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New Iron(II) Spin Crossover Complexes with Unique Supramolecular Networks Assembled by Hydrogen Bonding and Intermetallic Bonding

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Abstract: Two spin crossover (SCO) coordination polymers assembled by combining Fe^{II} octahedral ion, 4-cyanopyridine (4-CNpy) and $[Au(CN)_2]^-$ liner unit are described. These compounds, Fe(4-CNpy)₂[Au(CN)₂]₂·1/2(4-CNpy) (**1a**) and {Fe(4-CNpy)₂[Au(CN)₂]₂}-{Fe(H₂O)₂[Au(CN)₂]₂} (**1b**), present quite different supramolecular networks that show different magnetic behaviors. Compound **1a** crystallizes in the centrosymmetric space group *Pbcn*. The asymmetric unit contains two 4-CNpy, one type of Fe²⁺, and two types of crystallographically distinct [Au(CN)₂]⁻ units which form Hofmann-like two dimensional layer structures with guest spaces. The layers are combined with another layer by strong gold-gold intermetalic interactions. Compound **1b** crystallizes in the centrosymmetric space group *Pnma*. The bent bismonodentate [Au^I(CN)₂] units and Fe^{II} ions form a complicated interpenetrated three dimensional structure. In addition, **1b** exhibits ferromagnetic interaction.

Keywords: coordination polymer; supramolecular isomerism; spin crossover; crystal engineering

1. Introduction

The designing of supramolecular networks is essential for practical spin crossover (SCO) materials [1–4]. The networks enhance the cooperativity in the entire crystal structure. Strong cooperativity leads to steep spin transition with a wide hysteresis loop [5,6]. From the viewpoint of constructing supramolecular networks, coordination polymers are useful material. However, systematic designing of networks is still hard because of the unexpected occurrence of supramolecular isomerism in the process of self-assembling. On the other hand, this structural diversity can result in unanticipated and interesting materials. Therefore, control of structural diversity represents fundamental research in crystal engineering. Since we reported the first Hofmann like two-dimensional (2-D) SCO coordination polymer {Fe(py)₂[Ni(CN)₄]}_n (py = pyridine) [7], many 2-D layers of {Fe^{II}(L)₂[M^I(CN)₂]₂]_n [8–16] (M^I = Ag, or Au, L = monodentate pyridine derivatives) have been developed. These compounds show an almost similar bilayer structure because of their strongly determinate self-assembly process in which they link octahedral metal centers through the N atoms of the bidentate [Au(CN)₂]⁻ unit with strong aurophilic interaction between layers. This structural constancy enables us to precisely modify its crystal structure and properties. However, the applicable



ligands for this system are still determinative. For instance, 3-cyano pyridine (3-CNpy) displays three different polymorphs [8]. A strong polarity of cyano substituent must cause variations of the supramolecular networks, which strongly affects SCO properties. Therefore, more applicable ligands for this structural system must be investigated. Vice versa, cyano substituent offers new interesting networks and properties in cyano-bridged coordination polymers. Here, we report new supramolecular isomers of the general formula Fe(4-CNpy)₂[Au(CN)₂]₂ \cdot 1/2(4-CNpy) (1a) and {Fe(4-CNpy)₂[Au(CN)₂]₂-{Fe(H₂O)₂[Au(CN)₂]₂} (1b).

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Materials

All the chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and used without any further purification.

