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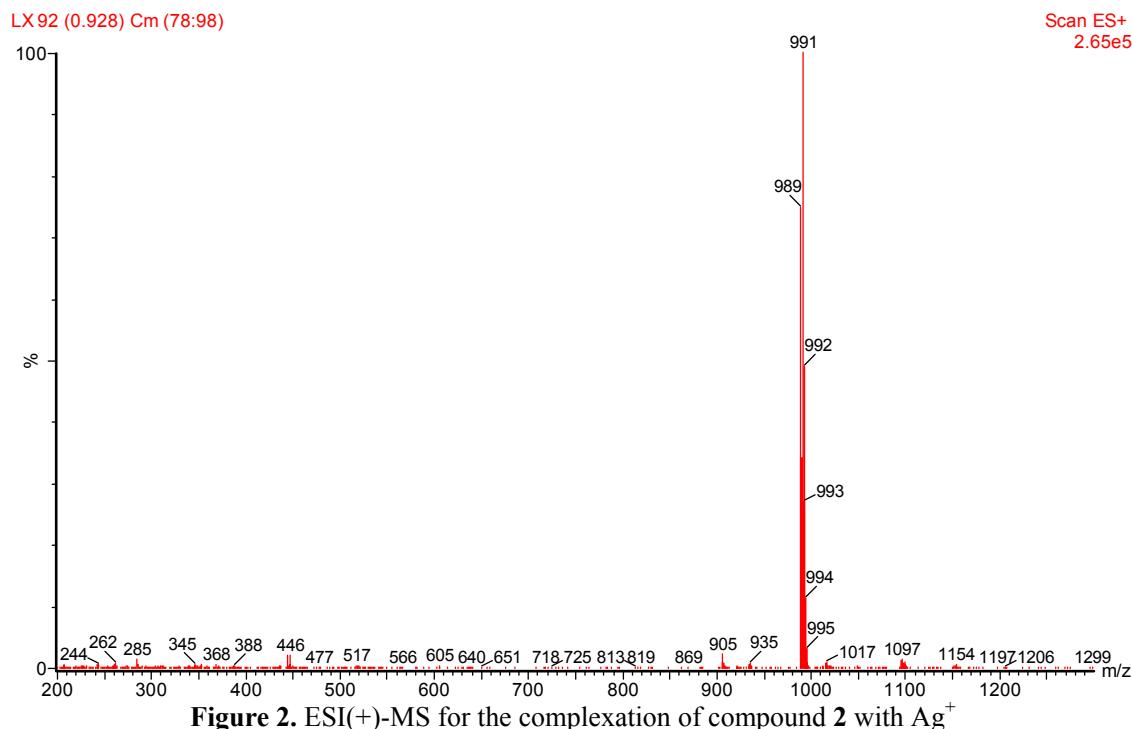
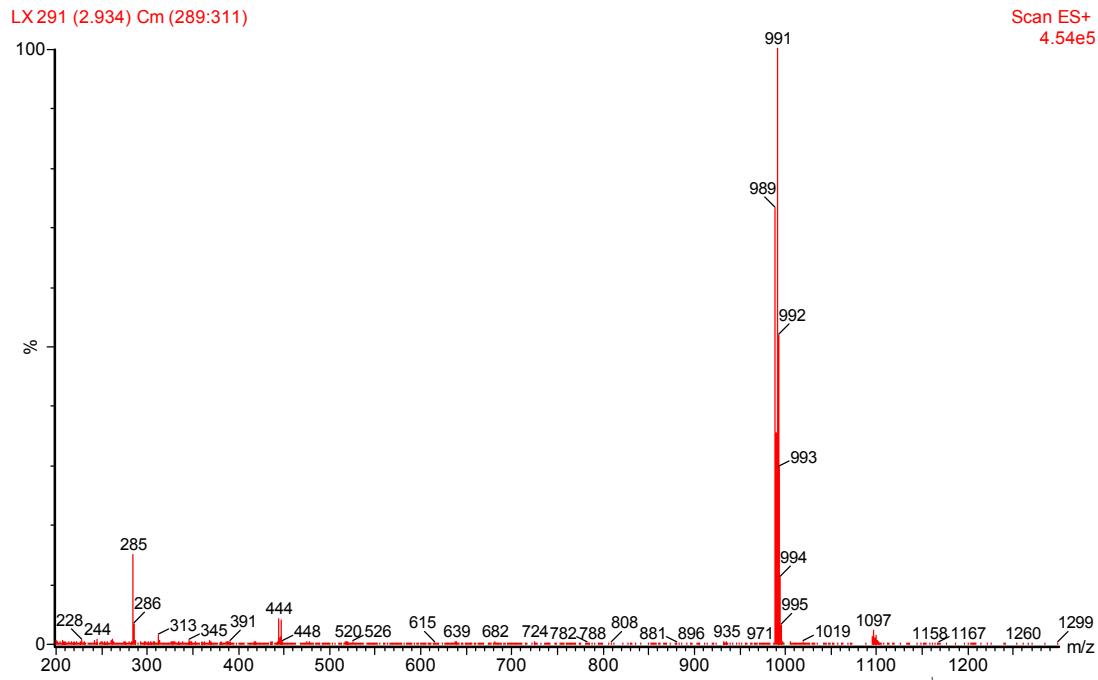
**Different Metal-Ion-Induced Dimeric Self-Assembling Cavities Based on  
Thiacalix[4]benzocrown-4 Isomers**

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ESI(+)-MS for the complexation of compounds **1** and **2** with  $\text{Ag}^+$

