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**Single-crystal-to-single-crystal Transformation in Hydrogen-bond-induced
High-spin Pseudopolymorphs from Protonated Cation Salts with a π -extended
Spin Crossover Fe(III) Complex Anion**

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17 **Abstract**

18 Novel pseudopolymorphic Hdabco compounds with an Fe(III) complex anion,
19 (Hdabco)[Fe(aznp)₂] \cdot CH₂Cl₂ **1** and (Hdabco)[Fe(aznp)₂] \cdot 0.5H₂O **2** [dabco =
20 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane, H₂aznp = (2'-hydroxyphenylazo)-2-hydroxynaphthalene], were
21 prepared and characterized. The magnetic susceptibility for **1** and **2** revealed that both complexes
22 were in a high-spin (HS) state in the whole temperature range and exhibited weak ferromagnetic
23 interactions below 40 K. The crystal structural analyses suggested that strong N-H \cdots O hydrogen
24 bonding interactions between the Hdabco cation and [Fe(aznp)₂] anion may induce the distortion of
25 a coordination structure resulting in the HS complexes, whereas π -stacking interactions between the
26 π -ligands in the [Fe(aznp)₂] anion and additional C-H \cdots N hydrogen bonding interactions between
27 the Hdabco cation and [Fe(aznp)₂] anion constructed a intermolecular interaction framework
28 structure with one-dimensional channels. The thermogravimetry analysis for compound **1** indicated
29 the adsorption of a water molecule took place after the desorption of a dichloromethane molecule.
30 This transformation of **1** into **2** proved to proceed in a single-crystal-to-single-crystal way by
31 powder X-ray diffractions and single crystal X-ray structural analysis.

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33 *Keywords:* Protonated cation; Anionic spin-crossover complex; Hydrogen bonding; π -stacking
34 interaction; Single-crystal-to-single-crystal transformation
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36 **1. Introduction**

37 Spin crossover (SCO) phenomenon between a high-spin (HS) and low-spin (LS) states
38 has aroused a great interest in not only scientific fundamentals but also potential applications such
39 as display, memory, and sensing devices [1-5]. Since an SCO conversion can be induced by
40 temperature, pressure, light, and chemicals, the development of multifunctional SCO materials lead
41 to the possibility to tune electronic functionalities of a molecular solid by external stimuli. So far a
42 number of researches have been devoted to the introduction of a mononuclear SCO cation into
43 various anionic conducting and magnetic molecular components such as TCNQ [6-9] and metal
44 dithiolene complexes [10-16] [TCNQ = 7,7,8,8-tetracyano-quinodimethane, dmit =
45 4,5-dithiolato-1,3-dithiole-2-thione]. However, to the best of our knowledge, the introduction of a
46 mononuclear SCO anion into the hybrid SCO compound has never been known, because anionic
47 mononuclear SCO complexes are very rare.

48 Recently we discovered a novel family of anionic mononuclear SCO Fe(III) complexes

from ONO tridentate azo-bisphenolate derivatives [17,18]. Along this line, we aimed to prepare a multifunctional hybrid compound by combining the π -extended SCO $\text{Fe}(\text{aznp})_2$ anion with a functional cation [H_2aznp = (2'-hydroxyphenylazo)-2-hydroxynaphthalene]. Protonated dabco compounds were well known to afford several ferroelectric materials as well as a number of dielectric materials originated from a proton transfer or molecular motion [19-23] [dabco = 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane]. Thus, we focused on mono-protonated Hdabco cation as a cationic functional molecular component. We also investigated the possibility to determine the position of proton which reflects the difference in basicity between the dabco and $[\text{Fe}(\text{aznp})_2]$ anion molecules. We report herein the preparation, physical properties, and crystal structures of the pseudopolymorphic Hdabco compounds $(\text{Hdabco})[\text{Fe}(\text{aznp})_2] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ **1** and $(\text{Hdabco})[\text{Fe}(\text{aznp})_2] \cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ **2** along with the desolvate compound $(\text{Hdabco})[\text{Fe}(\text{aznp})_2] \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($x = 0-0.5$) **1'** from **1** (Fig. 1). Although the $[\text{Fe}(\text{aznp})_2]$ anions in compounds **1** and **2** were in the HS state, we found a single-crystal-to-single-crystal transformation of **1** into **2** and, moreover, the desorption and adsorption of water molecules in the hydrate compound. All these physical properties of the present Hdabco compounds may originate from intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions between the Hdabco cation and $[\text{Fe}(\text{aznp})_2]$ anion.

