

Field-Induced Single-Ion Magnet Behavior in Nickel(II) Complexes with Functionalized 2,2':6'-2''-Terpyridine Derivatives: Preparation and Magneto-Structural Study

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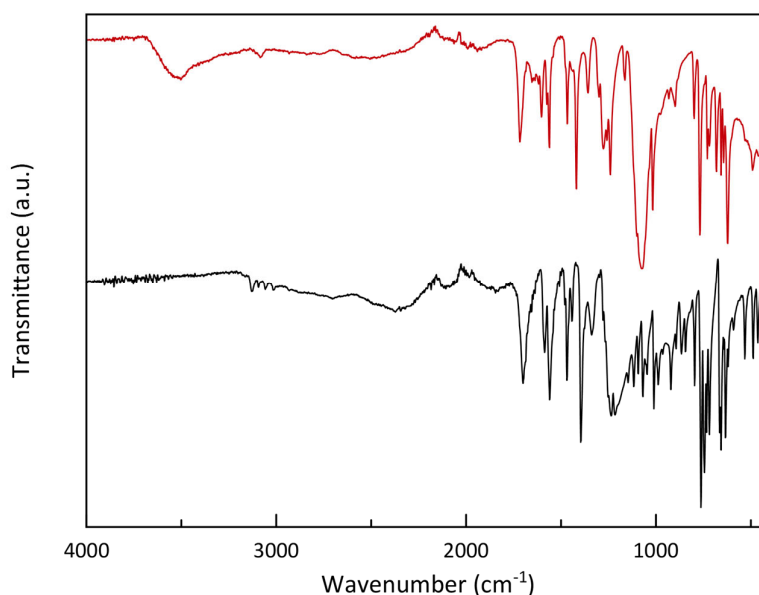


Figure S1. Infrared spectrum of **1** (red) compared to the ligand terpyCOOH (black).

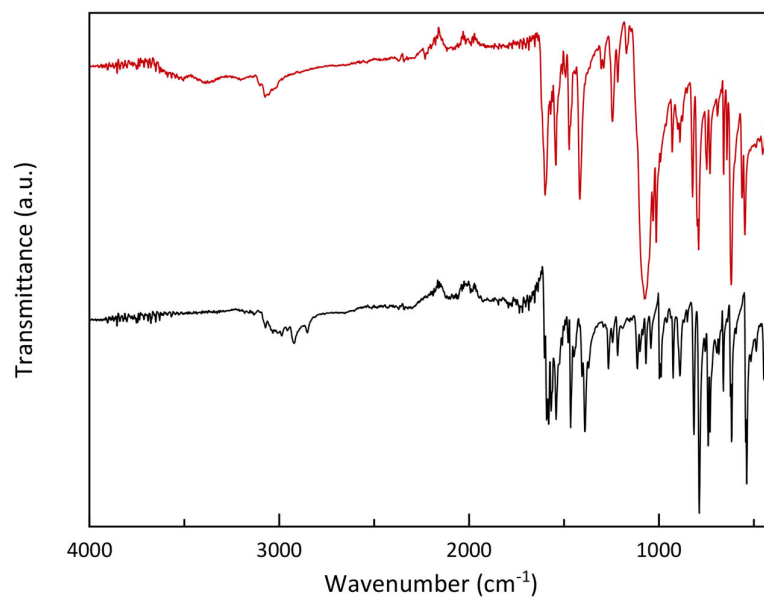


Figure S2. Infrared spectrum of **2** (red) compared to the ligand terpyepy (black).

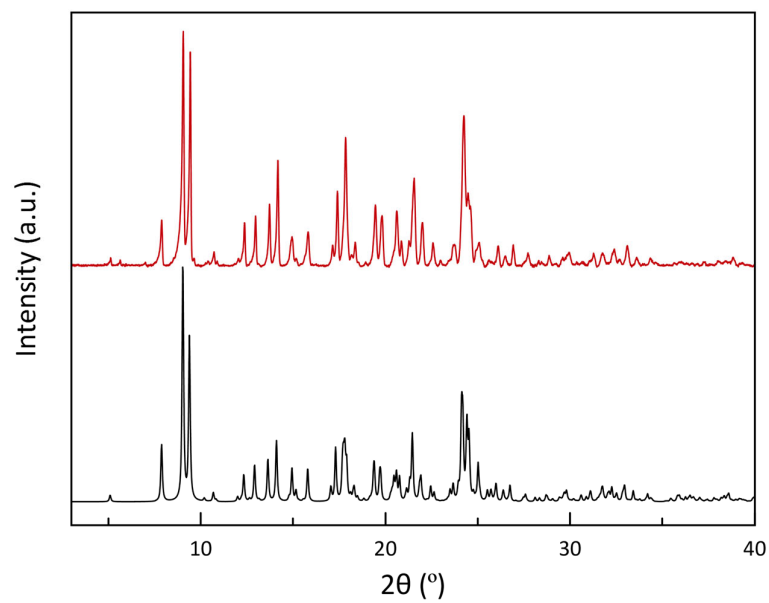


Figure S3. Calculated (black) and experimental (red) X-ray diffraction patterns for **1**.

