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## **Ligand Control of $^{59}\text{Co}$ Nuclear-Spin Relaxation Thermometry**

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## General Considerations

Studied compounds in this manuscript were either purchased from commercial chemical vendors or synthesized according previously reported literature preparations. Those compounds purchased were potassium hexacyanocobaltate(III) ( $K_3[Co(CN)_6]$ , **1**) and hexamminecobalt(III) chloride ( $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ , **2**) and used in sample preparations as received. Compounds of study **3–6** were synthesized and are reported in previous work [1–5]. Characterization of **1–6** is detailed previously by us [6] where NMR spectra were collected on an Agilent Unity INOVA 500 MHz ( $^1H$ ) spectrometer. UV-Vis spectra were collected on aqueous solutions of with an Agilent 8453 UV-Visible spectrophotometer. IR spectra were collected on solid powders with a Bruker TENSOR II FTIR spectrometer. Combustion analyses were performed by Robertson Microlit Laboratories.

## Relaxation Fits and Linewidth Analysis

Fitting of all inversion recovery and CPMG experimental relaxation data was completed in Origin. A three-parameter exponential function (Eq. 1) was used to fit both sets of relaxation arrays in order to extract pertinent  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  relaxation values.

$$y = Ae^{(\frac{-x}{t_1})} + y_0 \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

Where  $t_1$  was solved for and taken directly as the experimental spin-lattice relaxation time,  $T_1$  (s) from inversion recovery relaxation arrays (Figures S1-S6), and spin-spin relaxation time,  $T_2$  (s) from CPMG experiments (Figures S8-S11). Values of  $T_2^*$  were extracted the inverse relation of  $T_2^*$  to the full-width half-maximum (FWHM) of 1D  $^{59}Co$ -NMR spectra (Eq. 2).

$$T_2^* = 1/(2\pi\Delta\nu) \quad \text{Eq. 2}$$

Where  $\Delta\nu$  (Hz) is the width of the FWHM extracted using a custom script written in MATLAB based on the findpeaks() method found in MATLAB's Signal Processing Toolbox [. All peak locations and widths were verified graphically before being used to calculate  $T_2^*$  [7]. The specific script utilized herein is available upon reasonable request.

## Structure and Correlation Time Predictions

Optimized molecular structures were computed for **3–6** using Gaussian 16 electronic software package [8]. Each optimization utilized the  $\omega$ B97XD [9,10] functional and 6-311+g\* basis set [11]. For each complex, three separate optimizations were performed with fixed metal-ligand bond lengths corresponding to previously determined experimental temperature-specific structures at 13, 35, and 57 °C by extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS). While the Co-N primary coordination sphere was restricted to experimental values, the remainder of the ligand structure was allowed to

minimize freely. The electronic properties of these experimentally-assisted predictions were then performed using ORCA 4.11 electronic software package [12] to determine values of the electric quadrupolar coupling constant ( $e^2qQ$ ). Values of  $e^2qQ$  for each temperature-specific structure are compiled in Figure 4b on manuscript.

$$\frac{1}{T_1^Q} = \frac{3(2I+3)}{400I^2(2I-1)} \left( \frac{e^2Qq}{\hbar} \right)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\eta^2}{3} \right) \left( \frac{2}{1 + \omega_x^2\tau_c^2} + \frac{8}{1 + 4\omega_x^2\tau_c^2} \right) \tau_c \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$

In addition to  $e^2qQ$ , the asymmetry parameter,  $\eta$  was predicted from each temperature-specific structure. Together, these values were used to determine correlation times,  $\tau_c$  from the canonical equation for  $T_1$  (Eq. 3) [13,14]. The asymmetry parameters and quadrupole coupling constant vary for each complex and temperature. From these computational values, an equation of a single distinct coefficient was generated for each compound. The coefficients were plotted against the experimental temperatures and fit using a second-degree polynomial under the assumption that the coefficients varied continuously across the temperature range of 10-60°C. Each compound thus has a second degree polynomial as a function of temperature which outputs a single coefficient which is then used to generate coefficients for each temperature (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60°C). Finally, the equation of  $T_1$  as a function of rotational correlation time was solved by inserting the experimentally derived  $T_1$  spin-lattice relaxation times and solving for  $\tau_c$ . This process was accomplished via custom MATLAB script with the assistance of the curve-fitting and symbolic mathematics toolboxes [15,16]. All code used herein is available upon reasonable request.

**Table S1.** Temperature-specific  $T_2^*$  dephasing times for **1-6** from 10-60 °C. Values were determined from full-width half-max (FWHM) linewidth analysis of 1D  $^{59}\text{Co}$  NMR spectra.

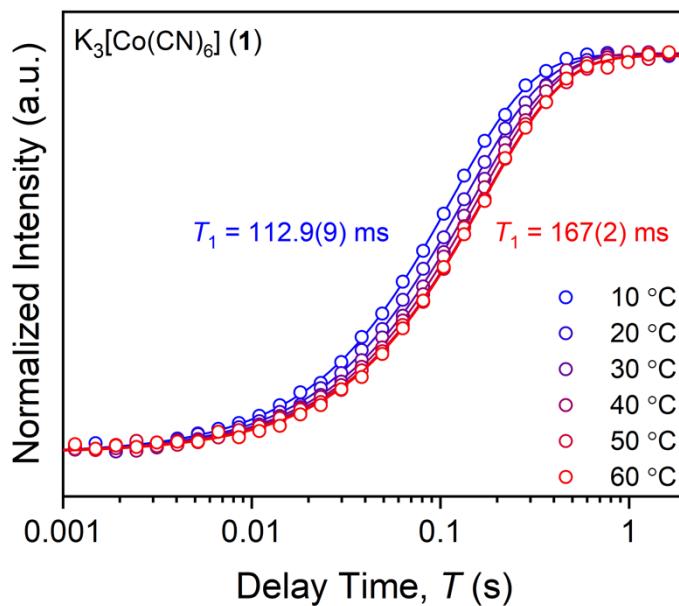
| T (°C) | $T_2^*$ (ms) |      |      |      | $T_2^*$ (μs) |     |
|--------|--------------|------|------|------|--------------|-----|
|        | 1            | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5            | 6   |
| 10     | 6.00         | 2.16 | 2.93 | 1.41 | 240          | 170 |
| 20     | 9.76         | 2.02 | 3.21 | 1.77 | 312          | 242 |
| 30     | 10.57        | 1.83 | 3.07 | 1.93 | 387          | 320 |
| 40     | 7.58         | 1.70 | 2.61 | 1.98 | 471          | 405 |
| 50     | 5.53         | 1.57 | 2.25 | 1.83 | 560          | 492 |
| 60     | 3.73         | 1.43 | 1.87 | 1.65 | 626          | 566 |

**Table S2.** Arrhenius analysis of **1-6**. Linearity is determined from evaluations of  $R^2$  values with error in slope and intercept values. Activation energy,  $E_a$  (kJ/mol) is calculated from the slope of  $\ln(T_1)$  vs  $1/T$  ( $10^3$  K $^{-1}$ ) plots (see manuscript Figure 5).

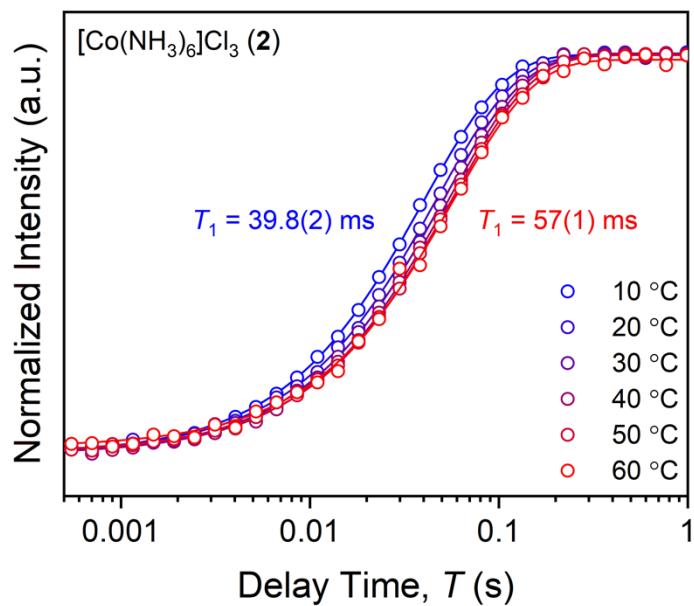
|                               | 1       | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        | 6        |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| <b>R<sup>2</sup></b>          | 0.9138  | 0.9131   | 0.9953   | 0.9988  | 0.9964   | 0.9997   |
| <b>Slope</b>                  | -0.7(1) | -0.66(9) | -1.98(6) | -2.4(4) | -2.12(6) | -1.79(1) |
| <b>Intercept</b>              | 2.3(2)  | 2.0(3)   | 6.0(2)   | 7.5(1)  | 6.4(2)   | 5.37(5)  |
| <b>E<sub>a</sub> (kJ/mol)</b> | 6.2(8)  | 5.5(8)   | 16.4(5)  | 20.6(3) | 17.6(5)  | 14.9(1)  |

**Table S3.** Calculated correlation times of **2–6** from 10–60 °C. Values of correlation times,  $\tau_c$  are determined using Eq. 3 detailed above.

