

## **A radical mixed-ligand gold bis(dithiolene) complex**

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### **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

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### Synthesis of [Au(*D*-bordt)(OC<sub>4</sub>)] (**1**)

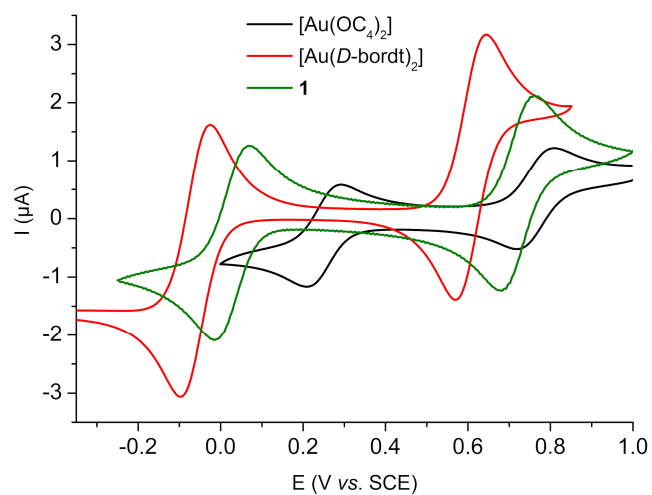
To a solution of [Au(*D*-bordt)<sub>2</sub>] (116 mg, 0.19 mmol) in dry THF (100 mL) is added a solution of [Au(OC<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (189 mg, 0.19 mmol) in THF (100 mL). After refluxing for 3 days, the solvent is evaporated and the residue separated from the starting complexes by preparative thin-layer chromatography. Recrystallization by slow diffusion of MeOH on a concentrated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution afforded **1** as black crystals (102 mg). Yield 33%. M.p. 109 °C. Elem. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>40</sub>AuO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>: C, 49.16; H, 5.16. Found: C, 49.17; H, 4.86. UV-vis-NIR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): λ<sub>max</sub> = 1347 nm (ε = 7 130 M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>). [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -253° (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The paramagnetic nature of the complex does not allow its NMR characterization.

### Crystallography

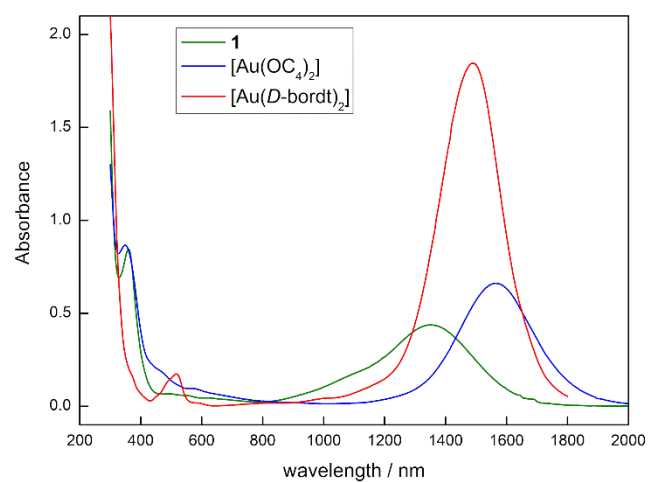
Data collection for **1** was performed on an APEXII Bruker-AXS diffractometer equipped with a CCD camera. Structures were solved by direct methods using either the *SIR97* program,<sup>1</sup> and then refined with full-matrix least-square methods based on *F*<sup>2</sup> (*SHELXL-97*)<sup>2</sup> with the aid of the *WINGX* program.<sup>3</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic atomic displacement parameters. H atoms were finally included in their calculated positions. Details are given in Table S3. CCDC 2044039.

