

## **Electronic supplementary information**

**for**

### **Preparation of one-dimensional coordination polymers of a flexible tripyridyl disulfide with diverse topologies**

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## Experimental section

**General.** All chemicals and solvents used in the syntheses were of reagent grade and were used without further purification. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 300 spectrometer (300 MHz). The FT-IR spectra were measured with a Nicolet iS 10 spectrometer. The elemental analysis was carried out on a LECO CHNS-932 elemental analyzer. The powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) experiments were performed in a transmission mode with a Bruker GADDS diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromated CuK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54073 \text{ \AA}$ ). Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere with a heating rate of  $10 \text{ K min}^{-1}$  using a TA Instruments TGA-Q50 thermogravimetric analyzer.

**CAUTION:** The perchlorate-containing complex is potentially explosive and appropriate precautions should be taken during their preparation, handling and storage.

**Preparation of  $\{[\text{Cu}(\text{L})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\}_n$  (1).** A small amount of toluene was added to a dichloromethane (1 mL) solution of **L** (20.1 mg, 0.061 mmol); then the required copper(II) nitrate (16.0 mg, 0.061 mmol) in acetonitrile was layered on the toluene phase; the (layered) mixture afforded a dark blue crystalline product suitable for X-ray analysis. Mp: 158-161 °C. IR (KBr pellet): 3090, 3035, 2928, 1598, 1535, 1489, 1384 ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ), 1304, 1226, 1115, 1064, 854, 819, 723  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{17.7}\text{H}_{15.8}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}_2\text{Cu}]$ : C, 46.20; H, 3.46; N, 12.17; S, 13.93. Found: C, 45.80; H, 3.35; N, 12.20; S, 14.21%.

**Preparation of  $\{[\text{Ag}(\text{L})\text{NO}_3] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\}_n$  (2).** A small amount of toluene was added to a dichloromethane (1 mL) solution of **L** (20.0 mg, 0.061 mmol); then the required silver(I) nitrate (10.4 mg, 0.061 mmol) in acetonitrile was layered on the toluene phase; the (layered) mixture afforded a colorless crystalline product suitable for X-ray analysis. Mp: 199-203°C (decomp.). IR (KBr pellet): 3057, 2975, 2922, 1589, 1570, 1483, 1348 ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ), 1216, 1109, 1011, 800, 760, 723, 711  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; Anal. Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{20.25}\text{H}_{21.7}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{S}_2\text{AgCl}_{2.3}]$ : C, 38.08; H, 3.42; N, 8.77. Found: C, 37.78; H, 3.05; N, 8.42%.

**Preparation of  $\{[\text{Ag}(\text{L})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{PF}_6\}_n$  (3).** A small amount of toluene was added to a dichloromethane (1 mL) solution of **L** (20.0 mg, 0.061 mmol); then the required silver(I) hexafluorophosphate (15.5 mg, 0.061 mmol) in acetonitrile was layered on the toluene phase; the (layered) mixture afforded a colorless crystalline product suitable for X-ray analysis. Mp: 205-208 °C (decomp.). IR (KBr pellet): 3089, 3069, 3026, 2977, 1588, 1573, 1483, 1455, 1418,

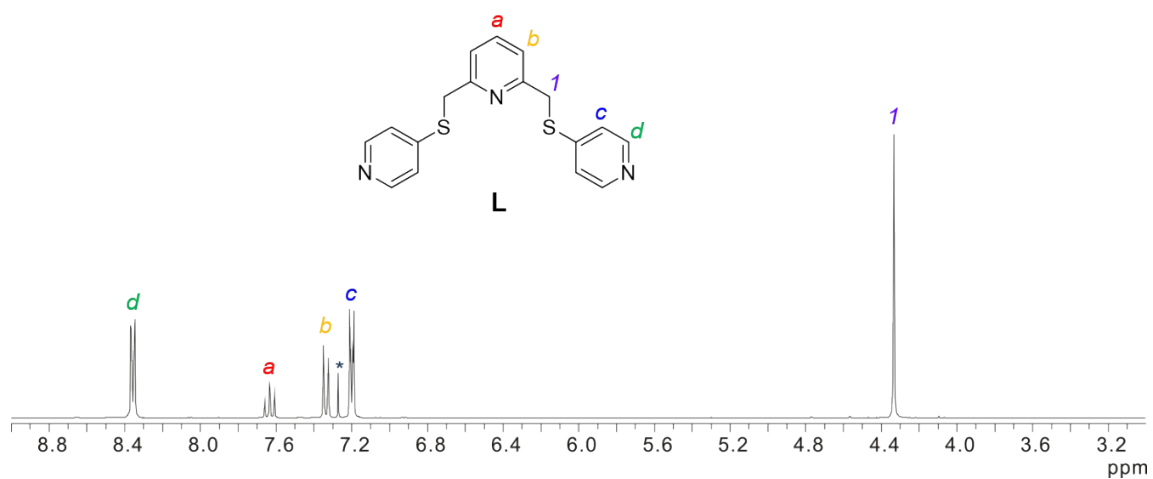
1273, 1031, 841 ( $\text{PF}_6^-$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{19.8}\text{H}_{18.7}\text{N}_{3.7}\text{S}_2\text{AgPF}_6]$ : C, 38.02; H, 3.01; N, 8.29. Found: C, 37.78; H, 3.05; N, 8.42%.

