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### **Low Temperature Insights into the Crystal and Magnetic Structure of a Neutral Radical Ferromagnet**

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## Crystallographic Measurements

Ultra-low temperature crystallographic data were collected on the custom-built XIPHOS system previously described.<sup>1</sup> Temperature control was achieved using a Lakeshore 340 controller with measurements performed by means of a Lakeshore DT-470-CO-13 diode. Crystals of **1a** suitable for X-ray work were grown by electrocrystallization, as previously described (reference 9a, main text). A well-formed single crystal of **1a** (0.250 × 0.075 × 0.070 mm) was selected and mounted onto a graphite fibre with low-temperature epoxy resin (Oxford Instruments, TRZ0004), centred optically at room temperature and then enclosed within a double-walled Be chamber. A dynamic vacuum of  $\sim 5.4 \times 10^{-6}$  mbar was maintained throughout the experiment. The sample was gradually cooled from room temperature to 2 K over an approximately 12 h period and then centred in the X-ray beam via diffraction. All data were collected at a generator setting of 50 kV and 108 mA, using 20 s  $\phi$  scans (0.5° frame width) at a detector distance of 8 cm from the sample. A total of 12 scans were collected at  $2\theta$  angles =  $\pm 20^\circ$  and  $\pm 40^\circ$ . Crystal centring, data collection and processing were performed with APEX2 software.<sup>2</sup> Data were integrated via SAINT<sup>3</sup> and reflections corrected with SADABS.<sup>4</sup> Using Olex2,<sup>5</sup> the structure was solved with the ShelXT<sup>6</sup> structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the XL<sup>7</sup> refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

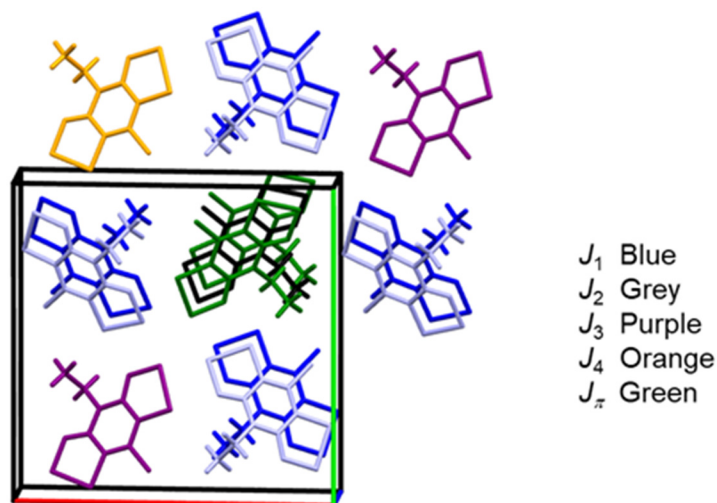
**Table S1** Crystal Data for **1a**.

CCDC code	701731 <sup>a</sup>	701735 <sup>a</sup>	2096260
Formula	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> Se <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> Se <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> Se <sub>4</sub>
<i>M</i>	482.43	482.43	482.43
<i>a</i> (Å)	16.2708(5)	16.1801(12)	16.1915(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	4.1720(3)	4.1264(6)	4.07570(10)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1104.49(9)	1080.27(8)	1068.50(6)
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	2.901	2.966	2.999
space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{4}$ <sub>2</sub> <i>m</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{4}$ <sub>2</sub> <i>m</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{4}$ <sub>2</sub> <i>m</i>
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
temp (K)	296(2)	100(2)	2(1)
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	13.494	13.80	13.949
$\lambda$ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
solution method	direct methods	direct methods	direct methods
data/restr/params	1209/0/76	1175/0/77	1663/0/83
<i>R</i> , <i>R</i> <sub>w</sub> (on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )	0.0374, 0.0635	0.0376, 0.0813	0.0252, 0.0408

<sup>a</sup> See reference 9a, main text.

