

# Single-crystal to single-crystal guest exchange and phase transformations in a porous metallocycle

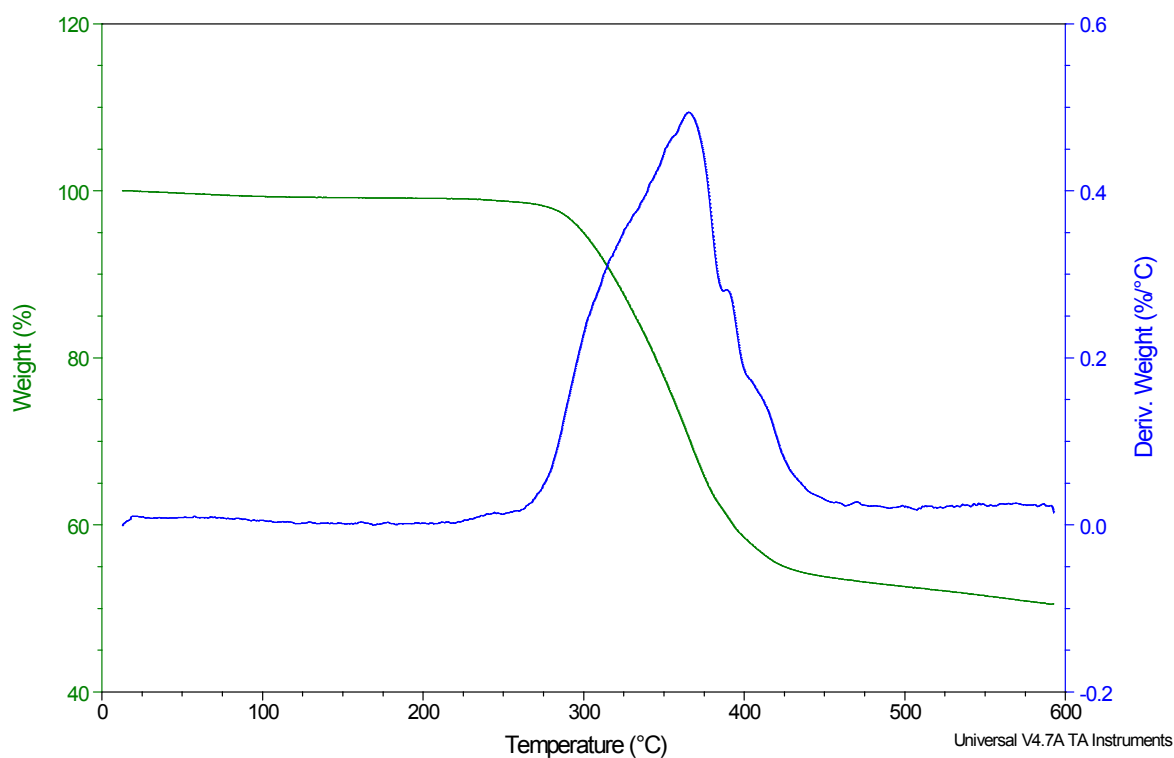
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## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

