

Supporting Information

Spin Crossover Fe^{III} Complexes with a Substituted Hqnal Ligand: Effects of Anions and Solvents

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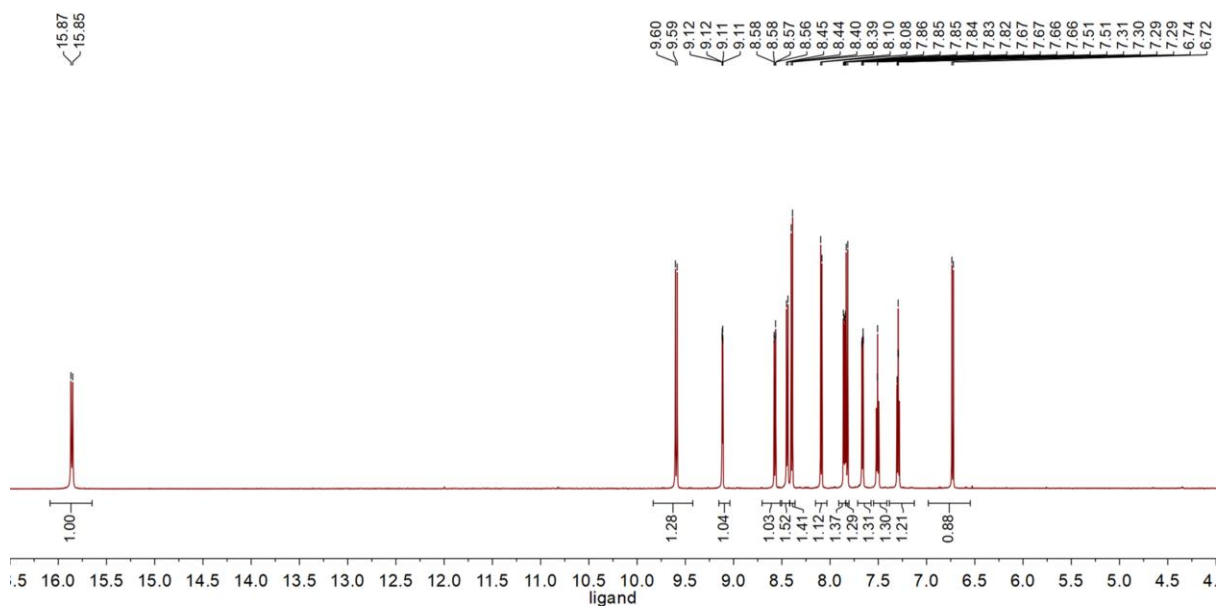


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of ligand Hqnal-5-Br_q in DMSO-d₆: $\delta = 15.86$ (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 9.59 (d, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 9.12 (dd, $J = 4.1, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.57 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, $J = 8.5, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H).

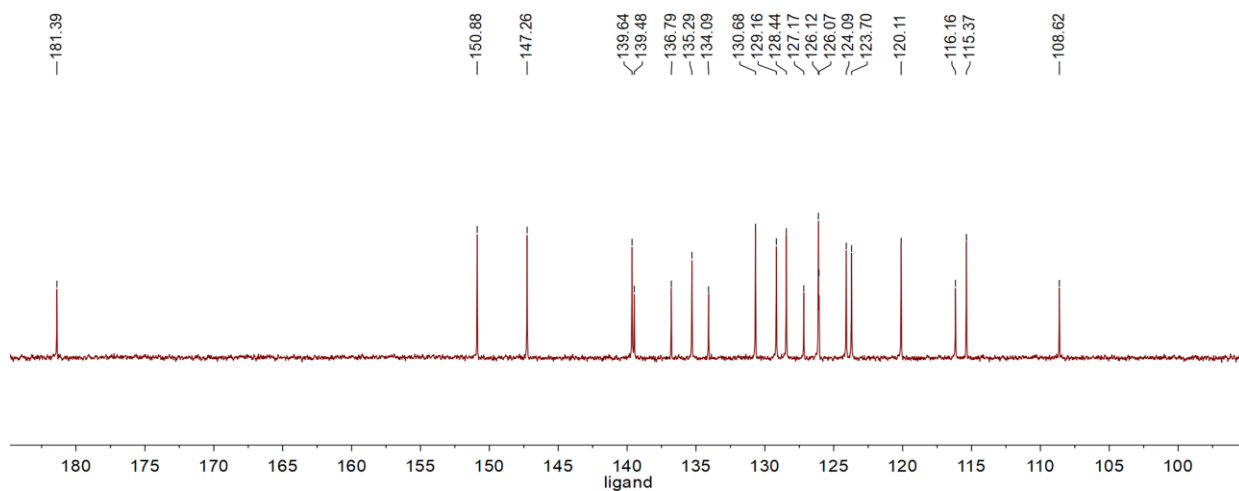


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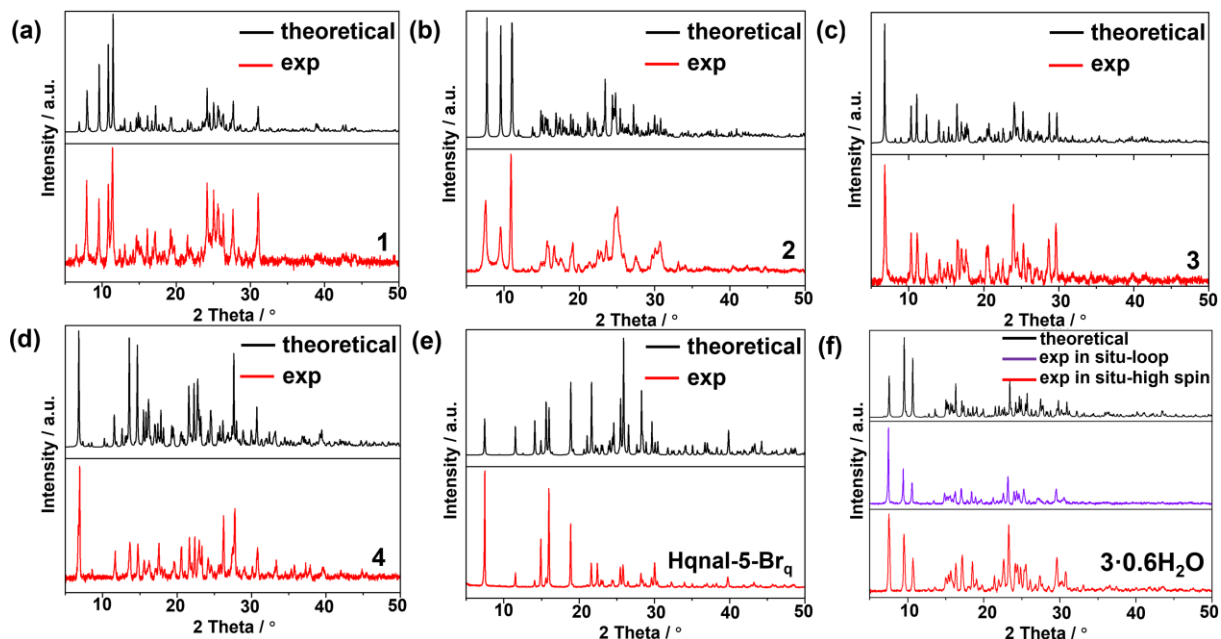


