## Structure, Magnetism and Photomagnetism of Mixed - Ligand Tris(pyrazolyl)methane Iron(II) Spin Crossover Compounds.

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## ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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5 100 K line, is for complex **2**. Typical modes of chelation are shown on the top left, including the bis-meridional tridentate complexes with  $T_O = 150$  K (see text).



**Fig. S1** Magnetic properties of freshly prepared  $[Fe(dmtpm)(4mtpm)](BF_4)_2.1.5MeCN,$ **2**. The main plot is as in Fig. 4. The inset shows a more detailed temperature variation around the spin transitions and shows trapping of the metastable HS state when the sample was quench cooled to 35 K before slowly warming to 130 K and then cooled again, slowly.



**Fig S2** Plot of magnetic moment,  $\mu_{eff}$ , vs temperature for [Fe((py)<sub>3</sub>CH)(3,5-Me<sub>2</sub>pz)<sub>3</sub>CH)][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, **4**, showing LS behaviour over the whole temperature range.



**Fig. S3** Interaction of the  $(pz)_3C(CH_2OH)$  ligand atom O(9) with one of the lattice MeCN molecules in **3**, at 123.



**Fig. S4** Crystal packing diagram of  $[Fe((pz)_3CH)((3,5-Me_2pz)_3CH)][BF_4]_2$ , polymorph **1a**, viewed down the *a*-, *b*- and *c*-axes, (solved at 123 K).



*a-*axis

b-axis



Fig. S5 Crystal packing for polymorph 1b viewed down the *a*-, *b*- and *c*-axes, at 123 K.



*a-*axis





c-axis

**Fig. S6**. Crystal packing diagram of  $[Fe((4-Mepz)_3CH)((3,5-Me_2pz)_3CH)](BF_4]_2.1.5MeCN$ , **2**, viewed down the *a*-, *b*- and *c*-axes, at 25 K (25ss).





*a-*axis







**Fig. S7** Crystal packing diagram of  $[Fe((pz)_3CCH_2OH)((3,5-Me_2pz)_3CH)][BF_4]_2.2MeCN$ , **3**, viewed down the *a*-, *b*- and *c*-axes, (solved at 123 K).



**Fig. S8** Packing diagram of  $[Fe((py)_3CH)(3,5-Me_2pz)_3CH)][BF_4]_2$ , **4**, viewed down the *a*-, *b*- and *c*-axes, (solved at 123 K).

Fig. S9 Temperature dependence of the unit cell axes for 1b.



Fig. S10 Temperature dependence of the unit cell angles for 1b.



Fig. S11 Temperature dependence of the unit cell volume for 1b.



**Fig. S12** Temperature dependence of the unit cell axes for **2** following quench-cooling to 25 K (open circles) and on slow-cooling from 140 K (filled triangles).



**Fig. S13** Temperature dependence of the unit cell angles for **2** following quench-cooling to 25 K (open circles) and on slow-cooling from 140 K (filled triangles).



**Fig. S14** Temperature dependence of the unit cell volume for **2** following quench-cooling to 25 K (open circles) and on slow-cooling from 140 K (filled triangles).



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Thermal Spin Transition  $T_{1/2}$  / K