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### Modulating the Ferroelectric Performance by Altering Halogen Anions in Crystals of Tetranuclear Copper–Clusters

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Table S1 Crystallographic data and structure refinement for complex **1** and complex **3**.

Name	Complex <b>1</b>	Complex <b>3</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>70</sub> H <sub>76</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>68.71</sub> H <sub>75.43</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>14</sub>
Formula weight	1522.40	1595.25
Temperature/K	293.15	273.15
Wavelength/Å	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub></i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub></i>
a/Å	10.4998(19)	10.2904(5)
b/Å	25.108(5)	21.3262(9)
c/Å	15.766(3)	15.8441(7)
α/°	90	90
β/°	109.173(5)	93.987(2)
γ/°	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	3925.8(13)	3468.7(3)
Z	2	2
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /mg/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.288	1.527
Absorption coefficient/mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.195	2.427
F(000)	1572	1627
Crystal size/ mm <sup>3</sup>	0.06 × 0.05 × 0.03	0.09 × 0.08 × 0.06
Theta range for data collection/°	2.736 to 25.200	2.75 to 25.50
	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12
Index ranges	-30 ≤ k ≤ 30	-25 ≤ k ≤ 25
	-18 ≤ l ≤ 18	-19 ≤ l ≤ 19
Reflections collected	88529	86122
Independent reflections	13976 [R(int) = 0.0848]	12882 [R(int) = 0.0335]
Completeness to theta	99.4	99.8%
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7457 and 0.4291	0.7454 and 0.6234
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data/restraints /parameters	13976 / 565 / 832	12882 / 16 / 881
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.067	1.071
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1099, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2856	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0307, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0681
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1177, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2966	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0408, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0723
Absolute structure parameter	0.250(9)	0.010(3)

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Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å<sup>-3</sup>      2.320 and -1.634      0.37 and -0.24

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Table S2 Main bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complex **1** and complex **3**.

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Bond lengths (Å)			
Complex <b>1</b>		Complex <b>3</b>	
Cu(1)–N(1)	1.90(2)	Cu(1)–N(4)	1.936(4)
Cu(1)–O(2)	1.956(14)	Cu(1)–O(6)	1.937(3)
Cu(1)–O(3)	1.987(18)	Cu(1)–O(8)	1.927(3)
Cu(1)–O(9)	1.935(17)	Cu(1)–O(9)	2.022(4)
Cu(1)–O(13)	2.260(19)	Cu(1)–O(14)	2.294(4)
Cu(2)–N(2)	1.913(18)	Cu(2)–N(3)	1.952(4)
Cu(2)–O(1)	2.400(18)	Cu(2)–O(8)	2.001(3)
Cu(2)–O(2)	1.942(13)	Cu(2)–O(11)	1.921(3)
Cu(2)–O(5)	1.920(15)	Cu(2)–O(12)	1.978(3)
Cu(2)–O(6)	2.011(17)	Cu(3)–N(2)	1.944(4)
Cu(3)–N(3)	1.910(18)	Cu(3)–O(1)	2.369(4)
Cu(3)–O(8)	1.954(14)	Cu(3)–O(2)	2.011(3)
Cu(3)–O(9)	2.014(17)	Cu(3)–O(5)	1.907(3)
Cu(3)–O(11)	1.993(15)	Cu(3)–O(6)	1.966(3)
Cu(4)–N(4)	1.82(3)	Cu(4)–N(1)	1.951(4)
Cu(4)–O(6)	1.907(16)	Cu(4)–O(2)	1.938(3)
Cu(4)–O(11)	1.922(15)	Cu(4)–O(3)	1.996(4)
Cu(4)–O(12)	1.989(19)	Cu(4)–O(12)	1.942(3)
Cu(4)–O(14)	2.248(18)	Cu(4)–O(13A)	2.34(5)
		Cu(4)–O(13B)	2.28(2)

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Bond angles (°)			
Complex <b>1</b>		Complex <b>3</b>	
N(1)–Cu(1)–O(2)	94.2(8)	N(4)–Cu(1)–O(8)	92.34(15)
N(1)–Cu(1)–O(3)	82.0(9)	N(4)–Cu(1)–O(6)	164.41(14)
N(1)–Cu(1)–O(9)	163.1(7)	N(4)–Cu(1)–O(9)	82.85 (16)
N(1)–Cu(1)–O(13)	103.0(7)	N(4)–Cu(1)–O(14)	98.19 (15)
O(2)–Cu(1)–O(3)	176.2(7)	O(6)–Cu(1)–O(9)	97.13 (14)
O(2)–Cu(1)–O(13)	90.2(6)	O(6)–Cu(1)–O(14)	97.39(14)
O(3)–Cu(1)–O(13)	90.2(8)	O(8)–Cu(1)–O(6)	86.89(14)
O(9)–Cu(1)–O(13)	94.0(7)	O(8)–Cu(1)–O(9)	174.70(14)