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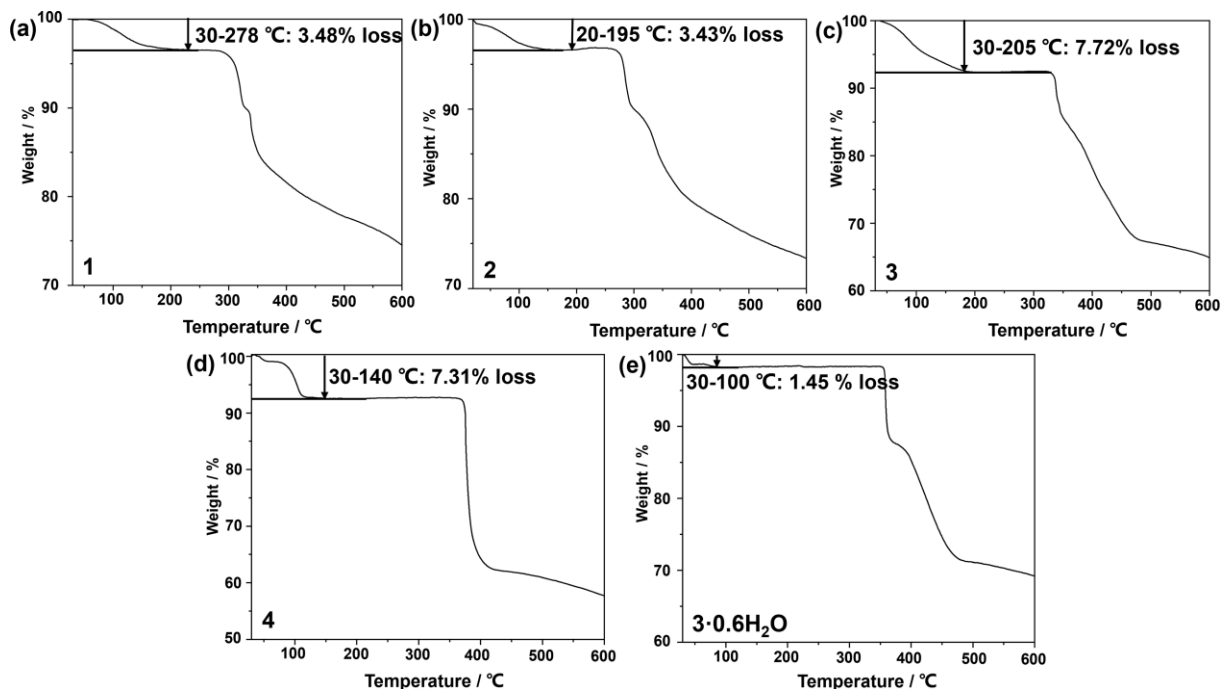


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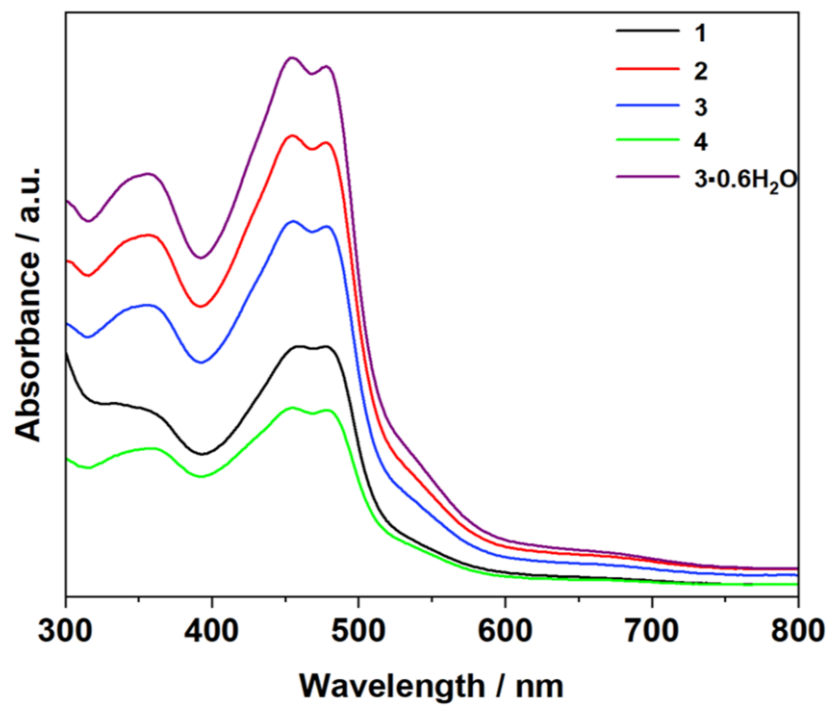


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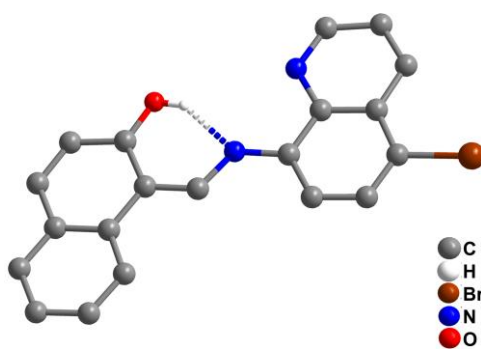


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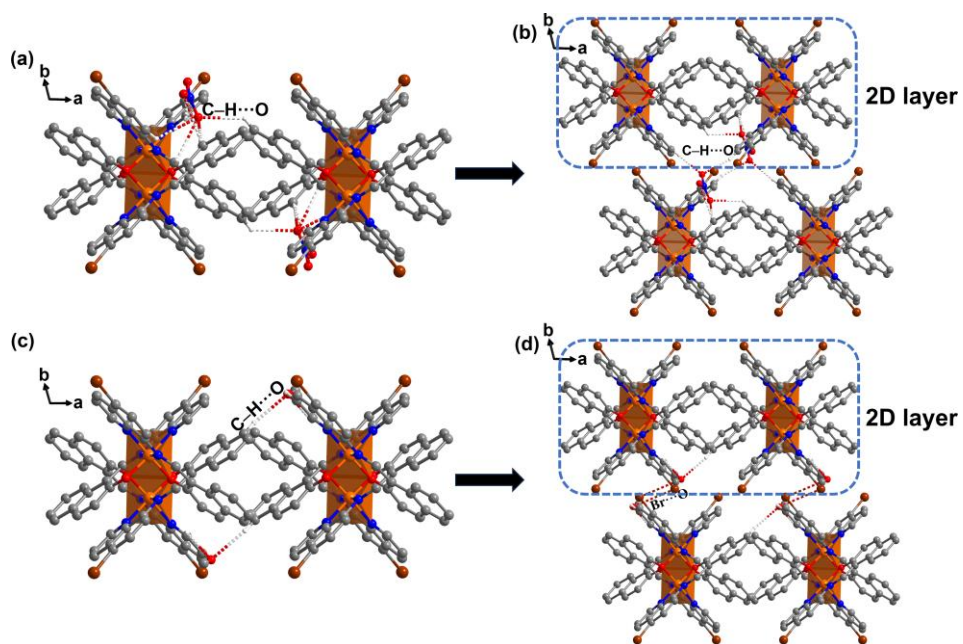


Figure S7. The 2D layers and 3D structure of **1**: the C–H···O interactions between the NO₃⁻ anions and the cations (a) and (b); the C–H···O and Br···O interactions between the solvents and the cations (c) and (d).

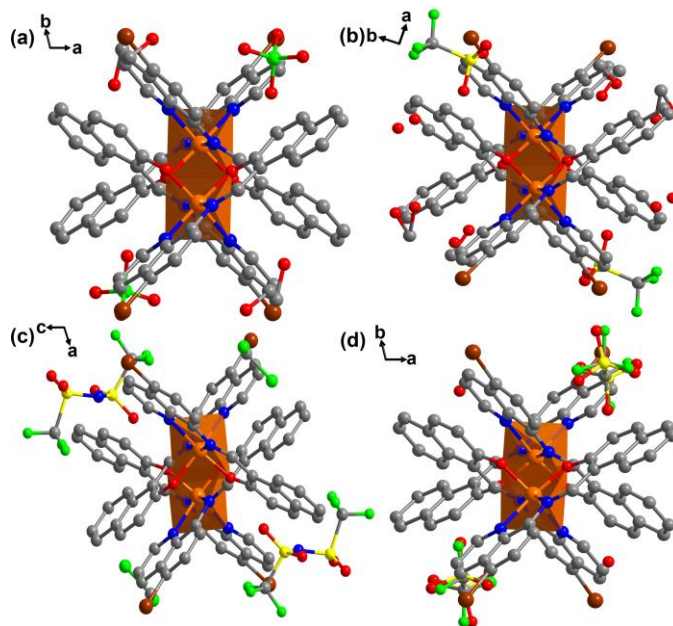


Figure S8. The 1D cross-section of complexes **2-4** (a-c) and **3·0.6H₂O** (d).

