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**Assembly, Structures, Photophysical Properties and
Photocatalytic Activities of a Series of Coordination Polymers
Constructed from Semi-rigid Bis-pyridyl-bis-amide and
Benzenetricarboxylic acid**

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Table S1. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complex **1**

Co(1)–O(5)#1	2.024(2)	Co(1)–O(2)	2.118(3)
Co(1)–N(1)	2.046(2)	Co(1)–O(1)	2.236(3)
Co(1)–N(2)#2	2.056(2)	N(1)–Co(1)–O(1)	90.92(9)
O(5)#1–Co(1)–N(1)	104.86(9)	N(2)#2–Co(1)–O(1)	88.47(10)
O(5)#1–Co(1)–N(2)#2	126.05(10)	O(2)–Co(1)–O(1)	58.37(11)
N(1)–Co(1)–N(2)#2	103.48(9)	N(2)#2–Co(1)–O(2)	100.35(13)
O(5)#1–Co(1)–O(2)	85.48(9)	O(5)#1–Co(1)–O(1)	135.33(11)
N(1)–Co(1)–O(2)	140.31(15)		
Symmetry code: #1 $x, y + 1, z$; #2 $-x + 1/2, y + 1/2, -z - 1/2$			

Table S2. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complex **2**

Ni(1)–O(1)	2.0375(18)	Ni(1)–N(1)	2.113(2)
Ni(1)–O(2W)	2.069(2)	Ni(1)–N(3)	2.135(3)
Ni(1)–O(1W)	2.107(2)	Ni(1)–N(2)#1	2.158(2)
O(1)–Ni(1)–O(2W)	173.71(8)	O(1W)–Ni(1)–N(3)	97.11(13)
O(1)–Ni(1)–O(1W)	90.17(8)	N(1)–Ni(1)–N(3)	87.91(13)

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O(2W)–Ni(1)–O(1W)	83.55(8)	O(1)–Ni(1)–N(2)#1	92.35(9)
O(1)–Ni(1)–N(1)	91.18(8)	O(2W)–Ni(1)–N(2)#1	87.24(9)
O(2W)–Ni(1)–N(1)	95.05(8)	O(1W)–Ni(1)–N(2)#1	88.40(9)
O(1W)–Ni(1)–N(1)	174.79(9)	N(1)–Ni(1)–N(2)#1	86.52(9)
O(1)–Ni(1)–N(3)	90.30(11)	N(3)–Ni(1)–N(2)#1	173.88(11)
O(2W)–Ni(1)–N(3)	90.73(12)		
Symmetry code: #1 $-x - 1, -y + 1, -z$			

Table S3. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complex **3**

Cu(1)–O(1)	1.906(2)	Cu(1)–N(2)#2	2.013(3)
Cu(1)–O(3)#1	2.008(2)	Cu(1)–O(4)#1	2.371(2)
Cu(1)–N(1)	2.009(3)	O(3)#1–Cu(1)–O(4)#1	59.41(8)
O(1)–Cu(1)–O(3)#1	156.52(10)	N(1)–Cu(1)–O(4)#1	99.98(10)
O(1)–Cu(1)–N(1)	94.19(11)	N(2)#2–Cu(1)–O(4)#1	102.49(10)
O(3)#1–Cu(1)–N(1)	91.38(10)	N(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)#2	154.79(11)
O(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)#2	94.23(11)	O(1)–Cu(1)–O(4)#1	97.13(9)
O(3)#1–Cu(1)–N(2)#2	90.28(10)		
Symmetry code: #1 $x, y - 1, z$; #2 $x - 1/2, -y - 1/2, z - 1/2$			

Table S4. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complex **4**

Zn(1)–O(5)#1	1.9782(15)	Zn(1)–N(2)	2.0222(19)
Zn(1)–O(2)	1.9785(16)	Zn(1)–N(1)	2.046(2)
O(5)#1–Zn(1)–O(2)	96.71(7)	O(5)#1–Zn(1)–N(1)	116.67(7)
O(5)#1–Zn(1)–N(2)	106.53(7)	O(2)–Zn(1)–N(1)	105.34(7)
O(2)–Zn(1)–N(2)	127.98(8)	N(2)–Zn(1)–N(1)	104.45(8)
Symmetry code: #1 $x, y - 1, z$			

Table S5. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complex **5**

Cd(1)–O(5)#1	2.3091(16)	Cd(1)–O(2)	2.4050(16)
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Cd(1)–N(1)	2.3303(18)	Cd(1)–O(1)	2.5512(16)
Cd(1)–N(2)	2.3470(19)	Cd(1)–O(6)#1	2.5756(16)
Cd(1)–O(1W)	2.3655(16)	O(5)#1–Cd(1)–N(1)	139.63(6)
O(5)#1–Cd(1)–N(2)	90.27(7)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(1)	84.17(6)
N(1)–Cd(1)–N(2)	95.47(7)	N(2)–Cd(1)–O(1)	88.00(6)
O(5)#1–Cd(1)–O(1W)	89.85(6)	O(1W)–Cd(1)–O(1)	86.24(6)
N(1)–Cd(1)–O(1W)	89.72(6)	O(2)–Cd(1)–O(1)	52.77(5)
N(2)–Cd(1)–O(1W)	171.82(6)	O(5)#1–Cd(1)–O(6)#1	53.33(5)
O(5)#1–Cd(1)–O(2)	83.35(5)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(6)#1	86.30(6)
N(1)–Cd(1)–O(2)	136.35(6)	N(2)–Cd(1)–O(6)#1	96.73(7)
N(2)–Cd(1)–O(2)	90.35(7)	O(1W)–Cd(1)–O(6)#1	89.90(6)
O(1W)–Cd(1)–O(2)	81.54(6)	O(2)–Cd(1)–O(6)#1	135.95(5)
O(5)#1–Cd(1)–O(1)	136.05(5)	O(1)–Cd(1)–O(6)#1	169.73(5)
Symmetry code: #1 $x, y + 1, z$			

Table S6. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complex **6**

Co(1)–O(5)#1	2.0129(18)	Co(1)–N(1)	2.142(2)
Co(1)–O(6)#2	2.0299(19)	Co(1)–N(2)#3	2.153(2)
Co(1)–O(1)	2.095(2)	Co(1)–O(2)	2.409(2)
O(5)#1–Co(1)–O(6)#2	123.41(8)	O(1)–Co(1)–N(2)#3	95.86(9)
O(5)#1–Co(1)–O(1)	147.67(8)	N(1)–Co(1)–N(2)#3	173.39(9)
O(6)#2–Co(1)–O(1)	88.90(8)	O(5)#1–Co(1)–O(2)	90.37(7)
O(5)#1–Co(1)–N(1)	87.66(8)	O(6)#2–Co(1)–O(2)	145.98(7)
O(6)#2–Co(1)–N(1)	93.17(9)	O(1)–Co(1)–O(2)	57.54(7)
O(1)–Co(1)–N(1)	89.63(9)	N(1)–Co(1)–O(2)	92.05(8)
O(5)#1–Co(1)–N(2)#3	85.74(8)	N(2)#3–Co(1)–O(2)	87.80(8)
O(6)#2–Co(1)–N(2)#3	90.63(9)		
Symmetry code: #1 $x + 1, y, z$; #2 $-x, -y, -z + 1$; #3 $x, y + 1, z - 1$			

Table S7. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complex **7**

Ni(1)–O(3)	1.982(3)	Ni(1)–O(2)	2.125(3)
Ni(1)–N(1)	2.086(4)	Ni(1)–O(1)	2.148(3)
Ni(1)–N(2)#1	2.109(4)	N(1)–Ni(1)–O(1)	88.25(14)
O(3)–Ni(1)–N(1)	89.72(15)	N(2)#1–Ni(1)–O(1)	89.90(14)
O(3)–Ni(1)–N(2)#1	92.49(15)	O(2)–Ni(1)–O(1)	61.72(12)
N(1)–Ni(1)–N(2)#1	177.76(16)	N(2)#1–Ni(1)–O(2)	91.78(15)
O(3)–Ni(1)–O(2)	92.85(13)	O(3)–Ni(1)–O(1)	154.53(14)
N(1)–Ni(1)–O(2)	88.48(14)		
Symmetry code: #1 $-x + y + 2/3, -x + 1/3, z + 1/3$			

