

Control over Connectivity and Magnetism of Tetrahedral FeSe₂ Chains through Coordination Fe-Amine Complexes

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Table SI 1. Parameters for single crystal data collection and structure refinement for $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{dien})_2$ and $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{tren})$

Compound	$\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{dien})_2$	$\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{tren})$
λ (Å)	Mo-K α , 0.71073	
Temp. (K)	90(2)	
Space Group	$C222_1$ (No. 20)	$P2_1/c$ (No. 14)
a (Å)	9.140(2)	9.039(2)
b (Å)	18.122(3)	10.630(2)
c (Å)	11.544(2)	16.641(3)
β (°)		102.652(3)
V (Å ³)	1912.0(5)	1560.2(5)
Z	4	4
ρ (g·cm ⁻³)	2.396	2.681
μ (mm ⁻¹)	9.861	12.067
θ range (°)	2.25-33.11	2.29-32.00
Data/param.	3541/97	5391/155
R_1	0.055	0.036
wR_2	0.088	0.068
Goodness-of-Fit	1.01	1.04
Diff. peak and hole (e/Å ³)	1.29 and -1.35	1.42 and -1.19
Flack parameter	0.37(2)	N/A

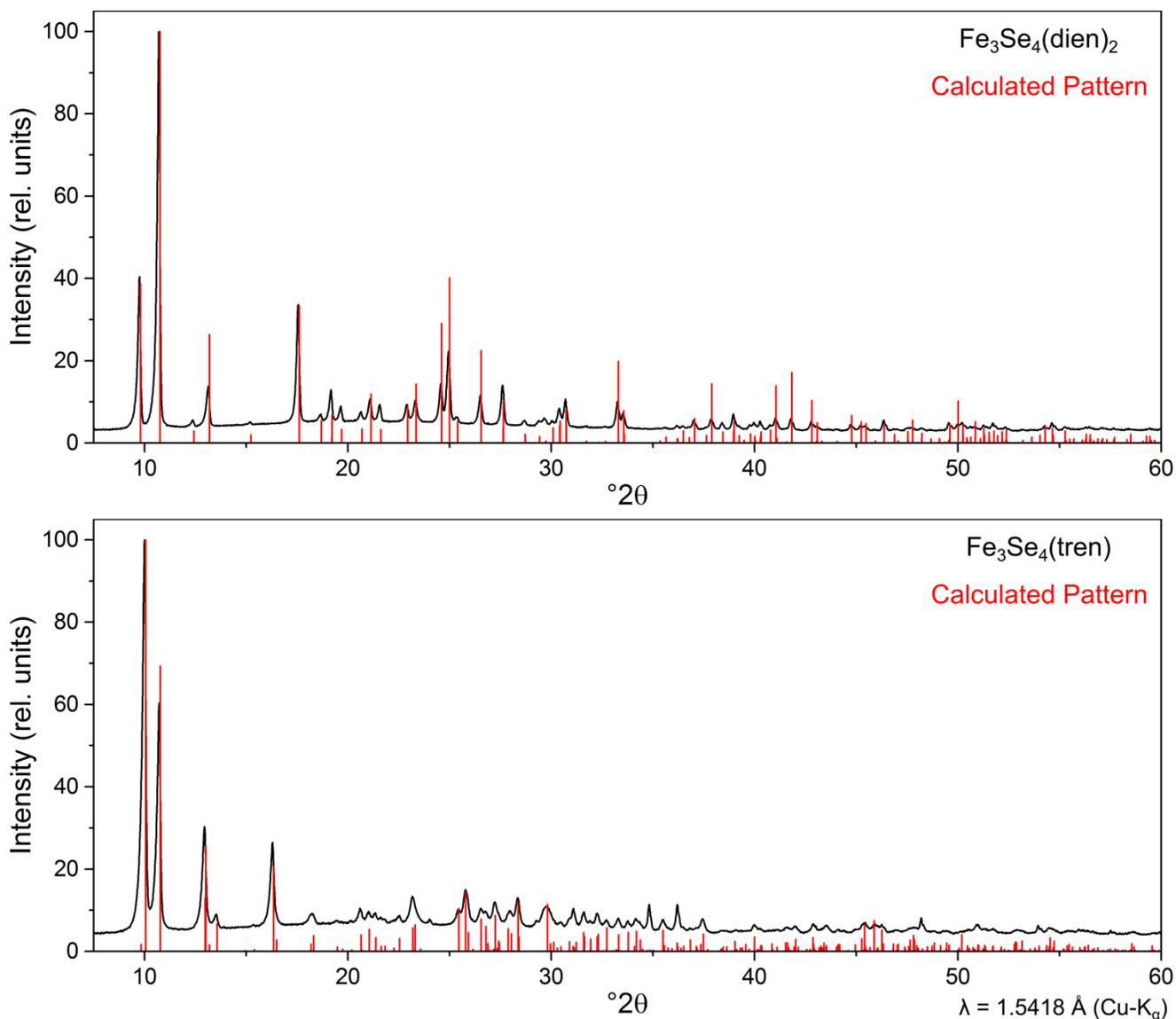


Figure SI 1. Experimental (black) and calculated (red) powder X-ray diffraction patterns for $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{dien})_2$ (top) and $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{tren})$ (bottom). The samples were prepared on single-crystal Si(510) zero-background holders, and the patterns were collected with a D/teX Ultra high-speed silicon strip detector in continuous sweep mode from 5-60° 2θ at a rate of 1°/min with the sample spinning at 60 rpm. The energy window of the detector was narrowed to reduce fluorescence from iron. Least-squares refinement (Le Bail method) was performed in the software Jana2006¹ to determine the room-temperature unit cell parameters; $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{dien})_2$: $a = 9.229(1) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 18.014(2) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 11.620(1) \text{ \AA}$; $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{tren})$: $a = 9.019(2) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 10.734(3) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 16.840(4) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 102.99(2)^\circ$. These parameters were used with the 90 K atomic coordinates to calculate the theoretical powder diffraction patterns shown above.

