

Supplementary Information

$[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{dmphy})(\text{CN})_4]^-$: a new building block for designing single-chain magnets

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Table S1. Selected ac magnetic data for **5**

T / K	$\chi_{\text{T(A)}} / \chi_{\text{T(B)}}^{\text{a}}$	$\chi_{\text{S(A)}} / \chi_{\text{S(B)}}^{\text{b}}$	$\alpha_{\text{(A)}} / \alpha_{\text{(B)}}^{\text{c}}$	$-\log \tau_{\text{(A)}} / -\log \tau_{\text{(B)}}^{\text{d}}$
2.0	2.08 / 11.82	0.08 / 0.90	0.445 / 0.641	2.26 / ----
2.3	2.88 / 13.50	0.05 / 1.20	0.423 / 0.621	2.98 / -----
2.5	3.72 / 12.00	0.01 / 2.00	0.422 / 0.530	3.34 / 0.23
2.7	6.00 / 17.10	0.00 / 3.00	0.420 / 0.490	3.70 / 0.88
3.0	5.50 / 13.70	0.00 / 3.60	0.325 / 0.440	----- / 1.80
3.3	----- / 19.00	----- / 6.50	----- / 0.386	----- / 2.80

(a) Isothermal and (b) adiabatic susceptibilities and (c) Cole-Cole parameter in the following equation:

$$\chi''(\omega) = \frac{\chi_T - \chi_S}{2 \tan[(1 + \alpha)\pi/2]} + \left\{ (\chi' - \chi_S)(\chi_T - \chi') + \frac{(\chi_T - \chi_S)^2}{4 \tan^2[(1 + \alpha)\pi/2]} \right\}^{1/2}$$

(d) τ is the relaxation time at each temperature from this Table.

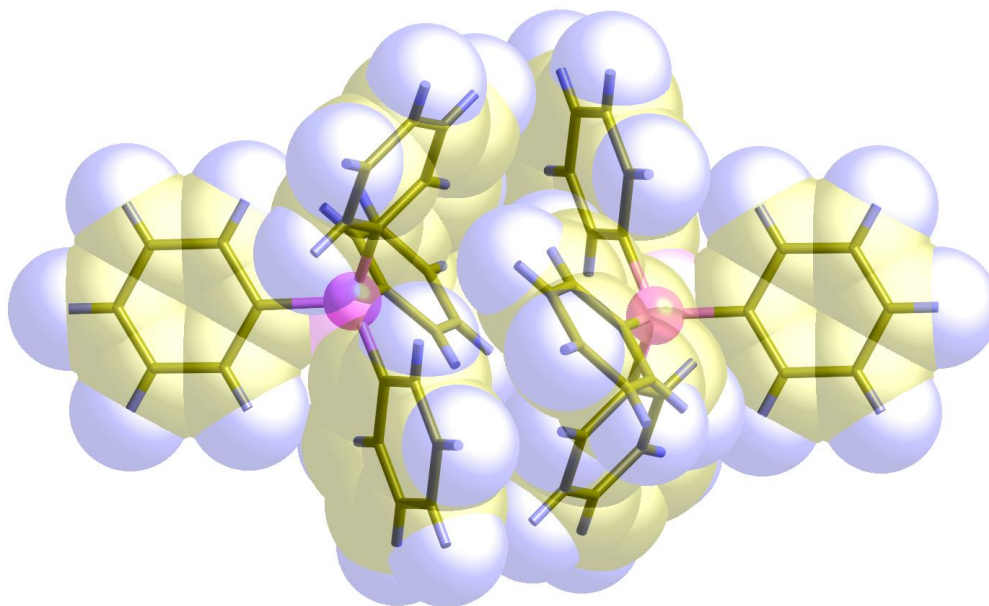


Figure S1. Sextuple phenyl embrace (SPE) interaction involving the PPh₄⁺ cations in **1**.

