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Orientational isomerisation of guest molecules in equilibrium in a tubular host crystal formed *via* halogen and hydrogen bonding

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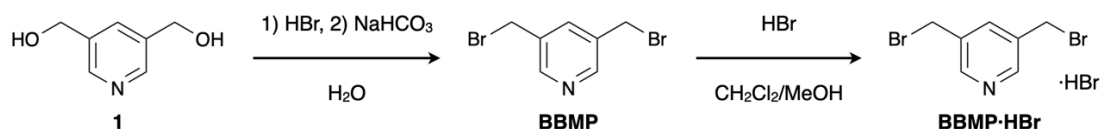
S1. Materials and methods

Solvents and reagents were purchased from TCI Co., Ltd., Kanto chemical Co., Inc. and FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corporation. All the chemicals were used without further purification. Compound **1** was synthesised in a reported procedure and the ^1H NMR signals were consistent with the data.¹ BBMP·HBr was synthesised in a modified procedure from the reported ones.^{2,3}

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) was recorded on a Rigaku Miniflex 600 diffractometer using $\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction (SCXRD) analyses were carried out using a Rigaku XtaLAB P200 diffractometer equipped with a low-temperature N_2 gas spray cooler, and the obtained data were processed using the CrysAlisPro platform and analysed using the Olex-2 crystallographic software package except for refinement⁴ using SHELXL.⁵ ORTEP diagrams, unit cell structures and overlays of SCXRD structures were displayed using a Mercury software. Packing structures were visualised by a PyMOL software. Electron density maps were made with a ShelXle program.⁶ The nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were measured using a Bruker AVANCE 500 spectrometer. ^1H NMR spectra were calibrated as TMS = 0 ppm.

S2. Synthesis and crystallisation

Synthesis of 3,5-bis(bromomethyl)pyridine hydrobromide (BBMP·HBr)^{2,3}



Pyridine-3,5-diyldimethanol¹ (**1**, 152.6 mg, 1.097 mmol) was heated at reflux in 48% hydrobromic acid (5 mL) for 6 h. To the brown solution was added 20 mL of water, and it was basified with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (50 mL). The solution was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL \times 3) and the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄. The obtained solid after evaporation was suspended in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) and then filtered to give a colourless solution. HBr-CH₃OH reagent (5–10%, 5 mL) was added to the solution to make the HBr salt of BBMP. The beige solid was obtained by evaporation (288.9 mg). A part of the solid (247.9 mg) was recrystallised by the vapor diffusion of diethyl ether into CHCl₃ to afford colourless needle crystals (**II**, 168.9 mg, 0.6375 mmol, 52%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 300 K): δ = 4.59 (s, 4H), 8.45 (br, 1H), 8.78 (br, 2H).

Elemental analysis: calcd for BBMP·HBr = C₇H₈Br₃N: C 24.31%, H 2.34%, N 4.05%; found C 24.64%, H 2.44%, N 4.20%.

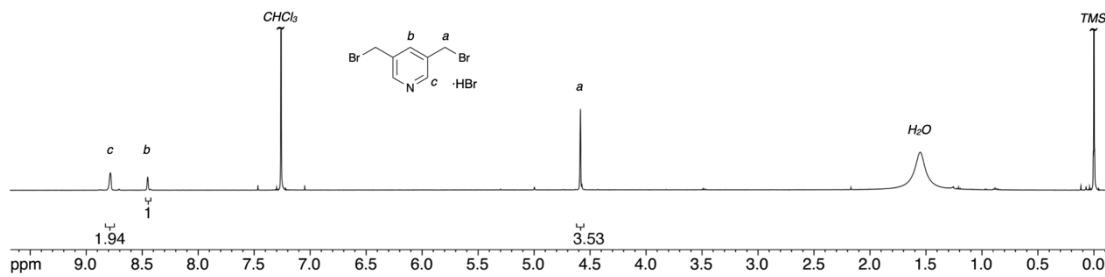


Fig. S1 ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, 300 K) of BBMP·HBr.

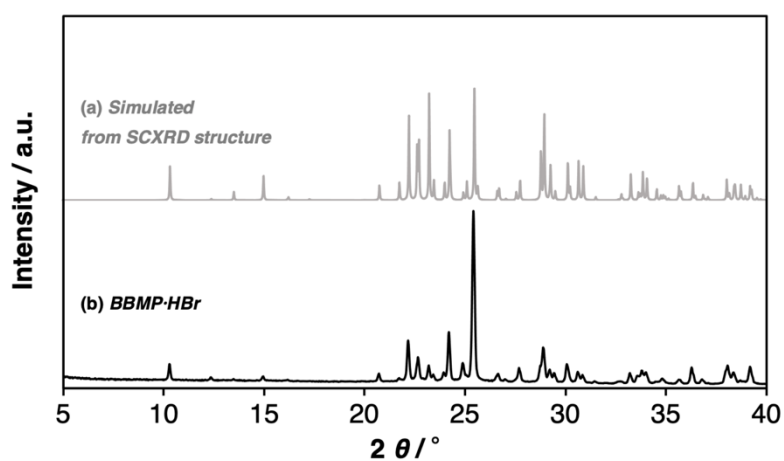


Fig. S2 PXRD patterns (RT) of BBMP·HBr (a) simulated from the SCXRD structure (CCDC 2125695) and (b) observed.

Crystals of (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Cl₂

BBMP·HBr (12.2 mg, 35.3 μmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) under heating to the boiling point, filtered and left at room temperature. Addition of the seed crystals produced in another batch resulted in the appearance of thin colourless platelets, which were collected by filtration and dried briefly in air to afford (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Cl₂ (5.76 mg, 14.8 μmol, 42%). In the absence of seed crystals, only a small amount was formed, and the selectivity of the structure **I** vs. **II** was not high. NMR and PXRD measurements were conducted immediately after filtration to avoid evaporation of the clathrated CH₂Cl₂. Crystals of (BBMP·HBr)₂·CD₂Cl₂ were synthesised in the same procedure as (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Cl₂.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 300 K): δ = 4.60 (s, 4H), 5.30 (s, CH₂Cl₂, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.81 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 2H).

Elemental analysis: calcd for BBMP·0.94HBr = C₇H_{7.94}Br_{2.94}N: C 24.65%, H 2.35%, N 4.11%; found C 24.91%, H 2.53%, N 4.24%.

The composition of BBMP·0.94HBr calculated from the elemental analysis was different from the expected BBMP·HBr·0.5(CH₂Cl₂). This may be due to the release of CH₂Cl₂ and HBr from the dried crystals with time (one day) or during the analytical procedure.

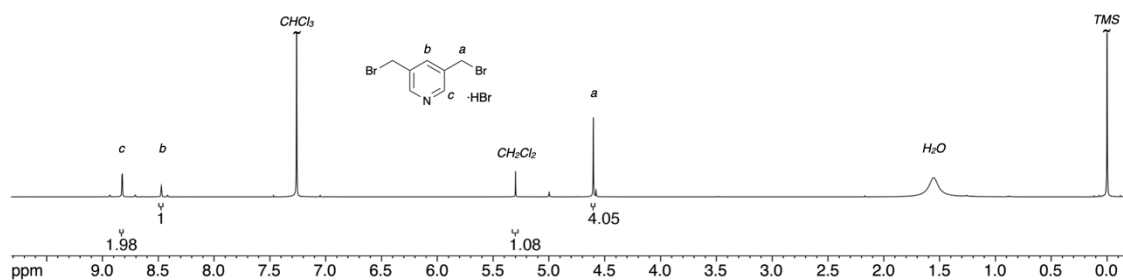


Fig. S3 ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 300 K) of (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Cl₂.