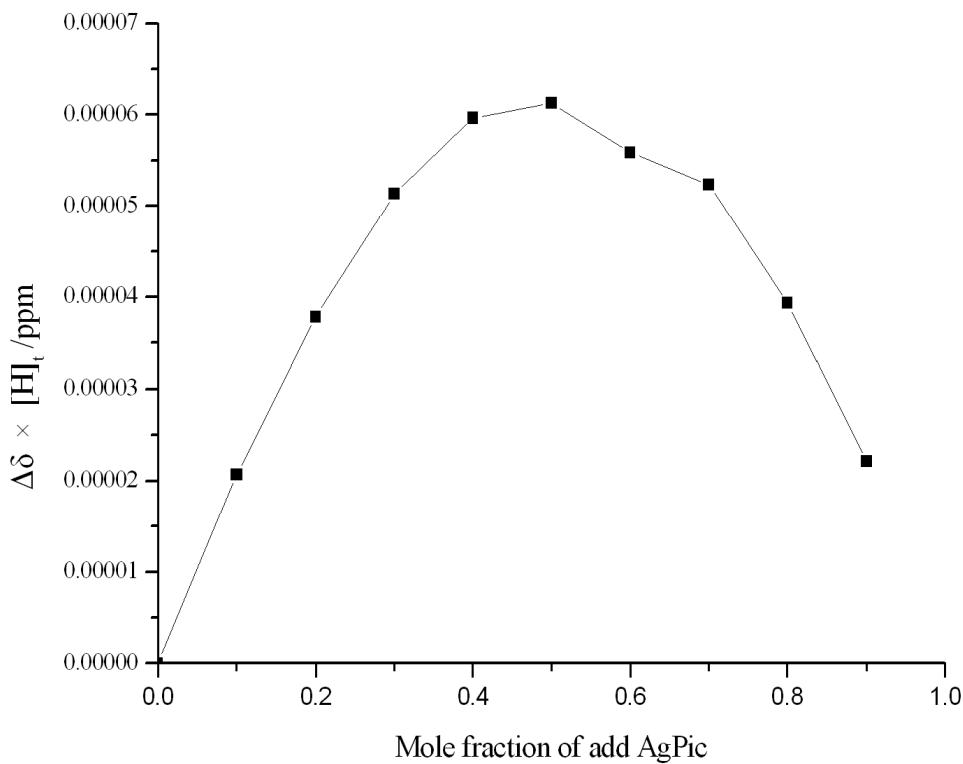


**Job plot experiment** between thiocalix[4]arene **1** and AgPic

Solution A: 18.1 mg **1** in 10 mL CDCl<sub>3</sub>: CD<sub>3</sub>OD (10:1 v/v)

Solution B: 6.7 mg AgPic in 10 mL CDCl<sub>3</sub>: CD<sub>3</sub>OD (10:1 v/v)

A solution /uL	Mole fraction of add AgPic	B solution /uL	$\delta$ due to one pair opposite phenyl rings on the TC[4]A moiety /ppm	$\Delta\delta \times [H]_t$ /ppm
1000	0	0	7.154	0
900	0.1	100	7.166	2.07164E-5
800	0.2	200	7.178	3.78486E-5
700	0.3	300	7.191	5.13297E-5
600	0.4	400	7.204	5.96529E-5
500	0.5	500	7.215	6.1268E-5
400	0.6	600	7.224	5.58822E-5
300	0.7	700	7.241	5.23206E-5
200	0.8	800	7.252	3.93514E-5
100	0.9	900	7.265	2.21595E-5



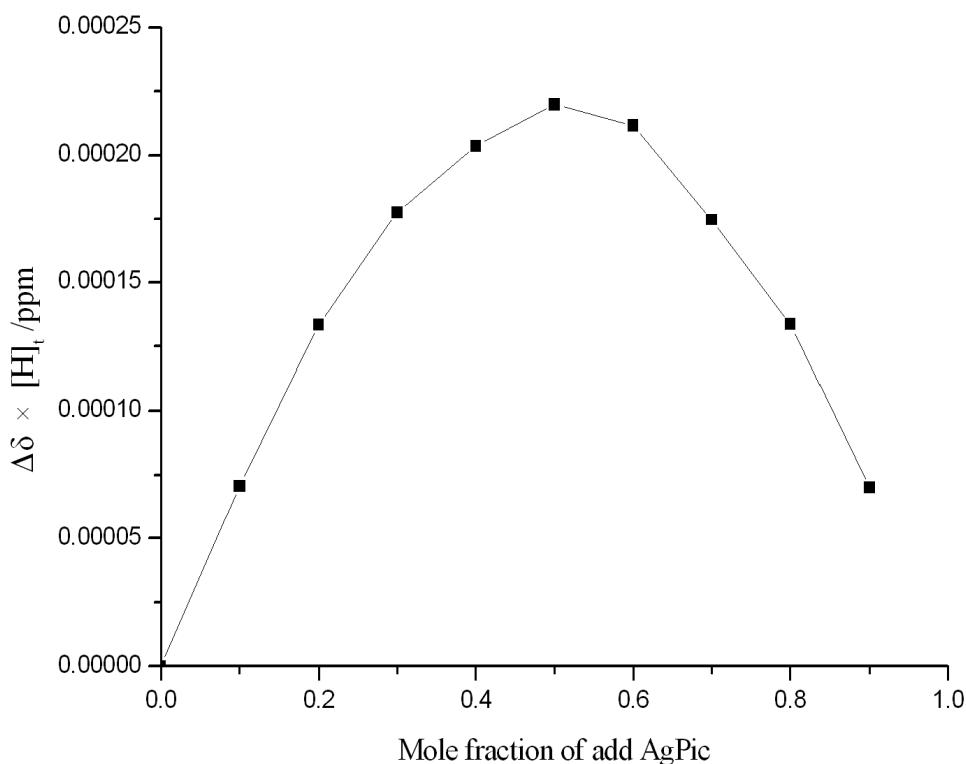
**Figure 3.** Job's plot based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR for ligand **1** with Ag<sup>+</sup>.

