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Slow magnetic relaxation in penta-coordinate cobalt(II) field-induced single-ion magnets (SIMs) with easy-axis magnetic anisotropy†

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† Electronic supplementary information (ESI) available: Crystallographic data for selected bond parameters for compounds **1** and **2** are summarized in Tables S1 and S2 as well as the corresponding non-covalent interactions are shown in Tables S3 and S4, respectively. The computational details are given in tables S5–S8. X-ray powder diffractions of the two compounds and packing views are given in Figs S1–S4. The magnetic properties of the complexes are represented in Figs S5–S8. Selected spectral data for Ligands and their complexes are illustrated in Figs. S9–S11, and S12–S13, respectively. The solid state UV/Vis spectra are shown in Figs. S14 and S15. Also, the CCDC deposition numbers are CCDC-1994620 for **1** and CCDC-1994621 for **2**. For ESI and crystallographic data in CIF or other electronic format see DOI:

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Table S1 Selected bond distances (\AA) and bond angles ($^\circ$) of **1**.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Co1-N7 | 2.029(5) | Co1-N1 | 2.052(5) |
| Co1-N6 | 2.060(5) | Co1-N4 | 2.077(5) |
| Co1-N3 | 2.217(4) | S1-C23 | 1.636(6) |
| N7-C23 | 1.146(7) | N7-Co1-N1 | 106.94(19) |
| N7-Co1-N6 | 92.96(19) | N1-Co1-N6 | 104.26(19) |
| N7-Co1-N4 | 90.14(19) | N1-Co1-N4 | 100.74(19) |
| N6-Co1-N4 | 152.69(19) | N7-Co1-N3 | 158.76(19) |
| N1-Co1-N3 | 93.08(18) | N6-Co1-N3 | 88.80(17) |
| N4-Co1-N3 | 78.97(19) | C23-N7-Co1 | 170.2(5) |
| N7-C23-S1 | 179.0(6) | | |

Table S2 Selected bond distances (Å) and bond angles (°) of **2**.

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Co1-N6 | 2.022(4) | Co1-N7 | 2.037(4) |
| Co1-N4 | 2.044(4) | Co1-N1 | 2.060(4) |
| Co1-N2 | 2.311(3) | Co2-N12 | 2.012(4) |
| Co2-N13 | 2.026(3) | Co2-N10 | 2.040(4) |
| Co2-N9 | 2.061(3) | Co2-N8 | 2.289(4) |
| S1-C24 | 1.630(4) | C24-N7 | 1.163(5) |
| S2-C25 | 1.633(7) | C25-N12 | 1.175(8) |
| N6-Co1-N7 | 99.57(14) | N6-Co1-N4 | 111.16(14) |
| N7-Co1-N4 | 94.34(14) | N6-Co1-N1 | 127.74(14) |
| N7-Co1-N1 | 95.94(14) | N4-Co1-N1 | 117.01(14) |
| N6-Co1-N2 | 87.43(13) | N7-Co1-N2 | 172.49(13) |
| N4-Co1-N2 | 85.57(13) | N1-Co1-N2 | 77.50(13) |
| N12-Co2-N13 | 98.92(15) | N12-Co2-N10 | 94.74(16) |
| N13-Co2-N10 | 113.34(14) | N12-Co2-N9 | 95.23(16) |
| N13-Co2-N9 | 128.07(14) | N10-Co2-N9 | 114.89(14) |
| N12-Co2-N8 | 172.14(14) | N13-Co2-N8 | 87.53(13) |
| N10-Co2-N8 | 86.74(13) | N9-Co2-N8 | 77.18(13) |
| C24-N7-Co1 | 168.6(3) | C25-N12-Co2 | 161.1(5) |
| N12-C25-S2 | 175.7(6) | N7-C24-S1 | 179.3(4) |

Table S3: Non-covalent interactions in **1**.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 5-Membered Ring (1) N1 --> N2 --> C1 --> C2 --> C5 | | | | | | | |
| 5-Membered Ring (2) N5 --> N6 --> C12 --> C11 --> C10 | | | | | | | |
| 6-Membered Ring (3) N4 --> C16 --> C17 --> C18 --> C19 --> C20 | | | | | | | |
| Analysis of Ring...Ring Interactions (Cg-Cg < 6 Å, Alpha < 20 °, Beta < 60 °) | | | | | | | |
| - Cg(I),Cg(J) = Center of gravity of ring with plane number I (resp. J) (= ring number in () above) | | | | | | | |
| - Alpha = Dihedral angle between planes I and J (°) | | | | | | | |
| - Beta = Angle Cg(I) --> Cg(J) or Cg(I) --> Me vector and normal to plane I (°) | | | | | | | |
| - Gamma = Angle Cg(I) --> Cg(J) vector and normal to plane J (°) | | | | | | | |
| - Cg-Cg = Distance between ring centroids (Å) | | | | | | | |
| - CgI_Perp = Perpendicular distance of Cg(I) on ring J (Å) | | | | | | | |
| - CgJ_Perp = Perpendicular distance of Cg(J) on ring I (Å) | | | | | | | |
| Cg(I) | Cg(J)[ARU(J)] | Cg-Cg | Alpha | Beta | Gamma | CgI_Perp | CgJ_Perp |
| Cg1 | Cg2 [1555] | 4.739(3) | 67.7(3) | 35.7 | 56.7 | 2.598(2) | 3.847(2) |
| Cg2 | Cg1 [1555] | 4.739(3) | 67.7(3) | 56.7 | 35.7 | 3.847(2) | 2.598(2) |
| Cg3 | Cg1 [1555] | 5.297(3) | 62.9(3) | 49.5 | 68.3 | 1.955(2) | 3.443(2) |
| Cg3 | Cg3 [4564] | 5.669(3) | 23.0(3) | 45.4 | 36.2 | 4.573(2) | 3.981(2) |
| Cg3 | Cg3 [4565] | 5.670(3) | 23.0(3) | 36.2 | 45.4 | 3.982(2) | 4.574(2) |
| Translation of ARU-Code to CIF and Equivalent Position Code | | | | | | | |
| [1555] = X,Y,Z | | | | | | | |
| [4564] = X,3/2-Y,-1/2+Z | | | | | | | |
| [4565] = X,3/2-Y,1/2+Z | | | | | | | |
| Analysis of X-H...Cg(π-Ring) Interactions (H..Cg < 3 Å Gamma < 40 °) | | | | | | | |
| - Cg(J) = Center of gravity of ring J (Plane number above) | | | | | | | |
| - H-Perp = Perpendicular distance of H to ring plane J | | | | | | | |
| - Gamma = Angle between Cg-H vector and ring J normal | | | | | | | |
| - X-H..Cg = X-H-Cg angle (degrees) | | | | | | | |
| - X..Cg = Distance of X to Cg (Angstrom) | | | | | | | |
| - X-H, Pi = Angle of the X-H bond with the Pi-plane (Perp. = 90 °, Par. = 0 °) | | | | | | | |
| X-H(I) | Cg(J) [ARU(J)] | H..Cg | H-Perp | Gamma | X-H..Cg | X..Cg | X-H,Pi |
| C14-H14A | Cg1 [1555] | 2.87 | 2.67 | 21.25 | 159 | 3.797(7) | 66 |
| Translation of ARU-Code to CIF and Equivalent Position Code | | | | | | | |
| [1555] = X,Y,Z | | | | | | | |
| Analysis of Y-X...Cg(π-Ring) Interactions (X..Cg < 4 Å Gamma < 30 °) | | | | | | | |
| Y-X(I) | Cg(J)[ARU(J)] | X..Cg | X-Perp | Gamma | Y-X Cg | Y..Cg | Y-X,Pi |
| C23-S1 | Cg2 [1655] | 3.511(3) | -3.410 | 13.76 | 144.6(2) | 4.937(6) | 52.28 |
| C11-O1 | Cg1 [3565] | 3.512(12) | -3.096 | 28.16 | 148.2(7) | 4.779(3) | 34.98 |
| C11-O9 | Cg3 [2645] | 3.76(3) | 3.380 | 25.88 | 125.5(14) | 4.667(3) | 22.33 |
| C11-O10 | Cg1 [3565] | 3.69(3) | -3.220 | 29.00 | 138.9(18) | 4.779(3) | 30.82 |
| Translation of ARU-Code to CIF and Equivalent Position Code | | | | | | | |
| [1655] = 1+X,Y,Z | | | | | | | |
| [3565] = -X,1-Y,-Z | | | | | | | |

$$[2645] = 1-X, -1/2+Y, 1/2-Z$$

The Cg(l) refer to the ring Centre-of-Gravity numbers given in ()

| Cg(l) | x | y | z |
|-------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Cg1 | 0.2287(3) | 0.58066(8) | -0.0173(2) |
| Cg2 | 0.2398(3) | 0.56339(8) | 0.4134(2) |
| Cg3 | 0.5267(2) | 0.72563(8) | 0.1123(2) |

Analysis of Potential Hydrogen Bonds and Schemes

($d(D...A) < R(D) + R(A) + 0.50 \text{ \AA}$, $d(H...A) < R(H) + R(A) - 0.12 \text{ \AA}$, $D-H...A > 100.0^\circ$)

| Nr | D--H | Accept | [ARU] | D--H | D-H..A | A..H..A* |
|----|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|
| 1 | O7--H7 | O2 | [1555] | 2.963(14) | 154 | |
| 2 | O7--H7 | O8 | [1555] | 3.15(3) | 149 | 43' |
| 3 | O7--H7 | O11 | [1555] | 3.12(2) | 134" | 21" |
| 4 | C7--H7A | S1 | [1455] | 3.689(6) | 159 | |
| 5 | C7--H7B | O11 | [3565] | 3.37(2) | 161 | |
| 6 | C8--H8A | O5 | [4565] | 3.143(7) | 123 | |
| 7 | C8--H8B | O8 | [3566] | 3.47(2) | 160 | |
| 8 | C13--H13A | O1 | [3566] | 3.337(12) | 134 | |
| 9 | C14--H14B | O7 | [1555] | 3.385(8) | 162 | |
| 10 | C15--H15B | O5 | [1555] | 2.872(7) | 102 | |
| 11 | C15--H15B | O4 | [2555] | 3.533(10) | 166' | 85' |
| 12 | C19--H19 | O3 | [3665] | 3.441(10) | 174 | |
| 13 | C19--H19 | O11 | [3665] | 3.17(2) | 123' | 53' |
| 14 | C21--H21A | O4 | [2655] | 3.311(11) | 157 | |
| 15 | C21--H21A | O8 | [2655] | 3.05(2) | 130' | 34' |
| 16 | C21--H21C | O9 | [3665] | 3.25(3) | 131 | |
| 17 | C22--H22C | O2 | [2655] | 3.388(12) | 163 | |

