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## Chiral Spin-crossover complexes based on an enantiopure Schiff base ligand with three chiral carbon centers

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**Table S2** Crystal data and structure refinement for [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>].

**Table S3** Crystal data and structure refinement for refinement for [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>].

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**Fig. S3** Asymmetric unit of [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (left) and [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (right) at 120 K (top), 300 K (medium) and 400 K (bottom). Fe (brown), Se (orange), C (black), N (blue) and O (red). Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

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**Fig. S5** Thermal variation of the average Fe-N distances for [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] (green circles) and [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] (red circles) (a) and [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (green circles) and [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (red circles) (b). Thermal variation of unit cell volumes for [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] (green circles) and [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] (red circles) (c) and [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (green circles) and [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (red circles) (d).

**Table S5** Bond lengths and distortion parameters of [Fe(*RR*-S- and *SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCX)<sub>2</sub>] at variable temperatures. Dashed values correspond to the second configuration of the complexes found in some of the structures.

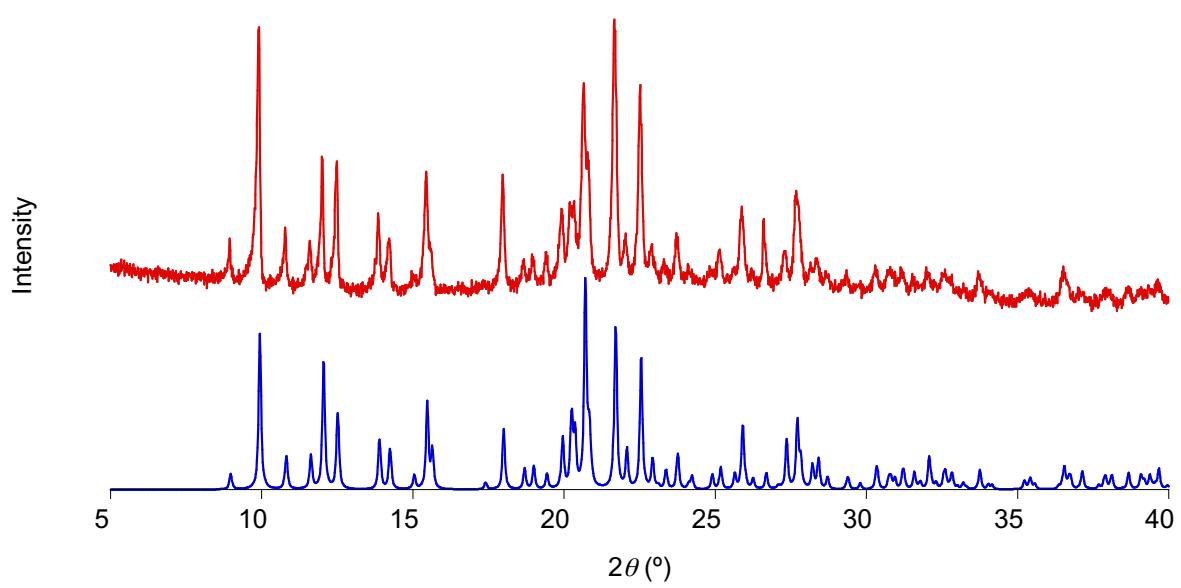
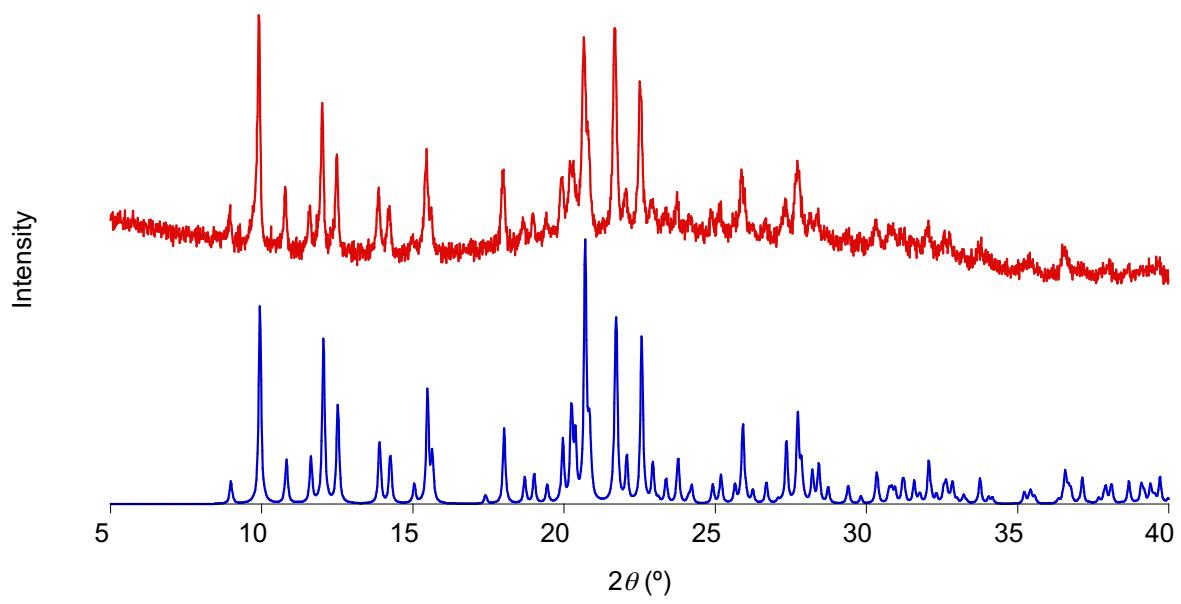
**Fig. S6** Chains of complexes in the structure of [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (top) and [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (bottom) at 120 K linked through intermolecular interactions (red dashed lines).