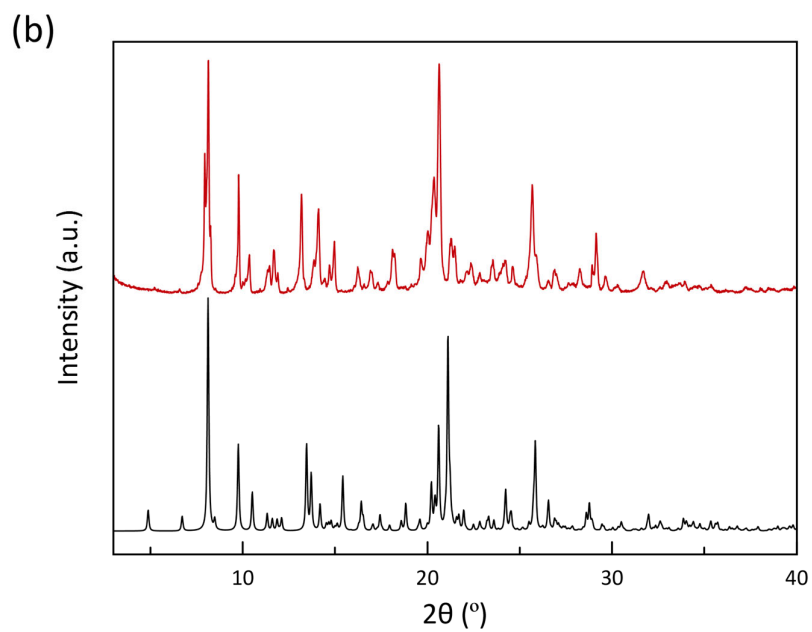


Figure S4. Calculated (black) and experimental (red) X-ray diffraction patterns for **2**.

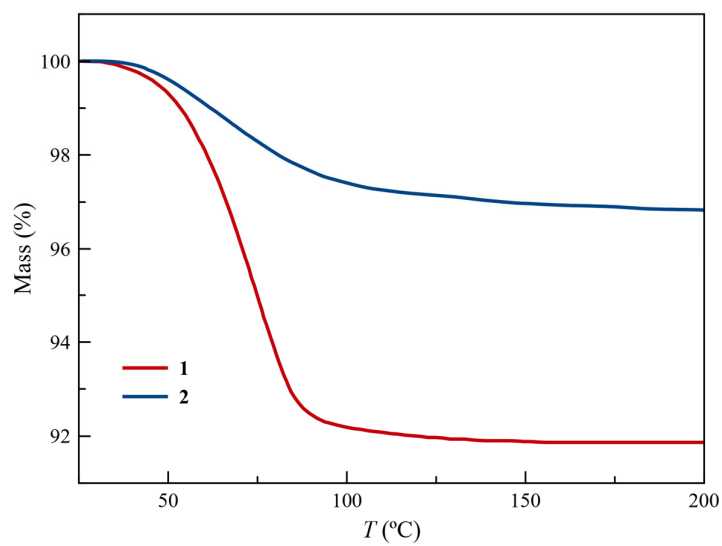


Figure S5. Thermogravimetric behavior of **1** and **2** under a dinitrogen flow of 100 mL min⁻¹ with a heating rate of 10 °C min⁻¹.

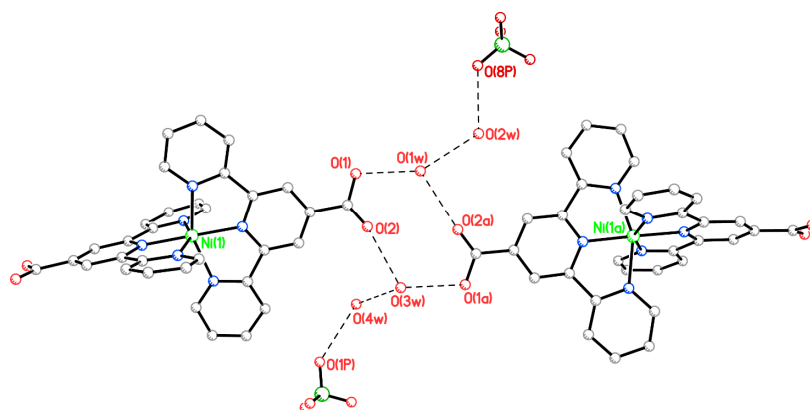
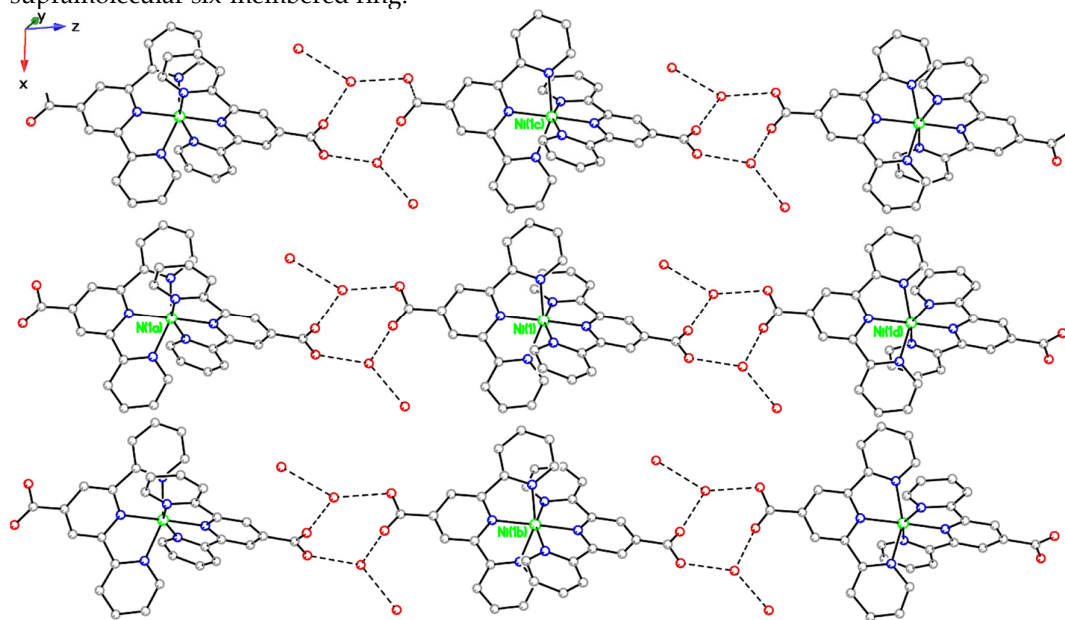


Figure S6. View of the hydrogen bonding pattern in **1** illustrating the occurrence of a supramolecular six-membered ring.