**Preparation of  $\{[\text{Ag}(\text{L})\text{ClO}_4]\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\}_n$  (4).** A small amount of toluene was added to a dichloromethane (1 mL) solution of **L** (20.2 mg, 0.062 mmol); then the required silver(I) perchlorate (12.9 mg, 0.062 mmol) in acetonitrile was layered on the toluene phase; the (layered) mixture afforded a colorless crystalline product suitable for X-ray analysis. Mp: 188-191 °C (decomp.). IR (KBr pellet): 3085, 3058, 2908, 1585, 1482, 1449, 1449, 1417, 1107, 1085 ( $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ), 806, 621 ( $\text{ClO}_4^-$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{17.8}\text{H}_{16.6}\text{AgCl}_{2.6}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}_2]$  as  $\{[\text{Ag}(\text{L})\text{ClO}_4]\cdot 0.9\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\}_n$ : C, 35.59; H, 2.79; N, 7.00. Found: C, 35.71; H, 2.53; N, 7.16%.

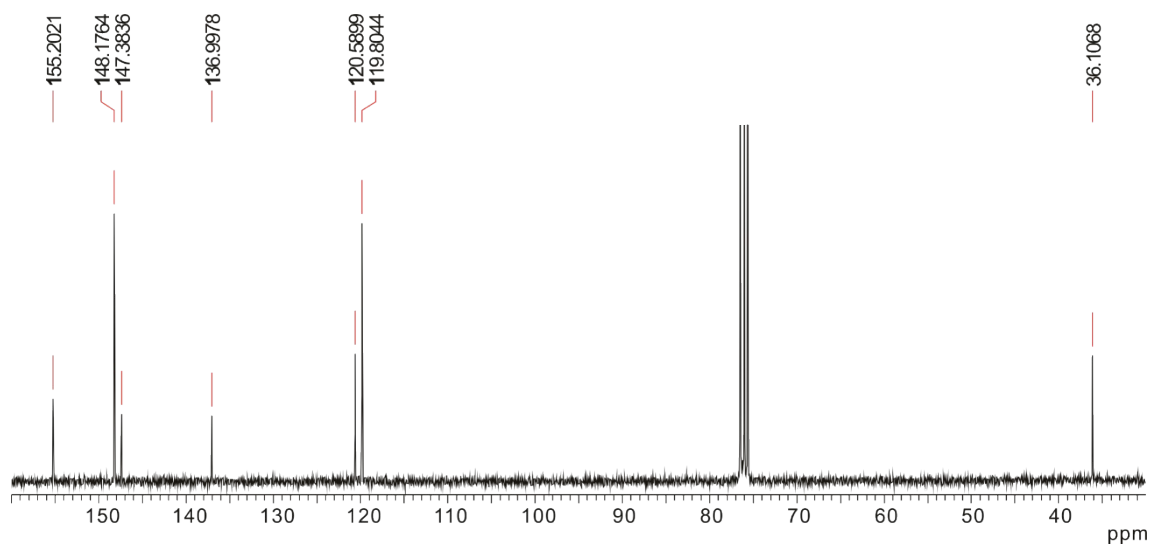
**X-ray crystallographic analysis.** Crystal data for **L** and **1-4** were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX II ULTRA diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromated Mo  $\text{K}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) generated by a rotating anode. The cell parameters for the compounds were obtained from a least-squares refinement of the spot (from 36 collected frames). Data collection, data reduction, and semi-empirical absorption correction were carried out using the software package of APEX2.<sup>S1</sup> All of the calculations for the structure determination were carried out using the SHELXTL package.<sup>S2</sup> In all cases, all nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and all hydrogen atoms except coordinated water molecules were placed in idealized positions and refined isotropically in a riding manner along with their respective parent atoms. Relevant crystal data collection and refinement data for the crystal structures of **1-4** are summarised in Tables 1-5.

