

## Supporting Information

### Guest Induced Reversible ON-OFF Switching of Elastic Frustration in a 3D Spin Crossover Coordination Polymer with Room Temperature Hysteretic Behaviour

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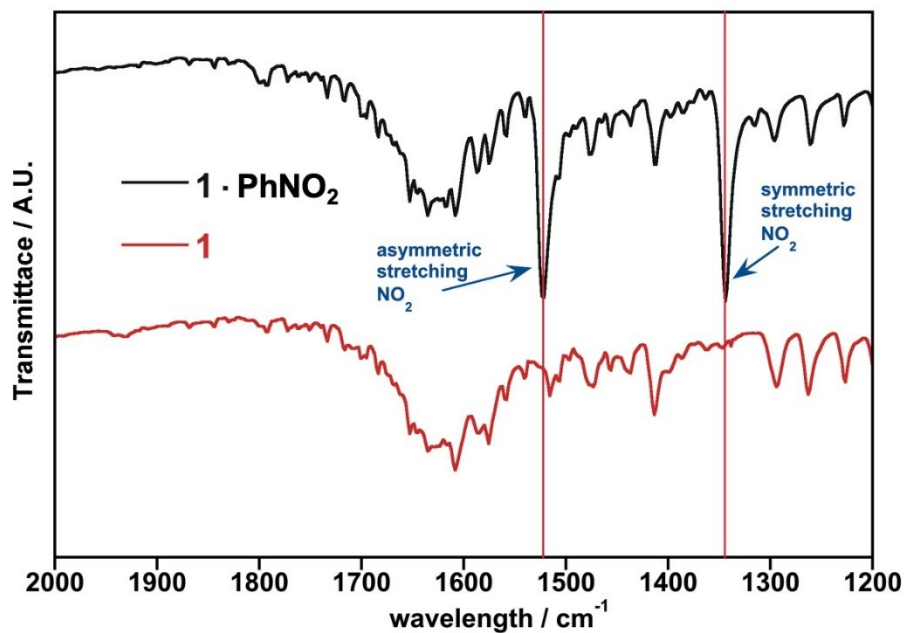