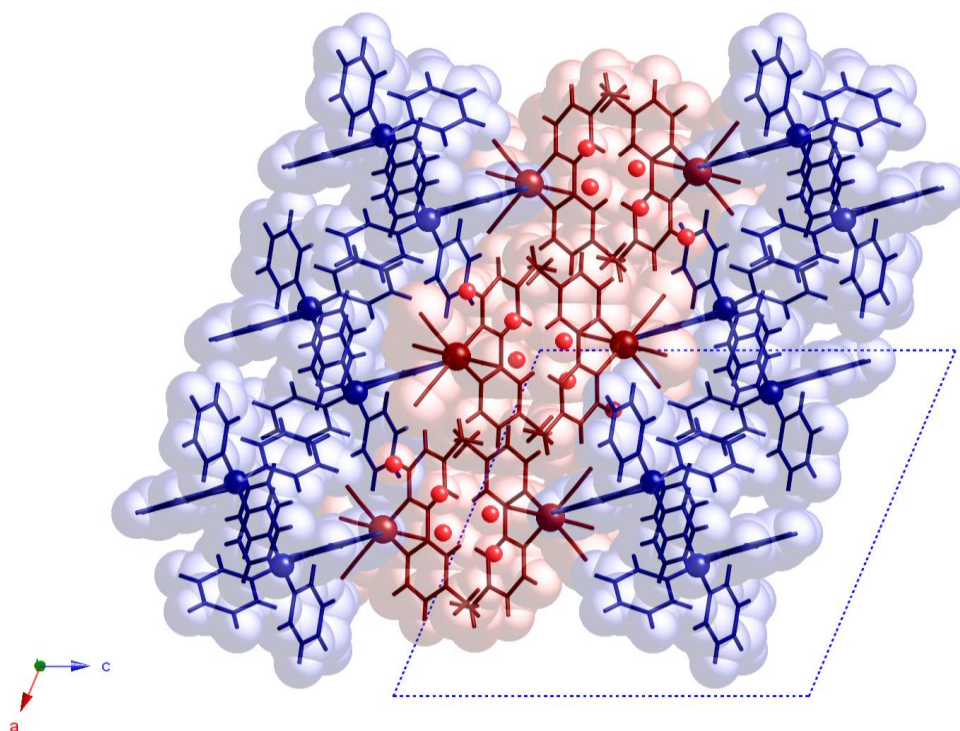


Figure S2. View in the *ac* plan of the double alternative packing of the PPh_4^+ cations and $[\text{Fe}(\text{dmbipy})(\text{CN})_4]^-$ anions in **1**.

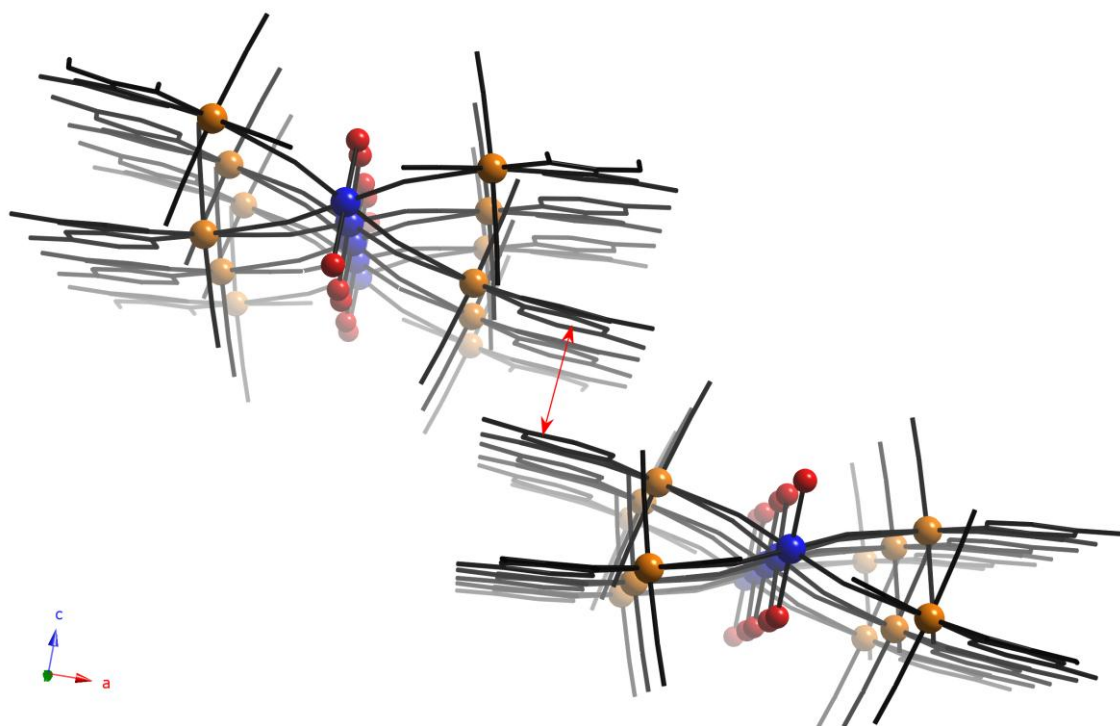


Figure S3. View of two neighbouring chains along the crystallographic *b* axis showing the shortest π - π interactions between the quasi-eclipsed dmbpy ligands.