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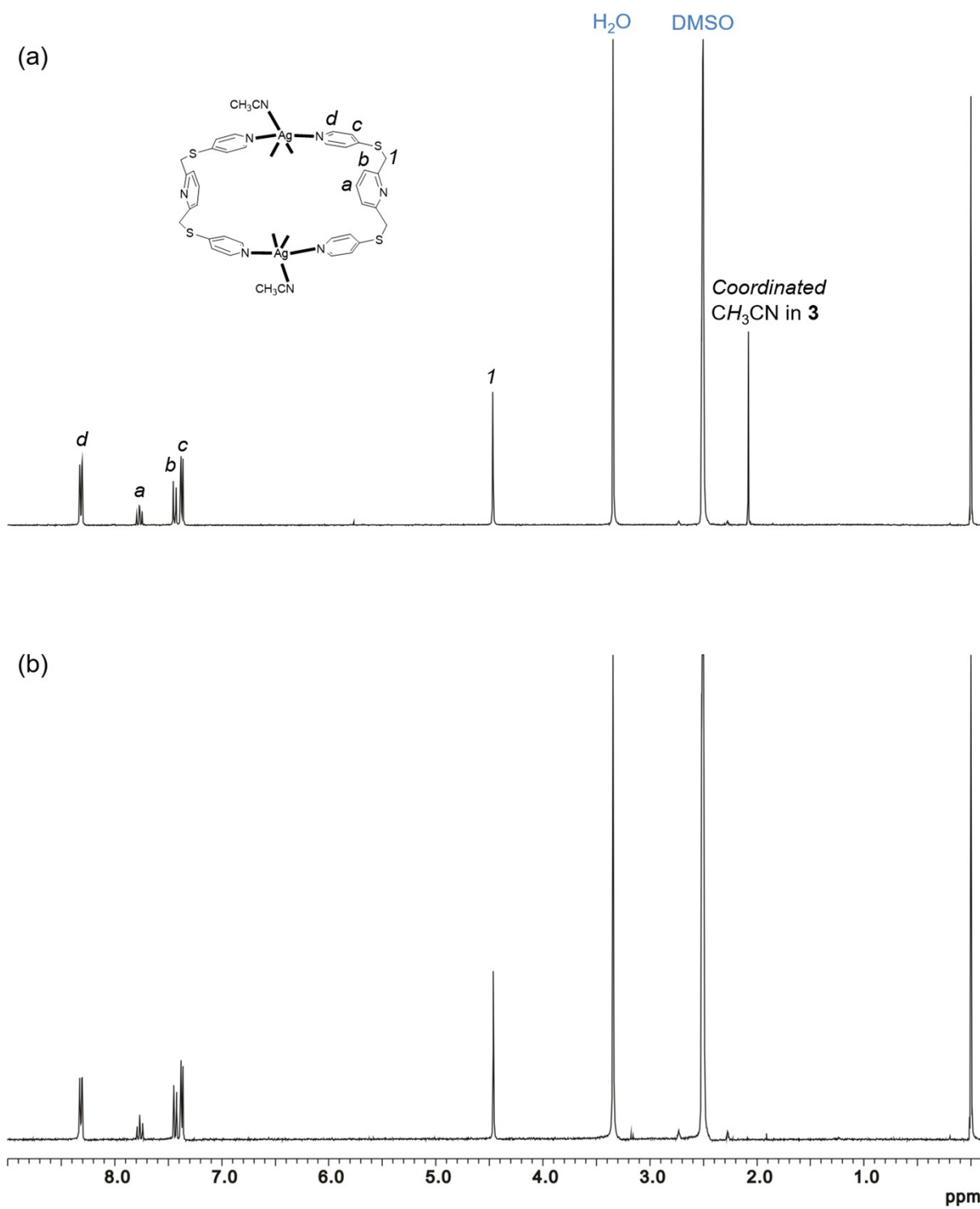
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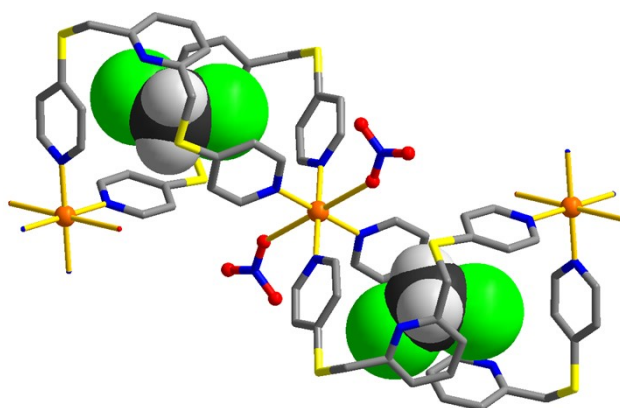
**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **L** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



