

## Supporting Information

# Slow magnetic relaxation in cobalt(II) complexes with one-dimensional hydrogen-bonded networks

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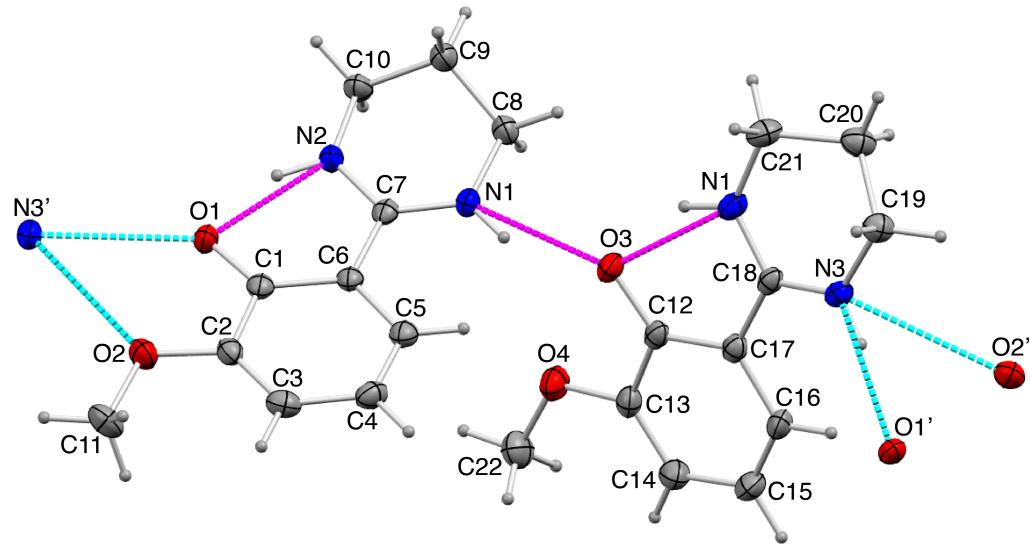
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## 1. X-Ray crystallography



