

Supplementary Information Materials

Cyano-bridged perovskite $[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NOH}]_2[\text{KM}(\text{CN})_6]$, [M: Fe(III), Co(III)] for high-temperature multi-axial ferroelectric applications with enhanced thermal and nonlinear optical performance

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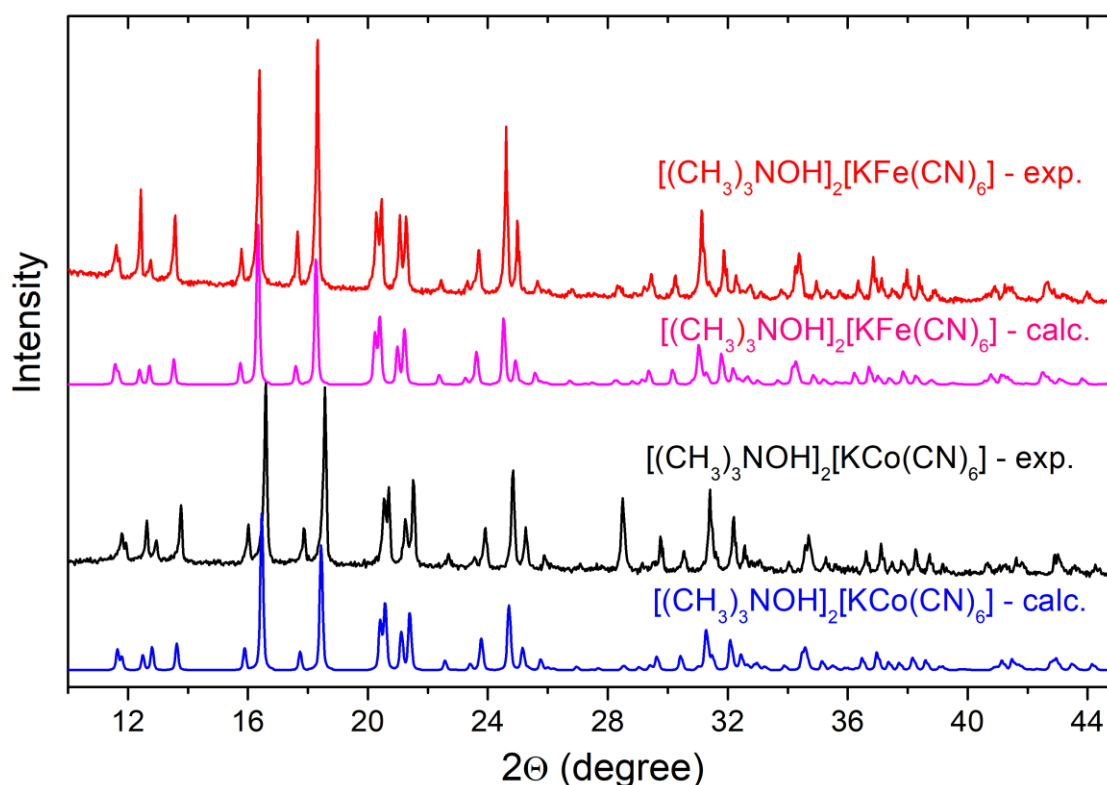


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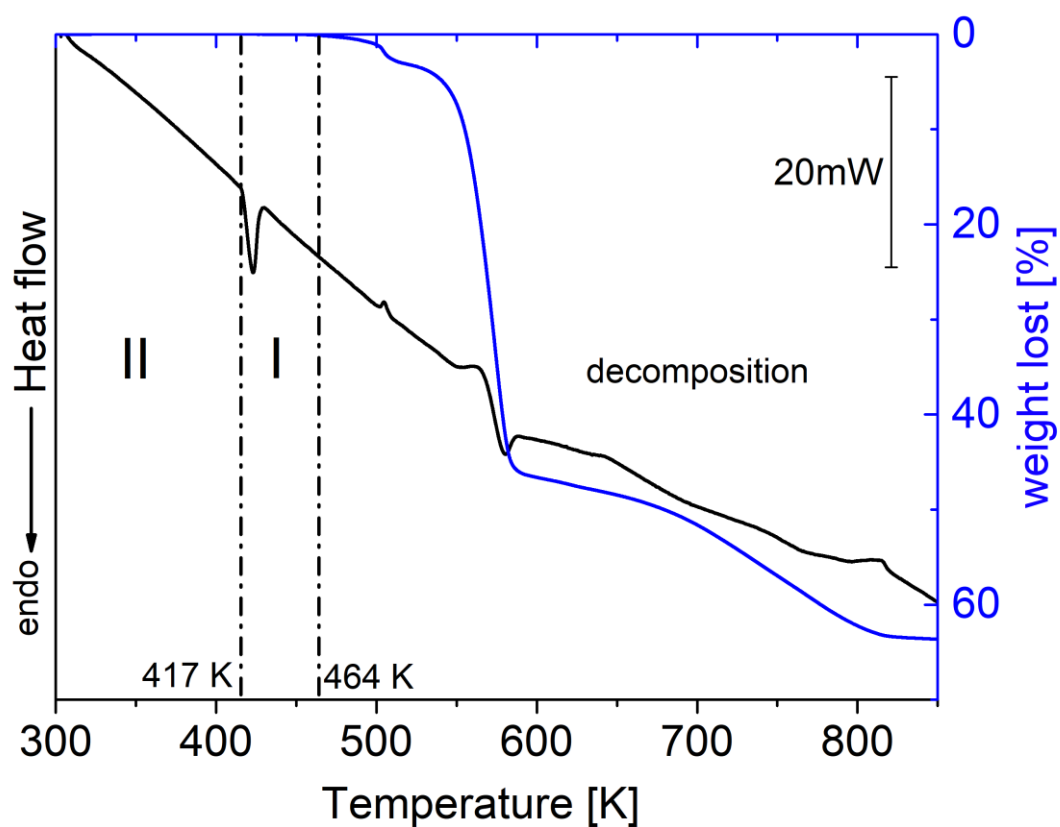


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Table S1. Thermodynamic parameters of the phase transitions for **TMAO-Co**.