## Theoretical Calculations

Unrestricted BS-DFT<sup>8</sup> calculations on the exchange energies in **1a** ( $J_\pi, J_{1-4}$ ) were performed using the range of functionals listed in the text and the split-valence triple- $\xi$  quality 6-311G(d,p) basis set, as contained in the Gaussian 16W suite of programs.<sup>9</sup> Tight convergence criteria were employed, and atomic coordinates were taken from crystallographic data collected at 296 K, 100 K and 2 K. The magnitude and sign of exchange energies were based on the isotropic Heisenberg Hamiltonian  $H_{ex} = -2J_{ij} \{S_i \cdot S_j\}$  for interacting pairs ( $i, j$ ) of radicals and were computed (from eq. 2, main text) using single-point energies of the triplet  $E_{TS}$  and broken symmetry singlet  $E_{BSS}$  states and their respective  $\langle S^2 \rangle$  expectation values. A full listing of all ( $J_\pi, J_{1-4}$ ) values is provided in Table S2, with details of individual calculations given in Tables S3-S5. The model 1D calculations (Fig. 2a, main text) of  $J_\pi$  as a function of the  $\pi$ -stack slippage were performed using coordinates of a model **1** ( $R_1 = R_2 = H$ ) obtained from a UB3LYP/6-31G(d,p) optimization in  $C_{2v}$  symmetry.



**Fig. S1.** Color coded pattern of pairwise exchange interactions  $J_{1-4}$  and  $J_\pi$ , all referenced to a single radical (black). The total number of pairwise interactions  $zJ = 4J_1 + 4J_2 + 2J_3 + J_4 + 2J_\pi$ .

**Table S2.** Summary of all BS-DFT Exchange Energies for **1a**.

Functional	$T$ (K)	$J_1$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J_2$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J_3$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J_4$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J_\pi$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Theta$ (K) <sup>a</sup>
B3LYP	296	4.92	0.13	-0.64	-0.18	-6.97	3.5
	100	5.64	0.15	-0.57	-0.22	-7.75	4.5
	2	5.55	-0.29	-0.81	-0.20	-1.57	11.6
PBE0	296	5.14	0.83	-0.46	-0.11	-4.11	10.5
	100	5.86	0.94	-0.37	-0.15	-4.59	12.3
	2	5.77	0.55	-0.57	-0.13	1.16	18.9
CAM-B3LYP	296	2.90	1.32	-0.33	-0.20	1.23	13.3
	100	3.36	1.45	-0.31	-0.22	1.40	15.2
	2	3.34	1.29	-0.46	-0.22	5.54	20.5
$\omega$ B97XD	296	3.16	1.56	-0.31	-0.15	2.27	16.3
	100	3.56	2.04	-0.31	-0.18	3.35	20.4
	2	3.51	2.06	-0.44	-0.18	5.87	23.7
LC- $\omega$ HPBE	296	2.15	1.29	-0.24	-0.18	4.49	15.9
	100	2.50	1.47	-0.20	-0.22	5.13	18.4
	2	2.48	1.36	-0.29	-0.20	8.77	23.1

<sup>a</sup> Estimated from mean field approximation as  $\Theta = 0.5 zJ/k_B$ , where  $zJ = 4J_1 + 4J_2 + 2J_3 + J_4 + 2J_\pi$  (derived from the connectivity pattern shown in Fig. S1).

**Table S2.** BS-DFT Exchange Energies for **1a** at 296 K.**UB3LYP/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{TS}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{BSS}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-21000.87832080	2.0517	-21000.87829840	1.0516	4.916	7.073
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-21000.87824180	2.0520	-21000.87824120	1.0510	0.132	0.189
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-21000.87817700	2.0526	-21000.87817990	1.0524	-0.636	-0.916
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-21000.87786390	2.0529	-21000.87786470	1.0529	-0.176	-0.253
$J_\pi$ ( $\delta$ )	-21000.87247790	2.0522	-21000.87250980	1.0479	-6.971	-10.030

$$\Theta(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ(\text{calc}) = 3.5 \text{ K}$$

**UPBE1PBE/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{TS}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{BSS}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-20997.03393340	2.0732	-20997.03391000	1.0731	5.135	7.389
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-20997.03440010	2.0734	-20997.03439630	1.0728	0.834	1.199
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-20997.03171050	2.0744	-20997.03171260	1.0742	-0.461	-0.663
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-20997.03120790	2.0747	-20997.03120840	1.0747	-0.110	-0.158
$J_\pi$ ( $\delta$ )	-20997.03434940	2.0740	-20997.03436820	1.0705	-4.112	-5.916

$$\Theta(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ(\text{calc}) = 10.5 \text{ K}$$