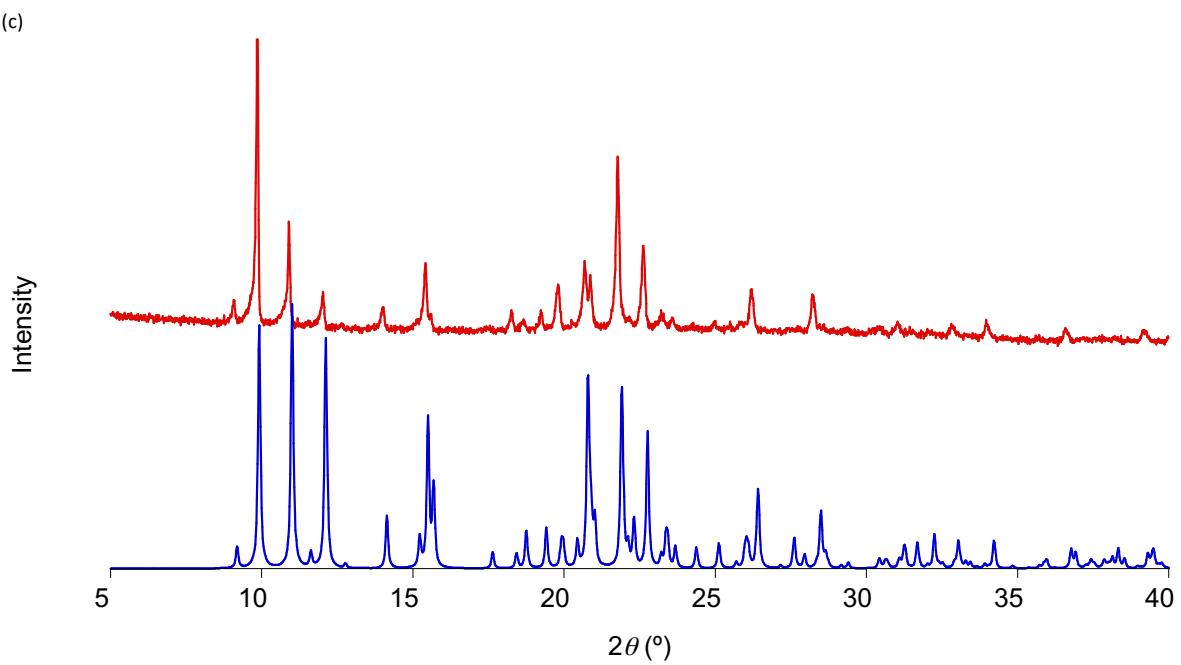
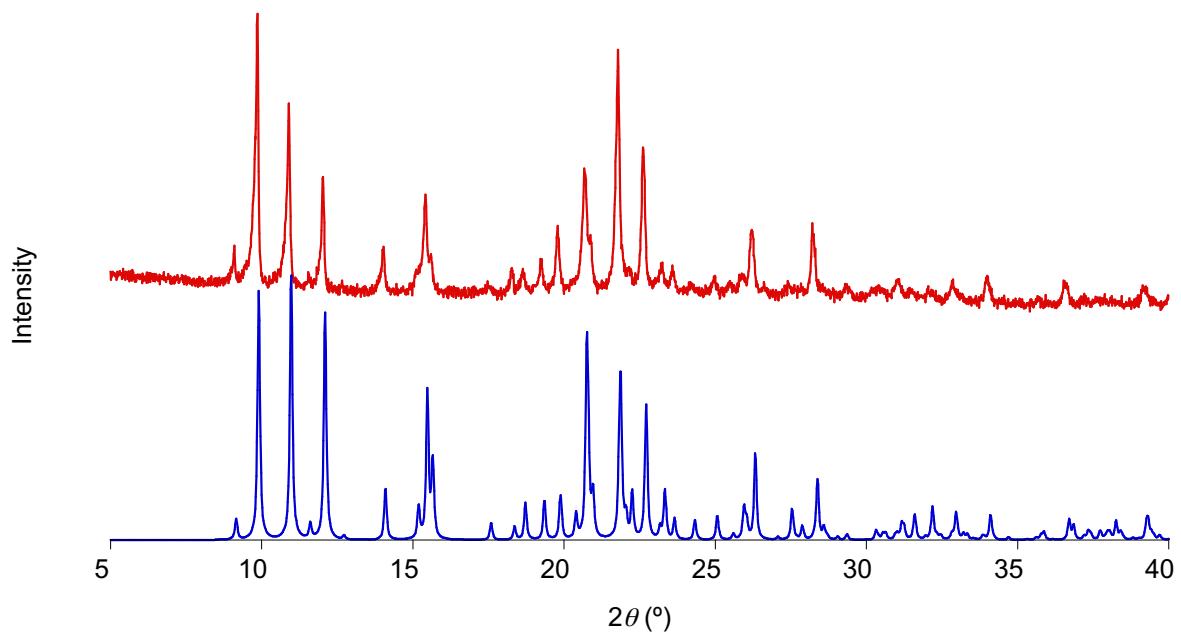
**Fig. S7** UV-vis spectra and High Tension (HT) Voltage of CD measurements for 1 mM CHCl<sub>3</sub> solutions of [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] and [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (left) and [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] and [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] (right).

**Fig. S8** Images of CHCl<sub>3</sub> and MeCN solutions of [Fe(*RR*-S- or *SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCX)<sub>2</sub>].

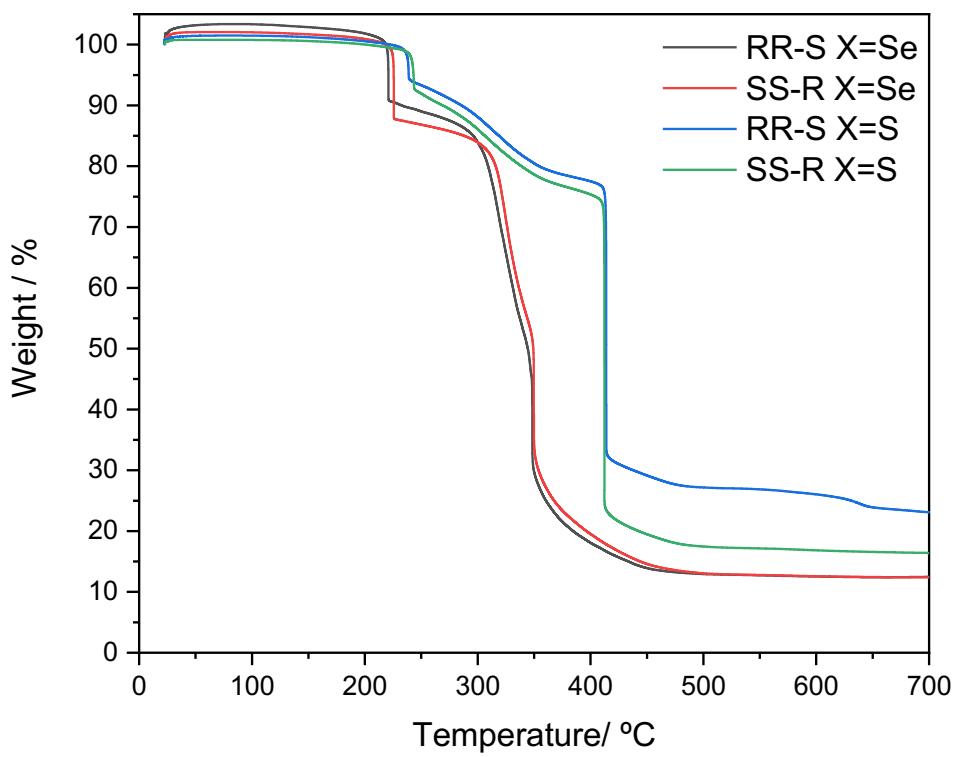
**Fig. S9** Absorbance spectra of [Fe(*RR*-S- or *SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCX)<sub>2</sub>] in the solid state.