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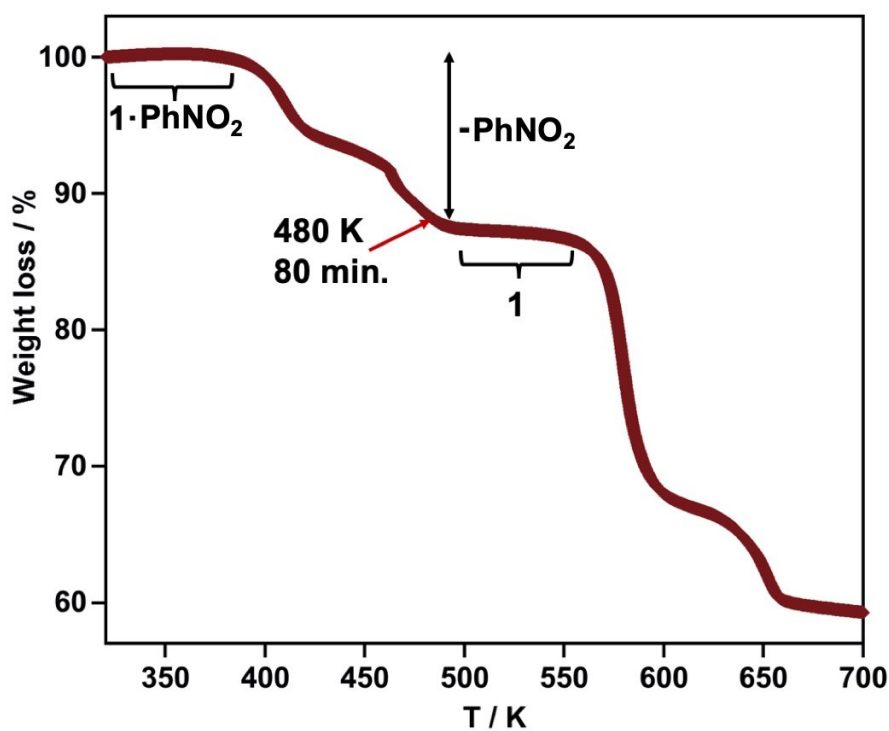
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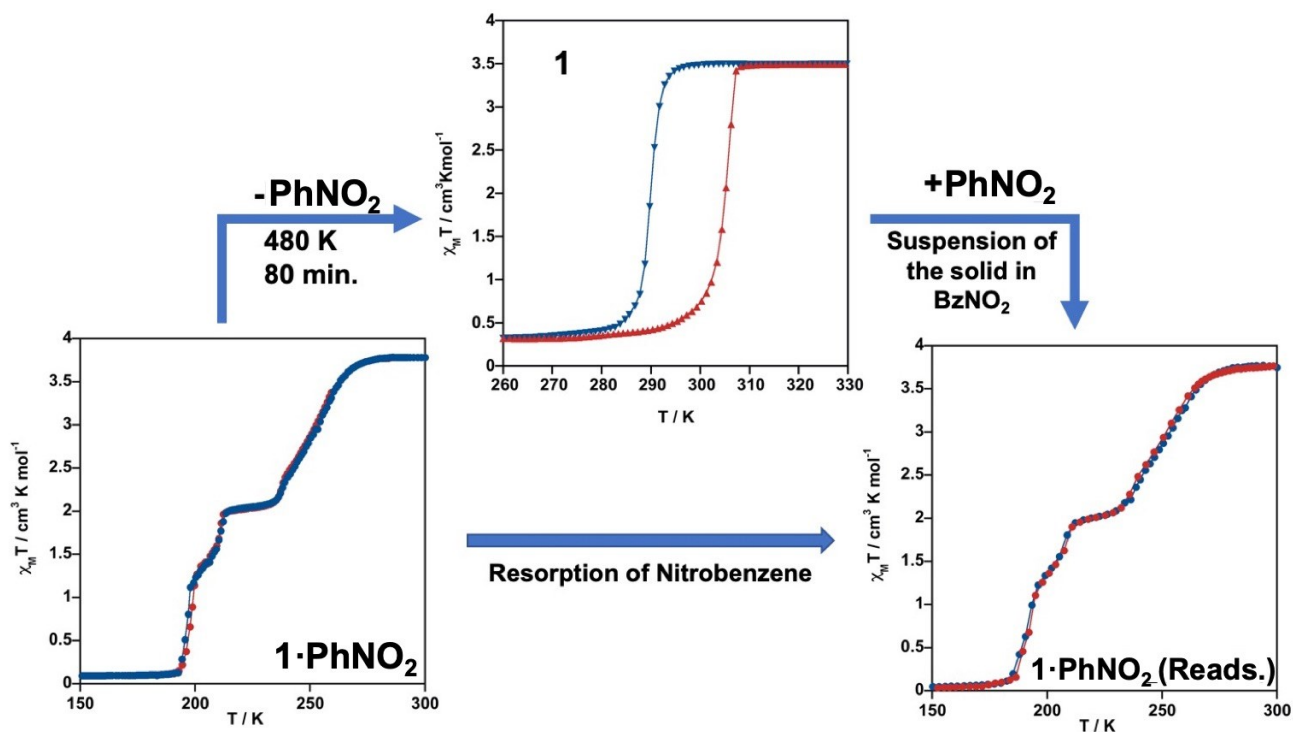
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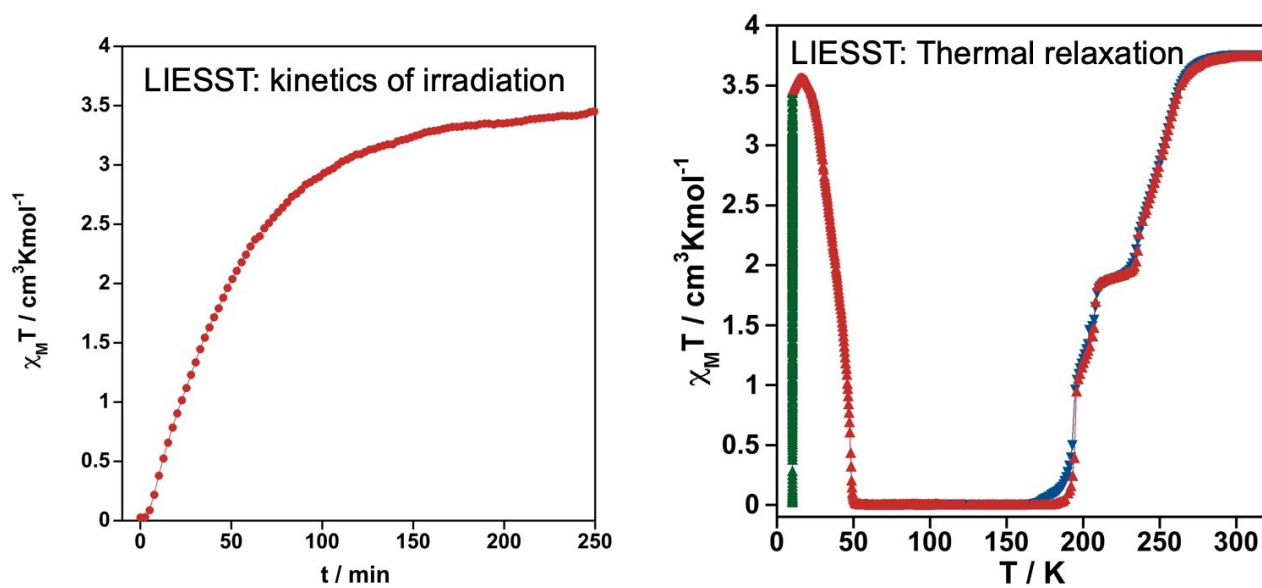
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