O(9)–Cu(1)–O(2)	85.0(6)	O(8)–Cu(1)–O(14)	91.33(16)
O(9)–Cu(1)–O(3)	98.7(7)	O(9)–Cu(1)–O(14)	91.57(16)
N(2)–Cu(2)–O(1)	100.5(7)	N(3)–Cu(2)–O(8)	174.24 (16)
N(2)–Cu(2)–O(2)	171.4(7)	N(3)–Cu(2)–O(11)	92.34 (16)
N(2)–Cu(2)–O(5)	93.1(7)	N(3)–Cu(2)–O(12)	85.22(15)
N(2)–Cu(2)–O(6)	85.6(7)	O(11)–Cu(2)–O(8)	91.37 (14)
O(2)–Cu(2)–O(6)	88.7(6)	O(11)–Cu(2)–O(12)	173.67(16)
O(2)–Cu(2)–O(1)	73.3(6)	O(12)–Cu(2)–O(8)	91.54(14)
O(5)–Cu(2)–O(1)	93.6(7)	N(2)–Cu(3)–O(1)	101.11(16)
O(5)–Cu(2)–O(2)	93.3(6)	N(2)–Cu(3)–O(2)	172.74 (16)
O(5)–Cu(2)–O(6)	172.8(7)	N(2)–Cu(3)–O(5)	93.30(15)
O(6)–Cu(2)–O(1)	93.6(7)	N(2)–Cu(3)–O(6)	84.97(14)
N(3)–Cu(3)–O(8)	94.2(7)	O(2)–Cu(3)–O(1)	72.63(13)
N(3)–Cu(3)–O(9)	84.4(7)	O(5)–Cu(3)–O(1)	96.93(15)
N(3)–Cu(3)–O(11)	172.5(7)	O(5)–Cu(3)–O(2)	91.14(14)
O(8)–Cu(3)–O(9)	172.9(7)	O(5)–Cu(3)–O(6)	173.71(15)
O(8)–Cu(3)–O(11)	91.3(6)	O(6)–Cu(3)–O(1)	89.34 (13)
O(11)–Cu(3)–O(9)	90.8(6)	O(6)–Cu(3)–O(2)	91.21(13)
N(4)–Cu(4)–O(6)	160.6(10)	N(1)–Cu(4)–O(2)	91.68(17)
N(4)–Cu(4)–O(11)	92.3(8)	N(1)–Cu(4)–O(3)	82.35(19)
N(4)–Cu(4)–O(12)	83.1(9)	N(1)–Cu(4)–O(12)	167.20(15)
N(4)–Cu(4)–O(14)	103.0(9)	N(1)–Cu(4)–O(13A)	100.7(10)
O(6)–Cu(4)–O(11)	85.1(7)	N(1)–Cu(4)–O(13B)	95.3(5)
O(6)–Cu(4)–O(12)	98.7(8)	O(2)–Cu(4)–O(3)	171.46(16)
O(6)–Cu(4)–O(14)	96.2(7)	O(2)–Cu(4)–O(12)	86.43(14)
O(11)–Cu(4)–O(12)	175.1(8)	O(2)–Cu(4)–O(13A)	92.9(10)
O(11)–Cu(4)–O(14)	88.2(6)	O(2)–Cu(4)–O(13B)	94.7(6)
O(12)–Cu(4)–O(14)	94.5(8)	O(3)–Cu(4)–O(13A)	94.2(9)
		O(3)–Cu(4)–O(13B)	91.9(6)
		O(12)–Cu(4)–O(3)	98.03(17)
		O(12)–Cu(4)–O(13A)	92.0(10)
		O(12)–Cu(4)–O(13B)	97.5(5)

Table 3.3 Partial hydrogen bond data for complex **1** and complex **3**.