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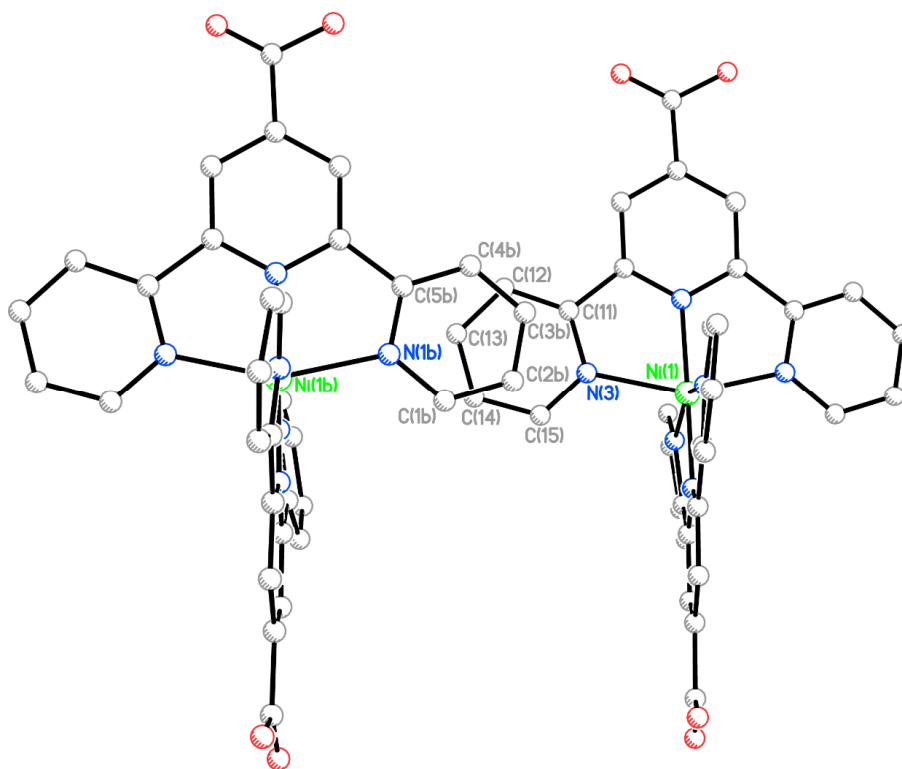
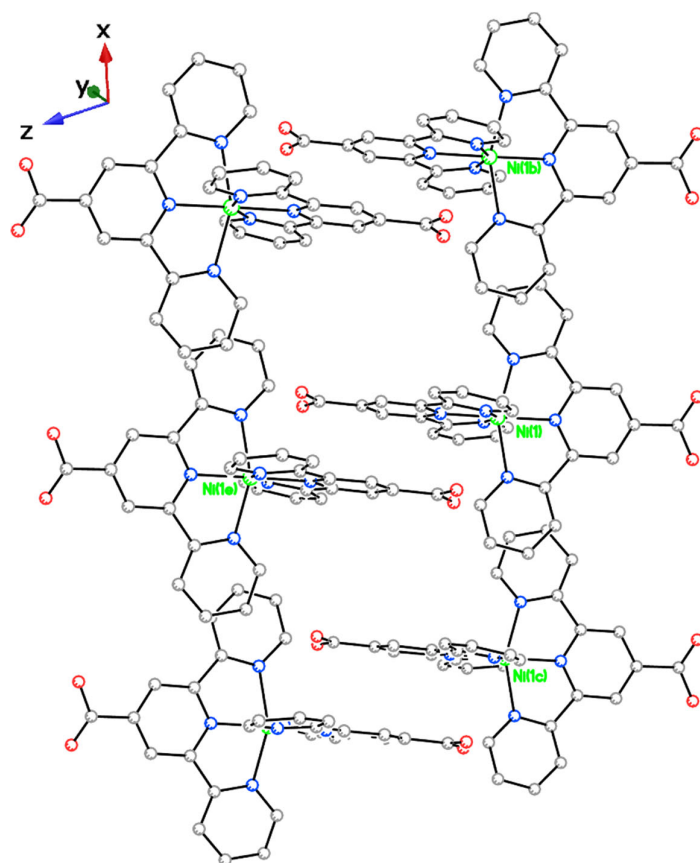
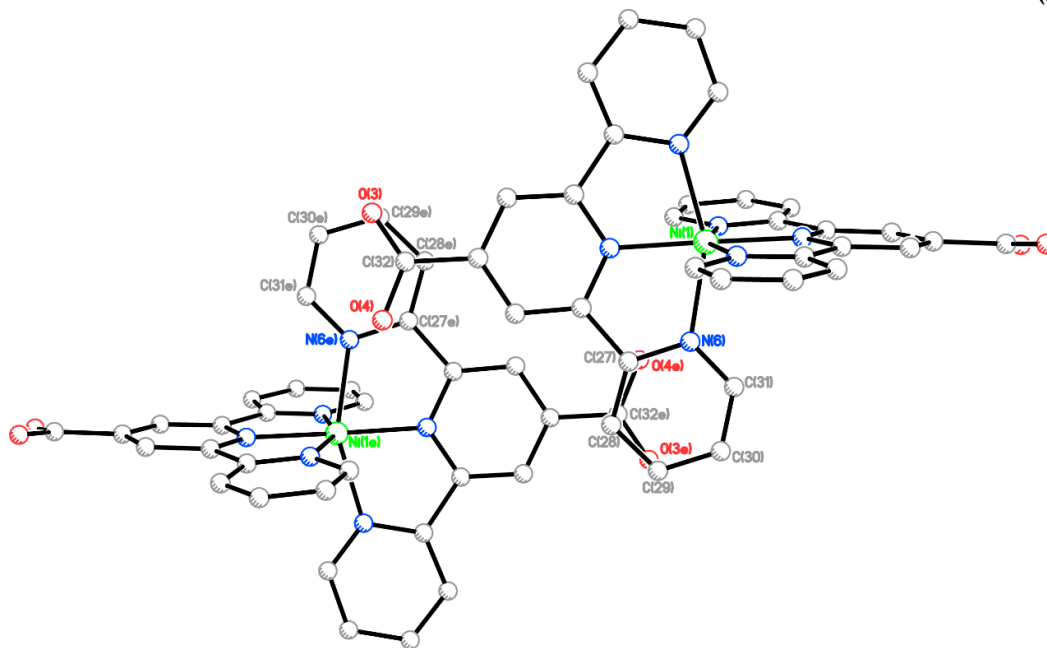


