

Supplementary Material

# Syntheses, Structures and Magnetic Properties of $M_2$ ( $M = Fe, Co$ ) Complexes with $N_6$ coordination environment: Field-Induced Slow Magnetic Relaxation in $Co_2$

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## S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum

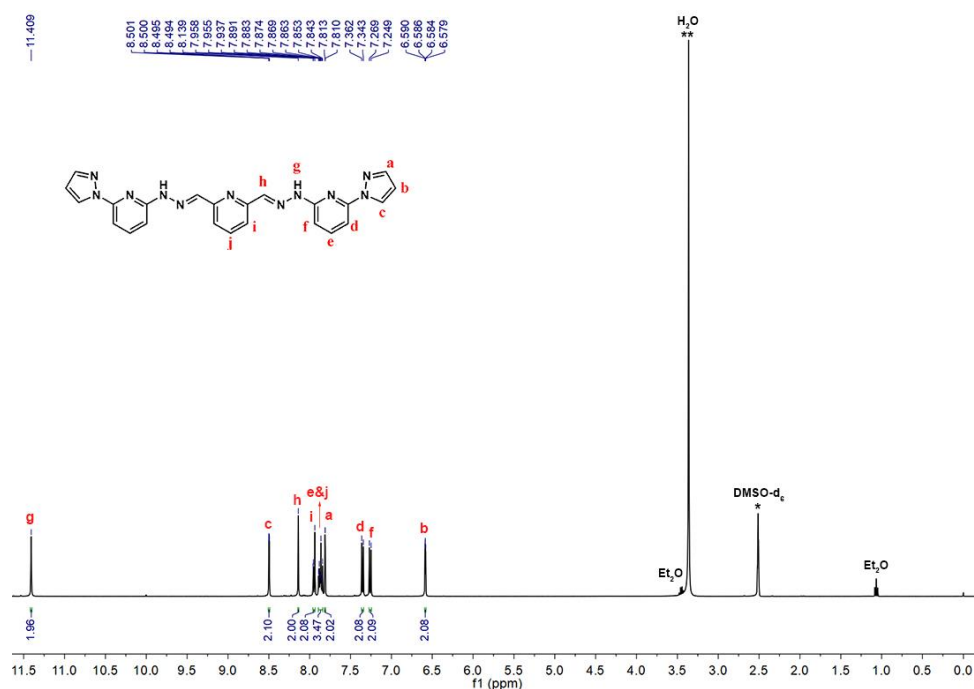


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of H<sub>2</sub>L in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> at room temperature.

## S2. IR spectroscopy

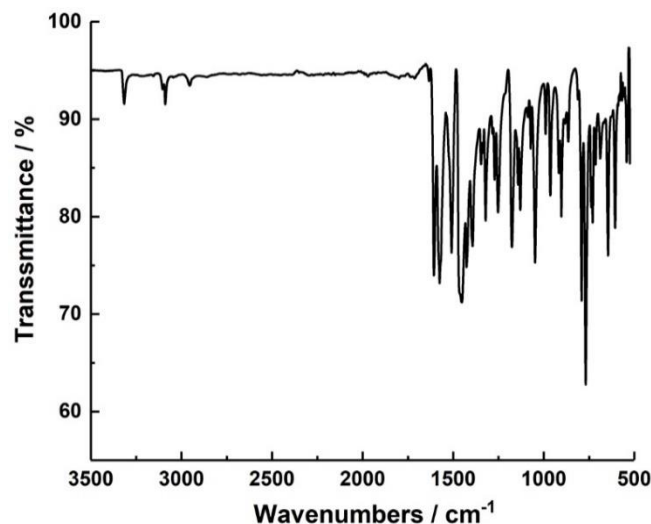


Figure S2. IR spectrum of H<sub>2</sub>L.

Selected IR for **Co**: (solid, ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 549 (w), 576 (w), 590 (m), 617 (m), 649 (w), 680 (m), 711 (m), 752 (m), 790 (m), 885 (m), 910 (m), 941 (m), 989 (s), 1014 (s), 1052 (s), 1151 (w), 1164 (m), 1178 (m), 1199 (w), 1218 (w), 1251 (m), 1274 (m), 1297 (w), 1322 (m), 1348 (m), 1405 (m), 1417 (m), 1459 (s), 1486 (m), 1508 (m), 1529 (m), 1579 (m), 1604 (m), 1623 (m), 3041 (w), 3089 (w), 3128 (w), 3236 (w).