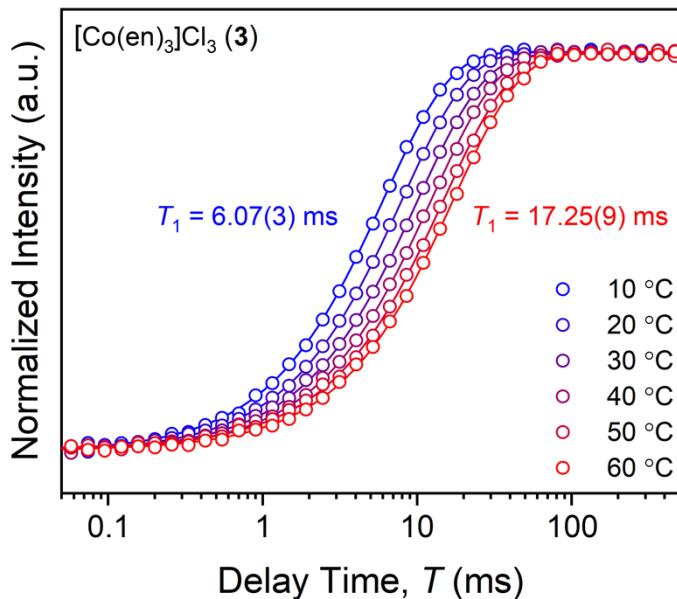
| T (°C) | $\tau_c (10^{-12} \text{ s})$ |          |          |          |          |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|        | <b>2</b>                      | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> |
| 10     | 17.35                         | 68.37    | 1150     | 153.25   | 190.31   |
| 20     | 14.63                         | 52.34    | 891.31   | 115.58   | 152.26   |
| 30     | 13.19                         | 42.03    | 722.32   | 88.69    | 124.83   |
| 40     | 12.15                         | 34.35    | 610.67   | 72.49    | 103.29   |
| 50     | 11.57                         | 28.87    | 526.34   | 60.2     | 87.53    |
| 60     | 11.32                         | 25.21    | 488.02   | 49.47    | 74.61    |



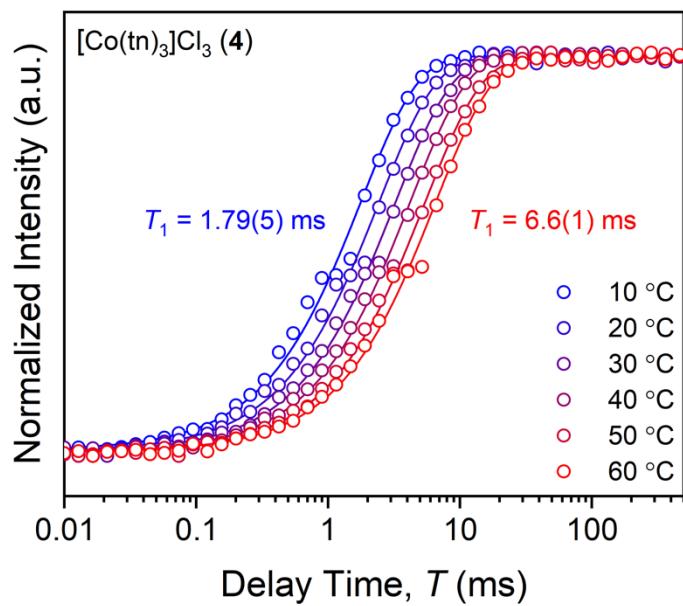
**Figure S1.** Variable temperature inversion recovery of complex **1** over a 10–60 °C temperature range at 30 mM concentration. Inversion recovery data (circles) are fit to relaxation curves (lines) to parameterize  $T_1$  over a range of 112.9(9) to 167(2) ms with temperature.



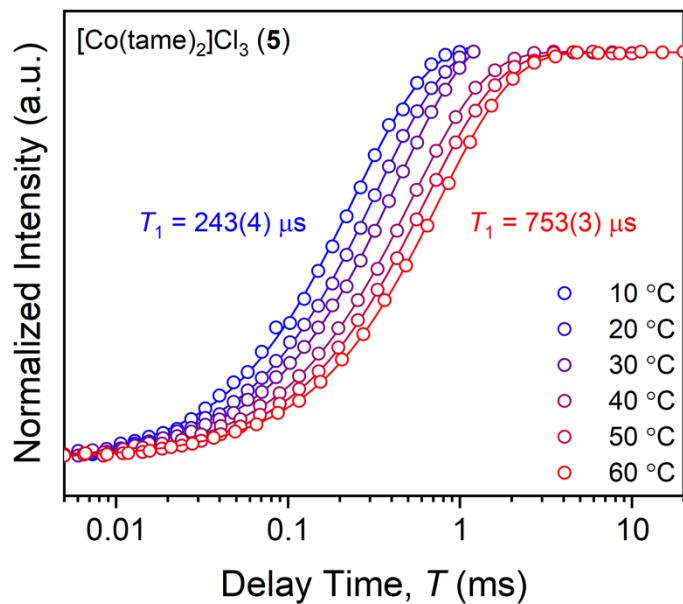
**Figure S2.** Variable temperature inversion recovery of complex **2** over a 10-60 °C temperature range at 30 mM concentration. Inversion recovery data (circles) are fit to relaxation curves (lines) to parameterize  $T_1$  over a range of 39.8(2) to 57(1) ms with temperature.



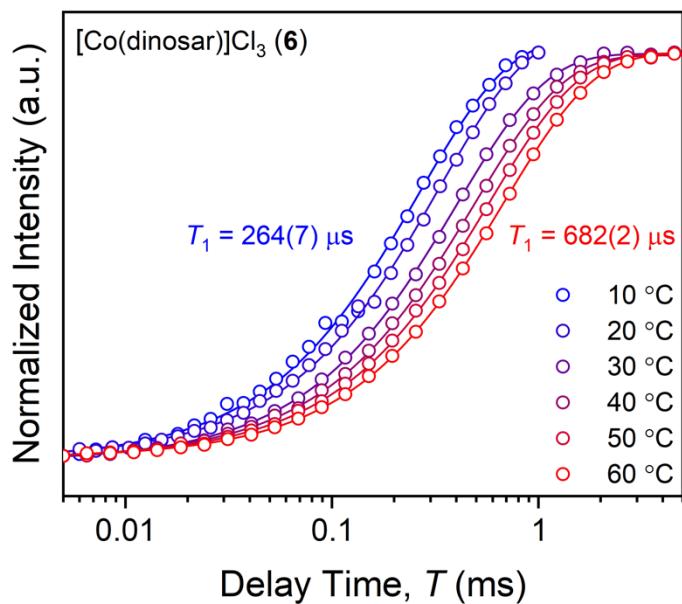
**Figure S3.** Variable temperature inversion recovery of complex **3** over a 10-60 °C temperature range at 30 mM concentration. Inversion recovery data (circles) are fit to relaxation curves (lines) to parameterize  $T_1$  over a range of 6.07(3) to 17.25(9) ms with temperature.



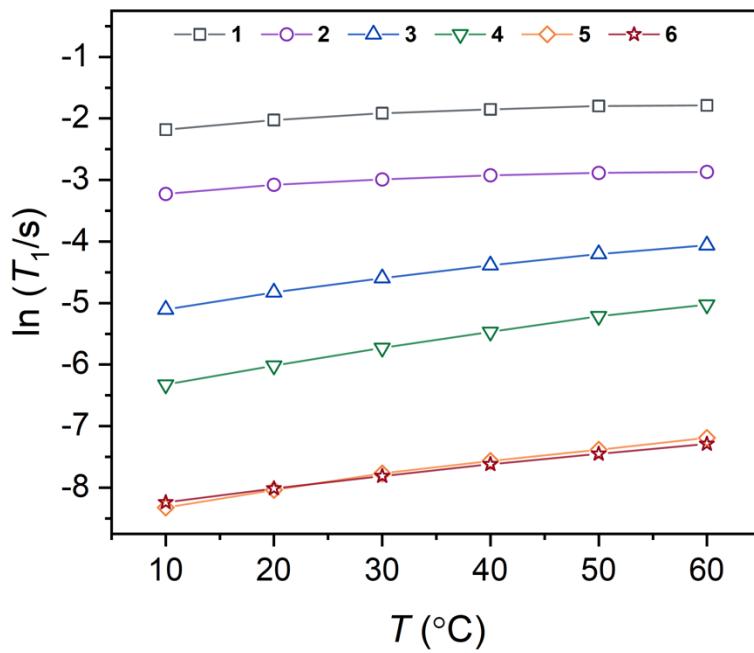
**Figure S4.** Variable temperature inversion recovery of complex **4** over a 10-60 °C temperature range at 30 mM concentration. Inversion recovery data (circles) are fit to relaxation curves (lines) to parameterize  $T_1$  over a range of 1.79(5) to 6.6(1) ms with temperature.