### Theoretical calculations

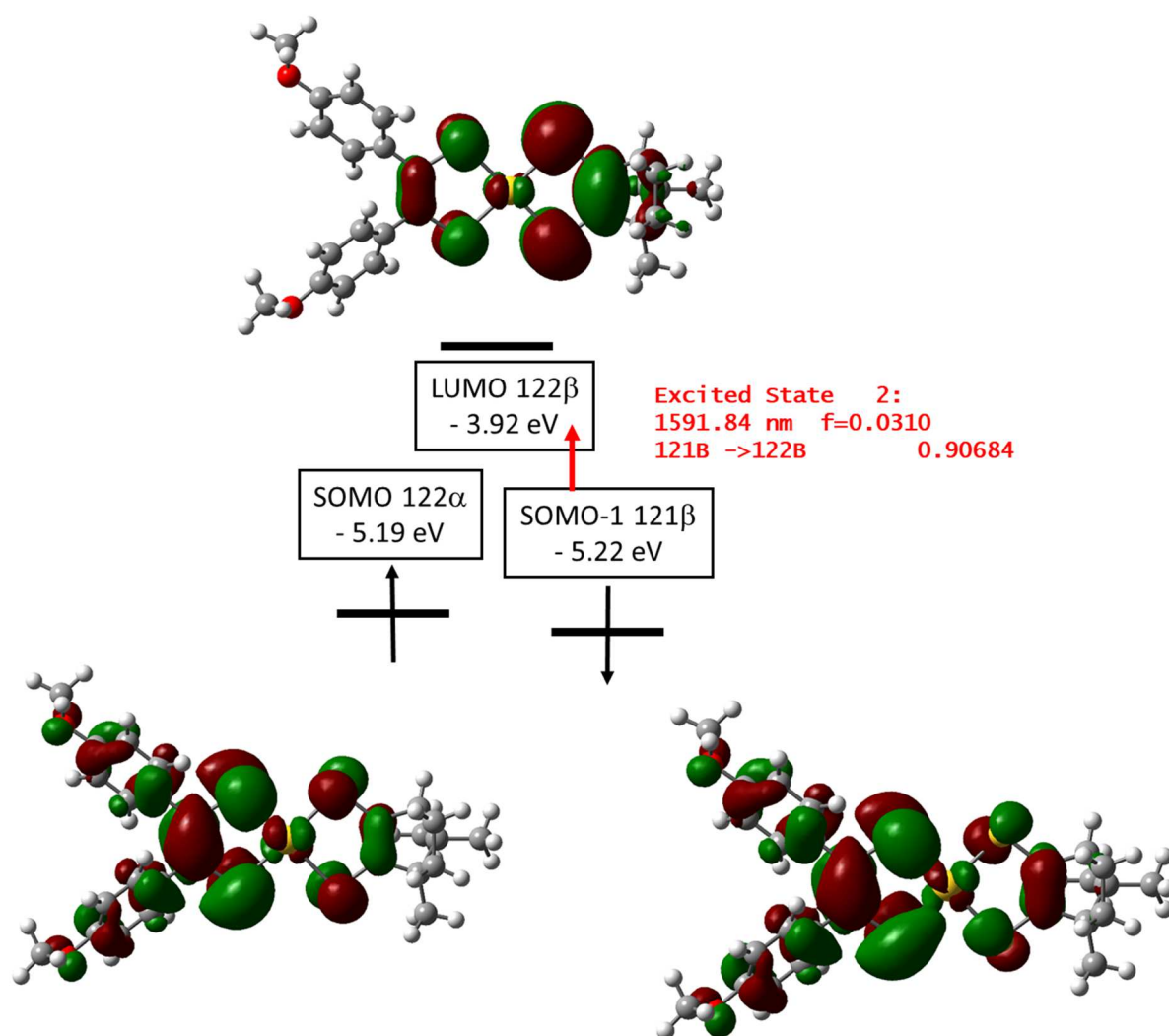
Theoretical calculations on the radical gold neutral complexes and radical anion nickel complexes (doublet state) were performed with Density Functional Theory using the Gaussian 09 Revision D.01 software<sup>4</sup> with the B3LYP functional (hybrid Becke-3 parameter exchange functional<sup>5</sup> and the Lee-Yang-Parr nonlocal correlation functional)<sup>6</sup> and the LANL2DZ basis set.<sup>7</sup> GaussView 5.0.9 (Gaussian Inc., Wallingford, CT, USA) was used to generate the figures. The butoxy group in the OC<sub>4</sub> ligand was modeled as a methoxy group. Cartesian coordinates for optimized complexes are reported in Tables S4-S9.