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66 **2. Materials and methods**

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68 All chemicals were purchased and used without further purification. H₂aznp was prepared
69 according to the procedure of the literature [18]. (Hdabco)BF₄ was obtained by mixing an aqueous
70 HBF₄ solution with an acetonitrile solution of dabco.

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72 2-1. Synthesis of Hdabco compounds

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74 To a red solution of H₂aznp (500 mg, 1.89 mmol) in 15 mL of methanol was added
75 dropwise a methanol solution of sodium methoxide (4.16 mmol) at 60 °C. The solution turned to be
76 dark violet. After stirring for 1.5 hours, to this solution was added a solution of FeCl₃ (156 mg, 0.96
77 mmol) in 9 mL of methanol and then stirred for 1 hour. To the solution was added corresponding
78 (Hdabco)BF₄ (474 mg, 2.37 mmol) in 15 mL of methanol. After evaporating, the residue was
79 washed by water and dried in vacuo. 598 mg of crude salt was obtained.

80 (Hdabco)[Fe(aznp)₂].CH₂Cl₂ (**1**): Recrystallization of 606 mg of the crude salt from

81 dichloromethane-diethyl ether gave 274 mg of **1** as black platelets. Anal. Calcd. For
82 $C_{39}H_{35}FeN_6O_4Cl_2$: C, 60.17; H, 4.53; N, 10.80%. Found: C, 60.34; H, 4.69; N, 10.69%.
83 (Hdabco)[Fe(aznp)₂] \cdot xH₂O (**1'**): Heating the crystals of **1** to 200 °C and then cooling to room
84 temperature gave **1'** as black platelets. Anal. Calcd. For $C_{38}H_{34}FeN_6O_{4.5}$ (x = 0.5): C, 64.96; H,
85 4.88; N, 11.96%. Found: C, 64.67; H, 4.86; N, 11.82%.
86 (Hdabco)[Fe(aznp)₂] \cdot 0.5H₂O (**2**): Recrystallization of 13.3 mg of the crude salt from
87 acetonitrile-diethyl ether gave 5.6 mg of **2** as black platelets.

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89 2-2. Physical measurements

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91 The powder X-ray diffractions (PXRD) were performed using a RIGAKU SmartLab
92 X-ray diffractometer with monochromated Cu-K α radiation. The TG-DTA was performed using a
93 Rigaku TG8120 analyzer with a scan speed of 5 K mol⁻¹. Variable temperature direct current
94 magnetic susceptibilities for aluminum-foil-wrapped polycrystalline samples (ca. 5-10 mg) sealed
95 in a gelatin capsule were measured on a Quantum Design MPMS-XL magnetometer under a field of
96 0.5 T at a sweep speed of 2 K min⁻¹ in the temperature range of 2–300 K. The sample

97 magnetization data were obtained by the subtraction of background magnetization data for the same
98 gelatin capsule and aluminum foil from the measured data, and then the magnetic susceptibilities
99 were corrected for diamagnetic contributions estimated by the magnetic susceptibility of each
100 molecular component.

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102 2-3. X-ray data collections and refinement

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104 A crystal was mounted in a polyimide loop. All data were collected on a Bruker APEX II
105 CCD area detector with monochromated Mo- $K\alpha$ radiation generated by a Bruker Turbo X-ray
106 Source coupled with Helios multilayer optics. All data collections and calculations were performed
107 using the APEX2 crystallographic software package (Bruker AXS). The data were collected to a
108 maximum 2θ value of 55.0° . A total of 720 oscillation images were collected. The APEX II program
109 was used to determine the unit cell parameters and for data collection. Data were integrated by
110 using SAINT. Numerical absorption correction was applied by using SADABS. The structures at all
111 temperatures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods based
112 on F^2 by using the SHELXTL program. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically.

113 Hydrogen atoms were generated by calculation and refined using the riding model. Since the
114 solvate CH₂Cl₂ molecule in the crystal of **1** was heavily disordered, the SQUEEZE method was
115 applied to the refinement of the crystal structure.