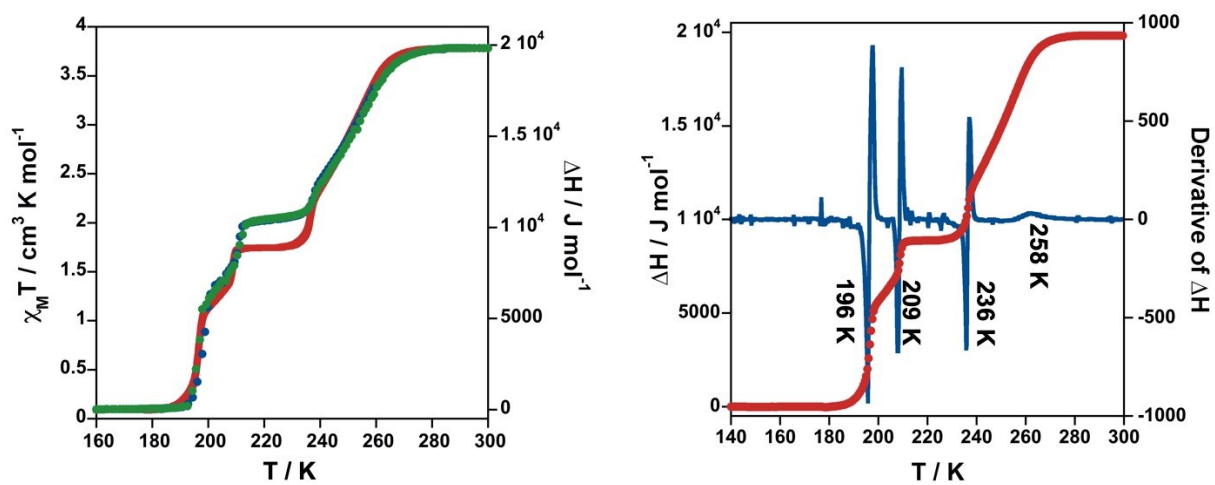
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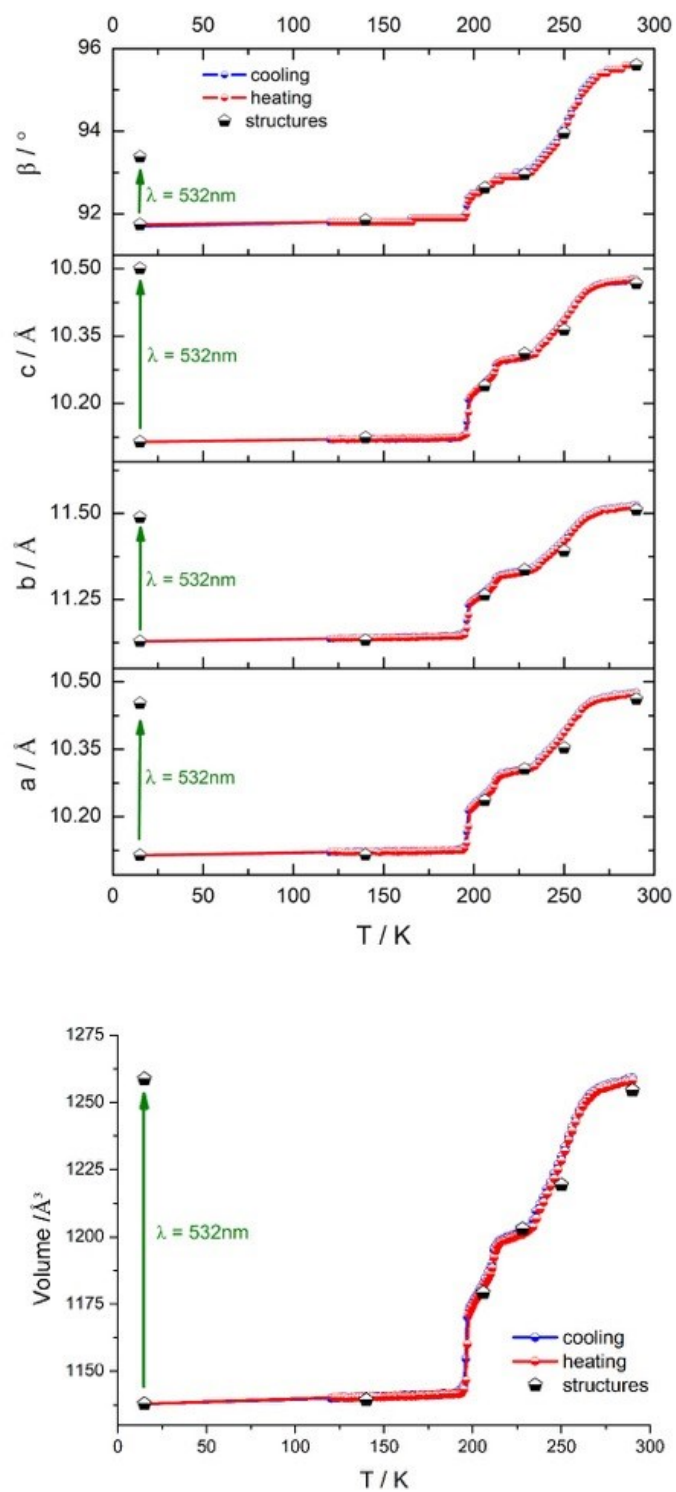


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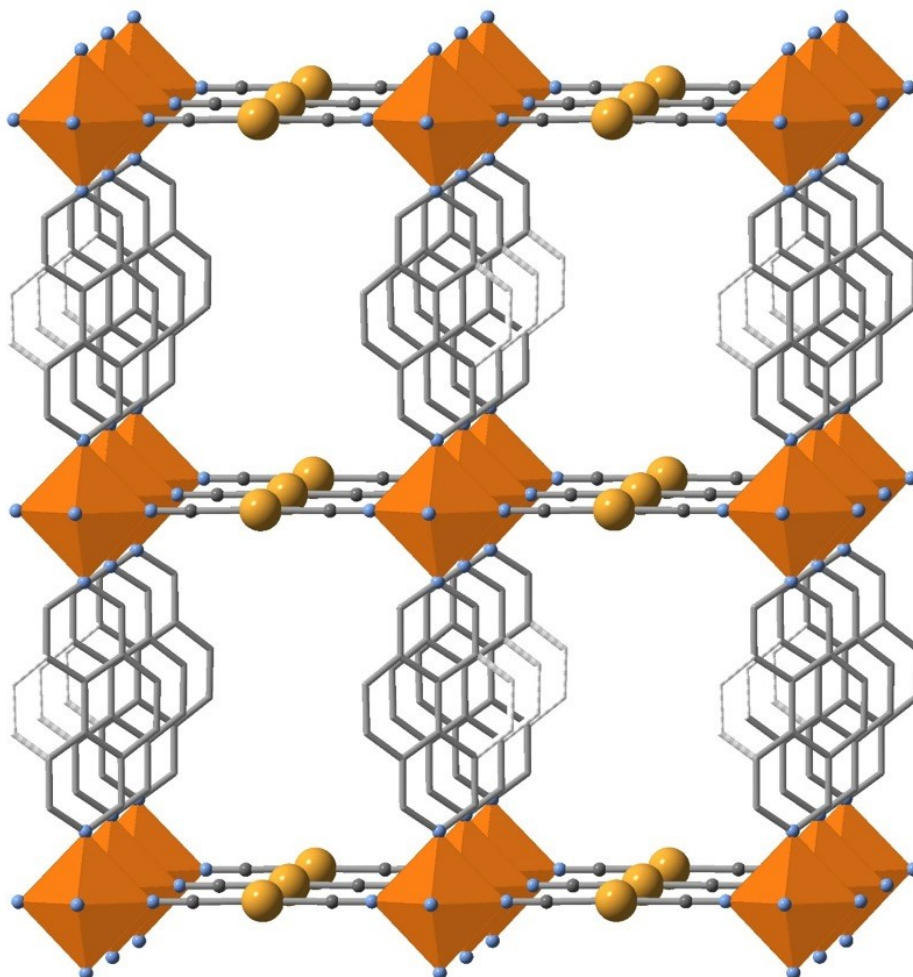


**Figure S5.** (Left) thermal dependence of  $\chi_M T$  (green and blue circles correspond to cooling and heating modes) and  $\Delta H$  (red line). (Right) thermal dependence of  $\Delta H$  (red circles) and its derivative (blue). The numbers inserted correspond to the critical temperatures for each step (the calorimetric measurement have been measured at 5 K/min).

