

Supplementary Materials

The phase transition tuning by the Fe(III)/Co(III) substitution in switchable cyano-bridged perovskites: $[C_3N_2H_2]_2[KFe_xCo_{1-x}(CN)_6]$

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Table S1. Masses and number of moles of mixed crystals $\text{IMFe}_x\text{Co}_{1-x}$.

Theoretical X molar fraction of Fe^{3+}	$\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$		$\text{K}_3\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6$		1H-Imidazole hydrochloride		Obtained X molar fraction of Fe^{3+}
	$m_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}$ [g]	$n_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}$ [mol]	$m_{\text{Co}^{3+}}$ [g]	$n_{\text{Co}^{3+}}$ [mol]	$m_{\text{imid.HCl}}$ [g]	$n_{\text{imid.HCl}}$ [mol]	
IMCo, 0	0.00	0.00	3.00	9.0E-03	2.83	2.7E-02	IMCo, 0
0.2	0.62	1.9E-03	2.50	7.5E-03	2.95	2.8E-02	0.29
0.3	0.85	2.6E-03	2.00	6.0E-03	2.70	2.6E-02	0.42
0.4	1.32	4.0E-03	2.00	6.0E-03	3.15	3.0E-02	0.51
0.5	1.49	4.5E-03	1.50	4.5E-03	2.83	2.7E-02	0.63
0.6	2.23	6.8E-03	1.50	4.5E-03	3.54	3.4E-02	0.70
0.8	3.17	9.6E-03	0.80	2.4E-03	3.77	3.6E-02	0.85
IMFe, 1	3.00	9.1E-03	0.00	0.0E+00	2.86	2.7E-02	IMFe, 1

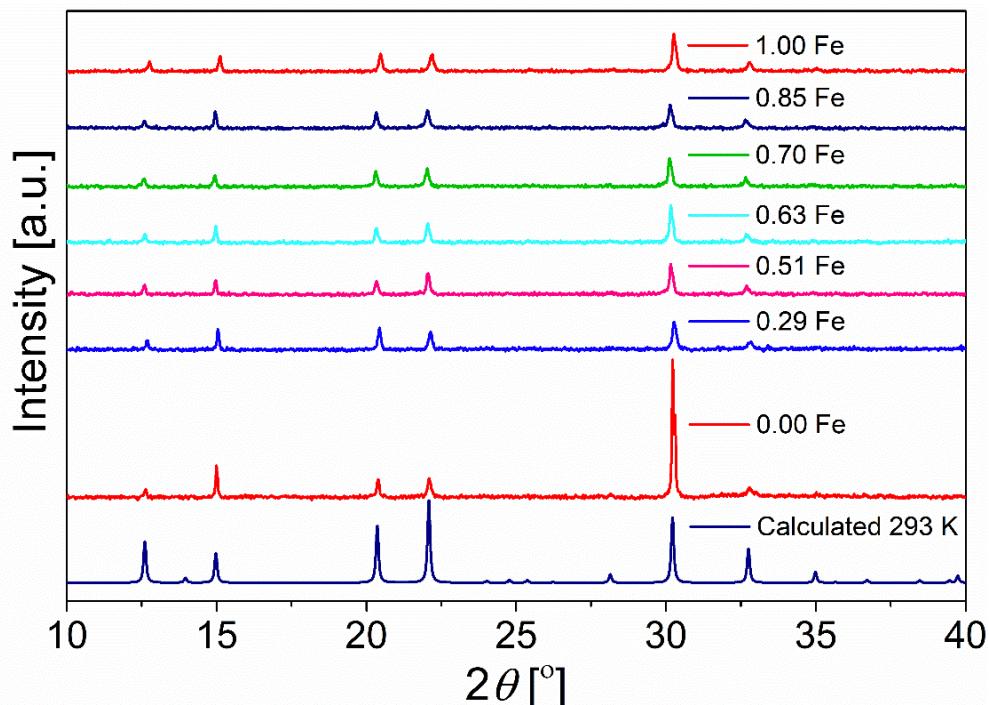


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	ImFeCo298K	ImFeCo170K	ImFeCo100K
Chemical formula		(C ₃ H ₅ N ₂) ₂ [KFe _{0.42} Co _{0.58} (CN) ₆]	
<i>M</i> _r		391.03	
Crystal system, space group	Trigonal, <i>R</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>	Trigonal, <i>R</i> $\bar{3}$	Monoclinic, <i>A</i> 2/ <i>a</i> *
Temperature (K)	298(2)	170(2)	100(2)
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	8.747(3), 8.747(3), 19.074(3)	8.763(2), 8.763(2), 18.800(4)	15.089(2), 8.773(3), 13.454(2)
β (°)	90	90	111.74(3)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1264(2)	1250(2)	1654(3)
<i>Z</i>	3	3	4
Radiation type	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.23	1.24	1.25
Crystal size (mm)	0.39×0.30×0.16	0.39×0.30×0.16	0.39×0.30×0.16
Absorption correction	Analytical	Analytical	Analytical
<i>T</i> _{min} , <i>T</i> _{max}	0.760, 0.903	0.723, 0.874	0.736, 0.871
No. of measured, independent and observed	1850, 324, 310	4619, 526, 521	5343, 1546, 1366
[<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)] reflections			
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.071	0.081	0.065
(sin θ/λ) _{max} (Å ⁻¹)	0.605	0.604	0.606
<i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2σ(<i>F</i> ²)], <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²), <i>S</i>	0.037, 0.098, 1.10	0.052, 0.135, 1.31	0.051, 0.141, 1.12
No. of reflections	324	526	1546
No. of parameters	29	41	111
Δρ _{max} /Δρ _{min} [e Å ⁻³]	0.30/-0.43	0.44/-0.63	0.57/-0.40

* - non-standard setting of *C*2/*c* space group (no. 15)

Table S3. Atomic concentration (%) of mixed crystal obtained on EDS results.