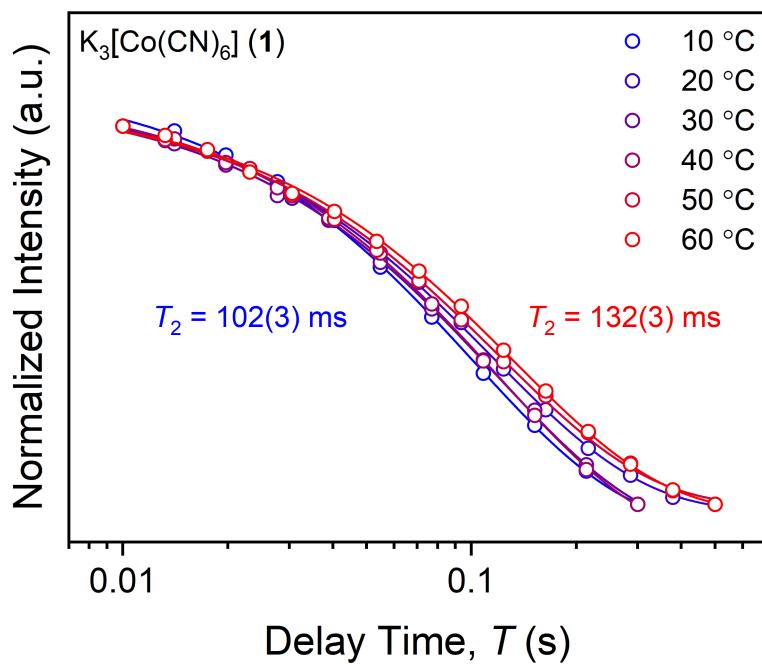
**Figure S5.** Variable temperature inversion recovery of complex **5** over a 10-60 °C temperature range at 30 mM concentration. Inversion recovery data (circles) are fit to relaxation curves (lines) to parameterize  $T_1$  over a range of 243(4) to 753(3)  $\mu$ s with temperature.



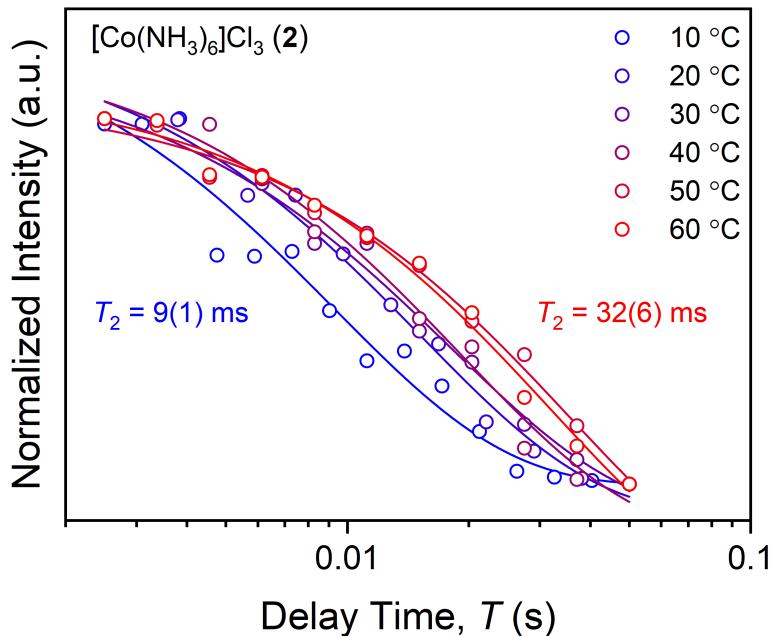
**Figure S6.** Variable temperature inversion recovery of complex **6** over a 10–60 °C temperature range at 30 mM concentration. Inversion recovery data (circles) are fit to relaxation curves (lines) to parameterize  $T_1$  over a range of 264(7) to 682(2)  $\mu\text{s}$  with temperature.



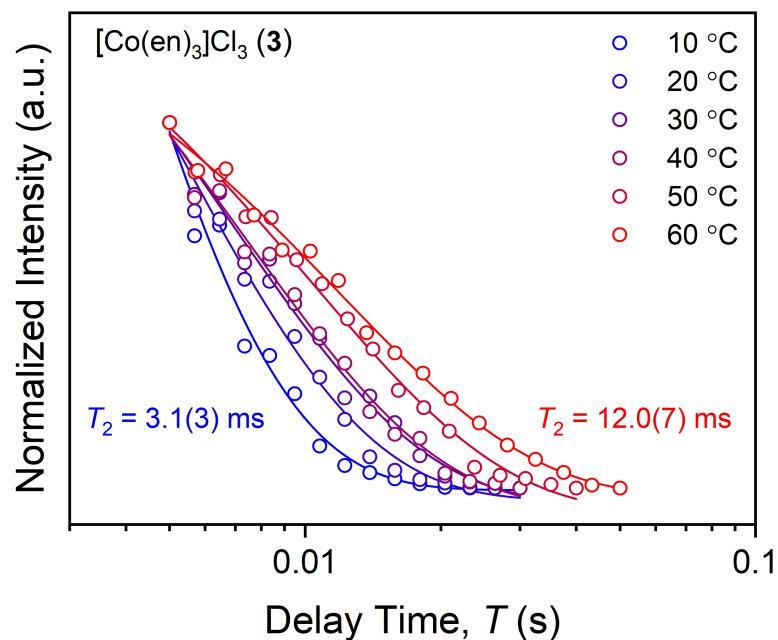
**Figure S7.** Variable temperature trends of  $\ln(T_1/\text{s})$  vs.  $T$  (°C) from fitted  $T_1$  values. Colored traces are guides for the eye.



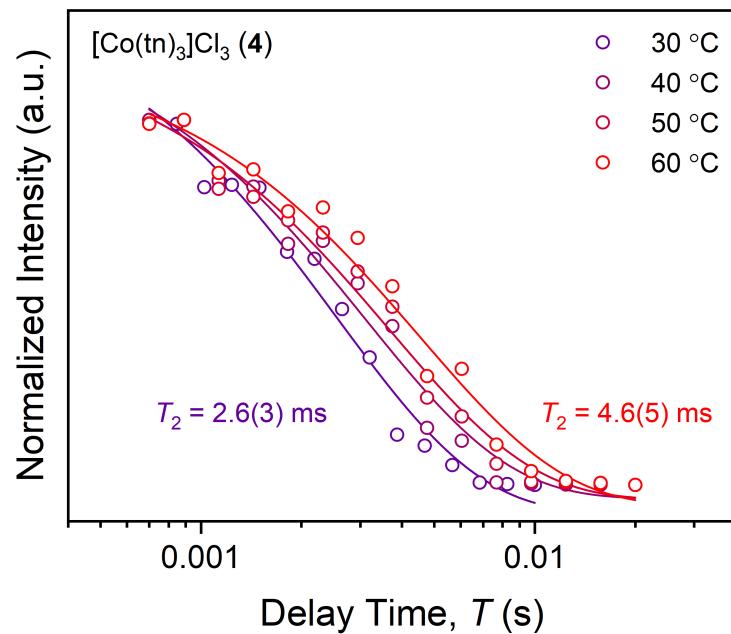
**Figure S8.** Variable temperature CPMG data of complex **1** over a 10-60 °C temperature range at 30 mM concentration. CPMG data (circles) are fit to relaxation curves (lines) to parameterize  $T_2$  over a range of 102(3) to 132(3) ms with temperature.



