

# Solvatomorphs of $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})_2[\{\text{Ag}(\text{N}_2\text{-py})\}_2\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]$ : structure, colouration and phase transition

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Table S1. Experimental details

|                                                                            | OP_subunit                                                                                                                   | YP                                                                                                                                                                                                 | OP_150                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chemical formula                                                           | C <sub>45</sub> H <sub>93</sub> Ag <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>8</sub> N <sub>9</sub> O <sub>27</sub>                               | C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>86</sub> Ag <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>8</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>26</sub>                                                                                                     | C <sub>45</sub> H <sub>93</sub> Ag <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>8</sub> N <sub>9</sub> O <sub>27</sub>                               |
| $M_r$                                                                      | 2175.54                                                                                                                      | 2102.44                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2175.54                                                                                                                      |
| Crystal system, space group                                                | Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$                                                                                                        | Orthorhombic, $Pbca$                                                                                                                                                                               | Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$                                                                                                        |
| Temperature (K)                                                            | 84                                                                                                                           | 150                                                                                                                                                                                                | 150                                                                                                                          |
| $a, b, c$ (Å)                                                              | 16.5639 (8), 17.9149 (9), 25.3059 (15)                                                                                       | 17.5214 (4), 16.1843 (4), 23.4644 (6)                                                                                                                                                              | 12.9493 (7), 16.7502 (5), 18.0160 (9)                                                                                        |
| $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)                                                | 104.626 (3), 106.317 (2), 91.236 (2)                                                                                         | 90, 90, 90                                                                                                                                                                                         | 88.198 (1), 74.295 (1), 68.962 (1)                                                                                           |
| $V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )                                                      | 6938.6 (6)                                                                                                                   | 6653.8 (3)                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3501.7 (3)                                                                                                                   |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                                                  | 2.03                                                                                                                         | 2.11                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2.01                                                                                                                         |
| Crystal size (mm)                                                          | 0.10 × 0.04 × 0.02                                                                                                           | 0.40 × 0.20 × 0.20                                                                                                                                                                                 | 0.10 × 0.04 × 0.02                                                                                                           |
| Diffractometer                                                             | Bruker D8 Venture                                                                                                            | New Xcalibur, AtlasS2                                                                                                                                                                              | Bruker D8 Venture                                                                                                            |
| Absorption correction                                                      | Multi-scan<br><i>SADABS</i> 2016/2: Krause, L., Herbst-Irmer, R., Sheldrick G.M. & Stalke D., J. Appl. Cryst. 48 (2015) 3-10 | Multi-scan<br><i>CrysAlis PRO</i> 1.171.38.41 (Rigaku Oxford Diffraction, 2015) Empirical absorption correction using spherical harmonics, implemented in <i>SCALE3 ABSPACK</i> scaling algorithm. | Multi-scan<br><i>SADABS</i> 2016/2: Krause, L., Herbst-Irmer, R., Sheldrick G.M. & Stalke D., J. Appl. Cryst. 48 (2015) 3-10 |
| $T_{\min}, T_{\max}$                                                       | 0.671, 0.746                                                                                                                 | 0.819, 1.000                                                                                                                                                                                       | 0.680, 0.746                                                                                                                 |
| No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections | 186187, 38895, 26438                                                                                                         | 29815, 7762, 6429                                                                                                                                                                                  | 46874, 16666, 10696                                                                                                          |
| $R_{\text{int}}$                                                           | 0.078                                                                                                                        | 0.031                                                                                                                                                                                              | 0.101                                                                                                                        |
| $\theta$ values (°)                                                        | $\theta_{\max} = 29.6, \theta_{\min} = 1.3$                                                                                  | $\theta_{\max} = 29.0, \theta_{\min} = 2.1$                                                                                                                                                        | $\theta_{\max} = 28.7, \theta_{\min} = 2.4$                                                                                  |
| $(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\max}$ (Å <sup>-1</sup> )                          | 0.695                                                                                                                        | 0.681                                                                                                                                                                                              | 0.676                                                                                                                        |
| Range of $h, k, l$                                                         | $-22 \leq h \leq 22, -24 \leq k \leq 24, -35 \leq l \leq 35$                                                                 | $-22 \leq h \leq 23, -21 \leq k \leq 16, -19 \leq l \leq 31$                                                                                                                                       | $-17 \leq h \leq 17, -22 \leq k \leq 19, -24 \leq l \leq 24$                                                                 |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$                                        | 0.074, 0.170, 1.09                                                                                                           | 0.024, 0.051, 1.05                                                                                                                                                                                 | 0.069, 0.182, 1.10                                                                                                           |
| No. of reflections, parameters, restraints                                 | 38895, 1641, 0                                                                                                               | 7762, 400, 0                                                                                                                                                                                       | 16666, 810, 6                                                                                                                |
| H-atom treatment                                                           | H-atom parameters constrained                                                                                                | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement                                                                                                                             | H-atom parameters constrained                                                                                                |
| Weighting scheme                                                           | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + 131.5944P]$<br>where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                                                      | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0188P)^2 + 3.3072P]$<br>where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                                                                                                                | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0429P)^2]$<br>where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                                                    |
| $\Delta\rho_{\max}, \Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )                | 3.31, -2.61                                                                                                                  | 0.52, -0.63                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1.79, -1.93                                                                                                                  |

Computer programs: *APEX2* (Bruker-AXS, 2004), *CrysAlis PRO* 1.171.38.41 (Rigaku OD, 2015), *SAINT* (Bruker-AXS, 2004), *SHELXS2014* (Sheldrick, 2014), *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2014), *ShelXle* (Hübschle, 2011), *CIFTAB-2014* (Sheldrick, 2014).