PT	II \rightarrow I	
runs	cooling	heating
M [g/mol]	406.39	
T [K]	409	417
ΔH [J \cdot g $^{-1}$]	71.5	75.5
ΔH [kJ \cdot mol $^{-1}$]	29.1	30.7
ΔS [J \cdot mol $^{-1}\cdot$ K $^{-1}$]	71.0	73.6

Table S2. Experimental details **TMAO-Co**.

	(II)	(I)
Crystal data		
Chemical formula	C ₁₂ H ₂₀ CoKN ₈ O ₂	C ₁₂ H ₂₀ CoKN ₈ O ₂
M_r	406.39	406.39
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, <i>Cc</i>	Cubic, <i>Fm$\bar{3}m$</i>
Temperature (K)	100.0(1)	440
a, b, c (Å)	15.1774 (9), 8.8150 (5), 14.3489 (9)	12.3427 (4), 12.3427 (4), 12.3427 (4)
α, β, γ (°)	90, 98.532 (6), 90	90, 90, 90
V (Å ³)	1898.5 (2)	1880.31 (18)
Z	4	4
Radiation type	Mo $K\alpha$	Mo $K\alpha$
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.15	1.16
Crystal size (mm)	0.23 x 0.15 x 0.12	0.23 x 0.18 x 0.10
Data collection		
Diffractometer		Xcalibur CCD
Absorption correction		SCALE3 ABSPACK
min/max	0.5609/1.0000	0.7512/1.0000
No. of measured, independent and observed [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] reflections	6865, 2724, 2297	9110, 218, 121
R_{int}	0.064	0.041
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{max}$ (Å ⁻¹)	0.617	0.760
Refinement		
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.041, 0.095, 0.96	0.038, 0.108, 1.06
No. of reflections	2724	218
No. of parameters	224	22
No. of restraints	2	0
H-atom treatment	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{max}, \Delta\rho_{min}$ (e Å ⁻³)	0.38, -0.35	0.23, -0.18
Absolute structure	Classical Flack method preferred over Parsons because s.u. lower.	
Absolute structure parameter	0.11 (3)	

Computer programs: *SHELXL2013* (Sheldrick, 2013).

Table S3. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for **TMAO-Co**.

II - phase					
Bond	Experimental	Calculated	Bond	Experimental	Calculated
Co1—C2	1.885 (7)	1.8574	N5—C5	1.138 (9)	1.1758
Co1—C6	1.885 (8)	1.8581	N6—C6	1.155 (9)	1.1747
Co1—C4	1.899 (8)	1.8821	N10—O10	1.414 (9)	1.4323
Co1—C1	1.904 (8)	1.8827	N10—C10	1.484 (9)	1.4912
Co1—C3	1.906 (8)	1.8836	N10—C12	1.485 (9)	1.4921
Co1—C5	1.909 (8)	1.8821	N10—C11	1.503 (11)	1.4958
N1—C1	1.157 (10)	1.1741	N11—O11	1.431 (9)	1.4322
N1—K1	2.828 (8)	2.7961	N11—C14	1.477 (10)	1.4924
C2—N2	1.163 (9)	1.1743	N11—C15	1.479 (9)	1.4963
N3—C3	1.141 (10)	1.1752	N11—C13	1.493 (9)	1.4911
C4—N4	1.152 (9)	1.1760			
Angles	Experimental	Calculated	Angles	Experimental	Calculated
C2—Co1—C6	91.4 (3)	92.94	N3—C3—Co1	176.6 (7)	174.48
C2—Co1—C4	175.1 (3)	173.64	N4—C4—Co1	175.8 (7)	175.44
C6—Co1—C4	91.1 (3)	90.75	N5—C5—Co1	174.4 (7)	174.10
C2—Co1—C1	87.9 (3)	90.94	N6—C6—Co1	177.3 (7)	177.76
C6—Co1—C1	88.5 (3)	86.04	O10—N10—C10	110.0 (6)	105.57
C4—Co1—C1	88.0 (3)	94.48	O10—N10—C12	110.6 (7)	109.23
C2—Co1—C3	91.0 (3)	87.28	C10—N10—C12	110.9 (6)	110.36
C6—Co1—C3	86.9 (3)	88.75	O10—N10—C11	104.6 (6)	109.73
C4—Co1—C3	93.4 (3)	87.63	C10—N10—C11	109.5 (7)	110.55
C1—Co1—C3	175.2 (3)	174.40	C12—N10—C11	111.0 (6)	111.23
C2—Co1—C5	88.5 (3)	88.32	N10—O10—K1 ^{ix}	134.8 (4)	134.09
C6—Co1—C5	176.0 (3)	173.81	O11—N11—C14	104.2 (5)	109.20
C4—Co1—C5	89.2 (3)	88.56	O11—N11—C15	109.1 (6)	109.74
C1—Co1—C5	95.5 (3)	87.88	C14—N11—C15	111.7 (6)	111.50
C3—Co1—C5	89.1 (3)	97.36	O11—N11—C13	109.6 (6)	105.35
C1—N1—K1	168.0 (7)	150.55	C14—N11—C13	110.8 (6)	110.39
N1—C1—Co1	175.0 (7)	176.24	C15—N11—C13	111.1 (6)	110.47
N2—C2—Co1	178.1 (6)	177.82			
I phase					
Bond	Experimental		Bond	Experimental	
Co1—C1	1.911 (4)		N10—O10	1.36 (3)	
K1—N1	3.115 (3)		N10—C10	1.55 (3)	
N1—C1	1.145 (5)				
Angles	Experimental		Angles	Experimental	
C1—Co1—C1 ⁱ	90.0		N1 ⁱⁱⁱ —K1—N1 ^{iv}	180.0	
C1—Co1—C1 ⁱⁱ	180.0		O10 ^v —N10—O10	119.6 (2)	
N1 ⁱⁱⁱ —K1—N1	90.0		O10—N10—O10	117.98 (17)	

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

Table S4. Selected hydrogen-bond parameters for **TMAO-Co**.