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117 **3. Results and discussion**

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119 **3.1. Synthesis of compounds **1** and **2****

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121 The starting Hdabco salt was prepared by the metathesis reaction of the *in situ* generated
122 Na[Fe(aznp)₂] complex and (Hdabco)BF₄ in a methanol solution. Recrystallization from
123 dichloromethane-diethyl ether gave a CH₂Cl₂-solvate complex **1**, while recrystallization from
124 acetonitrile-diethyl ether afforded a hydrate complex **2**. Unfortunately, the preparation of **2** was not
125 reproducible despite various attempts on crystallization conditions. On the other hand, a hydrate
126 complex was unexpectedly obtained by heating the crystals of **1** to 200 °C and then cooling to room
127 temperature, which is designated as desolvate complex **1'**. The compositions of both complexes **1**
128 and **1'** were confirmed by thermogravimetry (TG) analysis, microanalysis, and single-crystal X-ray

129 structural analyses. The composition of **2** was also determined by single-crystal X-ray structural
130 analysis.

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132 3.2 Thermogravimetry-differential thermal analysis (TG-DTA)

133 To investigate thermal stability of the solvate compound **1**, TG-DTA was performed using
134 a Rigaku TG8120 analyzer. The TG curves are shown in Fig. 2. On heating compound **1**, the weight
135 loss started at around room temperature. The decrease in weight was very gradual and then the
136 weight loss rate increased at 170 °C. Further heating resulted in a plateau of weight loss curve
137 above 185 °C. The weight loss at 200 °C exactly corresponded to the weight ratio of one
138 dichloromethane molecule (10.9%). After the above TG-DTA measurement we found the desolvate
139 crystals **1'** retained their crystallinity at room temperature. Thus, TG-DTA for the sample **1'** was
140 carried out again. Interestingly, the weight loss for **1'** was observed. The weight for **1'** decreased
141 more rapidly and then was almost constant above 95 °C. The weight loss reached to 0.9% at 180 °C.
142 The weight loss was consistent with the release of one half water molecule (1.28%) from compound
143 **1'**. The water desorption and adsorption cycles were reproducible, while the absorption amount of
144 water molecules was sensitive to humidity.

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146 3.3 Powder X-ray Diffractions

147 To confirm the crystal structural changes upon heating the sample of **1**, the powder X-ray
148 diffractions (PXRD) were carried out using a RIGAKU SmartLab X-ray diffractometer. The PXRD
149 patterns for compounds **1** and **1'** along with the simulated patterns from the corresponding crystal
150 structural data for **1** and **2** described in the following section are shown in Fig. 3. The observed
151 diffraction patterns for the CH₂Cl₂-solvate compound **1** were the combination of the simulated
152 diffraction patterns for **1** and **2**, suggesting that desolvation took place during the measurement.
153 This observation is in good agreement with the decrease in weight of **1** even at room temperature.
154 On the other hand, the patterns for the desolvate sample of **1'** were completely different from those
155 for the parent CH₂Cl₂-solvate compound **1**, whereas those exactly corresponded to the simulated
156 patterns for the hydrate compound **2**. This means that a crystal-to-crystal structural transformation
157 of the CH₂Cl₂-solvate compound **1** into hydrate compound **2** through desolvate compound **1'**
158 occurred.

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160 3.4. Crystal Structures for **1**, **1'** and **2** at 296 K

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162 Single crystal X-ray structural analyses for **1**, **1'**, and **2** were performed using a Bruker AXS
163 APEXII Ultra diffractometer. Fortunately, it was successful to determine the crystal structure of the
164 desolvate compound **1'** despite a poor quality of crystal. Crystallographic data are listed in Table 2.
165 All the crystal structures at 296 K were isostructural and belonged to monoclinic system with *C2/c*.
166 The asymmetric units for all compounds contained one Hdabco cation and one [Fe(aznp)₂] anion
167 from the following discussion about the structure of a dabco molecule (Fig. 4). In addition, one half
168 water molecule was found for **1'** and **2**, whereas the CH₂Cl₂ molecule for **1** was heavily disordered
169 and could not be assigned. Thus, the SQUEEZE treatment for the solvate CH₂Cl₂ molecule was
170 applied for the refinement of crystal structure of **1**.

171 It is known that the C-N bond lengths are varied by protonation on the nitrogen atom in a
172 dabco molecule. The C-N bond lengths for the present complexes along with the proton-ordered
173 Hdabco [24] and H₂dabco [25] compounds are shown in Table 3. The average C-N bond lengths
174 including the N5 atom in the vicinity of the coordination core of the [Fe(aznp)₂] anion were 0.03 Å
175 longer than those including the N6 atom on the other side in all the Hdabco salts. This clearly
176 indicates that mono-protonation occurred only on the N5 atom in the vicinity of the coordination

core. Moreover, the intermolecular distance between N5 and O1 atoms in the [Fe(aznp)₂] anion was 2.680(5) Å, indicative of strong hydrogen bonding interactions between them. In addition, weak hydrogen bonding interactions of 3.05(3) and 3.048(8) Å between the hydrate water molecule and non-protonated nitrogen atom in the Hdabco molecule were found for desolvate compound **1'** and hydrate compound **2**, respectively.