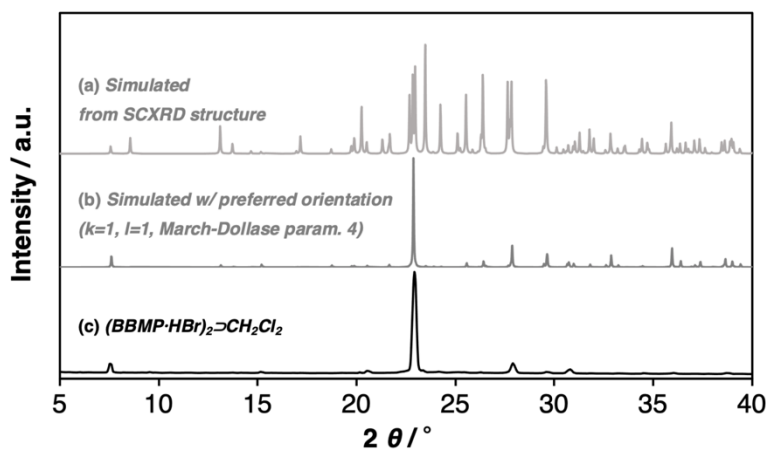


Fig. S4 PXRD patterns (RT) of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\supset\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (a) simulated from the SCXRD structure (CCDC 2124417), (b) (a) with a preferred orientation ($k = 1$, $l = 1$, March-Dollase parameter 4) and (c) observed.

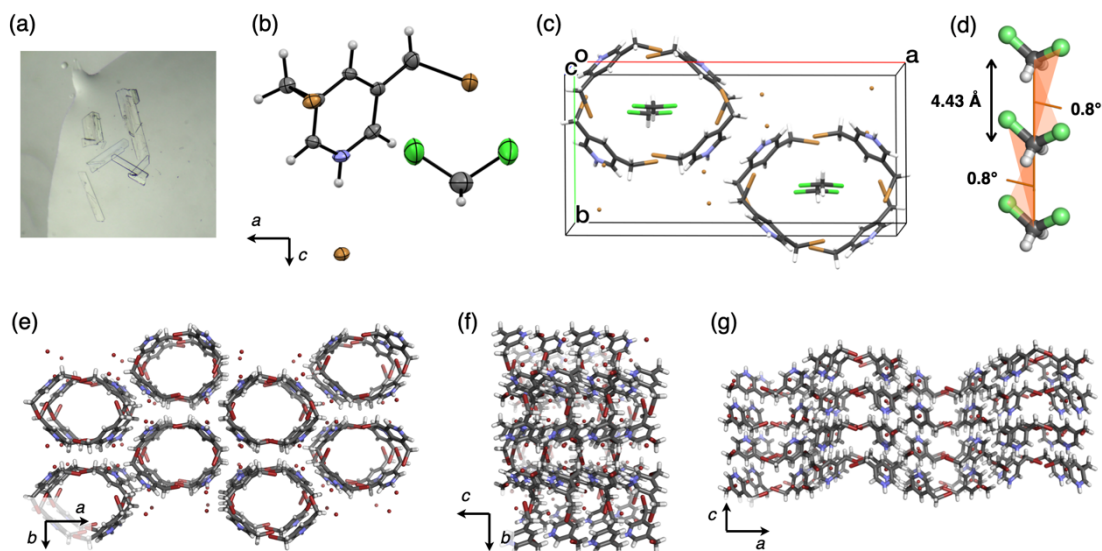


Fig. S5 (a) Photograph of the $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\supset\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ crystals. (b–g) Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\supset\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (**I**, 148 K). (b) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (c) Unit cell structure. (d) One-dimensional array of the clathrated CH_2Cl_2 molecules along the c -axis. The intermolecular separation and the dihedral angles of the C–Cl bonds between the adjacent CH_2Cl_2 molecules are shown. Packing structure viewed along the (e) c -, (f) a - and (g) b -axes. For (e–g), the solvent molecule CH_2Cl_2 was omitted for clarity. CCDC 2124428.

Crystals of (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Br₂

BBMP·HBr (9.20 mg, 26.6 μmol) dissolved in CH₂Br₂ (< 1 mL) under heating to 50 °C was filtered and left at room temperature. Addition of the seed crystals produced in another batch resulted in the appearance of thin colourless platelets, which were collected by filtration and dried briefly in air to afford (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Br₂ (4.21 mg, 9.73 μmol, 37%). In the absence of seed crystals, only a small amount was formed and the selectivity of the structure **I** vs. **II** was not high. NMR and PXRD measurements were conducted immediately after filtration to avoid evaporation of clathrated CH₂Br₂. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 300 K): δ = 4.58 (s, 4H), 4.93 (s, CH₂Br₂, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 2H).

Elemental analysis: calcd for BBMP·HBr·0.42CH₂Br₂ = C_{7.4}H_{8.8}Br_{3.8}N: C 21.27%, H 2.13%, N 3.34%; found C 21.22%, H 2.19%, N 3.43%.

The composition of BBMP·HBr·0.42(CH₂Br₂) calculated from elemental analysis was different from the expected BBMP·HBr·0.5(CH₂Br₂). This may be due to the release of CH₂Br₂ from dried crystals with time (2 days) or during the analytical procedure.

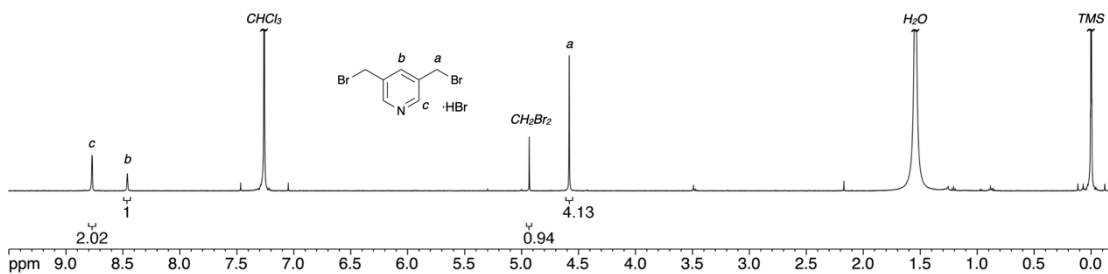


Fig. S6 ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 300 K) of (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Br₂.