<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H (Å)	H··· <i>A</i> (Å)	<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i> (Å)	<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i> (°)
II-phase				
O10—H10A···N6	0.82	1.82	2.642 (8)	175.4
O11—H11A···N2	0.82	1.81	2.628 (8)	172.2
C13—H00O···N6 ⁱ	0.96	2.69	3.601 (10)	157.9
I-phase				
C10—H10B···N1 ⁱⁱ	1.05	2.31	3.161 (13)	137.5

Symmetry code(s): (i) $x, -y+2, z-1/2$; (ii) $-y+1, -z+1, -x+1$.

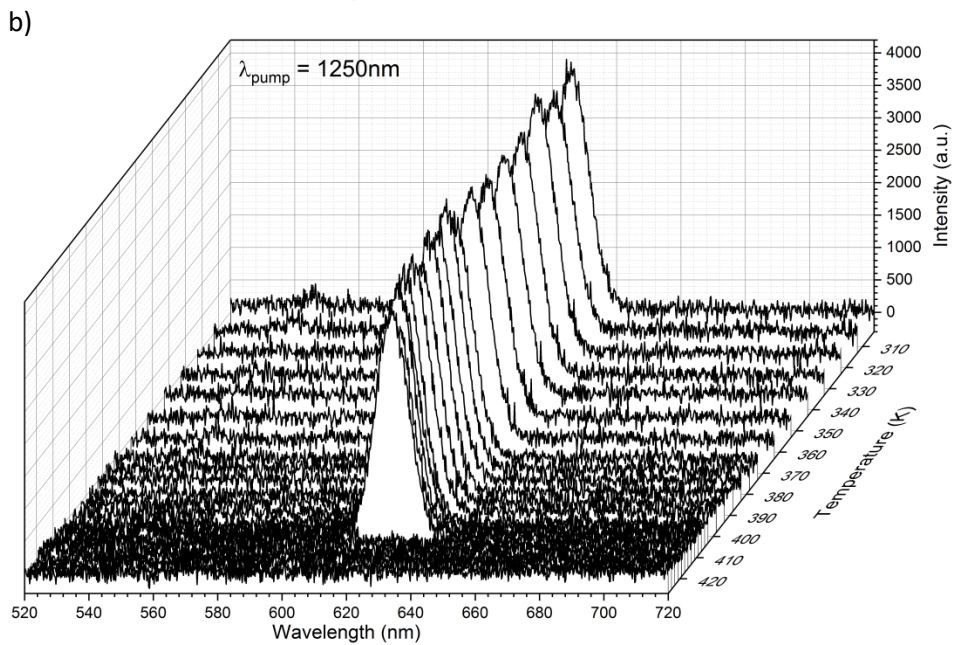
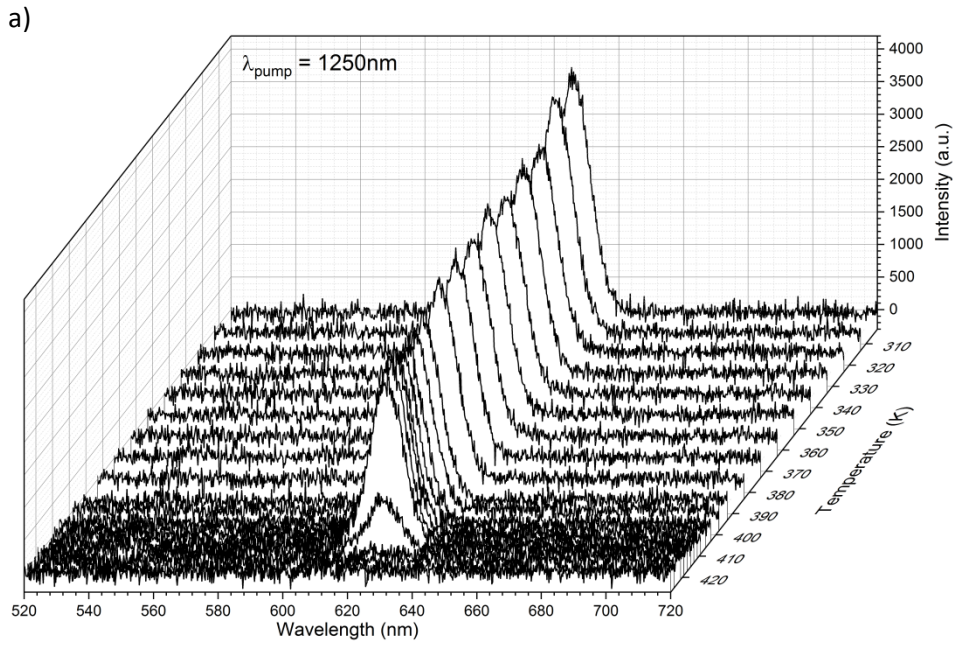