$[C_3H_5N_2]_2[KFe_xCo_{1-x}(CN)_6]$						
X Fe ³⁺	No.	C [%]	N [%]	K [%]	Fe [%]	Co [%]
0.0	1	43.04	38.88	8.89	0.00	9.19
	2	43.60	37.53	9.33	0.00	9.54
	3	42.84	37.67	9.70	0.00	9.79
	4	42.63	38.23	9.55	0.00	9.59
	Average	43.03	38.08	9.37	0.00	9.53
0.29	1	38.88	44.43	8.25	2.37	6.08
	2	38.85	44.03	8.48	2.45	6.19
	3	39.2	44.03	8.34	2.51	5.92
	4	38.58	44.81	8.23	2.51	5.87
	Average	38.88	44.33	8.33	2.46	6.02
0.51	1	38.25	45.29	8.07	4.19	4.2
	2	37.65	45.07	8.51	4.41	4.36
	3	37.48	45.1	8.57	4.63	4.22
	4	37.49	45.63	8.27	4.51	4.1
	Average	37.72	45.27	8.36	4.44	4.22
0.63	1	36.14	44.86	9.24	6.35	3.41
	2	35.79	44.22	9.76	6.53	3.72
	3	35.59	44.57	9.75	5.98	4.11
	4	35.22	44.24	10.16	6.58	3.8
	Average	35.69	44.47	9.73	6.36	3.76
0.70	1	38.49	42.33	9.4	6.8	2.98
	2	37.02	44.34	9.14	6.52	2.98
	3	36.76	45.05	9.01	6.7	2.47
	4	38.01	44.1	8.75	6.41	2.74
	Average	37.57	43.96	9.08	6.61	2.79
0.85	1	37.26	45.81	8.35	7.16	1.41
	2	40.05	40.85	9.36	8.23	1.52
	3	37.72	44.38	8.75	7.74	1.42
	4	38.68	44.38	9.19	8.17	1.33
	Average	38.43	43.86	8.91	7.83	1.42
1.0	1	39.43	45.54	7.37	7.65	0.00
	2	39.04	45.81	7.50	7.65	0.00
	3	38.77	45.03	7.94	8.26	0.00
	4	39.79	45.21	7.84	8.16	0.00
	Average	39.26	45.40	7.66	7.93	0.00

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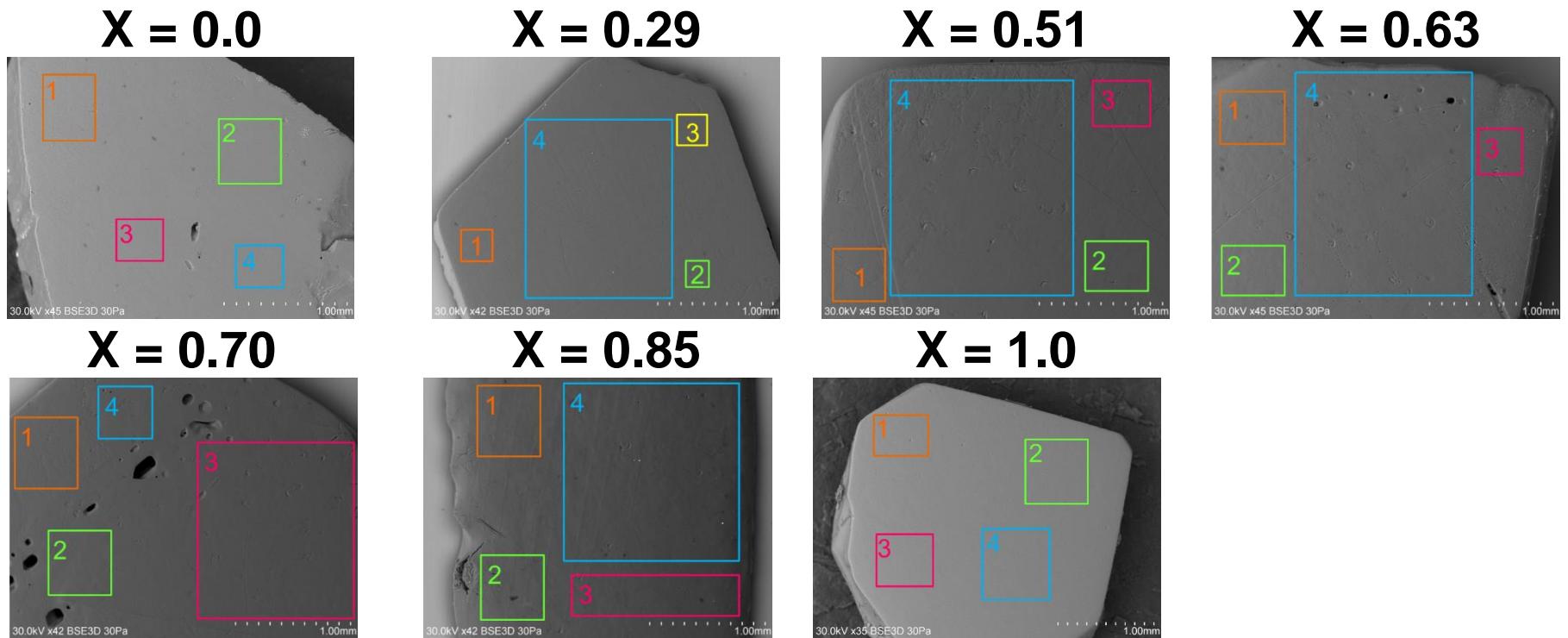


