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# Chemo-chromism in an orthogonal dabco-based Co(II) network

# assembled by methanol-coordination and hydrogen bond formation

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# 1. Structural SC-XRD analysis



**Figure S1-1.** Bond and inter atomic distances in **1** for NCS ligand (left) and hydrogen bond (right) at 120 K.



**Figure S1-2.** Crystal structure of **1-pink** (C: white, N: blue, O: red, S: yellow, Co: green) of *bc* plane. H-atoms and disordering of dabco(c) are omitted for clarifying illustrations.



Figure S1-3. ORTEP view of structure



**Figure S1-3**. Diffraction patterns taken before (left) and after (right) incubation for 450 minutes at 90 degree using same single crystal with same angles (axis).

#### 2. Magnetic measurement

Magnetic measurements were performed using a Quantum Design SQUID magnetometer. The temperature dependence of the molar magnetic susceptibility was measured between 2 and 350 K in an external field of 5,000 Oe. Powder samples were fixed in polyvinylidene chloride foils for measurements.

Line fitting was done by using MagSaki free soft\* for a model of Co(II) mono-nuclear, axially distorted octahedral. Axial splitting parameter:  $\Delta$ , spin-orbit coupling constant:  $\lambda$  (-172 cm-1 for Co(II)) and orbital reduction factor:  $\kappa$ were estimated to  $\Delta$  = -533 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = -142 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\kappa$  = 0.75. Further details on magnetic behaviour at the low temperature phase will be reported by us in elsewhere.



**Figure S2-1.** Temperature dependence of magnetic susceptibility (up) and scheme of electronic states (down).

\*H. Sakiyama, J. Chem. Software, Vol.7, No.4, p.171–178(2001)

### 3. P-XRD analysis

Unit cell parameters of as grown and incubated sample (Figure S3-1 and -2) were estimated by Lebail method (A. Le Bail, H. Duroy and J.L. Fourquet, Mat. Res. Bull. 23 (1988) 447-452.)



Figure S3-1. Whole pattern fitting of p-XRD pattern of as grown sample.



**Figure S3-2**. Whole pattern fitting of p-XRD pattern of sample after heating in vacuumed condition; (iv) in main text.



**Figure S3-3**. P-XRD of as-grown **1-pink** (pink), **1-blue** (blue) and sample after treating methanol to **1-blue** (green). Diffraction patterns were recoded using RIGAKU SmartLab.



Figure S3-4. Comparison of powder pattern of as grown 1-pink and 1-blue.



**Figure S3-5**. P-XRD of **1-pink** after grinding (**1-blue(a)**). Since peaks were observed, base line is appeared due to low intensities of diffractions.

4. FTIR



Figure S4-1. FTIR spectra of as-grown 1-blue and after thermal treatment.



Figure S4-2. FT–IR spectra of well ground samples of 1-pink.

	1-pink	1-blue	>scn	-NCS-	-SCN	-NCS
<i>v</i> (C−N)/ cm <sup>-1</sup>	2079	2067	2200- 2140	>2100	2130-2085	2100-2050
<i>v</i> (C−S)/ cm <sup>-1</sup>	840	837		800-750	760-700	870-820

Table S4-1. List of FTIR peak of NCS<sup>-</sup> moiety

reference; Kabesova, M., & Gazo, J. (1980). Chemicke Zvesti, 34, 800-841.

## 5. UV-VIS-NIR spectra



Figure S5-1. Diffusion-reflection spectra and peak assignments of 1-pink with Tanabe-Sugano diagram.

A compound **1-blue(a)** was prepared by grading samples for 40 min and desorption of methanol was validated by IR measurement (Figure S4-2). P-XRD showed very weak intensity because of amorphous state (Figure S3-5). Treatments by methanol were performed by dropping 15  $\mu$ L of methanol to **1-blue(a)** (0.01 g). Color of powder **1-blue(a)** was changed to pink by this methanol treatment. Spectra of **1-pink**, **1-blue** and **1-blue(a)** as well as **1-blue** and **1-blue (a)** after methanol treatments were shown in figure S5-2.



Figure S5-2. Diffusion-reflection spectra of compounds.

#### 6. NRM



**Figure S6-1**. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of chloroform solution of mixture of methanol and *n*-butanol, *n*-butanol, methanol, after treatment of **1-blue**, before treatment of **1-blue**, and controlled experiment with this order from up to down.

## 7. GC-MS

Time development of the GC-MS was characterized at 90 °C. Desorption of methanol was almost finished after 90 mints of incubation.



Figure S7-1. Time development of the GC-MS was characterized at 90 °C.