Selected IR for **Fe**: (solid, ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 549 (w), 574 (w), 592 (m), 649 (m), 680 (m), 707 (w), 730 (m), 757 (m), 788 (m), 883 (m), 916 (m), 941 (m), 987 (s), 1010 (s), 1056 (s), 1091 (s), 1178 (m), 1220 (w), 1251 (m), 1272 (m), 1295 (w), 1321 (m), 1344 (m), 1361 (m), 1396 (m),

1415 (m), 1456 (s), 1486 (m), 1519 (s), 1562 (m), 1577 (m), 1604 (m), 1627 (m), 3106 (w), 3122 (w), 3135 (w), 3255 (w).

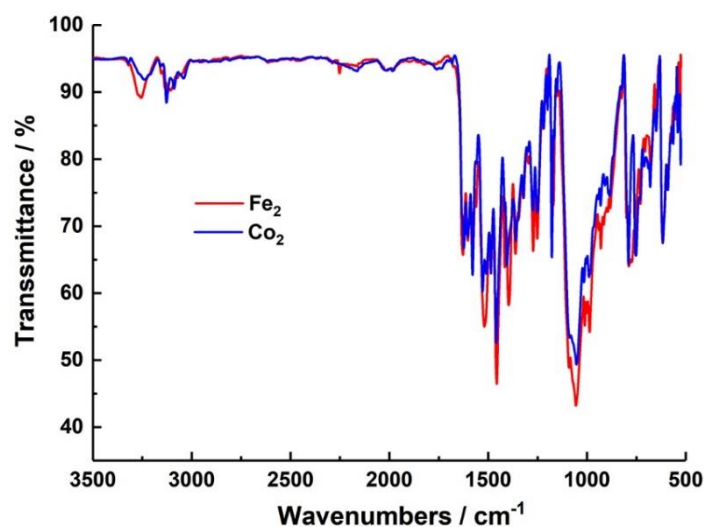


Figure S3. IR spectra of complexes Co<sub>2</sub> (blue curve) and Fe<sub>2</sub> (red curve).

### S3. Crystallographic data

Table S1. Crystallographic data of Co<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>2</sub>.

Complexes	Co <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub>
Formula	C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>44</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> N <sub>24</sub> O <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>44</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> N <sub>24</sub> O <sub>16</sub>
Mr [g·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	1496.75	1490.59
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
Color	Red	Red
<i>T</i> [K]	173.0	180.0
<i>a</i> [Å]	12.1016(8)	12.1120(5)
<i>b</i> [Å]	12.3889(9)	12.4270(5)
<i>c</i> [Å]	12.4089(8)	12.4514(5)
$\alpha$ [°]	82.929(2)	82.9570(1)
$\beta$ [°]	94.149(3)	61.5120(1)
$\gamma$ [°]	64.572(2)	64.5770(1)
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	61.680(2)	1479.71(1)
<i>Z</i>	1	1
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ [g·cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.689	1.673
$\mu$ (Mo-K $\alpha$ ) [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.838	0.763
<i>F</i> (000)	762.0	760.0
2 $\theta$ range [°]	4.124 to 52.112	3.742 to 50.076
Reflns collected	33680	31461
Unique reflns	5807	5216
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0619	0.0604
GOF	1.087	1.146
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0392	0.0422
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1086	0.1249

$$R_1 = \sum (|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|; \quad \omega R_2 = \left[ \sum \omega (|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum \omega F_o^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

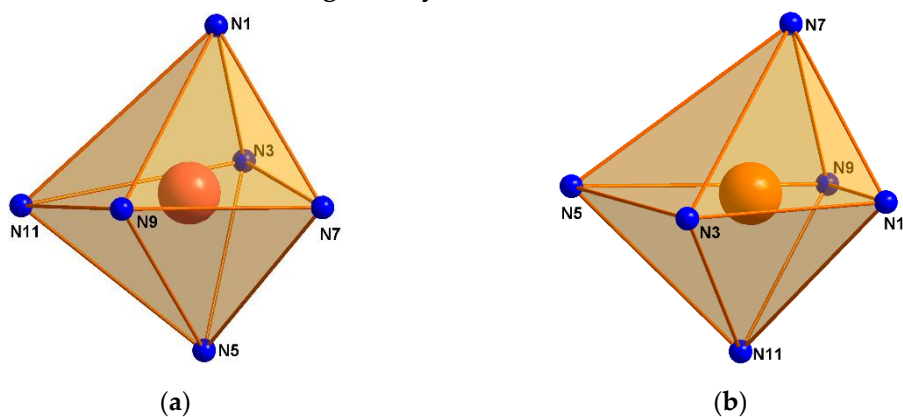
#### S4. Structural details of complexes

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) of **Co2** and **Fe2**.