Table S8. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complex **8**

Cu(1)–O(1)#1	1.928(5)	Cu(1)–N(1)	1.999(7)
Cu(1)–O(1)	1.928(5)	Cu(1)–N(1)#1	1.999(7)
O(1)#1–Cu(1)–O(1)	153.7(3)	O(1)#1–Cu(1)–N(1)#1	91.1(3)
O(1)#1–Cu(1)–N(1)	91.2(2)	O(1)–Cu(1)–N(1)#1	91.2(2)
O(1)–Cu(1)–N(1)	91.1(3)	N(1)–Cu(1)–N(1)#1	170.0(4)
Symmetry code: #1 $x - y, -y, -z - 1/2$			

Table S9. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complex **9**

Zn(1)–O(1)	1.8530(13)	Zn(1)–N(1)	2.1656(16)
Zn(1)–O(6)#1	1.9771(13)	Zn(1)–O(4)#2	2.1814(15)
Zn(1)–O(3)#2	2.1445(14)	O(6)#1–Zn(1)–O(4)#2	94.76(6)
O(1)–Zn(1)–O(6)#1	107.09(6)	O(3)#2–Zn(1)–O(4)#2	62.39(5)
O(1)–Zn(1)–O(3)#2	132.36(6)	N(1)–Zn(1)–O(4)#2	145.61(7)
O(6)#1–Zn(1)–O(3)#2	111.48(6)	O(3)#2–Zn(1)–N(1)	91.31(5)
O(1)–Zn(1)–N(1)	95.74(6)	O(1)–Zn(1)–O(4)#2	87.94(6)
O(6)#1–Zn(1)–N(1)	116.43(6)		
Symmetry code: #1 $-x + 1, -y - 1, -z + 1$; #2 $x, -y - 3/2, z - 1/2$			

Table S10. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complex **10**

Cd(1)–N(2)	2.335(3)	Cd(1)–Cl(1)#1	2.5619(10)
Cd(1)–N(1)	2.344(3)	Cd(1)–Cl(1)	2.5779(10)
Cd(1)–O(1)	2.352(2)	N(2)–Cd(1)–Cl(1)	89.36(7)
Cd(1)–O(2)	2.397(2)	N(2)–Cd(1)–N(1)	173.30(10)
N(2)–Cd(1)–O(1)	85.69(9)	N(1)–Cd(1)–Cl(1)	87.85(7)
N(1)–Cd(1)–O(1)	88.68(9)	O(1)–Cd(1)–Cl(1)	98.22(6)
N(2)–Cd(1)–O(2)	93.78(9)	O(2)–Cd(1)–Cl(1)	152.97(6)
N(1)–Cd(1)–O(2)	85.99(9)	Cl(1)#1–Cd(1)–Cl(1)	119.91(4)
O(1)–Cd(1)–O(2)	55.38(8)	O(1)–Cd(1)–Cl(1)#1	141.82(6)
N(2)–Cd(1)–Cl(1)#1	92.37(7)	O(2)–Cd(1)–Cl(1)#1	86.82(6)
N(1)–Cd(1)–Cl(1)#1	94.31(8)		

Symmetry code: #1 $-x + y, -x - 1, z$

Table S11. Hydrogen bonding geometries (Å, °) of complexes **1**, **2**, **3**, **5**, **6** and **9**

Complex	D–H···A	D–H	H···A	D···A	D–H···A
1	N4–H4A···O6	0.86	2.02	2.3717	171
2	O1W–H1WB···O5	0.85	2.29	2.7466	113
3	N3–H3B···O4	0.86	2.11	2.8978	151
5	O1W–H1WA···O6	0.85	2.03	2.7369	141
6	O2W–H2WB···O1	0.85	2.17	2.9919	164
9	N2–H2B···O2	0.86	1.89	2.7271	166

Table S12. The R and R² values of peak currents vs. scan rates/square root of scan rates

Values	1-CPE	2-CPE	3-CPE	6-CPE	7-CPE	8-CPE
R (peak current vs. scan rate)	0.99598	0.99996	0.75330	0.99380	0.99894	0.98909
R ² (peak current vs. scan rate)	0.99198	0.99992	0.56746	0.98764	0.99788	0.97830
R (peak current vs. square root of scan rate)	0.97941	0.98832	0.83659	0.97139	0.98707	0.99293
R ² (peak current vs. square root of scan rate)	0.95924	0.97678	0.69988	0.94360	0.97431	0.98591

Note: R= correlation coefficient

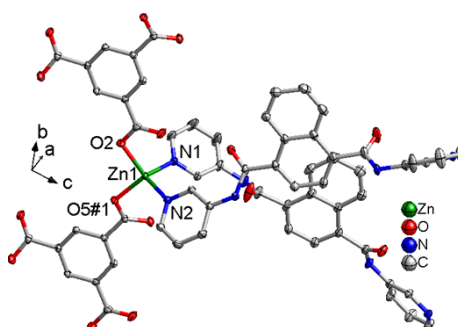


Fig. S1 ORTEP view of **4** showing the local coordination environment of the Zn(II) ion with hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity (50% probability displacement ellipsoids).

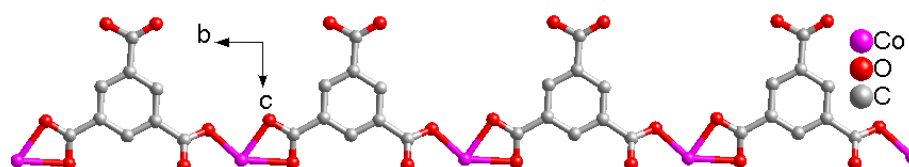


Fig. S2 The 1D [Co(1,3,5-HBTC)]_n chain of complex **1**.

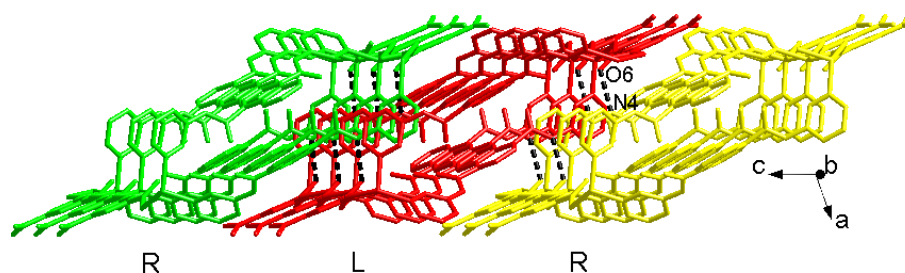


Fig. S3 View of 2D supramolecular architecture formed by N–H···O hydrogen-bonding interactions (H bonds: dotted line) in **1**.

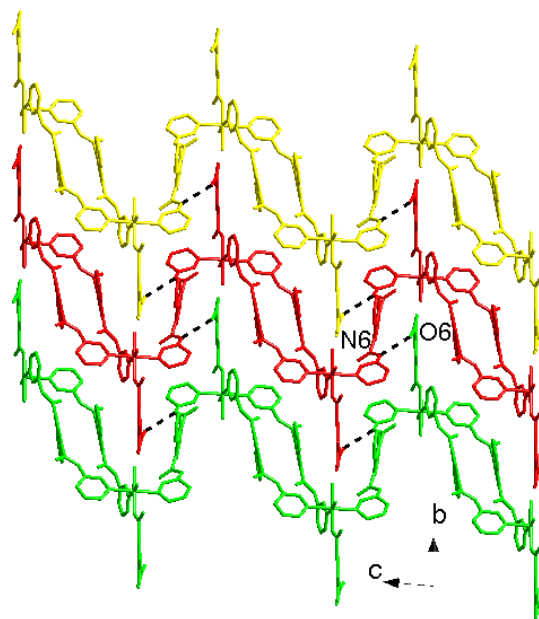


Fig. S4 View of 2D supramolecular architecture formed by hydrogen-bonding interaction in **2** (H bonds: dotted line).

