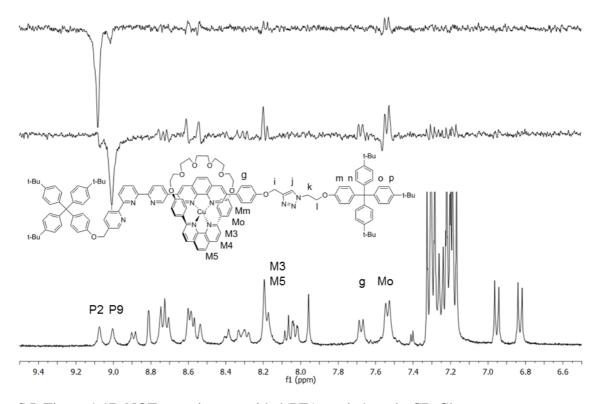
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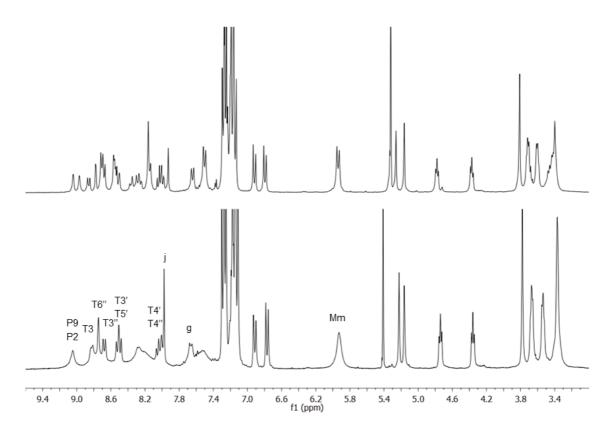
# Fast redox-triggered shuttling motions in a copper rotaxane based on a directly bonded phenanthroline/terpyridine conjugate

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S.I. Figure 1 1D NOE experiments with 1(PF<sub>6</sub>) carried out in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

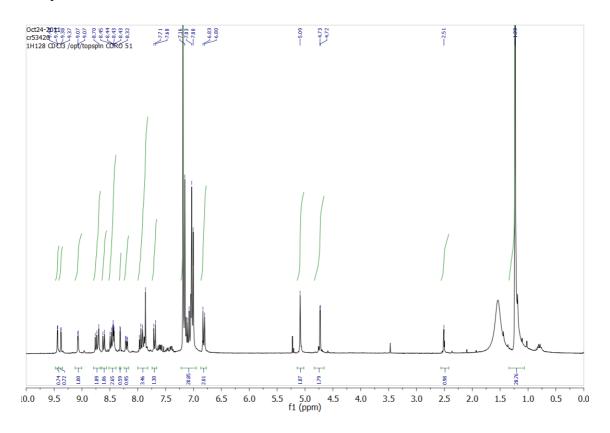
The identity of P2 and P9 protons was confirmed by NOE experiments (see S.I. Figure 1). Irradiation of the proton at  $\delta$ = 9.04 ppm generates a NOE effect at protons Mo (7.50 ppm), whereas the irradiation of the peak at 8.97 ppm results in a NOE effect at protons g and Mo. Since they both lay close to Mo, these protons correspond to P2 and P9, being P9 the proton at 8.97 ppm, due to its proximity to g, and P2 the one appearing at 9.04 ppm.

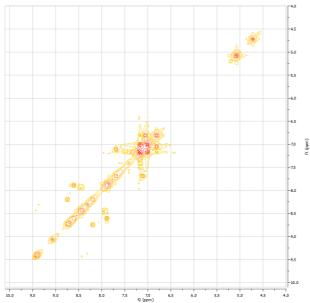


S.I. Figure 2  $^{1}$ H NMR spectra of rotaxane  $\mathbf{1}(PF_{6})$  in  $CD_{2}Cl_{2}$  (up) and 1:9  $CD_{2}Cl_{2}$  /  $CD_{3}CN$  mixture.