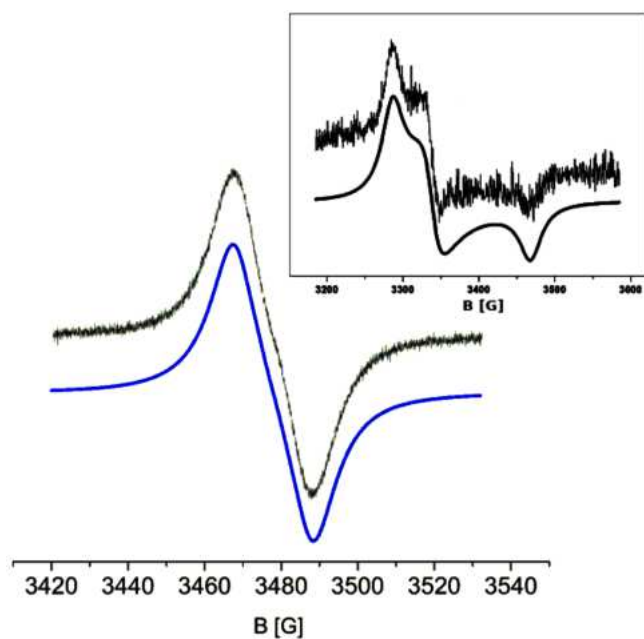
**Fig. S1** Cyclic voltammetry of **1** and references complexes.



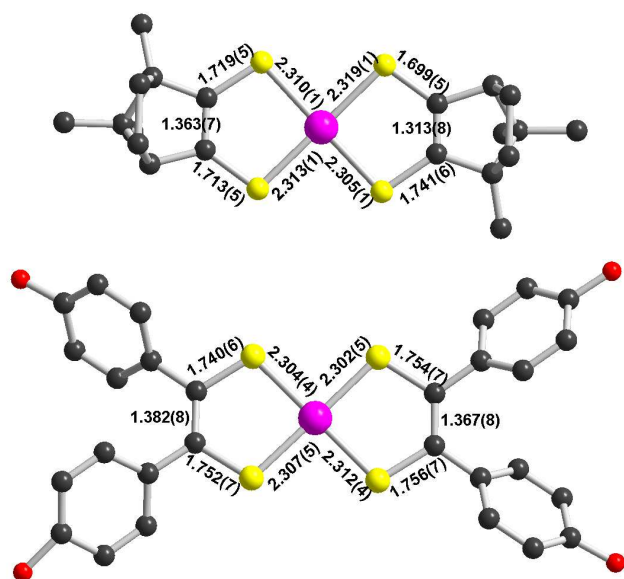
**Fig. S2** UV-vis-NIR absorption of **1** and references complexes (in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 10<sup>-4</sup> M)



