

# Supporting Information

## Substitution Effect on the Charge Transfer Processes in Organo-Imido Lindqvist-Polyoxomolybdate

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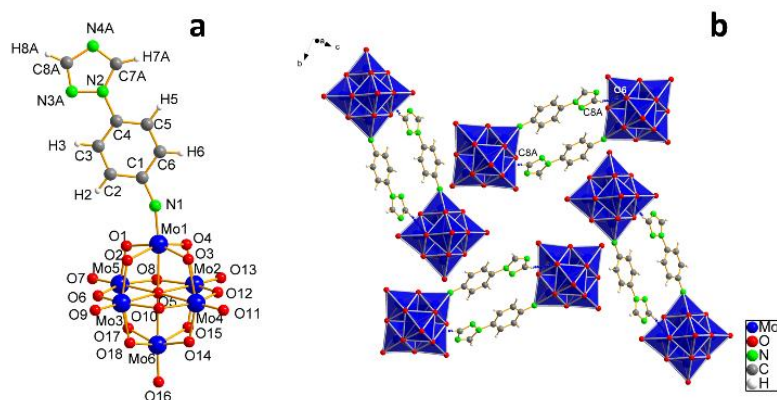
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## Figures

### Crystal Structure $[n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N}]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-N}_3\text{C}_2\text{H}_2]$ (**1**)

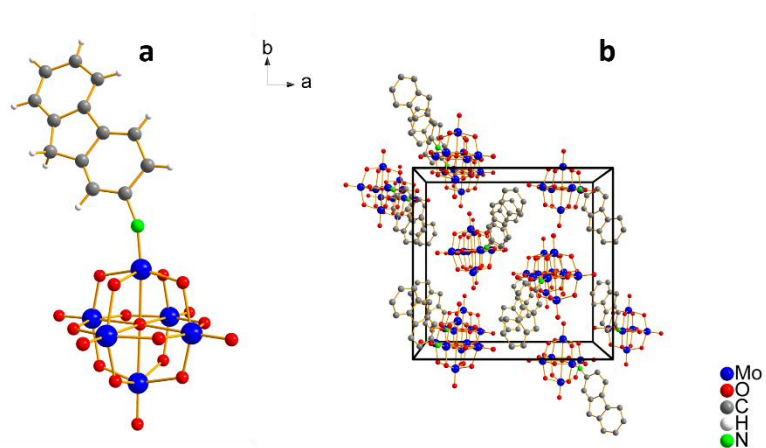
Compound **1** crystallizes in a monoclinic system with the space group  $P2_1/n$ . The crystalline lattice is formed by the polyanion  $[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-N}_3\text{C}_2\text{H}_2]^{2-}$  and two  $[n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N}]^+$  cations as charge compensating (Figure S1a). The bond distance  $\text{Mo}\equiv\text{N}$  is 1.735(4) Å, while  $\text{Mo}=\text{O}$  and  $\text{Mo}-\text{O}_{\text{bridge}}$  are in the range of 1.674(4) Å to 1.688(5) Å and 1.854(4) Å to 2.358(3) Å, respectively. The angle  $\text{Mo1-N1-C1}$  is 159.8(5)° and the angles  $\text{O-Mo=O}$  and  $\text{O-Mo-O}$  are between 102.2(2)° to 179.6(2)° and 75.40(13)° to 153.58(16)°, respectively. The crystalline packing shows the spatial arrangement of the polyanionic units, these species are grouped dimers-type, these are stabilized mainly by hydrogen bond  $\text{C8A-H8A}\cdots\text{O6}^i$  ( $d_{\text{H}\cdots\text{O}} = 2.53$  Å ;  $d_{\text{C}\cdots\text{O}} = 3.393(15)$  Å ;  $i: 1-x, -y, 1-z$ ) ( see Figure S1b).