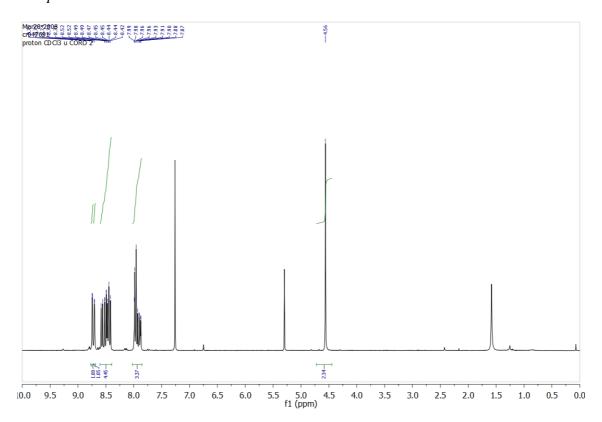
# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)

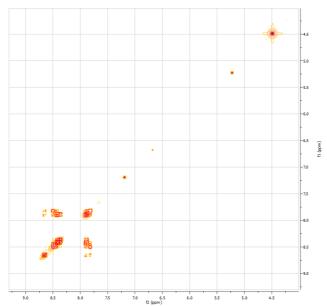
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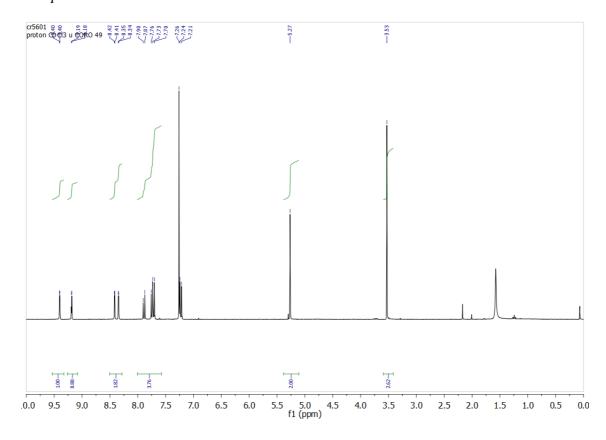


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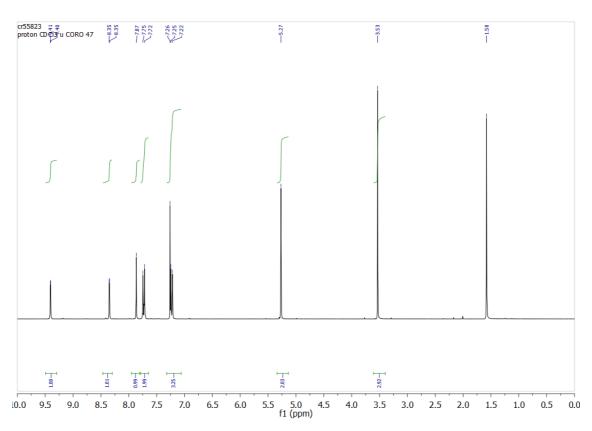