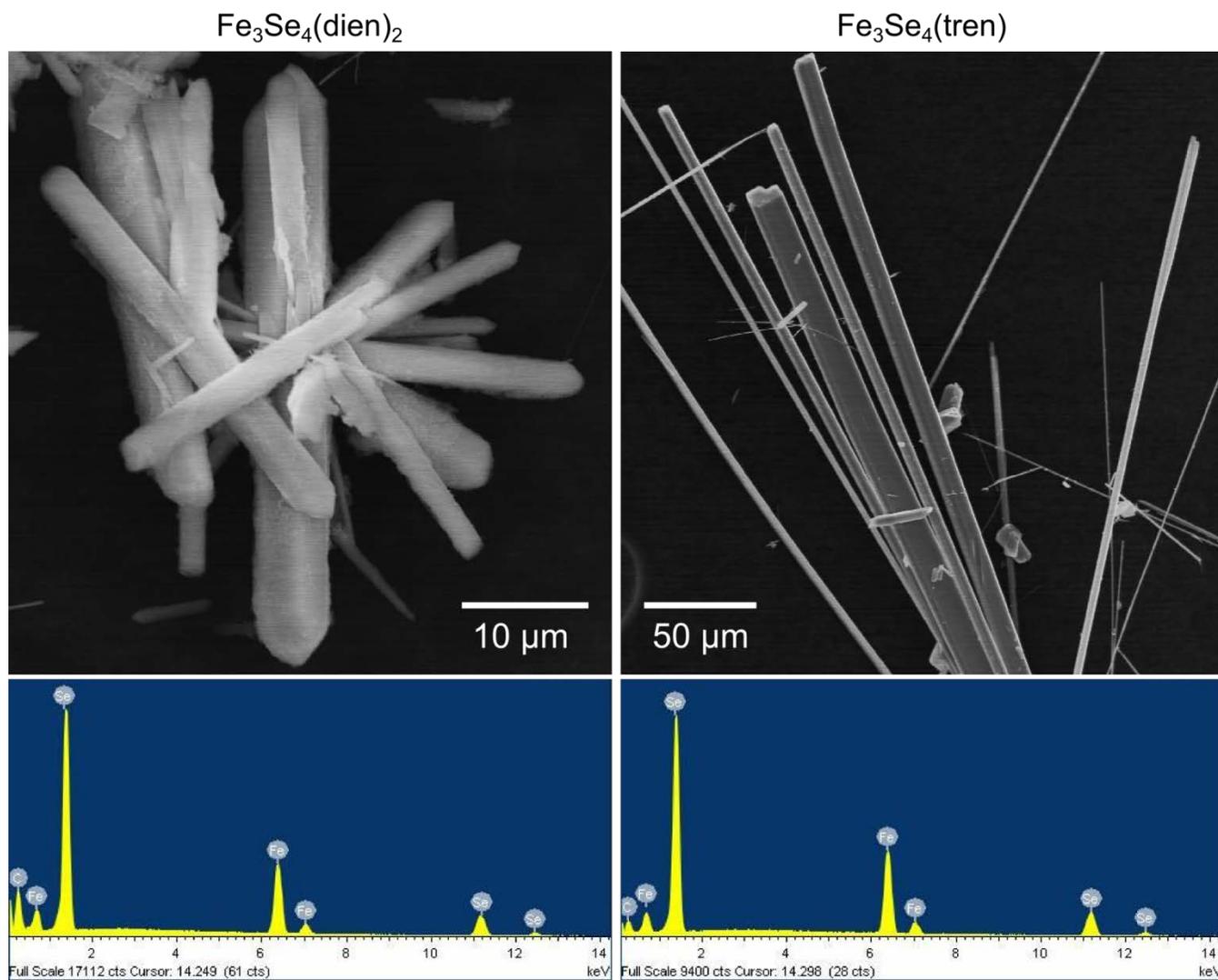


Figure SI 2. Scanning electron microscope (SEM) images (top) and energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectra (bottom) of $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{dien})_2$ (left) and $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{tren})$ (right), collected with an accelerating voltage of 20 kV. Only Fe, Se, and C were visible by EDX, though the precise elemental compositions could not be accurately determined due to sample degradation caused by the electron beam.