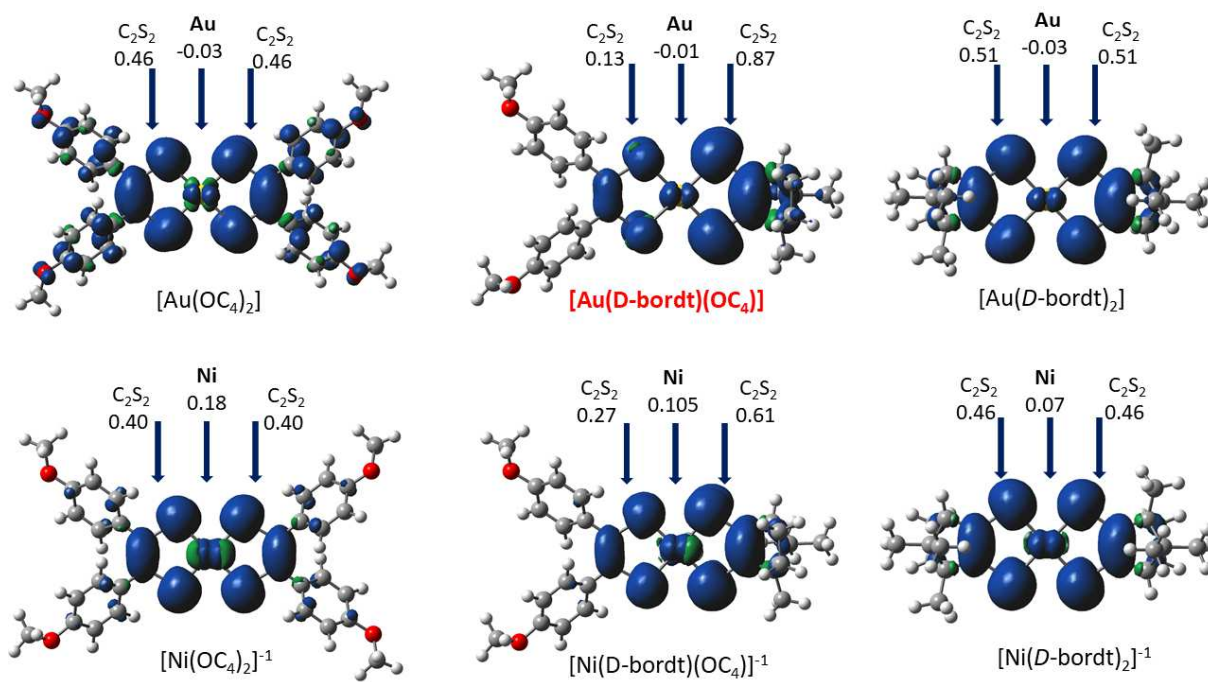
**Fig. S3** Frontier molecular orbitals in the mixed ligand neutral radical complex **1** calculated by DFT shown with a cut-off of  $0.04 [e/\text{bohr}^3]^{1/2}$ . The first significant low energy transition as calculated by TD DFT and assigned to a SOMO-1 to LUMO transition is shown in red.



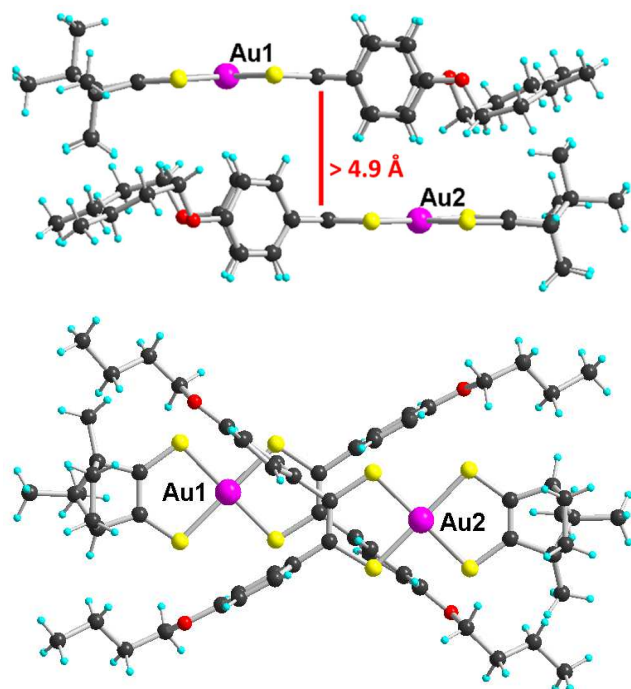
**Fig. S4** Solution EPR (in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **1**. In insert: frozen solution spectrum (at 77 K).



