

## Supporting Information

### **A Detailed *Ab Initio* First-Principles Study of the Magnetic Anisotropy in a Family of Trigonal Pyramidal Iron(II) Pyrrolide Complexes**

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Table S1. Mn-N Bond distances (in Å), N-Mn-N bond angles (in °) and parameters of geometrical distortions as quantified by  $\rho(\varepsilon_s)$ ,  $\rho(\varepsilon_d)$  and  $\rho(\varepsilon_o)$  of the  $[\text{Mn}(\text{tpaR})]^-$  model complexes from DFT geometry optimizations.

	$[\text{Mntpa}^{\text{Tbu}}]^-$	$[\text{Mntpa}^{\text{Mes}}]^-$	$[\text{Mntpa}^{\text{Ph}}]^-$	$[\text{Mntpa}^{\text{Dip}}]^-$	$[\text{MnN}_4\text{C}_{15}\text{N}_{15}]^-$
$r_1$	2.222	2.246	2.266	2.292 <sub>5</sub>	2.230
$r_2$	2.055	2.064	2.050	2.085	2.049
$r_3$	2.058	2.061	2.053	2.088	2.051
$r_4$	2.057	2.064	2.053	2.086	2.050
$\alpha_{23}$	117.76	117.61	117.98	116.99	118.08
$\alpha_{24}$	117.62	117.14	118.03	116.20	118.17
$\alpha_{34}$	117.56	117.14	117.13 <sub>5</sub>	117.15	117.54
$\beta_{12}$	81.18	80.86	81.24	79.47	81.68
$\beta_{13}$	81.07	81.02	81.23 <sub>5</sub>	79.60	81.65
$\beta_{14}$	81.09	80.82	81.20	79.56	81.62
$\rho(\varepsilon_s)$	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.001
$\rho(\varepsilon_d)$	0.005	0.014	0.026	0.026	0.017
$\rho(\varepsilon_o)$	0.003	0.005 <sub>5</sub>	0.001	0.003 <sub>5</sub>	0.002

## Derivation of eqs.11 and Zeeman matrices for $^5E$ (in-state vibronic coupling and spin-orbit coupling effects)

Applying consistently eq.8 we get the following non-zero matrix elements of the  $\hat{H}_{SOC}$  operator within the  $|M_s, M_l\rangle$  basis classified according to the total  $M_j = M_s + M/2$  value:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 & M_j: \\
 \langle -2, -1 | \hat{H}_{SOC} | -2, -1 \rangle = -\zeta / 2 & -5/2 \\
 \langle 2, 1 | \hat{H}_{SOC} | 2, 1 \rangle = -\zeta / 2 & 5/2 \\
 \langle -1, -1 | \hat{H}_{SOC} | -1, -1 \rangle = -\zeta / 4 & -3/2 \\
 \langle 1, 1 | \hat{H}_{SOC} | 1, 1 \rangle = -\zeta / 4 & 3/2 \\
 \langle 0, -1 | \hat{H}_{SOC} | 0, -1 \rangle = 0 & -1/2 \\
 \langle 0, 1 | \hat{H}_{SOC} | 0, 1 \rangle = 0 & 1/2 \\
 \langle -1, 1 | \hat{H}_{SOC} | -1, 1 \rangle = \zeta / 4 & -1/2 \\
 \langle 1, -1 | \hat{H}_{SOC} | 1, -1 \rangle = \zeta / 4 & 1/2 \\
 \langle -2, 1 | \hat{H}_{SOC} | -2, 1 \rangle = \zeta / 2 & -3/2 \\
 \langle 2, -1 | \hat{H}_{SOC} | 2, -1 \rangle = \zeta / 2 & 3/2
 \end{array} \tag{S1}$$

Within the same basis the  $\hat{H}_{LF}$  operator (eq.10) can only mix basis vectors with the same  $M_s$  but different  $M_l$  values. Expression for the non-zero matrix elements in terms of the complex parameter  $\delta$  (eq.10) are:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \langle -2, -1 | \hat{H}_{LF} | -2, 1 \rangle = \delta \\
 \langle -2, 1 | \hat{H}_{LF} | -2, -1 \rangle = \delta^* \\
 \langle 2, 1 | \hat{H}_{LF} | 2, -1 \rangle = \delta^* \\
 \langle 2, -1 | \hat{H}_{LF} | 2, 1 \rangle = \delta \\
 \langle -1, -1 | \hat{H}_{LF} | -1, 1 \rangle = \delta \\
 \langle -1, 1 | \hat{H}_{LF} | -1, -1 \rangle = \delta^* \\
 \langle 1, 1 | \hat{H}_{LF} | 1, -1 \rangle = \delta^* \\
 \langle 1, -1 | \hat{H}_{LF} | 1, 1 \rangle = \delta \\
 \langle 0, -1 | \hat{H}_{LF} | 0, 1 \rangle = \delta \\
 \langle 0, 1 | \hat{H}_{LF} | 0, -1 \rangle = \delta^*
 \end{array} \tag{S2}$$

Combining eqs.(S1) and (S2) we get the following 2x2 matrices pertaining to the pairs of states as follows

$$\begin{array}{cc}
M_J=-5/2 & M_J=-3/2 \\
|-2,-1\rangle & |-2,1\rangle \\
\begin{bmatrix} -\zeta/2 & \delta \\ \delta^* & \zeta/2 \end{bmatrix}
\end{array} \quad (S3)$$

$$\begin{array}{cc}
M_J=5/2 & M_J=3/2 \\
|2,1\rangle & |2,-1\rangle \\
\begin{bmatrix} -\zeta/2 & \delta^* \\ \delta & \zeta/2 \end{bmatrix}
\end{array} \quad (S4)$$

$$\begin{array}{cc}
M_J=-3/2 & M_J=-1/2 \\
|-1,-1\rangle & |-1,1\rangle \\
\begin{bmatrix} -\zeta/4 & \delta \\ \delta^* & \zeta/4 \end{bmatrix}
\end{array} \quad (S5)$$

$$\begin{array}{cc}
M_J=3/2 & M_J=1/2 \\
|1,1\rangle & |1,-1\rangle \\
\begin{bmatrix} -\zeta/4 & \delta^* \\ \delta & \zeta/4 \end{bmatrix}
\end{array} \quad (S6)$$

$$\begin{array}{cc}
M_J=-1/2 & M_J=1/2 \\
|0,-1\rangle & |0,1\rangle \\
\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \delta \\ \delta^* & 0 \end{bmatrix}
\end{array} \quad (S7)$$

Diagonalization of the matrices eqs.(S3)-(S7) yields eq.11. The representation of  $\hat{H}_{SOC}$  and  $\hat{H}_{LF}$  within the basis of the product of the eigenfunctions of  $\hat{S}^2$ ,  $\hat{S}_z$  and  $\hat{L}_z$  (eq.7) is particularly useful when  $\zeta \gg |\delta|$ . This is the case for the considered complexes. In the other extreme  $\zeta \ll |\delta|$  a representation with the real basis  $|^5E, d_{xz}\rangle$  and  $|^5E, d_{yz}\rangle$  would be more appropriate. Within this representation  $\hat{H}(^5E) = \hat{H}_{SOC} + \hat{H}_{LF}$  takes the form:

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccc}
|xz, -2\rangle & |xz, -1\rangle & |xz, 0\rangle & |xz, 1\rangle & |xz, 2\rangle & |yz, -2\rangle & |yz, -1\rangle & |yz, 0\rangle & |yz, 1\rangle & |yz, 2\rangle \\
\hat{H}(^5E) = \begin{bmatrix}
-\delta_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & i(\zeta/2) + \delta_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -\delta_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -i\zeta/4 + \delta_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -\delta_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \delta_2 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & -\delta_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & i\zeta/4 + \delta_2 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\delta_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -i\zeta/2 + \delta_2 \\
-i\zeta/2 + \delta_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \delta_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & i\zeta/4 + \delta_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \delta_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \delta_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \delta_1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & -i\zeta/4 + \delta_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \delta_1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & i\zeta/2 + \delta_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \delta_1
\end{bmatrix}
\end{array} \quad (S8)$$

Within the same representation the operators  $\hat{S}_z$  and  $\hat{L}_z$  are represented by:

$$\hat{L}_z(\hat{S}_z) = \begin{bmatrix} (-2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & i & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (-1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (0) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (-2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (-1) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (0) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (1) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -i & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (2) \end{bmatrix} \quad (S9)$$

The different representations of  $\hat{H}(^5E) = \hat{H}_{SOC} + \hat{H}_{LF}$  (eqs.S3-S7) and eq.S8 illustrates the reciprocation of electrostatic and electromagnetic forces in ligand field theory, a phenomenon which becomes especially interesting in situations where  $\delta(LF)$  and  $\zeta(SOC)$  become comparable (not encountered in the studied complexes but possible in complexes with 4d and 5d metals, see discussion by A.D.Liehr, J.Phys.Chem. 1960, 64, p.43-51).

