

## Supporting Information

### Photoinduced Reversible Assembly of Polynuclear Complexes from Ru-Containing Ionic Liquids with Accompanying Ionic Conductivity Modulations

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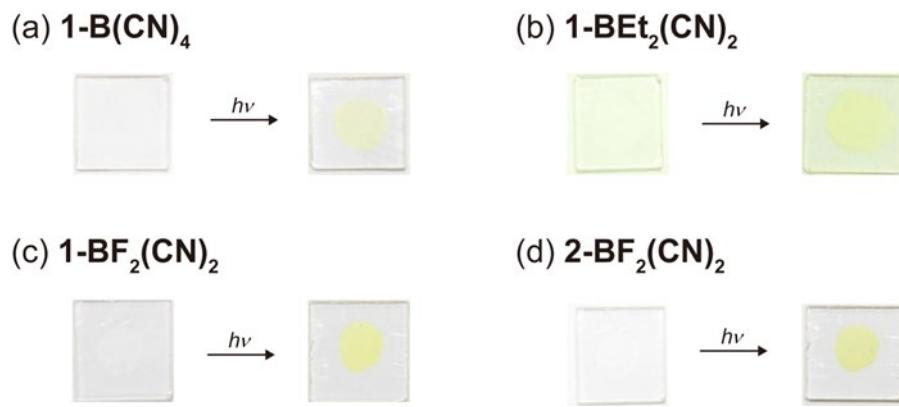
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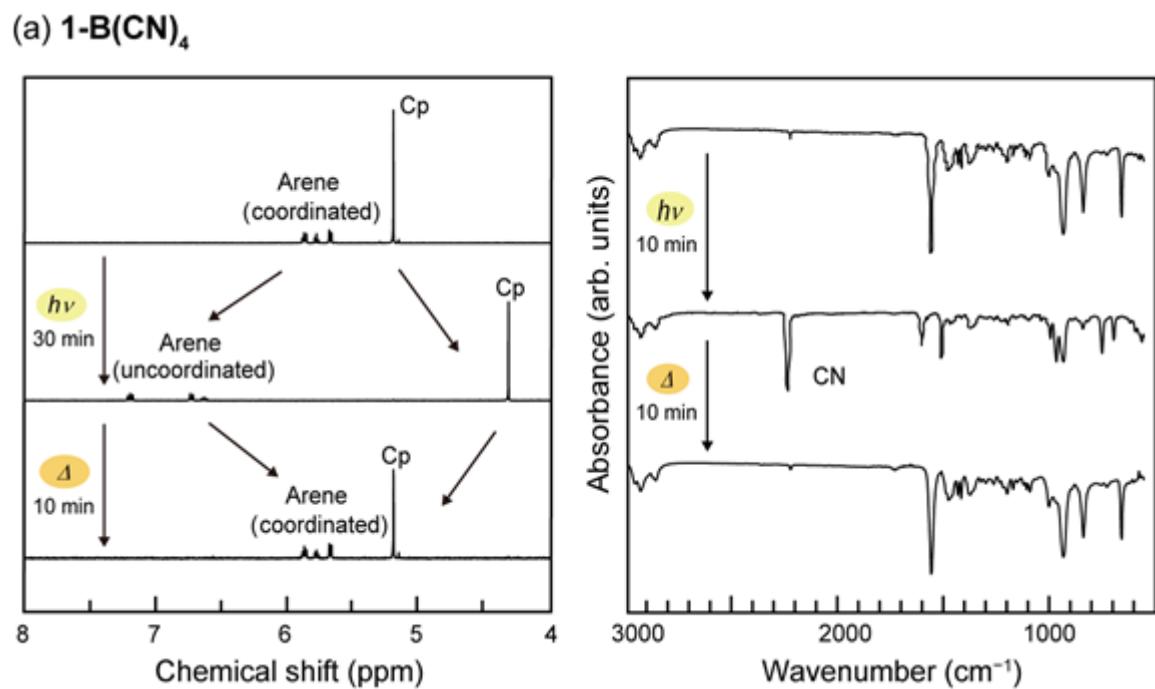
