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A series of luminescence Cu(I) complexes based on
diphosphine ligand and diimine ligand tuning by counter
anions: the weak intermolecular interactions, terahertz
spectra and photoproperties

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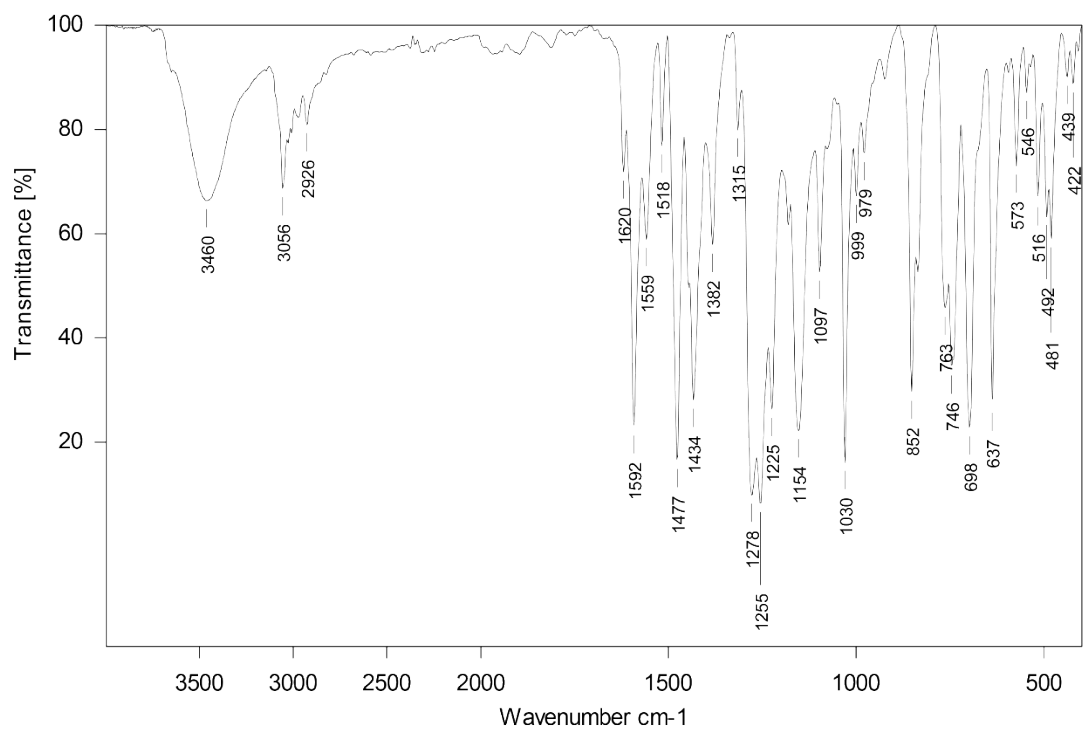


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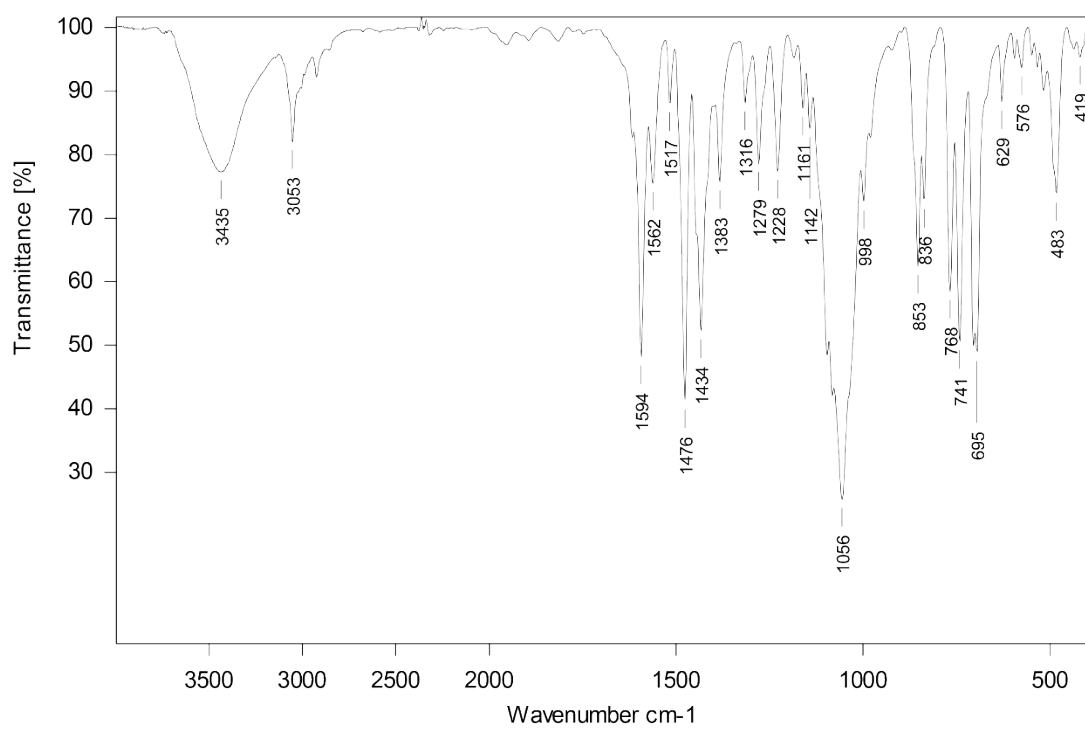


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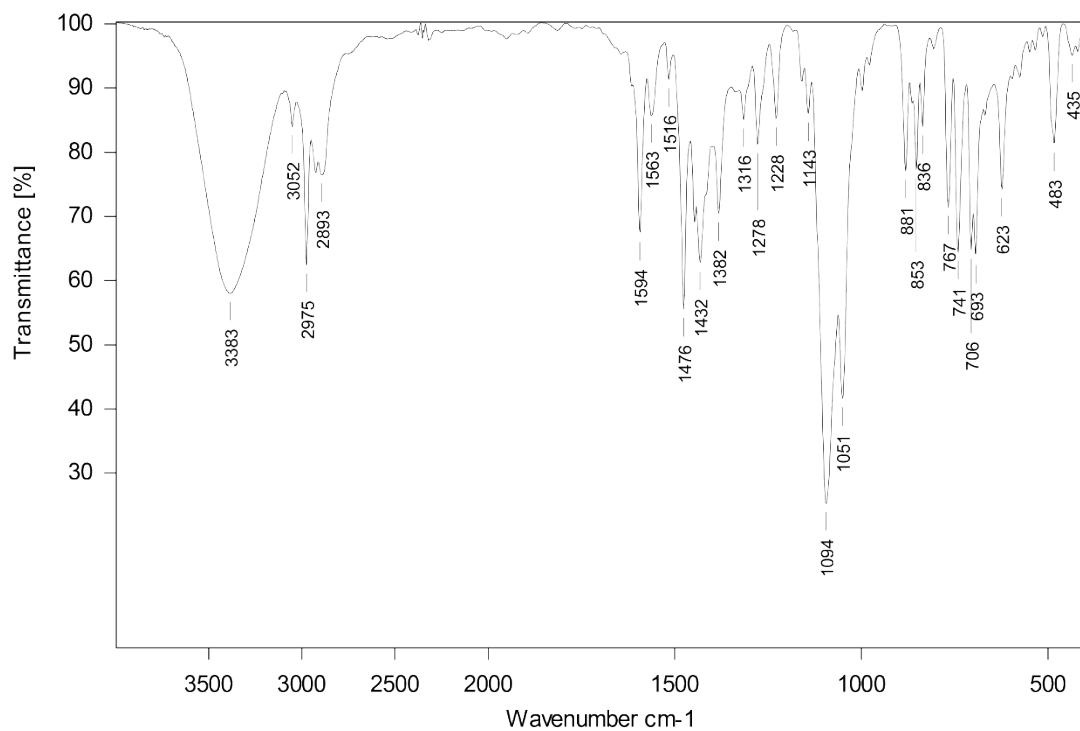