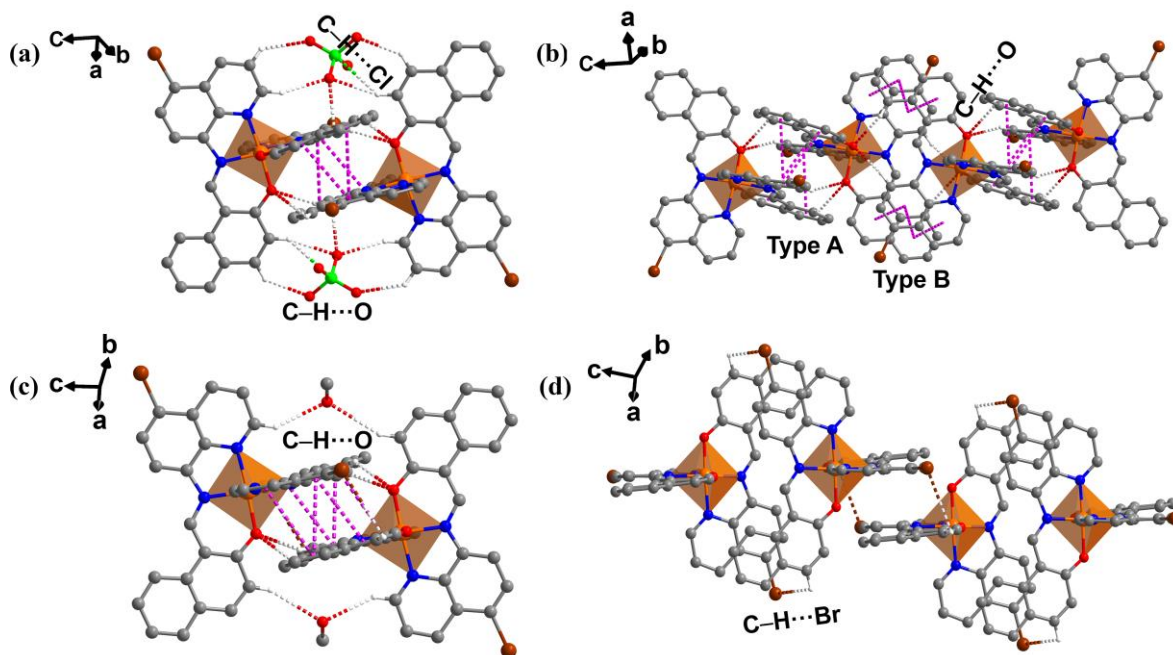


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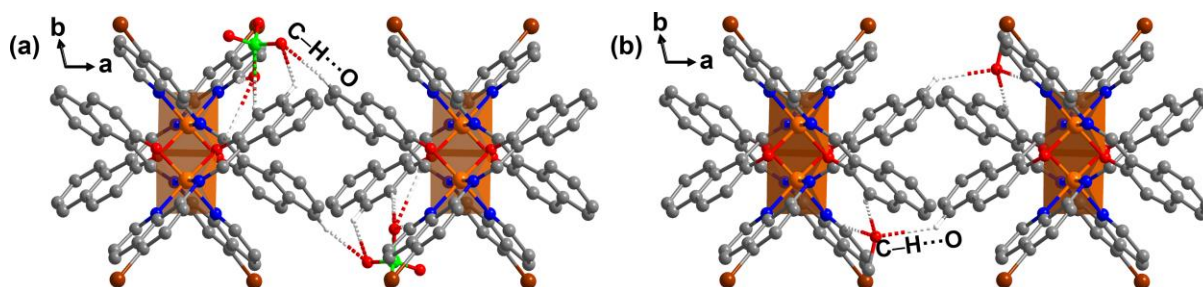


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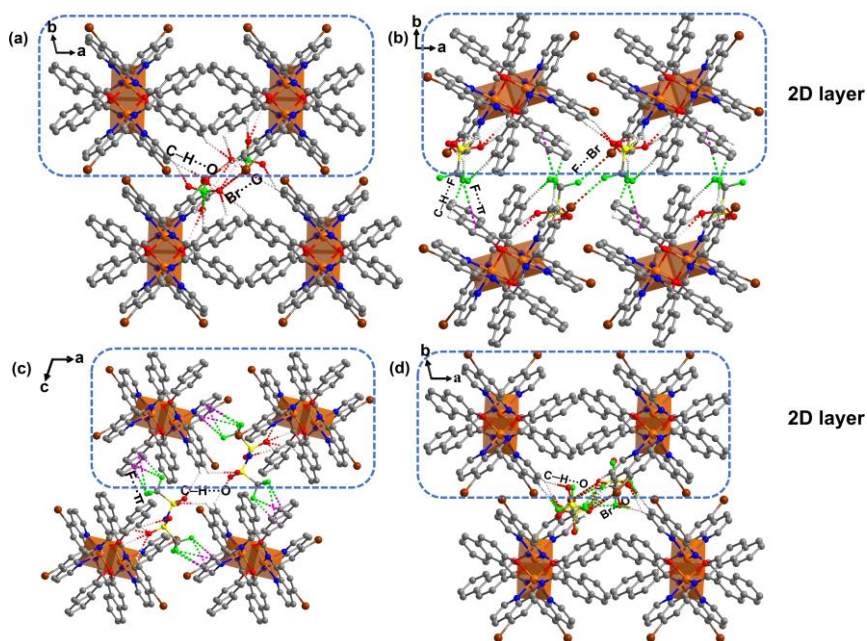


Figure S11. 3D structures of **2-4** and **3·0.6H₂O** (a) The C–H···O and Br···O interactions between the 2D layers of **2**; (b) The C–H···O and F···Br/ π interactions between the 2D layers of **3**; (c) The C–H···O and F···Br/ π interactions between the 2D layers of **4**; (d) The C–H···O and Br···O interactions between the 2D layers of **3·0.6H₂O**.

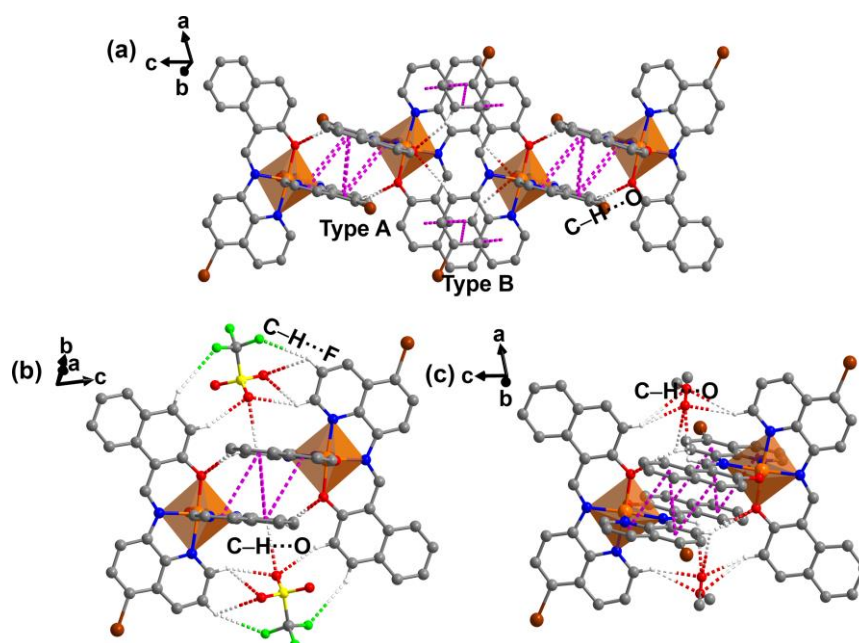


Figure S12. The 1D chain of **3**: (a) Type A and Type B π ··· π interactions and the C–H···O interactions between the cations; (b) the C–H···O/F interactions between the OTf[−] anions and cations; (c) the C–H···O interactions between the solvents and cations.