Table S2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

| OP_subunit               |             |                      |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| O1—Ag1                   | 2.488 (6)   | O42—Ag4              | 2.519 (6)   |
| O2—Ag1                   | 2.296 (5)   | O49—Ag3              | 2.239 (7)   |
| O3—Ag1                   | 2.540 (6)   | N2—Ag1               | 2.191 (7)   |
| O10—Ag2                  | 2.295 (6)   | N5—Ag2               | 2.197 (7)   |
| O13—Ag2                  | 2.550 (6)   | N13—Ag4 <sup>i</sup> | 2.578 (8)   |
| O14—Ag2                  | 2.555 (6)   | N14—Ag4              | 2.186 (8)   |
| O30—Ag4                  | 2.234 (7)   | N17—Ag3              | 2.182 (8)   |
| O37—Ag3                  | 2.556 (6)   |                      |             |
|                          |             |                      |             |
| N14—Ag4—N13 <sup>i</sup> | 104.0 (3)   | N14—Ag4—O30          | 163.5 (3)   |
| N2—Ag1—O1                | 102.0 (2)   | N14—Ag4—O42          | 109.5 (2)   |
| N2—Ag1—O2                | 148.6 (2)   | O1—Ag1—O3            | 124.11 (19) |
| N2—Ag1—O3                | 122.6 (2)   | O2—Ag1—O1            | 81.5 (2)    |
| N5—Ag2—O10               | 147.3 (2)   | O2—Ag1—O3            | 76.97 (19)  |
| N5—Ag2—O13               | 124.2 (2)   | O10—Ag2—O13          | 77.07 (19)  |
| N5—Ag2—O14               | 102.2 (2)   | O10—Ag2—O14          | 80.5 (2)    |
| N17—Ag3—O37              | 107.8 (2)   | O13—Ag2—O14          | 122.87 (19) |
| N17—Ag3—O49              | 169.6 (3)   | O49—Ag3—O37          | 81.0 (2)    |
| O30—Ag4—N13 <sup>i</sup> | 81.6 (2)    | O30—Ag4—O42          | 84.0 (2)    |
| O42—Ag4—N13 <sup>i</sup> | 102.0 (2)   |                      |             |
|                          |             |                      |             |
| YP                       |             |                      |             |
| O1—Ag1                   | 2.2969 (18) | O8—Ag1               | 2.5746 (17) |
| O2—Ag1                   | 2.4464 (17) | N2—Ag1               | 2.188 (2)   |
|                          |             |                      |             |
| N2—Ag1—O1                | 144.44 (7)  | O1—Ag1—O2            | 78.87 (6)   |
| N2—Ag1—O2                | 124.41 (7)  | O1—Ag1—O8            | 80.34 (6)   |
| N2—Ag1—O8                | 105.04 (6)  | O2—Ag1—O8            | 118.67 (5)  |
|                          |             |                      |             |
| OP_150                   |             |                      |             |
| O2—Ag1                   | 2.563 (5)   | O27—Ag2              | 2.566 (6)   |
| O3—Ag1                   | 2.305 (6)   | N2—Ag1               | 2.194 (6)   |
| O4—Ag1                   | 2.522 (5)   | N5—Ag2               | 2.189 (7)   |
| O16—Ag2                  | 2.254 (5)   |                      |             |
|                          |             |                      |             |
| N2—Ag1—O2                | 125.4 (2)   | O3—Ag1—O2            | 76.64 (18)  |
| N2—Ag1—O3                | 147.8 (2)   | O3—Ag1—O4            | 80.36 (19)  |
| N2—Ag1—O4                | 101.4 (2)   | O4—Ag1—O2            | 121.78 (17) |
| N5—Ag2—O16               | 168.4 (3)   | O16—Ag2—O27          | 80.6 (2)    |
| N2—Ag1—O2                | 125.4 (2)   | O3—Ag1—O2            | 76.64 (18)  |

Symmetry code(s): (i)  $-x+2, -y+1, -z+2$ .

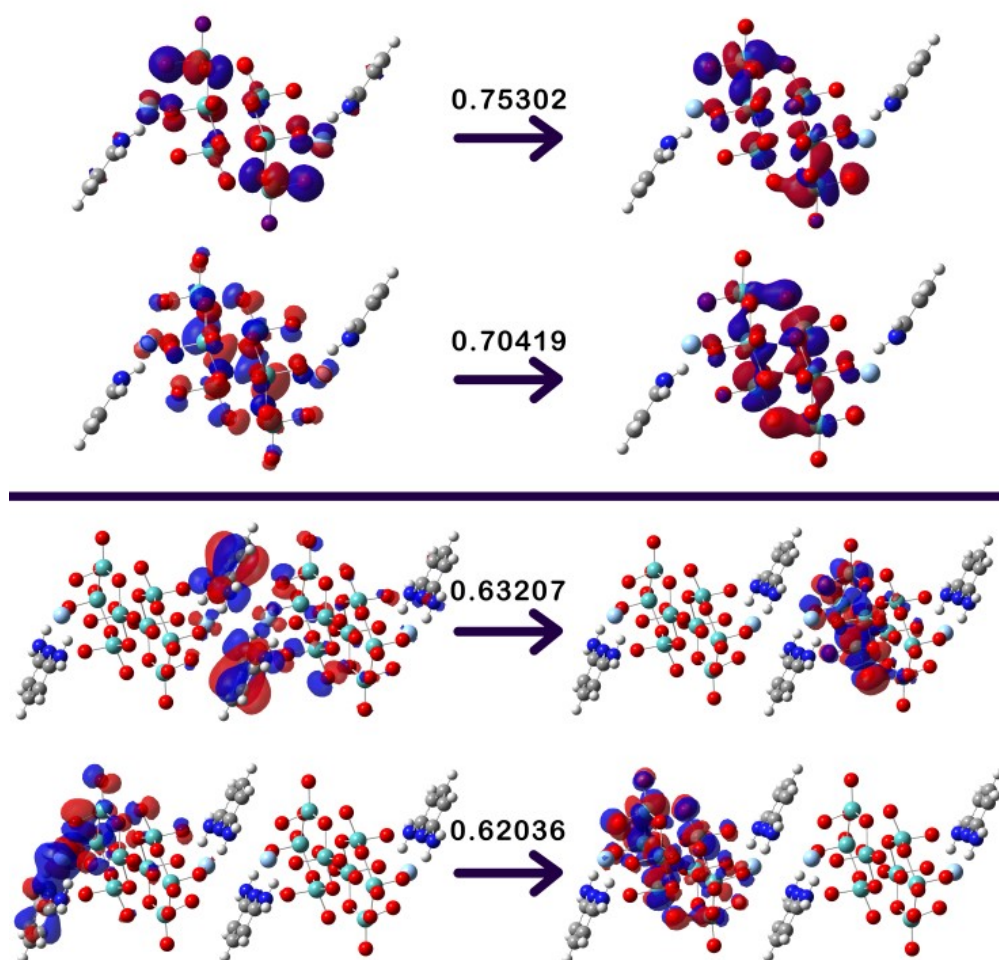


Fig. S1. Natural Transition Orbital (NTO) analysis for monomer (upper panel) and model dimer (lower panel) most intense transitions located about 3.521 eV and 3.444 eV respectively. The occupation coefficients are also depicted.