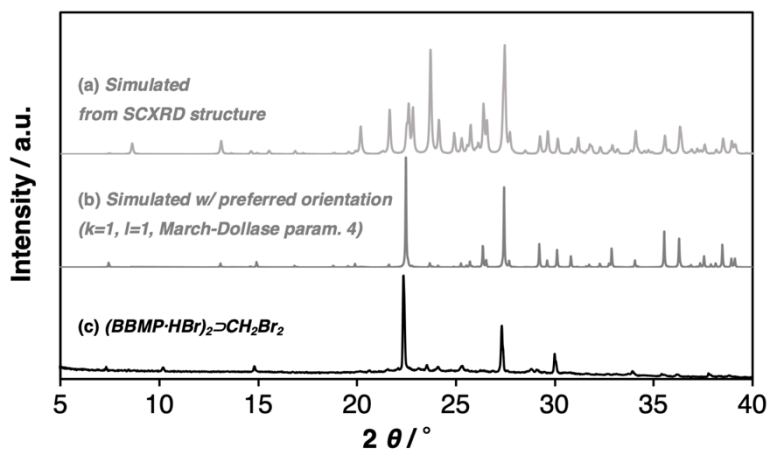


Fig. S7 PXRD patterns (RT) of (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Br₂ (a) simulated from the SCXRD structure (CCDC 2124429), (b) (a) with a preferred orientation (*k* = 1, *l* = 1, March-Dollase parameter 4) and

(c) observed.

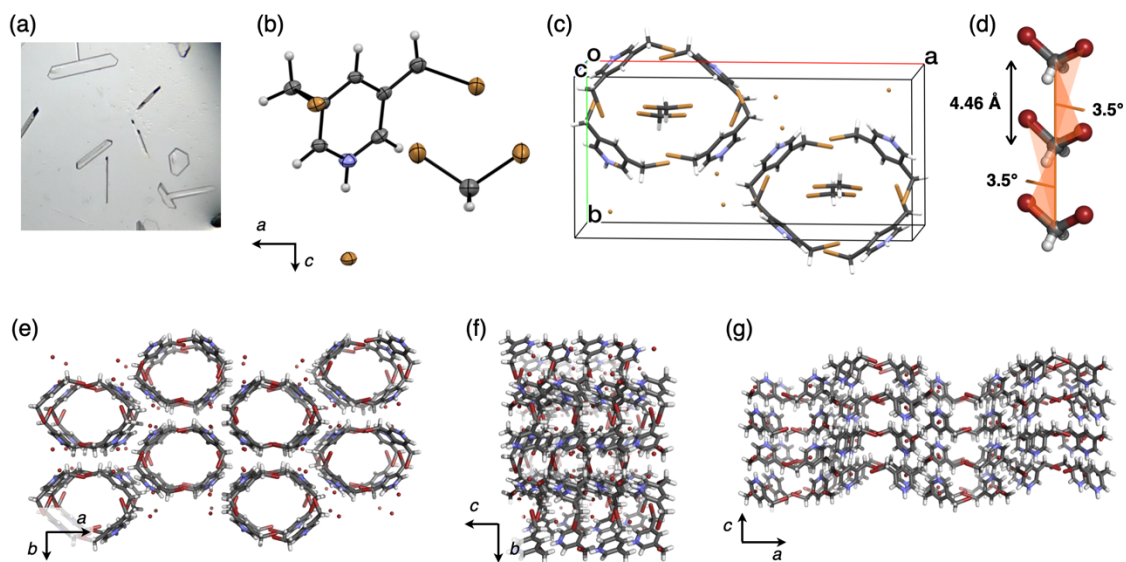


Fig. S8 Photograph of the $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$ crystals. (b–g) Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$ (**I**, 148 K). (b) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (c) Unit cell structure. (d) One-dimensional array of the clathrated CH_2Br_2 molecules along the c -axis. The intermolecular separation and the dihedral angles of the C–Br bonds between the adjacent CH_2Br_2 molecules are shown. Packing structure viewed along the (e) c -, (f) a - and (g) b -axes. For (e–g), the solvent molecule CH_2Br_2 was omitted for clarity. CCDC 2124430.

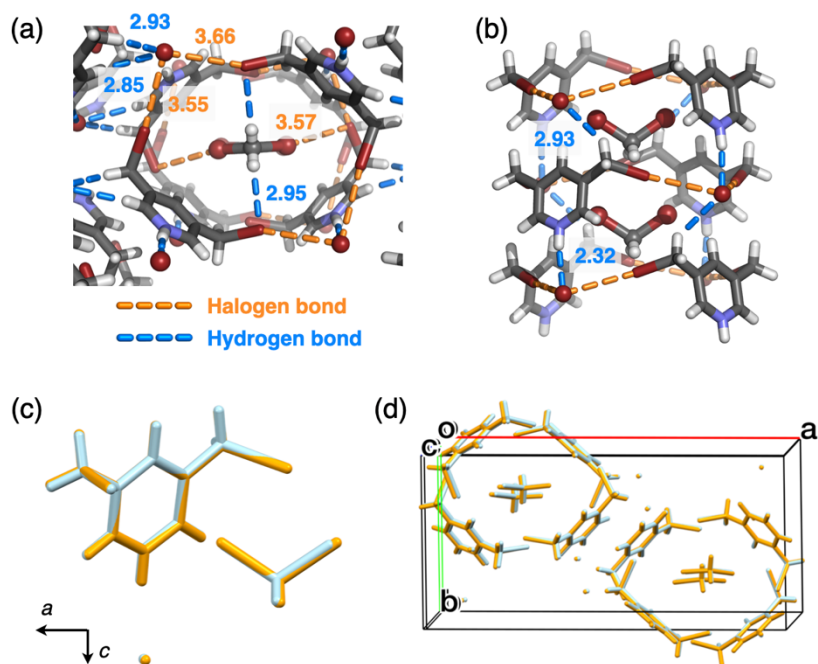


Fig. S9 Non-covalent bonds seen in the crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\supset\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ viewed from (a) top and (b) side of the tube. The orange and blue dashed lines indicate halogen and hydrogen bonds, respectively. (c,d) Overlaid crystal structures of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\supset\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (cyan) and $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\supset\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$ (orange) at 148 K. (c) Stick model of the molecules. (d) Unit cell structures.

Non-tube crystals of BBMP·HBr

When BBMP·HBr was crystallised in solvents other than CH₂Cl₂ and CH₂Br₂, crystals with a non-tubular structure without solvent molecules were obtained. Crystal **II** was readily obtained as blocky to plate-like crystals by cooling the CHCl₃ solution of BBMP·HBr or by evaporating the CH₃CN solution. It was also obtained by rapid quenching or evaporating the CH₂Cl₂ or CH₂Br₂ solution. Crystal **III** was obtained only as a minor product of the mixture with crystal **II** by diffusion of diethyl ether into a (CHCl₂)₂ solution of BBMP·HBr. The crystals subjected to SCXRD was solved as twins.

Table S1. Structural parameters for the crystals of BBMP·HBr (**II** and **III**) obtained from the CHCl₃, CH₃CN and (CHCl₂)₂.