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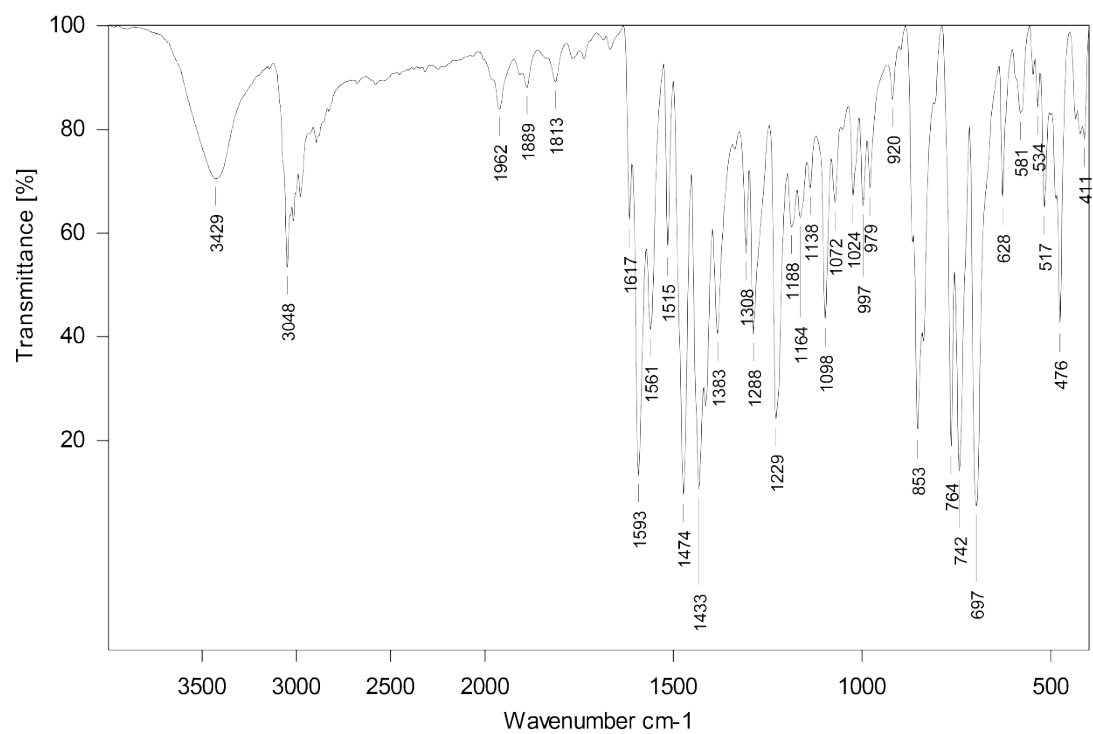


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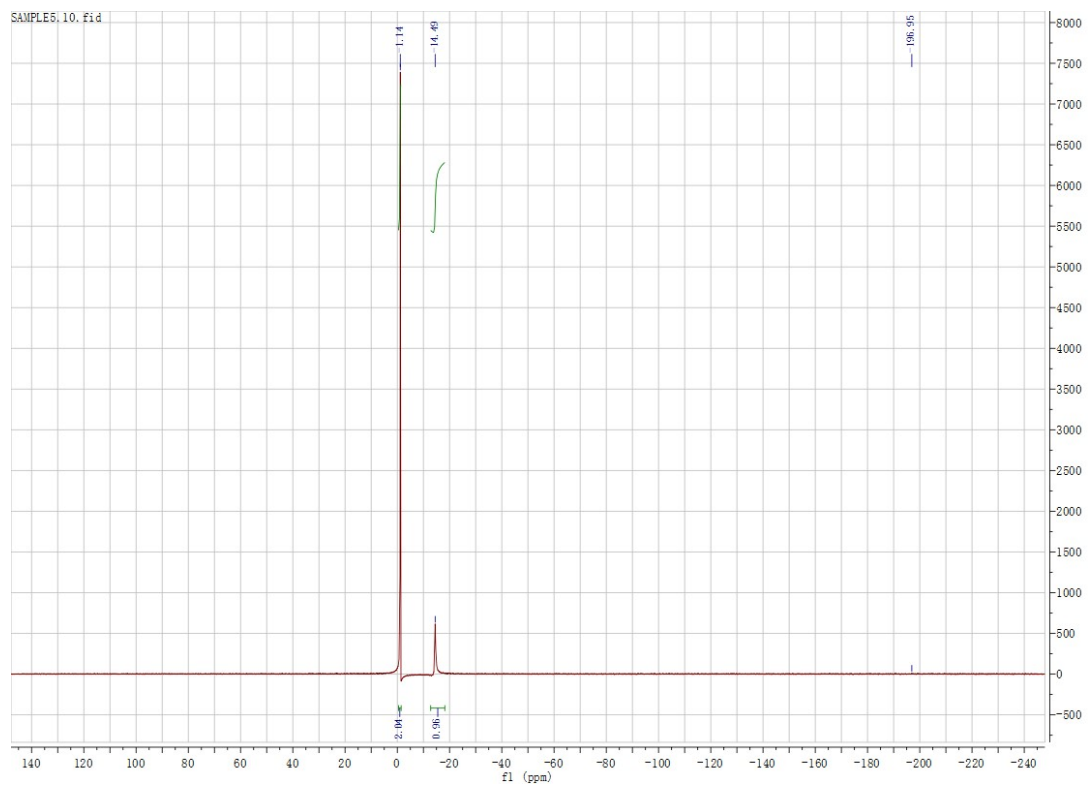


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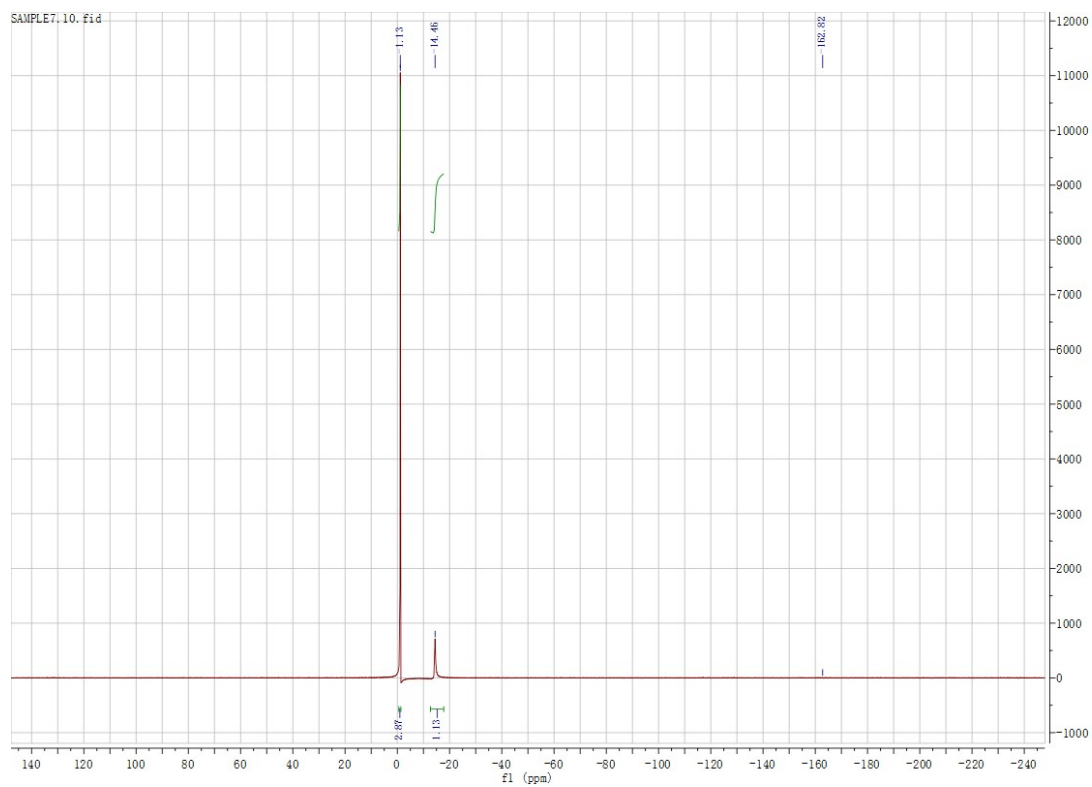


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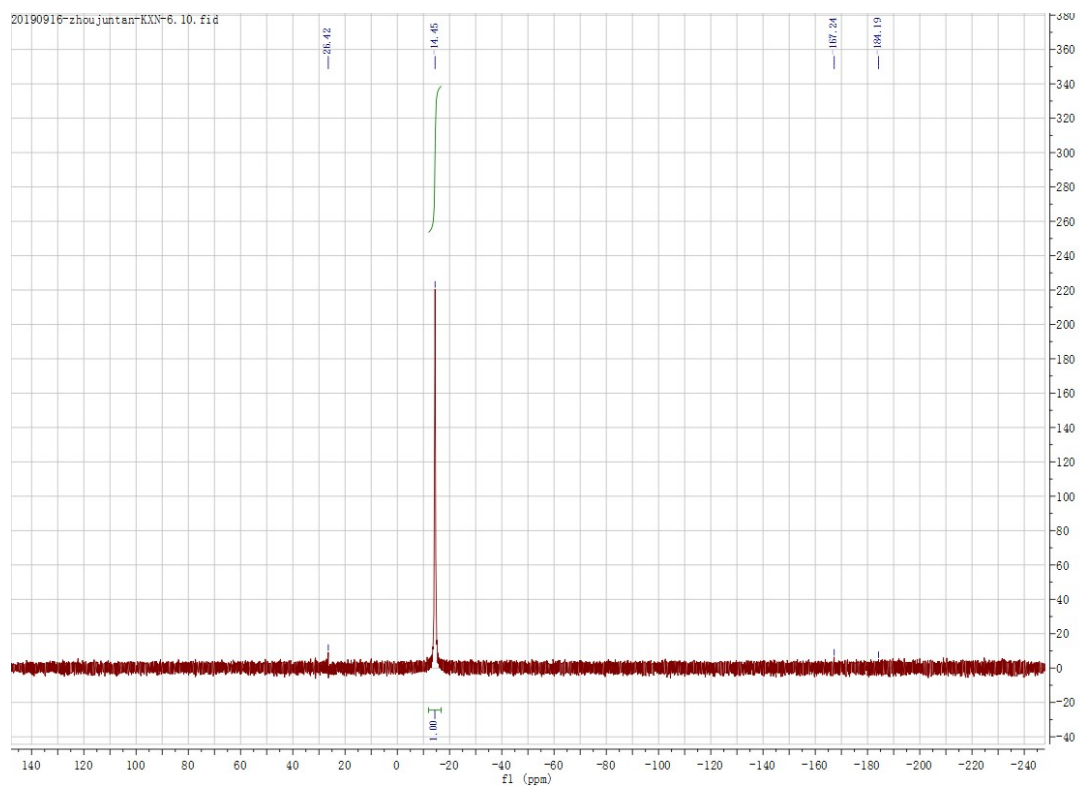


