# Light and Thermally Activated Spin Crossover Coupled to an Order-Disorder Transition of a Propyl Chain in an Iron(III) Complex

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#### FT-IR spectroscopy and UV-Vis Absorption

**Table S1:** Key FT-IR peaks and UV-Vis absorption band of  $[Fe(naphPren)_2]I$ -solv complexes where solv =  $CH_2Cl_2$ , **1**,  $CHCl_3$ , **2** and acetone, **3**.

|   | FT-IR   |                  |         | UV-Visible absorption (CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> )   |
|---|---------|------------------|---------|--|
|   | v (N-H) | v (C-H)          | v (C=N) |  |
| [Fe(naphPren) <sub>2</sub> ]I·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 1 | 3105    | 2961, 2930, 2871 | 1608    | 415 nm (9430 M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> ), 634 nm  |
| [Fe(naphPren) <sub>2</sub> ]I·CHCl <sub>3</sub> , <b>2</b>        | 3115    | 2961, 2929, 2870 | 1612    | (shoulder, 2815 M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> ), 697<br>nm (3335 M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> ) |
| [Fe(naphPren)₂]I·C₃H <sub>6</sub> O, <b>3</b>                     | 3066    | 2964, 2933, 2871 | 1616    |  |



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Figure S2. UV-Visible absorption spectrum of 1 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0.125 mM).

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Figure S3. TGA curves for 1-3, with the assigned mass losses.

### **Mass Spectrometry**



Figure S4. Mass spectrum of 1 (ESI+)



Figure S5. Mass spectrum of 1 (ESI-)



Figure S6. Asymmetric Unit of 2 (A) and 3 (B) at 150 K.

|  | 1                                    |             | 2   |               |               |               | 3  |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Formula  | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>38</sub> FeIN | 1O2·CH2Cl2  | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>38</sub> FeIN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub> |               |               |               | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>38</sub> FeIN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O |
| Т (К)  | 150                                  | 200         | 130   | 150           | 200           | 298           | 150  |
| MW (g/mol)   | 778.34                               | 778.37      |   | 812.78        |               | 812.81        | 751.49   |
| Radiation  | CuKα                                 |             |   | Cu            | CuKα          |               |  |
| λ (Å)  | 1.54                                 | 184         | 1.54184   |               |               |               | 1.54184  |
| Crystal system                                       | Mono                                 | clinic      | Monoclinic  |               |               |               | Monoclinic   |
| Space group  | P21                                  | /c          | P21/c   |               |               |               | P21/c  |
| a (Å)  | 11.17020 (10)                        | 11.3870 (1) | 11.37248 (11)   | 11.38862 (17) | 11.47081 (14) | 11.54644 (13) | 11.22140 (10)  |
| b (Å)  | 12.64770 (10)                        | 12.6060 (1) | 13.01255 (13)   | 13.0145 (2)   | 12.93413 (16) | 13.04848 (16) | 12.68900 (10)  |
| c (Å)  | 23.5283 (3)                          | 23.8251 (2) | 23.3736 (2)   | 23.4046 (4)   | 23.8498 (3)   | 23.9438 (3)   | 23.7424 (2)  |
| α (°)  | 90                                   | 90          | 90  | 90            | 90            | 90            | 90   |
| β (°)  | 92.2150 (10)                         | 90.177 (1)  | 93.9098 (8)   | 93.6869 (14)  | 92.8489 (11)  | 93.0092 (10)  | 90.0330 (10)   |
| γ (°)  | 90                                   | 90          | 90  | 90            | 90            | 90            | 90   |
| Cell volume (ų)                                      | 3321.53 (6)                          | 3419.95 (5) | 3450.89 (6)   | 3461.78 (10)  | 3534.10 (7)   | 3602.48 (7)   | 3380.64 (5)  |
| Ζ  | 4                                    | 4           | 4   | 4             | 4             | 4             | 4  |
| μ (mm⁻¹)   | 12.702                               | 12.337      | 12.949  | 12.908        | 12.644        | 12.405        | 11.061   |
| Reflections collected                                | 23172                                | 25119       | 27351   | 26930         | 27434         | 29102         | 34357  |
| Independent reflections,                             | 6065,                                | 6259,       | 6314,   | 6334,         | 6473,         | 6587,         | 6186,  |
| R <sub>int</sub> (%)                                 | 7.28                                 | 7.08        | 12.82   | 10.66         | 9.19          | 8.04          | 9.32   |
| <i>R</i> -Factor (%), w $R_2$ (%) [I $\ge 2\sigma$ ] | 5.52, 15.16                          | 5.26, 14.12 | 5.40, 14.29   | 6.63, 18.49   | 5.28, 14.53   | 5.52, 15.51   | 4.47, 12.03  |
| CCDC No.   | 2259253                              | 2259254     | 2259255   | 2259257       | 2259258       | 2259256       | 2259259  |