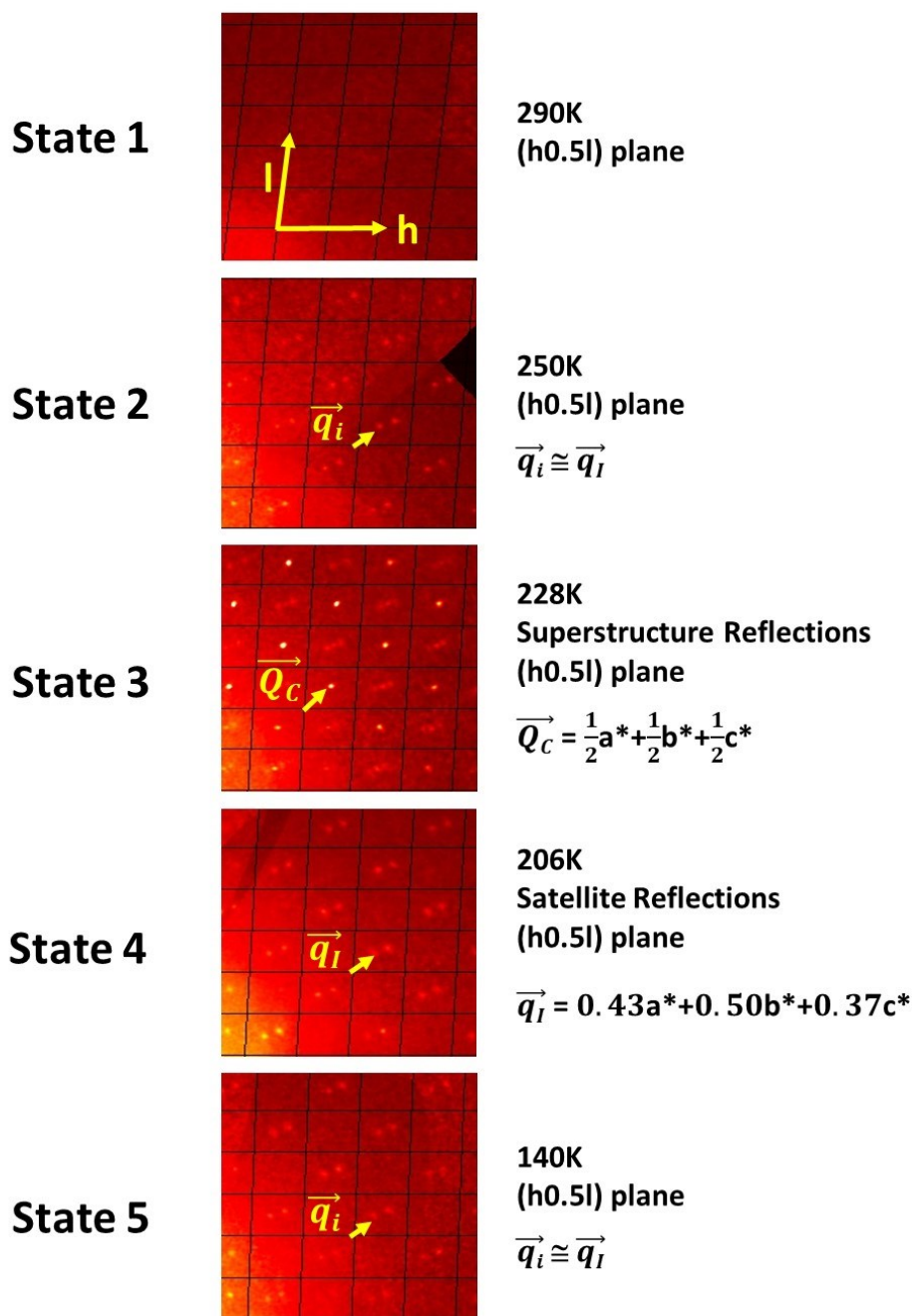


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**Table S1.** Crystal and structure refinement data with temperature and light for **1·PhNO<sub>2</sub>**.

