

## Thermal and photoinduced spin-crossover of mononuclear Fe<sup>II</sup> complexes based on bppCHO ligand

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**Table S1** Crystallographic data of complex **1**·ClO<sub>4</sub> at different temperature.

<i>T</i> /K	173	300	340	380
Formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>10</sub> O <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>10</sub> O <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>10</sub> O <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>10</sub> O <sub>10</sub>
CCDC	2084783	2116762	2116763	2116764
Mr [g·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	733.23	733.23	733.23	733.23
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
Color	Red	Red	Red	Red
<i>a</i> [Å]	18.4496(8)	18.5579(1)	18.5932(2)	18.6559(1)
<i>b</i> [Å]	8.9454(4)	9.0000(5)	9.0163(8)	9.0330(7)
<i>c</i> [Å]	17.2270(8)	17.3767(1)	17.4491(2)	17.5417(1)
$\alpha$ [°]	90	90	90	90
$\beta$ [°]	94.149(3)	93.272(2)	92.848(3)	92.311(2)
$\gamma$ [°]	90	90	90	90
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	2835.7(2)	2897.5(3)	2921.6(5)	2953.7(4)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	4
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ [g·cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.717	1.681	1.667	1.649
$\mu$ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	6.689/Cu-K $\alpha$	0.781/Mo-K $\alpha$	0.774/Mo-K $\alpha$	0.766/Mo-K $\alpha$
<i>F</i> (000)	1488.0	1488.0	1488.0	1488.0
2 $\theta$ range [°]	4.80-124.85	4.396-50.134	4.674-50.06	4.37-50.116
Reflns collected	21049	36216	37137	37423
Unique reflns	4508	5111	5153	5210
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0492	0.0763	0.0869	0.1132
GOF	1.033	1.137	1.108	1.074
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0381	0.0819	0.0584	0.0670
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0923	0.2293	0.1860	0.2352

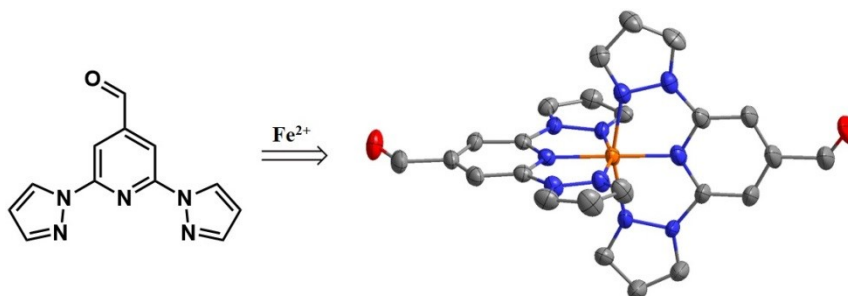
$$R_1 = \sum (|F_0| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_0| \quad \omega R_2 = \left[ \sum \omega (|F_0| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum \omega F_0^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

**Table S2** Crystallographic data of complex **1**·BF<sub>4</sub> at different temperature.

<i>T</i> /K	180	302	340
Formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>20</sub> B <sub>2</sub> F <sub>8</sub> FeN <sub>10</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>20</sub> B <sub>2</sub> F <sub>8</sub> FeN <sub>10</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>20</sub> B <sub>2</sub> F <sub>8</sub> FeN <sub>10</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
CCDC	2084784	2116765	2116766
Mr [g·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	725.97	725.97	725.97
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>