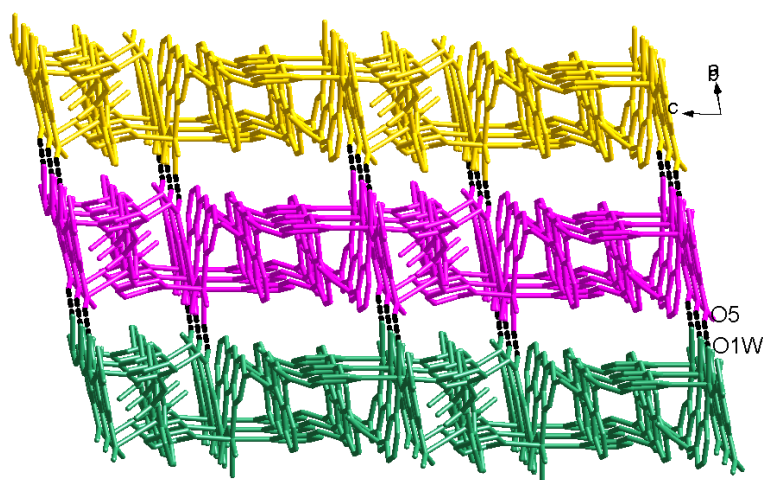


Fig. S5 View of 3D supramolecular architecture formed by hydrogen-bonding interaction in **2** (H bonds: dotted line).

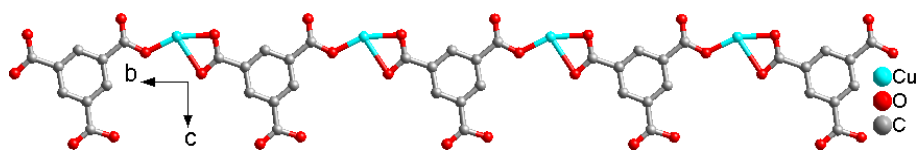


Fig. S6 The 1D $[\text{Cu}(1,3,5\text{-HBTC})]_n$ chain of complex **3**.

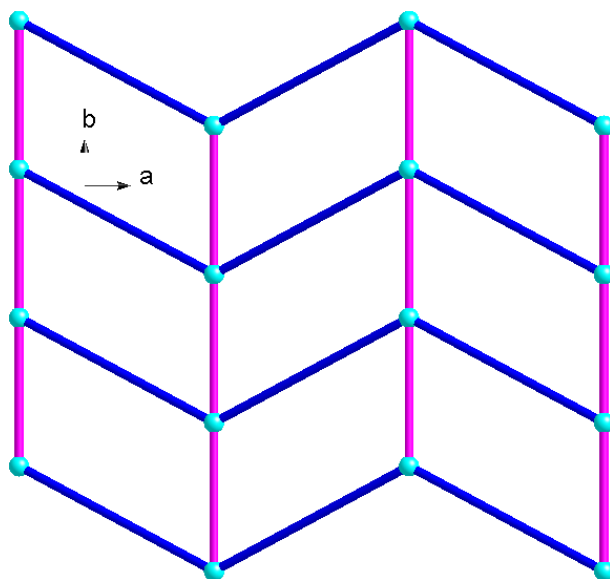


Fig. S7 Schematic representation of *sql* net in **3**.

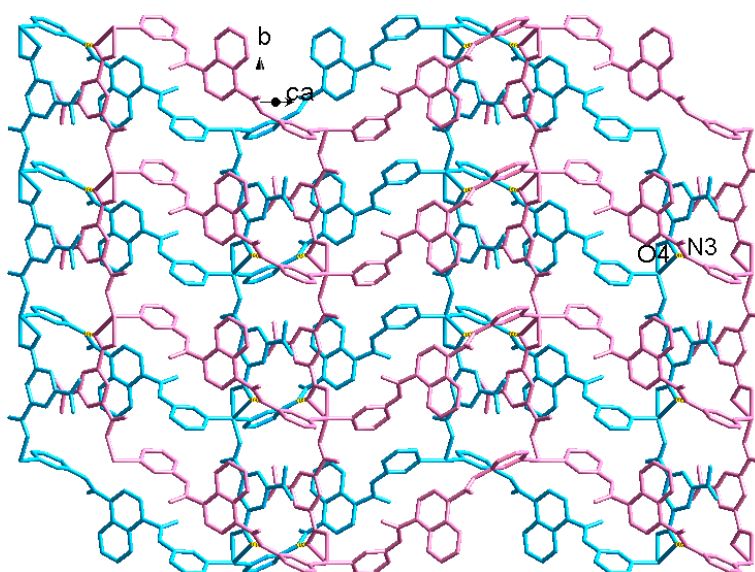


Fig. S8 View of 3D supramolecular architecture formed by hydrogen-bonding interaction in **3** (H bonds: dotted line).

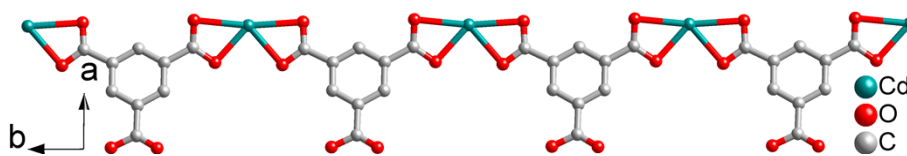


Fig. S9 The 1D $[\text{Cd}(1,3,5\text{-HBTC})]_n$ chain of complex **5**.

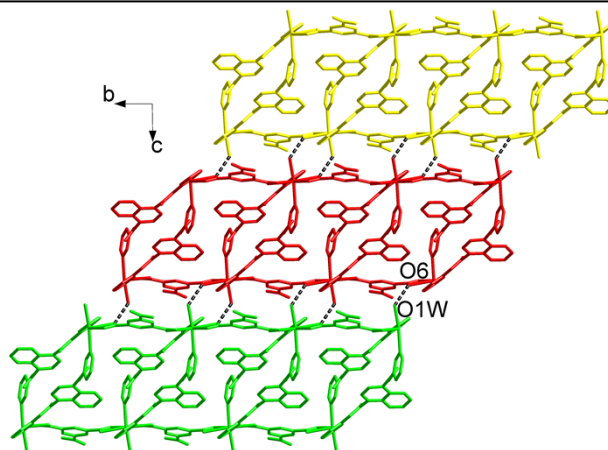


Fig. S10 View of 2D supramolecular architecture formed by hydrogen-bonding interaction in **5** (H bonds: dotted line).

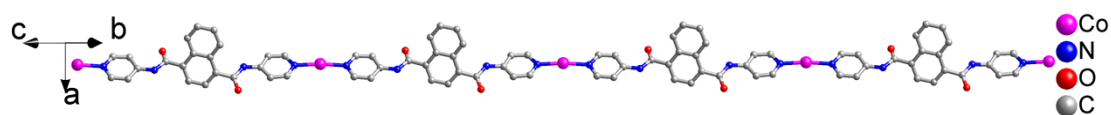


Fig. S11 The 1D $[\text{Co}(4\text{-DPNA})]_n$ linear chain of complex **6**.

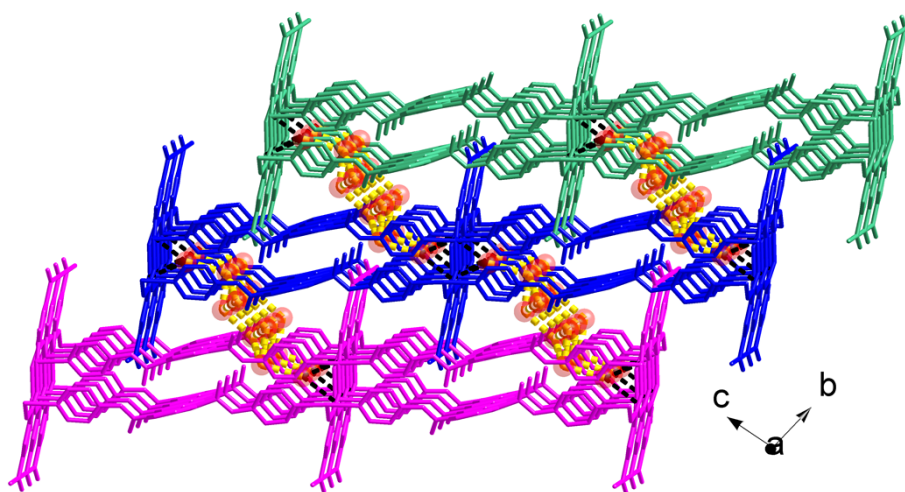


Fig. S12 View of 3D supramolecular architecture by hydrogen-bonding interaction in **6** (H bonds: dotted line).