	<b>State 1</b>	<b>State 2</b>	<b>State 3</b>	<b>State 4</b>	<b>State 5</b>	<b>State 5</b>	<b>State 6/Photo</b>
<b>Temperature/K</b>	290	250.0	228.0	206.0*	140.0	15.0	15.0
<b>Empirical formula</b>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
<b>Formula weight</b>	857.18	857.18	857.18	857.18	857.18	857.18	857.18
<b>Crystal system</b>	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
<b>Space group</b>	P2/n	P2/n	I2/a	P2/n(a1 2g)0s	P2/n	P2/n	P2/n
<b>a/Å</b>	10.4618(2)	10.3534(3)	14.1982(2)	10.2342(7)	10.1150(2)	10.1143(3)	10.4523(5)
<b>b/Å</b>	11.5106(3)	11.3911(3)	22.6765(3)	11.2690(8)	11.1318(2)	11.1281(3)	11.4885(4)
<b>c/Å</b>	10.4670(2)	10.3639(3)	14.9567(2)	10.2384(7)	10.1239(2)	10.1146(4)	10.5004(4)
<b>β/°</b>	95.605(2)	93.954(3)	90.0258(13)	92.665(5)	91.852(2)	91.745(3)	93.379(4)
<b>Volume/Å<sup>3</sup></b>	1254.43(5)	1219.37(6)	4815.54(12)	1179.51(14)	1139.34(4)	1137.90(6)	1258.71(9)
<b>Z</b>	2	2	8	2	2	2	2
<b>ρ<sub>calc</sub>/cm<sup>3</sup></b>	2.269	2.335	2.365	2.4135	2.499	2.502	2.262
<b>μ/mm<sup>-1</sup></b>	12.269	12.622	12.784	13.047	13.508	13.525	12.227
<b>F(000)</b>	788.0	788.0	3152.0	788.0	788.0	788.0	788.0
<b>2θ range for data collection/°</b>	6.34 to 54.0	6.46 to 54.0	6.11 to 54.0	6.02 to 66.4	6.69 to 54.0	5.78 to 54.0	6.69 to 54.0
<b>Reflections collected</b>	22283	10723	39378	40157	9626	5915	8184
<b>Independent reflections</b>	2749 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0401, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0219]	2675 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0284, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0252]	5259 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0454, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0270]	12688(3704+8984) [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0459, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0676]	2494 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0293, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0266]	2490 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0361, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0547]	2758 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0442, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0565]
<b>Refinement method</b>	F <sup>2</sup>	F <sup>2</sup>	F <sup>2</sup>	F	F <sup>2</sup>	F <sup>2</sup>	F <sup>2</sup>
<b>Data/restraints/parameters</b>	2749/45/181	2675/45/180	5259/117/407	12688 / 19 / 394	2494/43/180	2490/92/180	2758/79/180
<b>Goodness-of-fit</b>	1.026	1.061	1.033	1.55 <sub>(obs)</sub> /1.18 <sub>(all)</sub>	1.072	1.057	1.074
<b>Final R indexes [I&gt;=2σ (I)]</b>	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0247, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0543	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0287, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0642	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0300, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0691	R <sub>1(all)</sub> = 0.0416, wR <sub>2(all)</sub> = 0.0487; R <sub>1(main)</sub> = 0.0335, wR <sub>2(main)</sub> = 0.0412; R <sub>1(sat)</sub> = 0.1093, wR <sub>2(sat)</sub> = 0.1380	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0272, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0625	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0370, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0808	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0359, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0687
<b>Final R indexes [all data]</b>	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0324, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0571	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0441, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0707	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0480, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0779	R <sub>1(all)</sub> = 0.1618, wR <sub>2(all)</sub> = 0.0706; R <sub>1(main)</sub> = 0.0635, wR <sub>2(main)</sub> = 0.0467; R <sub>1(sat)</sub> = 0.4403, wR <sub>2(sat)</sub> = 0.2400	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0349, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0660	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0587, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0913	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0548, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0775
<b>Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å<sup>-3</sup></b>	0.56/-0.45	1.00/-0.82	1.21/-0.81	0.45/-0.58	2.10/-1.35	2.35/-1.03	1.37/-1.11



Figure S9. Rietveld refinement of compound 1.