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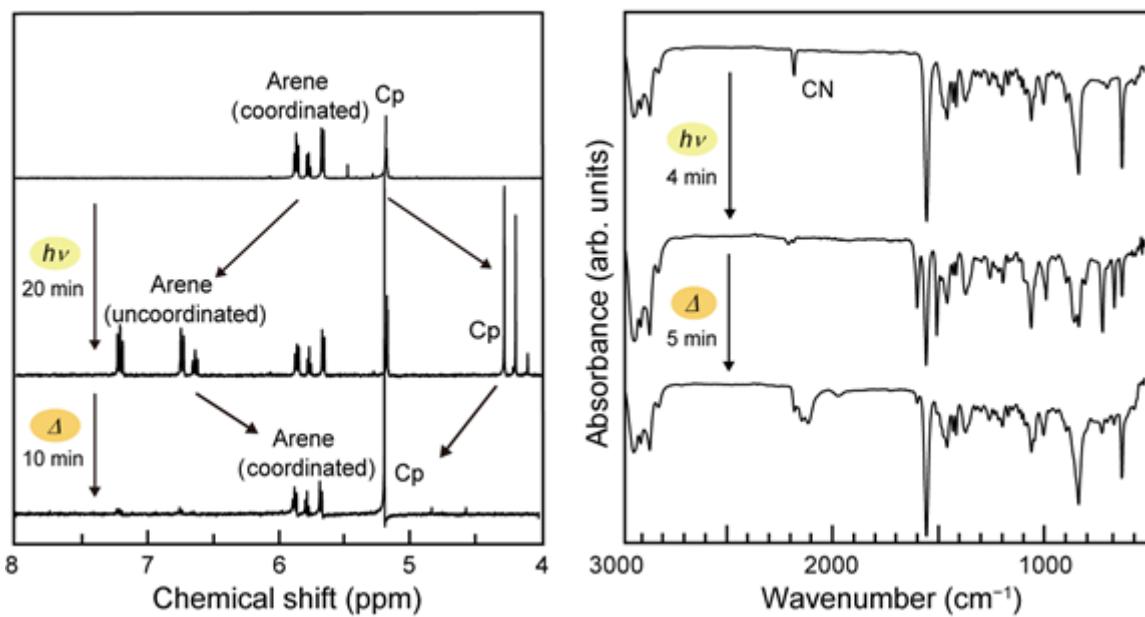


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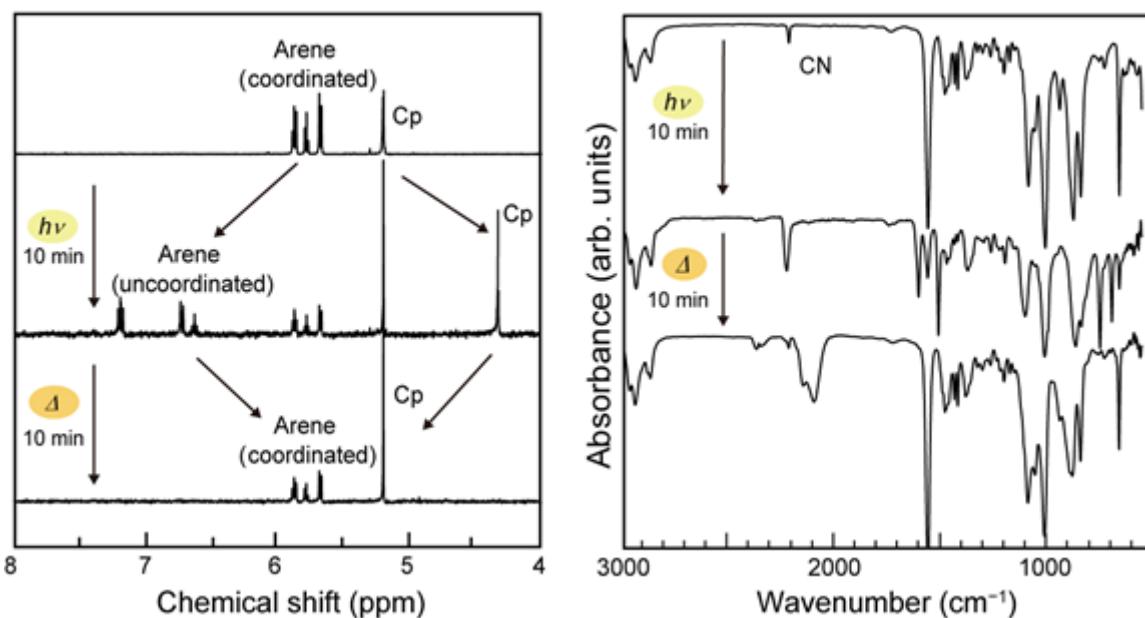


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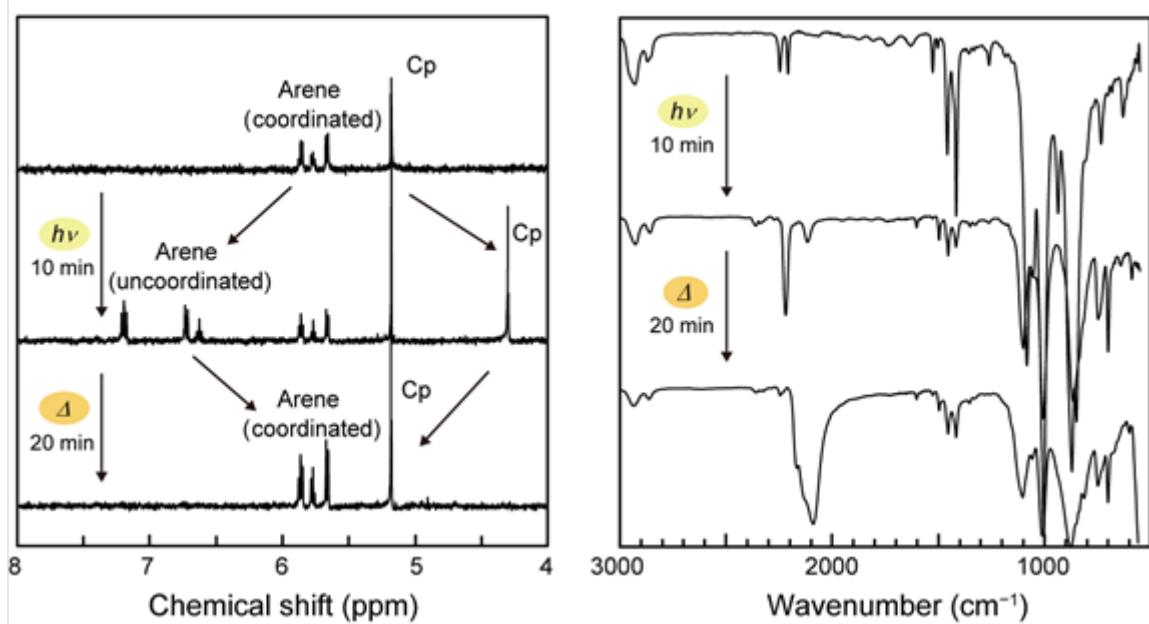


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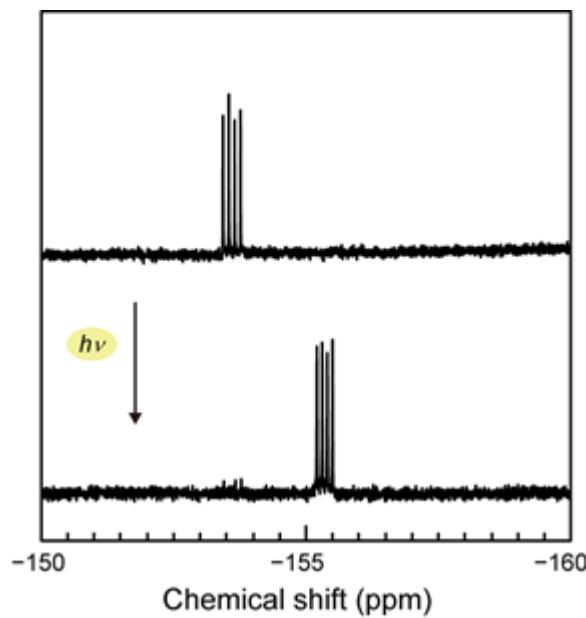