Co2		Fe2	
Co1-N1 <sup>1</sup>	2.144(3)	Fe1-N1	2.181(3)
Co1-N3 <sup>1</sup>	2.046(2)	Fe1-N3	2.105(3)
Co1-N5 <sup>1</sup>	2.250(2)	Fe1-N5	2.267(3)
Co1-N7	2.190(2)	Fe1-N7 <sup>1</sup>	2.226(3)
Co1-N9	2.056(2)	Fe1-N9 <sup>1</sup>	2.110(3)
Co1-N11	2.159(3)	Fe1-N11 <sup>1</sup>	2.196(3)
N1 <sup>1</sup> -Co1-N5 <sup>1</sup>	149.85(9)	N1-Fe1-N5	146.33(10)
N1 <sup>1</sup> -Co1-N7	87.42(9)	N1-Fe1-N7 <sup>1</sup>	87.44(10)
N1 <sup>1</sup> -Co1-N11	103.28(1)	N1-Fe1-N11 <sup>1</sup>	104.81(11)
N3 <sup>1</sup> -Co1-N1 <sup>1</sup>	75.97(9)	N3-Fe1-N1	73.85(10)
N3 <sup>1</sup> -Co1-N5 <sup>1</sup>	74.17(9)	N3-Fe1-N5	72.80(10)
N3 <sup>1</sup> -Co1-N7	109.91(9)	N3-Fe1-N7 <sup>1</sup>	111.10(10)
N3 <sup>1</sup> -Co1-N9	172.67(1)	N3-Fe1-N9 <sup>1</sup>	172.73(10)
N3 <sup>1</sup> -Co1-N11	101.03(1)	N3-Fe1-N11 <sup>1</sup>	102.65(11)
N7-Co1-N5 <sup>1</sup>	98.80(9)	N7 <sup>1</sup> -Fe1-N5	100.23(10)
N9-Co1-N1 <sup>1</sup>	98.90(9)	N9 <sup>1</sup> -Fe1-N1	101.16(10)
N9-Co1-N5 <sup>1</sup>	111.21(9)	N9 <sup>1</sup> -Fe1-N5	112.47(10)
N9-Co1-N7	74.72(9)	N9 <sup>1</sup> -Fe1-N7 <sup>1</sup>	73.48(10)
N9-Co1-N11	74.82(1)	N9 <sup>1</sup> -Fe1-N11 <sup>1</sup>	73.22(11)
N11-Co1-N5 <sup>1</sup>	86.52(1)	N11 <sup>1</sup> -Fe1-N5	86.95(11)
N11-Co1-N7	148.91(1)	N11 <sup>1</sup> -Fe1-N7 <sup>1</sup>	146.15(11)