Figure S7. (a) Hydrogen bonding interactions along the crystallographic *c* axis and π - π stacking between the N(1)/N(3) pyridyl rings of one terpyCOOH ligand leading to a supramolecular 2D motif in the *ac* plane in **1**. (b) A detail of the π - π interactions between the outer N(1) and N(3) pyridyl rings of one ligand, which propagate along the crystallographic *a* axis [N(1)/N(3*b*) and, N(3)/N(1*c*); symmetry code: (b) = $1 + x, y, z$; (c) = $-1 + x, y, z$] in **1**.



(a)



(b)

Figure S8. a) and b) Views of the stacking-like interactions between the N(6) pyridyl ring of one terpyCOOH molecule and the C(32)-O(2)-O(3) carboxylic group of an adjacent terpyCOOH ligand in **1** [symmetry code: i (e) = $1 - x, -y, -z$].

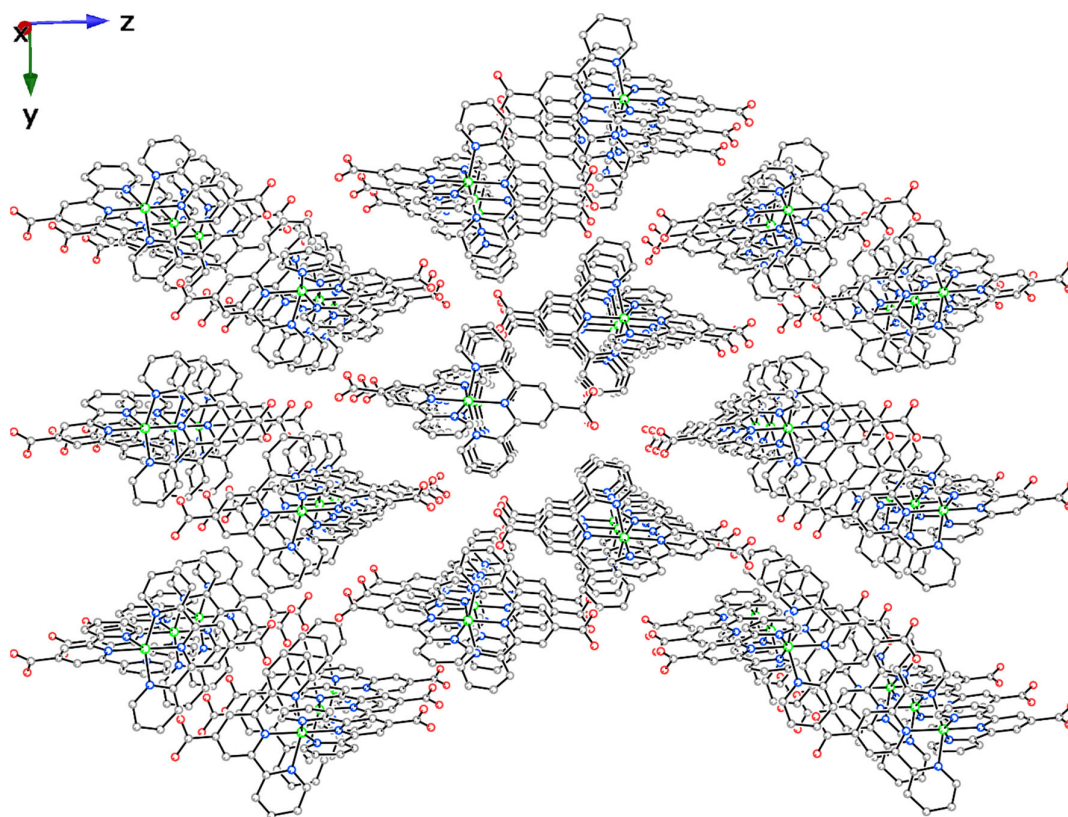


Figure S9. View of the supramolecular 3D arrangement in **1** supported by additional hydrogen bonds involving the water molecules of crystallization and the perchlorate anions.

