

## Supporting Information

### CO<sub>2</sub> uptake potential of cerium(III) triazoles and tetrazoles

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# Crystallographic Data

**Table S1.** Crystallographic Data for compounds **2**, **5** and **6**

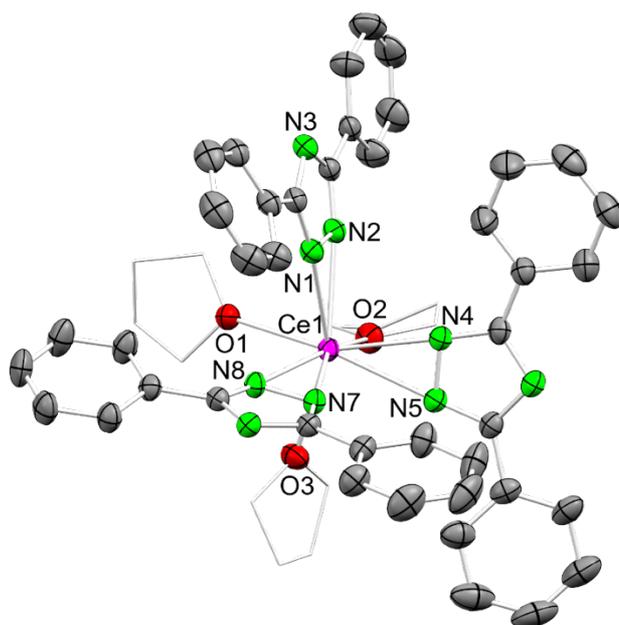
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CCDC	2530849	2530848	2530847
formula	C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>57</sub> CeN <sub>10</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>47</sub> CeN <sub>12</sub> O	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>41</sub> CeN <sub>12</sub> O
M <sub>r</sub> [g/mol]	1058.23	671.86	737.88
color/shape	block/colourless	block/colourless	needle/colourless
crystal dimensions [mm]	0.200 × 0.187 × 0.130	0.221 × 0.217 × 0.171	0.169 × 0.066 × 0.064
crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>
a [Å]	11.8280(6)	12.0514(2)	8.3105(5)
b [Å]	19.2224(10)	17.0159(3)	20.9901(12)
c [Å]	22.7962(12)	14.9451(3)	19.3244(11)
α [°]	90	90	90
β [°]	98.3820(10)	101.6430(10)	102.2090(10)
γ [°]	90	90	90
V [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	5127.6(5)	3001.66(9)	3294.7(3)
Z	4	4	4
T [K]	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
λ [Å]	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
ρ <sub>calcd</sub> [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	1.371	1.487	1.488
μ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.942	1.557	1.427
F (000)	2180	1338	1508
θ range [°]	2.094–28.281	1.835–30.540	1.450–31.696
unique reflections	12721	9185	10925
total reflections	101090	88171	76123
R <sub>1</sub> <sup>[a]</sup> /wR <sub>2</sub> <sup>[b]</sup> (I>2σ)	0.0275/0.0604	0.0159/0.0390	0.0382/0.0791
R <sub>1</sub> <sup>[a]</sup> /wR <sub>2</sub> <sup>[b]</sup> (all data)	0.0396/0.0669	0.0169/0.0396	0.0633/0.0906
GOF <sup>[c]</sup>	1.043	1.042	1.038

<sup>[a]</sup>R<sub>1</sub> = Σ(|F<sub>o</sub> - |F<sub>c</sub>||) / Σ|F<sub>o</sub>|, F<sub>o</sub> > 4σ(F<sub>o</sub>), <sup>[b]</sup>wR<sub>2</sub> = {Σ[w(F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> - F<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup> / Σ[w(F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup>]}<sup>1/2</sup>, <sup>[c]</sup>GOF = [Σw(F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> - F<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup> / (n<sub>o</sub> - n<sub>p</sub>)]<sup>1/2</sup>.

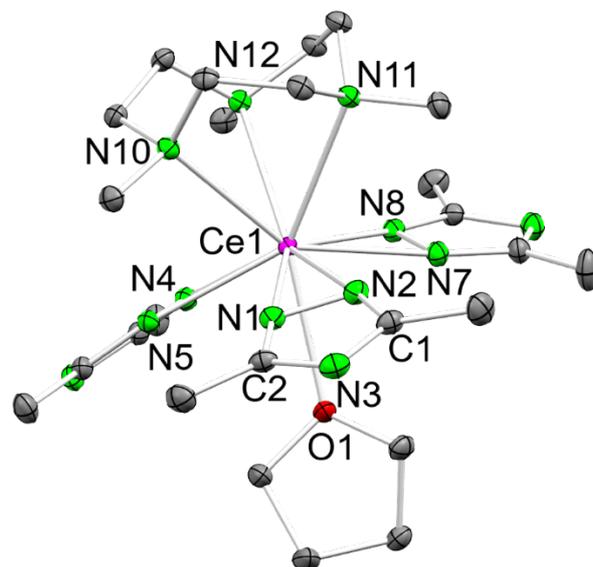
**Table S2.** Crystallographic Data for compounds **7** and **8**

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CCDC	2530850	2530846
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M <sub>r</sub> [g/mol]	818.96	596.78
color/shape	block/colourless	block/colourless
crystal dimensions [mm]	0.268 × 0.214 × 0.165	0.204 × 0.127 × 0.121
crystal system	orthorhombic	trigonal
space group	<i>Pca</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	<i>R</i> 3
a [Å]	23.6496(12)	17.6019(4)
b [Å]	13.5831(7)	17.6019(4)
c [Å]	15.2537(8)	7.6464(3)
α [°]	90	90
β [°]	90	90
γ [°]	90	120
V [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	4900.0(4)	2051.67(13)
Z	4	3
T [K]	100(2)	100(2)
λ [Å]	0.71073	0.71073
ρ <sub>calcd</sub> [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	1.110	1.449
μ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.967	1.693
F (000)	1676	921
θ range [°]	2.179–33.639	2.314–33.582
unique reflections	18808	3436
total reflections	148721	14307
R <sub>1</sub> <sup>[a]</sup> /wR <sub>2</sub> <sup>[b]</sup> (I>2σ)	0.0264/0.0574	0.0168/0.0422
R <sub>1</sub> <sup>[a]</sup> /wR <sub>2</sub> <sup>[b]</sup> (all data)	0.0354/0.0613	0.0168/0.0422
GOF <sup>[c]</sup>	1.026	1.100

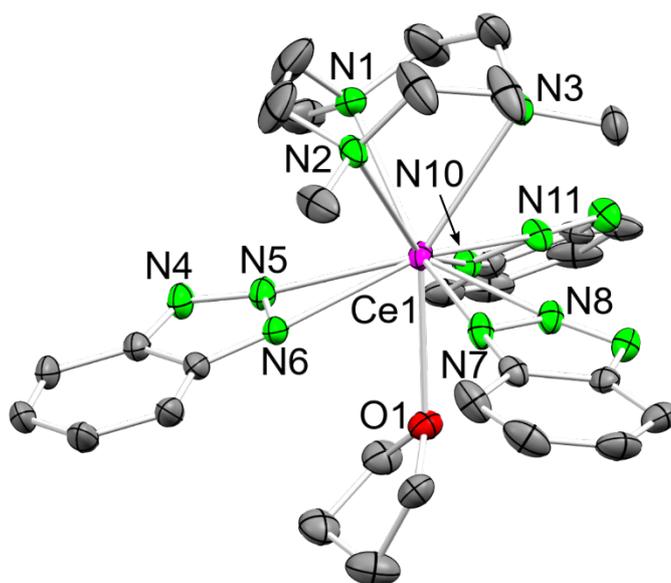
<sup>[a]</sup>R<sub>1</sub> = Σ(|F<sub>o</sub> - |F<sub>c</sub>||) / Σ|F<sub>o</sub>|, F<sub>o</sub> > 4σ(F<sub>o</sub>), <sup>[b]</sup>wR<sub>2</sub> = {Σ[w(F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> - F<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup> / Σ[w(F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup>]}<sup>1/2</sup>. <sup>[c]</sup>GOF = [Σw(F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> - F<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup> / (n<sub>o</sub> - n<sub>p</sub>)]<sup>1/2</sup>.



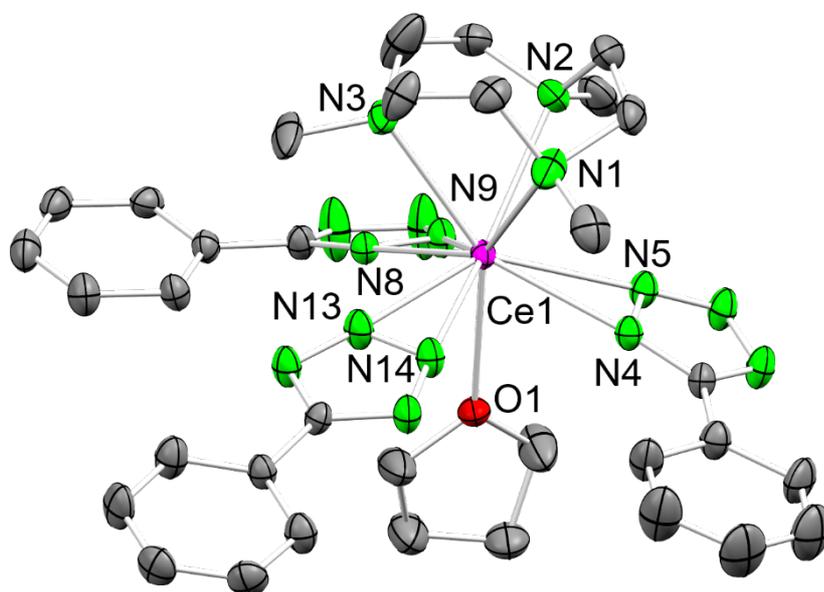
**Figure S1.** Crystal structure of  $\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Ph,Ph}})_3(\text{thf})_3$  (**2**). Ellipsoids are shown at a 50% probability level. THF carbon atoms are represented as a wireframe model. Disordered and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å]: Ce1–N1 2.4650(17), Ce1–N2 2.5535(16), Ce1–N4 2.4700(16), Ce1–N5 2.5324(16), Ce1–N7 2.4908(16), Ce1–N8 2.5123(15), Ce1–O1 2.5680(13), Ce1–O2 2.5690(14), Ce1–O3 2.5773(15). Selected angles [°]: N1–Ce1–O3 154.23(5), O1–Ce1–O3 80.90(5).



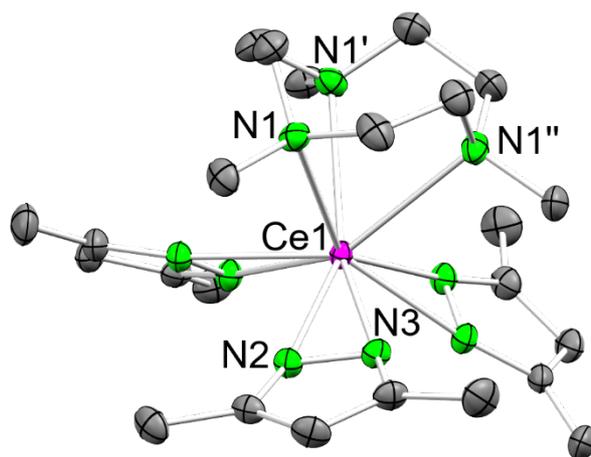
**Figure S2.** Crystal structure of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3(\text{thf})$  (**5**). Ellipsoids are shown at a 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å]: Ce1–N1 2.5435(9), Ce1–N2 2.5921(9), Ce1–N4 2.5020(9), Ce1–N5 2.5626(9), Ce1–N7 2.5159(9), Ce1–N8 2.5985(9), Ce1–N10 2.7714(9), Ce1–N11 2.7743(9), Ce1–N12 2.7975(9), Ce1–O1 2.7259(8), N1–N2 1.3866(13), C1–N2 1.3349(14), C1–N3 1.3529(15), C2–N1 1.3332(14), C2–N3 1.3500(15). Selected angles [°]: N10–Ce1–N1 77.23(3), N10–Ce1–N2 92.62(3).



**Figure S3.** Crystal structure of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{trz}^{\text{Bz}})_3(\text{thf})$  (**6**). Ellipsoids are shown at a 50% probability level. Disordered and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å]: Ce1–N1 2.733(2), Ce1–N2 2.737(2), Ce1–N3 2.765(2), Ce1–N5 2.536(2), Ce1–N6 2.548(2), Ce1–N7 2.552(2), Ce1–N8 2.529(2), Ce1–O1 2.6693(19). Selected angles [°]: N1–Ce1–N5 75.44(7), N1–Ce1–N6 97.31(7).



**Figure S4.** Crystal structure of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{tet}^{\text{Ph}})_3(\text{thf})$  (**7**). Ellipsoids are shown at a 50% probability level. Disordered and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å]: Ce1–N1 2.722(2), Ce1–N2 2.710(2), Ce1–N3 2.715(2), Ce1–N4 2.5422(19), Ce1–N5 2.595(2), Ce1–N8 2.5482(19), Ce1–N9 2.587(2), Ce1–N13 2.543(2), Ce1–N14 2.599(2), Ce1–O1 2.6322(18). Selected angles [°]: N1–Ce1–N4 77.57(7), N1–Ce1–N5 89.22(7), N4–Ce1–O1 71.32(6).



**Figure S5.** Crystal structure of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{pz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3$  (**8**). Ellipsoids are shown at a 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [ $\text{\AA}$ ]: Ce–N1 2.751(2), Ce1–N2 2.4675(18), Ce1–N3 2.5379(19).

# NMR Spectra

Solvent signals are marked with an \*

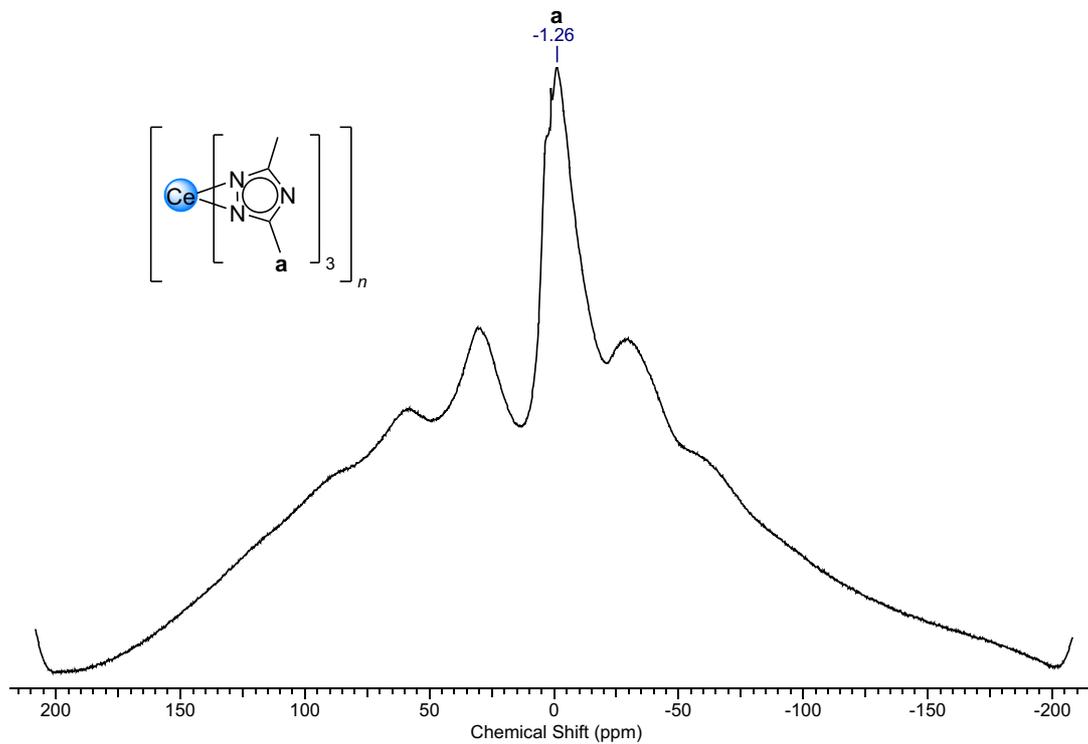


Figure S6.  $^1\text{H}$  MAS NMR spectrum (300.1 MHz, 26 °C, MAS at 8 kHz) of  $[\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3]_n$  (1).