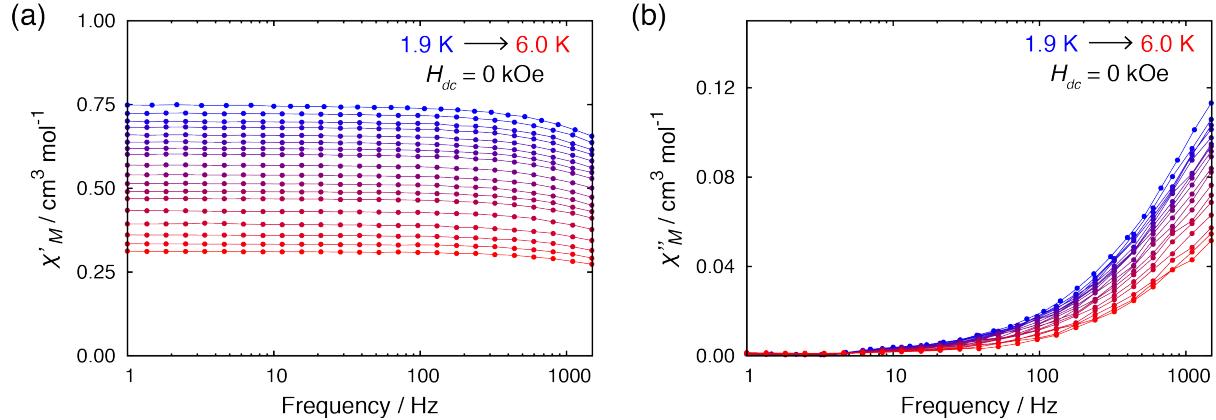
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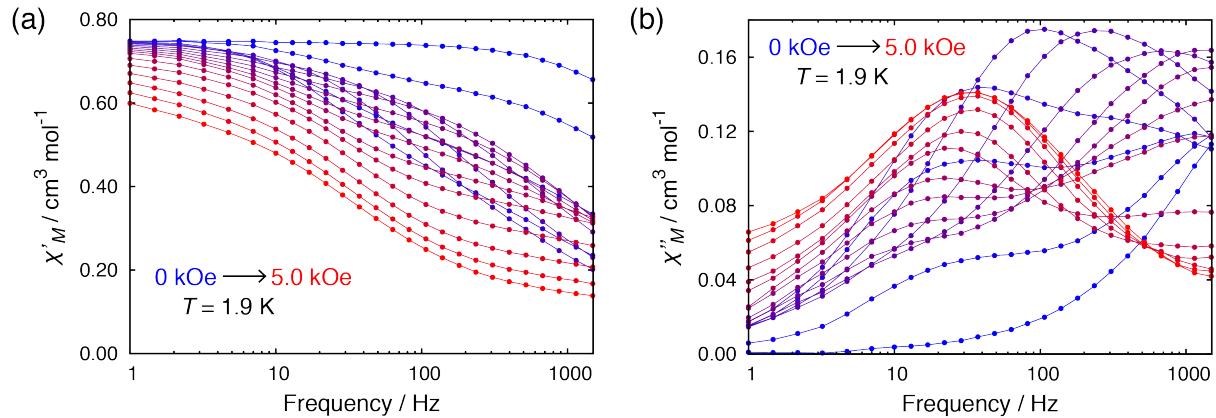
		D–H···A	D–H / Å	H···A / Å	D···A / Å	D–H···A / °
H <sub>2</sub> mthp	N1	H1	O3	0.861(18)	1.93(2)	2.729(2)
	N2	H2	O1	0.912(19)	1.68(2)	2.527(2)
	N3	H3A	O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.869(19)	1.96(2)	2.791(2)
	N4	H4A	O3	0.887(19)	1.78(2)	2.565(2)
<b>1</b> ·C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	N1	H1	O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.78(4)	2.10(4)	2.826(4)
	N1	H1	O4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.78(4)	2.47(4)	3.065(4)
	N3	H3A	O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.80(4)	2.14(4)	2.869(4)
<b>2</b> BF <sub>4</sub> ·1.5C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	N4	H4N	O3	0.865(19)	1.84(3)	2.560(5)
	N6	H6N	O5	0.87(2)	1.74(3)	2.577(5)
	N5	H5N	O1 <sup>iv</sup>	0.85(2)	2.00(4)	2.781(5)

Symmetry code: (*i* = ‘-x+1/2, -y+1, z+1/2’, *ii* = ‘-x+1, -y+1, -z+2’, *iii* = ‘-x+1, -y+1, -z+1’, *iv* = ‘-x+2, -y+1, -z+1’).

