

## Supporting information for

### A rigid calcium 2-ethylhexylphosphate one-dimensional polymer: Synthesis, structure, thermal behaviour and decomposition chemistry

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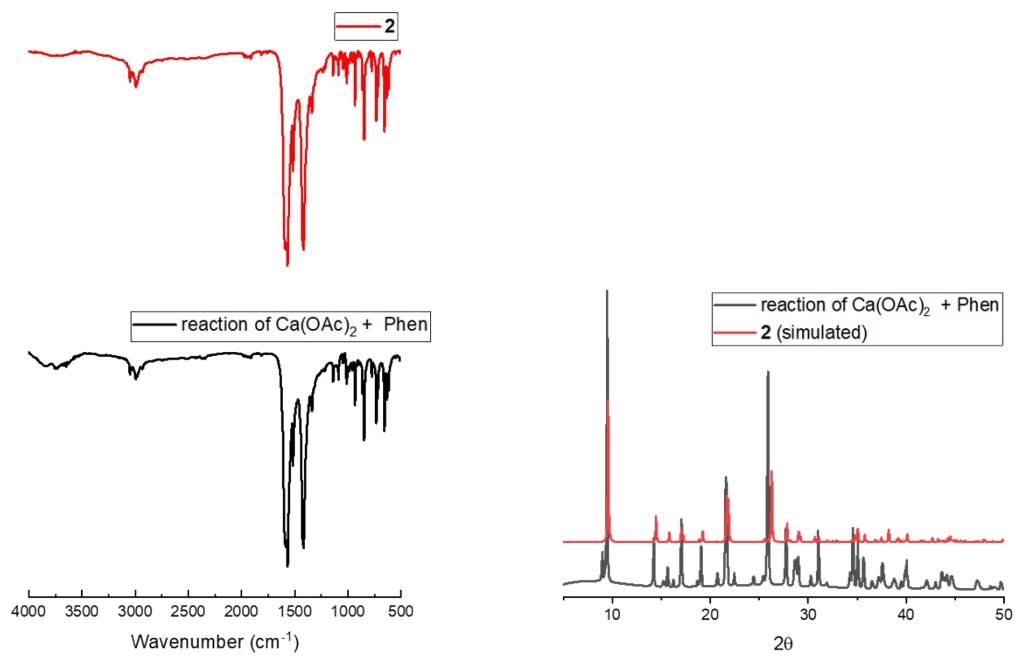
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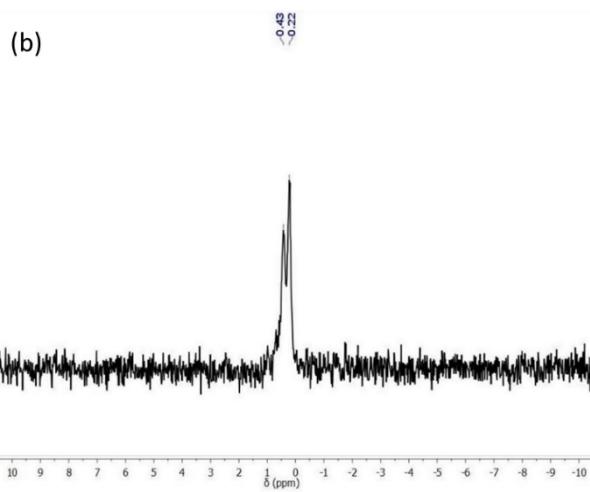
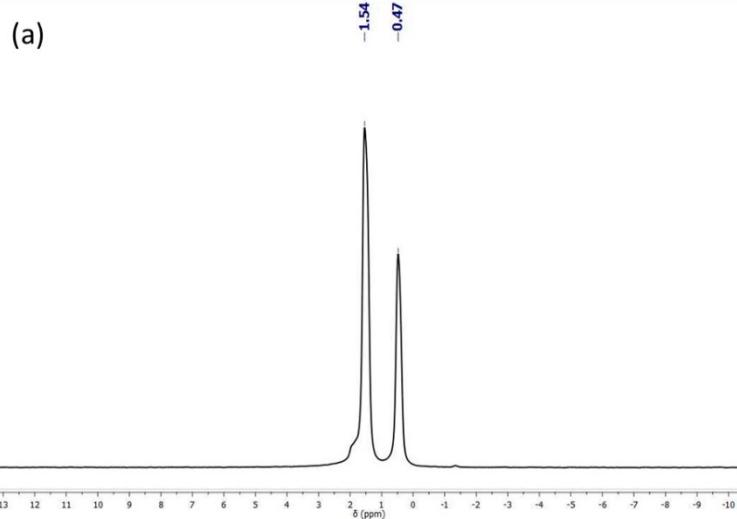
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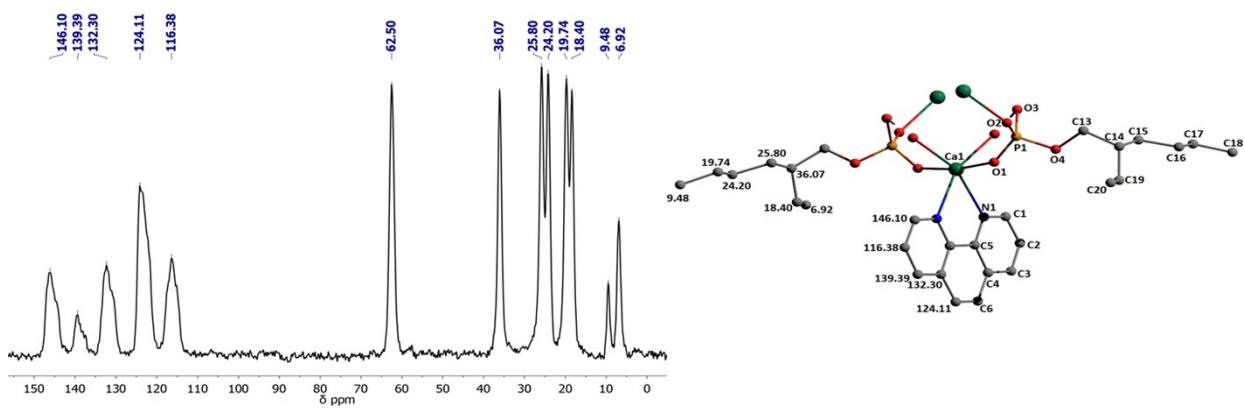
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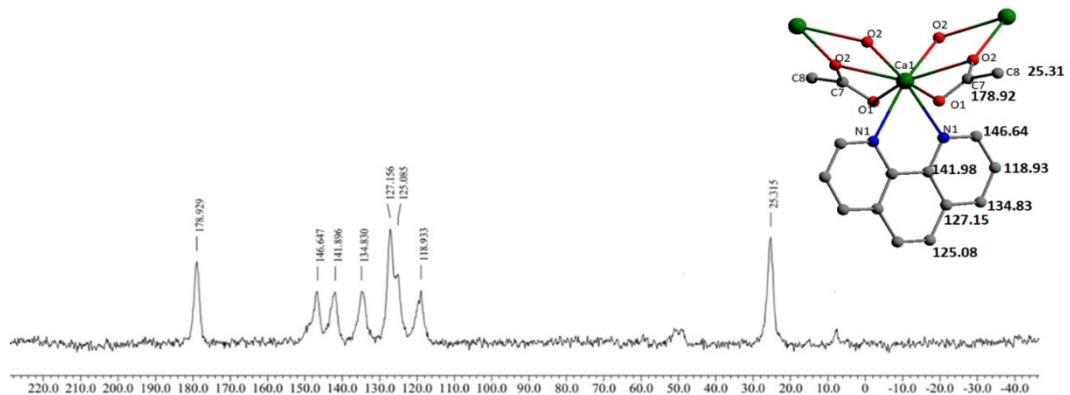
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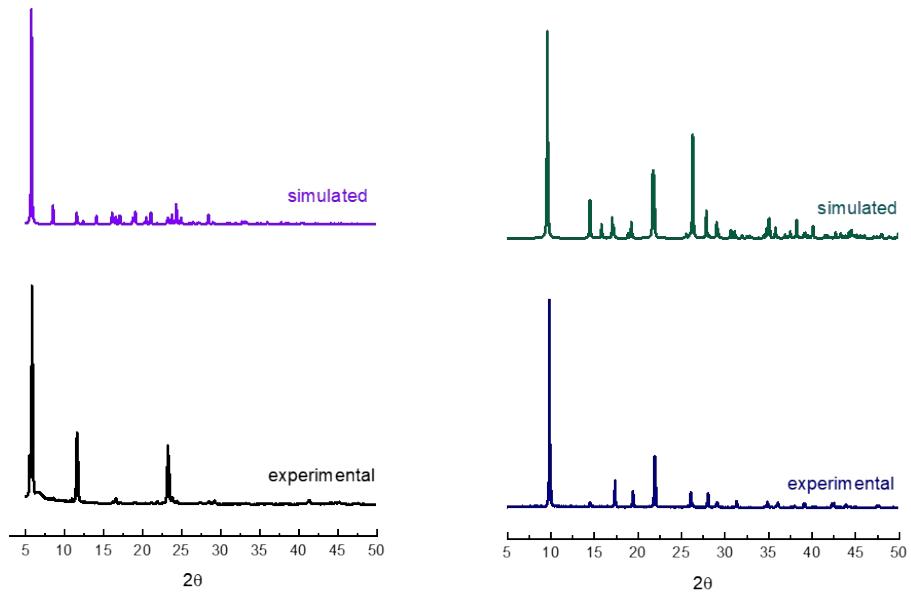
