

**Synthesis, structure and magnetic study of a novel mixed-valent
Co^{II}₁₀Co^{III}₄ shield constructed by mixed pyridine-alcoholate ligands**

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Table S1 Selected bonds lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **1**.

Bond lengths (Å)			
Co(1)–O(1)	1.899(3)	Co(4)–O(12)	1.934(3)
Co(1)–O(2)	1.895(3)	Co(4)–N(6)	1.939(4)
Co(1)–O(3)	1.943(3)	Co(4)–N(7)	1.828(4)
Co(1)–O(4)	1.928(3)	Co(5)–O(1)#1	2.275(3)
Co(1)–N(1)	1.925(4)	Co(5)–O(2)#1	2.020(3)
Co(1)–N(2)	1.828(4)	Co(5)–O(9)	2.134(3)
Co(2)–O(3)	2.149(3)	Co(5)–O(10)	2.113(4)
Co(2)–O(4)	2.135(3)	Co(5)–O(12)	2.104(3)
Co(2)–O(5)	1.981(3)	Co(5)–O(13)#1	2.055(3)
Co(2)–O(6)	2.231(3)	Co(6)–O(1)	2.115(3)
Co(2)–O(11)	2.078(3)	Co(6)–O(4)	2.154(3)
Co(2)–N(3)	2.152(4)	Co(6)–O(11)	2.072(3)
Co(3)–O(5)	2.012(3)	Co(6)–O(13)	2.073(3)
Co(3)–O(6)	2.030(3)	Co(6)–O(14)	2.092(3)
Co(3)–O(7)	2.372(3)	Co(6)–O(14)#1	2.080(3)
Co(3)–O(8)	2.034(3)	Co(7)–O(6)	2.063(3)
Co(3)–N(4)	2.111(4)	Co(7)–O(7)	2.096(3)
Co(3)–N(5)	2.165(4)	Co(7)–O(11)	2.082(3)
Co(4)–O(7)	1.889(3)	Co(7)–O(12)	2.156(3)
Co(4)–O(8)	1.891(3)	Co(7)–O(13)#1	2.084(3)
Co(4)–O(9)	1.969(3)	Co(7)–O(14)	2.087(3)
Bond angles (°)			
O(1)–Co(1)–O(3)	103.83(15)	N(6)–Co(4)–O(9)	89.99(16)
O(1)–Co(1)–O(4)	86.07(13)	N(7)–Co(4)–O(7)	171.02(16)
O(1)–Co(1)–N(1)	83.42(17)	N(7)–Co(4)–O(8)	85.12(17)
O(2)–Co(1)–O(1)	86.47(14)	N(7)–Co(4)–O(9)	83.75(17)
O(2)–Co(1)–O(3)	169.14(14)	N(7)–Co(4)–O(12)	97.16(17)
O(2)–Co(1)–O(4)	93.51(14)	N(7)–Co(4)–N(6)	94.5(2)
O(2)–Co(1)–N(1)	94.80(17)	O(2)#1–Co(5)–O(1)#1	74.23(13)
O(4)–Co(1)–O(3)	83.91(13)	O(2)#1–Co(5)–O(9)	105.86(13)
N(1)–Co(1)–O(4)	166.16(17)	O(2)#1–Co(5)–O(10)	93.95(15)