**Job plot experiment** between thiocalix[4]arene **2** and AgPic

Solution A: 18.1 mg **1** in 10 mL  $\text{CDCl}_3$ :  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (10:1 v/v)

Solution B: 6.7 mg AgPic in 10 mL  $\text{CDCl}_3$ :  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (10:1 v/v)

A solution / $\mu\text{L}$	Mole fraction of add AgPic	B solution / $\mu\text{L}$	$\delta$ due to a singlet representing one set of aromatic protons on the crown ring /ppm	$\Delta\delta \times [\text{H}]_t$ /ppm
1000	0	0	7.452	0
900	0.1	100	7.491	7.07561E-5
800	0.2	200	7.535	1.33561E-4
700	0.3	300	7.579	1.77659E-4
600	0.4	400	7.622	2.03713E-4
500	0.5	500	7.672	2.1987E-4
400	0.6	600	7.717	2.11642E-4
300	0.7	700	7.743	1.74672E-4
200	0.8	800	7.786	1.33663E-4
100	0.9	900	7.802	7.00099E-5



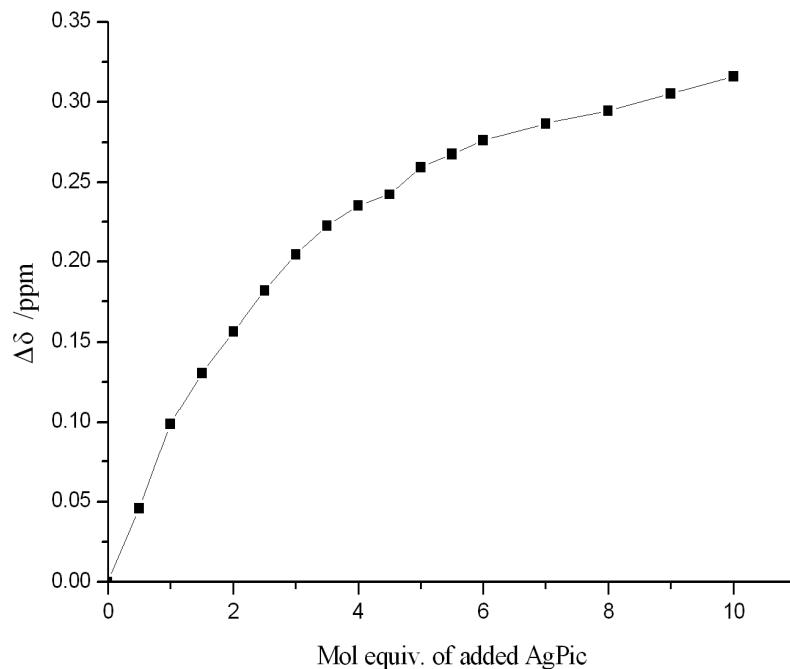
**Figure 4.** Job's plot based on  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for ligand **1** with  $\text{Ag}^+$ .

**NMR titration:** thiocalix[4]arene **1** vs and AgPic in CDCl<sub>3</sub>: CD<sub>3</sub>OD (10:1 v/v)

Solution A: 19.9 mg **1** in 10 mL CDCl<sub>3</sub>

Solution B: 739.1 mg AgPic in 10 mL CD<sub>3</sub>OD

A solution /uL	Mol equiv. of added AgPic	B solution /uL	Added CD <sub>3</sub> OD	$\delta$ due to one pair opposite phenyl rings on the TC[4]A moiety /ppm	$\Delta\delta$ /ppm
1000	0	0	100	7.154	0
1000	0.5	5	95	7.200	0.046
1000	1	10	90	7.253	0.099
1000	1.5	15	85	7.285	0.130
1000	2	20	80	7.311	0.157
1000	2.5	25	75	7.336	0.182
1000	3	30	70	7.359	0.205
1000	3.5	35	65	7.376	0.222
1000	4	40	60	7.389	0.235
1000	4.5	45	55	7.396	0.242
1000	5	50	50	7.414	0.260
1000	5.5	55	45	7.422	0.268
1000	6	60	40	7.430	0.276
1000	7	70	30	7.441	0.287
1000	8	80	20	7.449	0.295
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1000	10	100	0	7.470	0.316