Solvent	CHCl ₃	CH ₃ CN	CH ₂ Cl ₂	(CHCl ₂) ₂ /Et ₂ O
CCDC No.	2124416	2124411	2125695	2124418
Structure	II	II	II	III
Temperature / K	93	93	293	93
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>P2₁/n</i>
<i>a</i> / Å	8.1294(2)	8.12360(10)	8.16082(19)	14.72130(10)
<i>b</i> / Å	14.0393(3)	14.0468(2)	14.2650(3)	8.57480(10)
<i>c</i> / Å	16.9502(3)	16.9496(3)	17.0946(4)	23.2614(3)
β / °	—	—	—	94.0110(10)
<i>V</i> / Å ³	1934.54(7)	1934.13(5)	1990.05(8)	2929.15(5)
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0240	0.0327	0.0493	— (Twin)
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0275	0.0345	0.0568	0.0447
<i>wR</i> ₂ (All data)	0.0728	0.0980	0.1694	0.1470
GOF	1.115	1.107	1.100	1.109

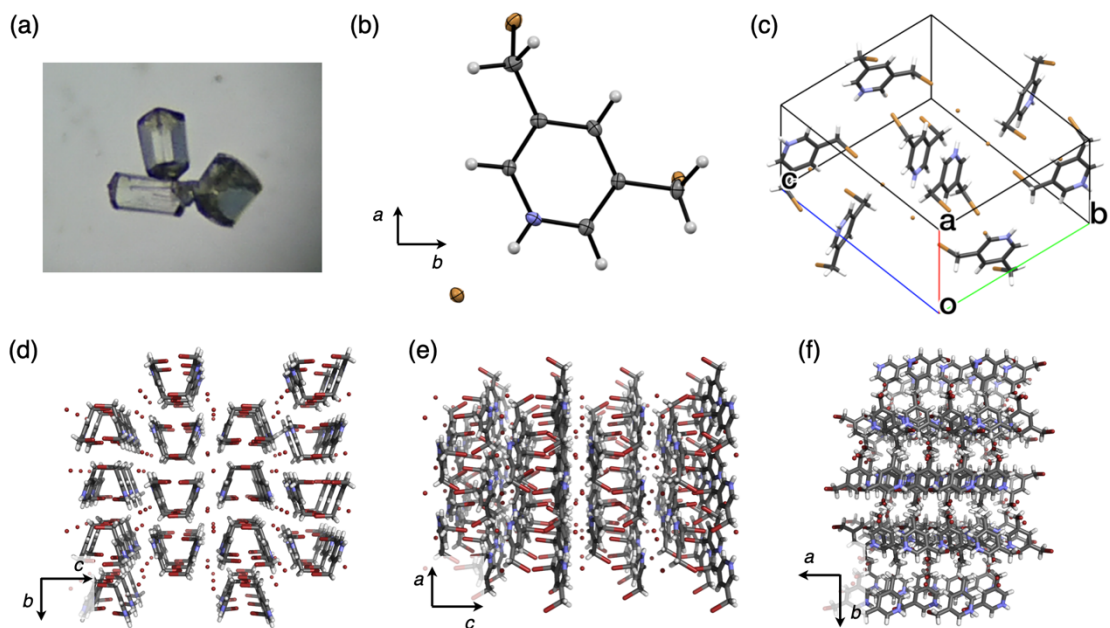


Fig. S10 (a) Photograph of the BBMP·HBr crystals (**II**). (b–f) Crystal structure of BBMP·HBr (**II**, 93 K) obtained from the CHCl_3 solution. (b) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (c) Unit cell structure. Packing structure seen along the (d) *a*-, (e) *b*- and (f) *c*-axes. CCDC 2124416.

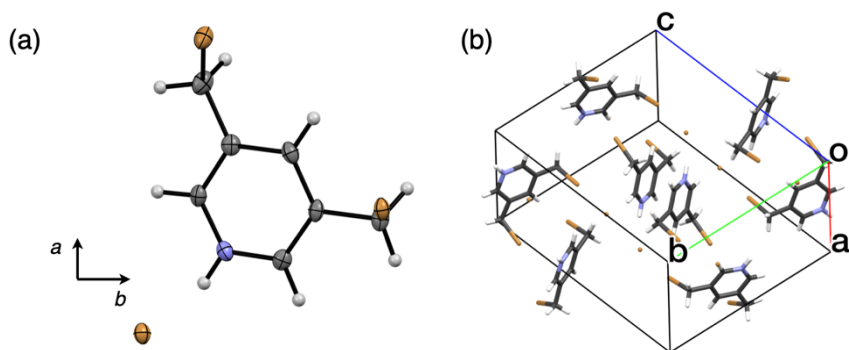


Fig. S11 Crystal structure of BBMP·HBr (**II**, 93 K) obtained from CH_3CN . (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124411.

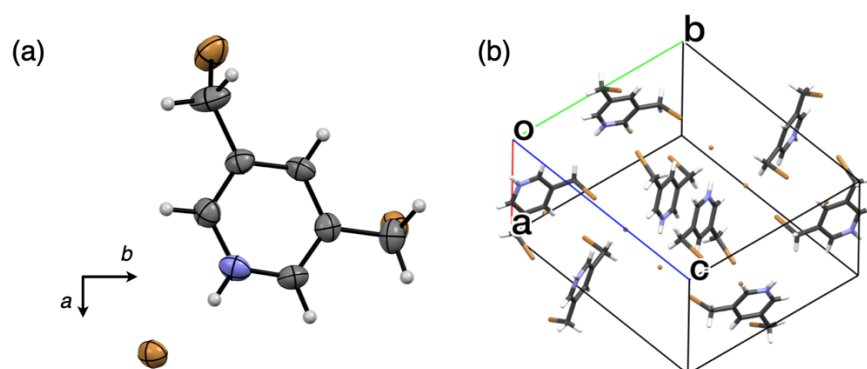


Fig. S12 Crystal structure of BBMP·HBr (**II**, 293 K) obtained from CH_2Cl_2 . (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2125695.