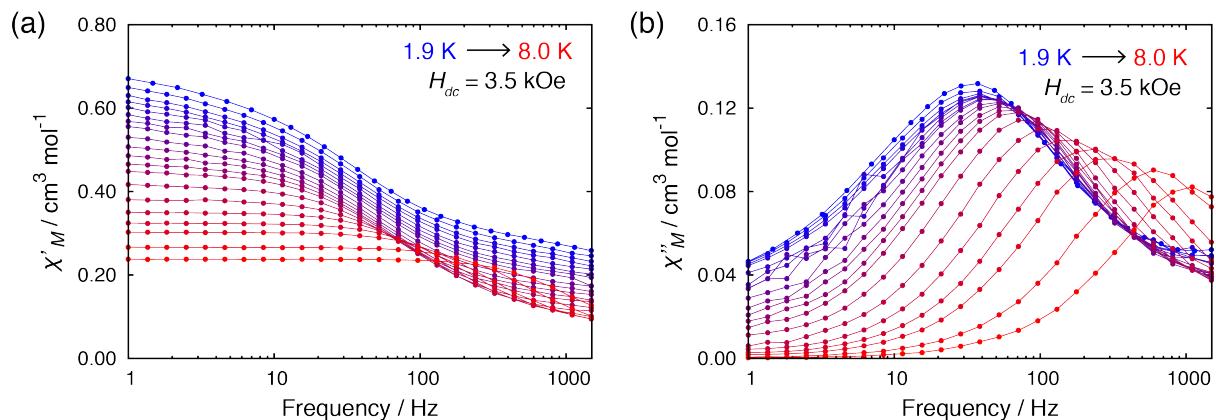
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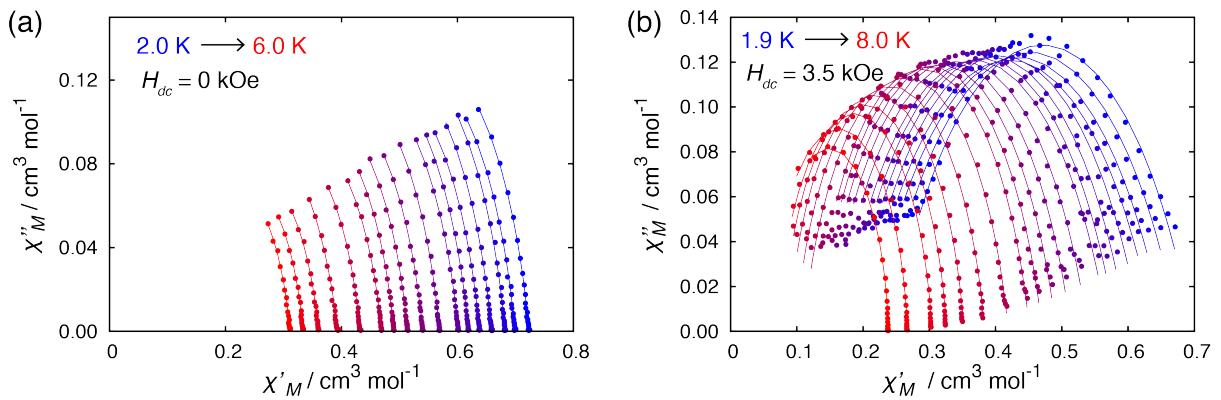
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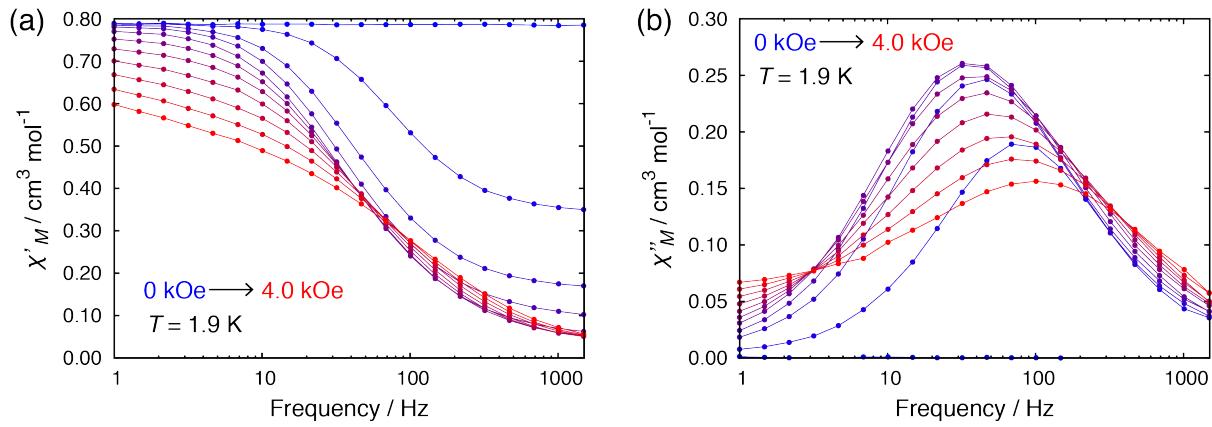
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T / K	$\chi_S / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau / \text{s}$	$\alpha$
1.9	0.2440	0.6970	$5.13 \times 10^{-3}$	0.347
2.0	0.2266	0.6760	$4.93 \times 10^{-3}$	0.356
2.1	0.2117	0.6549	$4.73 \times 10^{-3}$	0.358
2.2	0.2009	0.6398	$4.51 \times 10^{-3}$	0.358
2.3	0.1946	0.6197	$4.29 \times 10^{-3}$	0.333
2.4	0.1852	0.5994	$4.04 \times 10^{-3}$	0.320
2.5	0.1768	0.5825	$3.85 \times 10^{-3}$	0.313
2.6	0.1671	0.5702	$3.70 \times 10^{-3}$	0.313
2.8	0.1573	0.5395	$3.38 \times 10^{-3}$	0.284
3.0	0.1485	0.5139	$3.10 \times 10^{-3}$	0.260
3.2	0.1399	0.4915	$2.84 \times 10^{-3}$	0.242
3.4	0.1327	0.4705	$2.58 \times 10^{-3}$	0.223
3.6	0.1267	0.4515	$2.36 \times 10^{-3}$	0.204
4.0	0.1096	0.4193	$1.86 \times 10^{-3}$	0.196
4.5	0.0980	0.3837	$1.38 \times 10^{-3}$	0.168
5.0	0.0870	0.3524	$9.89 \times 10^{-4}$	0.145
5.5	0.0776	0.3264	$7.02 \times 10^{-4}$	0.130
6.0	0.0699	0.3041	$4.99 \times 10^{-4}$	0.118
7.0	0.0592	0.2672	$2.62 \times 10^{-4}$	0.088
8.0	0.0594	0.2382	$1.49 \times 10^{-4}$	0.058

