

## 氰根桥连的 $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$ 链中磁性作用的调控

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**摘要:** 基于三氰构筑单元合成了两个氰基桥联的  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-Mn}^{\text{II}}$  一维链,  $\{[\text{Fe}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_3]_2[\text{Mn}(\text{bib})]\} \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**1**) 和  $\{[\text{Fe}(\text{pzTp})(\text{CN})_3]_2[\text{Mn}(\text{bib})]\} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**2**)。 **1** 和 **2** 中的双之字链通过刚性的双齿配体固定排列方式并连接成二维结构, 链内  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  和  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  之间的磁相互作用可以通过改变链中配体的位阻调控。

**关键词:** 氰基; 之字链; 双齿配体; 磁相互作用

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## Tuning Intrachain Magnetic Interactions of Cyanide-bridged $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$ Chain

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**Abstract:** Two cyanide bridged  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-Mn}^{\text{II}}$  double zigzag chains  $\{[\text{Fe}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_3]_2[\text{Mn}(\text{bib})]\} \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**1**) and  $\{[\text{Fe}(\text{pzTp})(\text{CN})_3]_2[\text{Mn}(\text{bib})]\} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**2**) were synthesized utilizing tricyanometallate building blocks. The chains were further linked via long ditopic ligand to form two dimensional compounds. With the alignment of chains fixed by the rigid ditopic linker, the intrachain magnetic interactions between  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  could be further tuned via changing the capping ligand of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  ions. CCDC: 1001946, **1**; 1001947, **2**.

**Key words:** cyanide; zigzag chain; ditopic linker; magnetic interactions

### 0 Introduction

One-dimensional magnetic systems, especially single chain magnets (SCMs), are attracting considerable interest in the field of chemistry, physics and material science<sup>[1]</sup>. Such materials present both spontaneous magnetization and quantum behavior, providing an ideal model for studying the coexistence of classic and quantum behavior<sup>[2-5]</sup>. Moreover, SCMs can retain spin information over long periods of time, providing potential applications in high-density information storage, quantum computing, and spintronics<sup>[6-7]</sup>. Thereinto, cyanide-bridged complexes are of

particular interest, because their structures can be rationally designed utilizing the linear linking mode of cyano-bridge of cyanometallate<sup>[8-10]</sup>. Moreover, it is possible to reasonably predict the type of magnetic interaction and in some cases the magnitude of the magnetic anisotropy with knowledge of the exchange interaction nature through the cyanide bridge<sup>[11-12]</sup>. In these systems, metal ions with strong anisotropy are usually adopted. However, the apical directions of the metal ions are not uniform and are tilted with an angle in general case, which will decrease the blocking temperature of the system or destroy the SCMs behavior<sup>[13]</sup>. Even if the apical directions of

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metal ions within one chain are parallel, the apical directions of metal ions in neighboring chains may be different. In this case, the anisotropy of the system is hard to increase because the neighboring chains rotate an angle relatively<sup>[14-15]</sup>. To solve this problem, a rational way is to use structurally ditopic, magnetically inert rigid organic linkers, which will link the chain into two-dimensional networks without significant changing the nature of the chains. This rigid linker can control the arrangement of chains, and force the apical directions of metal ions to parallel with each other, maximizing the anisotropy of the whole system. In the same time, the interchain interactions could also be controlled via choosing ditopic linkers with different lengths and electric natures. With such strategy, we have synthesized light-responsive SCMs, whose magnetic properties can be tuned via light-induced charge transfer or spin-crossover<sup>[16]</sup>. Both  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  ions possess different redox valence states, and charge transfer properties between them have been reported<sup>[17]</sup>. We aimed to incorporating  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions and paramagnetic  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  ions into a cyanide-bridged  $\{\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}\}$  chain utilizing tricyanometallate building block. Moreover, a rigid ditopic linker was adopted to fix the orientation of the chains and link the chains to form a layer. With such strategy, two heterometallic Fe-Mn compounds,  $\{[\text{Fe}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_3]_2[\text{Mn}(\text{bib})]\} \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**1**) (Tp=hydrotris (pyrazolyl)borate; bib=1,4-bis (1-imidazolyl)benzene) and  $\{[\text{Fe}(\text{pzTp})(\text{CN})_3]_2[\text{Mn}(\text{bib})]\} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**2**) (pzTp=tetrakis(pyrazolyl)borate), were synthesized. Unfortunately, no charge transfer was observed. However, the interchain linkage and apical directions of  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions were fixed with the rigid linker, providing a chance to tune the intrachain magnetic interactions via changing the capping ligand of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  ions of cyanometallate building blocks.