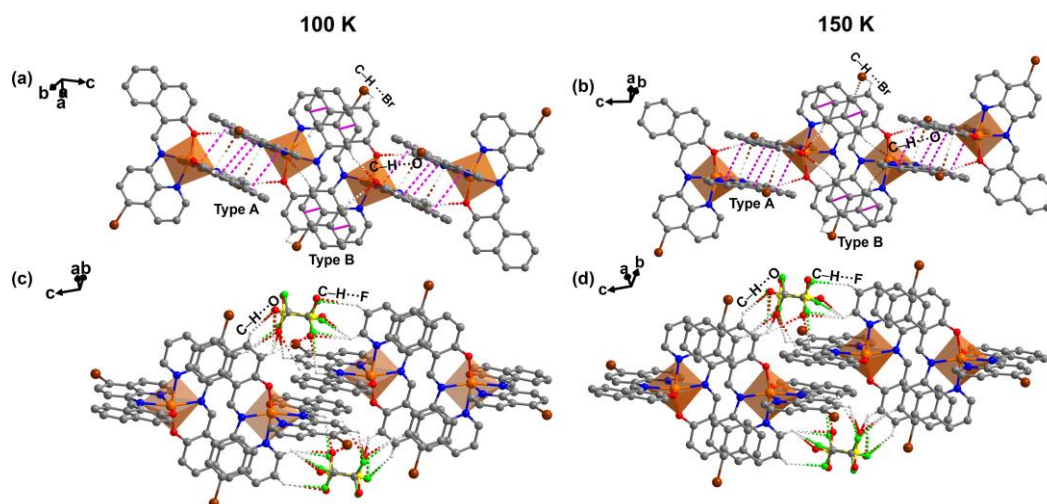


Figure S13. The 1D chain of $3 \cdot 0.6\text{H}_2\text{O}$: (a-b) Type A and Type B $\pi \cdots \pi$ interactions, the $\text{C-H} \cdots \text{O}$ and the $\text{C-H} \cdots \text{Br}$ interactions between the cations; (c-d) the $\text{C-H} \cdots \text{O/F}$ interactions between the OTf^- anions and the cations.

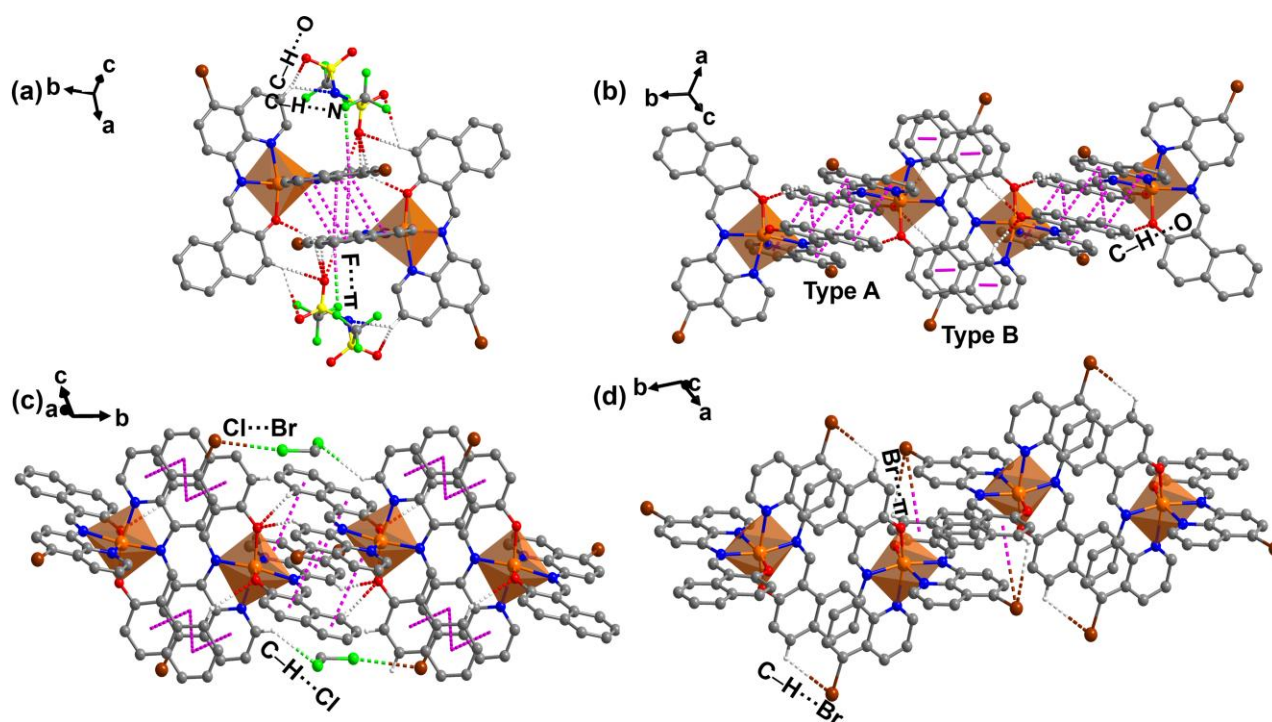


Figure S14. The 1D chain of **4**: (a) the $\text{C-H} \cdots \text{O/N}$ and $\text{F} \cdots \pi$ interactions between the cations and the NTf_2^- anions; (b) Type A and Type B $\pi \cdots \pi$ interactions and the $\text{C-H} \cdots \text{O}$ interactions between the cations; (c) the $\text{C-H} \cdots \text{Cl}$ and $\text{Cl} \cdots \text{Br}$ interactions between the solvents and the cations; (d) the $\text{C-H} \cdots \text{Br}$ and $\text{Br} \cdots \pi$ interactions between the cations.

