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Bis(hexafluoroacetylacetonato)copper(II), Cu(hfac)<sub>2</sub> (= M) reacts with 5-bromo-1,3-phenylenebis(*N*-*tert*-butylaminoxyl), **1**<sub>Br</sub> to yield a complex of formula [M<sub>3</sub>•(**1**<sub>Br</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]. The X-ray crystal structure shows that it crystallizes in the space group *P*1, with *a* = 12.469(2) Å, *b* = 15.278(2) Å, *c* = 11.602(2) Å, α = 104.59(1)°, β = 111.86(1)°, γ = 88.32(1)°, and *Z* = 1. The crystal contains copper(II) trinuclear structure, M-**1**<sub>Br</sub>-M-**1**<sub>Br</sub>-M. The magnetic susceptibility measurements revealed a structural transition at ca. 48 K accompanied by a temperature hysteresis.

**Keywords:** triplet biradical; trinuclear complex; temperature hysteresis

## INTRODUCTION

We have introduced a new strategy of constructing extended systems by self-assembly of transition metal ions and high-spin (*J*<sub>i</sub> > 0) π-conjugated polyaminoxyls as ligands.<sup>[1]</sup> The dimensionality of the complex and the sign and magnitude of the exchange coupling between the neighboring spins can be readily tuned by this strategy. A *m*-Phenylenebis(*N*-*tert*-butylaminoxyl) derivatives **1**<sub>X</sub> (X = H, Cl, Br) with a triplet ground state (*S* = 1), e.g., **1**<sub>H</sub>,<sup>[2]</sup> would form with coordinatively doubly unsaturated metal ions a 1:1 complex having a 1D infinite chain structure. Since the exchange coupling between the

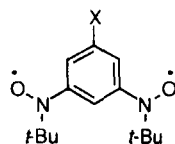
ligands and the directly attached transition metal ions is typically antiferromagnetic [ $J(\text{coordination}) \ll 0$ ] and the  $2p$  and  $3d$  spins tend to cancel each other out, a residual spin would be established for the repeating unit unless the spin of the letter is unity. Such a 1D array of spins would become an antiferro-, meta-, or ferromagnet depending on the nature of the interchain interaction. Some clusters which contained paramagnetic transition metal ions and nitronyl nitroxide derivative was reported previously.<sup>[31]</sup> We wish to report here the crystal structure and magnetic properties of new trinuclear cluster which contains copper(II) ion and triplet bis(aminoxyl)benzene.<sup>[41]</sup> This complex exhibits the structural transition at ca. 48 K accompanied by a temperature hysteresis.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Synthesis of complex

Bisaminoxyl radical, **1<sub>Br</sub>** (SCHEME 1) was synthesized as previously reported.<sup>[51]</sup> To a solution of 2.25 g (4.54 mmol) of  $\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2$  in a mixture of 10 ml of diethyl ether and 90 ml *n*-heptane was added 0.994 g (3.02 mmol) of 5-bromo-1,3-phenylenebis(*N*-*tert*-butylaminoxyl) (**1<sub>Br</sub>**) in 20 ml of methylenechloride and 10 ml of diethyl ether. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure to ca. 10 ml to give 2.50 g (1.20 mmol, 79.5 %) of dark-green powder of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2]_3 \cdot (\text{1}_{\text{Br}})_2$  from a dark-green solution.

SCHEME 1



**1<sub>X</sub>** (X = H, Cl, Br)

### X-ray Crystal Structure Analysis

A dark-green block single crystal of complex  $[\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2]_3 \cdot (\text{1}_{\text{Br}})_2$  in approximate dimensions  $0.3 \times 0.4 \times 0.9 \text{ mm}^3$  was mounted on a glass fiber.

Diffraction data were obtained with  $2\theta (\text{max.}) = 55.0^\circ$  at  $23^\circ \text{C}$ . The structure was solved in *P1* to give the crystal data:  $\text{Cu}_3\text{Br}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_{16}\text{C}_{58}\text{H}_{48}\text{F}_{36}$ , MW = 2091.42, triclinic, space group *P1* (No. 1),  $a = 12.469(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 15.278(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 11.602(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 104.59(1)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 111.86(1)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 88.32(1)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1980.0(6)$

$\text{\AA}^3$ , and  $D_x = 1.754 \text{ g/cm}^3$  for  $Z = 1$ . All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Refinement converged at  $R = 0.088$  and  $R_w = 0.077$  for 5918 unique reflections, with  $I > 0.5 \sigma(I)$  and 1072 variables. GOF = 2.94.