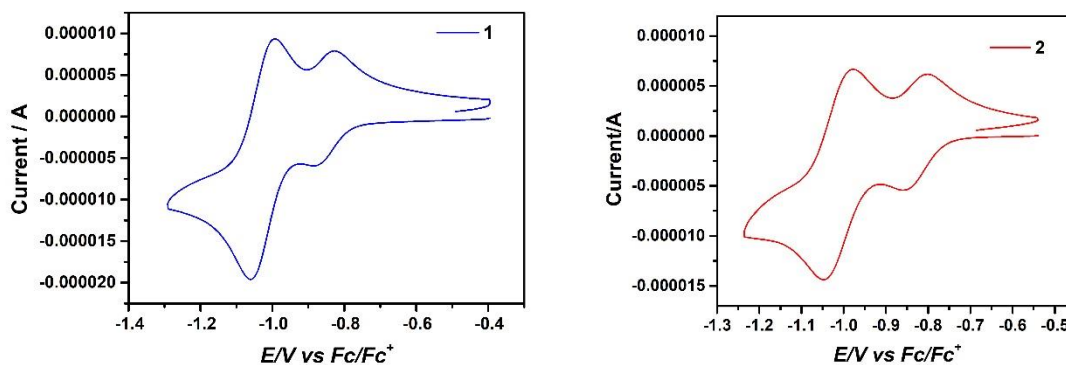
**Figure S1.** a) Ball-and-stick representation of organic-inorganic hybrid ligand **1**. b) Hydrogen bond interactions, showing the connectivity between each organoimido-POM units.  $[n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N}]^+$  ions are omitted for clarity.

### Crystal Structure $[n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N}]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}\text{NC}_{13}\text{H}_9]$ (**2**)

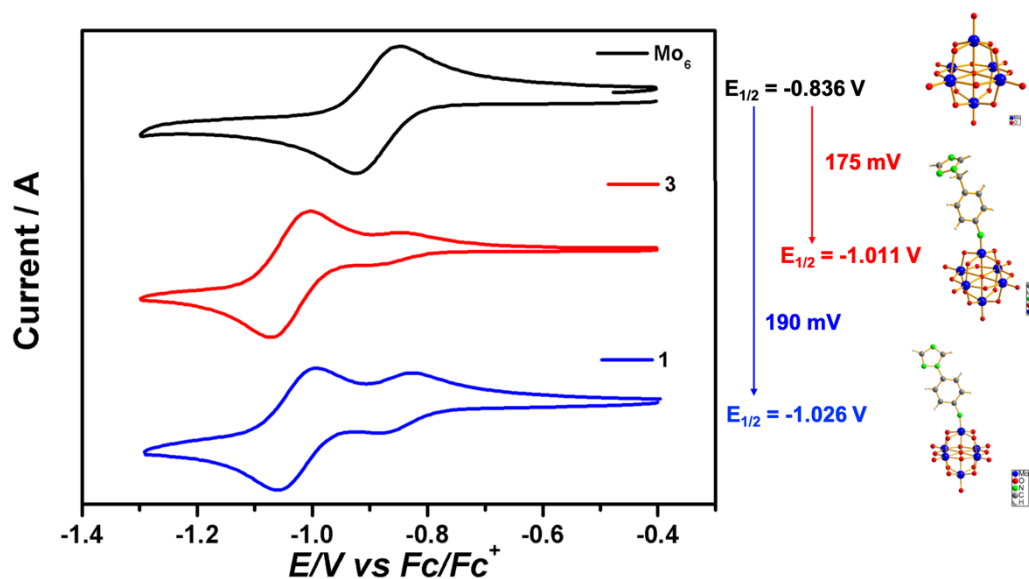
Compound **2** crystallizes in an orthorhombic system with the space group  $Pna2_1$ . The crystalline lattice is formed by the polyanion  $[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}\text{NC}_{13}\text{H}_9]^{2-}$  and two  $[n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N}]^+$  cations as charge compensating. The bond distance  $\text{Mo}\equiv\text{N}$  is 1.710(2) Å, while  $\text{Mo}=\text{O}$  and  $\text{Mo}-\text{O}_{\text{bridge}}$  are in the range of 1.630(20) Å to 1.704(18) Å and 1.800(20) Å to 2.383(17) Å, respectively. The angle  $\text{Mo1-N1-C1}$  is 158.1(18)° and the angles  $\text{O-Mo=O}$  and  $\text{O-Mo-O}$  are between 101.4(12)° to 179.1(10)° and 73.5(6)° to 154.8(7)°, respectively (Figure S2).



