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# Two Unique 8-quinolinato (q) Based One Dimensional Complexes $[Fe^{II}Mn^{II}(q)_4 \cdot (H_2O)_{0.25}]_n$ and $[Mn^{II}(q)_2]_n$ : Synthesis, Structures, and Magnetism

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### **Experiments.**

1.1. Starting materials. All chemicals and solvents used for synthesis are at reagent grade without further purification. The starting materials are 50% Mn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> water solution, K<sub>3</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>], Cr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O, and 8-hydroxyquinoline.

#### **1.2.** Syntheses of complexes 1 and 2.

- 1.2.1 [FeMn(8-quinolinato)<sub>4</sub>·(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>0.25</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (1): Mn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> 50% water solution (0.1 ml, 0.3 mmol) and 8-hydroxyquinoline (29 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 5ml methanol (green) were poured together into the prepared mixture of K<sub>3</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub> (33 mg, 0.1 mmol) and Cr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O (80 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 10 ml water (pale green). Then the consequent brown suspension was moved into the Teflon-lined steel autoclave, heated at 453 K for 48 h, and then slowly cooled to ambient temperature. Tiny X-ray quality dark brown needlelike crystals were washed using distilled water and collected by filtration. Yield: 40% (based on metal ions). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3431(m), 3041(m), 1572(s), 1495(s), 1465(s), 1386(s), 1321(s) 1107(s), 822(m), 729(m). C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>26</sub>Fe<sub>1</sub>Mn<sub>1</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (705.4): calcd. C 61.24, H 3.69, N 7.94; found C 61.21, H 3.64, N 7.98.
- **1.2.2**  $[Mn^{II}(8\text{-quinolinato})_2]_n$  (2): The identical procedures with 1 but different stoichiometric ratio 10:20:1:2 for  $Mn(NO_3)_2$ :q:K<sub>3</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>:Cr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O afforded yellow

needlelike crystals suitable for single crystal X-ray diffraction, which were washed using distilled water and collected by filtration. Yield: 30% (based on Mn ions). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3041(m), 1572(s), 1495(s), 1466(s), 1386(s), 1320(s) 1107(s), 821(m), 729(m). C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Mn<sub>1</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (343.24): calcd. C 62.93, H 3.50, N 8.16; found C 62.91, H 3.52, N 8.15. Further syntheses of other 8-quinolinato based chain complexes containing different magnetic centers are under processing with this economical method.

2. Infrared Spectroscopy. The probable magnetic impurity derives from the *in-situ* PBA (the mixture of K<sub>3</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub> and Cr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O) with a characteristic IR absorption band in the range of 2000-2200 cm<sup>-1</sup> for CN<sup>-</sup> groups, which is not observed in the IR spectra for both complexes, to a certain extent ruling out the magnetic impurity.



**Fig. S1. The Infrared spectroscopy.** The Infrared spectra of **1** (red solid line) and **2** (blue solid line) on KBr pellets were performed on a Bruker Vertex 70 FTIR instrument in the 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region.

- 3. Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN elemental analyzer. The metal contents and their molar ratio of complex 1 were characterized on the Varian 220FS Atomic Absorption System to be Fe and Mn ions in 1:1 ratio. The Fe and Mn ions in complex 1 are inferred according to their covalent radii and the bond lengths between metal ions and their corresponding nitrogen atoms. In consideration of bond lengths and the charge balance, Fe and Mn ions of complex 1 should be divalent, which is in accordance with the values (Mn1: 1.841, and Fe1: 1.988) calculated by the bond valence sum (BVS)<sup>2</sup> method. The metal content of complex 2 was also characterized on the Varian 220FS Atomic Absorption System to be Mn ions. The valance of Mn ions in complex 2 is calculated using BVS to be 1.891.
- 4. X-ray Crystallography. Single-crystal X-ray data sets of complexes 1 and 2 were collected on a Oxford Diffraction Gemini R Ultra detector diffractometer using the graphite monochromated Mo K $\alpha$ radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) at 293(2) K. Intense data were collected by  $\omega$  scan technique. The diffraction patterns for both complexes were indexed using CrysAlis<sup>3</sup> software to obtain the unit cell parameters.

The structures were solved with the direct methods (SHELXS-97) and

refined on  $F^2$  by full-matrix least-squares (SHELXL-97).<sup>4</sup>



**Fig. S2. Twisted ribbon like metal chain structures of complex 1.** The representation of the four neighboring 1D chains in quadrangle: plum (double Fe1 and double O1), blue (double Mn1 and double O4), and purple (Fe1, Mn1, O2, and O3) colors. (vertexes: orange: iron; violet: manganese; red: oxygen O1, O3 and O4 and green: oxygen O2)



**Fig. S3. Rotational four-blade propeller like structures of complex 2.** The representation of the four neighboring 1D chains viewed down *c* axis: violet (Mn), red (O), blue (N), light-grey (C), and grey (H).



