

Supporting Information

Synthesis, Structure, and Spin Crossover Above Room Temperature of a Mononuclear and Related Dinuclear Double Helicate Iron(II) Complexes

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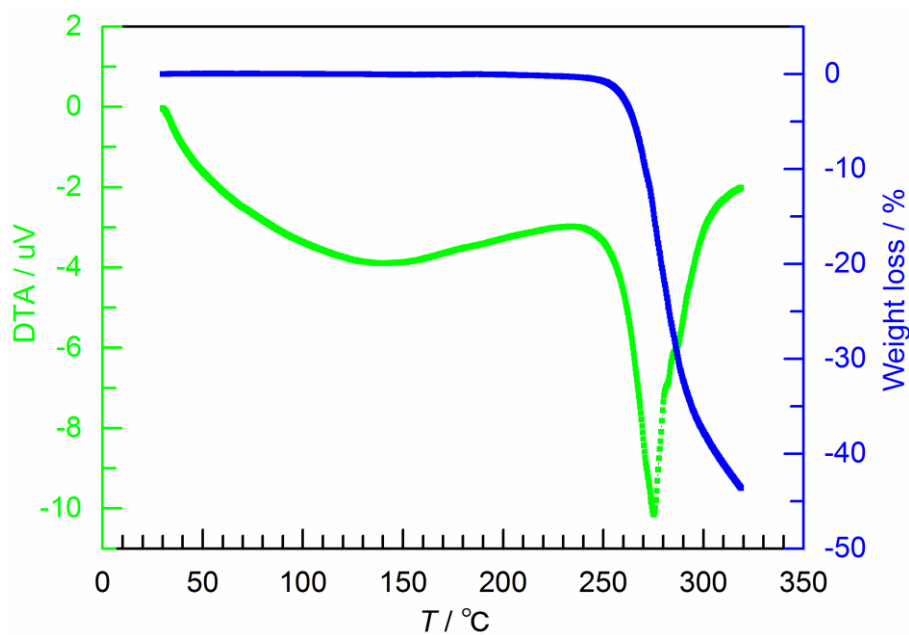


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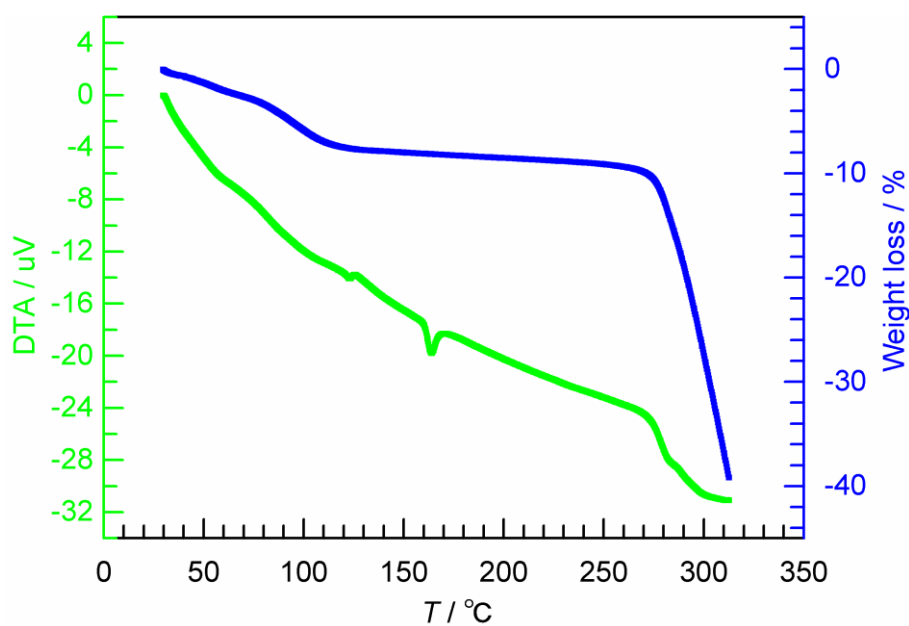


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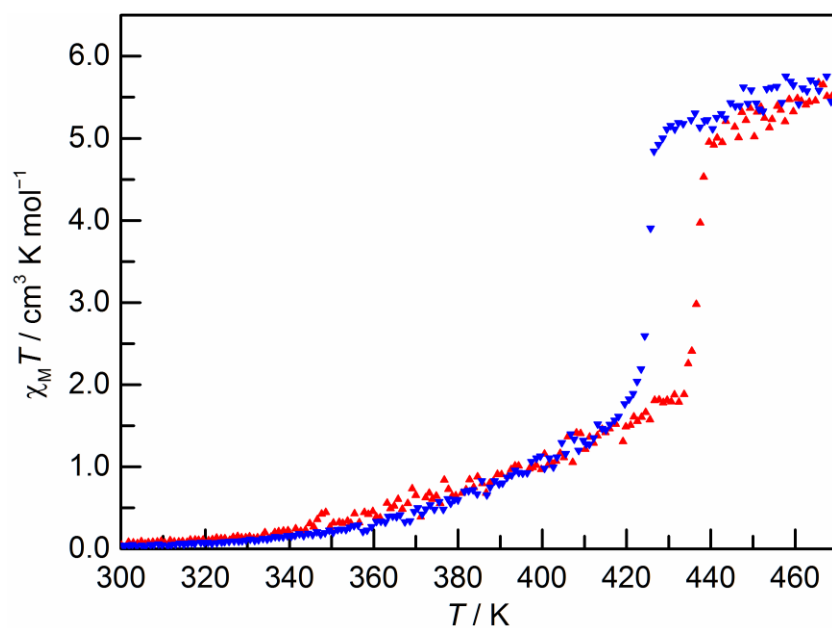