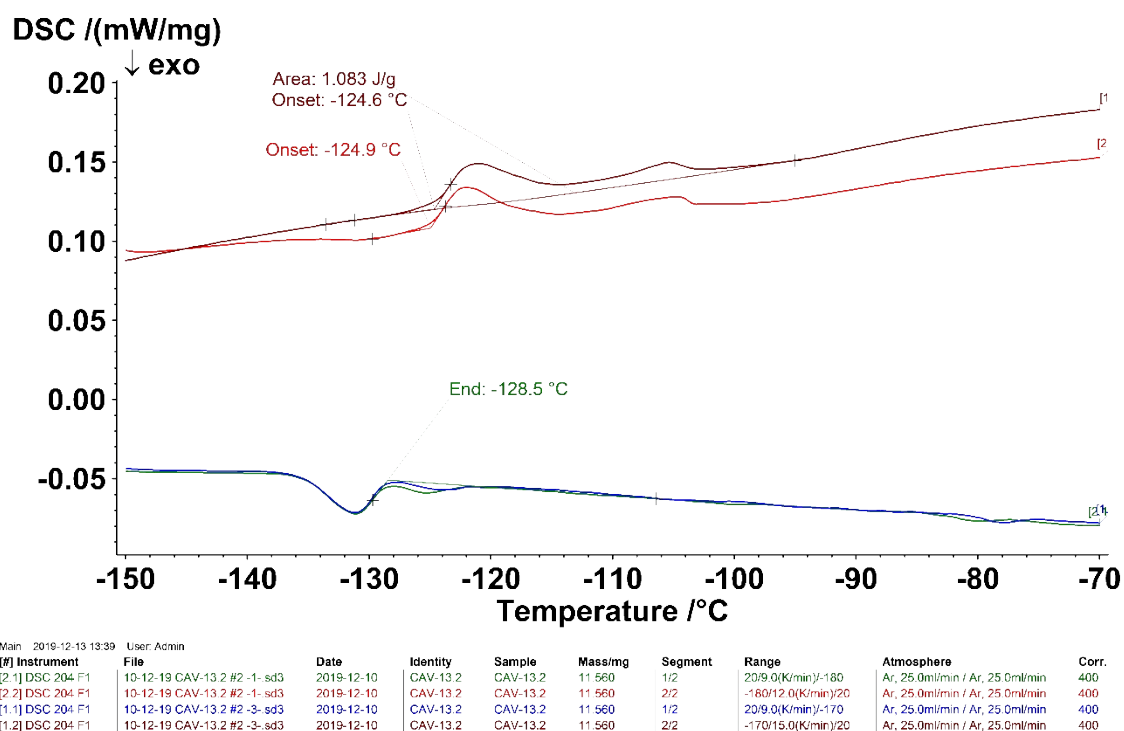


Fig. S2. DSC data for OP.

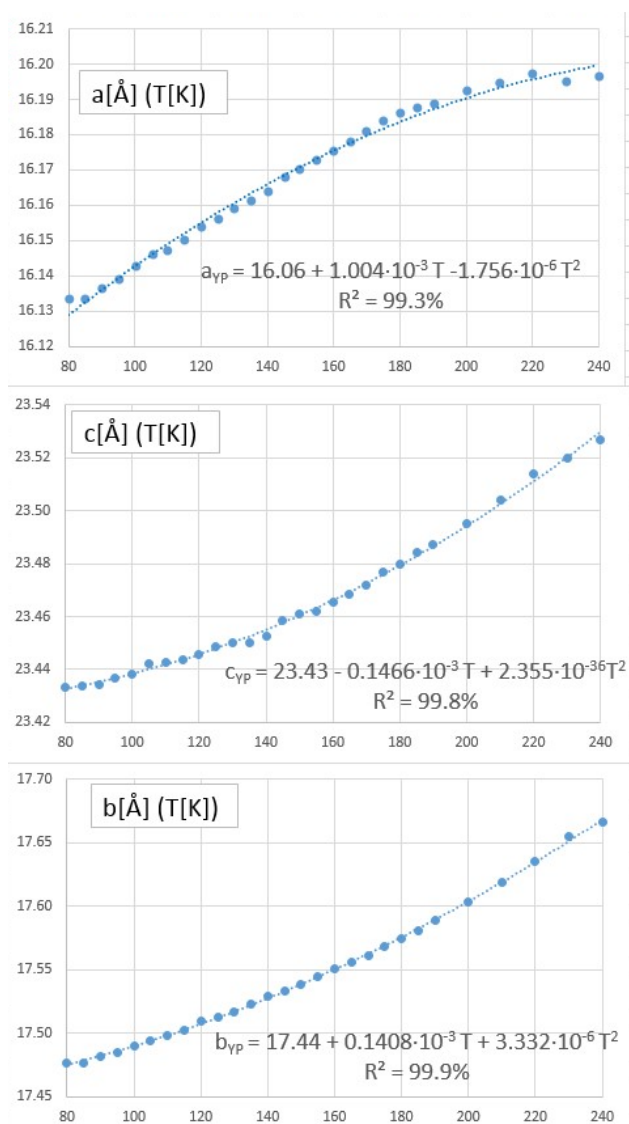


Fig. S3. Experimentally determined dependences of the UCP for YP and the equations of state used for the analysis of thermal expansion tensors.

Values of thermal strain tensor components along the principal axes ( $\alpha_i = d(\Delta/l)/dT$ ), and their direction angles with the unit cell vectors for the low-temperature red phase (OLT, Table S3), high-temperature red phase (OHT, Table S4), and yellow phase (YP, Table S5).