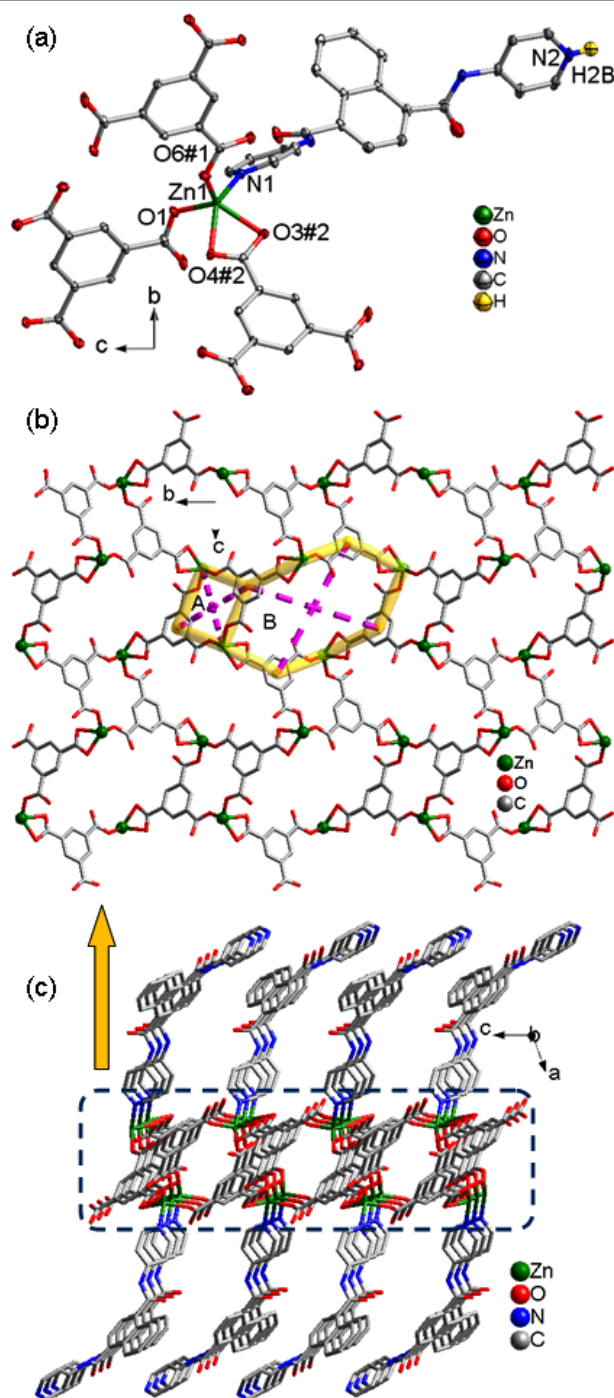


Fig. S13 (a) The coordination geometry of the Zn(II) ion in **9**. (b) View of the $[\text{Zn}-(1,3,5\text{-BTC})]_n$ 2D network. (c) View of the 2D network of complex **9** with 4-Hdpna hanging on the $[\text{Zn}-(1,3,5\text{-BTC})]_n$ 2D network.

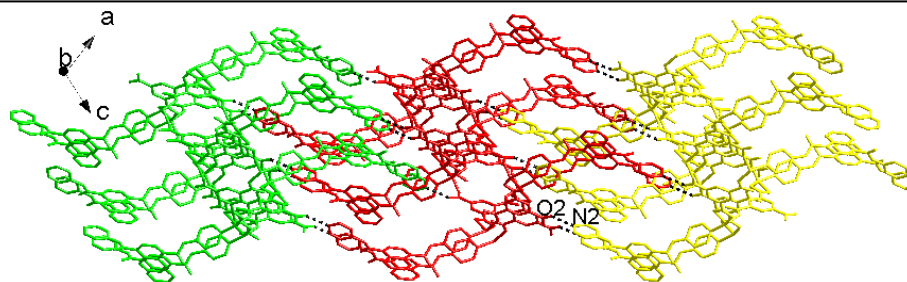
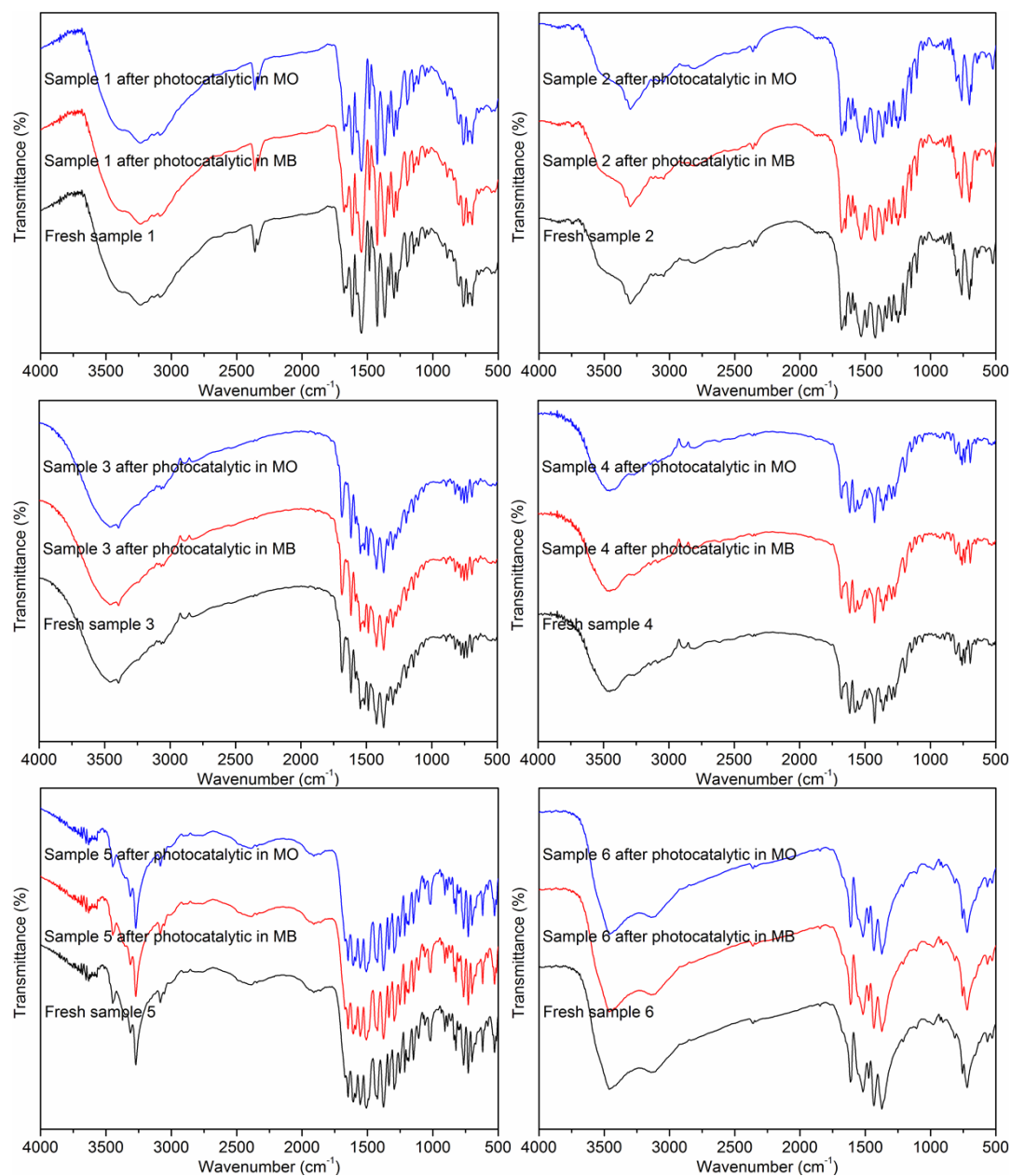


Fig. S14 View of 3D supramolecular architecture formed by hydrogen-bonding interaction in **9** (H bonds: dotted line).