The π -ligand aznp molecule was coordinated to a central Fe atom as a tridentate chelate ligand and thus two coordinated ligand molecules were arranged in an almost perpendicular manner (Figure 4). There was no orientational disorder of the aznp ligand unlike the mother anionic SCO Fe(III) complexes [17]. The bond lengths of the aznp ligand were unchanged from those of the previous [Fe(aznp)₂] complexes [18], suggesting that the charge transfer from the aznp ligand to Fe(III) ion did not occur. The selected coordination bond lengths and distortion parameters are given in Table 3. As compared with the coordination bond lengths of HS (TMA)[Fe(aznp)₂] [18], the Fe-O1 and Fe-O2 bond lengths in the Hdabco salts were about 0.05 Å longer and 0.02 Å shorter, respectively, whereas the Fe-O3, Fe-O4, and Fe-N bond lengths were similar. These variations would arise from the strong hydrogen bonding between O1 and N5 atoms. Note that the distortion parameters in the present Hdabco compounds were extremely larger than those in the HS

193 [Fe(aznp)₂] complexes reported previously [18]. Thus, the distortion of a coordination structure
194 would originate from this strong N-H...O hydrogen bonding between the aznp ligand and Hdabco
195 cation. All these coordination structural features indicated that all present Hdabco compounds were
196 in the HS state, which were consistent with the following magnetic susceptibility data.

197 The molecular arrangements of the [Fe(aznp)₂] anion in **2** are shown in Fig. 5a. The
198 naphthalene ring in an Fe(aznp)₂ anion overlapped those in the neighboring anions in two kinds of
199 overlapping modes (Fig. 5b). One molecular overlapping mode (*p*) was parallel to each other and
200 the π -plane distance was 3.46 Å for **1**. The other one (*q*) was not parallel and the short C...C
201 contact was 3.66 Å for **1**. These two kinds of π -stacking interactions between the naphthalene rings
202 formed a π -stacking tetramer in an Np...*q*...Np...*p*...Np...*q*...Np manner (Np represents
203 naphthalene ring). The opposite π -ligand to the π -stacking ligand in the central π -stacking dimer
204 (Np...*p*...Np) was involved in the end of the neighboring π -stacking tetramer, thus each tetramer
205 was arranged in an almost perpendicular manner and formed the two-dimensional π -stacking
206 sheet-like structure parallel to the *bc* plane. On the other hand, the corresponding short π -contact
207 distances of *p* and *q* for **2** were 3.73 and 3.55 Å, respectively. This suggests that the crystal
208 structural transformation might reduce π -stacking interactions between the [Fe(aznp)₂] anions.

209 The two-dimensional π -stacking sheet-like structures in **2** were bridged by the
210 H-N⁺-C-H...O hydrogen bonding interactions [26] with a C33...O3 distance of 3.116(6) Å,
211 resulting in the formation of a one-dimensional (1D) channel along the *b* axis (Fig. 5c). The water
212 molecules were bound in the one-dimensional channel by weak hydrogen bonding interactions
213 between the oxygen atom of a solvate water molecule and non-protonated nitrogen atom of an
214 Hdabco molecule. The similar 1D channel structure was found in **1**, where the disordered CH₂Cl₂
215 molecule should exist. The calculated sizes per the asymmetric unit of the void exclusive of the
216 solvent molecule for **1**, **1'**, and **2** were 146, 48.3, and 41.6 Å³, respectively. Thus, the CH₂Cl₂
217 molecules could be released without collapsing the crystallinity of **1** (Fig.5d), whereas the
218 desolvated crystals **1'** can absorb only a water molecule in the channel. The C33...O3 distance for **1**
219 was slightly shortened to be 3.077(6) Å. Since the hydrate water molecule in **1'** can be easily
220 desorbed from the channel, the retainment of the 1D channel structure after desolvation could be
221 attributed to the C-H...O hydrogen bonding between the two-dimensional π -stacking networks.

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223 3.5. Magnetic susceptibility for **1** and **2**

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225 The temperature dependence of magnetic susceptibilities for **1** and **2** is shown in Fig. 6.