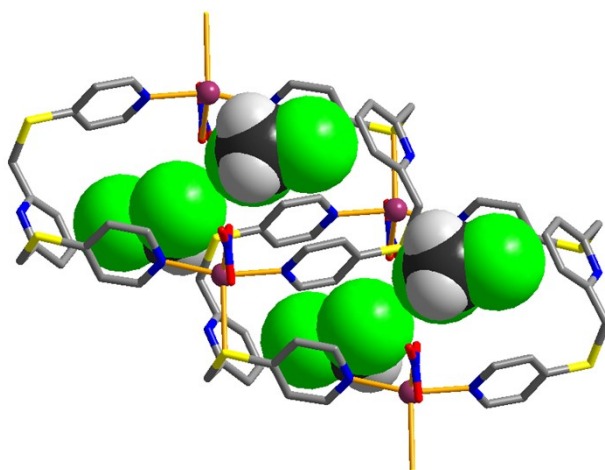
**Fig. S2**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **L** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



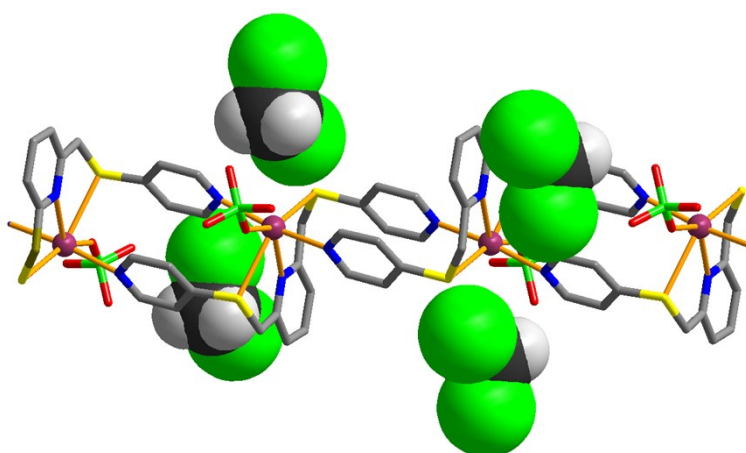
**Fig. S3** NMR spectra of (a) **3** (PF<sub>6</sub>-form) and (b) its anion-exchanged product [PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> by NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>] obtained after 48 h showing the removal of the coordinated acetonitrile molecules (singlet at 2.10 ppm).



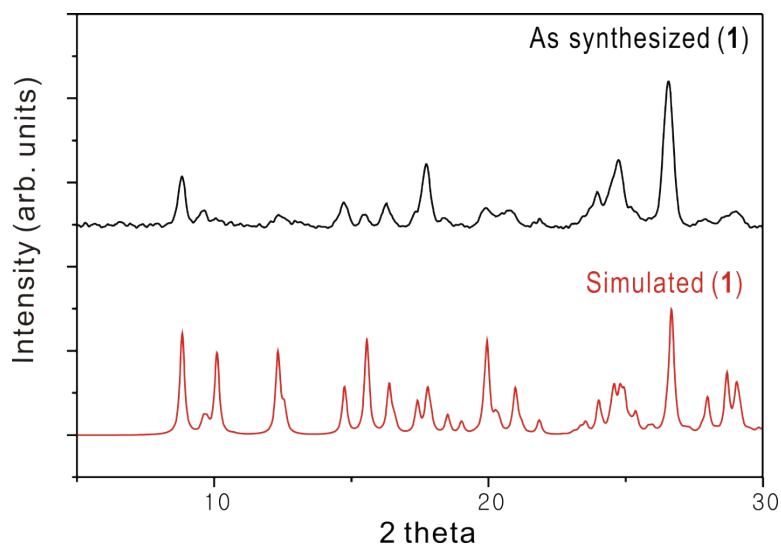
**Fig. S4** Single crystal X-ray structure of **1**,  $\{[\text{Cu}(\text{L})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\}_n$ .