Fig. S3 The magnetic behaviour of desolvated sample **2'** in the form of the $\chi_M T$ vs. T plots. **2'** was warmed from 300 to 470 K (filled triangles; red), and then cooled from 470 to 300 K (filled inverted triangles; blue) at a sweep rate of 1 K min^{-1} .

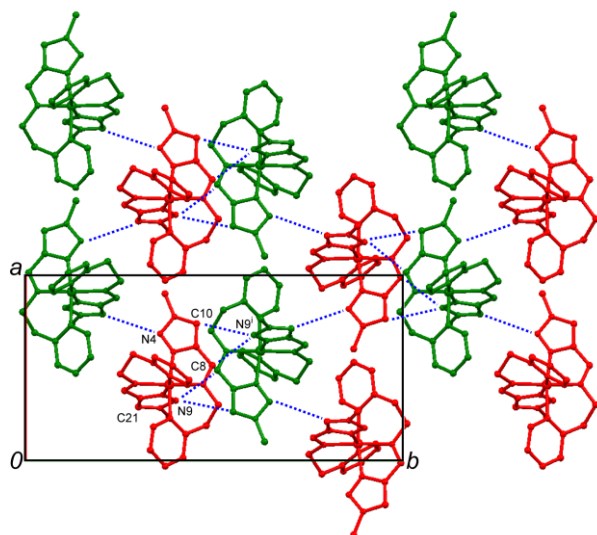


Fig. S4 Heterochiral 2D structure of $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{L1}^{\text{Me}})_2](\text{PF}_6)_2$ (**1**) at 150 K. Δ - $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{L1}^{\text{Me}})_2]^{2+}$ (green) and Λ - $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{L1}^{\text{Me}})_2]^{2+}$ (red) enantiomers are linked alternately *via* CH...N hydrogen bonds (blue dotted line) and enantiomers of same chirality are not directly connected in a 2D layer.

Table S1 X-ray Crystallographic Data for [Fe^{II}(L1^{Me})₂](PF₆)₂ (**1**) at 150 and 448 K and [Fe^{II}₂(L2^{C2})₂](PF₆)₄·5H₂O·MeCN (**2**) at 120 K

Complex	Mononuclear 1		Dinuclear 2 ^a
	150 K	448 K	120 K
Formula	C ₂₂ H ₂₆ N ₁₀ P ₂ F ₁₂ Fe		C ₄₆ H ₅₁ N ₂₁ P ₃ F ₁₈ Fe ₂
Formula weight	776.32		1444.68
Crystal system	Monoclinic		Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /a		C2/c
<i>a</i> , Å	12.1982(16)	12.647(3)	30.932(8)
<i>b</i> , Å	21.725(3)	22.117(4)	20.020(5)
<i>c</i> , Å	12.2925(16)	12.703(4)	11.614(3)
<i>β</i> , deg	118.8092(12)	119.722(2)	107.907(3)
<i>V</i> , Å ³	2854.4(6)	3085.8(13)	6844(3)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
<i>T</i> , K	150(2)	448(2)	120 K(2)
<i>d</i> _{calcd} , g cm ⁻³	1.806	1.671	1.402
<i>μ</i> , mm ⁻¹	0.756	0.699	0.591
<i>R</i> ₁ ^b (<i>I</i> >2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0404	0.0930	0.0956
w <i>R</i> ₂ ^c (<i>I</i> >2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0967	0.2253	0.2032
<i>R</i> ₁ ^b (all data)	0.0442	0.1291	0.1358
w <i>R</i> ₂ ^c (all data)	0.0998	0.2449	0.2215
<i>S</i>	1.064	1.434	1.001
CCDC number	1491569	1491570	1491571

^a The PLATON SQUEEZE program¹ was used to treat regions having highly disordered solvent molecules and counter anions which could not be sensibly modelled in terms of atomic sites. Available void volume is 1386.1 Å³. 473 electrons per unit cell were located and these were assigned to 1 PF₆ and 5 H₂O molecules per complex [473/4 = 119 e per complex; PF₆ (69) + 5 H₂O (10) = 119 electrons].

^b $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$.

^c $wR_2 = [\sum w(|F_o^2| - |F_c^2|)^2 / \sum w|F_o^2|^2]^{1/2}$.