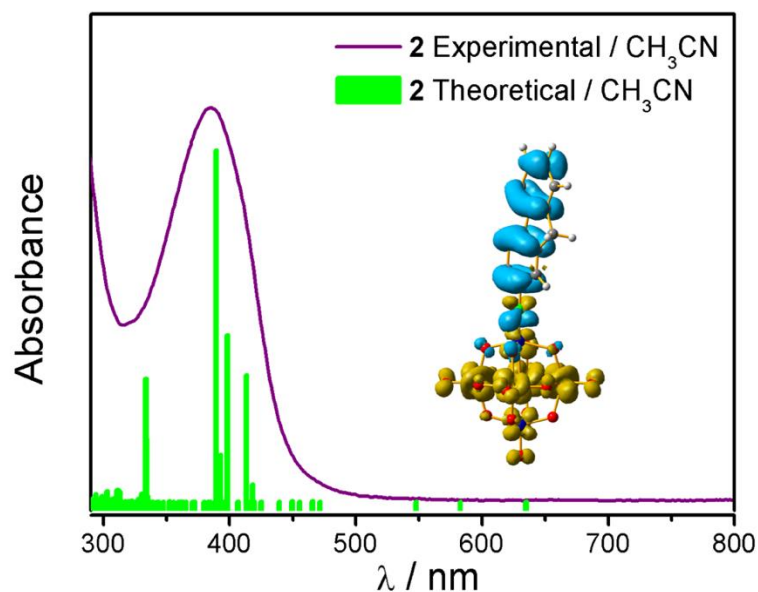
**Figure S2.** a) Ball-and-stick representation of **2**. b) Crystalline lattice.  $[n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N}]^+$  ions are omitted for clarity.



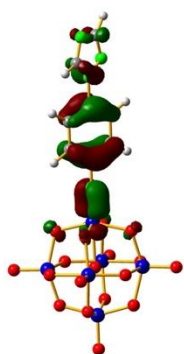
**Figure S3.** Cyclic voltammogram of compounds **1** and **2**, measured in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and  $(n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NClO}_4)$  as the supporting electrolyte at scan rate of 100 mV/s. The potential was referred to  $\text{Fc}/\text{Fc}^+$  couple. Compound **1** and **2** present oxidation potential at -0.991 V and -0.988 V, respectively. While, the reduction potential appears at -1.060 V and -1.050 V for **1** and **2**. The first wave that is observed correspond to oxidation a reduction of the hexamolybdate.



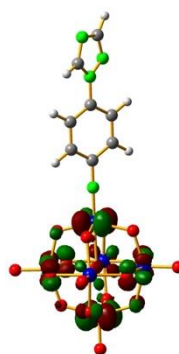
**Figure S4.** Comparison of the Cyclic Voltammograms of Mo<sub>6</sub>, [*n*-NBu<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[Mo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>19</sub>] (black), **1** (blue) and **3** (red) measure in CH<sub>3</sub>CN and *n*-NBu<sub>4</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub> as the supporting electrolyte at a scan rate of 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. All measurements are referred to the Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup> potential.



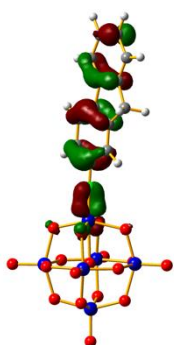
**Figure S5.** Overlap plot of the experimental spectra and oscillator strength calculated by TD-DFT methods, employing CH<sub>3</sub>CN as the continuum solvent. Hole–electron density surface for the most intensive excitation of compound **2**. Light cyan and light brown represent the hole and electron surfaces, respectively.



