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Dimensionality of coordination polymers decided by the type of hybridization of the central carbon atom of the solvent molecule that coordinates to an alkali metal cation: from discrete to 3D networks based on a gold(III) bis(dithiolene) complex †

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A. Experimental section



Scheme S1 Synthetic route for compounds 1-4.

Materials: The material HAuCl₄.3H₂O was purchased from Finar Reagents. The solvents were distilled and dried by standard procedures. The H₂btdt ligand was prepared according to literature procedure.¹

Reference

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Instrumental methods: FLASH EA series 1112 CHNS analyzer performed elemental analyses. Infrared spectra were recorded as KBr pellets on a JASCO–5300 FT–IR spectrophotometer at 298K. Electronic absorption spectra of solutions were recorded on a Cary 100 Bio UV-Vis spectrophotometer. Diffused reflectance spectra of solid compounds were recorded on a UV-3600 Shimadzu UV-Vis-NIR spectrophotometer.

B. Spectroscopy





Fig. S1 (a) The diffuse reflectance spectra of compounds **1-4** and brown solid compound. (b) Absorption spectra of compounds **1-4** from their corresponding solvents.

2. IR spectroscopy

IR spectrum compound **3** and **4** show characteristic bands at 1657 cm⁻¹(C=O stretching frequency) and 2255 cm⁻¹ (C=N stretching frequency) respectively.



Fig. S2 IR spectrum of brown solid compound.



Fig. S3 IR spectrum of compound $[Na(H_2O)_4][Au(btdt)_2]$ (1).



Fig. S4 IR spectrum of compound $\{[Na(MeOH)_4][Au(btdt)_2]\}_n$ (2).



Fig. S5 IR spectrum of compound $\{[Na(DMF)_2][Au(btdt)_2]\}_n$ (3).



Fig. S6 IR spectrum of compound $\{[Na(CH_3CN)_2][Au(btdt)_2]\}_n$ (4).

C. X-ray Crystallography

Crystal data for compound **1** was collected on Oxford XCalibur, Gemini diffractometer equipped with EOS CCD detector at 298 K. Monochromatic Mo K α radiation (0.71073 Å) was used for the measurements. Absorption corrections using multi ψ -scans were applied. Structure was solved using SHELXS-97, and refined by full-matrix least squares against F² using SHELXL-97 software [36]. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. All hydrogen atoms were geometrically fixed and allowed to refine using a riding model. Selected bond lengths and angles for compound **1** are listed in Table S1.

Crystal data for compounds 2-4 were measured at 100(2) K on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD area detector system [λ (Mo-K α) = 0.71073 Å], graphite monochromator, 2400 frames were recorded with an ω scan width of 0.3°, each for 8 s, crystal-detector distance 60 mm, collimator 0.5 mm. Data reduction by SAINTPLUS (Software for the CCD Detector System,

Bruker Analytical X-Ray Systems Inc., Madison, WI, 1998), structure solution using SHELXS-97 (G. M. Sheldrick, Program for structure solution, University of Göttingen, Germany 1997) and refined using SHELXL-97 (G. M. Sheldrick, Program for crystal structure analysis, University of Göttingen, Germany 1997). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The hydrogen atoms were included in the structure factor calculation by using a riding model. Selected bond lengths and angles for the compounds **2-4** are listed in Table S2, Table S3 and Table S4, respectively.



Scheme S2 The observed coordination modes of Na^+ ion with $[Au(btdt)_2]^-$ in the compounds 2–4.