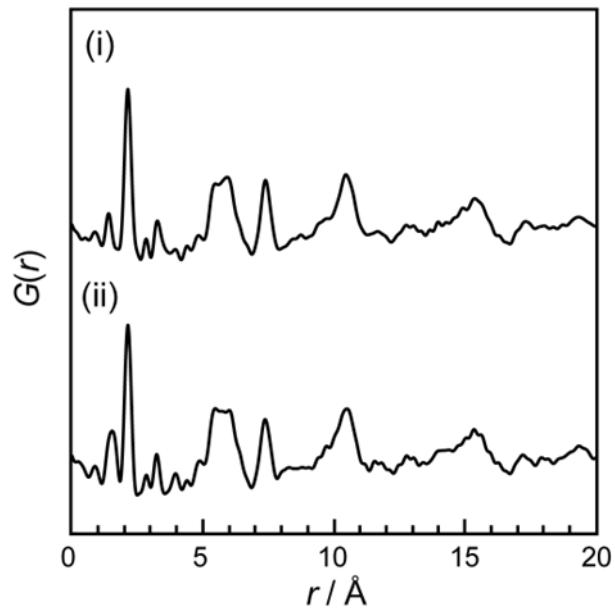
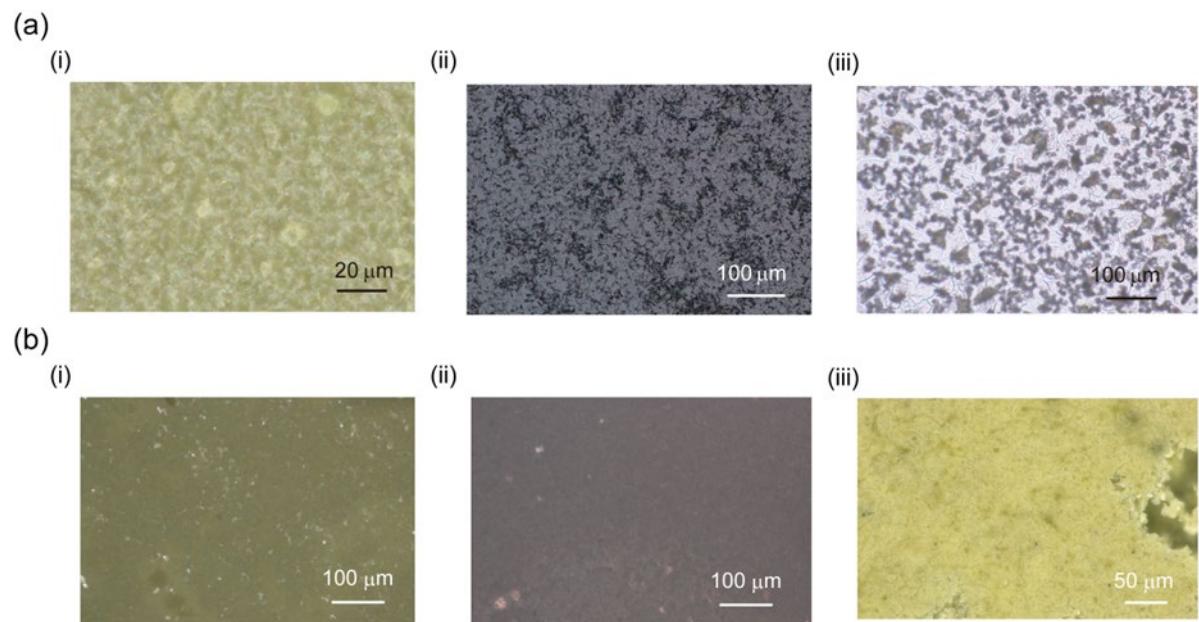


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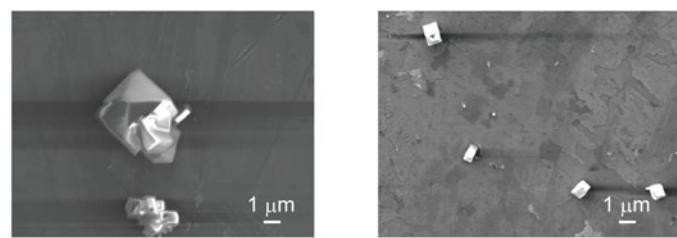


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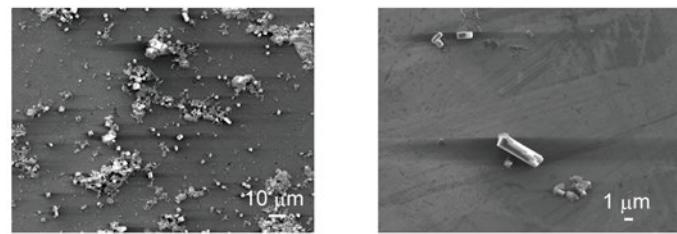


