

Supporting Information

for

Coordination Chemistry of Polynitriles, Part XII. Serendipitous Synthesis of the Octacyanofulvalenediide dianion and Study of its Coordination Chemistry with K^+ and Ag^+

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1. TABLES

Table S 1: Important bond parameters of compound **4** (room temperature determination)

| Bond | Length [Å]/ Angle[°] | Bond | Length [Å]/ Angle [°] |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ag1–N1 | 2.261(5) | Ag1–N2' | 2.268(4) |
| Ag1–N3' | 2.339(5) | Ag1–N4' | 2.345(5) |
| (C–C) _{cp} | 1.400(6) – 1.422(6) | C _{cp} –C _{CN} | 1.413(6) – 1.426(6) |
| (C–N) | 1.124(7) – 1.138(6) | C4–C4' | 1.461(7) |
| C1–C6–N1 | 178.0(6) | C2–C7–N2 | 178.5(6) |
| C3–C8–N3 | 176.8(7) | C5–C9–N4 | 177.3(7) |
| Ag1–N1–C6 | 170.5(5) | Ag1–N2–C7 | 170.6(5) |
| Ag1–N3–C8 | 165.9(6) | Ag1–N5–C9 | 165.7(6) |
| C3–C4–C4'–C3' | -122.4(5) | | |

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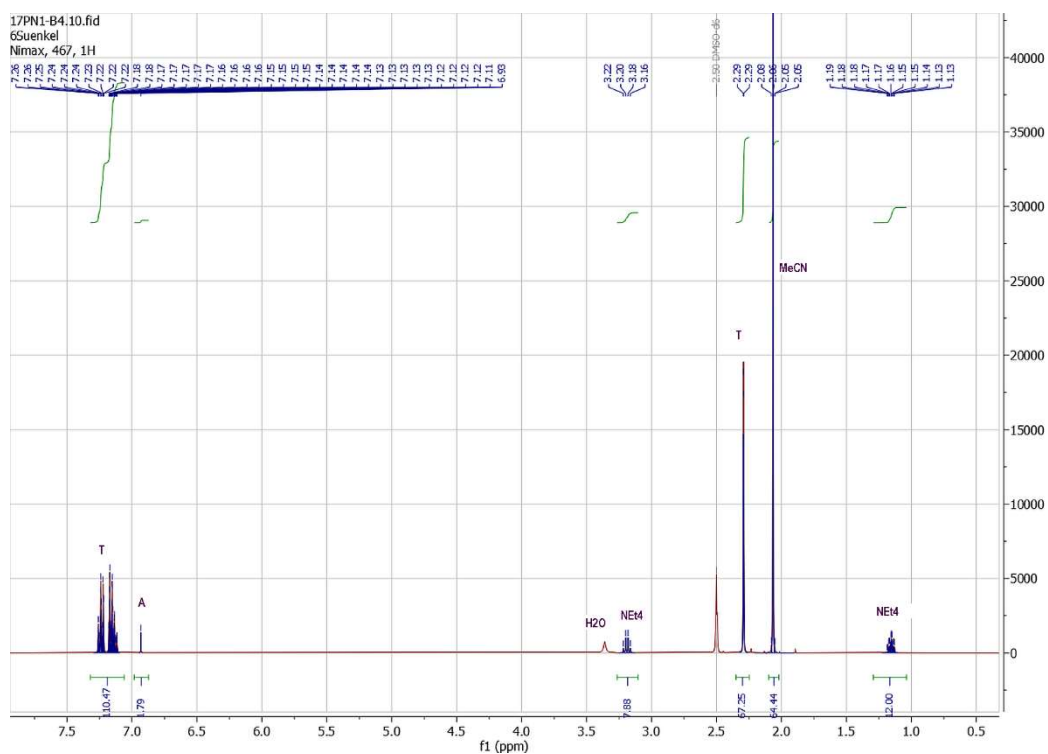


Figure S 3: ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) of the crude reaction product of reaction 4.3. (T= toluene)