| Au(1)-S(2) | 2.3090(15) | C(9)-N(4) | 1.359(7) |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Au(1)- $S(4)$ | 2.3100(14) | C(9)-C(10) | 1.433(8) |
| Au(1)-S(3) | 2.3174(15) | C(10)-N(3) | 1.363(6) |
| Au(1)-S(1) | 2.3176(15) | C(10)-C(11) | 1.399(8) |
| C(1)-C(2) | 1.369(7) | C(11)-C(12) | 1.382(7) |
| C(1)-C(6) | 1.434(7) | C(12)-S(3) | 1.761(5) |
| C(1)-S(2) | 1.765(5) | N(1)-S(5) | 1.623(5) |
| C(2)-C(3) | 1.421(7) | N(2)-S(5) | 1.616(5) |
| C(3)-N(1) | 1.345(6) | N(3)-S(6) | 1.628(5) |
| C(3)-C(4) | 1.403(7) | N(4)-S(6) | 1.632(5) |
| C(4)-N(2) | 1.357(6) | Na(1)-O(1) | 2.282(5) |
| C(4)-C(5) | 1.438(7) | Na(1)-O(3) | 2.335(6) |
| C(5)-C(6) | 1.379(7) | Na(1)-O(2) | 2.384(6) |
| C(6)-S(1) | 1.761(5) | Na(1)-O(4) | 2.415(5) |
| C(7)-C(8) | 1.367(7) | Na(1)-O(4)#1 | 2.422(5) |
| C(7)-C(12) | 1.426(7) | Na(1)-Na(1)#1 | 3.282(5) |
| C(7)-S(4) | 1.765(5) | O(4)-Na(1)#1 | 2.422(5) |
| C(8)-C(9) | 1.421(7) | | |
| S(2)-Au(1)-S(4) | 177.85(6) | N(4)-C(9)-C(8) | 125.8(5) |
| S(2)-Au(1)-S(3) | 90.17(5) | N(4)-C(9)-C(10) | 114.2(5) |
| S(4)-Au(1)-S(3) | 89.62(5) | C(8)-C(9)-C(10) | 119.9(5) |
| S(2)-Au(1)-S(1) | 89.60(5) | N(3)-C(10)-C(11) | 126.5(5) |
| S(4)-Au(1)-S(1) | 90.60(5) | N(3)-C(10)-C(9) | 112.9(5) |
| S(3)-Au(1)-S(1) | 179.57(6) | C(11)-C(10)-C(9) | 120.6(5) |
| C(2)-C(1)-C(6) | 121.1(5) | C(12)-C(11)-C(10) | 118.4(5) |
| C(2)-C(1)-S(2) | 117.7(4) | C(11)-C(12)-C(7) | 121.2(5) |
| C(6)-C(1)-S(2) | 121.2(4) | C(11)-C(12)-S(3) | 117.4(4) |
| C(1)-C(2)-C(3) | 117.9(5) | C(7)-C(12)-S(3) | 121.4(4) |
| N(1)-C(3)-C(4) | 113.4(5) | C(3)-N(1)-S(5) | 106.7(4) |
| N(1)-C(3)-C(2) | 125.6(5) | C(4)-N(2)-S(5) | 106.2(4) |
| C(4)-C(3)-C(2) | 121.1(5) | C(10)-N(3)-S(6) | 106.1(4) |
| N(2)-C(4)-C(3) | 113.7(5) | C(9)-N(4)-S(6) | 105.4(4) |
| N(2)-C(4)-C(5) | 125.2(5) | O(1)-Na(1)-O(3) | 90.9(2) |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(5) | 121.1(5) | O(1)-Na(1)-O(2) | 96.0(2) |
| C(6)-C(5)-C(4) | 116.4(5) | O(3)-Na(1)-O(2) | 162.0(2) |
| C(5)-C(6)-C(1) | 122.3(5) | O(1)-Na(1)-O(4) | 168.0(2) |
| C(5)-C(6)-S(1) | 116.5(4) | O(3)-Na(1)-O(4) | 88.2(2) |
| C(1)-C(6)-S(1) | 121.2(4) | O(2)-Na(1)-O(4) | 81.64(19) |
| C(8)-C(7)-C(12) | 121.4(5) | O(1)-Na(1)-O(4)#1 | 97.20(18) |
| C(8)-C(7)-S(4) | 117.3(4) | O(3)-Na(1)-O(4)#1 | 105.4(2) |
| C(12)-C(7)-S(4) | 121.3(4) | O(2)-Na(1)-O(4)#1 | 90.31(19) |
| C(7)-C(8)-C(9) | 118.4(5) | O(4)-Na(1)-O(4)#1 | 94.56(17) |

Table S1 Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for compound 1.

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| O(1)-Na(1)-Na(1)#1 | 144.3(2) | C(6)-S(1)-Au(1) | 103.91(18) |
|----------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------------------|
| O(3)-Na(1)-Na(1)#1 | 99.9(2) | C(1)-S(2)-Au(1) | 103.97(18) |
| O(2)-Na(1)-Na(1)#1 | 84.09(16) | C(12)-S(3)-Au(1) | 103.65(18) |
| O(4)-Na(1)-Na(1)#1 | 47.37(13) | C(7)-S(4)-Au(1) | 103.77(18) 100.0(2) 101.3(2) |
| O(4)#1-Na(1)-Na(1)#1 | 47.19(13) | N(2)-S(5)-N(1) | |
| Na(1)-O(4)-Na(1)#1 | 85.44(17) | N(3)-S(6)-N(4) | |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+1,-y+1,-z+1