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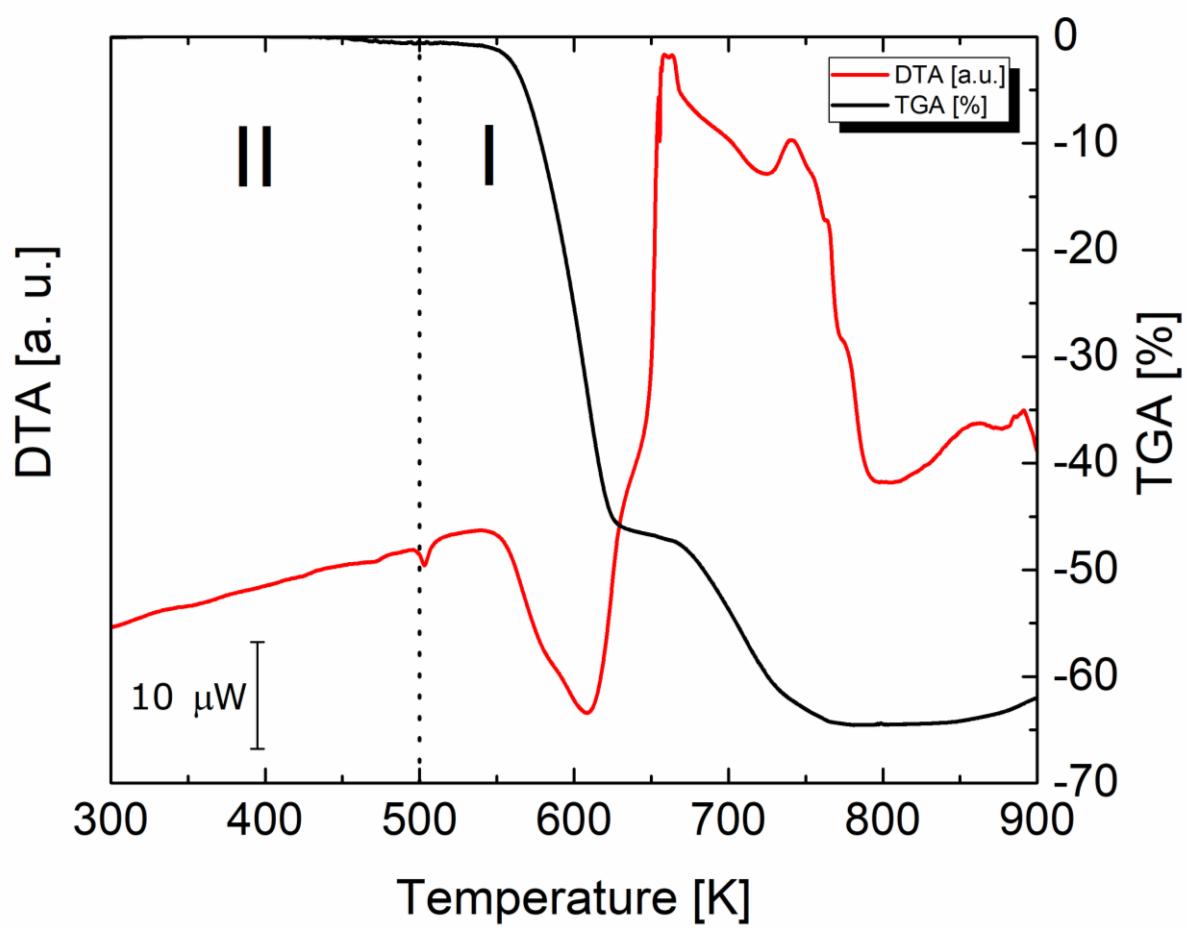


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Table S4. Thermodynamic parameters of phase transitions for **IMFe_xCo_{1-x}**, x = 0, 0.29, 0.51, 0.63, 0.7, 0.85, 1.0 in the condensed state.

PT	IV → III						
X _{Fe³⁺}	0.0	0.29	0.51	0.63	0.7	0.85	1.0
M [g/mol]	392.4	391.5	390.8	390.4	390.2	389.7	389.3
T [K]	157.9	124.5	135.3	141.7	142.3	151.6	157.9
ΔH [J·g ⁻¹]	7.63	6.08	7.11	7.28	7.05	7.97	7.63
ΔH [J·mol ⁻¹]	2993.63	2380.06	2778.44	2842.18	2750.87	3106.16	2970.13
ΔS [J·mol ⁻¹ ·K ⁻¹]	18.96	19.12	20.54	20.06	19.34	20.49	18.81
N	3.13	3.16	3.44	3.34	3.20	3.43	3.10
PT	II → I						
X _{Fe³⁺}	0.0	0.29	0.51	0.63	0.7	0.85	1.0
M [g/mol]	392.4	391.5	390.8				
T [K]	502.0	500.0	496.6				
ΔH [J·g ⁻¹]	11.2	11.48	11.9				
ΔH [J·mol ⁻¹]	4394.32	4493.92	4650.27				
ΔS [J·mol ⁻¹ ·K ⁻¹]	8.75	8.99	9.36				
N	1.69	1.72	1.76				