## 1 Experimental

### 1.1 Materials and physical measurements

Manganese(II) perchloratehexahydrate ( $\text{Mn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 99%) and methanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) were of analytical grade from Tianjin Kemiou Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. China. All chemical reagents were obtained from

commercial sources and were used as received without further purification unless otherwise noted. The compounds  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}[\text{Fe}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_3]$ <sup>[18]</sup>,  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}[\text{Fe}(\text{pzTp})(\text{CN})_3]$ <sup>[19]</sup> and ligand bib were synthesized by a modified literature method<sup>[20]</sup>. Elemental analyses (carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen) were carried out on an Elementar Vario EL III analyzer. Infrared spectra were recorded as fine powder samples with a JASCO FT/IR-600 Plus spectrometer in the  $400\sim 4\,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region and a spectral resolution of  $1\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Magnetic measurements of the samples were performed on a Quantum Design SQUID (MPMS XL-7) magnetometer. Data were corrected for the diamagnetic contribution calculated from Pascal constants.

### 1.2 Preparation of complexes 1 and 2

#### 1.2.1 Synthesis of $\{[\text{Fe}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_3]_2[\text{Mn}(\text{bib})]\} \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**1**)

4.0 mL water solution of 0.05 mmol (18.1 mg)  $\text{Mn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was placed at the bottom in one side of an H-shaped tube, while 4.0 mL methanol solution of 0.1 mmol (58.9 mg)  $[\text{Bu}_4\text{N}][\text{Fe}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_3]$  and 0.4 mmol (84.0 mg) bib was placed in the other side. Then 4.0 mL methanol solution was layered upon solutions of both sides to provide diffusion pathway. Crystallization took several weeks and gave crystals in a yield of 55% based on  $\text{Mn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Element analysis: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{38}\text{B}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{MnN}_{22}\text{O}_3$  (%): C 43.26, H 3.73, N 30.01; Found(%): C 43.21, H 3.89, N 29.13. IR (solid KBr pellet,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3 443 vs, 3 123 m, 2 508 w, 2 134 s, 2 123 s, 1 632 s, 1 530 s, 1 501 m, 1 408 s, 1 313 s, 1 262 w, 1 214 m, 1 116 s, 1 064 s, 1048 s, 988 w, 961 m, 929 w, 836 m, 769 m, 766 s, 711 m, 658 m, 614 m, 536 m, 492 m.

#### 1.2.2 Synthesis of $\{[\text{Fe}(\text{pzTp})(\text{CN})_3]_2[\text{Mn}(\text{bib})]\} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2**)

The preparation of complex **2** was carried out using a procedure similar to that employed for complex **1**.  $[\text{Bu}_4\text{N}][\text{Fe}(\text{pzTp})(\text{CN})_3]$  (0.1 mmol, 65.5 mg) was used as the building block, and the red prisms crystals were obtained in a yield of 70% based on  $\text{Mn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Element analysis: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{41}\text{B}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{MnN}_{26}\text{O}_3$  (%): C 44.01, H 3.60, N 31.77; Found(%): C 44.09, H 3.65, N 31.70. IR (solid KBr pellet,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3 439 vs,

3 137 m, 2 141 m, 1 633 m, 1 530 s, 1 501 m, 1 441 w, 1 408 s, 1 388 m, 1 307 s, 1 243 w, 1 213 s, 1 107 s, 1 092 w, 1 065 s, 962 w, 932 w, 858 m, 809 m, 794 m, 768 s, 655 m, 614 m, 536 m.