Translation of ARU-Code to CIF and Equivalent Position Code

$$[3565] = -X, 1-Y, -Z$$

$$[4565] = X, 3/2-Y, 1/2+Z$$

$$[1455] = -1+X, Y, Z$$

$$[3566] = -X, 1-Y, 1-Z$$

$$[2655] = 1-X, 1/2+Y, 1/2-Z$$

$$[3665] = 1-X, 1-Y, -Z$$

$$[2555] = -X, 1/2+Y, 1/2-Z$$

Table S4: Non-covalent interactions in **2**.

| 5-Membered Ring (1) N10 --> N11 --> C37 --> C36 --> C39 | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|---------|------------|------------|
| 5-Membered Ring (2) N13 --> N14 --> C43 --> C45 --> C46 | | | | | | | |
| 6-Membered Ring (3) N9 --> C28 --> C26 --> C29 --> C31 --> C33 | | | | | | | |
| 5-Membered Ring (4) N3 --> N4 --> C15 --> C13 --> C12 | | | | | | | |
| 5-Membered Ring (5) N5 --> N6 --> C20 --> C22 --> C19 | | | | | | | |
| 6-Membered Ring (6) N1 --> C1 --> C4 --> C3 --> C8 --> C9 | | | | | | | |
| Analysis of Ring-Ring Interactions (Cg-Cg < 6 Å, Alpha < 20 °, Beta < 60 °) | | | | | | | |
| - Cg(I), Cg(J) = Center of gravity of ring with plane number I (resp. J) (= ring number in () above) | | | | | | | |
| - Alpha = Dihedral Angle between Planes I and J (°) | | | | | | | |
| - Beta = Angle Cg(I) --> Cg(J) or Cg(I)-->Me vector and normal to plane I (°) | | | | | | | |
| - Gamma = Angle Cg(I) --> Cg(J) vector and normal to plane J (°) | | | | | | | |
| - Cg-Cg = Distance between ring Centroids (Å) | | | | | | | |
| - CgI_Perp = Perpendicular distance of Cg(I) on ring J (Å) | | | | | | | |
| - CgJ_Perp = Perpendicular distance of Cg(J) on ring I (Å) | | | | | | | |
| Cg(I) | Cg(J) [ARU(J)] | Cg-Cg | Alpha | Beta | Gamma | CgI_Perp | CgJ_Perp |
| Cg1 | Cg5 [2665] | 5.429(3) | 55.5(3) | 13.8 | 65.5 | 2.2518(19) | 5.2730(19) |
| Cg3 | Cg1 [1555] | 5.436(3) | 86.7(2) | 53.3 | 65.6 | 2.2445(18) | 3.2456(18) |
| Cg3 | Cg6 [1655] | 5.456(3) | 26.4(2) | 33.9 | 53.0 | 3.2814(18) | 4.5266(18) |
| Cg4 | Cg2 [2666] | 5.380(3) | 54.4(3) | 12.0 | 65.2 | 2.2561(19) | 5.2620(19) |
| Cg6 | Cg3 [1455] | 5.456(3) | 26.4(2) | 53.0 | 33.9 | 4.5266(18) | 3.2815(18) |
| Cg6 | Cg4 [1555] | 5.522(3) | 89.0(2) | 55.3 | 66.8 | 2.1792(18) | 3.1413(18) |
| Translation of ARU-Code to CIF and Equivalent Position Code | | | | | | | |
| [2665] = 1-X,1-Y,-Z | | | | | | | |
| [1555] = X,Y,Z | | | | | | | |
| [1655] = 1+X,Y,Z | | | | | | | |
| [2666] = 1-X,1-Y,1-Z | | | | | | | |
| [1455] = -1+X,Y,Z | | | | | | | |
| [1555] = X,Y,Z | | | | | | | |
| Analysis of X-H...Cg(π-Ring) Interactions (H..Cg < 3.0 Å, Gamma < 40 °) | | | | | | | |
| - Cg(J) = Center of gravity of ring J (Plane number above) | | | | | | | |
| - H-Perp = Perpendicular distance of H to ring plane J | | | | | | | |
| - Gamma = Angle between Cg-H vector and ring J normal | | | | | | | |
| - X-H..Cg = X-H-Cg angle (°) | | | | | | | |
| - X..Cg = Distance of X to Cg (Å) | | | | | | | |
| - X-H, π = Angle of the X-H bond with the π -plane (Perp. = 90 °, Par. = 0 °) | | | | | | | |
| X--H(I) | Cg(J) [ARU(J)] | H..Cg | H-Perp | Gamma | X-H..Cg | X..Cg | X-H, π |
| C23-H23A | Cg1 [2665] | 2.75 | -2.65 | 15.33 | 133 | 3.495(5) | 53 |
| C35-H35B | Cg3 [1555] | 2.98 | -2.47 | 33.86 | 152 | 3.880(5) | 30 |
| C44-H44A | Cg4 [2666] | 2.80 | 2.60 | 21.61 | 131 | 3.520(5) | 53 |
| Translation of ARU-Code to CIF and Equivalent Position Code | | | | | | | |
| [2665] = 1-X,1-Y,-Z | | | | | | | |
| [1555] = X,Y,Z | | | | | | | |

[2666] = 1-X,1-Y,1-Z

Analysis of Y-X...Cg(π -Ring) Interactions (X..Cg < 4.0 Å - Gamma < 30.0 °)

| Y--X(I) | Cg(J) [ARU(J)] | X..Cg | X-Perp | Gamma | Y-X..Cg | Y..Cg | Y-X,Pi |
|---------|----------------|----------|--------|-------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| C24-S1 | Cg2 [2666] | 3.744(2) | 3.669 | 11.47 | 80.06(18) | 3.816(5) | 0.88 |
| C25-S2 | Cg5 [2665] | 3.574(3) | -3.546 | 7.11 | 91.1(3) | 3.958(7) | 5.24 |
| C49-S3 | Cg6 [1655] | 3.712(5) | -3.595 | 14.41 | 103.3(5) | 4.385(16) | 24.13 |
| Cl1-O2 | Cg6 [1655] | 3.913(5) | 3.541 | 25.16 | 118.2(2) | 4.757(2) | 51.17 |
| Cl1-O3 | Cg1 [1565] | 3.526(5) | 3.249 | 22.85 | 139.3(2) | 4.699(2) | 66.26 |
| Cl2-O5 | Cg3 [1555] | 3.922(5) | -3.450 | 28.41 | 120.3(2) | 4.809(2) | 57.05 |
| Cl2-O8 | Cg4 [1545] | 3.463(4) | -3.256 | 19.89 | 145.9(2) | 4.716(2) | 70.09 |

[2666] = 1-X,1-Y,1-Z

[2665] = 1-X,1-Y,-Z

[1655] = 1+X,Y,Z

[1565] = X,1+Y,Z

[1555] = X,Y,Z

[1545] = X,-1+Y,Z

The Cg(I) refer to the Ring Centre-of-Gravity numbers given in ()

| Cg(I) | x | y | z |
|-------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cg1 | 0.71278(16) | 0.08252(12) | 0.18014(12) |
| Cg2 | 0.94498(16) | 0.29634(12) | 0.42166(12) |
| Cg3 | 0.49043(16) | 0.34185(12) | 0.26430(12) |
| Cg4 | 0.16866(16) | 0.92528(12) | 0.32348(12) |
| Cg5 | 0.26404(16) | 0.70668(12) | 0.08822(12) |
| Cg6 | -0.21543(16) | 0.66370(12) | 0.23740(12) |

Analysis of Potential Hydrogen Bonds and Schemes

(d(D...A) < R(D) + R(A) + 0.50 Å, d(H...A) < R(H) + R(A)-0.12 Å, D-H...A > 100.0 °)

| Donor--H | Acceptor | [ARU] | D - H | H...A | D...A | D - H...A |
|-----------|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|-----------|
| C5--H5A | O10 | | 0.98 | 2.41 | 2.862(6) | 107 |
| C6--H6A | O2 | [1455] | 0.98 | 2.59 | 3.415(8) | 142 |
| C9--H9 | N7 | | 0.95 | 2.56 | 3.144(6) | 120 |
| C11--H11B | N1 | | 0.99 | 2.58 | 3.323(6) | 132 |
| C14--H14C | O1 | [1455] | 0.98 | 2.53 | 3.478(6) | 162 |
| C28--H28 | N12 | | 0.95 | 2.53 | 3.105(6) | 119 |
| C30--H30A | O5 | [1555] | 0.98 | 2.53 | 3.442(7) | 155 |
| C32--H32B | O9 | | 0.98 | 2.56 | 2.889(6) | 100 |
| C35--H35B | N9 | | 0.99 | 2.54 | 3.279(6) | 131 |
| C38--H38C | O7 | [1555] | 0.98 | 2.44 | 3.382(6) | 162 |

No standard hydrogen bonds found

Translation of ARU-Code to CIF and Equivalent Position Code Translation of ARU-Code

[1455] = -1+X,Y,Z

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Table S5 Cartesian coordinates of 1 used for theoretical calculations.