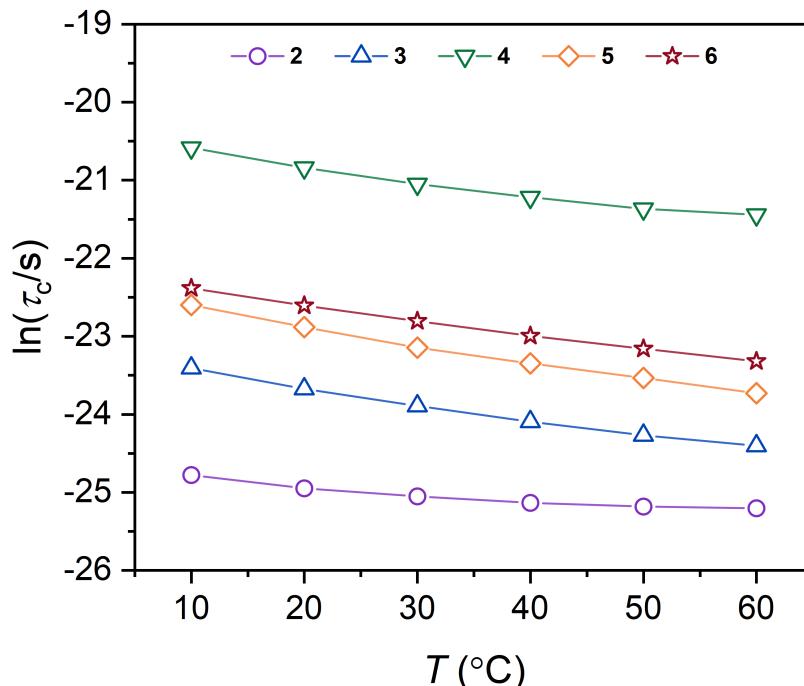
**Figure S9.** Variable temperature CPMG data of complex **2** over a 10-60 °C temperature range at 30 mM concentration. CPMG data (circles) are fit to relaxation curves (lines) to parameterize  $T_2$  over a range of 9(1) to 32(6) ms with temperature.



**Figure S10.** Variable temperature CPMG data of complex **3** over a 10-60 °C temperature range at 30 mM concentration. CPMG data (circles) are fit to relaxation curves (lines) to parameterize  $T_2$  over a range of 3.1(3) to 12.0(7) ms with temperature.



**Figure S11.** Variable temperature CPMG data of complex **4** over a 30-60 °C temperature range at 30 mM concentration. CPMG data (circles) are fit to relaxation curves (lines) to parameterize  $T_2$  over a range of 2.6(3) to 4.6(5) ms with temperature.



**Figure S12.** Variable-temperature correlation time,  $\tau_c$  (s) trends on a logarithmic scale. Traces are guides for the eye. Calculated from values of  $\tau_c$  are compiled in Table S3, determined from Eq. 3 (above).

**Table S4.** Computed coordinates of  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]\text{Cl}_3$  (**3**) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 13 °C EXAFS data (1.9694(5) Å). Total energy: -1953.43347520 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y           | z           |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Co     | 0.00007964  | -0.00016764 | 0.00031164  |
| C      | 0.89173474  | 2.61316490  | 0.74934824  |
| C      | 1.93710856  | -1.96657225 | -0.75055951 |
| C      | 1.81808218  | -2.07805438 | 0.74955723  |
| H      | 2.33267589  | 0.03607462  | -1.00890472 |
| H      | 1.34069901  | -0.54747408 | -2.11808332 |
| H      | -0.20836619 | -2.32363484 | 1.00909271  |
| H      | 0.44794361  | -1.37804768 | 2.11816861  |
| H      | -0.01304352 | 2.95425925  | 1.25776881  |
| H      | 1.71480354  | 3.23941669  | 1.09739793  |
| H      | 1.26909287  | -2.66591634 | -1.25866368 |
| H      | 2.94996663  | -2.17393474 | -1.09966290 |
| H      | 1.94948155  | -3.10385570 | 1.09776376  |
| H      | 2.56565918  | -1.46460195 | 1.25776887  |
| H      | 0.96971114  | 1.07658492  | 2.11793816  |

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | 2.11693722  | 0.98039701  | 1.00921898  |
| N | 1.12140551  | 1.17432481  | 1.11460698  |
| N | 1.51985922  | -0.57045710 | -1.11481094 |
| N | 0.45704447  | -1.55820877 | 1.11482917  |
| N | -0.26612128 | 1.60160367  | -1.11410483 |
| N | -1.57760981 | 0.38357793  | 1.11480421  |
| N | -1.25450187 | -1.03166537 | -1.11346394 |
| C | 0.73478814  | 2.66094359  | -0.75065921 |
| H | -0.19787894 | 1.43513017  | -2.11752539 |
| H | -1.19758324 | 2.00245317  | -1.00684595 |
| C | -2.70964608 | -0.53377578 | 0.74943529  |
| H | -1.90632569 | 1.34313450  | 1.00988501  |
| H | -1.41701885 | 0.30042019  | 2.11807296  |
| C | -2.67226774 | -0.69412936 | -0.75040950 |
| H | -1.13604536 | -2.03871317 | -1.00570662 |
| H | -1.14472574 | -0.88993256 | -2.11700203 |
| H | 1.67416681  | 2.43263471  | -1.25948063 |
| H | 0.40747357  | 3.64181683  | -1.09929780 |
| H | -2.55401465 | -1.48777875 | 1.25846218  |
| H | -3.66332902 | -0.13301734 | 1.09679191  |
| H | -3.35815306 | -1.46795921 | -1.09904477 |
| H | -2.94360960 | 0.23338406  | -1.25982596 |

**Table S5.** Computed coordinates of  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]\text{Cl}_3$  (**3**) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 35 °C EXAFS data (1.9706(5) Å). Total energy: -1953.43368251 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y           | z           |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Co     | 0.00000706  | -0.00017152 | 0.00025222  |
| C      | 0.17550713  | 2.75683253  | 0.74935382  |
| C      | 2.38563166  | -1.39131003 | -0.75053436 |
| C      | 2.29979109  | -1.53002972 | 0.74974107  |
| H      | 2.24330749  | 0.64527030  | -1.00868895 |
| H      | 1.43962576  | -0.17722466 | -2.11855791 |
| H      | 0.40858394  | -2.29819727 | 1.01004048  |
| H      | 0.79447600  | -1.21395733 | 2.11887920  |
| H      | -0.78716014 | 2.84885788  | 1.25759261  |
| H      | 0.80590603  | 3.57659474  | 1.09772468  |
| H      | 1.92416563  | -2.24122598 | -1.25861146 |
| H      | 3.41739483  | -1.32578378 | -1.09974342 |
| H      | 2.69488947  | -2.48558464 | 1.09842992  |
| H      | 2.86051377  | -0.74195370 | 1.25768552  |

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | 0.65418695  | 1.29511874  | 2.11840133  |
| H | 1.78605569  | 1.50277484  | 1.00940050  |
| N | 0.77442288  | 1.42856948  | 1.11481230  |
| N | 1.61749119  | -0.15289548 | -1.11495421 |
| N | 0.84997475  | -1.38489635 | 1.11531141  |
| N | -0.67647665 | 1.47713777  | -1.11473294 |
| N | -1.62412082 | -0.04348867 | 1.11541907  |
| N | -0.94132988 | -1.32474338 | -1.11449397 |
| C | 0.01216318  | 2.76161311  | -0.75089377 |
| H | -0.56689621 | 1.33505808  | -2.11836161 |
| H | -1.68054904 | 1.62028078  | -1.00819176 |
| C | -2.47512458 | -1.22617111 | 0.75002811  |
| H | -2.19400901 | 0.79568171  | 1.01036858  |
| H | -1.44811812 | -0.08114875 | 2.11893271  |
| C | -2.39798108 | -1.36996842 | -0.75022530 |
| H | -0.56360930 | -2.26599225 | -1.00767669 |
| H | -0.87319502 | -1.15919385 | -2.11818921 |
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| H | -0.56051345 | 3.62231871  | -1.10018432 |
| H | -2.07324124 | -2.10590020 | 1.25805086  |
| H | -3.50017578 | -1.09014548 | 1.09864615  |
| H | -2.85742396 | -2.29612616 | -1.09938277 |
| H | -2.90288705 | -0.54521676 | -1.25848813 |

**Table S6.** Computed coordinates of [Co(en)<sub>3</sub>]Cl<sub>3</sub> (3) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 57 °C EXAFS data (1.9714(5) Å). Total energy: -1953.43280799 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y           | z           |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Co     | 0.00019508  | 0.00004906  | 0.00060861  |
| C      | 2.75615827  | 0.19294588  | 0.74938480  |
| C      | -1.06182947 | -2.54904138 | -0.75088589 |
| C      | -1.21193373 | -2.48274823 | 0.74925518  |
| H      | 0.93861878  | -2.13851295 | -1.00506315 |
| H      | 0.01928172  | -1.45134510 | -2.11780278 |
| H      | -2.22332871 | -0.70966434 | 1.00992409  |
| H      | -1.09728881 | -0.94900061 | 2.11899024  |
| H      | 2.71984672  | 1.15957439  | 1.25716555  |
| H      | 3.65296814  | -0.32234108 | 1.09726475  |
| H      | -1.96485164 | -2.20381558 | -1.25968768 |
| H      | -0.86092912 | -3.56328343 | -1.09985472 |
| H      | -2.10707252 | -3.00122634 | 1.09666328  |