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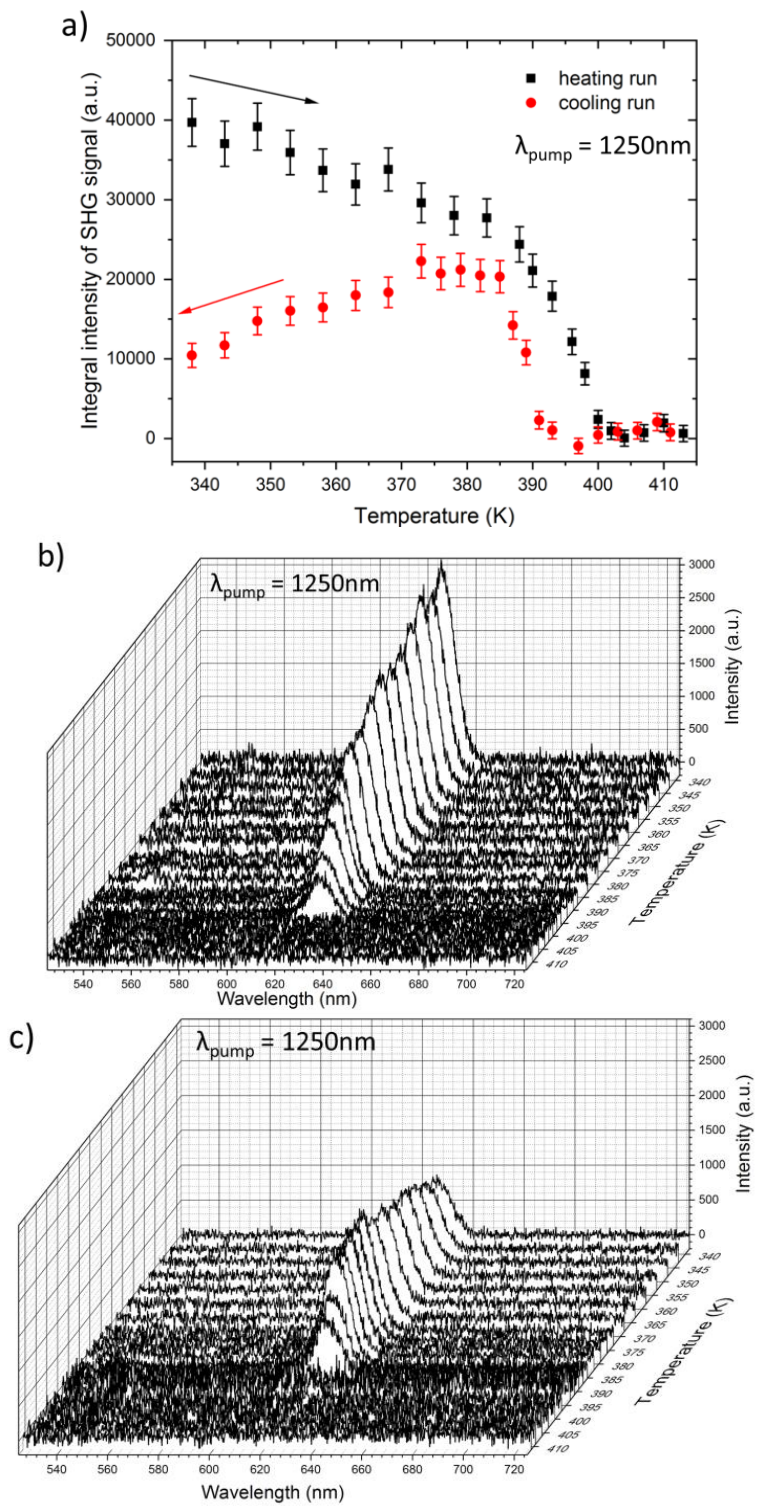


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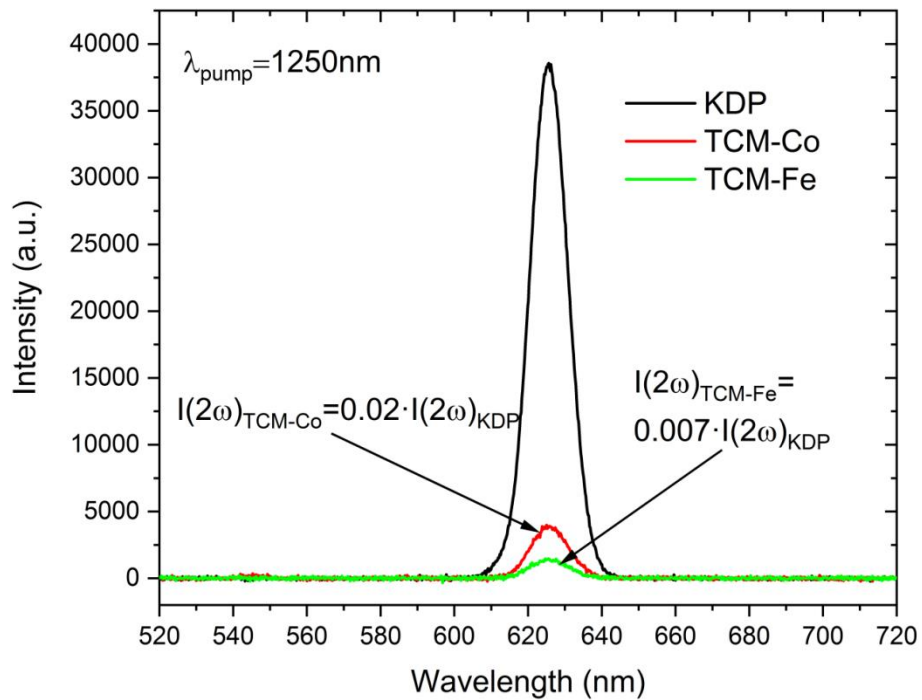


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As noted in the main paper, in contrast with many molecular perovskites, **TMAO-Fe** undergoes a distinct “bond-switching” across its phase transition from the aristotype $Fm\bar{3}m$ structure. In the low-symmetry Cc phase, as well as the reference $C2/c$ structure, some $K\cdots N$ - C - Fe links, which form the edges of the framework cage, break at the relatively ionic $K\cdots N$ bonds. The potassium and the nitrogen atoms re-connect through the $-OH$ moiety of the A-site TMAO⁺ cation, forming a new $K\cdots O$ - $H\cdots N$ - C - Fe edge of the framework cage. Therefore, when we perform functional group analysis, an equally valid alternative would be to consider the $-OH$ group as part of the framework, leaving $(CH_3)_3N\cdots$ alone as the A part. With this new separation formalism, we find that while the polarization along the c -axis stays almost unchanged, here the framework also contributes more than half of the polarization along the a -axis, while it has contributed little in the previous calculation. We can therefore further conclude that for the A-site TMAO⁺ cation, the polarization along a comes roughly equally both from the trimethylammonium moiety and from the hydroxide group. Results from both sets of functional group analysis are presented in Table S5 below.