<sup>1</sup>2-X,1-Y,1-Z

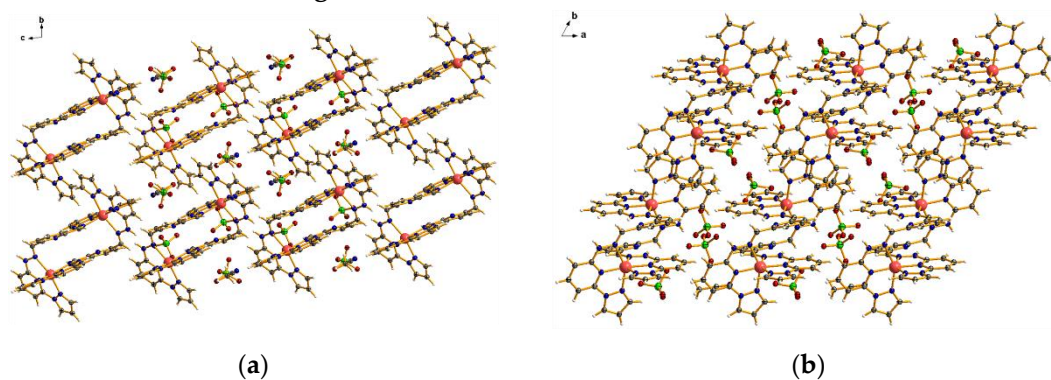
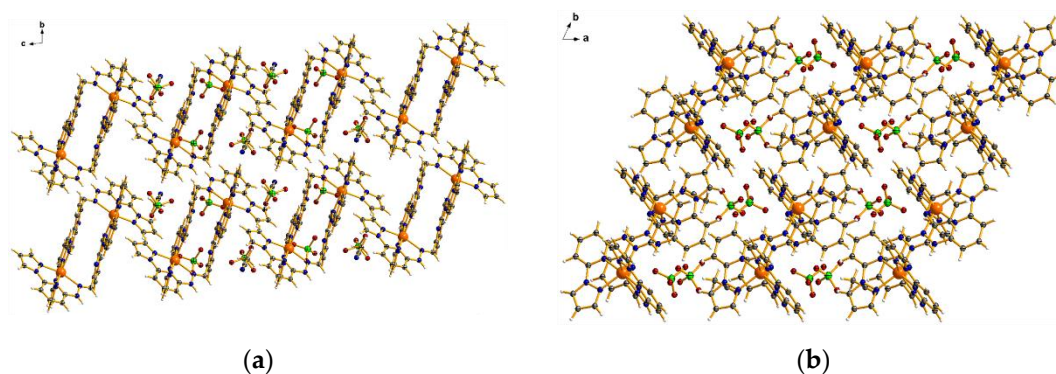
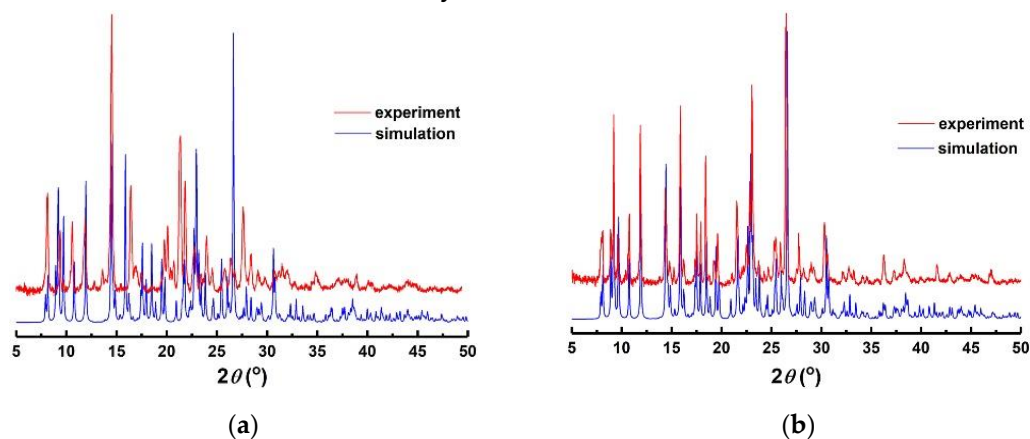
#### S5. Coordination geometry



**Figure S4.** Coordination polyhedrons of Co<sup>II</sup> (left) and Fe<sup>II</sup> (right) in complexes **Co2** and **Fe2**. Color code: Co<sup>II</sup>, orange-red; Fe<sup>II</sup>, orange; N, blue.

**Table S3.** The *CSHM* values calculated by SHAPE 2.1 of Co<sup>II</sup> and Fe<sup>II</sup> ions in Co<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>2</sub>.

Coordination Geometry	Co	Fe
Hexagon ( $D_{6h}$ )	30.305	28.793
Pentagonal pyramid ( $C_{5v}$ )	18.964	18.416
Octahedron ( $O_h$ )	5.369	6.344
Trigonal prism ( $D_{3h}$ )	8.404	8.371
Johnson pentagonal pyramid $J_2$ ( $C_{5v}$ )	22.955	22.358

**S6. Packing model****Figure S5.** Packing model along the *a* and *c* axes of complex Co<sub>2</sub>. Color code: Co<sup>II</sup>, orange-red; N, blue; C, gray; O, red; Cl, bright green; H, white.**Figure S6.** Packing model along the *a* and *c* axes of complex Fe<sub>2</sub>. Color code: Fe<sup>II</sup>, orange; N, blue; C, gray; O, red; Cl, bright green; H, white.**S7. Powder-XRD analyses****Figure S7.** Powder-XRD analyses of complexes Co<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>2</sub>. The blue lines are simulated by single crystal data.