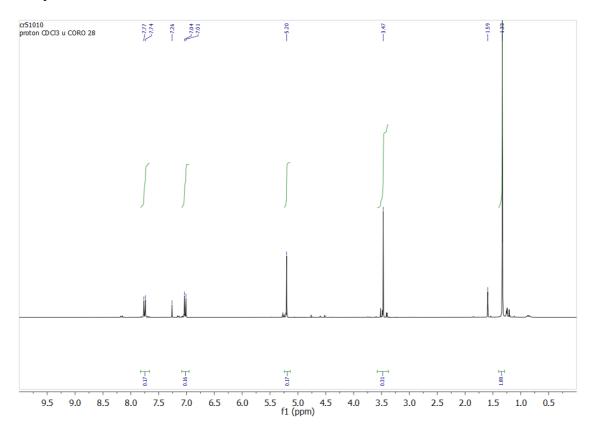
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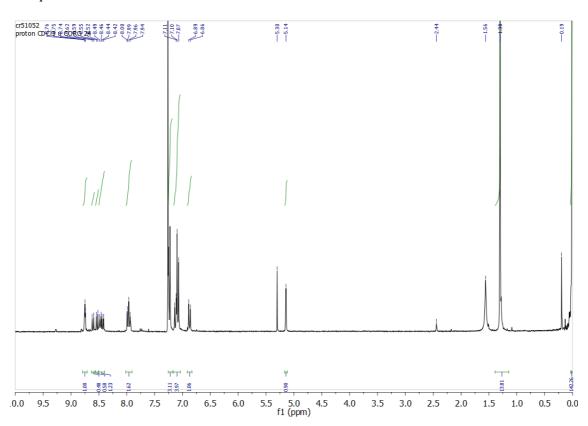
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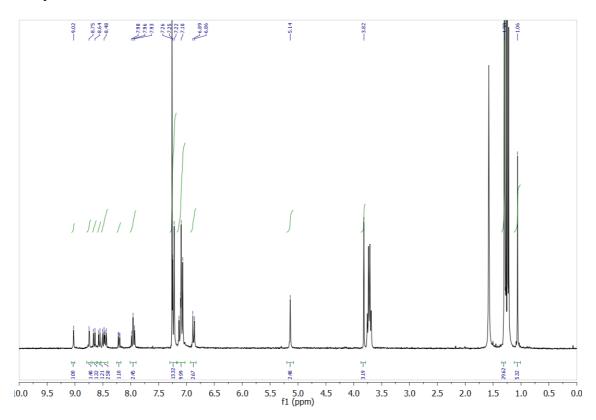
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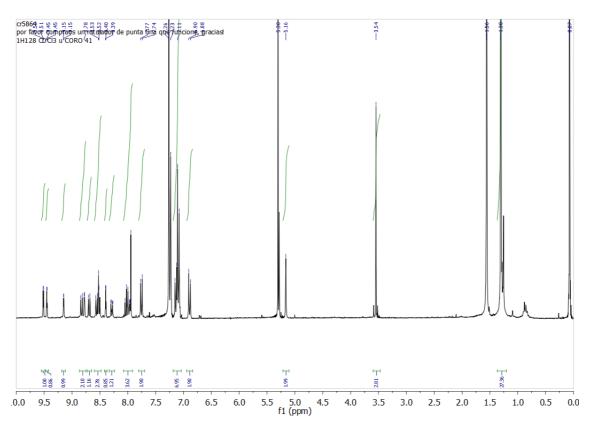
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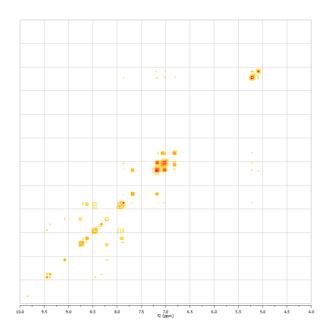


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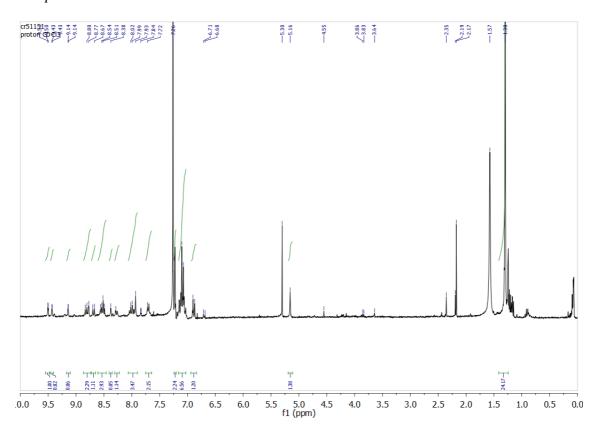


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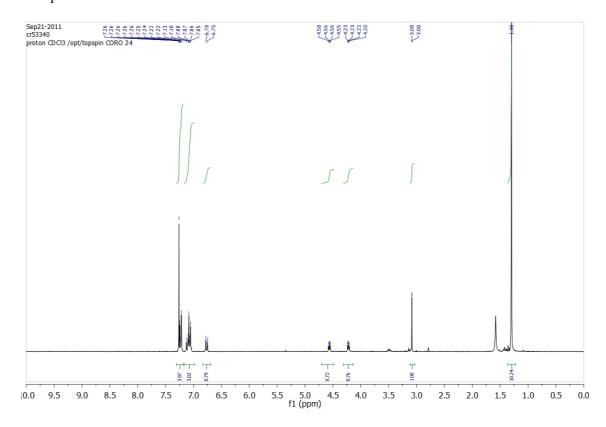