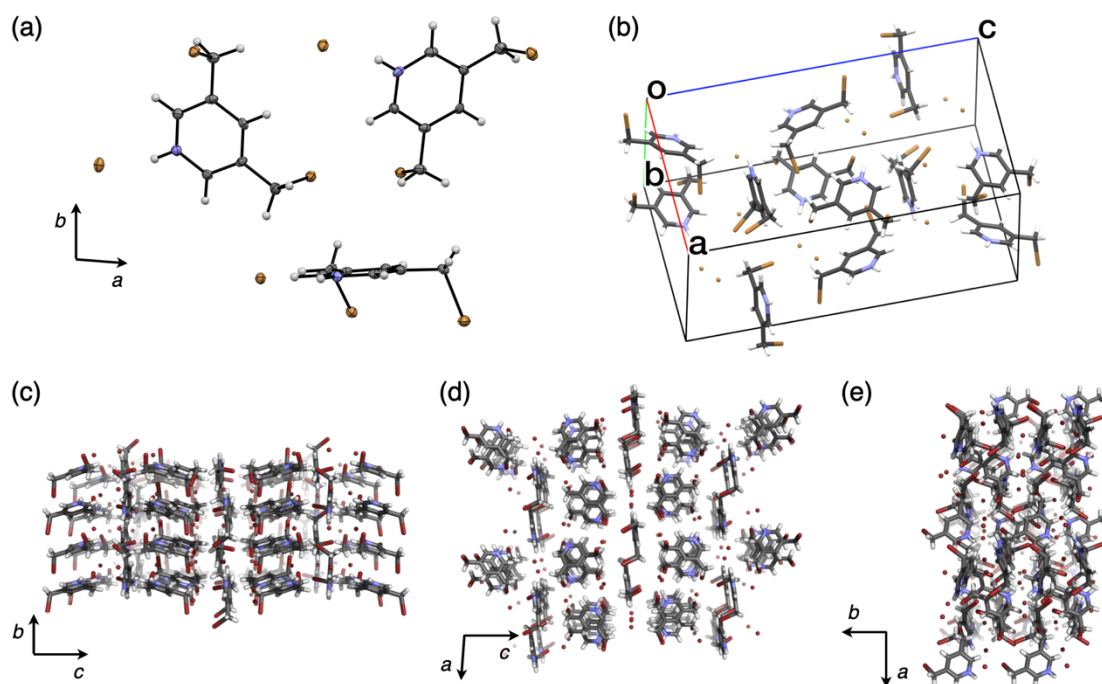


Fig. S13 Crystal structure of BBMP·HBr (**III**, 93 K) obtained from $(\text{CHCl}_2)_2$. (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. Packing structure seen along the (c) *a*-, (d) *b*- and (e) *c*-axes. CCDC 2124418.

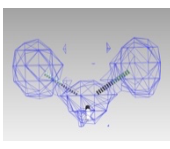
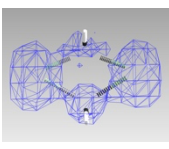
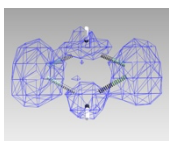
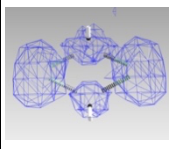
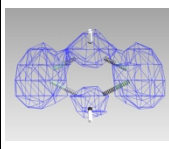
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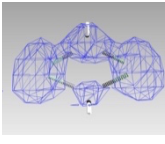
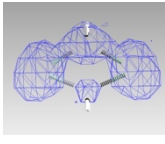
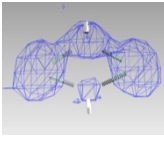
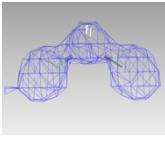
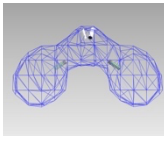
(BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Cl₂

A colourless plate crystal of (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Cl₂ (0.2 × 0.1 × 0.03 mm³) was mounted on a 150-μm micro mount and irradiated with X-ray while cold N₂ gas was flowing at a constant temperature. After each measurement, the temperature was changed and held at that temperature for 5 to 10 min before the next measurement.

Table S2. Structural parameters for the (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Cl₂ crystal observed at each temperature.

For all structures, the space group was orthorhombic with *Pccn*.

Temperature / K	148	168	173	178	183
CCDC No.	2124428	2124419	2124420	2124421	2124431
<i>a</i> / Å	23.3045(2)	23.3008(2)	23.3010(2)	23.3004(2)	23.3030(2)
<i>b</i> / Å	11.34090(10)	11.37200(10)	11.37880(10)	11.38610(10)	11.39340(10)
<i>c</i> / Å	8.86430(10)	8.87240(10)	8.87430(10)	8.87680(10)	8.87830(10)
<i>V</i> / Å ³	2342.78(4)	2350.98(4)	2352.91(4)	2355.02(4)	2357.19(4)
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0280	0.0268	0.0331	0.0290	0.0358
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0346	0.0356	0.0397	0.0377	0.0446
<i>wR</i> ₂ (All data)	0.0993	0.0992	0.1090	0.1052	0.1272
GOF	1.053	1.077	1.086	1.062	1.117
Occ. of <i>V</i> -CH ₂ Cl ₂ / %	100	70	65	58	50
Occ. of <i>A</i> -CH ₂ Cl ₂ / %	0	30	35	42	50
Electron density map of a CH ₂ Cl ₂ molecule (> 1.50 e/Å ³)					

Temperature / K	188	193	198	223	293
CCDC No.	2124413	2124412	2124415	2124414	2124417
$a / \text{\AA}$	23.3000(2)	23.2933(3)	23.3007(2)	23.3051(2)	23.3401(4)
$b / \text{\AA}$	11.40130(10)	11.40910(10)	11.41420(10)	11.43370(10)	11.5126(2)
$c / \text{\AA}$	8.88100(10)	8.88390(10)	8.88690(10)	8.89090(10)	8.92070(10)
$V / \text{\AA}^3$	2359.24(4)	2360.95(5)	2363.55(4)	2369.10(4)	2397.04(6)
R_{int}	0.0369	0.0246	0.0347	0.0367	0.0217
$R_1 (I > 2\sigma(I))$	0.0542	0.0375	0.0431	0.0424	0.0393
wR_2 (All data)	0.1577	0.1058	0.1237	0.1192	0.1085
GOF	1.101	1.064	1.061	1.072	1.075
Occ. of $V\text{-CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 / \%$	44	35	35	0	0
Occ. of $A\text{-CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 / \%$	56	65	65	100	100
Electron density map of a CH_2Cl_2 molecule ($> 1.50 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$)					

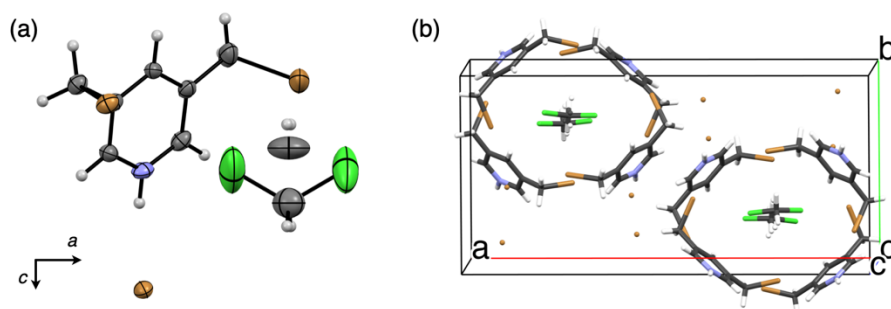


Fig. S14 Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot 2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (168 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124419.

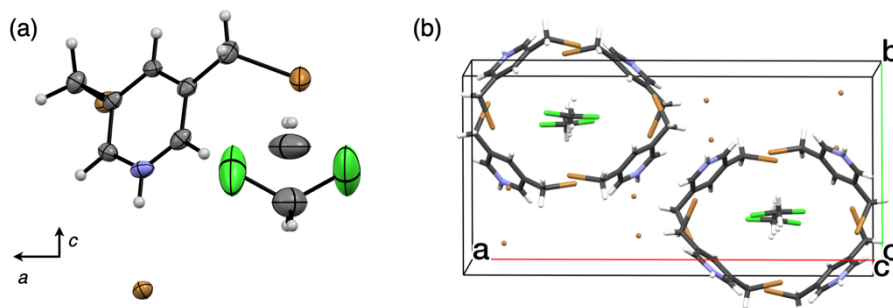


Fig. S15 Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot 2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (173 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability).

(b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124420.