Color	Red	Red	Red
<i>a</i> [Å]	11.9099(5)	12.0228(7)	12.058(4)
<i>b</i> [Å]	20.2023(8)	20.1916(1)	20.187(6)
<i>c</i> [Å]	12.1694(4)	12.3173(6)	12.359(4)
$\alpha$ [°]	90	90	90
$\beta$ [°]	90.8230(1)	91.178(2)	91.276(9)
$\gamma$ [°]	90	90	90
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	2927.75(2)	2989.5(3)	3007.6(16)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ [g·cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.647	1.613	1.603
$\mu(\text{Mo-K}\alpha)$ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.614	0.602	0.598
<i>F</i> (000)	1464.0	1464.0	1464.0
2 $\theta$ range [°]	3.908-50.07	3.874-50.044	3.864-50.248
Reflns collected	38349	38435	38409
Unique reflns	5145	5262	5322
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0741	0.0985	0.1345
GOF	1.032	1.075	1.042
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0679	0.0687	0.0761
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1868	0.2165	0.2441

$$R_1 = \sum (|F_0| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_0| \quad \omega R_2 = \left[ \frac{\sum \omega (|F_0| - |F_c|)^2}{\sum \omega F_0^2} \right]^{1/2}$$



**Fig. S1** Schematic diagram of crystal structure of the mononuclear Fe complexes. The probability level of atomic displacement of the ellipsoid is 30%. Color code: Fe<sup>II</sup>, orange; N, blue; C, gray; O, red. The hydrogen atoms, anions, and solvent molecules have been omitted for clarity.

**Table S3** Selected bond distances (Å), angles (°), and *D*<sub>2d</sub> distortion parameters of complex **1**·ClO<sub>4</sub> at different temperature.

<b>1</b> ·ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>173</sup>			
Bond length (Å)			
Fe1-N1	1.979(3)	Fe1-N6	1.956(2)
Fe1-N3	1.887(2)	Fe1-N8	1.885(2)
Fe1-N5	1.959(2)	Fe1-N10	1.960(3)
Bond angle (°)			
N3-Fe1-N1	79.99(1)	N6-Fe1-N10	160.80(1)
N3-Fe1-N5	80.69(1)	N8-Fe1-N1	103.12(1)

N3-Fe1-N6	99.72(1)	N8-Fe1-N5	96.21(1)
N3-Fe1-N10	99.47(1)	N8-Fe1-N6	80.29(1)
N5-Fe1-N1	160.68(1)	N8-Fe1-N10	80.52(1)
N6-Fe1-N1	93.51(1)	N10-Fe1-N1	90.39(1)
N6-Fe1-N5	89.78(1)	N10-Fe1-N5	92.74(1)
N3-Fe1-N8 ( $\phi$ )	176.89(1)	$\theta$	88.45(7)
<b>1·ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>300</sup></b>			
Bond length (Å)			
Fe1-N1	1.962(4)	Fe1-N5	1.981(3)
Fe1-N2	1.958(3)	Fe1-N6	1.880(3)
Fe1-N4	1.885(3)	Fe1-N10	1.965(3)
Bond angle (°)			
N1-Fe1-N10	160.67(1)	N4-Fe1-N5	79.99(1)
N1-Fe1-N5	93.28(1)	N4-Fe1-N2	80.74(1)
N2-Fe1-N1	90.23(1)	N6-Fe1-N1	80.13(1)
N2-Fe1-N10	92.73(1)	N6-Fe1-N10	80.56(1)
N2-Fe1-N5	160.72(1)	N6-Fe1-N5	102.76(1)
N4-Fe1-N1	99.72(1)	N6-Fe1-N2	96.51(1)
N4-Fe1-N10	99.61(1)	N10-Fe1-N5	90.20(1)
N6-Fe1-N4 ( $\phi$ )	177.25(1)	$\theta$	88.56(9)
<b>1·ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>340</sup></b>			
Bond length (Å)			
Fe1-N1	1.963(4)	Fe1-N7	1.959(4)
Fe1-N4	1.881(4)	Fe1-N8	1.886(4)
Fe1-N5	1.984(4)	Fe1-N10	1.966(4)
Bond angle (°)			
N1-Fe1-N10	160.62(2)	N7-Fe1-N10	92.79(2)
N1-Fe1-N5	93.32(2)	N7-Fe1-N5	160.62(2)
N4-Fe1-N1	80.15(2)	N8-Fe1-N1	99.83(2)
N4-Fe1-N10	80.50(2)	N8-Fe1-N10	99.55(2)
N4-Fe1-N5	102.82(2)	N8-Fe1-N5	80.01(2)
N4-Fe1-N7	96.55(2)	N8-Fe1-N7	80.62(2)
N7-Fe1-N1	90.35(2)	N10-Fe1-N5	90.04(2)
N4-Fe1-N8 ( $\phi$ )	177.17(2)	$\theta$	88.55(9)
<b>1·ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>380</sup></b>			
Bond length (Å)			
Fe1-N1	1.891(5)	Fe1-N5	1.980(5)
Fe1-N2	1.967(6)	Fe1-N8	1.897(5)
Fe1-N4	1.970(6)	Fe1-N10	1.969(5)
Bond angle (°)			
N1-Fe1-N4	80.0(2)	N4-Fe1-N5	93.4(2)
N1-Fe1-N10	80.2 (2)	N8-Fe1-N4	99.9(2)
N1-Fe1-N5	103.15(2)	N8-Fe1-N10	99.9(2)
N1-Fe1-N2	96.8(2)	N8-Fe1-N5	79.9(2)