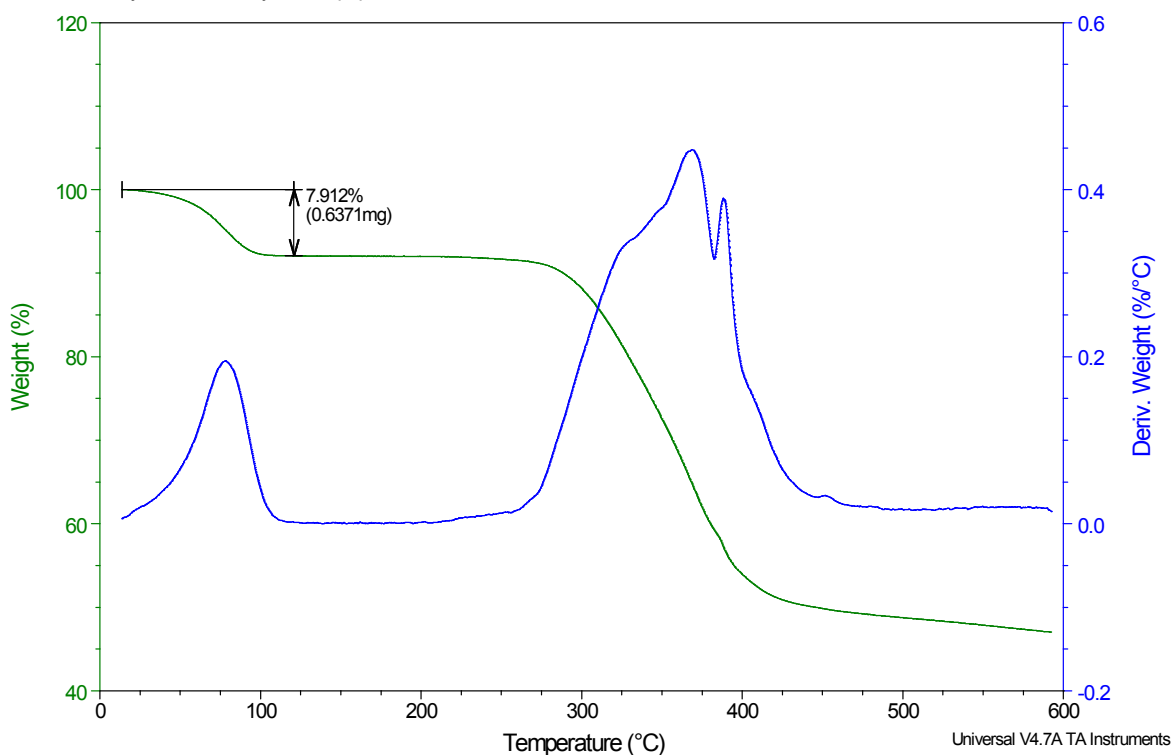
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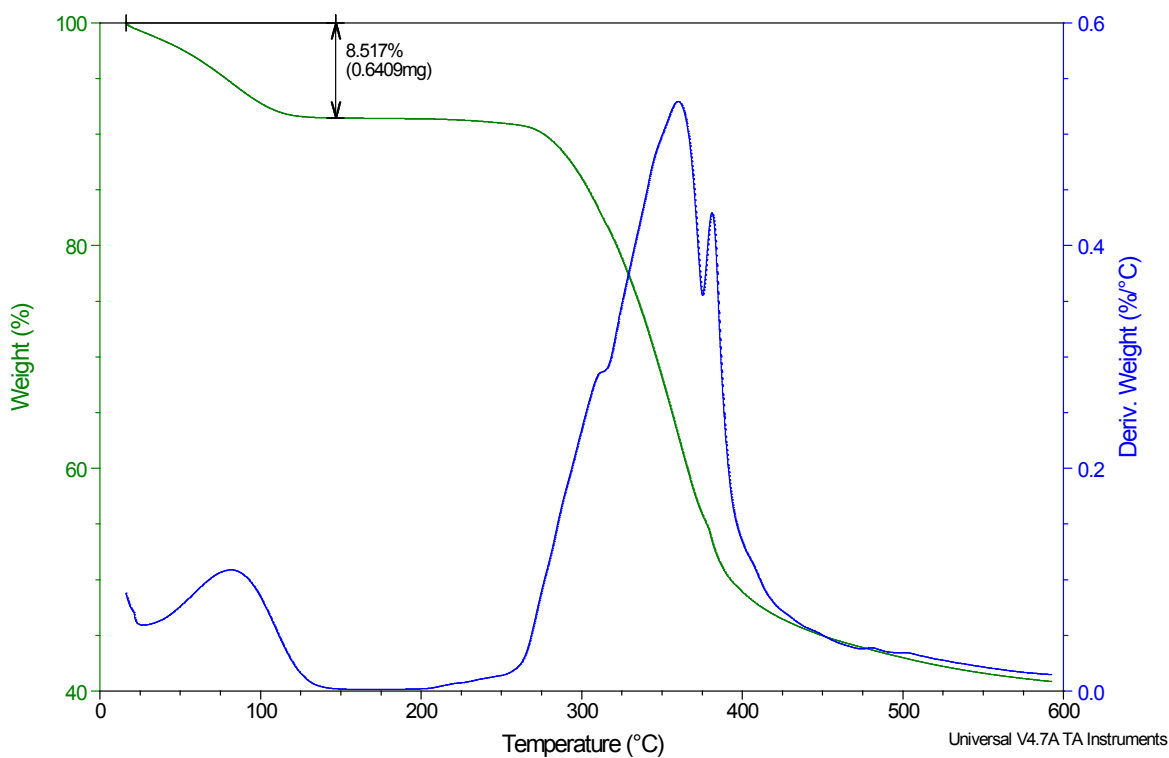
### Thermogravimetric analysis