### Magnetic Susceptibility Measurement

Magnetic susceptibility was measured on a Quantum Design MPMS5S SQUID susceptometer. A microcrystalline sample (ca. 30 mg) of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2]_3 \cdot (\mathbf{1}_{\text{Br}})_2$  was placed in a Japanese pharmacopoeia #5 gel capsule. The background data of the cell was measured separately and subtracted from the sample-in-cell data.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Crystal structure of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2]_3 \cdot (\mathbf{1}_{\text{Br}})_2$  is shown in FIGURE 1.

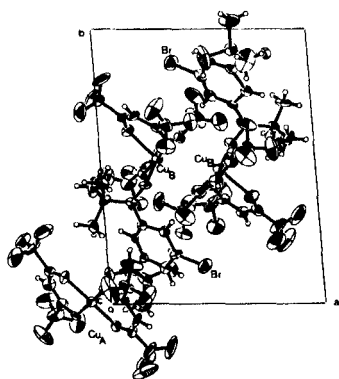


FIGURE 1 Crystal structure of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2]_3 \cdot (\mathbf{1}_{\text{Br}})_2$

Crystal involves three Cu ions crystallographically independent, which are categorized to two types,  $\text{Cu}_A$  and  $\text{Cu}_B$ . (SCHEME II) One of these Cu ions,  $\text{Cu}_A$  has an octahedral coordination with the four oxygen atoms of two hfac anions and the two oxygen atoms of the aminoxyl groups which coordinated *trans*- configuration of two different molecules of  $\mathbf{1}_{\text{Br}}$ .

The other two  $\text{Cu}_B$  ions have square pyramidal coordinations with four oxygen atoms of two hfac anions in *cis*-disposition and the one oxygen atom of aminoxyl group of  $\mathbf{1}_{\text{Br}}$ . We can see the trinuclear copper(II) structure of  $\text{Cu}_B - \mathbf{1}_{\text{Br}} - \text{Cu}_A - \mathbf{1}_{\text{Br}} - \text{Cu}_B$ . The  $\text{Cu}_A \cdots \text{O}$  distance are 1.9 - 2.0  $\text{\AA}$  for the oxygen atoms of hfac and 2.4  $\text{\AA}$  for the oxygen atoms of aminoxyl groups. The expected interactions between  $\text{Cu}_A$  and NO group are ferromagnetic, because the  $3d_{x^2-y^2}$  orbital of Cu(II) and  $2p$  orbital of aminoxyl have no overlap in the

coordination bond.<sup>[6]</sup> On the other hand, the  $\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}$  distance are 1.9 - 1.96 Å for the oxygen atoms of aminoxyl groups, and strong antiferromagnetic interaction is expected because of a considerable overlap between the  $3d_{x^2-y^2}$  orbital of Cu(II) and  $2p$  orbital of aminoxyl.<sup>[7]</sup> The two  $\text{Cu}_B$  ions are not crystallographically equivalent, but the coordinations are very similar. The  $\text{Cu}_B - \text{Cu}_B$  distance between neighboring trinuclear clusters is 3.82 Å, for which negligibly small interaction is expected.

The paramagnetic susceptibility of unoriented microcrystalline samples of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2]_3 \cdot (\text{I}_{Br})_2$  was investigated in the temperature range 2 - 300 K. The temperature dependence of the  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  values obtained in a field of 50000 Oe are given in FIGURE 2.

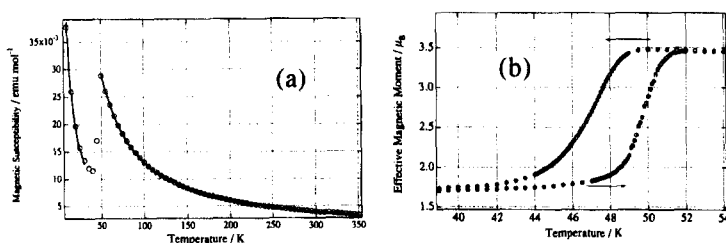


FIGURE 2 (a)  $\chi_m$  versus  $T$  plot for  $[\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2]_3 \cdot (\text{I}_{Br})_2$  measured at a magnetic field of 50000 Oe.