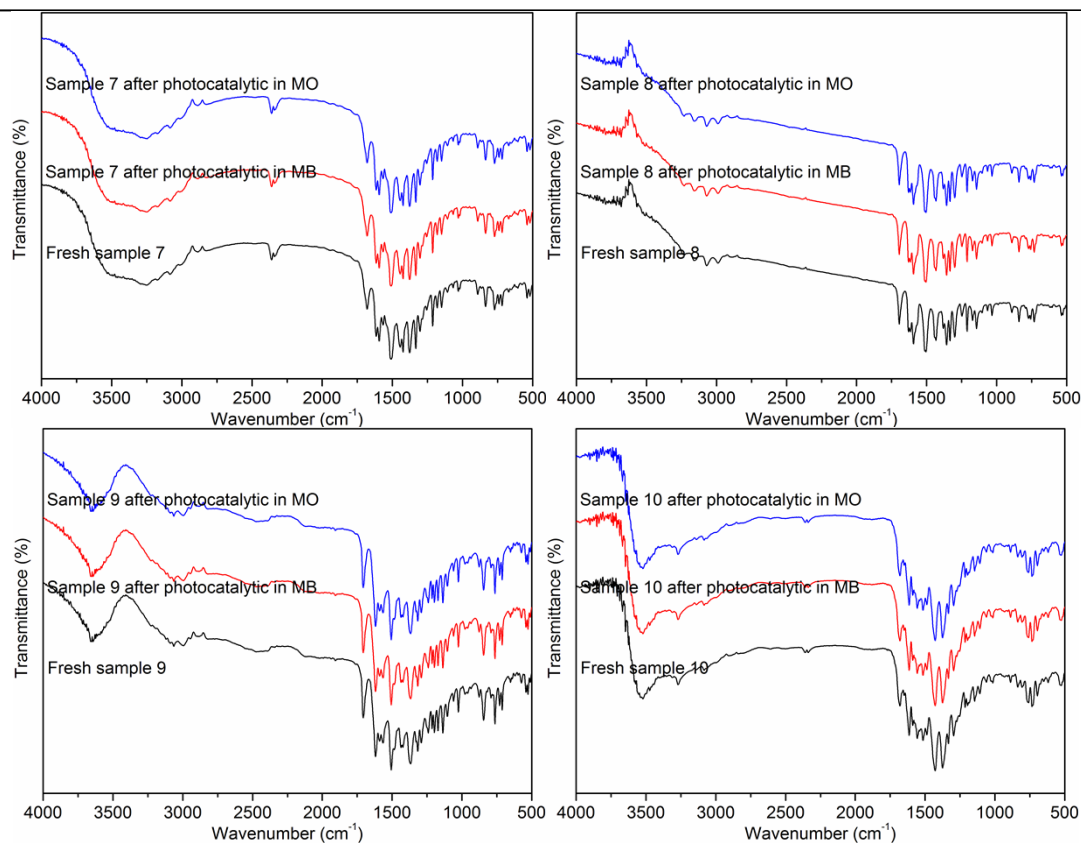
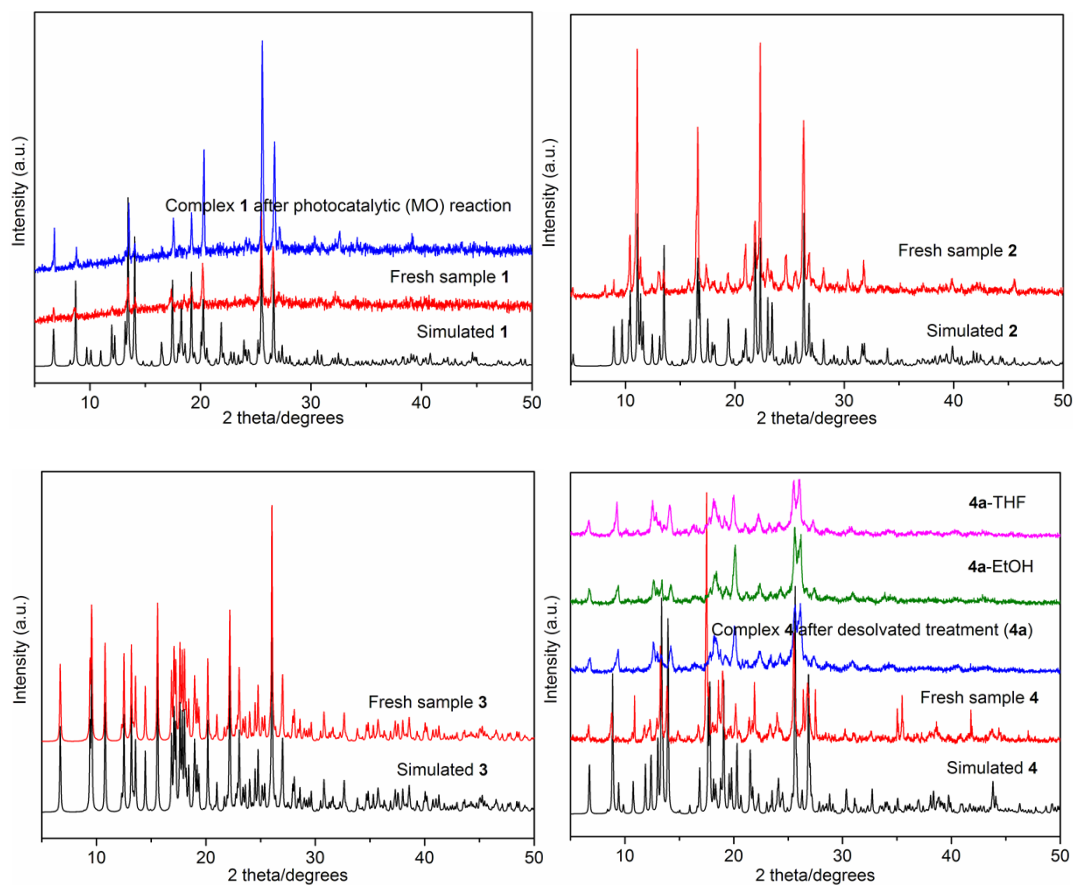


Fig. S15 The IR spectra of complexes 1–10.