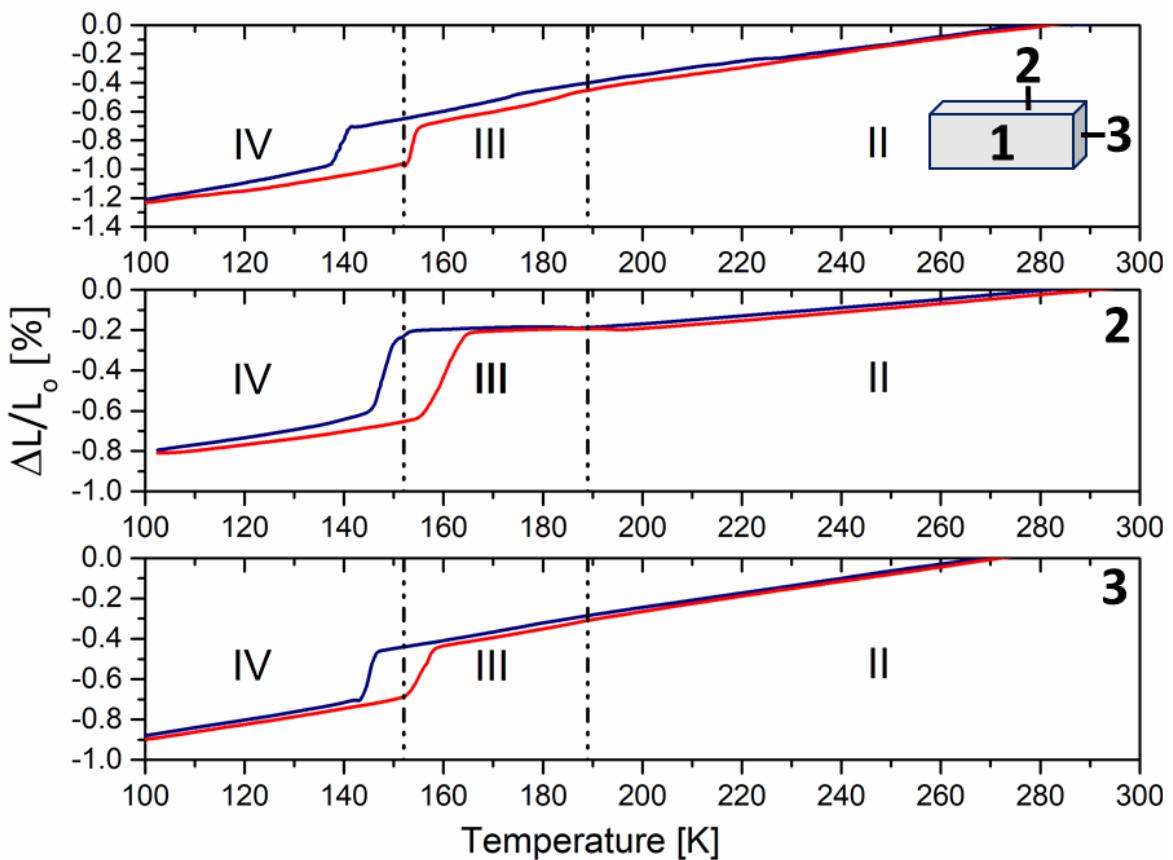


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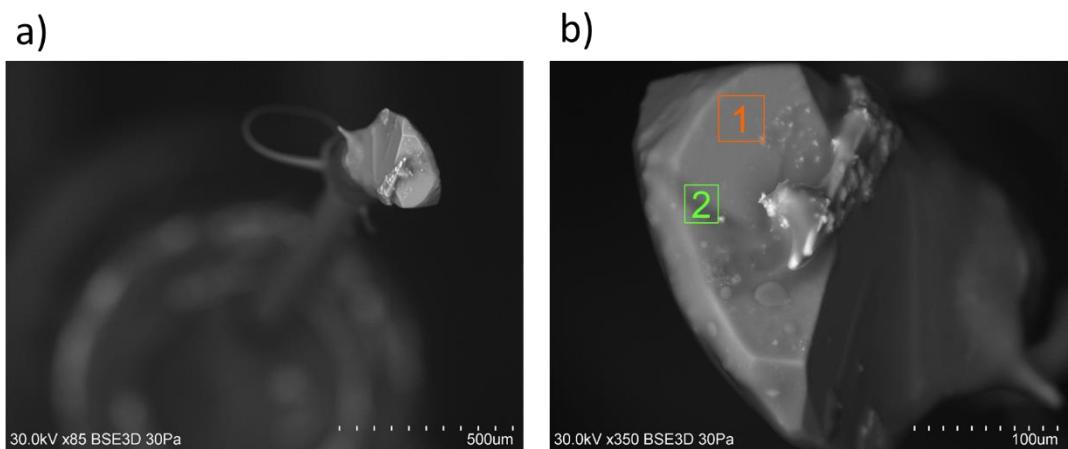


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Table S5. Atomic concentration (%) of **IMFe_{0.42}Co_{0.58}** crystal obtained on EDS results.

X Fe ³⁺	No.	Fe [%]	Co [%]
0.42	1	41.26	58.74
	2	43.52	56.48
	Average	42.39	57.61

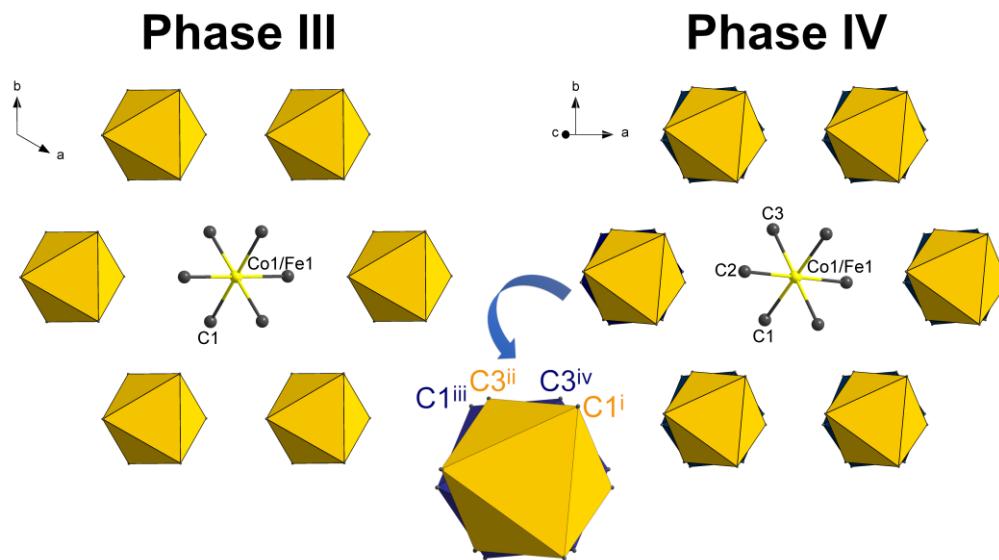


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Table S6. Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$) for **IMFe_{0.42}Co_{0.58}** at 100 K.

D—H…A	D—H	H…A	D…A	D—H…A
N1A—H1A…N1 ⁱ	0.88	2.60	3.217(4)	128
N1A—H1A…N2 ⁱⁱ	0.88	2.51	3.136(5)	129
N3A—H3A…N3 ⁱⁱ	0.88	2.11	2.980(4)	168

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+3/2, y, -z+1$; (ii) $x, y-1/2, z-1/2$; (iii) $-x+2, -y+1, -z+1$.

Table S7. Selected bond lengths and the shortest M···K distances (Å) (where M: Fe(III)/Co(III), Fe(III), Co(III)) for **IMFe_{0.42}Co_{0.58}**, **IMFe¹** and **IMCo²**.

	M—C	K—N	C—N	M···K	M—C	K—N	C—N	M···K
	Phase II ($R\bar{3}m$)					Phase IV ($A2/a$)		
IMFe_{0.42}Co_{0.58}	1.922(2)	2.899(2)	1.148(3)	5.967(4)	1.929(4)	2.862(3)	1.157(4)	5.911(2)
					1.930(3)	2.875(3)	1.158(4)	5.938(2)
					1.934(3)	2.888(3)	1.159(4)	5.959(2)
IMFe¹	1.940(2)	2.879(2)	1.148(3)	5.985(6)	1.949(4)	2.858(4)	1.148(5)	5.927(5)
					1.949(4)	2.864(4)	1.153(2)	5.934(5)
					1.950(4)	2.874(4)	1.155(2)	5.954(5)
IMCo²	1.901(2)	2.902(2)	1.146(3)	5.947(4)	1.902(4)	2.878(4)	1.148(5)	5.903(2)
					1.906(4)	2.887(4)	1.150(5)	5.923(2)
					1.908(4)	2.898(4)	1.152(5)	5.940(2)