### 1.3 Crystallographic refinement details

The data was collected on a Bruker Smart APEX II X-diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromatic Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=0.071\ 073\ \text{nm}$ ) using the SMART and SAINT programs. Indexing and unit cell refinement were based on all observed reflections. The structures were solved in the space group by direct method and refined by the full-matrix least-squares

fitting on  $F^2$  using SHELXTL-97. All non-hydrogen atoms were treated anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms bound to carbon were placed in calculated positions using a riding model while those attached to some water lattice solvents were located in the difference Fourier map and refined using fixed isotropic thermal parameters based on their respective parent atoms. The details of crystallographic data for compounds **1** and **2** are listed in Table 1. Selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 2, respectively.

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Table 1 Selected crystal data and structure refinement parameters of **1** and **2**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Formula	$\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{38}\text{B}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{MnN}_{22}\text{O}_3$	$\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{41}\text{B}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{MnN}_{26}\text{O}_3$
Formula weight	1 027.15	1 146.27
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$	$P2_1/c$
$a / \text{nm}$	1.414(4)	1.467(7)
$b / \text{nm}$	2.505(7)	2.709(15)
$c / \text{nm}$	1.585(6)	1.427(8)
$\beta / (^\circ)$	118.6(2)	101.5(2)
$V / \text{nm}^3$	4.928(3)	5.562(5)
$Z$	4	4
$D_c / (\text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3})$	1.384	1.369
$\mu(\text{Mo } K\alpha) / \text{mm}^{-1}$	0.892	0.8
$F(000)$	2 099	2 344
$\theta_{\min}, \theta_{\max} / (^\circ)$	2.19, 25.00	1.06, 25.00
Index range	$-16 \leq h \leq 12, -28 \leq k \leq 29, -18 \leq l \leq 18$	$-12 \leq h \leq 17, -22 \leq k \leq 32, -16 \leq l \leq 16$
No. total reflns.	16 820	29 602
No. uniq. reflns ( $R_{\text{int}}$ )	8 647 (0.033 5)	9 793 (0.041 6)
No. obs. [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	8 647	9 793
No. params	613	685
$R_1, wR_2$ [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.079 7, 0.226 4	0.064 3, 0.203 2
$R_1, wR_2$ (all data)	0.099 1, 0.239 0	0.089 9, 0.218 5
GOF on $F^2$	1.056	1.038

$$R_1 = \sum (|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|; wR_2 = [\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum wF_o^2]^{1/2}.$$

Table 2 Selected bond distances (nm) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) in **1** and **2**

<b>1</b>					
Fe(1)-C(10)	0.189 9(6)	Mn(1)-N(8)	0.220 2(5)	Fe(2)-C(27)	0.185 1(11)
Fe(1)-C(11)	0.189 8(6)	Mn(1)-N(7)	0.220 3(5)	Fe(2)-C(26)	0.190 4(7)
Fe(1)-C(12)	0.192 8(6)	Mn(1)-N(12)	0.221 8(5)	Fe(2)-C(25)	0.190 9(7)
Fe(1)-N(2)	0.197 5(5)	Mn(1)-N(10)	0.221 7(5)	Fe(2)-N(17)	0.196 0(7)
Fe(1)-N(6)	0.197 8(5)	Mn(1)-N(15)	0.222 4(5)	Fe(2)-N(19)	0.197 0(8)