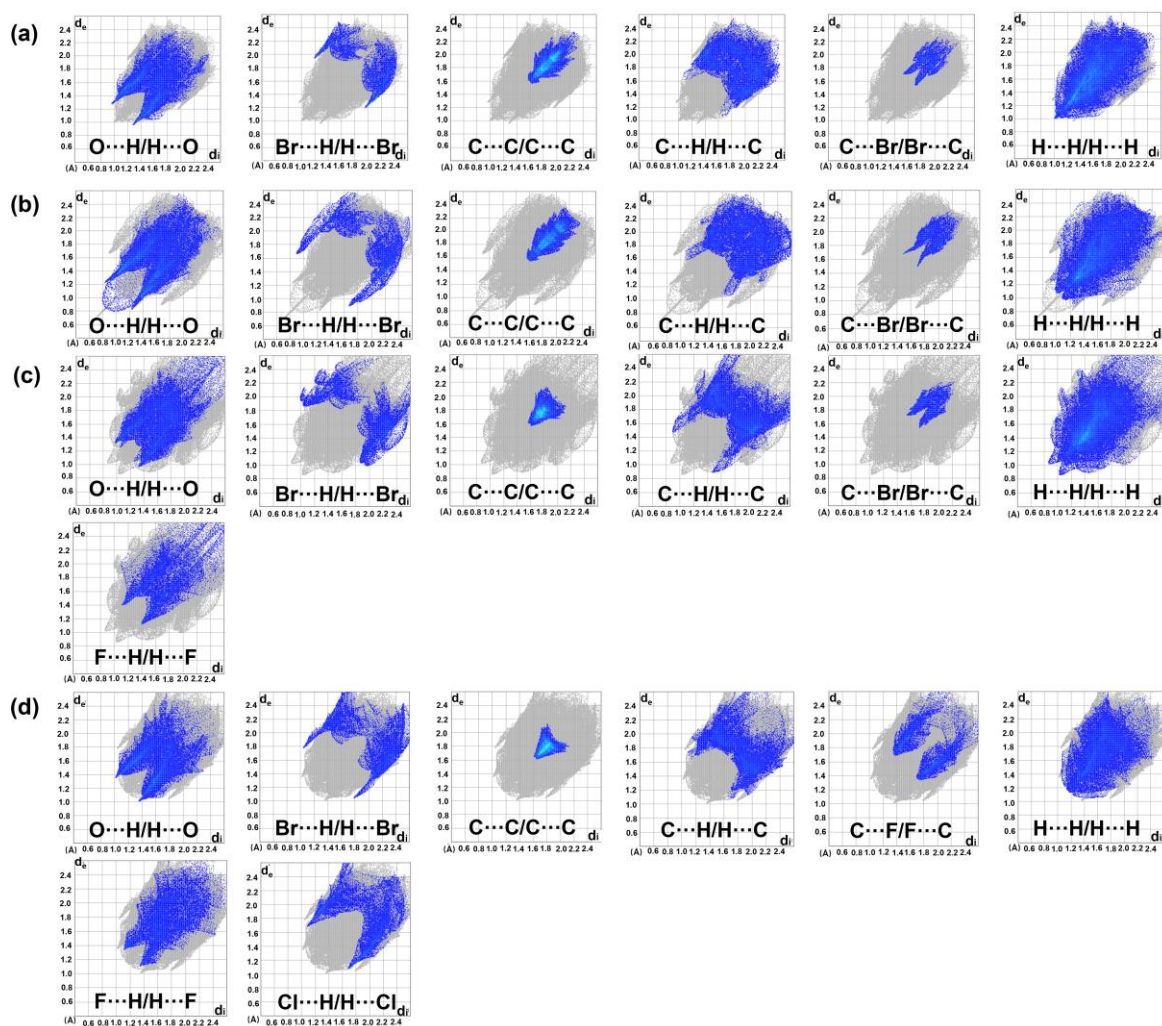


Figure S15. Hirshfeld surface 2D fingerprint plots for **1-4** (a-d) at low temperature.

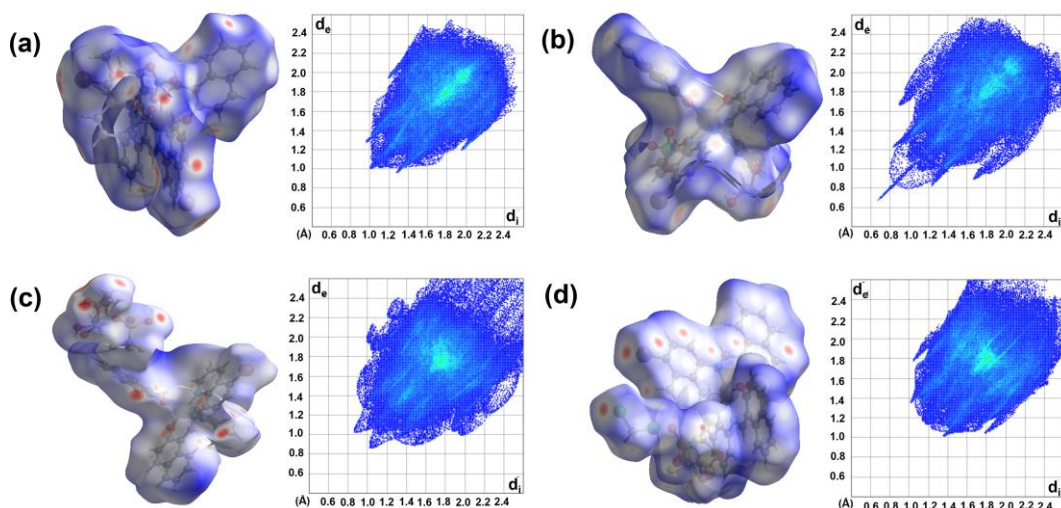


Figure S16. Hirshfeld surface mapped with d_{hom} and Hirshfeld surface 2D fingerprint plots for all contacts for **1-4** (a-d) at low temperature.

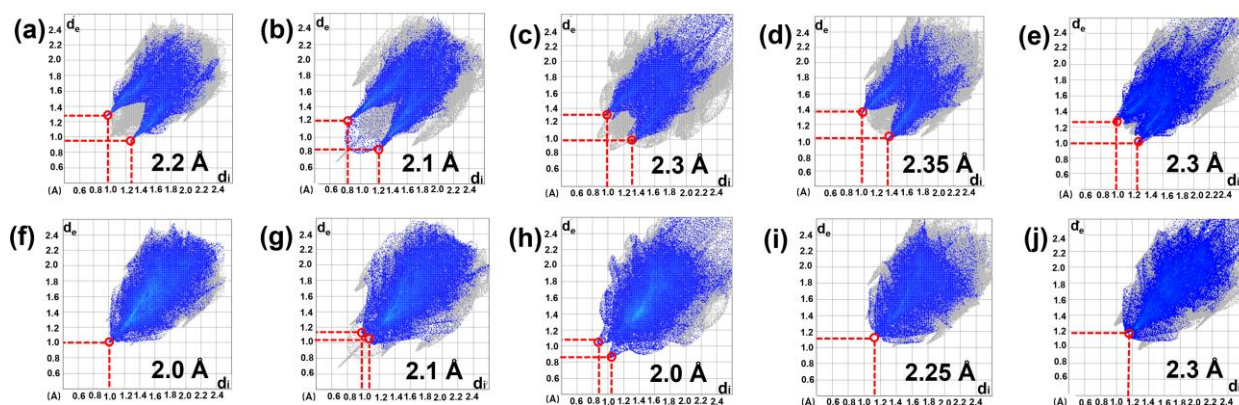


Figure S17. Hirshfeld surface 2D fingerprint plots of H \cdots O/O \cdots H corresponding to (a)-(e) and H \cdots H/H \cdots H corresponding to (f)-(j) for **1-4** and **3 \cdot 0.6H₂O** at low temperature.

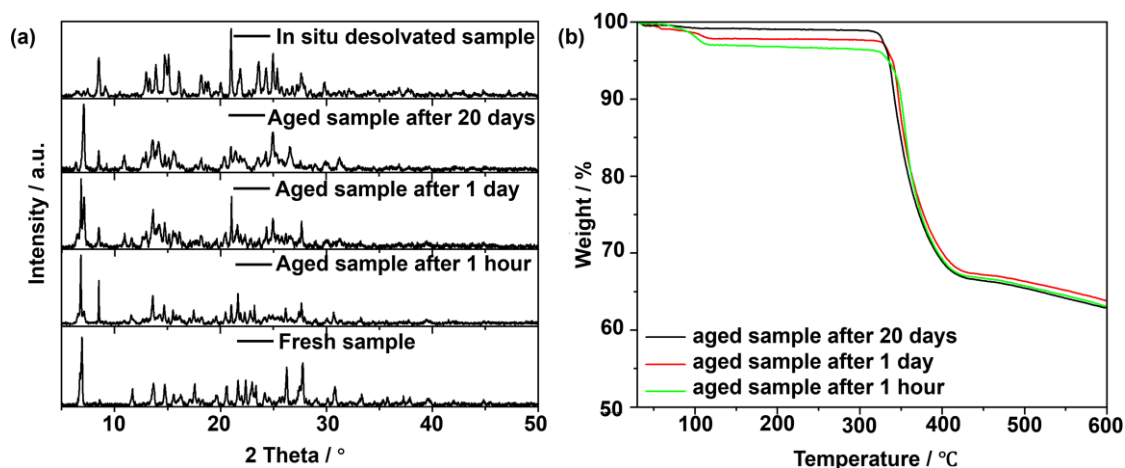


Figure S18. PXRD patterns (a) and TGA curves (b) of complex **4** after different aging times.