| | | | |
|----|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Co | <u>3.31100000</u> | <u>19.09500000</u> | <u>2.33000000</u> |
| S | <u>7.45500000</u> | <u>16.85700000</u> | <u>3.22500000</u> |
| O | <u>3.06900000</u> | <u>24.34600000</u> | <u>1.73400000</u> |
| O | <u>5.19500000</u> | <u>24.52800000</u> | <u>0.10400000</u> |
| N | <u>2.59000000</u> | <u>18.44800000</u> | <u>0.52100000</u> |
| N | <u>1.24100000</u> | <u>18.30700000</u> | <u>0.34100000</u> |
| N | <u>1.62800000</u> | <u>20.50700000</u> | <u>2.63100000</u> |
| N | <u>4.19500000</u> | <u>20.89100000</u> | <u>1.77500000</u> |
| N | <u>1.67400000</u> | <u>18.23800000</u> | <u>4.75800000</u> |
| N | <u>2.43900000</u> | <u>17.83200000</u> | <u>3.70500000</u> |
| N | <u>5.14500000</u> | <u>18.26000000</u> | <u>2.56900000</u> |
| C | <u>0.95100000</u> | <u>17.33100000</u> | <u>-0.54200000</u> |
| C | <u>2.16800000</u> | <u>16.82500000</u> | <u>-0.95900000</u> |
| H | <u>2.30300000</u> | <u>16.11400000</u> | <u>-1.57500000</u> |
| C | <u>-0.43600000</u> | <u>16.95300000</u> | <u>-0.91400000</u> |
| H | <u>-0.96300000</u> | <u>16.80600000</u> | <u>-0.10100000</u> |
| H | <u>-0.42000000</u> | <u>16.13200000</u> | <u>-1.44700000</u> |
| H | <u>-0.84000000</u> | <u>17.67600000</u> | <u>-1.43900000</u> |
| C | <u>4.63700000</u> | <u>17.41300000</u> | <u>-0.44800000</u> |
| H | <u>5.07600000</u> | <u>18.20200000</u> | <u>-0.06600000</u> |
| H | <u>4.86900000</u> | <u>17.33900000</u> | <u>-1.39700000</u> |
| H | <u>4.93900000</u> | <u>16.61000000</u> | <u>0.02600000</u> |
| C | <u>3.15400000</u> | <u>17.55000000</u> | <u>-0.30500000</u> |
| C | <u>0.85100000</u> | <u>20.56400000</u> | <u>1.36000000</u> |
| H | <u>1.44000000</u> | <u>20.90500000</u> | <u>0.64200000</u> |
| H | <u>0.10800000</u> | <u>21.20700000</u> | <u>1.47100000</u> |
| C | <u>0.27800000</u> | <u>19.23800000</u> | <u>0.92000000</u> |
| H | <u>-0.14600000</u> | <u>18.80400000</u> | <u>1.70300000</u> |
| H | <u>-0.43300000</u> | <u>19.40900000</u> | <u>0.25400000</u> |
| C | <u>1.41900000</u> | <u>19.64800000</u> | <u>4.96600000</u> |
| H | <u>2.27800000</u> | <u>20.11900000</u> | <u>5.11100000</u> |
| H | <u>0.86700000</u> | <u>19.76500000</u> | <u>5.78000000</u> |
| C | <u>0.70200000</u> | <u>20.26400000</u> | <u>3.77900000</u> |
| H | <u>-0.02600000</u> | <u>19.65900000</u> | <u>3.48800000</u> |
| H | <u>0.29200000</u> | <u>21.12200000</u> | <u>4.05500000</u> |
| C | <u>1.21800000</u> | <u>17.19200000</u> | <u>5.47000000</u> |
| C | <u>1.72700000</u> | <u>16.07400000</u> | <u>4.88200000</u> |
| H | <u>1.60000000</u> | <u>15.17800000</u> | <u>5.16900000</u> |
| C | <u>2.46700000</u> | <u>16.49300000</u> | <u>3.77900000</u> |
| C | <u>0.32200000</u> | <u>17.34600000</u> | <u>6.64800000</u> |
| H | <u>0.74500000</u> | <u>17.93700000</u> | <u>7.30500000</u> |
| H | <u>0.16100000</u> | <u>16.46800000</u> | <u>7.05300000</u> |
| H | <u>-0.53100000</u> | <u>17.73400000</u> | <u>6.36100000</u> |
| C | <u>3.18000000</u> | <u>15.64000000</u> | <u>2.78700000</u> |
| H | <u>3.00600000</u> | <u>15.97500000</u> | <u>1.88300000</u> |
| H | <u>2.85800000</u> | <u>14.71700000</u> | <u>2.86100000</u> |
| H | <u>4.14200000</u> | <u>15.66500000</u> | <u>2.96700000</u> |

| | | | |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>C</u> | <u>2.26100000</u> | <u>21.83000000</u> | <u>2.86000000</u> |
| <u>H</u> | <u>2.51700000</u> | <u>21.91100000</u> | <u>3.81200000</u> |
| <u>H</u> | <u>1.60900000</u> | <u>22.54600000</u> | <u>2.65600000</u> |
| <u>C</u> | <u>3.48500000</u> | <u>22.01100000</u> | <u>1.99800000</u> |
| <u>C</u> | <u>3.83200000</u> | <u>23.24200000</u> | <u>1.48600000</u> |
| <u>C</u> | <u>4.95800000</u> | <u>23.32400000</u> | <u>0.64200000</u> |
| <u>C</u> | <u>5.70600000</u> | <u>22.17800000</u> | <u>0.44200000</u> |
| <u>H</u> | <u>6.49300000</u> | <u>22.20200000</u> | <u>-0.09000000</u> |
| <u>C</u> | <u>5.29600000</u> | <u>21.00800000</u> | <u>1.02100000</u> |
| <u>H</u> | <u>5.82500000</u> | <u>20.23300000</u> | <u>0.88000000</u> |
| <u>C</u> | <u>6.37700000</u> | <u>24.63400000</u> | <u>-0.72900000</u> |
| <u>H</u> | <u>7.16700000</u> | <u>24.38300000</u> | <u>-0.20700000</u> |
| <u>H</u> | <u>6.47200000</u> | <u>25.55600000</u> | <u>-1.04500000</u> |
| <u>H</u> | <u>6.28800000</u> | <u>24.03100000</u> | <u>-1.49700000</u> |
| <u>C</u> | <u>3.41500000</u> | <u>25.04600000</u> | <u>2.93100000</u> |
| <u>H</u> | <u>3.19900000</u> | <u>24.49000000</u> | <u>3.70800000</u> |
| <u>H</u> | <u>2.90900000</u> | <u>25.88400000</u> | <u>2.97700000</u> |
| <u>H</u> | <u>4.37500000</u> | <u>25.24400000</u> | <u>2.92700000</u> |
| <u>C</u> | <u>6.09200000</u> | <u>17.67300000</u> | <u>2.83400000</u> |

Table S6 Cartesian coordinates of **2** used for theoretical calculations.

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Co | -1.60800000 | 11.25500000 | 3.62000000 |
| C | -4.40800000 | 10.82700000 | 2.77400000 |
| C | -3.84700000 | 11.56400000 | 1.60600000 |
| H | -3.51400000 | 10.91400000 | 0.93700000 |
| H | -4.56500000 | 12.09800000 | 1.18000000 |
| C | -6.13700000 | 9.64600000 | 3.91300000 |
| C | -5.74500000 | 10.40200000 | 2.82300000 |
| C | -6.71000000 | 10.76000000 | 1.71700000 |
| H | -7.55000000 | 10.27200000 | 1.84300000 |
| H | -6.31800000 | 10.51900000 | 0.85100000 |
| H | -6.88700000 | 11.72400000 | 1.73700000 |
| C | -8.35600000 | 10.09500000 | 4.57700000 |
| H | -8.04200000 | 10.34900000 | 5.47000000 |
| H | -9.23600000 | 9.67100000 | 4.64900000 |
| H | -8.42400000 | 10.89600000 | 4.01600000 |
| C | -5.64300000 | 8.39600000 | 6.06800000 |
| H | -4.85800000 | 8.18100000 | 6.61400000 |
| H | -6.04300000 | 7.56800000 | 5.73100000 |
| H | -6.30000000 | 8.87600000 | 6.61700000 |
| C | -5.22700000 | 9.26600000 | 4.90500000 |
| C | -3.93500000 | 9.72600000 | 4.76000000 |
| H | -3.30000000 | 9.48700000 | 5.42600000 |
| C | -3.26700000 | 13.76500000 | 2.52900000 |
| H | -4.10900000 | 13.97400000 | 2.05100000 |
| H | -2.61800000 | 14.48100000 | 2.31100000 |
| C | -3.54000000 | 13.80200000 | 4.02200000 |
| H | -4.14200000 | 14.56000000 | 4.23300000 |
| H | -3.98900000 | 12.96500000 | 4.30000000 |
| C | -1.88800000 | 14.93700000 | 5.58900000 |
| C | -0.57200000 | 14.66900000 | 5.92500000 |
| H | -0.02100000 | 15.17400000 | 6.51200000 |
| C | -2.75400000 | 16.07500000 | 5.97700000 |
| H | -2.88100000 | 16.66600000 | 5.20600000 |
| H | -2.32900000 | 16.57600000 | 6.70500000 |
| H | -3.62300000 | 15.73700000 | 6.27700000 |
| C | -0.21500000 | 13.50900000 | 5.23300000 |
| C | 1.10400000 | 12.79700000 | 5.17500000 |
| H | 1.08800000 | 12.02900000 | 5.78600000 |
| H | 1.82000000 | 13.41100000 | 5.44400000 |
| H | 1.26800000 | 12.48400000 | 4.26200000 |
| C | -1.90600000 | 12.78700000 | 0.80900000 |
| H | -2.28300000 | 13.58000000 | 0.35300000 |
| H | -1.94200000 | 12.02600000 | 0.17700000 |
| C | -0.45900000 | 13.06400000 | 1.17300000 |
| H | -0.03500000 | 13.60000000 | 0.45800000 |
| H | -0.42400000 | 13.58700000 | 2.01300000 |
| C | 1.26200000 | 11.30400000 | 0.56600000 |

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | 0.51200000 | 9.74700000 | 1.98700000 |
| C | 0.24800000 | 8.46100000 | 2.70300000 |
| H | 0.81900000 | 8.40700000 | 3.49800000 |
| H | 0.44500000 | 7.70900000 | 2.10700000 |
| H | -0.69300000 | 8.42500000 | 2.97500000 |
| C | 1.44000000 | 9.99900000 | 0.98100000 |
| H | 2.08000000 | 9.38500000 | 0.64100000 |
| C | 1.91500000 | 12.06100000 | -0.52400000 |
| H | 1.34700000 | 12.04000000 | -1.32300000 |
| H | 2.78300000 | 11.65500000 | -0.73100000 |
| H | 2.04900000 | 12.99100000 | -0.24400000 |
| C | -0.21500000 | 9.64700000 | 5.99300000 |
| N | -3.51700000 | 10.49200000 | 3.74000000 |
| N | -2.73500000 | 12.46800000 | 2.00800000 |
| N | -2.27700000 | 13.95400000 | 4.75600000 |
| N | -1.27100000 | 13.06000000 | 4.51700000 |
| N | 0.27500000 | 11.81300000 | 1.34700000 |
| N | -0.20600000 | 10.86500000 | 2.21500000 |
| N | -0.84900000 | 10.16800000 | 5.16700000 |
| O | -7.43500000 | 9.18300000 | 3.99100000 |
| S | 0.68100000 | 8.90600000 | 7.13300000 |

Table S7 Energy levels (cm⁻¹) of ligand field multiplets for **1** and **2** calculated using CASSCF/NEVTP2 in zero magnetic field.