**Fig. S10** Time variation of  $\chi_{MT}$  for [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (green circles) and [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (red circles) (top), [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] (green circles) and [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] (red circles) (bottom) after irradiation at 10 K with 808 nm in the LIESST experiments from Fig. 5. [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] and [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] were first irradiated with 660 nm (3.4 h for [Fe(*RR*-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] and 0.5 h for [Fe(*SS*-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>]).





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**Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for [Fe(RR-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>].**

Empirical formula	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>26</sub> FeN <sub>6</sub> OSe <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>26</sub> FeN <sub>6</sub> OSe <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>26</sub> FeN <sub>6</sub> OSe <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>26</sub> FeN <sub>6</sub> OSe <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>26</sub> FeN <sub>6</sub> OSe <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	616.27	616.27	616.27	616.27	616.27
Temperature/K	119.90(14)	159.90(14)	199.95(10)	299.95(10)	400.00(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub>				
a/Å	8.7881(4)	8.8057(4)	8.8390(6)	8.9654(5)	9.0291(6)
b/Å	14.4060(5)	14.4435(5)	14.5072(8)	14.6855(7)	14.7931(10)
c/Å	9.8793(4)	9.8922(5)	9.9010(7)	9.9205(6)	9.9962(7)
α/°	90	90	90	90	90
β/°	98.194(4)	98.118(5)	98.031(6)	97.425(5)	97.426(7)
γ/°	90	90	90	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1237.96(9)	1245.53(10)	1257.15(14)	1295.19(12)	1323.98(16)
Z	2	2	2	2	2
ρ <sub>calcg/cm<sup>3</sup></sub>	1.653	1.643	1.628	1.580	1.546
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.577	3.555	3.522	3.419	3.345
F(000)	616.0	616.0	616.0	616.0	616.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.19 × 0.1 × 0.1	0.19 × 0.1 × 0.1	0.19 × 0.1 × 0.1	0.19 × 0.1 × 0.1	0.19 × 0.1 × 0.1
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)				
2Θ range for data collection/°	5.656 to 60.922	5.642 to 48.92	5.616 to 61.136	5.548 to 61.062	5.724 to 61.23
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 11, -20 ≤ k ≤ 19, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13	-8 ≤ h ≤ 10, -15 ≤ k ≤ 14, -10 ≤ l ≤ 9	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -14 ≤ l ≤ 13	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -13 ≤ l ≤ 14	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -14 ≤ l ≤ 14
Reflections collected	11745	5620	21103	21667	22116
Independent reflections	6663 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0443, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0965]	2934 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0480, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0891]	6964 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0613, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0890]	7197 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0709, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.1114]	7367 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1142, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.1731]
Data/restraints/parameters	6663/1/299	2934/1/299	6964/1/299	7197/9/312	7367/1/299
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.994	1.023	1.001	0.966	0.943
Final R indexes [I>=2σ(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0566, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0932	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0494, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0776	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0550, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0922	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0595, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0982	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0675, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1219
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0893, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1067	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0725, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0880	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1119, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1108	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1777, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1339	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.2473, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1869
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.99/-0.59	0.49/-0.36	0.64/-0.37	0.45/-0.36	0.36/-0.33
Flack parameter	0.005(9)	-0.007(16)	0.016(8)	0.016(9)	-0.020(18)

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Formula weight	616.27	615.26	616.27	616.27
Temperature/K	120.00(10)	300.00(10)	340.00(14)	400.6(8)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å	8.7851(6)	8.9670(5)	9.0034(12)	9.0416(18)
b/Å	14.3976(10)	14.6787(8)	14.735(3)	14.803(3)
c/Å	9.8896(6)	9.9286(5)	9.9527(14)	10.017(2)
α/°	90	90	90	90
β/°	98.260(7)	97.401(5)	97.345(13)	97.447(18)
γ/°	90	90	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1237.90(14)	1295.95(12)	1309.5(4)	1329.4(5)
Z	2	2	2	2
ρ <sub>calcg/cm<sup>3</sup></sub>	1.653	1.577	1.563	1.540
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.577	3.417	3.381	3.331
F(000)	616.0	614.0	616.0	616.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.23 × 0.04 × 0.02	0.23 × 0.04 × 0.02	0.23 × 0.04 × 0.02	0.23 × 0.04 × 0.02
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)			
2Θ range for data collection/°	5.66 to 61.012	5.764 to 61.01	5.748 to 48.98	6.342 to 61.276
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 11, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -12 ≤ l ≤ 13	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -14 ≤ l ≤ 13	-9 ≤ h ≤ 10, -13 ≤ k ≤ 14, -10 ≤ l ≤ 11	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -19 ≤ k ≤ 21, -12 ≤ l ≤ 14
Reflections collected	11793	21626	5812	10855
Independent reflections	6661 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0769, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.1748]	7211 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1224, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.2146]	2778 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1119, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.2066]	6842 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1739, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.5612]
Data/restraints/parameters	6661/1/299	7211/9/267	2778/1/299	6842/1/259
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.988	0.943	0.934	0.866
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0742, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0913	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0725, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0870	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0652, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0953	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0898, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1608
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1580, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1194	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.2576, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1323	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1890, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1447	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.4421, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.3073
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.88/-0.61	0.52/-0.37	0.30/-0.28	0.42/-0.35
Flack parameter	0.004(15)	-0.009(15)	-0.01(3)	0.00(4)

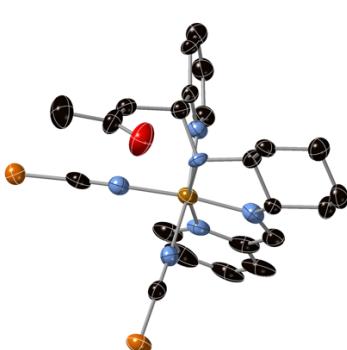
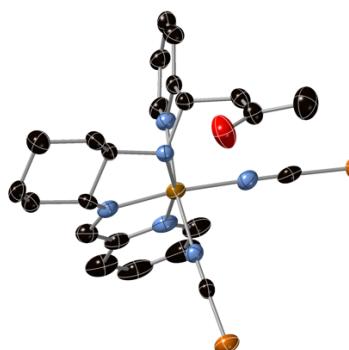
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Formula weight	522.47	521.46	522.47	522.47	522.47
Temperature/K	92.05(10)	149.8(4)	199.90(14)	249.90(14)	299.95(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub>				
a/Å	8.8449(5)	8.9161(4)	8.9560(5)	8.9762(8)	8.9966(4)
b/Å	14.4593(7)	14.5306(6)	14.5794(8)	14.6245(11)	14.6464(6)
c/Å	9.6066(4)	9.6438(4)	9.6812(4)	9.7166(6)	9.7359(3)
α/°	90	90	90	90	90
β/°	96.395(4)	96.383(4)	96.444(5)	96.509(7)	96.448(3)
γ/°	90	90	90	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1220.95(10)	1241.67(9)	1256.12(11)	1267.30(17)	1274.76(9)
Z	2	2	2	2	2
ρ <sub>calcg/cm<sup>3</sup></sub>	1.421	1.395	1.381	1.369	1.361
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.817	0.803	0.794	0.787	0.782
F(000)	544.0	542.0	544.0	544.0	544.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.79 × 0.21 × 0.08	0.79 × 0.21 × 0.08	0.79 × 0.21 × 0.08	0.79 × 0.21 × 0.08	0.79 × 0.21 × 0.08
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)				
2Θ range for data collection/°	5.634 to 59.808	5.904 to 59.664	5.876 to 59.59	5.858 to 59.718	5.848 to 59.71
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 11, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -13 ≤ l ≤ 12	-11 ≤ h ≤ 12, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -12 ≤ l ≤ 13	-12 ≤ h ≤ 11, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13	-11 ≤ h ≤ 12, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13	-12 ≤ h ≤ 11, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	11925	12097	12244	12380	12358
Independent reflections	6170 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0330, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0661]	6271 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0344, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0690]	6340 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0332, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0711]	6386 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0372, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0798]	6456 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0393, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0868]
Data/restraints/parameters	6170/5/352	6271/6/322	6340/1/362	6386/7/341	6456/7/362
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.023	1.034	1.023	1.005	1.012
Final R indexes	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0487, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0912	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0538, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1025	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0500, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0844	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0538, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0887	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0545, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0815
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0694, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1034	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0839, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1206	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0929, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1030	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1109, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1133	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1319, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1110
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.47/-0.29	0.49/-0.33	0.43/-0.31	0.38/-0.28	0.30/-0.24
Flack parameter	0.002(11)	-0.002(13)	0.005(12)	0.020(13)	-0.016(14)