**Fig. S4. The probable Cr-Fe Prussian blue framework.** The representation of the Cr-Fe Prussian blue framework with a 15.5 Å diameter: green (Cr), orange (Fe), blue (N), and grey (C).



**Fig. S5. The diameter of the 1D chain in complex 1.** The representation of the 1D chain with a 13 Å diameter: violet (Mn), orange (Fe), red (O), blue (N), grey (C), and white (H).



**Fig. S6. The diameter of the 1D chain in complex 2.** The representation of the 1D chain with a 12.8 Å diameter: violet (Mn), red (O), blue (N), grey (C), and white (H).

## 4.1. Table S1. Selected bond distances (Å) and bond angles (°) for

#### complex 1.

Mn(1)-O(4)#1	2.136(3)	O(4)-Mn(1)-N(3)	111.14(13)
Mn(1)-O(2)	2.173(3)	O(3)-Mn(1)-N(3)	71.92(12)
Mn(1)-O(4)	2.194(3)	O(4)#1-Mn(1)-N(4)	142.62(12)
Mn(1)-O(3)	2.212(3)	O(2)-Mn(1)-N(4)	94.22(12)
Mn(1)-N(3)	2.316(4)	O(4)-Mn(1)-N(4)	72.29(12)
Mn(1)-N(4)	2.323(4)	O(3)-Mn(1)-N(4)	108.55(13)
Fe(1)-O(1)#2	2.126(3)	N(3)-Mn(1)-N(4)	84.74(14)
Fe(1)-O(3)	2.145(3)	O(1)#2-Fe(1)-O(3)	104.41(13)
Fe(1)-O(1)	2.194(3)	O(1)#2-Fe(1)-O(1)	74.32(11)
Fe(1)-O(2)	2.196(3)	O(3)-Fe(1)-O(1)	114.48(12)
Fe(1)-N(2)	2.236(4)	O(1)#2-Fe(1)-O(2)	106.08(11)
Fe(1)-N(1)	2.248(4)	O(3)-Fe(1)-O(2)	74.61(10)
O(1)-Fe(1)#2	2.126(3)	O(1)-Fe(1)-O(2)	170.69(12)
O(4)-Mn(1)#1	2.136(3)	O(1)#2-Fe(1)-N(2)	94.26(14)
O(4)#1-Mn(1)-O(2)	107.70(12)	O(3)-Fe(1)-N(2)	147.32(12)

O(4)#1-Mn(1)-O(4)	73.38(12)	O(1)-Fe(1)-N(2)	96.14(12)
O(2)-Mn(1)-O(4)	103.31(11)	O(2)-Fe(1)-N(2)	74.55(11)
O(4)#1-Mn(1)-O(3)	106.52(11)	O(1)#2-Fe(1)-N(1)	147.26(12)
O(2)-Mn(1)-O(3)	73.74(10)	O(3)-Fe(1)-N(1)	89.12(13)
O(4)-Mn(1)-O(3)	176.93(12)	O(1)-Fe(1)-N(1)	72.94(12)
O(4)#1-Mn(1)-N(3)	94.21(13)	O(2)-Fe(1)-N(1)	106.23(12)
O(2)-Mn(1)-N(3)	143.29(12)	N(2)-Fe(1)-N(1)	89.28(14)

#1 and #2 represent the symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: -x+1, -y+1, -z+1 and -x+1, -y, -z+1.

## 4.2. Table S2. Selected bond distances (Å) and bond angles (°) for

Mn(1)-O(1)#1	2.150(2)	O(1)#1-Mn(1)-N(1)	142.53(7)
Mn(1)-O(2)	2.157(2)	O(2)-Mn(1)-N(1)	98.31(7)
Mn(1)-O(1)	2.216 (2)	O(1)-Mn(1)-N(1)	72.99(8)
Mn(1)-O(2)#2	2.234(2)	O(2)#2-Mn(1)-N(1)	105.84(7)
Mn(1)-N(2)#2	2.270(2)	N(2)#2-Mn(1)-N(1)	83.05(7)
Mn(1)-N(1)	2.272(2)	C(1)-N(1)-Mn(1)	127.6(2)
O(1)#1-Mn(1)-O(2)	107.57(7)	C(9)-N(1)-Mn(1)	114.46(18)
O(1)#1-Mn(1)-O(1)	72.51(7)	C(10)-N(2)-C(18)	118.3(2)
O(2)-Mn(1)-O(1)	111.54(6)	C(10)-N(2)-Mn(1)#2	126.84(19)
O(1)#1-Mn(1)-O(2)#2	107.34(6)	C(18)-N(2)-Mn(1)#2	114.63(17)
O(2)-Mn(1)-O(2)#2	73.06(7)	C(8)-O(1)-Mn(1)#1	134.71(14)
O(1)-Mn(1)-O(2)#2	175.32(7)	C(8)-O(1)-Mn(1)	117.29(15)
O(1)#1-Mn(1)-N(2)#2	90.49(7)	Mn(1)#1-O(1)-Mn(1)	107.49(7)
O(2)-Mn(1)-N(2)#2	144.85(7)	C(17)-O(2)-Mn(1)	136.99(15)
O(1)-Mn(1)-N(2)#2	102.49(7)	C(17)-O(2)-Mn(1)#2	116.00(15)
O(2)#2-Mn(1)-N(2)#2	72.83(7)	Mn(1)-O(2)-Mn(1)#2	106.94(7)