Complex <b>1</b>					
D	A	d(D–H)	d(H..A)	<DHA	d(D..A)

C8	Cl2	0.930	2.896	126.53	3.530
C59	Cl2	0.929	2.963	121.62	3.541
C60	Cl1	0.979	2.822	169.16	3.789
<b>Complex 3</b>					
O3	Br4	0.863	2.139	166.58	2.985
C49	Br4	0.969	2.718	162.81	3.656
O14	Br2	0.911	2.675	148.06	3.481

D: Donor, A: Acceptor

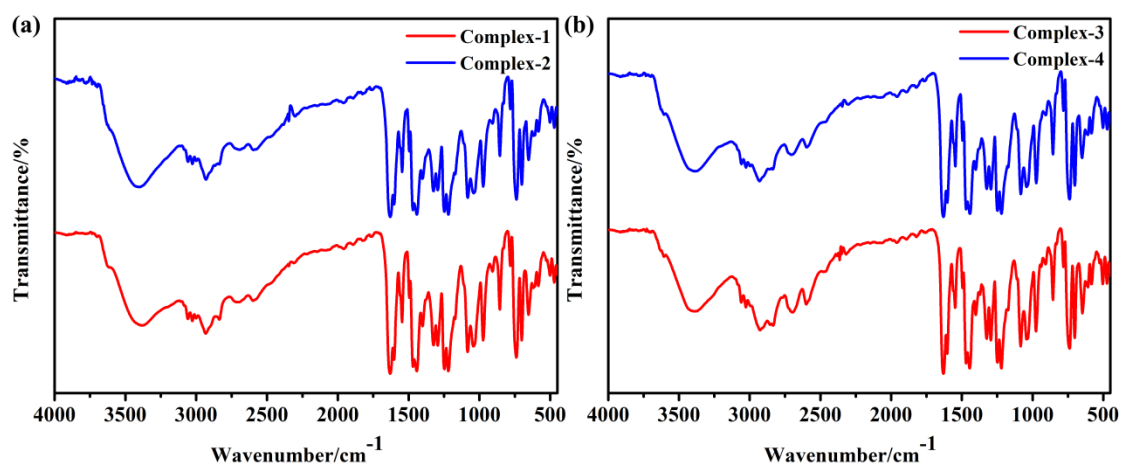


Fig. S1 The FT-IR spectra of complex 1-4.

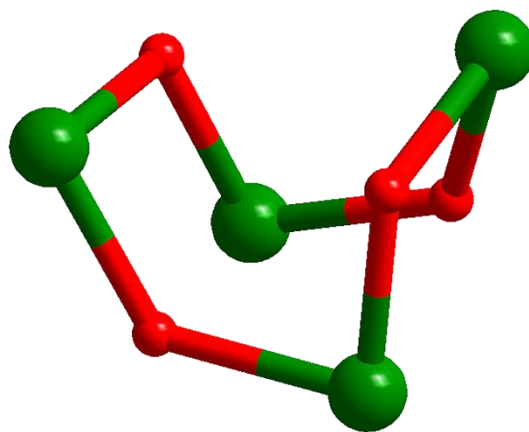


Fig. S2  $[\text{Cu}_4\text{O}_4]$  boated-shape structure.