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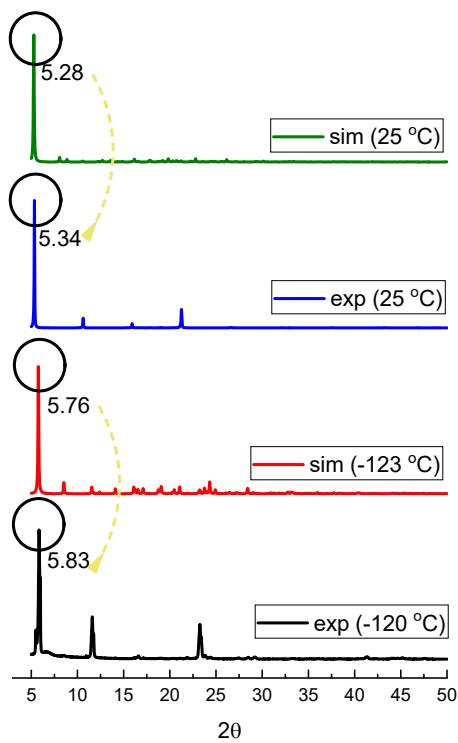
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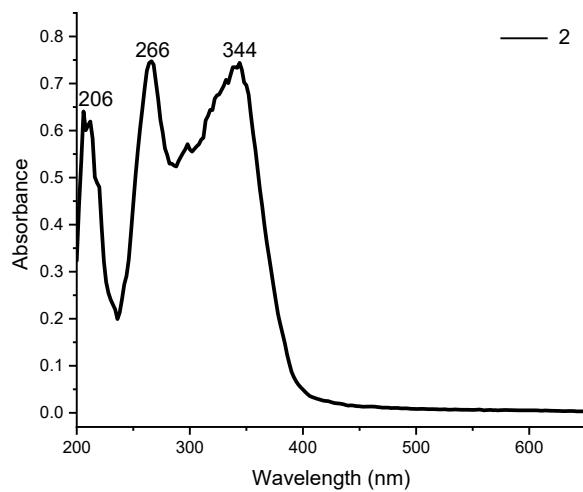
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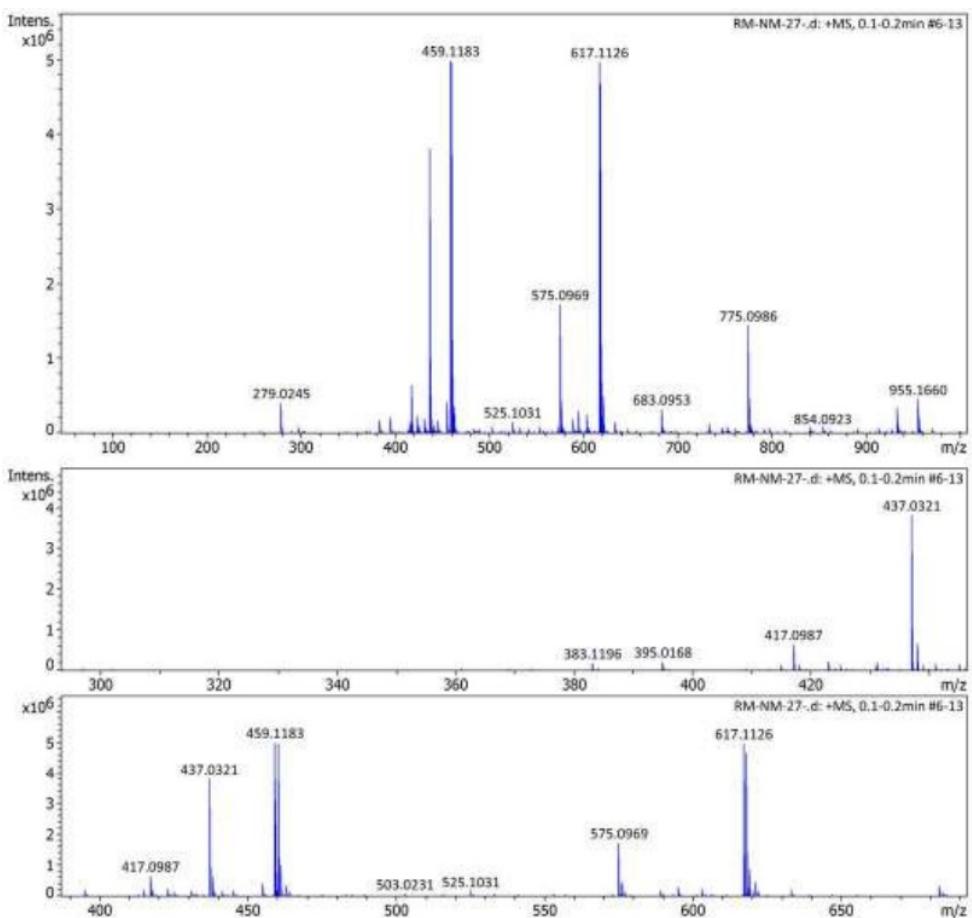
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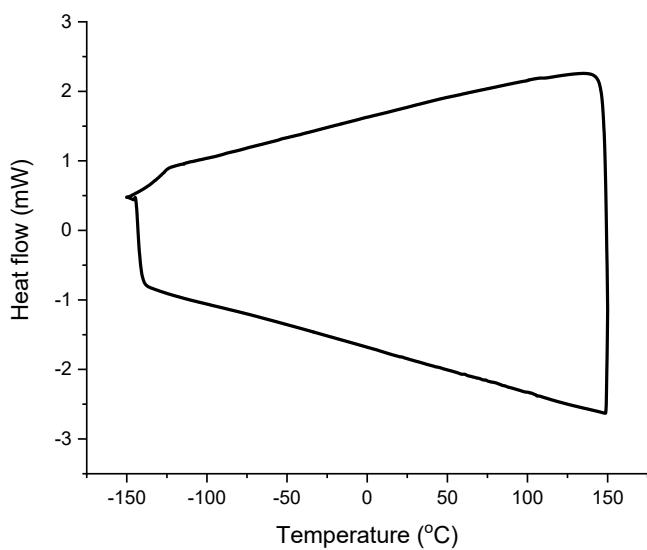
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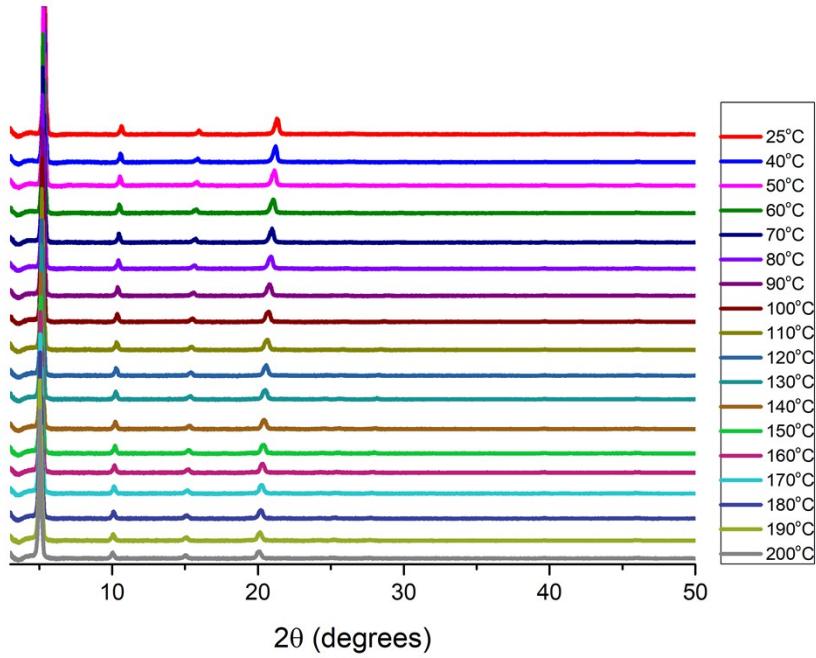
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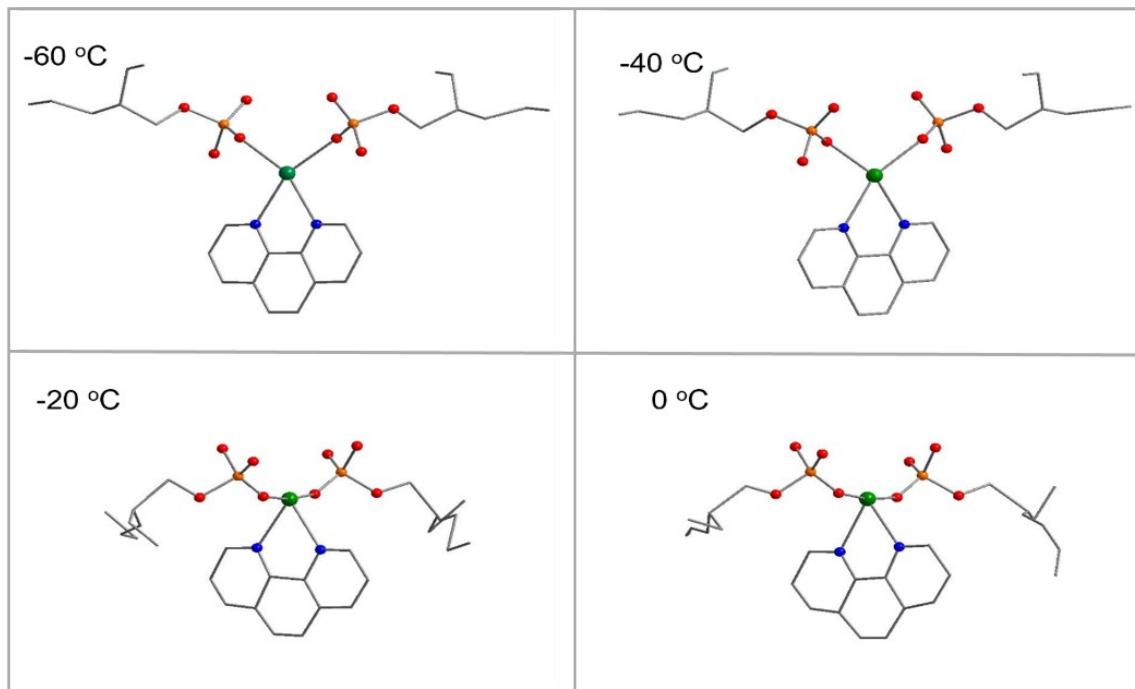
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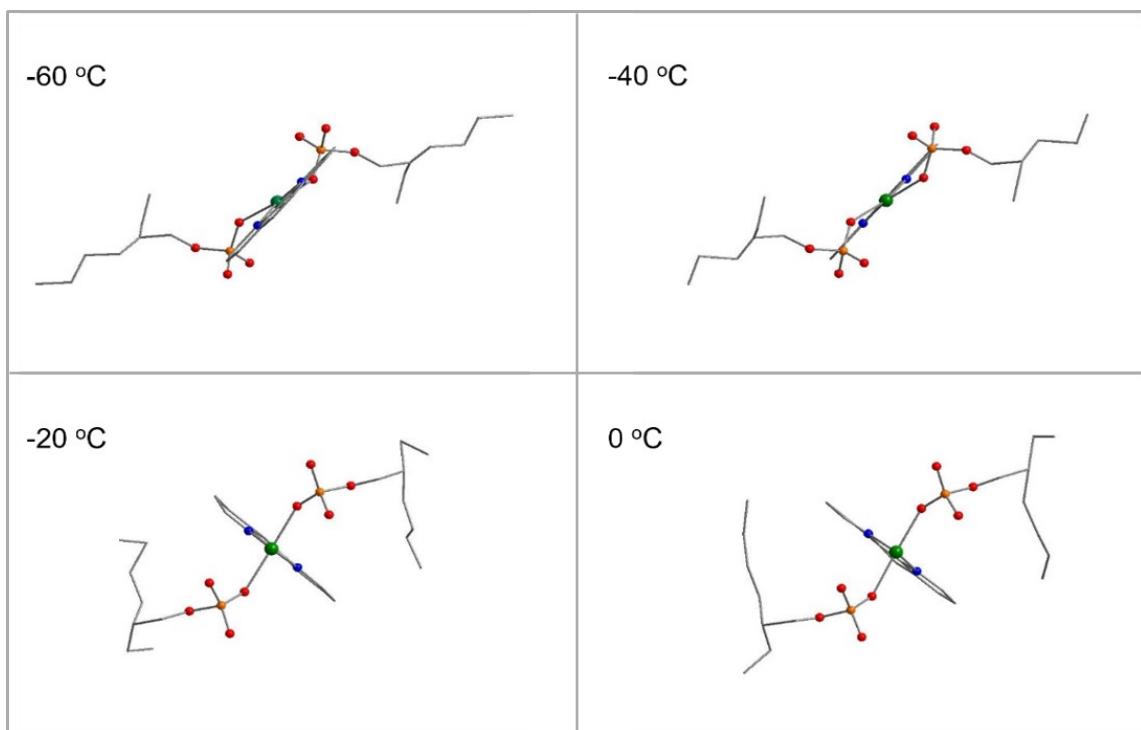