Table S8. Cage volumes per unit cell (Å³) for **IMFe_{0.42}Co_{0.58}**, **IMFe^{1,3}** and **IMCo²**. The volume of a single cage calculated from the crystal structure with PLATON program⁴

	Phase II ($R\bar{3}m$)	Phase III ($R\bar{3}$)	Phase IV ($A2/a$)
IMFe_{0.42}Co_{0.58}	588.6	576.5	732.2
IMFe^{1,3}	586.9	570.1	728.5
IMCo²	578.9	560.1	728.4

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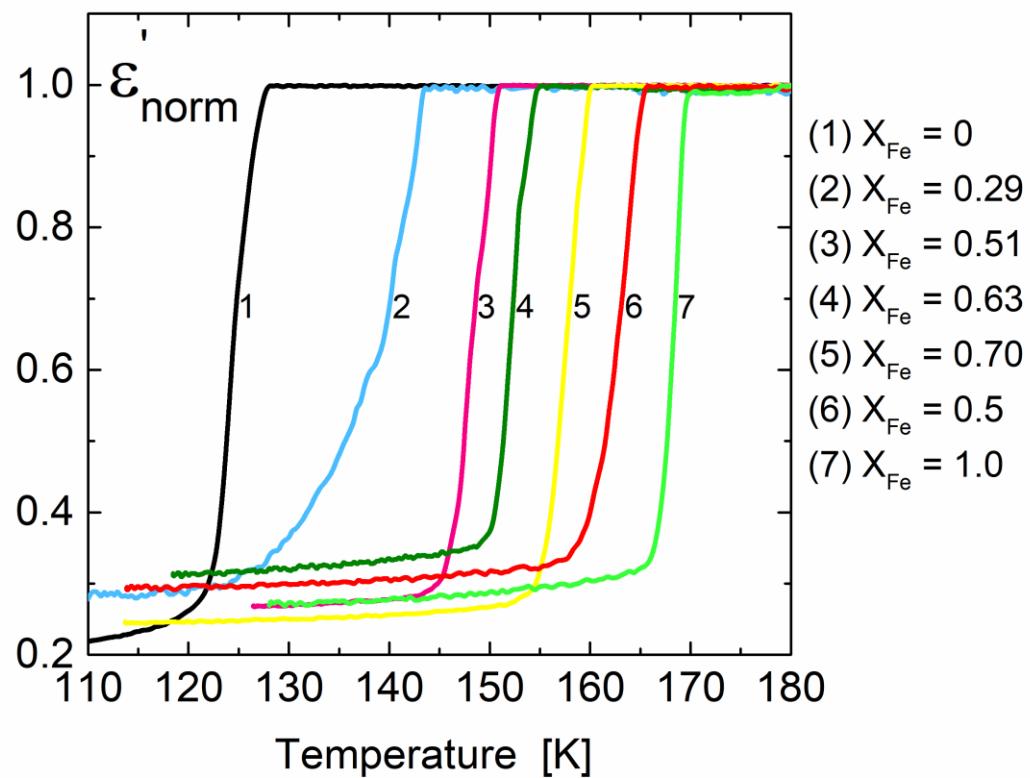
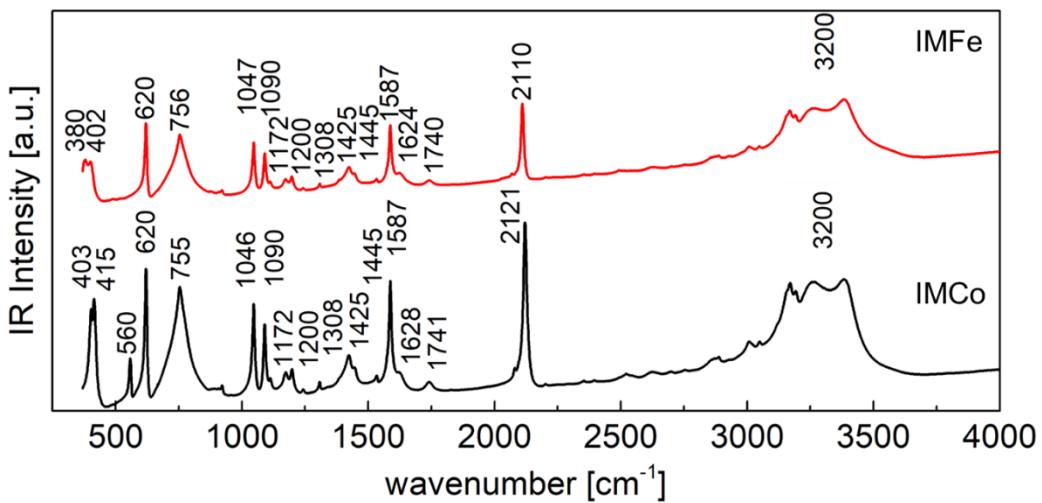
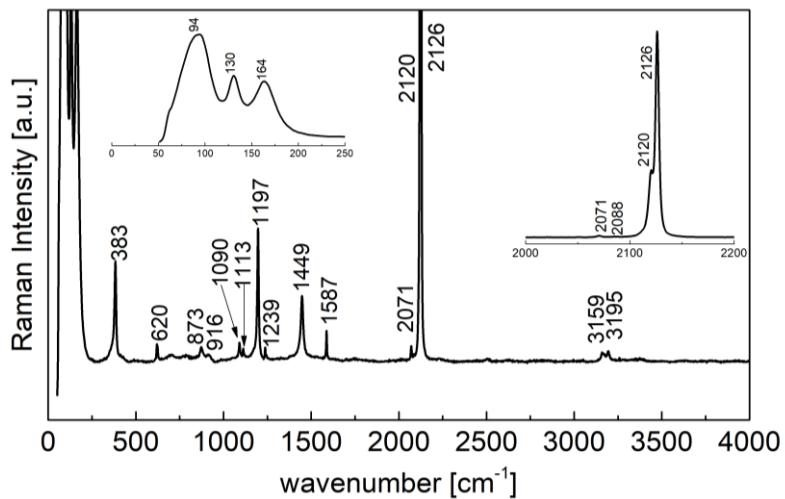