226 The $\chi_M T$ values for **1** and **2** at 300 K were 4.42 and 4.44 cm³ K mol⁻¹, respectively. Thus, the central

227 Fe(III) ion for both compounds were in the HS state. On lowering the temperature, the $\chi_M T$ values

228 were almost constant and then slight increase in $\chi_M T$ was observed below 40 K, indicative of the

229 existence of a ferromagnetic interaction. Fitting of the $\chi_M T$ vs. T products by the Curie-Weiss law in

230 the temperature range of 15-50 K gave $C = 4.32$ cm³ K mol⁻¹ with $\theta = 0.18$ K for **1** and $C = 4.36$

231 cm³ K mol⁻¹ with $\theta = 0.44$ K for **2**. Although one of the previous [Fe(aznp)₂] compounds showed a

232 SCO conversion [18], the present compounds did not show an SCO phenomenon. The structural

233 comparison of the previous and present [Fe(aznp)₂] compounds described in the crystal structures

234 section along with no notable structural change in **1'** at 90 K indicates that the remarkable distortion

235 of a coordination structure gives rise to the HS state, which comes mainly from the strong N-H...O

236 hydrogen bonding interactions between the Hdabco cation and [Fe(aznp)₂] anion. Concerning the

237 weak ferromagnetic interactions, since similar weak magnetic interactions through π -stacking

238 interactions were reported in the related Fe(III) complex exhibiting the antiferromagnetic transition

239 at very low temperature [28], we assumed the possibility of an exchange coupling path through

240 π -stacking interactions of the central π -dimer (Fig. 5b, overlap p) according to the McConnell-I

241 mechanism [27], ~~because the antiferromagnetic transition through π -stacking interactions at very~~
242 ~~low temperature in the related Fe(III) complex [27].~~

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244 **4. Conclusion**

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246 We have prepared novel pseudopolymorphic Hdabco compounds **1** and **2** with the SCO
247 [Fe(aznp)₂] anion. The magnetic susceptibility and crystal structural analysis revealed that **1** and **2**
248 were in the HS state due to the distortion of a coordination structure by the strong N-H...O
249 hydrogen bonding interaction between the proton on the dabco molecule and the oxygen atom of
250 the anzp ligand. The structural comparison between the CH₂Cl₂-solvate and hydrate compounds
251 indicated the H-N⁺-C-H...O hydrogen bonding between the two-dimensional π -stacking interaction
252 networks may play a key role in the construction of the one-dimensional channel structure, resulting
253 in the occurrence of the single-crystal-to-single-crystal (SCSC) structural transformation and the
254 ability of desorption and adsorption of water molecules in the present molecular system. Since
255 several SCO compounds showing the solvent-induced SCSC transformation were recently reported
256 [29-33], the present findings give an insight into the design of new solvent-induced SCSC SCO

257 compounds.

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259 **Supplementary data**

260 CCDC 1527225-1527227 and 1539769 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for
261 this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via
262 <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html>, or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data
263 Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; or e-mail:
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326 **Table 1.** Summary of crystallographic data and refinement details for **1**, **1'**, and **2**.

Compound	1	1'	2
Temperature / K	296	296	90
Empirical formula	C ₃₉ H ₃₅ FeN ₆ O ₄ Cl ₂	C ₃₈ H ₃₄ FeN ₆ O _{4.5}	C ₃₈ H ₃₄ FeN ₆ O _{4.5}
Formula weight	778.48	702.56	702.56
Color	black	black	black
Dimension	0.27×0.14×0.02	0.25 × 0.11 × 0.03	0.40 × 0.28 × 0.05
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c	C2/c	C2/c
<i>a</i> / Å	30.654(14)	27.582(10)	27.168(8)
<i>b</i> / Å	12.309(5)	12.744(5)	12.686(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	24.178(11)	22.741(13)	22.291(7)
α / °	90	90	90
β / °	127.966(5)	122.083(3)	121.628(3)
γ / °	90	90	90
<i>V</i> / Å ³	7192(5)	6773(5)	6542(3)
<i>Z</i>	8	8	8
ρ_{calcd} / g cm ⁻³	1.438	1.378	1.427
$2\rho_{\text{max}}$ / °	50.06	50.06	54.20
No. Reflections	16693	14214	16952
(<i>R</i> _{int})	(0.0736)	(0.0856)	(0.0704)
No. Observations	6363	5959	7154
(<i>I</i> >2.00σ(<i>I</i>))	(3274)	(2700)	(4893)
No. Variables	442	447	447
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>I</i> >2.00σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0630	0.1061	0.0807
<i>R</i> ₁ (all data)	0.1295	0.2059	0.1196
<i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>I</i> >2.00σ(<i>I</i>))	0.1532	0.1797	0.2017
<i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.1854	0.2177	0.2226
Goodness of fit	0.940	1.062	1.116

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329 **Table 2.** C-N bond lengths of a dabco molecule for **1**, **1'**, **2**, and related dabco compounds.