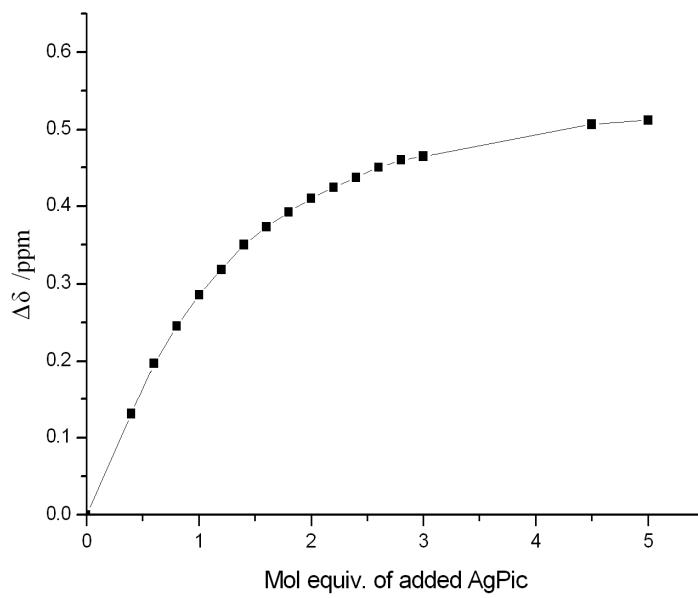
**Figure 5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration of **1** with AgPic in CDCl<sub>3</sub>: CD<sub>3</sub>OD (10:1 v/v).

**NMR titration:** thiocalix[4]arene **2** vs and AgPic in CDCl<sub>3</sub>: CD<sub>3</sub>OD (10:1 v/v)

Solution A: 19.9 mg **1** in 10 mL CDCl<sub>3</sub>

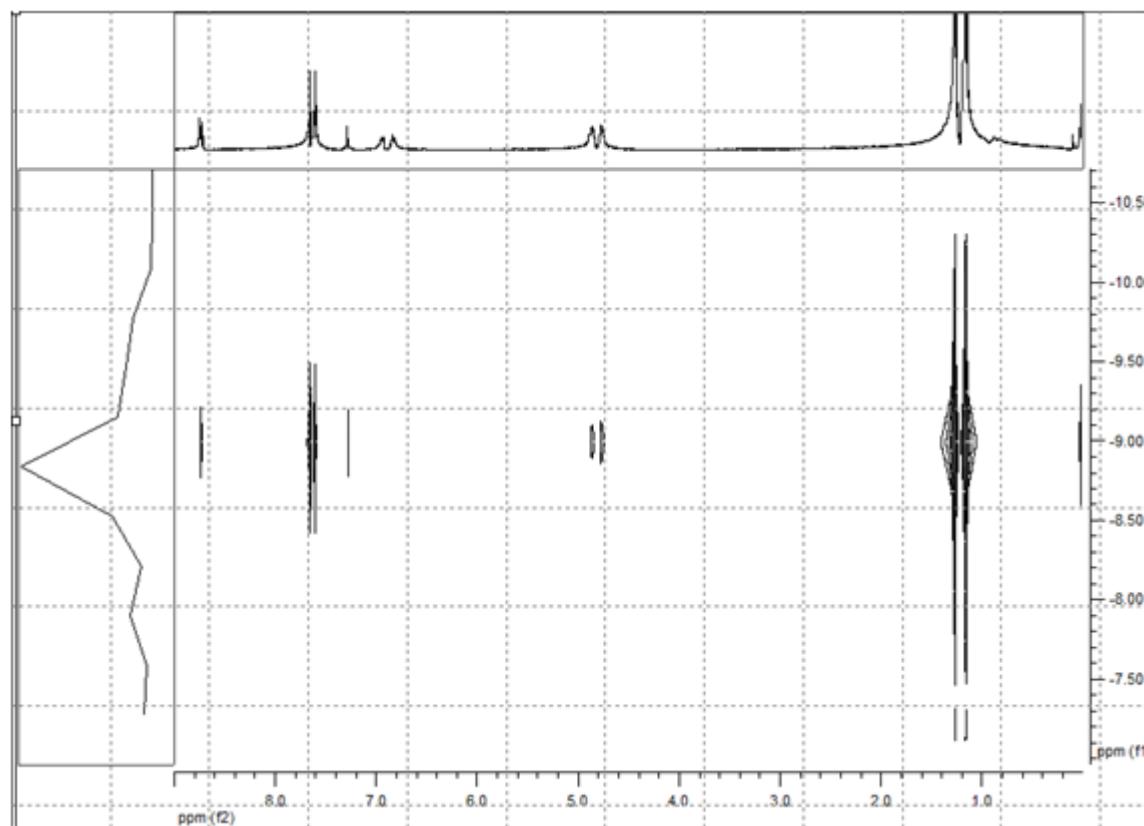
Solution B: 739.1 mg AgPic in 10 mL CD<sub>3</sub>OD

A solution /uL	Mol equiv. of added AgPic	B solution /uL	Added CD <sub>3</sub> OD	$\delta$ due to a singlet representing one set of aromatic protons on the crown ring /ppm	$\Delta\delta$ /ppm
1000	0	0	100	7.452	0
1000	0.5	5	95	7.583	0.131
1000	1	10	90	7.649	0.197
1000	1.5	15	85	7.698	0.246
1000	2	20	80	7.738	0.286
1000	2.5	25	75	7.770	0.318
1000	3	30	70	7.802	0.350
1000	3.5	35	65	7.825	0.373
1000	4	40	60	7.845	0.393
1000	4.5	45	55	7.862	0.410
1000	5	50	50	7.877	0.424
1000	5.5	55	45	7.890	0.437
1000	6	60	40	7.903	0.451
1000	7	70	30	7.913	0.461
1000	8	80	20	7.918	0.466
1000	9	90	10	7.959	0.507
1000	10	100	0	7.965	0.513