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a)



b) IMFe



c) IMCo

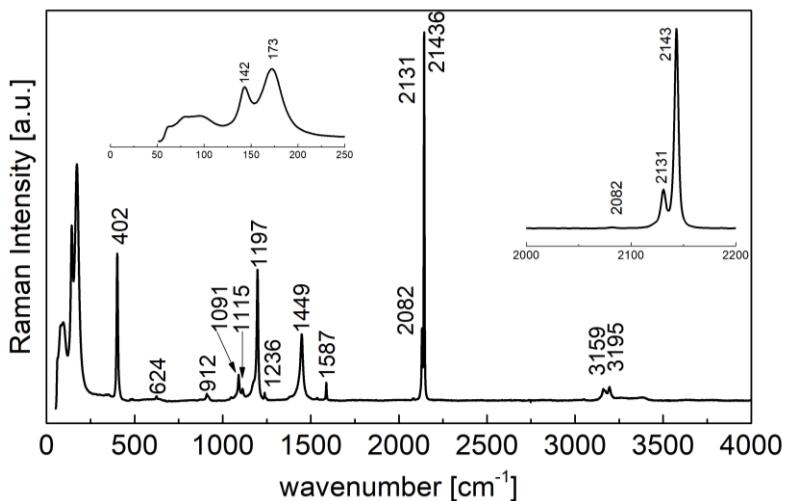


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Table S9. Observed IR and Raman frequencies (in cm^{-1}) and their assignments for (**IMFe**) and (**IMCo**) perovskites.

Approximate assignments	IMFe		IMCo	
	IR	Raman	IR	Raman
vN-H				
vN-H				
vC-H				
vC-H				
vC-H				
vC≡N (A_{1g})		2126		2143
vC≡N (E_g)		2120		2131
vC≡N (T_{1u})	2110		2110	
vC≡N (E_g)		2071 sh		2082 sh
vC=C, δ N-H	1624		1628	
vC-N, δ C-H	1587	1587	1587	1587
vC=C, vC-N, δ N-C-N, δ N-H	1445	1449	1445	1449
δ N-H, vC-N	1425		1425	
δ C-H	1308		1308	
vC-N	1200	1197	1200	1197
δ C-H, vC-N, δ N-H	1172		1172	
δ C-H, vC-N	1090	1090	1090	1091
δ N-H, vC-N	1047		1046	
δ N-H, δ Ring, δ C-H				
δ Ring		916		912
δ Ring		873		
ρ_w .C-H				
ρ_w .C-H				
ρ_w .C-H				
ρ_w .N-H	756		755	
ρ_w .N-H				
ρ_t .Ring		620		624
ρ_t .Ring	620		620	
Linear bending (Co-C≡N) (T_{1u})			560	
vFe/Co-C (A_{1g})		383		402
vFe/Co-C (T_{1u})	402		415	
vFe/Co-C (T_{1u})	380		403	
Angled bending (C-Fe/Co-C) (T_{2g}), Linear bending (C-Fe/Co-C) (T_{2g})		164		173
Angled bending (C-Fe/Co-C) (T_{2g}), Linear bending (C-Fe/Co-C) (T_{2g})		130		142
Angled bending (C-Fe/Co-C) (T_{2g}), Linear bending (C-Fe/Co-C) (T_{2g})		94		80

v-streching, δ -deformation (bending), ρ_t -torsion, ρ_w -wagging

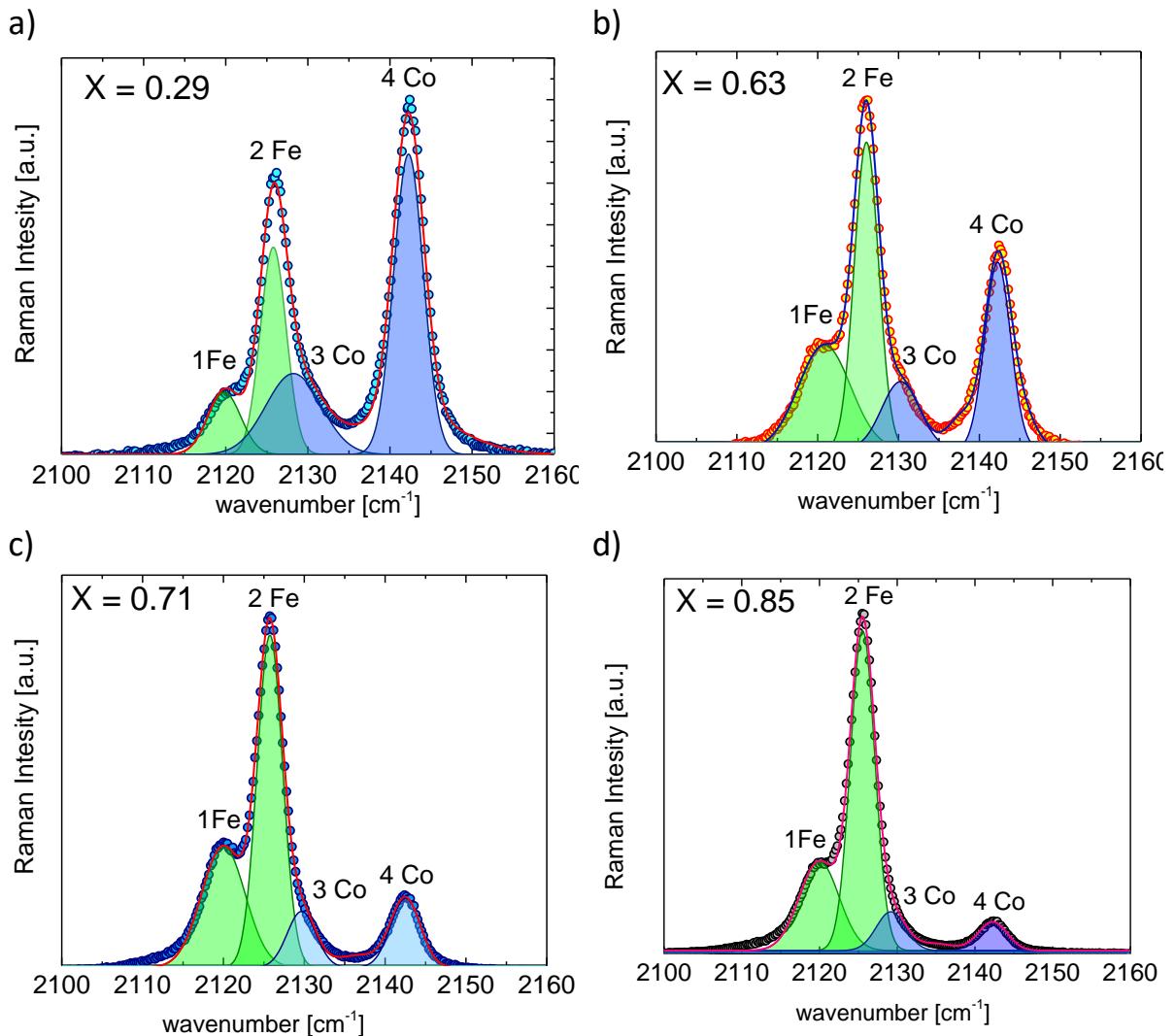


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X Fe^{3+}	No Peak / Area			
	1 Fe	2 Fe	1 Co	2 Co
0.29	0.1509	0.3953	0.3263	0.9540
0.63	0.3466	0.4760	0.1632	0.3084
0.71	0.3994	0.6408	0.2317	0.1954
0.85	0.4118	0.9072	0.1312	0.0964