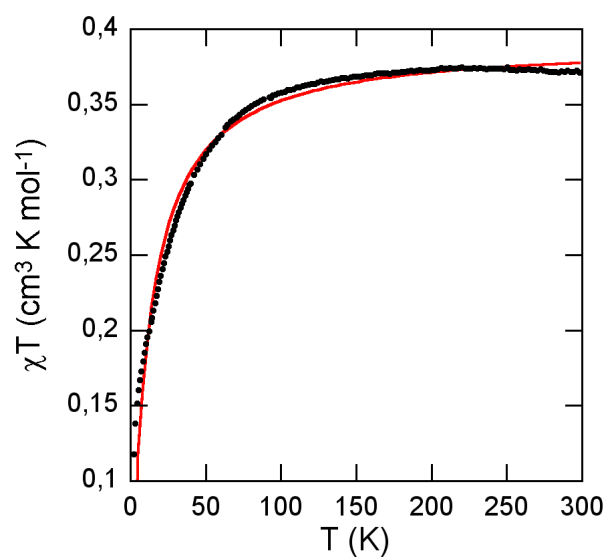
**Fig. S5** Compared experimental bond distances (in Å) within the metallacycles in  $[\text{Au}(\text{D-bordt})_2]^+$  (top) and  $[\text{Au}(\text{OC}_4)_2]^+$  (bottom). The butyl chains in  $[\text{Au}(\text{OC}_4)_2]^+$  and all hydrogen atoms have been removed for clarity



**Fig. S6** Compared calculated spin densities in the metallacycles

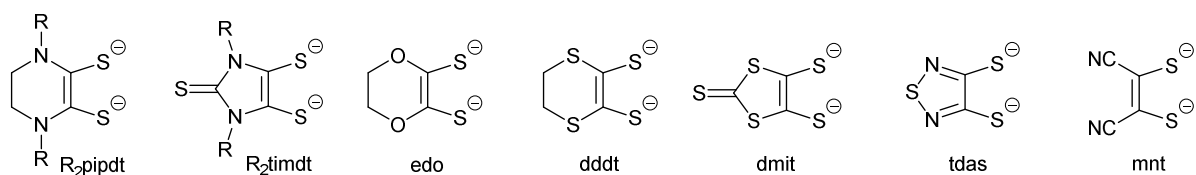


**Fig. S7** Face-to-face association of **1** showing the large interplanar distance and strongly shifted overlap.



**Fig. S8** Temperature dependence of the  $\chi \cdot T$  product for **1**. The solid line is a fit to the Curie-Weiss model.

**Table S1.** Comparison of  $\Delta E = E_{1/2}(-1/0) - E_{1/2}(-2/-1)$  values for reported mixed-ligand bis(dithiolene) Ni complexes  $[\text{Ni}(\text{dt}_{\text{push}})(\text{dt}_{\text{pull}})]^{-2,-1,0}$  with the push and pull dithiolene ligands and their symmetric precursors.  $\Delta E$  values were calculated from reported  $E_{1/2}$ .<sup>8,9,10</sup>



$[\text{Ni}(\text{push})(\text{pull})]$	$\Delta E$ $[\text{Ni}(\text{push})_2]$	$\Delta E$ $[\text{Ni}(\text{push})(\text{pull})]$	$\Delta E$ $[\text{Ni}(\text{pull})_2]$	Ref
$[\text{Ni}(\text{}^i\text{Pr}_2\text{timdt})(\text{mnt})]$	0.50	0.66	0.84	8
$[\text{Ni}(\text{dmit})(\text{mnt})]$	0.425	0.67	0.84	8
$[\text{Ni}(\text{dddt})(\text{mnt})]$	0.75	0.77	0.84	8
$[\text{Ni}(\text{dmit})(\text{dddt})]$	0.425	0.61	0.75	8
$[\text{Ni}(\text{}^i\text{Pr}_2\text{pipdt})(\text{dmit})]$	0.32	0.57	0.425	9
$[\text{Ni}(\text{Me}_2\text{pipdt})(\text{mnt})]$	0.31	0.44	0.84	9
$[\text{Ni}(\text{Me}_2\text{pipdt})(\text{tdas})]$	0.31	0.45	0.62	9
$[\text{Ni}(\text{edo})(\text{dddt})]$	0.69	0.73	0.75	10
$[\text{Ni}(\text{edo})(\text{dmit})]$	0.69	0.73	0.56	10
$[\text{Ni}(\text{edo})(\text{mnt})]$	0.69	0.80	0.91	10

