

# Trapping an ester hydrate intermediate in a $\pi$ -stacked macrocycle by multiple hydrogen bonds

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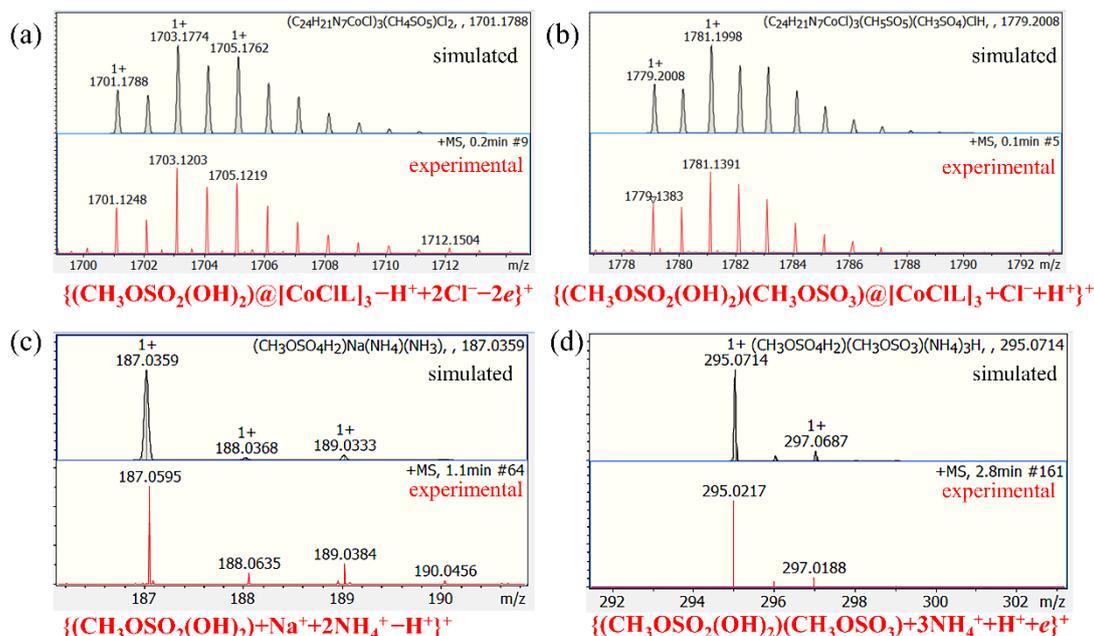
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**Table S1. Crystallographic data of compound 1.**

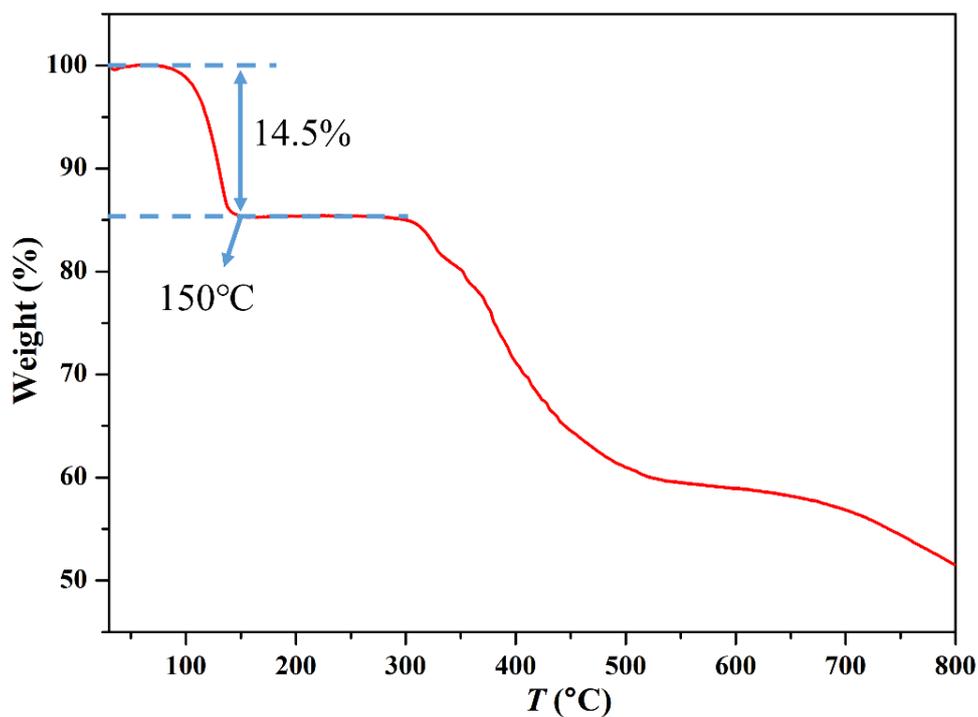
Compounds	1
Formula	C <sub>159</sub> H <sub>203.33</sub> Cl <sub>10</sub> Co <sub>6</sub> N <sub>42</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>30.66</sub>
Formula weight	3805.60
Temp. (K)	200
Crystal System	Trigonal
Space group	$R\bar{3}$
<i>a</i> (Å)	22.8534(6)
<i>b</i> (Å)	22.8534(6)
<i>c</i> (Å)	28.8133(11)
<i>a</i> (°)	90
<i>β</i> (°)	90
<i>γ</i> (°)	120
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	13032.4(8)
<i>Z</i>	6
$\rho_{cal.}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.423
$\mu$	0.813
<i>F</i> (000)	5668.0
$\theta$ range (°)	2.176–27.494
Reflections ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ )	4323
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ )	0.0708
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> ( <i>all</i> )	0.2171
<i>GOF</i> on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.027
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$$^a R = \sum ||F_0| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_0|$$

