## Supporting Information

## **Crystal-to-crystal transformation of a fishnet-like layered compound: a self-Locking structure with position-variable intercalated molecules**

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## X-ray Crystallography

Single crystals with dimensions of  $0.253 \times 0.018 \times 0.009 \text{ mm}^3$  for **1**,  $0.120 \times 0.080 \times 0.060 \text{ mm}^3$  for **2**,  $0.233 \times 0.140 \times 0.052 \text{ mm}^3$  for **1-dry**, and  $0.196 \times 0.145 \times 0.048 \text{ mm}^3$  for **2-dry** were mounted on a thin Kapton film with Nujol and cooled in an N<sub>2</sub> gas stream. All measurements were made using a Rigaku Mercury70 diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71070$  Å) for **1**, a Rigaku Saturn70 diffractometer with multi-layer mirror monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71075$  Å) for **1-dry**, or a Rigaku Saturn70 diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71075$  Å) for **1-dry**, or a Rigaku Saturn70 diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71070$  Å) for **2** and **2-dry**. Crystal Data was collected at 123 K for **1**, 100 K for **1-dry**, and 93 K for **2** and **2-dry**. The structures were solved using direct methods (SIR97<sup>1</sup> for **1** and **2-dry**, SIR92<sup>2</sup> for **2** and SHELXS97<sup>3</sup> for **1-dry**) and expanded using

Fourier techniques. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically except for **1-dry** (carbon atoms in disordered anthracene moiety were refined isotropically, while the rest were refined anisotropically). Hydrogen atoms were only introduced for non-disordered carbon atoms at fixed positions, because H atoms on disordered atoms seem to be not accurate in their position. Hydrogen atoms were refined using the riding model The position-disordered C and Cl atoms of solvent molecule in **2** and C atoms of anthracene in **1-dry** and **2-dry** were first calculated with free occupancies to find subequal proportions of temperature factor between possible sites, and then adequate occupancies, which come to 1, were determined to places of decimals. Full-matrix least-squares refinements on  $F^2$  were based on observed reflections and variable parameters and converged with the unweighted and weighted agreement factors of  $R_1 = \sum ||F_0| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_0|$  ( $I > 2.00\sigma(I)$  and all data), and  $wR_2 = [\sum w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_0^2)^2]^{1/2}$  (all data). The crystallization solvent molecules (probably dichloromethane and 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane) for **1** could not determined perfectly, so the crystallographic data were finally treated by PLATON SQUEEZE program.<sup>4</sup> All calculations were performed using the CrystalStructure crystallographic software package<sup>5</sup> except for refinement, which was performed using SHELXL2013<sup>3</sup>.

	1	2	1-dry	2-dry
M(1)–M(1)	2.4106(7)	2.2911(7)	2.416(2)	2.333(2)
M(2)–M(2)	2.4102(7)	2.2908(7)	2.419(2)	2.335(2)
M(1)–O(1)	2.042(4)	2.071(4)	2.028(7)	2.101(7)
M(1)–O(2)	2.038(4)	2.063(4)	2.054(8)	2.120(6)
M(1)–O(3)	2.036(4)	2.079(4)	2.048(8)	2.118(7)
M(1)–O(4)	2.037(4)	2.060(4)	2.023(8)	2.094(6)
M(2)–O(5)	2.028(4)	2.069(4)	2.023(8)	2.100(7)
M(2)–O(6)	2.037(4)	2.071(3)	2.037(8)	2.108(6)
M(2)–O(7)	2.037(4)	2.064(4)	2.038(8)	2.112(7)
M(2)–O(8)	2.033(4)	2.082(4)	2.022(8)	2.116(7)
M(1)–N(1)	2.188(5)	2.257(5)	2.241(13)	2.316(12)
M(2)–N(2)	2.195(5)	2.255(5)	2.254(13)	2.322(12)

**Table S1**. Selected bond lengths around metal dimer in compound **1**, **2**, **1-dry** and **2-dry** (M = Rh, Ru)

**Table S2**. Selected bond lengths in TCNQ moiety and degree of charge transfer estimated from the Kistenmacher relationship<sup>6</sup>