N2-Fe1-N4	90.4(2)	N8-Fe1-N2	80.1(2)
N2-Fe1-N10	92.8(2)	N10-Fe1-N4	160.1(2)
N2-Fe1-N5	160.0(2)	N10-Fe1-N5	90.3 (2)
N1-Fe1-N8 ( $\phi$ )	176.9(2)	$\theta$	88.60(1)

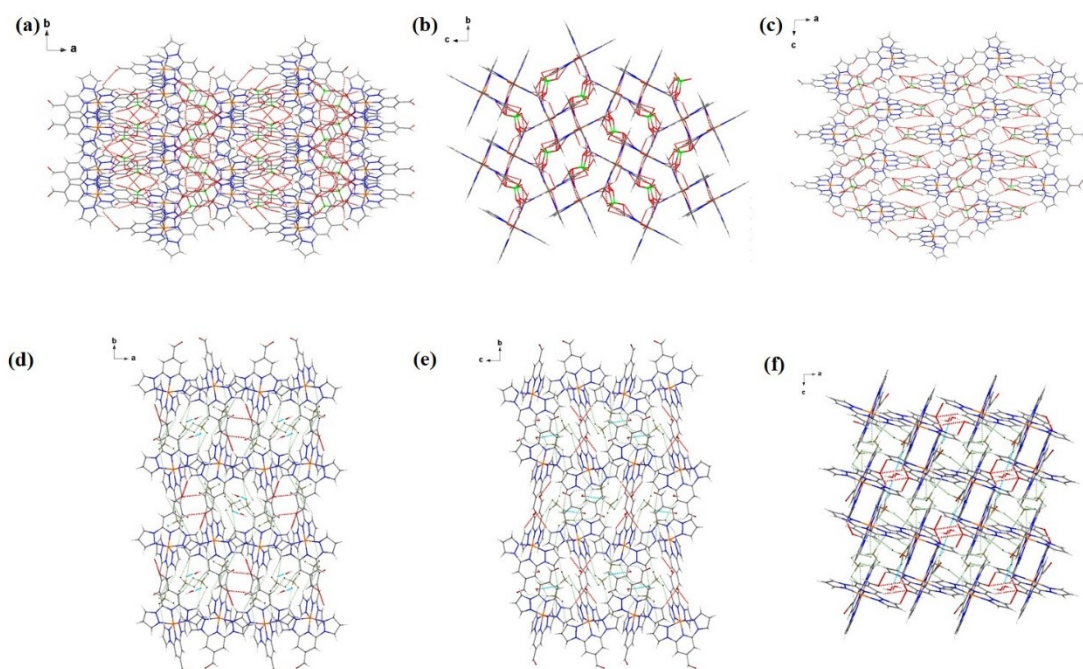
**Table S4** Selected bond distances (Å), angles (°), and  $D_{2d}$  distortion parameters of complex **1·BF<sub>4</sub>** at different temperature.