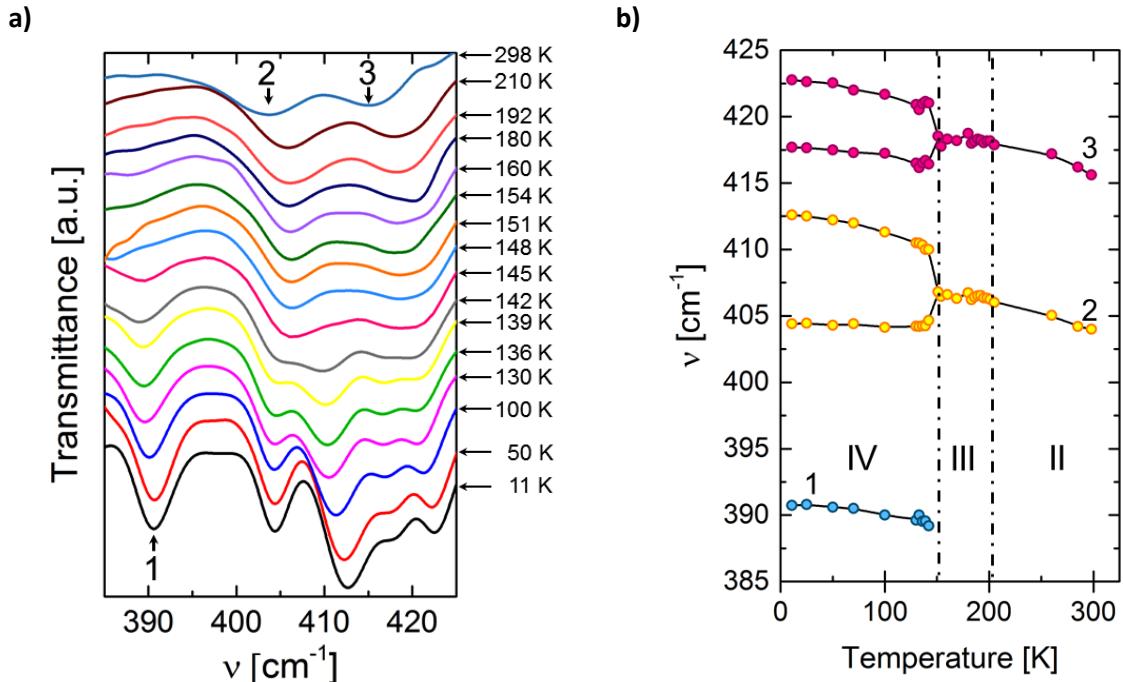


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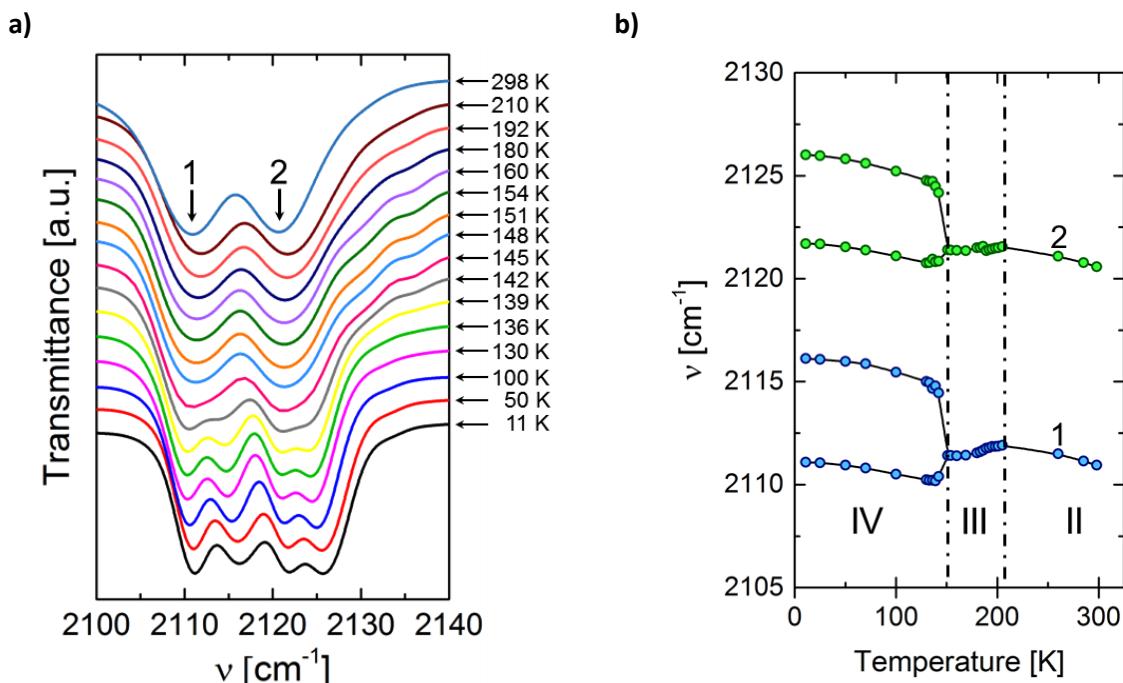


Fig. S11. a) Temperature evolution of bands assigned to C≡N stretching between 2100 and 2140 cm^{-1} ; (b) temperature dependencies of the band positions.