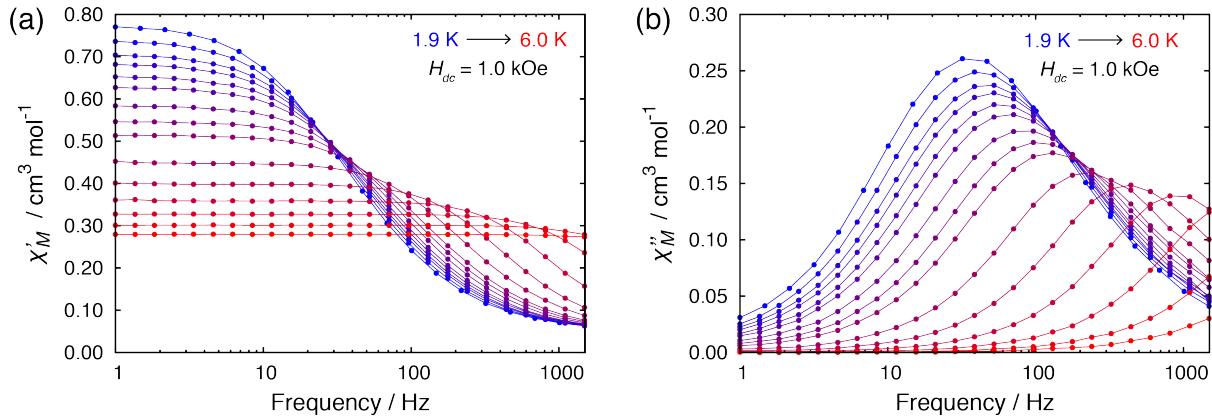
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T / K	$\chi_S / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau / \text{s}$	$\alpha$
2.0	0.3615	0.7237	$4.15 \times 10^{-5}$	0.200
2.1	0.3536	0.6995	$4.22 \times 10^{-5}$	0.202
2.2	0.3216	0.6825	$3.88 \times 10^{-5}$	0.203
2.3	0.3035	0.6592	$3.72 \times 10^{-5}$	0.207
2.4	0.3079	0.6385	$3.99 \times 10^{-5}$	0.206
2.5	0.2746	0.6195	$3.57 \times 10^{-5}$	0.213