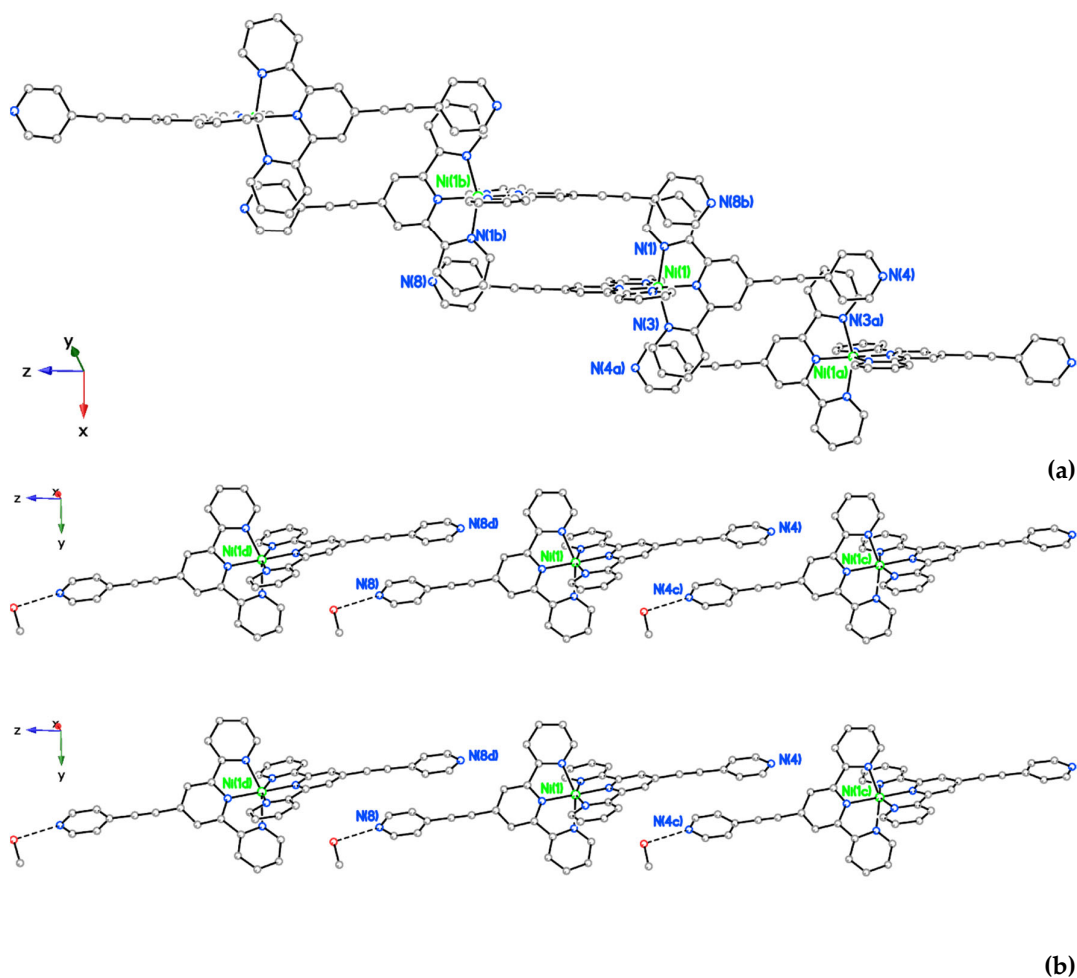


Figure S10. (a) A view of the supramolecular 1D motif in **2** growing along the *bc* diagonal being assembled by π - π interactions between the [Ni(terpyepy)₂]²⁺ complex cations where the epy groups and the outer pyridyl rings of only one terpyepy ligand participate [symmetry code: (a) = 1 - *x*, -*y*, -*z*; (b) = 1 - *x*, 1 - *y*, 1 - *z*]. (b) Additional stacking interactions between the epy pyridyl rings containing the N(4) and N(8) atoms along the crystallographic *z* axis in **2**.

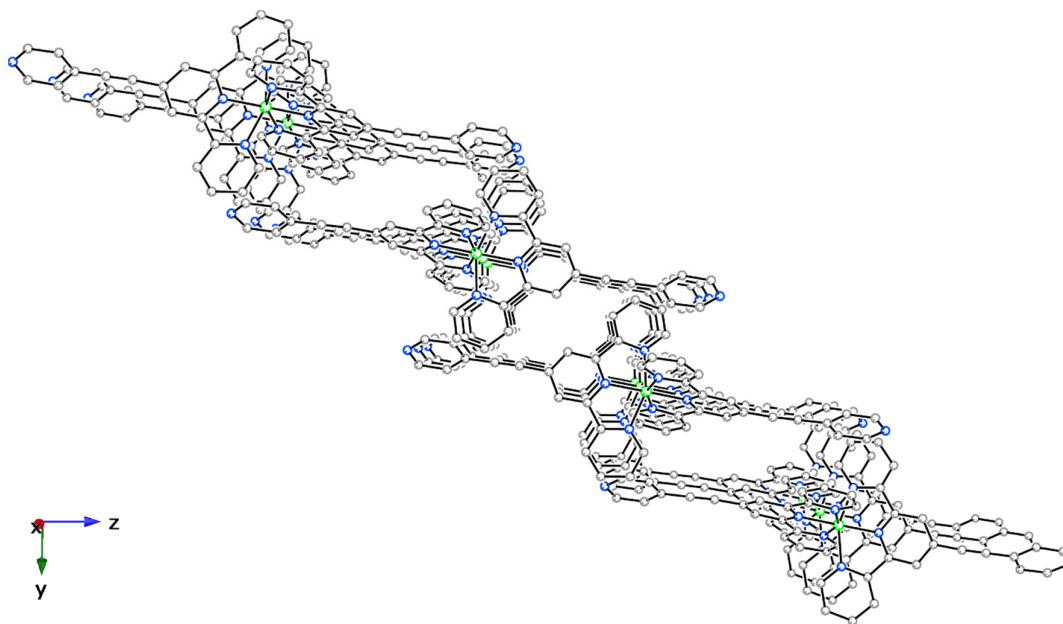


Figure S11. View of a fragment of the supramolecular 2D motif arising from π - π interactions between the $[\text{Ni}(\text{terpyrpyr})_2]^{2+}$ complex cations in **2**.