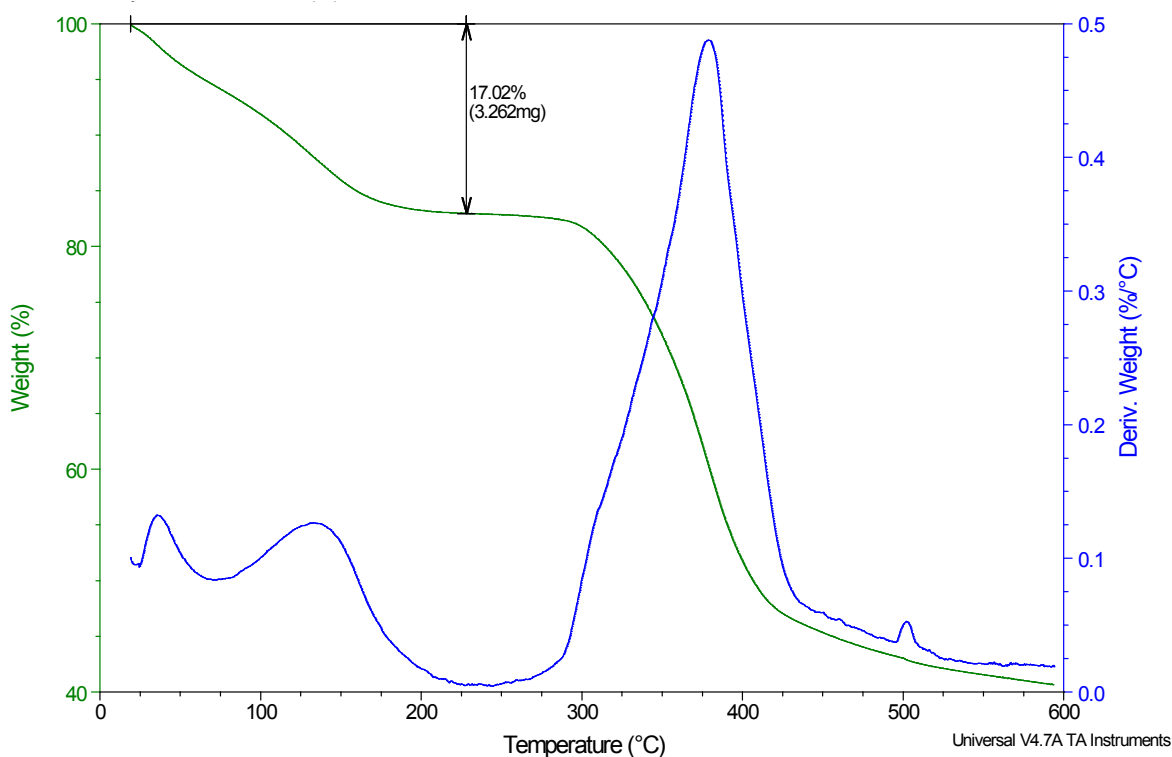
**Figure 1.** TGA plot for **1<sub>aphost</sub>**. The second derivative curve (blue line) indicates no significant mass change up to decomposition of the compound at ~270°C, indicating that no guest is present in the channels formed by the host metallocycles.



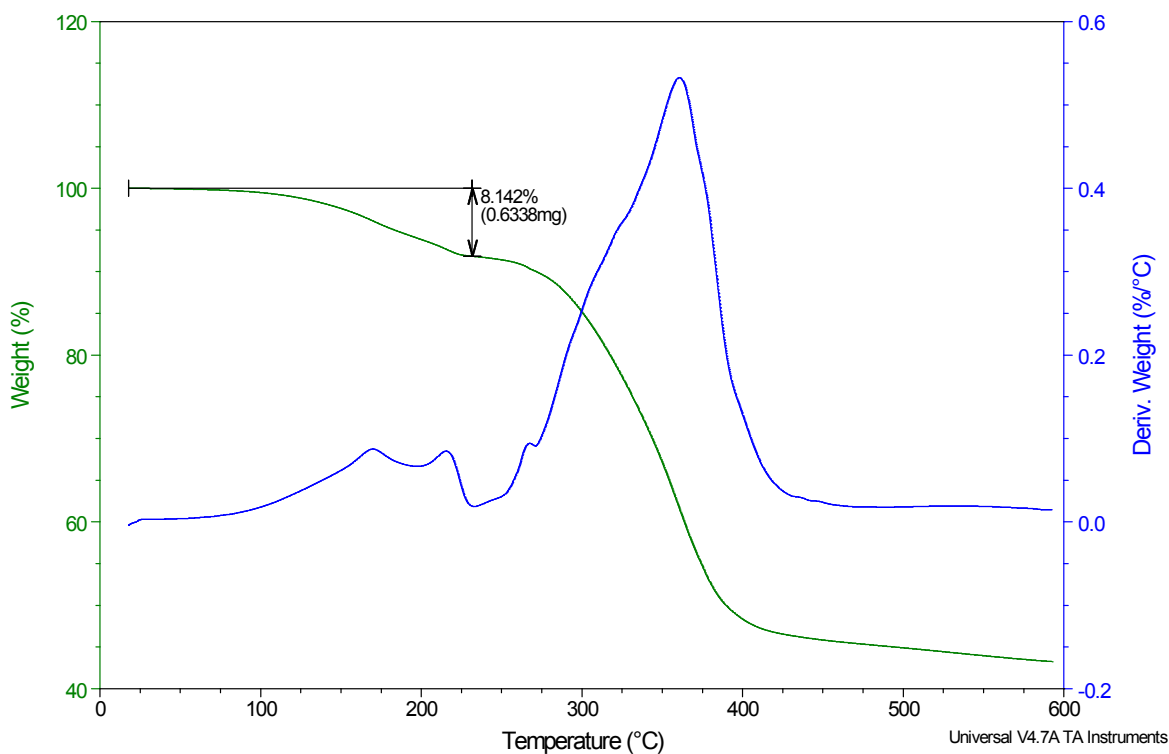
**Figure 2.** TGA plot for Solvate 1. The observed mass loss of 7.9% correlates with the predicted value of 8.9% for two acetonitrile molecules per metallocycle host, taken into account that some solvent loss occurs at room temperature during sample preparation.