Continued Table 1

Fe(1)-N(4)	0.198 1(5)	Mn(1)-N(14)	0.224 1(5)	Fe(2)-N(21)	0.197 5(8)
C(10)-Fe(1)-C(11)	84.0(2)	N(7)-C(10)-Fe(1)	174.5(5)	C(25)-N(14)-Mn(1)	144.0(5)
N(8)-Mn(1)-N(7)	97.70(2)	N(8)-C(11)-Fe(1)	174.8(5)	C(26)-N(15)-Mn(1)	145.9(5)
C(10)-N(7)-Mn(1)	156.4(5)	C(26)-Fe(2)-C(25)	85.50(3)	N(14)-C(25)-Fe(2)	173.5(6)
C(11)-N(8)-Mn(1)	156.0(5)	N(15)-Mn(1)-N(14)	91.30(2)	N(15)-C(26)-Fe(2)	174.8(6)
2					
Fe(1)-C(14)	0.192 2(5)	Mn(1)-N(26)	0.222 6(4)	Fe(3)-C(40)	0.191 4(7)
Fe(1)-C(15)	0.192 3(5)	Mn(1)-N(12)	0.223 9(4)	Fe(3)-C(42)	0.191 5(5)
Fe(1)-C(13)	0.192 5(6)	Mn(1)-N(25)	0.224 0(4)	Fe(3)-C(41)	0.192 6(5)
Fe(1)-N(4)	0.196 2(4)	Mn(1)-N(11)	0.224 0(4)	Fe(3)-N(20)	0.195 6(4)
Fe(1)-N(7)	0.197 0(4)	Mn(1)-N(10)	0.224 5(4)	Fe(3)-N(16)	0.197 1(4)
Fe(1)-N(6)	0.197 3(4)	Mn(1)-N(14)	0.224 8(4)	Fe(3)-N(22)	0.198 1(4)
C(14)-Fe(1)-C(15)	85.07(19)	N(10)-C(14)-Fe(1)	175.6(4)	C(41)-N(25)-Mn(1)	152.7(4)
N(11)-Mn(1)-N(10)	89.76(15)	N(11)-C(15)-Fe(1)	175.7(4)	C(42)-N(26)-Mn(1)	153.1(4)
C(14)-N(10)-Mn(1)	147.6(4)	C(42)-Fe(3)-C(41)	85.90(2)	N(25)-C(41)-Fe(3)	175.4(4)
C(15)-N(11)-Mn(1)	149.3(4)	N(26)-Mn(1)-N(25)	94.13(16)	N(26)-C(42)-Fe(3)	174.4(5)

## 2 Results and discussion

### 2.1 Crystal structure of compound 1 and 2

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis revealed that compound **1** crystallizes in a monoclinic  $P2_1/c$  space group. The crystal structure comprises neutral bimetallic  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_3]_2\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{bib})$  layers, with uncoordinated water and methanol molecules located between the layers. In the neutral chain, the  $[\text{Fe}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_3]^-$  unit bridges two  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions through two of its three

cyanide groups in the *cis* position, whereas each  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  coordinates to four nitrogen atoms from the  $\text{CN}^-$  bridges, forming double zigzag chains (Fig.1a), which is similar to the reported examples<sup>[21-22]</sup>. The neutral chains are further linked by bib ligands along the apical directions of the manganese centers to a layer framework (Fig.1b). The crystal unit consists of two  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  centers and one unique  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  center. Each  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  center is located in an octahedral environment with three nitrogen atoms from the tridentate Tp unit and three