## The $(A_1, A_2)$ spin-orbit ground state of $^5E$ in a trigonal ligand field.

In  $D_3$  symmetry and restricting to spin-orbit coupling within the manifold of the  $^5E$  ( $d^6$ ) term the ground state of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$  consists of a pair of two accidentally degenerate  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  electronic levels with wave functions given in eq.S10 and S11, respectively.

$$\Psi_1(A_1) = \frac{1}{2} (|d_{z^2}^+ d_{x^2-y^2}^+ d_{yz}^+ d_{xy}^+| - i |d_{z^2}^+ d_{x^2-y^2}^+ d_{xz}^+ d_{xy}^+| - |d_{z^2}^- d_{x^2-y^2}^- d_{yz}^- d_{xy}^-| - i |d_{z^2}^- d_{x^2-y^2}^- d_{xz}^- d_{xy}^-|) \quad (S10)$$

$$\Psi_2(A_2) = \frac{1}{2} (-|d_{z^2}^+ d_{x^2-y^2}^+ d_{yz}^+ d_{xy}^+| + i |d_{z^2}^+ d_{x^2-y^2}^+ d_{xz}^+ d_{xy}^+| - |d_{z^2}^- d_{x^2-y^2}^- d_{yz}^- d_{xy}^-| - i |d_{z^2}^- d_{x^2-y^2}^- d_{xz}^- d_{xy}^-|) \quad (S11)$$

In writing down eqs.S10 and S11 we utilise the electron-hole formalism (Sugano, S.; Tanabe, Y., Kamimura, "Multiplets of Transition-Metal Ions in Crystals", Academic Press, New York, 1970, p.86) allowing us to analyse wave functions due to the  $d^6$  configuration in terms of the more simple complementary states for a  $d^4$  configuration. Applying the  $(1/2)\hat{L}_z$  and the  $\hat{S}_z$  operators to the functions  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  defined in eqs.S12 and S13 we can easily prove that they behave as eigenfunctions of these operators as indicated. In terms of these functions we can rewrite  $\Psi_1(A_1)$  and  $\Psi_2(A_2)$  in the form of S14 and S15.

$$\Phi_1 = \left| 2, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (| d_{z^2}^+ d_{x^2-y^2}^+ d_{yz}^+ d_{xy}^+ | - i | d_{z^2}^+ d_{x^2-y^2}^+ d_{xz}^+ d_{xy}^+ |) \quad (\text{S12})$$

$$\Phi_2 = \left| -2, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (| d_{z^2}^- d_{x^2-y^2}^- d_{yz}^- d_{xy}^- | + i | d_{z^2}^- d_{x^2-y^2}^- d_{xz}^- d_{xy}^- |) \quad (\text{S13})$$

$$\Psi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \left| 2, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle - \left| -2, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \right] \quad (\text{S14})$$

$$\Psi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ -\left| 2, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle - \left| -2, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \right] \quad (\text{S15})$$

For the sake of convenience we now convert  $\Psi_1$  and  $\Psi_2$  pertaining for  $d^4$  into their equivalent representations -  $\Psi'_1$  and  $\Psi'_2$  for  $d^6$ . To this end we apply the time reversal operator  $K$  on  $\Psi_1$  and  $\Psi_2$  leading to equations S16 and S17.

$$\Psi'_1 = \hat{K}\Psi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\hat{K} \left| 2, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle - \hat{K} \left| -2, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \left| -2, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + \left| 2, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \right] \quad (\text{S16})$$

$$\Psi'_2 = \hat{K}\Psi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [-\hat{K} \left| 2, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle - \hat{K} \left| -2, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ -\left| -2, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + \left| 2, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \right] \quad (\text{S17})$$

The Zeeman operator  $\hat{H}_Z$  represented in the  $\Psi'_1$  and  $\Psi'_2$  basis is given by eq.(S18):

$$\hat{H}_Z = \begin{bmatrix} \langle \Psi'_1 | & \langle \Psi'_2 | \\ -\Delta & 5\beta H \\ 5\beta H & \Delta \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{S18})$$

In a first approximation the  $\Psi'_1$  and  $\Psi'_2$  states are degenerate ( $\Delta=0$ ). However, configuration interaction with the excited states leads to a small splitting with  $\Delta>0$ . With the parameter set of trigonal  $[\text{Fe}(\text{tpa}^{\text{Tbu}})]^-$  (Table 6b) we calculate  $\Delta=0.054 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . It follows from eq.(S18) that already magnetic fields that are larger than 200-300 Gauss are enough to overcome the splitting  $2\Delta$  and to magnetically polarize and split the pair.

We should note that the wavefunctions S14-S15 with  $M_l = \pm \frac{1}{2}$  refer to a symmetry, which is well defined ( $D_3$ ) in the absence of an applied magnetic field in which symmetry  $\Psi'_1$  and  $\Psi'_2$  belong to the  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  irreducible representations of the  $D_3$  point group. Applying a field parallel to the  $C_3$  axis, the symmetry is lowered from a  $D_3$  to a  $C_3$ . In this symmetry the eigenfunctions of the orbital angular momentum operator  $\hat{L}_z$  with  $M_l = \pm 1$  behave as pseudo Kramers states with  $M_l = \pm 1/2$ .

Applying the symmetry operations of the  $D_3$  group -  $C_3$  and  $C_2(\perp C_3)$  to  $\left| -2, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$  and  $\left| 2, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$  we obtain (Zare, R.N. Angular Momentum, John Wiley & Sons New York, eq.3.52 and Table 3.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{C}_3|-2,-1\rangle &= |-2,-1\rangle \\
\hat{C}_3|2,1\rangle &= |2,1\rangle \\
\hat{C}_2|-2,-1\rangle &= |2,1\rangle \\
\hat{C}_2|2,1\rangle &= |-2,-1\rangle
\end{aligned}
\tag{S19}$$

and further:

$$\begin{aligned}
C_3\Psi'_1 &= +1\Psi'_1 \\
C_3\Psi'_2 &= +1\Psi'_2 \\
C_2\Psi'_1 &= +1\Psi'_1 \\
C_2\Psi'_2 &= -1\Psi'_2
\end{aligned}
\tag{S20}$$

Thus we verify that  $\Psi'_1$  and  $\Psi'_2$  transform as the  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  irreducible representations of the  $D_3$  group. An applied magnetic field parallel to  $C_3$  removes the  $C_2$  axis. Thus  $\Psi'_1$  and  $\Psi'_2$  become of the same symmetry ( $A$ ,  $C_3$  point group) and start mix.

It is shown in Figure S1 that the  $A_1$ - $A_2$  ground state energy separation strongly depends on the the  $N_{\text{axial}}\text{-Fe-}N_{\text{equatorial}}$  angle. Within the range of variations of this angle in the considered systems, this separation is negligibly small and is dominated by the small off-axial distortions. However it strongly increases for  $\beta < 80^\circ$  and can become responsible for a fast lost of the magnetizations already in complexes with strictly trigonal symmetry.

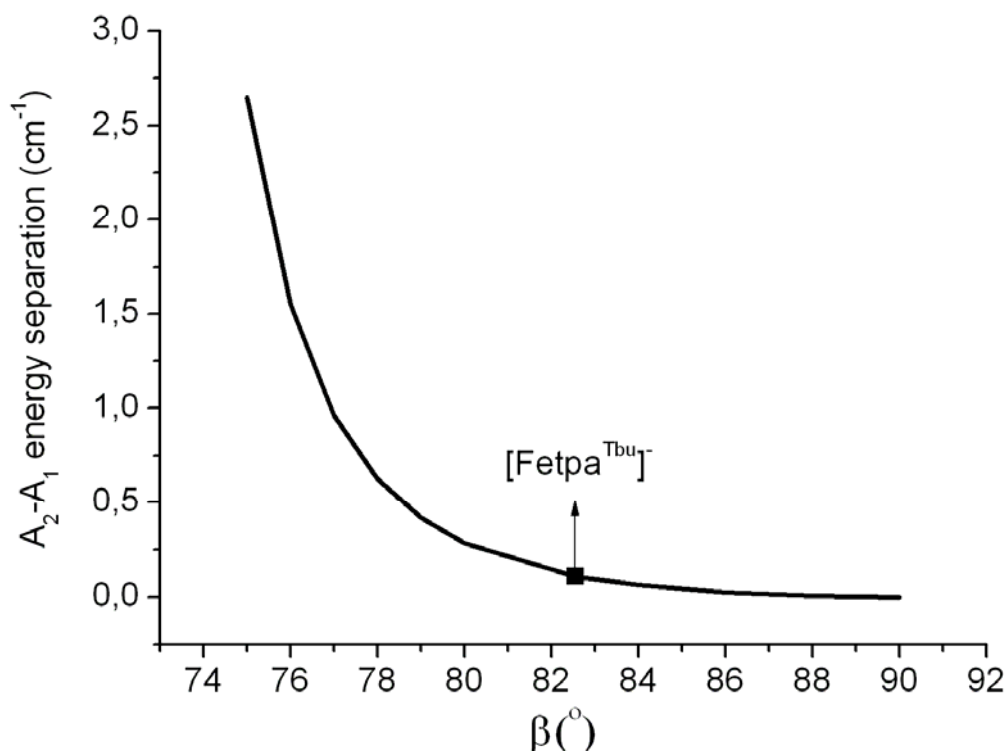


Figure S1. Dependence of the  $A_2-A_1$  energy separation  $2\Delta$  on the  $N_{\text{axial}} - \text{Fe} - N_{\text{equatorial}}$  angle  $\beta$ . The plot has been prepared using the parameters of Table 6b (CASSCF set). The point corresponding to the  $[\text{Fetpa}^{\text{Tbu}}]^-$  is indicated.

### Orthorhombic splitting of the ground state magnetic pair.

The parameters  $D$ ,  $B_{40}$  and  $E$  have been obtained from the energy separation between the ground state magnetic pair  $A_1, A_2$  and the third, fourth and fifth spin-orbit excited states employing the SH of eq.14. Neglecting the  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  splitting in trigonal symmetry we can apply eq.30 along with values of  $D$ ,  $B_{40}$  and  $E$  (Table 5a, experimental geometries, CASSCF results) given by perturbation theory and calculate values of  $\Delta E$ :

	$[\text{Fetpa}^{\text{Mes}}]^-$	$[\text{Fetpa}^{\text{Ph}}]^-$	$[\text{Fetpa}^{\text{Dfp}}]^-$
$\Delta E(\text{cm}^{-1})$ :	0.046	0.052	0.720

These are in excellent agreement with the CASSCF values (0.054, 0.056 and  $0.623 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). There is no need of introducing quartic orthorhombic term  $E_4(S_+^4 + S_-^4)$  to reproduce the CASSCF values of  $\Delta E$ .