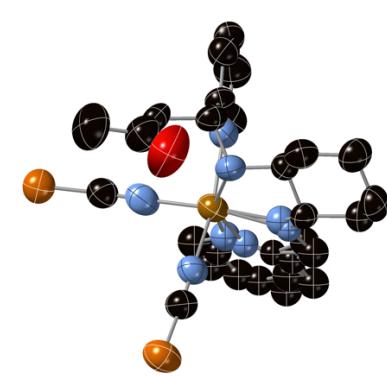
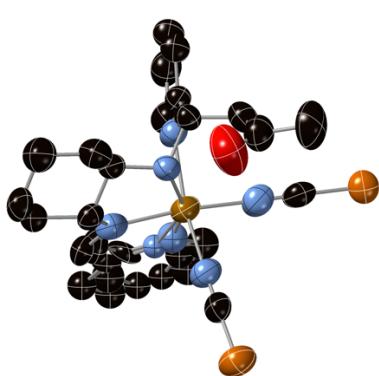
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Formula weight	522.47	496.76	522.47	522.47
Temperature/K	92(3)	132(4)	202(3)	401(1)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å	8.8517(3)	8.9004(4)	8.9656(5)	9.0250(4)
b/Å	14.4554(5)	14.5127(8)	14.5928(9)	14.7281(8)
c/Å	9.5844(3)	9.6200(4)	9.6785(5)	9.7940(4)
α/°	90	90	90	90
β/°	96.324(3)	96.242(4)	96.291(5)	96.401(4)
γ/°	90	90	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1218.91(7)	1235.24(10)	1258.64(12)	1293.71(11)
Z	2	2	2	2
ρ <sub>calcd</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.424	1.336	1.379	1.341
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.818	0.805	0.792	0.771
F(000)	544.0	493.0	544.0	544.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.23 × 0.06 × 0.04	0.23 × 0.06 × 0.04	0.23 × 0.06 × 0.04	0.23 × 0.06 × 0.04
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2Θ range for data collection/°	5.948 to 55.468	5.614 to 59.728	5.584 to 59.53	5.532 to 59.79
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -10 ≤ l ≤ 12	-7 ≤ h ≤ 12, -20 ≤ k ≤ 19, -13 ≤ l ≤ 11	-12 ≤ h ≤ 7, -20 ≤ k ≤ 19, -11 ≤ l ≤ 13	-12 ≤ h ≤ 7, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -11 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	8677	10926	11180	11534
Independent reflections	4813 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0435, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0999]	6147 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0441, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.1034]	6261 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0435, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.1059]	6472 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0618, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.1371]
Data/restraints/parameters	4813/1/292	6147/9/312	6261/7/312	6472/1/299
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.021	1.005	1.004	0.995
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0589, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0875	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0634, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0954	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0635, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0910	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0617, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0864
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0936, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1030	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1173, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1167	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1322, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1167	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.2071, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1407
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.48/-0.31	0.45/-0.30	0.48/-0.26	0.43/-0.26
Flack parameter	-0.001(16)	0.000(15)	0.022(15)	0.01(2)

