Supporting Information

Spin crossover and polymorphism in a family of 1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethene-bridged binuclear iron(II) complexes. A key role of structural distortions.

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| | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Spin state | HS-HS | HS-LS | LS–LS | HS–HS | HS-HS |
| Formula | $C_{40}H_{36}N_{12}S_4Fe_2$ | $C_{40}H_{36}N_{12}S_4Fe_2$ | $C_{40}H_{36}N_{12}S_4Fe_2$ | $C_{42}H_{44}N_{12}S_4O_2Fe_2$ | $C_{40}H_{36}N_{12}S_4Fe_2$ |
| M | 924.79 | 924.79 | 924.79 | 988.87 | 924.79 |
| <i>T</i> [K] | 300 | 183 | 90 | 290 | 293 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Space group | C2/c | C2/c | C2/c | $P2_{1}/n$ | $P2_{1}/c$ |
| a/Å | 20.813(1) | 21.017(3) | 20.759(1) | 10.305(1) | 17.092(5) |
| b/Å | 12.745(1) | 12.429(1) | 12.249(1) | 16.467(2) | 16.804(5) |
| c/Å | 18.935(1) | 19.390(3) | 19.400(1) | 14.043(1) | 16.316(5) |
| $\beta/^{\circ}$ | 111.389(2) | 114.08(2) | 114.008(2) | 96.61(1) | 106.911(5) |
| $V/\text{\AA}^3$ | 4676.8(3) | 4624.3(1) | 4506.2(3) | 2367.1(4) | 4484(2) |
| $ ho_{ m calcd}/ m g\ m cm^3$ | 1.313 | 1.328 | 1.363 | 1.387 | 1.371 |
| Ζ | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| λ/Å | 0.71069 | 0.71069 | 0.71069 | 0.71069 | 0.71069 |
| $\mu(Mo_{K_{\alpha}})/mm^{-1}$ | 0.840 | 0.850 | 0.872 | 0.838 | 0.877 |
| <i>F</i> (000) | 1904 | 1904 | 1904 | 1024 | 1904 |
| θ range/° | 1.9–27.9 | 3.3–29.5 | 2.0-27.9 | 3.6-29.6 | 2.9–29.3 |
| independent reflections | 5097 | 5693 | 5252 | 5911 | 10295 |
| independent | 2823 | 3574 | 4197 | 3130 | 3229 |
| reflections with <i>I</i> >2 <i>o</i> (<i>I</i>) | | | | | |
| parameters | 280 | 262 | 262 | 280 | 523 |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F)^2]$ | 0.0681 | 0.0670 | 0.0735 | 0.0527 | 0.0843 |
| $wR_2(F^2)$ | 0.1687 | 0.0880 | 0.1964 | 0.1386 | 0.1837 |

Table S1. Crystallographic Data for 1, 2, and 3^[a]

^aEstimated standard deviations in the least significant digits are given in parentheses.

| | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 (Fe1 site) ^[b] | 3 (Fe2 site) ^[c] |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | 300 K | 183 K | 90 K | 290 K | 293 K | 293 K |
| Fe(1)-N(1) | 2.108(5) | 2.014(4) | 1.952(3) | 2.111(4) | 2.085(9) | 2.106(10) |
| Fe(1)-N(2) | 2.089(5) | 1.991(4) | 1.954(3) | 2.093(5) | 2.095(10) | 2.129(9) |
| Fe(1)-N(3) | 2.199(4) | 2.073(4) | 1.992(3) | 2.208(4) | 2.196(10) | 2.202(10) |
| Fe(1)-N(4) | 2.248(4) | 2.114(3) | 2.017(3) | 2.239(4) | 2.216(9) | 2.201(10) |
| Fe(1)-N(5) | 2.222(4) | 2.075(3) | 1.967(3) | 2.163(4) | 2.289(9) | 2.198(10) |
| Fe(1)-N(6) | 2.202(4) | 2.081(3) | 1.997(3) | 2.219(4) | 2.218(9) | 2.220(9) |
| N(1)-Fe(1)-N(2) | 95.8(2) | 93.1(2) | 90.6(1) | 96.8(2) | 101.7(5) | 100.6(4) |
| N(1)-Fe(1)-N(3) | 94.7(2) | 94.0(2) | 93.3(1) | 94.9(2) | 93.4(4) | 92.8(4) |
| N(1)-Fe(1)-N(4) | 166.1(2) | 171.8(2) | 175.4(1) | 168.5(2) | 158.1(4) | 165.8(4) |
| N(1)-Fe(1)-N(5) | 92.9(2) | 93.8(1) | 94.1(1) | 96.6(2) | 90.5(4) | 94.2(4) |
| N(1)-Fe(1)-N(6) | 96.7(2) | 94.3(2) | 92.0(1) | 91.8(2) | 97.7(4) | 91.1(4) |
| N(2)-Fe(1)-N(3) | 101.8(2) | 97.7(1) | 95.1(1) | 93.3(2) | 85.5(4) | 94.0(4) |
| N(2)-Fe(1)-N(4) | 96.2(2) | 93.0(2) | 91.6(1) | 89.4(2) | 96.6(4) | 89.4(4) |
| N(2)-Fe(1)-N(5) | 169.0(2) | 172.0(1) | 174.6(1) | 166.6(2) | 166.3(4) | 164.7(4) |
| N(2)-Fe(1)-N(6) | 87.9(2) | 87.4(1) | 87.4(1) | 89.3(2) | 86.9(4) | 85.9(4) |
| N(3)-Fe(1)-N(4) | 75.9(2) | 79.7(1) | 82.4(1) | 75.1(2) | 76.2(4) | 76.3(4) |
| N(3)-Fe(1)-N(5) | 84.1(2) | 85.9(1) | 87.3(1) | 85.2(1) | 100.0(3) | 89.0(3) |
| N(3)-Fe(1)-N(6) | 164.2(2) | 170.0(1) | 174.1(1) | 172.5(2) | 167.7(4) | 176.0(4) |
| N(4)-Fe(1)-N(5) | 76.1(2) | 80.5(1) | 83.9(1) | 77.3(2) | 72.9(3) | 76.8(4) |
| N(4)-Fe(1)-N(6) | 90.8(2) | 91.5(1) | 92.2(1) | 98.0(2) | 95.1(4) | 99.7(4) |
| N(5)-Fe(1)-N(6) | 84.4(2) | 88.1(1) | 89.7(1) | 90.7(1) | 85.4(3) | 90.1(4) |