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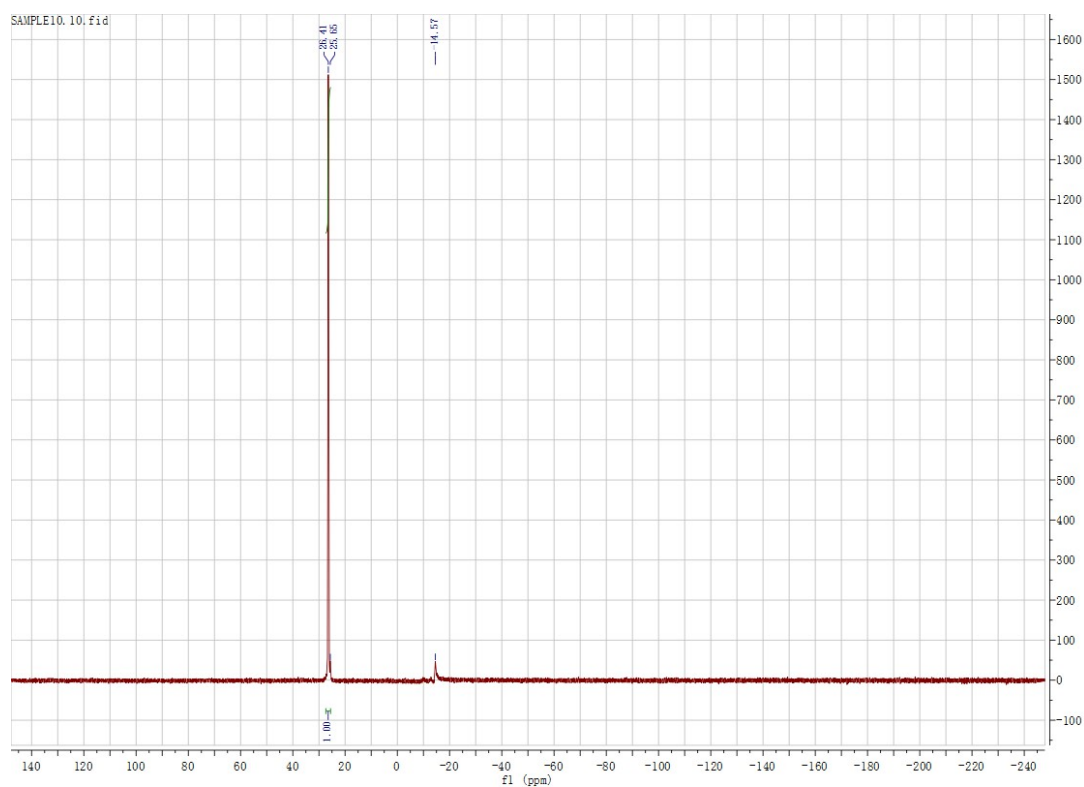


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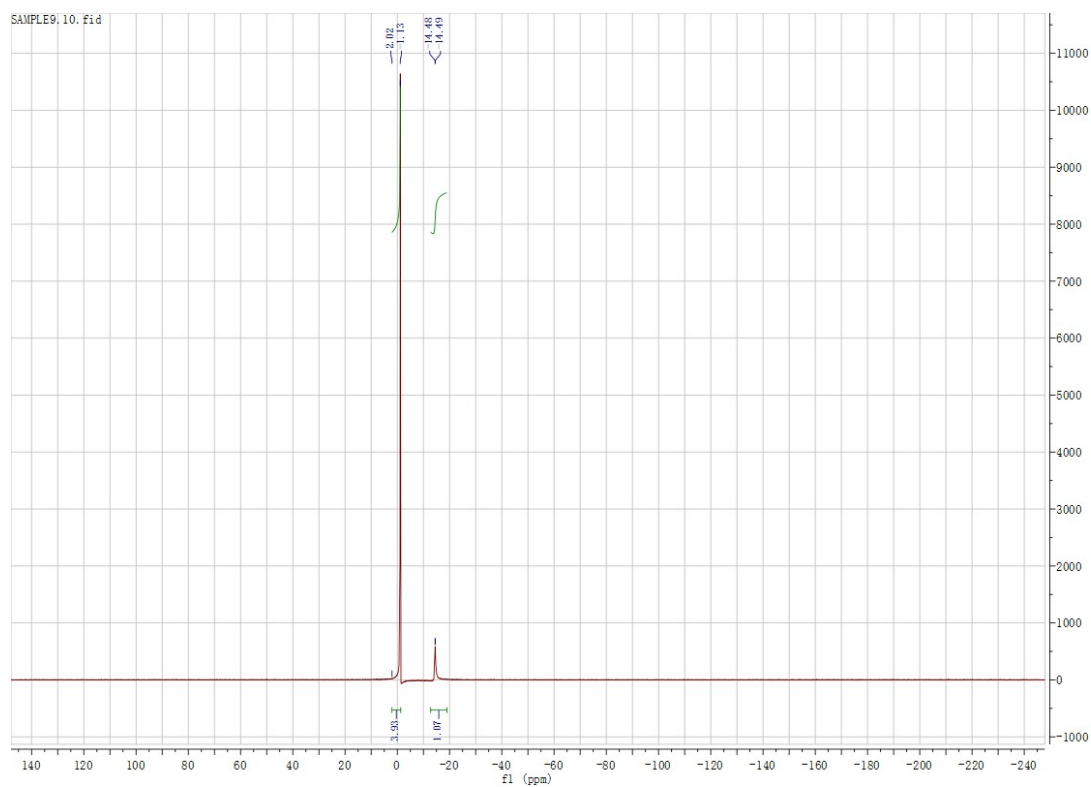


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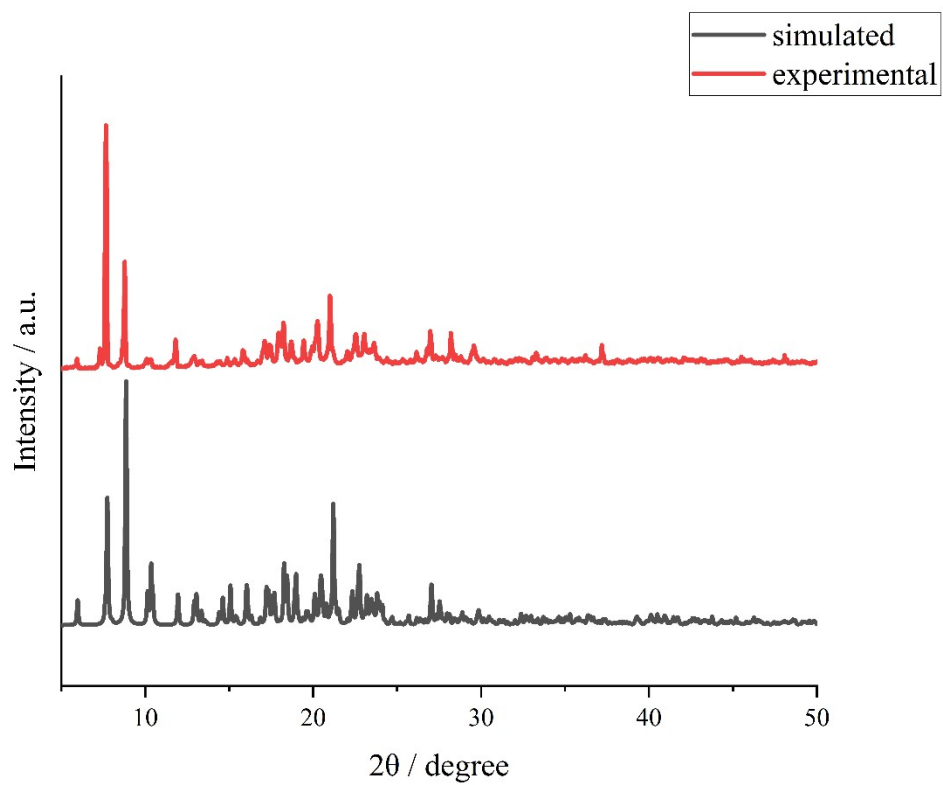