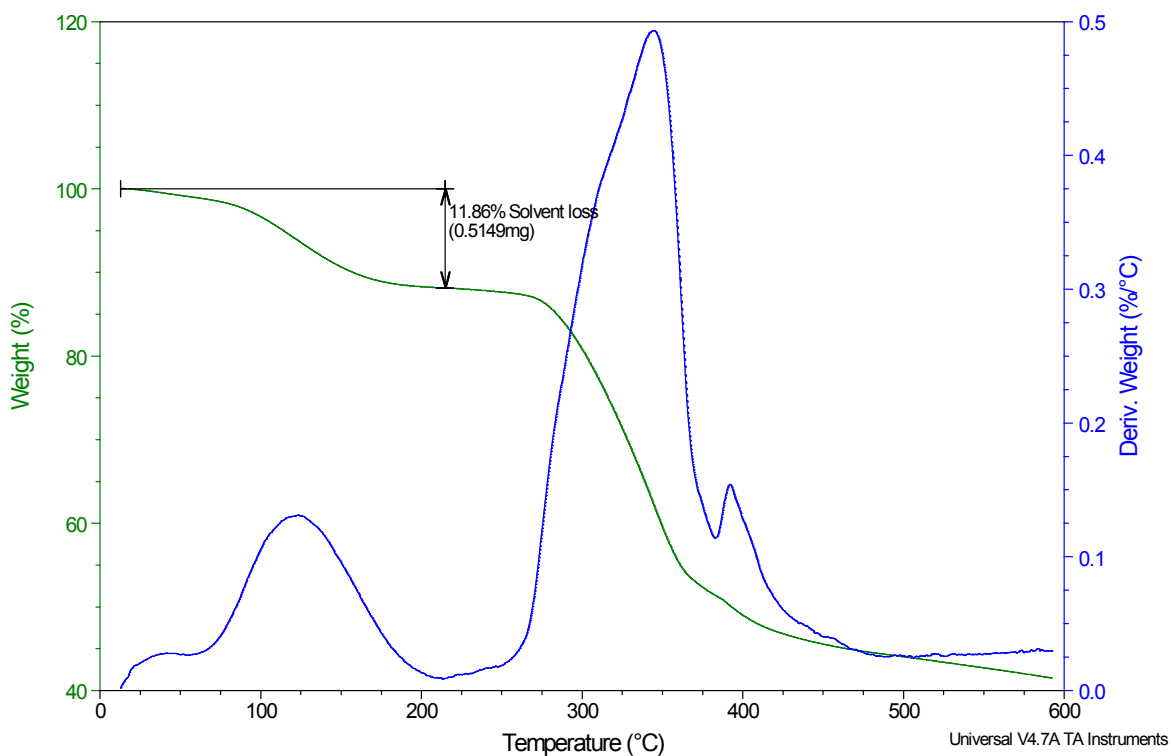
**Figure 3.** TGA plot for Solvate 2. The observed mass loss of 8.5% correlates with the predicted value of 11.2% for two acetone molecules per metallocycle host, taken into account that some solvent loss occurs at room temperature during sample preparation.