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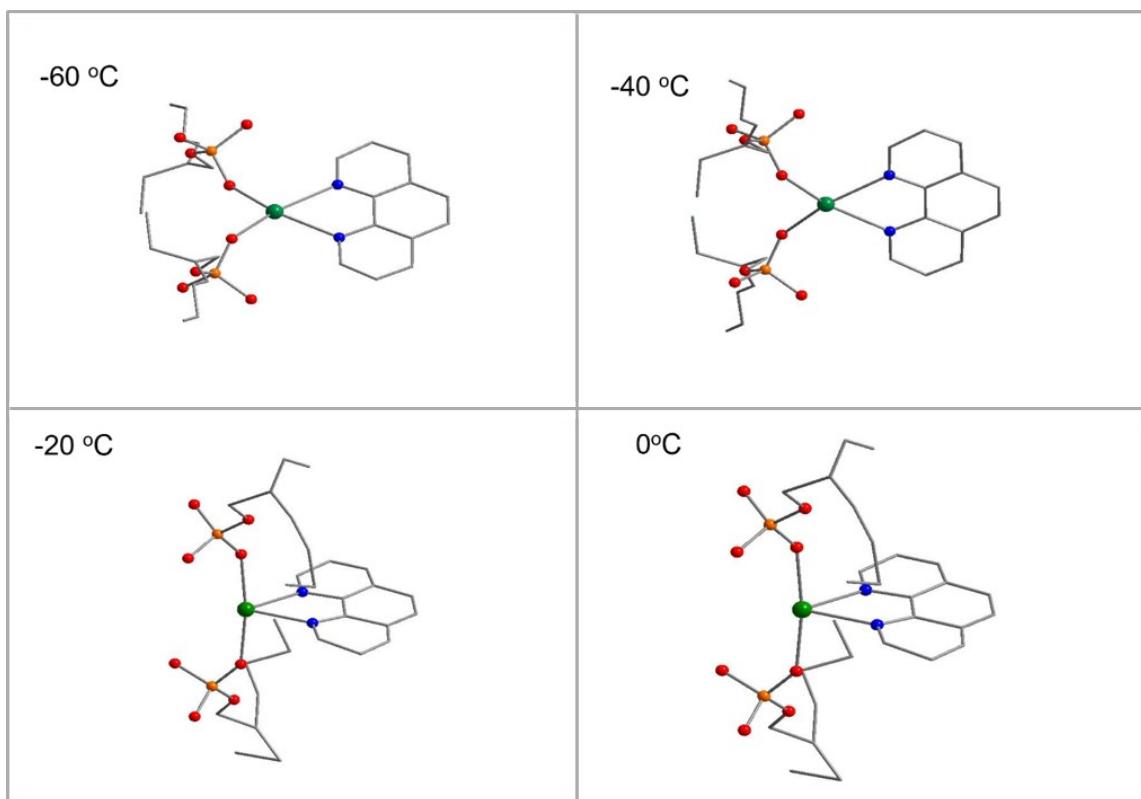
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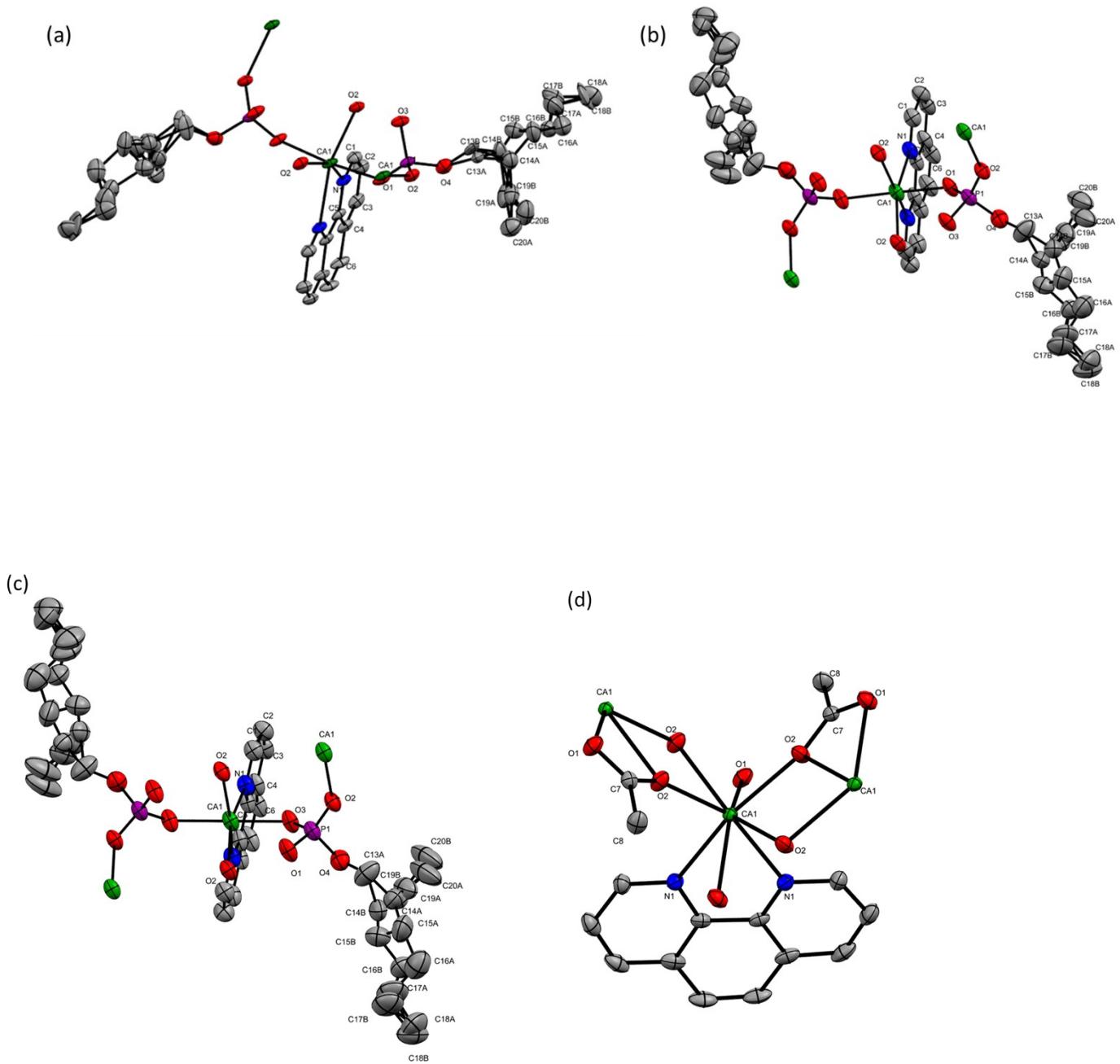
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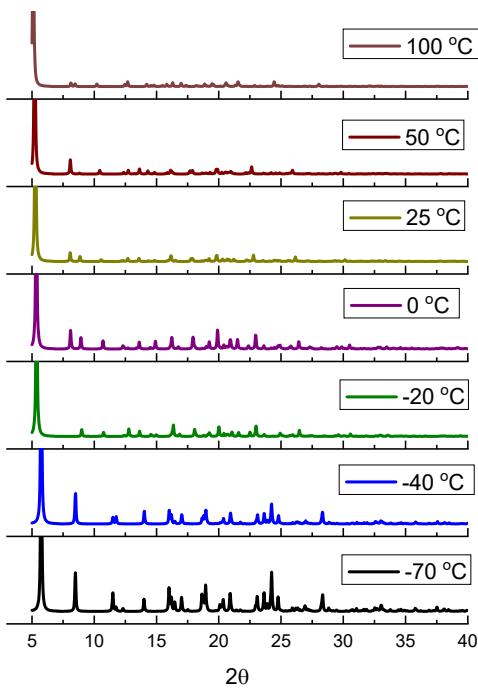
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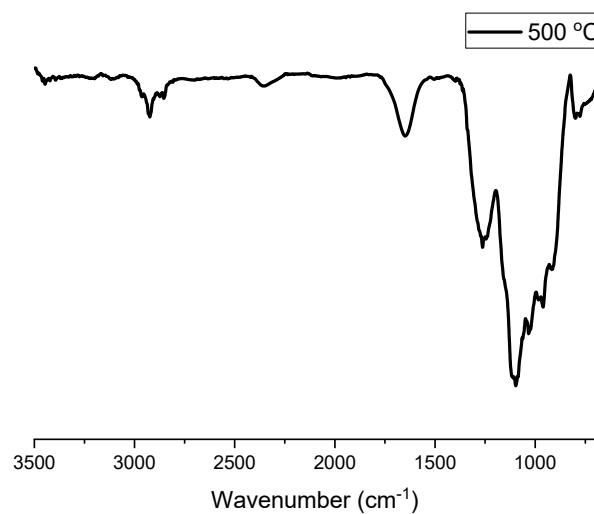
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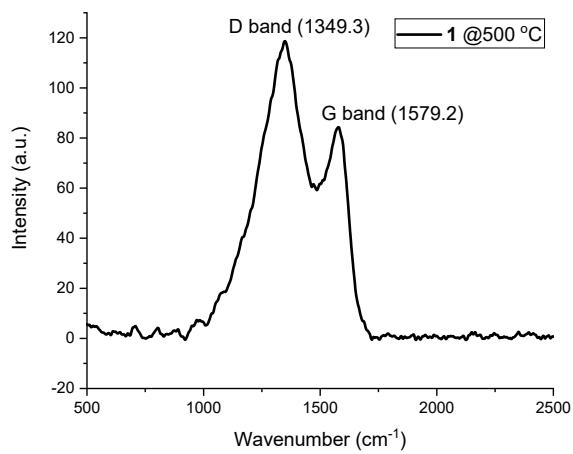
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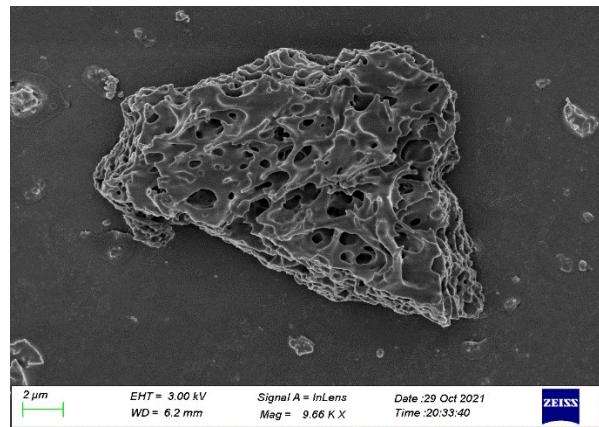
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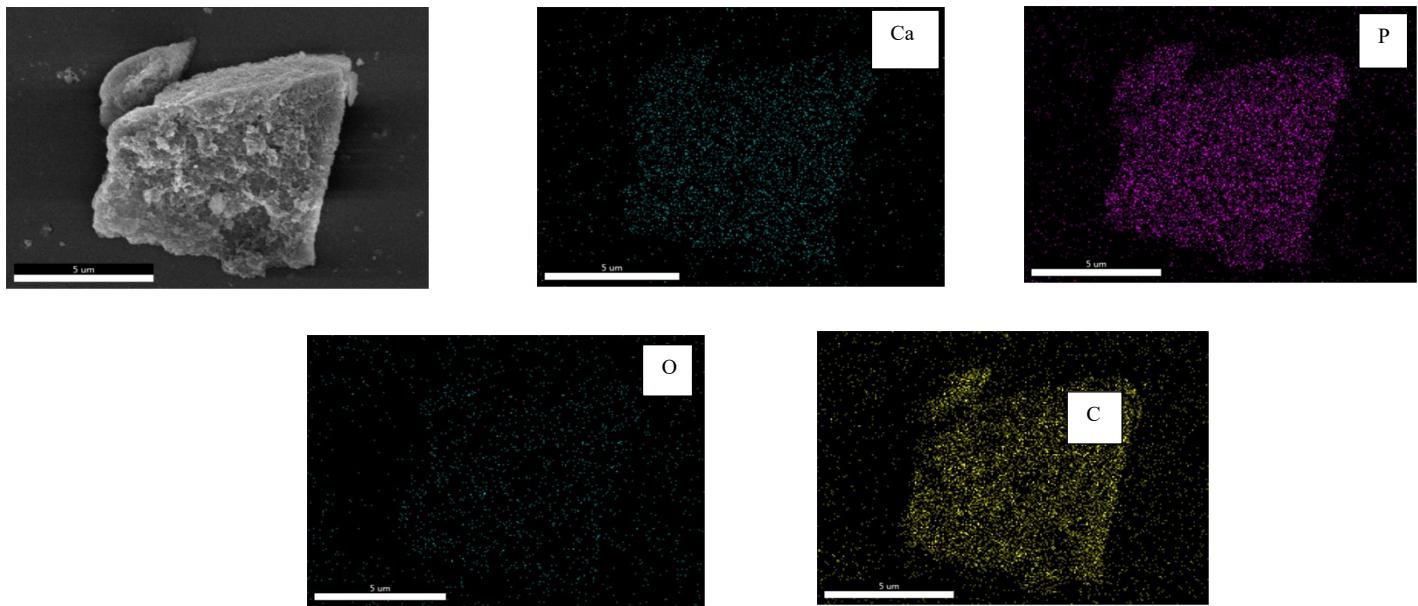