| Au(1)-S(2)#1 | 2.3085(6) | C(1)-C(2) | 1.441(3) |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Au(1)-S(2) | 2.3085(6) | C(6)-C(5) | 1.417(3) |
| Au(1)-S(1)#1 | 2.3085(6) | C(5)-C(4) | 1.430(3) |
| Au(1)-S(1) | 2.3085(6) | C(4)-C(3) | 1.417(3) |
| S(3)-N(1) | 1.621(2) | C(3)-C(2) | 1.376(3) |
| S(3)-N(2) | 1.627(2) | O(1)-C(7) | 1.423(3) |
| S(1)-C(1) | 1.761(2) | O(1)-Na(1) | 2.3479(18) |
| S(2)-C(2) | 1.767(2) | O(2)-C(8) | 1.427(3) |
| N(1)-C(5) | 1.346(3) | O(2)-Na(1) | 2.3511(19) |
| N(1)-Na(1) | 2.518(2) | Na(1)-O(1)#2 | 2.3479(18) |
| N(2)-C(4) | 1.347(3) | Na(1)-O(2)#2 | 2.3511(19) |
| C(1)-C(6) | 1.374(3) | Na(1)-N(1)#2 | 2.518(2) |
| | | | |
| S(2)#1-Au(1)-S(2) | 180.0 | N(1)-C(5)-C(4) | 113.4(2) |
| S(2)#1-Au(1)-S(1)#1 | 90.01(2) | C(6)-C(5)-C(4) | 120.4(2) |
| S(2)-Au(1)-S(1)#1 | 89.99(2) | N(2)-C(4)-C(3) | 126.4(2) |
| S(2)#1-Au(1)-S(1) | 89.99(2) | N(2)-C(4)-C(5) | 113.1(2) |
| S(2)-Au(1)-S(1) | 90.01(2) | C(3)-C(4)-C(5) | 120.5(2) |
| S(1)#1-Au(1)-S(1) | 179.999(1) | C(2)-C(3)-C(4) | 118.2(2) |
| N(1)-S(3)-N(2) | 100.29(11) | C(3)-C(2)-C(1) | 121.3(2) |
| C(1)-S(1)-Au(1) | 103.82(8) | C(3)-C(2)-S(2) | 117.75(18) |
| C(2)-S(2)-Au(1) | 103.88(8) | C(1)-C(2)-S(2) | 120.89(17) |
| C(5)-N(1)-S(3) | 106.59(16) | C(7)-O(1)-Na(1) | 140.13(17) |
| C(5)-N(1)-Na(1) | 127.01(15) | C(8)-O(2)-Na(1) | 122.17(15) |
| S(3)-N(1)-Na(1) | 114.02(10) | O(1)-Na(1)-O(1)#2 | 180.00(10) |
| C(4)-N(2)-S(3) | 106.59(16) | O(1)-Na(1)-O(2)#2 | 98.25(7) |
| C(6)-C(1)-C(2) | 121.1(2) | O(1)#2-Na(1)-O(2)#2 | 81.75(7) |
| C(6)-C(1)-S(1) | 117.48(18) | O(1)-Na(1)-O(2) | 81.75(7) |
| C(2)-C(1)-S(1) | 121.39(17) | O(1)#2-Na(1)-O(2) | 98.25(7) |
| C(1)-C(6)-C(5) | 118.4(2) | O(2)#2-Na(1)-O(2) | 180.0 |
| N(1)-C(5)-C(6) | 126.1(2) | O(1)-Na(1)-N(1) | 95.58(6) |
| | | | |

Table S2 Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for compound 2.

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| O(1)#2-Na(1)-N(1) | 84.42(6) | O(1)#2-Na(1)-N(1)#2 | 95.59(6) |
|-------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| O(2)#2-Na(1)-N(1) | 85.82(7) | O(2)#2-Na(1)-N(1)#2 | 94.18(7) |
| O(2)-Na(1)-N(1) | 94.18(7) | O(2)-Na(1)-N(1)#2 | 85.82(7) |
| O(1)-Na(1)-N(1)#2 | 84.41(6) | N(1)-Na(1)-N(1)#2 | 180.0 |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+2,-y,-z+1 #2 -x+2,-y+2,-z