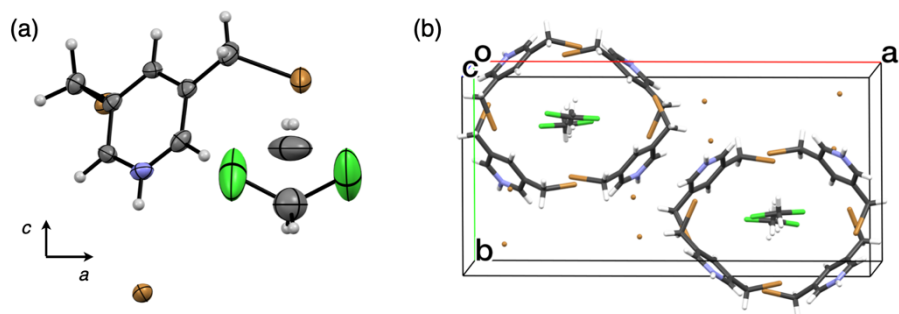


Fig. S16 Crystal structure of (BBMP·HBr)₂·2CH₂Cl₂ (178 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability).

(b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124421.

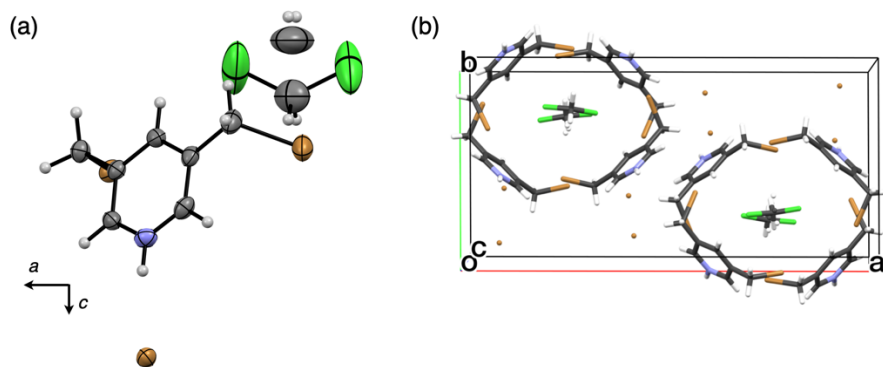


Fig. S17 Crystal structure of (BBMP·HBr)₂·2CH₂Cl₂ (183 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability).

(b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124431.

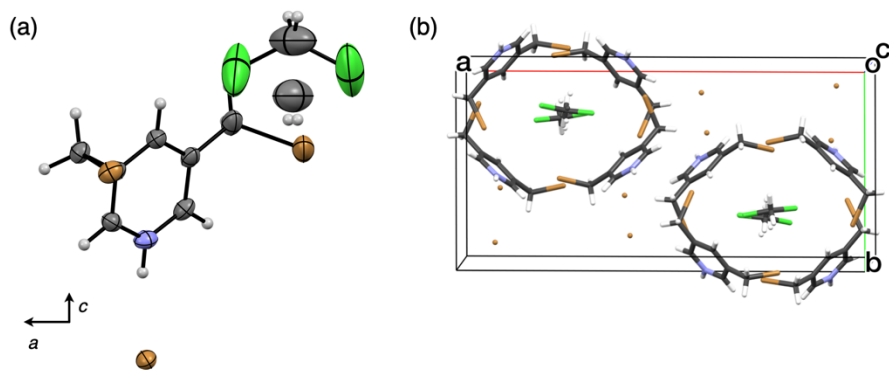


Fig. S18 Crystal structure of (BBMP·HBr)₂·2CH₂Cl₂ (188 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability).

(b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124413.

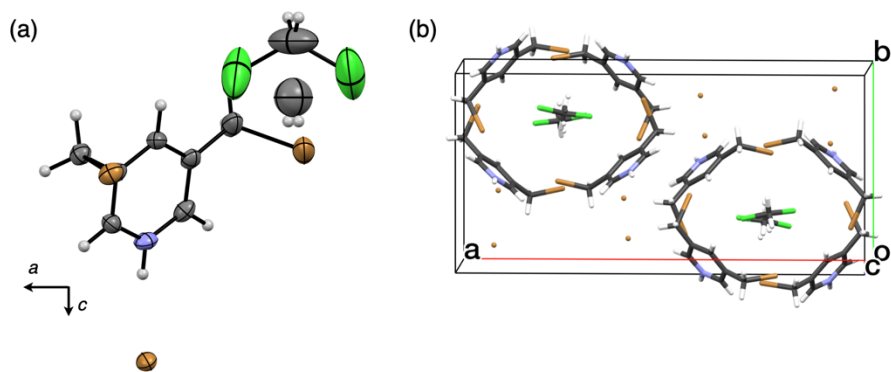


Fig. S19 Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (193 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability).
 (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124412.

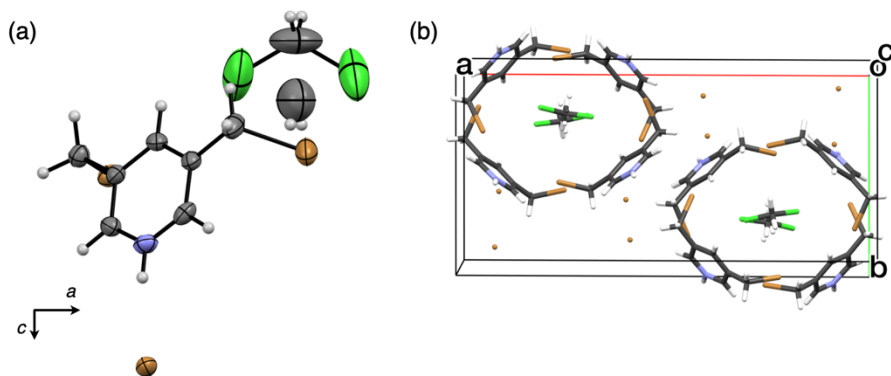


Fig. S20 Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (198 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability).
 (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124415.

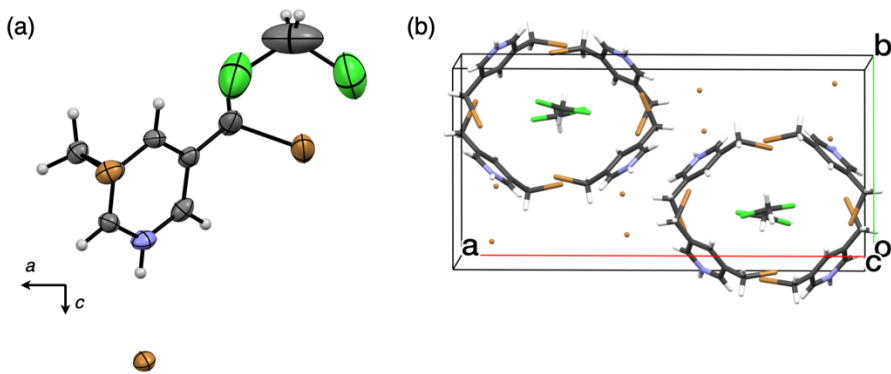


Fig. S21 Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (223 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability).
 (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124414.