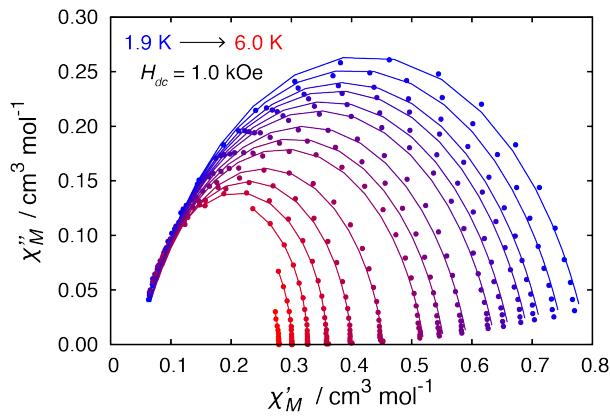
2.6	0.2711	0.6019	$3.68 \times 10^{-5}$	0.212
2.8	0.2448	0.5693	$3.58 \times 10^{-5}$	0.205
3.0	0.2363	0.5403	$3.65 \times 10^{-5}$	0.210
3.2	0.2276	0.5141	$3.80 \times 10^{-5}$	0.204
3.4	0.2164	0.4907	$3.67 \times 10^{-5}$	0.208
3.6	0.2108	0.4694	$3.71 \times 10^{-5}$	0.216
4.0	0.1892	0.4322	$3.78 \times 10^{-5}$	0.206
4.5	0.1179	0.3935	$2.56 \times 10^{-5}$	0.246
5.0	0.1560	0.3604	$3.69 \times 10^{-5}$	0.208
5.5	0.1448	0.3337	$3.82 \times 10^{-5}$	0.192
6.0	0.1192	0.3114	$3.36 \times 10^{-5}$	0.203



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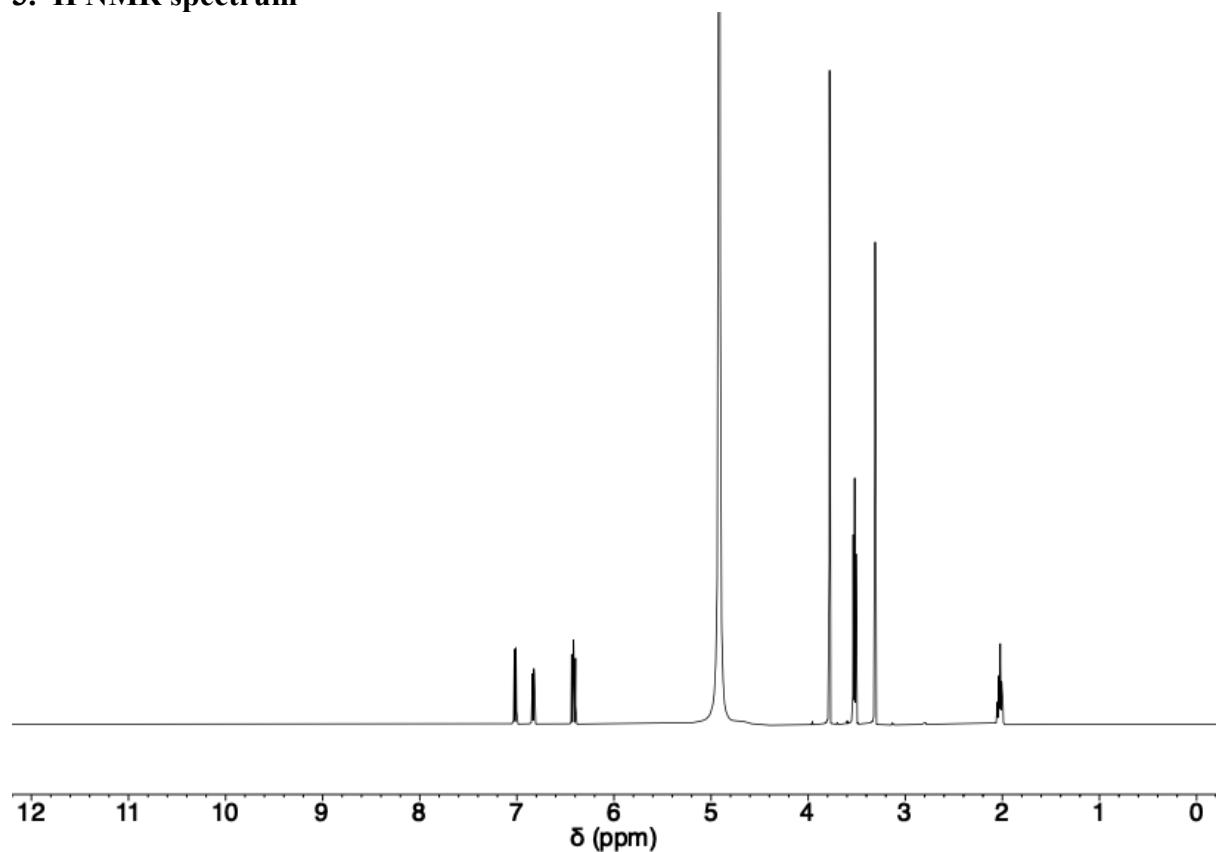