2.2. Synthesis

2.2.1. Preparation of Compound 1a

FeSO₄·(NH₄)₂SO₄·6H₂O (0.0397 g, 1.01 × 10⁻⁴ mol) ascorbic acid (0.0208 g, 1.18 × 10⁻⁴ mol) and K[Au(CN)₂] (0.0582 g, 2.02 × 10⁻⁴ mol) were dissolved in 2 mL of water. The other solution contained 4-CNpy (0.0204 g, 1.96×10^{-4} mol) in 5 mL water. The two solutions were mixed together. Yellow single crystals suitable for single crystal X-ray diffraction were formed over a day. The powder sample for superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID), X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD), thermos gravimetry/differential thermal analysis (TG/DTA) and elemental analysis was also prepared. One of these contained a mixture of FeSO₄·(NH₄)₂SO₄·6H₂O (0.0400 g, 1.02 × 10⁻⁴ mol), ascorbic acid (0.0204 g, 1.36×10^{-4} mol) and K[Au^I(CN)₂] (0.0570 g, 1.98×10^{-4} mol) in 1 mL water. The other contained a 1 mL ethanol–water (1:1) solution of 4-CNpy (0.0206 g, 1.98×10^{-4} mol). Yellow powder sample of **1a** was formed immediately. The powder sample was checked by XRPD data (see Figure S1). Impurity and isomers were observed as almost absent. Elem. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₈Au₂FeN₉: C, 28.03; H, 1.24; N, 15.48. Found: C, 27.92; H, 1.38; N, 15.35. IR(cm⁻¹): 2237 (vCN (4-CNpy)), 2157, 2169 (vCN).

2.2.2. Preparation of Compound 1b

Complex **1b** was prepared by the same procedure as **1a**. The reaction mixture was allowed to stand undisturbed for 2 days. After forming yellow single crystals (**1a**), orange crystals (**1b**) slowly grew. The crystalline sample for SQUID measurement was picked up using a binocular lens. The samples were checked by XRPD data (Figure S1). Impurity of the samples was observed as almost absent. Due to the small amount of sample picked, the background of the diffraction data were very high. Elem. Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{11}Au_4Fe_2N_{12}O_2$: C, 17.77; H, 0.89; N, 12.43. Found: C, 17.75; H, 1.13; N, 12.15. IR (cm⁻¹): 2250 (vCN (4-CNpy)), 2169 (vCN)

2.3. X-ray Crystallography

Data collection was performed on a BRUKER APEX SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer for **1a** and **1b** with Monochrometed Mo–K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) (Bruker, Billerica, MA, USA). A selected single crystal was carefully mounted on a thin glass capillary and immediately placed under liquid N₂ cooled N₂ stream in each case. The diffraction data were treated using SMART and SAINT, and absorption correction was performed using SADABS [17]. The structures were solved by using direct methods with *SHELXTL* [18]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and the hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically. Pertinent crystallographic parameters and selected metric parameters for **1a** and **1b** are displayed in Tables 1–3. Diffraction data of **1a** in high spin (HS) state was measured at 150 K in order to suppress the thermal motion of the guest molecules. When the sample was sufficiently cooled, both compounds showed a drastic and reversible change of color from yellow (**1a**) or orange (**1b**) to purple. The crystal structure of **1a** in low spin (LS) state could not be determined. The low-quality data at 90 K was likely due to the occurrence of a sharp phase transition that provoked a notable increase of the mosaicity of the whole crystal structure. We described here the only HS state at 150 K. Crystallographic data have been deposited with Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre: Deposition numbers CCDC-1869343 for compound **1a** (150 K), CCDC-1869342 for **1b** (298 K), and CCDC-1869341 for **1b** (90 K). These data can be obtained free of charge via http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.

2.4. Magnetic Measurements

Measurements of the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility of the complexes **1a** and **1b** of the powdered samples in the temperature range 2–300 K with a cooling and heating rate of $2 \text{ K} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ in a 1 kOe field were measured on a MPMS-XL Quantum Design SQUID magnetometer. The diamagnetism of the samples and sample holders were taken into account.