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | -0.35720846 | -2.93496034 | 1.25762390  |
| H | 1.37091940  | -0.47430937 | 2.11939392  |
| H | 1.72702692  | -1.56974655 | 1.01095750  |
| N | 1.51975921  | -0.57689452 | 1.11613569  |
| N | 0.06469696  | -1.62455438 | -1.11422003 |
| N | -1.26005644 | -1.02695564 | 1.11567238  |
| N | 1.37489372  | 0.86744891  | -1.11481097 |
| N | -0.25994628 | 1.60522255  | 1.11509697  |
| N | -1.43824840 | 0.75621346  | -1.11538221 |
| C | 2.73877837  | 0.35477460  | -0.75085231 |
| H | 1.24780399  | 0.74021766  | -2.11825263 |
| H | 1.38301300  | 1.88137356  | -1.00699630 |
| C | -1.54567948 | 2.28972792  | 0.74914383  |
| H | 0.49539222  | 2.28187817  | 1.00844047  |
| H | -0.27296466 | 1.42592823  | 2.11854793  |
| C | -1.67751974 | 2.19355820  | -0.75105813 |
| H | -2.32006227 | 0.25548143  | -1.00845364 |
| H | -1.26365264 | 0.71020521  | -2.11868480 |
| H | 2.89146450  | -0.60028826 | -1.25885022 |
| H | 3.51666532  | 1.03568240  | -1.10024273 |
| H | -2.36384022 | 1.77411307  | 1.25732587  |
| H | -1.54868110 | 3.32398979  | 1.09715355  |
| H | -2.65649283 | 2.52592546  | -1.10025295 |
| H | -0.92743153 | 2.80413543  | -1.25910970 |

**Table S7.** Computed coordinates of  $[\text{Co}(\text{tn})_3]\text{Cl}_3$  (**4**) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 13 °C EXAFS data (1.9825(5) Å). Total energy: -2071.43715806 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y           | z           |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Co     | 0.00082394  | -0.00002603 | -0.09780114 |
| C      | -1.67282784 | -2.17837128 | 1.24936642  |
| C      | -1.77491496 | -2.90315556 | -0.07575167 |
| C      | -0.45650228 | -2.95717548 | -0.81567793 |
| C      | 2.72373640  | -0.35588755 | 1.25023271  |
| C      | 3.40342413  | -0.08269594 | -0.07456158 |
| C      | 2.78952128  | 1.08354880  | -0.81730302 |
| C      | -1.05366242 | 2.53618474  | 1.24881154  |
| C      | -1.63271379 | 2.98669205  | -0.07539859 |
| C      | -2.33446143 | 1.87051619  | -0.81725600 |
| H      | -2.32720288 | -0.32451903 | 0.73126376  |
| H      | 0.41907415  | 1.33548225  | 1.99310469  |

|   |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | -1.98804116 | 0.03629590  | -1.61380668 |
| H | -0.95854105 | 1.14261209  | -2.12762713 |
| H | -0.85379547 | -2.58105273 | 1.84953281  |
| H | -2.58662465 | -2.30451453 | 1.83258381  |
| H | -2.09174256 | -3.92988912 | 0.11991995  |
| H | -2.56551387 | -2.47155450 | -0.70155007 |
| H | 0.31912715  | -3.38878179 | -0.17824541 |
| H | -0.52689688 | -3.59751468 | -1.69644582 |
| H | 2.66029410  | 0.55557102  | 1.84890315  |
| H | -1.35844103 | -0.30601111 | 1.99696177  |
| H | 3.29070317  | -1.08209232 | 1.83525507  |
| H | 4.45033630  | 0.15869951  | 0.12176674  |
| H | 3.42733950  | -0.98422107 | -0.69877502 |
| H | 2.77380214  | 1.97243504  | -0.18182372 |
| H | 3.37933387  | 1.34169038  | -1.69833838 |
| H | -1.80950426 | 2.02467818  | 1.84901788  |
| H | -0.70867367 | 3.39119469  | 1.83278618  |
| H | -2.36652370 | 3.77124442  | 0.12169140  |
| H | -0.86559572 | 3.45953241  | -0.70061152 |
| H | -3.09585915 | 1.41190671  | -0.18150223 |
| H | 0.96371313  | -1.74425618 | -1.61006990 |
| H | -2.85369763 | 2.25109730  | -1.69833702 |
| H | -0.50697896 | -1.40254490 | -2.12753042 |
| H | 1.44978775  | -1.85200810 | 0.72960481  |
| H | 0.94638533  | -1.02549379 | 1.99625442  |
| H | 1.02889230  | 1.70249829  | -1.61480012 |
| H | 1.47028817  | 0.25694854  | -2.12763835 |
| H | 0.87830325  | 2.18373158  | 0.72399074  |
| N | -1.44260765 | -0.70684239 | 1.06281267  |
| N | 0.01216135  | -1.59799250 | -1.27103737 |
| N | 1.33570777  | -0.89553023 | 1.06248588  |
| N | 1.37871252  | 0.80669814  | -1.27284486 |
| N | 0.10896238  | 1.60574993  | 1.05973859  |
| N | -1.38802044 | 0.78814600  | -1.27253716 |

**Table S8.** Computed coordinates of  $[\text{Co}(\text{tn})_3]\text{Cl}_3$  (**4**) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 35 °C EXAFS data (1.9881(5) Å). Total energy: -2071.43959515 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y          | z           |
|--------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Co     | -0.00047770 | 0.00001042 | -0.09864853 |
| C      | 1.65713891  | 2.19355690 | 1.25071602  |

|   |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | 1.75385978  | 2.91927955  | -0.07445244 |
| C | 0.43591109  | 2.96392578  | -0.81621854 |
| C | -2.72902004 | 0.33678225  | 1.25098215  |
| C | -3.40625076 | 0.05731522  | -0.07392494 |
| C | -2.78482696 | -1.10512844 | -0.81670927 |
| C | 1.07321152  | -2.53103862 | 1.25032354  |
| C | 1.65492809  | -2.97724353 | -0.07429306 |
| C | 2.35008781  | -1.85720121 | -0.81687628 |
| H | 2.32936170  | 0.34598104  | 0.73108147  |
| H | -0.40870314 | -1.34150001 | 1.99578641  |
| H | 1.99210579  | -0.02637329 | -1.61780756 |
| H | 0.96964749  | -1.14077050 | -2.12993827 |
| H | 0.83344980  | 2.58814275  | 1.84990310  |
| H | 2.56899456  | 2.32917067  | 1.83490344  |
| H | 2.06242557  | 3.94842113  | 0.12179462  |
| H | 2.54843360  | 2.49421810  | -0.69968032 |
| H | -0.34406204 | 3.38821371  | -0.17916260 |
| H | 0.50278324  | 3.60664848  | -1.69555684 |
| H | -2.65777072 | -0.57387020 | 1.84999143  |
| H | 1.36138157  | 0.31739414  | 1.99816940  |
| H | -3.30286161 | 1.05798436  | 1.83554743  |
| H | -4.45133673 | -0.19154465 | 0.12282760  |
| H | -3.43704034 | 0.95823808  | -0.69869428 |
| H | -2.76093158 | -1.99321373 | -0.18037356 |
| H | -3.37494251 | -1.36864382 | -1.69598996 |
| H | 1.82530377  | -2.01304023 | 1.84968466  |
| H | 0.73625957  | -3.38897494 | 1.83476756  |
| H | 2.39368341  | -3.75715564 | 0.12274859  |
| H | 0.89079902  | -3.45509497 | -0.69936497 |
| H | 3.10711245  | -1.39222022 | -0.18055386 |
| H | -0.97395352 | 1.74113529  | -1.61519611 |
| H | 2.87354086  | -2.23603489 | -1.69624913 |
| H | 0.50081316  | 1.41056284  | -2.13018196 |
| H | -1.46708545 | 1.84374346  | 0.72970512  |
| H | -0.95704180 | 1.02171084  | 1.99752871  |
| H | -1.02098006 | -1.71146317 | -1.61827077 |
| H | -1.47390793 | -0.26836428 | -2.12982665 |
| H | -0.86243109 | -2.19380974 | 0.72650076  |
| N | 1.44202919  | 0.72015104  | 1.06458556  |
| N | -0.02172985 | 1.60257226  | -1.27503540 |
| N | -1.34611266 | 0.88867714  | 1.06414130  |

|   |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | -1.37761739 | -0.81858090 | -1.27590666 |
| N | -0.09714474 | -1.61075224 | 1.06266165  |
| N | 1.39766321  | -0.78224721 | -1.27585590 |