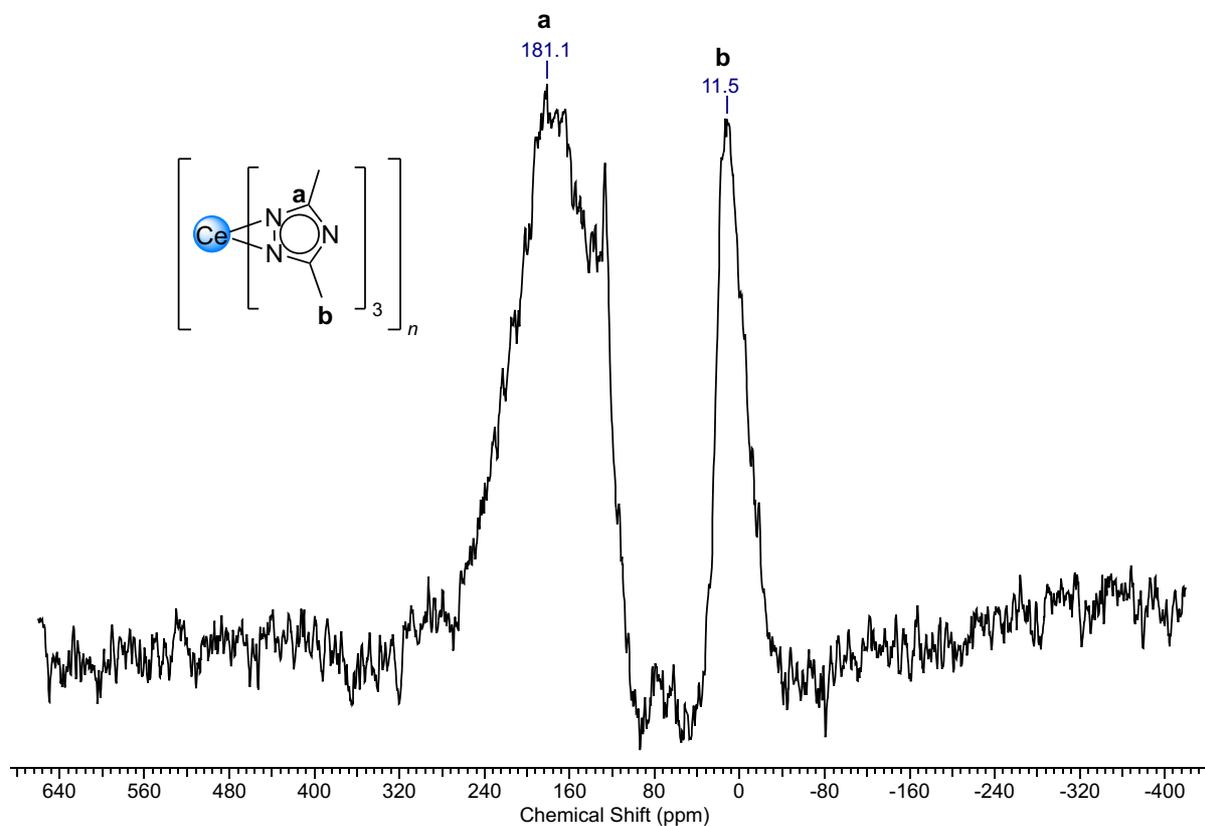
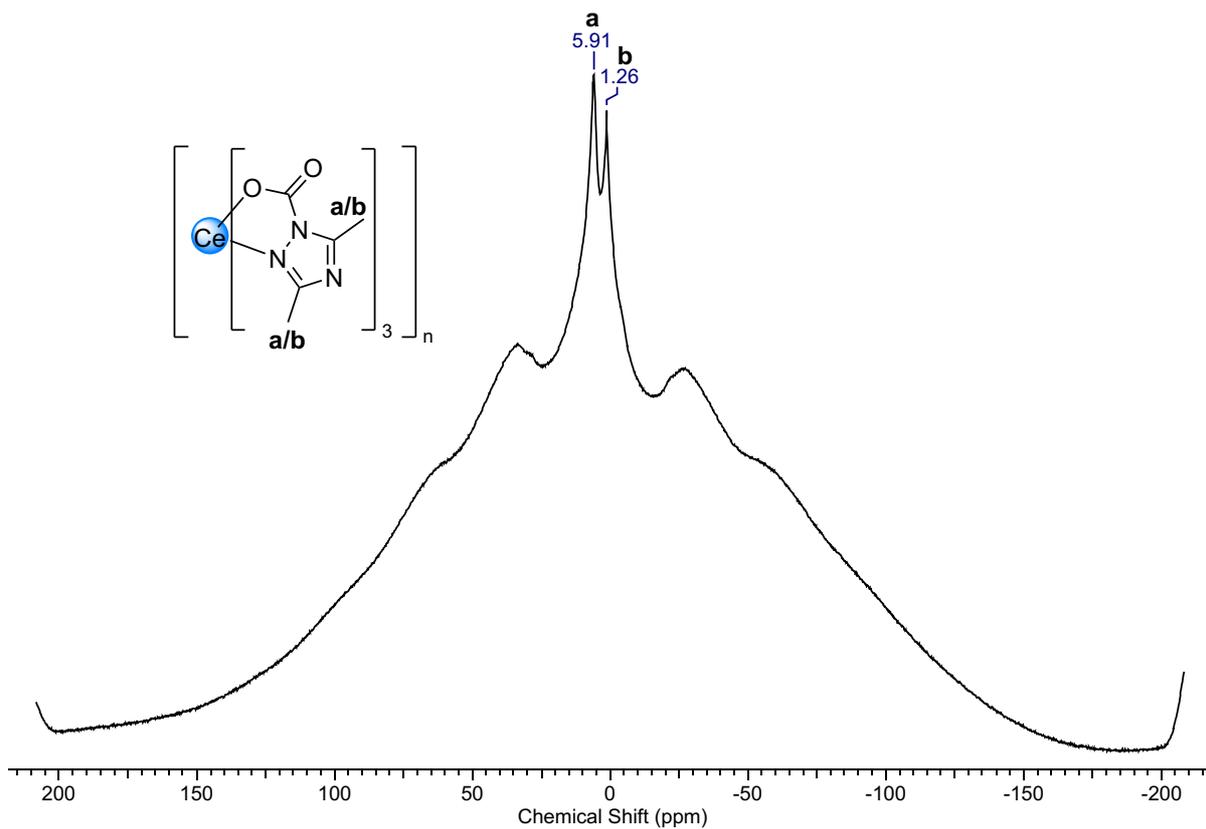
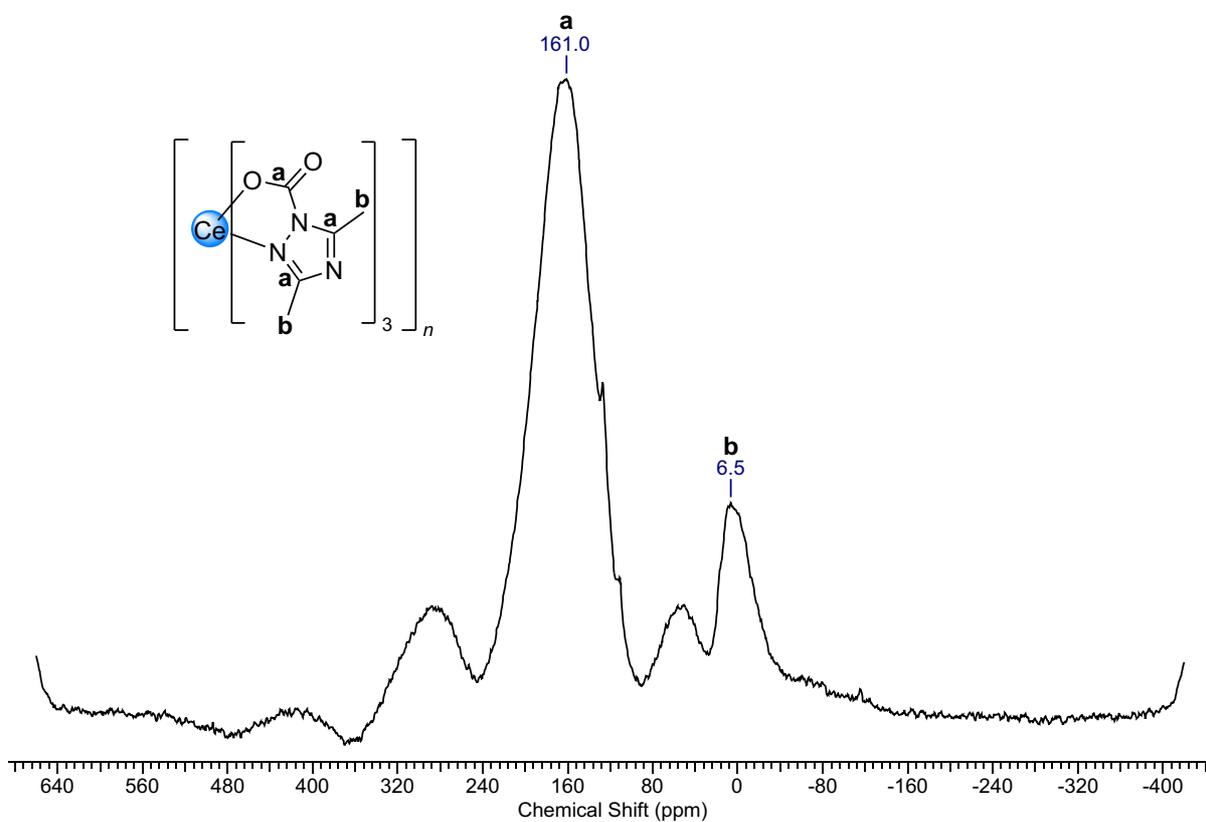


Figure S7.  $^{13}\text{C}$  HPDEC MAS NMR spectrum (75.5 MHz, 24 °C, MAS at 8 kHz) of  $[\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3]_n$  (1).



**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  MAS NMR spectrum (300.1 MHz, 24 °C, MAS at 8 kHz) of  $[\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me,Me},^{13}\text{CO}_2})_3]_n$  ( $1\text{-}^{13}\text{CO}_2$ ).



**Figure S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  HPDEC MAS NMR spectrum (75.5 MHz, 25 °C, MAS at 8 kHz) of  $[\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me,Me},^{13}\text{CO}_2})_3]_n$  ( $1\text{-}^{13}\text{CO}_2$ ).

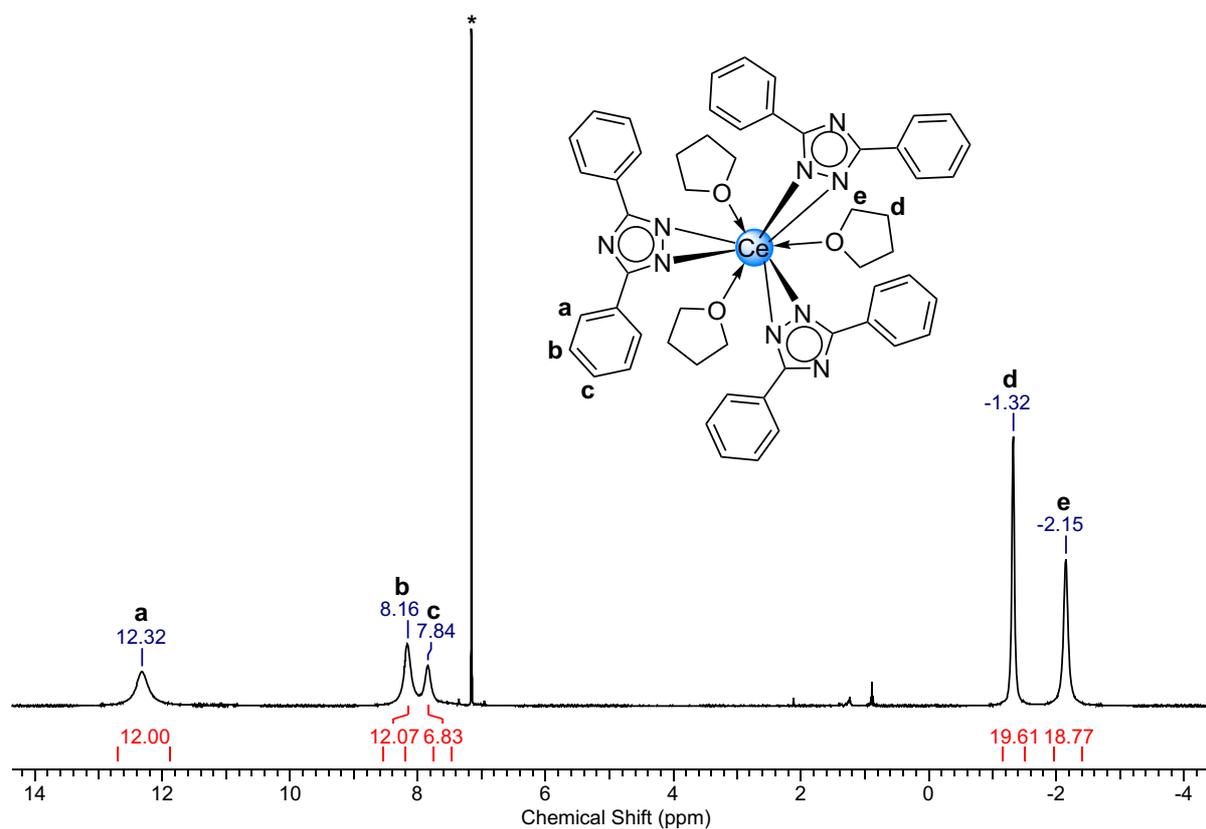


Figure S10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 400.1 MHz, 26  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) of  $\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Ph,Ph}})_3(\text{thf})_3$  (**2**).