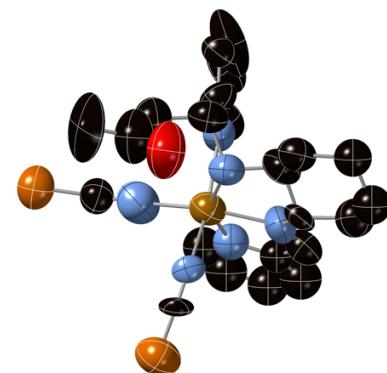
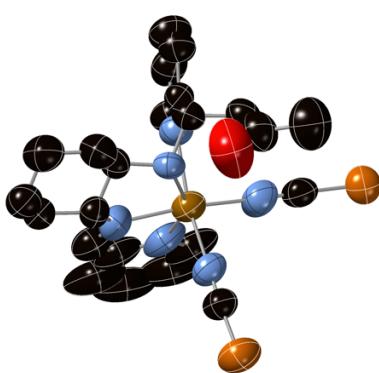
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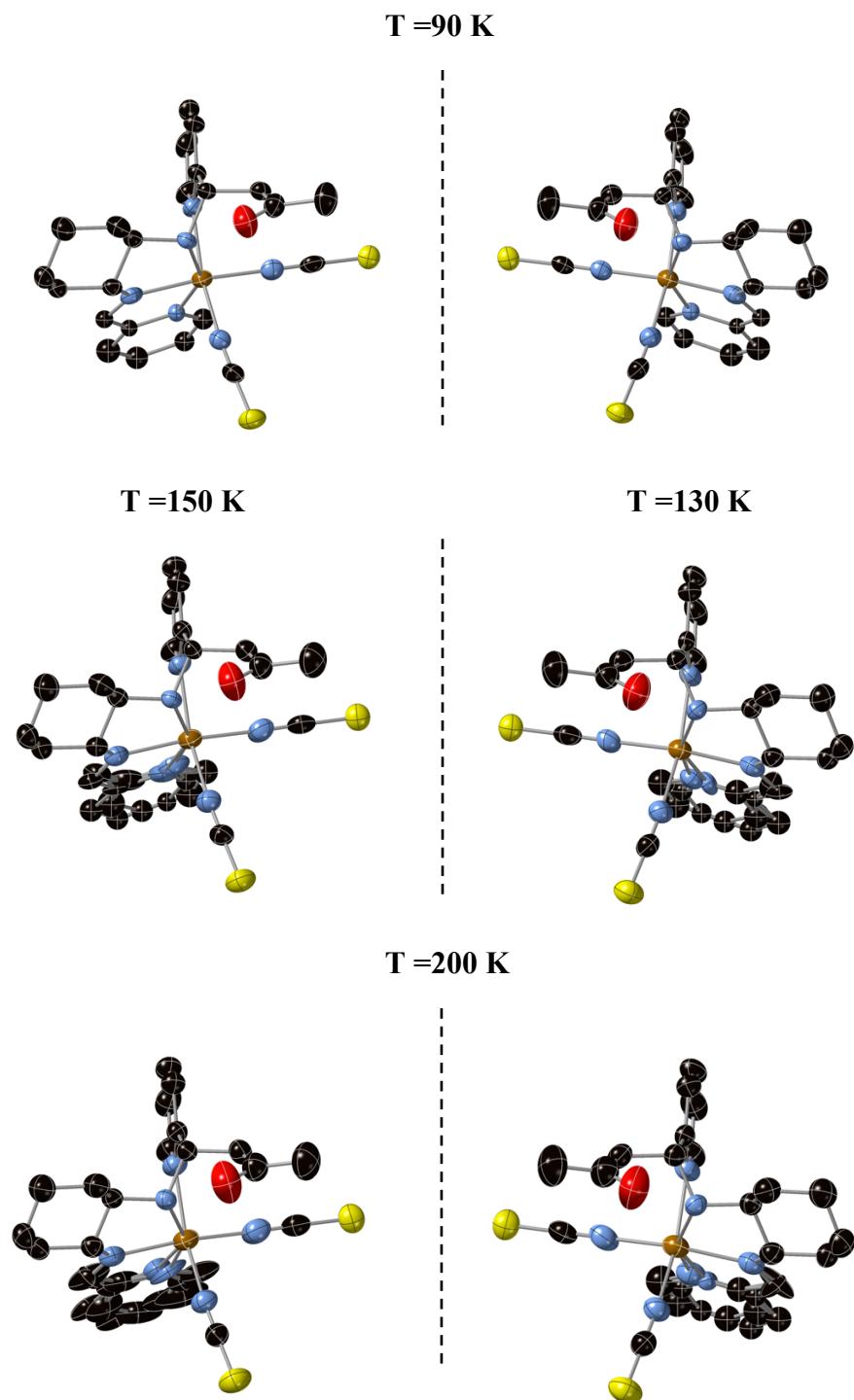
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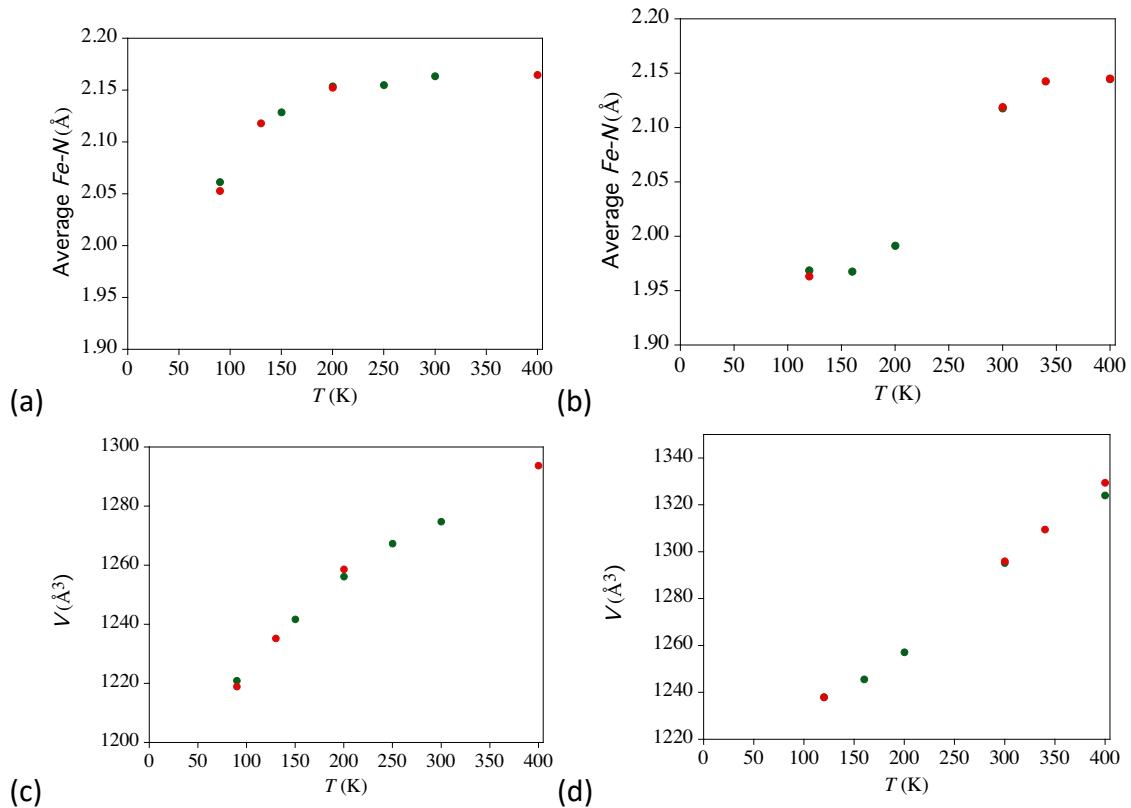
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**Fig. S3** Asymmetric unit of  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-S-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (left) and  $[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-R-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (right) at 120 K (top), 300 K (medium) and 400 K (bottom). Fe (brown), Se (orange), C (black), N (blue) and O (red). Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.



**Fig. S4** Asymmetric unit of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{RR-S-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (left) and  $[\text{Fe}(\text{SS-R-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (right) at 90 K (top), 150 K (*RR-S-*) and 130 K (*SS-R-*) (medium) and 200 K (bottom). Fe (brown), S (yellow), C (black), N (blue) and O (red). Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