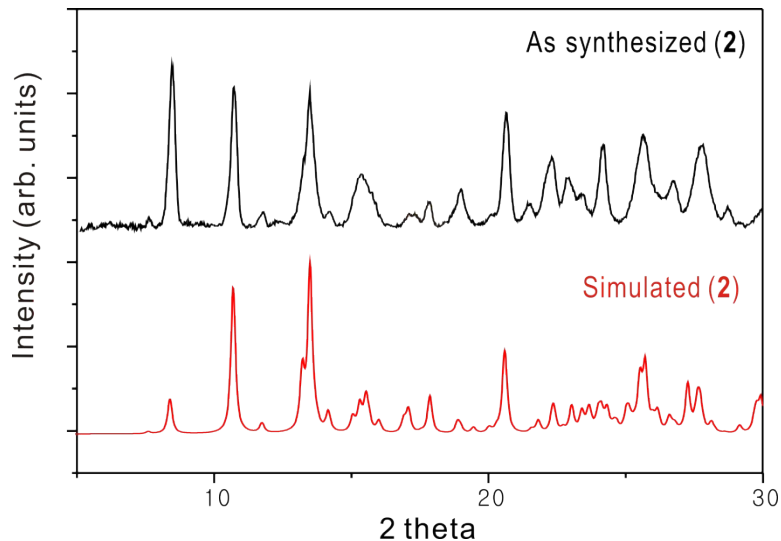
**Fig. S5** Single crystal X-ray structure of **2**,  $\{[\text{Ag}(\text{L})\text{NO}_3] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\}_n$ .



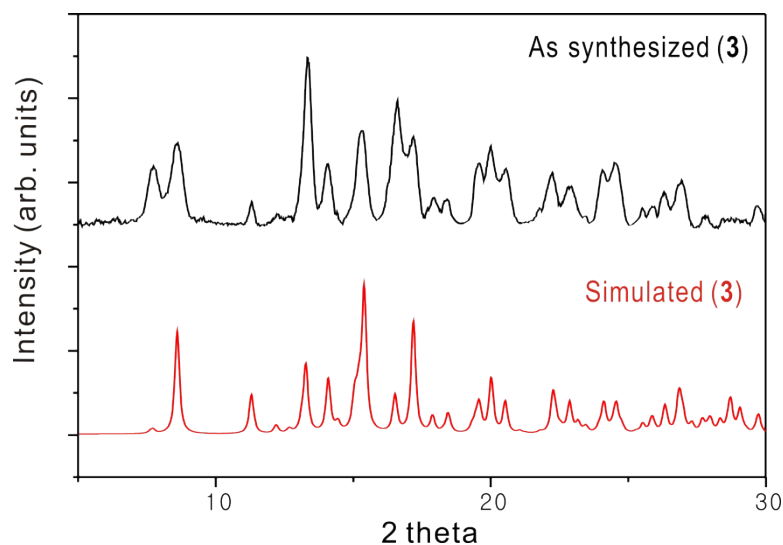
**Fig. S6** Single crystal X-ray structure of **4**,  $\{[\text{Ag}(\text{L})\text{ClO}_4] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\}_n$ .