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|  |            | 1                                | 2          |            |              |              | 3          |  |  |
|--|------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--|--|
| Т (К)  | 150        | 200                              | 130        | 150        | 200          | 298          | 150        |  |  |
| Torsion angle of the propyl chain                      |            |                                  |            |            |              |              |            |  |  |
| Fe-N2-C14-C15  | 179.4      | 91.7, 166.2                      | 179.7      | 179.0      | 102.2, 174.6 | 99.2, 170.6  | 85.1       |  |  |
| Fe-N4-C30-C31  | 170.8      | 171.9                            | 170.0      | 170.1      | 168.5        | 169.2        | 174.2      |  |  |
| N2-C14-C15-C16   | 166.8      | 159.7, 169.8                     | 167.7      | 168.1      | 167.0, 169.1 | 111.4, 164.3 | 173.7      |  |  |
| N4-C30-C31-C32   | 175.7      | 175.3                            | 178.3      | 178.2      | 176.5        | 177.8        | 174.2      |  |  |
| 1-D chain of cationic complex and solvent along b-axis |            |                                  |            |            |              |              |            |  |  |
| N-H2···I or N-H4···I                                   | 2.67, 2.88 | 2.71, 2.84                       | 2.63, 2.69 | 2.62, 2.69 | 2.65, 2.68   | 2.75, 2.78   | 2.70, 2.75 |  |  |
| С-Н33…I  | -          | <i>3.08/ 3.24</i><br>(ds)        | -          | -          | -            | -            | -          |  |  |
| С-Н34…І  | -          | -                                | -          | -          | -            | -            | 3.19       |  |  |
| C-Cl <sub>solv</sub> (1/2/3)…I                         | 4.10       | -                                | 3.54       | 3.54       | 3.54         | 3.55         | -          |  |  |
| C-H34…O1/2   | 2.58, 2.63 | 2.56/ 2.59<br>(ds)               | 2.45       | 2.46       | 2.56         | 2.60         | 2.74       |  |  |
| C-Cl <sub>solv</sub> (1/2/3)…O1/2                      | -          | <i>3.28/ 3.89</i><br>(ds)        | 3.10       | 3.11       | 3.11         | 3.18         | -          |  |  |
| С-Н33…О1   | -          | -                                | -          | -          | -            | -            | 2.83       |  |  |
| C-H24…π or C-H27…π                                     | 3.34, 3.38 | 3.14, 3.42                       | -          | -          | -            | -            | -          |  |  |
| C-H8…π or C-H11…π                                      | -          | -                                | 3.28, 3.32 | 3.28, 3.31 | 3.22, 3.36   | 3.28, 3.42   | 3.27, 3.40 |  |  |
| С-Н19…π  | 3.43       | 3.60                             | -          | -          | -            | -            | -          |  |  |
| С-Н3…π   | -          | -                                | 3.75       | 3.77       | 3.82         | 3.90         | 3.54       |  |  |
| С-Н32…π  | 2.92, 3.10 | 3.12/ 3.26,<br>2.87/none<br>(ds) | -          | -          | -            | -            | -          |  |  |

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| С-Н16…π   | -          | -          | 3.19, 3.44 | 3.20, 3.47 | 3.35/3.87,<br>3.16/none<br>(ds) | 3.21/3.73,<br>3.20/none<br>(ds) | 2.96, 3.12 |  |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| Fe-Fe (Å)   | 7.73       | 7.55       | 7.98       | 7.97       | 7.84                            | 7.86                            | 7.52       |  |
| Interaction between 1-D chains                    |            |            |            |            |                                 |                                 |            |  |
| C-H24…I or C-H27…I                                | 3.13, 3.14 | 3.14, 3.21 | 3.08, 3.14 | 3.07, 3.15 | 3.04, 3.15                      | 3.09, 3.19                      | 3.15, 3.18 |  |
| С-НЗ…π  | 3.06       | 2.93       | -          | -          | -                               | -                               | -          |  |
| С-Н19…π   | -          | -          | 2.93       | 2.94       | 2.87                            | 2.92                            | 2.94       |  |
| СН16…π  | 2.90       | 2.95       | -          | -          | -                               | -                               | -          |  |
| СН32…π  | -          | -          | 2.94       | 3.00       | 3.01                            | 3.12                            | 2.87       |  |
| Tilting of staggered <i>ab</i> plane, $\beta$ (°) | 92.2       | 90.2       | 93.9       | 93.7       | 92.9                            | 93.0                            | 90.0       |  |

<sup>1</sup>(ds) represents the values from the disordered motifs



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