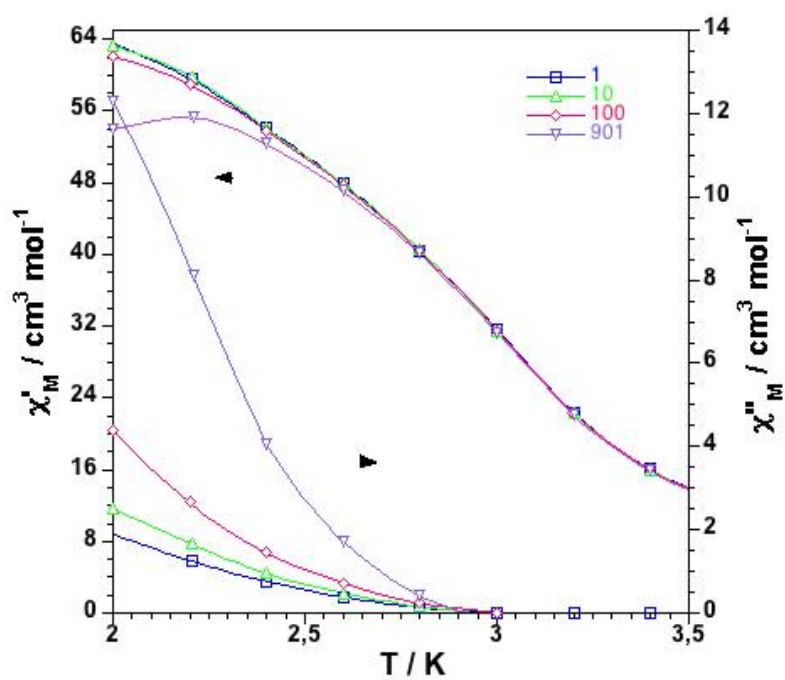


Figure S4. Temperature dependence of the *ac* susceptibility for **3** measured at several frequencies (1–901 Hz), where χ_M' and χ_M'' are in-phase and out-of-phase susceptibilities, respectively. The solid lines are eye-guides.

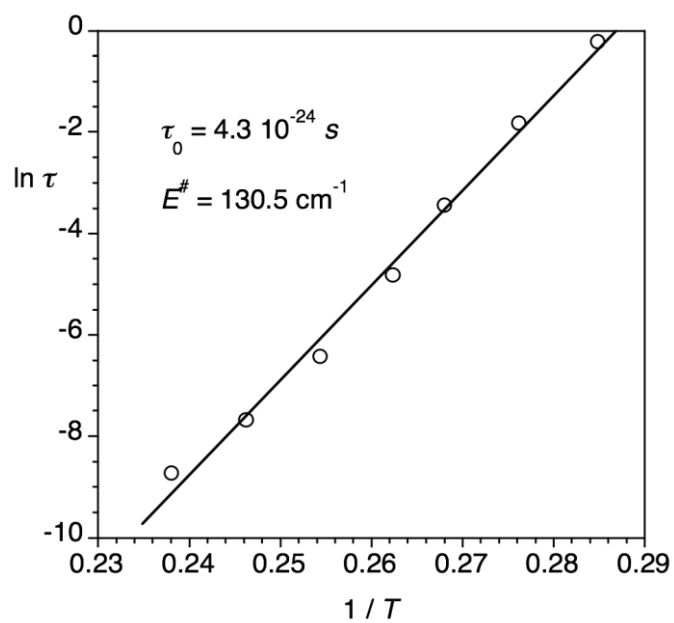


Figure S5. Arrhenius plot for **5**: (○) experimental data from de *ac* susceptibility (Figure 9); (—) least-squares fit to the Arrhenius law.

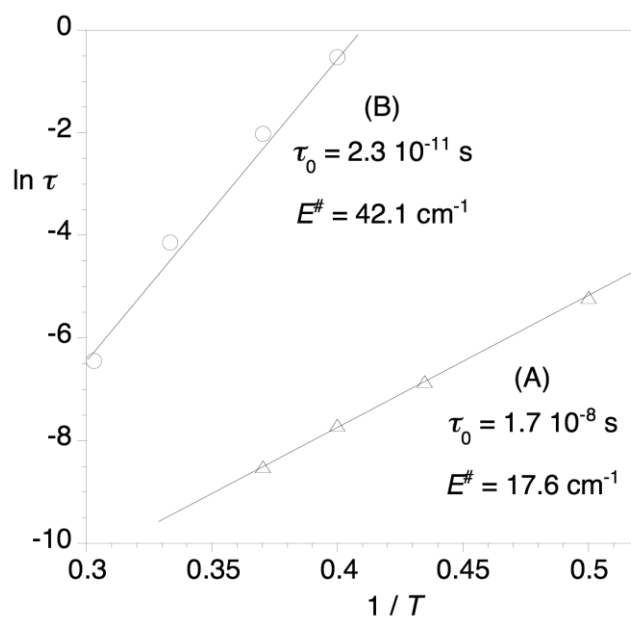


Figure S6. Arrhenius plots for **5**: (○) and (△): experimental data extracted from the Cole-Cole plots (Fig. 10) corresponding to the two different relaxation processes noted A and B (see text).