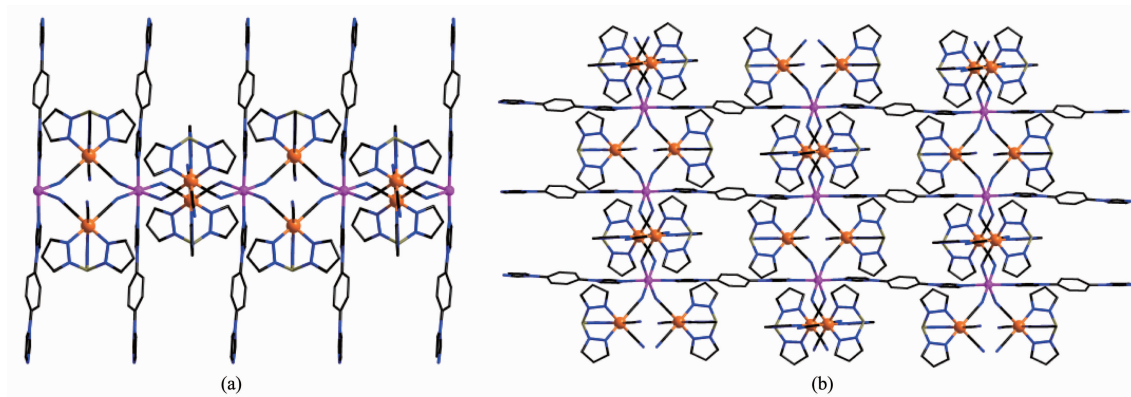


Fig.1 (a) Side view of 1D double zigzag chain of complex **1**, (b) Side view of the 2D layer for complex **1**; Hydrogen atoms and crystallization water molecules are omitted for clarity; Atoms not involved in bridging are omitted for clarity; Fe orange; Mn pink; C dark; N blue; B dark yellow

cyanide carbon atoms, whereas the coordination sites of the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  center are occupied by two nitrogen atoms from the bidentate bib and four cyanide nitrogen atoms in an compressed  $\text{N}_6$  coordination sphere. At 296 K, The  $\text{Mn-N}_{\text{CN}}$  bond lengths are 0.220 2~0.224 1 nm and the  $\text{Mn-N}_{\text{bib}}$  bond distances are 0.221 7~0.221 8 nm, which are in good agreement with those observed previously in related compounds containing a high spin (HS)  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ion<sup>[13]</sup>. The  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$ -C bond distances are 0.189 9~0.192 8 nm and 0.185 1~0.190 9 nm. The  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$ -N bond distances are 0.197 5~0.198 1 nm and 0.196 0~0.197 5 nm, for Fe1 and Fe2, respectively, which are typical values for LS  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  ions. In neutral double zigzag chains, the square units exhibit two orientations of their mean planes ( $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}_2$ ) with a  $51.2^\circ$  dihedral angle (here after denoted as  $\varphi$ ). For the bond angles related to cyano bridge and metal ions, the N-C-Fe angles are  $173.5^\circ$ ~ $174.8^\circ$ , deviating slightly from the strict linearity. The C-N-Mn angles are  $144.0^\circ$ ~ $156.0^\circ$ , departing significantly from  $180^\circ$ . The shortest intrachain Fe-Mn, Mn-Mn, and Fe-Fe distances are 0.498 5, 0.689 9, and 0.691 6 nm, respectively, and the shortest interchain Fe-Mn, Mn-Mn, and Fe-Fe distances are 1.349, 1.390, and 1.083 nm, respectively, along the  $b$  axis. The shortest interchain parallel pyrazolyl-pyrazolyl separation (0.362 nm) indicates that there exist weak interchain  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions along the  $b$  axis.

The structure of complex **2** is isostructural to that of **1**. The distortion of the square units in complex **2** is slightly smaller than that in complex **1** because the steric hindrance of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{pzTp})(\text{CN})_3]^-$  in **2** is larger than the  $[\text{Fe}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_3]^-$  unit in **1**. The  $\varphi$  value is  $47^\circ$ , smaller than that in **1**. At 296 K, the lengths of the  $\text{Mn-N}_{\text{CN}}$  coordination bonds are 0.222 6~0.224 5 nm and the  $\text{Mn-N}_{\text{bib}}$  bond distances are 0.223 9 nm and 0.224 8 nm, providing an elongated  $\text{N}_6$  coordination environment. Within the cyano bridged squares, the  $\text{N}\equiv\text{C-Fe}$  bond angles are  $174.4^\circ$  and  $175.6^\circ$ , being nearly linear; whereas the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{N-Mn}$  angles are  $147.6^\circ$ ~ $153.1^\circ$ , departing slightly smaller from linearity than that of **1**. The shortest intrachains of Fe-Mn, Fe-Fe, Mn-Mn are 0.507 5, 0.712 0, and 0.706 8 nm. The

shortest interchain Fe-Mn, Mn-Mn, and Fe-Fe distances are 1.122, 1.350, and 1.066 nm along the  $b$  axis, separating by bib, respectively. There are weak interchain interactions from parallel quasi-eclipsed stacking pyrazolyl rings from adjacent chains along the  $b$  axis, and the shortest distance between them is 0.362 13 nm.

