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A Homospin Cobalt(II) Topological Ferrimagnet

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1. Synthesis

Materials and General Characterization. H_3TDA ($H_3TDA = 1H-1,2,3$ triazole-4,5-dicarboxylic acid) was prepared according to literature.¹ All other reagents and solvents employed were commercially available and used as received without further purification. Elemental analyses for C, H and N were carried out on a Perkin–Elmer analyzer. Powder X-ray diffraction measurements were recorded on a D/Max-2500 X-ray diffractometer using Cu-K α radiation. FT-IR spectra were measured with a Bruker Tensor 27 Spectrometer on KBr disks. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was carried out on a Delta Series TA-SDTQ600 analyzer in nitrogen atmosphere from room temperature to 800 °C (10 °C min⁻¹) using aluminum crucibles. Magnetic susceptibility measurements were performed on a Quantum Design SQUID MPMS XL-7 magnetometer. Diamagnetic corrections were made for all the constituent atoms with Pascal's constants and the sample holders. X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) was carried out on Axis Ultra DLD.

Synthesis of { $[H_2N(CH_3)_2][Co_3(TDA)_2(TZ)(H_2O)]$ ·3.5H₂O}_n (1): A mixture of Co(OAc)₂·4H₂O (0.0252 g, 0.1 mmol), H₃TDA (0.0319 g, 0.2 mmol) and HTZ (0.0070 g, 0.1 mmol) (HTZ = 1*H*-1,2,4-triazole) was dissolved in H₂O (3 mL) and DMF (3 mL). The pH of the solution was adjusted to 6.46 with 0.2 mol dm⁻³ NaHCO₃ aqueous solution. The mixture was sealed in a 25 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel reactor heated at 90 °C for 72 h, and then cooled to room temperature at a speed of 1 °C h⁻¹. Pink rhombic crystals of **1** in *ca*. 43% yield (based on Co) were obtained. Anal. calcd. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₉N₁₀O_{12.5}Co₃ (%): C, 21.19; H, 2.82; N,

20.59. Found (%): C, 21.36; H, 2.75; N, 20.64. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3436s, 3192s, 1680m, 1599vs, 1513m, 1412vs, 1372m, 1291s, 1225s, 1146s, 1070m, 991w, 831m, 703m, 661m.

2. Crystallographic Studies

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction measurement of **1** was recorded on an Oxford Supernova diffractometer with a graphite monochromatic *Mo-Ka* radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). The structure was solved by direct method and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques on F^2 using the *SHELXS-97* and *SHELXS-97* programs.² Anisotropic thermal parameters were assigned to all non-hydrogen atoms. The hydrogen atoms were placed in idealized positions and located in the difference Fourier map. The formula was identified by combining single-crystal structure, element analysis and thermogravimetric analysis (Figure S1). The crystallographic data for **1** are listed in Table S1. Selected bond lengths and bond angles are listed in Table S2. CCDC 909522 for **1** contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. The data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

Scheme S1. Representation of H₃TDA and HTZ and their coordination modes in 1.



compound		1		
formula		$C_{12}H_{19}N_{10}O_{12.5}Co_3$		
formula weight		680.14		
crystal system		orthorhombic		
space group		Fddd		
<i>a</i> (Å)		15.6139(8)		
<i>b</i> (Å)		18.3439(11)		
<i>c</i> (Å)		34.336(3)		
α (°)		90		
β (°)		90		
γ (°)		90		
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$		9834.5(11)		
Ζ		16		
D_c , g cm ⁻³		1.829		
μ , mm ⁻¹		2.079		
F(000)		5424		
GOF on F^2		1.127		
$R_{\rm int}$		0.0486		
$R_1, wR_2 [I > \sigma(I)]$		0.0490, 0.1473		
R_1, wR_2 (all data)		0.0694, 0.1574		
Residues (e Å ⁻³)		1.263/-0.410		
Tab	le S2. Selected	bonds lengths (Å) and angle	es (°) for 1 .	
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		1		
Co1—N1 ^{#1}	2.048(5)	N2—Co1—O4 ^{#3}	114.23(19)	
Co1—N4 ^{#2}	2.079(5)	$N1^{\#1}$ —Co1—O2 ^{#1}	75.40(17)	
Co1—N3 ^{#3}	2.091(5)	N4 ^{#2} —Co1—O2 ^{#1}	85.68(18)	
Co1—N2	2.156(5)	N3 ^{#3} —Co1—O2 ^{#1}	110.28(17)	
Co1—O4 ^{#3}	2.230(4)	N2—Co1—O2 ^{#1}	161.51(18)	
Co1-O2 ^{#1}	2.247(4)	O4 ^{#3} —Co1—O2 ^{#1}	77.93(17)	
Co2-N5	2,063(7)	$N5-C_02-05$	180.0	

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements for 1.