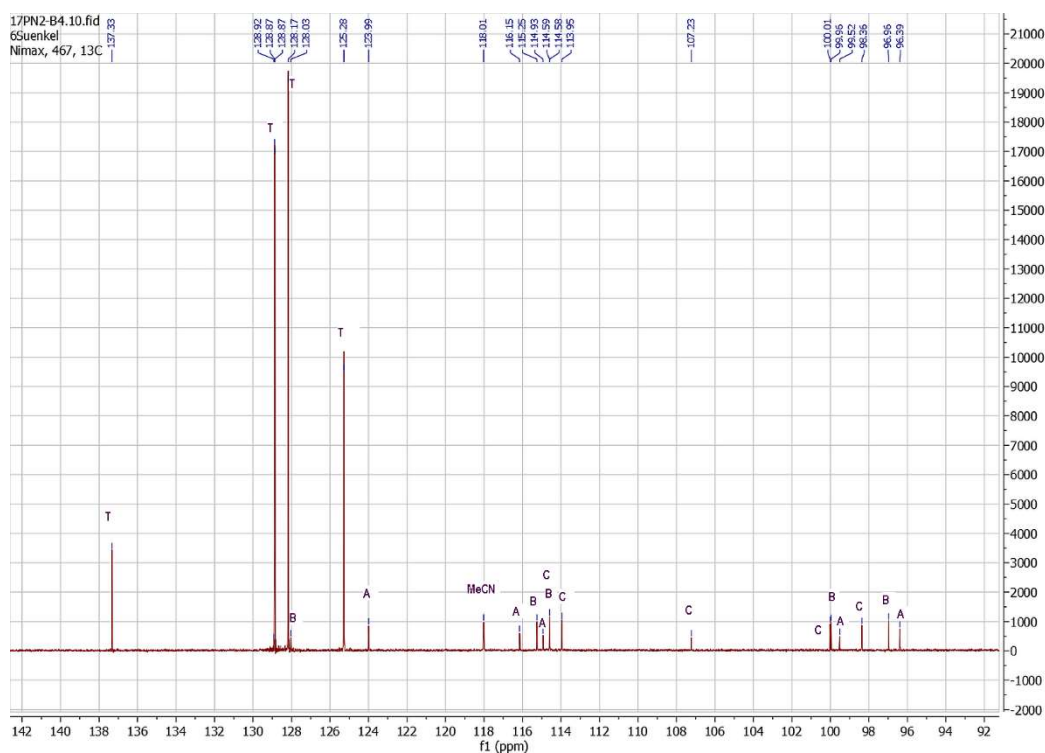


Figure S 4: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d_6) of the crude reaction product of reaction 4.3. (T=toluene)