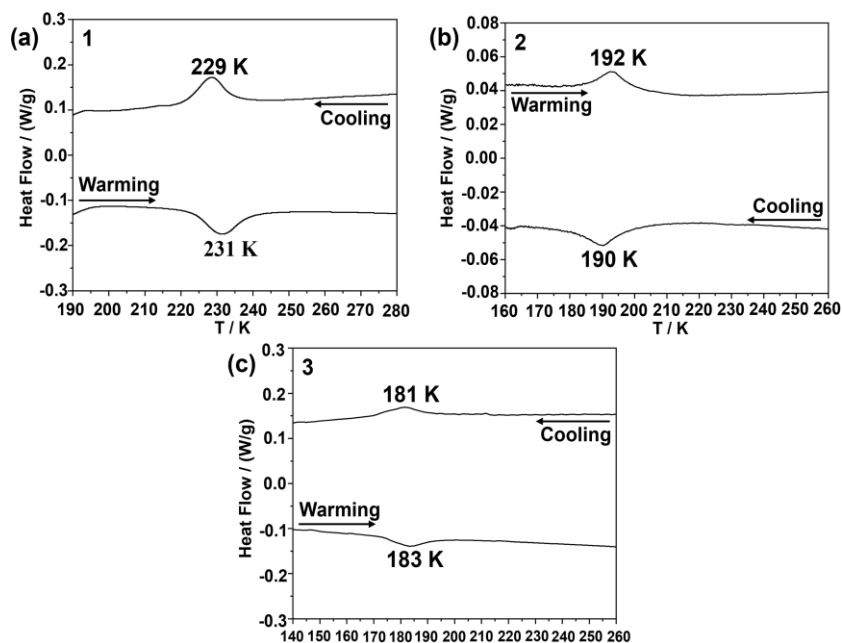


Figure S19. DSC curves at a sweep rate of 5 K \cdot min⁻¹ for **1** (a), **2** (b) and **3** (c).

Table S1. Crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters of **1** and **2**.

Complex	1		2
Formula	C ₄₁ H ₂₈ Br ₂ FeN ₅ O ₆		C ₄₁ H ₂₈ Br ₂ FeN ₄ O ₇
Formula weight	902.35		939.79
<i>T</i> / K	100	300	90
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> / Å	11.352(3)	11.649(7)	11.811(2)
<i>b</i> / Å	12.600(3)	12.268(8)	12.312(2)
<i>c</i> / Å	13.448(3)	13.964(8)	13.297(2)
α / °	110.230(7)	110.74(3)	106.646(8)
β / °	94.715(8)	95.023(17)	93.560(8)
γ / °	103.082(8)	103.366(19)	101.853(8)
<i>V</i> / Å ³	1730.8(7)	1784.0(18)	1797.9(5)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2
ρ_{calcd} / g·cm ⁻³	1.731	1.620	1.736
μ / mm ⁻¹	4.530	4.366	4.833
<i>F</i> (000)	906.0	870.0	942
<i>R</i> _{int}	-	-	-
GOF on <i>F</i> ²	1.122	1.099	1.006
<i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>I</i> ≥ 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0676 / 0.1924	0.0868 / 0.2052	0.1050 / 0.2356
<i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0821 / 0.2265	0.1384 / 0.2316	0.1543 / 0.2632
CCDC	2367591	2367592	2367593
^a <i>R</i> ₁ = Σ <i>F</i> _o - <i>F</i> _c / Σ <i>F</i> _o ^b <i>wR</i> ₂ = {Σ[w(<i>F</i> _o ² - <i>F</i> _c ²) ²] / Σ[w(<i>F</i> _o ²) ²]} ^{1/2}			

Table S2. Crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters of **3** and **3·0.6H₂O**.

Complex	3		3·0.6H₂O	
Formula	C ₃₄ H ₃₄ Br ₂ F ₃ FeN ₄ O ₈ S		C ₄₁ H _{25.2} Br ₂ FeN ₄ O _{5.6} S	C ₄₁ H _{25.2} Br ₂ FeN ₄ O _{5.6} S
Formula weight	1039.47		968.17	968,17
<i>T</i> / K	100	300	150 K	100 K
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> / Å	12.0896(18)	11.794(8)	12.0862(18)	12.0553(8)
<i>b</i> / Å	13.4142(19)	13.661(8)	12.2200(17)	12.1274(8)
<i>c</i> / Å	13.4157(18)	13.806(7)	13.5092(19)	13.4499(9)
α / °	71.329(5)	72.55(3)	107.475(5)	107.357(2)
β / °	73.875(5)	73.62(3)	90.727(6)	90.604(2)
γ / °	83.853(5)	85.64(3)	102.509(6)	102.644(2)
<i>V</i> / Å ³	1979.7(5)	2036 (2)	1851.5(5)	1825.2(2)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2	2
ρ_{calcd} / g·cm ⁻³	1.744	1.696	1.737	1.762
μ / mm ⁻¹	4.441	4.302	4.673	2.731
<i>F</i> (000)	1046.0	1046.0	966	966
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0665	0.0376	0.0478	0.0396
GOF on <i>F</i> ²	1.116	1.094	1.085	1.047
<i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>I</i> ≥ 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0630 / 0.1678	0.0531 / 0.1443	0.0430 / 0.1135	0.0375 / 0.0914
<i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0919 / 0.1783	0.0768 / 0.1731	0.0522 / 0.1230	0.0435 / 0.0958
CCDC	2367594	2367595	2367596	2384171
^a <i>R</i> ₁ = Σ <i>F</i> _o - <i>F</i> _c / Σ <i>F</i> _o ^b <i>wR</i> ₂ = {Σ[<i>w</i> (<i>F</i> _o ² - <i>F</i> _c ²) ²] / Σ[<i>w</i> (<i>F</i> _o ²) ²]} ^{1/2}				

Table S3. Crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters of **4** and Hqnal-5-Br_q.

Complex	4		Hqnal-5-Br _q
Formula	C ₄₃ H ₂₆ Br ₂ Cl ₂ F ₆ FeN ₅ O ₆ S ₂		C ₃₂ H ₂₂ Br ₂ N ₄ O ₂
Formula weight	1173.38		377.23
<i>T</i> / K	100	300	193
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>Pbca</i>
<i>a</i> / Å	13.346(3)	13.2508(12)	15.340(2)
<i>b</i> / Å	13.720(3)	13.8357(13)	8.4310(13)
<i>c</i> / Å	13.909(3)	14.0684(14)	23.738(4)
<i>α</i> / °	104.951(6)	104.455(3)	90
<i>β</i> / °	101.543(7)	99.916(4)	90
<i>γ</i> / °	112.366(6)	111.885(3)	90
<i>V</i> / Å ³	2145.0(8)	2214.3(4)	3070.2(8)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	8
ρ_{calcd} / g·cm ⁻³	1.817	1.760	1.632
μ / mm ⁻¹	5.234	5.070	2.450
<i>F</i> (000)	1166.0	1166.0	1520.0
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0492	0.0635	0.0700
GOF on <i>F</i> ²	1.101	1.024	1.073
<i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>I</i> ≥ 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0354 / 0.1043	0.0528 / 0.1263	0.0429 / 0.1314
<i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0394 / 0.1096	0.0993 / 0.1502	0.0641 / 0.1568
CCDC	2367597	2367598	2367599
^a <i>R</i> ₁ = Σ <i>F</i> _o - <i>F</i> _c Σ <i>F</i> _o ^b <i>wR</i> ₂ = {Σ[w(<i>F</i> _o ² - <i>F</i> _c ²) ²] / Σ[w(<i>F</i> _o ²) ²]} ^{1/2}			

Table S4. Selected bond lengths (Å), the averaged Fe–O and Fe–N bonds (Å), and octahedral distortion parameters Θ , Σ , and CShM in **1**, **2**, and **3·0.6H₂O**.