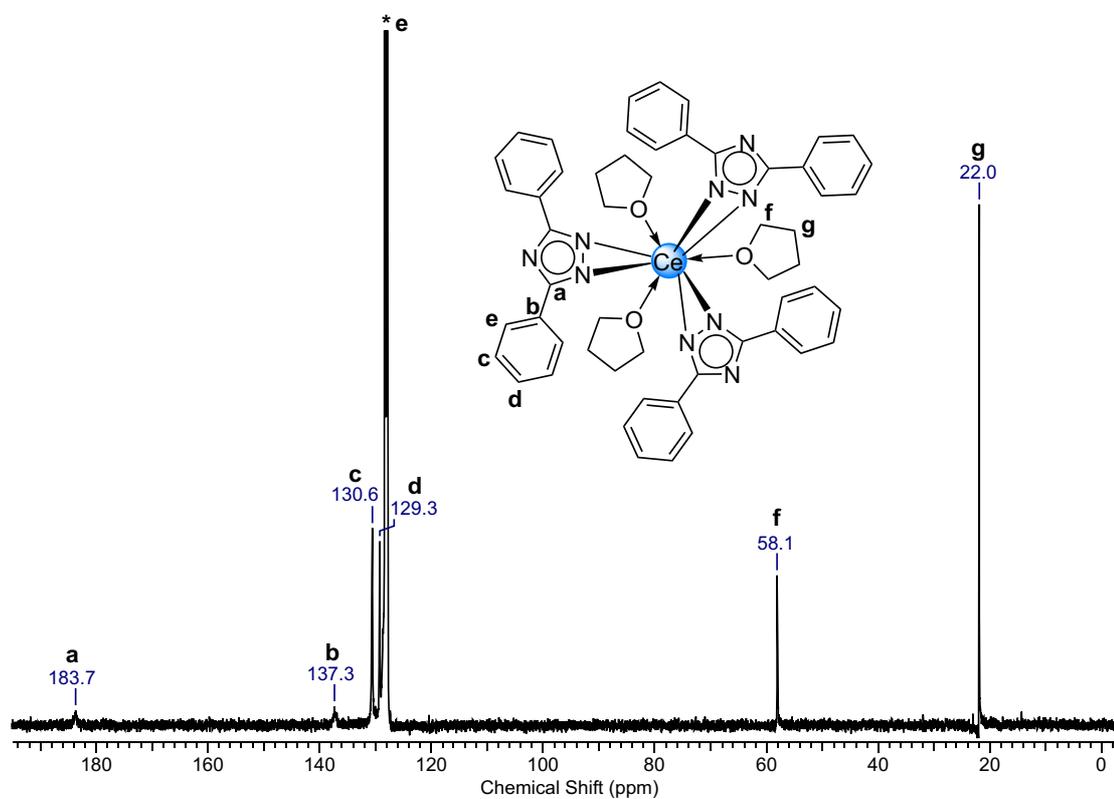
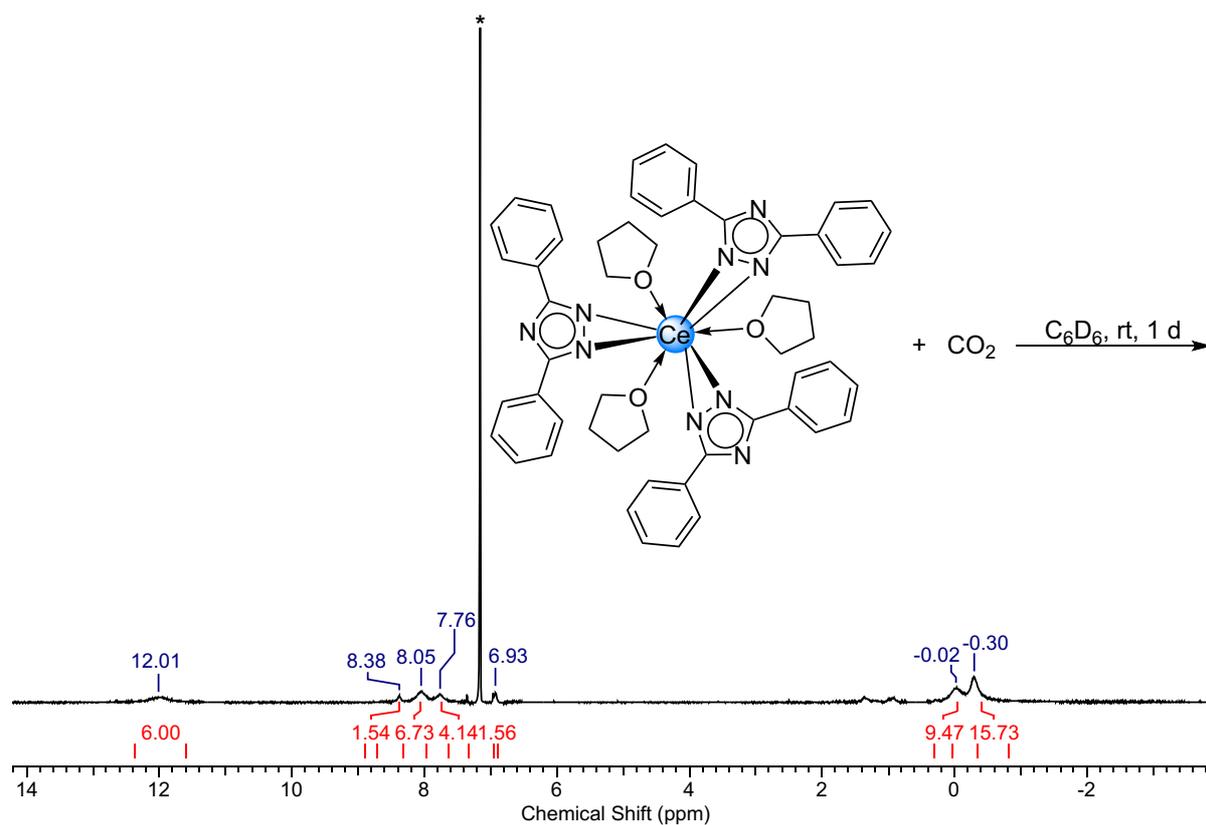
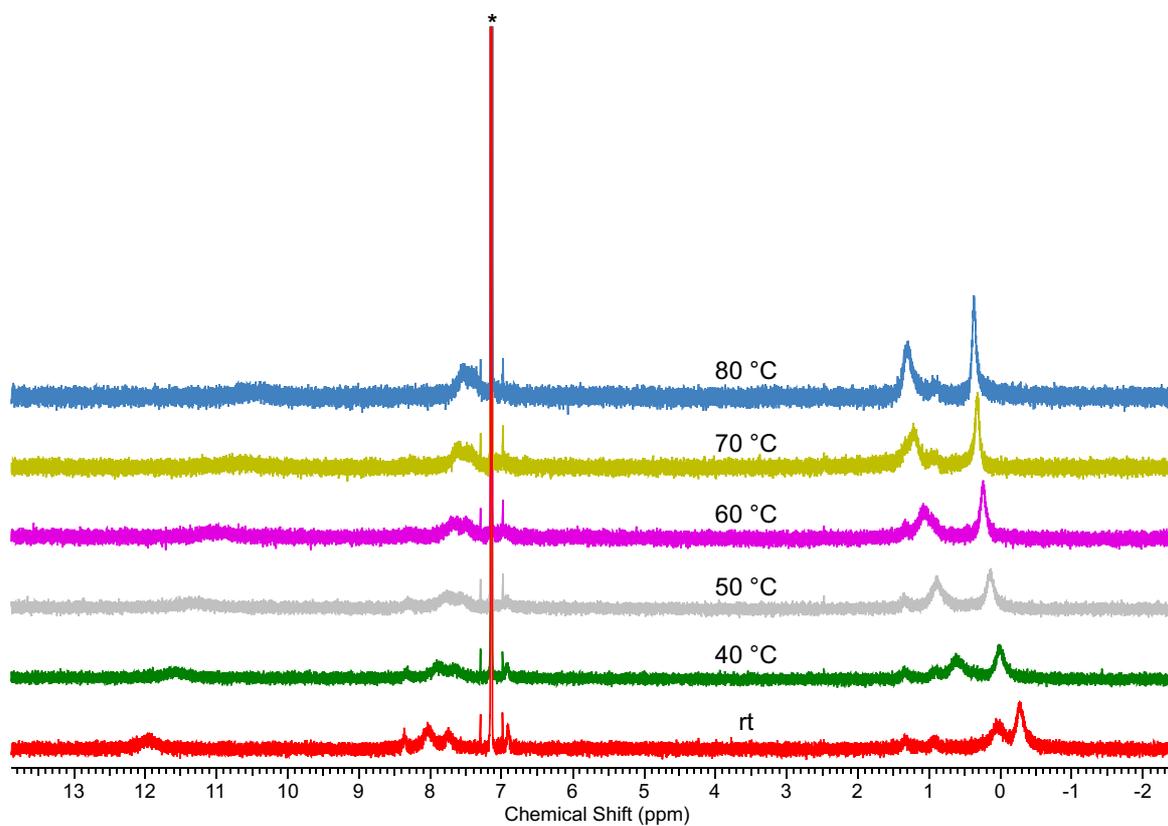


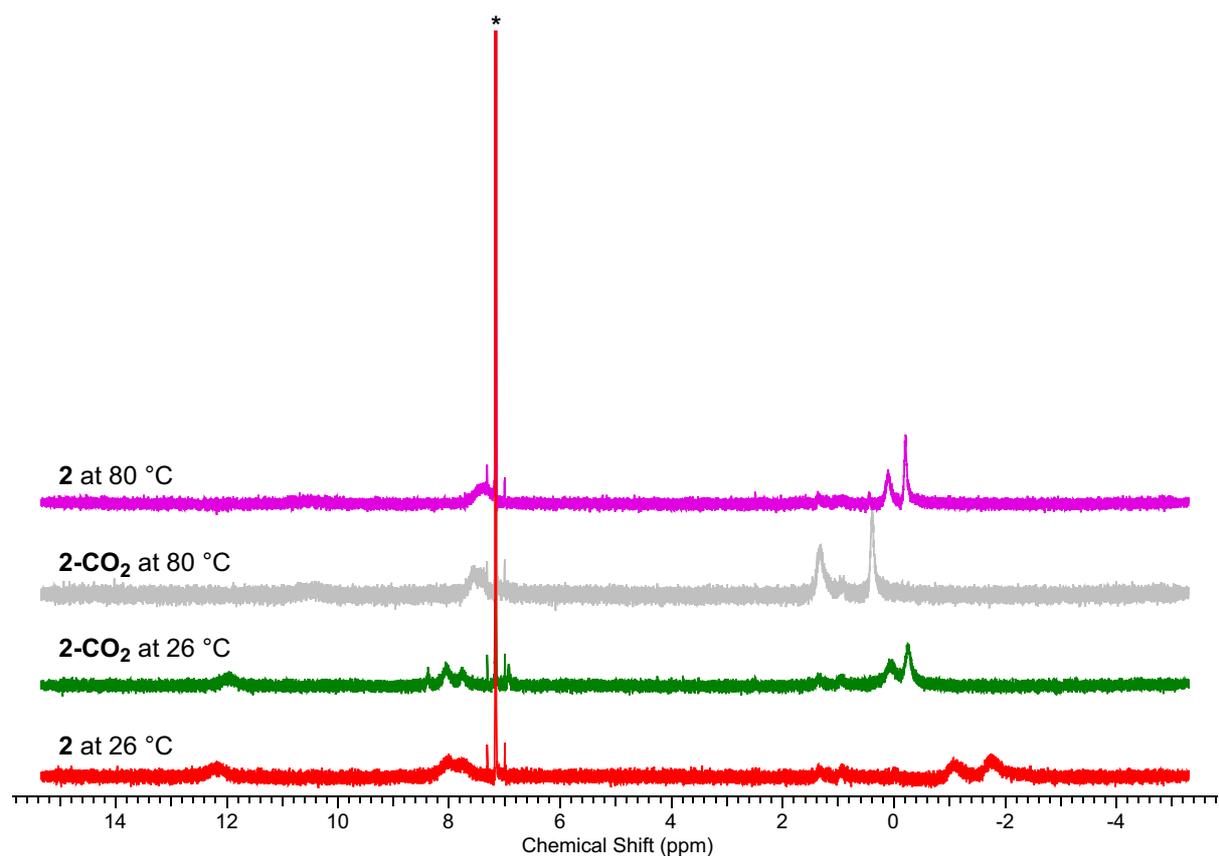
Figure S11.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 100.6 MHz, 26  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) of  $\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Ph,Ph}})_3(\text{thf})_3$  (**2**).



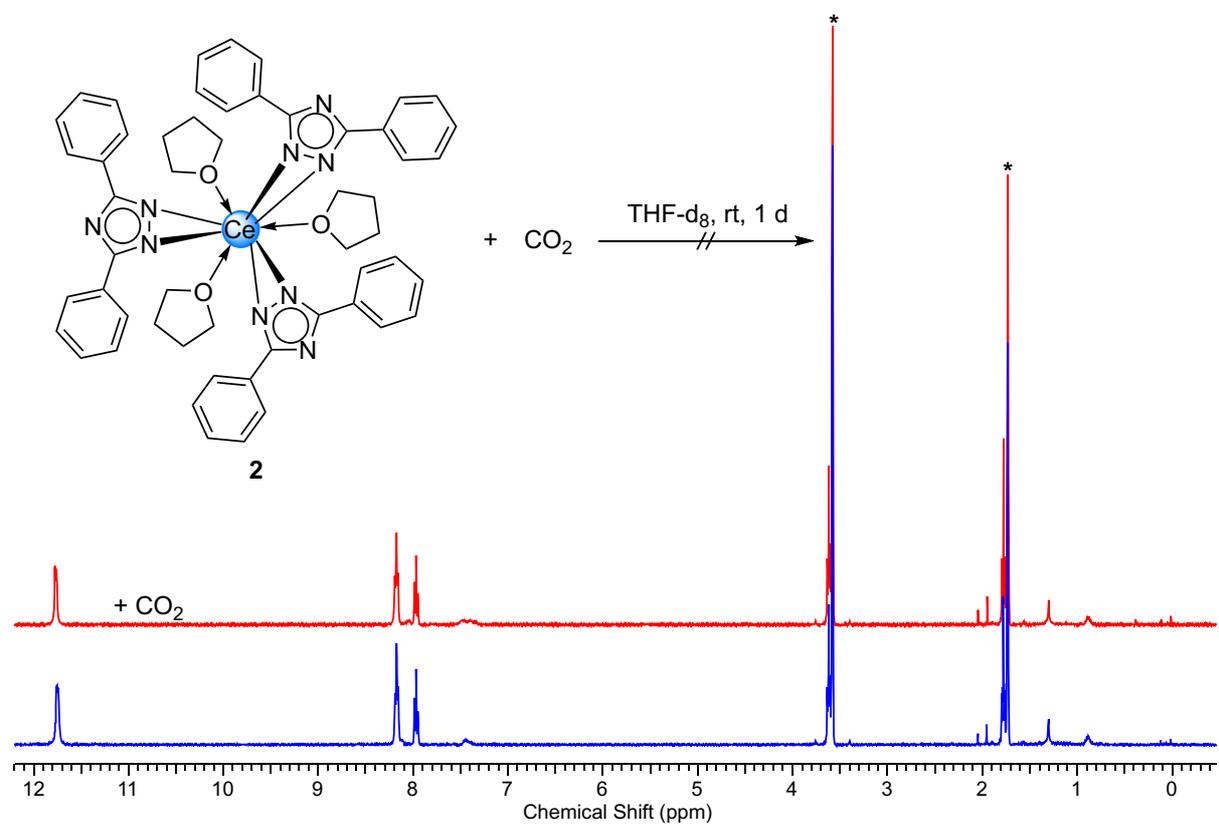
**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 400.1 MHz, 26  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) of the reaction of  $\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Ph,Ph}})_3(\text{thf})_3$  (**2**) and 1 bar of  $\text{CO}_2$  after 1 d.