Table S3. OLT thermal deformation data.

| T,<br>K | $\alpha_1 \times 10^6$ ,<br>K <sup>-1</sup> | $\alpha_1^a$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_1^b$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_1^c$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_2 \times 10^6$ ,<br>K <sup>-1</sup> | $\alpha_2^a$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_2^b$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_2^c$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_3 \times 10^6$ ,<br>K <sup>-1</sup> | $\alpha_3^a$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_3^b$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_3^c$ ,<br>deg |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 90      | <b>106.0</b>                                | 70.6                  | 31.8                  | 57.9                  | <b>59.1</b>                                 | 62.6                  | 65.6                  | 38.9                  | <b>-59.2</b>                                | 34.5                  | 70.9                  | 70.5                  |
| 95      | <b>106.0</b>                                | 70.6                  | 31.8                  | 57.8                  | <b>59.1</b>                                 | 62.6                  | 65.7                  | 38.9                  | <b>-59.2</b>                                | 34.6                  | 70.9                  | 70.5                  |
| 100     | <b>106.0</b>                                | 70.6                  | 31.8                  | 57.8                  | <b>59.1</b>                                 | 62.6                  | 65.7                  | 38.9                  | <b>-59.3</b>                                | 34.6                  | 70.9                  | 70.5                  |
| 105     | <b>106.0</b>                                | 70.6                  | 31.8                  | 57.8                  | <b>59.0</b>                                 | 62.6                  | 65.7                  | 38.9                  | <b>-59.3</b>                                | 34.6                  | 70.9                  | 70.5                  |
| 110     | <b>106.0</b>                                | 70.6                  | 31.8                  | 57.8                  | <b>59.0</b>                                 | 62.6                  | 65.7                  | 38.9                  | <b>-59.4</b>                                | 34.6                  | 70.9                  | 70.5                  |
| 115     | <b>106.0</b>                                | 70.6                  | 31.8                  | 57.8                  | <b>58.9</b>                                 | 62.5                  | 65.7                  | 38.9                  | <b>-59.4</b>                                | 34.6                  | 70.9                  | 70.6                  |
| 120     | <b>106.0</b>                                | 70.6                  | 31.8                  | 57.8                  | <b>58.9</b>                                 | 62.5                  | 65.7                  | 38.9                  | <b>-59.5</b>                                | 34.7                  | 70.9                  | 70.6                  |
| 125     | <b>106.0</b>                                | 70.6                  | 31.7                  | 57.8                  | <b>58.9</b>                                 | 62.5                  | 65.7                  | 38.9                  | <b>-59.5</b>                                | 34.7                  | 70.9                  | 70.6                  |
| 130     | <b>106.0</b>                                | 70.6                  | 31.7                  | 57.8                  | <b>58.8</b>                                 | 62.5                  | 65.7                  | 38.9                  | <b>-59.5</b>                                | 34.7                  | 70.9                  | 70.6                  |

Table S4. OHT thermal deformation data.

| T,<br>K | $\alpha_1 \times 10^6$ ,<br>K <sup>-1</sup> | $\alpha_1^a$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_1^b$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_1^c$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_2 \times 10^6$ ,<br>K <sup>-1</sup> | $\alpha_2^a$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_2^b$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_2^c$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_3 \times 10^6$ ,<br>K <sup>-1</sup> | $\alpha_3^a$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_3^b$ ,<br>deg | $\alpha_3^c$ ,<br>deg |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 150     | <b>103.0</b>                                | 35.8                  | 67.4                  | 40.1                  | <b>36.9</b>                                 | 87.7                  | 24.2                  | 78.9                  | <b>13.1</b>                                 | 54.3                  | 81.8                  | 52.1                  |
| 155     | <b>103.0</b>                                | 35.2                  | 66.9                  | 40.7                  | <b>36.0</b>                                 | 89.5                  | 23.3                  | 75.3                  | <b>11.6</b>                                 | 54.8                  | 86.9                  | 53.1                  |
| 160     | <b>102.0</b>                                | 34.7                  | 66.4                  | 41.3                  | <b>35.5</b>                                 | 87.1                  | 23.6                  | 71.9                  | <b>9.8</b>                                  | 55.5                  | 88.4                  | 54.3                  |
| 165     | <b>102.0</b>                                | 34.1                  | 65.9                  | 42.0                  | <b>35.4</b>                                 | 85.2                  | 24.8                  | 68.9                  | <b>7.5</b>                                  | 56.3                  | 84.3                  | 55.7                  |
| 170     | <b>101.0</b>                                | 33.6                  | 65.4                  | 42.7                  | <b>35.4</b>                                 | 83.7                  | 26.5                  | 66.2                  | <b>5.0</b>                                  | 57.2                  | 80.9                  | 56.9                  |
| 175     | <b>101.0</b>                                | 33.0                  | 64.8                  | 43.4                  | <b>35.7</b>                                 | 82.6                  | 28.3                  | 64.0                  | <b>2.3</b>                                  | 58.0                  | 78.0                  | 58.1                  |
| 180     | <b>101.0</b>                                | 32.5                  | 64.2                  | 44.1                  | <b>36.1</b>                                 | 82.0                  | 30.0                  | 62.0                  | <b>-0.6</b>                                 | 58.8                  | 75.7                  | 59.1                  |
| 185     | <b>100.0</b>                                | 31.9                  | 63.6                  | 44.9                  | <b>36.6</b>                                 | 81.6                  | 31.7                  | 60.2                  | <b>-3.6</b>                                 | 59.4                  | 73.7                  | 59.9                  |
| 190     | <b>100.0</b>                                | 31.4                  | 62.9                  | 45.7                  | <b>37.2</b>                                 | 81.4                  | 33.3                  | 58.6                  | <b>-6.6</b>                                 | 60.1                  | 72.1                  | 60.7                  |
| 195     | <b>100.0</b>                                | 30.9                  | 62.3                  | 46.5                  | <b>37.7</b>                                 | 81.4                  | 34.8                  | 57.1                  | <b>-9.8</b>                                 | 60.6                  | 70.8                  | 61.3                  |
| 200     | <b>99.8</b>                                 | 30.3                  | 61.5                  | 47.3                  | <b>38.4</b>                                 | 81.6                  | 36.2                  | 55.7                  | <b>-13.0</b>                                | 61.1                  | 69.6                  | 61.8                  |
| 205     | <b>99.6</b>                                 | 29.8                  | 60.8                  | 48.2                  | <b>39.0</b>                                 | 81.9                  | 37.5                  | 54.4                  | <b>-16.3</b>                                | 61.5                  | 68.6                  | 62.3                  |
| 210     | <b>99.5</b>                                 | 29.3                  | 60.1                  | 49.1                  | <b>39.6</b>                                 | 82.3                  | 38.8                  | 53.1                  | <b>-19.6</b>                                | 61.9                  | 67.8                  | 62.7                  |