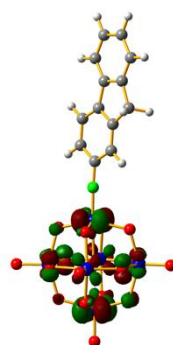
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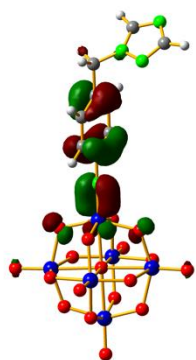
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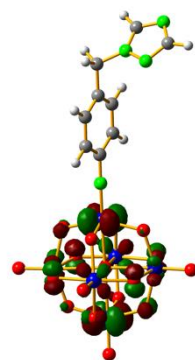
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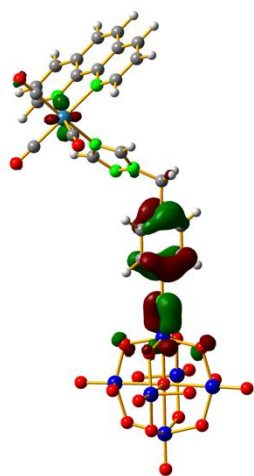
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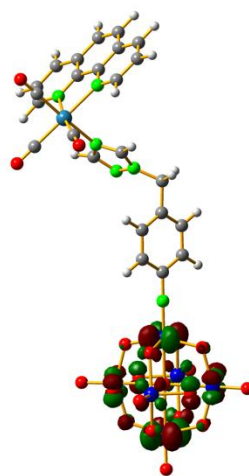
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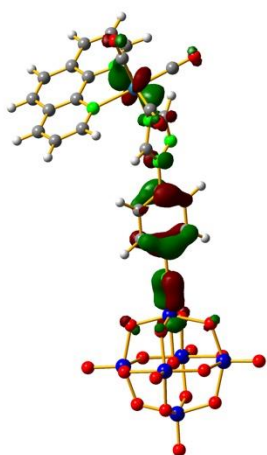
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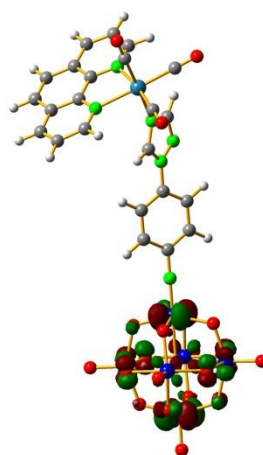
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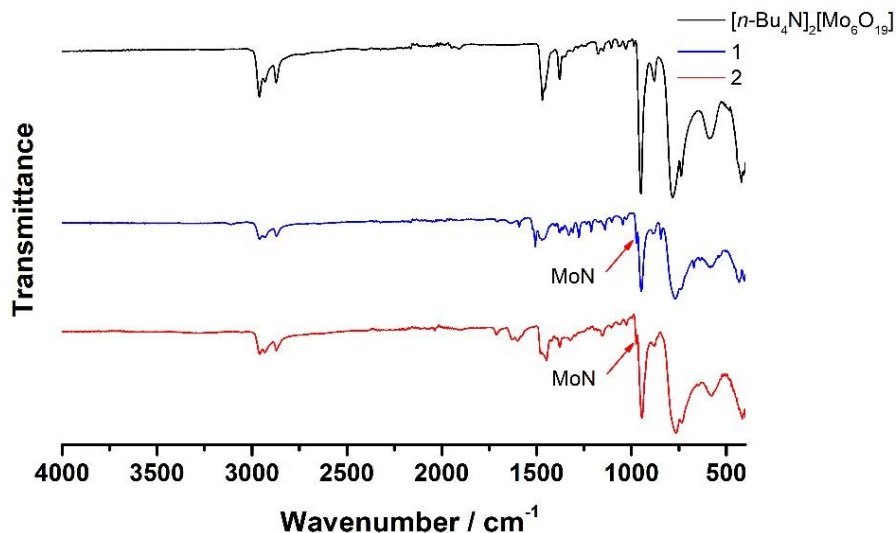


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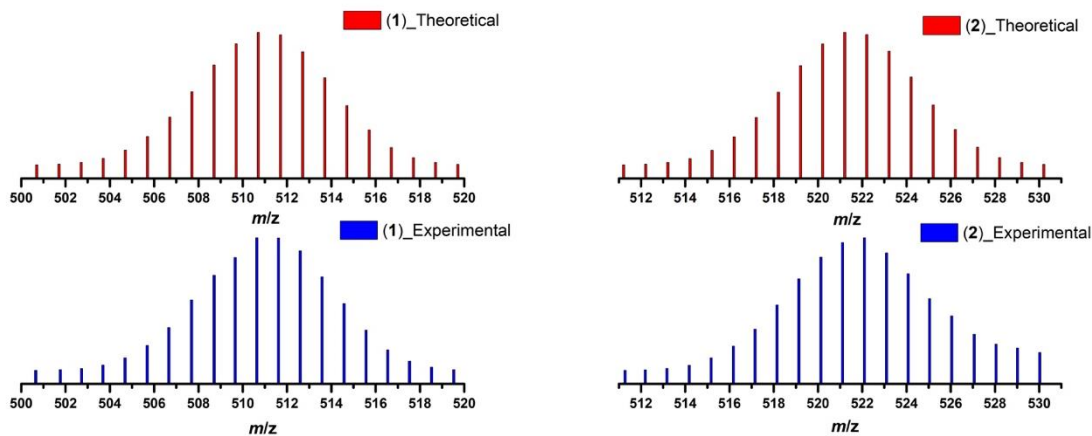
**Figure S6.** Frontier orbitals surfaces (HOMO-LUMO) of systems 1, 2, 3, 4 and of the calculated structure of 5.