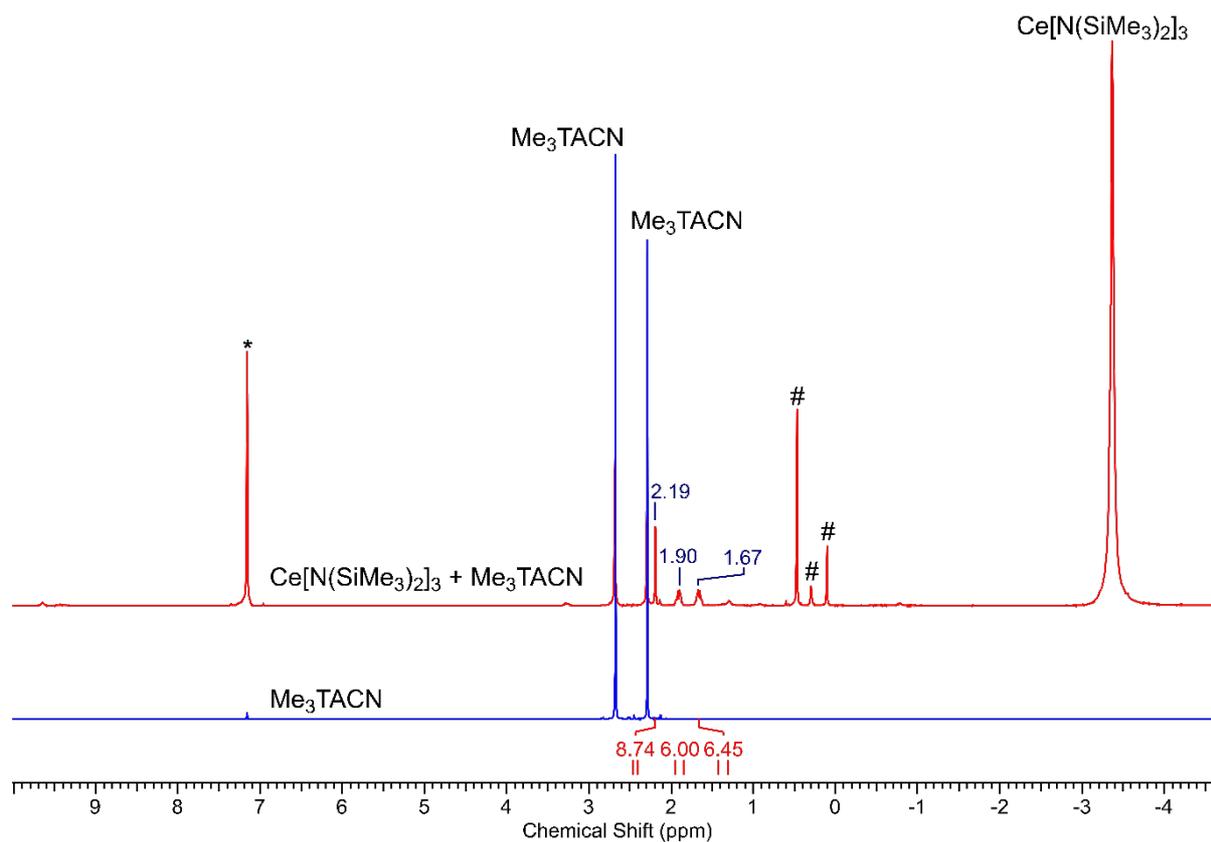
**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 500.1 MHz) of **2**- $\text{CO}_2$  at different temperatures from ambient temperature up to 80  $^\circ\text{C}$ . Recooling to ambient temperature results in the same spectrum as before.



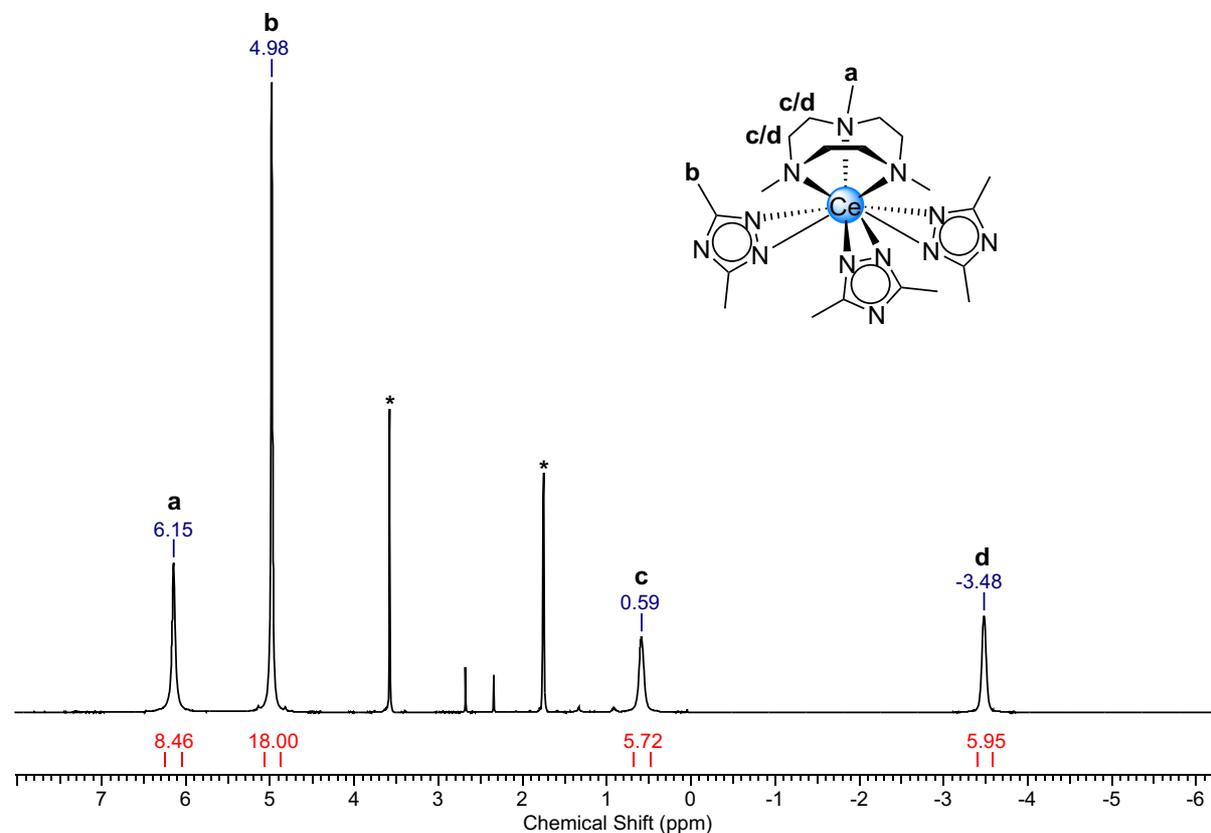
**Figure S14.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 500.1 MHz, 26 °C) of **2** and **2-CO<sub>2</sub>** at ambient temperature and 80 °C.



**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{THF-d}_8$ , 400.1 MHz, 26 °C) of **2** and **2** upon  $\text{CO}_2$  addition after one day.



**Figure S16.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 400.1 MHz, 26  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) of  $\text{Me}_3\text{TACN}$  (bottom) and the reaction of  $\text{Ce}[\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]_3$  and  $\text{Me}_3\text{TACN}$  (top).



**Figure S17.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{THF-d}_8$ , 400.1 MHz, 26  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3(\text{thf})$  (5).

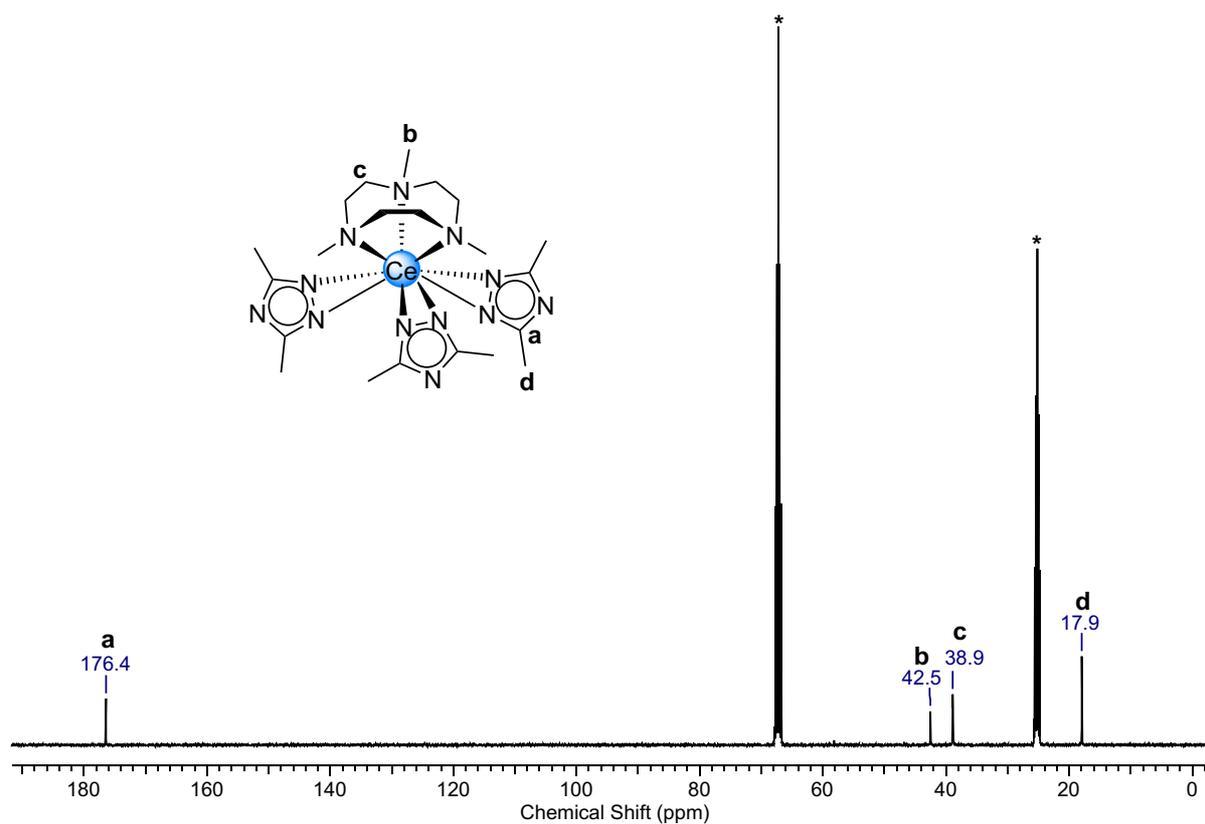


Figure S18.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (THF- $d_8$ , 100.6 MHz, 26 °C) of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3$  (**5**).

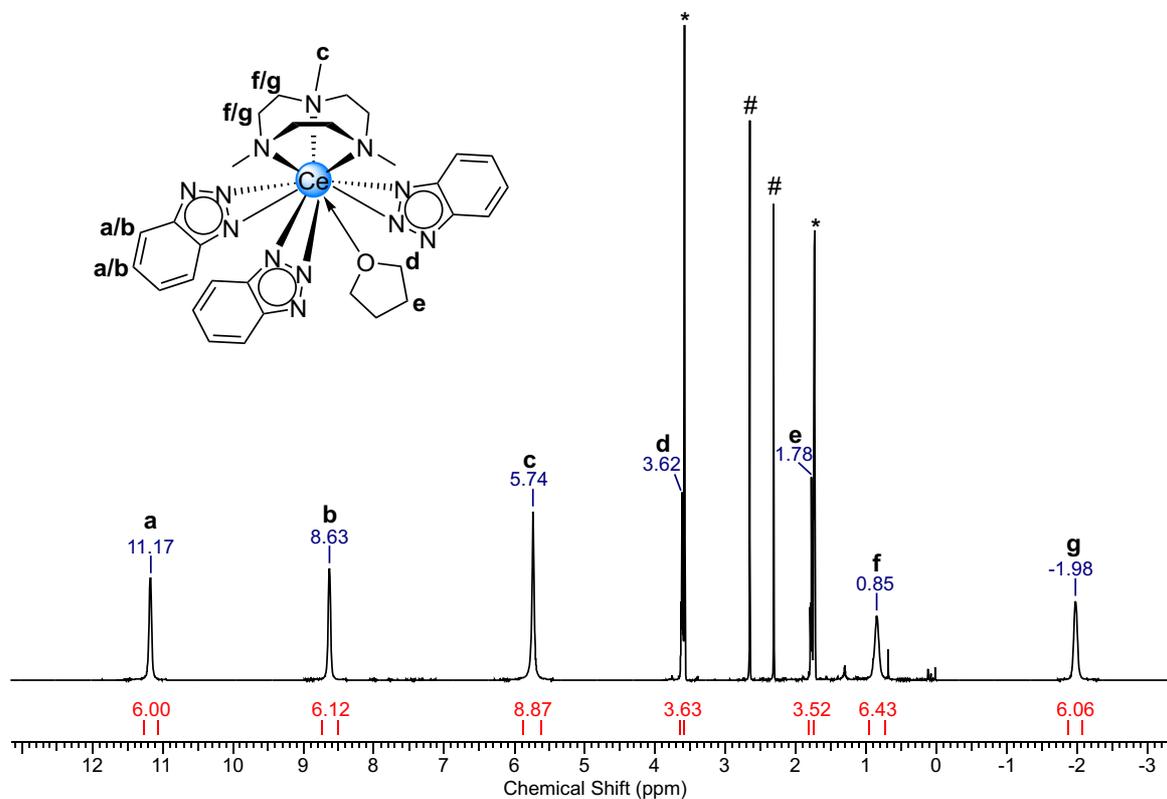
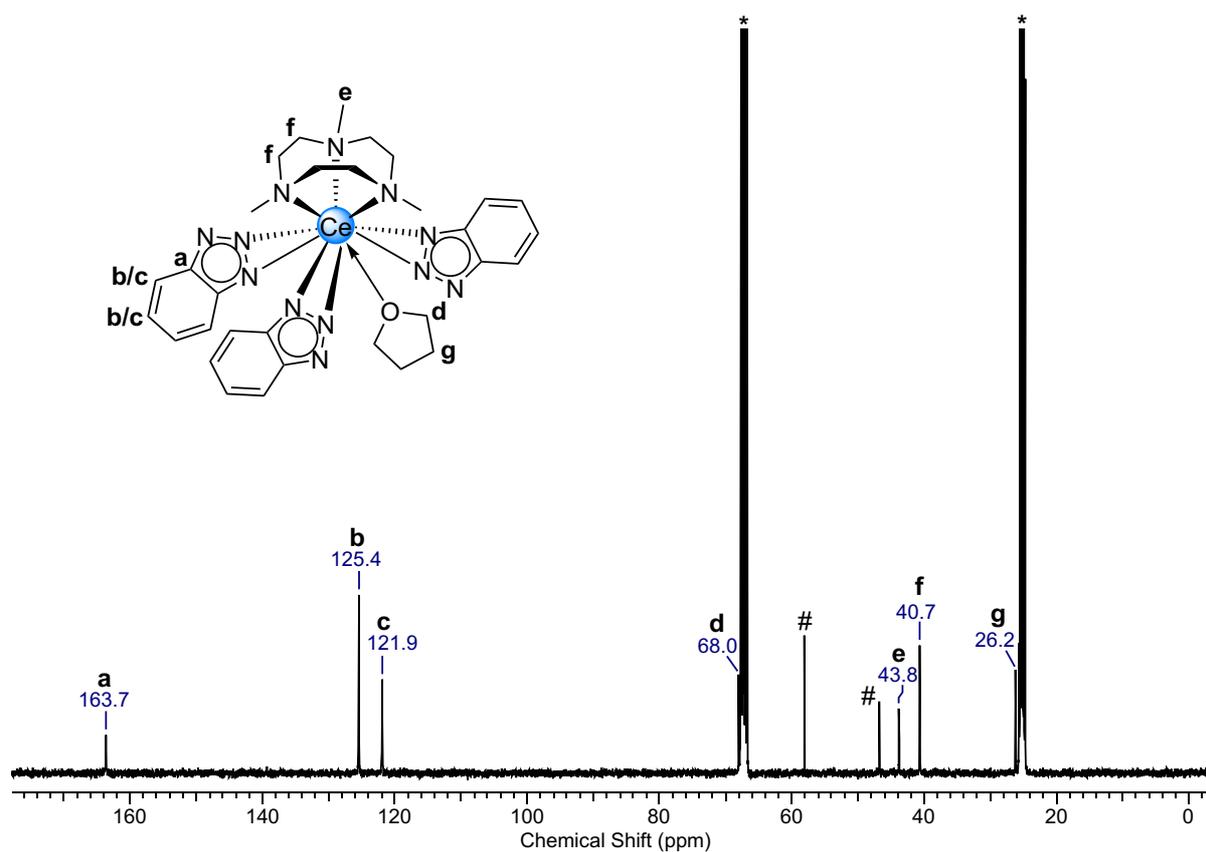
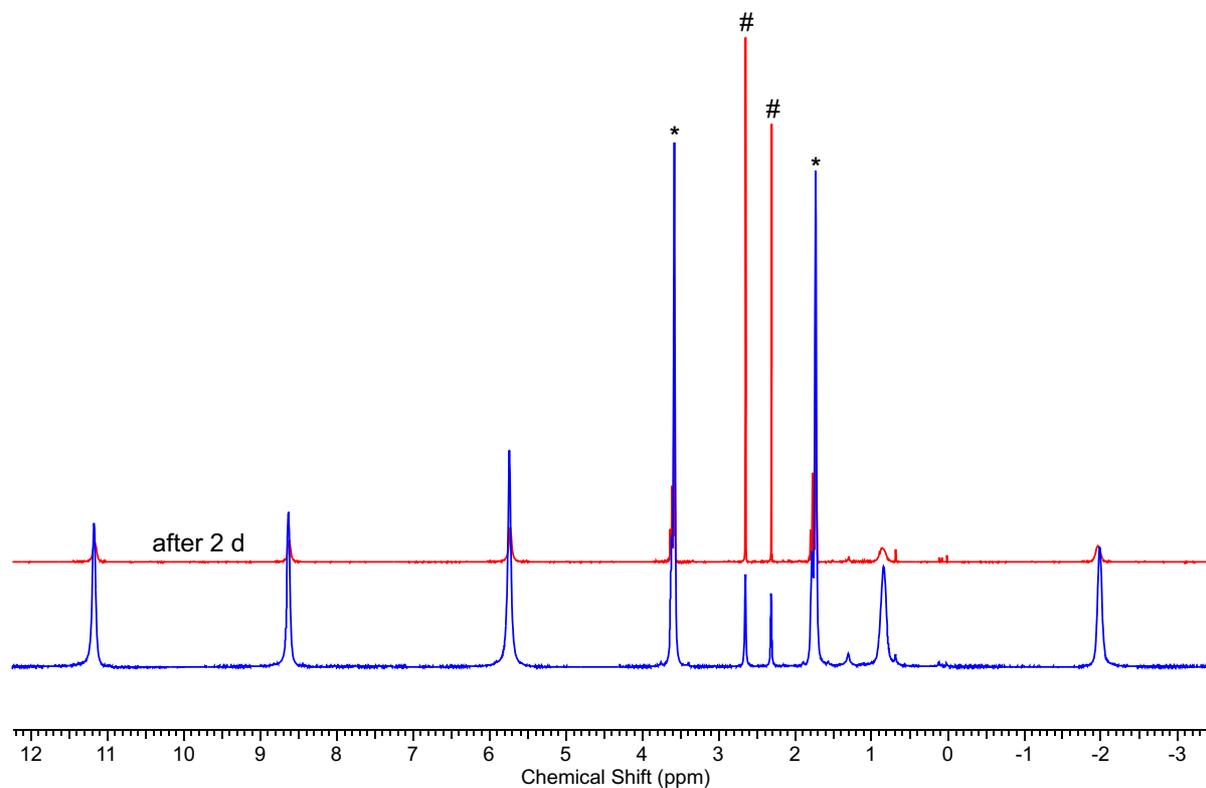