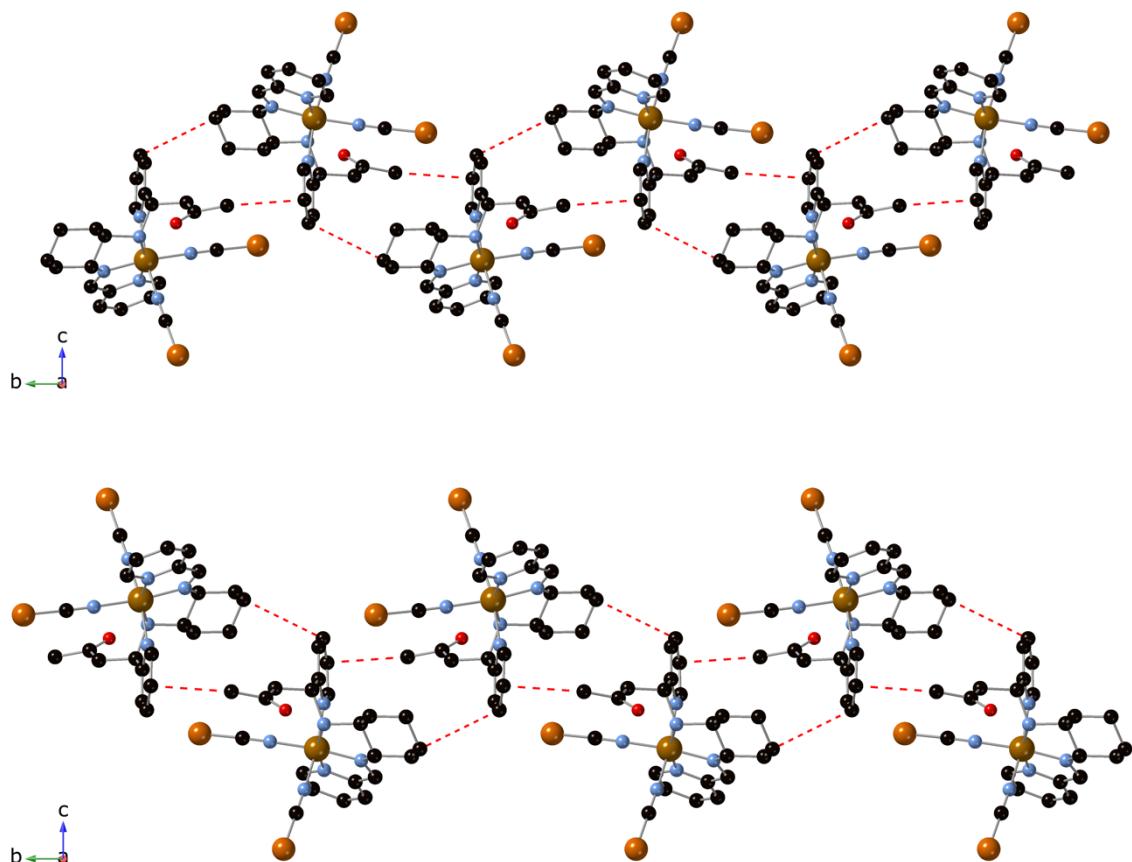


**Fig. S5** Thermal variation of the average Fe-N distances for  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCS})_2]$  (green circles) and  $[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-}R\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCS})_2]$  (red circles) (**a**) and  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (green circles) and  $[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-}R\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (red circles) (**b**). Thermal variation of unit cell volumes for  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCS})_2]$  (green circles) and  $[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-}R\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCS})_2]$  (red circles) (**c**) and  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (green circles) and  $[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-}R\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (red circles) (**d**).

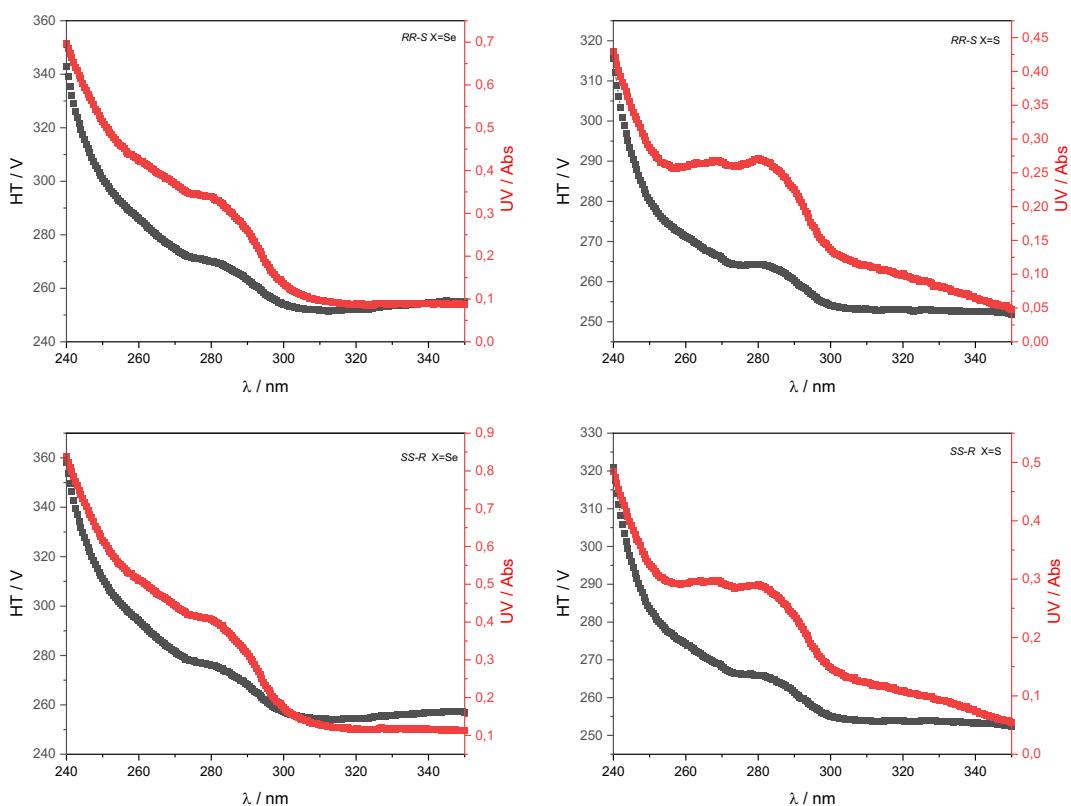
**Table S5** Bond lengths and distortion parameters of  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCS})_2]$  at variable temperatures. Dashed values correspond to the second configuration of the complexes found in some of the structures.