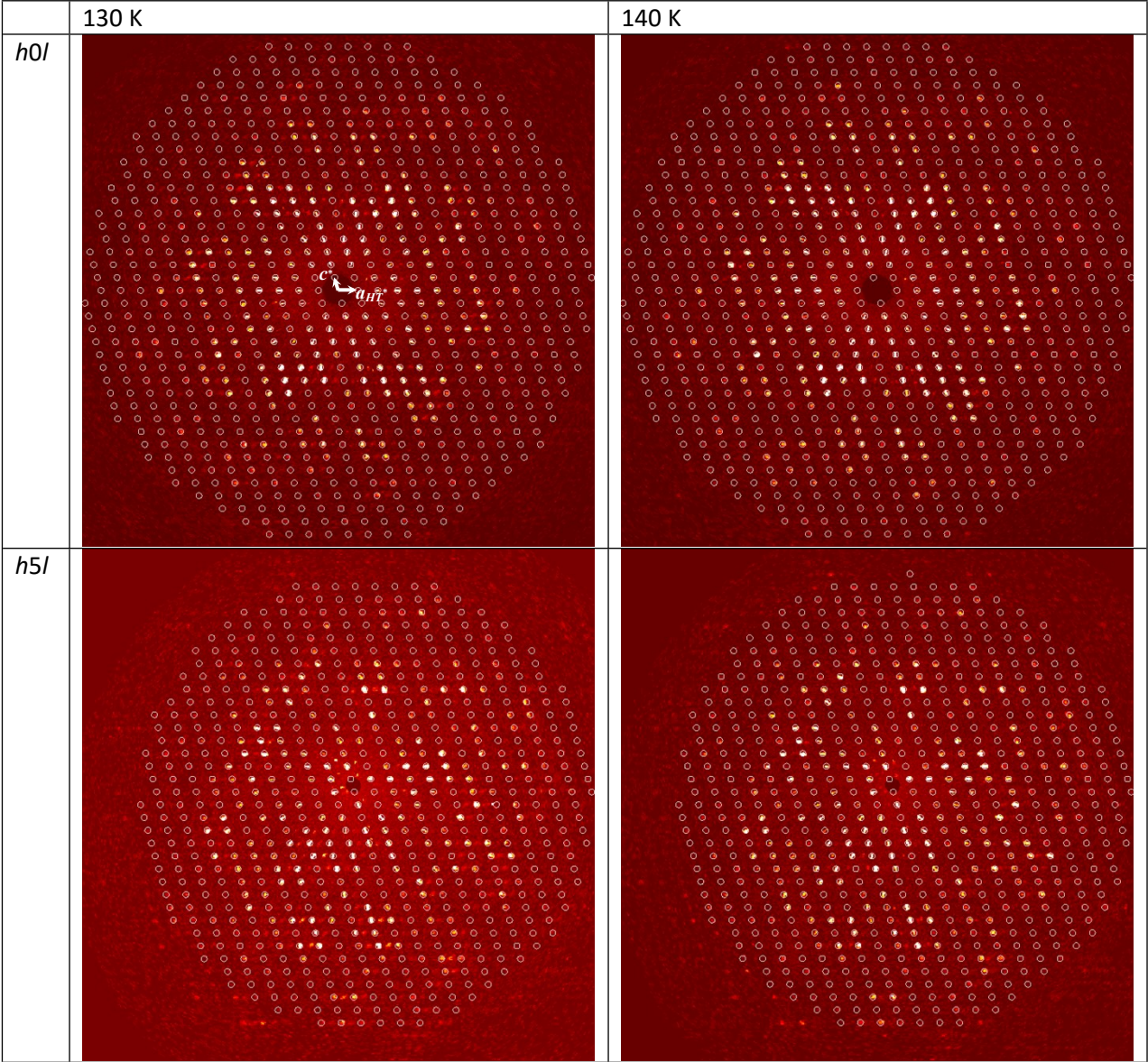
Table S5. YP thermal deformation data. Principal axes  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\alpha_3$  are parallel to  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  unit cell vectors.

| T, K | $\alpha_1 \times 10^6, \text{K}^{-1}$ | $\alpha_2 \times 10^6, \text{K}^{-1}$ | $\alpha_3 \times 10^6, \text{K}^{-1}$ |
|------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 80   | 44.7                                  | 38.7                                  | 9.2                                   |
| 90   | 42.5                                  | 42.5                                  | 11.2                                  |
| 100  | 40.3                                  | 46.3                                  | 13.1                                  |
| 110  | 38.1                                  | 50.1                                  | 15.0                                  |
| 120  | 35.9                                  | 53.9                                  | 16.9                                  |
| 130  | 33.8                                  | 57.7                                  | 18.8                                  |
| 140  | 31.6                                  | 61.4                                  | 20.8                                  |
| 150  | 29.4                                  | 65.2                                  | 22.7                                  |
| 160  | 27.2                                  | 68.9                                  | 24.6                                  |
| 170  | 25.0                                  | 72.7                                  | 26.5                                  |
| 180  | 22.9                                  | 76.4                                  | 28.4                                  |
| 190  | 20.7                                  | 80.1                                  | 30.3                                  |
| 200  | 18.5                                  | 83.8                                  | 32.2                                  |
| 210  | 16.3                                  | 87.6                                  | 34.2                                  |
| 220  | 14.2                                  | 91.3                                  | 36.1                                  |
| 230  | 12.0                                  | 94.9                                  | 38.0                                  |
| 240  | 9.8                                   | 98.6                                  | 39.9                                  |
| 250  | 7.7                                   | 102.0                                 | 41.8                                  |
| 260  | 5.5                                   | 106.0                                 | 43.7                                  |
| 270  | 3.3                                   | 110.0                                 | 45.6                                  |
| 280  | 1.2                                   | 113.0                                 | 47.5                                  |



Table S6. Reconstructions of flat sections of reciprocal space at temperatures below (130K) and above (140K) of the OP phase transition.