	1	1'	2		(Hdabco)	(H ₂ dabco)		
					(HF ₂)	(CuCl ₄)		
<i>T</i> / K	296	296	90	296	300	296		
N5-C33 / Å	1.486(5)	1.488(9)	1.498(6)	1.482(6)	H ⁺ N-C	1.484	1.493(4)	1.505(4)
N5-C35 / Å	1.474(6)	1.479(9)	1.497(6)	1.476(6)		1.484	1.486(4)	1.497(4)
N5-C37 / Å	1.478(6)	1.474(9)	1.505(6)	1.488(6)		1.486	1.487(4)	1.493(4)
Average Length / Å	1.479(6)	1.480(9)	1.500(6)	1.482(6)		1.485	1.489(4)	1.498(4)
N6-C34 / Å	1.455(6)	1.463(10)	1.467(7)	1.455(7)	N-C	1.457		
N6-C36 / Å	1.431(7)	1.444(11)	1.458(7)	1.437(7)		1.447		
N6-C38 / Å	1.452(7)	1.460(10)	1.484(7)	1.439(7)		1.447		
Average Length / Å	1.446(7)	1.456(10)	1.470(7)	1.444(7)		1.450		
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Table 3. Selected bond lengths, angles, and the distortion parameters of **1**, **1'**, **2**, and related complex.

	1	1'	2	(TMA)[Fe(aznp) ₂]·CH ₃ CN ·(CH ₃) ₂ C=O			
<i>T</i> / K	296	296	90	296	90	273	90
Fe1-O1 / Å	2.014(3)	2.029(5)	2.027(3)	2.023(3)	1.913(3)	1.960(2)	1.999(3)
Fe1-O2 / Å	1.936(3)	1.951(5)	1.959(3)	1.952(3)	1.878(3)	1.965(3)	1.979(3)
Fe1-N1 / Å	2.111(4)	2.127(6)	2.128(4)	2.119(4)	1.952(3)	2.110(2)	2.161(3)
Fe1-O3 / Å	1.954(3)	1.982(5)	1.985(3)	1.980(3)	1.936(3)	1.975(3)	1.994(2)
Fe1-O4 / Å	1.965(3)	1.976(5)	1.979(3)	1.969(3)	1.884(4)	1.969(3)	1.983(2)
Fe1-N3 / Å	2.160(4)	2.171(6)	2.162(4)	2.161(4)	1.967(4)	2.136(3)	2.156(3)
Σ^1 / °	117.18(13)	127.5(2)	131.85(14)	129.28(13)	27.63(15)	80.24(11)	99.67(10)
Θ^2 / °	209.46(11)	230.40(18)	237.50(12)	233.85(12)	46.72(13)	151.24(9)	185.12(9)
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¹ The sum of the absolute differences of bite angles from 90°. ² The sum of the absolute differences of all the angles of triangle surfaces of a coordination octahedron from 60°.

338 **Table 4.** Selected intermolecular distances involving hydrogen bonding and π -stacking interactions
339 for **1**, **1'**, and **2** at 296 K

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	1	1'	2	
<i>T</i> / K	296	296	90	296
Hydrogen Bonding				
O1⋯H–N5 / Å (ligand⋯cation)	2.680(5)	2.663(7)	2.652(5)	2.656(5)
N6⋯H–O5 / Å (cation⋯H ₂ O)	–	3.05(3)	2.972(6)	3.048(8)
C33–H⋯O3 (cation⋯ligand)	3.077(6)	3.131(9)	3.028(6)	3.116(6)
π-stacking				
π-distance (<i>p</i>) / Å	3.459	3.738	3.691	3.730
short C⋯C (<i>q</i>) / Å	3.655	3.537	3.518	3.545

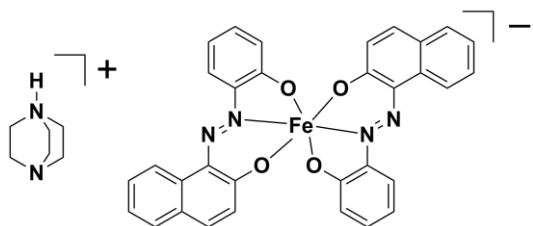


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of (Hdabco)[Fe(aznp)₂].