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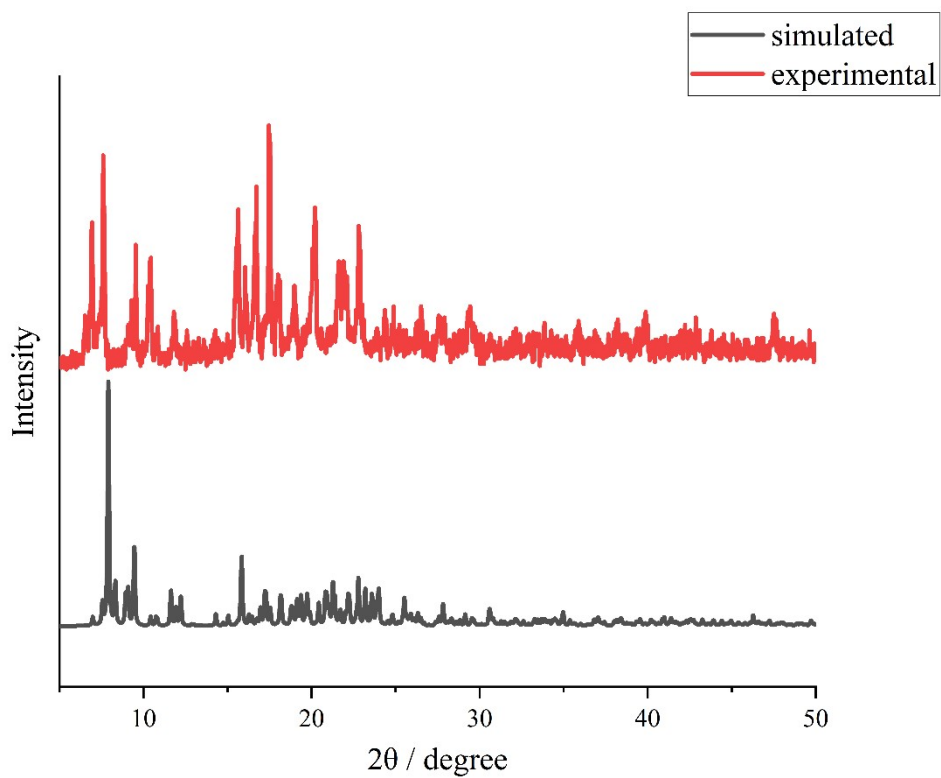


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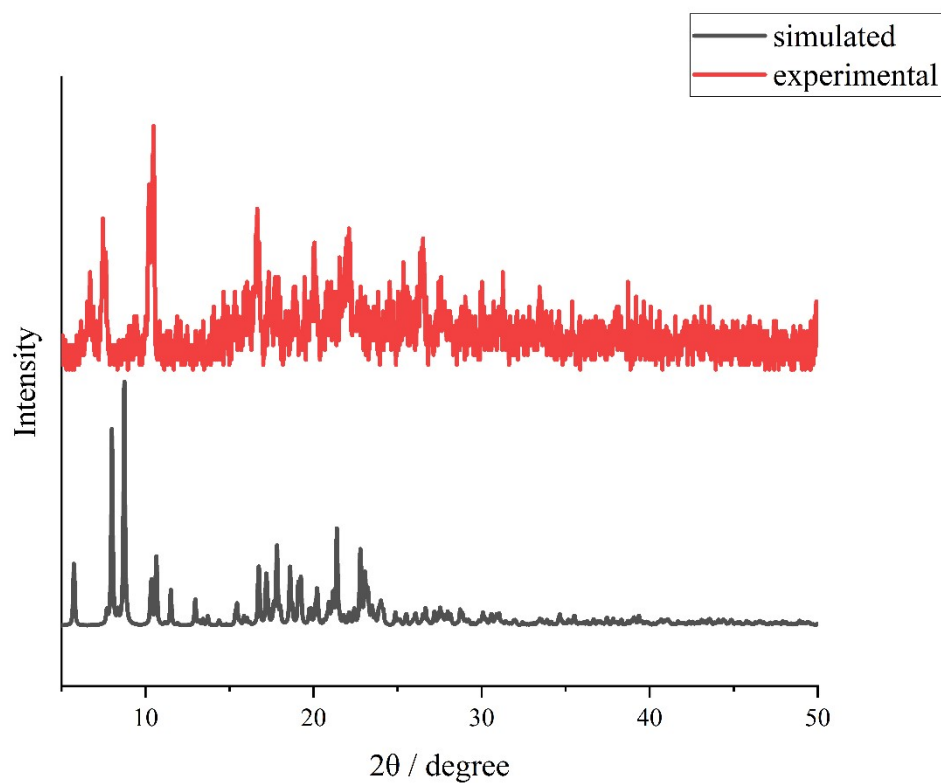


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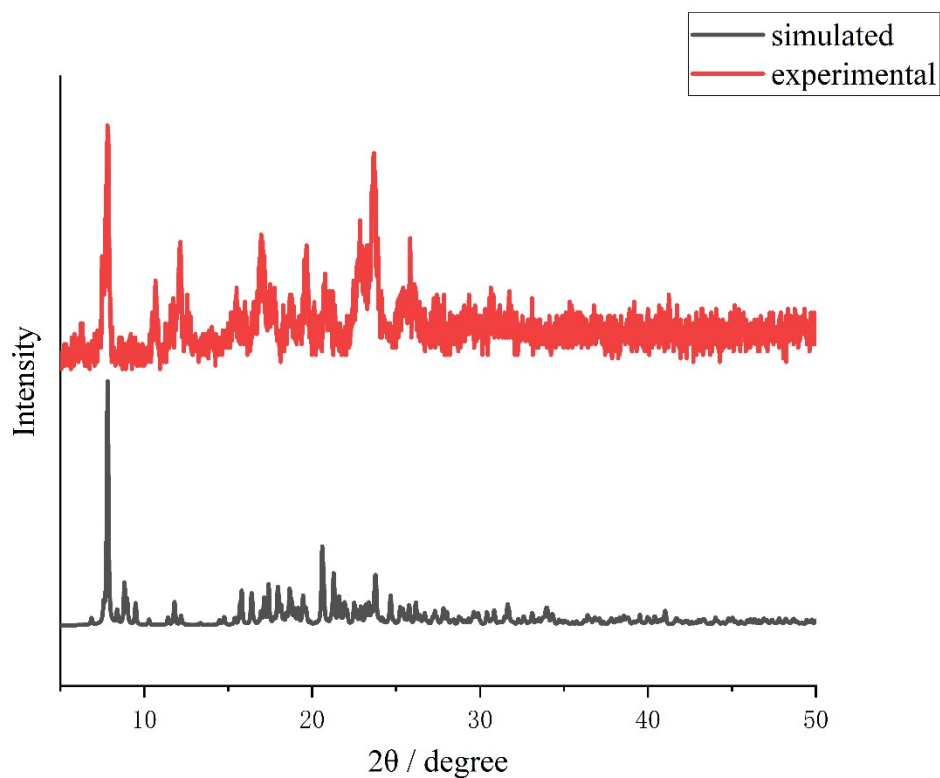


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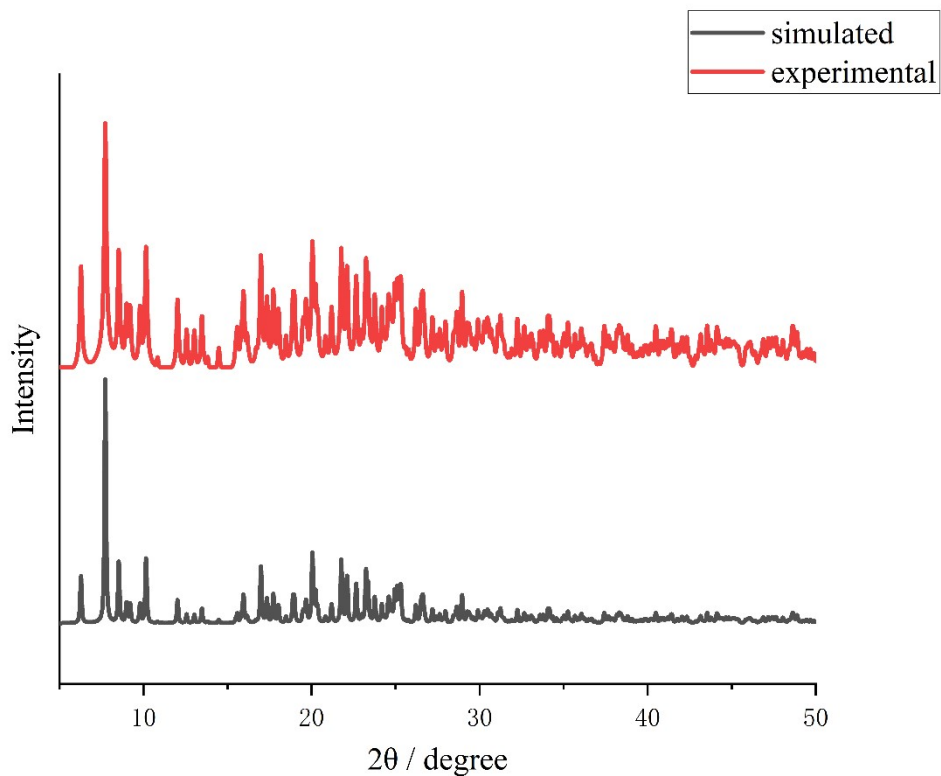


Fig. S20 The PXRD patterns for complex 5: simulated from single crystal data (Black) and single phase polycrystalline sample (Red).