### S8. Magnetic susceptibility measurement

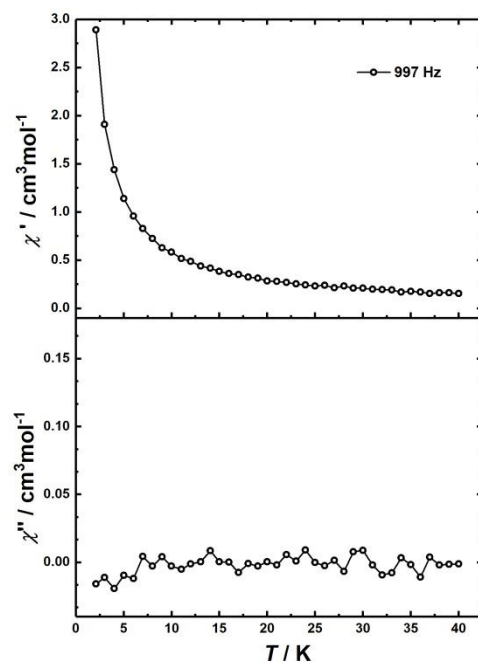


Figure S8. Temperature-dependent ac susceptibility of **Co**<sub>2</sub> under 0 Oe dc field.

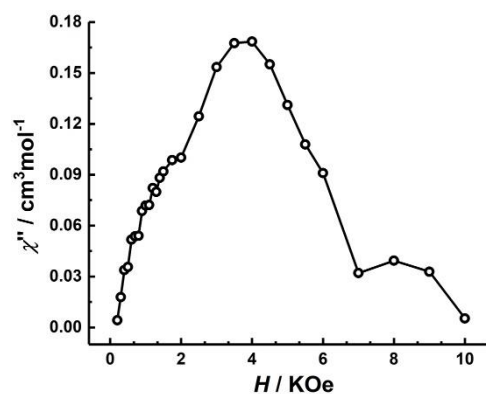


Figure S9. Field-dependent ac susceptibility of **Co**<sub>2</sub> at 1.9 K with ac frequency of 997 Hz.

Table S4. Parameters for the best fit of frequency-dependent ac susceptibility of **Co**<sub>2</sub> under 3500 Oe dc field.

$T / \text{K}$	$\chi_{S,tot}$	$\Delta\chi_1$	$\tau_1 / \text{s}$	$\alpha_1$	$\Delta\chi_2$	$\tau_2 / \text{s}$	$\alpha_2$	Residual
1.9	3.9142E-23	1.52999	0.22852	1.18103E-15	0.91746	0.00113	0.322	0.01503
2.2	7.58546E-23	1.19439	0.16888	1.43037E-15	1.00823	9.60745E-4	0.26601	0.0284
2.5	9.73326E-23	0.86095	0.14367	1.97141E-15	1.15141	9.95134E-4	0.21743	0.01406
3.0	1.14254E-22	0.45612	0.12313	3.18189E-15	1.28076	8.94003E-4	0.20257	0.00691
3.5	2.86916E-22	0.23226	0.11278	2.12437E-15	1.29226	7.01787E-4	0.15632	0.00772
4.0	6.20395E-22	0.1171	0.11026	2.39422E-15	1.24048	5.2808E-4	0.12195	0.00533
4.5	1.28678E-21	0.06296	0.13693	2.59157E-15	1.16561	3.74276E-4	0.11159	0.00132
5.0	8.24386E-22	0.03445	0.14876	6.10415E-15	1.08299	2.54585E-4	0.0922	0.00104
6.0	2.18471E-21	0.01334	0.13016	6.06514E-15	0.92773	1.05117E-4	0.06157	0.00185
7.0	5.83233E-23	0.02416	0.23616	3.30722E-28	0.80705	4.44762E-5	0.04719	8.65002E-4
8.0	1.41642E-22	0.00572	0.08477	1.50287E-31	0.70619	1.83869E-5	0.04856	0.00143