Table S5. Ferroelectric polarization of **TMAO-M**, calculated by DFT and a simple point-charge model. All values are given in units of $\mu\text{C cm}^{-2}$.

M	Direction		Berry phase			Point charge			
			a	b	c	a	b	c	
Fe	Total		0.937	0	0.732	2.367 1.12*	0	0.812 0.54*	
	Separately, where A= $[(CH_3)_3NOH]_2$ and $BX_3=KFe(CN)_6$	P_A	1.331	0	-0.124	2.733	0	-0.009	
		P_{BX_3}	-0.240	0	1.080	-0.596	0	0.677	
		$P_A+P_{BX_3}$	1.091	0	0.956	2.137	0	0.668	
	Separately, where A= $[(CH_3)_3N]_2$ and $BX_3=(OH)_2KFe(CN)_6$	P_A	0.435	0	0.025	0.892	0	-0.177	
		P_{BX_3}	0.598	0	0.977	1.177	0	0.982	
		$P_A+P_{BX_3}$	1.033	0	1.002	2.069	0	0.805	
	Co	Total		0.868	0	0.510	2.531	0	0.686
		Separately, where A= $[(CH_3)_3NOH]_2$ and $BX_3=KCo(CN)_6$	P_A	1.384	0	-0.130	2.828	0	0.064
P_{BX_3}			-0.307	0	1.111	-0.310	0	0.683	
$P_A+P_{BX_3}$			1.077	0	0.981	2.518	0	0.747	
Separately, where A= $[(CH_3)_3N]_2$ and $BX_3=(OH)_2KCo(CN)_6$		P_A	0.459	0	0.029	1.005	0	-0.195	
		P_{BX_3}	0.555	0	0.780	1.485	0	1.118	
		$P_A+P_{BX_3}$	1.014	0	0.809	2.490	0	0.923	

*result presented in ref. 1

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Ion	Vibration	Free ion symmetry	Factor group symmetry
		O _h	O _h (C _s)
M(CN) ₆ ⁻	ν(CN)		
	ν ₁	A _{1g}	A _{1g} (A'+A'')
	ν ₃	E _g	E _g (2A'+2A'')
	ν ₆	T _{1u}	T _{1u} (3A'+3A'')
	ν(M-N)		
	ν ₂	A _{1g}	A _{1g} (A'+A'')
	ν ₄	E _g	E _g (2A'+2A'')
	ν ₈	T _{1u}	T _{1u} (3A'+3A'')
	δ(MCN)		
	ν ₅	T _{1g}	T _{1g} (3A'+3A'')
	ν ₇	T _{1u}	T _{1u} (3A'+3A'')
	ν ₁₀	T _{2g}	T _{2g} (3A'+3A'')
	ν ₁₂	T _{2u}	T _{2u} (3A'+3A'')
	δ(CMC)		
	ν ₉	T _{1u}	T _{1u} (3A'+3A'')
	ν ₁₁	T _{2g}	T _{2g} (3A'+3A'')
	ν ₁₃	T _{2u}	T _{2u} (3A'+3A'')
T'		T _{1u} (3A'+3A'')	
L		T _{1g} (3A'+3A'')	
(CH ₃) ₃ NOH ⁺	T'		T _{1u} (3A'+3A'')
	L		T _{1g} (3A'+3A'')
K ⁺	T'		T _{1u} (3A'+3A'')
	L		T _{1g} (3A'+3A'')

Table S7. The room-temperature FT-IR and FT-Raman modes (in cm^{-1}) of **TMAO-M**, where M=Co, Fe, and their proposed assignment. The modes involving vibrations of CN^- ions are denoted by red color.

TMAO-Co		TMAO-Fe		Assignment
IR	Raman	IR	Raman	
3118w,b		3118w,b		vOH
3062m	3063m	3061m	3060m	vCH
3053m	3052w	3051m		vCH
3045sh	3045m	3045sh	3045m	vCH
3036w	3038w	3037w	3038w	vCH
2968vw	2977m	2968vw	2977m	vCH
	2956m		2956m	vCH
	2870w		2870w	overtone
2825m,b		2824m,b		vOH
	2805w		2804w	overtone
	2794w		2795w	overtone
2697m,b		2695s,b		vOH
2583s,b		2582s,b		vOH
	2530vw,b		2518vw,b	vOH
2474m	2475vw,b	2473m	2473vw,b	vOH
2153m	2153vs	2137s	2136vs	vCN(ν_1)
2140s	2138vs	2129s	2128vs	vCN(ν_3)
2130sh		2118sh		vCN(ν_6)
2126vs	2126m	2114vs	2114m	vCN(ν_6)
		2111sh		vCN(ν_6)
2095vw		2084vw	2084vw	overtone
2090vw	2090vw	2081vw	2080vw	overtone
2082vw	2082vw	2070vw	2070vw	overtone
1638m,b		1640m,b		δOH
1555s		1557s		δOH
1544s		1545s		δOH
1480s	1483vw	1480s	1485vw	δCH_3
1460s		1455s		δCH_3
1449m	1450m	1446sh	1451m	δCH_3
1442s	1443m	1443s	1443m	δCH_3
1422w	1423vw	1421w	1422vw	δCH_3
1402m	1403w	1403m	1403w	δCH_3
1396w				δCH_3
1269w	1269vw	1269w	1270vw	ρCH_3
1255s	1255mw	1255s	1255vw	ρCH_3
1127w	1127w	1127w	1126w	ρCH_3
1124w		1124w		ρCH_3
951s	952m	951s	951m	vNO
941w	941m	942w	941m	vCN
896vw				overtone
858m		859		γOH
833s		834s		γOH