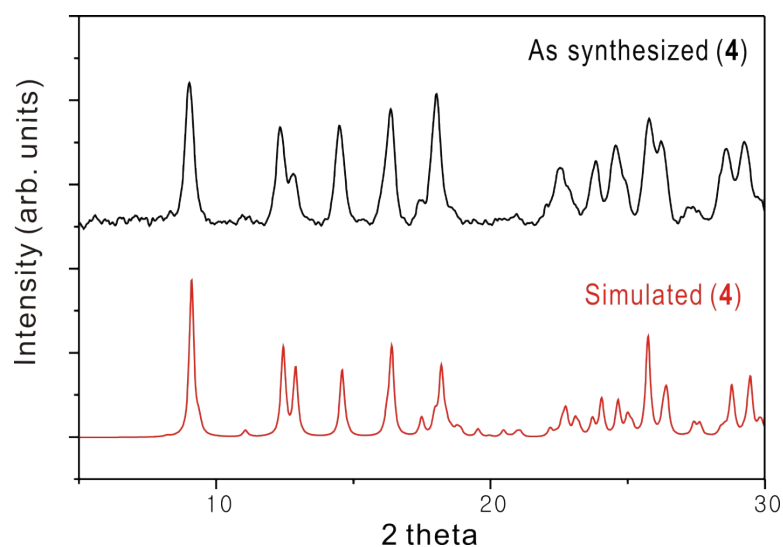
**Fig. S7** PXRD patterns for **1**: (top) as synthesized and (bottom) simulated from the single crystal X-ray data. The discrepancies in the intensities may be due to preferred orientations of the powder or partial removal of solvents during grinding.



**Fig. S8** PXRD patterns for **2**: (top) as synthesized and (bottom) simulated from the single crystal X-ray data. The discrepancies in the intensities may be due to preferred orientations of the powder or partial removal of solvents during grinding.

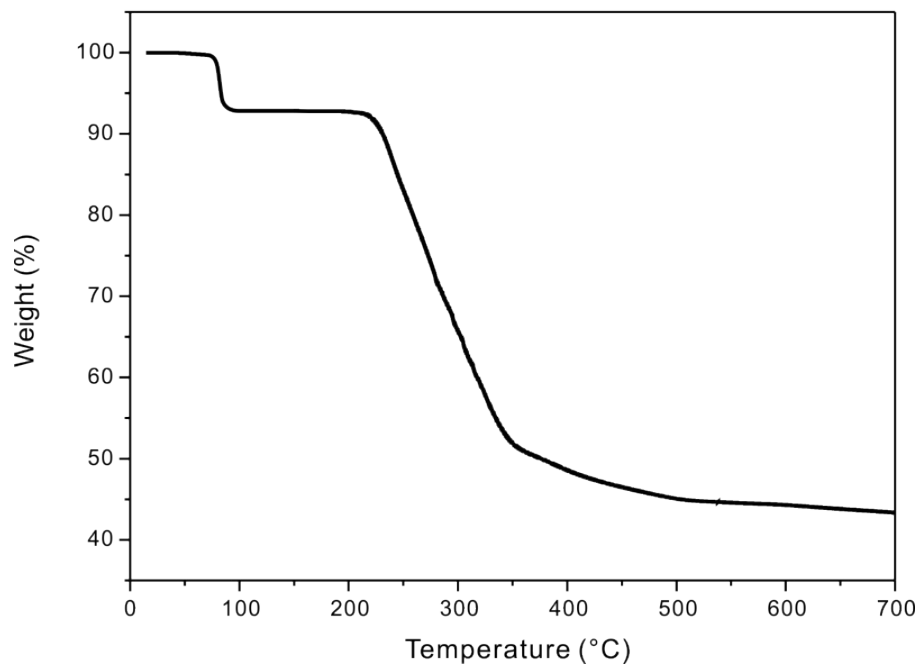


**Fig. S9** PXRD patterns for **3**: (top) as synthesized and (bottom) simulated from the single crystal X-ray data. The discrepancies in the intensities may be due to preferred orientations of the powder or partial removal of solvents during grinding.

