## **Supporting Information**

## Rotational order-disorder and spin crossover behaviour in a neutral iron(II) complex based on asymmetrically substituted large planar ionogenic ligand

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| Temperature/K                               | 220(2)                         | 293(2)                       |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                           | $C_{34}H_{28}F_2FeN_{12}O_2$   |                              |
| Formula weight                              | 730.53                         |                              |
| Crystal system                              | orthorhombic                   |                              |
| Space group                                 | Pbcn                           |                              |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                | $0.09 \times 0.08 \times 0.04$ |                              |
| a/Å   | 12.7752(8)                     | 13.05(2)                     |
| b/Å   | 10.7048(7)                     | 10.401(18)                   |
| <i>c</i> /Å                                 | 24.3576(16)                    | 25.06(4)                     |
| V/Å <sup>3</sup>                            | 3331.0(4)                      | 3402(10)                     |
| Ζ   | 4                              | 4                            |
| ρ <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>         | 1.457                          | 1.426                        |
| µ/mm⁻¹                                      | 0.517                          | 0.506                        |
| F(000)                                      | 1504.0                         | 1504.0                       |
| 20 range for data collection/°              | 4.62 to 50.1                   | 5.008 to 50.024              |
| Index ranges                                | -15 ≤ h ≤ 15                   | -15 ≤ h ≤ 15                 |
|   | -12 ≤ k ≤ 12                   | -12 ≤ k ≤ 12                 |
|   | -26 ≤ l ≤ 29                   | -29 ≤ l ≤ 29                 |
| Reflections collected                       | 22138                          | 23664                        |
| Independent reflections                     | 2946                           | 3001                         |
|   | [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1270,    | [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.2049,  |
|   | R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0637]   | R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0917] |
| Data/restraints/parameters                  | 2946/0/233                     | 3001/0/243                   |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 1.105                          | 1.085                        |
| Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]                 | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0703,       | $R_1 = 0.0624,$              |
|   | $wR_2 = 0.1626$                | $wR_2 = 0.1477$              |
| Final R indexes [all data]                  | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1149,       | $R_1 = 0.1520$ ,             |
|   | $wR_2 = 0.1929$                | $wR_2 = 0.2283$              |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 0.91/-0.56                     | 0.59/-0.39                   |

**Table S2.** Comparison of the cell parameters of indicated phases.

|                           | <i>a,</i> Å | <i>b,</i> Å | <i>c,</i> Å |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>2F</b> <sup>293K</sup> | 13.05(2)    | 10.40(2)    | 25.06(4)    |
| 2F <sup>des</sup> *       | 13.40       | 8.63        | 26.73       |

\*Evaluated by Expo2014 software<sup>1</sup>.

**Table S3.** Full colour-coded interaction mappings of a central reference molecule with nearest neighbors of **2F** and the contributions to the total energy in both spin states as calculated by DTF-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) method.



|                          |           |                           | Energy, kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>   |                                |                                |                      |                                |                          |  |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Symmetry<br>operation    | R, Å      | F-atom<br>orientati<br>on | Electrostatic                  | Polarization                   | Dispersion                     | Exchange- repulsion  | E(Total)                       | ΔE("away"–<br>"towards") |  |
| x+1/2, y+1/2, -<br>z+1/2 | 8.34      | "towards"<br>"away"       | -<br>34.<br>7<br>-<br>35.<br>7 | -<br>18.<br>0<br>-<br>18.<br>7 | -<br>80.<br>1<br>-<br>84.<br>7 | 56.<br>6<br>62.<br>8 | -<br>84.<br>8<br>-<br>86.<br>5 | -1.7                     |  |
| х, у, z                  | 13.0<br>5 | "towards"<br>"away"       | 7.1<br>7.4                     | -1.9<br>-1.9                   | -<br>10.<br>6<br>-<br>10.<br>6 | 7.6<br>7.6           | 1.6<br>1.8                     | 0.2                      |  |
| х, у, z                  | 10.4<br>0 | "towards"<br>"away"       | -<br>22.                       | -5.2<br>-5.6                   | -<br>29.                       | 20.<br>7             | -<br>40.                       | -1.3                     |  |

|              |      |           | 5    |      | 1    | 21. | 1    |      |
|--------------|------|-----------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|
|              |      |           | -    |      | -    | 5   | -    |      |
|              |      |           | 24.  |      | 28.  |     | 41.  |      |
|              |      |           | 2    |      | 6    |     | 4    |      |
|              |      | "towards" |      |      | -    |     | -    |      |
|              | 40 5 | "away"    | ~ 1  |      | 19.  | 7.0 | 16.  |      |
| -XVZ         | 12.5 |           | -2.1 | -2.5 | 4    | 7.6 | 3    | -2.5 |
| , <b>,</b> , | 4    |           | -5.0 | -2.4 | -    | 1.1 | -    |      |
|              |      |           |      |      | 19.  |     | 18.  |      |
|              |      |           |      |      | 0    |     | 8    |      |
| X X 7        | 16.5 | "towards" | -0.1 | -0.6 | -7.9 | 3.0 | -5.6 | 1 0  |
| -x, -y, -∠   | 5    | "away"    | 0.6  | -0.7 | -7.6 | 3.1 | -4.6 | -1.0 |

**Table S4.** Full colour-coded interaction mappings of a methanol molecule with nearest neighbour molecules of **2F** and the contributions to the total energy in both spin states and F-atom orientations calculated by DTF-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) method. Cut-off is 5.0 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.