TGA was used to verify the stability of complexes **1-5** and the number of solvent molecules in the complexes (Fig. S21). As shown in graph, all the complexes presented weight loss related to the decomposition of ligands bdpmpay and Bphen. The TGA curves of complexes **2**, **4** and **5** all showed weight loss connected with the solvent molecules in their crystal structures (**2**: 99.16% at 165 °C, caclcd: 99.13%; **4**: 97.00% at 273 °C, caclcd: 96.94%; **5**: 93.81% at 260 °C, caclcd: 93.79%).

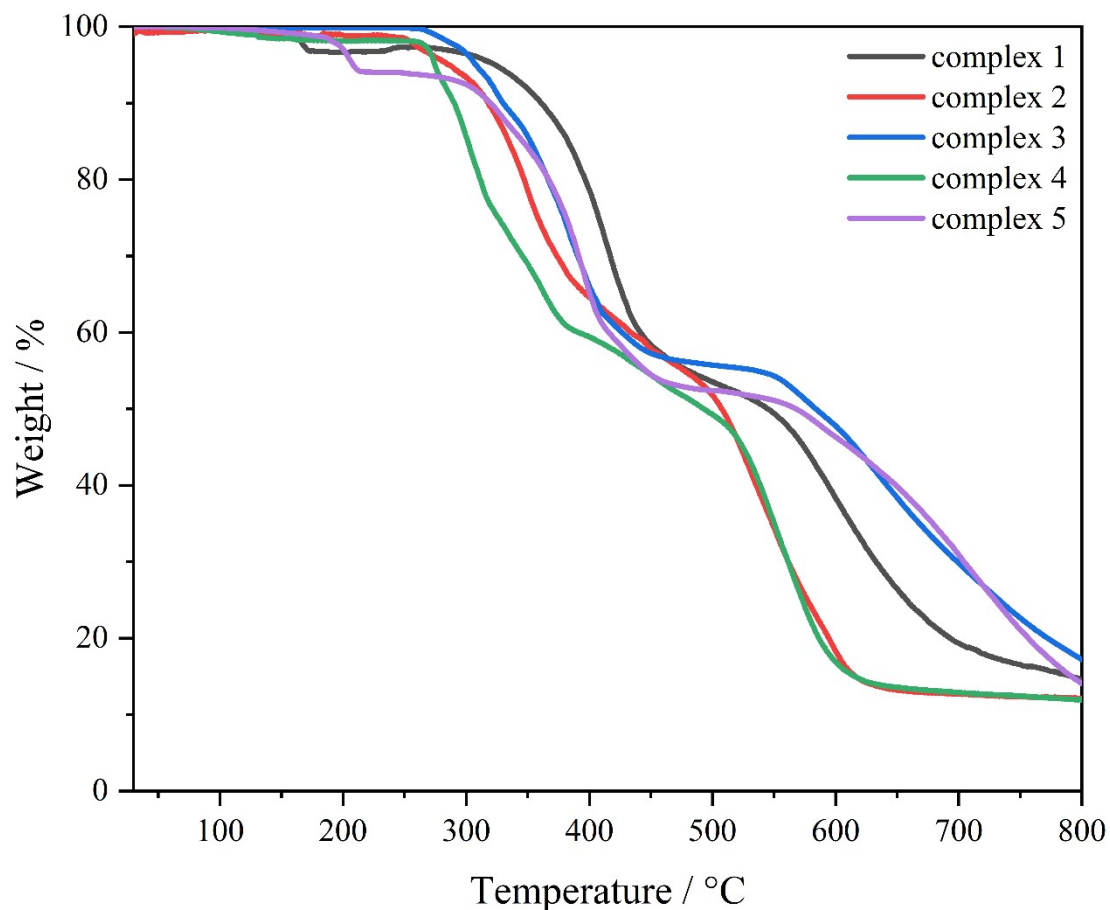


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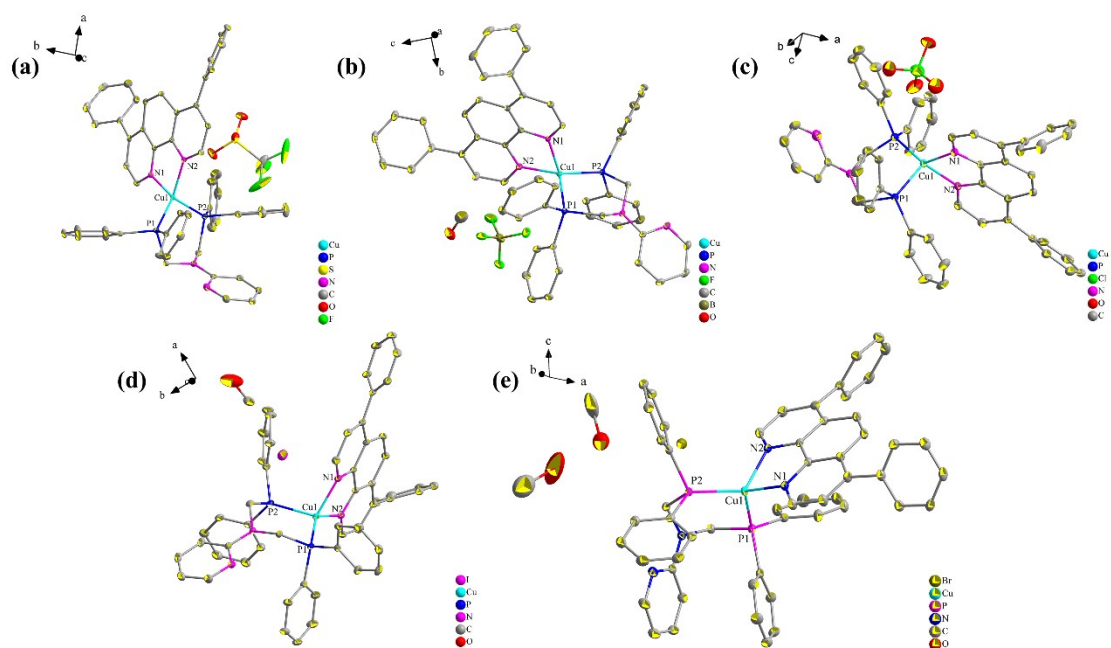


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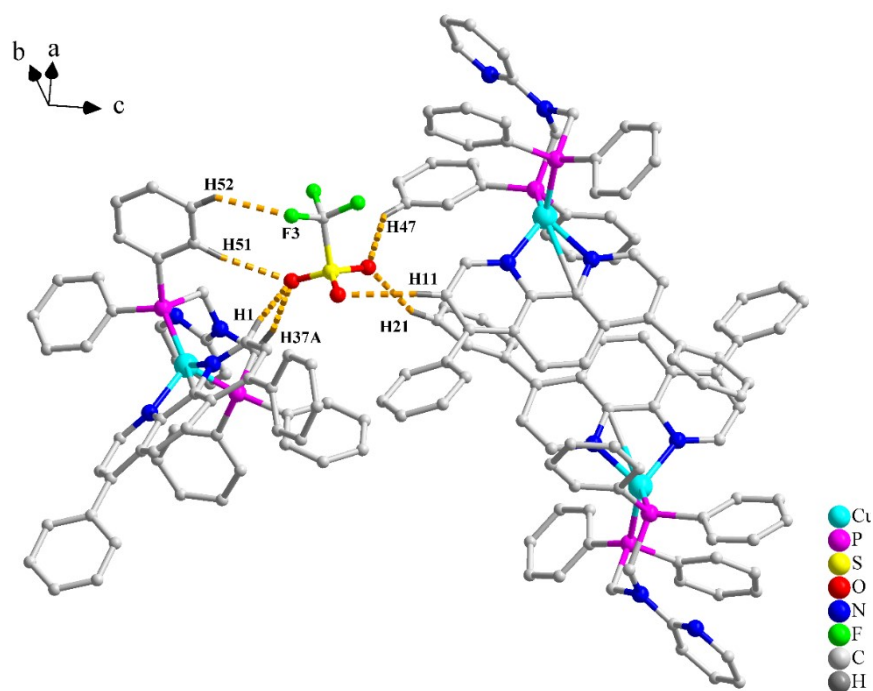