Complex	1		2	3·0.6H₂O	
<i>T</i> / K	100	300	90	150 K	100 K
Fe1–O1	1.873(3)	1.917(6)	1.893(11)	1.926(2)	1.926(2)
Fe1–O2	1.883(3)	1.923(6)	1.867(11)	1.916(2)	1.917(2)
Fe1–O _{av}	1.878(4)	1.920(8)	1.880(16)	1.921(3)	1.922(3)
Fe1–N1	1.936(5)	2.147(7)	1.954(10)	2.139(3)	2.136(3)
Fe1–N2	1.976(7)	2.068(7)	1.936(11)	2.113(3)	2.108(3)
Fe1–N3	1.976(5)	2.145(7)	1.974(14)	2.149(3)	2.148(3)
Fe1–N4	1.929(5)	2.094(7)	1.954(11)	2.104(3)	2.106(2)
Fe1–N _{av}	1.954(11)	2.114(14)	1.954(23)	2.126(6)	2.124(5)
<i>V</i>	1730.8(7)	1784.0(18)	2092.4(4)	1851.5(5)	1825.2(2)
Σ	32	69	31	74.5	73.4
Θ	92	249	97	281.6	280.2
CShM	0.180	1.314	0.203	1.626	1.606

Σ is the sum of the deviations of the bite angles from 90°.

Θ is the sum of the deviation from 60° of the 24 trigonal angles of the projection of the octahedron onto its trigonal faces.

Table S5. Selected bond lengths (Å), the averaged Fe–O and Fe–N bonds (Å), and octahedral distortion parameters Θ , Σ , and CShM in **3** and **4**.

Complex	3		4	
<i>T</i> / K	100	300	100	300
Fe1–O1	1.875(4)	1.900(3)	1.9210(19)	1.915(3)
Fe1–O2	1.876(3)	1.912(3)	1.9248(19)	1.910(3)
Fe1–O _{av}	1.876(5)	1.906(4)	1.9229(27)	1.913 (4)
Fe1–N1	1.975(5)	2.136(4)	2.103(2)	2.099(4)
Fe1–N2	1.936(4)	2.090(4)	2.138(2)	2.141(4)
Fe1–N3	1.979(4)	2.132(4)	2.109(2)	2.113(4)
Fe1–N4	1.949(4)	2.105(4)	2.147(2)	2.142(4)
Fe1–N _{av}	1.960(9)	2.116(8)	2.124(4)	2.136(8)
<i>V</i>	1979.7(5)	2036.0(2)	2145.0(8)	2214.3(4)
Σ	35.3	69.6	68.1	70.5
Θ	109.3	263.0	265.3	273.4
CShM	0.256	1.472	1.477	1.565

Σ is the sum of the deviations of the bite angles from 90°.

Θ is the sum of the deviation from 60° of the 24 trigonal angles of the projection of the octahedron onto its trigonal faces.

Table S6. Intermolecular interaction distances at different temperatures of **1**

Crystal	1	
	T / K	
	100 K	300 K
1D chain		
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type A1, A2 and A3)	3.691/3.785/-	3.697/3.966/3.913
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type B1, B2 and B3)	3.876/3.682/3.638	3.817/3.783/3.637
C8–H8/C13–H13 \cdots O1	2.786/2.777	2.854/2.879
C27–H27/C33–H33 \cdots O2	2.636/2.682	2.764/-
C3–H3 \cdots Br2	3.469	3.581
C23–H23 \cdots Br1	3.542	3.567
Fe–Fe (Type A and B)	7.182/7.102	7.228/7.283
NO₃ interactions		
C22–H22 \cdots O5	2.882	2.813
C40–H40 \cdots O3	2.785	-
C40–H40 \cdots O4(O5A)	2.455	2.685(2.545)
C22–H22 \cdots O4(O3A)	2.505	2.876(2.472)
C7–H7/C13–H13 \cdots O4	2.712/2.823	2.452/2.782
2D plane		
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type C1 and C2)	3.875/3.868	3.783/3.795
NO₃ interactions		
C11–H11 \cdots O4(O3A)	2.622	2.630(2.610)
Solvent interactions		
C18–H18/ C19–H19/C30–H30 \cdots O6	2.694/2.717/2.561	-/2.716/2.575
3D structure		
Br2 \cdots π 1/ π 2	3.697/3.329	3.602/3.294
C3–H3/C23–H23 \cdots Br1	3.590/3.330	3.524/3.357
NO₃ interactions		
C18–H18/C38–H38 \cdots O3(O5A)	2.372/2.475	2.284(2.524)/2.504(2.706)
Solvent interactions		
Br2 \cdots O6	3.565	-

Table S7. Intermolecular interaction distances at 90 K of **2**

Complex	2
<i>T</i> / K	90 K
1D chain	
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type A1 and A2)	3.888/3.677
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type B1, B2 and B3)	3.848/3.785/3.622
C7–H7/C13–H13 \cdots O2	2.564/2.853
C27–H27/C33–H33 \cdots O1	2.544/2.697
C18–H18 \cdots Br1	3.532
C38–H38 \cdots Br2	3.480
Fe–Fe (Type A and B)	7.046/7.022
ClO₄ interactions	
C38–H38 \cdots O6	2.575
C39–H39 \cdots O3/C11	2.483/3.090
C10–H10/C21–H21 \cdots O3	2.668/2.393
C22–H22 \cdots O4	2.895
Solvent interactions	
C1–H1/C19–H19 \cdots O7	2.526/2.758
2D plane	
ClO₄ interactions	
C16–H16 \cdots O6	2.524
Solvent interactions	
C36–H36 \cdots O7	2.658
3D structure	
Br1 \cdots π 1/ π 2	3.591/3.387
C36–H36 \cdots Br2	3.489
ClO₄ interactions	
C16–H16/C23–H23/ C38–H38 \cdots O6	2.524/2.309/2.575
C22–H22 \cdots O4	2.812
C2–H2 \cdots O4/O5	2.673/2.487
Br2 \cdots O6	3.408

Table S8. Intermolecular interaction distances at different temperatures of **3**

Crystal	3	
<i>T</i> / K	100 K	300 K
1D chain		
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type A1, A2 and A3)	3.634/3.599/3.748	3.707/-/3.641
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type B1, B2 and B3)	3.670/3.794/3.805	3.745/3.707/3.605
C27–H27/ C33–H33 \cdots O1	2.811/2.641	-/2.786
C7–H7/C13–H13 \cdots O2	2.556/2.753	2.564/2.887
C36–H36/C38–H38 \cdots Br2	3.542/3.557	3.504/3.581
C18–H18 \cdots Br1	3.483	3.504
Fe–Fe (Type A and B)	7.183/7.026	7.370/6.970
OTf interactions		
C22–H22 \cdots O4/F1	2.859/2.712	-/2.699
C21–H21 \cdots O4/O3	2.697/2.459	2.735/2.733
C10–H10/C39–H39 \cdots O3	2.842/2.463	2.681/2.682
C38–H38 \cdots F2	2.879	2.749
Solvent interactions		
C1–H1/C19–H19 \cdots O8(O8A)	2.557(2.700)/2.396(2.857)	-(2.496)/-(2.578)
C27–H27/C30–H30 \cdots O8	2.624/2.626	2.608/-
2D plane		
C18–H18 \cdots Br2	3.370	3.481
Br1 \cdots π 1/ π 2	3.473/3.479	3.441/3.532
C3–H3 \cdots π	3.461	3.444
OTf interactions		
C2–H2/C3–H3 \cdots O4	2.509/2.565	2.503/2.811
Solvent interactions		
C42–H42C/H42B/ C42A–H42E \cdots Br2	3.126/3.304/3.479	3.159/-/-
3D structure		
C23–H23 \cdots C15	3.142	3.243
C35–H35 \cdots C14/C13/ π	2.892/3.109/3.519	2.971/3.255/3.540
OTf interactions		
C18–H18 \cdots F1(F1A)	2.868	2.821(2.830)
F1 \cdots π	3.900	-
Br2 \cdots F3(F3A)	3.217	3.207(3.204)