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compound	a	b	С	d	е	b + d	c / (b + d)	ρ <sup>c</sup>
$\mathbf{I}^{d}$	1.140(1)	1.441(4)	1.374(3)	1.448(4)	1.346(3)	2.889	0.476	0
II <sup>e</sup>	1.153(7)	1.416(8)	1.420(1)	1.423(3)	1.373(1)	2.839	0.500	-1
$\mathbf{III}^{f}$	1.1316	1.426	1.366	1.455	1.366	2.881	0.474	0.08
$\mathbf{IV}^{g}$	1.131(6)	1.436(5)	1.409(9)	1.432(5)	1.358(8)	2.868	0.491	-0.63
$\mathbf{V}^{h}$	1.139(4)	1.428(4)	1.393(6)	1.440(3)	1.351(4)	2.868	0.486	-0.42
$\mathbf{VI}^{i}$	1.132(4)	1.431(4)	1.393(6)	1.435(4)	1.349(6)	2.866	0.486	-0.42
$\mathbf{VII}^{j}$	1.140(3)	1.433(3)	1.393(5)	1.444(3)	1.359(3)	2.877	0.484	-0.33
$\mathbf{VIII}^{k}$	1.13(1)	1.44(1)	1.38(1)	1.44(1)	1.35(1)	2.875 <sup>b</sup>	0.480 <sup><i>b</i></sup>	-0.13 <sup>b</sup>
	1.14(1)	1.42(1)		1.45(1)				
	1.14 <sup><i>a</i></sup>	1.43 <sup><i>a</i></sup>		1.45 <sup><i>a</i></sup>				
1	1.119(7)	1.434(7)	1.385(6)	1.454(8)	1.330(7)	2.869 <sup><i>b</i></sup>	0.483 <sup>b</sup>	-0.28 <sup>b</sup>
	1.128(8)	1.440(7)		1.410(7)				
	1.124 <sup><i>a</i></sup>	1.437 <sup><i>i</i></sup>		1.432 <sup><i>a</i></sup>				
2	1.137(8)	1.430(9)	1.378(7)	1.450(9)	1.331(7)	2.882 <sup><i>b</i></sup>	0.478 <sup><i>b</i></sup>	-0.09 <sup>b</sup>
	1.147(8)	1.423(8)		1.460(8)				
	1.142 <sup><i>a</i></sup>	1.427 <sup><i>a</i></sup>		1.455 <sup><i>a</i></sup>				
1-dry	1.07(2)	1.49(3)	1.35(2)	1.46(2)	1.39(2)	2.98 <sup><i>b</i></sup>	0.454 <sup>b</sup>	0.93 <sup>b</sup>
	1.04(2)	1.53(2)		1.47(2)				
	1.06 <sup><i>a</i></sup>	1.51 <sup><i>a</i></sup>		1.47 <sup><i>a</i></sup>				
2-dry	1.15(2)	1.51(2)	1.37(2)	1.45(2)	1.42(2)	2.97 <sup><i>b</i></sup>	0.461 <sup>b</sup>	0.61 <sup><i>b</i></sup>
	1.14(2)	1.51(2)		1.47(2)				
	1.15 <sup><i>a</i></sup>	1.51 <sup><i>a</i></sup>		1.46 <sup><i>a</i></sup>				

<sup>*a*</sup> average value. <sup>*b*</sup> calculated from average values. <sup>*c*</sup>  $\rho = A[c / (b + d)] + B$  with A = -41.667 and B = 19.833. <sup>*d*</sup> I: TCNQ; ref. 7. <sup>*e*</sup> II: RbTCNQ; ref. 8. <sup>*f*</sup> III: (anthracene)TCNQ; ref. 9. <sup>*g*</sup> IV: [{Rh<sub>2</sub>(CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>}<sub>2</sub>TCNQ]·3(toluene); ref. 10. <sup>*h*</sup> V: [{Rh<sub>2</sub>(CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>}<sub>2</sub>TCNQ]·3(*p*-xylene); ref. 11. <sup>*i*</sup> VI: [{Ru<sub>2</sub>(CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>}<sub>2</sub>TCNQ]·3(toluene); ref. 10. <sup>*j*</sup> VII: [{Ru<sub>2</sub>(CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>}<sub>2</sub>TCNQ]·3(*p*-xylene); ref. 11. <sup>*k*</sup> VIII: [{Ru<sub>2</sub>(CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>}<sub>2</sub>TCNQ]·2(*p*yrene)·*n*(solv.); ref. 12.



**Fig. S1.** Structure of **2** (H atoms, solvent molecules, and F atoms of  $[Ru_2(CF_3CO_2)_4]$  moieties were omitted for clarity). a) ORTEP drawings of the formula unit (30% probability ellipsoids), where one of two molar ANT units was omitted for clarity, and symmetry operations are <sup>#</sup>, -x+1, -y, -z+1; <sup>##</sup>, -x+1, -y+1, -z+2; <sup>###</sup>, -x+1, -y, -z+2. b) and c) Packing views projected along the *a* axis and along the (011) direction, respectively, where pale-blue-colored molecules are intercalated anthracene molecules.



**Fig. S2.** Structure of **2-dry** (H atoms, solvent molecules, and F atoms of  $[Ru_2(CF_3CO_2)_4]$  moieties were omitted for clarity). a) ORTEP drawings of the formula unit (30% probability ellipsoids), where one of two molar ANT units was omitted for clarity, and symmetry operations are <sup>#</sup>, -x+1, -y, -z+1; <sup>##</sup>, -x+1, -y+1, -z+2; <sup>###</sup>, -x+1, -y, -z+2. b) and c) Packing views projected along the *a* axis and along the (011) direction, where pale-blue- and pink-colored molecules indicate intercalated anthracene molecules that remained between layers and anthracene molecules that migrated to occupy the void space of hexagonal columns.



**Fig. S3.** X-ray powder diffraction patterns of **1**, **2**, **1-dry** and **2-dry**, which were simulated from single-crystal X-ray crystallographic data.

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