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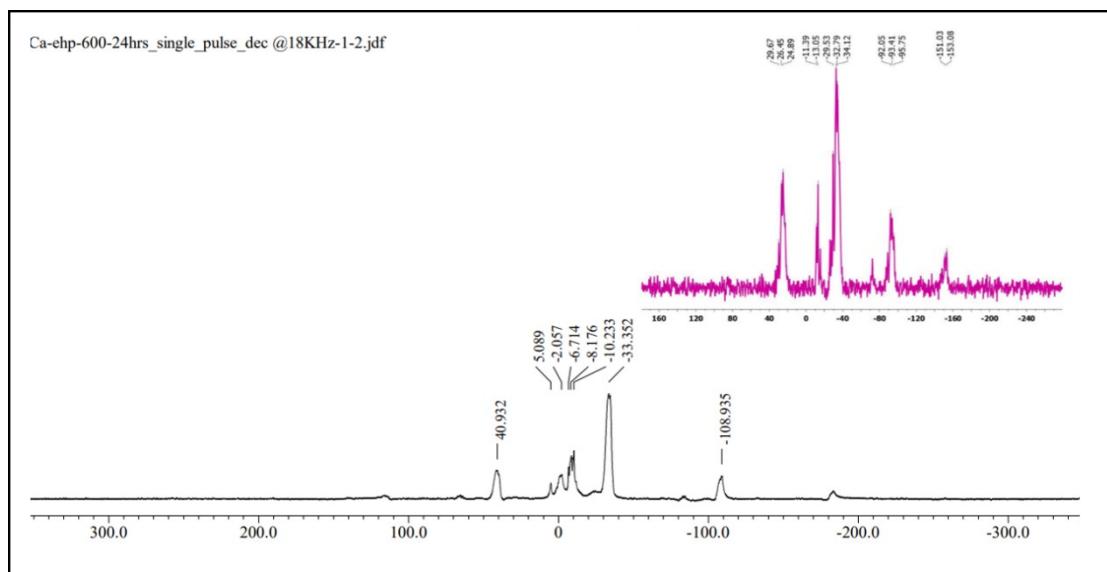
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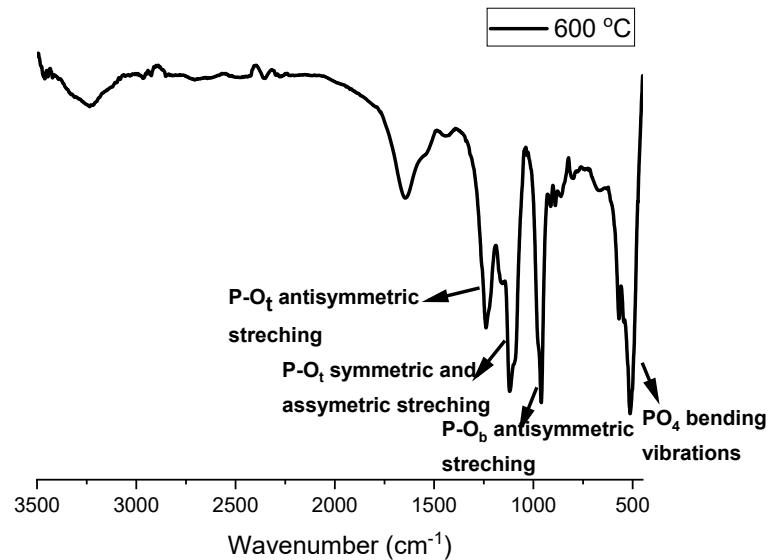
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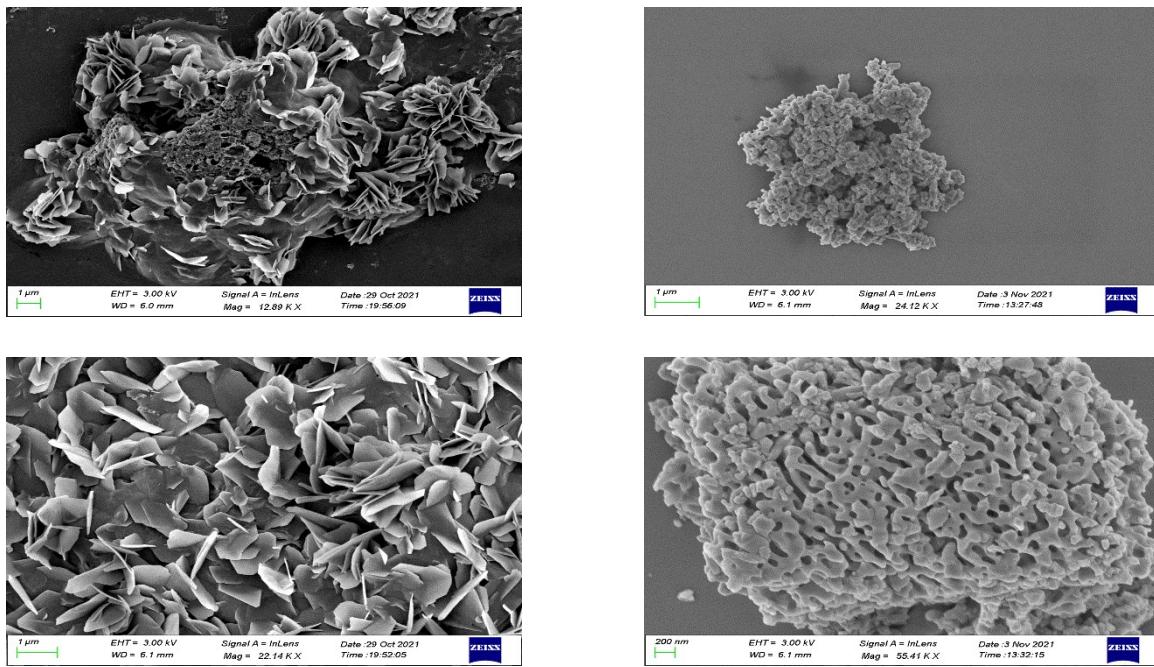
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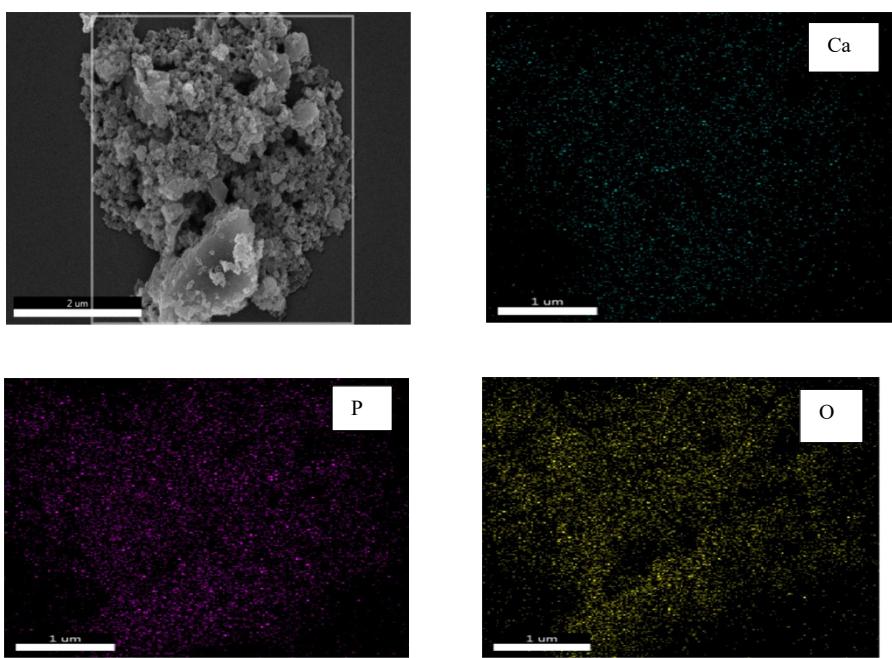
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HP-6	D6h	Hexagon	31.544
PPY-6	C5v	Pentagonal pyramid	21.695
<b>OC-6</b>	<b>Oh</b>	<b>Octahedron</b>	<b>2.581</b>
TPR-6	D3h	Trigonal prism	9.049
JPPY-6	C5v	Johnson pentagonal pyramid J2	25.742