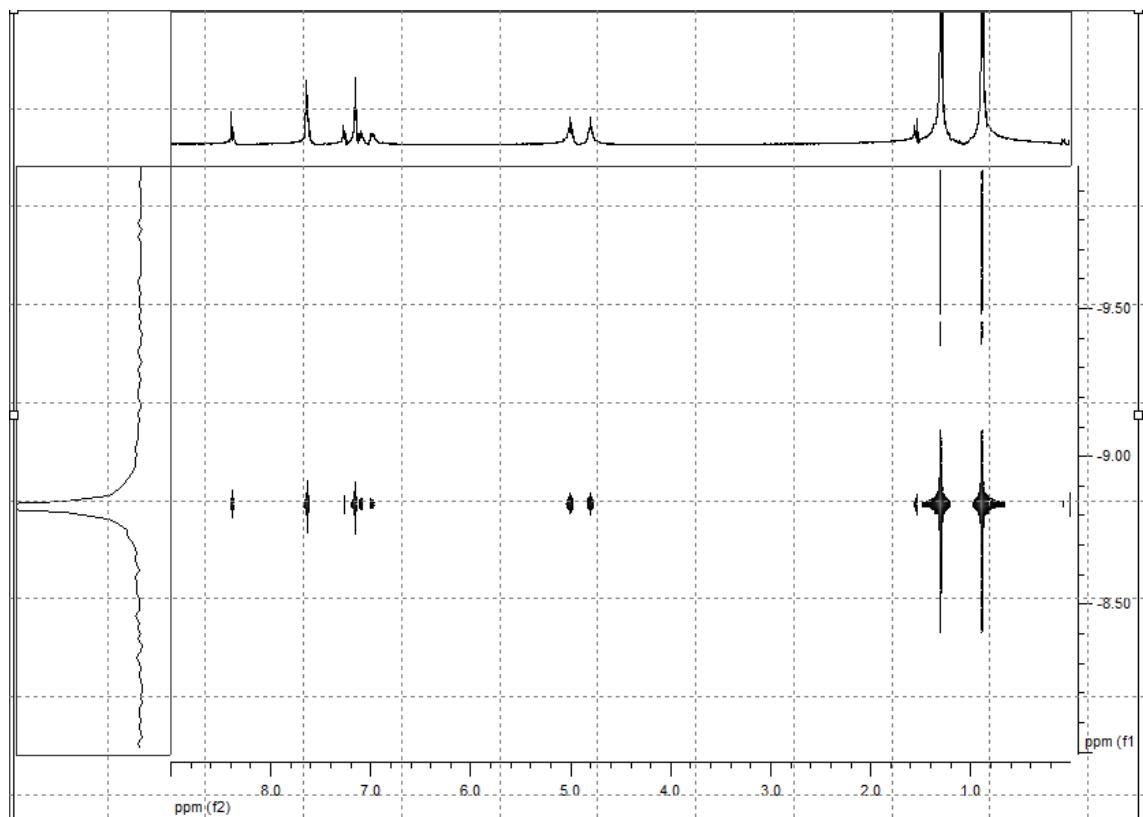


**Figure 6.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration of **1** with AgPic in CDCl<sub>3</sub>: CD<sub>3</sub>OD (10:1 v/v)

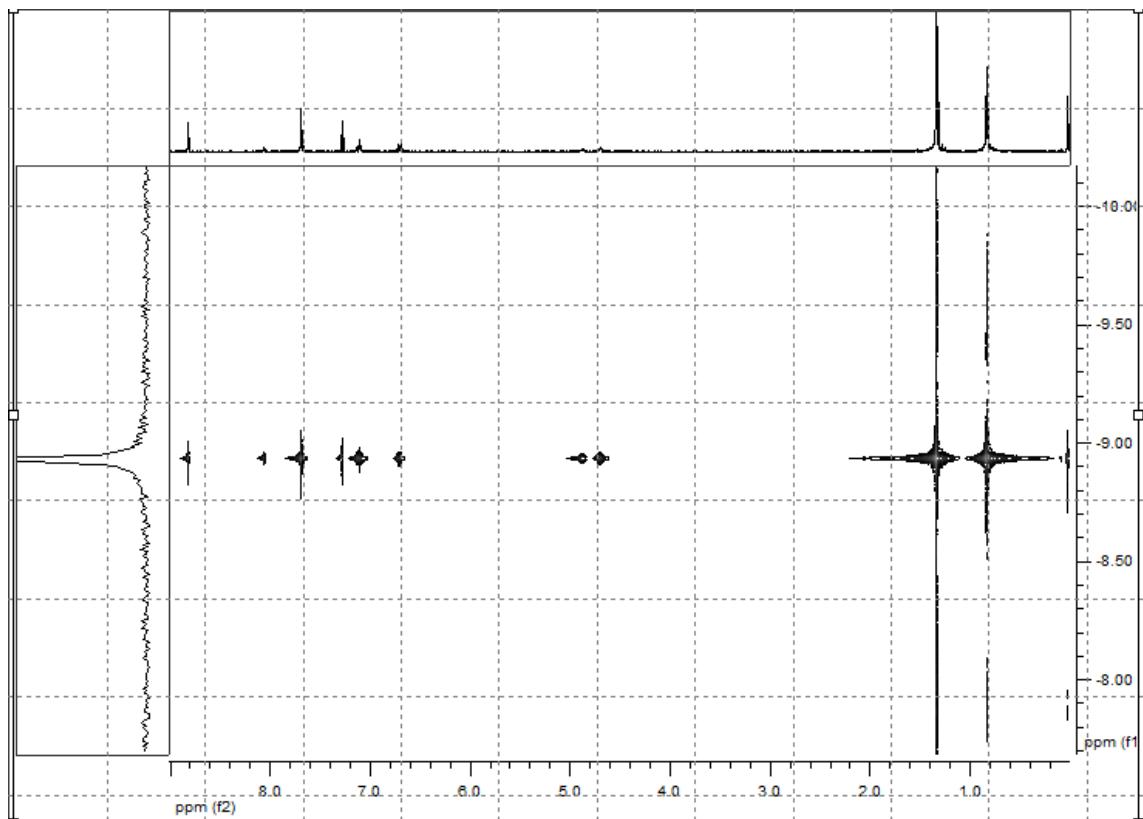
**NMR diffusion experiments of ligands (**1**, **2**) and their Ag<sup>+</sup> coplexes (**1**•Ag<sup>+</sup>, **2**•Ag<sup>+</sup>)**