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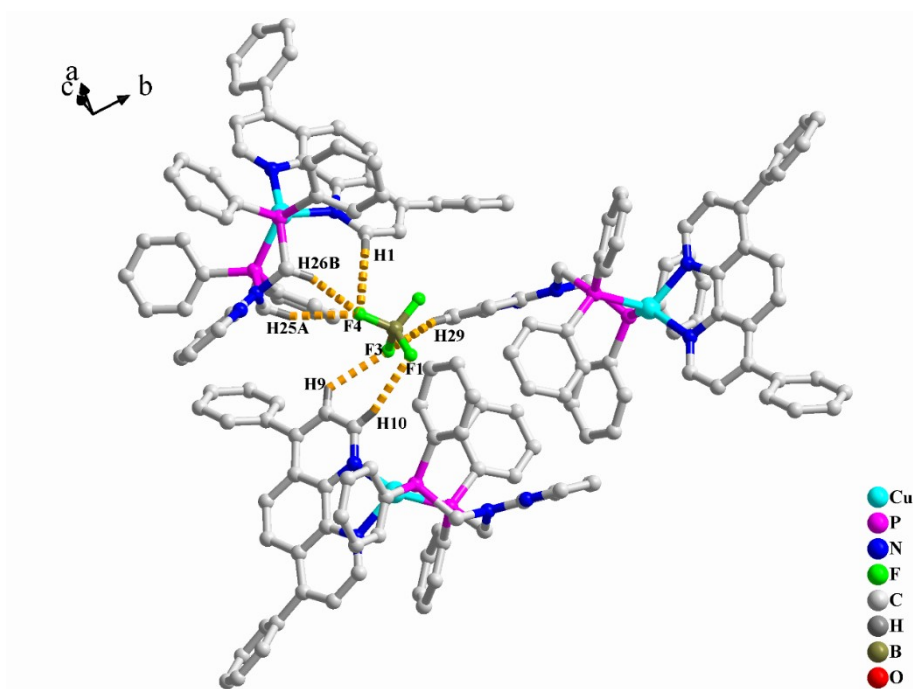


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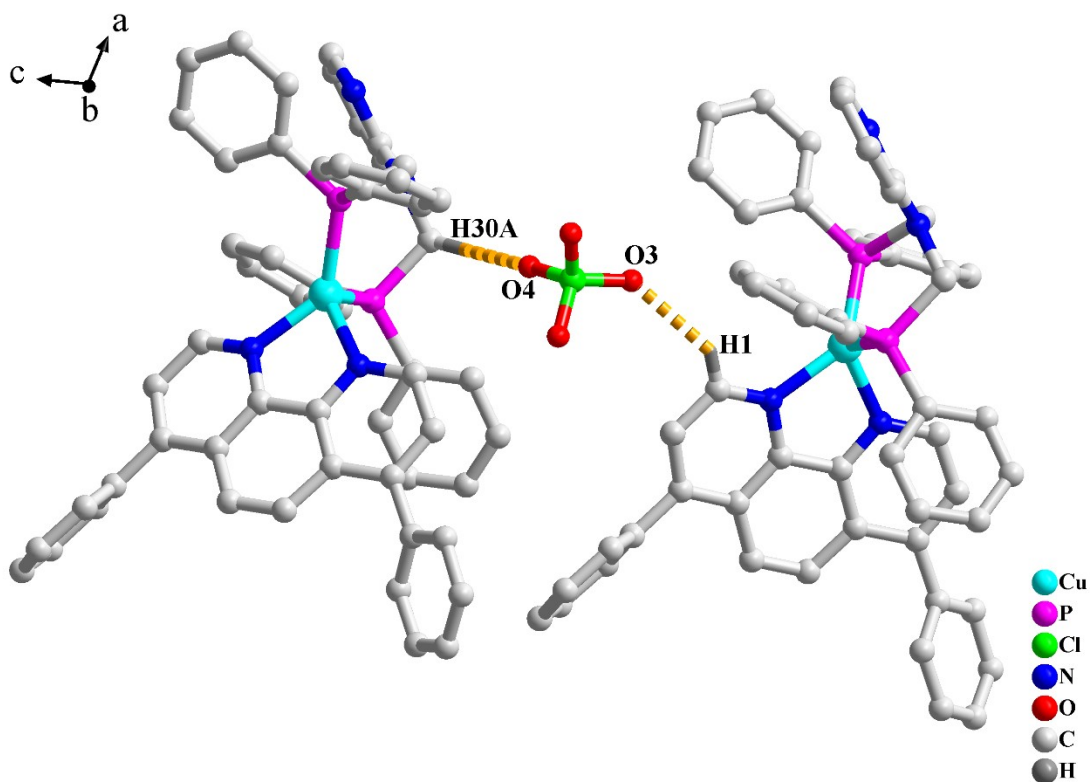


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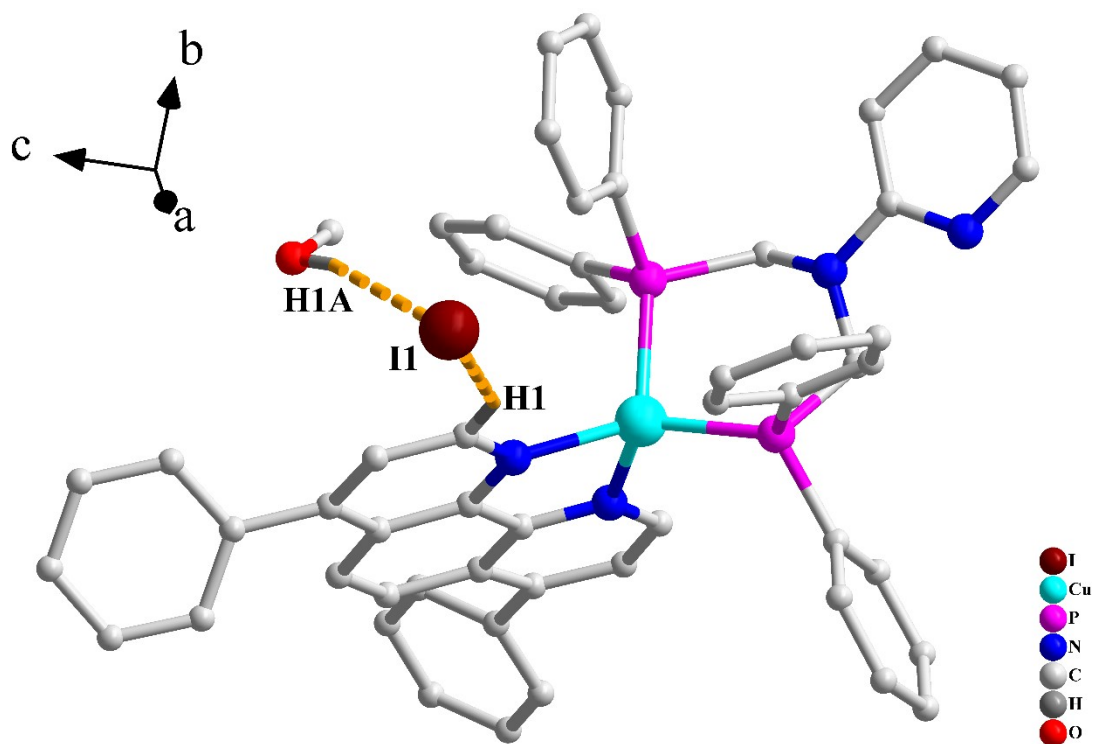


