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## Spin-glass Behavior of a Hierarchically-Organized, Hybrid Microporous Material, Based on an Extended Framework of Octanuclear Iron-Oxo Units

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**Figure S1**. CV (top), DPV (middle) and OSWV (bottom) of intermediate cluster ion  $[Fe_8(\mu_4-O)_4(\mu-pz)_{12}(CH_3CN)_4]^{4+}$  in 0.5 M Bu<sub>4</sub>N·PF<sub>6</sub> of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution using a non-aqueous Ag/AgNO<sub>3</sub> reference electrode, Pt auxiliary electrode, and Pt working electrode.



**Figure S2**. CV (top), DPV (middle) and OSWV (bottom) of intermediate cluster ion  $[Fe_8(\mu_4-O)_4(\mu-4-Me-pz)_{12}(CH_3CN)_4]^{4+}$  in 0.5 M Bu<sub>4</sub>N·PF<sub>6</sub> of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution using a non-aqueous Ag/AgNO<sub>3</sub> reference electrode, Pt auxiliary electrode, and Pt working electrode.

|                                                                                                                          |                    | Potential, V         |                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                                                                                                          | $E_{1/2}(1)$       | E <sub>1/2</sub> (2) | E <sub>1/2</sub> (3) | E <sub>1/2</sub> (4) |
| [Fe <sub>8</sub> (µ <sub>4</sub> -O) <sub>4</sub> (µ-pz) <sub>12</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>4+</sup> | -0.36              | -0.61                | -0.92                |                      |
| $[Fe_8(\mu_4-O)_4(\mu-pz)_{12}Cl_4]$                                                                                     | -0.43 <sup>a</sup> | -0.78 <sup>a</sup>   | -0.107 <sup>a</sup>  | -1.38 <sup>a</sup>   |
| $[Fe_8(\mu_4-O)_4(\mu-4-Me-pz)_{12}(CH_3CN)_4]^{4+}$                                                                     | -0.49              | -0.77                | -1.09                | -1.24                |
| $[Fe_8(\mu_4-O)_4(\mu-4-Me-pz)_{12}Cl_4]$                                                                                | -0.58 <sup>a</sup> | -0.91 <sup>a</sup>   | -1.20ª               | -1.55 <sup>a</sup>   |

**Table S3**. Cyclic voltammetric data for intermediate clusters and their corresponding parent clusters in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 298 K.

<sup>a</sup> Data from ref. 9b.



**Figure S4**. UV-Vis-NIR spectroscopies of intermediate clusters and their corresponding parent clusters in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 298 K with  $[Fe_8(\mu_4-O)_4(\mu-pz)_{12}(CH_3CN)_4]^{4+}$  ( $\lambda_{max} = 382 \text{ nm}$ ),  $[Fe_8(\mu_4-O)_4(\mu-pz)_{12}Cl_4]$  ( $\lambda_{max} = 360 \text{ nm}$ ),  $[Fe_8(\mu_4-O)_4(\mu-4-Me-pz)_{12}(CH_3CN)_4]^{4+}$  ( $\lambda_{max} = 385 \text{ nm}$ ), and  $[Fe_8(\mu_4-O)_4(\mu-4-Me-pz)_{12}Cl_4]$  ( $\lambda_{max} = 372 \text{ nm}$ ).



**Figure S5**. IR spectra of KBR pellets of complexes **1** (upper, red) and **2** (middle, red) and their corresponding parent clusters (blue) and powder sample of <sup>18</sup>O-labelled **2** (lower).



**Figure S6**. Top figure shows a tetrahedral motif of  $Fe_8$ -cluster with an inserted imaginery atom in the center of the cubane; middle is the simplified 4-connected unit of  $Fe_8$ -cluster

with angle parameters; bottom is the 4-connected unit in diamond network of crystalline cubic silicon.



**Figure S7**. ZFC/FC measurements at various applied magnetic fields for sample **2**. The sample displays a peak in the ZFC curve at ~30 K.



**Figure S8**. Zero field cooled (ZFC) measurements as a function of field and normalized with respect to peak height for sample 2. The curves display a peak that is at ~30 K for the low fields and shift slightly to lower temperatures as the field increases (insert).

The field-dependent magnetization, M(H), was measured at selected temperatures (15, 50 and 298.15 K) between  $\pm$ 7 Tesla after cooling in zero field. Hysteresis with weak coercive behavior is observed for **1** and **2** with comparable coercive fields (Hc) of 4 and 2 Oe, respectively. **Fig. S9** shows the equilibrium magnetization measurements at selected temperatures for compound **1**. The magnetic behavior varies with temperature. The insert shows the hysteresis at 15 K. Remanence of  $7.31 \times 10^{-3}$  Am<sup>2</sup>/kg<sub>sample</sub> (emu/g) and coercivity of -10181 A/m were determined for compound **1** at 15 K. **Fig. S10** illustrates the equilibrium magnetization measurements at selected temperatures for compound **2** and the insert shows the hysteresis at 15 K. This sample shows similar magnetic behavior at the measured temperatures, with a remanence of  $2.08 \times 10^{-3}$  Am<sup>2</sup>/kg<sub>sample</sub> (emu/g) and coercivity of -6813 A/m at 15 K.



**Fig. S9.** Equilibrium magnetization measurements at selected temperatures for complex 1 (left) and 2 (right). The insert shows the hysteresis at 15 K.



Figure S10. Temperature dependence of Mössbauer spectrum of 2. Red lines are simulations.