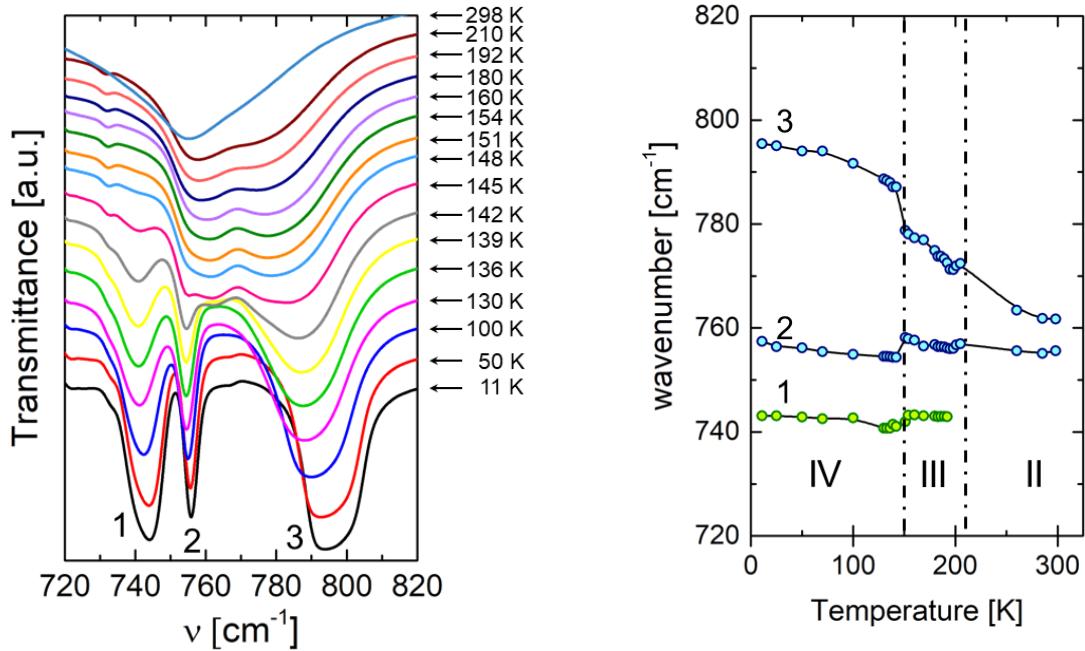


Fig. S12. a) Temperature evolution of bands assigned to out-of-plane hydrogen bond (N-H···N) vibration between 720 and 820 cm⁻¹; (b) temperature dependencies of the band positions.

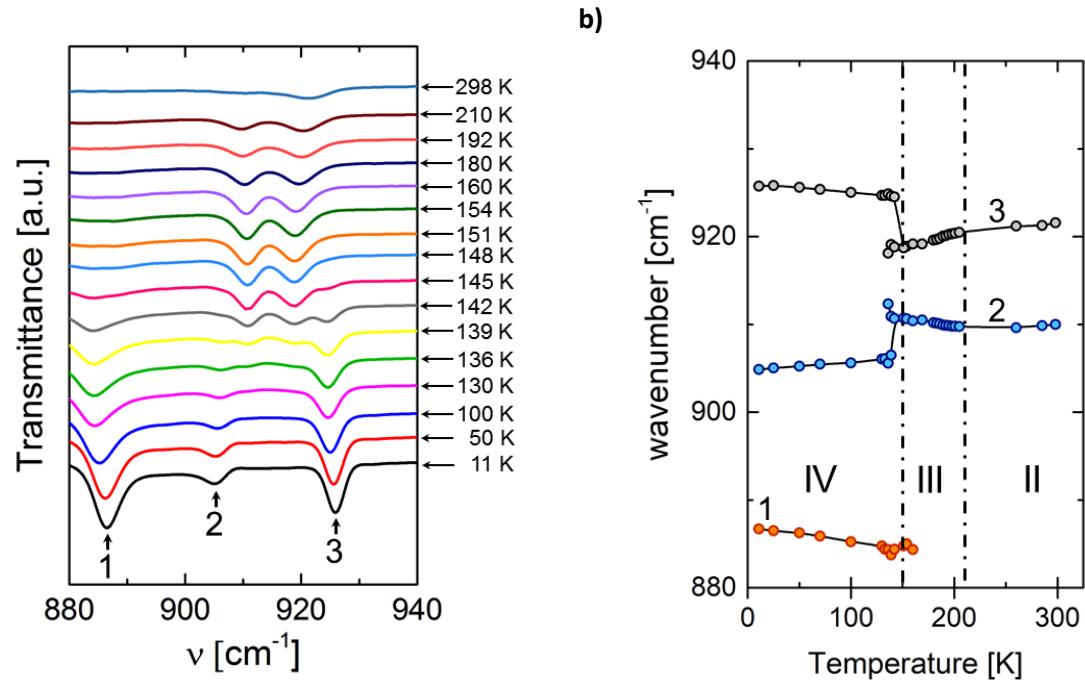


Fig. S13. a) Temperature evolution of bands assigned to imidazolium ring deformation between 880 and 940 cm⁻¹; (b) temperature dependencies of the band positions.

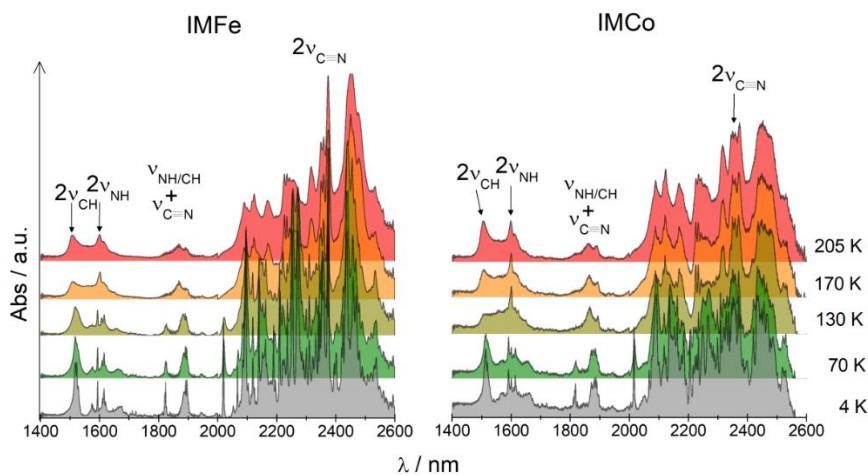


Fig. S14. NIR spectra versus temperature measured for pure **IMCo** and **IMFe** monocrystals