**Table S9.** Computed coordinates of  $[\text{Co}(\text{tn})_3]\text{Cl}_3$  (**4**) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 57 °C EXAFS data (1.9910(5) Å). Total energy: -2071.43833732 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y           | z           |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Co     | -0.00091913 | 0.00005460  | -0.09993031 |
| C      | 1.72968398  | 2.13716024  | 1.25236300  |
| C      | 1.85144179  | 2.86009847  | -0.07230998 |
| C      | 0.53644922  | 2.94992895  | -0.81524822 |
| C      | -2.71742800 | 0.42655991  | 1.25256303  |
| C      | -3.40500936 | 0.16936571  | -0.07155763 |
| C      | -2.82267295 | -1.01201418 | -0.81618102 |
| C      | 0.98951459  | -2.56553382 | 1.25119378  |
| C      | 1.55848757  | -3.03101633 | -0.07235868 |
| C      | 2.28925096  | -1.93460636 | -0.81601186 |
| H      | 2.34132165  | 0.26906883  | 0.73050887  |
| H      | -0.45779294 | -1.33147320 | 1.99363145  |
| H      | 1.98946628  | -0.09600752 | -1.62353816 |
| H      | 0.93088217  | -1.17886382 | -2.13045624 |
| H      | 0.91876822  | 2.55806185  | 1.85103449  |
| H      | 2.64498254  | 2.24285247  | 1.83737078  |
| H      | 2.19439061  | 3.87812225  | 0.12486583  |
| H      | 2.63166053  | 2.40889669  | -0.69730107 |
| H      | -0.22950832 | 3.39928041  | -0.17841510 |
| H      | 0.62603808  | 3.59136791  | -1.69351736 |
| H      | -2.67443393 | -0.48607554 | 1.85122464  |
| H      | 1.37320310  | 0.27046558  | 1.99824246  |
| H      | -3.26757078 | 1.16536513  | 1.83795045  |
| H      | -4.45726013 | -0.04589608 | 0.12672119  |
| H      | -3.40781805 | 1.07112552  | -0.69585205 |
| H      | -2.82586075 | -1.90074000 | -0.18032877 |
| H      | -3.42307162 | -1.25584902 | -1.69418928 |
| H      | 1.75661485  | -2.07054049 | 1.85094231  |
| H      | 0.62567150  | -3.41220418 | 1.83595691  |
| H      | 2.27228444  | -3.83342082 | 0.12643404  |
| H      | 0.78040694  | -3.48546184 | -0.69764691 |
| H      | 3.05985762  | -1.49237972 | -0.17978890 |
| H      | -0.91269171 | 1.77637865  | -1.61836573 |

|   |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | 2.80144699  | -2.33157641 | -1.69402653 |
| H | 0.55100365  | 1.39630437  | -2.13101869 |
| H | -1.40888765 | 1.89244371  | 0.72838000  |
| H | -0.92373748 | 1.05619792  | 1.99704980  |
| H | -1.08177060 | -1.67342844 | -1.62486358 |
| H | -1.48821784 | -0.21430680 | -2.13037627 |
| H | -0.93346219 | -2.16888362 | 0.72203913  |
| N | 1.46708930  | 0.67173276  | 1.06530006  |
| N | 0.03373440  | 1.60560892  | -1.27677211 |
| N | -1.31810450 | 0.93461726  | 1.06436240  |
| N | -1.40824592 | -0.77055848 | -1.27872162 |
| N | -0.15177676 | -1.61004144 | 1.06144599  |
| N | 1.37167413  | -0.83135239 | -1.27836670 |

**Table S10.** Computed coordinates of [Co(tame)<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>3</sub> (**5**) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 13 °C EXAFS data (1.9700(5) Å). Total energy: -2109.54797542 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y           | z           |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Co     | -0.00000347 | 0.00026855  | 0.00013800  |
| N      | -1.16688756 | -1.36565803 | 0.80857250  |
| N      | -1.16696618 | -0.01657170 | -1.58695199 |
| N      | 1.16676891  | -1.43273672 | -0.68256134 |
| N      | -1.16734922 | 1.38306928  | 0.77866627  |
| N      | 1.16708267  | 1.30778504  | -0.89944564 |
| N      | 1.16729811  | 0.12585389  | 1.58209106  |
| C      | -4.64680352 | -0.00048948 | -0.00030824 |
| C      | -3.11426948 | -0.00032950 | -0.00007533 |
| C      | -2.60840971 | -0.99667970 | 1.04747613  |
| C      | -2.60810793 | -0.40917475 | -1.38666869 |
| C      | -2.60868229 | 1.40509670  | 0.33918814  |
| C      | 2.60826729  | -1.08671343 | -0.95383579 |
| C      | 3.11426447  | -0.00023486 | -0.00017904 |
| C      | 4.64681594  | -0.00052409 | -0.00019484 |
| C      | 2.60847624  | -0.28292936 | 1.41761373  |
| C      | 2.60857697  | 1.36906715  | -0.46396050 |
| H      | -1.17927408 | -2.17178325 | 0.18471381  |
| H      | -0.80696977 | -0.57782351 | -2.35828537 |
| H      | 0.80665405  | -1.89602002 | -1.51638867 |
| H      | -1.17997696 | 1.24590158  | 1.78872434  |
| H      | 1.17923630  | 1.08134022  | -1.89329024 |
| H      | 0.80760127  | -0.36408281 | 2.40072487  |

|   |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | -5.03823579 | -0.94835206 | -0.37485339 |
| H | -5.03853196 | 0.14911460  | 1.00771240  |
| H | 5.03838498  | 0.05747337  | -1.01767911 |
| H | -3.20353192 | -1.91097901 | 1.02017900  |
| H | -2.69895608 | -1.48658235 | -1.53877537 |
| H | -2.70038243 | 2.07558247  | -0.51769056 |
| H | 3.20329668  | -1.99490842 | -0.84440876 |
| H | 2.69952799  | -1.34231745 | 1.66583596  |
| H | 3.20387882  | 1.72857178  | -1.30491224 |
| H | -0.80689062 | -1.75209423 | 1.68070945  |
| H | -1.17997355 | 0.92696462  | -1.97264836 |
| H | 1.17920999  | -2.17956753 | 0.01117579  |
| H | -0.80782756 | 2.33182585  | 0.67758156  |
| H | 0.80731307  | 2.26165035  | -0.88315728 |
| H | 1.18025773  | 1.10015339  | 1.88164753  |
| H | -5.03831812 | 0.79772414  | -0.63398939 |
| H | 5.03817798  | -0.91082842 | 0.45821381  |
| H | 5.03854261  | 0.85151785  | 0.55884749  |
| H | -2.70025774 | -0.59009094 | 2.05666919  |
| H | -3.20369694 | 0.07083907  | -2.16494168 |
| H | -3.20413793 | 1.83859331  | 1.14439121  |
| H | 2.70008237  | -0.77266469 | -1.99553305 |
| H | 3.20416550  | 0.26513040  | 2.14947802  |
| H | 2.70033074  | 2.11373663  | 0.32929369  |

**Table S11.** Computed coordinates of [Co(tame)<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>3</sub> (**5**) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 35 °C EXAFS data (1.9698(5) Å). Total energy: -2109.54887608 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y           | z           |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Co     | 0.00000097  | 0.00072136  | 0.00018597  |
| N      | 1.16625438  | -1.22688610 | -1.00626598 |
| N      | 1.16706731  | -0.25646809 | 1.56604750  |
| N      | -1.16624230 | -1.51940555 | 0.45757358  |
| N      | 1.16720556  | 1.48542682  | -0.55963163 |
| N      | -1.16738390 | 1.15656640  | 1.08708403  |
| N      | -1.16692513 | 0.36488948  | -1.54441032 |
| C      | 4.64678658  | -0.00140353 | -0.00003446 |
| C      | 3.11409782  | -0.00066163 | -0.00015564 |
| C      | 2.60797535  | -0.82642351 | -1.18663075 |
| C      | 2.60798268  | -0.61506824 | 1.30837059  |
| C      | 2.60890918  | 1.44005620  | -0.12221780 |