	1a (150 K)	1b (298 K)	1b (90 K)
Empirical formula Formula weight	C ₁₉ H ₈ Au ₂ FeN ₉ 812.13	C ₂₀ H ₁₁ Au ₄ Fe ₂ N ₁₂ O ₂ 1350.97	C ₂₀ H ₁₁ Au ₄ Fe ₂ N ₁₂ O ₂ 1350.97
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.55\times0.28\times0.22$	$0.15\times0.13\times0.05$	$0.38\times0.15\times0.05$
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
a/Å	21.658(2)	7.6273(7)	7.6243(4)
b/Å	13.7647(15)	30.007(3)	29.1960(16)
c/Å	15.5895(17)	13.7694(13)	13.5000(7)
$V/Å^3$	4647.4(9)	3151.5(5)	3005.1(3)
Space group	Pbcn	Pnma	Pnma
Z value	8	4	4
D_{calc}	2.321	2.847	2.986
F(000)	2952	2396	2396
No. of reflections	28,466	19,996	20,977
No. of observations	5443	3976	3808
Parameters	284	196	186
Temperature/K	150(2)	298	90
Final R_1 , R_w ($I > 2s$)	0.0411, 0.1043	0.0474, 0.1168	0.0396, 0.1048
Final R_1 , R_w (all data)	0.0715, 0.1197	0.0730, 0.1346	0.0439, 0.1212
Goodness-of-fit	1.050	0.965	1.413

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds 1a and 1b.

Table 2. Selected bond lengths and angles for 1a.

Bond Lengths (Å) for 1a (150 K)	Bond Angles (°) for 1a (150 K)
Fe(1)–N(1): 2.234(9)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(3): 175.9(3)	N(5)-Fe(1)-N(8): 90.0(3)
Fe(1)-N(3): 2.227(8)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(5): 93.0(3)	N(6)-Fe(1)-N(7): 88.2(3)
Fe(1)–N(5): 2.161(8)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(6): 94.5(3)	N(6)-Fe(1)-N(8): 176.4(3)
Fe(1)-N(6): 2.129(8)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(7): 89.4(3)	N(7)-Fe(1)-N(8): 95.1(3)
Fe(1)–N(7): 2.121(8)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(8): 84.0(3)	C(13)-N(5)-Fe(1): 167.4(8)
Fe(1)-N(8): 2.146(8)	N(3)-Fe(1)-N(5): 86.9(3)	C(14)-N(6)-Fe(1): 162.4(8)
Au(1)–C(13): 1.999(9)	N(3)-Fe(1)-N(6): 89.6(3)	C(15)-N(7)-Fe(1): 163.2(8)
Au(1)–C(16): 1.990(9)	N(3)-Fe(1)-N(7): 91.1(3)	C(16)-N(8)-Fe(1): 161.3(9)
Au(2)–C(14): 1.986(9)	N(3)-Fe(1)-N(8): 91.9(3)	C(13)-Au(1)-C(16): 178.0(4)
Au(2)–C(15): 1.981(10)	N(5)-Fe(1)-N(6): 86.8(3)	C(14)-Au(2)-C(15): 176.8(4)
	N(5)-Fe(1)-N(7): 174.6(3)	

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Crystal Structures

3.1.1. Crystal Structure of Compound 1a (T = 298 K)

The crystal structure of **1a** at 298 K crystallized in the orthorhombic centrosymmetric space group Pbcn. The asymmetric unit of the complex consisted of the $Fe(ligand)_2[Au(CN)_2]_2$ formula with a guest molecule (Figure 1a). This complex had one type of independent Fe^{II} ion octahedrally coordinated

