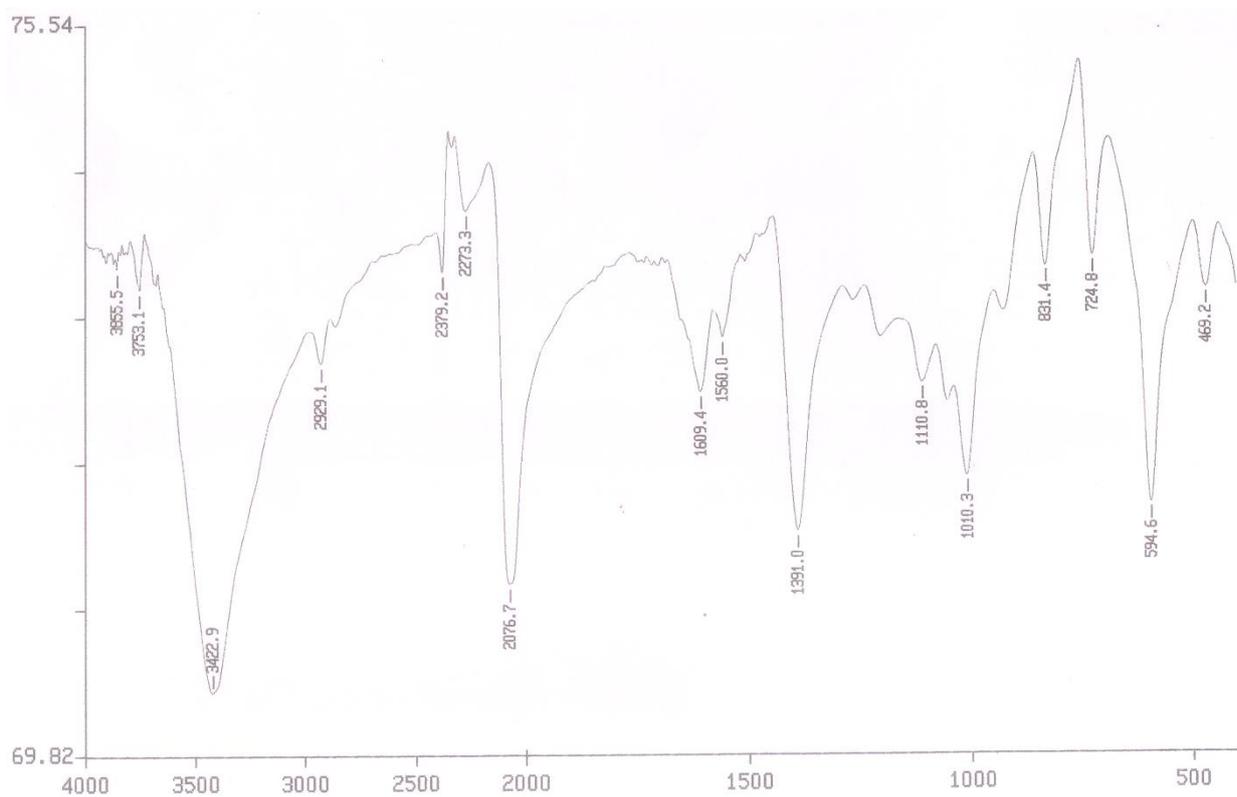


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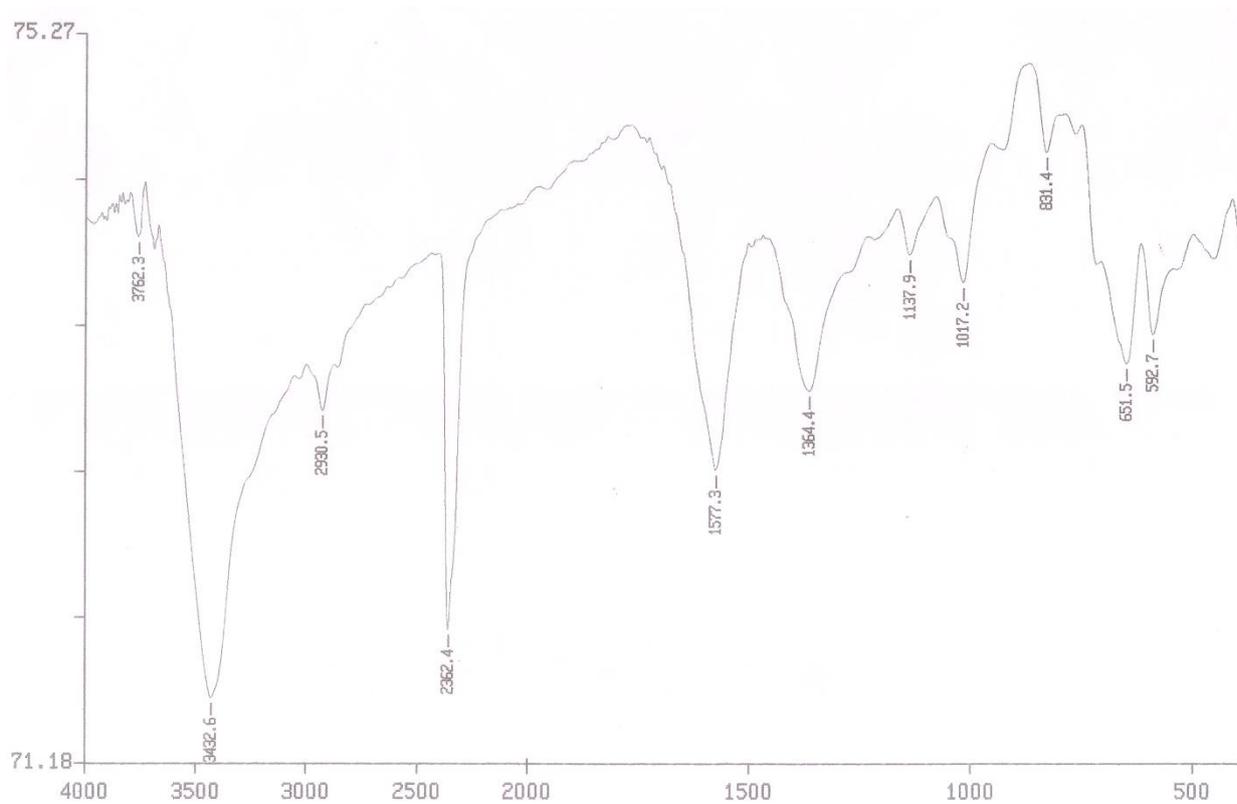


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