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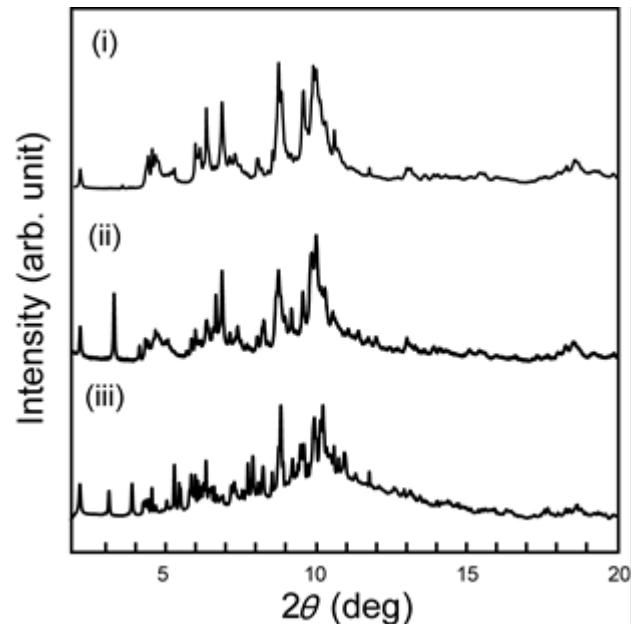
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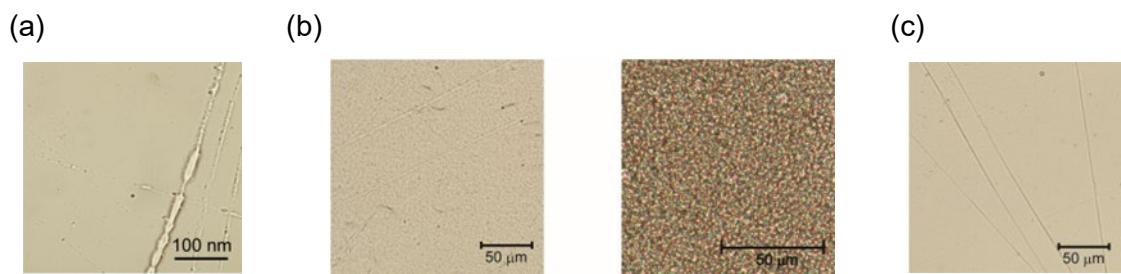
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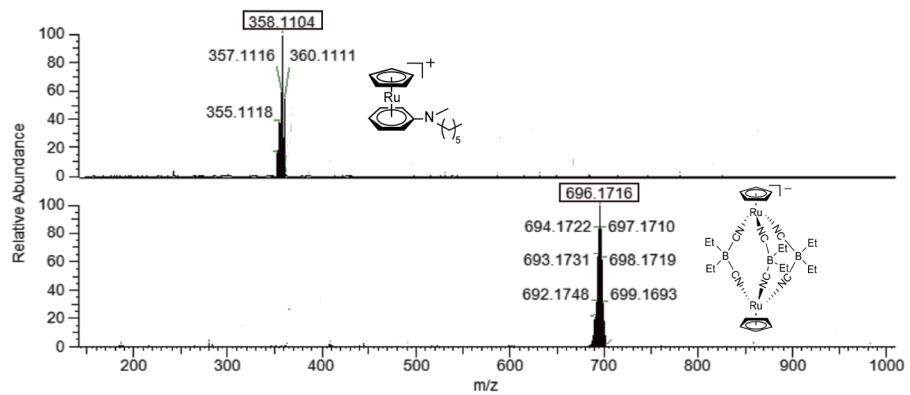


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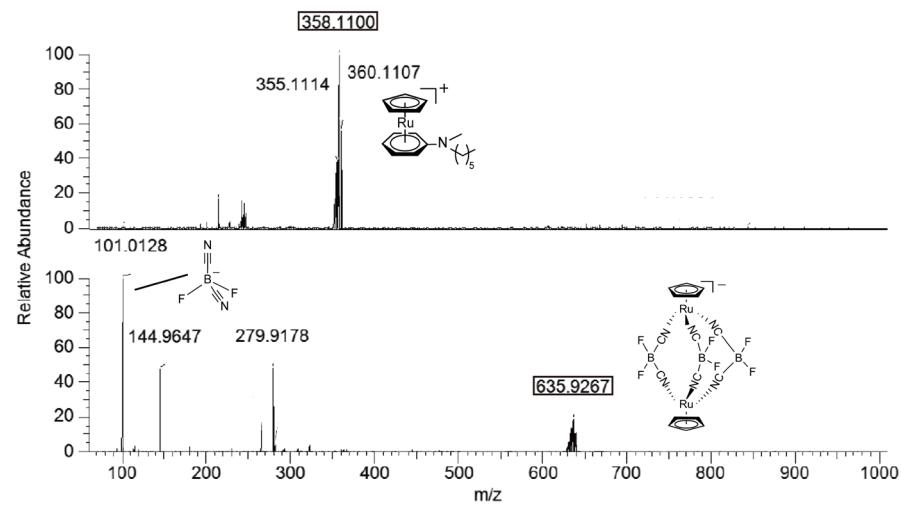