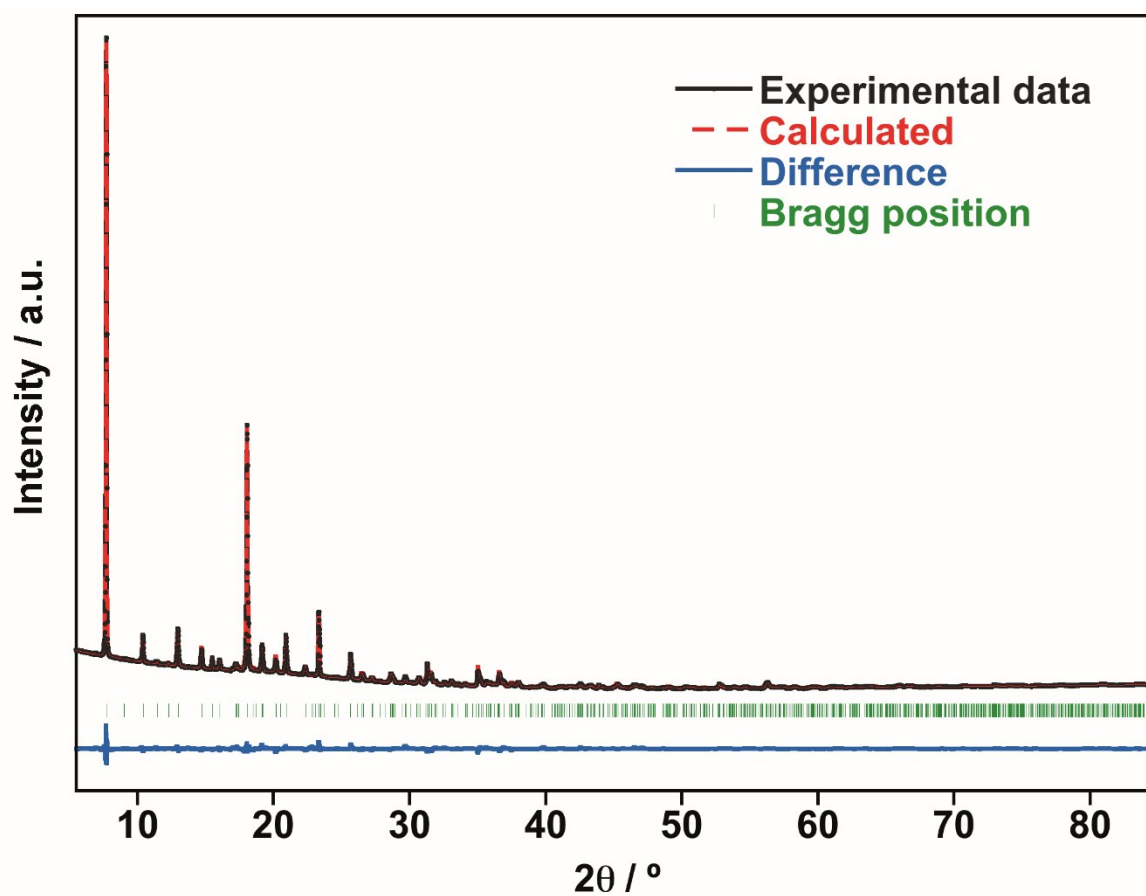
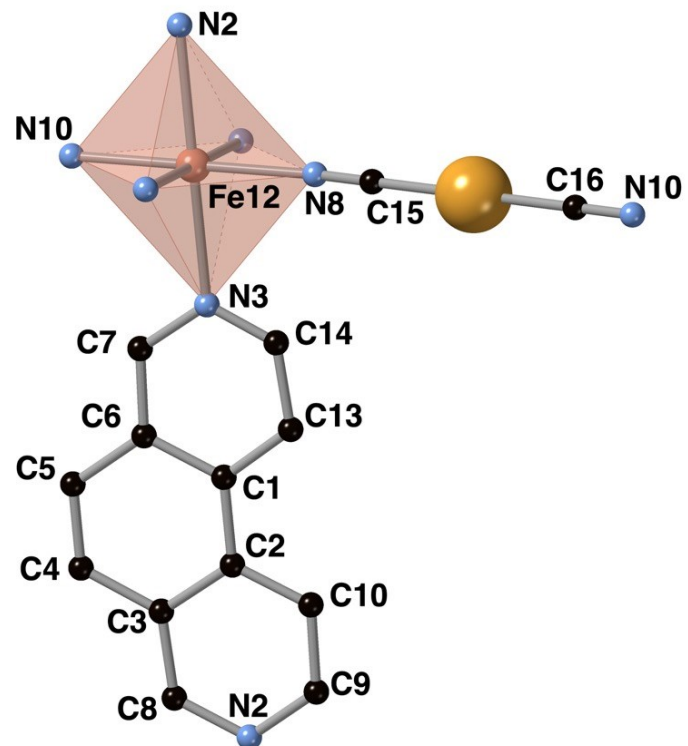


Table S2. Selected crystallographic data from Powder X-ray diffraction of compound 1.

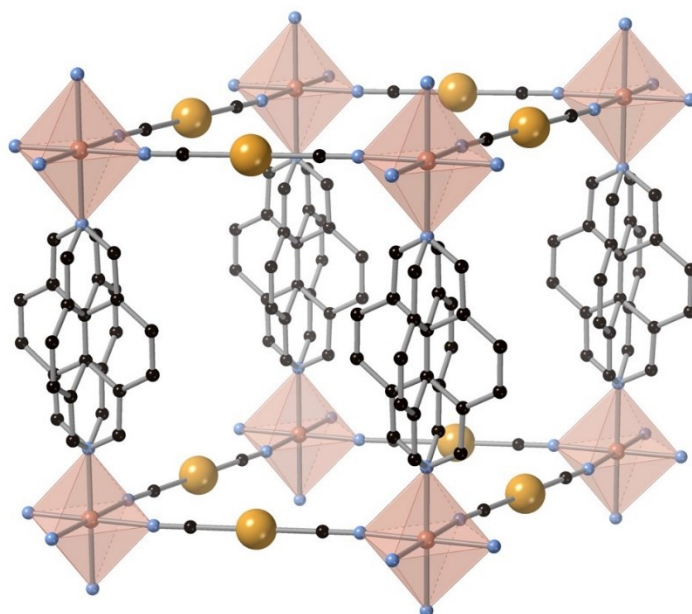
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Empirical formula	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>8</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> Fe N <sub>6</sub>
Formula weight	734.07
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>C2/m</i>
a/Å	12.0682(4)
b/Å	16.9687(4)
c/Å	11.4632(3)
β/°	94.888(4)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2338.91(11)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	2.08470
Wavelength/ Å	1.540596
pd proc ls prof R factor	2.12
pd proc ls prof wR factor	3.06
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<b>Au1-C15</b>	1.999(12)
<b>Au1-C16</b>	1.999(12)
<b>Fe12-N2</b>	2.252(2)
<b>Fe12-N3</b>	2.246(2)
<b>Fe12-N8</b>	2.11(2)
<b>Fe12-N10</b>	2.11(2)
<b>N2-C8</b>	1.333(8)
<b>N2-C9</b>	1.346(7)
<b>N3-C7</b>	1.334(7)
<b>N3-C14</b>	1.243(7)
<b>N8-C15</b>	1.13(2)
<b>N10-C16</b>	1.13(2)
<b>C15-Au1-C16</b>	180.0(6)
<b>N3-Fe12-N10</b>	93.39(11)
<b>N3-Fe12-N8</b>	86.60(11)
<b>N2-Fe12-N10</b>	86.61(11)
<b>N2-Fe12-N8</b>	93.40(11)
<b>N10-Fe12-N10</b>	94.9(8)
<b>Fe12-N8-C15</b>	168.0(19)
<b>Fe12-N10-C16</b>	168.0(19)



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