by six N atoms. The axial Fe(1)–N_{py} bond lengths (Fe(1)–N(1) = 2.234(9) Å, Fe(1)–N(3) = 2.227(8) Å) and Fe(1)–N_{CN} bond lengths (Fe(1)–N(5) = 2.161(8) Å, Fe(1)–N(6) = 2.129(8) Å, Fe(1)–N(7) = 2.121(8) Å, Fe(1)–N(8) = 2.146(8) Å) were almost identical to that of **1b**. The equatorial positions were occupied by two quasilinear $[Au^{I}(CN)_{2}]^{-}$, which comprised a 2-D layer structure defined by square-shaped $[Fe^{II}Au^{I}(CN)_{2}]_{4}$ windows (Figure 1b). The layers interacted via pairs of defining bilayers (Figure 1c,d), in which strong aurophilic interactions held them together. The Au…Au intermetallic distance was 3.1134(6) Å which was much shorter than that of **1b**. Although the former reported bilayer structures had no guest spaces, the interlayer space of **1a** formed one dimensional (1-D) channels parallel to the c axis, which were occupied by uncoordinated 4-CNpy. The guest molecules were disordered at two positions. The reason for enough space to include guest molecules was the steric effect from the 4-position substituent bulk. As shown in Figure 1c, the four position substituent was almost vertical to the layer. Thus, it would cause the pressure on the layer resulting in expanded interlayer space.



Figure 1. (a) Coordination structure of **1a** containing its asymmetric unit at 150 K; (b) view of the bilayer structure; (c,d) stacking of bilayers of **1a** along c (c) and b (d) axis involved in Au…Au intermetallic interactions as indicated by red and white lines. In these pictures, hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

The closely related Hofmann-like 2-D clathrate compound, $\{Fe[4-(3-pentyl)pyridine]_2[Au^1(CN)_2]_2 \cdot (guest)\}_n$ (guest = 4-(3-pentyl)pyridine), had been reported [19]. This compound formed a flat

monolayer structure. 4-(3-pentyl) substituent was apparently of lager bulk than that of the 4-CN substituent. This much larger bulk caused bilayer interaction to break.

3.1.2. Crystal Structure of Compound **1b** (T = 298 K)

Compound **1b** at 298 K crystallized in the orthorhombic centrosymmetric space group Pnma. The asymmetric unit also consisted of the cyano bridged hetero-metal coordination (Figure 2a). There were two crystallographically different octahedral Fe^{II} ions. Fe(1) was coordinated by six N atoms of two 4-CNpy ligands and four CN substituents from [Au^I(CN)₂]⁻ units, which was similar to that of **1a**. The axial $Fe(1)-N_{py}$ bond lengths (Fe(1)-N(1) = 2.226(7) Å) were apparently longer than the Fe(1)–N_{CN} bond lengths (Fe(1)–N(3) = 2.157(7) Å, Fe(1)–N(4) = 2.144(7) Å). On the other hand, the axial Fe(2)–O bond lengths (Fe(2)–O(1) = 2.078(13) Å, Fe(2)–O(2) = 2.158(9) Å) were close to the Fe(2)–N_{CN} bond lengths (Fe(2)–N(5) = 2.130(8) Å, Fe(2)–N(6) = 2.187(8) Å). It is important to note that hydrogen bonds existed between N(2) of cyano group in 4-CNpy and O(1) (N(2)···O(1) = 2.905(15) Å). Due to the different coordination environment, the apical axis of Fe(1) was not parallel to the apical axis of Fe(2). Furthermore, the coordination geometry of the Fe(1) site was almost octahedron; the bond angle of the apical axis was $180(4)^{\circ}$. On the other hand, the Fe(2) site showed a quite distorted octahedron (O(1)–Fe(2)–O(2) = $169.5(6)^{\circ}$ and N(5)–Fe(2)–N(6) = $172.3(3)^{\circ}$). Consequently, the bent bismonodentate [Au^I(CN)₂] units and Fe^{II} ions formed bent rectangular [Fe^{II}Au^I(CN)₂]₄ mesh network topology (Figure 2b). The rectangular moieties were penetrated by the other frameworks, which gave rise to a triply interpenetrated structure (Figure 2c). In addition, the closest approach between Au···Au suggested the presence of aurophilic interactions (Au(1)···Au(2) = 3.3705(5) Å and 3.3876(5) Å) which linked the other frameworks (Figure 2c,d). In previous works, isostructural compound $\{Mn(4-CNpy)_2[Ag(CN)_2]_2\}-\{Mn(H_2O)_2[Ag(CN)_2]_2\}$ (1b') had been reported [20]. This compound also showed similar hydrogen bonding and intermetallic Ag---Ag interactions.