| | 1 | 2 |
|----|----------|----------|
| 0 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 2 | 85.6 | 14.5 |
| 3 | 85.6 | 14.5 |
| 4 | 1446.9 | 3519.1 |
| 5 | 1446.9 | 3519.1 |
| 6 | 1656.2 | 3667.5 |
| 7 | 1656.2 | 3667.5 |
| 8 | 2068.0 | 5019.7 |
| 9 | 2068.0 | 5019.7 |
| 10 | 2175.9 | 5146.6 |
| 11 | 2175.9 | 5146.6 |
| 12 | 5061.0 | 6143.3 |
| 13 | 5061.0 | 6143.3 |
| 14 | 5158.5 | 6288.6 |
| 15 | 5158.5 | 6288.6 |
| 16 | 9183.2 | 7083.0 |
| 17 | 9183.2 | 7083.0 |
| 18 | 9205.3 | 7187.9 |
| 19 | 9205.3 | 7187.9 |
| 20 | 9567.6 | 13136.3 |
| 21 | 9567.6 | 13136.3 |
| 22 | 10575.4 | 13204.7 |
| 23 | 10575.4 | 13204.7 |
| 24 | 10694.5 | 13413.3 |
| 25 | 10694.5 | 13413.3 |
| 26 | 14925.4 | 15215.1 |
| 27 | 14925.4 | 15215.1 |
| 28 | 16022.3 | 15475.8 |
| 29 | 16022.3 | 15475.8 |
| 30 | 16386.1 | 15507.8 |
| 31 | 16386.1 | 15507.8 |
| 32 | 16577.0 | 18521.9 |
| 33 | 16577.0 | 18521.9 |
| 34 | 16655.8 | 19261.5 |
| 35 | 16655.8 | 19261.5 |
| 36 | 19146.0 | 20369.6 |
| 37 | 19146.0 | 20369.6 |
| 38 | 19656.4 | 20441.8 |
| 39 | 19656.4 | 20441.8 |
| 40 | 20506.2 | 20650.8 |
| 41 | 20506.2 | 20650.8 |
| 42 | 20722.0 | 21561.2 |
| 43 | 20722.0 | 21561.2 |
| 44 | 20777.8 | 21904.2 |

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| 45 | 20777.8 | 21904.2 |
| 46 | 20860.6 | 22380.3 |
| 47 | 20860.6 | 22380.3 |
| 48 | 21070.5 | 22872.6 |
| 49 | 21070.5 | 22872.6 |
| 50 | 21248.6 | 23021.8 |
| 51 | 21248.6 | 23021.8 |
| 52 | 22252.2 | 23163.5 |
| 53 | 22252.2 | 23163.5 |
| 54 | 23167.0 | 23363.5 |
| 55 | 23167.0 | 23363.5 |
| 56 | 23419.4 | 24201.8 |
| 57 | 23419.4 | 24201.8 |
| 58 | 24015.5 | 24258.3 |
| 59 | 24015.5 | 24258.3 |
| 60 | 25765.3 | 24442.4 |
| 61 | 25765.3 | 24442.4 |
| 62 | 25836.5 | 25526.1 |
| 63 | 25836.5 | 25526.1 |
| 64 | 27332.3 | 27331.0 |
| 65 | 27332.3 | 27331.0 |
| 66 | 28123.5 | 27822.1 |
| 67 | 28123.5 | 27822.1 |
| 68 | 28632.9 | 29385.0 |
| 69 | 28632.9 | 29385.0 |
| 70 | 29383.7 | 30577.9 |
| 71 | 29383.7 | 30577.9 |
| 72 | 30551.3 | 30939.5 |
| 73 | 30551.3 | 30939.5 |
| 74 | 31157.3 | 31957.0 |
| 75 | 31157.3 | 31957.0 |
| 76 | 32047.2 | 32429.4 |
| 77 | 32047.2 | 32429.4 |
| 78 | 32749.8 | 32641.8 |
| 79 | 32749.8 | 32641.8 |
| 80 | 33102.7 | 32987.0 |
| 81 | 33102.7 | 32987.0 |
| 82 | 33657.1 | 33142.6 |
| 83 | 33657.1 | 33142.6 |
| 84 | 34351.9 | 33601.6 |
| 85 | 34351.9 | 33601.6 |
| 86 | 34758.2 | 34565.1 |
| 87 | 34758.2 | 34565.1 |
| 88 | 35150.6 | 35153.8 |
| 89 | 35150.6 | 35153.8 |
| 90 | 36221.6 | 35527.3 |
| 91 | 36221.6 | 35527.3 |
| 92 | 36640.1 | 37447.1 |
| 93 | 36640.1 | 37447.1 |

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|-----|---------|---------|
| 94 | 37309.1 | 38121.7 |
| 95 | 37309.1 | 38121.7 |
| 96 | 41535.3 | 42422.2 |
| 97 | 41535.3 | 42422.2 |
| 98 | 43019.5 | 42733.0 |
| 99 | 43019.5 | 42733.0 |
| 100 | 43198.8 | 43123.1 |
| 101 | 43198.8 | 43123.1 |
| 102 | 44862.0 | 44360.0 |
| 103 | 44862.0 | 44360.0 |
| 104 | 45114.3 | 44983.0 |
| 105 | 45114.3 | 44983.0 |
| 106 | 45575.7 | 45210.7 |
| 107 | 45575.7 | 45210.7 |
| 108 | 45657.8 | 45553.3 |
| 109 | 45657.8 | 45553.3 |
| 110 | 62233.7 | 63746.5 |
| 111 | 62233.7 | 63746.5 |
| 112 | 63671.2 | 64102.9 |
| 113 | 63671.2 | 64102.9 |
| 114 | 66522.7 | 65137.5 |
| 115 | 66522.7 | 65137.5 |
| 116 | 66747.9 | 66378.1 |
| 117 | 66747.9 | 66378.1 |
| 118 | 68065.9 | 67141.0 |
| 119 | 68065.9 | 67141.0 |

Table S8. Individual contributions to D -tensor for **1** and **2** calculated using CASSCF/NEVTP2.

| 1 | | | | 2 | | | |
|--------------|------|---------|--------|--------------|------|---------|--------|
| Multiplicity | Root | D | E | Multiplicity | Root | D | E |
| 4 | 0 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 4 | 0 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 1 | -20.124 | -6.991 | 4 | 1 | 5.940 | -7.511 |
| 4 | 2 | -12.000 | -7.987 | 4 | 2 | -8.983 | -0.382 |
| 4 | 3 | -10.689 | 1.566 | 4 | 3 | -10.466 | -0.451 |
| 4 | 4 | 5.504 | 2.057 | 4 | 4 | 8.477 | 5.777 |
| 4 | 5 | -0.424 | -0.132 | 4 | 5 | -0.602 | -0.094 |
| 4 | 6 | 0.034 | 0.079 | 4 | 6 | 0.156 | 0.057 |
| 4 | 7 | 0.118 | -0.038 | 4 | 7 | -0.002 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 8 | -0.034 | 0.001 | 4 | 8 | 0.073 | -0.001 |
| 4 | 9 | -0.096 | -0.009 | 4 | 9 | -0.097 | 0.002 |
| 2 | 0 | -1.463 | 1.568 | 2 | 0 | -0.629 | 0.194 |
| 2 | 1 | -0.157 | 0.015 | 2 | 1 | 0.560 | -0.002 |
| 2 | 2 | -0.942 | 0.166 | 2 | 2 | -0.686 | 0.373 |
| 2 | 3 | -0.204 | -0.379 | 2 | 3 | 0.005 | 0.001 |
| 2 | 4 | 0.552 | 0.050 | 2 | 4 | 0.092 | 0.041 |
| 2 | 5 | 1.957 | -0.009 | 2 | 5 | -0.532 | 0.644 |
| 2 | 6 | 0.499 | -0.074 | 2 | 6 | -1.430 | 1.620 |
| 2 | 7 | -1.300 | 1.396 | 2 | 7 | 3.052 | 0.134 |
| 2 | 8 | -1.929 | -1.701 | 2 | 8 | -2.557 | -2.267 |
| 2 | 9 | 0.169 | -0.055 | 2 | 9 | -0.085 | 0.065 |
| 2 | 10 | 0.010 | -0.008 | 2 | 10 | 0.138 | 0.007 |
| 2 | 11 | 0.156 | 0.007 | 2 | 11 | 0.026 | 0.000 |
| 2 | 12 | 0.188 | -0.004 | 2 | 12 | -0.141 | 0.149 |
| 2 | 13 | -0.037 | 0.078 | 2 | 13 | 0.028 | 0.002 |
| 2 | 14 | 0.213 | -0.001 | 2 | 14 | 0.487 | 0.021 |
| 2 | 15 | 0.107 | -0.046 | 2 | 15 | -0.174 | -0.002 |
| 2 | 16 | -0.158 | 0.143 | 2 | 16 | -0.032 | -0.044 |
| 2 | 17 | -0.292 | -0.169 | 2 | 17 | 0.368 | 0.006 |
| 2 | 18 | 0.200 | -0.004 | 2 | 18 | -0.067 | 0.076 |
| 2 | 19 | -0.085 | 0.070 | 2 | 19 | 0.041 | -0.003 |
| 2 | 20 | -0.577 | 0.118 | 2 | 20 | -0.227 | -0.137 |
| 2 | 21 | 0.054 | 0.054 | 2 | 21 | -0.092 | -0.079 |
| 2 | 22 | 0.098 | 0.001 | 2 | 22 | -0.034 | -0.162 |
| 2 | 23 | -0.492 | -0.208 | 2 | 23 | -0.220 | 0.051 |
| 2 | 24 | 0.148 | -0.035 | 2 | 24 | -0.067 | 0.085 |
| 2 | 25 | -0.059 | -0.033 | 2 | 25 | 0.316 | 0.031 |
| 2 | 26 | -0.029 | 0.077 | 2 | 26 | 0.033 | 0.007 |
| 2 | 27 | 0.103 | 0.018 | 2 | 27 | -0.011 | -0.015 |
| 2 | 28 | 0.271 | -0.048 | 2 | 28 | 0.245 | 0.001 |
| 2 | 29 | -0.051 | 0.043 | 2 | 29 | -0.114 | -0.037 |
| 2 | 30 | -0.098 | 0.086 | 2 | 30 | 0.089 | 0.004 |
| 2 | 31 | -0.023 | -0.028 | 2 | 31 | -0.080 | 0.006 |
| 2 | 32 | -0.001 | -0.001 | 2 | 32 | 0.006 | -0.005 |
| 2 | 33 | 0.126 | 0.008 | 2 | 33 | -0.001 | -0.000 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|----|--------|--------|---|----|--------|--------|
| 2 | 34 | -0.024 | 0.008 | 2 | 34 | 0.001 | -0.000 |
| 2 | 35 | -0.015 | -0.023 | 2 | 35 | -0.036 | 0.011 |
| 2 | 36 | -0.000 | 0.000 | 2 | 36 | -0.002 | 0.002 |
| 2 | 37 | -0.000 | -0.002 | 2 | 37 | -0.004 | -0.003 |
| 2 | 38 | -0.019 | 0.019 | 2 | 38 | 0.003 | -0.001 |
| 2 | 39 | -0.015 | 0.009 | 2 | 39 | -0.000 | 0.007 |