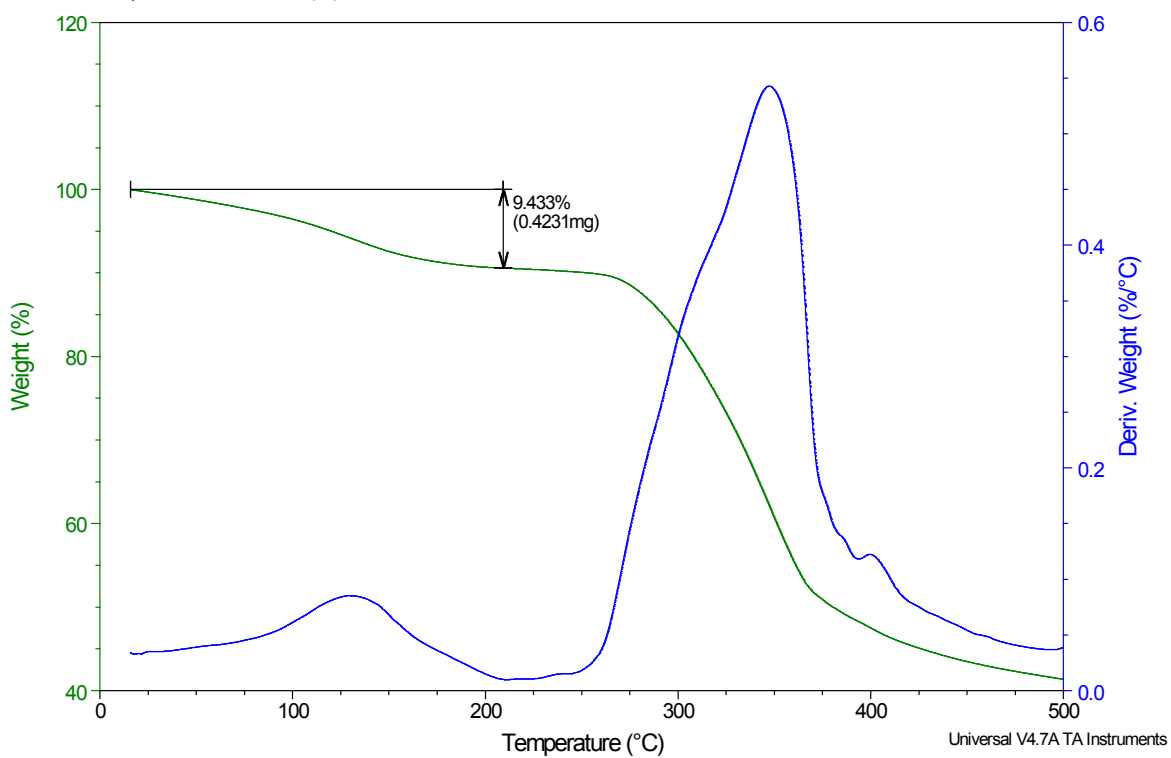
**Figure 4.** TGA plot for Solvate **3**. The observed mass loss of 17.0% correlates with the predicted value of 20.6% for two chloroform molecules per metallocycle host, taken into account that some solvent loss occurs at room temperature during sample preparation.



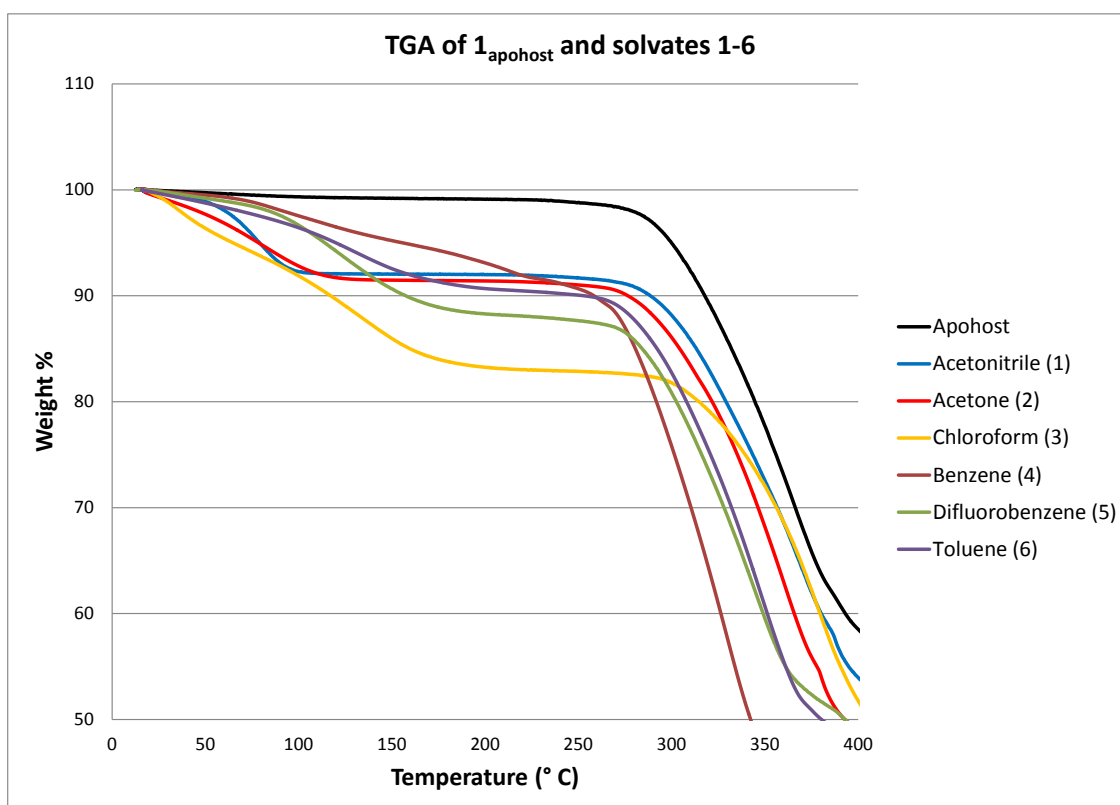
**Figure 5.** TGA plot for Solvate **4**. The observed mass loss of 8.1% correlates with the predicted value of 7.8% for one benzene molecule taken into account that some solvent is lost from the surface of the crystals.