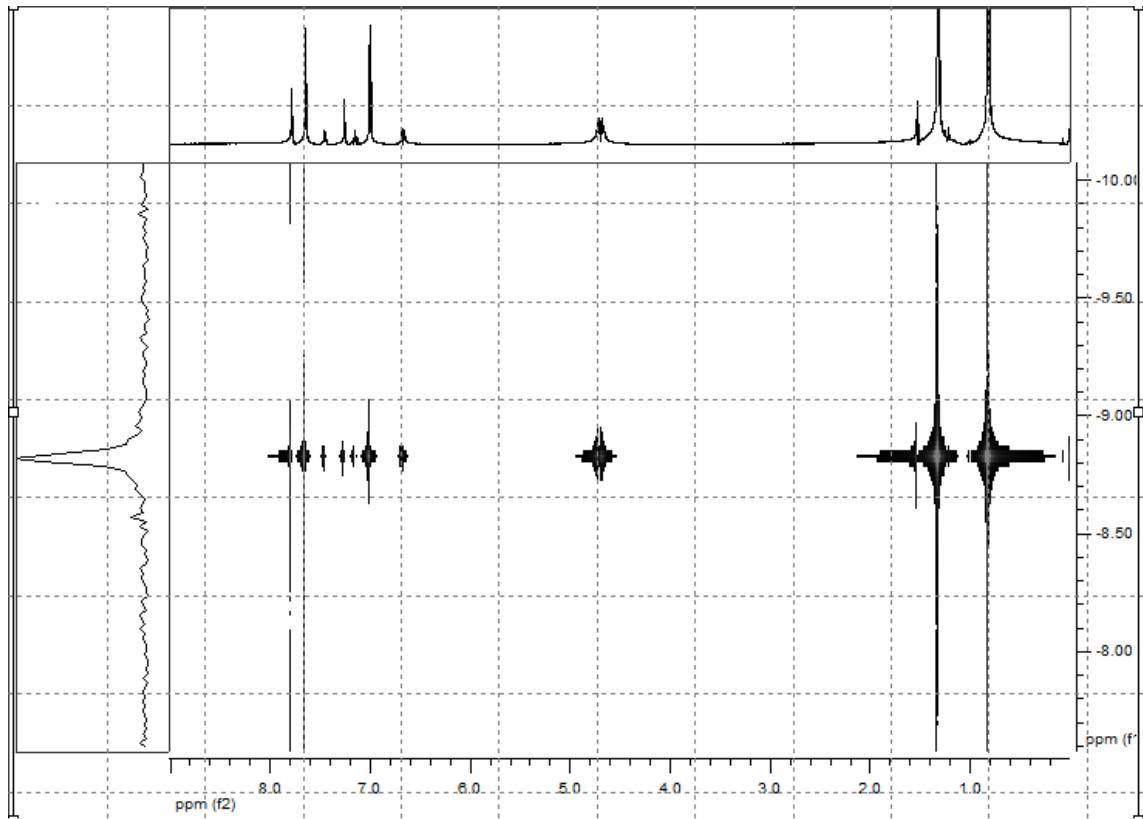
**Figure 7** 2D-DOSY spectra of recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, at 300 K mixture of thiocalix[4]arene **1** and AgPic in a 1:1 ratio showing the presence of a single species diffusing in solution with  $D = 0.99 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .



**Figure 8** 2D-DOSY spectra of recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , at 300 K solution of thiocalix[4]arene **1** showing the presence of a single species diffusing in solution with  $D = 1.39 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$

