

## Electronic supplementary information

### Spectroscopic effects resulting from interacting singlet and triplet excited states: vibronic structure involving the O-H stretching mode in d-d absorption bands of $\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{2+}$

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**Table ESI1** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for  $\text{CsNi}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\text{PO}_4$ . The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2(h^2 a^{*2}U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12})$ .

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{23}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{12}$
O(1)	31(2)	77(2)	77(2)	-44(3)	0	0
O(2)	32(1)	32(1)	32(1)	-4(1)	-4(1)	-4(1)

**Table ESI2** Hydrogen bonds for  $\text{CsNi}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\text{PO}_4$  ( $\text{\AA}$  and  $^\circ$ ).

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	D-H-A
O(1)-H...O(2)	0.72(5)	1.93(4)	2.644(2)	174(6)

**Table ESI3.** Ligand field and angular-overlap (AOM) parameters for Ni(BrO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O and Cs[Ni(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>](PO<sub>4</sub>)

Parameter	[Ni(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ](BrO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Cs[Ni(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ](PO <sub>4</sub> )
B (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	950	950
C (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	3800	3800
Dq	6665	6330
e <sub>σ</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	3520	3482
e <sub>π</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	974	1029
<sup>1</sup> E <sub>g</sub>	14622	14608
<sup>3</sup> T <sub>1g</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> F)	14343	14005
ζ (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) (ζ=-2 λ for Ni <sup>2+</sup> )	600	600
E <sub>g</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> E <sub>g</sub> )	15618	15445
E <sub>g</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> T <sub>1g</sub> )	14054	13884
A <sub>1g</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> T <sub>1g</sub> )	13632	13289
T <sub>1g</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> T <sub>1g</sub> )	14104	13765
T <sub>2g</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> T <sub>1g</sub> )	14850	14519