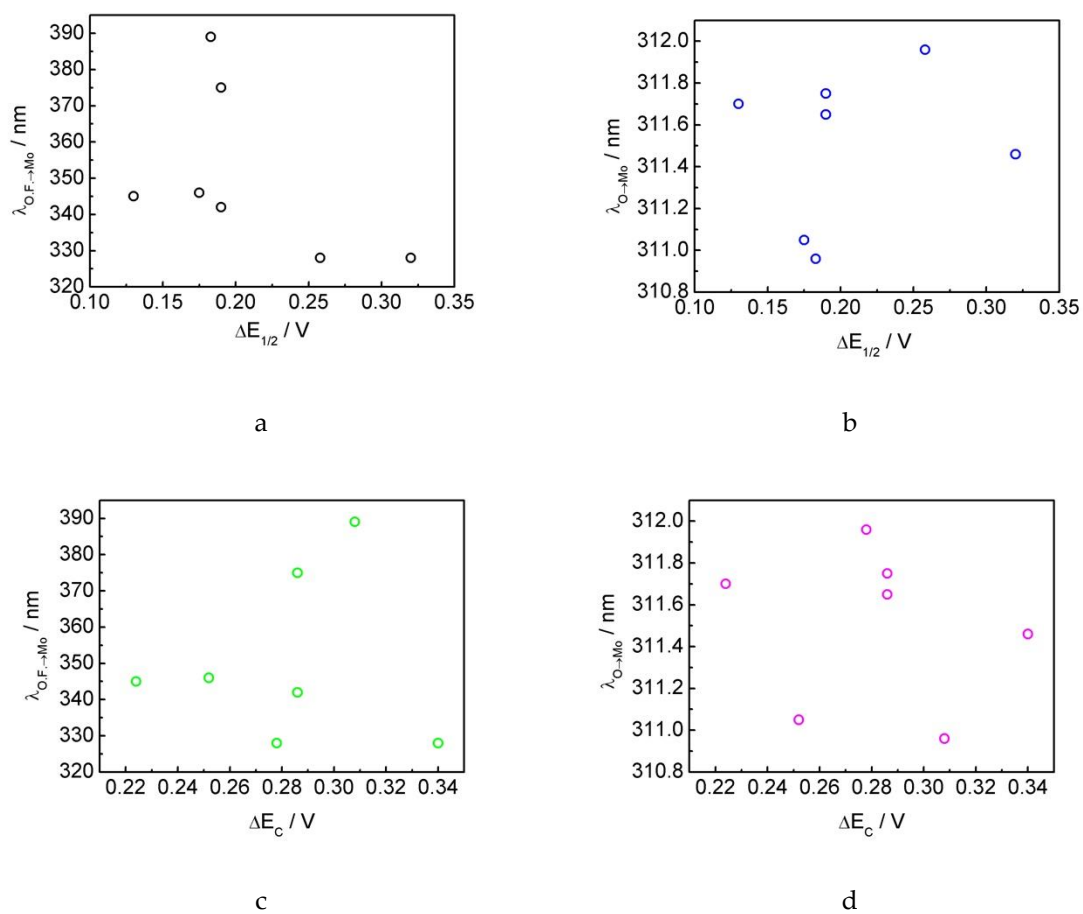
**Figure S7.** FTIR-ATR spectrum in the 400 to 4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region of compound **1** (blue) **2** (red) and  $\text{Mo}_6$  (black).

The FTIR-ATR of **1** present the characteristic shoulder of mono-organoimido-substituted hexamolybdate at  $974 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu\text{Mo}\equiv\text{N}$ ), while the  $\text{Mo}=\text{O}$  stretching band appear at  $948 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Figure S3) and the asymmetric vibration mode  $\text{Mo}-\text{O}-\text{Mo}$  is observed at  $770 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

The FTIR-ATR of **2** present the characteristic shoulder of mono-organoimido-substituted hexamolybdate at  $975 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu\text{Mo}\equiv\text{N}$ ), while the  $\text{Mo}=\text{O}$  stretching band appear at  $945 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Figure S3) and the asymmetric vibration mode  $\text{Mo}-\text{O}-\text{Mo}$  is observed at  $765 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .



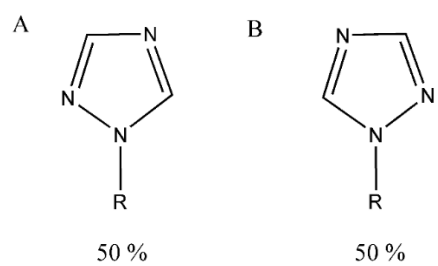
**Figure S8.** Experimental ESI-Mass spectrometry in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and theoretical isotopic patterns of **1** and **2**.