754w	755m	756w	756m	vCN
748sh	748sh	746sh	747sh	vCN
561m	557vw	522w		ρ NO
515w	514w	511w	510w	ρ NO
	501vw		501vw	δ MCN(v_7)
486w	485w	487w	485w	Skeletal def.
457w	459w	457m	459w	Skeletal def.
447sh	447vw		441vw	Skeletal def.
442w	441vw		428sh	Skeletal def.
430m	428w	421s	419vw	δ MCN(v_{10})
419s				δ MCN(v_{10})
411m	409w		400w	δ MCN(v_{10})
	402sh		386sh	ν MC(v_2) + δ CNC
	396m		376m	ν MC(v_2) + δ CNC
	381w			ν MC(v_4) + δ CNC
	376sh			ν MC(v_4) + δ CNC
	197w		193w	τ CH ₃
	160sh		153sh	δ CMC(v_{11}) + lattice
	148m		141s	δ CMC(v_{11}) + lattice
	131sh		126sh	lattice

Table S8. The observed IR and Raman modes (in cm⁻¹) of **TMAO-Co** and their proposed assignment.

IR			Raman			Assignment
80 K	280 K	430 K	80 K	280 K	430 K	
		3433m				vOH
		3234s				vOH
3131w,b	3118w,b					vOH
3101w,b						vOH
3063w	3062m	3061w	3064m	3063m	3059sh	vCH
3053w	3053m	3052w	3056m	3057m	3051m	vCH
3045sh	3046sh		3047w	3048w		vCH
3034w	3036w		3038w	3038w		vCH
3026vw	3024vw		3035w			vCH
3008vw						vCH
2993vw	2991vw	2991vw				vCH
2971vw	2970vw	2972vw	2979m	2977m	2976m	vCH
			2970w			vCH
			2956m	2956m	2957sh	vCH
		2921w,b				vOH
			2867w	2869w	2880vw	overtone
2828m	2827m,b			2838vw		vOH
2816m						vOH
			2803w	2804w	2805vw	overtone
			2793w	2794w		overtone

2751w						vOH
2741w	2731sh					vOH
2703m	2695m,b					vOH
2590sh						vOH
2549s	2581s,b					vOH
2511m						vOH
2483s	2475s,b					vOH
2471sh						vOH
2157m	2153m		2156vs	2152vs	2136s	vCN(v ₁)
2142s	2139s		2141s	2138s	2124m	vCN(v ₃)
2133sh	2129sh		2133m			vCN(v ₆)
2129vs	2127vs	2114vs	2129m	2127m		vCN(v ₆)
1663m	1639m,b	1635vw,b				δOH
1623m						δOH
1566m	1551m					δOH
1551m	1544m	1498m,b				δOH
1481m	1480m	1485s	1484vw	1485vw		δCH ₃
1461w	1458sh					δCH ₃
1451m	1448sh					δCH ₃
1441m	1443m	1445s	1441w	1442w	1445w	δCH ₃
1419vw	1421vw		1420vw			δCH ₃
1400w	1403w	1407w	1408vw	1401w	1403vw	δCH ₃
			1400w			δCH ₃
1273w	1269w		1272vw	1270vw		ρCH ₃
1259m	1255m	1240m	1255vw	1254vw		ρCH ₃
1128w	1127w	1123w	1127vw	1126w		ρCH ₃
1124w	1123w					ρCH ₃
954m	952m	954m	953m	951m	951w	vNO
951sh						vNO
944w	942m	936m	945w	943sh	934w	vCN
			938w			vCN
	896vw	890w				overtone
871m	858m		868vw			γOH
848m	835m		847vw			γOH
763vw			762w			vCN
756w	756w	761w	756m	755m	761w	vCN
746w	747w		746w	749sh	748sh	vCN
565w	561w	554w	564vw	560vw		ρNO
			504vw			δCoCN(v ₇)
			486vw	485vw	495vw	Skeletal def.
			459vw	459vw	456vw	Skeletal def.
			442w	441w		Skeletal def.
			430w	427w		δCoCN(v ₁₀)
			413w	409w		δCoCN(v ₁₀)
			405sh			vCoC(v ₂) +δCNC
			400m	397m	386m	vCoC(v ₂) +δCNC
			381w	381w		vCoC(v ₄) +δCNC
			342vw	341vw		δCoCN(v ₅)

303vw			?
290vw			?
225vw			lattice
211sh			τCH_3
203w	197w		τCH_3
170sh			$\delta\text{CCoC}(v_{11})$ + lattice
164w	159sh		$\delta\text{CCoC}(v_{11})$ + lattice
148m	148m	160m	$\delta\text{CCoC}(v_{11})$ + lattice
129w	128sh		lattice
86w	84w		lattice

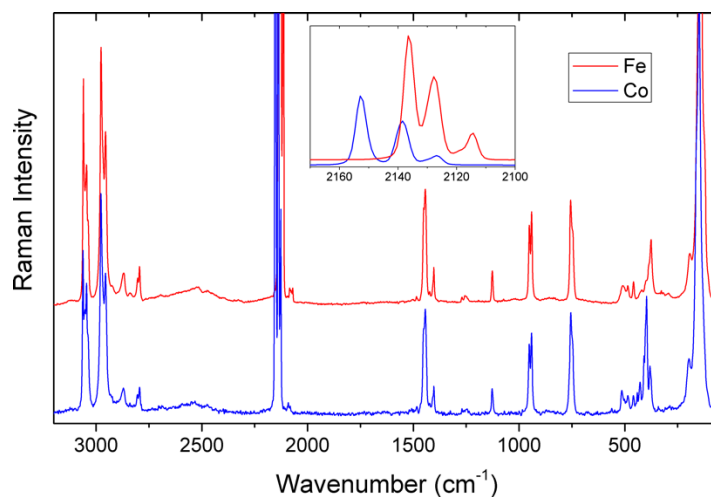
Key: s-very strong, s-strong, m-medium, w-weak, vw-very weak, sh-shoulder; v_s -symmetric stretching, v_{as} -asymmetric stretching, δ -in-plane bending (scissoring), ρ -rocking, ω -wagging, τ -twisting (torsion), γ -out-of-plane bending, T-translation, L-libration.

