Electronic Supplementary Information

Structural versatility and electronic structures of copper(I) thiocyanate (CuSCN)-ligand complexes

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This electronic supplementary information (ESI) contains: (1) structural drawings which display the interatomic short contacts of the 2D structures (Fig. S1); (2) electronic band structure and density of states (DOS) data calculated by density functional theory of all CuSCN-ligand complexes investigated in this work (Fig. S2-S29).

Electronic band structure: valence band (VB) states (light red lines) and maximum-energy VB points (red filled circles), conduction band (CB) from ligand states (light gray lines) and minimum-energy points (gray filled circles) which correspond to the fundamental band gaps, and CB from SCN states (light blue lines) and minimum-energy points (blue filled circles) which correspond to the Cu-SCN energy gaps.

Total and partial DOS: total DOS (thin black line), partial Cu 3d DOS (dark red lines), partial S 3p DOS (yellow lines), partial N 2p DOS (violet lines), and partial C 2p DOS (gray lines). The spectra are offset along the vertical axis, and the partial DOS of S, N, and C are multiplied by integers (indicated in the plots) for clarity.

For Fig. S2-S29, all plots are referenced to the top of the VB, at which point the energy is set to zero. The figures are arranged in the order of reducing Cu-SCN network dimensionality.





Fig. S1 Significant interatomic short contacts observed in the 2D structures. (a) Intralayer C-H···C contacts at 2.645 and 2.852 Å and intralayer C-H···N contacts at 2.615 Å in [Cu(SCN)(4MeMorph)]_n. (b) Intralayer C-H···C contacts at 2.814 and 2.847 Å in [Cu(SCN)(3ClPy)]_n. (c) Intralayer C-H···C contacts at 2.799 and 2.811 Å in [Cu(SCN)(3BrPy)]_n. (d) Interlayer C-H···C contacts at 2.606 Å in [Cu(SCN)(2MeOPyz)]_n. (e) Interlayer C-H···S contacts at 2.863 and 2.921

Å in $[Cu(SCN)(Qnz)]_n$. Color scheme: Cu = dark orange, S = yellow, C = gray, N = violet, H = white, O = red, Cl =

green, and Br = brown.



Fig. S2 Electronic band structure and DOS of 3D α -CuSCN.



Fig. S3 Electronic band structure and DOS of 3D β -CuSCN.



Fig. S4 Electronic band structure and DOS of bridged 2D [Cu₂(SCN)₂(Pyz)]_n.



Fig. S5 Electronic band structure and DOS of bridged 2D [Cu₂(SCN)₂(4,4'BPy)]_n.



Fig. S6 Electronic band structure and DOS of 2D sheet [Cu(SCN)(4MeMorph)]_n.



Fig. S7 Electronic band structure and DOS of 2D sheet [Cu(SCN)(3ClPy)]_n.



Fig. S8 Electronic band structure and DOS of 2D sheet [Cu(SCN)(3BrPy)]_n.



Fig. S9 Electronic band structure and DOS of 2D sheet [Cu(SCN)(2MeOPyz)]n.



Fig. S10 Electronic band structure and DOS of 2D sheet [Cu(SCN)(Qnz)]n.



Fig. S11 Electronic band structure and DOS of bridged 1D ladder [Cu₂(SCN)₂(Qox)]_n.



Fig. S12 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D ladder $[Cu(SCN)(Et_2S)]_n$.



Fig. S13 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D ladder [Cu(SCN)(Pri₂S)]_n.



Fig. S14 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D ladder [Cu(SCN)(1MePipd)]_n.



Fig. S15 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D ladder [Cu(SCN)(2MePy)]_n.



Fig. S16 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D ladder [Cu(SCN)(2EtPy)]n.



Fig. S17 Electronic band structure and DOS of bridged 1D zigzag chain [Cu(SCN)(Pyz)]_n.



Fig. S18 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D zigzag chain [Cu(SCN)(Me₂S)₂]_n.



Fig. S19 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D zigzag chain [Cu(SCN)(THT)₂]_n.



Fig. S20 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D zigzag chain [Cu(SCN)(Pipd)₂]_n.



Fig. S21 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D zigzag chain[Cu(SCN)(Morph)₂]_n.



Fig. S22 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D zigzag chain [Cu(SCN)(Py)₂]_n.



Fig. S23 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D zigzag chain [Cu(SCN)(3MePy)₂]_n.



Fig. S24 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D zigzag chain [Cu(SCN)(4MePy)₂]_n.



Fig. S25 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D zigzag chain [Cu(SCN)(4EtPy)₂]_n.



Fig. S26 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D zigzag chain [Cu(SCN)(246Coll)]_n.



Fig. S27 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D helical chain [Cu(SCN)(4Bu'Py)₂]_n.



Fig. S28 Electronic band structure and DOS of 1D helical chain [Cu(SCN)(26Lut)]_n.



Fig. S29 Electronic band structure and DOS of 0D monomer Cu(SCN)(3EtPy)₃.