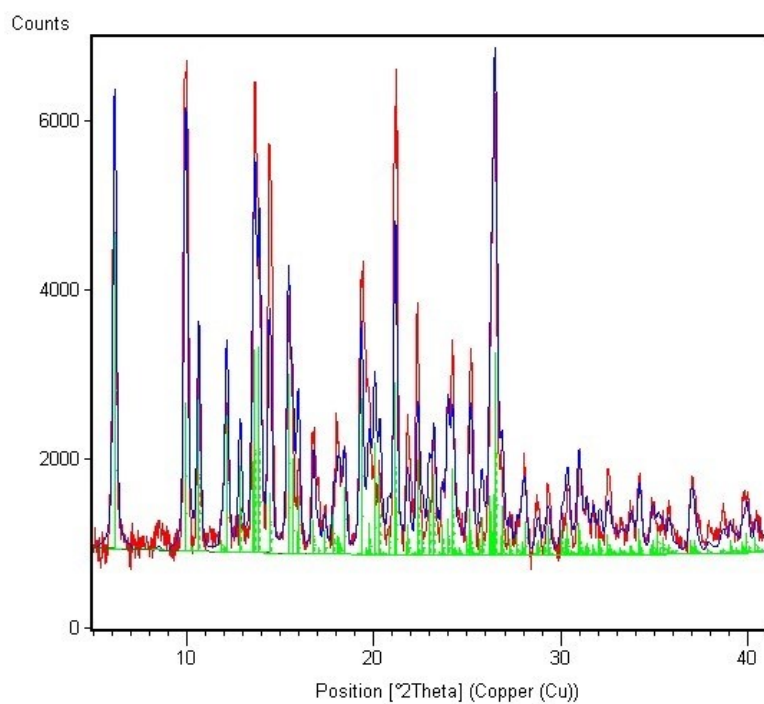


Fig. S1 Comparison of experimental and simulated XRPD spectra of **1**.

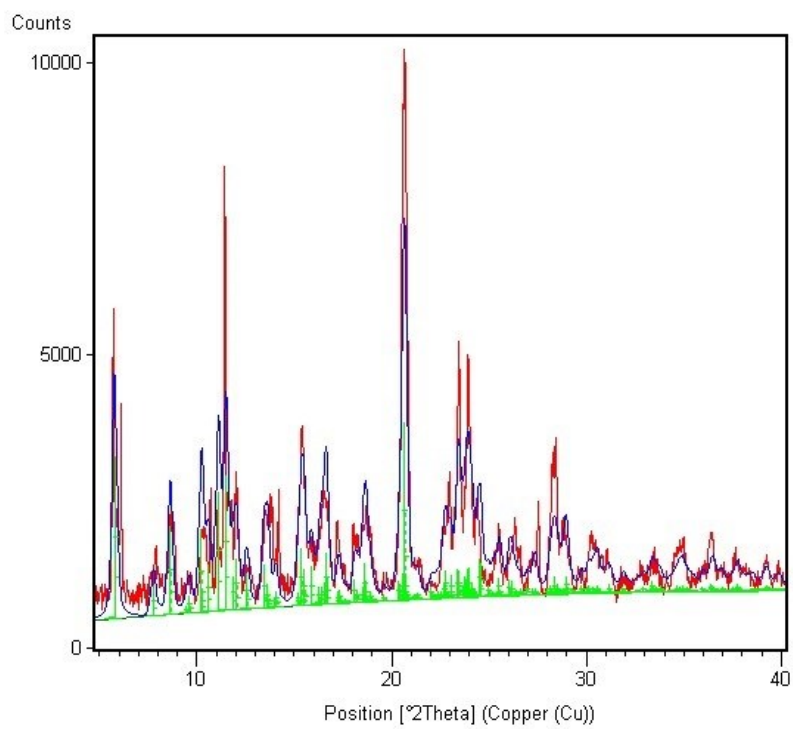


Fig. S2 Comparison of experimental and simulated XRPD spectra of **2**.

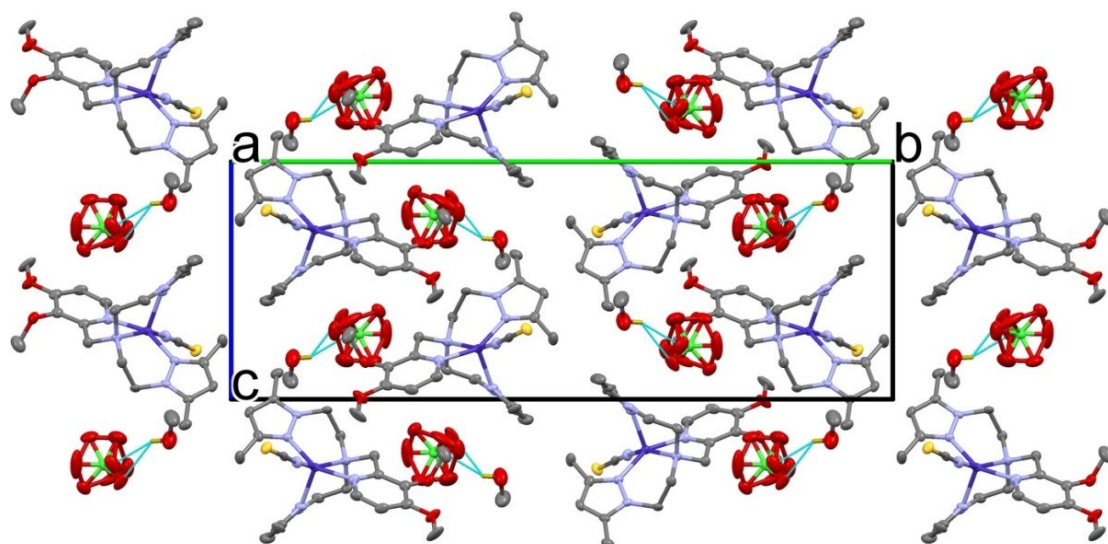


Fig. S3 Packing view of **1**.

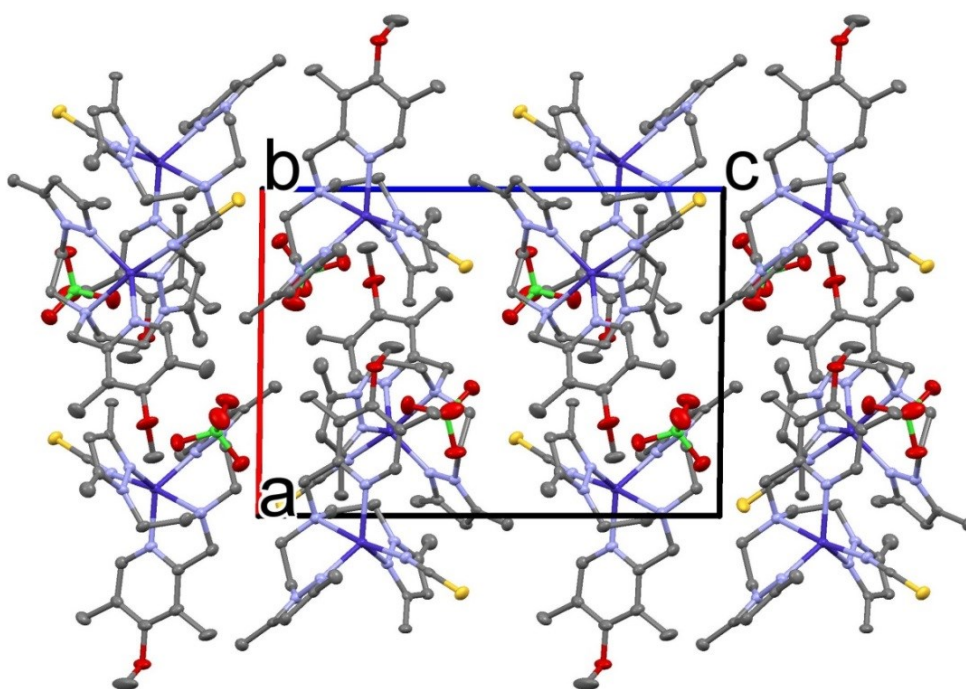


Fig. S4 Packing view of **2**.