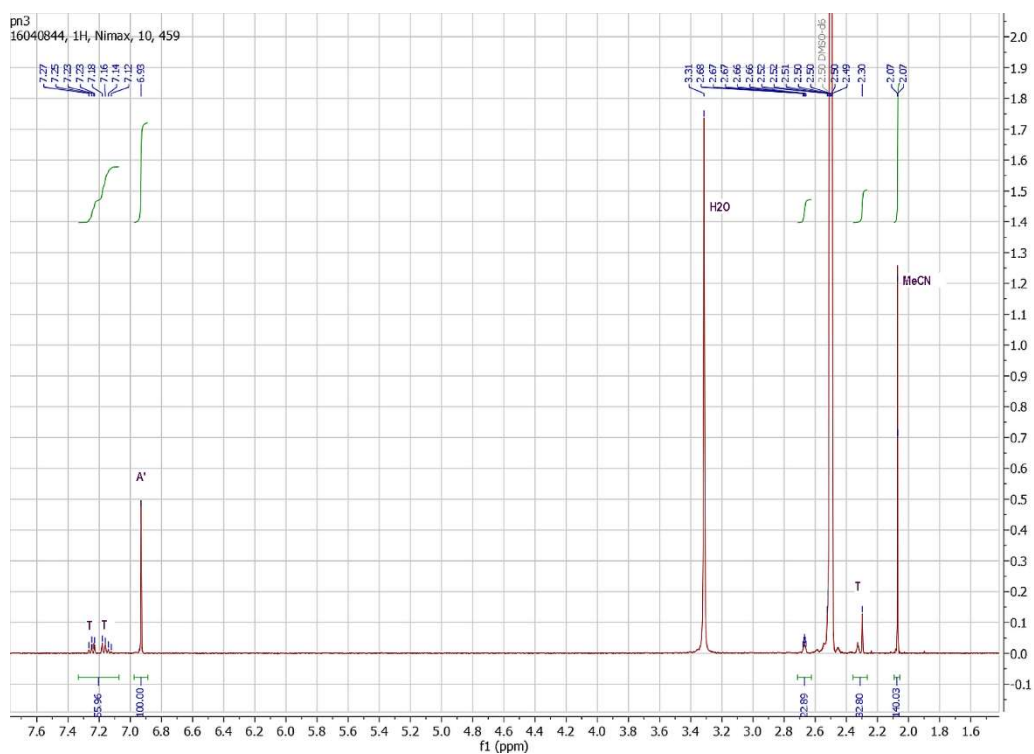


Figure S 5: ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) of the first