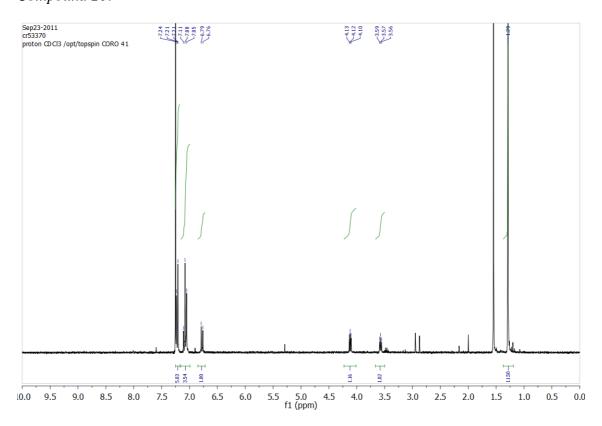
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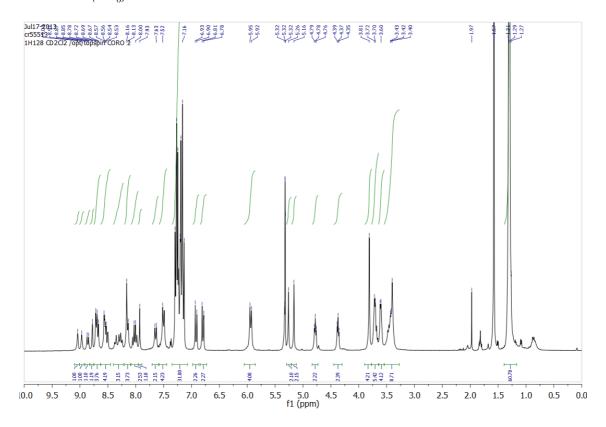
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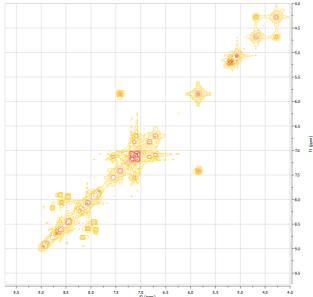


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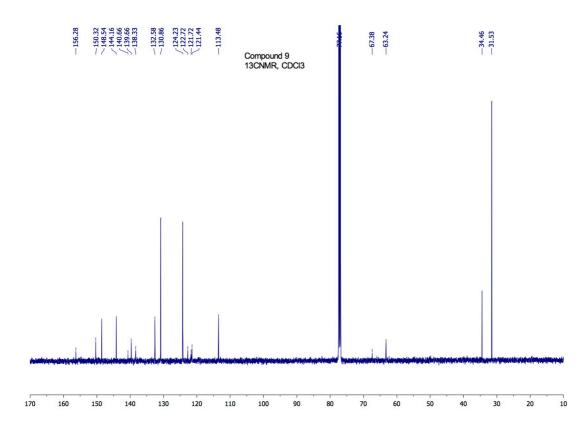
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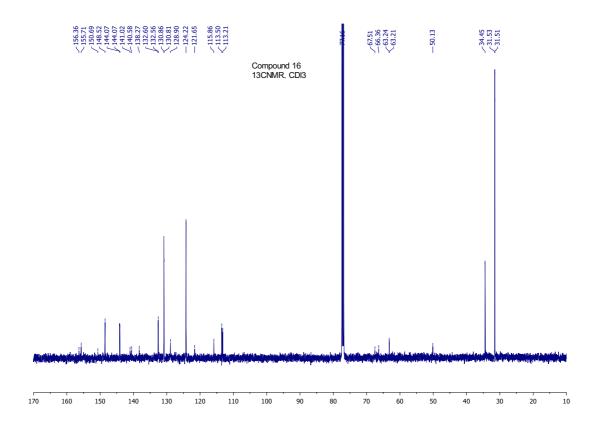


# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz)

#### Compound 9:



#### Compound 16:



# Rotaxane $1(PF_6)$ :