## Effects of covalent reduction of the spin-orbit coupling constant (relativistic nephelauxetic effect) on the parameters $D$ and $B_{40}$

Correlated electronic structure methods tend to overestimate atomic-like parameters –the parameters of interelectronic repulsion  $B$  and  $C$  and the spin-orbit coupling constant  $\zeta$  (however DFT yield heavily underestimate values, Atanasov, M., Daul, C.A., Rauzy, C., *Structure and Bonding*, **2004**, 106, 97-125). Since the energies of the spin-allowed d-d transition do not explicitly depend on  $B$  and  $C$ , the parameters  $D$  and  $B_{40}$  are not significantly affected by the latter parameters. In Figures S2 and S3 we plot the dependence of  $D$  and  $B_{40}$  on the reduction of  $\zeta$  over its CASSCF value ( $\zeta_o$ ):

$$\beta = 1 - \frac{\zeta}{\zeta_o} \quad (\text{S21})$$

The notation  $\beta$  has been used here by convention (to be distinguished from the angle  $\beta$  defined in Figure 2 and used in Table 2 and Figure S1) . In agreement with the simplified equations of Table 1 both  $D$  and  $B_{40}$  decrease nearly linearly with increasing  $\beta$  values. This is different to the case of orbitally non-degenerate ground states, where the values of  $D \sim \zeta^2$  and thus decreases much steeper with increasing covalence (increasing  $\beta$ ).

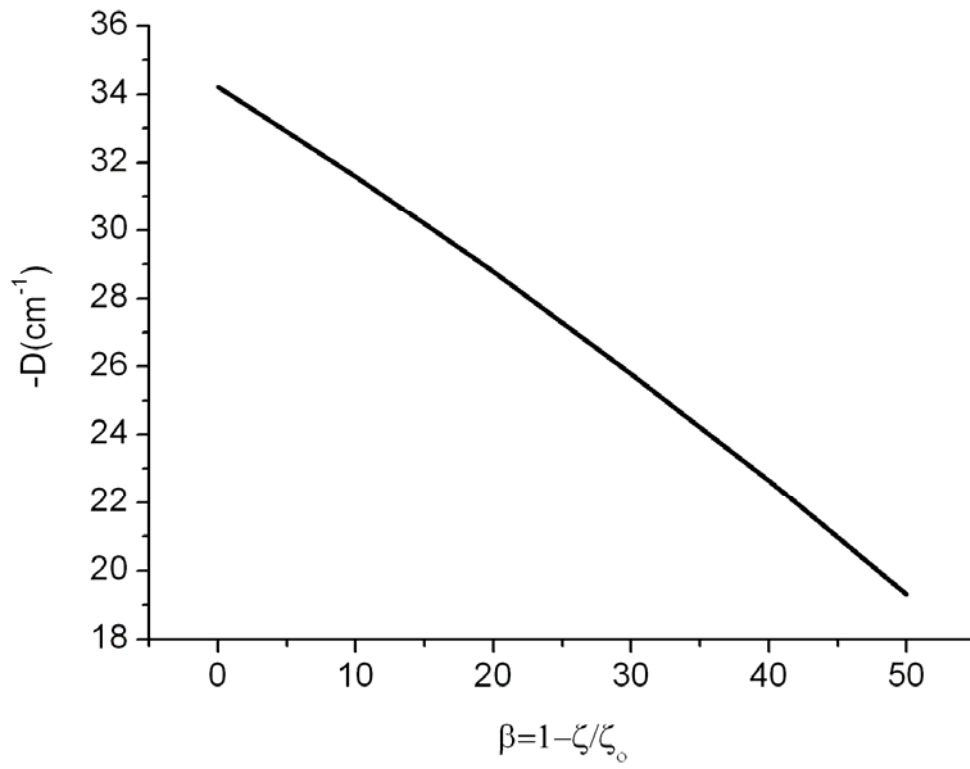


Figure S2 Dependence of  $D$  on the relativistic nephelauxetic effect as quantified by the parameter  $\beta$ .

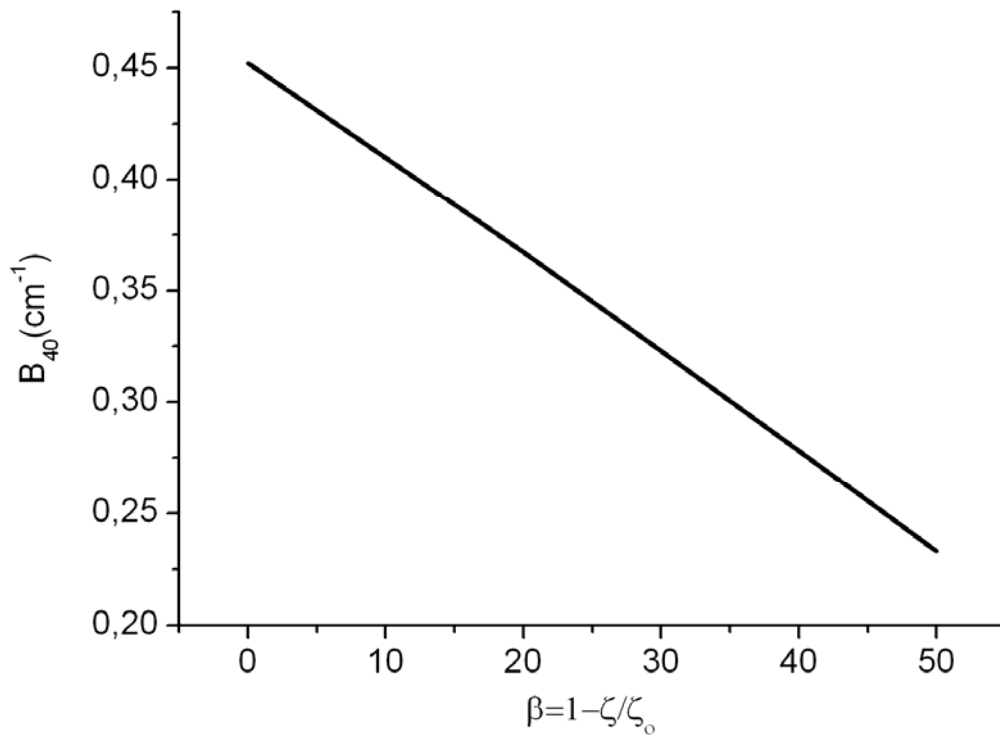


Figure S3. Dependence of  $B_{40}$  on the relativistic nephelauxetic effect as quantified by the parameter  $\beta$ .

### Determination of the sign of the Parameter $E$

The sign of the orthorhombic splitting parameter  $E$  can be determined experimentally, by measuring magnetizations on single crystals or theoretically, by calculations of the magnetization tensor along the x and y directions (see Figure 2 for the orientation of these axes with respect to the molecular frame). Here we derive equations for  $M_x$ ,  $M_y$  and  $M_z$ .

For the sake of simplicity we focus on the form of the SH of eq.13. With a magnetic field oriented parallel to the x, y and z axes we have the following matrix representations of

$$\hat{H}_{ZFS} + \hat{H}_Z:$$

$B||x$ :

$$\hat{H}_{ZFS} + \hat{H}_Z = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccccc} |2+\rangle & |2-\rangle & |1+\rangle & |1-\rangle & |0\rangle \end{array} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 2D & 0 & g_o\beta B_x & 0 & 2\sqrt{3}E \\ 0 & 2D & 0 & g_o\beta B_x & 0 \\ g_o\beta B_x & 0 & -D+3E & 0 & g_o\beta B_x\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & g_o\beta B_x & 0 & -D-3E & 0 \\ 2\sqrt{3}E & 0 & g_o\beta B_x\sqrt{3} & 0 & -2D \end{array} \right] \end{array} \quad (S22)$$

$B||y$ :

$$\hat{H}_{ZFS} + \hat{H}_Z = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccccc} |2+\rangle & |2-\rangle & |1+\rangle & |1-\rangle & |0\rangle \end{array} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 2D & 0 & 0 & g_o\beta B_y i & 2\sqrt{3}E \\ 0 & 2D & g_o\beta B_y i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -g_o\beta B_y i & -D+3E & 0 & 0 \\ -g_o\beta B_y i & 0 & 0 & -D-3E & g_o\beta B_y i\sqrt{3} \\ 2\sqrt{3}E & 0 & 0 & -g_o\beta B_y i\sqrt{3} & -2D \end{array} \right] \end{array} \quad (S23)$$

$B||z$

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccccc} |2+\rangle & |2-\rangle & |1+\rangle & |1-\rangle & |0\rangle \end{array} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 2D & -2g_o\beta B_z & 0 & 0 & 2\sqrt{3}E \\ -2g_o\beta B_z & 2D & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -D+3E & -g_o\beta B_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -g_o\beta B_z & -D-3E & 0 \\ 2\sqrt{3}E & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2D \end{array} \right] \end{array} \quad (S24)$$

Eqs.22-24 have been derived by transforming  $\hat{H}_{ZFS}$  (eq. 15 with  $B_{40}=0$ ) and the corresponding matrix representations of the Zeeman operator  $\hat{H}_Z$  from the  $|\pm 2\rangle$ ,  $|\pm 1\rangle$  and  $|0\rangle$  spin eigenfunctions for  $S=2$  into the basis of eqs.S25-26 and  $|0\rangle$  :

$$|2\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|2\rangle \pm |-2\rangle] \quad (S25)$$

$$|1\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|1\rangle \pm |-1\rangle] \quad (S26)$$

Focussing on negative values of  $D=-|D|$  and  $E=-|E|$  and utilizing qs.22-24 along with second order perturbation theory yields the following expressions for the ground state level pair  $|2\pm\rangle$  :