Figure 2. (a) Coordination structure of **1b** containing its asymmetric unit at 298 K involved in hydrogen bonding interactions as indicated by blue and white lines; (b) bent rectangular $[Fe^{II}Au^{I}(CN)_{2}]_{4}$ mesh structure; (c) cylinder drawing of triply interpenetrated 3D-networks of **1b** involved in hydrogen bonding interactions as indicated by red and white lines; (d) perspective view of the crystal structure along *a* axis. In these pictures, hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

3.1.3. Structure of Compound **1b** (T = 90 K)

The crystal structure of **1b** at 90 K was almost identical to that observed at 298 K. The Fe(1)–N_{py} bond lengths (Fe(1)–N(1) = 1.998(7) Å) and Fe(1)–N_{CN} bond lengths (Fe(1)–N(3) = 1.937(7) Å, Fe(1)–N(4) = 1.941(7) Å) corresponded quite well to those expected for LS state. On the other hand Fe(2)–O bond lengths (Fe(2)–O(1) = 2.095(9) Å, Fe(2)–O(2) = 2.112(9) Å) and Fe(2)–N_{CN} bond lengths (Fe(2)–N(5) = 2.132(7) Å, Fe(2)–N(6) = 2.190(8) Å) were almost identical to that of 298 K. Hydrogen bonding and intermetallic interactions were slightly shorter than that of the HS state (Au(1)···Au(2) = 3.3462(4) Å, 3.3745(4) Å and N(2)···O(1) = 2.862(11) Å). The shortest Fe···Fe separation was 5.811(2) Å between Fe(2) centers which was bridged by the aurophilic interactions (see Figure S3). This was much shorter than that of the other Fe···Fe separation (Fe(1)···Fe(1) = 13.280(1) Å, Fe(1)···Fe(2) = 9.746(1) Å).

Bond Lengths (Å) for 1b (298 K)	Bond Angles (°) for 1b (298 K)	
Fe(1)–N(1): 2.226(7)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(1): 180.0(3)	O(1)–Fe(2)–O(2): 169.5(6)
Fe(1)–N(3): 2.157(7)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(3): 90.0(3)	O(1)-Fe(2)-N(5): 96.6(4)
Fe(1)–N(4): 2.144(7)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(4): 89.5(3)	O(1)-Fe(2)-N(6): 89.9(3)
Fe(2)–O(1): 2.078(13)	N(3)-Fe(1)-N(3): 180.0(3)	O(2)-Fe(2)-N(5): 90.8(4)
Fe(2)–O(2): 2.158(9)	N(3)-Fe(1)-N(4): 91.3(3)	O(2)–Fe(2)–N(6): 83.3(3)
Fe(2)–N(5): 2.130(8)	N(4)-Fe(1)-N(4): 180.0(4)	N(5)-Fe(2)-N(5):89.5(5)
Fe(2)–N(6): 2.187(8)	C(7)–N(3)–Fe(1): 167.1(8)	N(5)-Fe(2)-N(6): 85.6(3)
Au(1)–C(8): 1.985(9)	C(8)–N(4)–Fe(1): 166.6(8)	N(6)-Fe(2)-N(6): 98.7(4)
Au(1)–C(9): 1.978(9)	C(8)-Au(1)-C(9): 175.9(4)	N(5)-Fe(2)-N(6): 172.3(3)
Au(2)–C(7): 1.992(9)	C(7)-Au(2)-C(10): 176.6(3)	C(9)–N(5)–Fe(2): 169.6(8)
Au(2)–C(10): 1.992(9)		C(10)-N(6)-Fe(2): 162.0(8)
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Table 3. Selected bond lengths and angles for 1b.