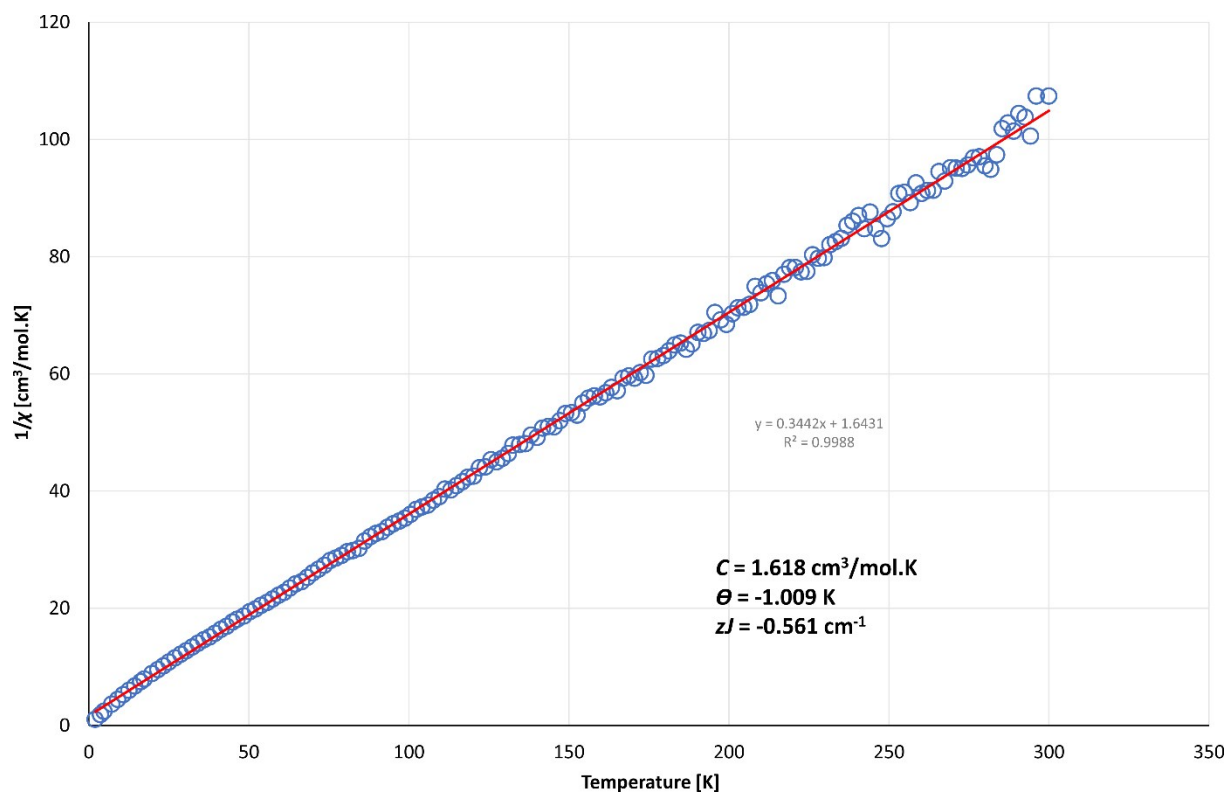


Fig. S5 The Curie-Weiss fitting (red line) of the magnetic data (blue circles) for **1** ($1/\chi$ vs. T plot) together with the calculated values of the C , θ and zJ parameters.

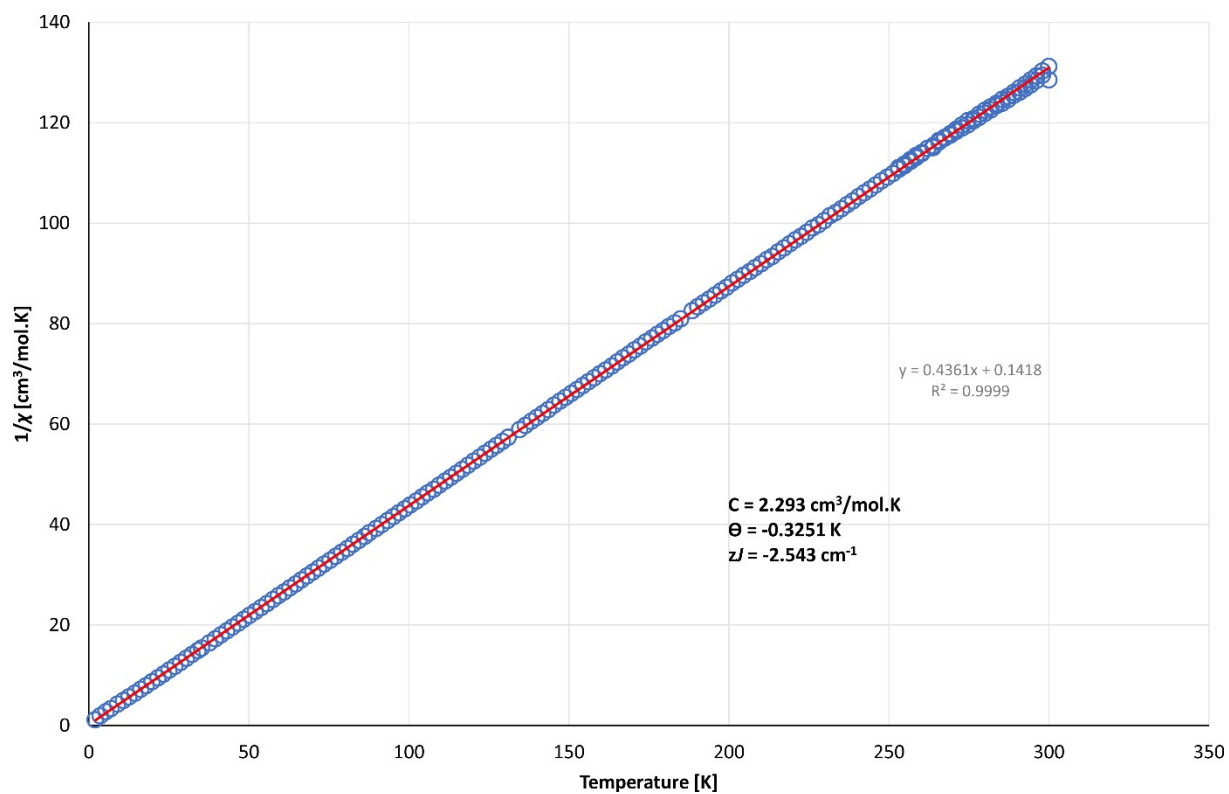


Fig. S6 The Curie-Weiss fitting (red line) of the magnetic data (blue circles) for **2** ($1/\chi$ vs. T plot) together with the calculated values of the C , θ and zJ parameters.

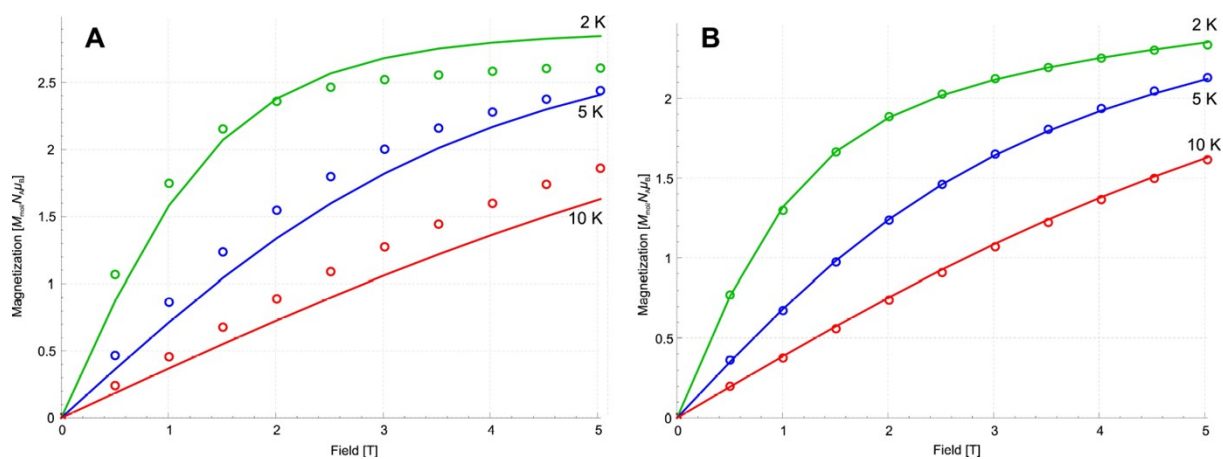


Fig. S7 Dot charts showing dependences of magnetization [$M_{\text{mol}}/N_A\mu_B$] vs. magnetic field [T] for **1** (A) and **2** (B) at different temperatures, including the corresponding fits (full lines).

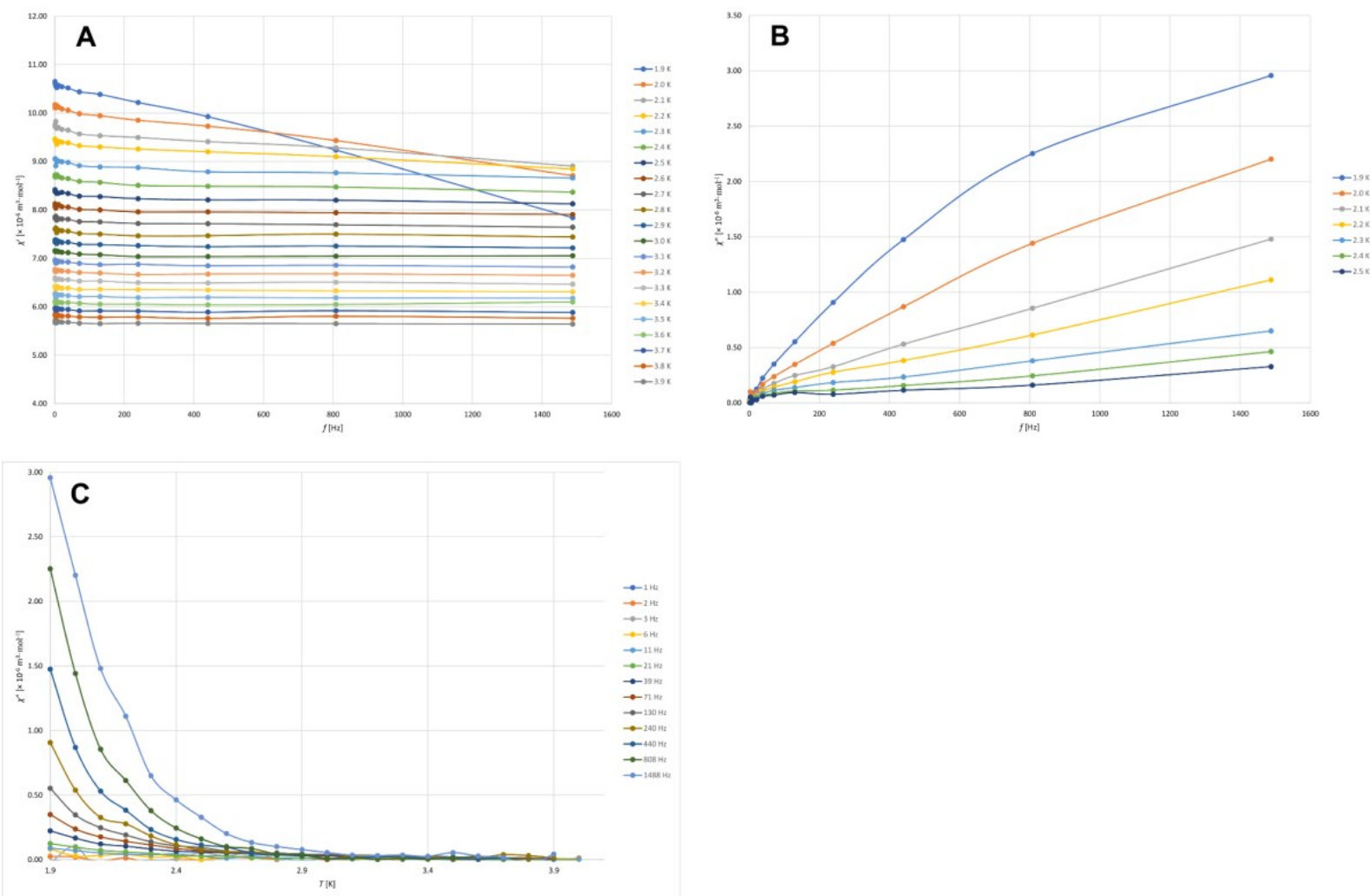


Fig. S8 The results of ac measurements for complex 2, χ' vs. f plot (A), χ'' vs. f plot (B), χ'' vs. T plot (C) showing no distinct maxima.