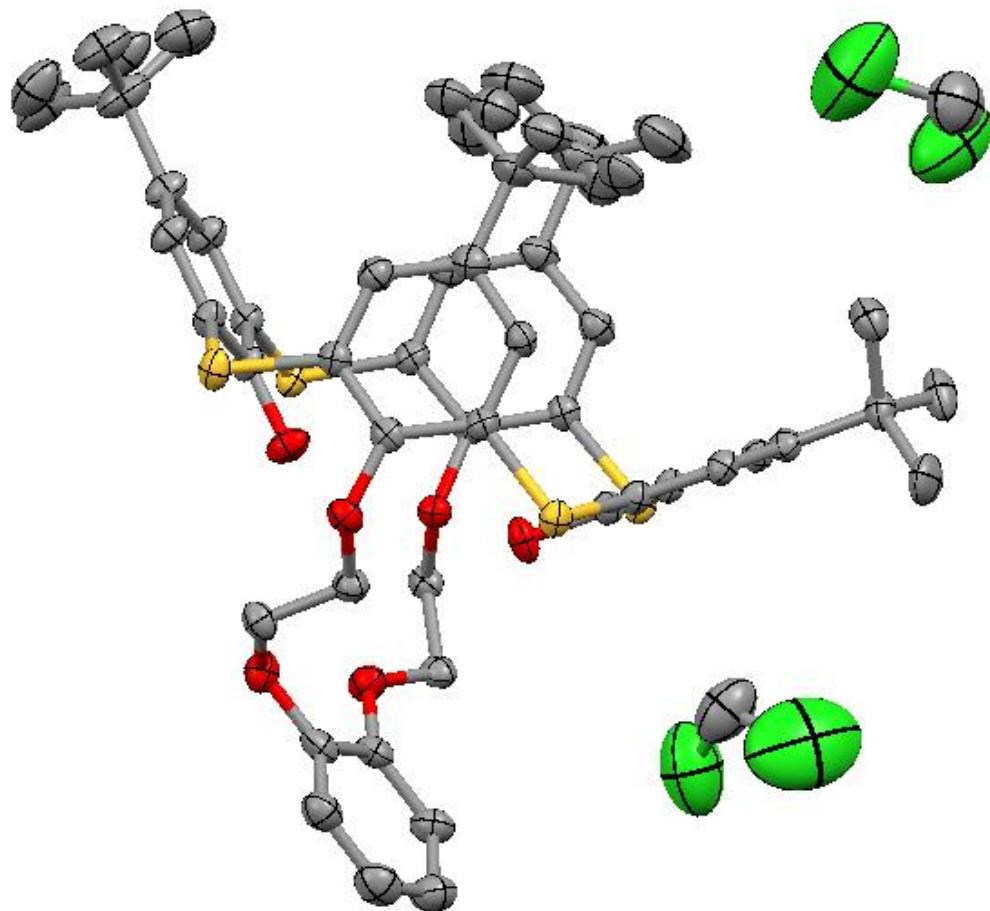


**Figure 9** 2D-DOSY spectra recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , at 300 K mixture of thiocalix[4]arene **2** and AgPic in a 1:1 ratio showing the presence of a single species diffusing in solution with  $D = 1.13 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

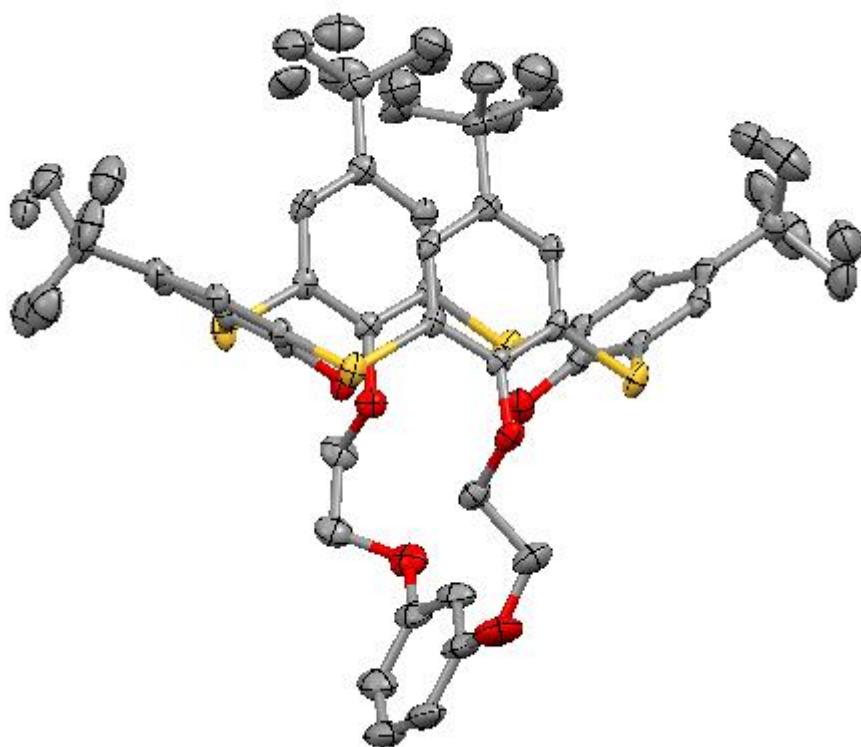


**Figure 10** 2D-DOSY spectra of recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , at 300 K solution of thiocalix[4]arene **2** showing the presence of a single species diffusing in solution with  $D = 1.48 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