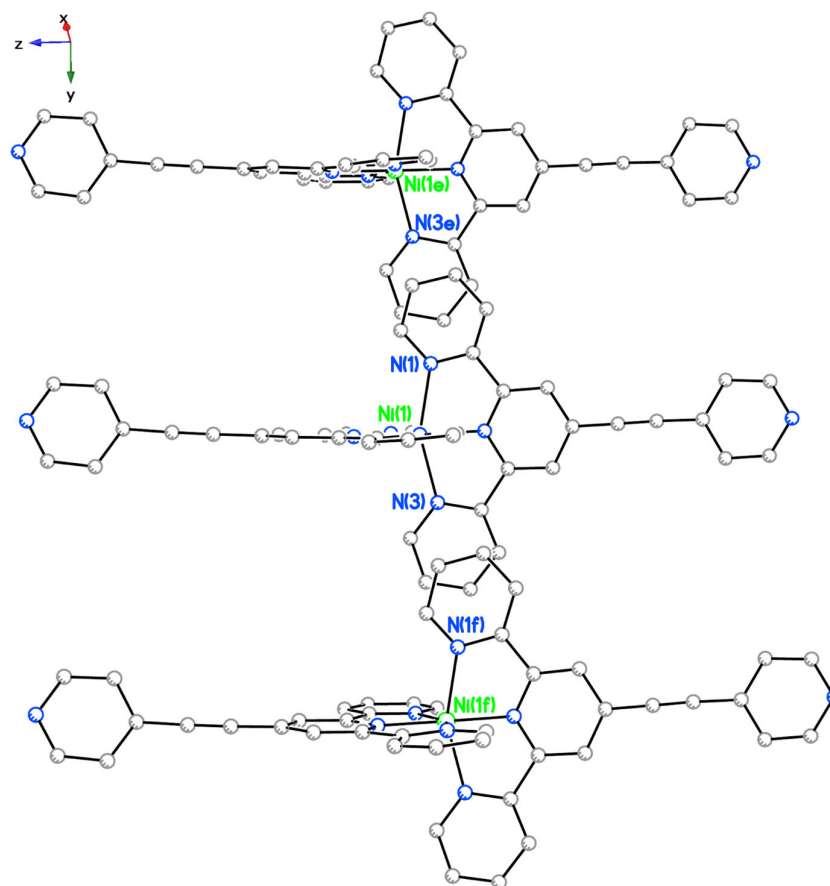


Figure S12. π - π interactions occurring between the pyridyl rings containing the N(1) and N(3e) and N(3) and N(1f) atoms [symmetry code: (e) = $-1 + x, y, z$; (f) = $1 + x, y, z$] atoms along the crystallographic x axis.

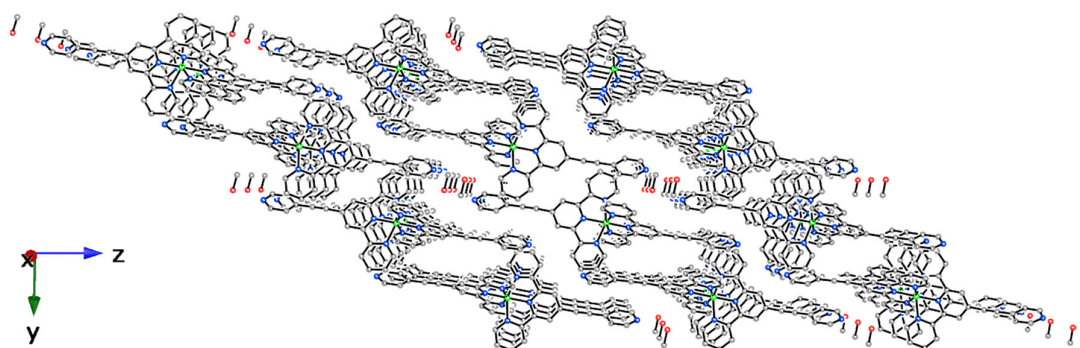


Figure S13. A view of the supramolecular 3D assembly in **2** showing the methanol solvent molecules arranged in small channels formed along the crystallographic *a* axis.

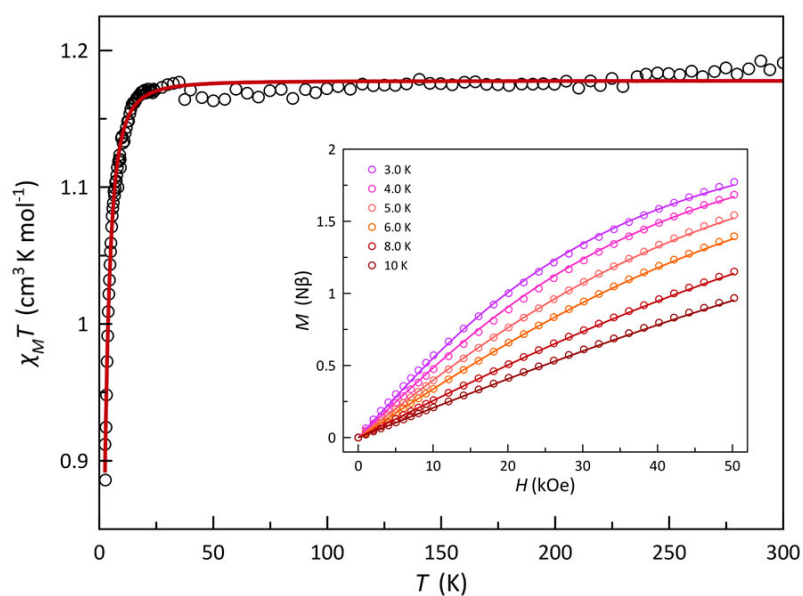
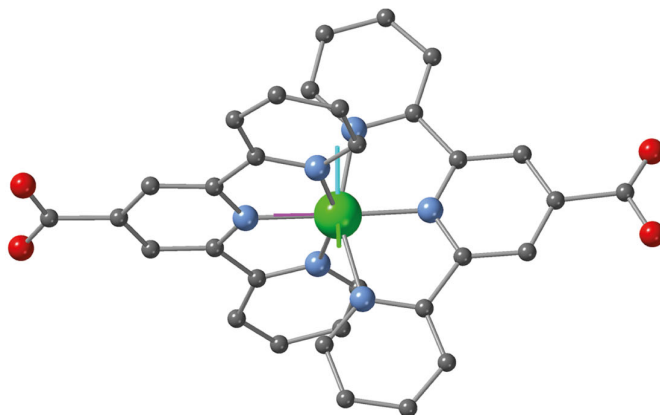


Figure S14. $\chi_M T$ vs. T and M vs. H plots (inset) for **1**: (empty circles) experimental; (solid line) best-fit curves to the experimental data using the parameters reported in the text according to the *zfs* splitting approach (see text).