|                    |   |   |                                  | Energy, kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>                    |   |   |                      |                         |                          |
|--------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|---|---|---|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Colo<br>ur<br>code | Symmetry<br>operation of the<br>contact complex<br>molecule | Spin state,<br>F-atom<br>orientation                      | R,<br>Å                          | Electrostatic                                   | Polarization                                    | Dispersion                                      | Exchange- repulsion  | E(Total)                | ∆E("away"–<br>"towards") |
|                    | same  | 220K, LS<br>293K, HS,<br>"away"<br>293K, HS,<br>"towards" | 4.3<br>8<br>4.3<br>0<br>4.3<br>0 | -<br>59.<br>8<br>-<br>50.<br>9<br>-<br>54.<br>8 | -<br>19.<br>0<br>-<br>16.<br>2<br>-<br>17.<br>5 | -<br>31.<br>4<br>-<br>27.<br>7<br>-<br>30.<br>2 | 72.3<br>59.8<br>63.0 | -60.0<br>-53.0<br>-58.2 | 5.2                      |
|                    | x+1/2, y+1/2, -<br>z+1/2                                    | 220K, LS<br>293K, HS,<br>"away"<br>293K, HS,              | 8.0<br>8<br>8.3<br>5             | -<br>21.<br>1                                   | -5.7<br>-5.3<br>-5.3                            | -9.9<br>-9.7<br>-9.7                            | 26.3<br>23.2<br>23.2 | -18.8<br>-18.7<br>-18.7 | 0.0                      |

|            | "towards" | 8.3<br>1 | 19.<br>6 |      |      |     |      |     |
|------------|-----------|----------|----------|------|------|-----|------|-----|
|            |           |          | -        |      |      |     |      |     |
|            |           |          | 19.<br>6 |      |      |     |      |     |
|            | 220K, LS  | 8.7      | -3.4     | -0.8 | -    | 7.0 | -8.8 |     |
|            |           | 1        |          |      | 10.  |     |      |     |
|            | 293K, HS, |          | -2.4     | -0.9 | 2    | 4.7 | -7.6 | 0.2 |
| -X, -Y, -Z | "away"    | 8.7      | -2.4     | -0.6 |      | 4.6 | -7.8 |     |
|            | 293K, HS, | 9        |          |      | -8.5 |     |      |     |
|            | "towards" | 8.7      |          |      | -8.8 |     |      |     |
|            |           | 9        |          |      |      |     |      |     |

**Table S5.** The full colour-coded interaction mappings of a central reference molecule with nearest neighbors of **2F** and the contributions to the total energy in both spin states as calculated by DTF-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) method. For the HS state phase calculation are for the fluorine atom oriented in the same way as in the LS state (toward the Fe<sup>II</sup> ion).



| Col            | Spi            | Symmetry<br>operation     |                        |                     | Energy, kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> |                  |                |                         |                |                           |  |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--|
| or<br>cod<br>e | n<br>stat<br>e |                           | R, Å                   | дк(LS<br>–HS),<br>Å | Electrostat<br>ic            | Polarizatio<br>n | Dispersion     | Exchange<br>- repulsion | E(Total)       | ΔE(Tota<br>I) (LS–<br>HS) |  |
|                | LS<br>HS       | x+1/2, y+1/2,<br>-z+1/2*  | 8.33<br>8.34           | -0.01               | -38.4<br>-34.7               | -17.6<br>-18.0   | -74.0<br>-80.1 | 58.8<br>56.6            | -81.7<br>-84.8 | 3.1                       |  |
|                | LS<br>HS       | -X, -Y, -Z                | 12.2<br>1<br>12.5<br>4 | -0.33               | -0.4<br>-2.1                 | -2.8<br>-2.5     | -21.3<br>-19.4 | 9.5<br>7.6              | -15.1<br>-16.3 | 1.2                       |  |
|                | LS<br>HS       | x, y, z                   | 12.7<br>8<br>13.0<br>5 | -0.27               | 7.4<br>7.1                   | -1.5<br>-1.9     | -8.8<br>-10.6  | 4.8<br>7.6              | 2.1<br>1.6     | 0.5                       |  |
|                | LS<br>HS       | -x+1/2, -<br>y+1/2, z+1/2 | 15.1<br>1<br>15.2<br>4 | -0.13               | 0.5<br>0.6                   | -0.7<br>-0.7     | -4.1<br>-3.5   | 0.1<br>0.0              | -3.5<br>-2.8   | -0.7                      |  |
|                | LS<br>HS       | -x, -y, -z                | 16.8<br>2<br>16.6<br>3 | 0.19                | -1.4<br>-0.1                 | -0.7<br>-0.6     | -10.5<br>-7.9  | 7.3<br>3.0              | -6.6<br>-5.6   | -1.0                      |  |

| LS<br>HS | x, y, z* | 10.7<br>0<br>10.4 | 0.30 | -25.7<br>-22.5 | -5.6<br>-5.2 | -32.7<br>-29.1 | 24.9<br>20.7 | -44.4<br>-40.1 | -4.3 |
|----------|----------|-------------------|------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------|
| 110      |          | 0                 |      | 22.0           | 0.2          | 20.1           | 20.7         | 10.1           |      |

\* interactions within the supramolecular layers of stacking molecules



**Figure S1**. Comparison of calculated X-ray powder diffraction profile of **2F** at 293 K with the experimental one of **2F**<sup>des</sup> recorded at room temperature.

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