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Ca(1)-O(1)	2.1	O(1)#1-Ca(1)-O(2)#3	90.81(7)
Ca(1)-O(2)#2	2.1	O(1)-Ca(1)-N(1)#1	87.86(7)
Ca(1)-N(1)	2.1	O(1)#1-Ca(1)-N(1)#1	99.61(8)
P(1)-O(1)	1.5	O(1)#1-Ca(1)-N(1)	87.86(7)
P(1)-O(2)	1.5	O(2)#3-Ca(1)-O(2)#2	103.8(1)
P(1)-O(3)	1.5	O(2)#2-Ca(1)-N(1)	158.40(7)
P(1)-O(4)	1.5	O(1)-P(1)-O(2)	118.4(1)
O(4)-C(13A)	1.5 (1)	O(1)-P(1)-O(4)	105.7(1)
O(4)-C(13A)	1.5	O(2)-P(1)-O(3)	107.4(1)
N(1)-C(1)	1.5	O(2)-P(1)-O(4)	108.1(1)
N(1)-C(5)	1.5	O(3)-P(1)-O(4)	105.1(1)
O(1)-Ca(1)-O(1)#1	171.1	O(1)-P(1)-O(3)	110.6 (1)
O(1)-Ca(1)-O(2)#2	83.1	O(3)-P(1)-O(4)	105.1(1)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#<sup>1</sup>1/2-X,+Y,1-Z; #<sup>2</sup>1-X,2-Y,1-Z ; #<sup>3</sup>-1/2+X,2-Y,+Z**Table S3.** Continuous Shape measures of the coordination polyhedra of eight coordinated Ca(II) in **2**.

<b>Label</b>	<b>Symmetry</b>	<b>Shape</b>	<b>Deviation</b>
OP-8	D8h	Octagon	29.810
HPY-8	C7v	Heptagonal pyramid	22.798
HBPY-8	D6h	Hexagonal bipyramid	11.013
CU-8	Oh	Cube	9.091
SAPR-8	D4d	Square antiprism	6.991
TDD-8	D2d	Triangular dodecahedron	6.446
JGBF-8	D2d	Johnson gyrobifastigium J26	9.434
JETBPY-8	D3h	Johnson elongated triangular bipy J14	21.767
JBTPR-8	C2v	Biaugmented trigonal prism J50	6.219
<b>BTPR-8</b>	<b>C2v</b>	<b>Biaugmented trigonal prism</b>	<b>5.819</b>