(a)



(b)

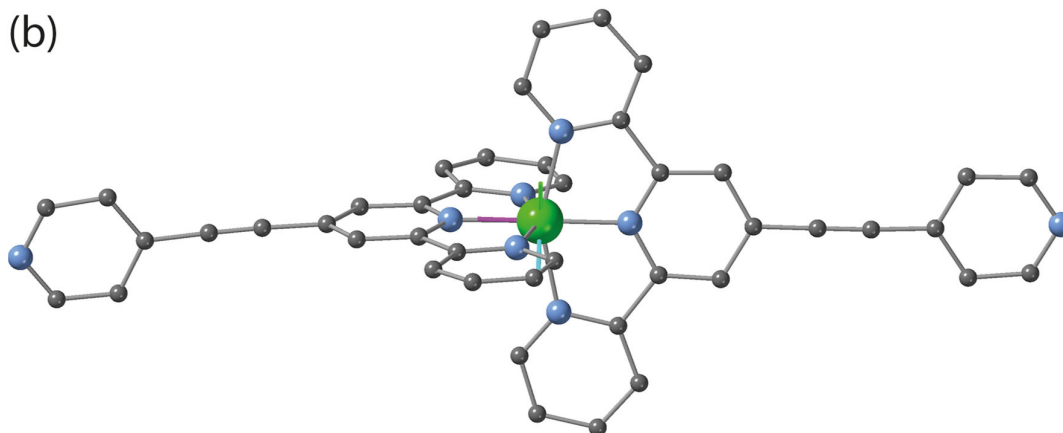


Fig. S15. Relative orientations of the experimental coordination environment and the calculated *D* tensor (*x* = cyan, *y* = green, *z* = magenta) for **1** (a) and **2** (b). Color code: green, nickel; light blue, nitrogen; red, oxygen; grey, carbon. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

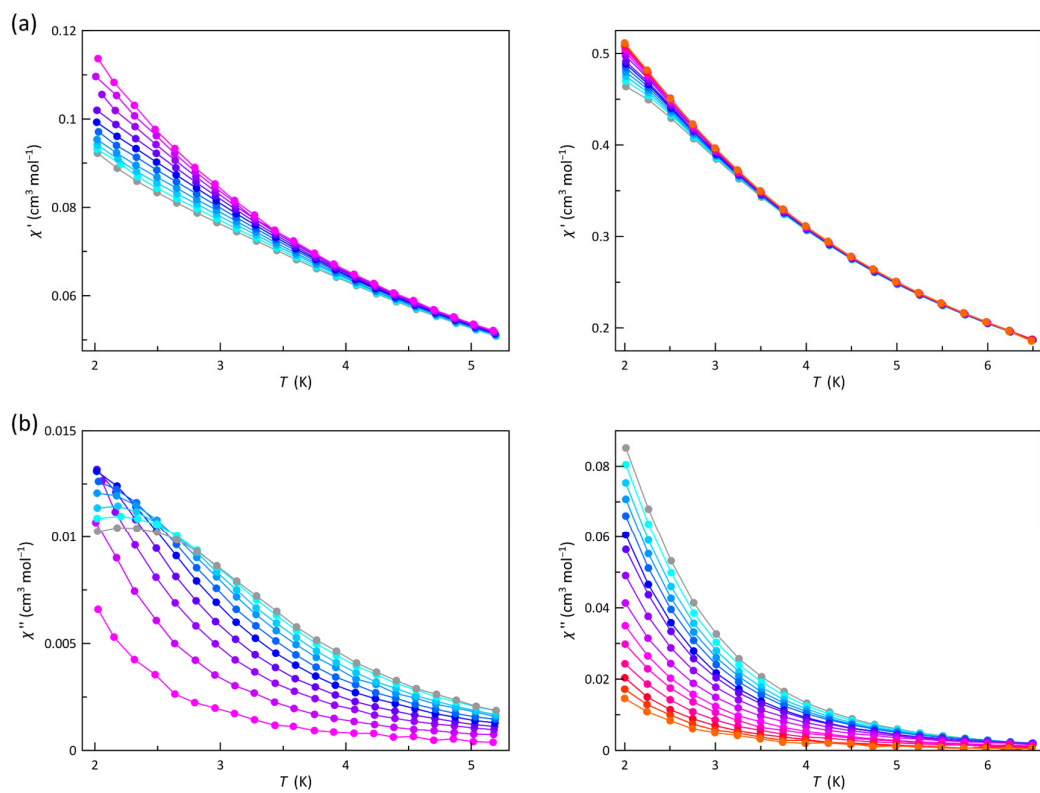


Figure S16. Temperature dependence of χ'_M (a) and χ''_M (b) of **1** (left) and **2** (right) under a static magnetic field of 2.0 and 5.0 kOe, respectively, at ± 5 Oe oscillating magnetic field in the frequency range 10.0-1.0 kHz (from gray to warmer colors).