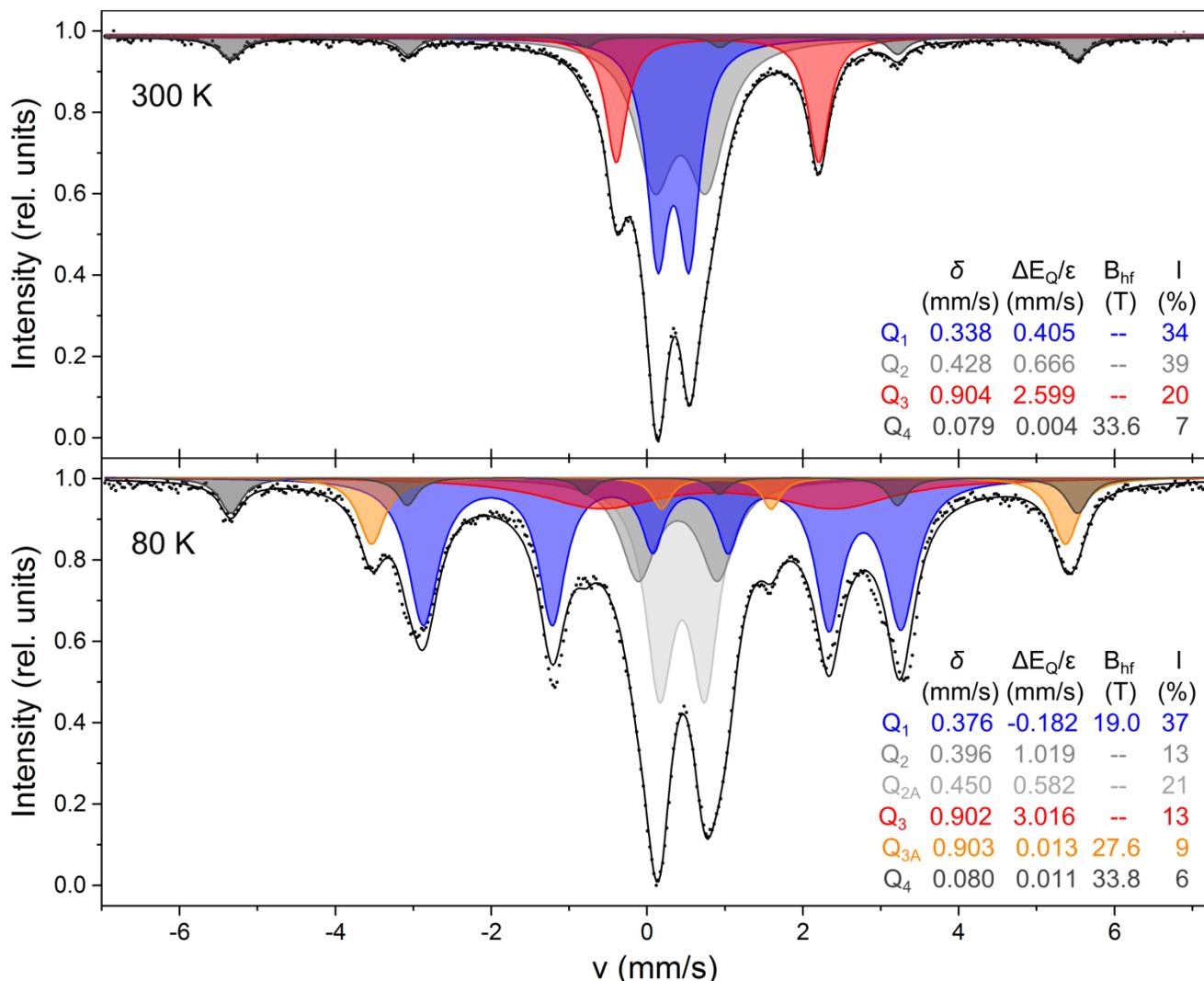


Figure SI 3. ^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectra for $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{tren})$ collected at 300 K (top) and 80 K (bottom). Experimental data: black circles; calculated spectra: black lines; $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{tren})$ component spectra: blue, red, and orange lines; impurity phases: gray lines. Spectra were collected using a conventional constant-acceleration spectrometer employing a $^{57}\text{Co}/\text{Rh}$ source held at room temperature. Least-squares refinement was performed using the software Recoil.² The room-temperature spectrum can be described by four components, including three doublets and one sextet: Q_1 and Q_2 have centroid shifts (δ) characteristic of Fe^{3+} , Q_3 corresponds to Fe^{2+} , and Q_4 is a magnetically-split signal from an elemental iron impurity with an intensity of 7%. Q_2 had a much higher linewidth compared to Q_1 and Q_3 . Based on the ratio of the intensities of Q_1 to Q_3 we can assign Q_1 to the Fe^{3+} in the FeSe_2 chains and Q_3 to the Fe^{2+} in the $\text{Fe}(\text{tren})$ complexes, while Q_2 corresponds to the Fe^{3+} in an unidentified impurity phase that remains non-magnetic at low temperature. The 80 K spectrum is more complex, and must be described by six components, including three doublets and three sextets. The signal from elemental iron (Q_4) remained unchanged, while Q_2 split into two similar doublets, Q_2 and Q_{2A} . The Fe^{3+} in the FeSe_2 chains (Q_1) underwent complete magnetic ordering, appearing as a sextet with a hyperfine field (B_{hf}) of 19.0 T. The Fe^{2+} in the $\text{Fe}(\text{tren})$ complex underwent partial magnetic ordering, evidenced by the decrease in intensity and broadening of Q_3 and the formation of the sextet Q_{3A} with $B_{hf} = 27.6$ T. As none of the impurity phases ordered between 300 K and 80 K, these spectra confirm that the magnetic ordering observed by SQUID magnetometry occurs entirely in the $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{tren})$ phase, and that the strongest interactions are between the Fe^{3+} in the FeSe_2 chains, with weaker interactions observed in the Fe^{2+} in the $\text{Fe}(\text{tren})$ complexes.