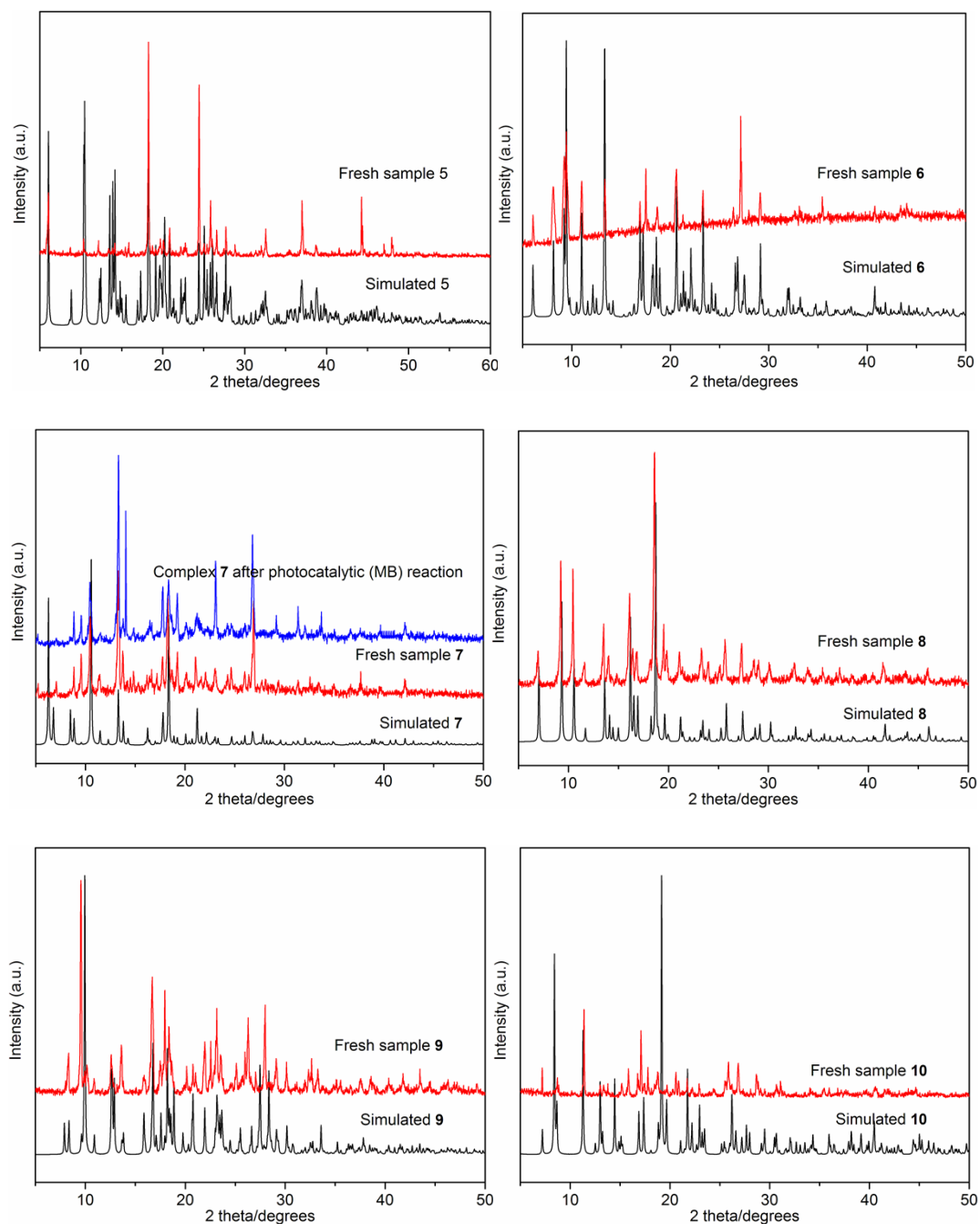


Fig. S16 The powder X-ray diffraction patterns of simulated and fresh samples, as well as some of those after photocatalysis or solvent exchange for complexes **1–10**.

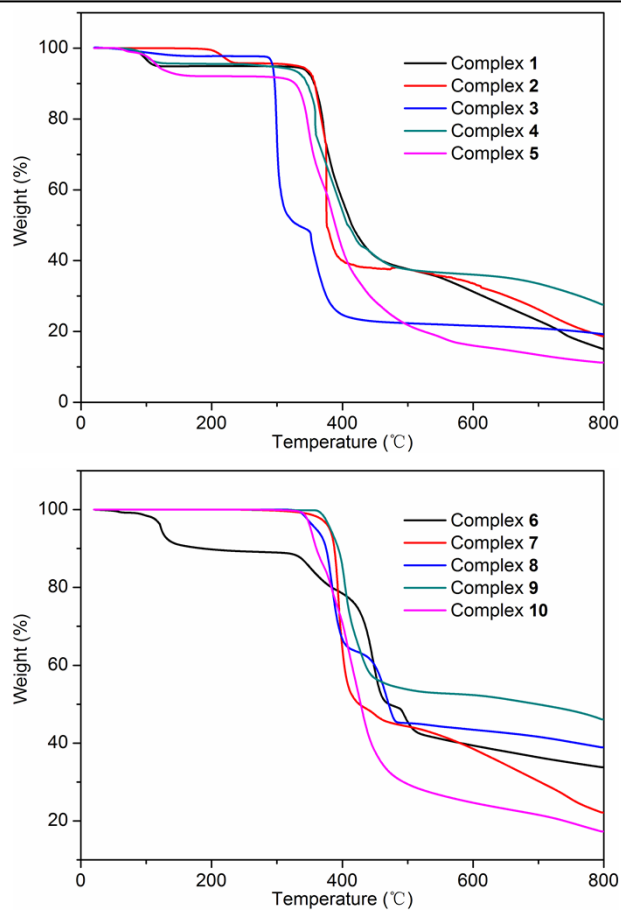


Fig. S17 The TG curves of complexes 1–10.

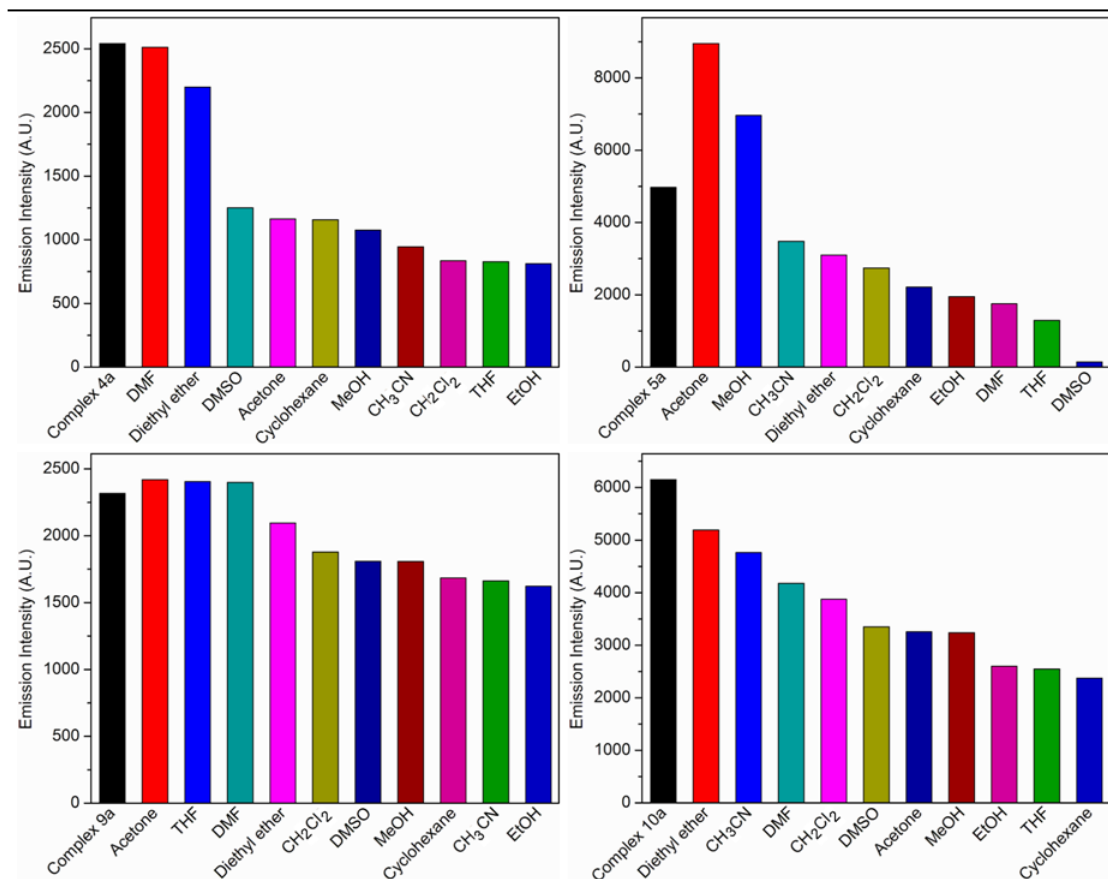


Fig. S18 Fluorescence intensity histograms of 4a-, 5a-, 9a- and 10a-solvents.