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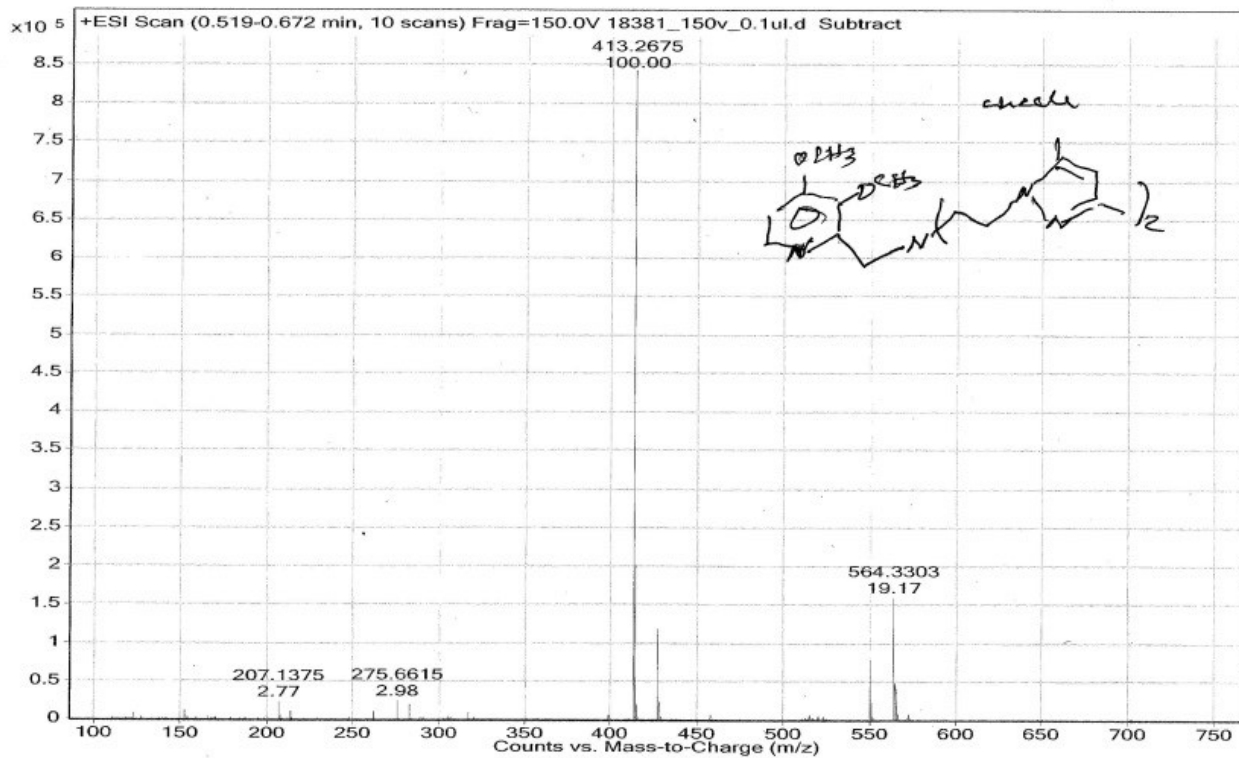


Fig. S9 ESI-MS of L¹ ligand in MeOH

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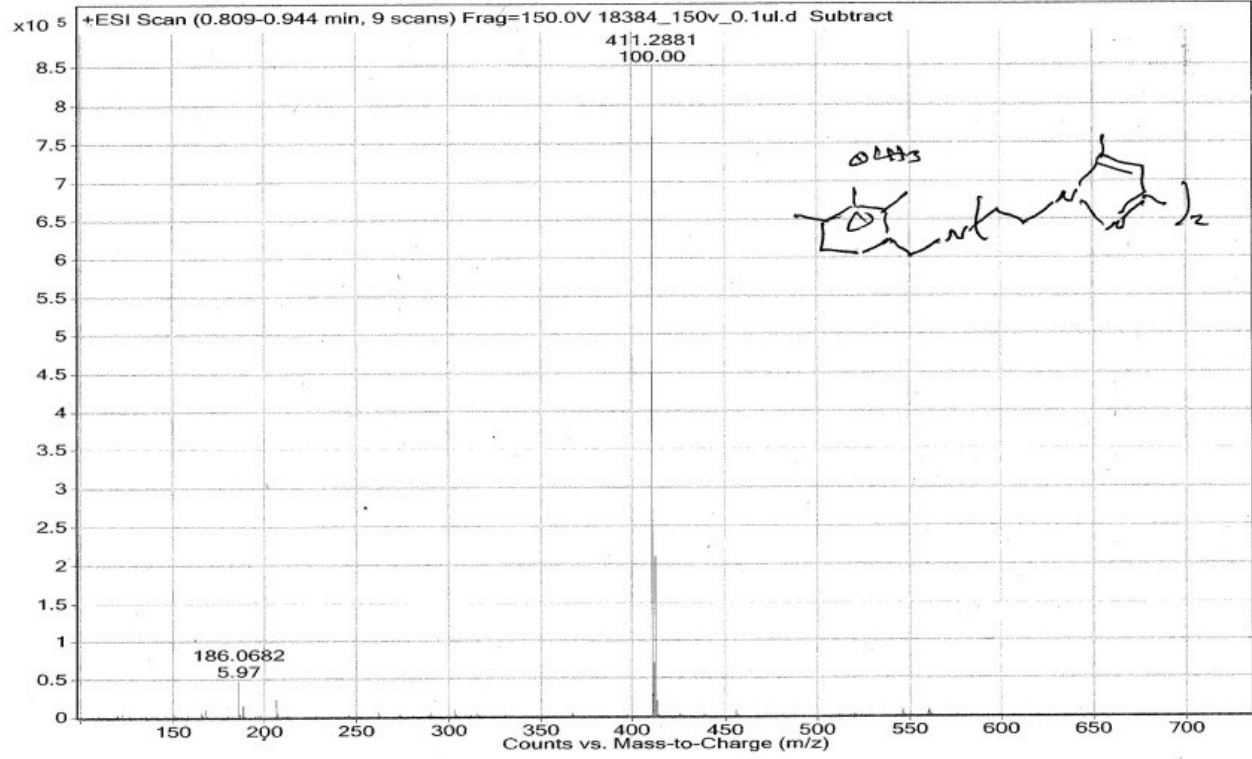


Fig. S10 ESI-MS of L² ligand in MeOH

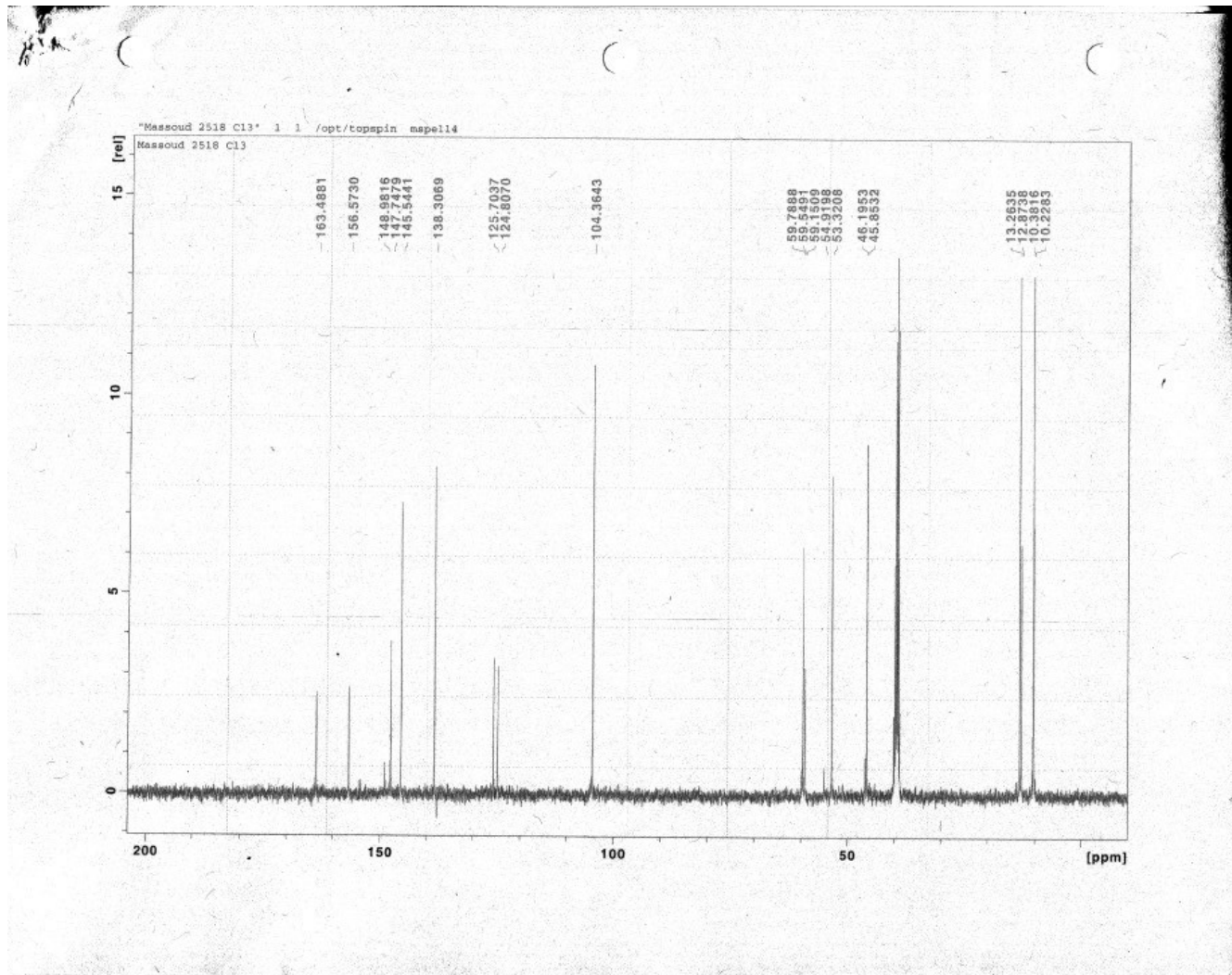
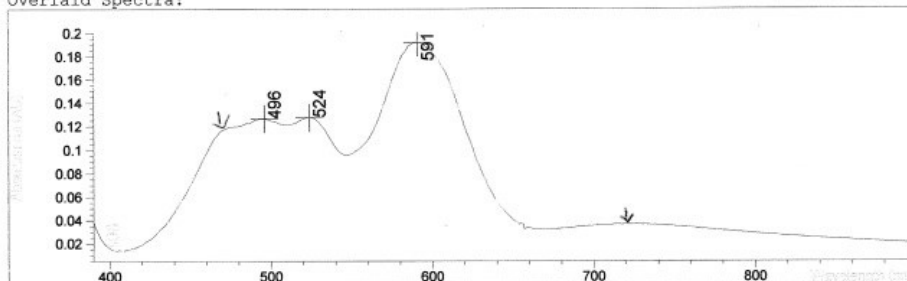