3.2. Thermal Analysis

The thermal analysis of **1a** showed the three step weight loss between 380 K and 580 K corresponded to the loss of the two coordinated molecules of 4-CNpy and 0.5 solvent molecules (observed loss: 18.0% (first step) = ca. 1.5 molecules, 6.4% (second step) = ca. 0.5 molecule, 6.7% (third step) = ca. 0.5 molecule) (Figure S2). This result was consistent with the elemental analysis.

3.3. Magnetic Properties

3.3.1. Thermal Dependence Magnetic Behavior of Compound 1a

Figure 3a shows the thermal dependence of $\chi_M T$ for **1a** with χ_M being the molar magnetic susceptibility and T the temperature. At room temperature, $\chi_M T$ was 4.21 m³·K·mol⁻¹. Upon cooling, $\chi_M T$ remained almost constant down to 120 K; below this temperature, $\chi_M T$ underwent a sharp decrease to around 50% conversion with approximately 1 K hysteresis loop (T_c ^{down} = 111 K, T_c ^{up} = 112 K). The decrease in the value of $\chi_M T$ at lower temperature was due to the typical behavior of zero-field splitting (ZFS).



Figure 3. (a) Thermal dependence of $\chi_M T$ plot for **1a**; (b) thermal dependence of $\chi_M T$ plot for **1b**.

3.3.2. Thermal Dependence Magnetic Behavior of Compound 1b

 $\chi_{\rm M}T$ versus *T* plotted for **1b** are shown in Figure 3b. At room temperature, the $\chi_{\rm M}T$ value was 7.25 which indicated the characteristic of two Fe(II) ions in HS state. The value was slightly higher than that of a pure spin only system, whereas the value was similar to the values of other Hofmann-like SCO Fe(II) compounds. The $\chi_M T$ value was constant in the range 215–300 K. Below this temperature range, it displayed almost 50% abrupt spin transition ($T_c = 211$ K). This half spin transition behavior agreed quite well with the different Fe-N bond lengths between Fe(1) and Fe(2) species at 90 K. Thus only Fe(1) species change the spin state. On the other hand, $[Fe(2)N_4O_2]$ coordination environment must maintain the HS state at the full temperature range. After the transition, it then increased to a maximum of 4.77 cm³·K·mol⁻¹ at around 20 K, indicative of a ferromagnetic interaction between the Fe(II) centers. On the other hand, the isostructural former reported that compound 1b' showed weak antiferromagnetic interaction between two Mn^{II} (HS state, S = 5/2). Although in a similar coordination environment, **1b** showed ferromagnetic interaction. In terms of the spin state, the X-ray structural analysis of **1b** at 90 K gave evidence of the arrangement of a…Fe(HS)–Fe(LS)…pair. On the other hand, **1b** showed the different arrangement of …Mn(HS)–Mn(HS)…. Thus, **1b** apparently much further distorted structure. Consequently, the magnetic structure of the residual HS site of Fe(2) could cause the different magnetic coupling. In fact Fe(2) ions of HS site were close to each other in the supramolecular networks. At even lower temperature, the decrease in the value of $\chi_M T$ was similar to 1a due to ZFS effects.

4. Conclusions

The new supramolecular networks designed by the components of Hofmann-like frameworks with 4-CNpyridine were reported. These compounds showed unique multi-dimensional supramolecular networks involving hydrogen interactions and strong metallophilic interactions. Specifically, **1b** exhibited the two magnetic functions of a SCO and a ferromagnetic transition. The diversity of the self-assembly process offered both unexpectedly interesting structure and properties.

Supplementary Materials: The following are available online at http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4352/8/11/415/s1, Figure S1. X-ray powder diffraction data of **1a** and **1b** (red line: calculation, black line: experiment); Figure S2. Thermogravimetric analysis for complex **1a** was carried under nitrogen atmosphere at a heating rate of 10 K/min; Figure S3. Showing the closet approach between Fe(2) centers for **1b** at 90 K.

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