Circles indicate the positions of reflections from the high-temperature lattice (subcell). At 130 K, superstructure reflections associated with a doubling of the parameter  $a$  (half-integer values of  $h$  in the lattice of the high-temperature phase) are clearly observed. At 140 K, there are weaker non-Bragg peaks that deviate significantly from half-integer values of  $h$ , the appearance of which is probably caused by pre-transition phenomena in the high-temperature phase



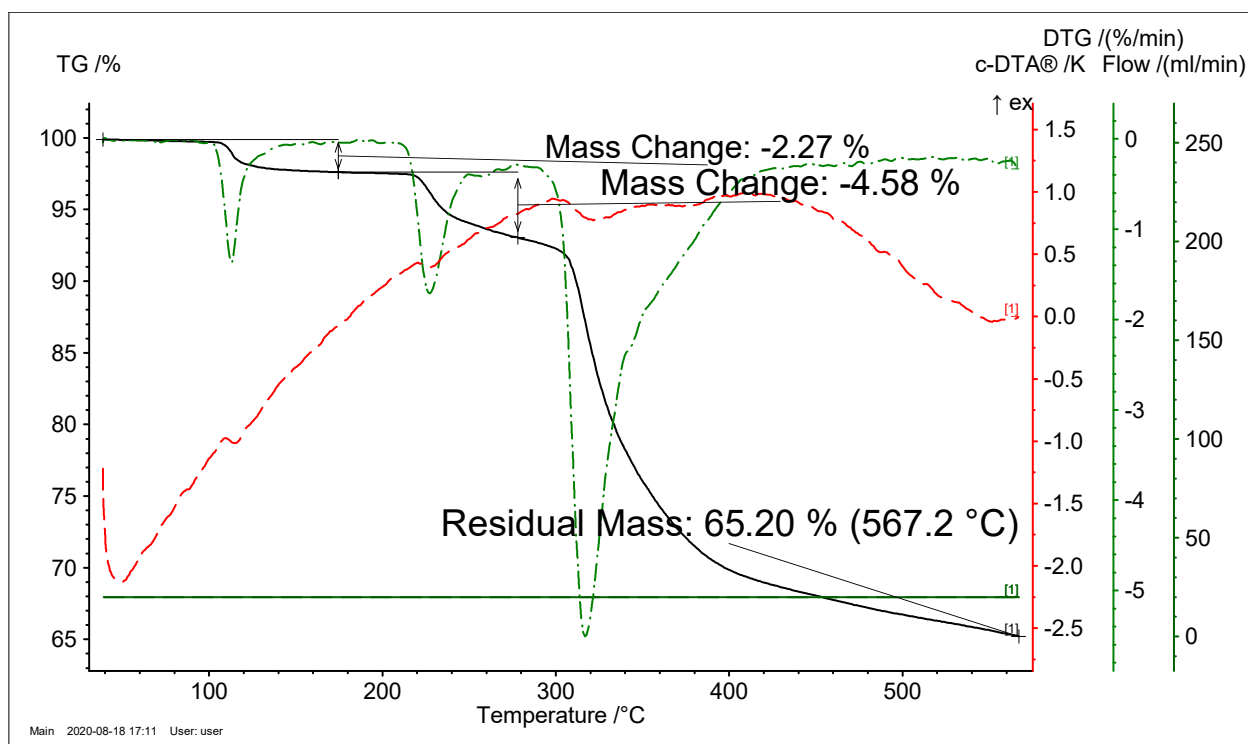


Fig. S4. TGA details for OP

Table S7. Thermal analysis assignment for OP

| Mass loss              | Assignment                                                                                 | Molar mass loss |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2.27                   | 0.7DMF                                                                                     | 50              |
| 4.58                   | 0.3DMF + 0.6 N <sub>2</sub> -Py                                                            | 109             |
| 27.95                  | 1.4N <sub>2</sub> -Py + 2Bu <sub>3</sub> N + 2butene-1 + 0.7O <sub>2</sub>                 | 634.6           |
| Residual mass – 65.20% | Ag <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>4</sub> O <sub>13</sub> +MoO <sub>3</sub> + Ag + 0.3O <sub>2</sub> |                 |