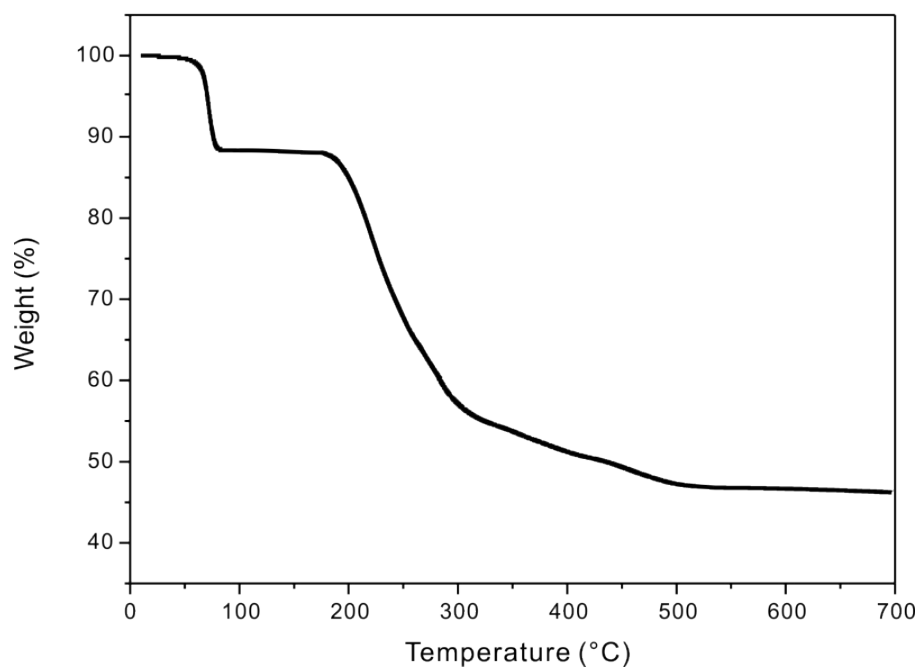


**Fig. S10** PXRD patterns for **4**: (top) as synthesized and (bottom) simulated from the single crystal X-ray data. The discrepancies in the intensities may be due to preferred orientations of the powder or partial removal of solvents during grinding.