chromatography fraction of reaction 4.4. (T=toluene)

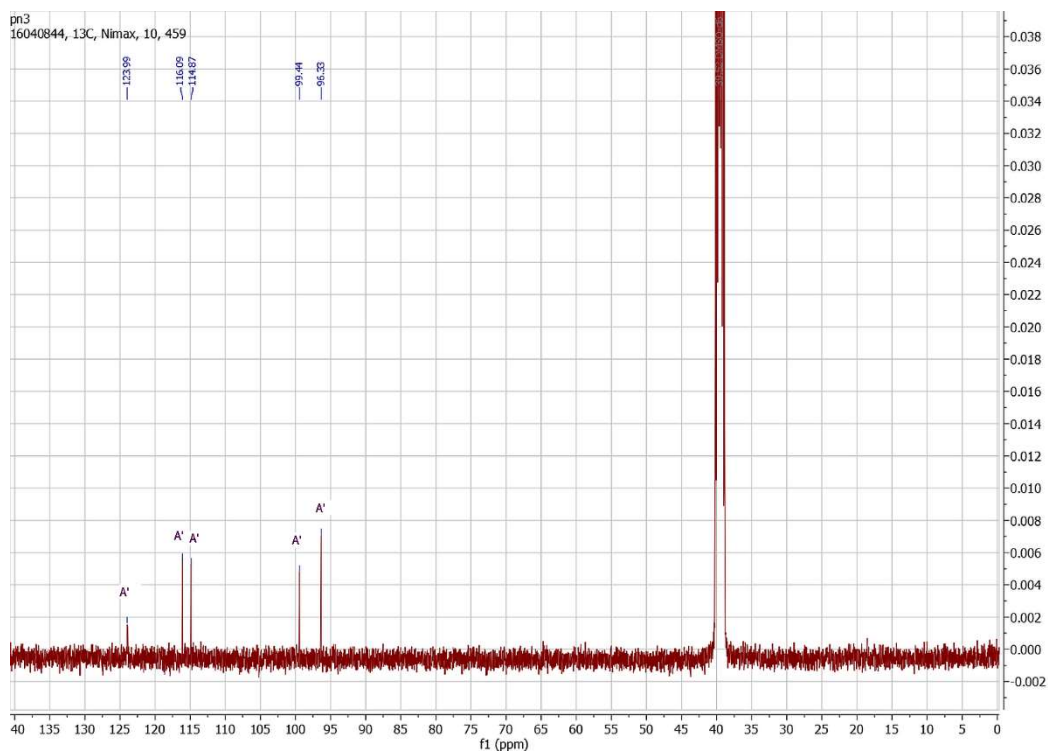
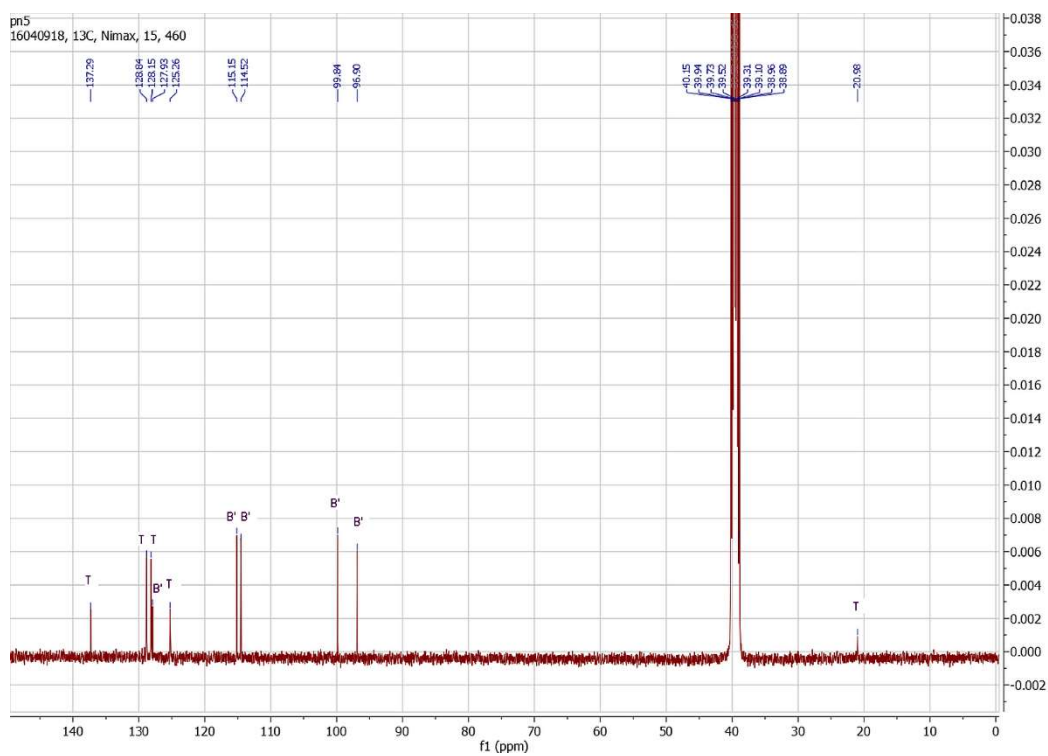