**UCAM-B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{TS}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{BSS}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-21001.14138450	2.1405	-21001.14137130	1.1404	2.897	4.168
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-21001.14210210	2.1401	-21001.14209610	1.1399	1.317	1.894
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-21001.14053320	2.1419	-21001.14053470	1.1418	-0.329	-0.474
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-21001.14016010	2.1425	-21001.14016100	1.1425	-0.198	-0.284
$J_\pi$ ( $\delta$ )	-21001.14153680	2.1414	-21001.14153120	1.1398	1.227	1.766

$$\Theta(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ(\text{calc}) = 13.3 \text{ K}$$

**U $\omega$ B97XD/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{TS}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{BSS}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-21000.74575930	2.1732	-21000.74574440	1.1371	3.156	4.541
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-21000.74659090	2.1367	-21000.74658380	1.1364	1.558	2.241
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-21000.74053660	2.1384	-21000.74053800	1.1384	-0.307	-0.442
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-21000.73999030	2.1391	-21000.73999100	1.1391	-0.154	-0.221
$J_\pi$ ( $\delta$ )	-21000.76727650	2.1340	-21000.76726620	1.1367	2.267	3.261

$$\Theta(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ(\text{calc}) = 16.3 \text{ K}$$

**ULC- $\omega$ HPBE/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{TS}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{BSS}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-20997.01700740	2.2409	-20997.01699760	1.2408	2.151	3.094
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-20997.01802740	2.2400	-20997.01802150	1.2398	1.295	1.863
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-20997.01631850	2.2424	-20997.01631960	1.2424	-0.241	-0.347
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-20997.01619280	2.2432	-20997.01619360	1.2443	-0.176	-0.253
$J_\pi$ ( $\delta$ )	-20997.02064050	2.2424	-20997.02062000	1.2413	4.494	6.466

$$\Theta(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ(\text{calc}) = 15.9 \text{ K}$$

**Table S3.** BS-DFT Exchange Energies for **1a** at 100 K.**UB3LYP/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{TS}}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{BSS}}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-21000.88965690	2.0499	-21000.88963120	1.0498	5.640	8.115
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-21000.88941510	2.0502	-21000.88941440	1.0492	0.153	0.221
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-21000.88989670	2.0508	-21000.88989930	1.0506	-0.571	-0.821
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-21000.88961430	2.0511	-21000.88961530	1.0511	-0.219	-0.316
$J_\pi$ ( $\delta$ )	-21000.88311080	2.0504	-21000.88314630	1.0455	-7.753	-11.156

$$\mathcal{O}(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ (\text{calc}) = 4.5 \text{ K}$$

**UPBE1PBE/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{TS}}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{BSS}}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-20997.04509520	2.0706	-20997.04506850	1.0705	5.859	8.430
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-20997.04536720	2.0709	-20997.04536290	1.0702	0.943	1.357
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-20997.04304430	2.0718	-20997.04304600	1.0717	-0.373	-0.537
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-20997.04254760	2.0722	-20997.04254830	1.0722	-0.154	-0.221
$J_\pi$ ( $\delta$ )	-20997.04527680	2.0714	-20997.04529780	1.0674	-4.591	-6.605

$$\mathcal{O}(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ (\text{calc}) = 12.3 \text{ K}$$

**UCAM-B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{TS}}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{BSS}}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-21001.15237690	2.1349	-21001.15236160	1.1348	3.358	4.831
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-21001.15294230	2.1347	-21001.15293570	1.1344	1.448	2.084
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-21001.15185420	2.1363	-21001.15185560	1.1363	-0.307	-0.442
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-21001.15152740	2.1370	-21001.15152840	1.1370	-0.219	-0.316
$J_\pi$ ( $\delta$ )	-21001.15225050	2.1358	-21001.15224410	1.1340	1.402	2.017

$$\mathcal{O}(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ (\text{calc}) = 15.2 \text{ K}$$

**U $\omega$ B97XD/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{TS}}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{BSS}}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-21000.75720430	2.1319	-21000.75718810	1.1318	3.555	5.115
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-21000.75777690	2.1315	-21000.75776760	1.1312	2.041	2.936
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-21000.75216240	2.1331	-21000.75216380	1.1331	-0.307	-0.442
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-21000.75163540	2.1338	-21000.75163620	1.1339	-0.176	-0.253
$J_\pi$ ( $\delta$ )	-21000.77932000	2.1328	-21000.77930470	1.1310	3.352	4.823

$$\mathcal{O}(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ (\text{calc}) = 20.4 \text{ K}$$