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Co2—N5	2.063(7)	N5-Co2-O5	180.0
Co2—O5	2.063(7)	N5—Co2—O3 ^{#4}	90.98(13)
Co2O3	2.085(4)	O5—Co2—O3 ^{#4}	89.02(13)
Co2—O3 ^{#4}	2.085(4)	N5-Co2-O3	90.98(13)
Co201	2.155(4)	O5—Co2—O3	89.02(13)
Co2—O1 ^{#4}	2.155(4)	O3 ^{#4} —Co2—O3	178.0(3)
$N1^{#}1$ —Co1—N4 ^{#2}	115.3(2)	N5-Co2-O1	88.72(12)
$N1^{#1}$ —Co1— $N3^{#3}$	154.9(2)	O5-Co2-O1	91.28(12)
N4 ^{#2} —Co1—N3 ^{#3}	89.7(2)	O3 ^{#4} —Co2—O1	85.74(16)
N1 ^{#1} —Co1—N2	91.41(17)	O3—Co2—O1	94.25(16)
N4 ^{#2} —Co1—N2	88.5(2)	N5—Co2—O1 ^{#4}	88.72(12)
N3 ^{#3} —Co1—N2	87.14(18)	O5—Co2—O1 ^{#4}	91.28(12)
$N1^{\#1}$ —Co1—O4 ^{#3}	84.56(17)	O3 ^{#4} —Co2—O1 ^{#4}	94.24(16)
N4 ^{#2} —Co1—O4 ^{#3}	150.20(18)	O3—Co2—O1 ^{#4}	85.80(16)
N3 ^{#3} —Co1—O4 ^{#3}	73.26(17)	O1—Co2—O1 ^{#4}	177.4(2)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+1,-y+1,-z+1 #2 x-1/4,-y+1,z-1/4 #3 -x+5/4,-y+5/4,z #4 -x+7/4,-y+3/4,z

3. Thermogravimetric Analysis



Fig. S1. The thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) of 1.

4. Power X-Ray Diffraction



Fig. S2. Comparison of the experimental PXRD pattern of the as-synthesized **1** with the one simulated from its single crystal data.

5. X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy



Fig. S3. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) of **1**. Inset: XPS of the Co 2*p* level in **1**.



6. Magnetic Data

Fig. S4. Field dependence of magnetizations for **1** at 2 K. Inset: The plots of the dM / dH vs H at 2 K for **1**.



Fig. S5. Temperature dependence of magnetic susceptibilities of **1** in different applied dc field.



Fig. S6. The *ac* susceptibilities of **1** measured at 9.9 and 499 Hz under zero *dc* field.



Fig. S7. Field dependence of magnetizations for 1 at 2 K after FC measurement in cooling mode.



Fig. S8. Temperature dependence of magnetic susceptibilities of **1** at 50 kOe.

7. BVS Calculations

The bond valence sum (BVS) calculations have been carried out based on BVS model.³ In this method, the valence v_{ij} of a bond between two atoms *i* and *j* can be expressed by an empirical expression (eqn (1)) where R_{ij} is the length of the bond and R_0 is a parameter characteristic of the bond.

$$v_{ij} = \exp[(\mathbf{R}_0 - \mathbf{R}_{ij})/0.37]$$
 (1)

The sum of all valences from a given atom i with valence V_i obey an empirical

expression (eqn (2)).

$$V_i = \sum v_i \qquad (2)$$

Bond type ^a	Bond distance / Å	Bond valence ^b	Bond valence sum			
$Co1 - N1^{\#1}$	2.048(5)	0.499	2.226 for Co1			
$Co1-N4^{#2}$	2.079(5)	0.456				
$Co1 - N3^{#3}$	2.091(5)	0.443				
Co1—N2	2.156(5)	0.370				
Co1—O4 ^{#3}	2.230(4)	0.235				
$Co1-O2^{\#1}$	2.247(4)	0.223				
Co2—N5	2.063(7)	0.480	2.104 for Co2			
Co2—O5	2.063(7)	0.362				
Co2—O3	2.085(4)	0.346				
Co2—O3 ^{#4}	2.085(4)	0.346				
Co2—O1	2.155 (4)	0.285				
Co2—O1 ^{#4}	2.155(4)	0.285				
^a #1 -x+1,-y+1,-z-	+1 #2 x-1/4,-y+1,z-1/4	#3 -x+5/4,-y+5/4,z #4	1-x+7/4,-y+3/4,z			
${}^{b}R_{0}(\text{Co-N}) = 1.790 \text{ Å}; R_{0}(\text{Co-O}) = 1.692 \text{ Å}$						

Table S3. Bond valence values for cobalt centers in 1.

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