Figure S 6: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d_6) of the first chromatography fraction of reaction 4.4.



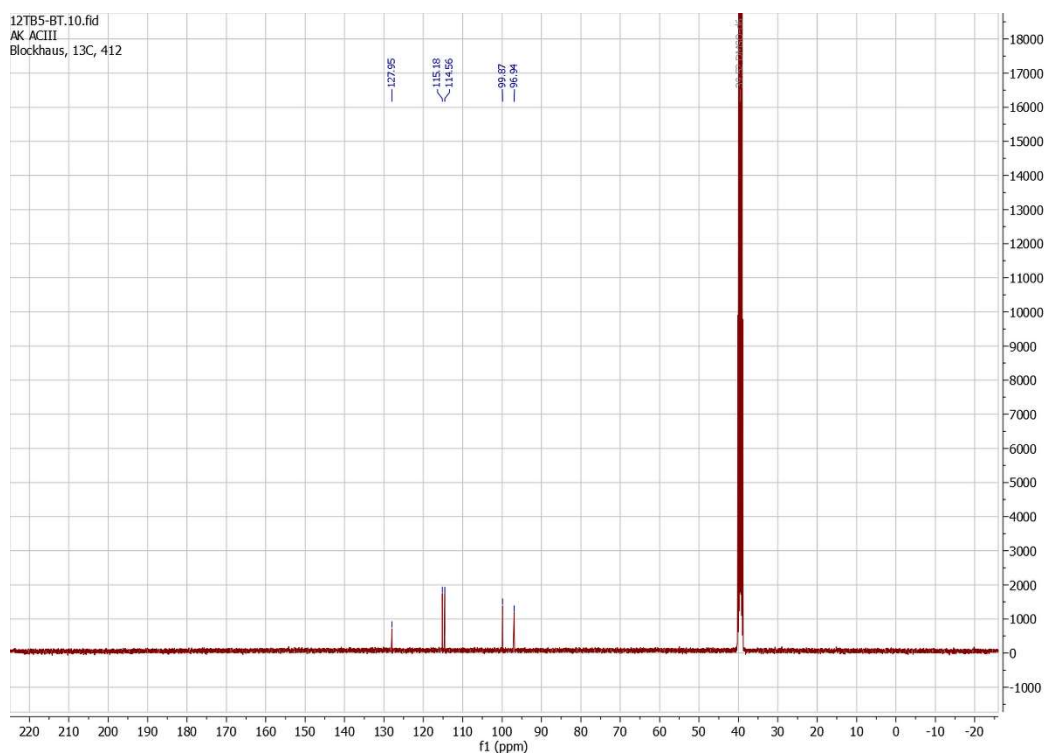


Figure S 9: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR spectrum (101 Mhz, DMSO-d_6) of the purified product of reaction 4.6.

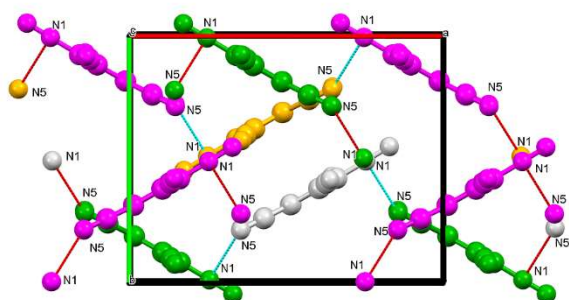


Figure S 10: The infinite 1D-chain in the structure of compound **1**. MERCURY plot, color “by symmetry operation”, standard settings

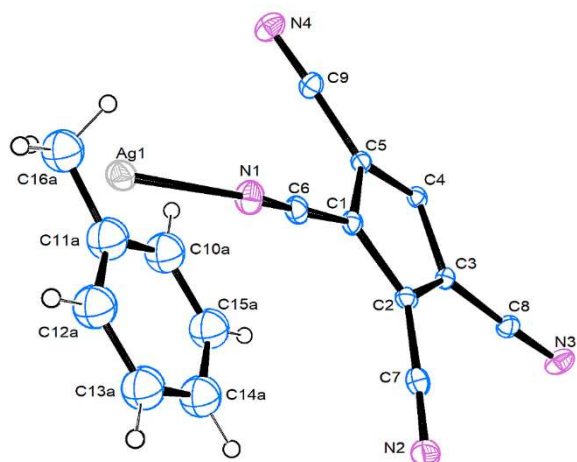


Figure S 11: ORTEP3 plot of the asymmetric unit of **4**, at r.t.