## 2.2 Magnetic properties of complexes **1** and **2**

The temperature dependent magnetic susceptibilities of complexes **1** and **2** in the form of  $\chi T$  vs  $T$  plots were measured on polycrystalline samples in the range of 2~300 K under the applied magnetic field of 1 000 Oe (Fig.2). The  $\chi T$  values per  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  unit at room temperature are  $5.24 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}$  and  $5.38 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}$  for **1** and **2**, respectively. These values are a little larger than the spin-only value of  $5.125 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}$  expected for the magnetically dilute system including one high-spin  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ion ( $S=5/2$ ) and two low-spin  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  ions ( $S=1/2$ ), where the spin-only value is calculated by assuming  $g_{\text{Mn}}=g_{\text{Fe}}=2.0$ . However, this is not surprising and simply indicates that the persistence of a residual unquenched orbital contribution due to the  $^2T_{2g}$  state of low-spin  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  atoms. The effective  $g$  value of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  is often found to be different from 2.0 because of an important orbital contribution. As the temperature is lowered, the  $\chi T$  value gradually decreases until 25 K, where a value of  $3.70 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}$  is attained. Upon further cooling, the  $\chi T$  value sharply decreases to  $1.26 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}$  at 2 K for **1**. For **2**, the  $\chi T$  values decrease smoothly down to  $4.33 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot$

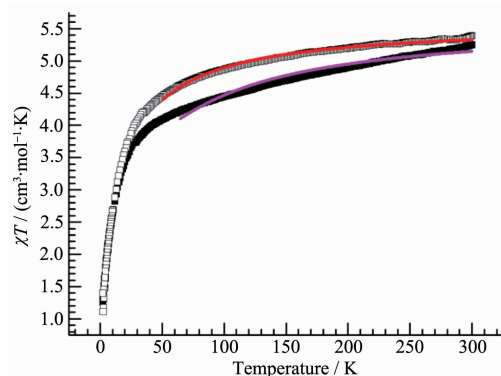


Fig.2 Temperature dependence of  $\chi T$  for the complexes **1** (■) and **2** (□) measured at 1 000 Oe; The solid line represents the best fit obtained with the model in Fig.3

$\text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}$  at 50 K and then abruptly reaching  $1.33 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}$  at 2 K. The magnetic susceptibilities data conform well to the Curie-Weiss law of 2~300 K, which gives the Curie constant of  $5.35 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}$  for **1** and  $5.29 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}$  for **2**, respectively. The negative Weiss temperatures ( $\theta = -15.610 \text{ K}$  for **1** and  $\theta = -10.726 \text{ K}$  for **2**) suggest the presence of a dominant antiferromagnetic coupling between  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions via the cyanide bridge within the 2D layer.