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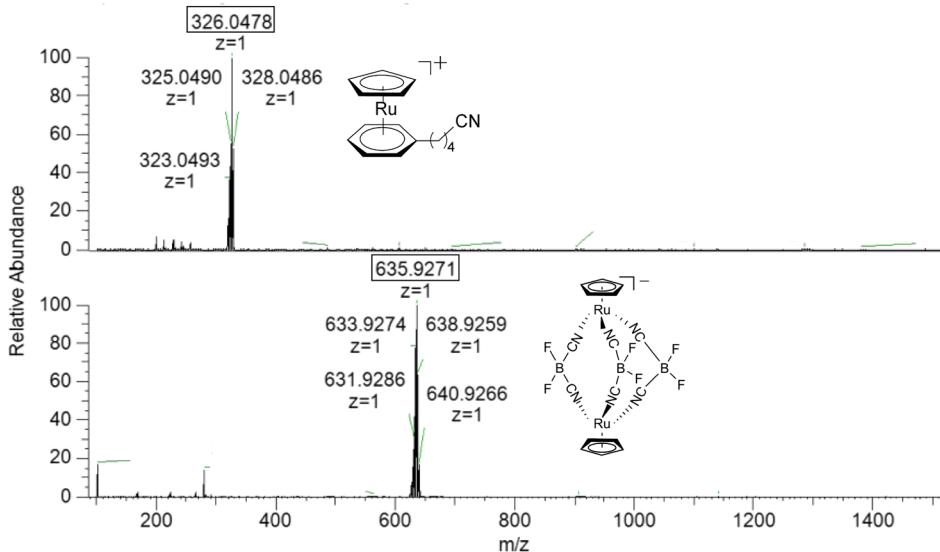
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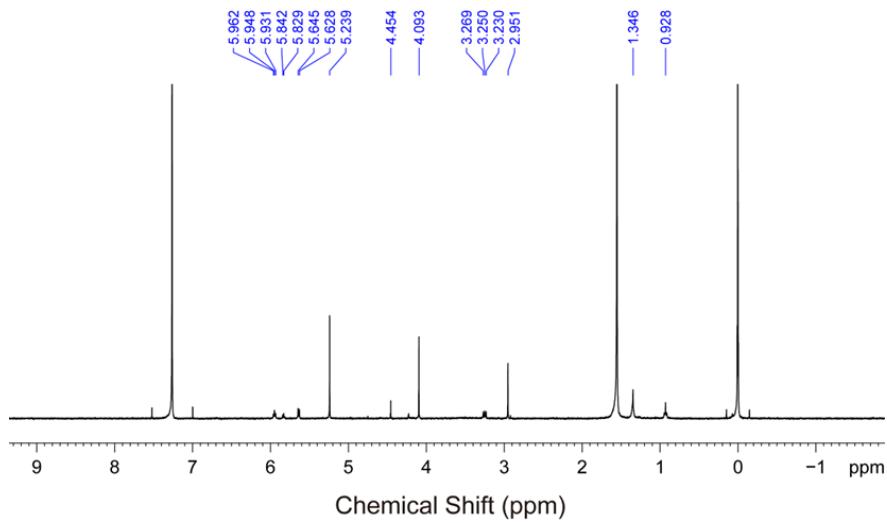
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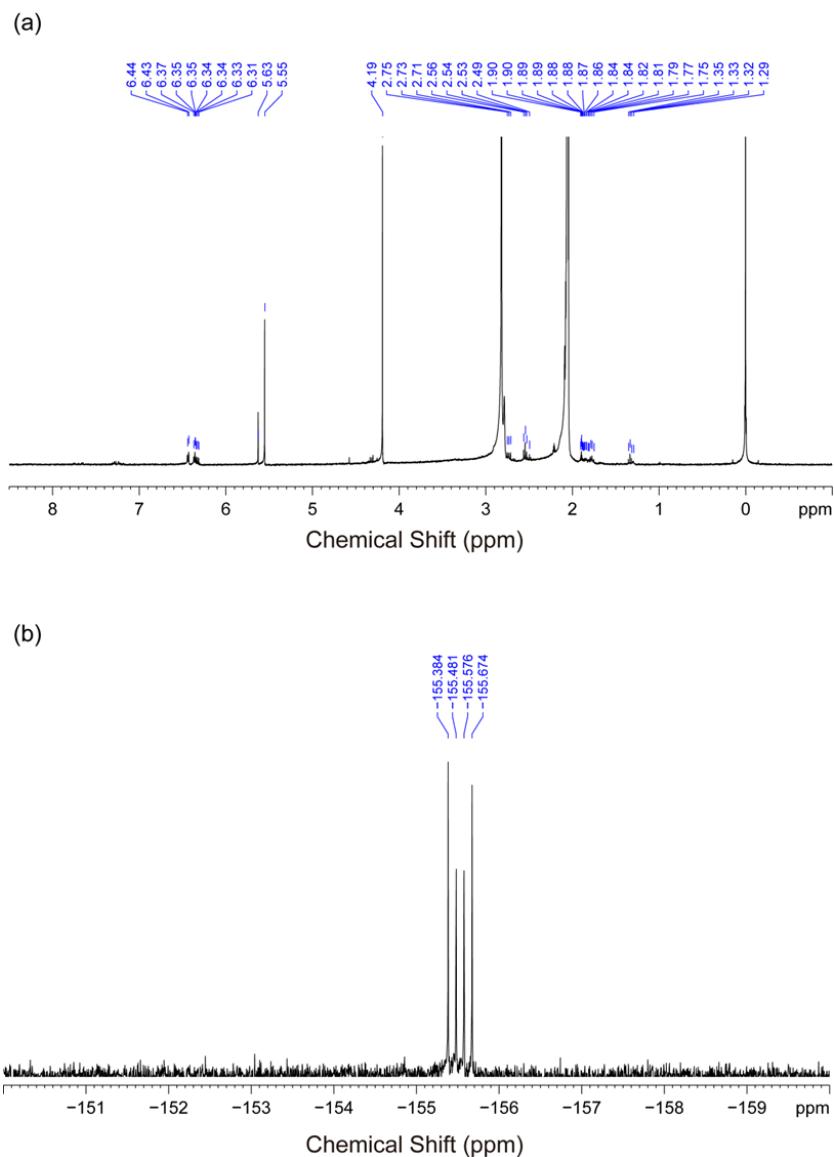
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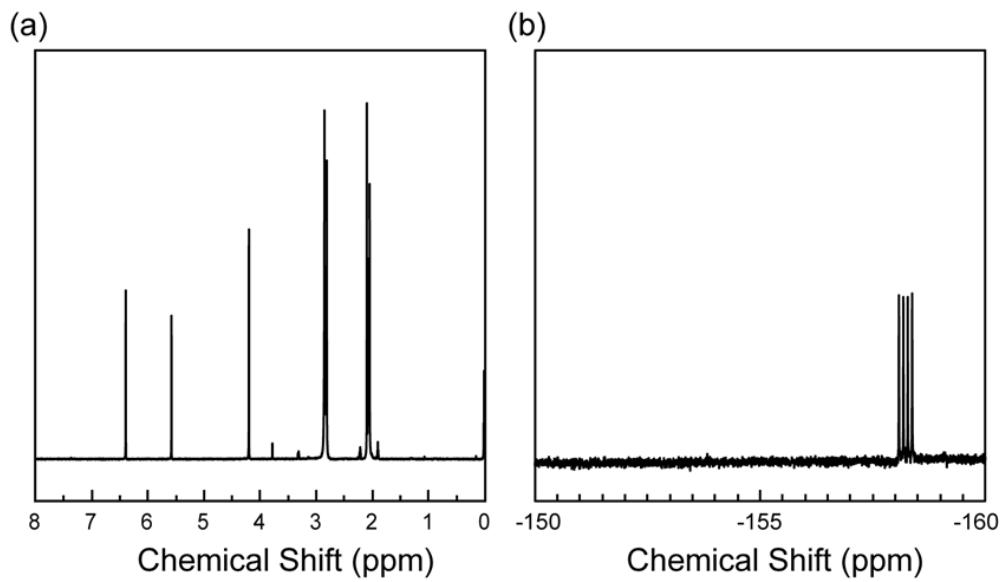