Table S9. Intermolecular interaction distances at 100 K and 150 K of **3·0.6H₂O**

Complex	3·0.6H₂O	
	T / K	
1D chain		
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type A1 and A2)	3.628/3.884	3.600/3.837
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type B1 and B2)	3.587/3.656	3.573/3.632
C7–H7 \cdots O2	2.694	2.666
C27–H27/C33–H33 \cdots O1	2.578/2.711	2.544/2.665
C18–H18 \cdots Br2	3.540	3.498
C38–H38 \cdots Br1	-	3.703
Fe–Fe (Type A and B)	7.103/6.799	7.069/6.756
OTf interactions		
C22–H22 \cdots F1	2.726	2.738
C21–H21 \cdots O3A/O5A/F2/F3	2.765/2.767/2.521/2.843	2.699/2.890/2.531/2.775
C26–H26 \cdots O5/F3A	2.627/2.858	2.600/2.744
C39–H39 \cdots O3A/O4/O5/F1A	2.701/2.821/2.641/2.889	2.713/2.772/2.632/2.816
C38–H38/ \cdots O4/F1A	2.704/2.817	2.652/2.824
C6–H6 \cdots O5/F3A	2.606/2.698	2.578/2.663
C10–H10 \cdots O3A/F2	2.509/2.692	2.471/2.690
C7–H7 \cdots O5	2.892	2.871
2D plane		
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type C)	3.685	3.647
OTf interactions		
C16–H16 \cdots O4/O4A/F2	2.635/2.637/2.891	2.601/2.676./2.880
C15–H15 \cdots O4A/F2	2.887/2.843	2.853/2.835
Solvent interactions		
C1–H1/C36–H36 \cdots O6	2.574/2.865	2.533/2.838
3D structure		
Br2 \cdots π	3.525	3.487
Br1 \cdots Br1	3.761	3.691
OTf interactions		
Br1 \cdots F1A/O4	3.470/3.468	3.513/3.412
C23–H23 \cdots F1A/F2A	2.450/2.718	2.440/2.723
C22–H22 \cdots O4A/F1	2.534/2.682	2.495/2.685
C2–H2 \cdots O3/O5A/F2A/F3	2.502/2.504/2.658/2.500	2.480/2.385/2.623/2.540
C3–H3 \cdots O5A/F3	2.426/2.602	2.410/2.564

Table S10. Intermolecular interaction distances at different temperatures of **4**

Crystal	4	
<i>T</i> / K	100 K	300 K
1D chain		
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type A1, A2 and A3)	3.642/3.660/3.670	3.666/3.758/3.748
$\pi \cdots \pi$ (Type B1 and B2)	3.600/3.563	3.624/3.719
C10–H10 \cdots O1	2.777	2.886
C33–H33/ C28–H28 \cdots O2	2.494/2.687	2.596/2.808
C3–H3 \cdots Br2	3.516	3.491
C23–H23 \cdots Br1	3.406	3.502
Br1 $\cdots\pi$	3.899	3.981
Fe–Fe (Type A and B)	7.474/6.808	7.448/6.929
NTf₂ interactions		
C22–H22 \cdots O4/O3	2.897/2.582	2.889/2.745
C10–H10/C11–H11/ C13–H13 \cdots O3	2.682/2.452/2.578	2.771/2.476/2.659
C39–H39 \cdots O6/N5	2.611/2.673	2.786/2.722
F2 $\cdots\pi$	3.700	3.777
Solvent interactions		
C2–H2/C18–H18 \cdots Cl1	-/2.886	3.070/2.888
Br2 \cdots Cl2	3.602	3.637
2D plane		
C14–H14/ C34–H34/Br1 \cdots Br1	3.496/3.506/3.772	3.517/3.522/3.831
C40–H40 \cdots Br2	2.968	2.920
NTf₂ interactions		
C19–H19 \cdots O5	2.819	-
C20–H20 \cdots O6	2.614	2.626
C38–H38 \cdots F4	2.887	-
F4/F5/F6 $\cdots\pi$ 1	3.656/3.682/3.336	3.592/3.729/3.712
F5/F6 $\cdots\pi$ 2	3.630/3.508	3.563/3.689
Solvent interactions		
Br1 \cdots Cl2	3.397	3.645
3D structure		
C3–H3 \cdots Br2	3.611	-
C31–H31 \cdots C7	2.974	-
NTf₂ interactions		
C19–H19 \cdots O5	2.757	2.741
Solvent interactions		
C7–H7 \cdots Cl2	3.031	3.098

Table S11. Intermolecular interactions contributions for **1-4** calculated by Hirshfeld surface at different temperatures.

Complex	H...H	H...O	H...Br	H...F	H...C	H...N	C...C	C...Br	C...F	O...Br	Other
1(100 K)	35.8	17.7	7.1	-	18.2	2.0	12.9	4.0	-	1.3	1.0
1(300 K)	31.1	23.8	7.2	-	14.5	2.5	12.5	4.2	-	1.7	2.5
2(90 K)	31.2	23.5	8.5	-	16.2	1.3	12.3	4.3	-	1.1	0.2
3(100 K)	32.2	17.3	7.8	8.7	17.1	1.2	7.9	3.5	0.7	0.6	3.0
3(300 K)	28.3	14.5	8.9	13.8	15.8	2.0	9.4	3.8	1.4	0.2	1.9
3·0.6H₂O (150)	25.8	21.0	7.4	8.5	12.5	2.1	13.1	5.8	0.1	0.6	3.1
4(100 K)	18.0	16.2	8.4	11.5	12.1	1.5	8.2	0.9	7.6	0.4	15.2
4(300 K)	19.0	16.3	8.4	11.3	10.8	1.5	8.0	1.0	8.2	0.3	15.2

Table S12 Parameters of **1-3** derived from the domain model

	1	2	3
n	8.599	10.07	6.122
ΔS (J·mol ⁻¹ ·K ⁻¹)	28.82	8.964	16.14

Table S13 List of the Fe^{III} SCO complexes with the Hqnal ligand without any substituent groups.

Compound	Type of SCO	T _{1/2}	ref
[Fe(qnal) ₂][Pd(dmit) ₂] ₅ ·Acetone	abrupt	T _{1/2} = 220 K	S1
[Fe(qnal) ₂]CF ₃ SO ₃ ·MeOH	Abrupt with hysteresis loop	T _{1/2} ↑ = 115 K T _{1/2} ↓ = 104 K	S2
[Fe(qnal) ₂]CF ₃ SO ₃ ·acetone	abrupt with hysteresis loop	T _{1/2} ↑ = 133 K T _{1/2} ↓ = 130 K	S2
[Fe(qnal) ₂](NS)	abrupt with hysteresis loop	T _{1/2} ↑ = 219 K T _{1/2} ↓ = 188 K	S3
[Fe(qnal) ₂]PS·MeOH·CH ₂ Cl ₂	abrupt	T _{1/2} = 220 K	S3
[Fe(qnal) ₂]NO ₃	low spin	-	S4
[Fe(qnal) ₂]BPh ₄ ·DCM	gradual	T _{1/2} = 285 K	S4
[Fe(qnal) ₂]NCS	gradual	T _{1/2} = 340 K	S4

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