	$[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCS})_2]$	90 K	150 K	200 K	250 K	300 K
Fe-N (Å)		2.098(3) 2.011(4) 2.149(4) 2.016(4) <b>2.10(4)</b> 2.014(5) 2.06(4)	2.173(4) 2.215(4) <b>2.280(10)</b> 2.086(5) 2.052(6) 2.012(11) 2.103(5)	2.204(4) 2.128(5) 2.242(4) <b>2.322(11)</b> 2.096(5) 2.067(6) 2.046(10)	2.219(4) 2.247(4) 2.133(6) <b>2.335(13)</b> 2.098(5) 2.071(7) 2.042(12)	2.253(5) 2.229(4) 2.138(6) <b>2.343(14)</b> 2.097(6) 2.063(7) 2.058(12)
$\Sigma$ (°)		80.29 <b>101.09</b>	93.41 <b>110.99</b>	97.61 <b>115.91</b>	98.74 <b>116.64</b>	99.77 <b>117.72</b>
$\Theta$ (°)		228.91 <b>283.16</b>	267.61 <b>317.63</b>	280.88 <b>332.88</b>	285.73 <b>337.04</b>	285.82 <b>340.46</b>
	$[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-}R\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCS})_2]$	90 K	130 K	200 K	400 K	
Fe-N (Å)		2.094(5) 2.003(6) 2.024(6) 2.141(5) 1.925(13) 2.005(7) <b>2.173(15)</b>	2.152(4) 2.060(6) 2.188(5) 2.063(6) <b>2.248(13)</b> 2.038(7) 1.979(12)	2.210(5) 2.238(5) 2.127(6) <b>2.305(13)</b> 2.096(6) 2.066(7) 2.030(13)	2.232(7) 2.191(10) 2.266(7) 2.142(9) 2.098(9) 2.059(11)	
$\Sigma$ (°)		79.65 <b>97.40</b>	87.57 <b>105.21</b>	96.81 <b>114.42</b>	106.65	
$\Theta$ (°)		220.44 <b>275.55</b>	254.58 <b>307.31</b>	278.03 <b>330.06</b>	311.83	
	$[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$	120 K	160 K	200 K	300 K	400 K
Fe-N (Å)		2.048(6) 1.993(6) 1.890(6) 1.963(7) 1.953(7) 1.964(7)	2.058(9) 1.993(10) 1.942(12) 1.880(10) 1.971(12) 1.961(13)	2.026(6) 2.082(6) 1.917(7) 1.976(7) 1.968(7) 1.978(8)	2.173(7) 2.214(7) 2.065(9) 1.946(19) 2.074(10) 2.052(11) <b>2.323(19)</b>	2.237(10) 2.086(12) 2.213(12) 2.167(17) 2.053(15) 2.112(14)
$\Sigma$ (°)		71.28	69.90	76.07	90.83 <b>109.07</b>	102.98
$\Theta$ (°)		186.46	186.68	204.01	261.42 <b>313.09</b>	301.59
	$[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-}R\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$	120 K	300 K	340 K	400 K	
Fe-N (Å)		2.047(9) 1.982(8) 1.960(10) 1.884(10) 1.955(11) 1.951(9)	2.205(9) 2.169(9) 1.87(3) 1.97(3) 2.095(11) 2.047(15) <b>2.31(4)</b> <b>2.22(3)</b>	2.240(18) 2.17(2) 2.09(3) 2.16(3) 2.11(2) 2.08(3)	2.10(3) 2.21(3) 2.21(3) 2.20(3) 2.09(3) 2.05(4)	
$\Sigma$ (°)		70.50	91.54 <b>110.93</b>	103.72	99.10	
$\Theta$ (°)		185.01	274.56 <b>304.14</b>	298.33	313.97	

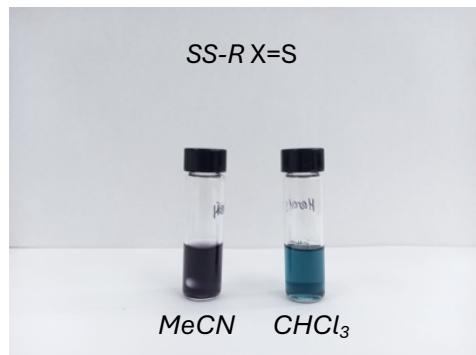
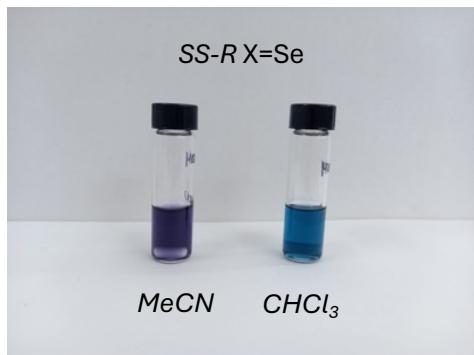
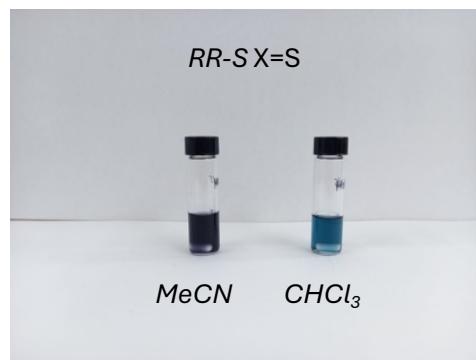
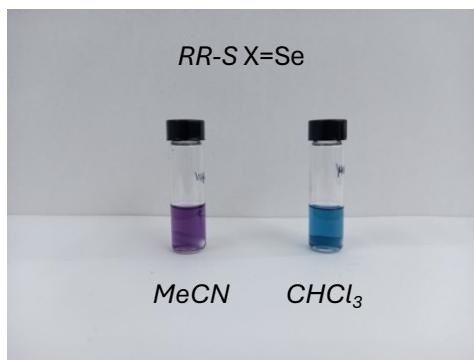
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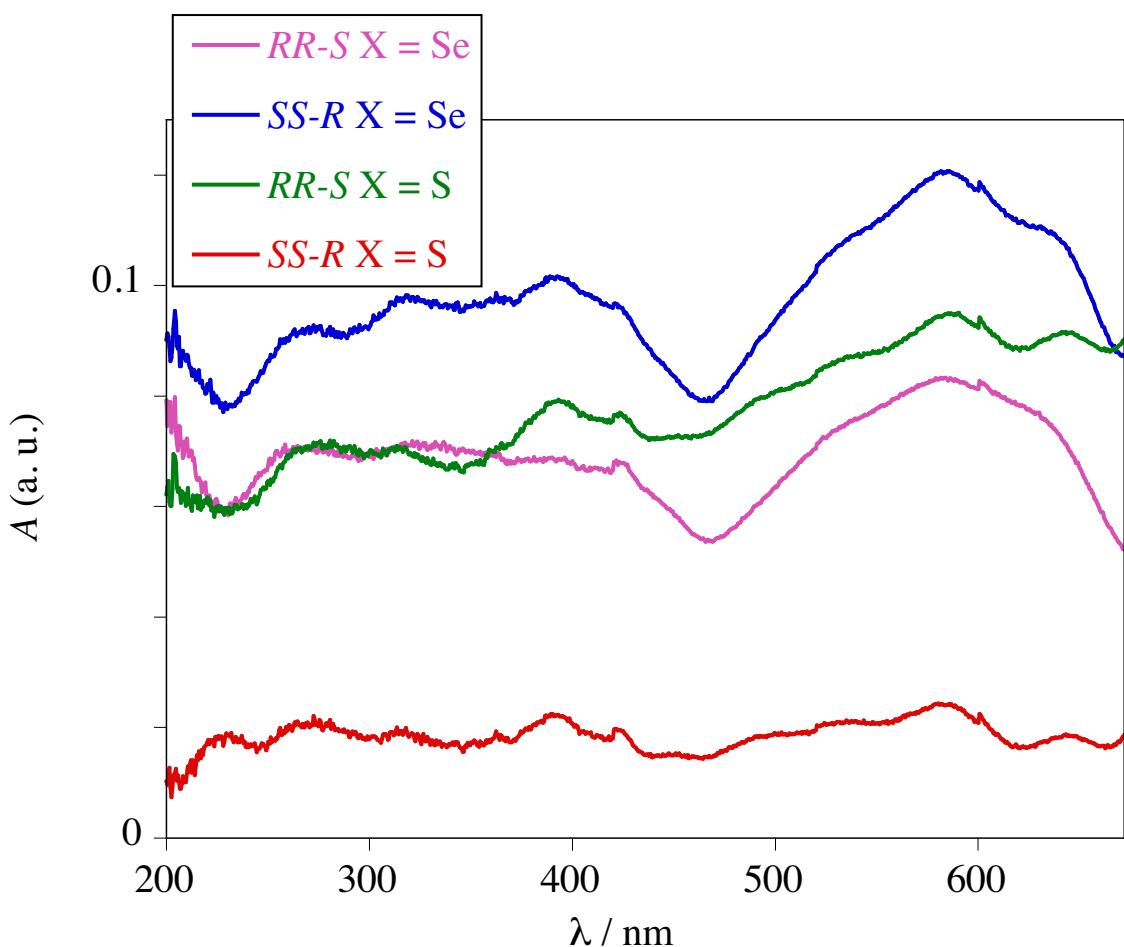
**Fig. S6** Chains of complexes in the structure of  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (top) and  $[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-}R\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (bottom) at 120 K linked through intermolecular interactions (red dashed lines).