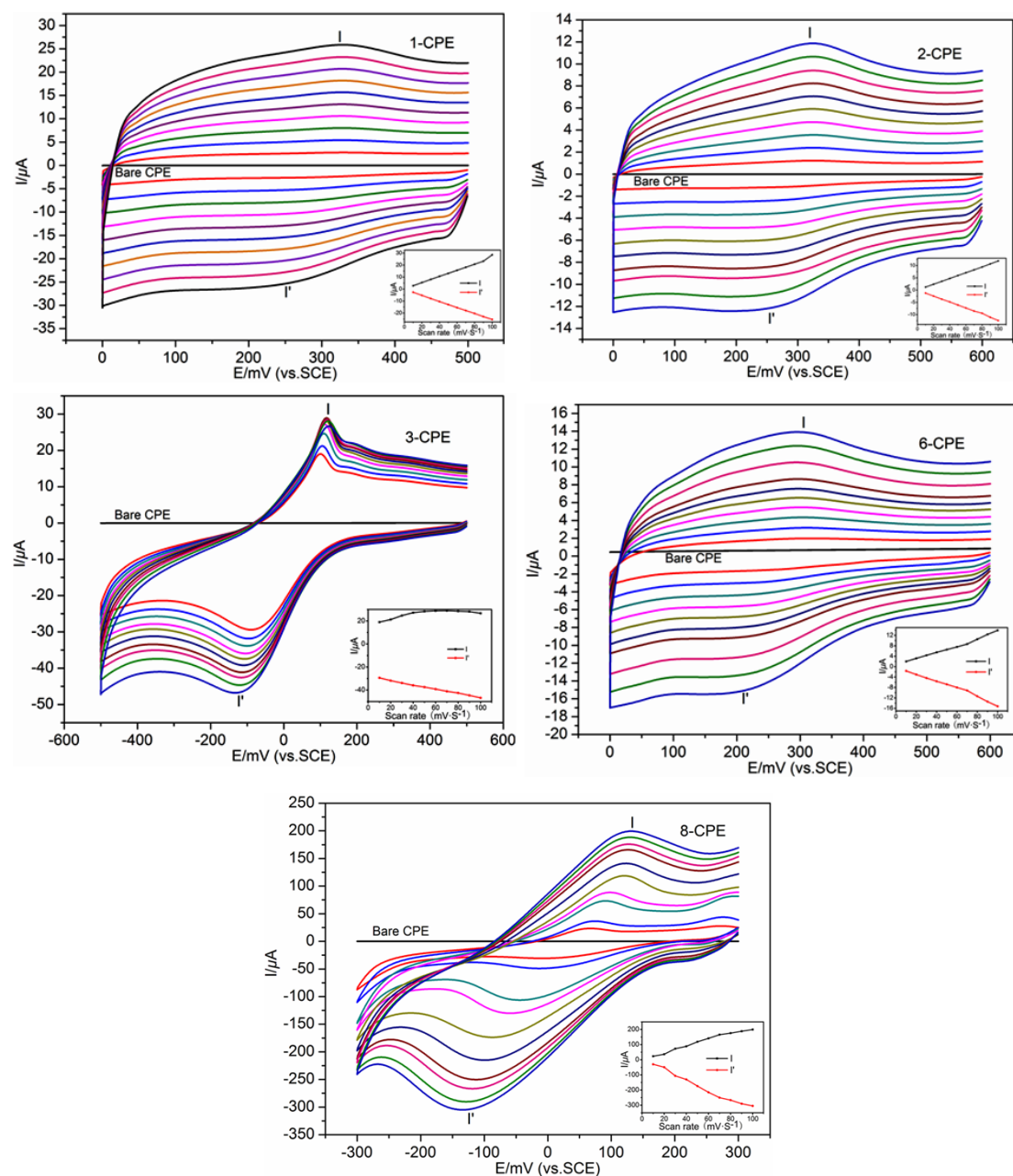


Fig. S19 Cyclic voltammograms of the 1-, 2-, 3-, 6-, 8-CPE in 0.01 M H_2SO_4 + 0.5 M Na_2SO_4 aqueous solution at different scan rates (from inner to outer: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 $\text{mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$). The inset shows the plots of the anodic and cathodic peak currents against scan rates.

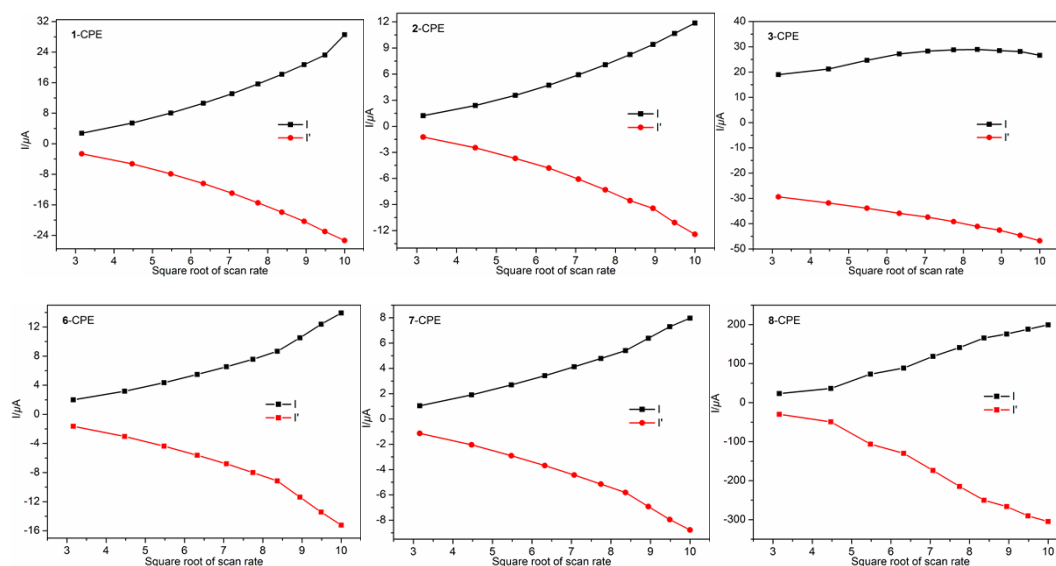
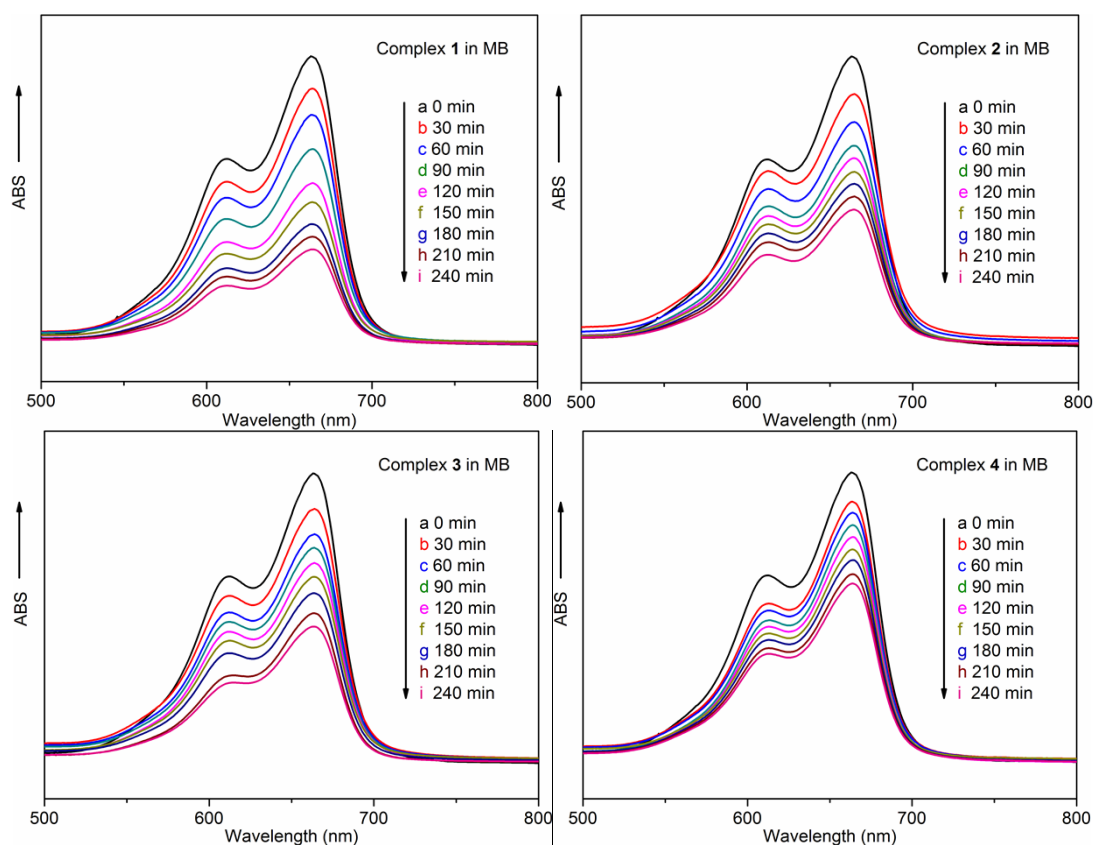


Fig. S20 The plots of the anodic and cathodic peak currents against square root of scan rates.