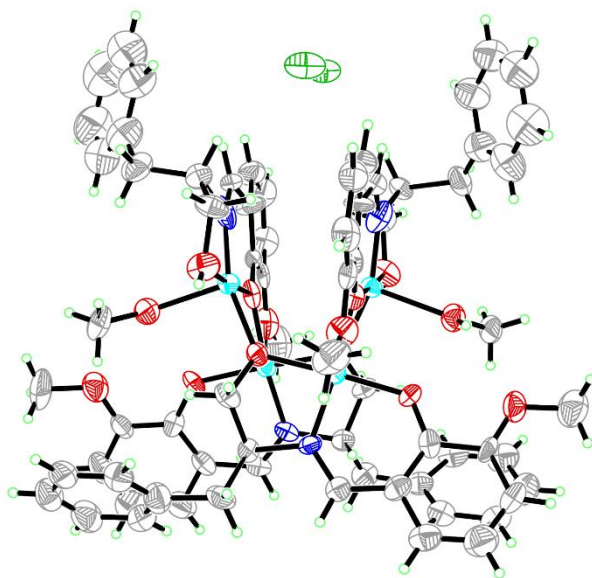


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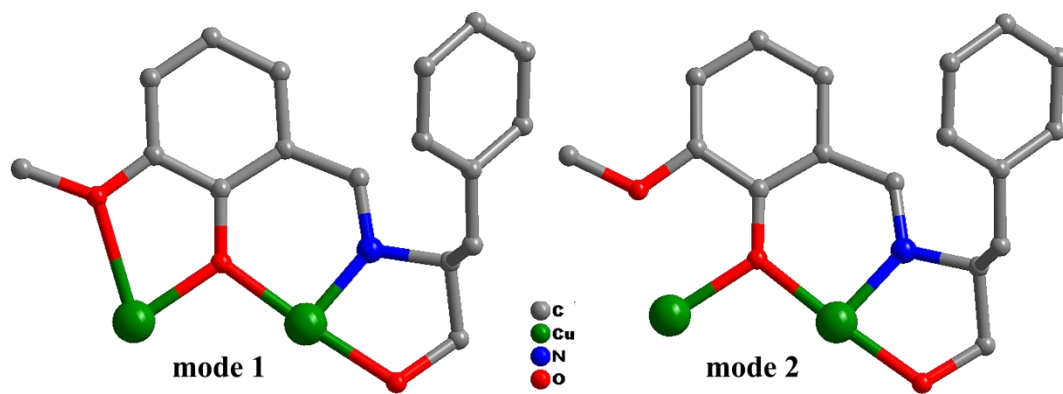


Fig. S4 The coordination mode of ligand  $L^{2-}$ .

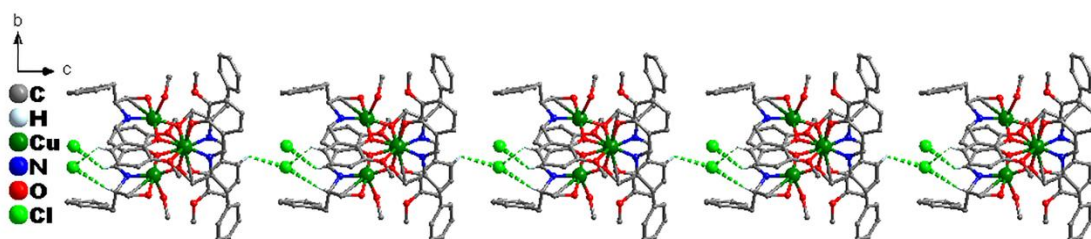


Fig. S5 A chain structure of complex 1 in the direction of  $a$  axis.

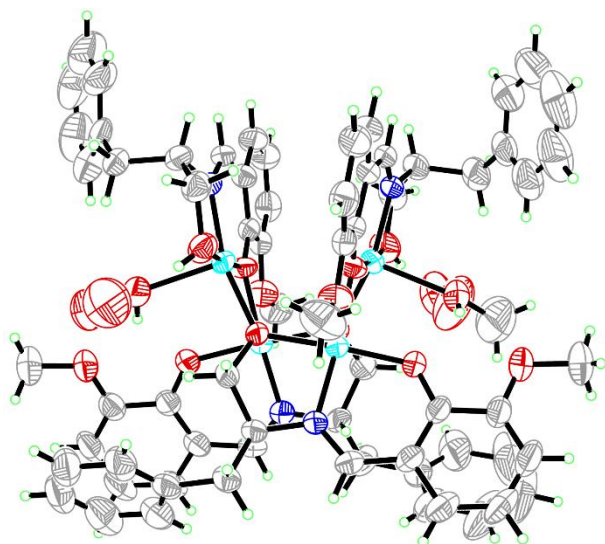


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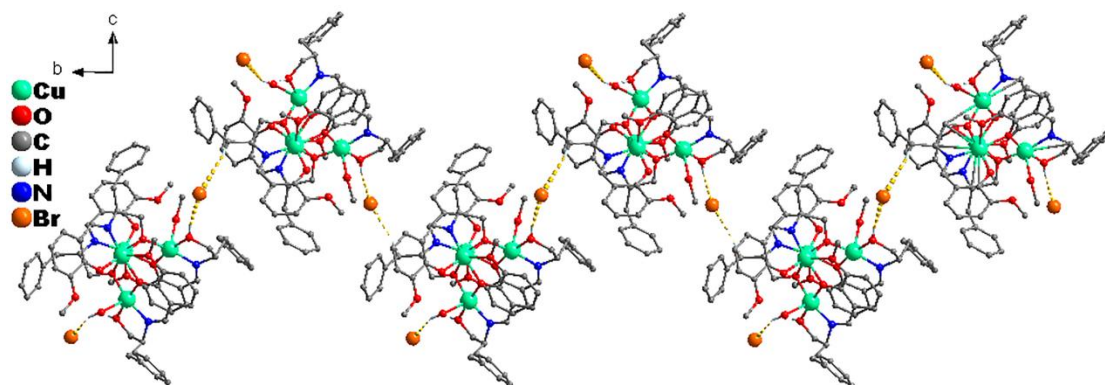


Fig. S7 A zig-zag chain structure of complex **3** in the direction of *a* axis.