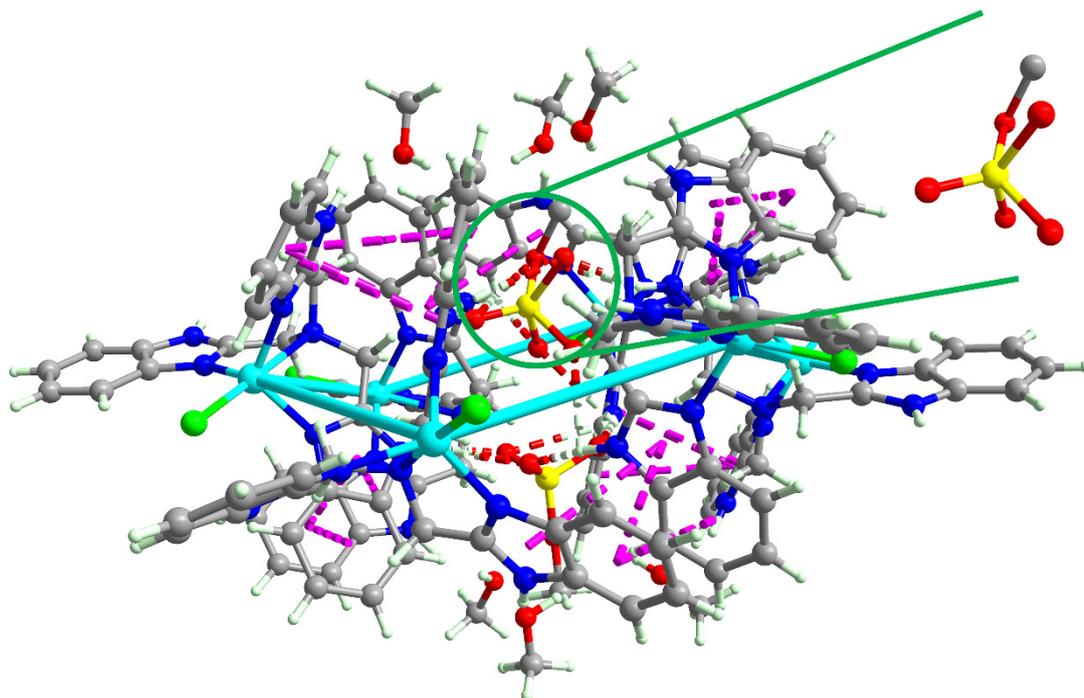
$$^b wR = [\sum w(F_0 - F_c)^2 / \sum w(F_0^2)]^{1/2}$$