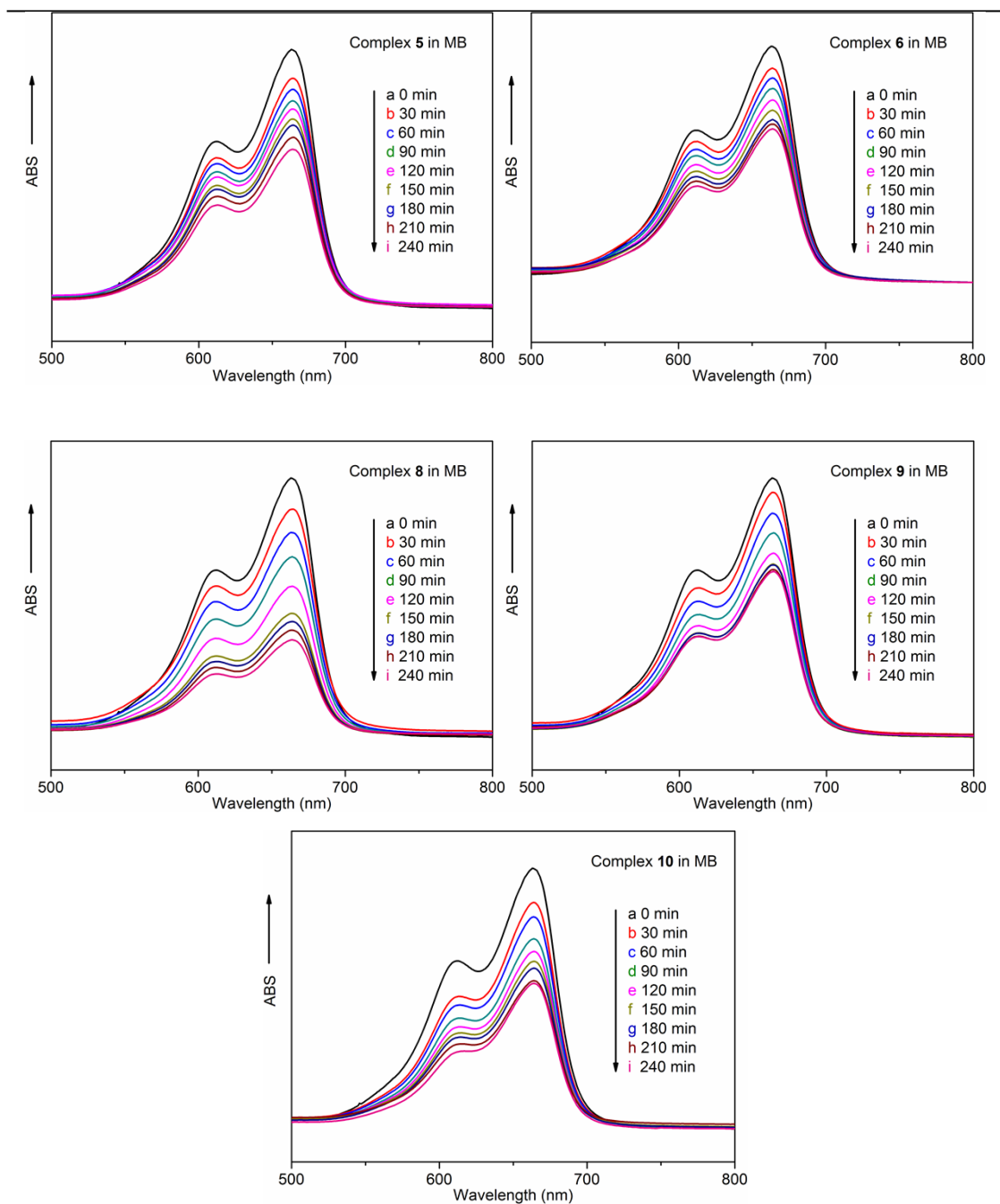
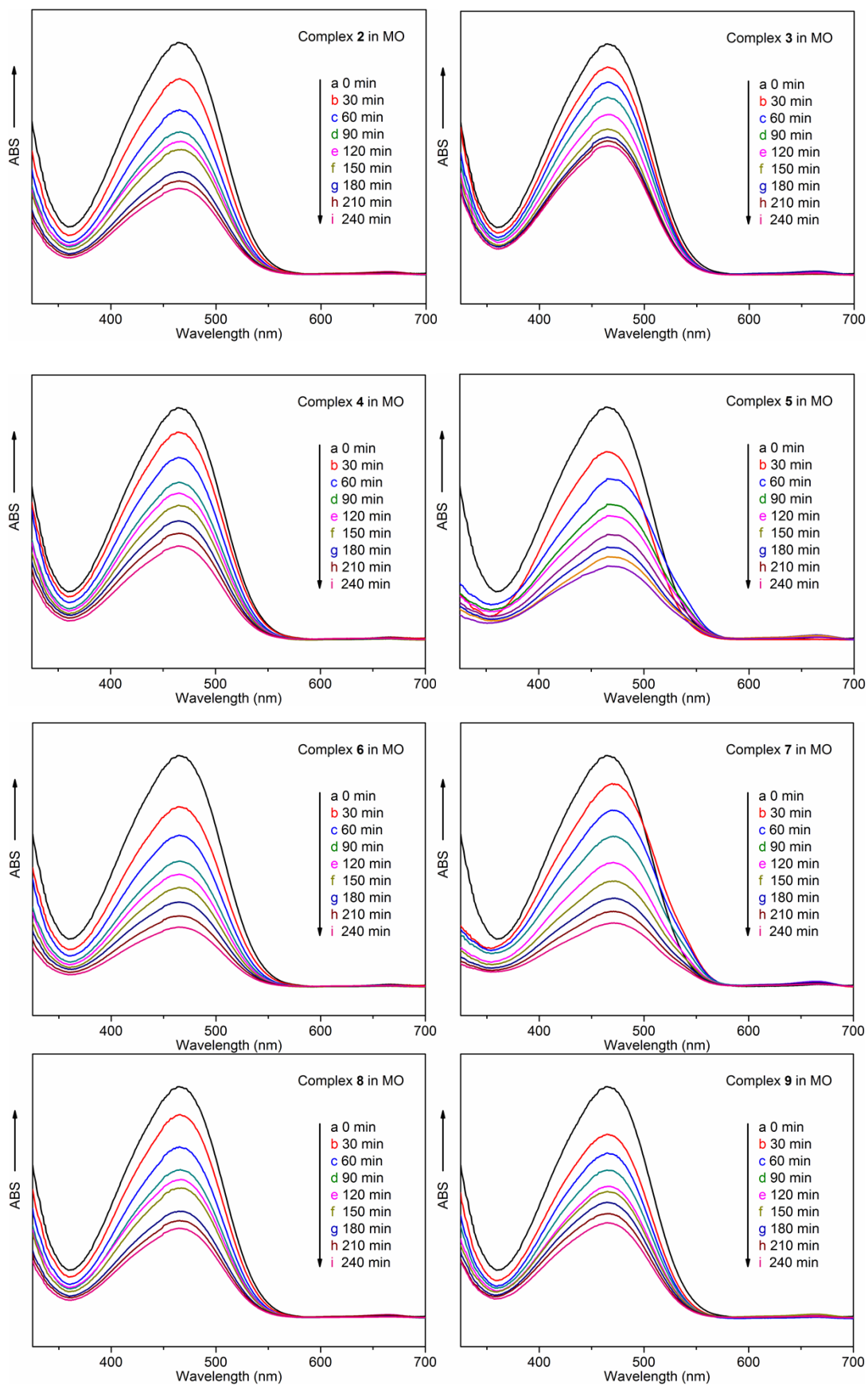


Fig. S21 Absorption spectra of the MB solution during the decomposition reaction under UV irradiation with the presence of complexes **1–6** and **8–10**.



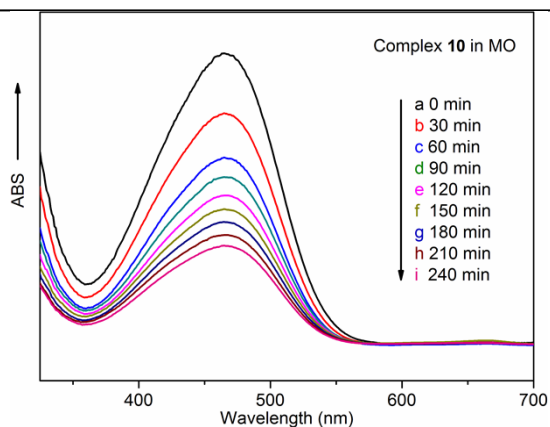


Fig. S22 Absorption spectra of the MO solution during the decomposition reaction under UV irradiation with the presence of complexes **2–10**.