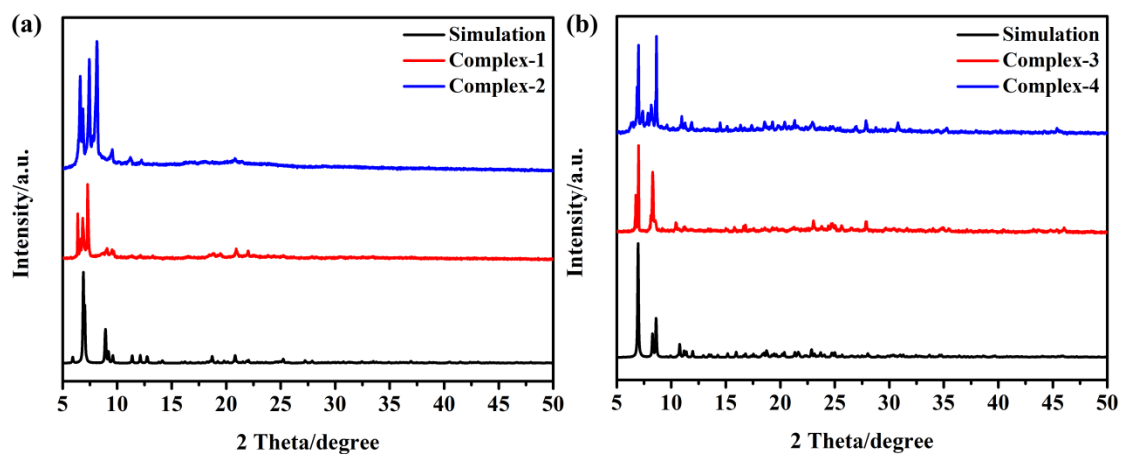


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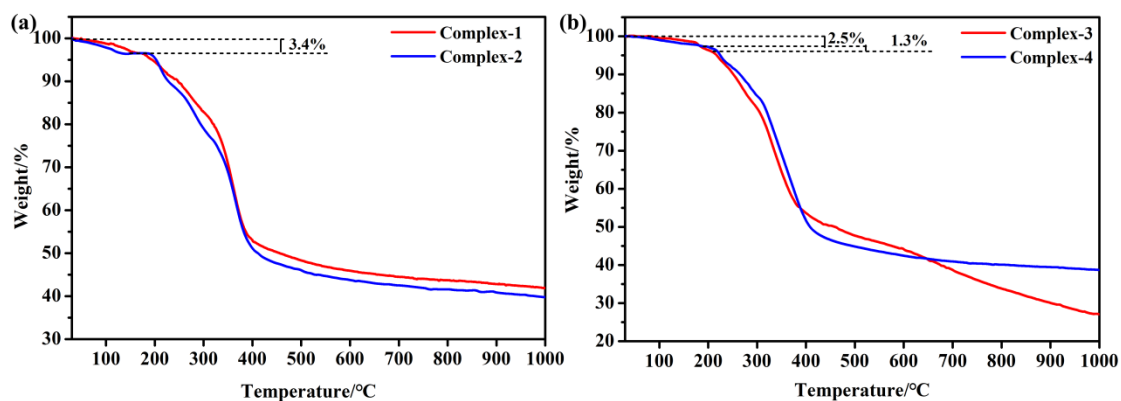


Fig. S9 (a) TGA curves of complex 1 and 2, (b) TGA curves complex 3 and 4.