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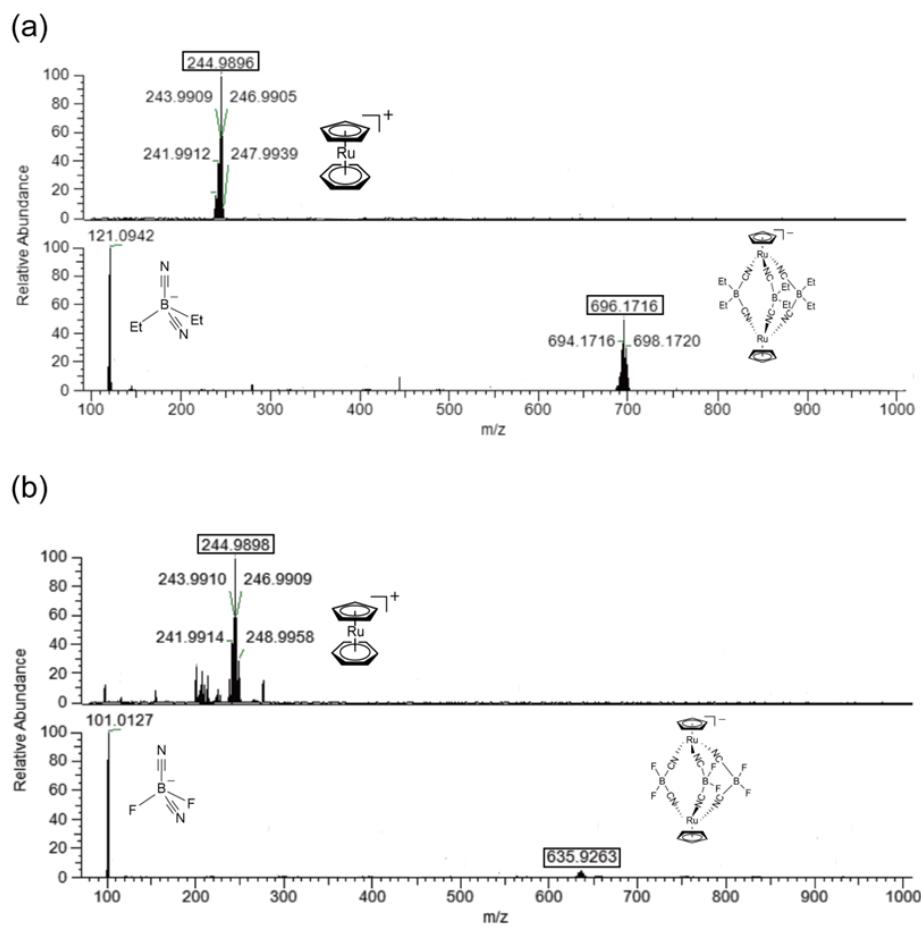
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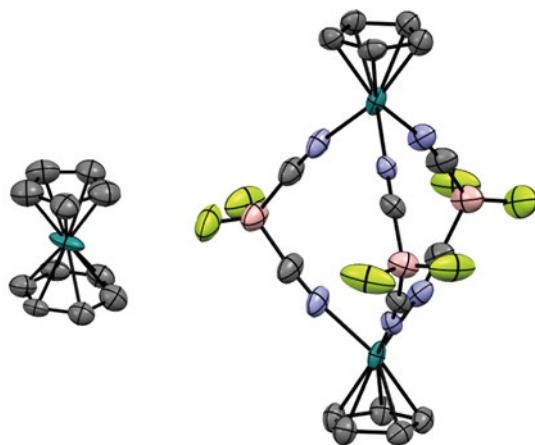
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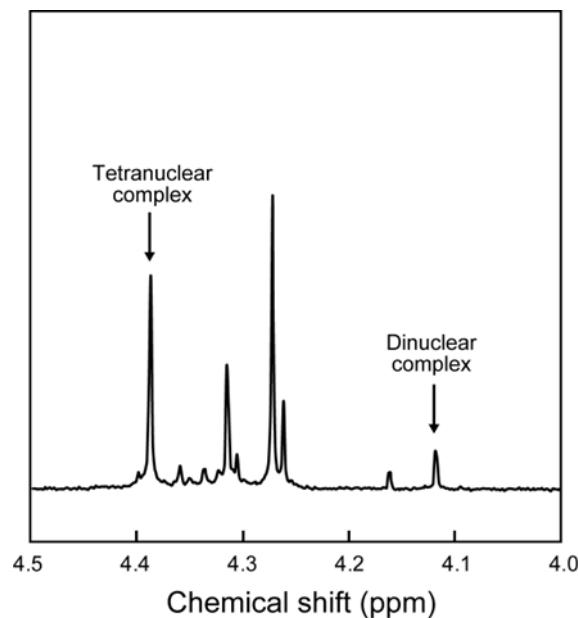
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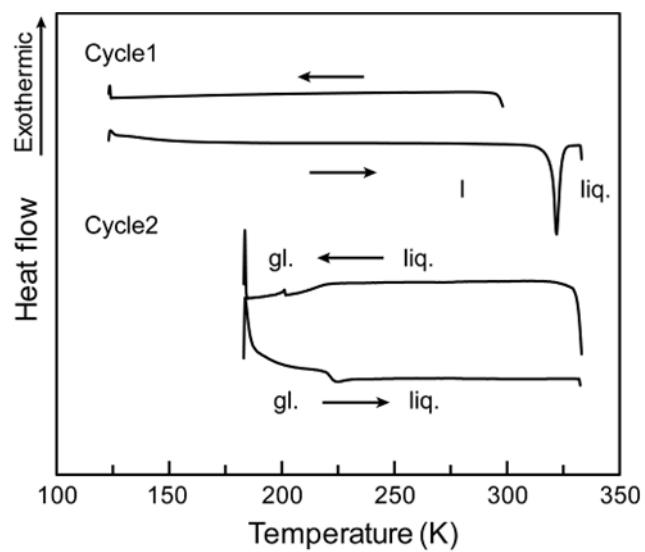