<b>1·BF<sub>4</sub><sup>180</sup></b>			
Bond length (Å)			
Fe1-N1	1.966(3)	Fe1-N6	1.960(4)
Fe1-N3	1.879(3)	Fe1-N8	1.885(3)
Fe1-N5	1.961(4)	Fe1-N10	1.961(4)
Bond angle (°)			
N3-Fe1-N1	80.55(1)	N6-Fe1-N10	161.27(1)
N3-Fe1-N5	80.72(1)	N8-Fe1-N1	100.68(2)
N3-Fe1-N6	98.99(1)	N8-Fe1-N5	98.04(2)
N3-Fe1-N10	99.74(1)	N8-Fe1-N6	80.53(1)
N5-Fe1-N1	161.25(2)	N8-Fe1-N10	80.75(1)
N6-Fe1-N1	91.89(1)	N10-Fe1-N1	91.43(1)
N6-Fe1-N5	90.09(2)	N10-Fe1-N5	92.66(2)
N3-Fe1-N8 ( $\phi$ )	178.68(1)	$\theta$	89.21(1)
<b>1·BF<sub>4</sub><sup>300</sup></b>			
Bond length (Å)			
Fe1-N1	1.960(4)	Fe1-N6	1.959(4)
Fe1-N3	1.882(4)	Fe1-N8	1.875(4)
Fe1-N5	1.961(4)	Fe1-N10	1.960(4)
Bond angle (°)			
N1-Fe1-N5	161.03(2)	N6-Fe1-N10	161.03(2)
N3-Fe1-N1	80.53(2)	N8-Fe1-N1	99.41(2)
N3-Fe1-N5	80.50(2)	N8-Fe1-N5	99.57(2)
N3-Fe1-N6	100.80(2)	N8-Fe1-N6	80.50(2)
N3-Fe1-N10	98.15(2)	N8-Fe1-N10	80.56(2)
N6-Fe1-N1	91.87(2)	N10-Fe1-N1	90.21(2)
N6-Fe1-N5	91.37(2)	N10-Fe1-N5	92.77(2)
N8-Fe1-N3 ( $\phi$ )	178.70(2)	$\theta$	89.25(1)
<b>1·BF<sub>4</sub><sup>340</sup></b>			
Bond length (Å)			
Fe1-N1	1.959(4)	Fe1-N6	1.956(5)
Fe1-N3	1.874(4)	Fe1-N8	1.884(4)
Fe1-N5	1.960(5)	Fe1-N10	1.961(5)
Bond angle (°)			
N1-Fe1-N5	160.75(2)	N6-Fe1-N1	91.94(2)
N1-Fe1-N10	91.35(2)	N6-Fe1-N5	90.1(2)
N3-Fe1-N1	80.49(2)	N6-Fe1-N10	160.97(2)

N3-Fe1-N6	99.28(2)	N8-Fe1-N1	100.81(2)
N3-Fe1-N5	80.28(2)	N8-Fe1-N6	80.69(2)
N3-Fe1-N10	99.75(2)	N8-Fe1-N5	98.41(2)
N5-Fe1-N10	92.9(2)	N8-Fe1-N10	80.29(2)
N3-Fe1-N8 ( $\phi$ )	178.69(2)	$\theta$	89.25(1)

**Table S5** The distortion parameters ( $^\circ$ ) of complexes  $\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{ClO}_4$  and  $\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{BF}_4$  at different temperature.

	$\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{ClO}_4^{173}$	$\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{ClO}_4^{300}$	$\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{ClO}_4^{340}$	$\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{ClO}_4^{380}$	$\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{BF}_4^{180}$	$\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{BF}_4^{300}$	$\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{BF}_4^{340}$
$\Sigma$ ( $^\circ$ )	83.86(5)	83.63(9)	84.03(2)	86.49(9)	80.95(4)	82.01(3)	83.00(4)
$\Theta$ ( $^\circ$ )	282.32(8)	282.02(6)	283.66(8)	290.78(3)	264.95(1)	268.93(2)	271.37(2)



**Fig. S2** Short contacts and hydrogen bonds in the packing model of complexes  $\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{ClO}_4$  (a, b, and c) and  $\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{BF}_4$  (d, e, and f) at 173 and 180 K, respectively. Color code: Fe<sup>II</sup>, orange; N, blue; C, gray; O, red; Cl, bright green; F, light green; B, dark yellow; H, white. Short contacts are represented as dashed lines: C-H...O red, C-H...F light green. Hydrogen bonds are represented as dashed lines: O-H...F turquoise.