Bllx:

$$|2+\rangle: -2|D| - \frac{3E^2}{|D|} - \frac{(g_o\beta)^2}{3(|D| - |E|)} B_x^2 \quad (S27)$$

$$|2-\rangle: -2|D| - \frac{(g_o\beta)^2}{3(D| + |E|)} B_x^2 \quad (S28)$$

Bllly:

$$|2+\rangle: -2|D| - \frac{3E^2}{|D|} - \frac{(g_o\beta)^2}{3(|D| + |E|)} B_y^2 \quad (S29)$$

$$|2-\rangle: -2|D| - \frac{(g_o\beta)^2}{3(|D| - |E|)} B_y^2 \quad (S30)$$

and

Bllz:

$$2g_o\beta B \gg \frac{3E^2}{|D|} \quad (S31)$$

$$|\pm 2\rangle: -2|D| - \frac{3E^2}{2|D|} \pm 2g_o\beta B_z \quad (S32)$$

$$2g_o\beta B \ll \frac{3E^2}{|D|} \quad (S33)$$

$$|2+\rangle: -2|D| - \frac{3E^2}{|D|} - \frac{4(g_o\beta B)^2 |D|}{3E^2} \quad (S34)$$

$$|2-\rangle: -2|D| + \frac{4(g_o\beta B)^2 |D|}{3E^2} \quad (\text{S35})$$

To this end we apply the Van Vleck formula:

$$M = NB \frac{\sum_n (E_n^{(1)})^2 / kT - 2E_n^{(2)} \exp(E_n^{(o)} / kT)}{\sum_n \exp(E_n^{(o)} / kT)} \quad (\text{S36})$$

with

$$E_n = E_n^{(o)} + E_n^{(1)} B + E_n^{(2)} B^2 \quad (\text{S37})$$

and obtain

$$M_x = \frac{1}{3} (NB) (g_o\beta)^2 [2|D| + \frac{3E^3}{|D|kT}] / (D^2 - E^2) \quad (\text{S38})$$

$$M_y = \frac{1}{3} (NB) (g_o\beta)^2 [2|D| - \frac{3E^3}{|D|kT}] / (D^2 - E^2) \quad (\text{S39})$$

and

$$M_x - M_y = (g_o\beta)^2 BN \frac{2|E|^3}{|D|(D^2 - E^2)kT} \quad (\text{S40})$$

It follows from eq S40, that for negative  $D$  and  $E$ ,  $M_x > M_y$ . For  $D < 0$  and  $E > 0$  we have to change the sign of  $E$  in eqs.S27-S30 and S38-40; this leads to  $M_y > M_x$ .

For  $M_z$  at low temperatures and high magnetic fields eqs.S31-S32 cannot be applied. In this case the general equation for the magnetization is valid (Kahn, O., Molecular Magnetism, Wiley-VCH, New York, eq.1.3.6) and has been used along with the energy levels given by eq.S33. This leads to:

$$M_z = N(2g_o\beta) \tanh(2g_o\beta B / kT) \quad (\text{S39})$$

For small magnetic fields (eqs.S33-S35) the magnetization drops to zero.

Eq.S40 helps to rationalize the dependence of  $M_x$  and  $M_y$  with  $B/T$  and the conclusions about the sign of  $E$  drawn in Section III.3.

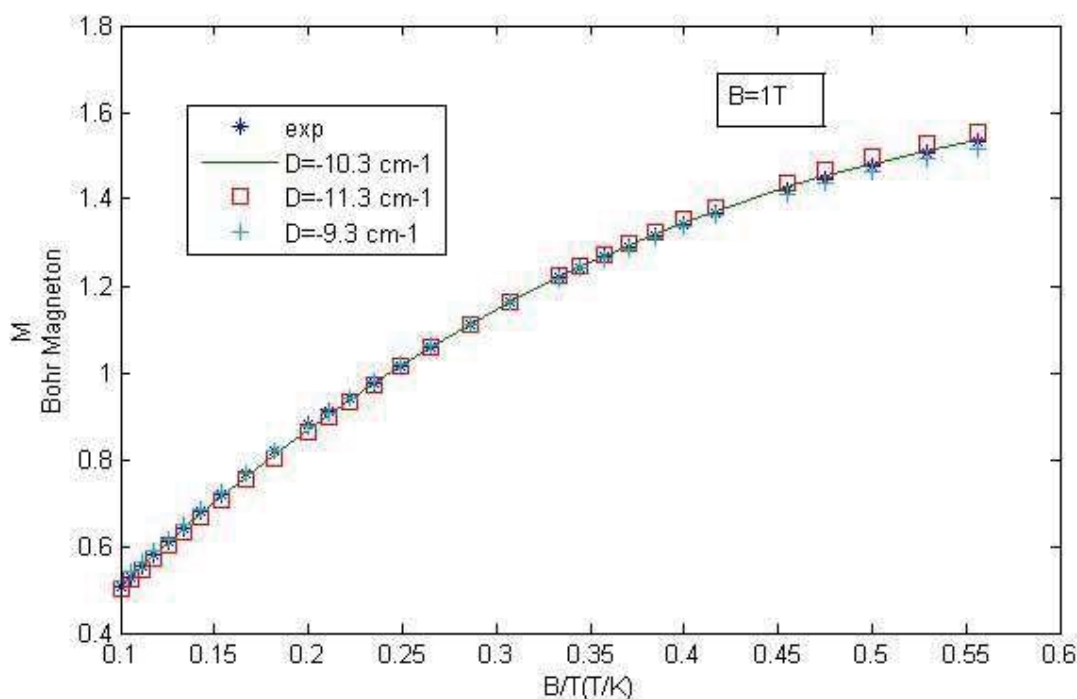
## Fitting parameters of the SH for complexes 1-4 using the spin-Hamiltonian of eq.14 ( $D$ , $B_{40}$ , $E$ and $g$ ).

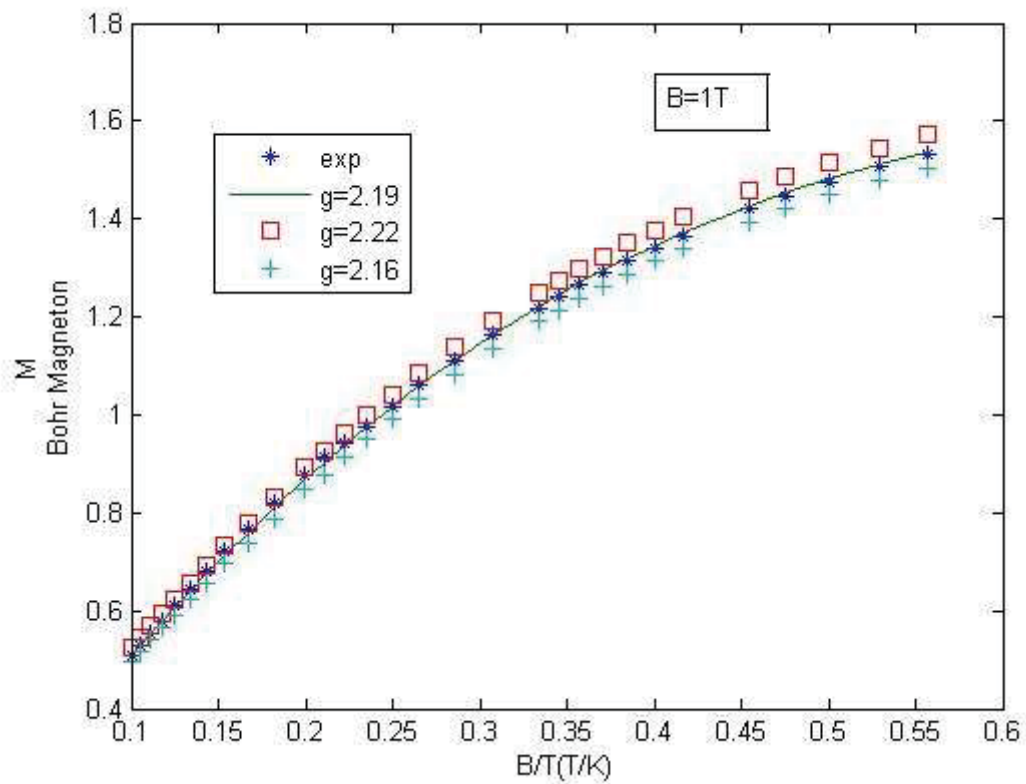
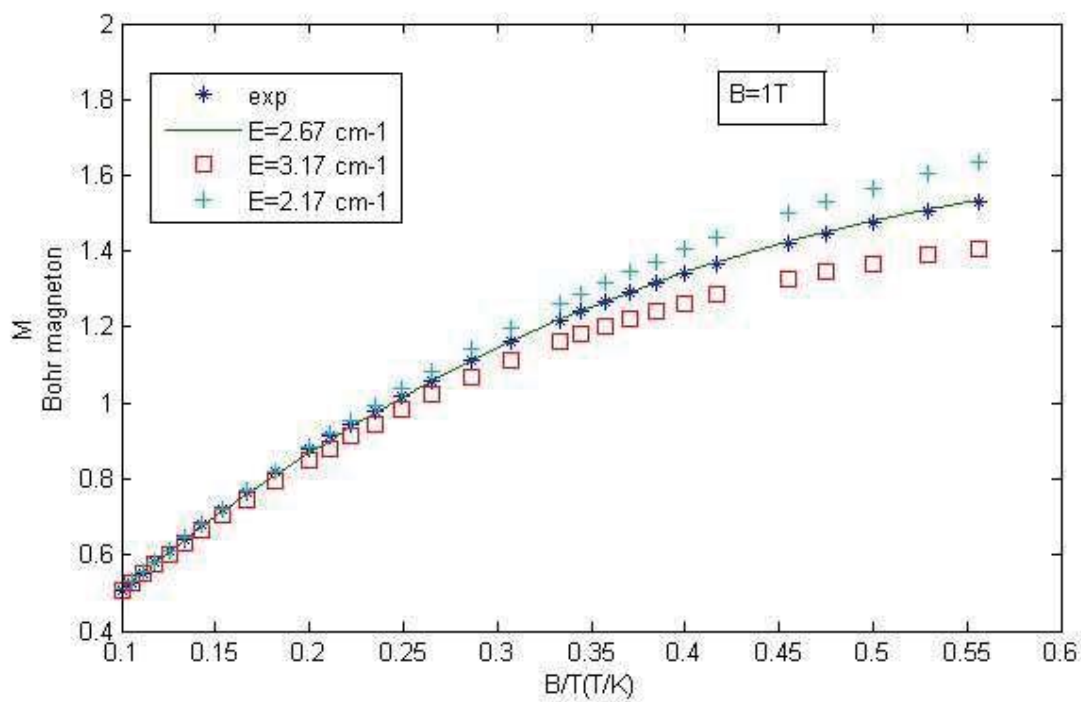
Parameters of the SH of eq. 14 have been obtained by a fit to experimental magnetizations ( $M$ ) minimizing the standard deviation  $\sigma$  between experimental and calculated  $M$ ; parameter values and standard deviations – minimum values of  $\sigma$  are listed in Table 5a. It should be noted, that only parameter ranges for each parameter rather than unique values can be given. The error bar for each parameter  $\Delta P_i$  has been calculated as the numerical solution of eq.S40 which defines the increase of  $\sigma$  from its value corresponding to the minimum of the fit (Table 5a) to an arbitrary but rather conservatively chosen increment of 0.01:

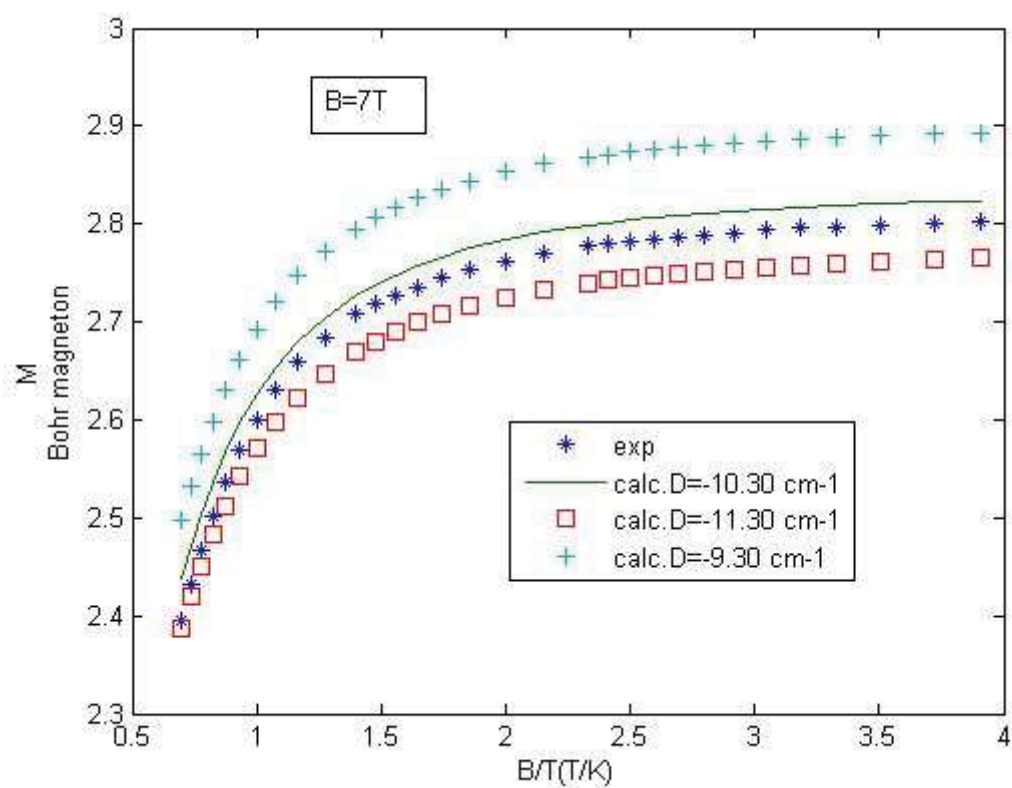
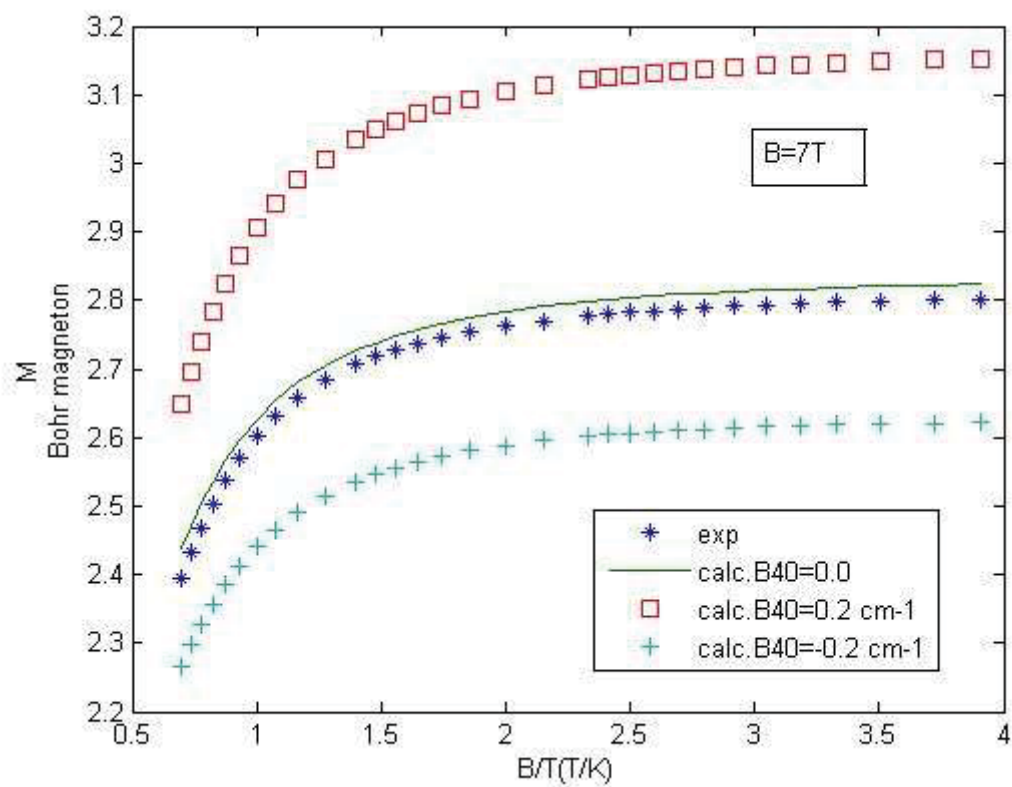
$$\sigma(...P_i^o + \Delta P_i...) - \sigma(...P_i^o...) = 0.01 \quad (\text{S40})$$

$i=1$  to 4 (i.e.  $D$ ,  $B_{40}$ ,  $E$  and  $g$  for the SH of eq.14).

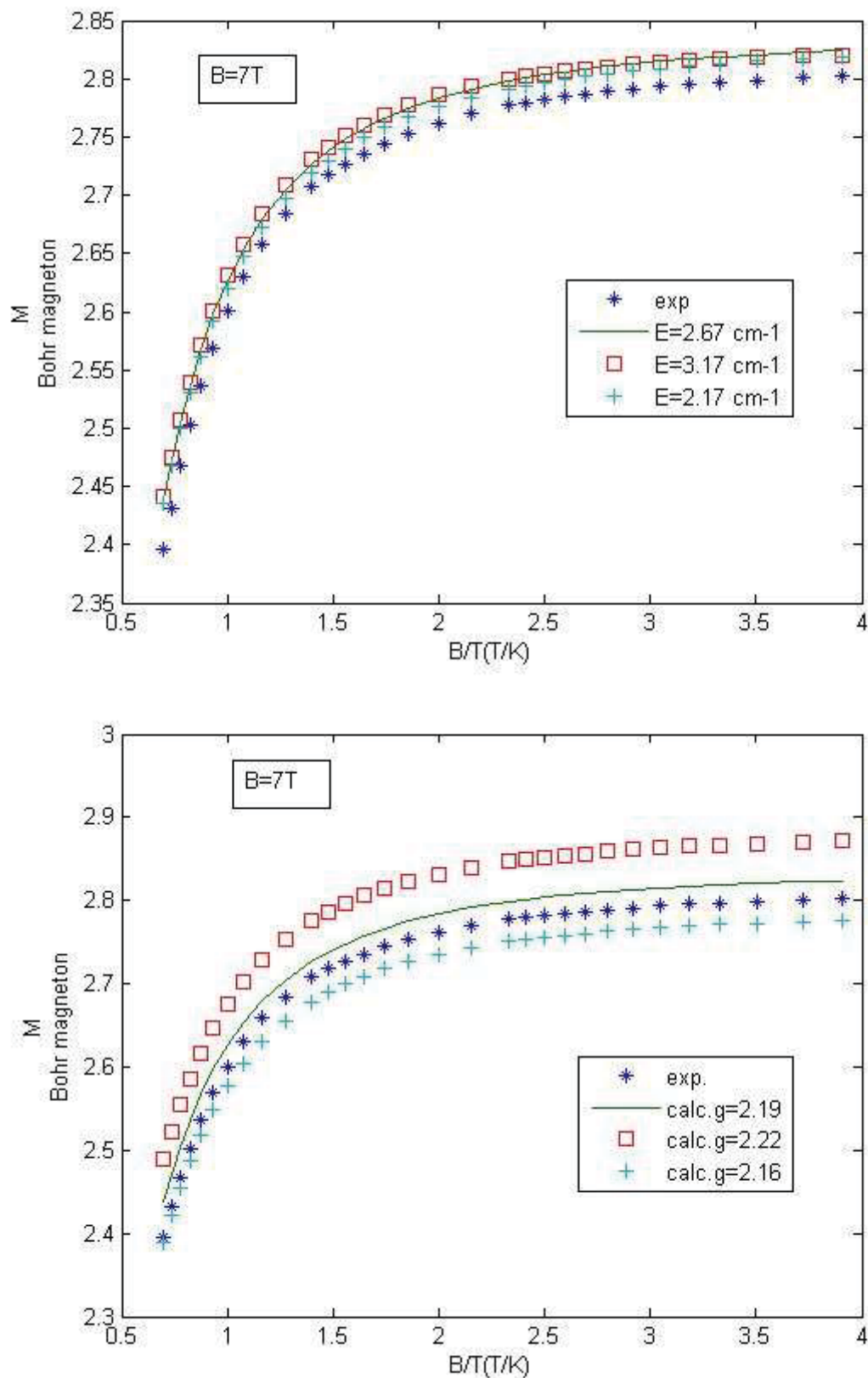
Below we plot for complex 4 the experimental  $M$  (stars) and calculated  $M$  (using fit parameters from Table 5a, solid lines) along with  $M$  calculated using variations of  $D$ ,  $B_{40}$ ,  $E$  and  $g$ , illustrating their effect on the low-field ( $B=1$  T) and high-field ( $B=7$  T)  $M$  values (Figure S4). We further show a complete set of experimental versus reproduced (using fitted parameters from Tables 5a) magnetisation for complexes 1-4.