**Figure 6.** TGA plot for Solvate 5. The observed mass loss of 11.9% correlates with the predicted value of 11.9% for one difluorobenzene molecule per metalocycle host.



**Figure 7.** TGA plot for Solvate 6. The observed mass loss of 9.4% correlates with the predicted value of 9.1% for one toluene molecule per metalocycle host.



**Figure 8.** Combined TGA plots for  $1_{\text{apohost}}$  and solvates 1-6.

**Table 1.** Summary of observed and predicted TGA results. The host:guest ratio from TGA results support the ratio observed from the single-crystal X-ray diffraction (SCD) data.

| Structure            | Guest           | % Mass loss (TGA observed) | % Mass loss (TGA predicted) | Host:Guest (TGA) | Host:Guest (SCD) |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| $1_{\text{apohost}}$ | -               | 0                          | 0                           | -                | -                |
| <b>1</b>             | Acetonitrile    | 7.9                        | 8.9                         | 1:2              | 1:2              |
| <b>2</b>             | Acetone         | 8.5                        | 11.2                        | 1:2              | 1:2              |
| <b>3</b>             | Chloroform      | 17.0                       | 20.6                        | 1:2              | 1:2              |
| <b>4</b>             | Benzene         | 8.1                        | 7.8                         | 1:1              | 1:1              |
| <b>5</b>             | Difluorobenzene | 11.9                       | 11.9                        | 1:1              | 1:1              |
| <b>6</b>             | Toluene         | 9.4                        | 9.1                         | 1:1              | 1:1              |

## Structure parameters

**Table 2.** Additional structure parameters for  $1_{\text{apohost}}$  and solvates **1-6** that was not included in the main text. <sup>a</sup>The angle formed by the N-Ag-N atoms of the host metallocycle. <sup>b</sup>The N-C-C angle that is formed by the corners of the metallocycle. <sup>c</sup>The distance between phenylene moieties of adjacent metallocycles in the crystal packing arrangement as shown in Figure 12 of the main text. <sup>d</sup>The distance between imidazolyl moieties of adjacent metallocycles in the crystal packing arrangement as shown in Figure 12 of the main text.

| Structure            | Guest           | N-Ag-N <sup>a</sup> | N-C-C <sup>b</sup> | Ar <sub>bz</sub> ...Ar <sub>bz</sub> <sup>c</sup> | Ar <sub>im</sub> ...Ar <sub>im</sub> <sup>d</sup> |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| $1_{\text{apohost}}$ | -               | 175.51(8)           | 111.26(1)          | 3.749   | 3.608   |
| <b>1</b>             | Acetonitrile    | 178.59(8)           | 110.43(1)          | 3.666   | 3.688   |
| <b>2</b>             | Acetone         | 176.93(8)           | 110.1(2)/111.5(2)  | 3.634(4)  | 3.770(4)/3.681(3)                                 |
| <b>3</b>             | Chloroform      | 177.35(2)           | 111.5(4)           | 3.704(8)  | 3.590(8)  |
| <b>4</b>             | Benzene         | 179.03(9)           | 110.2(2)/110.7(2)  | 3.667(4)  | 3.608(3)/3.781(3)                                 |
| <b>5</b>             | Difluorobenzene | 176.66(1)           | 109.9(3)/111.6(2)  | 3.689(4)  | 3.793(4)/3.656(4)                                 |
| <b>6</b>             | Toluene         | 175.94(11)          | 109.9(3)/111.7(3)  | 3.781(5)  | 3.626(5)/3.544(5)                                 |