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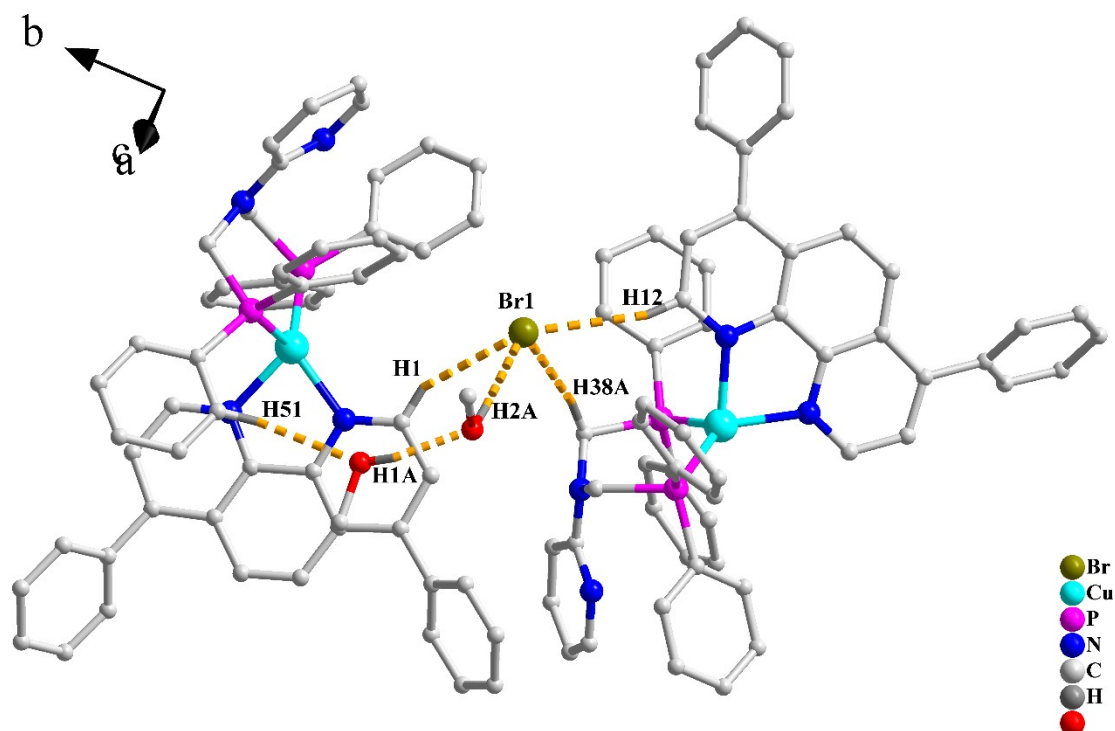


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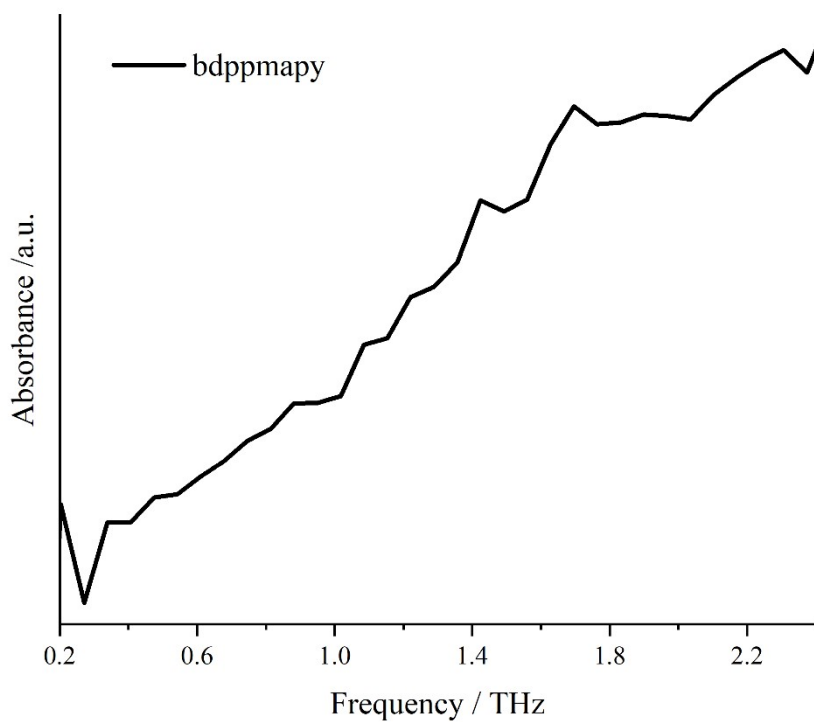


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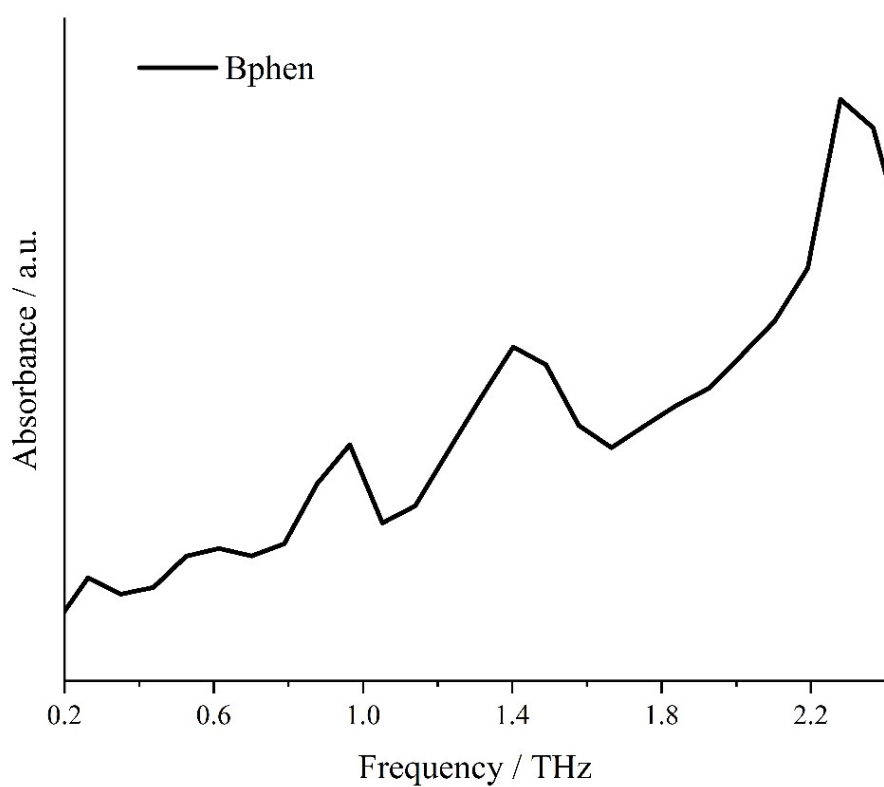


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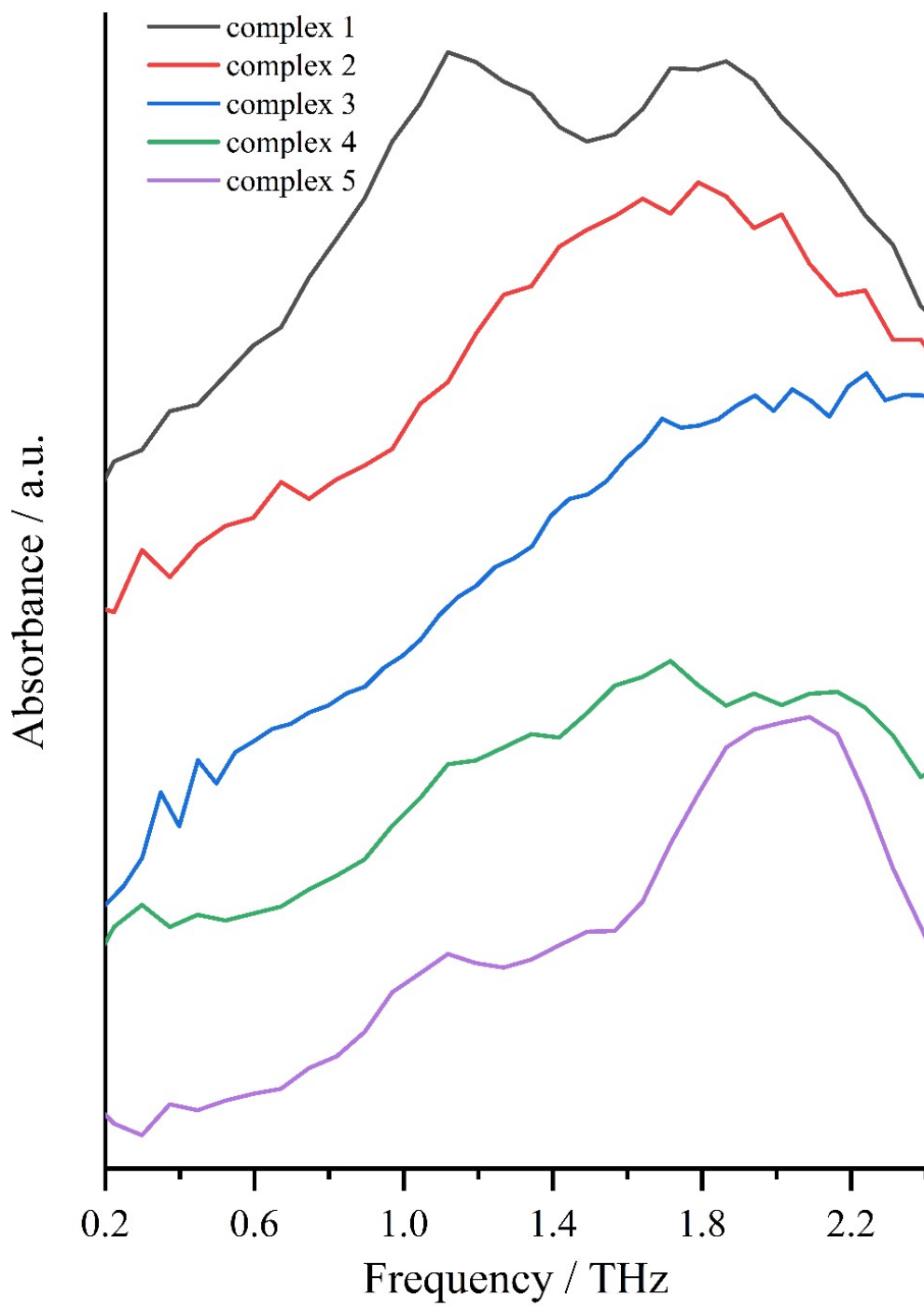


Fig. S30 Terahertz time-domain spectroscopy (THz-TDS) of complexes 1-5.