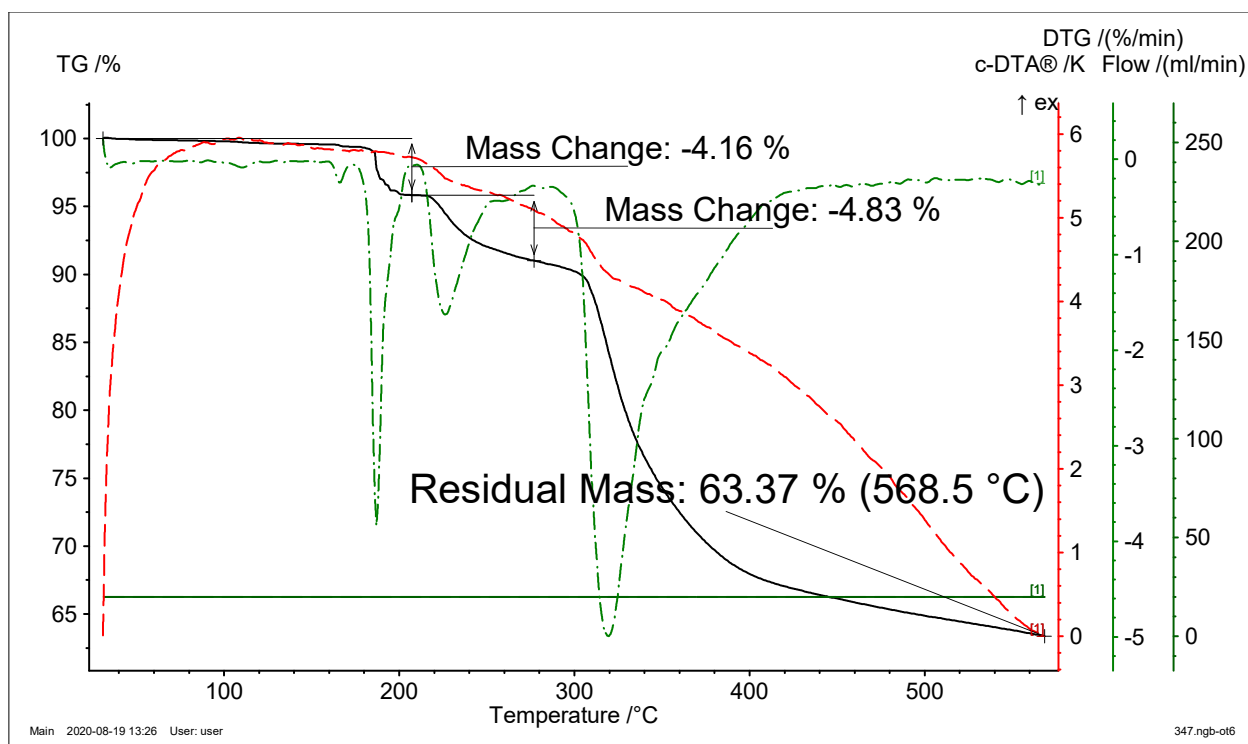


Fig. S5. TGA details for YP

Table S8. Thermal analysis assignment for YP

| Mass loss              | Assignment                                                                               | Molar mass loss |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 4.16                   | 0.8 N <sub>2</sub> -Py                                                                   | 88              |
| 4.83                   | N <sub>2</sub> -Py                                                                       | 102.2           |
| 27.64                  | 0.2N <sub>2</sub> -Py + 2Bu <sub>3</sub> N + 2butene-1 + xO <sub>2</sub>                 | 505.8+x32       |
| Residual mass – 63.37% | Ag <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>4</sub> O <sub>13</sub> +MoO <sub>3</sub> + Ag + xO <sub>2</sub> |                 |

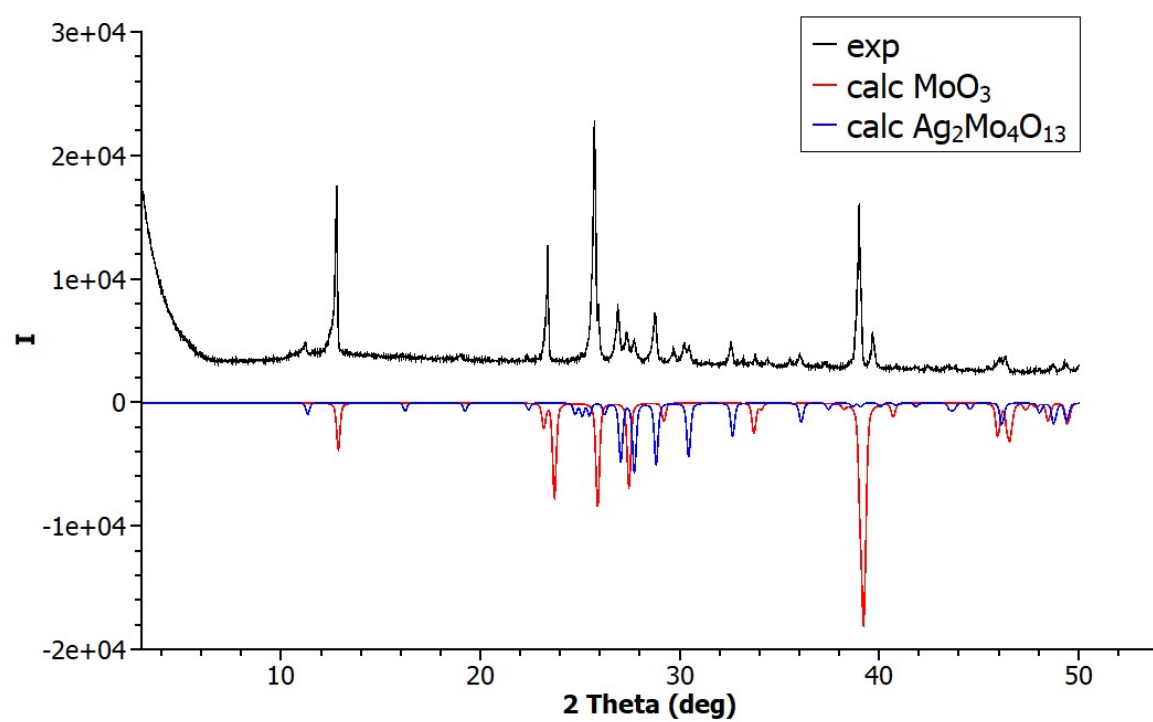


Fig. S6. XRPD data for the solid obtained after thermal decomposition

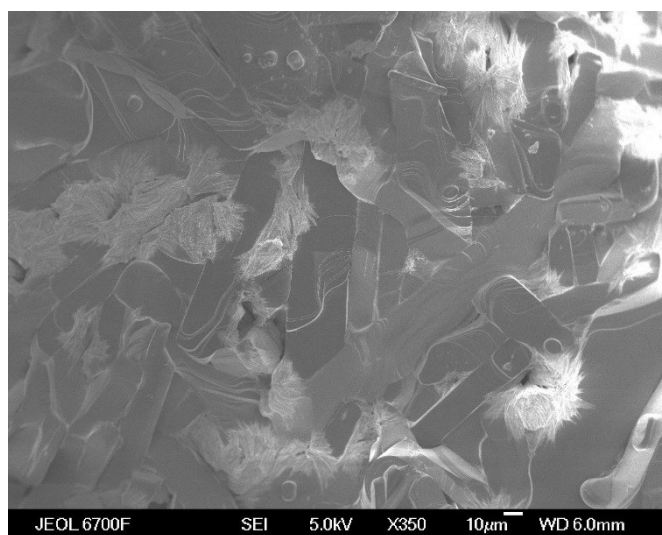
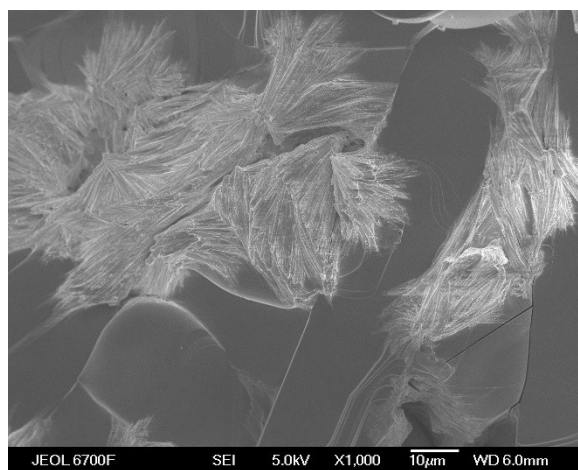
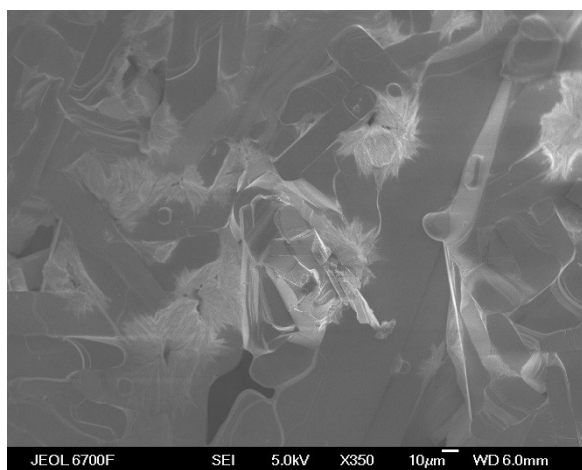


Fig. S7. SEM images of decomposition products.