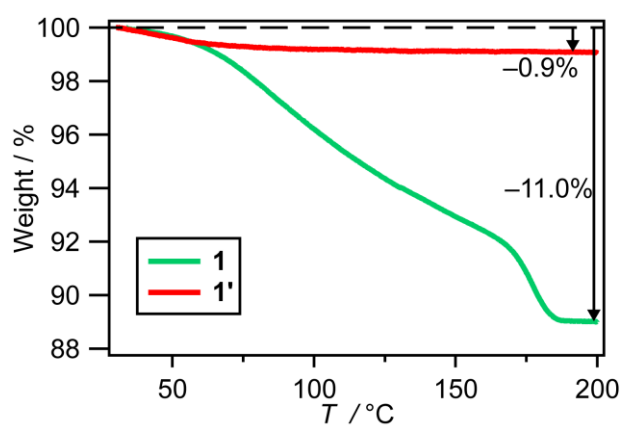


Fig. 2. TG curves for **1** and **1'**.

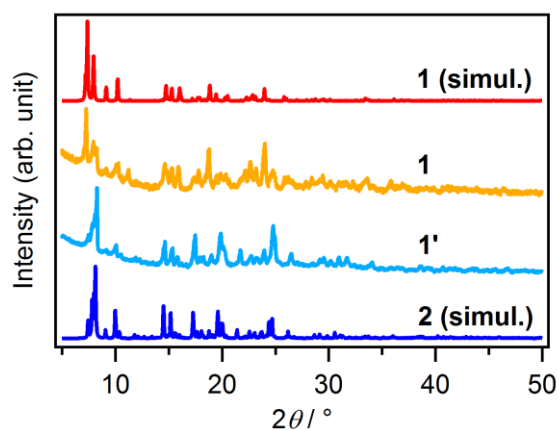


Fig. 3. Measured and simulated powder X-ray diffraction patterns for **1**, **1'**, and **2**.

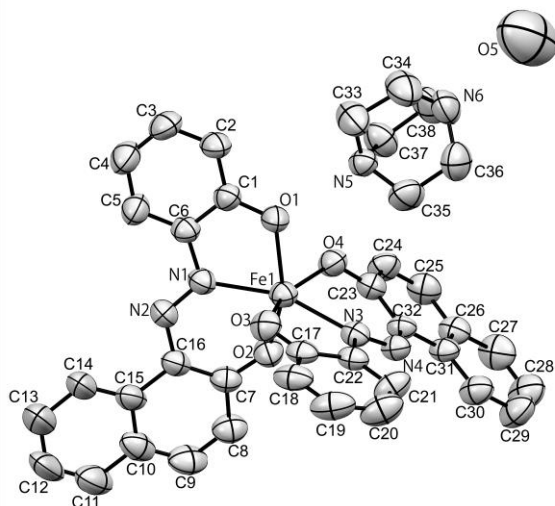
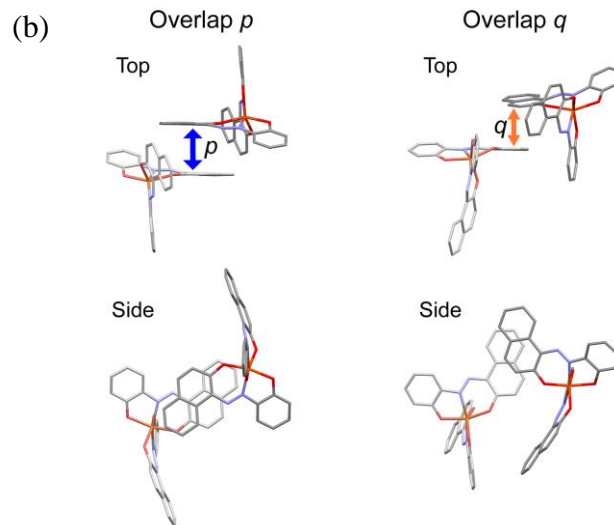
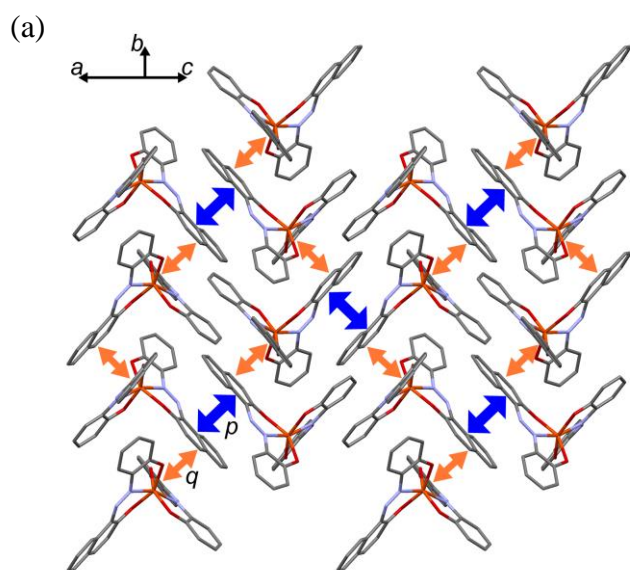