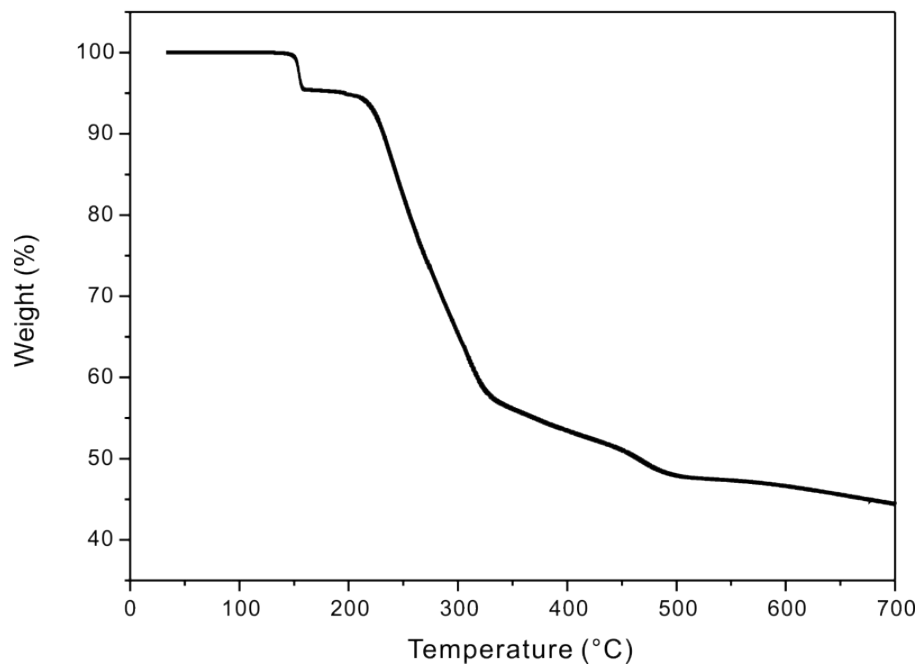




**Fig. S11** TGA curve of **1**.



**Fig. S12** TGA curve of **2**.



**Fig. S13** TGA curve of **3**.

**Table S1** Crystallographic data and refinement parameters of **1-4**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Formula	C <sub>70</sub> H <sub>64</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>12</sub> S <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>17</sub> AgCl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>18</sub> AgF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>4</sub> PS <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>17</sub> AgCl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	1846.73	580.24	619.33	617.68
Temperature	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>	<i>P-1</i>	<i>P-1</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	18.6359(6)	7.9319(3)	8.05010(10)	9.8728(8)
<i>b</i> /Å	11.9828(6)	23.0680(10)	12.5630(2)	10.2889(9)
<i>c</i> /Å	17.9652(7)	11.7359(5)	12.6704(2)	10.9536(9)
<i>α</i> /deg	90	90	68.6860(10)	80.721(5)
<i>β</i> /deg	103.225(3)	91.872(2)	78.0620(10)	87.251(5)
<i>γ</i> /deg	90	90	89.6740(10)	73.377(4)
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	3905.4(3)	2146.21(15)	1164.54(3)	1052.22(15)
<i>Z</i>	2	4	2	2
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> / (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.570	1.796	1.766	1.950
<i>μ</i> (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.967	1.412	1.177	1.571
2 <i>θ</i> <sub>max</sub> (deg)	52	52	52.00	52.00
Reflections collected	31014	19736	19065	16013
Independent reflections	3842 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0815]	4197 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0820]	4589 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0256]	4122 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0442]
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.042	1.029	1.039	1.009
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2 <i>σ</i> ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0437, 0.1027	0.1014, 0.2508	0.0293, 0.0678	0.1429, 0.4537
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [all data]	0.0641, 0.1122	0.1231, 0.2663	0.0358, 0.0705	0.1505, 0.4768

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for **1<sup>a</sup>**

Cu1-N1	2.018(2)	Cu1-N3A	2.034(2)
Cu1-O1	2.885(7)		
N1B-Cu1-N1	180.000(1)	N1B-Cu1-N3C	90.00(10)
N1-Cu1-N3A	90.00(10)	N1B-Cu1-N3C	90.00(10)
N1-Cu1-N3C	90.00(10)	N3A-Cu1-N3C	180.000(1)
N1B-Cu1-O1	89.9(2)	N1-Cu1-O1	90.1(2)
N3C-Cu1-O1	88.6(2)	N3B-Cu1-O1	91.4(2)

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry operations: (A) 1-x, y, 1.5-z; (B) 1-x, 1-y, 1-z; (C) x, 1-y, -0.5+z.

**Table S3** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for **2<sup>a</sup>**

Ag1-N1	2.220(6)	Ag1-N3A	2.205(6)
Ag1-O1	2.683(8)	Ag1-S2B	2.886(2)
N1-Ag1-O1	91.2(3)	N1-Ag1-S2B	95.37(16)
N3A-Ag1-O1	88.3(3)	N3A-Ag1-S2B	104.06(17)
N3A-Ag1-N1	159.1(2)	O1-Ag1-S2B	112.71(18)

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry operations: (A) 2-x, 2-y, -z; (B) 1-x, 2-y, -z.

**Table S4** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for **3<sup>a</sup>**

Ag1-N3A	2.270(2)	Ag1-N1B	2.280(2)
Ag1-N4	2.595(3)	Ag1-S2	2.7428(7)
Ag1-N2	2.786(2)		
N4-Ag1-N2	160.92(8)	S2-Ag1-N2	72.85(5)
N4-Ag1-S2	88.53(7)	N3A-Ag1-N4	92.65(9)
N3A-Ag1-N2	89.09(7)	N3A-Ag1-S2	107.30(6)
N3A-Ag1-N1B	155.48(8)	N1B-Ag1-N2	94.87(7)
N1B-Ag1-N4	91.40(9)	N1B-Ag1-S2	96.97(6)

<sup>a</sup> Symmetry operations: (A) 1+x, y, z; (B) 1-x, 2-y, 1-z.

**Table S5** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond Angles (°) for **4<sup>a</sup>**

Ag1-S1	2.865(3)	Ag1-S2	2.832(3)
Ag1-N2	2.744(9)	Ag1-N1A	2.297(10)
Ag1-O1	2.914(11)	Ag1-N3B	2.276(10)
N3B-Ag1-N1A	169.6(3)	N3B-Ag1-N2	96.2(3)
N1A-Ag1-N2	94.2(3)	N3B-Ag1-S2	94.7(2)
N1A-Ag1-S2	89.9(2)	N2-Ag1-S2	69.2(2)
N3B-Ag1-S1	89.7(3)	N1A-Ag1-S1	93.0(2)
N2-Ag1-S1	69.5(2)	S2-Ag1-S1	138.69(8)
N3B-Ag1-O1	83.2(4)	N1A-Ag1-O1	87.2(4)
N2-Ag1-O1	161.6(4)	S2-Ag1-O1	92.5(3)
S1-Ag1-O1	128.8(3)		

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry operations: (A) -x, -y, 1-z; (B) 1-x, -y, 2-z.