Figures S4 Experimental (exp. plotted with stars, adopted from Ref.2) and simulated (solid lines)  $M(B=1T)$  and  $M(B=7T)$  data sets for **4**. Parameter values of  $D$ ,  $B_{40}$ ,  $E$  and  $g$  for the simulation are those given for  $[\text{Fe}(\text{tpa}^{\text{Dfp}})]^-$  in Table 5a. The changes of  $M$  with variations of  $D$ ,  $B_{40}$ ,  $E$  and  $g$  are shown.

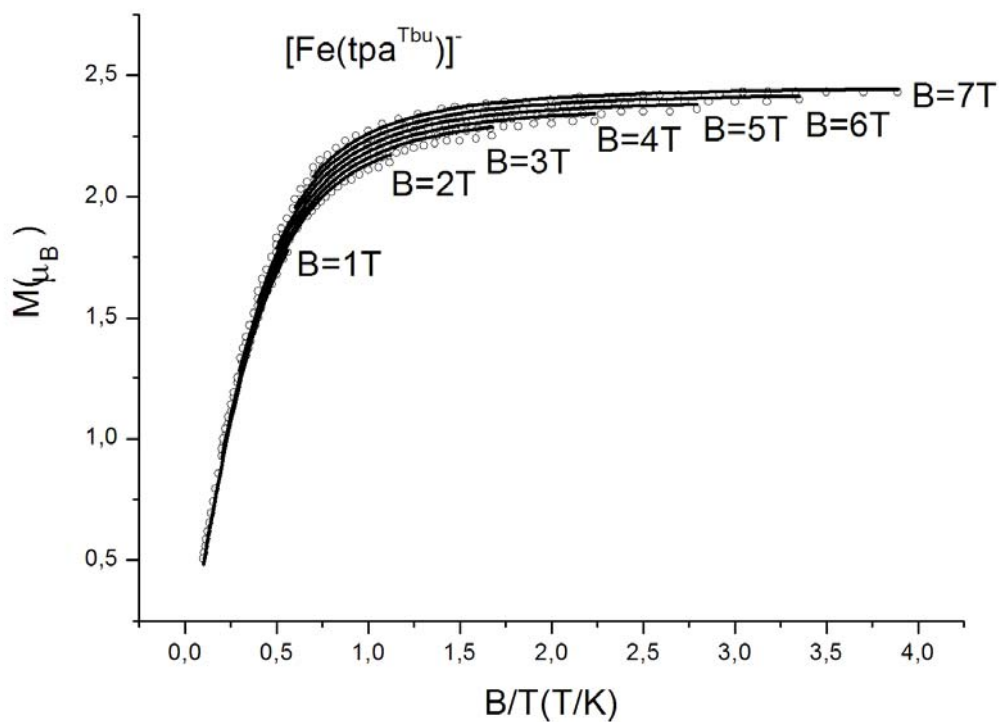


Figure S5: Magnetisations of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{tpa}^{\text{Tbu}})]^-$  (from Ref.2, open circles); black lines represent fits to the data (From Ref.2) using parameter values from Table 5a.

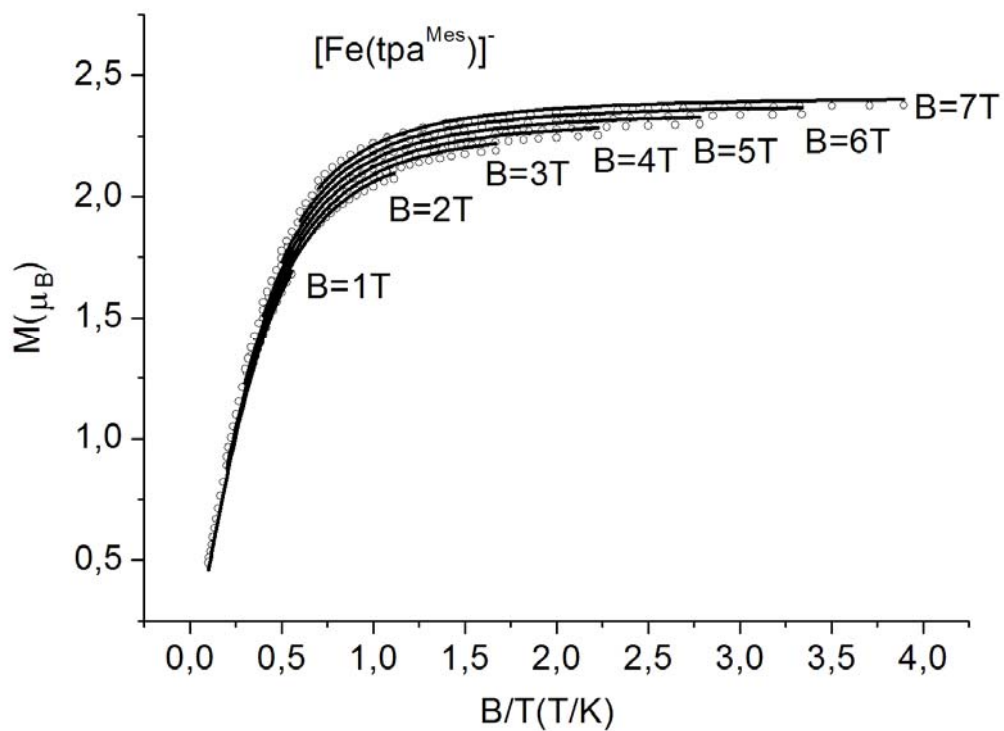


Figure S6: Magnetisation data for  $[\text{Fe}(\text{tpa}^{\text{Mes}})]^-$  (from Ref.1, open circles); black lines represent fits to the data using parameter values from Table 5a.

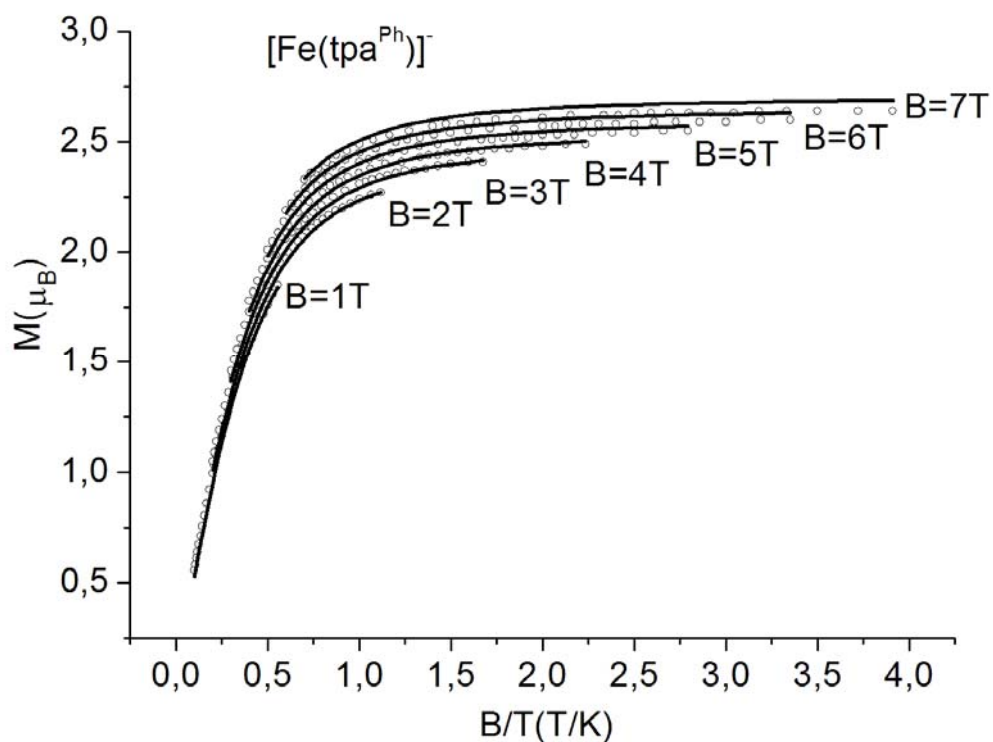


Figure S7: Magnetisation data for  $[\text{Fe}(\text{tpa}^{\text{Ph}})]^-$  (from Ref.2, open circles); black lines represent fits to the data using parameter values from Table 5a.