**Figure S9.** Relation between the charge transfer processes and the electrochemical processes. a. organic fragment to molybdenum charge transfer band vs the experimental cathodic shift. b. oxygen to molybdenum charge transfer band vs the experimental cathodic shift. c. organic fragment to molybdenum charge transfer band vs the theoretical cathodic shift. d. oxygen to molybdenum charge transfer band vs the theoretical cathodic shift.



## Schemes



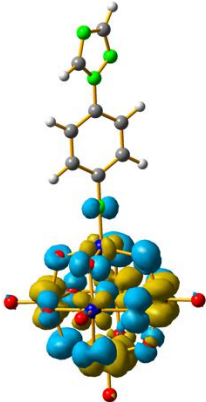
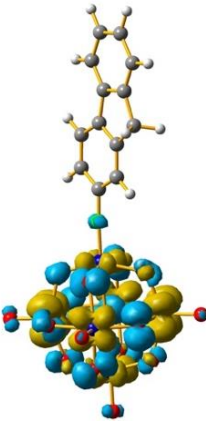
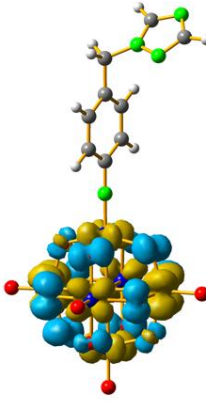
**Scheme S1.** Nitrogen location possibilities for the 1,2,4-triazole ring in **1**.

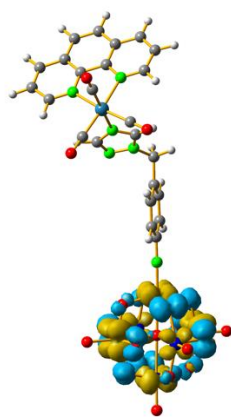
## Tables

**Table S1.** Crystal parameters and refinement details for **1** and **2**

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Empirical Formula	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>78</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>45</sub> H <sub>81</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>18</sub>
Formula weight	1506.72	1527.77
Temperature/K	297(2)	297(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>Pna</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å	17.0724(12)	19.391(3)
b/Å	15.9575(12)	18.501(2)
c/Å	21.7898(16)	16.080(2)
β/°	104.5790(10)	-
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	5745.1(7)	5768.5(13)
Z	4	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.742	1.759
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.338	1.332
F(000)	3024.0	3072.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.23 × 0.21 × 0.17	0.30 × 0.30 × 0.24
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	3.494 to 51.998	3.356 to 56.142
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 21, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -26 ≤ l ≤ 26	-25 ≤ h ≤ 24, -23 ≤ k ≤ 23, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20
Reflections collected	44444	47390
Independent reflections	11272[R(int) = 0.0373]	12884[R(int) = 0.0667]
Data/restraints/parameters	11272/130/675	12884/255/657
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.037	0.958
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0502, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1254	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0831, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1990
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0781, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1458	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1871, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2622
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.06/-0.45	1.18/-0.47

**Table S2.** Summary of calculated wavelength ( $\lambda_{O \rightarrow Mo}$ ) and oscillator strength ( $f$ ) of oxygen to metal charge transfer

$Mo_6O_{18}N-R$	$\lambda_{O \rightarrow Mo}$ (nm)	$f$	References
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 2	311	0.0200	This work
 3	311	0.0397	[12]

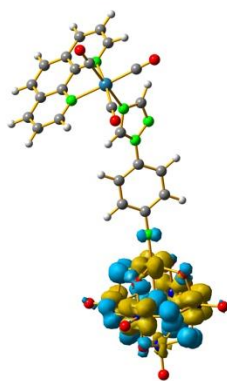


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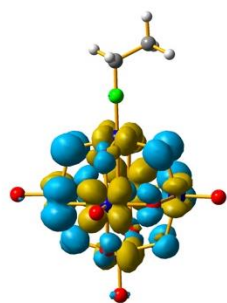


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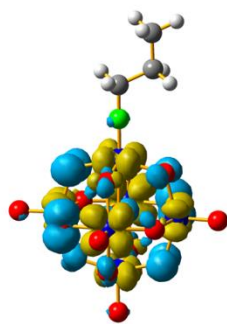
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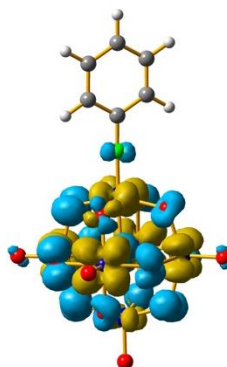


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