Fig. S11 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of L^2 ligand in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$

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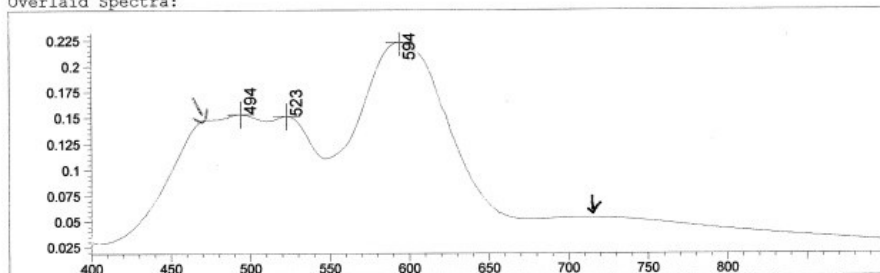
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0.0102g/10 mL CH₃CNFig. S12 UV-Vis. spectrum of complex 1 in CH₃CN.

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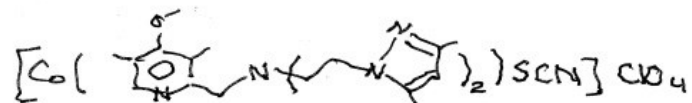


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0.0052g/ 5mL CH₃CNFig. S13 UV-Vis. spectrum of complex 2 in CH₃CN.

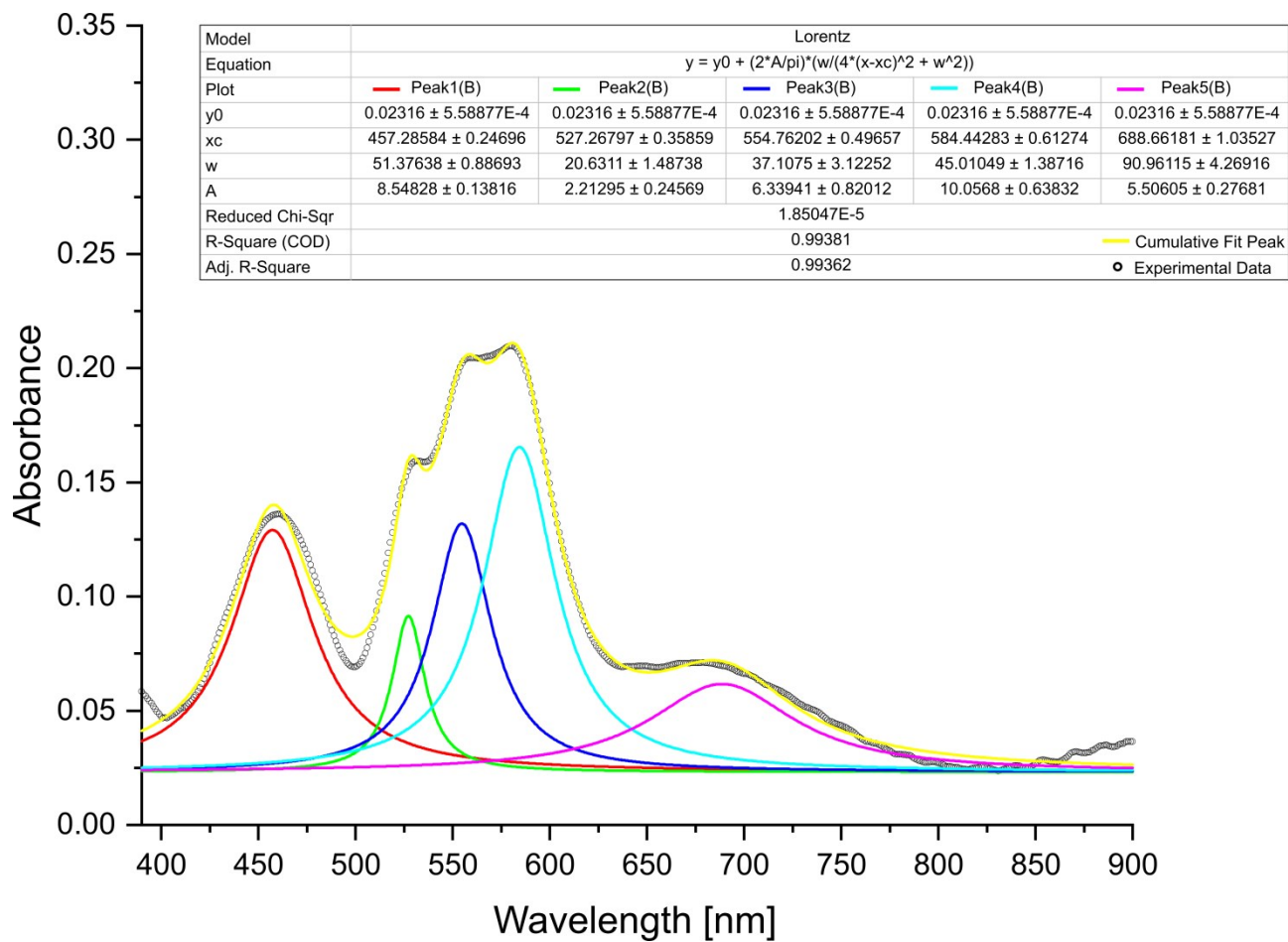


Fig. S14 Solid state spectrum of **1** and its deconvolution analysis.

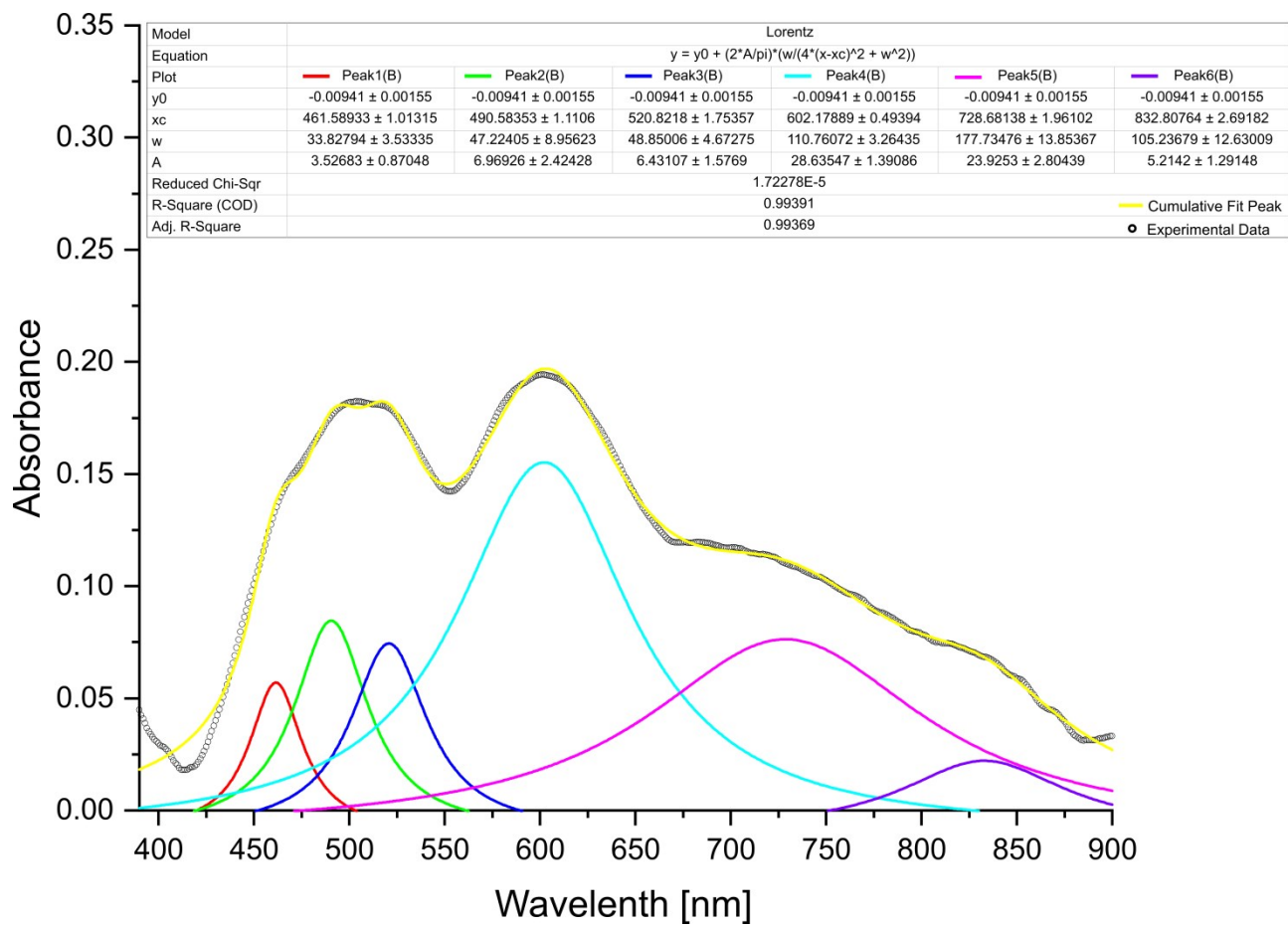


Fig. S15 Solid state spectrum of **2** and its deconvolution analysis.