**Table S6** Interatomic distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of short contacts and hydrogen bonds for  $\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{ClO}_4$  and  $\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{BF}_4$ .

$\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{ClO}_4^{173}$		$\mathbf{1}\cdot\text{BF}_4^{180}$	
D—H...A	H...A / $\text{\AA}$	D—H...A	H...A / $\text{\AA}$
C7-H7...O1	2.462	C3-H3...O1	2.584
C12-H12...O1	2.486	C5-H5...O1	2.379
C13-H13...O1	2.373	C15-H15...O1	2.519
C23-H23...O2	2.535	C10-H10...F1	2.121
C9-H9...O3	2.378	C11-H11...F2	2.541
C3-H3...O4	2.679	C8-H8...F3	2.330
C5-H5...O4	2.594	C13-H13...F4	2.360
C23-H23...O4	2.678	C12-H12...F5	2.235

C11-H11...O5	2.551	C19-H19...F5	2.504
C15-H15...O5	2.618	C24-H24...F6	2.321
C17-H17...O5	2.481	C2-H2...F7	2.336
C21-H21...O6	2.203	C20-H20...F8	2.515
C1-H1...O7	2.460	C22-H22...F8	2.289
C19-H19...O7	2.677	O3-H3A...F2	2.153
C11-H11...O8	2.702		
C23-H23...O9	2.509		
C14-H14...O10	2.617		

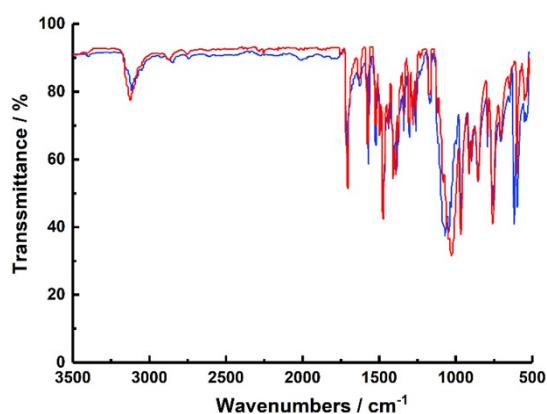


Fig. S3 IR spectra of complexes  $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4$  (blue) and  $1 \cdot \text{BF}_4$  (red).

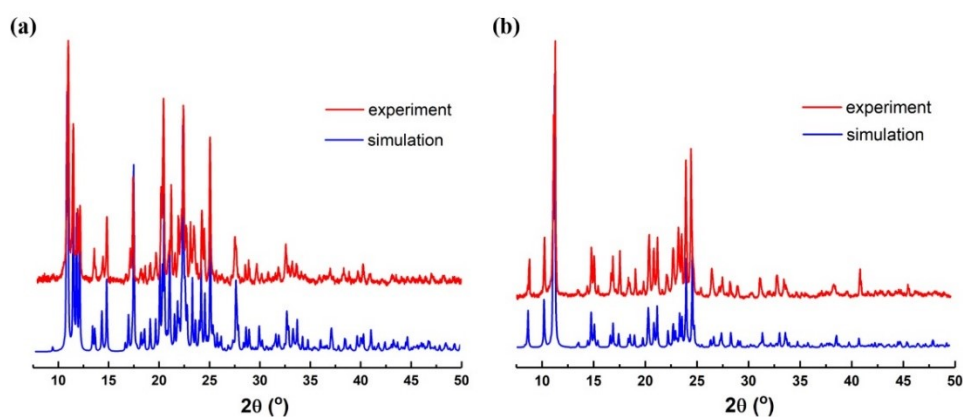


Fig. S4 Comparison between experiment and simulation of power XRD patterns of  $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4$  (a) and  $1 \cdot \text{BF}_4$  (b) at room temperature.