|   |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | -2.60776433 | -1.21883315 | 0.77835707  |
| C | -3.11410115 | -0.00088924 | -0.00010227 |
| C | -4.64675639 | -0.00149225 | -0.00045140 |
| C | -2.60790341 | -0.06516864 | -1.44429970 |
| C | -2.60922217 | 1.28237159  | 0.66614310  |
| H | 1.17854770  | -2.11848127 | -0.51214917 |
| H | 0.80706155  | -0.92708393 | 2.24452801  |
| H | -0.80616597 | -2.10404511 | 1.21135349  |
| H | 1.17970409  | 1.50323728  | -1.57882998 |
| H | -1.17949465 | 0.78235538  | 2.03525345  |
| H | -0.80684594 | 0.00634557  | -2.42840392 |
| H | 5.03775152  | -0.99517605 | 0.22693691  |
| H | 5.03862902  | 0.29865023  | -0.97387286 |
| H | -5.03844289 | -0.09854110 | 1.01398610  |
| H | 3.20256966  | -1.73460406 | -1.29832066 |
| H | 2.69820354  | -1.70313731 | 1.29520854  |
| H | 2.70091450  | 1.97310264  | 0.82626181  |
| H | -3.20254208 | -2.10025785 | 0.53312317  |
| H | -2.69827228 | -1.07460599 | -1.85058157 |
| H | -3.20437046 | 1.50962570  | 1.55212015  |
| H | 0.80634568  | -1.47660876 | -1.92699805 |
| H | 1.18112734  | 0.61833775  | 2.08925675  |
| H | -1.17878072 | -2.15234719 | -0.34146388 |
| H | 0.80831522  | 2.40808577  | -0.31560748 |
| H | -0.80865173 | 2.10236077  | 1.21524170  |
| H | -1.18094868 | 1.37357461  | -1.69148136 |
| H | 5.03857955  | 0.69164267  | 0.74703192  |
| H | -5.03784634 | -0.83178717 | -0.59171792 |
| H | -5.03856541 | 0.92541617  | -0.42386462 |
| H | 2.69987786  | -0.27151409 | -2.12247784 |
| H | 3.20370959  | -0.25895001 | 2.15045728  |
| H | 3.20413306  | 1.99038595  | -0.85273026 |
| H | -2.69920955 | -1.06551568 | 1.85554883  |
| H | -3.20355929 | 0.58743209  | -2.08471047 |
| H | -2.70165623 | 2.13883980  | -0.00477191 |

**Table S12.** Computed coordinates of  $[\text{Co}(\text{tame})_2]\text{Cl}_3$  (**5**) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 57 °C EXAFS data (1.9707(5) Å). Total energy: -2109.54796698 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y          | z          |
|--------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Co     | -0.00002601 | 0.00074305 | 0.00055857 |

|   |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | -1.16688893 | -1.54889778 | 0.34769887  |
| N | -1.16733941 | 0.47520857  | -1.51460612 |
| N | 1.16675876  | -1.15213634 | -1.09166143 |
| N | -1.16810024 | 1.07590680  | 1.16807191  |
| N | 1.16767954  | 1.52238978  | -0.45167702 |
| N | 1.16772835  | -0.36794571 | 1.54454054  |
| C | -4.64682460 | -0.00154565 | -0.00119689 |
| C | -3.11412683 | -0.00082791 | -0.00051572 |
| C | -2.60842817 | -1.27169381 | 0.68852041  |
| C | -2.60803758 | 0.03871999  | -1.44557743 |
| C | -2.60969110 | 1.23131967  | 0.75641952  |
| C | 2.60821662  | -0.73969065 | -1.24293472 |
| C | 3.11427754  | -0.00076721 | -0.00048792 |
| C | 4.64695022  | -0.00148864 | -0.00069595 |
| C | 2.60846886  | -0.70707874 | 1.26107404  |
| C | 2.60951949  | 1.44510545  | -0.01941544 |
| H | -1.17864676 | -2.12277741 | -0.49468067 |
| H | -0.80677893 | 0.18135110  | -2.42188505 |
| H | 0.80647093  | -1.33571692 | -2.02762587 |
| H | -1.18032488 | 0.63333990  | 2.08627004  |
| H | 1.17922811  | 1.61357971  | -1.46689901 |
| H | 0.80765614  | -1.08528670 | 2.17329448  |
| H | -5.03765208 | -0.78714590 | -0.65084548 |
| H | -5.03866420 | -0.17150296 | 1.00355136  |
| H | 5.03852600  | 0.36689361  | -0.95091189 |
| H | -3.20353399 | -2.13294357 | 0.38048083  |
| H | -2.69793646 | -0.93916962 | -1.92286281 |
| H | -2.70185214 | 2.13368231  | 0.14862430  |
| H | 3.20324055  | -1.63726316 | -1.41932402 |
| H | 2.69853199  | -1.79138387 | 1.16989326  |
| H | 3.20474362  | 2.04584415  | -0.70905859 |
| H | -0.80705120 | -2.18569275 | 1.05802044  |
| H | -1.18119961 | 1.49184356  | -1.58780778 |
| H | 1.17882710  | -2.07632818 | -0.66170068 |
| H | -0.80936177 | 2.00981834  | 1.36466970  |
| H | 0.80878644  | 2.42471475  | -0.14101085 |
| H | 1.18162678  | 0.46749007  | 2.12848500  |
| H | -5.03858883 | 0.95345192  | -0.35680223 |
| H | 5.03791828  | -1.00886567 | 0.15516446  |
| H | 5.03882367  | 0.63688084  | 0.79356489  |
| H | -2.70034793 | -1.19588617 | 1.77386806  |

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | -3.20431575 | 0.73503032  | -2.03755347 |
| H | -3.20537625 | 1.39429482  | 1.65606938  |
| H | 2.69999732  | -0.11896823 | -2.13648700 |
| H | 3.20491356  | -0.41235309 | 2.12607724  |
| H | 2.70222954  | 1.90901407  | 0.96463377  |

**Table S13.** Computed coordinates of [Co(dinosar)]Cl<sub>3</sub> (**6**) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 13 °C EXAFS data (1.9701(5) Å). Total energy: -2672.10724547 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y           | z           |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Co     | -0.00001941 | 0.00000970  | -0.00322799 |
| N      | 4.58102675  | -0.00318521 | 0.00587450  |
| O      | 5.15176360  | 1.05038301  | 0.11873404  |
| O      | 5.06236875  | -1.10611100 | -0.08226495 |
| C      | 3.04251516  | 0.03605914  | -0.00689277 |
| C      | 2.61600956  | -0.63741035 | -1.30755835 |
| C      | 2.60394321  | 1.49247291  | 0.06592851  |
| C      | 2.61923168  | -0.76362026 | 1.22367696  |
| N      | 1.13357426  | -0.85695034 | -1.36773535 |
| N      | 1.11224491  | 1.62460936  | -0.07279474 |
| N      | 1.13396349  | -0.73572627 | 1.42997503  |
| C      | 0.77475115  | -2.30690051 | -1.41543190 |
| C      | 0.72523630  | 2.39193991  | -1.29530838 |
| C      | 0.75075218  | -0.06252143 | 2.70786313  |
| H      | 0.85800159  | -0.49049625 | -2.27538880 |
| H      | 0.83910099  | 2.22031936  | 0.70475221  |
| H      | 0.87764424  | -1.71114226 | 1.56135256  |
| N      | -4.58106245 | 0.00335145  | 0.00593089  |
| O      | -5.15184120 | -1.05032380 | 0.11758247  |
| O      | -5.06235369 | 1.10637325  | -0.08114332 |
| C      | -3.04255293 | -0.03595083 | -0.00692876 |
| C      | -2.60405438 | -1.49245668 | 0.06446588  |
| C      | -2.61608262 | 0.63872278  | -1.30696591 |
| C      | -2.61921188 | 0.76260036  | 1.22436671  |
| N      | -1.11230278 | -1.62452641 | -0.07396472 |
| N      | -1.13360093 | 0.85797148  | -1.36711581 |
| N      | -1.13394933 | 0.73450172  | 1.43065482  |
| C      | -0.72501411 | -2.39122907 | -1.29677797 |
| C      | -0.77452698 | 2.30787173  | -1.41412714 |
| C      | -0.75075621 | 0.06009318  | 2.70791408  |

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | -0.83938982 | -2.22060767 | 0.70337613  |
| H | -0.85816006 | 0.49184086  | -2.27493629 |
| H | -0.87760420 | 1.70978598  | 1.56296904  |
| H | 3.12974394  | -1.59476045 | -1.39912544 |
| H | 2.91804656  | -0.02375893 | -2.15818104 |
| H | 3.09225982  | 2.06895109  | -0.71938459 |
| H | 2.91540283  | 1.93254080  | 1.01308290  |
| H | 3.10925013  | -0.35931875 | 2.11157093  |
| H | 2.95184601  | -1.79616951 | 1.11625211  |
| H | 1.27006684  | -2.81407177 | -0.58394624 |
| H | 1.13770794  | -2.76576089 | -2.33701263 |
| H | 1.21733521  | 1.93796794  | -2.15898697 |
| H | 1.07222130  | 3.42490158  | -1.23045304 |
| H | 1.22948061  | 0.91927334  | 2.73888248  |
| H | 1.11334167  | -0.62816299 | 3.56826248  |
| H | -3.09215671 | -2.06805631 | -0.72162218 |
| H | -2.91581822 | -1.93354921 | 1.01104246  |
| H | -3.12959527 | 1.59628838  | -1.39748835 |
| H | -2.91839577 | 0.02602063  | -2.15817554 |
| H | -3.10924638 | 0.35753316  | 2.11190417  |
| H | -2.95178978 | 1.79525529  | 1.11783923  |
| H | -1.21706751 | -1.93689273 | -2.16029664 |
| H | -1.07187985 | -3.42426512 | -1.23247883 |
| H | -1.26979689 | 2.81470069  | -0.58239980 |
| H | -1.13737397 | 2.76723954  | -2.33549783 |
| H | -1.22950315 | -0.92172175 | 2.73802265  |
| H | -1.11334582 | 0.62493688  | 3.56883774  |