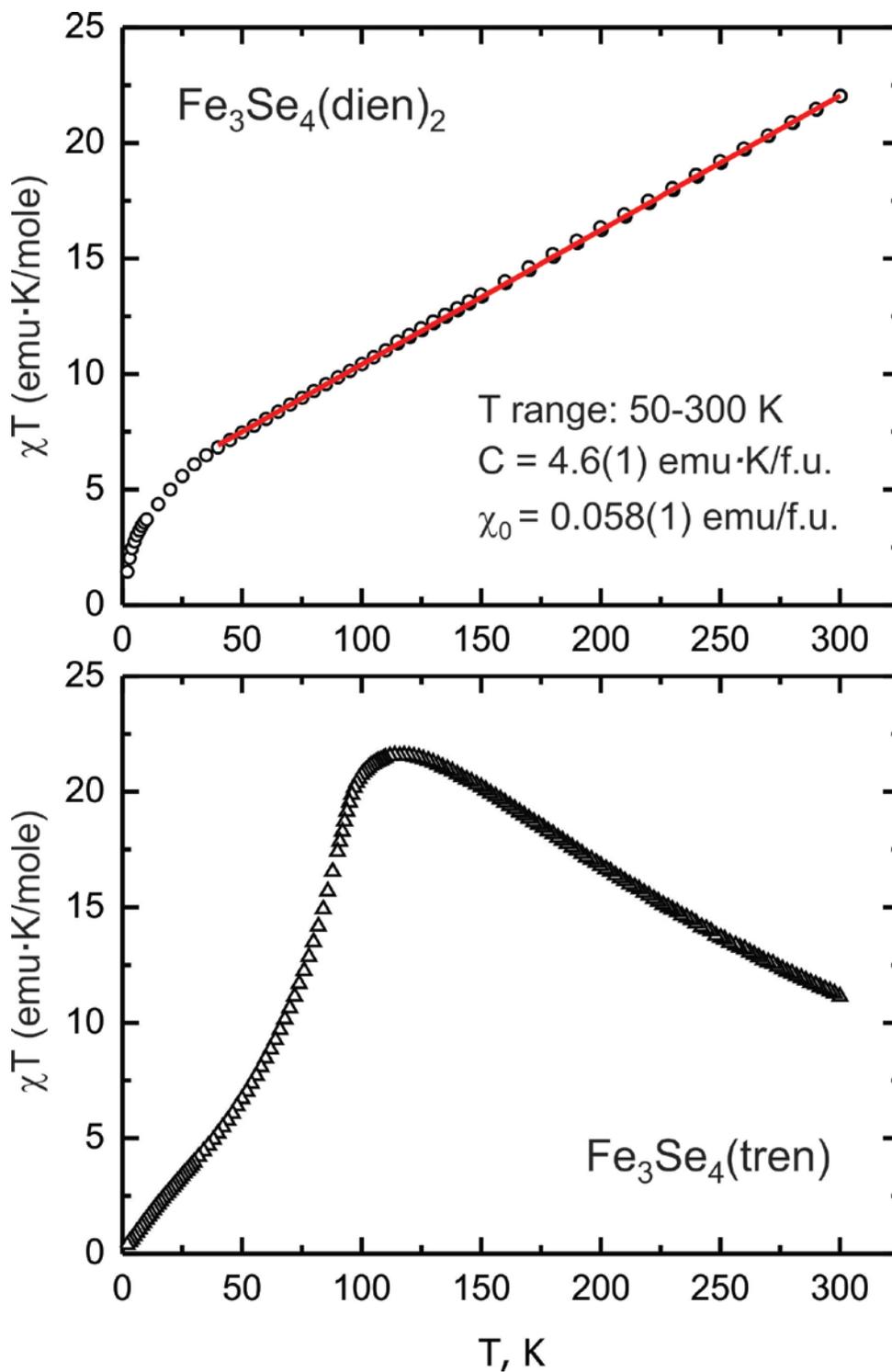


Figure SI 4. Temperature dependences of χT for $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{dien})_2$ (top) and $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{tren})$ (bottom) in an applied field of 10 mT. A temperature-independent contribution, χ_0 , for $\text{Fe}_3\text{Se}_4(\text{dien})_2$ was estimated from the linear fit shown by the red line.

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