Table S2. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for 1, 2, and 3^[a]

^a Estimated standard deviations in the least significant digits are given in parentheses
^b N(1), N(2), N(3), N(4), N(5), and N(6) correspond to N(101), N(102), N(103), N(104), N(105), and N(106), respectively

^c N(1), N(2), N(3), N(4), N(5), and N(6) correspond to N(201), N(202), N(203), N(204), N(205), and N(206), respectively

| | δ | Г/2 | ΔE_q | δ | Г/2 | ΔE_q | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| $T(\mathbf{K})$ | (mms^{-1}) | (mms^{-1}) | (mms^{-1}) | (mms^{-1}) | (mms^{-1}) | (mms^{-1}) | A_{HS}/A_{tot} |
| | | [HS-HS] | | | [LS–LS] | | |
| 293 | 1.013(2) | 0.159(4) | 1.625(5) | 0.43 | 0.6(2) | <u>0.22</u> | 0.95(3) |
| 220 | 1.069(4) | 0.231(5) | 1.89(7) | 0.458(3) | 0.204(6) | 0.16(2) | 0.57(2) |
| 200 | 1.086(5) | 0.301(7) | 1.984(9) | 0.455(3) | 0.225(5) | 0.253(6) | 0.452(9) |
| 150 | 1.146(6) | 0.245(9) | 2.23(2) | 0.455(3) | 0.225(5) | 0.253(6) | 0.151(6) |
| 80 | 1.07(2) | 0.16(2) | 2.68(3) | 0.490(5) | 0.186(2) | 0.196(2) | 0.032(3) |

| Table S3. Least-squares-fitted Mössbauer dat | aa |
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^a δ : isomer shift (with reference to metallic iron at 293 K), ΔE_q : quadrupole splitting, Γ : half-height width, A_{HS} : area of HS doublet, A_{tot} : total Mössbauer spectrum area. The error bars of statistical origin are given in parentheses. Values without error bars have been fixed for the fit.

| | [{Fe(dpia)(NCS) ₂ } ₂ (bpy)] | [{Fe(bt)(NCS) ₂ } ₂ bpym] | $\{[(Fe(bztpen)]_2[N(CN)_2]\}(PF_6)_3]$ Fe1 site | $\{[(Fe(bztpen)]_2[N(CN)_2]\}(PF_6)_3]$ Fe2 site |
|-----------------|--|---|---|---|
| Fe(1)-N(1) | 2.069 | 2.171 | 2.131 | 2.120 |
| Fe(1)-N(2) | 2.046 | 2.211 | 2.128 | 2.128 |
| Fe(1)-N(3) | 2.174 | 2.237 | 2.204 | 2.173 |
| Fe(1)-N(4) | 2.226 | 2.201 | 2.204 | 2.228 |
| Fe(1)-N(5) | 2.191 | 2.075 | 2.218 | 2.225 |
| Fe(1)-N(6) | 2.198 | 2.027 | 2.048 | 2.055 |
| N(1)-Fe(1)-N(2) | 97.7 | 73.8 | 91.3 | 91.1 |
| N(1)-Fe(1)-N(3) | 92.1 | 94.6 | 168.2 | 167.7 |
| N(1)-Fe(1)-N(4) | 165.8 | 157.8 | 95.2 | 96.3 |
| N(1)-Fe(1)-N(5) | 93.6 | 95.8 | 79.7 | 78.9 |
| N(1)-Fe(1)-N(6) | 93.8 | 98.7 | 95.5 | 95.9 |
| N(2)-Fe(1)-N(3) | 97.3 | 84.4 | 91.4 | 91.0 |
| N(2)-Fe(1)-N(4) | 93.0 | 86.0 | 155.0 | 155.0 |
| N(2)-Fe(1)-N(5) | 168.2 | 164.8 | 76.4 | 76.3 |
| N(2)-Fe(1)-N(6) | 90.7 | 95.2 | 105.7 | 106.7 |
| N(3)-Fe(1)-N(4) | 77.5 | 74.1 | 78.2 | 77.7 |

| Table S4. Calculated Bond Distances (| (Å) and Angles (| deg) for the HS site in the | [HS-LS] pairs |
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Figure S1. Stick representation of **1** showing a twist of the bridging bpe ligand.



Figure S2. Representation of the two modes of π stacking interactions at 300 K.



Figure S3. Projection of the structure of **2** on the *ab* plane showing the hydrogen bonding with the corresponding atom-numbering scheme.