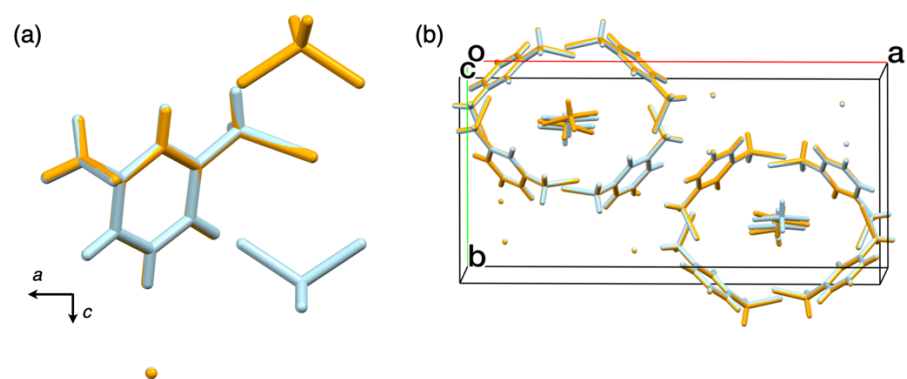


Fig. S22 Overlaid crystal structures of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ at 148 K (cyan) and 223 K (orange). (a) Stick model of the molecules. (b) Unit cell structures.

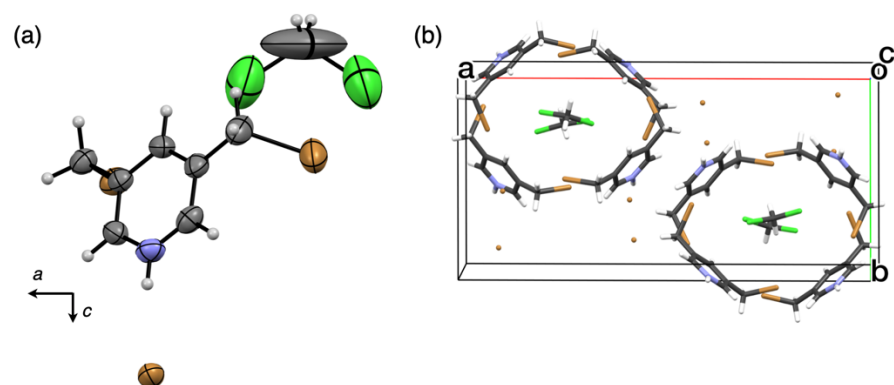
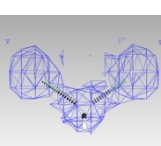
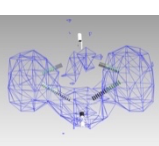
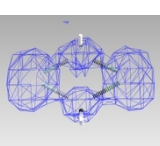
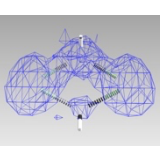
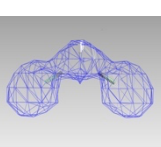


Fig. S23 Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (293 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124417.

BBMP·HBr \rightarrow CD₂Cl₂

A colourless plate crystal of (BBMP·HBr)₂ \rightarrow CD₂Cl₂ (0.35 \times 0.18 \times 0.05 mm³) was mounted on a 150- μ m micro mount and irradiated with X-ray while cold N₂ gas was flowing at a constant temperature. After each measurement, the temperature was changed and held at that temperature for 5 to 10 min before the next measurement.

Table S3. Structural parameters for the (BBMP·HBr)₂ \rightarrow CD₂Cl₂ crystal observed at each temperature. For the structures, the space group was orthorhombic with *Pccn*.

Temperature / K	148	193	198	203	223
CCDC No.	2124427	2124425	2124426	2124423	2124424
<i>a</i> / Å	23.3143(5)	23.3229(4)	23.3143(4)	23.3149(5)	23.3005(4)
<i>b</i> / Å	11.3349(3)	11.38030(19)	11.3889(2)	11.3966(3)	11.4213(2)
<i>c</i> / Å	8.8651(2)	8.87309(14)	8.8730(2)	8.87109(18)	8.8820(2)
<i>V</i> / Å ³	2342.74(10)	2355.11(7)	2356.00(8)	2357.14(9)	2363.70(8)
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0567	0.0527	0.0575	0.0769	0.0726
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0552	0.0560	0.0610	0.0928	0.0811
<i>wR</i> ₂ (All data)	0.1598	0.1576	0.1826	0.2658	0.2321
GOF	1.095	1.070	1.066	1.160	1.060
Occ. of <i>V</i> -CD ₂ Cl ₂ / %	100	77	55	26	0
Occ. of <i>A</i> -CD ₂ Cl ₂ / %	0	23	45	74	100
Electron density map of a CD ₂ Cl ₂ molecule (> 1.50 e/Å ³)					

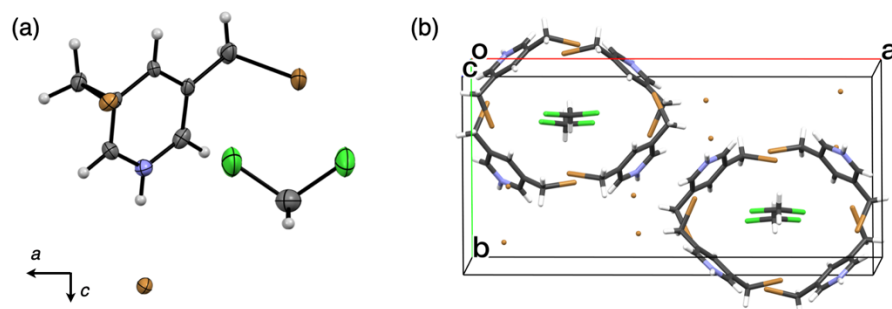


Fig. S24 Crystal structure of (BBMP·HBr)₂ \rightarrow CD₂Cl₂ (148 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124427.

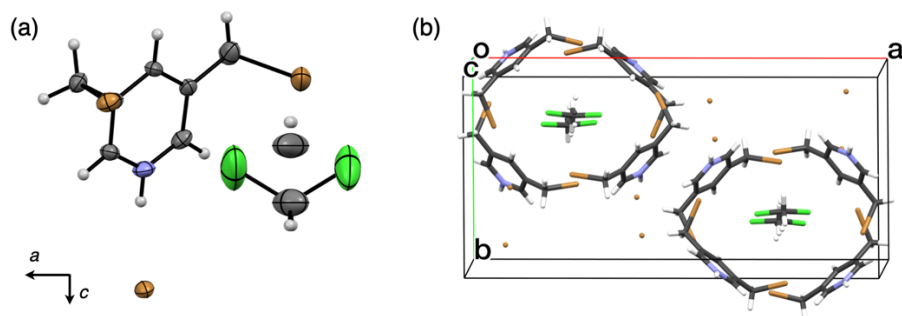


Fig. S25 Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot 2\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (193 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124425.