Table S9. The observed IR modes (in cm^{-1}) of **TMAO-Fe** and their proposed assignment.

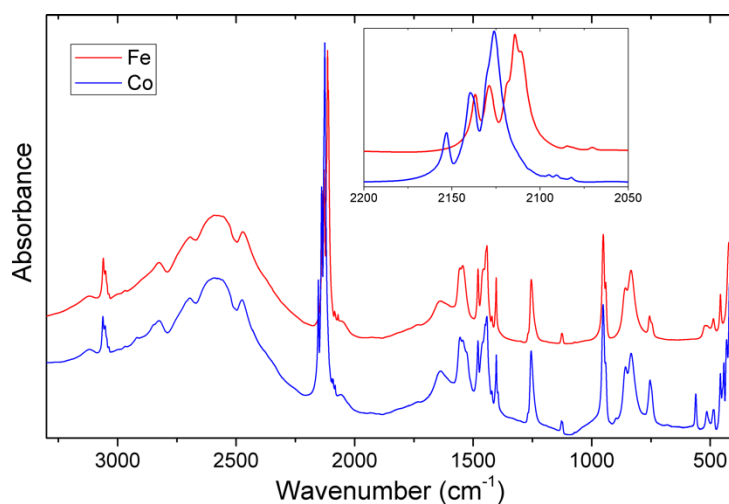
		IR		Assignment
80 K	280 K	390 K		
		3428sh		νOH
		3228m		νOH
3133w,b	3120w,b	3150m		νOH
3107w,b				νOH
3060m	3060m	3059m		νCH
3053m	3050m	3050m		νCH
3049m				νCH
3042sh	3043sh			νCH
3033w	3035w			νCH
3008vw				νCH
2992vw		2985w		νCH
2970vw	2967vw	2955w		νCH
2916vw	2917vw	2923w		νCH
2830w	2824w			νOH
2818w				νOH
2733sh				νOH
2699m	2694m,b			νOH
2686m				νOH
2577sh	2572s,b			νOH
2538s				νOH
2483s	2475s,b			νOH
2468sh				νOH
2140s	2137s	2134w		$\nu\text{CN}(v_1)$
2132s	2129s	2126w		$\nu\text{CN}(v_3)$
2121m	2118sh	2113m		$\nu\text{CN}(v_3)$
2117vs	2115vs	2104s		$\nu\text{CN}(v_6)$
		2077m		$\nu\text{CN}(v_6)$
1661m	1639m,b	1666w,b		δOH
1621m				δOH
1567m	1557m			δOH

1553m	1546m	1549w	δOH
1481m	1480m	1479s	δCH_3
1461m	1460m	1463s	δCH_3
1441m	1441m	1445s	δCH_3
1419w	1422w		δCH_3
1401m	1403m	1404w	δCH_3
1272w	1269w		ρCH_3
1261m	1256m	1252w	ρCH_3
1245w		1241sh	ρCH_3
		1164vw	ρCH_3
1132vw			ρCH_3
1128vw	1127vw		ρCH_3
1125vw	1124sh	1125vw	ρCH_3
		1049w	ρCH_3
953s	952s	952m	νNO
950sh			νNO
944m	941m	940m	νCN
871m	859m	849sh	γOH
847m	837m	833m	γOH
757w	757w	757w	νCN
745vw	746vw	744vw	νCN

a)



b)



c)

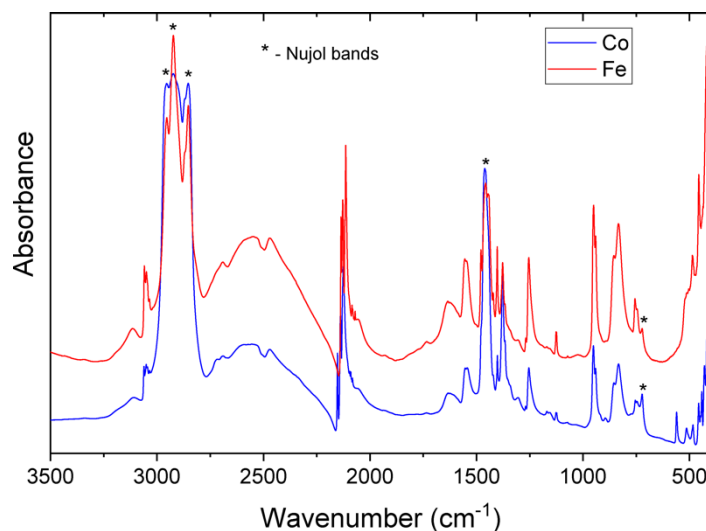


Fig. S6. a) The room-temperature FT-Raman spectra for **TMAO-Co** and **TMAO-Fe**. The insert shows the details of the most intense Raman bands. b) The room-temperature FT-IR spectra in KBr pellets and the 3300-400 cm^{-1} range. The insert shows the details of the most intense IR bands. c) The room-temperature FT-IR spectra of the studied compounds in Nujol mull and the 3300-400 cm^{-1} range. The asterisks denote Nujol bands.