Figure S19.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (THF- $d_8$ , 400.1 MHz, 26 °C) of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{trz}^{\text{Bz}})_3(\text{thf})$  (**6**). # marks signals of free  $\text{Me}_3\text{TACN}$ .



**Figure S20.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (THF- $d_8$ , 100.6 MHz, 26 °C) of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{trz}^{\text{Bz}})_3(\text{thf})$  (**6**). # marks signals of free  $\text{Me}_3\text{TACN}$ .



**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (THF- $d_8$ , 400.1 MHz, 26 °C) of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{trz}^{\text{Bz}})_3(\text{thf})$  (**6**) after dissolution (bottom) and after two days (top). # marks signals of free  $\text{Me}_3\text{TACN}$ .

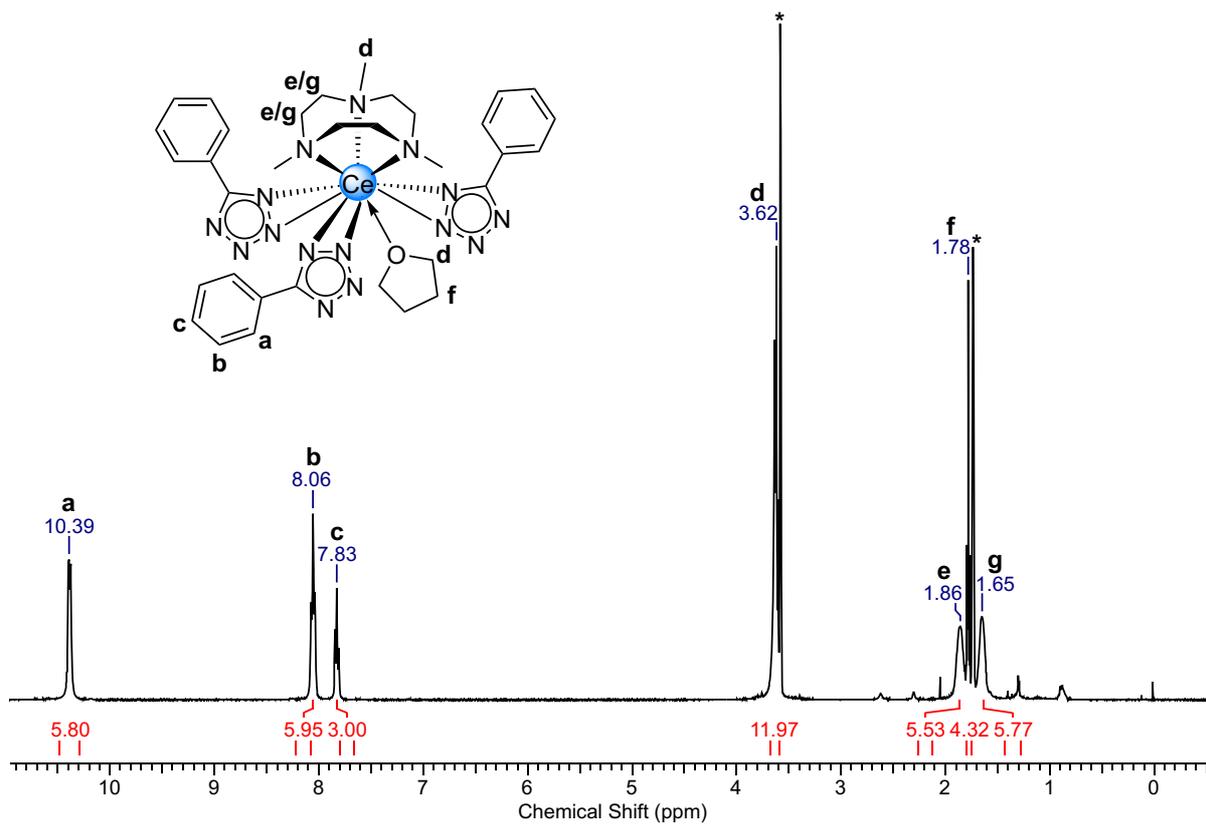


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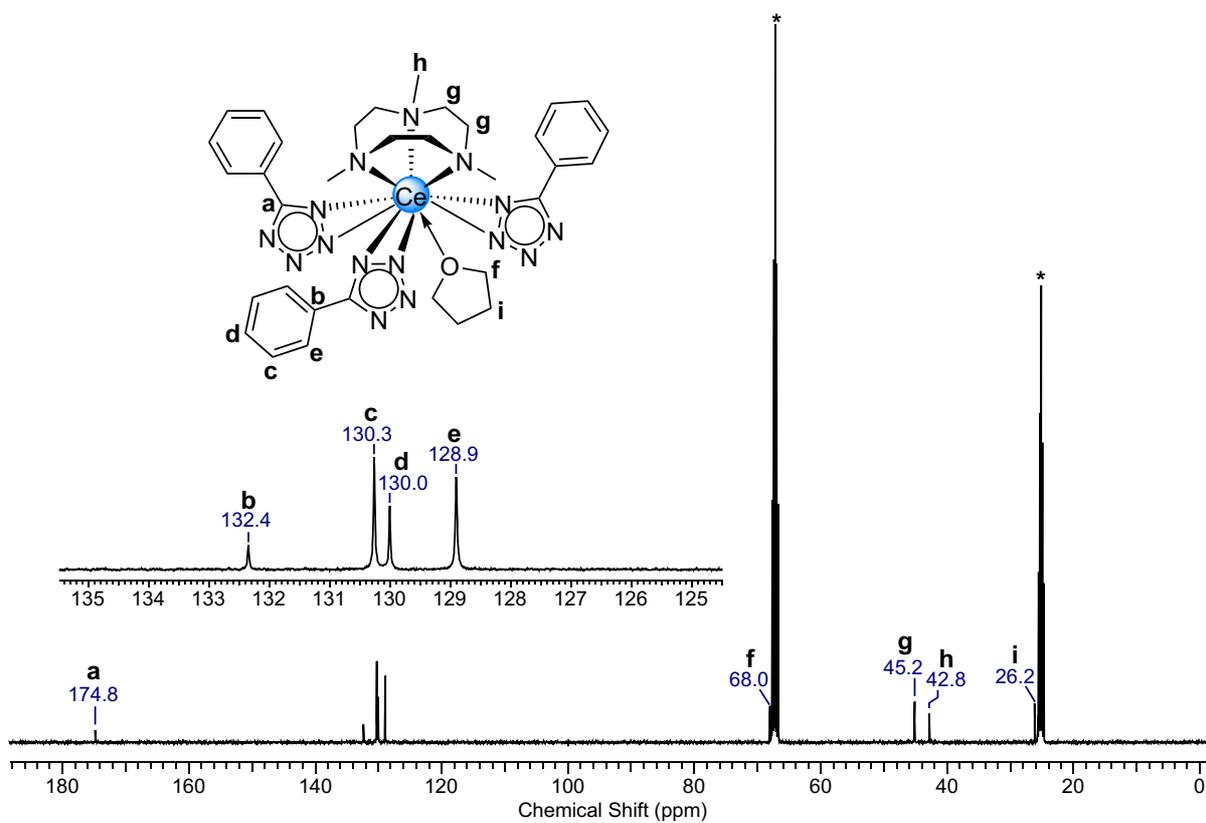
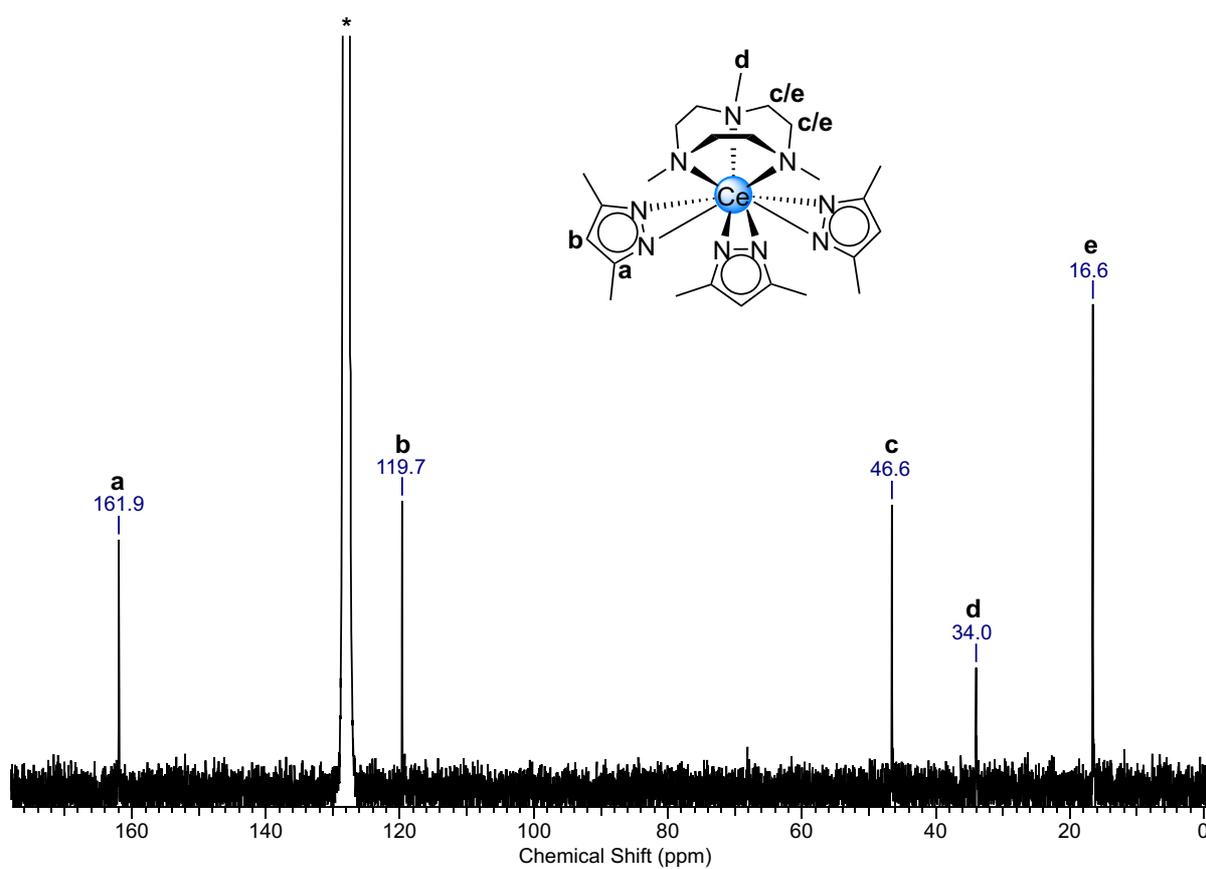
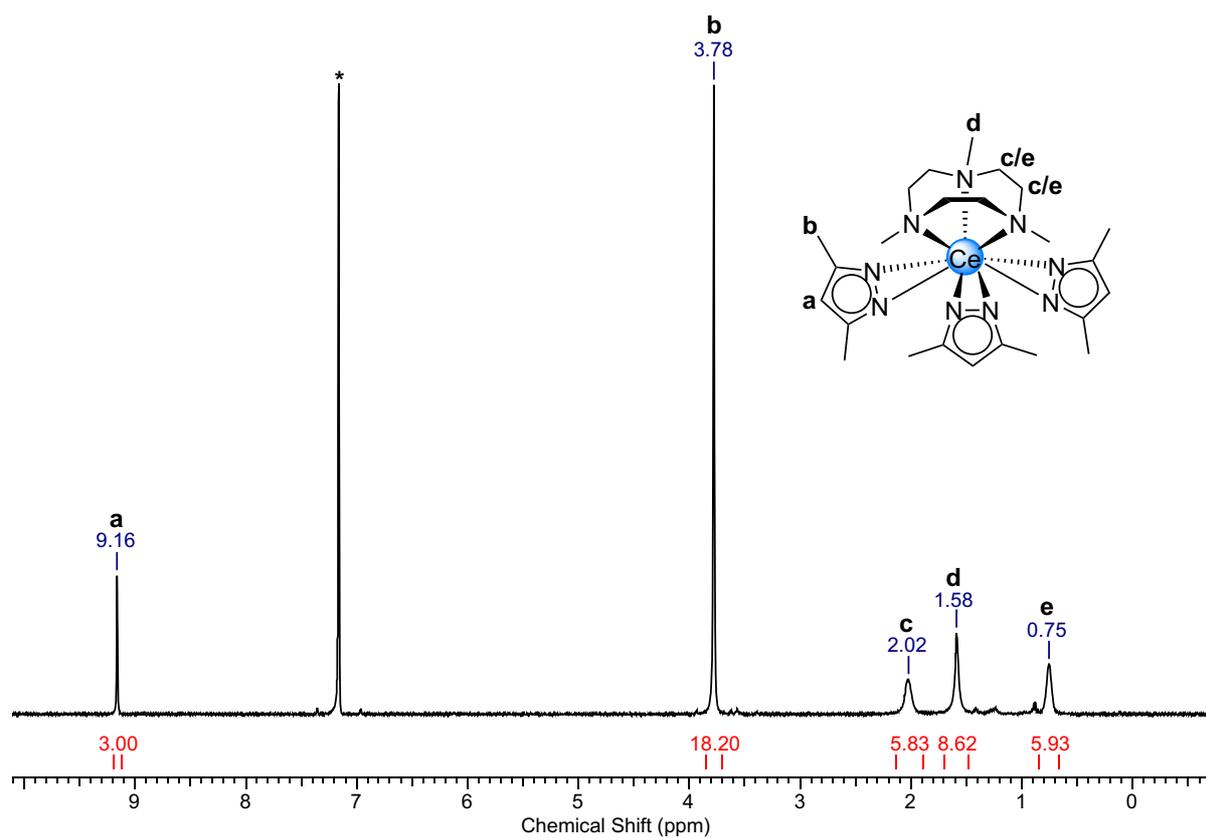


Figure S23.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (THF- $d_8$ , 100.6 MHz, 26 °C) of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{tet}^{\text{Ph}})_3(\text{thf})$  (7).