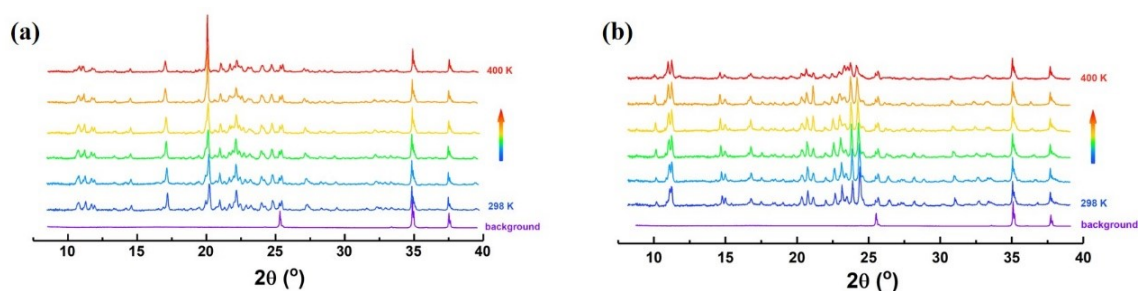


Fig. S5 Variable temperature powder XRD patterns of  $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4$  (a) and  $1 \cdot \text{BF}_4$  (b).

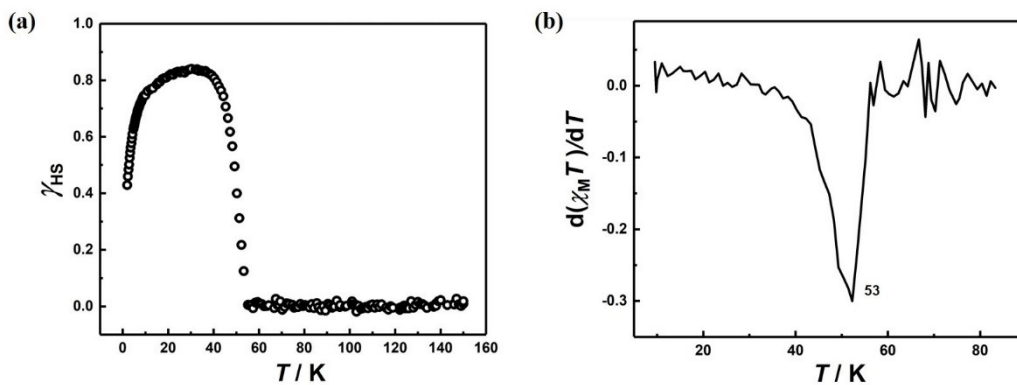


Fig. S6 (a)  $\gamma_{HS}$  versus  $T$  plot and (b) the  $d(\chi_M T)/dT$  versus  $T$  plot of  $1 \cdot ClO_4$  after irradiation.

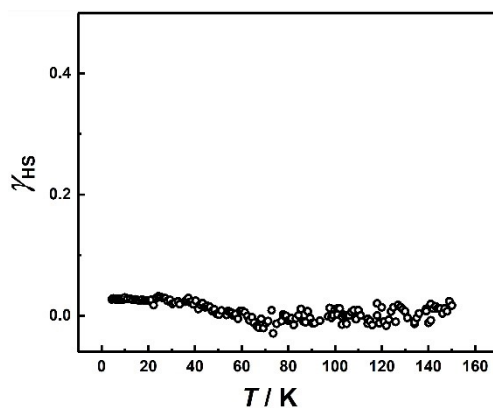


Fig. S7  $\gamma_{HS}$  versus  $T$  plot of  $1 \cdot BF_4$  after irradiation.

