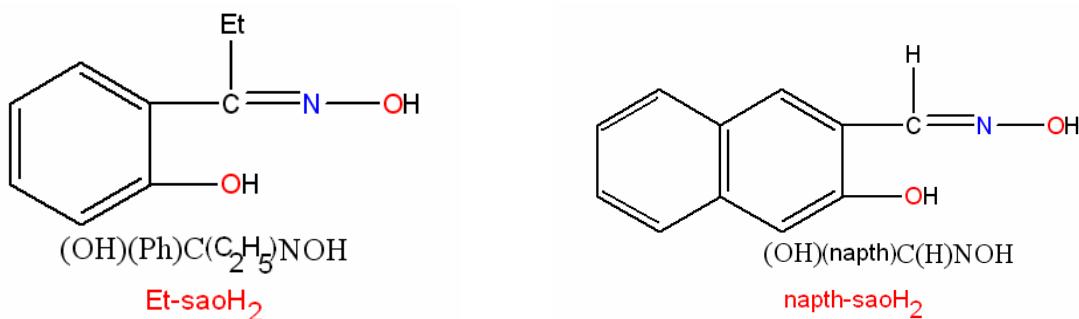


**Turning up the spin, turning on single-molecule magnetism: from  $S = 1$  to  $S = 7$  in a  $[Mn_8]$  cluster *via* ligand induced structural distortion**

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**Supplementary Information**



**Scheme SI1.** The ligands discussed in the text.

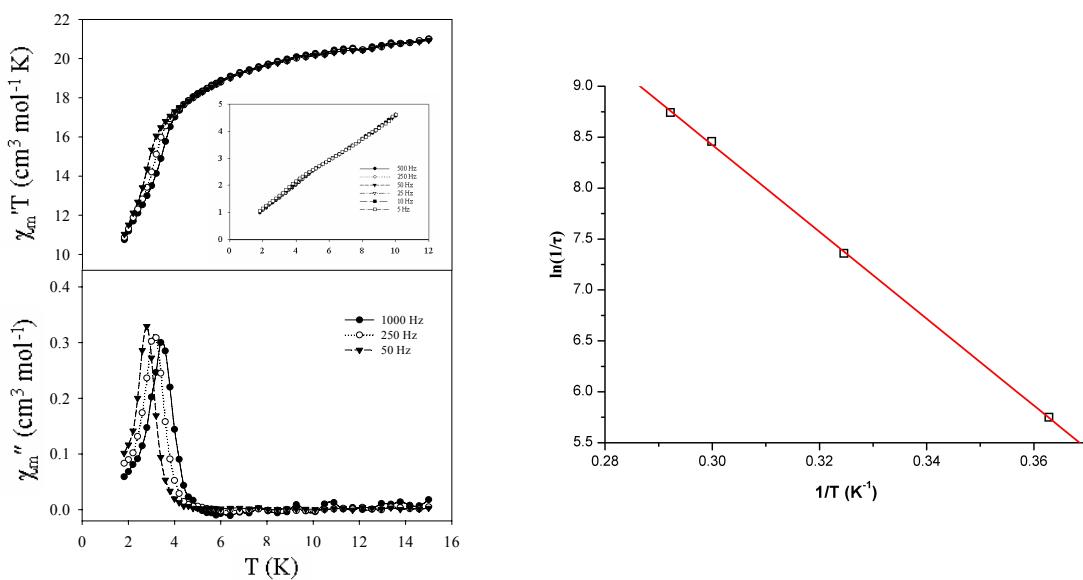
**Complex 2**

The complex analysed as (C, H, N) **2·3** MeOH, expected (found): C, 42.28 (42.36); H, 3.96 (3.85); N, 15.37 (15.29). Diffraction data were collected with Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) on an Bruker Smart Apex CCD Diffractometer. Crystal Data<sup>10</sup>: C<sub>84</sub>H<sub>114</sub>Mn<sub>8</sub>N<sub>24</sub>O<sub>32</sub>, M = 2411.5, dark brown block, Triclinic, P-1, a = 13.8273(3), b = 15.3275(3), c = 15.5166(4)  $\text{\AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 111.6580(10)$ ,  $\beta = 109.8920(10)$ ,  $\gamma = 102.6120(10)$   $^\circ$ , V = 2642.14(10)  $\text{\AA}^3$ , 61412 reflections collected of which 14863 were independent (Rint = 0.0506), 694 parameters and 12 restraints, R1 = 0.0492 [based on F > 4 $\sigma$ (F)], wR2 = 0.1174 (based on F<sup>2</sup> and all data). CCDC 638207. See <http://www.rsc.org/suppdata/cc/b7/b703089d/> for crystallographic data in .cif or other electronic format

**Complex 3**

The complex analysed as (C, H, N) **3·2** MeOH, expected (found): C, 35.93 (36.02); H, 4.26 (4.20); N, 17.34 (17.27). Diffraction data were collected with Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) on an Bruker Smart Apex CCD Diffractometer. Crystal Data<sup>10</sup>, C<sub>66</sub>H<sub>114</sub>Mn<sub>8</sub>N<sub>24</sub>O<sub>32</sub>, M = 2195.3, black blocks, Triclinic, P-1, a = 11.698(2), b = 12.608(3), c = 17.019(3)  $\text{\AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 76.05(3)$ ,  $\beta = 82.03(3)$ ,  $\gamma = 75.41(3)$   $^\circ$ , V = 2349.4(9)  $\text{\AA}^3$ , 67762 reflections collected of which 9606 were independent (Rint = 0.103), 496 parameters and 18 restraints, R1 = 0.0698 [based on F > 4 $\sigma$ (F)], wR2 = 0.0574 (based on F using the I > 2 $\sigma$ (I) data). CCDC 638208. See <http://www.rsc.org/suppdata/cc/b7/b703089d/> for crystallographic data in .cif or other electronic format

**Figure SI1**



In-phase (plotted as  $\chi_M''T$ ) and out-of-phase ac susceptibility measurements for **3** at the indicated temperature and frequency ranges (left). The inset shows  $\chi_M''T$  vs  $T$  for complex **2**. Arhennius plot for **3** using the ac ( $\chi_M''$ ) data. The solid line is a fit of the data yielding  $U_{\text{eff}} = 44.6 \text{ K}$  and  $\tau_0 = 6.05 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}$ .