1.404(4)Au(1)-S(1)#12.3051(7)C(5)-C(6)Au(1)-S(1)2.3051(7)C(7)-O(1)1.232(4) Au(1)-S(2)2.3107(7)C(7)-N(3)1.320(4) Au(1)-S(2)#1 2.3107(7)C(8)-N(3)1.460(4) 1.368(4)C(9)-N(3)1.449(4)C(1)-C(6)C(1)-C(2)1.437(4) N(1)-S(3)1.615(2)C(1)-S(1)1.765(3) N(2)-S(3)1.622(2)C(2)-C(3)1.377(4)N(2)-Na(1)2.488(2)C(2)-S(2)1.761(3) Na(1)-O(1)#2 2.316(2) C(3)-C(4)1.411(4)Na(1)-O(1)2.316(2)Na(1)-N(2)#2 2.488(2)C(4)-N(2)1.349(3)C(4)-C(5)1.434(4) Na(1)-S(1)#33.2020(8) C(5)-N(1)1.344(4)179.999(2) S(1)#1-Au(1)-S(1) C(1)-C(6)-C(5)118.5(2)S(1)#1-Au(1)-S(2) 89.94(2)O(1)-C(7)-N(3)125.8(3) S(1)-Au(1)-S(2)90.06(2) C(5)-N(1)-S(3)106.28(19) S(1)#1-Au(1)-S(2)#1 90.06(2) C(4)-N(2)-S(3)106.23(18) S(1)-Au(1)-S(2)#1 89.94(2) C(4)-N(2)-Na(1)137.23(18) S(2)-Au(1)-S(2)#1 180.0 S(3)-N(2)-Na(1)115.70(12) C(7)-N(3)-C(9)121.5(2)C(6)-C(1)-C(2)121.5(2) C(6)-C(1)-S(1)117.2(2) C(7)-N(3)-C(8)121.3(2)C(2)-C(1)-S(1)121.3(2) C(9)-N(3)-C(8)117.2(2)120.9(2) O(1)#2-Na(1)-O(1) C(3)-C(2)-C(1)180.0 C(3)-C(2)-S(2)118.1(2)O(1)#2-Na(1)-N(2)#2 83.55(7) C(1)-C(2)-S(2)121.05(19) O(1)-Na(1)-N(2)#296.45(7) O(1)#2-Na(1)-N(2) C(2)-C(3)-C(4)118.3(2)96.45(7) 126.6(2) O(1)-Na(1)-N(2)83.55(7) N(2)-C(4)-C(3)N(2)-C(4)-C(5)112.9(2) N(2)#2-Na(1)-N(2) 180.00(8)C(3)-C(4)-C(5)120.4(2)O(1)#2-Na(1)-S(1)#3 87.99(6) N(1)-C(5)-C(6)126.1(2) O(1)-Na(1)-S(1)#392.01(6) N(1)-C(5)-C(4)113.5(2)N(2)#2-Na(1)-S(1)#3 92.31(5) N(2)-Na(1)-S(1)#3 C(6)-C(5)-C(4)120.4(2)87.69(5)

Table S3 Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for compound **3**.

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| O(1)#2-Na(1)-S(1)#4 | 92.01(6) | C(1)-S(1)-Au(1) | 103.61(9) |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|
| O(1)-Na(1)-S(1)#4 | 87.99(6) | C(1)-S(1)-Na(1)#5 | 91.78(9) |
| N(2)#2-Na(1)-S(1)#4 | 87.69(5) | Au(1)-S(1)-Na(1)#5 | 112.42(3) |
| N(2)-Na(1)-S(1)#4 | 92.31(5) | C(2)-S(2)-Au(1) | 103.75(9) |
| S(1)#3-Na(1)-S(1)#4 | 179.999(12) | N(1)-S(3)-N(2) | 101.00(12) |
| C(7)-O(1)-Na(1) | 143.47(19) | | |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+1,-y+2,-z+2 #2 -x+1,-y,-z+1 #3 -x+1,-y+1,-z+1 #4 x,y-1,z #5 x,y+1,z