Table. S1 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complexes **1-5**.

Complex 1			
Cu(1)-I(1)	2.6814(7)	N(1)-Cu(1)-I(1)	80.80(7)
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.0700(33)	N(1)-Cu(1)-P(1)	124.22(5)
Cu(1)-P(1)	2.2838(11)	N(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	105.46(5)
Cu(1)-P(2)	2.2912(9)	I(1)-Cu(1)-P(1)	127.14(5)
		I(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	111.74(5)
		P(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	104.99(2)
Complex 2			
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.0647(18)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	80.745(66)
Cu(1)-N(2)	2.0574(17)	N(1)-Cu(1)-P(1)	108.245(53)
Cu(1)-P(1)	2.2580(7)	N(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	116.361(49)
Cu(1)-P(2)	2.2244(6)	N(2)-Cu(1)-P(1)	116.290(53)
		N(2)-Cu(1)-P(2)	132.189(15)
		P(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	100.759(24)
Complex 3			
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.048(3)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	80.78(10)
Cu(1)-N(2)	2.051(3)	N(1)-Cu(1)-P(1)	108.21(7)
Cu(1)-P(1)	2.2503(9)	N(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	132.19(8)
Cu(1)-P(2)	2.2196(9)	N(2)-Cu(1)-P(1)	104.83(7)
		N(2)-Cu(1)-P(2)	121.45(8)
		P(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	105.59(3)
Complex 4			
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.055(2)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	80.88(9)
Cu(1)-N(2)	2.047(2)	N(1)-Cu(1)-P(1)	118.14(7)
Cu(1)-P(1)	2.2525(8)	N(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	105.78(7)
Cu(1)-P(2)	2.2109(8)	N(2)-Cu(1)-P(1)	135.23(7)
		N(2)-Cu(1)-P(2)	112.78(7)
		P(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	100.86(3)
Complex 5			
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.066(5)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	80.84(19)
Cu(1)-N(2)	2.033(5)	N(1)-Cu(1)-P(1)	99.03(13)
Cu(1)-P(1)	2.2575(15)	N(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	121.12(14)
Cu(1)-P(2)	2.2061(15)	N(2)-Cu(1)-P(1)	116.48(14)
		N(2)-Cu(1)-P(2)	129.55(14)
		P(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	104.78(6)

Table. S2 Intermolecular C-H... π interactions for complex **1**.

C-H...Cg(<i>i</i>)	H...Cg distance / Å	C-H...Cg angel/(°)	C...Cg distance / Å
C20-H20→Cg(3) ⁱ	2.91	116	3.414

Cg(3)=N1-C6-C7-C10-C11-C12

Symmetric codes: ⁱ 0.5-x, 2-y, 1-z**Table. S3** Intermolecular C-H... π interactions for complex **2**.

C-H...Cg(<i>i</i>)	H...Cg distance / Å	C-H...Cg angel/(°)	C...Cg distance / Å
C14-H14→Cg(4) ⁱ	2.84	117	3.37
C36-H36→Cg(12) ⁱⁱ	2.92	136	3.65
C56-H56C→Cg(4) ⁱⁱⁱ	2.41	166	3.35

Cg(4)=N2-C6-C7-C8-C9-C10

Cg(12)=C50-C51-C52-C53-C54-C55

Symmetric codes: ⁱ 2-x, -y, 2-z; ⁱⁱ -0.5+x, 0.5-y, 0.5+z; ⁱⁱⁱ x, y, z**Table. S4** Intermolecular C-H... π interactions for complex **3**.

C-H...Cg(<i>i</i>)	H...Cg distance / Å	C-H...Cg angel/(°)	C...Cg distance / Å
C17-H17→Cg(8) ⁱ	2.86	127	3.50
C18-H18→Cg(9) ⁱⁱ	2.85	171	3.77
C20-H20→Cg(3) ⁱⁱⁱ	2.77	118	3.30
C33-H33→Cg(10) ⁱⁱ	2.86	148	3.69

Cg(3) = N1-C1-C2-C3-C4-C5

Cg(8) = C19-C20-C21-C22-C23-C24

Cg(9) = C31-C32-C33-C34-C35-C36

Cg(10)=C37-C38-C39-C40-C41-C41

Symmetric codes: ⁱ x, 0.5-y, 0.5+z; ⁱⁱ 1-x, 1-y, -z; ⁱⁱⁱ 1-x, -y, -z**Table. S5** Intermolecular C-H... π interactions for complex **4**.

C-H...Cg(<i>i</i>)	H...Cg distance / Å	C-H...Cg angel/(°)	C...Cg distance / Å
C8-H8→Cg(12) ⁱ	2.94	138	3.688
C20-H20→Cg(3) ⁱ	2.71	137	3.455
C33-H33→Cg(12) ⁱⁱ	2.89	133	3.584

Cg(3) = N1-C1-C2-C3-C4-C5

Cg(12) = C50-C51-C52-C53-C54-C55

Symmetric codes: ⁱ 1-x, 1-y, 1-z; ⁱⁱ -0.5+x, 1.5-y, 0.5+z**Table. S6** Intermolecular C-H... π interactions for complex **5**.

C-H...Cg(<i>i</i>)	H...Cg distance / Å	C-H...Cg angel/(°)	C...Cg distance / Å
C23-H23→Cg(12) ⁱ	2.97	153	3.823
C28-H28→Cg(7) ⁱⁱ	2.76	149	3.584
C40-H40→Cg(7) ⁱⁱⁱ	3.00	154	3.854
C52-H52→Cg(9) ^{iv}	2.91	141	3.682

Cg(7) = C13-C14-C15-C16-C17-C18

Cg(9) = C25-C26-C27-C28-C29-C30

Cg(12) = C50-C51-C52-C53-C54-C55

Symmetric codes: ⁱ 0.5-x, -0.5+y, 1.5-z; ⁱⁱ 1+x, y, z; ⁱⁱⁱ 0.5+x, 1.5-y, 0.5+z; ^{iv} -1+x, y, z

Table. S7 Intermolecular $\pi \dots \pi$ interactions for complex **2**.

Cg...Cg(<i>i</i>)	Cg...Cg distance / Å	Alpha
Cg(10)...Cg(10) ⁱ	3.89	0

Cg(10) = C38-C39-C40-C41-C42-C43

Symmetric codes: ⁱ 2-x, 1-y, 2-z

Table. S8 Intermolecular $\pi \dots \pi$ interactions for complex **3**.

Cg...Cg(<i>i</i>)	Cg...Cg distance / Å	Alpha
Cg(5)...Cg(5) ⁱ	3.81	0

Cg(5) = N4-C25-C26-C27-C28-C29

Symmetric codes: ⁱ 2-x, 1-y, -z

Table. S9 Fluorescence data for ligands Bphen and bdppmapy.

ligands	λ_{ex} / nm	λ_{em} / nm
Bphen	365	405
bdppmapy	380	433

Table. S10 Energy, oscillator strength and major contribution of the calculated transitions for complex **3**.

Excited state	Energy	Oscillator strength	Contribution %	
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			HOMO→LUMO	92.89
3 absorption	3.9137 eV 316.80 nm	0.2378	HOMO-12→LUMO+1	2.17
			HOMO-5→LUMO+1	67.30
			HOMO-4→LUMO	13.92
			HOMO→LUMO+3	3.20
3 absorption	4.7432 eV 261.39 nm	0.1500	HOMO-20→LUMO	6.63
			HOMO-19→LUMO+1	3.24
			HOMO-18→LUMO+1	3.83
			HOMO-5→LUMO+2	5.00
			HOMO-4→LUMO+5	3.15
			HOMO-3→LUMO+3	8.78
			HOMO-2→LUMO+4	3.29
			HOMO-2→LUMO+5	8.50
			HOMO-2→LUMO+6	31.29
HOMO-1→LUMO+10	2.60			
3 emission	2.7022 eV 458.83 nm	0.1496	LUMO→HOMO-2	87.16