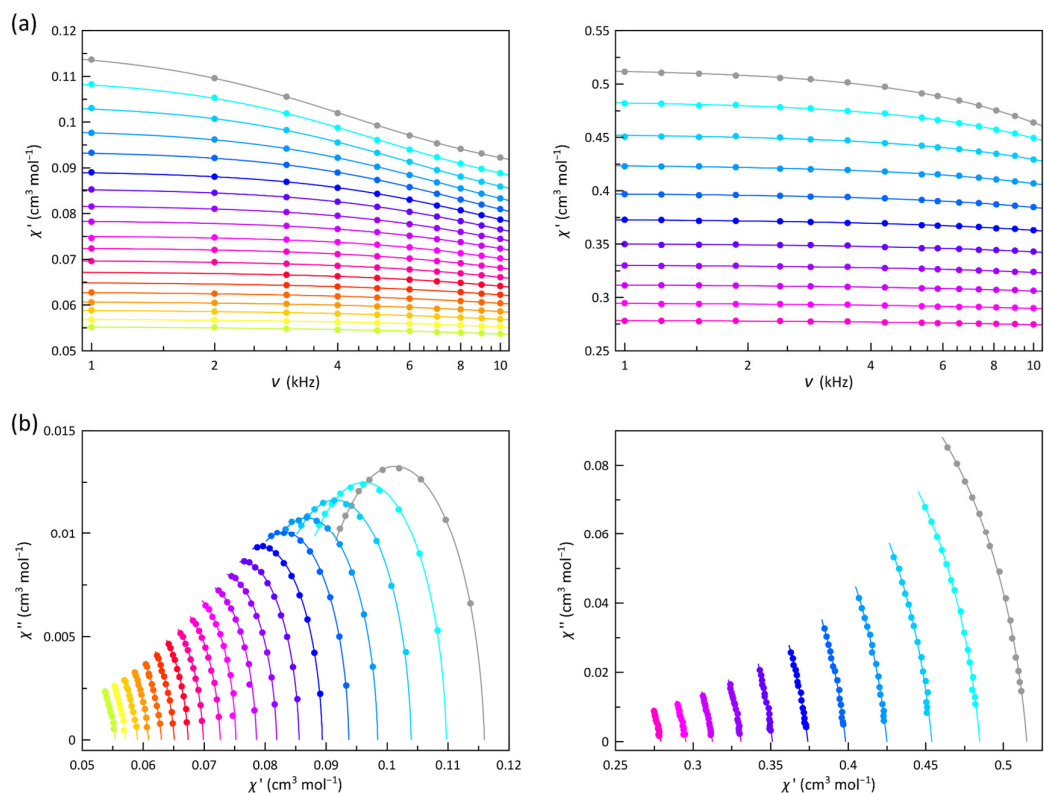


Figure S17. Frequency dependence of χ_M' (a) and the Argand plot (b) of **1** (left) and **2** (right) under a static magnetic field of 2.0 and 5.0 kOe, respectively, at ± 5 Oe oscillating magnetic field. The solid lines are the best-fit curves obtained through the generalized Debye model.

Table S1. Hydrogen bonds for **1**^{*,&}

D-H...A	d(D-H) [Å]	d(H...A) [Å]	d(D...A) [Å]	<(DHA) [°]
O(4)-H(4A)...O(3W)#1	0.82	1.78	2.598(9)	176.4
O(1)-H(1A)...O(1W)	0.82	1.78	2.600(10)	174.5
O(1W)-H(1W)...O(3)#2	0.95(3)	1.85(3)	2.803(11)	175(12)
O(1W)-H(2W)...O(2W)	0.95(3)	1.92(8)	2.769(12)	148(12)
O(3W)-H(5W)...O(4W)	0.96(3)	1.90(7)	2.795(14)	155(13)
O(3W)-H(6W)...O(2)	0.96(3)	1.87(7)	2.781(12)	158(13)
O(4W)-H(8W)...O(4P)#3	0.97(3)	2.04(8)	2.93(2)	151(13)
O(2W)-H(3W)...O(8P)#4	0.96(3)	2.39(11)	3.02(3)	123(10)

*D = donor and A = acceptor. &Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1) = $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$; (#2) = $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (#3) = $-x + 2, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$; (#4) = $-x + 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$.

Table S2. Energy of the calculated quartet (Q_i) and triplet (D_i) excited states and their contributions to the D and E values for **1** and **2** obtained from CASSCF/NEVPT2 calculations. D_{ss} is the spin-spin contribution to axial zfs parameter, and D_T and D_S stand for the sum of spin-orbit contributions coming from quartet and doublet excited states

1					2				
State	Energy ^a	S	D^a	E^a	State	Energy ^a	S	D^a	E^a
D_{ss}		1	+0.035	+0.011	D_{ss}		1	−0.031	−0.008
D_T		1	−7.331	−0.330	D_T		1	−8.351	−0.323
D_S		0	+1.960	−0.043	D_S		0	+2.254	−0.011
T_1	10795.6	1	−39.758	+0.007	T_1	10429.0	1	−41.142	−0.002
T_2	13062.7	1	+16.090	−6.175	T_2	12916.7	1	+16.215	−13.440
T_3	13186.5	1	+15.939	+5.933	T_3	12974.9	1	+15.985	+13.187
T_4	20039.6	1	+0.232	−0.208	T_4	19759.1	1	+0.311	−0.309
T_5	20417.1	1	+0.142	+0.114	T_5	20006.7	1	+0.245	+0.243
T_6	21361.0	1	+0.001	+0.002	T_6	21153.7	1	+0.001	−0.001
T_7	31037.8	1	+0.010	+0.010	T_7	30681.7	1	+0.017	+0.016
T_8	31318.1	1	+0.013	−0.013	T_8	30968.9	1	+0.017	−0.017
T_9	32127.6	1	−0.000	−0.000	T_9	31962.6	1	+0.000	+0.000
S_1	15911.8	0	+0.002	−0.000	S_1	15666.9	0	+0.001	+0.000
S_2	16489.7	0	−0.000	+0.000	S_2	16470.7	0	−0.000	−0.000
S_3	27026.5	0	+14.394	−0.001	S_3	26637.7	0	+14.581	−0.000
S_4	28990.6	0	−6.201	+6.097	S_4	28732.0	0	−6.159	+6.141
S_5	29218.9	0	−6.235	−6.139	S_5	28879.9	0	−6.169	−6.152

^aValues in cm^{-1} .