## Crystal data tables

**Table 3.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **2**.

|  |  |                      |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Empirical formula                                | $C_{38}H_{48}Ag_2B_2F_8N_8O_2$                             |                      |
| Formula weight                                   | 1038.20  |                      |
| Temperature (K)                                  | 100(2)   |                      |
| Wavelength (Å)                                   | 0.71073  |                      |
| Crystal system                                   | triclinic  |                      |
| Space group                                      | $P\bar{1}$   |                      |
| Unit cell dimensions (Å, °)                      | $a = 7.1272(12)$   | $\alpha = 71.973(2)$ |
|  | $b = 12.249(2)$  | $\beta = 89.308(2)$  |
|  | $c = 12.943(2)$  | $\gamma = 89.483(2)$ |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )                         | 1074.4(3)  |                      |
| <i>Z</i>   | 1  |                      |
| Calculated density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )         | 1.605  |                      |
| Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )       | 0.990  |                      |
| $F_{000}$  | 524  |                      |
| Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )                  | 0.17 × 0.11 × 0.10   |                      |
| $\theta$ range for data collection (°)           | 1.65 to 27.53  |                      |
| Miller index ranges                              | $-9 \leq h \leq 9, -15 \leq k \leq 15, -16 \leq l \leq 16$ |                      |
| Reflections collected                            | 13534  |                      |
| Independent reflections                          | 4907 [ $R_{int} = 0.0276$ ]                                |                      |
| Completeness to $\theta_{max}$ (%)               | 98.9   |                      |
| Max. and min. transmission                       | 0.9092 and 0.8521  |                      |
| Refinement method                                | Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$                         |                      |
| Data / restraints / parameters                   | 4907 / 0 / 275   |                      |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                         | 1.174  |                      |
| Final <i>R</i> indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]      | $R1 = 0.0310, wR2 = 0.0753$                                |                      |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                      | $R1 = 0.0322, wR2 = 0.0759$                                |                      |
| Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> ) | 1.490 and -0.856   |                      |

**Table 4.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **3**.

|  |   |                     |
|--|---|---------------------|
| Empirical formula                                | $C_{34}H_{38}Ag_2B_2Cl_6F_8N_8$                           |                     |
| Formula weight                                   | 1160.78   |                     |
| Temperature (K)                                  | 100(2)  |                     |
| Wavelength (Å)                                   | 0.71073   |                     |
| Crystal system                                   | monoclinic  |                     |
| Space group                                      | $P2_1/c$  |                     |
| Unit cell dimensions (Å, °)                      | $a = 7.0910(19)$  | $\alpha = 90.00$    |
|  | $b = 20.479(6)$   | $\beta = 91.038(4)$ |
|  | $c = 14.855(5)$   | $\gamma = 90.00$    |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )                         | 2156.9(11)  |                     |
| <i>Z</i>   | 2   |                     |
| Calculated density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )         | 1.787   |                     |
| Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )       | 1.352   |                     |
| $F_{000}$  | 1152  |                     |
| Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )                  | 0.21 × 0.21 × 0.19  |                     |
| $\theta$ range for data collection (°)           | 1.69 to 28.33   |                     |
| Miller index ranges                              | $-9 \leq h \leq 9, -26 \leq k \leq 27, -8 \leq l \leq 19$ |                     |
| Reflections collected                            | 13383   |                     |
| Independent reflections                          | 5366 [ $R_{int} = 0.0483$ ]                               |                     |
| Completeness to $\theta_{max}$ (%)               | 99.7  |                     |
| Max. and min. transmission                       | 0.7841 and 0.7634   |                     |
| Refinement method                                | Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$                        |                     |
| Data / restraints / parameters                   | 5366 / 0 / 273  |                     |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                         | 1.061   |                     |
| Final <i>R</i> indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]      | $R1 = 0.0573, wR2 = 0.1403$                               |                     |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                      | $R1 = 0.0807, wR2 = 0.1515$                               |                     |
| Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> ) | 0.902 and -1.778  |                     |



**Table 5.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **4**.

|  |   |                      |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Empirical formula                                | $C_{38}H_{42}Ag_2B_2F_8N_8$                                 |                      |
| Formula weight                                   | 1000.16   |                      |
| Temperature (K)                                  | 100(2)  |                      |
| Wavelength (Å)                                   | 0.71073   |                      |
| Crystal system                                   | triclinic   |                      |
| Space group                                      | $P\bar{1}$  |                      |
| Unit cell dimensions (Å, °)                      | $a = 7.1020(18)$  | $\alpha = 72.237(4)$ |
|  | $b = 12.388(3)$   | $\beta = 89.284(4)$  |
|  | $c = 12.794(3)$   | $\gamma = 89.239(4)$ |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )                         | 1071.8(5)   |                      |
| $Z$  | 1   |                      |
| Calculated density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )         | 1.550   |                      |
| Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )       | 0.986   |                      |
| $F_{000}$  | 502   |                      |
| Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )                  | 0.20 × 0.19 × 0.18  |                      |
| $\theta$ range for data collection (°)           | 1.73 to 30.86   |                      |
| Miller index ranges                              | $-9 \leq h \leq 10, -17 \leq k \leq 17, -18 \leq l \leq 18$ |                      |
| Reflections collected                            | 15794   |                      |
| Independent reflections                          | 6181 [ $R_{int} = 0.0438$ ]                                 |                      |
| Completeness to $\theta_{max}$ (%)               | 91.4  |                      |
| Max. and min. transmission                       | 0.8449 and 0.8257   |                      |
| Refinement method                                | Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$                          |                      |
| Data / restraints / parameters                   | 6181 / 249 / 288  |                      |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                         | 1.005   |                      |
| Final $R$ indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]           | $R1 = 0.0372, wR2 = 0.0868$                                 |                      |
| $R$ indices (all data)                           | $R1 = 0.0510, wR2 = 0.0937$                                 |                      |
| Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> ) | 0.887 and -0.545  |                      |