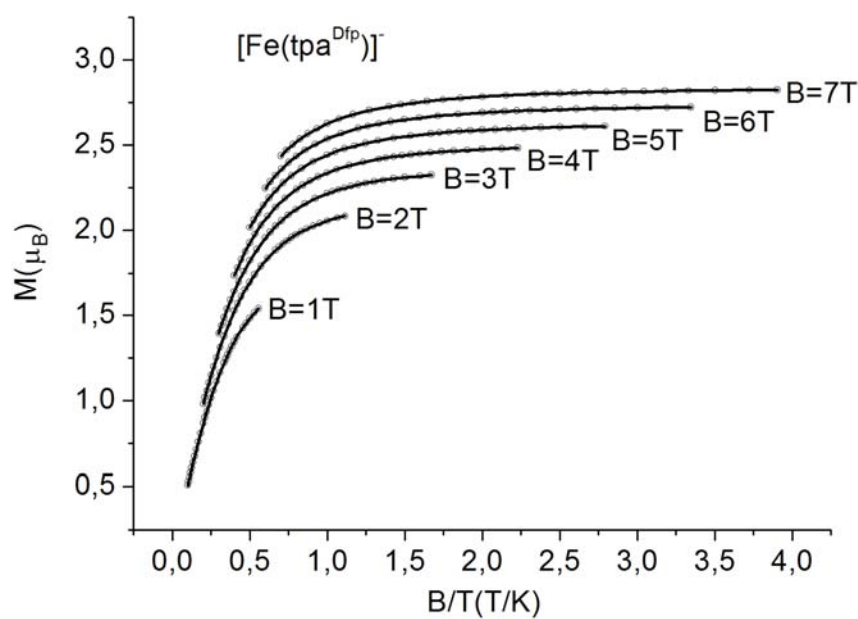


Figure S8: Magnetisation data for  $[\text{Fe}(\text{tpa}^{\text{Dfp}})]^-$  (from Ref.2, open circles); black lines represent fits to the data using parameter values from Table 5a.

## Computational Details

Geometry optimizations of complexes **1-4** have been done using ORCA Program version 2.7 (Revision 0); SVN: \$Rev:2022\$ starting with Cartesian coordinates as given by the X-Ray structures following a reorientation (see Figure 2).

Sample input file for  $[\text{Fe}(\text{tpa}^{\text{Mes}})]^-$  (complex **2**) including starting coordinates from X-ray data:

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Coordinates obtained from a geometry optimization of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{tpa}^{\text{Mes}})]^-$

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Coordinates from ORCA-job geometry optimization

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Input coordinates for a geometry optimization of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{tpa})^{\text{Tbu}}]^-$  (complex 1) adopted from X-ray data:

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H	-2.524345328	4.458223608	-2.292898714
H	-3.445482905	3.378795123	-3.348064967
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C	-1.137857608	2.101869671	-2.716788807
H	-0.555935072	1.227363134	-2.415415298
H	-1.466295635	1.919397325	-3.743332476
H	-0.462965075	2.959240360	-2.717066728
C	-3.260854832	1.116683561	-1.844838154
H	-4.160447387	1.287546373	-1.249400545
H	-3.571485653	0.898264269	-2.871447617
H	-2.776946899	0.224066854	-1.445962870
C	-1.209779917	-0.745559484	2.527854223
H	-1.133252733	-1.097667480	3.562457514
H	-2.042603950	-0.038233300	2.479150243
C	-1.844075570	-3.816911111	0.539198926
H	-2.167462365	-4.824499577	0.334857606
C	-1.907542413	-3.153952035	1.785505566
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C	-1.280407724	-2.941621792	-0.367629630
C	-0.851814812	-3.196331173	-1.797291380
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H	-2.599035731	-4.414111988	-2.293747777
H	-1.202897549	-4.675166312	-3.347240603
H	-1.211762973	-5.349503367	-1.719921769
C	-1.397402903	-1.888134764	1.578658667
C	-1.251447340	-2.036557751	-2.716584653
H	-0.786928836	-1.094031562	-2.415484717
H	-0.930001987	-2.230818533	-3.742996377
H	-2.331430589	-1.880922451	-2.716723750
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H	0.964078875	-4.252755749	-1.256921779
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### Optimized geometry for complex (1)

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FeC<sub>2</sub>7N<sub>4</sub>H<sub>39</sub>

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H	0.983506222	-1.805321472	2.405685569
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H	5.236106752	0.518773274	0.259822798
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H	4.251936850	-0.330658939	2.669209358
C	3.116554870	0.380033961	-0.374613641
C	3.054847670	0.952587352	-1.771557259
C	4.469127123	1.151409443	-2.328691669
H	5.008499898	0.192628802	-2.377424425
H	4.417032873	1.579322201	-3.343024924
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C	2.322952956	-0.315700383	1.582636013
C	2.279820573	0.019562375	-2.714936242
H	1.261357488	-0.166237334	-2.338940393
H	2.192452791	0.469524514	-3.718079469
H	2.781330963	-0.956257518	-2.799568609
C	2.340737698	2.318581469	-1.714397064
H	2.922050063	3.021841859	-1.098356431
H	2.224790983	2.742541024	-2.726963279
H	1.342420831	2.218177055	-1.262419670



C	0.014182805	1.437051833	2.532779425
H	-0.291246257	1.609739183	3.585119549
H	1.067051249	1.755547050	2.430571596
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C	-3.193399809	3.381615978	-2.317510898
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H	-4.073747959	3.543891598	-1.676779158
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C	-1.145802231	2.019006908	-2.727263452
H	-0.487747930	1.220227116	-2.352521758
H	-1.501303158	1.728057083	-3.730188922
H	-0.540612802	2.934240073	-2.811025595
C	-3.183915779	0.949910151	-1.729853780
H	-4.078819763	1.113550700	-1.109710321
H	-3.502435245	0.654337852	-2.744828713
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C	-1.253008495	-0.704051351	2.536311306
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C	-1.923637207	-3.755043787	0.492145112
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C	-1.293594106	-2.865751844	-0.378709006
C	-0.788577689	-3.098589071	-1.784144287
C	-1.350946320	-4.410847087	-2.342601324
H	-2.451283664	-4.382783126	-2.374796231
H	-0.971770431	-4.577621616	-3.364024080
H	-1.045427255	-5.262411769	-1.715450794
C	-1.448206453	-1.851228810	1.591597921
C	-1.202488577	-1.948996649	-2.715367696
H	-0.826800590	-0.984478944	-2.339592084
H	-0.787967436	-2.101380529	-3.726123906
H	-2.298084616	-1.873546601	-2.782748773
C	0.750967682	-3.187572751	-1.749464795
H	1.065426208	-4.050410007	-1.142179983
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Input coordinates for a geometry optimization of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{tpa})^{\text{Ph}}]^-$  (complex **3**) adopted from X-ray data:

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N	-1.044770801	-1.706530459	0.215959333
C	-1.435165197	-2.823355929	-0.506109090
C	-1.896668616	-3.792712539	0.368841582
H	-2.285305383	-4.762153819	0.097422599
C	1.343979132	-0.459705225	2.558266233
H	1.594826629	-0.140765326	3.576902678
H	1.329110773	-1.552580948	2.553340976
C	2.356983178	0.036716764	1.560115180

C	-2.678631678	3.247963081	0.460136221
H	-3.449868758	3.961787135	0.216050424
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H	5.149098154	0.994748960	0.169431014
C	-2.178483210	2.970526453	1.734486922
H	-2.491662592	3.422721653	2.663727955
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H	-0.901897076	-1.343691106	3.562308713
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C	-1.113159996	1.873930365	-2.696795093
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C	-3.316016649	2.747431651	-2.512817089
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H	3.305643619	0.488513279	-5.810549110
C	-1.480816111	-1.742380831	-2.750025327
H	-1.630990408	-0.780405650	-2.278233378
C	-1.280033004	-4.179587493	-4.007472893
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C	-1.276840468	1.753409377	-4.059955787
H	-0.455267816	1.391578020	-4.665656647
C	-3.483741976	2.620984664	-3.865645837
H	-4.425580063	2.917212563	-4.313964730
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C	-1.493048530	-1.819595735	-4.138079047
H	-1.613013645	-0.912420931	-4.716046754
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### Optimized geometry for complex (3)

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FeC33N4H27

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H	1.622134180	-0.242312603	3.619226858
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C	2.344285735	-0.032161237	1.590623170
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C	-2.179448243	2.972017982	1.740606524
H	-2.508780521	3.426995738	2.673523585
C	3.007420830	0.565607554	-1.903914546
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C	3.664631377	0.394007597	1.726911233
H	4.229499073	0.456426630	2.655586681
C	3.056304642	0.450082202	-0.454997044
C	-1.932126915	2.432611781	-0.445632132
C	-2.014772865	2.367513526	-1.896542795
C	-1.231744511	-2.002769480	1.605915501
C	-1.581114252	-3.346893200	1.733276120
H	-1.817020864	-3.868814583	2.659361493
C	-1.116021906	-0.894949228	2.607118405
H	-0.993021811	-1.287322185	3.636082094
H	-2.023785657	-0.265220491	2.591580402
C	-0.913890292	1.952322232	-2.676374539
H	0.021403427	1.680874418	-2.180959784
C	-1.154170846	-2.839549753	-1.899453355
C	-0.957774556	-4.040100493	-2.615064898
H	-0.840518403	-4.970860094	-2.055821757
C	2.047515821	-0.138512458	-2.662651505
H	1.342189468	-0.805369414	-2.157466870
C	-3.191064171	2.747176230	-2.578197523
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H	4.666746399	1.942769652	-2.036008991
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C	2.929880606	0.766790301	-4.731087806
H	2.899789801	0.846131338	-5.819891214
C	-1.275586250	-1.647487821	-2.645785668
H	-1.474950457	-0.704091738	-2.130021489
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H	-0.107357688	1.600834018	-4.632932005
C	-3.261452686	2.715581160	-3.969603027
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C	3.891945362	1.469257210	-3.994379045
H	4.613733290	2.108536867	-4.509282454
C	-1.199016055	-1.654986956	-4.037516766
H	-1.310390490	-0.710838726	-4.575051720
C	-2.159897865	2.299782612	-4.727905832
H	-2.216533780	2.273204406	-5.818275152
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Input coordinates for a geometry optimization of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{tpa})^{\text{Dfp}}]$  (complex **4**) adopted from X-ray data:

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F	-1.793659814	0.329023110	-1.998122022
F	0.478269379	-1.609903828	-2.034893903
F	-1.702134842	5.025590322	-2.071476398
C	2.374523024	-0.147665182	1.617525362
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F	5.414116436	-0.309342133	-2.049350258
C	-2.235920913	3.628291821	0.445833589
H	-2.849799478	4.469173498	0.167936202
C	3.731669217	0.017297731	1.778068076
H	4.280368828	-0.048175233	2.705265805
F	-3.561892663	-4.038054287	-2.020955887
C	-1.849998849	3.253480633	1.734244102
H	-2.096553002	3.752382528	2.659029328
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H	-2.320235729	-3.609431823	2.660528802
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C	4.253829383	0.263507840	0.506796820
H	5.285726611	0.433038212	0.251092338
C	-1.135796091	-0.853560140	2.599098074
H	-0.968038288	-1.261426866	3.601955030
H	-2.010024907	-0.198232042	2.657195761
C	-0.572827347	-2.213502772	-2.676564282
C	-1.597576315	-2.758856557	-0.426785157
C	-1.687916147	3.828849453	-4.078946042
H	-1.662989799	4.779775917	-4.593772890
C	-0.173707430	1.423784169	2.588220142
H	-0.577468498	1.491302952	3.603788576
H	0.826498020	1.866014834	2.598014385
C	-2.142619590	-3.678762898	0.448772484
H	-2.597223830	-4.616728331	0.177754920
C	1.307356879	-0.555295632	2.589149627
H	1.559065927	-0.254364704	3.612147884
H	1.194775939	-1.643975581	2.589559209
C	3.187367538	0.458011234	-1.830057859
C	-1.705256267	2.627196884	-4.748560579
H	-1.697133368	2.604202355	-5.830950994
C	-2.538130167	-3.424194862	-2.658250970
C	-2.546611581	-3.433541441	-4.038405707
H	-3.363168671	-3.932363888	-4.544328697
C	2.066147944	1.111848602	-3.917242986

H	1.173041326	1.519098864	-4.370192513
C	-0.534606869	-2.189507971	-4.046774419
H	0.294197123	-1.702967732	-4.542787004
C	3.177287126	0.756364680	-4.650254547
H	3.176950949	0.867015378	-5.727278254
C	-1.550477646	-2.800906253	-4.725672978
H	-1.554279820	-2.807451988	-5.808829207
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H	5.186461138	0.003763269	-4.551918730

### Optimized geometry for complex (4)

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F	-1.607402229	4.904414013	-2.186391831
C	2.345613962	-0.225207356	1.604559697
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C	4.248224647	0.118644302	-2.677467341
C	4.247877188	0.133533315	0.466358063
H	5.291052151	0.266084905	0.195410197
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H	-0.466108760	1.548584735	3.642939660
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H	-2.581808623	-4.634747240	0.168778522
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H	1.585977608	-0.401797314	3.623983581
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C	3.157436503	0.459966846	-1.844039896
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C	-2.324835652	-3.574251317	-2.687058982
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C	-1.298726654	-2.922880952	-4.763910746
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C	4.274635255	0.284607499	-4.056103187
H	5.165357328	-0.028944945	-4.601464002

Geometries of the truncated clusters have been obtained by freezing the [Fe(tpa)]- core, replacing the substituents by H-atoms and adjusting their positions from a constraint geometry optimization; here an input file for complex **(2)**

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#
# Fe(tpa)-Mes with hydrogens as substituents
#
! UKS PBE VDW ZORA def2-TZVP def2-TZVP/J Grid4 NoFinalGrid TightSCF Opt
! Pal8

%scf maxiter 150 shift shift 0.25 erroff 0.1 end end

%geom
  Constraints
    {C 10 C} {C 16 C} {C 22 C}
  end
  InvertConstraints true
end

*xyz -1 5
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C       1.325730183     -0.548592550      2.570982883
C       2.346899963     -0.064452159      1.586053384
C       3.684037561      0.295798368      1.721659203
C       4.151037485      0.597459054      0.413910689
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C	-1.263127164	-1.992681456	1.598898930
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Geometries of truncated clusters (used in calculating the data in Tables 3c and 5b):

Coordinates of truncated complex (**1**):

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FeC15N4H15

Fe	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
N	-0.000002927	0.000004501	2.187146000
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N	-0.984520789	1.711695763	0.283510195
N	-1.010143809	-1.696724094	0.288647386
C	1.235496175	-0.736370670	2.524449323
H	1.537661441	-0.572262045	3.579010135
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C	4.200619566	0.283112484	0.496441416
H	5.236106195	0.518770606	0.259827314
C	3.689860299	-0.153668227	1.753479899
H	4.251933538	-0.330655313	2.669214121
C	3.116555030	0.380031312	-0.374611358
H	3.075717780	0.758956768	-1.299137390
C	2.322951093	-0.315697904	1.582638551
C	0.014181055	1.437057458	2.532775695
H	-0.291249641	1.609747112	3.585115890
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C	-2.290513117	3.549004918	0.495002763
H	-2.992171682	4.346289720	0.258126020
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C	-1.448209560	-1.851225032	1.591599862

Coordinates of truncated complex (**2**) - output from the given sample input file:

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Coordinates from ORCA-job fen4pbeopt-H

Fe	0.000025	-0.000013	-0.000020
N	0.000025	-0.000020	2.217844
N	1.974913	-0.000027	0.261286
N	-0.928818	-1.764925	0.284250
N	-1.017146	1.714393	0.293770
C	-0.192621	1.414286	2.593726
C	-1.138486	2.052582	1.625765
C	-2.126512	3.016330	1.796869
C	-2.640424	3.288725	0.501688
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H	-1.979515	2.464349	-1.476396
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C	2.346925	-0.064486	1.586034
C	3.684065	0.295755	1.721641
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H	-0.985349	-3.055428	-1.464485
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H	5.157429	0.899639	0.131606
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Coordinates of truncated complex (3):

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FeC15N4H15

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H	1.622095612	-0.242322582	3.619244028
H	1.251349040	-1.621227430	2.540499534
C	2.344269274	-0.032165337	1.590648290
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H	5.118553719	1.030256301	0.137050928
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H	3.022707471	0.529522441	-1.451235899
C	-0.218240586	1.418867713	2.582917067



H	-0.596049469	1.530522293	3.618952937
H	0.776178223	1.897592235	2.530966875
C	-1.153733199	2.039756036	1.591250978
C	3.664612839	0.394002943	1.726952290
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H	-0.993059626	-1.287333289	3.636068186
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#### Coordinates of truncated complex (4)

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FeC15N4H15

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C	-2.071907757	3.715835803	0.442213747
H	-2.639615639	4.593561954	0.144371032
C	3.731921102	-0.134014382	1.751101919
H	4.296665119	-0.260619192	2.673182596
C	-1.632162611	3.380058737	1.741093103
H	-1.775682110	3.955738316	2.653984508
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C	-2.039602237	-3.135202174	1.738640597
H	-2.412330568	-3.565952022	2.666217588
C	-0.948723510	2.166906598	1.620551025
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C	4.247873056	0.133531867	0.466400310
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C	-1.188786390	-0.793387766	2.583902049
H	-1.126531187	-1.186415075	3.619562377
H	-2.042011789	-0.092927868	2.542757275
C	-1.516252341	-2.776006675	-0.434806478
C	-0.093078355	1.423539766	2.605618038
H	-0.466143300	1.548600506	3.642928047
H	0.941382894	1.810883890	2.576339620
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H	-2.581814378	-4.634743788	0.168770720
C	1.282851265	-0.634632325	2.582313941
H	1.585941067	-0.401784071	3.624000764
H	1.107558881	-1.723956036	2.521812162
H	3.154712085	0.384491478	-1.394618903

Sample input files for restricted open shell Hartree-Fock calculations  
(preparing input orbitals for correlated CASSCF and NEVPT2 calculations:

Complex (2) experimental geometry:

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#
# Complex 2 Fe(tpa)-Mes, geometry taken from X-ray data
#
! TZVP TightSCF Pal8

%basis
  newgto fe "def2-TZVPP" end
# newauxgto fe "TZVPP_C" end
  newgto n "def2-TZVP" end
# newauxgto n "TZV_C" end
  newgto h "def2-SVP" end
# newauxgto h "SV_C" end
  newgto c "def2-TZVP(-df)" end
# newauxgto c "TZV_C" end
end

%scf maxiter 75 shift shift 0.25 erroff 0.1 end
  hftyp rohlf
  rohlf_case sahf
  rohlf_numop 2
  rohlf_norb[1] 5
  rohlf_nel[1] 6
end

*xyz -1 5
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Sample input files for a CASSCF and NEVPT2 calculations (complex 2, experimental geometry), reading the geometries, basis function and wavefunctions:

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#
# Complex 2, Fe(tpa)-Mes, experimental geometry
#
! def2-TZVP def2-TZV/C moread Pal8

%moinp "longexp_rohf_full.gbw"

%basis
newgto fe "def2-TZVPP" end
newauxgto fe "def2-TZVPP/C" end
newgto n "def2-TZVP" end
newauxgto n "def2-TZV/C" end
newgto h "def2-SVP" end
newauxgto h "def2-SV/C" end
newgto c "def2-TZVP(-f)" end
newauxgto c "def2-TZV/C" end
end

%scf
MaxDisk 40000
end

#%scf rotate {79, 81, 90, 0, 0} end end

%casscf
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norb 5
mult 5,3
nroots 5,45
shiftup 0.5
shiftdn 0.5
trafostep RI
nevpt2 true
nev_tpre 1e-10
rel
PrintLevel 3
dosoc true
nreducedstates 10
gtensor true
end
maxiter 150
end

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