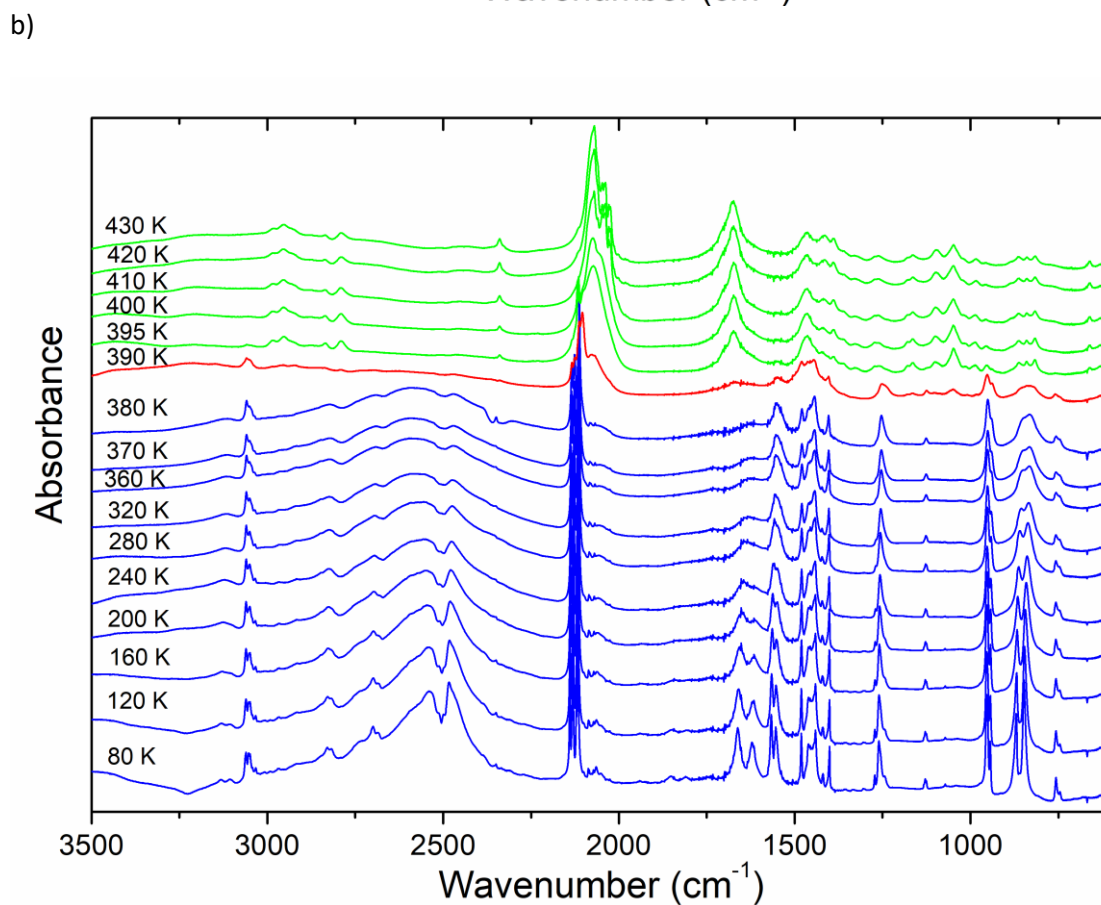
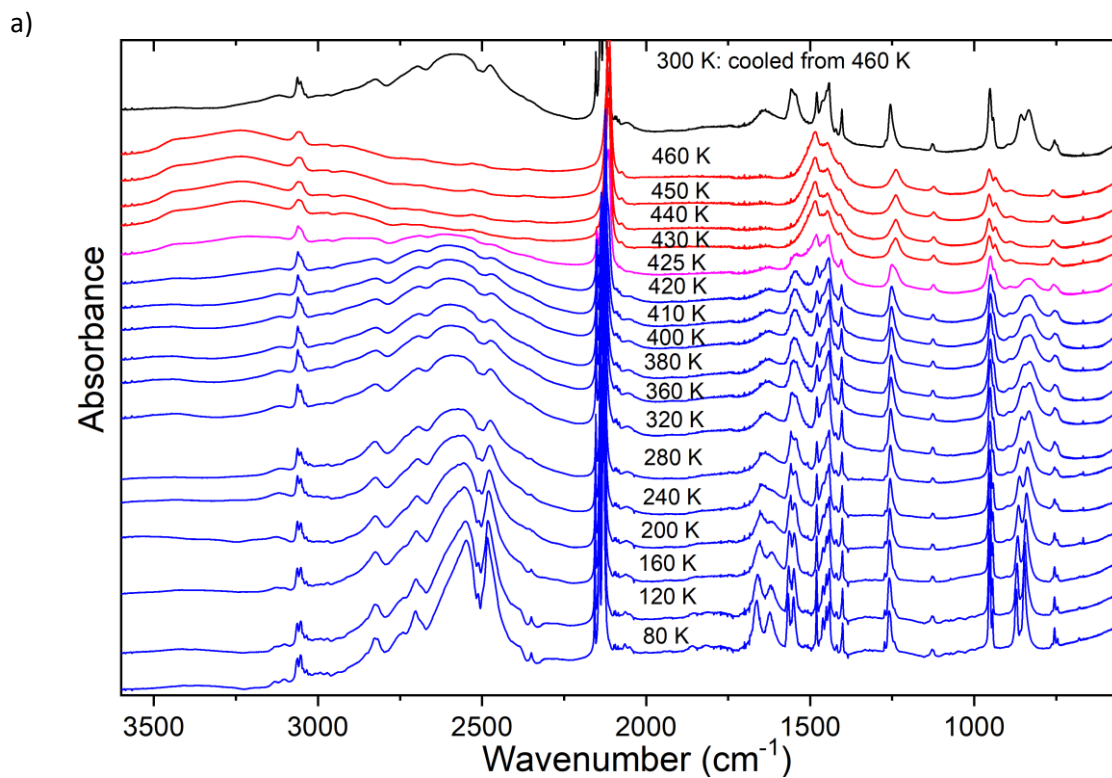


Fig. S7. The temperature-dependent IR spectra of a) **TMAO-Co** and b) **TMAO-Fe**.