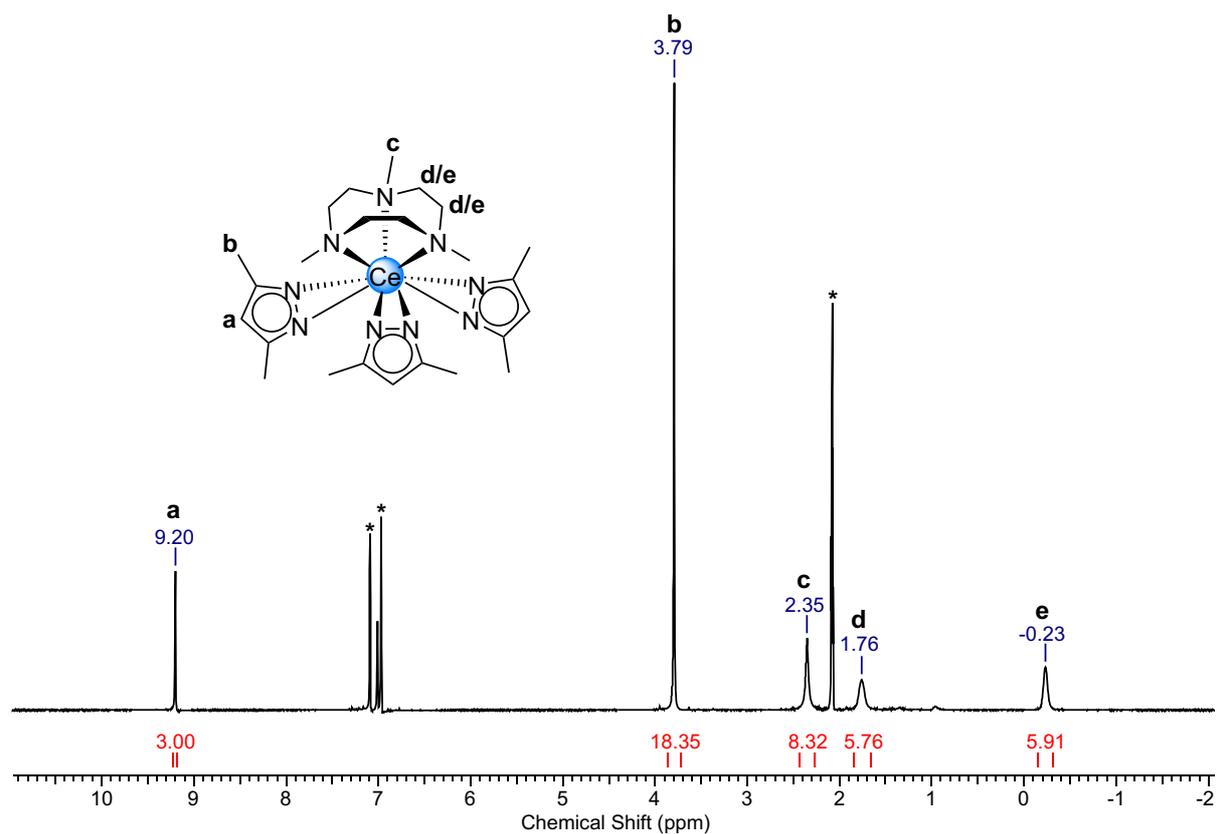


Figure S26.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (toluene- $d_8$ , 400.1 MHz, 26  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{pz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3$  (**8**).

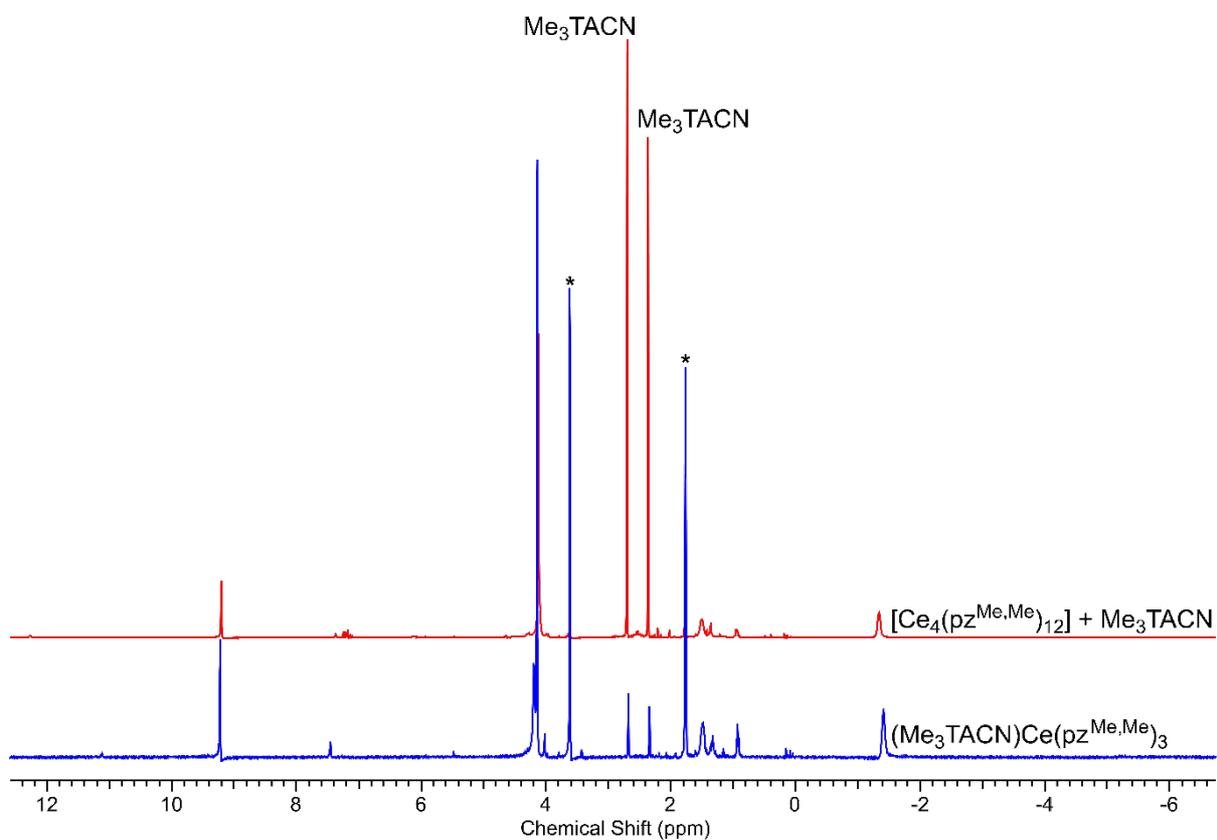
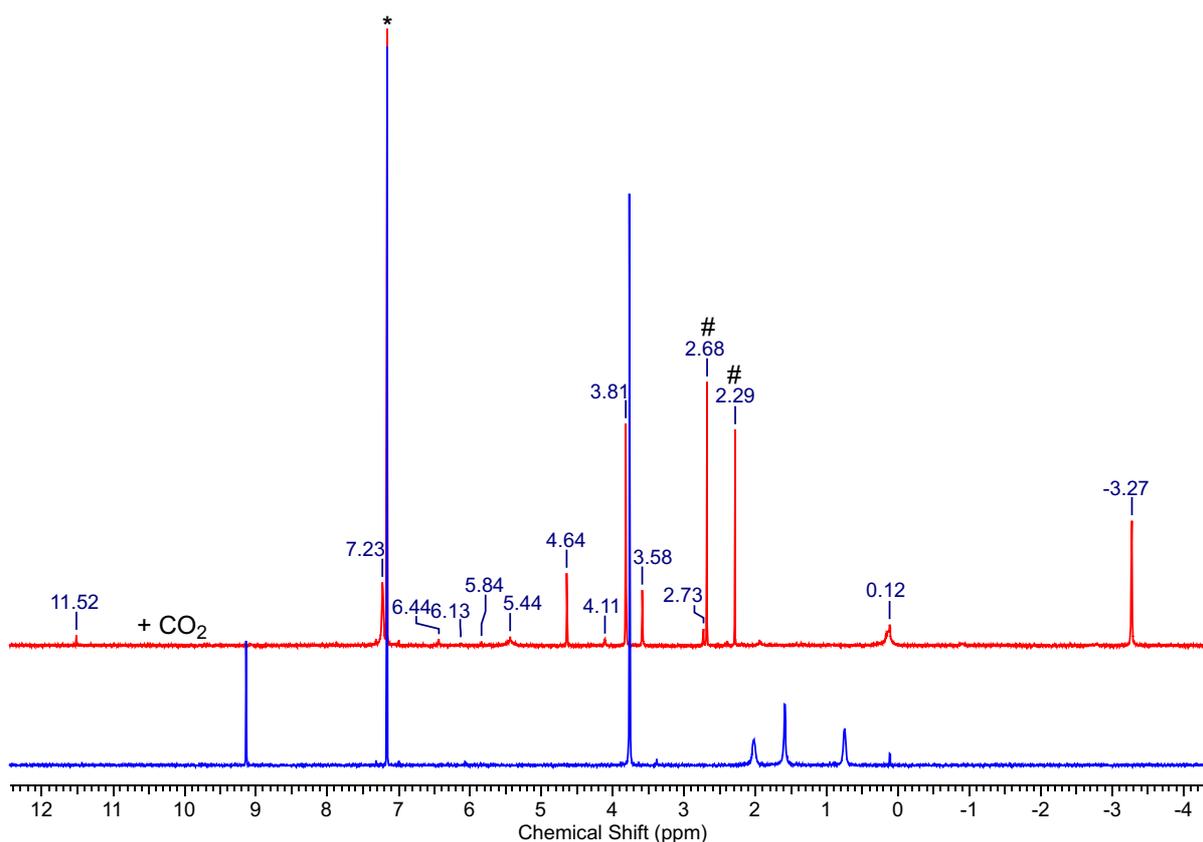
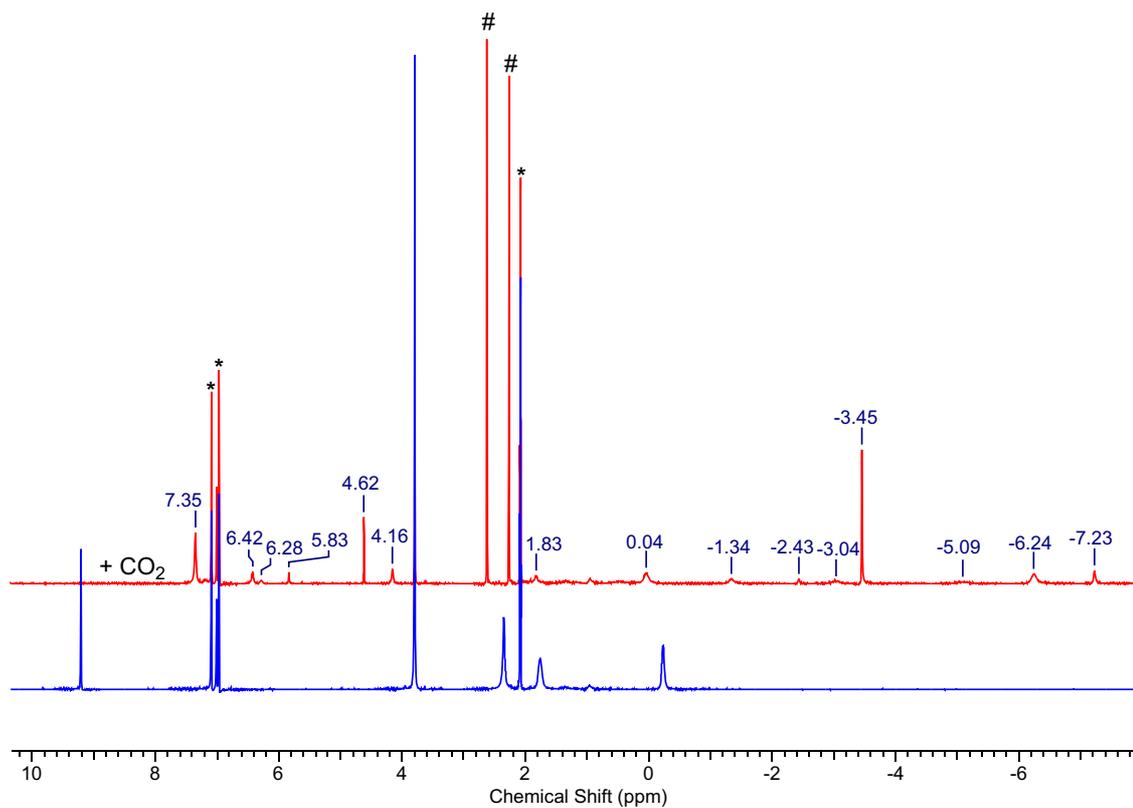


Figure S27.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (THF- $d_8$ , 400.1 MHz) of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{pz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3$  (**8**, bottom, 26  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) and of the reaction of  $[\text{Ce}_4(\text{pz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_{12}]$  and  $\text{Me}_3\text{TACN}$  (top, 27  $^\circ\text{C}$ ).



**Figure S28.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 500.1 MHz, 26  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{pz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3$  before (**8**, bottom) and after the reaction with  $\text{CO}_2$  (top). # marks signals of  $\text{Me}_3\text{TACN}$ .



**Figure S29.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (toluene- $d_8$ , 400.1 MHz, 26  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) of  $\text{Me}_3\text{TACN}(\text{pz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3$  before (**8**, bottom) and after the reaction with  $\text{CO}_2$  (top). # marks signals of  $\text{Me}_3\text{TACN}$ .

## IR Spectra

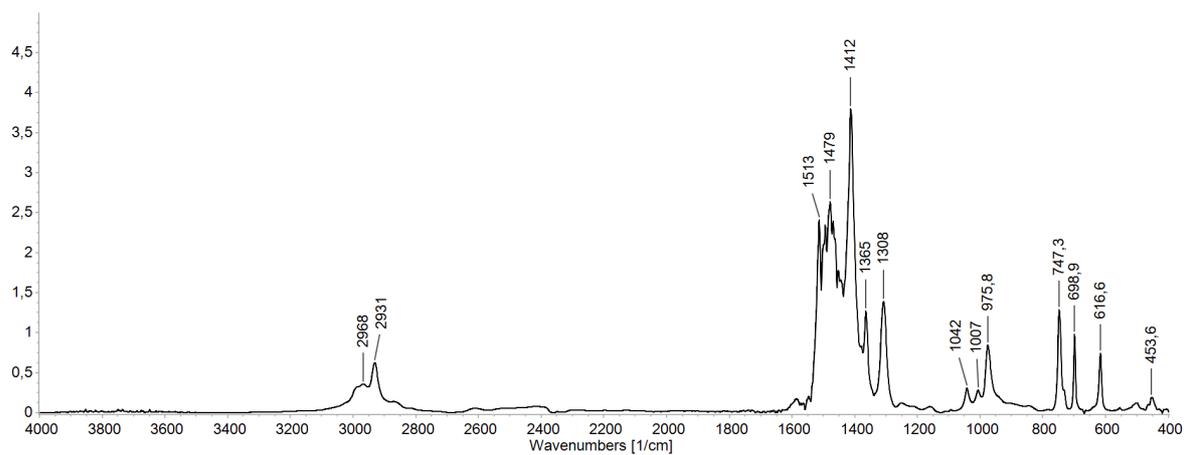


Figure S30. DRIFT spectrum of  $[\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3]_n$  (1).