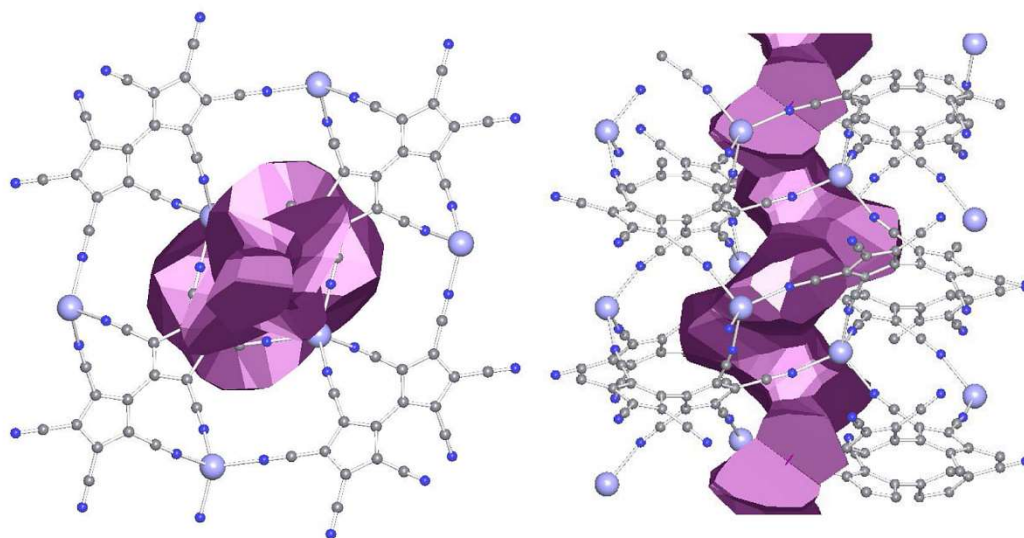


Figure S 12: Two views of the pore structure of **4**, generated by virtual removing the disordered toluenes.

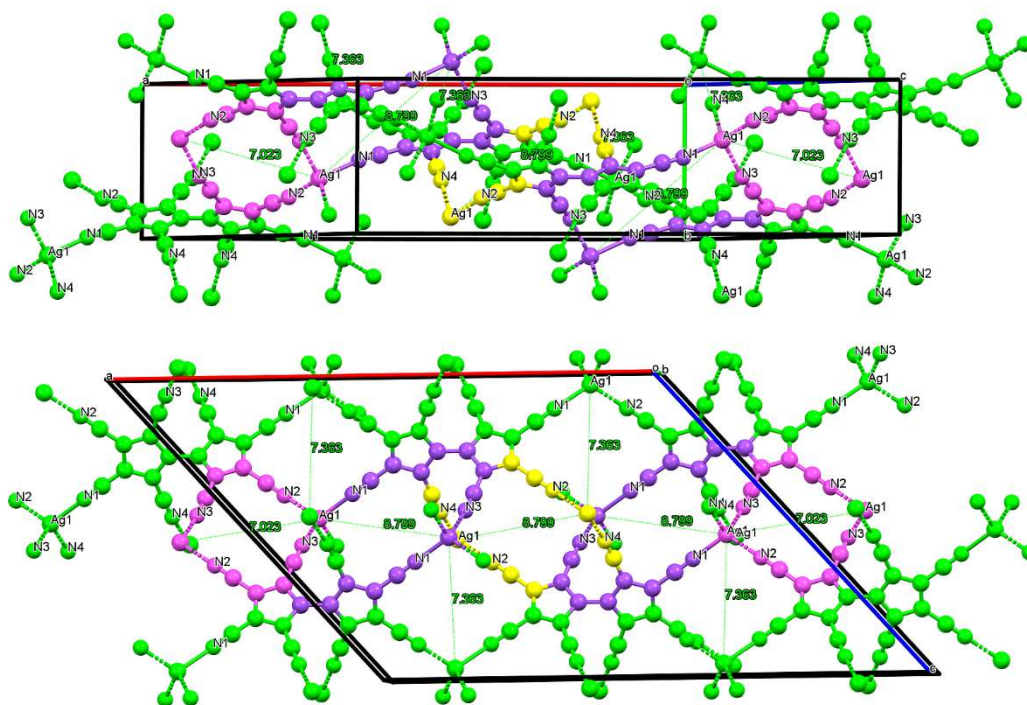


Figure S 13: Two packing views of compound **4**, showing the formation of 14-membered rings involving nitrile nitrogens N2 and N3 (lilac) and 20-membered rings involving N3 and N4 (lilac + purple) or N2 and N4 (yellow + purple), with Ag...Ag distances across the rings given.