**Table S2** Averaged, DFT-calculated bond distances (Å) within the  $\text{NiS}_2\text{C}_2$  metallacycles in the mixed-ligand symmetric nickel complex  $[\text{Ni}(\text{D-bordt})(\text{OC}_4)]^{-1}$  and the two symmetric complexes  $[\text{Ni}(\text{D-bordt})_2]^{-1}$  and  $[\text{Ni}(\text{OC}_4)_2]^{-1}$ .

	<i>D</i> -bordt side			<i>OC</i> <sub>4</sub> side		
	Ni–S	S–C	C=C	Ni–S	S–C	C=C
$[\text{Ni}(\text{D-bordt})_2]^{-1}$	2.302	1.781	1.372	–	–	–
$[\text{Ni}(\text{D-bordt})(\text{OC}_4)]^{-1}$	2.312	1.770	1.380	2.253	1.822	1.377
$[\text{Ni}(\text{OC}_4)_2]^{-1}$	–	–	–	2.256	1.814	1.382



**Table S3** Crystallographic data

Compound	<b>1</b>
Formulae	$C_{32}H_{40}AuO_2S_4$
FW (g.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	781.85
System	triclinic
Space group	P1
a (Å)	10.7823(3)
b (Å)	11.0287(3)
c (Å)	15.3429(4)
$\alpha$ (deg)	107.822(4)
$\beta$ (deg)	91.112(3)
$\gamma$ (deg)	107.275(3)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1646.34(8)
T (K)	100(2)
Crystal size	0.4 × 0.3 × 0.2
Z	2
D <sub>calc</sub> (g.cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.577
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	4.748
Total refls	21867
Abs corr	multi-scan
T <sub>min</sub> , T <sub>max</sub>	0.197, 0.387
Uniq refls (R <sub>int</sub> )	13254 (0.0271)
Uniq refls (I > 2 $\sigma$ (I))	12219
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub>	0.0301, 0.0683
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0358, 0.0713
Flack param.	0.078(14)
GOF	1.021

**Table S4 Cartesian coordinates for optimized neutral doublet [Au(*D*-bordt)(OC<sub>4</sub>)]**

(with methoxy instead of butoxy groups)

Au	1.17738368	0.07582111	-0.07111191
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S	2.90574767	1.89150319	0.07791883
S	-0.64682731	1.67832178	0.10470363
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H	-7.09696458	-4.38000334	2.10558893

**Table S5 Cartesian coordinates for optimized neutral doublet [Au(OC<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]**

(with methoxy instead of butoxy groups)

Au	-0.01603543	-0.02483517	-0.01239909
S	1.77921264	1.64192754	-0.06234781
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C	4.51186810	1.45353870	0.24035201
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**Table S6 Cartesian coordinates for optimized neutral doublet [Au(*D*-bordt)<sub>2</sub>]**

Au	0.00001486	-0.00003287	-0.10352611
S	1.62911134	-1.84549821	-0.10200039
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S	-1.83582941	-1.64035433	-0.08126038
C	3.12253580	-0.87122759	-0.04559190
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C	5.13511088	0.47486240	-1.55872114
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C	-3.20911713	-0.49835914	-0.03755178
C	-5.30743566	0.33587751	0.75654853
C	-4.89857520	0.33375817	2.24798390
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H	-4.47504408	-0.93941651	-2.29886170
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**Table S7 Cartesian coordinates for optimized monoanionic doublet [Ni(*D*-bordt)(OC<sub>4</sub>)]<sup>-1</sup>**

(with methoxy instead of butoxy groups)