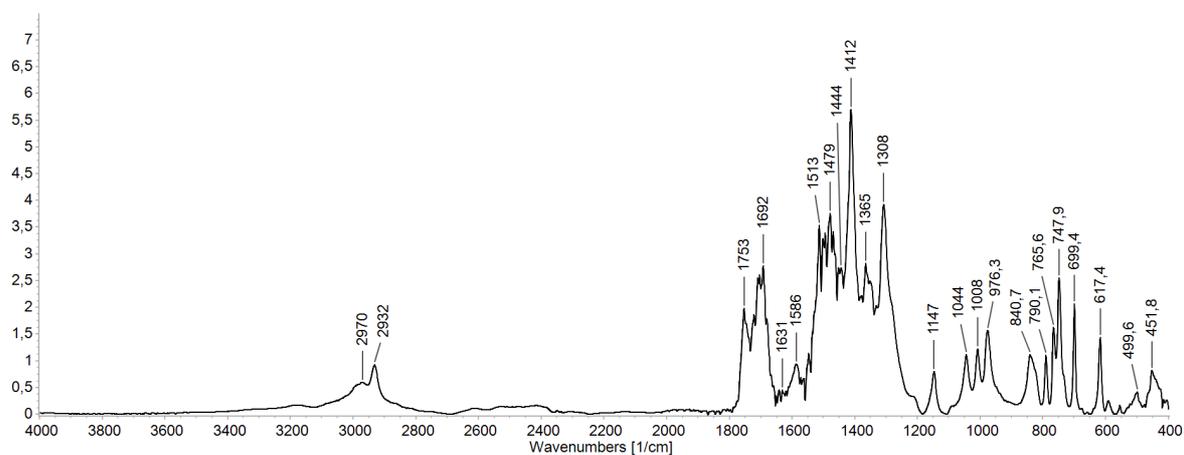


Figure S31. DRIFT spectrum of  $[\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me,Me}.\text{CO}_2})_3]_n$  (1- $\text{CO}_2$ ).

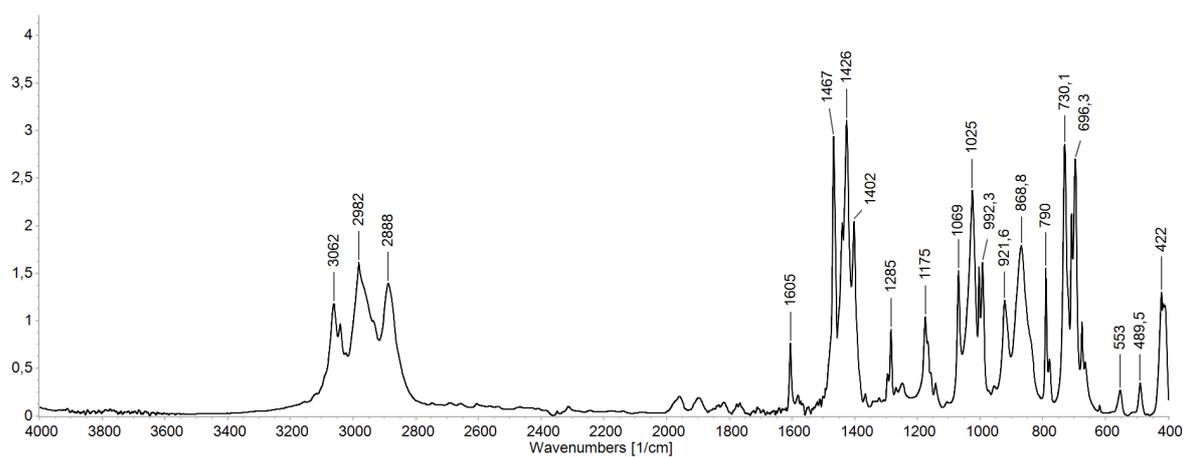


Figure S32. DRIFT spectrum of  $\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Ph,Ph}})_3(\text{thf})_3$  (2).

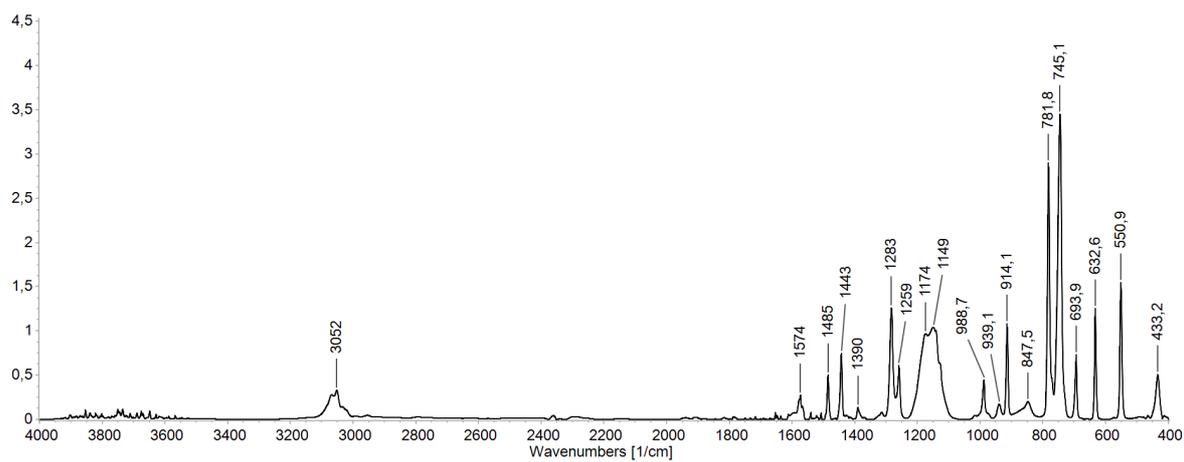


Figure S33. DRIFT spectrum of  $[\text{Ce}(\text{trz}^{\text{Bz}})_3]_n$  (**3**).

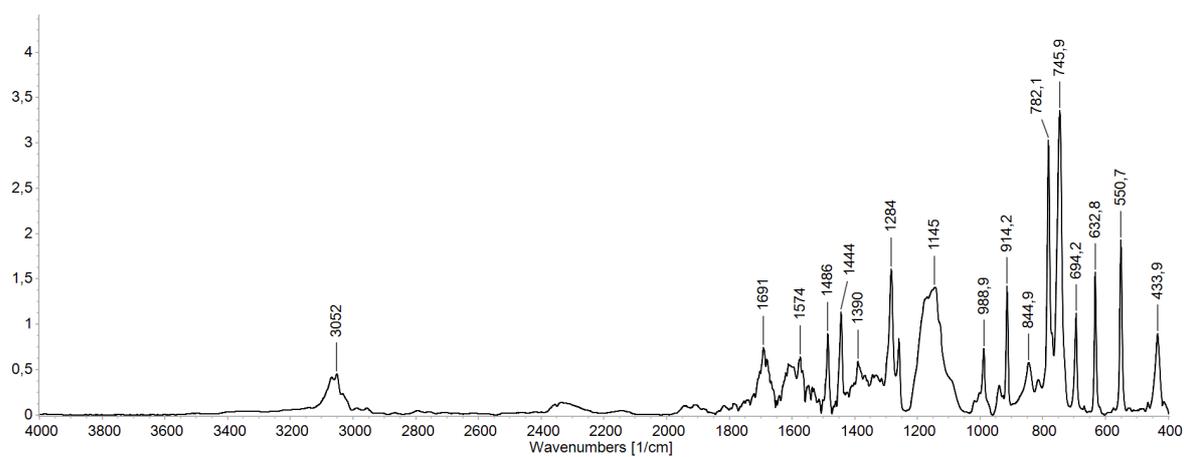


Figure S34. DRIFT spectrum of  $[\text{Ce}(\text{trz}^{\text{Bz}}\cdot\text{CO}_2)(\text{trz}^{\text{Bz}})_2]_n$  (**3-CO<sub>2</sub>**).

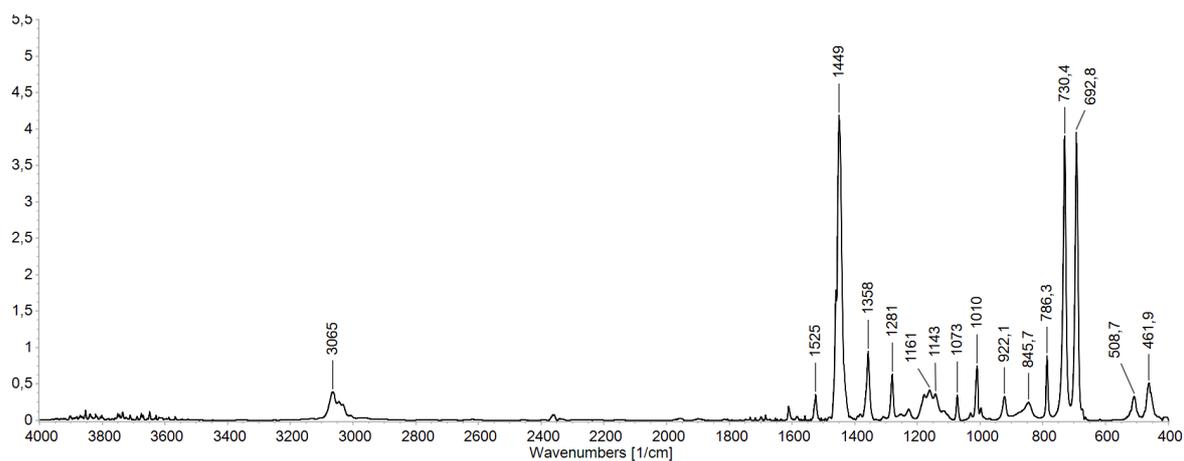


Figure S35. DRIFT spectrum of  $[\text{Ce}(\text{tet}^{\text{Ph}})_3]_n$  (**4**).

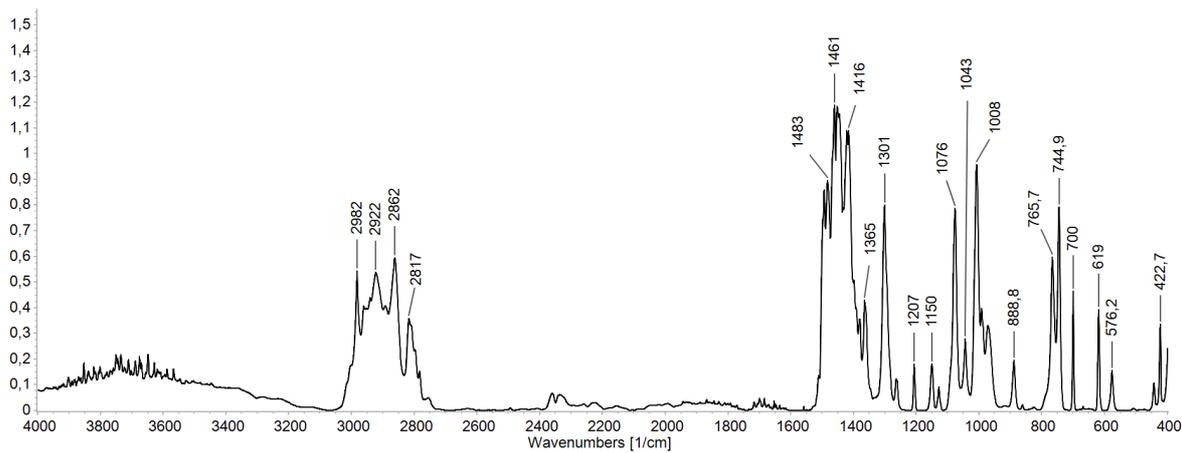


Figure S36. DRIFT spectrum of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3$  (**5**).