Table S2 Relevant coordination bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for [Fe^{II}(L1^{Me})₂](PF₆)₂ (**1**) at 150 and 448 K and [Fe^{II}₂(L2^{C2})₂](PF₆)₄·5H₂O·MeCN (**2**) at 120 K

Complex	Mononuclear 1		Dinuclear 2
Temperature	150 K	448 K	120 K
	Bond Lengths (Å)		
Fe(1)-N(1)	2.0170(16)	2.141(4)	2.017(7)
Fe(1)-N(2)	1.9718(16)	2.085(4)	1.953(5)
Fe(1)-N(3)	1.9915(16)	2.140(4)	1.926(5)
Fe(1)-N(6) ⁱ	2.0196(17)	2.107(5)	2.029(4)
Fe(1)-N(7) ⁱ	1.9814(17)	2.098(4)	1.952(6)
Fe(1)-N(8) ⁱ	1.9954(16)	2.167(4)	1.949(5)
Average Fe-N	1.996	2.123	1.971
	Bond Angles (deg)		
N(1)-Fe-N(2)	91.04(6)	88.23(16)	91.8(2)
N(1)-Fe-N(3)	171.42(7)	165.23(16)	172.8(2)
N(1)-Fe-N(6) ⁱ	88.80(7)	89.68(17)	90.6(2)
N(1)-Fe-N(7) ⁱ	93.40(6)	97.69(16)	98.0(3)
N(1)-Fe-N(8) ⁱ	88.54(7)	88.47(16)	91.7(2)
N(2)-Fe-N(3)	80.43(7)	77.07(15)	81.14(19)
N(2)-Fe-N(6) ⁱ	95.73(7)	101.69(17)	96.29(18)
N(2)-Fe-N(7) ⁱ	171.84(7)	167.32(18)	167.5(3)
N(2)-Fe-N(8) ⁱ	93.52(7)	92.73(16)	91.94(18)
N(3)-Fe-N(6) ⁱ	93.00(7)	94.62(16)	88.89(19)
N(3)-Fe-N(7) ⁱ	94.95(6)	96.47(15)	89.2(2)
N(3)-Fe-N(8) ⁱ	90.99(7)	90.81(15)	89.9(2)
N(6) ⁱ -Fe-N(7) ⁱ	91.21(7)	89.60(18)	91.4(2)
N(6) ⁱ -Fe-N(8) ⁱ	170.42(7)	165.40(16)	171.4(2)
N(7) ⁱ -Fe-N(8) ⁱ	79.77(7)	76.31(18)	80.1(2)
Σ^a	46.3	64.7	42.5
Θ^b	132.8	208.8	133.7

^a Σ = the sum of $|90 - \varphi|$ for the 12 *cis* N-Fe-N angles in the octahedral coordination sphere.²

^b Θ = the sum of $|60 - \theta|$ for the 24 N-Fe-N angles describing the trigonal twist angles.³

Symmetry operation relevant only to **2**: (i), 1 - x, y, 3/2 - z.

Table S3 Intermolecular contacts (Å) for [Fe^{II}(L1^{Me})₂](PF₆)₂ (**1**) at 150 and 448 K and [Fe^{II}₂(L2^{C2})₂](PF₆)₄·5H₂O·MeCN (**2**) at 120 K

Complex	Temp.	C-H...X or X...X	<i>d</i> (C-H)	<i>d</i> (H...X)	<i>d</i> (C...X)	<(C-H...X)
Mononuclear 1	150 K	C(8)-H(9)...N(9) ⁱ	0.950	2.648	3.393(2)	135.63
		C(10)-H(10)...N(9) ⁱ	0.950	2.905	3.527(3)	124.16
		C(21)-H(23)...N(4) ⁱⁱ	0.950	2.687	3.525(3)	147.47
	448 K	C(8)-H(9)...N(9) ⁱ	0.930	2.863	3.633(6)	141.02
		C(21)-H(23)...N(4) ⁱⁱ	0.930	2.735	3.601(8)	155.46
Dinuclear 2	120 K	Cg1 ^c ...Cg1 ⁱⁱ			3.937(4)	
		C(1)...C(4) ⁱⁱ			3.900(9)	
		C(2)...C(4) ⁱⁱ			3.676(13)	
		C(2)...C(5) ⁱⁱ			3.906(11)	
		C(3)...C(4) ⁱⁱ			3.642(14)	
		C(3)...C(5) ⁱⁱ			3.625(12)	
		C(3)...Cg1 ⁱⁱ			3.730	
		C(4)...C(4) ⁱⁱ			3.776(11)	
		C(4)...C(5) ⁱⁱ			4.010(9)	
		C(4)...Cg1 ⁱⁱ			3.604	
		C(11)-H(11)...Cg2 ^{d,iii}	0.990	3.681	3.991	101.09
		C(11)-H(12)...Cg2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.989	3.452	3.991	116.44

^c Cg1 = Centroid of the N1-C1-C2-C3-C4-C5 ring.

^d Cg2 = Centroid of the N6-C12-C13-C14-C15-C16 ring.

Symmetry operations for **1**: (i), 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (ii), - 1/2 + x, 1/2 - y, z.

Symmetry operations for **2**: (ii), 1/2 - x, 1/2 - y, 1 - z; (iii), x, y, 1 + z.

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