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Two-dimensional magnetic materials of cobalt(II) triangular

lattices constructed by the mixed benzimidazole-dicarboxylate

strategy

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Figure S1. The asymmetric unit of 1. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.



Figure S2. The packing structure of 1.



Figure S3. The asymmetric unit of 2. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.



Figure S4. The asymmetric unit of 3. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.



Figure S5. Packing structure of 2.

| 1 | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------------------|------------|--|--|--|
| Co(1)-O(1) 2.0430(13) Co(2)-O(2) 2.0365(13) | | | | | | |
| Co(1)-O(1)#1 | 2.0430(13) | Co(2)-O(4) | 1.9779(13) | | | |
| Co(1)-O(3) | 2.0728(12) | Co(2)-N(1) | 2.1023(15) | | | |
| Co(1)-O(3)#1 | 2.0728(12) | Co(2)-O(6)#2 | 2.1769(12) | | | |
| Co(1)-O(6)#2 | 2.1553(12) | Co(2)-O(5) | 2.1825(14) | | | |
| Co(1)-O(6)#3 | 2.1553(12) | Co(2)-O(7)#2 | 2.2317(13) | | | |
| Co1-O _{aver} | 2.0904 | $Co2-X_{aver}(X = N, O)$ | 2.1179 | | | |
| O(1)-Co(1)-O(1)#1 | 180.00(3) | O(4)-Co(2)-O(2) | 101.63(6) | | | |
| O(1)-Co(1)-O(3) | 94.80(5) | O(4)-Co(2)-N(1) | 103.55(6) | | | |
| O(1)#1-Co(1)-O(3) | 85.20(5) | O(2)-Co(2)-N(1) | 88.02(6) | | | |
| O(1)-Co(1)-O(3)#1 | 85.20(5) | O(4)-Co(2)-O(6)#2 | 100.26(5) | | | |
| O(1)#1-Co(1)-O(3)#1 | 94.80(5) | O(2)-Co(2)-O(6)#2 | 89.72(5) | | | |
| O(3)-Co(1)-O(3)#1 | 180.0 | N(1)-Co(2)-O(6)#2 | 156.05(5) | | | |
| O(1)-Co(1)-O(6)#2 | 90.35(5) | O(4)-Co(2)-O(5) | 86.41(6) | | | |
| O(1)#1-Co(1)-O(6)#2 | 89.65(5) | O(2)-Co(2)-O(5) | 171.94(6) | | | |
| O(3)-Co(1)-O(6)#2 | 88.50(5) | N(1)-Co(2)-O(5) | 90.61(6) | | | |
| O(3)#1-Co(1)-O(6)#2 | 91.50(5) | O(6)#2-Co(2)-O(5) | 88.31(5) | | | |
| O(1)-Co(1)-O(6)#3 | 89.65(5) | O(4)-Co(2)-O(7)#2 | 157.93(5) | | | |
| O(1)#1-Co(1)-O(6)#3 | 90.35(5) | O(2)-Co(2)-O(7)#2 | 87.65(6) | | | |
| O(3)-Co(1)-O(6)#3 | 91.50(5) | N(1)-Co(2)-O(7)#2 | 96.68(5) | | | |
| O(3)#1-Co(1)-O(6)#3 | 88.50(5) | O(6)#2-Co(2)-O(7)#2 | 59.40(5) | | | |
| O(6)#2-Co(1)-O(6)#3 | 180.0 | O(5)-Co(2)-O(7)#2 | 84.62(5) | | | |
| Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: | | | | | | |
| #1 -x,-y+1,-z+1; #2 x,-y+3/2,z+1/2 | | | | | | |
| #3 -x,y-1/2,-z+1/2; #4 -x,y+1/2,-z+1/2 | | | | | | |
| #5 x,-y+3/2,z-1/2; #6 -x,-y,-z+1 | | | | | | |

 Table S1. Selected bond lengths (Å), angles [°], and structural parameters for 1.

| 2 | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------------------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Co(1)-O(6) | 2.0267(13) | Co(2)-O(2) | 1.9455(13) | | | | |
| Co(1)-O(6)#2 | 2.0267(13) | Co(2)-O(5)#1 | 1.9699(13) | | | | |
| Co(1)-O(3)#3 | 2.0551(13) | Co(2)-O(1) | 1.9991(13) | | | | |
| Co(1)-O(3)#4 | 2.0551(13) | Co(2)-N(1) | 2.0092(16) | | | | |
| Co(1)-O(1)#4 | 2.2041(13) | | | | | | |
| Co(1)-O(1)#3 | 2.2041(13) | | | | | | |
| Co1-O _{aver} | 2.0953 | $Co2-X_{aver}(X = N, O)$ | 1.9809 | | | | |
| O(2)-Co(2)-O(5)#1 | 116.29(7) | O(3)#3-Co(1)-O(3)#4 | 180.000(1) | | | | |
| O(2)-Co(2)-O(1) | 111.43(6) | O(6)-Co(1)-O(1)#4 | 92.25(5) | | | | |
| O(5)#1-Co(2)-O(1) | 100.11(6) | O(6)#2-Co(1)-O(1)#4 | 87.75(5) | | | | |
| O(2)-Co(2)-N(1) | 104.95(7) | O(3)#3-Co(1)-O(1)#4 | 88.21(5) | | | | |
| O(5)#1-Co(2)-N(1) | 102.13(6) | O(3)#4-Co(1)-O(1)#4 | 91.79(5) | | | | |
| O(1)-Co(2)-N(1) | 122.16(6) | O(6)-Co(1)-O(1)#3 | 87.75(5) | | | | |
| O(6)-Co(1)-O(6)#2 | 180.00(6) | O(6)#2-Co(1)-O(1)#3 | 92.25(5) | | | | |
| O(6)-Co(1)-O(3)#3 | 84.48(6) | O(3)#3-Co(1)-O(1)#3 | 91.79(5) | | | | |
| O(6)#2-Co(1)-O(3)#3 | 95.52(6) | O(3)#4-Co(1)-O(1)#3 | 88.21(5) | | | | |
| O(6)-Co(1)-O(3)#4 | 95.52(6) | O(1)#4-Co(1)-O(1)#3 | 180.0(1) | | | | |
| O(6)#2-Co(1)-O(3)#4 84.48(6) | | | | | | | |
| Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: | | | | | | | |
| #1 x,-y,z-1/2; #2 -x+1/2,-y-1/2,-z+2 | | | | | | | |
| #3 x,-y,z+1/2; #4 -x+1/2,y-1/2,-z+3/2 | | | | | | | |
| #5 -x+1/2,y+1/2,-z+3/2; #6 -x+1/2,-y+3/2,-z+1 | | | | | | | |

 Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å), angles [°], and structural parameters for 2.

| 3 | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------------------|------------|--|--|--|
| Co(1)-O(5) | 2.040(3) | Co(2)-O(1) | 1.959(3) | | | |
| Co(1)-O(5)#2 | 2.040(3) | Co(2)-O(2) | 1.975(3) | | | |
| Co(1)-O(4)#3 | 2.067(3) | Co(2)-O(6)#1 | 1.984(3) | | | |
| Co(1)-O(4)#4 | 2.067(3) | Co(2)-N(1) | 2.002(4) | | | |
| Co(1)-O(2)#4 | 2.174(3) | | | | | |
| Co(1)-O(2)#3 | 2.174(3) | | | | | |
| Co1-O _{aver} | 2.0936 | $Co2-X_{aver}(X = N, O)$ | 1.98 | | | |
| O(1)-Co(2)-O(2) | 116.11(12) | O(5)-Co(1)-O(5)#2 | 180.000(1) | | | |
| O(1)-Co(2)-O(6)#1 | 111.11(14) | O(5)-Co(1)-O(4)#3 | 85.81(13) | | | |
| O(2)-Co(2)-O(6)#1 | 99.31(13) | O(5)#2-Co(1)-O(4)#3 | 94.19(13) | | | |
| O(1)-Co(2)-N(1) | 109.97(14) | O(5)-Co(1)-O(4)#4 | 94.19(13) | | | |
| O(2)-Co(2)-N(1) | 120.69(14) | O(5)#2-Co(1)-O(4)#4 | 85.81(13) | | | |
| O(5)-Co(1)-O(2)#3 | 88.80(12) | O(4)#3-Co(1)-O(4)#4 | 180.000(1) | | | |
| O(5)#2-Co(1)-O(2)#3 | 91.20(12) | O(5)-Co(1)-O(2)#4 | 91.20(12) | | | |
| O(4)#3-Co(1)-O(2)#3 | 91.60(12) | O(5)#2-Co(1)-O(2)#4 | 88.80(12) | | | |
| O(4)#4-Co(1)-O(2)#3 | 88.40(12) | O(4)#3-Co(1)-O(2)#4 | 88.40(12) | | | |
| O(2)#4-Co(1)-O(2)#3 | 180.0(1) | O(4)#4-Co(1)-O(2)#4 | 91.60(12) | | | |
| Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: | | | | | | |
| #1 x,-y+3/2,z-1/2; #2 -x+2,-y+2,-z+2 | | | | | | |
| #3 x,-y+3/2,z+1/2; #4 -x+2,y+1/2,-z+3/2 | | | | | | |
| #5 -x+2,y-1/2,-z+3/2; #6 -x+2,-y,-z+1 | | | | | | |

 Table S3. Selected bond lengths (Å), angles [°], and structural parameters for 3.

| | HP-6 | PPY-6 | OC-6 | TPR-6 | JPPY-5 |
|-----|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Co1 | 31.090 | 29.066 | 0.179 | 16.114 | 32.267 |
| Co2 | 29.541 | 24.065 | 2.065 | 13.423 | 28.196 |

Table S4. The Co^{II} center of geometry analysis for 1 by SHAPE software

| Table S5. | The Co ^{II} | center of geomet | rv analysis fo | or 2 by SH | APE software |
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| | HP-6 | PPY-6 | OC-6 | TPR-6 | JPPY-5 |
|-----|--------|--------|-------|---------|--------|
| Co1 | 29.712 | 28.295 | 0.334 | 16.329 | 31.278 |
| | SP-4 | T-4 | SS-4 | vTBPY-4 | |
| Co2 | 25.549 | 0.945 | 6.131 | 3.091 | |

Table S6. The Co^{II} center of geometry analysis for **3** by SHAPE software

| | HP-6 | PPY-6 | OC-6 | TPR-6 | JPPY-5 |
|-----|--------|--------|-------|---------|--------|
| Col | 30.669 | 28.818 | 0.184 | 16.360 | 31.961 |
| | SP-4 | T-4 | SS-4 | vTBPY-4 | |
| Co2 | 27.760 | 0.950 | 6.677 | 1.829 | |

HP-6: Hexagon

PPY-6: Pentagonal pyramid

OC-6: Octahedron

TPR-6: Trigonal prism

JPPY-5: Johnson pentagonal pyramid

SP-4: Square

T-4: Tetrahedron

SS-4: Seesaw or sawhorse

vTBPY-4: Axially vacant trigonal bipyramid



Figure S6. PXRD patterns for 1-3.



Figure S7. TGA curves for 1-3.



Figure S8. $N_{\rm 2}$ adsorption-desorption isotherms of 1-3 measured at 77 K



Figure S9. Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') ac susceptibilities measured under zero dc field at 1.8 K for **2** and **3**.