N(1)–Co(1)–O(3)	89.88(16)	O(2)#1–Co(5)–O(13)#1	98.74(13)
N(2)–Co(1)–O(1)	171.17(16)	O(2)#1–Co(5)–O(12)	176.69(13)
N(2)–Co(1)–O(2)	84.88(17)	O(9)–Co(5)–O(1)#1	174.13(12)
N(2)–Co(1)–O(3)	84.91(16)	O(10)–Co(5)–O(1)#1	92.30(14)
N(2)–Co(1)–O(4)	96.23(16)	O(10)–Co(5)–O(9)	93.55(15)
N(2)–Co(1)–N(1)	95.51(19)	O(12)–Co(5)–O(1)#1	102.90(12)
O(3)–Co(2)–O(6)	174.72(11)	O(12)–Co(5)–O(9)	77.17(13)
O(3)–Co(2)–N(3)	95.39(14)	O(12)–Co(5)–O(10)	84.46(14)
O(4)–Co(2)–O(3)	74.33(12)	O(13)#1–Co(5)–O(1)#1	79.82(12)
O(4)–Co(2)–O(6)	104.74(12)	O(13)#1–Co(5)–O(9)	94.40(13)
O(4)–Co(2)–N(3)	76.56(14)	O(13)#1–Co(5)–O(10)	162.57(16)
O(5)–Co(2)–O(3)	103.82(13)	O(13)#1–Co(5)–O(12)	82.22(12)
O(5)–Co(2)–O(4)	174.63(12)	O(1)–Co(6)–O(4)	75.44(12)
O(5)–Co(2)–O(6)	77.58(12)	O(11)–Co(6)–O(1)	94.45(13)
O(5)–Co(2)–O(11)	102.89(13)	O(11)–Co(6)–O(4)	82.00(12)
O(5)–Co(2)–N(3)	98.74(15)	O(11)–Co(6)–O(13)	174.64(11)
O(11)–Co(2)–O(3)	94.41(12)	O(11)–Co(6)–O(14)	84.19(12)
O(11)–Co(2)–O(4)	82.34(12)	O(11)–Co(6)–O(14)#1	100.35(13)
O(11)–Co(2)–N(3)	153.33(14)	O(13)–Co(6)–O(1)	83.29(13)
O(11)–Co(2)–O(6)	80.31(12)	O(13)–Co(6)–O(4)	92.72(12)
N(3)–Co(2)–O(6)	89.39(13)	O(13)–Co(6)–O(14)	97.89(13)
O(5)–Co(3)–O(6)	81.75(12)	O(13)–Co(6)–O(14)#1	84.79(13)
O(5)–Co(3)–O(7)	96.64(12)	O(14)–Co(6)–O(1)	177.62(10)
O(5)–Co(3)–O(8)	165.13(15)	O(14)–Co(6)–O(4)	102.40(12)
O(5)–Co(3)–N(4)	78.47(15)	O(14)#1–Co(6)–O(1)	97.59(12)
O(5)–Co(3)–N(5)	102.28(15)	O(14)#1–Co(6)–O(4)	172.85(11)
O(6)–Co(3)–O(7)	79.91(12)	O(14)#1–Co(6)–O(14)	84.60(13)
O(6)–Co(3)–O(8)	103.81(13)	O(6)–Co(7)–O(7)	86.08(13)
O(6)–Co(3)–N(4)	158.22(15)	O(6)–Co(7)–O(11)	84.26(12)
O(6)–Co(3)–N(5)	78.60(14)	O(6)–Co(7)–O(12)	92.58(12)
O(8)–Co(3)–O(7)	71.22(12)	O(6)–Co(7)–O(13)#1	172.57(11)
O(8)–Co(3)–N(4)	93.36(15)	O(6)–Co(7)–O(14)	95.74(12)
O(8)–Co(3)–N(5)	92.39(15)	O(7)–Co(7)–O(12)	74.98(12)
O(7)–Co(4)–O(8)	86.09(14)	O(11)–Co(7)–O(7)	93.97(12)
O(7)–Co(4)–O(9)	105.11(14)	O(11)–Co(7)–O(12)	168.72(11)
O(7)–Co(4)–O(12)	85.21(14)	O(11)–Co(7)–O(13)#1	103.12(12)
O(7)–Co(4)–N(6)	84.22(17)	O(11)–Co(7)–O(14)	84.11(12)
O(8)–Co(4)–O(9)	168.57(14)	O(13)#1–Co(7)–O(7)	94.10(13)
O(8)–Co(4)–O(12)	93.56(14)	O(13)#1–Co(7)–O(12)	80.32(12)
O(8)–Co(4)–N(6)	93.48(16)	O(13)#1–Co(7)–O(14)	84.37(12)
O(12)–Co(4)–O(9)	85.26(14)	O(14)–Co(7)–O(7)	177.20(12)
O(12)–Co(4)–N(6)	166.86(16)	O(14)–Co(7)–O(12)	107.02(12)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 $-x, -y, -z$