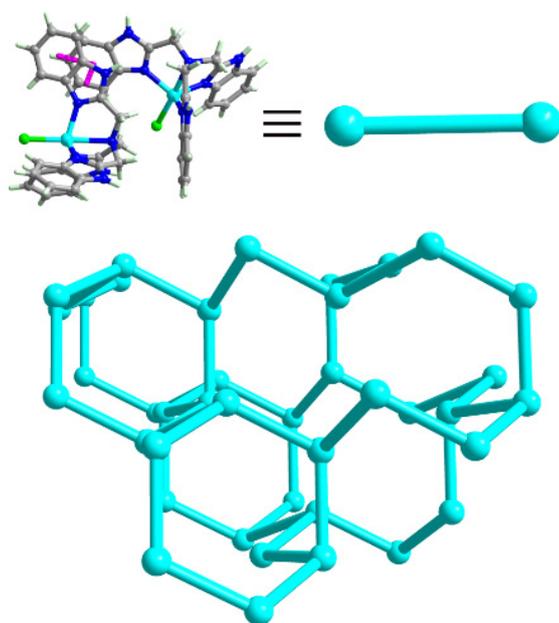
**Figure S1.** HR-MS of the reactant solution and the solution of compound **1** in methanol. (a) HR-MS of  $\{(CH_3OSO_2(OH)_2)@[CoCIL_3]-H^++2Cl^- - 2e\}^+$  identified from the reactant solution. (b) HR-MS of  $\{(CH_3OSO_2(OH)_2)(CH_3OSO_3)@[CoCIL_3] + Cl^- + H^+\}^+$  identified from the reactant solution. (c) HR-MS of  $\{(CH_3OSO_2(OH)_2)+Na^++2NH_4^+ - H^+\}^+$  identified from the solution of compound **1** in methanol. (d) HR-MS of  $\{(CH_3OSO_2(OH)_2)(CH_3OSO_3)+3NH_4^++H^++e\}^+$  identified from the solution of compound **1** in methanol.



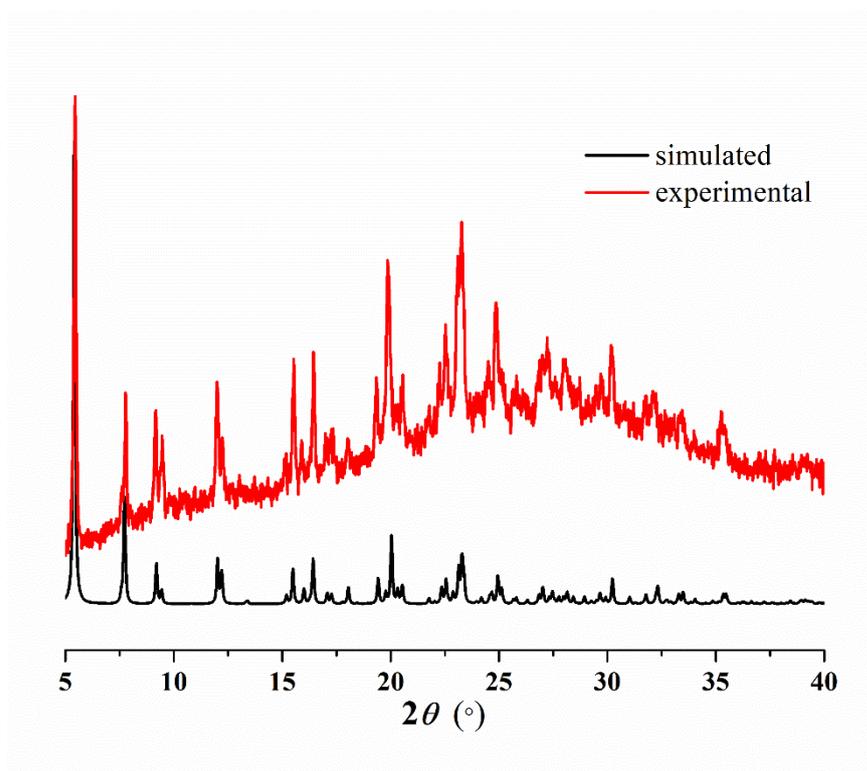
**Figure S2.** TGA for compound **1**.



**Figure S3.** Side view of the structure of the boat-shaped macrocycle templating by  $[\text{CH}_3\text{OSO}_2(\text{OH})_2]^-$  and  $[\text{CH}_3\text{OSO}_3]^-$  in compound **1**. (inset: structure of the ester hydrate  $[\text{CH}_3\text{OSO}_2(\text{OH})_2]^-$  in compound **1**.)



**Figure S4.** The pcu-h network of compound **1** when treating  $[\text{ClCo}^{\text{II}}]^+$  as node and the  $\pi$ -stacked pair of benzimidazolymethyl arms as linker.



**Figure S5.** PXRD patterns for compound 1.