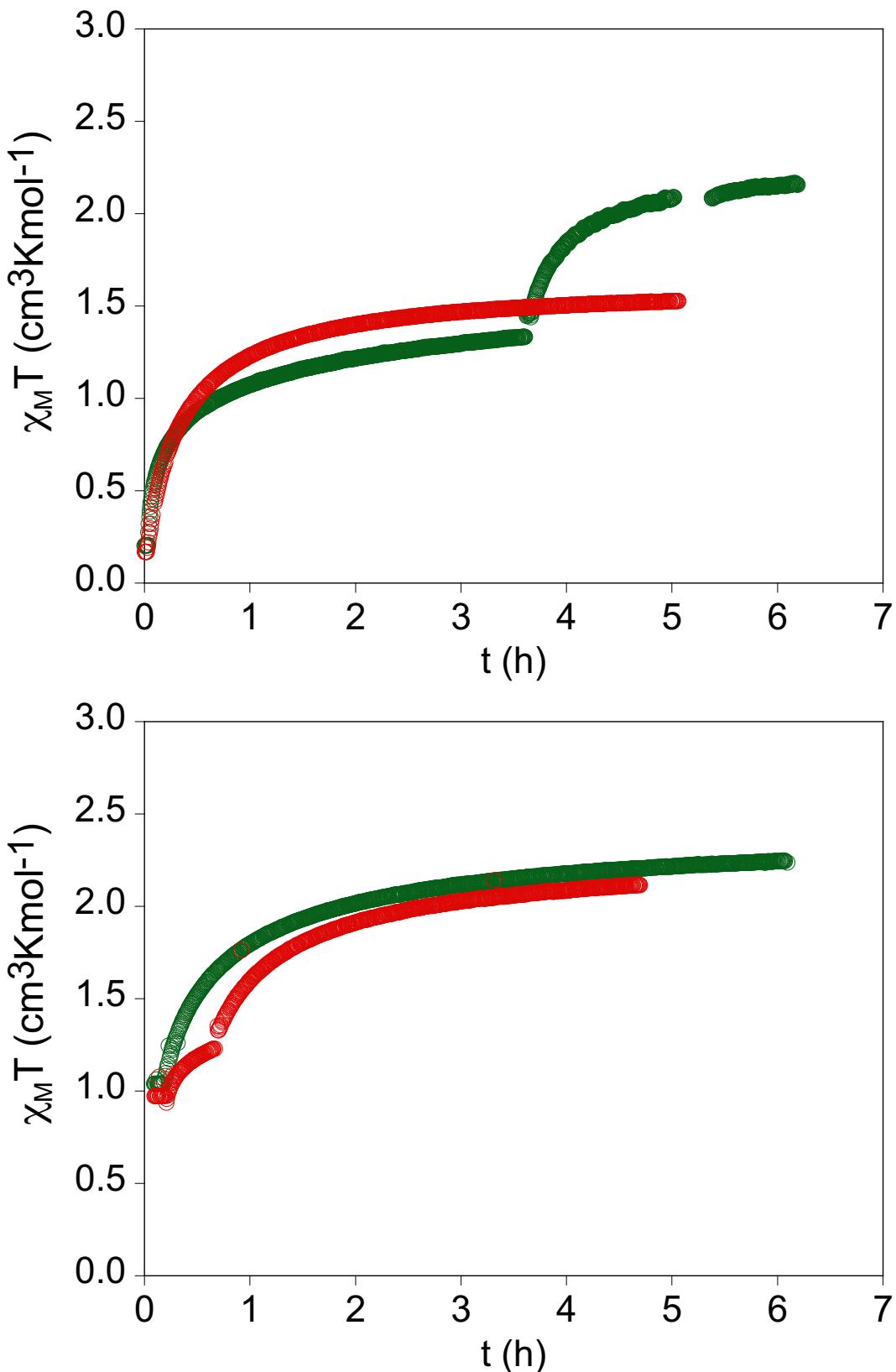
**Fig. S7** UV-vis spectra and High Tension (HT) Voltage of CD measurements for 1 mM CHCl<sub>3</sub> solutions of [Fe(RR-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] and [Fe(SS-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCSe)<sub>2</sub>] (left) and [Fe(RR-S-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] and [Fe(SS-R-L<sub>2</sub>)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] (right).



**Fig. S8** Images of CHCl<sub>3</sub> and MeCN solutions of [Fe(*RR-S-* or *SS-R-L*<sub>2</sub>)(NCX)<sub>2</sub>].



**Fig. S9** Absorbance spectra of  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-} or SS\text{-}R\text{-L}_2)(\text{NCX})_2]$  in the solid state.



**Fig. S10** Time variation of  $\chi_M T$  for  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-}L_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (green circles) and  $[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-}R\text{-}L_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  (red circles) (**top**),  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-}L_2)(\text{NCS})_2]$  (green circles) and  $[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-}R\text{-}L_2)(\text{NCS})_2]$  (red circles) (**bottom**) after irradiation at 10 K with 808 nm in the LIESST experiments from **Fig. 5**.  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-}L_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  and  $[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-}R\text{-}L_2)(\text{NCS})_2]$  were first irradiated with 660 nm (3.4 h for  $[\text{Fe}(RR\text{-}S\text{-}L_2)(\text{NCSe})_2]$  and 0.5 h for  $[\text{Fe}(SS\text{-}R\text{-}L_2)(\text{NCS})_2]$ ).