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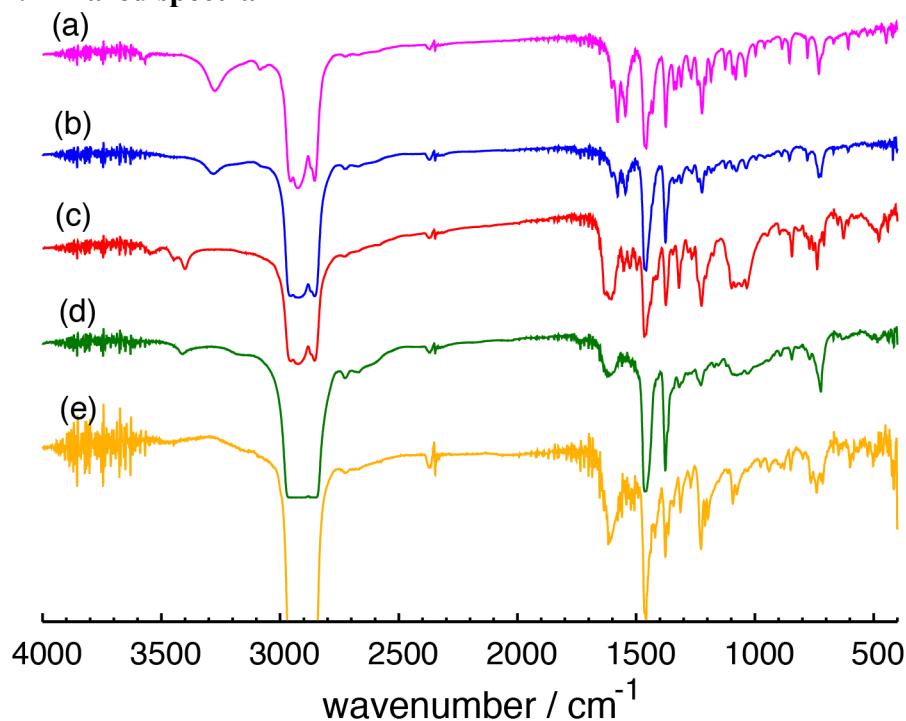
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2.0	0.0500	0.7553	$3.49\times 10^{-3}$	0.211
2.1	0.0494	0.7209	$3.06\times 10^{-3}$	0.210
2.2	0.0504	0.6969	$2.79\times 10^{-3}$	0.206
2.3	0.0508	0.6661	$2.44\times 10^{-3}$	0.203
2.4	0.0509	0.6394	$2.16\times 10^{-3}$	0.199
2.6	0.0519	0.5934	$1.72\times 10^{-3}$	0.190
2.8	0.0522	0.5544	$1.37\times 10^{-3}$	0.180
3.0	0.0542	0.5207	$1.11\times 10^{-3}$	0.166
3.5	0.0577	0.4526	$6.47\times 10^{-4}$	0.128
4.0	0.0597	0.4005	$3.56\times 10^{-4}$	0.082
4.5	0.0618	0.3597	$1.74\times 10^{-4}$	0.043
5.0	0.0503	0.3273	$7.43\times 10^{-5}$	0.025
5.5	0.0410	0.3011	$2.97\times 10^{-5}$	0.030
6.0	0.0527	0.2795	$1.35\times 10^{-5}$	0.046

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