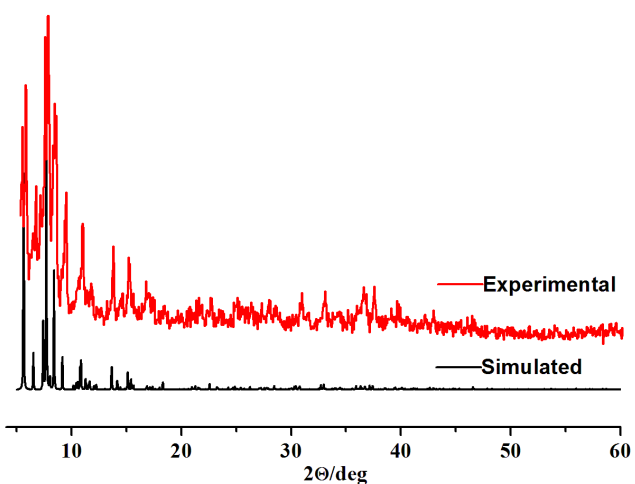


Fig. S1 Experimental and simulated powder X-ray diffraction patterns.

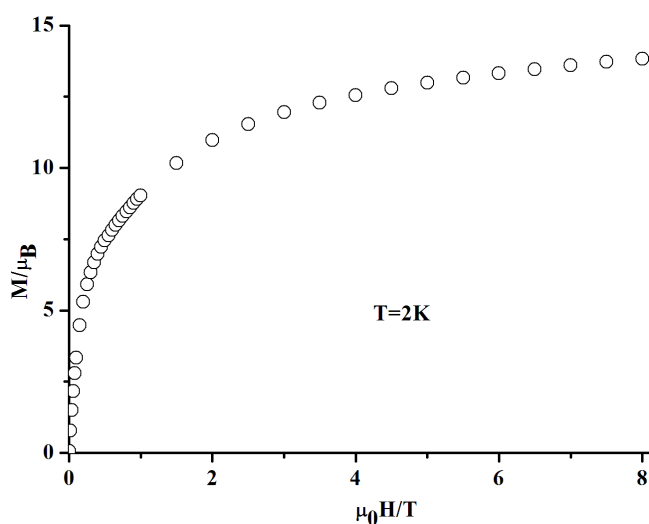


Fig. S2 Plot of $M/N\beta$ vs. H at 2 K.

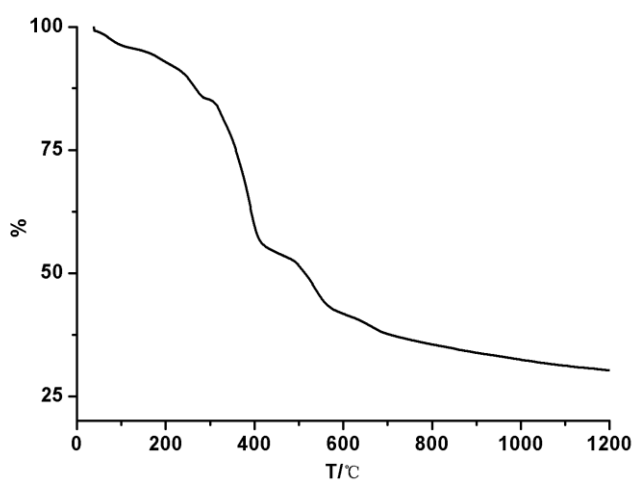


Fig. S3 TGA curve for **1**. The weight loss of 3.45% from 100 to 200°C is corresponding to 5 lattice water molecules

Synthesis for **1**.

Co(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (0.78 g, 2.00 mmol), hmpH (0.10 g, 1 mmol) and pdmH₂ (0.14 g, 1.00 mmol) in was dissolved in MeOH/MeCN (20/2 mL) . The mixture was stirred for a 10 min and then Et₃N (1.00 mL, 7.10 mmol) was add under vigorous stirring, which caused a rapid color change from pink to red brown. The solution was stirred for 1 h, filtered, and the filtrate left undisturbed at ambient temperature. After one week, red-brown prism crystals were collected by filtration, washed with cold MeCN (2 × 5 mL), and dried under ambient temperature. Yield: 108 mg (37% based on hmpH). Elemental analysis calcd. (%) for Co₁₄C₉₀H₉₈N₁₄O₂₈ (loss of all lattice H₂O): C 40.81, H 3.73, N 7.40; Found (%): C 40.53, H 4.00, N 7.66.