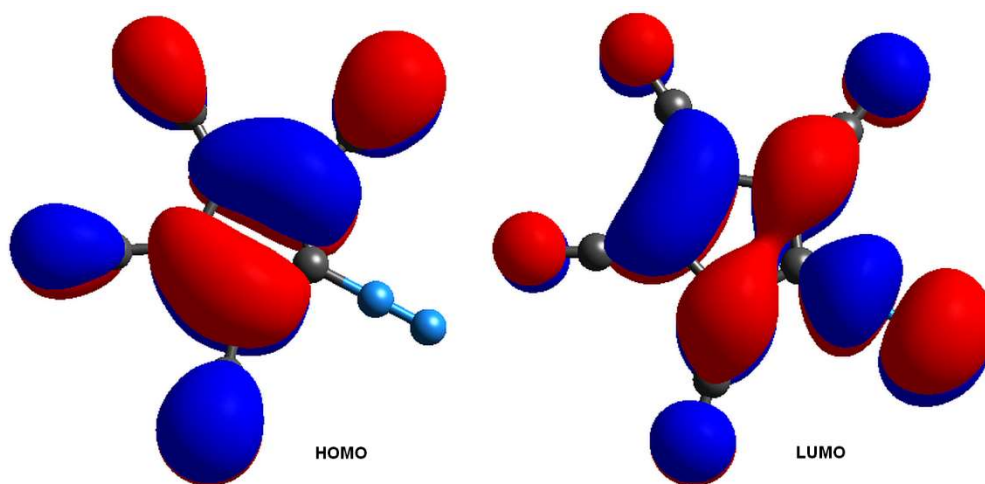


Figure S 17: HOMO and LUMO of compound **1**, as calculated with *CrystalExplorer*

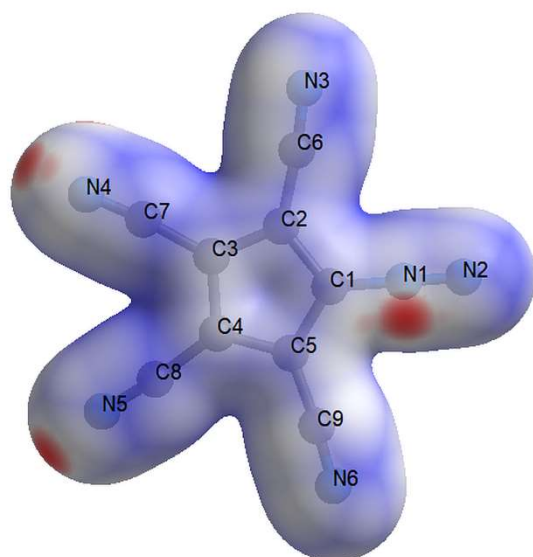


Figure S 18: Electron Density plot of compound **1** (red patches correspond to positive charges)

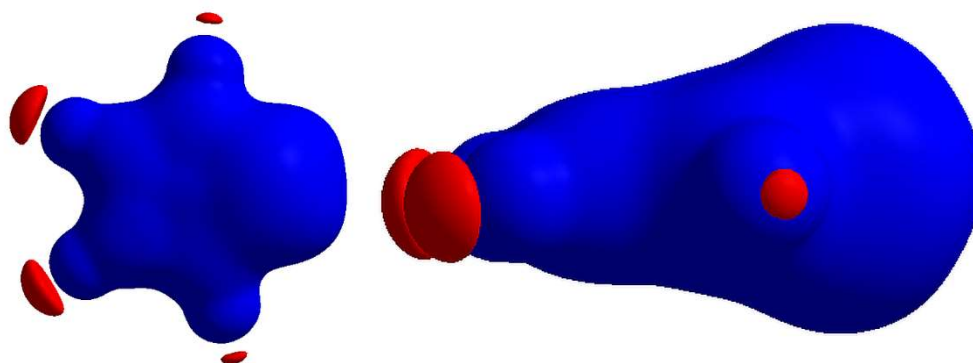


Figure S 19: Two views of the electrostatic potential distribution in compound **1**