## complex 2.

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

#### 5. Magnetic Measurement.

Direct current (DC) Magnetic susceptibility measurements on polycrystalline samples of complexes **1** and **2** were carried out with Quantum Design SQUID MPMS XL-5 instruments in the temperature range 2–300 K and under the applied magnetic field of 1000 Oe. The experimental susceptibilities were corrected for diamagnetism of the constituent atoms (Pascal's constants<sup>5</sup>).



Fig. S7. Field dependent magnetization of 1. Field dependent magnetization measured at 2

K from 0 to 5 T.



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Fig. S8. Field dependent magnetization of 2. Field dependent magnetization measured at 2



K from 0 to 5 T.



#### 6. Theoretical fitting

(1) Fisher model is suitable for fitting the infinite uniform homo-spin 1D magnetic chains, especially for the Mn<sup>II</sup> (S = 5/2) containing ones.<sup>6a</sup>

$$\chi^{F} = \frac{Ng^{2}\beta^{2}S(S+1)}{3kT}\frac{1+u}{1-u}$$
 (Fisher Model)

$$u = \operatorname{coth}\left[\frac{JS(S+1)}{kT}\right] - \left[\frac{kT}{JS(S+1)}\right]$$

(2) Drillon model is normally used for the infinite  $\cdots$ A-B-A-B $\cdots$  chain magnetic fitting.  $g^{e}$  and  $\mathcal{J}^{e}$  represent the effective g-factors and interaction parameters, respectively.

$$\chi^{D} = \frac{N\beta^{2}}{3kT} \left[ g^{2} \frac{1+u}{1-u} + \delta^{2} \frac{1-u}{1+u} \right]$$
 (Drillon Model)  
$$g = (g_{A}^{e} + g_{B}^{e})/2 \quad \delta = (g_{A}^{e} - g_{B}^{e})/2$$
  
$$u = \operatorname{coth} \left[ \frac{J^{e}}{kT} \right] - \left[ \frac{kT}{J^{e}} \right]$$
  
$$g_{A}^{e} = g_{A} [S_{A}(S_{A} + 1)]^{1/2} \quad J^{e} = J [S_{A}(S_{A} + 1)S_{B}(S_{B} + 1)]^{1/2}$$

(3) The combination of Fisher and Drillon models to a new model used for the …Fe-Fe-Mn-Mn… (…A-A-B-B…) type magnetic chains fitting  $(\chi_{Fe}^{F} \text{ or } \chi_{Mn}^{F}$  represent the magnetic susceptibility taking the homo-spin Fe-Fe or Mn-Mn interaction into account, which is fitted using the Fisher model and  $\chi_{Fe-Mn}^{D}$  represents the magnetic susceptibility taking the hetero-spin Fe-Mn interaction into account, which is fitted using the Drillon model).

$$\chi = 1/3\chi_{\text{Fe}}^{F} + 1/3\chi_{\text{Fe-Mn}}^{D} + 1/3\chi_{\text{Mn}}^{F}$$
 (Fisher-Drillon Model)

Equation S1:

A= $\cosh(12.60875*J_{Mn}/T)/\sinh(12.60875*J_{Mn}/T)-(T/J_{Mn}/12.60875);$ 

 $B = \cosh(8.646*J_{Fe}/x) / \sinh(8.646*J_{Fe}/T) - (T/J_{Fe}/8.646);$ 

 $C = \cosh(10.441486*J_{\text{Fe-Mn}}/T) / \sinh(10.441486*J_{\text{Fe-Mn}}/T) - (T/J_{\text{Fe-Mn}}/10.441486*J_{\text{Fe-Mn}}/T) - (T/J_{\text{Fe-Mn}}/T) - (T/J$ 

6);

 $\chi = 0.3646 * g_{Mn}^{2} (1+A)/(1-A)/T + 0.25 * g_{Fe}^{2} (1+B)/(1-B)/T + 0.0208 * ((2.958 + g_{Mn} + 2.449 * g_{Fe})*(1+C)/(1-C) + (2.958 * g_{Mn} - 2.449 * g_{Fe})*(1-C)/(1+C))/T + \chi_{T}$ 

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