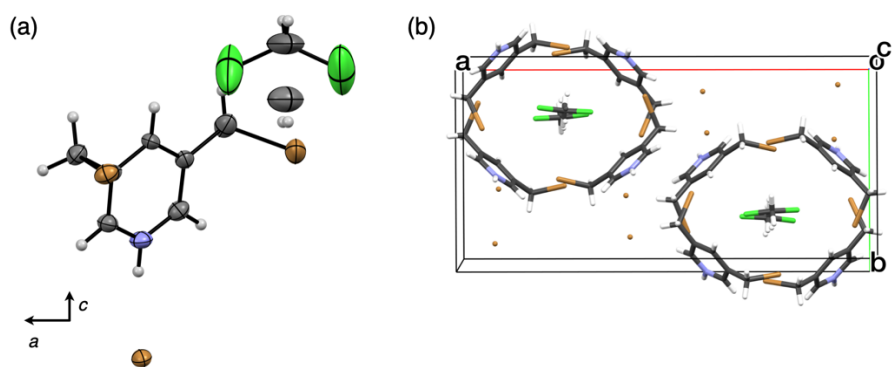


Fig. S26 Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot 2\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (198 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124426.

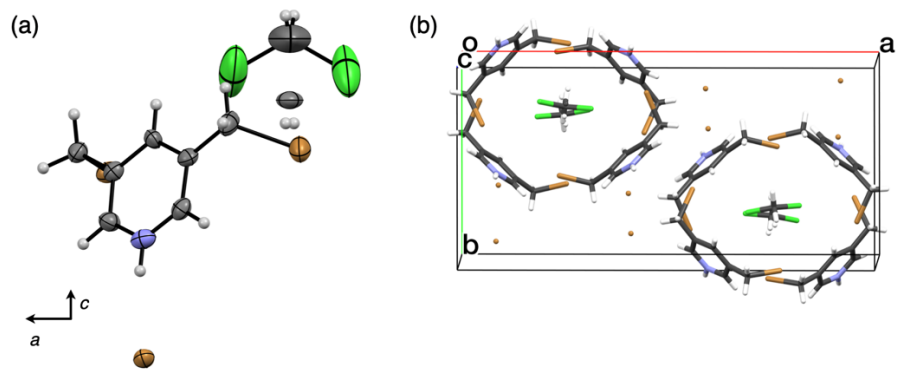


Fig. S27 Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot 2\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (203 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124423.

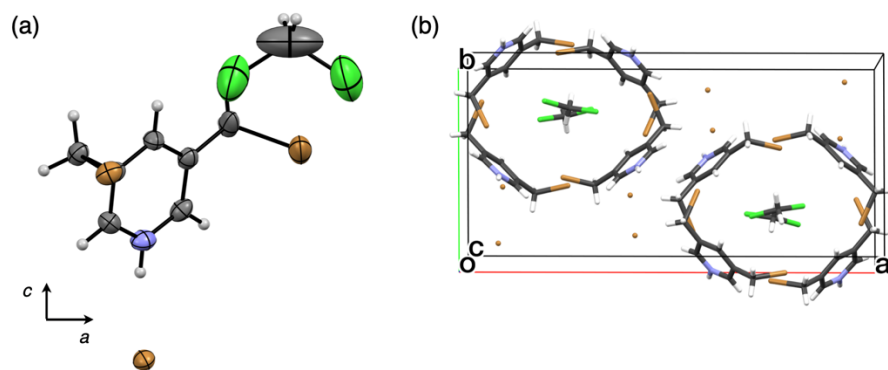


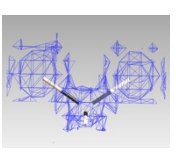
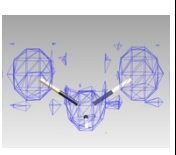
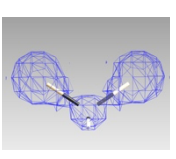
Fig. S28 Crystal structure of (BBMP·HBr)₂·CD₂Cl₂ (223 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124424.

BBMP·HBr \cdot CH₂Br₂

A colourless plate crystal of (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Br₂ (0.3 × 0.05 × 0.02 mm³) was mounted on a 150- μ m micro mount and irradiated with X-ray while cold N₂ gas was flowing at a constant temperature. After each measurement, the temperature was changed and held at that temperature for 10 min before the next measurement.

Table S4. Structural parameters for the (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Br₂ crystal observed at each temperature.

For the structures, the space group was orthorhombic with *Pccn*.

Temperature / K	148	223	293
CCDC No.	2124430	2124422	2124429
<i>a</i> / Å	23.5252(4)	23.6012(4)	23.7150(8)
<i>b</i> / Å	11.2799(2)	11.3363(2)	11.4034(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	8.9163(2)	8.94002(15)	8.9608(4)
<i>V</i> / Å ³	2366.05(8)	2391.89(7)	2423.28(16)
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0672	0.0418	0.0645
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0458	0.0338	0.0576
<i>wR</i> ₂ (All data)	0.1173	0.0953	0.2082
GOF	1.034	1.082	1.131
Occ. of <i>V</i> -CH ₂ Br ₂ / %	100	100	100
Occ. of <i>A</i> -CH ₂ Br ₂ / %	0	0	0
Electron density map of a CH ₂ Br ₂ molecule (> 1.50 e/Å ³)			

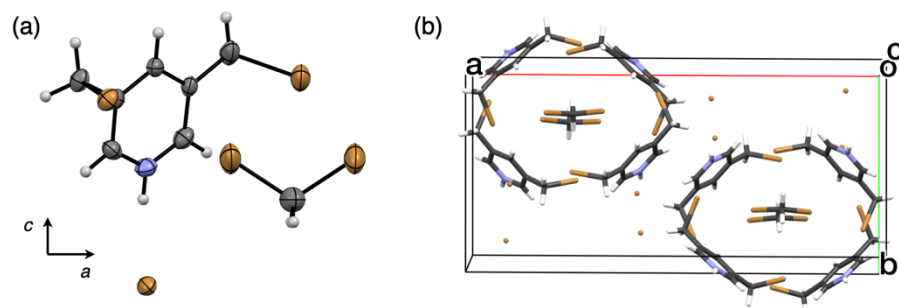


Fig. S29 Crystal structure of (BBMP·HBr)₂·CH₂Br₂ (223 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124422.

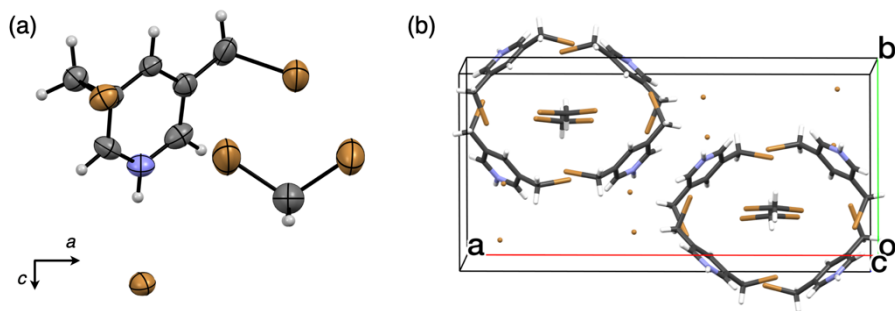


Fig. S30 Crystal structure of $(\text{BBMP}\cdot\text{HBr})_2\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$ (293 K). (a) ORTEP diagram (50% probability). (b) Unit cell structure. CCDC 2124429.

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