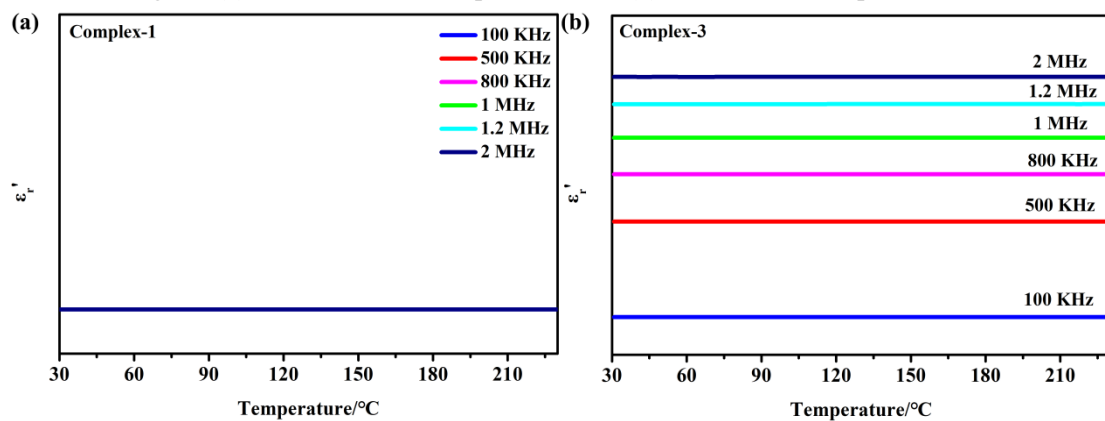


Fig. S10 Dielectric constant of complex 1 (a) and 3 (b) under different frequency in the temperature of 30–240°C.

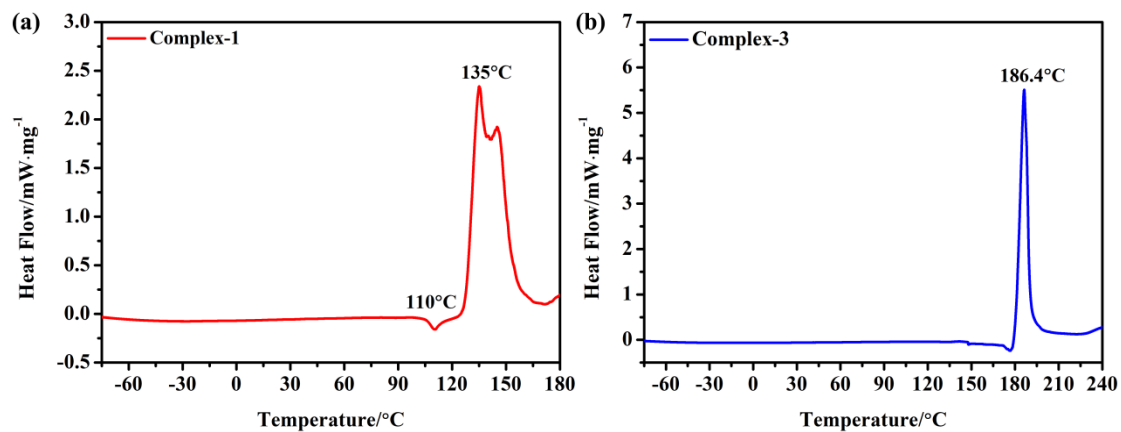


Fig. S11 DSC curves of complex 1 (a) and 3 (b).



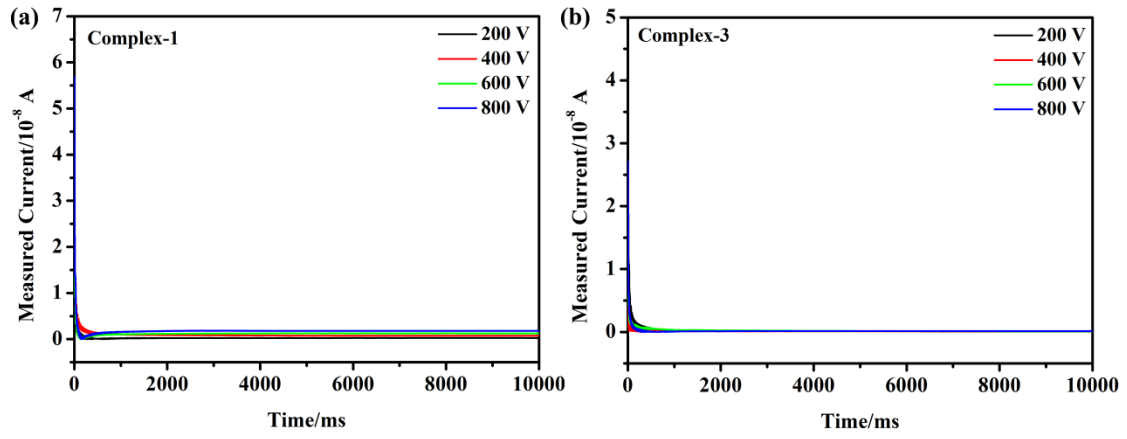


Fig. S12 Leakage curves of complex 1 (a) and 3 (b).