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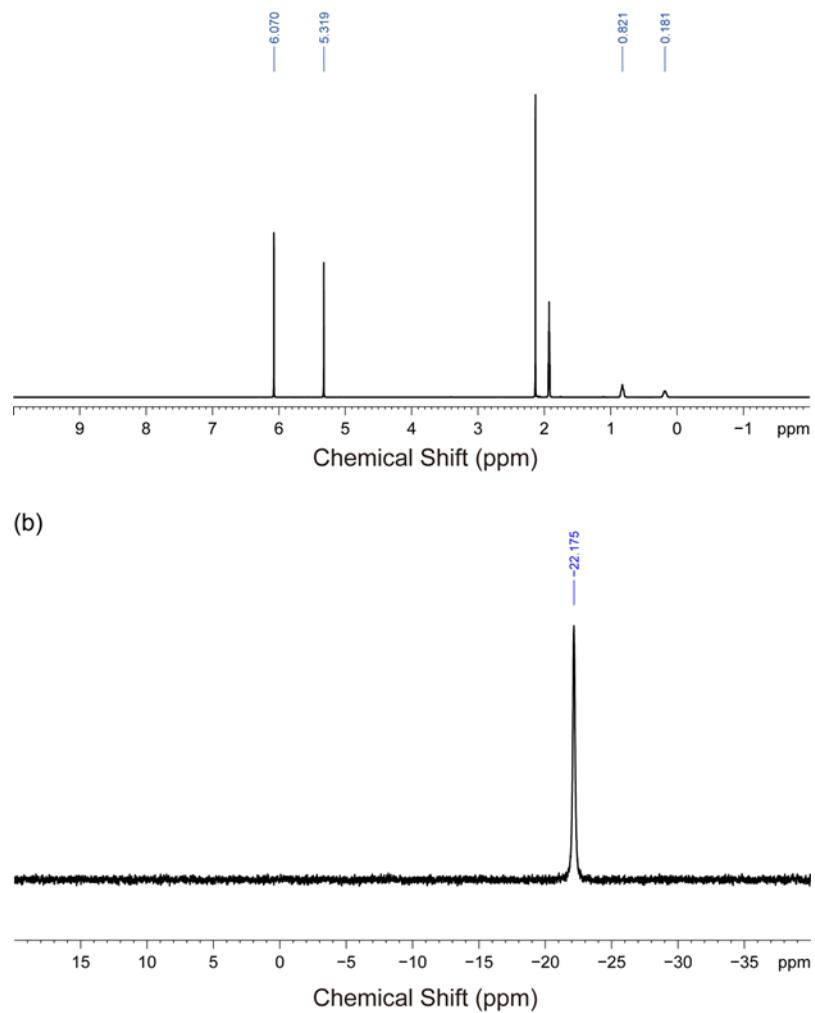
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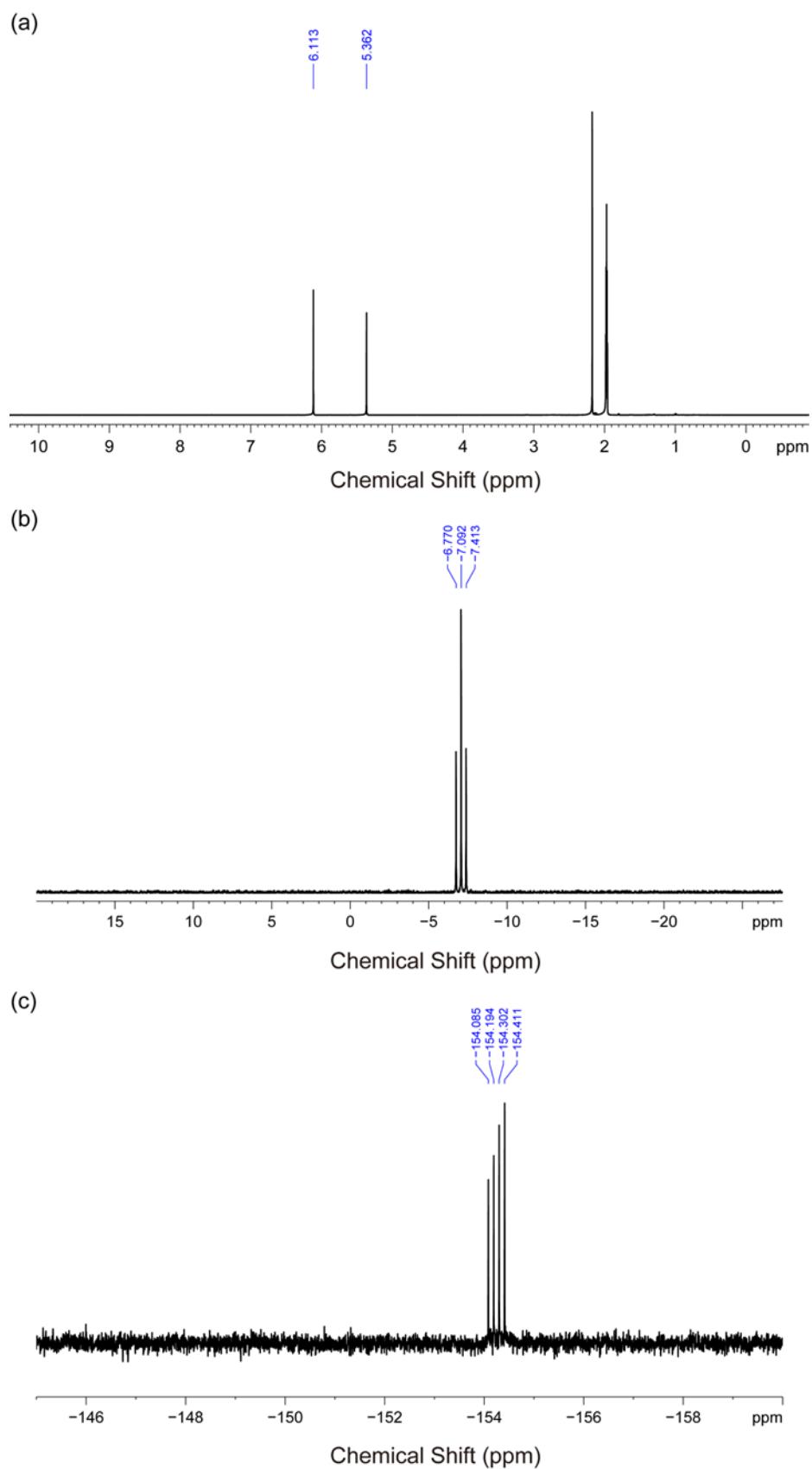
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Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{81}\text{H}_{63}\text{B}_9\text{F}_{18}\text{N}_{18}\text{Ru}_9$
Formula weight	2637.41
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	$I2/a$
$a$ [Å]	16.5027(3)
$b$ [Å]	31.2640(7)
$c$ [Å]	19.0958(4)
$\beta$ [°]	109.534(2)
$V$ [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	9285.2(3)
$Z$	4
Temperature [K]	100

<sup>a</sup>Refinement not satisfactory owing to extensive disorder