| Au(1)-S(2)#1 | 2.3033(9) | C(3)-N(1) | 1.349(4) |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Au(1)-S(2) | 2.3033(9) | S(3)-N(2) | 1.617(3) |
| Au(1)-S(1)#1 | 2.3052(9) | S(3)-N(1) | 1.623(3) |
| Au(1)-S(1) | 2.3052(9) | N(2)-Na(1)#2 | 2.456(3) |
| S(1)-C(6) | 1.761(3) | N(1)-Na(1) | 2.542(3) |
| C(1)-C(2) | 1.380(5) | Na(1)-N(3) | 2.455(3) |
| C(1)-C(6) | 1.437(4) | Na(1)-N(3)#3 | 2.455(3) |
| C(1)-S(2) | 1.754(3) | Na(1)-N(2)#4 | 2.456(3) |
| C(2)-C(3) | 1.407(5) | Na(1)-N(2)#5 | 2.456(3) |
| C(6)-C(5) | 1.362(4) | Na(1)-N(1)#3 | 2.542(3) |
| C(4)-N(2) | 1.346(4) | Na(1)-S(3)#3 | 3.3616(8) |
| C(4)-C(5) | 1.411(4) | N(3)-C(7) | 1.138(4) |
| C(4)-C(3) | 1.431(4) | C(7)-C(8) | 1.453(5) |
| | | | |
| S(2)#1-Au(1)-S(2) | 180.0 | C(5)-C(4)-C(3) | 120.6(3) |
| S(2)#1-Au(1)-S(1)#1 | 90.03(3) | C(6)-C(5)-C(4) | 118.7(3) |
| S(2)-Au(1)-S(1)#1 | 89.97(3) | N(1)-C(3)-C(2) | 127.1(3) |
| S(2)#1-Au(1)-S(1) | 89.97(3) | N(1)-C(3)-C(4) | 113.2(3) |
| S(2)-Au(1)-S(1) | 90.03(3) | C(2)-C(3)-C(4) | 119.7(3) |
| S(1)#1-Au(1)-S(1) | 180.0 | N(2)-S(3)-N(1) | 100.46(14) |
| C(6)-S(1)-Au(1) | 103.42(11) | C(1)-S(2)-Au(1) | 103.49(11) |
| C(2)-C(1)-C(6) | 120.7(3) | C(4)-N(2)-S(3) | 106.8(2) |
| C(2)-C(1)-S(2) | 118.0(2) | C(4)-N(2)-Na(1)#2 | 129.5(2) |
| C(6)-C(1)-S(2) | 121.3(2) | S(3)-N(2)-Na(1)#2 | 121.63(14) |
| C(1)-C(2)-C(3) | 118.9(3) | C(3)-N(1)-S(3) | 106.4(2) |
| C(5)-C(6)-C(1) | 121.2(3) | C(3)-N(1)-Na(1) | 132.4(2) |
| C(5)-C(6)-S(1) | 117.7(2) | S(3)-N(1)-Na(1) | 105.46(13) |
| C(1)-C(6)-S(1) | 121.1(2) | N(3)-Na(1)-N(3)#3 | 180.0 |
| N(2)-C(4)-C(5) | 126.3(3) | N(3)-Na(1)-N(2)#4 | 95.90(10) |
| N(2)-C(4)-C(3) | 113.1(3) | N(3)#3-Na(1)-N(2)#4 | 84.10(10) |

 Table S4 Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for compound 4.

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| N(3)-Na(1)-N(2)#5 | 84.10(10) | N(2)#5-Na(1)-N(1) | 92.79(9) |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| N(3)#3-Na(1)-N(2)#5 | 95.90(10) | N(1)#3-Na(1)-N(1) | 180.0 |
| N(2)#4-Na(1)-N(2)#5 | 180.0 | N(3)-Na(1)-S(3)#3 | 67.55(7) |
| N(3)-Na(1)-N(1)#3 | 88.37(10) | N(3)#3-Na(1)-S(3)#3 | 112.45(7) |
| N(3)#3-Na(1)-N(1)#3 | 91.63(10) | N(2)#4-Na(1)-S(3)#3 | 112.10(7) |
| N(2)#4-Na(1)-N(1)#3 | 92.80(9) | N(2)#5-Na(1)-S(3)#3 | 67.90(7) |
| N(2)#5-Na(1)-N(1)#3 | 87.20(9) | N(1)#3-Na(1)-S(3)#3 | 27.74(6) |
| N(3)-Na(1)-N(1) | 91.63(10) | N(1)-Na(1)-S(3)#3 | 152.26(6) |
| N(3)#3-Na(1)-N(1) | 88.37(10) | C(7)-N(3)-Na(1) | 152.5(3) |
| N(2)#4-Na(1)-N(1) | 87.20(9) | N(3)-C(7)-C(8) | 177.5(4) |
| | | | |

 Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

 #1 -x+1,-y+1,-z+2
 #2 -x+2,y+1/2,-z+3/2

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

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