**Table S14.** Computed coordinates of [Co(dinosar)]Cl<sub>3</sub> (**6**) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 35 °C EXAFS data (1.9751(6) Å). Total energy: -2627.10776777 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y           | z           |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Co     | -0.00000612 | 0.00000743  | -0.00319053 |
| N      | 4.58211821  | -0.00326077 | 0.00598911  |
| O      | 5.15304418  | 1.05052806  | 0.11583316  |
| O      | 5.06331305  | -1.10648798 | -0.07918376 |
| C      | 3.04333872  | 0.03611602  | -0.00691795 |
| C      | 2.61839494  | -0.64133181 | -1.30653270 |
| C      | 2.60626551  | 1.49363499  | 0.06180545  |
| C      | 2.62152785  | -0.76058757 | 1.22665161  |

|   |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | 1.13649010  | -0.86067920 | -1.37016453 |
| N | 1.11506477  | 1.62865567  | -0.07491884 |
| N | 1.13684280  | -0.73584421 | 1.43455772  |
| C | 0.77509870  | -2.30985870 | -1.41536941 |
| C | 0.72545590  | 2.39331978  | -1.29802657 |
| C | 0.75099071  | -0.06083911 | 2.71046686  |
| H | 0.86140310  | -0.49415796 | -2.27796724 |
| H | 0.84245268  | 2.22450934  | 0.70274097  |
| H | 0.88106090  | -1.71141438 | 1.56605993  |
| N | -4.58218430 | 0.00337833  | 0.00588206  |
| O | -5.15317880 | -1.05044671 | 0.11499076  |
| O | -5.06339996 | 1.10667860  | -0.07817561 |
| C | -3.04337780 | -0.03602482 | -0.00701109 |
| C | -2.60634379 | -1.49360059 | 0.06076777  |
| C | -2.61841027 | 0.64220504  | -1.30620935 |
| C | -2.62152625 | 0.75994577  | 1.22702928  |
| N | -1.11509634 | -1.62859625 | -0.07562657 |
| N | -1.13646107 | 0.86127552  | -1.36983260 |
| N | -1.13684693 | 0.73508376  | 1.43496070  |
| C | -0.72521615 | -2.39296436 | -1.29883163 |
| C | -0.77485213 | 2.31040716  | -1.41472823 |
| C | -0.75103082 | 0.05932112  | 2.71048118  |
| H | -0.84269916 | -2.22461432 | 0.70198013  |
| H | -0.86147082 | 0.49485943  | -2.27770459 |
| H | -0.88105282 | 1.71057068  | 1.56706267  |
| H | 3.13220560  | -1.59905387 | -1.39409634 |
| H | 2.92286240  | -0.03030540 | -2.15820039 |
| H | 3.09462481  | 2.06676982  | -0.72597525 |
| H | 2.92015970  | 1.93608966  | 1.00704590  |
| H | 3.11161604  | -0.35254731 | 2.11284753  |
| H | 2.95650523  | -1.79267337 | 1.12199629  |
| H | 1.26864745  | -2.81614702 | -0.58226712 |
| H | 1.13849478  | -2.77130135 | -2.33553722 |
| H | 1.21582557  | 1.93742587  | -2.16170709 |
| H | 1.07282412  | 3.42638233  | -1.23618597 |
| H | 1.22793556  | 0.92189163  | 2.73990308  |
| H | 1.11394474  | -0.62392368 | 3.57244233  |
| H | -3.09448797 | -2.06612334 | -0.72758787 |
| H | -2.92053892 | -1.93675984 | 1.00557874  |
| H | -3.13201112 | 1.60009967  | -1.39306733 |
| H | -2.92310317 | 0.03183171  | -2.15826712 |

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | -3.11163359 | 0.35141729  | 2.11299035  |
| H | -2.95648316 | 1.79209579  | 1.12294827  |
| H | -1.21552182 | -1.93691298 | -2.16247064 |
| H | -1.07249171 | -3.42607502 | -1.23727954 |
| H | -1.26838768 | 2.81656198  | -0.58153228 |
| H | -1.13813172 | 2.77209770  | -2.33481670 |
| H | -1.22799087 | -0.92342021 | 2.73933618  |
| H | -1.11400193 | 0.62190321  | 3.57277774  |

**Table S15.** Computed coordinates of [Co(dinosar)]Cl<sub>3</sub> (**6**) with fixed Co–N<sub>6</sub> bond distances from previous 57 °C EXAFS data (1.9776(6) Å). Total energy: -2672.10799293 Hartrees

| Symbol | x           | y           | z           |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Co     | -0.00001838 | 0.00000776  | -0.00312521 |
| N      | 4.58288555  | -0.00331392 | 0.00594435  |
| O      | 5.15406833  | 1.05055231  | 0.11366243  |
| O      | 5.06419398  | -1.10664168 | -0.07729689 |
| C      | 3.04383231  | 0.03613041  | -0.00692978 |
| C      | 2.61957848  | -0.64336284 | -1.30593766 |
| C      | 2.60745161  | 1.49416036  | 0.05961782  |
| C      | 2.62268804  | -0.75896305 | 1.22815269  |
| N      | 1.13790406  | -0.86234714 | -1.37147456 |
| N      | 1.11646168  | 1.63068351  | -0.07573622 |
| N      | 1.13827720  | -0.73607695 | 1.43679351  |
| C      | 0.77520038  | -2.31111593 | -1.41552823 |
| C      | 0.72550021  | 2.39409203  | -1.29905635 |
| C      | 0.75111186  | -0.06026516 | 2.71174534  |
| H      | 0.86318016  | -0.49563355 | -2.27926306 |
| H      | 0.84428040  | 2.22646413  | 0.70207707  |
| H      | 0.88289926  | -1.71172194 | 1.56820770  |
| N      | -4.58289886 | 0.00341114  | 0.00593909  |
| O      | -5.15407668 | -1.05052886 | 0.11288972  |
| O      | -5.06414609 | 1.10681847  | -0.07650532 |
| C      | -3.04386031 | -0.03605605 | -0.00695980 |
| C      | -2.60753431 | -1.49413878 | 0.05868101  |
| C      | -2.61962982 | 0.64419598  | -1.30557160 |
| C      | -2.62269317 | 0.75833118  | 1.22857381  |
| N      | -1.11651126 | -1.63062741 | -0.07644661 |
| N      | -1.13792386 | 0.86296786  | -1.37110707 |
| N      | -1.13828492 | 0.73532148  | 1.43721033  |

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | -0.72534746 | -2.39368070 | -1.29992163 |
| C | -0.77504427 | 2.31170076  | -1.41478088 |
| C | -0.75113095 | 0.05877089  | 2.71177473  |
| H | -0.84449304 | -2.22660888 | 0.70126776  |
| H | -0.86329537 | 0.49642190  | -2.27899006 |
| H | -0.88289302 | 1.71088573  | 1.56920077  |
| H | 3.13308072  | -1.60144857 | -1.39130119 |
| H | 2.92541075  | -0.03387411 | -2.15822644 |
| H | 3.09545543  | 2.06549461  | -0.72969440 |
| H | 2.92275182  | 1.93803468  | 1.00371822  |
| H | 3.11251021  | -0.34882001 | 2.11353614  |
| H | 2.95895309  | -1.79079113 | 1.12508690  |
| H | 1.26794634  | -2.81698353 | -0.58168449 |
| H | 1.13881397  | -2.77364955 | -2.33507673 |
| H | 1.21505773  | 1.93730196  | -2.16273541 |
| H | 1.07307525  | 3.42717518  | -1.23851548 |
| H | 1.22721987  | 0.92289793  | 2.74043814  |
| H | 1.11428471  | -0.62223964 | 3.57436861  |
| H | -3.09538774 | -2.06489746 | -0.73114050 |
| H | -2.92306484 | -1.93866817 | 1.00239653  |
| H | -3.13297595 | 1.60242379  | -1.39026430 |
| H | -2.92565354 | 0.03531197  | -2.15822566 |
| H | -3.11252240 | 0.34770797  | 2.11373132  |
| H | -2.95894588 | 1.79021942  | 1.12607005  |
| H | -1.21486828 | -1.93668319 | -2.16351652 |
| H | -1.07284311 | -3.42680919 | -1.23970482 |
| H | -1.26776388 | 2.81738185  | -0.58080478 |
| H | -1.13857850 | 2.77452152  | -2.33421533 |
| H | -1.22725231 | -0.92440271 | 2.73990617  |
| H | -1.11430463 | 0.62025296  | 3.57471845  |

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