For compound **1** and **2**, to simplify the simulation model, the double zigzag chain structure could be treated as a 1D chain model (see Fig.3) and the Hamiltonian can be described as the following:  $H = -2J(S_1S_2 + S_1S_3 + S_2S_4 + S_3S_4 + S_4S_5 + S_4S_6 + S_5S_7 + S_6S_7 + S_7S_8 + S_7S_9 + S_8S_{10} + S_9S_{10} + S_{10}S_{11} + S_{10}S_{12} + S_{11}S_{12} + S_{12}S_{11})$ , where  $S_1 = S_4 = S_7 = S_{10} = 5/2$ ,  $S_2 = S_3 = S_5 = S_6 = S_8 = S_9 = S_{11} = S_{12} = 1/2$ , and  $J$  is the coupling parameter between neighboring  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$ . An excellent agreement with the experimental data is obtained by calculating the susceptibility data with the MAGPACK package<sup>[21]</sup>, with the following set of parameters:  $J = -7.64 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $g = g_{\text{Fe}} = g_{\text{Mn}} = 2.09$  with  $R = 1.99 \times 10^{-4}$  [ $R = \sum [(\chi_{\text{M}}T)_{\text{obs}} - (\chi_{\text{M}}T)_{\text{cal}}]^2 / \sum (\chi_{\text{M}}T)_{\text{obs}}^2$ ] for **1**, and  $J = -3.78 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $g = g_{\text{Fe}} = g_{\text{Mn}} = 2.04$  with  $R = 2.16 \times 10^{-5}$  for **2**, respectively. As expected on the basis of their structural similarity, the magnetic behaviors of the two complexes are essentially identical. The above behaviors were consistent with an intramolecular  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-Mn}^{\text{II}}$  antiferromagnetic interaction, which can be rationalized in terms of the magnetic orbitals of the low-spin  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  and high-spin  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  centers. An arrangement that normally gives rise to antiferromagnetic coupling. However,

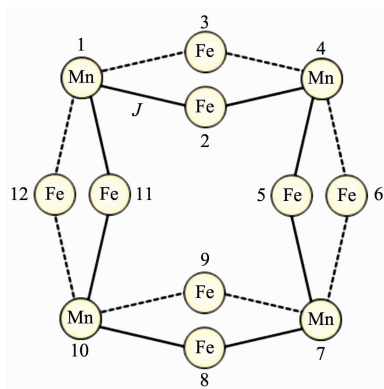


Fig.3 Representation of the magnetic exchange pathways between neighboring metal ions in **1** and **2**

because of the enhancement of the steric effect of the tridentate ligand in  $[\text{LM}(\text{CN})_3]^-$  building blocks, the coupling constant  $J$  in compound **1** is over twice as large as in **2**. Therefore, the tridentate ligand in  $[\text{LM}(\text{CN})_3]^-$  building blocks plays a role in constructing molecule magnets, which not only greatly affects the structure of the resulting magnetic assemblies, but also induces a diverse hindrance effecting the different magnetic interactions. Because the steric hindrance of pzTp in **2** is larger than Tp in **1**, the bond lengths of  $\text{Mn-N}_{\text{CN}}$  in **2** are larger than that in **1**. Such difference results in that the antiferromagnetic interaction between  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions in **1** is larger than that in **2**.

The field dependence of the magnetization (0~50 kOe) measured at 1.8 K is shown in Fig.4. The magnetization increases almost linearly with the applied magnetic field, reaching a value of  $3.01N\beta$  for **1** and  $3.38N\beta$  for **2** at 50 kOe. This behavior is consistent with the antiferromagnetic behavior of **1** and **2**.

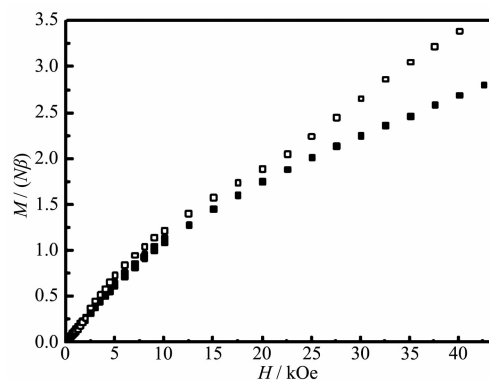


Fig.4 Field dependence of the magnetization at 1.8 K for complexes **1** (■) and **2** (□)

### 3 Conclusions

In summary, two isostructural cyano-bridged  $\{\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}\}$  2D layers were synthesized. The interchain linkage and apical directions of  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  could be fixed via the rigid ditopic ligand bib. The antiferromagnetic interaction between  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions could be tuned by changing the capping ligand of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  ions with different steric hindrances. Such results provide a strategy to synthesize 1D magnetic systems with tunable intrachain magnetic interactions.



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