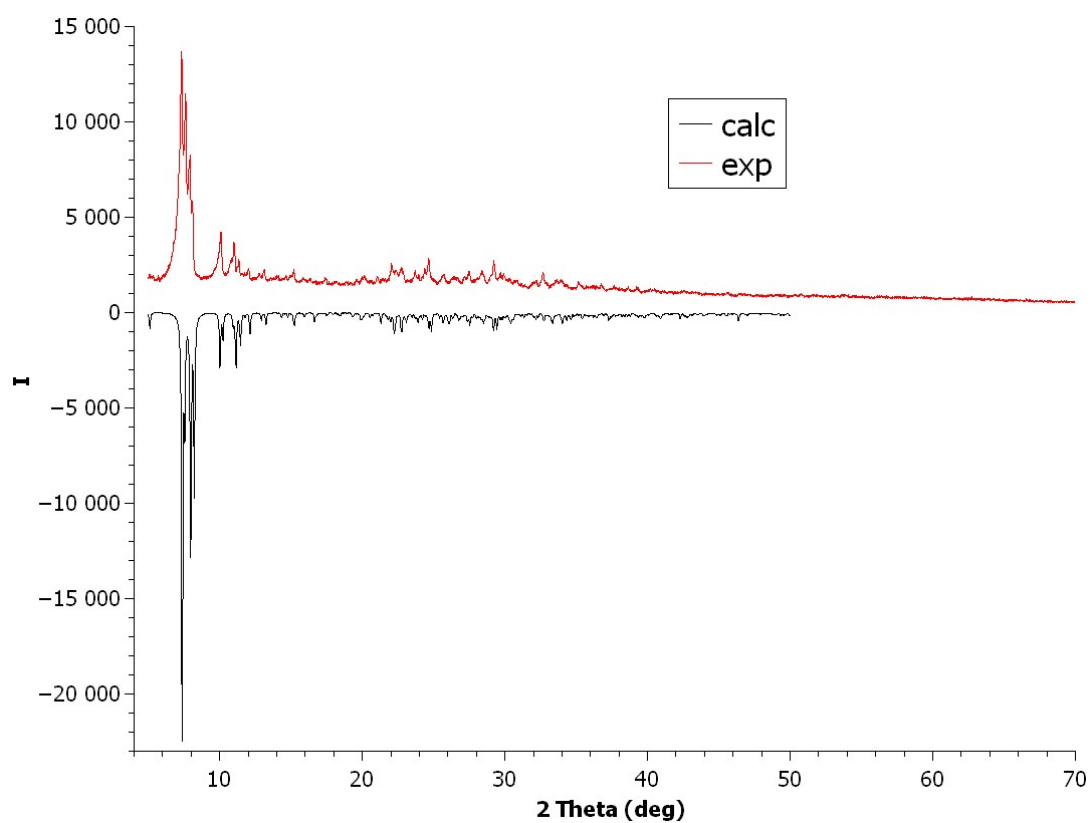


Fig. S8. XRPD data for OP.

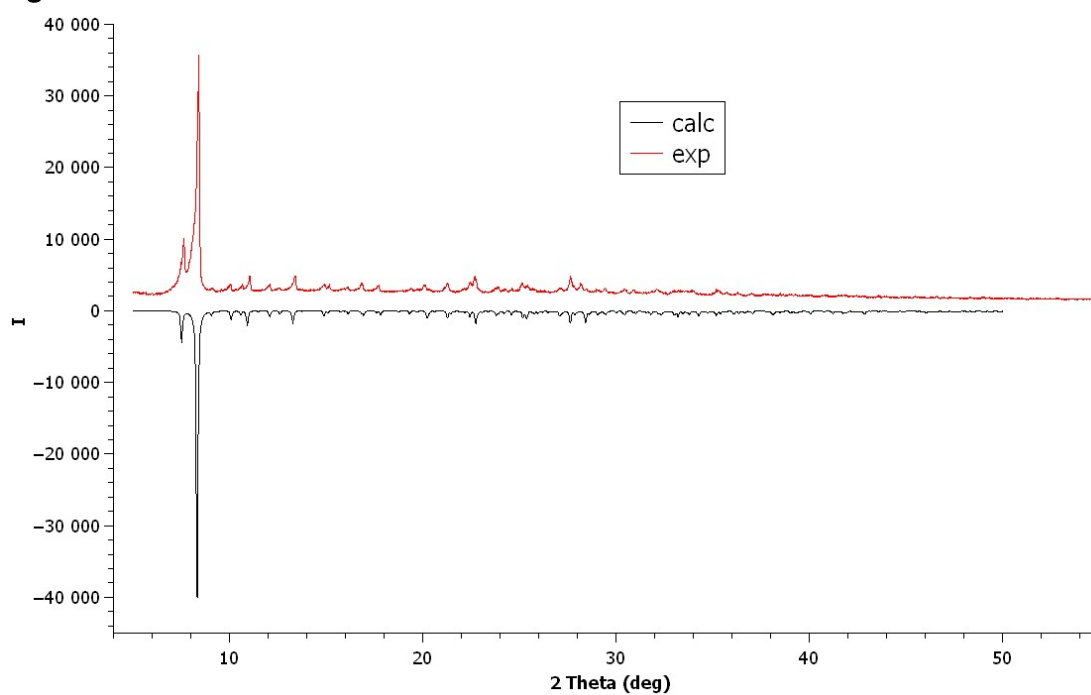


Fig. S9. XRPD data for YP.