Fig. 4. ORTEP drawings (50% probability) of the molecular structures and numbering schemes for **2**.

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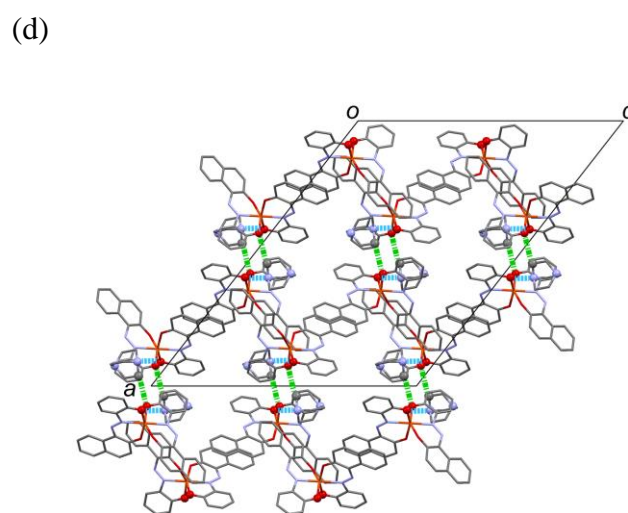
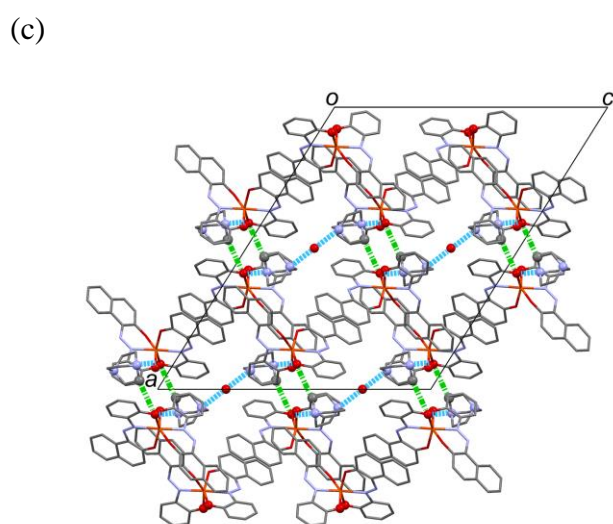


Fig. 5. (a) π -stacking structure for **2**. Double-headed arrows p and q indicate the same overlapping modes. (b) Top and side views for each π -overlapping mode for **2**. (c) Crystal structure of **2** viewed along the b axis. (d) Crystal structure of **1** viewed along the b axis. Blue and green dot lines indicate the O-H \cdots N and C-H \cdots O hydrogen bonding interactions, respectively.

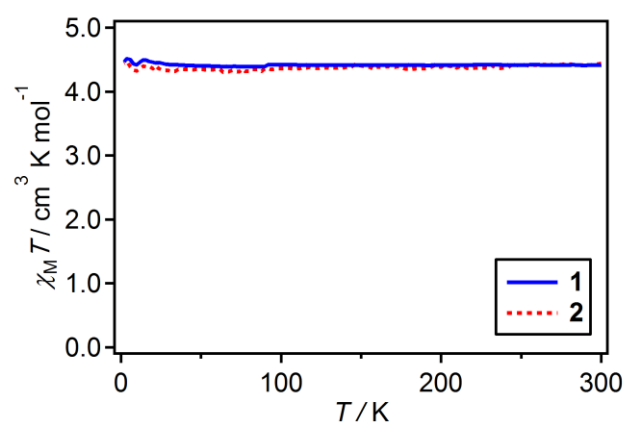


Fig. 6. The χ_M vs. T products for **1** and **2**.