**Table 6.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **5**.

|  |   |                      |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Empirical formula                                | $C_{38}H_{40}Ag_2B_2F_{10}N_8$                              |                      |
| Formula weight                                   | 1036.14   |                      |
| Temperature (K)                                  | 100(2)  |                      |
| Wavelength (Å)                                   | 0.71073   |                      |
| Crystal system                                   | triclinic   |                      |
| Space group                                      | $P\bar{1}$  |                      |
| Unit cell dimensions (Å, °)                      | $a = 7.0814(11)$  | $\alpha = 71.505(2)$ |
|  | $b = 12.445(2)$   | $\beta = 89.185(2)$  |
|  | $c = 12.837(2)$   | $\gamma = 89.430(2)$ |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )                         | 1072.7(3)   |                      |
| $Z$  | 1   |                      |
| Calculated density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )         | 1.604   |                      |
| Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )       | 0.994   |                      |
| $F_{000}$  | 518   |                      |
| Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )                  | 0.13 × 0.13 × 0.10  |                      |
| $\theta$ range for data collection (°)           | 1.67 to 30.74   |                      |
| Miller index ranges                              | $-10 \leq h \leq 9, -17 \leq k \leq 17, -18 \leq l \leq 18$ |                      |
| Reflections collected                            | 15820   |                      |
| Independent reflections                          | 6139 [ $R_{int} = 0.0331$ ]                                 |                      |
| Completeness to $\theta_{max}$ (%)               | 91.7  |                      |
| Max. and min. transmission                       | 0.9080 and 0.8799   |                      |
| Refinement method                                | Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$                          |                      |
| Data / restraints / parameters                   | 6139 / 14 / 310   |                      |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                         | 1.146   |                      |
| Final $R$ indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]           | $R1 = 0.0463, wR2 = 0.1134$                                 |                      |
| $R$ indices (all data)                           | $R1 = 0.0514, wR2 = 0.1159$                                 |                      |
| Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> ) | 1.753 and -0.969  |                      |

**Table 7.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **6**.

|  |  |                      |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Empirical formula                                | $C_{39}H_{43}Ag_2B_2F_8N_8$                              |                      |
| Formula weight                                   | 1013.17  |                      |
| Temperature (K)                                  | 100(2)   |                      |
| Wavelength (Å)                                   | 0.71073  |                      |
| Crystal system                                   | triclinic  |                      |
| Space group                                      | $P\bar{1}$   |                      |
| Unit cell dimensions (Å, °)                      | $a = 6.9746(10)$   | $\alpha = 72.422(2)$ |
|  | $b = 12.0647(17)$  | $\beta = 87.762(2)$  |
|  | $c = 13.1454(18)$  | $\gamma = 86.363(2)$ |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )                         | 1052.1(3)  |                      |
| $Z$  | 1  |                      |
| Calculated density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )         | 1.599  |                      |
| Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )       | 1.005  |                      |
| $F_{000}$  | 509  |                      |
| Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )                  | 0.17 × 0.13 × 0.11                                       |                      |
| $\theta$ range for data collection (°)           | 1.63 to 28.15  |                      |
| Miller index ranges                              | $-9 \leq h \leq 9, -14 \leq k \leq 16, 0 \leq l \leq 17$ |                      |
| Reflections collected                            | 4849   |                      |
| Independent reflections                          | 4849 [ $R_{int} = 0.0354$ ]                              |                      |
| Completeness to $\theta_{max}$ (%)               | 94.2   |                      |
| Max. and min. transmission                       | 0.8975 and 0.8493  |                      |
| Refinement method                                | Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$                       |                      |
| Data / restraints / parameters                   | 4849 / 0 / 274   |                      |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                         | 1.026  |                      |
| Final $R$ indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]           | $R1 = 0.0412, wR2 = 0.0911$                              |                      |
| $R$ indices (all data)                           | $R1 = 0.0552, wR2 = 0.0962$                              |                      |
| Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> ) | 0.803 and -0.913   |                      |