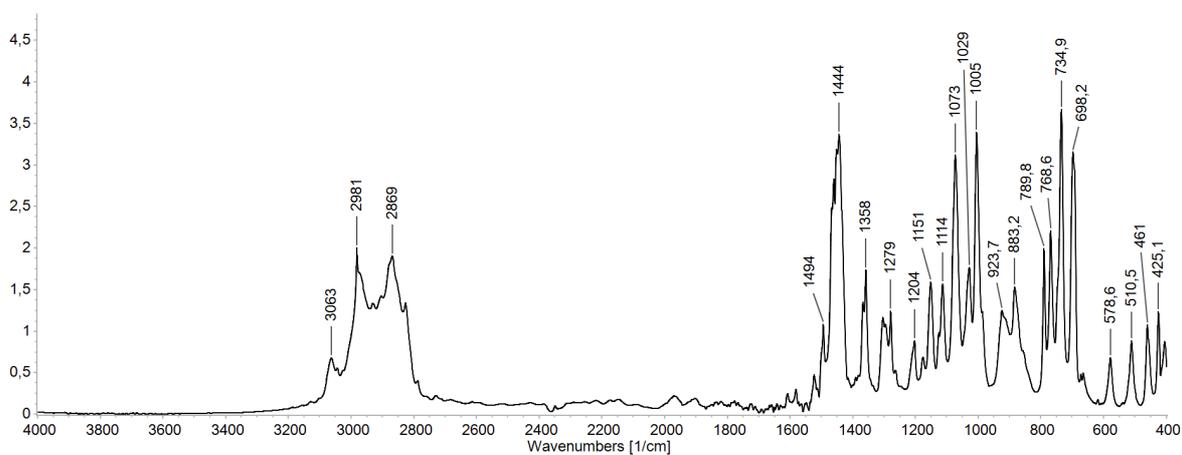


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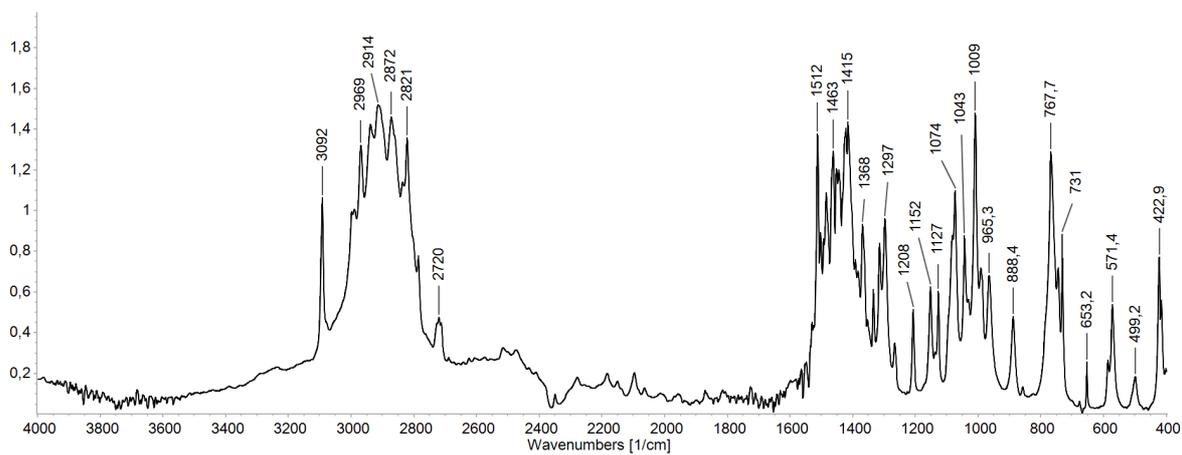
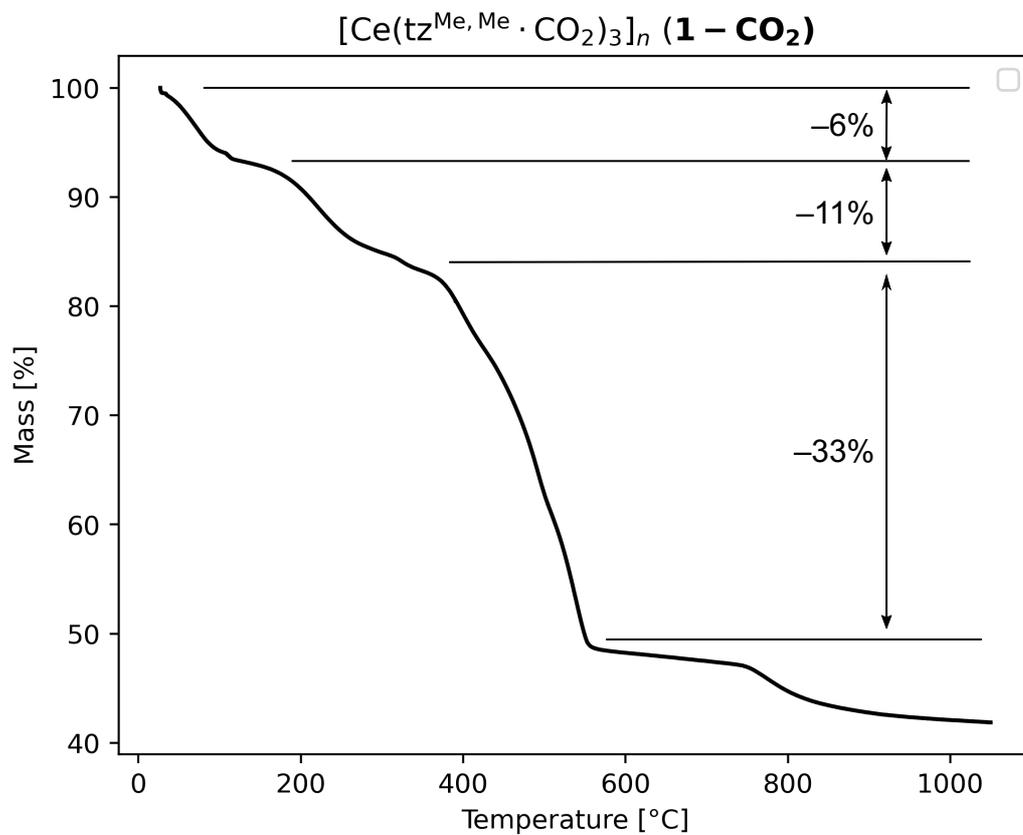
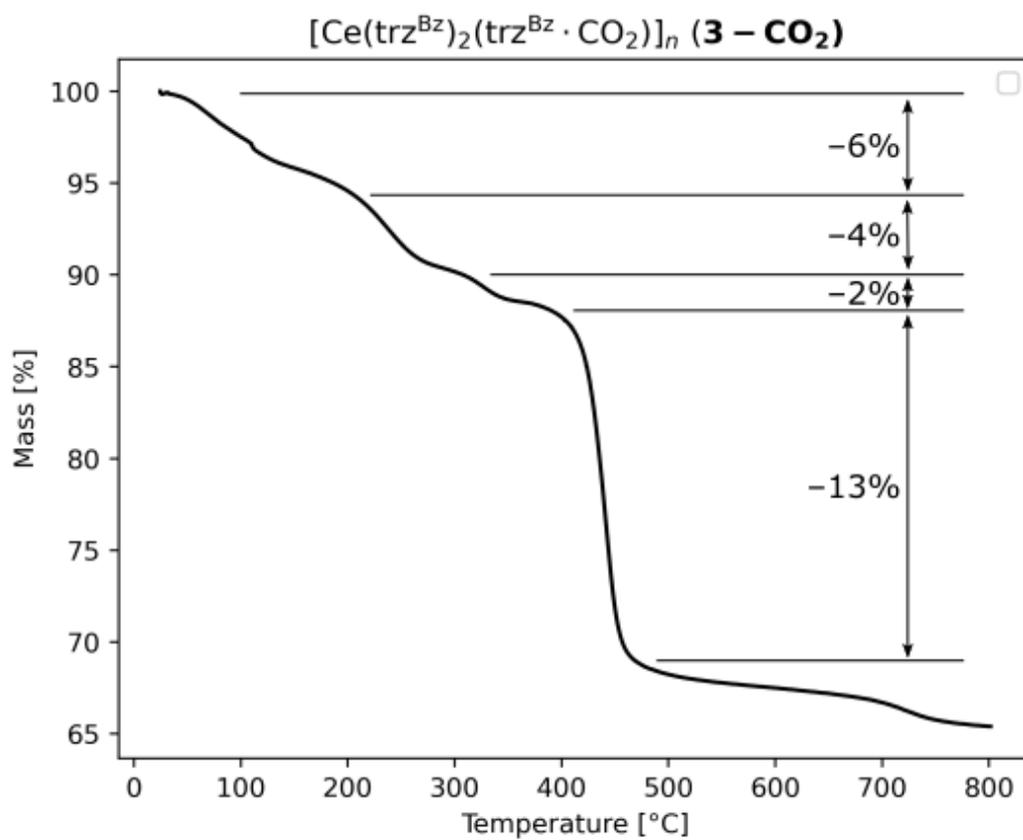


Figure S38. DRIFT spectrum of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{pz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3$  (**8**).

## Thermogravimetric Analysis

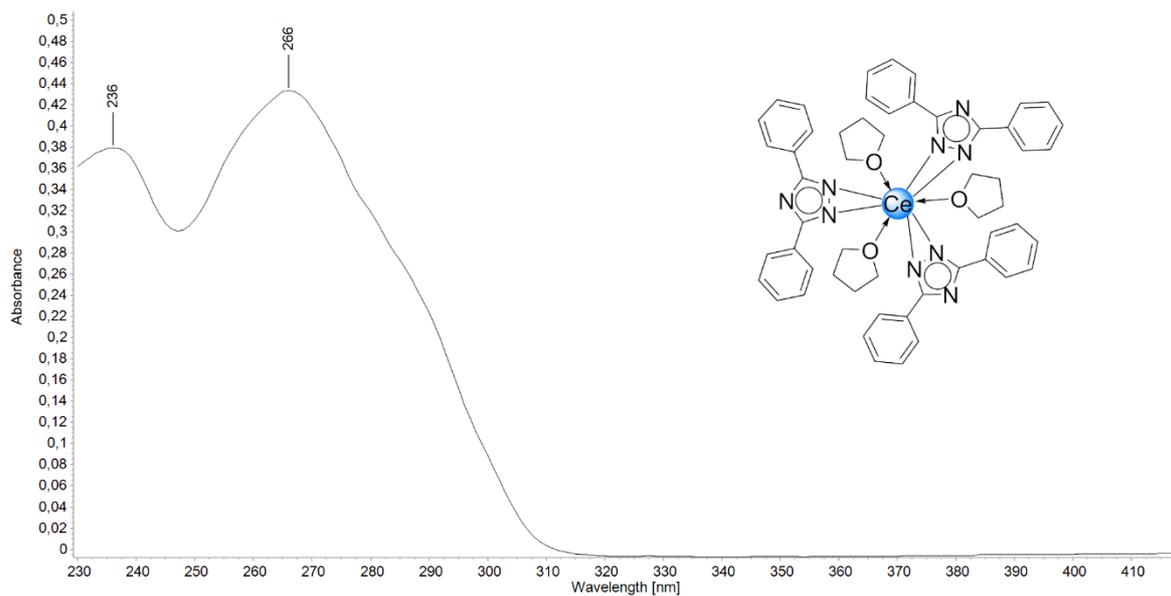


**Figure S39.** Thermogravimetric analysis of  $[\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me, Me}} \cdot \text{CO}_2)_3]_n (\mathbf{1} - \text{CO}_2)$ . Sample was heated from 27 °C to 1050 °C with a heating ratio of 2 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> under constant Ar flow.

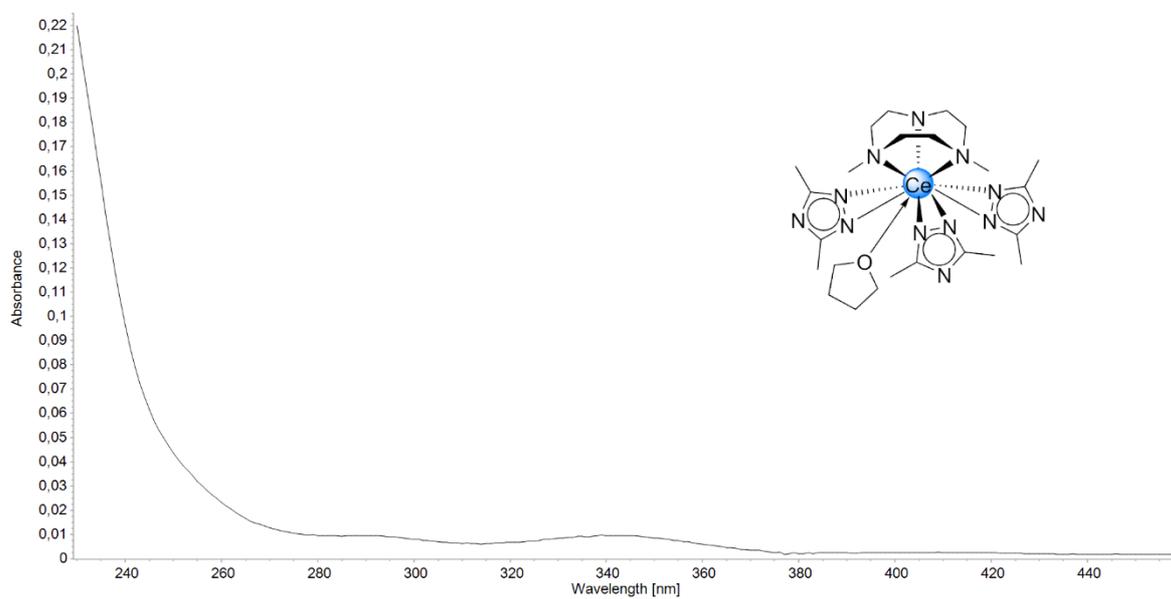


**Figure S40.** Thermogravimetric analysis of  $[\text{Ce}(\text{trz}^{\text{Bz}})_2(\text{trz}^{\text{Bz}} \cdot \text{CO}_2)]_n \text{ (3 - CO}_2\text{)}$ . Sample was heated from 25 °C to 800 °C with a heating ratio of 2 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> under constant Ar flow.

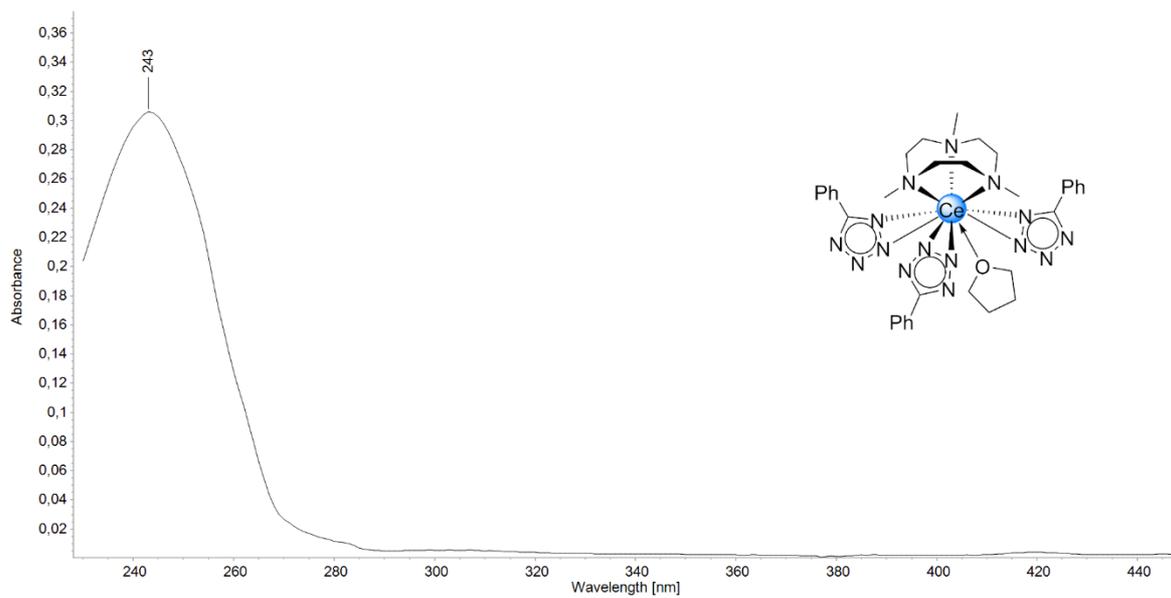
## Absorption Spectra



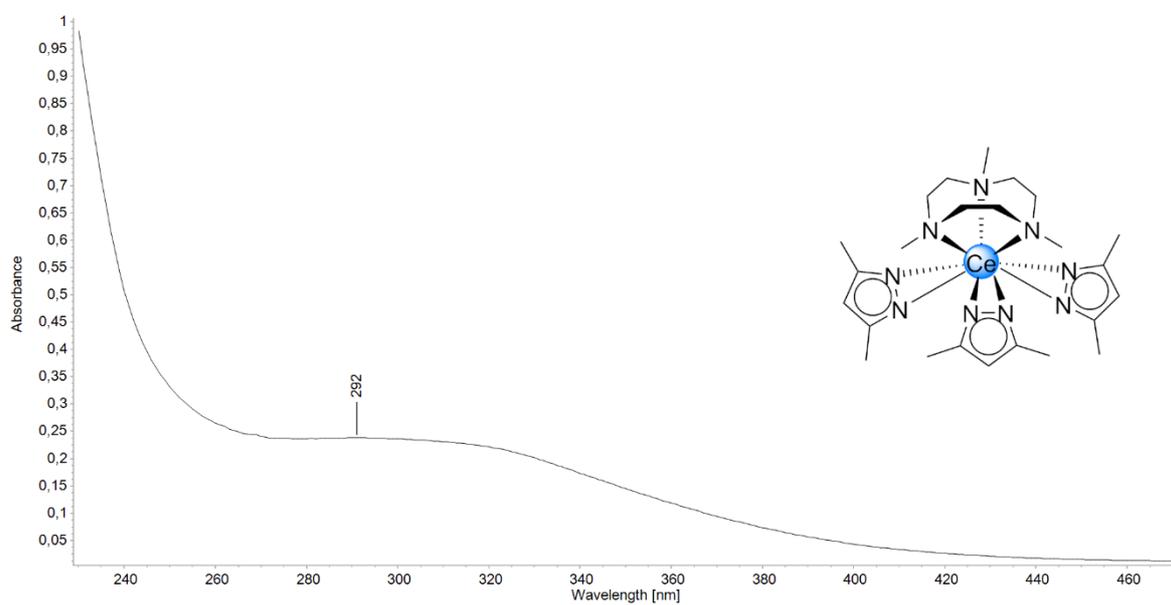
**Figure S41.** Absorption spectrum of a 10  $\mu\text{M}$  solution of  $\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Ph,Ph}})_3(\text{thf})_3$  (2) in THF.



**Figure S42.** Absorption spectrum of a 20  $\mu\text{M}$  solution of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{tz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3(\text{thf})$  (5) in THF.



**Figure S43.** Absorption spectrum of a 10 μM solution of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{tet}^{\text{Ph}})_3$  (7) in THF.



**Figure S44.** Absorption spectrum of a 20 μM solution of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{TACN})\text{Ce}(\text{pz}^{\text{Me,Me}})_3$  (8) in THF.