**ULC- $\omega$ HPBE/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{TS}}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{BSS}}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-20997.02815530	2.2312	-20997.02814390	1.2311	2.502	3.600
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-20997.02903730	2.2304	-20997.02903060	1.2302	1.470	2.115
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-20997.02770920	2.2327	-20997.02771010	1.2327	-0.198	-0.284
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-20997.02761370	2.2336	-20997.02761470	1.2336	-0.219	-0.316
$J_\pi$ ( $\delta$ )	-20997.03186820	2.2325	-20997.03184480	1.2313	5.130	7.380

$$\mathcal{O}(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ (\text{calc}) = 18.4 \text{ K}$$

**Table S4.** BS-DFT Exchange Energies for **1a** at 2 K.**UB3LYP/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{TS}}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{BSS}}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-21000.90607280	2.0497	-21000.90604750	1.0496	5.552	7.988
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-21000.90597940	2.0500	-21000.90598070	1.0489	-0.285	-0.410
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-21000.90642880	2.0507	-21000.90643250	1.0504	-0.812	-1.168
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-21000.90613490	2.0509	-21000.90613580	1.0509	-0.198	-0.284
$J_p$ ( $d$ )	-21000.89838850	2.0502	-21000.89839570	1.0466	-1.575	-2.265

$$\Theta(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ(\text{calc}) = 11.6 \text{ K}$$

**UPBE1PBE/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{TS}}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{BSS}}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-20997.06131230	2.0702	-20997.06128600	1.0701	5.772	8.304
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-20997.06172010	2.0705	-20997.06171760	1.0698	0.548	0.789
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-20997.05930900	2.0715	-20997.05931160	1.0713	-0.571	-0.821
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-20997.05880750	2.0718	-20997.05880810	1.0718	-0.132	-0.189
$J_p$ ( $d$ )	-20997.06084650	2.0710	-20997.06084120	1.0680	1.160	1.669

$$\Theta(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ(\text{calc}) = 18.9 \text{ K}$$

**UCAM-B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{TS}}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{BSS}}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-21001.16791440	2.1344	-21001.16789920	1.1343	3.336	4.799
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-21001.16863150	2.1342	-21001.16862560	1.1339	1.295	1.863
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-21001.16750050	2.1359	-21001.16750260	1.1359	-0.461	-0.663
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-21001.16717730	2.1366	-21001.16717830	1.1366	-0.219	-0.316
$J_p$ ( $d$ )	-21001.16705470	2.1353	-21001.16702940	1.1338	5.544	7.977

$$\Theta(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ(\text{calc}) = 20.5 \text{ K}$$

**U $\omega$ B97XD/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{TS}}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{BSS}}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-21000.77274120	2.1313	-21000.77272520	1.1312	3.511	5.052
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-21000.77345840	2.1308	-21000.77344900	1.1305	2.062	2.967
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-21000.76780510	2.1326	-21000.76780710	1.1326	-0.439	-0.632
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-21000.76728410	2.1334	-21000.76728490	1.1334	-0.176	-0.253
$J_p$ ( $d$ )	-21000.79491280	2.1323	-21000.79488600	1.1308	5.873	8.450

$$\Theta(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ(\text{calc}) = 23.7 \text{ K}$$

**ULC- $\omega$ HPBE/6-311G(d,p)**

Dimer	Triplet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{TS}}$	BS Singlet (H)	$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{BSS}}$	$J$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$J$ (K)
$J_1$ ( $d_1$ )	-20997.04280840	2.2299	-20997.04279710	1.2298	2.480	3.568
$J_2$ ( $d_2$ )	-20997.04384530	2.2290	-20997.04383910	1.2288	1.360	1.957
$J_3$ ( $d_3$ )	-20997.04247370	2.2315	-20997.04247500	1.2315	-0.285	-0.411
$J_4$ ( $d_4$ )	-20997.04235780	2.2324	-20997.04235870	1.2325	-0.198	-0.284
$J_p$ ( $d$ )	-20997.04609440	2.2313	-20997.04605440	1.2301	8.768	12.616

$$\Theta(\text{calc}) = 0.5 * zJ(\text{calc}) = 23.1 \text{ K}$$



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