Ni	1.36409578	0.08898987	-0.08255991
S	3.02102864	-1.52303527	-0.12497410
S	2.88939930	1.81487304	0.11690327
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C	4.45271280	-0.49020627	0.02659135
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C	5.81970538	1.37951983	0.36819445
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H	5.99702146	2.43776692	0.15545739
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H	6.80291332	1.39597827	-2.38789038
H	6.90418070	-0.36853747	-2.53891623
H	5.33342154	0.41003841	-2.25253665
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H	-7.78684491	-3.21704040	0.91155833
H	-6.88307050	-4.25223724	2.06326418

**Table S8 Cartesian coordinates for optimized monoanionic doublet  $[\text{Ni}(\text{OC}_4)_2]^{-1}$** 

(with methoxy instead of butoxy groups)

Ni	0.02285425	-0.03451997	-0.03133329
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S	1.62712946	-1.62029401	-0.06949921
S	1.59441800	1.58326068	0.04597535
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C	-3.14009666	0.62251065	-0.09385467
C	-4.36471192	1.45946551	-0.24618398
C	-4.54016346	2.63853614	0.51226152
C	-5.36899120	1.13831975	-1.19841348
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C	-6.49981361	1.94604095	-1.36756580
C	-6.65770386	3.10965285	-0.58773039
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C	4.41259679	-1.52539519	-0.19924030
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C	4.57220053	-2.73240875	0.51750859
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H	-8.39303105	-3.94038940	2.35752524
H	-9.48296283	-4.74373774	1.18433748

**Table S9 Cartesian coordinates for optimized monoanionic doublet [Ni(*D*-bordt)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-1</sup>**

Ni	0.00000868	-0.00000689	-0.13342301
S	1.47871325	-1.76392878	-0.13280025
S	1.68207851	1.57158938	-0.11843864
S	-1.47869463	1.76389775	-0.13277030
S	-1.68209555	-1.57158558	-0.11838458
C	3.01591884	-0.87055817	-0.06485541
C	4.44194097	-1.41620106	-0.12574421
C	4.94801807	-1.08975602	-1.58114186
C	5.04363564	0.47689136	-1.57028065
C	4.59588244	0.87320747	-0.10477521
C	3.10334634	0.49836069	-0.05622317
C	5.20598055	-0.33728758	0.73815158
C	4.79466317	-0.33763191	2.22891365
C	6.74885876	-0.44914892	0.68369058
C	4.96701673	2.29471993	0.31158686
C	-3.01591384	0.87055684	-0.06479953
C	-4.44191350	1.41622676	-0.12560398
C	-4.94806897	1.08995884	-1.58099526
C	-5.04348390	-0.47670020	-1.57037310
C	-4.59587987	-0.87318122	-0.10484462
C	-3.10334005	-0.49836564	-0.05614898
C	-5.20599993	0.33719854	0.73818298
C	-4.79471242	0.33741423	2.22894969
C	-6.74887469	0.44913391	0.68368419
C	-4.96708241	-2.29474663	0.31127777
H	4.56465201	-2.46084962	0.17611456
H	4.23701616	-1.46018479	-2.32674759
H	5.92208075	-1.55669829	-1.78200738
H	6.06552774	0.82593171	-1.77682673
H	4.37753715	0.94069225	-2.30583699
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H	3.71156028	-0.26250277	2.35528882
H	5.26302931	0.50383814	2.76023802
H	7.21175810	0.37659848	1.24302490
H	7.15448482	-0.43148945	-0.33203195
H	7.07324130	-1.38746095	1.15742131
H	4.46348772	3.02884265	-0.33080454
H	6.05150459	2.46113645	0.23529428
H	4.65422604	2.50164808	1.34291675
H	-4.56463590	2.46082804	0.17641062
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H	-5.92222220	1.55679784	-1.78167141
H	-6.06529813	-0.82583543	-1.77711748
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H	-5.26258373	-0.50445470	2.76006972
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H	-6.05154931	-2.46117230	0.23470609
H	-4.65453965	-2.50179874	1.34265741

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