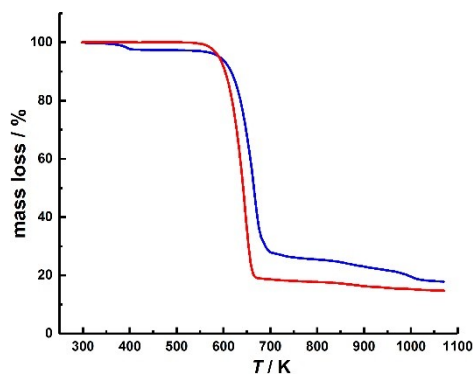


Fig. S8 Thermogravimetric profile of fresh (blue) and desolvated sample (red) of  $1 \cdot BF_4$  collected at a heating rate of  $10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$  in  $N_2$  atmosphere.

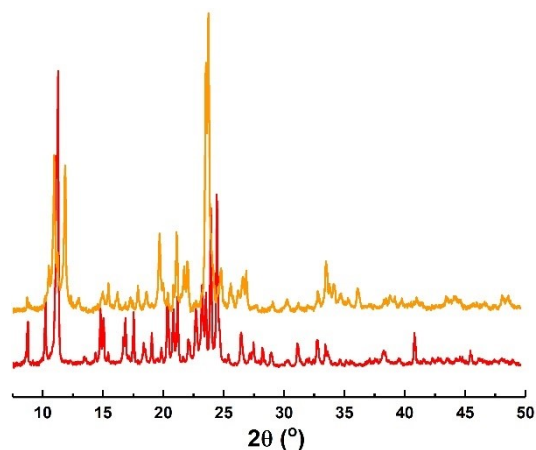


Fig. S9 Comparison between experiment of power XRD patterns of fresh (red) and desolvated sample (orange) of  $1 \cdot \text{BF}_4$  at room temperature.

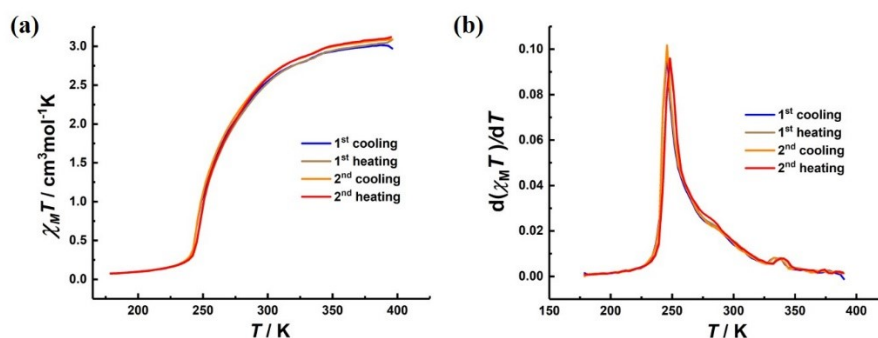


Fig. S10 (a)  $\chi_M T$  vs.  $T$  plots and (b)  $d(\chi_M T)/dT$  vs  $T$  plots of desolvated sample of complex  $1 \cdot \text{BF}_4$ .

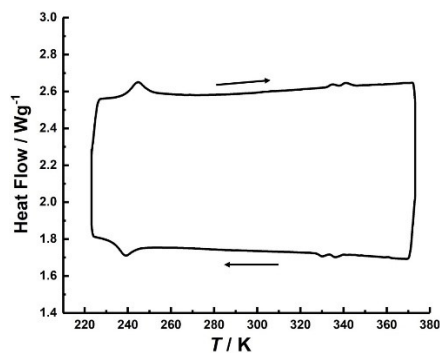


Fig. S11 DSC data for desolvated sample of  $1 \cdot \text{BF}_4$  measured by heating and cooling over  $-50$  to  $100$  °C at  $10$  °C/min.

Table S7 The enthalpy change and entropy change of fresh and desolvated sample of  $1 \cdot \text{BF}_4$ .

		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Fresh sample	$\Delta H/ \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	1.37	0.83	2.07
	$\Delta S/ \text{J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	4.01	2.49	8.34
Desolvated sample	$\Delta H/ \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	0.27	0.23	2.58
	$\Delta S/ \text{J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	0.80	0.69	10.66