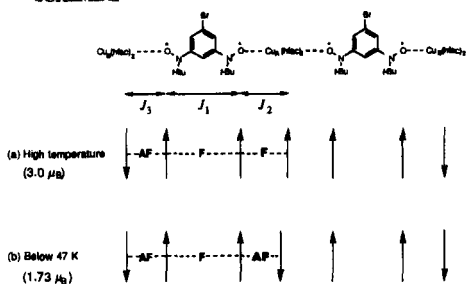
(b) Observed  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  versus  $T$  plots in the temperature range 39 - 54 K. Solid lines are calculated on Curie-Weiss law (10 - 30 K) and the trinuclear complex model (50 - 350 K).

The  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  value of  $3.08 \mu_B$  at 350 K is equal to the theoretical value of  $3.0 \mu_B$  for three non-interacted paramagnetic  $1/2$  spins. Then the  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  value increased with decreasing temperature and showed a sharp decrease at 47 K. The  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  value change to  $1.75 \mu_B$  which value is correspond to the theoretical value of  $1.73 \mu_B$  for one paramagnetic  $1/2$  spin. When the measurement was carried

out in raising temperature the jump of  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  value showed at 50 K. The  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  value near the room temperature is consistent with the magnetic model which have ferromagnetic interaction between  $\text{Cu}_A-1_{\text{Br}}$  and antiferromagnetic interaction between  $\text{Cu}_B-1_{\text{Br}}$ . This magnetic structure is expected from the crystal structure as shown in SCHEME II(a). Due to the strong antiferromagnetic exchange interactions between  $\text{Cu}_B-1_{\text{Br}}$ , only three spins are magnetically active. For the coordination of  $\text{Cu}_B-1_{\text{Br}}$ , a large antiferromagnetic interaction of  $J > 372$  K can be expected.<sup>[7]</sup> For a system consisting of three spins arranged in a linear fashion as in the unit of  $\text{NO} \cdots \text{Cu}_A \cdots \text{NO}$  in high temperature region, the spin Hamiltonian is written as  $H = -2J_2(S_{\text{NO}} \cdot S_{\text{Cu}} + S_{\text{Cu}} \cdot S_{\text{NO}})$ , the molar susceptibility is given by eq. (1), where  $P$  is purity factor and other symbols have their usual meaning. For  $\chi_m$  versus  $T$  plot, best fit parameters were  $P = 0.980 \pm 0.01$  and  $J_2 = 30.0 \text{ K} \pm 0.43$  and  $g = 2.006$  in a temperature range of 55 - 350 K.

$$\chi = \frac{PNg^2\mu_B^2}{kT} \frac{10 + \exp(-J_2/kT) + \exp(-3J_2/kT)}{2 + \exp(-J_2/kT) + \exp(-3J_2/kT)} \quad (1)$$

SCHEME II



In the low temperature region, the magnetic susceptibility behaves as a paramagnetic spin  $S = 1/2$ , this result indicates that one of these two ferromagnetic

interactions change to antiferromagnetic

interaction. Application of Curie-Weiss law to the temperature dependence of  $\chi_{\text{mol}}$  gave  $C = 0.385 \pm 0.04 \text{ emu K mol}^{-1}$  and  $\theta = 0.01 \pm 0.00 \text{ K}$  in the range of 10 - 30 K. At room temperature, the coordinations of two aminoxyl radicals to the  $\text{Cu}_A$  ion are almost equivalent (SCHEME II-(a)). However, when temperature is decreased, it is assumed that one of this coordination length is shortened and the other is lengthened, and this shortened one would

change interaction to antiferromagnetic from ferromagnetic (SCHEME II-(b)).

## CONCLUSION

It is concluded that trinuclear copper(II) chain consisting of three different interaction ferro- ( $J_1, J_2 > 0$ ) and antiferromagnetic ( $J_3 < 0$ ) couplings has been realized. The exchange interaction value between  $\text{Cu}_A$  and NO group was estimated by linear three spin analysis. A structural transition occurred at ca. 48 K, the transition was assumed that the one of ferromagnetic interactions between three linear spins (NO --  $\text{Cu}_A$  -- NO) changes to antiferromagnetic.

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