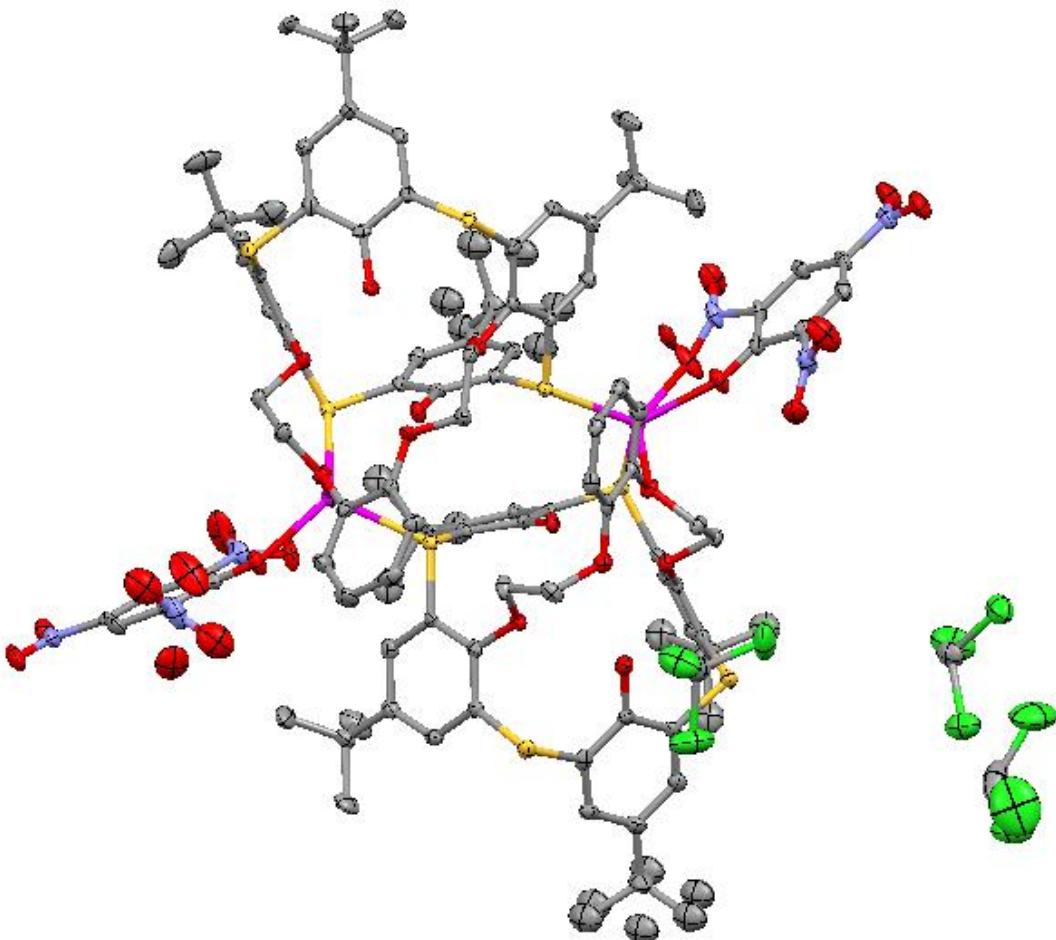
Ortep plots of the structures for ligands **1**, **2** and their AgPic complexes (**1**·AgPic and **2**·AgPic)



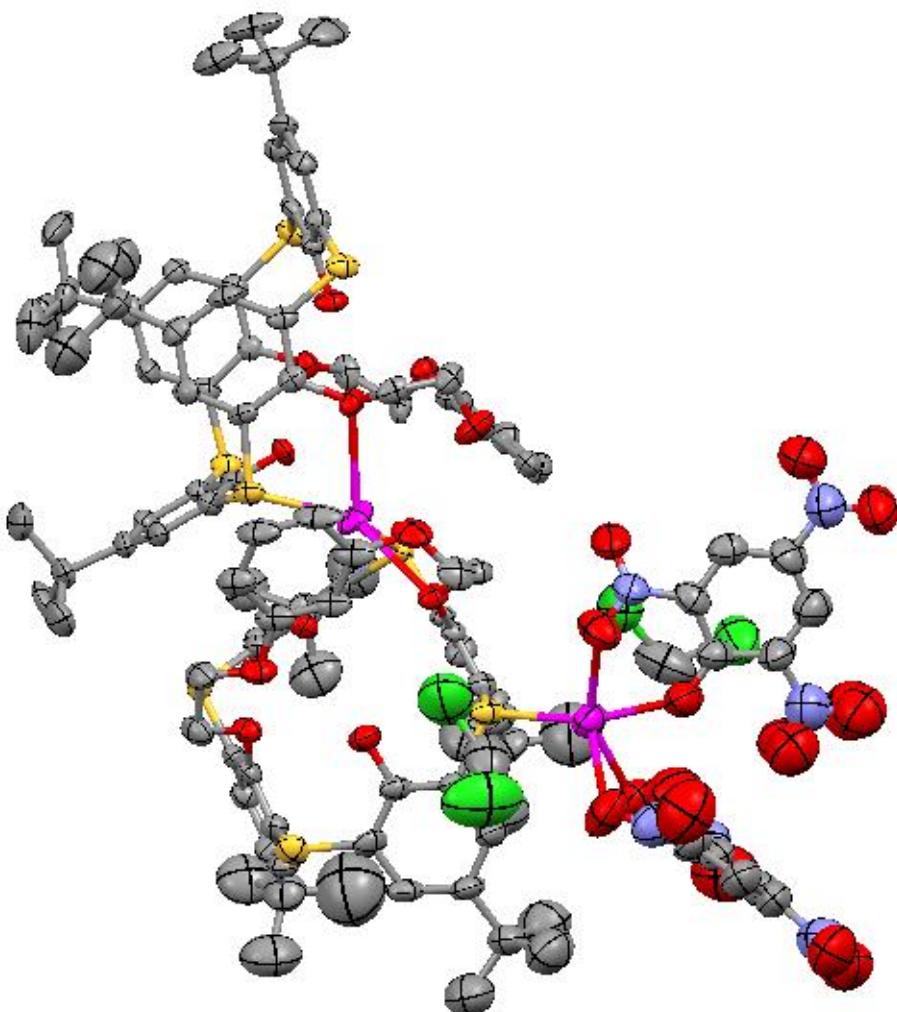
**Figure 11** The molecular structure of ligand **1** (CCDC-740901). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure 12** The molecular structure of ligand **2** (CCDC-740900). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure 13** The molecular structure of complex **1**·AgPic (CCDC-740899). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure 14** The molecular structure of complex **2**·AgPic (CCDC-740898). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.