<b>JSD-8</b>	<b>D2d</b>	<b>Snub diphenoid J84</b>	<b>5.414</b>
TT-8	Td	Triakis tetrahedron	9.931

ETBPY-8	D3h	Elongated trigonal bipyramidal	17.670
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**Table S4.** Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [°] for **2**.

Ca(1)-O(2)	2.352(2)
Ca(1)-N(1)	2.526(2)
Ca(1)-O(1)#2	2.555(2)
O(1)-C(7)	1.244(3)
O(2)-C(7)	1.278(3)
N(1)-C(1)	1.324(2)
N(1)-C(5)	1.359(3)

#<sup>1</sup> X, 1-Y, -1/2+Z; #<sup>2</sup> 1-X, 1-Y, 2-Z; #<sup>3</sup> 1-X, +Y, 3/2-Z

O(1)#1-Ca(1)-O(1)#2	146.42(8)
O(2)#3-Ca(1)-O(1)#2	119.39(6)
O(2)#1-Ca(1)-O(2)#2	149.68(8)
O(2)-Ca(1)-N(1)	158.45(7)
N(1)-Ca(1)-O(1)#2	79.63(7)
N(1)-Ca(1)-O(2)#1	120.59(6)
N(1)#3-Ca(1)-N(1)	65.6(1)
O(1)-C(7)-O(2)	121.4(2)
O(1)-C(7)-C(8)	119.9(2)
O(2)-C(7)-C(8)	118.7(2)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

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**Table S5.** Heat flow vs temperature data for compound **1** in the temperature range from -150 °C to 200 °C.

	T <sub>mid</sub> (heating) (°C)	T <sub>mid</sub> (cooling) (°C)	Enthalpy of transition (heating) (J/g)	Enthalpy of transition(cooling) (J/g)
Peak 1	-14.3	-44.2	20.1	18.5
Peak 2	73.0	79.0	0.3	0.3

\* T<sub>mid</sub> represents the mid-point of the corresponding transition in the DSC curve.